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Dear Sir:

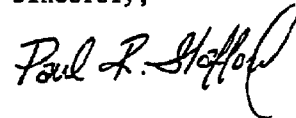
I purchased a model 700 ADL, .270 caliber (serial # B6735637) on December 15, 1986. On January 2, 1987, I decided to sight it in. I loaded four cartridges (130 gr. core-lokt) in the magazine, one in the chamber, and handed it to my father to fire first. With the butt at his shoulder, he reached up with his right hand in a semi-fist, thumb sticking out and switched the safety off (F). When the safety clicked forward, the rifle fired. Upon recoil the safety switch cut a circular gash about 5/8" long and 1/8" deep which, if not for my father's stubbornness would have required one or two stitches. The following day the end of his thumb was black with bruising and required a butterfly bandage to close the wound.

I have had a model 700 BDL since 1977 and my father has a Remington Bolt so we are both quite familiar with the Remington action. I observed the accident and am certain the fault was in the gun. His fingers were not even close to the trigger. We were both extremely apprehensive about firing the rifle again, but we cautiously fired it several times and the problem did not reoccur.

I have owned and enjoyed many Remington firearms and I have been contemplating purchasing another model 700, Kevlar Custom in .280 Rem but, to be quite honest, I'm not sure I would feel confident with it after this.

Needless to say, we were quite disturbed, but at least it didn't happen to someone unaware of safety precautions that may not have had the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Please notify me with any explanations or possible solutions to the problem.

Sincerely,



Paul R. Stafford

Note: The gun was cleaned with solvent and coated with a light film of Rem oil to remove cosmoline.

