

During the past few days, Remington has been notified of the below-listed defects in ammunition loaded by our plants.

16 Gauge Rifled Slug Shotgun Shell

A. Bolt, Philadelphia Sales, Binghamton, N.Y. retailer, reported a case of personal injury to a Mr. Ward Lurcock of Binghamton, consisting of a 4" cut on the face when a Model 37 Ithaca shotgun barrel blew up. Reportedly, the rifled slug of a shell lodged in the barrel because of insufficient powder charge. A second shell was fired, and the barrel then burst. The gun and remaining shells are being returned to Remington. Philadelphia Sales has four Bridgeport loaded codes on hand, consisting of six cases of shells. The codes are:

BU 06 B20
BU 09 B20 - loaded October 1971
BU 14 B20
AS 20 T20 - loaded October 1970

All of the above shells are enroute to Remington.

A hunter from Baldwinsville, N.Y., reportedly fired at 11 deer and missed, and the rifled slug lodged in the barrel. This may have been due to the same reason as above. The gun and shells are being returned to Remington. The code was BU 05 B82 loaded at Bridgeport in October 1971.

A hunter from Oswego, N.Y., reported missing two deer. This also may have been due to insufficient powder in the loads. He stated that his pocket was full of "powder", and in the remaining rifled slug loads the slugs could be pressed down from 1/16 to 1/8 inch. The "powder" would not burn, so it must have been some polythene filler used in loading these slugs. The remaining shells are being returned to Remington.

Customer Service has contacted the following area distributors who reported no knowledge of any complaints: Dick's Sporting Goods, Binghamton, the largest distributor in the area; Precision Tool & Gun Co., Ithaca; Harry King Distributors, Oswego, N.Y.; and Jerry Distributors in Pennsylvania. The Director of Production will review production records of codes reported to identify any possible discrepancies. Bridgeport Plant Ballistics is conducting a test to determine the distance up the barrel a slug will travel when there is no powder in the shell.