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Subject: RE: [snipersonline] Remington problem

ITS THE TRIGGER.

I had the same thing happen to the LTR I owned.

There was some junk in the trigger, and the internal trigger parts were rough.

Mine kept dropping the firing pin when I closed the bolt but it did not fire. (IT WAS A FACTORY UNADJUSTED TRIGGER TOO.)

And the bolt was very hard to open after each incident.

If I had a parts diagram of the trigger, I could tell you what part caused it, but without the diagram, I cannot.

I replaced the trigger with one from a 40X, and it never once did this again, so I figured out, its gotta be the trigger.

I took the bad trigger completely apart, and got all the grunge out of it, and it had some. It had factory grunge, one piece of styrofoam from the box packing, and it had Texas grunge from TacPro at Stephenville.

I looked at every rough edge, and smoothed them off with a oil stone.

Every edge was rough which caused the (I THINK) disconnector to jam the sear up against the bolt. When the sear was jammed up, the bolt would not open, or was very hard to open.

After I stoned everything, and used some dry graphite lube, I put the trigger back in and it has run now for the last two years without any problem and has held the 4 pounds it was set to when I put it back together.

I have seen other VS triggers that did the same thing. I stoned them and used graphite, and not one has failed since.

My .02 is there is a lot of triggers out there with the same parts and same problems, all come from G series serial numbered rifles so far.

Cleaning the trigger, stoning any rough edges without removing anything but the rough, and graphite seem to solve the problems, and have for me.

I'm beginning to like the Winchester better and better and better....

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

From: Bob Richardson [mailto:bobr@charter.net]

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To: snipersonline@list1.netnet.net

Subject: [snipersonline] Remington problem

Our Dept. bought a couple of 700VS models about 2 years ago. While I wasn't pleased with the purchases, as usual money WAS an object. These were to be used with a couple of 7 or 8 year old 700P's we already had.

The guns worked OK and didn't seem to have any real problems.

Fast-forward to 2004.... Got 3 new snipers on the team at the beginning of the year. 2 were issued the VS's and one was issued a 700PSS. The fourth was a back-up (as I bought my own.....thank you very much!) 2 of the shooters went to the Basic class Keith put on last May and the one with the VS had a discharge when the bolt closed. Witnessed by Keith (and I believe Vaughn. help me out here oh great killer of

large animals :-> Truly a no BS, hand NOT ON the trigger discharge.

He brought the rifle back from school and our Dept armorer (guy on our training staff.....'nuff said about that) took apart the trigger and "cleaned" it out. He said he didn't have a clue what caused it but he couldn't duplicate it (Great Dude, you gonna' testify on our behalf if we have a tragic AD?)

We were just up at Ft. McCoy for our week of fall training when my partner (attended Derrick's basic and kicked butt!) closed her bolt while kneeling over her rifle (the OTHER VS) and it discharged.....damn near causing the literal shit to be scared outta' me! With our friendly Training Staff armorer about 2 hours away we looked over the gun ourselves but were unable to figure out what happened. Shortly there after, she fired a round and was almost unable to open the bolt. She had to kneel over the stick and almost pry the damn thing up (I was waiting for the handle to snap off.....hoping I could just shitcan the gun when we got back. No-go. She got it open and I took apart the bolt but couldn't find anything wrong (keep in mind, I'm no genius....I live in a city known as the Berkley of the Midwest.)

Re-assembled it and she chambered a round. Bolt worked fine and she had no problem chambering, extracting the live round. Pulled the trigger and now my big ass hadda' get over her gun and pry the bolt (yanked like hell.....but alas.....the bolt handle held) open. Repeated process (disassembly/cleaned and inspected/re-assembly) and the same frigg'in thing happened (She was highly pissed at the gun. Kinda' scared me as Vaughn has seen her and she can whoop ass when needed.)

We put the POS gun in the truck and she tried using the spare 700PSS for the rest of the day. Unfortunately, LOP was too long. And no, I tried swapping the VS and PSS stocks/actions, but the recoil lug on the PSS action wouldn't line up with the VS lug channel.

Once home, our "armorer" then took her VS apart and pretty much said the same thing (along the lines of 'I dunno' what caused it' followed by 'whose budget line is gonna' pay if you want to ship'em back?)

Anyways, I know this topic was covered a couple of years ago, but I don't have the old posts. Trying to get any input about what to do as well as the Remington LE Rep's contact info. My gut feeling is that they'll be shipped back to us with the triggers adjusted back around 7lbs (no biggy) and a note enclosed saying "Unable to duplicate problem." At this point, I've got no confidence in either VS gun and would just as soon send'em to GA to be re-built, or somewhere else to be used as tomato stakes.....

Any advice/similar stories/previous experiences with Remington customer service would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

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