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Dear Sirs,

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I own a M-700 8mm Rem-UMC rifle serial number A6471129. On October 25, 1981 this rifle fired while attempting to unload when the safety was moved forward to allow the bolt to open. Needless to say, outside of being embarrassed and having my thumb cut open, it scared me and everyone around me. The only explanation was that I must have had my finger on the trigger.

On November 12, 1981 I was hunting from a tree stand. Before climbing down I removed the live round and closed the bolt on a empty chamber and applied the safety. After reaching the ground I started to reload. When the safety was pushed forward the firing pin fell. Only this time there was no mistake. I was looking down at the rifle holding it sideways bolt up.

During this period of time the safety would occasionally hang up and it would take all the force I could apply to move it. Also the safety will lock up in the firing position, the bolt lock arm of the safety will clear the receiver and hang up on the bottom edge of the receiver.

I removed the action from the stock and flushed out the trigger with hot water and gun cleaning solvent then lubed with G96 gun treatment. I then started to work the safety lock and forth when it locked up in the safety position. The safety had to be removed. I found a burr on the catch hole for the safety position which I cleaned off. The safety now will move freely except it will still hang up in the fire position if pushed too far.

I haven't been able to duplicate the firing pin falling when moving from safe to fire. But I feel something is wrong, or was and have discontinued the use of the rifle for my own safety and the safety of those around me.

I have talked to a local gunsmith and it seems this is a problem best left to Remington.

