

I was thinking about buying a model 700 rifle for an upcoming Elk hunt in the...

Discussion Thread

Response (Laura) 2/9/2001 7:46:41 PM

At 02/08/2001 04:20 PM we wrote -

Dear Mr. Sedbrook,

Thank you for your inquiry and interest in Remington firearms. Remington considers all Remington firearms, including the Model 700 safe to us so long as you adhere to the "10 Commandments of Firearms Safety", keep it properly maintained and do not make inappropriate alterations. We recommend purchasing a new firearm but if you choose to purchase a used firearm, you need to have it evaluated by a Remington Authorized Repair Center or factory gunsmith BEFORE YOU USE IT. We can help refer you to one or you can look in your local telephone book. Additionally you could send it back to us at the factory and we would be glad to look at it for you:

Remington Arms Co., Inc.
Attn: Arms service division-TPA
14 Hoefler Ave
Ilion, NY 13357

Please go to our website and fill out the factory repair form and include it with the firearm when you send it back to us. All firearms should be periodically checked out by a qualified gunsmith.

At 02/09/2001 01:04 PM we wrote -

Dear Mr. Sedbrook,

For nearly 40 years, the Remington Model 700 bolt-action rifle has been one of America's premier hunting rifles. Four million Model 700 s have been purchased by hunters, target shooters and law enforcement agencies across the United States, and it is widely considered the most accurate "out of the box" bolt action rifle on the market. When used following the rules of safe gun handling, including proper maintenance, always keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and not inappropriately altering the mechanism, the Remington Model 700 is a safe and reliable rifle.

The entire Remington family is saddened by the tragic death of Gus Barber, and we extend our condolences to the Barber family. Remington prefers not to comment on pending or potential litigation. However, we do think it important to note that the rifle involved in the Barber shooting was manufactured in 1972 and, as we understand, acquired by Mr. Barber used 10 to 12 years ago.

Several weeks after the accident, representatives from Remington and the Barbers conducted a preliminary examination of both the condition and the performance of the rifle. Among other abnormal conditions, the inspection found the inside of the rifle to be heavily rusted, and the trigger engagement screw, safety lever and fire control mechanism all had been either adjusted or removed and reinstalled after the rifle left the factory. As to its performance, the rifle passed all the function tests performed in this preliminary inspection, and fired only when the mechanical safety was in the "fire" position and the trigger was pulled.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact our Consumer Service Department at 1-800-243-9700 M-F 9-5 EST.

At 02/09/2001 04:43 PM we wrote -

Dear Mr. Sedbrook,

Either caliber will be sufficient for Elk. The .300 win Mag will have more energy which will be needed for long range shots. A 180 gr. nosler partition or 200 gr Swift A Frame would be a good choice for ammunition in

the .300 win Mag. We appreciate you giving us the opportunity to be of service to you. Thank you for your support and for choosing Remington.

Customer 2/8/2001 11:54:00 AM
I was thinking about buying a model 700 rifle for an upcoming Elk hunt in the fall. I was watching our local news (Minneapolis, MN) and there was a special report regarding the model 700 and mis-firing when the safety is released. Has this problem be corrected and if so, when? If I buy a used one, how can I tell if it has the problem?

Thanks in advance,

Darreyl Sedbrook

At 02/08/2001 07:00 PM you wrote -
Thank you for your inquiry and interest in Remington firearms. Remington considers all Remington firearms, including the Model 700 safe to us so long as you adhere to the "10 Commandments of Firearms Safety",

I do not see how your response answers my questions. I've never in the past had a gun fire when the safety is taken off!!!! My understanding of the TV report is, "when taking the safety off, the gun automatically would fire" This does not fall under any 10 commandments, it sounds more like a design flaw!!!
Personal gun safety is always #1.
How would you feel if you just scared an Elk of lifetime away while taking the safety off?

I never fire a used gun until it has been 100% checked out by a certified gunsmith.

Thanks again,

Darreyl Sedbrook

At 02/09/2001 01:30 PM you wrote -

Thank you for your reply, this answers my question much more honestly. I plan to purchase a Model 700 in the near future for an Elk hunt in Colorado this fall. which model would you suggest? The 300 or 7mm mag.?

Thanks,

Darreyl S.