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STATUS OF MODEL 700
PLANT AUDIT

From June 13, 1978 to January 15, 1980, 3,376 Model 700's returned to Ilion for service were tested for the "trick" condition (safety lever is put in mid position, trigger is pulled, and gun fires when lever is put in "fire" position), and for "firing off safe" (safety lever is moved to "fire" position and the gun fires without at any time having to pull the trigger).

Of this sample, 35 guns failed the "trick" test and 38 guns were found to fire off safe. However, of the 35 guns that could be tricked, only 13 were trickable because of causes due to manufacture (the other guns had been altered or damaged in the field). Similarly, of the 38 guns firing off safe, only 9 were due to causes attributable to manufacture. These figures indicate that only about .6% of the Model 700's presently out in the field are susceptible to the problems which prompted the Model 600 recall.

Refining these figures even further, we find that about .9% of the Model 700's manufactured before 1975 can be tricked or can fire off safe (in 1975 plant checks were instituted to prevent tricking), and about .55% of the post 1975 Model 700's can be induced to so malfunction.

When Remington made the determination in January of 1979, to institute a safe gun handling program rather than to recall pre-1975 Model 700's, the sample audit at that time indicated that about 1% of the 2 million pre-1975 Model 700's in the field were susceptible to being tricked.

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