

I am in receipt of a recent letter written by you to Jay Bunting regarding the inclusion of locking devices with Remington firearms. Twould like to take just a moment of your time to discuss Remington's means of addressing this growing concern in the marketplace.

In 2001, Remington introduced the Integrated Security System (ISS) on all sporting shotguns, centerfire and rimfire rifles equipped with a cross-bolt safety mechanism as well as on all bolt-action centerfire rifles. Through the use of a specially designed "J" key, these firearms can be locked by the user, rendering them inoperable in the locked position. In the case of the firearms with the cross-bolt safety, the safety mechanism (located on the trigger guard behind the trigger) itself is locked with the "J" key. On bolt-action centerfire rifles, the locking mechanism is located on the bolt plug and prevents the bolt from being closed into battery when the lock is engaged.

The only sporting products from Reministon that are not equipped with the ISS are the Model 332 Over and Under shotgun, the Model 700ML series of in-line muzzle loading rifles, and the Model 700 EtronX electronic centerfire rifle. In the case of the Model 332 and the Model 700ML series, these products are shipped from the factory with a trigger lock device. The Model 700 EtronX is equipped with a keyed lock which renders the firearm inoperable when the key switch is in the "off" position.

The ISS system satisfies the legislative criteria set forth by Massachusetts, Michigan, and New York across all platforms. In the state of California, all Model 700 and Model Seven bolt-action centerfire rifles equipped with the ISS are approved for sale without an additional locking device. Remington is working diligently to certify the ISS system on all applicable platforms in the state of California and anticipates that this will be resolved and in place by the end of 2002.

I hope that I have addressed your concerns adequately. Should you have additional questions; please feel free to contact me at (800) 243-9700 ext. 8737. Thank you very much for your continued patronage.