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Response (Laura)

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Dear Pamela,

Thank you for your inquiry. According to information provided, your firearm was manufactured in or around 1968. We do have a Safety Modification Program on certain model bolt action rifles including older Model 700 rifles. This is a voluntary program, it is not a recall. This is designed to remind people of the existence of the bolt-lock feature and to offer customers the opportunity to modernize their products. If you have a bolt lock safety, we strongly recommend that you take advantage of this offer.

You can read more information regarding our firearms and our Safety Modification program through the front page of our website or the link below:

http://www.remington.com/safety_modification_program/remington_safety.htm

The safe use and performance of your firearm depends on correct assembly and routine maintenance, as well as adherence to the "10 Commandments of Firearm Safety." <http://www.remington.com/support/10comm.htm> It is critical that you familiarize yourself with the information in both the owners manual and safety booklet. Whether you are a veteran shooter with a collection of Remington firearms, or a first time shooter, take the time to review this important literature and be certain that you are practicing firearm safety!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 1-800-243-9700 or 1-877-387-6691.

Customer (Grammys Attic)

8/17/2002 1:47:43 AM

I just purchased a used Remington 700 in 7mm magnum. Someone at the club where I shoot said that there was a safety problem with this model. My rifle's serial number is 686704. I would appreciate your advising me if this rifle has a safety problem, and the year of manufacture. Following is information I researched on this subject. Thanks for your assistance. I am trying to avoid any possible problem. This is the url where the information may be found. http://www.webcom.com/gun_guy/recalls.htm Lastly, can a competent gunsmith perform the modification should it be necessary without returning the gun to you.

As relates to item above: Remington offers modifications for some bolt-action rifles -- Remington Arms Company has announced a "safety modification program" to address a problem in bolt-action centerfire rifles manufactured prior to March 1982, in the wake of the shooting death of 9-year-old Gus Barber of Manhattan, Montana. He died when his mother, Barbara, released the safety on her Remington 700 to unload the gun. The modification will remove the bolt-lock mechanism from the rifle, which was not used on guns manufactured after 1982. This mechanism prevented rifles from being unloaded unless the manual safety is placed in the "F" or "off" or "Fire" position. After the modification, rifles can be unloaded when they are in the "safe" position. Remington will do the work for \$20 plus shipping and handling. Guns will be returned with a \$20 rebate coupon good toward the purchase of Remington brand safety products. Affected by the modification program are: Model 700, 600, 660, 40-X, 721 and 722 rifles as well as the XP-100 pistol. For further information visit Remington's website or call toll-free to 877-387-6691. -- Gun Week, 4/1/02 [Comment: I guess this is not a "recall" so Remington sees fit to charge users for the "safety modification." I do not feel a \$20 product-limited rebate coupon

is tantamount to refunding the cost. What this sounds like, to me, is Remington's method for providing a defense against future lawsuits by claiming the plaintiff did not take advantage of this offer. I would recommend, however, you have the modification performed if you own one or more of the affected models. In today's legal climate, you might find yourself held "negligent" by failing to do so. - Edj

Thanks for your email,
We appreciate hearing from you,
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