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✓ Chief Design Engineer
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Dear Sir:

In August, 1971, I purchased a Remington 700 BDL rifle, serial number 6422335, chambered for the .30-06 Springfield cartridge. I equipped this rifle with a Leupold M8-4X scope with duplex reticle and Redfield rings and base. After using this weapon for two and one-half months, I have formed some sharp opinions concerning quality which I thought I might share with you.

Mechanically, rifle performance has been flawless. Accuracy obtained with Remington factory loads and 180 grain bullets is adequate for my purposes. In fact, the only negative comments that I have are concerned with finishing. Perhaps I am demanding conformity to a personal aesthetic standard but I have reason to believe otherwise. Why does such a seemingly well-designed rifle deserve only impressed checkering, which is neither beautiful nor functional? I can overlook the black cap on the forearm, although it too cheapens the weapon's appearance, but not the checkering. I would recommend reasonably executed cut checkering or none at all, regardless of cost.

Also, although this weapon does not pretend to be a handcrafted firearm, more attention could be given to forearm/barrel fit. My rifle exhibits a comparatively large, unequal gap between barrel and forearm, particularly on the left side.

Otherwise, I believe the model 700 BDL to be a good firearm in both quality and performance. Of the many reasons for owning rifles, certainly one is pride of possession. Perhaps the design engineers at Remington could do something to contribute to this feeling for future purchasers of BDLs.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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