

Jim Stokell
OSR Remington Arms, 9/24/92

Jim,
Bullseye in Brooksville told me today that Remington had a
recall for this problem in 700's in the early 80's?
Remington Arms Company, Inc.
Wilmington, DE 19898

Re: Remington Model 700 Classic Serial Number C6280426

Dear Sir:

On Sunday August 23rd I completed a two week hunting trip to Alaska. I spend 10 days on a guided hunt for caribou and black bear with Adams Outfitting of Eagle River, Alaska. My guide was Bill Adams. On approximately the fifth day of the hunt we glassed an excellent trophy caribou and began our stalk. After a two hour stalk I moved into position to get ready to fire and my guide told me to chamber a round in the .35 Whelen. I chambered the round and put the gun on safety. With my guide directly behind me he told me to take position and remove the safety and try for my shot. When I moved the safety forward without my finger in the trigger guard the gun discharged. The recoil took a hunk of skin off the side of my thumb and the shot rang across the canyon scaring off the caribou. This was in full view of the licensed guide and he confirmed this sequence of events. After this occurrence I tried to move the safety back and forth and it was most difficult. The conditions were typical Alaskan with intermittent rain and sunshine throughout the days. At the end of each day I wiped down my rifle. I sincerely do not care about the skin on my thumb and the caribou, but do care about my reputation as a hunter. I currently own a Model 7 .223, Model 700 6mm, several Remington .22's along with a Remington 1100 shotgun. I have hunted deer, elk, antelope in the western states along with eastern whitetail. I was raised on a farm in North Dakota and have had extensive experience with firearms. If this rifle was in the hands of an in-experience hunter and if the guide hadn't adhered to a strict firearms safety I shutter to think of the consequences. I know people chamber rounds and then sling their rifles. I have never done that and don't intend to but in reality I have no confidence in this particular rifle. It was purchased in Brooksville, Florida from Bullseye, Inc. 15 E. Liberty St. and was new and out of the box. I have made no trigger adjustments either by myself, or by a gunsmith. I purchased the rifle because I'm very interested in the .35 Whelen caliber for Alaskan hunting. The rifle was fired about 100 rounds on the range before the hunt was made. The rifle is accurate and I felt was the ticket for larger game in North America. I expect for your company to take the appropriate steps to assure me that this problems won't reoccur or purchase the rifle from me.

Sincerely,

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