

I tighten the front guard screw thoroughly, the bolt binds in the action and will not open. I suspect that the action is warping as the stock compresses. Can't possibly write a favorable review of this model. Most hunters won't travel with a torque wrench.

Do you have another which has a firmer bedding system?

Sorry to be a pill, but for a traveling hunter, one needs to be able to remove and return the barreled action from the stock with a reasonable assumption that the guard screws can be tightened completely and the rifle will return close to zero.

Thoughts?

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-----Original Message-----

From: Powell, Linda [mailto:Linda.Powell@remington.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2003 1:22 PM
To: John Ross
Subject: RE: All-weather Rifle

John,

We always need exposure on our existing core group of products. I would prefer the Model 700 BDL SS in the caliber of your choice. We can supply a couple of boxes of ammo as well. Since I am on the road, I will ask Teresa to check inventory for the two BDL SS models and contact you regarding availability. We should have no problem getting the rifle to you within 7 to 10 days.

Thanks for your support and good luck on your hunt!

regards,

Best

Linda Powell

-----Original Message-----

From: John Ross [mailto:jross@crosslink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2003 10:11 AM
To: Powell, Linda
Subject: All-weather Rifle

Dear Linda,

Doing a piece for Sports Afield on extreme weather hunting -- in this case woodland caribou in Newfoundland in November.

Just got off the phone with your colleague who suggested that the 700 BDL -- SS is the ideal rifle in 300 SA Ultra Mag (#26436) or 300 Win Mag (#29694) for lousy weather hunting. Other possibilities include the Model 7 Alaska Wilderness Rifle in 300 SA Ultra Mag (#29561) because of its lighter weight and matte black finish.

As a traveling hunter, availability of ammo in foreign countries is a real concern. Thus my tendency to opt for a standard caliber. However, if you'd rather I reported on the SA Ultra Mag, I can do that and mention that the rifle is also available in other chamberings.

Is it possible to obtain one of these rifles and ammo for testing on the trip? I'm leaving on 1 Nov.

Hope we can work something out.

Thanks,