

to measure headspace on this wildcat caliber, but we found that the bolt and recoil shoulders appeared to be normal.

Initial testing and functioning of the rifle, in its as-received condition revealed that although trigger pull was in a normal range of 4-1/2 pounds, the trigger felt very loose on the trigger pivot pin, and would sometimes tend to bind in the fully pulled position. Sear lift with the safety all the way rearward, although not in the full safe-on position, was adequate at .007".

Subsequent disassembly of the rifle revealed that the fire control assembly was quite clean, with a very light coating of oil. The engagement adjustment screw appeared to have the factory sealant in place, but the trigger pull and overtravel adjustment screws had been adjusted outside the factory and not resealed. The overtravel setting was found to be extremely excessive.

On disassembly of the trigger housing and examination of the internal parts, it was noted that the chrome-plated trigger had been bent at the fingerpiece, had been filed and buffed, and the trigger pivot hole had been deliberately enlarged and elongated, and damaged during assembly. In addition, the bottom of the trigger where the connector fits had been filed prior to plating. The safety lever had been chrome plated also, but appeared proper. The other fire control parts were not plated, and appeared normal.

Although your customer reported to you that the rifle did not cock on several occasions, the rifle did not malfunction in any way during our extensive testing. However, we strongly recommend replacement of the trigger assembly because of the alteration of the trigger pivot hole and the out of adjustment condition. Per our telephone discussion, we will install a new trigger assembly, using the chrome-plated safety lever if possible, at one-half the normal retail price, as a gesture of our good-will.

In reference to the test you conducted on the rifle, where you pulled the trigger with the safety "on" and pushed up on the connector "ala "experts" testimony in Campbell vs Rem in Alaska":