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Discussion Thread

Response (Laura) 4/6/2001 7:36:02 PM

At 04/06/2001 04:32 PM we wrote -
Dear Adam,

According to the information provided, it appears this firearm was manufactured in or around 1999. Our factory triggers are set at 3.5-5lbs, not 6-10lbs. We also put a sealant on the screws to keep them in place. We do not maintain ownership records but it appears this trigger has been adjusted outside of our factory.

We apologize for any inconvenience you may be experiencing. We suggest taking your firearm to a Remington Authorized Repair Center for evaluation.

You can locate your nearest repair center by visiting the Repair Information Center in our Support Section and selecting your model and state:

<http://www.remington.com/Support/repairsvc/Modelselection.asp>

Customer (Adam Jacob) 4/6/2001 3:16:01 PM

Yesterday I purchased a 700 ADL Synthetic in .308 from a little shop way out in the middle of nowhere. He was the only shop that has that model in that caliber in stock anywhere near me. Later that evening when I got it home, I noticed a number of things. First, I noticed that it's missing the rearmost scope mounting screw. That's no big deal, but I'd like to have it replaced. Second, I noticed that the trigger pull is quite light. I know Remington now ships their rifles with 6-10 pound pull weights, and had planned on finding a Remington authorized smith in my area to adjust it down to 3-4 pounds, but it seems to be there already. I certainly like the weight and crispness of the trigger as it is. I also didn't see the tapper resistant sealant on the trigger adjustment screws that other shooters had told me would be there, though it might have been the mediocre lighting in the room. As with any gun that's been in storage for some time, I proceeded to give it a thorough cleaning. I was surprised by the number of patches that were necessary to get it clean. The bolt face in particular seemed to have an unusually large amount of dirt and/or dust. I also noted some wear on the bolt body where it slides along the receiver. This is to be expected in a used gun, but I would think that the black finish of the bolt would not wear through just from shipping and sitting on a shelf. My suspicion is that this rifle is older than I had suspected at first, and has been in that little shop for some time. Could you tell me what year my rifle was manufactured? Upon re-assembly, the bolt would not close. I dis-assembled it, and re-assembled it, this time only tightening the receiver screws part way, closing the bolt and then repeating the process until the stock was secure and the bolt still closed properly. What I discovered was that the front receiver screw couldn't be tightened much at all before the bolt ceased to close properly. The 2 rear screws seemed to have no effect on the bolt closing. Is this a function of the synthetic stock? There was no mention of how tight the screws should be in the manual. I see in the FAQ that the VS stock screws should have 45 inch pounds torque. What should the stock screws be torqued to for the synthetic stock? I then proceeded to check the safety as described in the manual by opening and closing the bolt 10-12 times quickly. The firing pin did not fall, so I proceeded to load the rifle. The magazine took a little getting used to since the follower exerts more pressure on the rear of the cartridges than the front due to the shape of the follower spring. My biggest surprise of the evening was that the first two rounds out of a full magazine were very

difficult to get into the chamber. The third and fourth rounds out of the magazine fed in quite smoothly. Is this normal? Could this be caused by a new magazine follower spring exerting a little too much upwards pressure on those first 2 rounds and just needing to be "broken in" a bit? I've not yet registered this rifle, and if it needs to be inspected, or worked on, I'd really hate to have to take it back to that dealer. In addition to the long drive, he's an older fellow with a small shop, and I doubt I'd get any help from him. If the rifle does need to be inspected or worked on, is there an authorized service center in, or near Kansas City that could do the work instead of shipping it back to the factory?

Thanks,
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