

M700 Bolt Safety Lock

Discussion Thread

Response (Chris)

2/7/2005 9:43:50 AM

Dear Mr. Testa,

Thank you for your patience. We apologize for the inconvenience you have incurred. There has been no failures in the field but a service center can change the firing pin assembly for a small fee. You can find your nearest Remington Authorized Repair Center at the following section of our site. They should be able to quote for this alteration.

<http://www.remington.com/repairsvc/modelselection.asp>

Customer (Gregg Testa)

2/3/2005 3:12:39 PM

I special ordered a M700 Classic in 8x57 Mauser last March, but when I tried to fire it the cocking piece would move forward, but not detonate the primer. I returned the firearm to Wal-Mart where I had purchased it and they sent it to Service facility. I received it back after a couple of weeks and it worked fine.

Last weekend I drove to the range to chronograph some loads and again the cocking piece would move forward, but not detonate the primer. I packed up my stuff and drove home to get the special key (I don't lock the bolt as I have a safe and no small children) and after fiddling with it was able to get it to fire on a primed piece of brass with no powder or bullet.

I drove back to the range and set everything back up, but I had to fiddle with that bolt lock on almost every shot. I'm getting ready to return the firearm to Wal-Mart again, but am wondering if I can get the bolt replaced with one that doesn't have this miserable feature.

I have a M700 LSS in 375 Ultra Mag that also has this style bolt. What would it cost to have this bolt replaced with one that doesn't have this undesirable feature. I plan to take this one to Africa in the next year or two and all I need is to blow the hunt of a lifetime because of a bolt lock failure over there.

I'll never buy another Remington firearm with this feature, so I hope you figure out a more reliable way to do whatever it is you were trying to accomplish.

Sincerely,

Gregg Testa
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