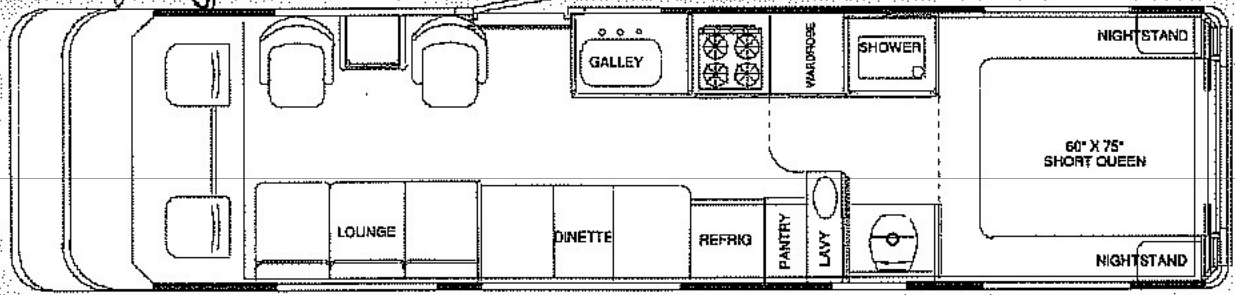


The Legacy



SPECIFICATIONS

Manufacturer . . . Airstream Inc., 419 W. Pike St., Jackson Center, OH 45334; (513) 596-6111.

Model tested . . . Legacy

Floor plan . . . 34-foot center bath; rear double bed (short queen)

Chassis manufacturer . . . Chevrolet

Engine . . . 454 cubic inches

Transmission . . . automatic, four-speed overdrive with electronic control

Axle ratio . . . 4.63:1

Wheelbase . . . 208 inches

Tires . . . 8Rx9.5D

Brakes . . . hydraulic power four-wheel disc

Suspension . . . front independent suspension; rear leaf springs and solid rear axle with Air Lift Load Lifter 5000 air bags

Alternator . . . 105-amp with heavy-duty isolator

Batteries . . . 1 main; two auxiliary

Steering . . . Saginaw power steering

Gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) . . . 16,000 pounds

Curb weight . . . 13,280 pounds

Payload . . . 2,720 pounds

Exterior length . . . 34 feet

Exterior width . . . 95 inches

Exterior height . . . 10 feet 2 inches including roof air

Interior height . . . 79 inches

Fuel capacity . . . 80 gallons

Fuel requirements . . . gasoline

Fuel economy . . . 9.5 mpg

Frame construction . . . 16-gauge, 1½-inch steel cage construction

Floor construction . . . 16-gauge, 1½-inch steel tubing with Blandex top deck and lower galvanized covered lauan floor (bonded 2-inch floor)

Insulation . . . 1½-inch block foam

110/12-volt converter . . . 50-amp

110-volt power . . . 30-amp service

Fresh water capacity . . . 80 gallons

Holding tank capacities . . . gray water — 36 gallons; black water — 29 gallons

Propane capacity . . . 105 pounds

Water heater . . . 6-gallon capacity; electronic ignition

Water system type . . . demand

Furnace . . . 35,000 Btu; electronic ignition

Air conditioners . . . dash air standard; (1) 13,500-Btu roof air; (1) 11,000-Btu roof air

Refrigerator . . . two-way double-door

Toilet . . . Thetford

Warranty . . . 12 months/12,000 miles

Base suggested retail price . . . \$64,025

Price as tested . . . \$72,700

individuals the luxury of enjoying different television programs (one in the front and one in the rear of the coach), and it also makes it possible for one television to operate via the crank-up antenna and the other via the VCR.

Storage space for blankets, extra pillows, and such is available at the foot of the bed, which features a large pull-out drawer with three large bins.

Heating and air conditioning seem to have been sufficiently addressed in the Legacy. A 35,000-Btu forced-air furnace and an adequate supply of ducts and vents can move warm air to each area of the coach. A 13,500-Btu roof air conditioner is mounted toward the front of the coach, and an 11,000-Btu roof-mounted unit is located toward the rear of the coach to cool the bedroom and bath area. Airstream is convinced that the rear unit does not need to be as large as the one up front to cool the coach efficiently. We found this to be true. Even in the high temperatures and high humidity

that we encountered in Ohio in July, the Legacy's air-conditioning combination did the job nicely.

Even though the Legacy we tested was 34 feet in length and had a wheelbase of 208 inches (a 30-foot model is available as well), it was quite "driver friendly." The Legacy is equipped with a large driver's door, which facilitates access to the cockpit. And the driver's door boasts a power window. The cockpit features a "no-nonsense" design. The instrumentation and switches are within easy view and reach of the driver. The adjustable driver's seat and the tilt steering wheel allow each pilot to tailor his or her position to the controls. A large oak utility tray sits between the two cockpit seats and has been designed to hold not only cups, glasses, etc. but features a storage area under a hinged top for storing personal items. Additional storage space is available in the overhead cabinet in this area and in the glove box.

Our test unit exhibited plenty of power. When entering the interstate,

the Legacy was able to quickly pick up speed and settle into the flow of traffic. I found that the two adjustable, power split exterior mirrors did a good job of helping the driver to keep an eye on both sides of the coach.

Those interested in diesel pushers will want to note that the Legacy also is available on a Spartan EC2230 chassis with a 228-inch wheelbase and powered by a standard Cummins 190-horsepower engine, or an optional Cummins 230-horsepower diesel, and an Allison MD3060 transmission.

It's always great when a plan comes together, and our plans for exploring a new part of the country could not have gone any better. The real litmus test was our family of four living, playing, resting, and traveling for 10 days in the Legacy. When we dropped the coach off in Columbus again we agreed that we were sorry to see our odyssey end. The bottom line is this: anyone considering a new motor coach will want to take a long, hard look at the Legacy. 