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Longer Life, Lighter Tire: Introducing the Redesigned Airstreak from Alaskan Bushwheels

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Chugiak, Alaska - Airframes Alaska is proud to announce the latest improvement to the Alaskan Bushwheels line of backcountry flying tires: The Airstreak 2.0. The redesigned Airstreak tire features 20% thicker tread yet weighs one pound less per tire than the original.

“Our goal with this update was to get more life out of our Airstreaks without adding weight,” explains Heather Montgomery, Airframes Alaska CEO. To accomplish this, engineers utilized weight-saving techniques developed for the Ultralight Alaskan Bushwheel (for experimental aircraft with a 1,320-pound gross weight). “The changes we made to the original Airstreak were minimal, but enough to boost tread substantially without adding weight. That we ultimately ended up losing weight was a great bonus,” says Montgomery.

Airstreaks come in two sizes, 26” and 29”. The 26” Airstreak 2.0 weighs 20 pounds. The 29” Airstreak 2.0 weighs 25 pounds. Both fit a standard six-inch wheel.

For years Airstreak tires have made safer off-airport excursions possible for pilots flying 1,700-pound gross weight airplanes. They perform the same as Alaskan Bushwheels, letting pilots run at low PSI and absorbing significantly more energy on landing than standard airplane tires. “Even with thicker tread, these tires are really built for the backcountry,” Montgomery says. “But for the majority of pilots operating both on pavement and off-airport, with proper use and care we expect to see Airstreak 2.0s take longer to show standard wear.”

The Airstreak line of Alaskan Bushwheels is FAA TSO approved with STCs available for airplanes under 1,700 pounds gross weight. Common aircraft include certified planes like Champs, J-3s, and Taylorcrafts as well as Carbon Cubs, Kitfoxes and other light sport experimentals. Visit www.airframesalaska.com for the complete Alaskan Bushwheels Approved Model List.

Airframes Alaska is taking pre orders now with Airstreak 2.0s scheduled to ship mid-June.

[Airframes Alaska](http://www.airframesalaska.com) LLC is an aviation fabrication and FAA/PMA certified parts manufacturer of fuselages, landing gear, lift struts, wheels and brakes, and more essential parts that support bush flying around the world. In 2014 Airframes Alaska purchased Alaskan Bushwheels and brought the venerable business from Oregon back home to the Last Frontier. Today every single Bushwheel is built by hand in Chugiak, AK.

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