

Attention: Fred Supry

RE: Remington Model 700 Rifle  
Serial #6659265

Owner- Ray Dreiss

Description of what happened

On Sat. afternoon (Sept. 15, 2001) after completing a day of hunting, my son, Loren & I went back to the truck and were getting ready to return home. While sitting in the cab of the truck I told Loren to unload the rifle so we could head home. Loren was sitting on the passenger side of the pick-up with the rifle across his lap - barrel pointed down at the center (hump) of the floor board. He knew, in order to unload the gun, he had to take the safety off. The rifle was uncocked, with the bolt open and the bolt pulled back. Loren pushed the bolt forward and down, cocking the gun so that the bullet would be grabbed and ejected by the bolt. Just as Loren lifted up the bolt to begin to pull it open the gun went off (firing) inside the cab of the pick-up, tearing a hole in the carpet and putting a hole in the floor board and a hole in the transmission. The air-bags deployed, breaking the windshield.

I bought the rifle at a gun show in July 1993. Loren and I have used it the last 8 years with no problems and no reason to think there would be a problem with the gun until this time.

On the day of the accident I talked with Loren about guns and the safety of guns. I own other Remington guns & a couple of shotguns and have had no problems with them. I've been very satisfied.

After having this happen, I would never trust & want to use this rifle again. We would like to have it replaced.

Also enclosed is the estimate of damages to the pick-up truck.

The gun has not been fired since the accident. It has not been cleaned. It was visually inspected by a gunsmith and it was not found to have any visual defects.