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Remington Arms Company,

I am writing this letter to advise you of an accident that occurred with one of your rifles. On 10/17/02 I purchased a Remington Model 700 ADL Synthetic rifle serial # G6215504 from American Sportsman in Martinez, Georgia. On 11/05/02 I was hunting with this rifle. The magazine would not hold but two rounds and a round would not chamber when you worked the bolt. The plate in the magazine was stuck and it would cause the bolt to hang up when you tried to close it. My father and another man looked at the rifle to see if they could tell what was wrong. They pushed the plate in the magazine down and inserted a round into the magazine. They attempted to close the bolt to chamber the round and it once again hung up. After several tries the round finally chambered. They then worked the bolt several times and the round would not extract out of the chamber. My father attempted to work the bolt and it hung up on the magazine again. When he pushed the bolt forward with a little bit of pressure the bolt closed and the round in the chamber discharged. The muzzle of the weapon was on a concrete floor. When the gun discharged it sent concrete dust everywhere. My father and the other man looking at the gun had to be taken to the emergency room to have the concrete removed from their eyes and face. They were treated and released that night with eye patches and several lacerations. The other man also had several abrasions on his chest from the explosion.

I am a Conservation Ranger with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and a Hunter Safety Instructor. At no time was the rifle handled in an unsafe manner. Also, no type of alteration had been made to the gun. The gun was only two weeks old. My father works at a sporting goods store that sells Remington and is also very familiar with your guns and gun safety. Some sort of malfunction with the firing pin had to occur. It was either protruding from the bolt or it came forward when my father closed the action causing the round to go off. Luckily the muzzle was pointed in a safe direction when the rifle accidentally discharged. Also, as a result of the discharge the concrete gravel cracked the glass on the front lens of my scope rendering it useless.

Sincerely,

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