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SUBJECT: MODELS 721, 732 AND 40X SAFETY

During the assembly of the pilot models of the 49% Centerfire it was discovered that all rifles had safeties very difficult to operate. Investigation of this difficulty brought out several conditions which would effect the operation of the safety.

- 1) Large bolt holes in the receiver which allows an increased gap between the sear and the top of the trigger connector in an uncocked position and a consequent increase in the lift required to place the safety in the off position.
- Misplaced fire control holes in the receiver in the downward direction which
 gives the same effect as above.
- Warpage of the receiver tang which also effectively increases the required lift on the safety.

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