

INTRODUCTION

In December of 1979, a complaint concerning the safety - safety detent system of the Model 788 bolt action rifle was brought to our attention. Mr. Hank Burchard, of the Washington Post, described a problem he had in handling a M/788 as follows: When the rifle is held by the small of the stock and slung over the shoulder, the fleshy part of the hand between thumb and fore finger presses against the safety button and will move it to the "FIRE" position (Appendix 1). This kind of carry is a common one with shotguns but not with centerfire rifles and Remington has experienced no other similar complaints. As a matter of information (Appendix 2), the same thing could happen on some bolt action rifles produced by other companies. Further, this complaint is with regard to the overall safety design, rather than any manufacturing problem. (See Appendix 3.)