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Dear Sirs:

Two weeks ago I received a Remington Model 700 ADL bolt action rifle in .270 Winchester, Serial Number D6824636, as a Christmas present. (I actually took the gun out about a week before Christmas since deer season is in full swing here in North Carolina). I fired approximately 30 rounds, Winchester 130 gr. factory load, from a bench rest to zero the weapon. Each time I chambered a new cartridge, the bolt was difficult to close. The bolt operated fine with no cartridge in the chamber, but each time the bolt was closed on a cartridge it was very tight and sometimes it seemed ridiculously difficult to operate. I should have returned it then, but I felt it might loosen with repeated use and if not, I would send it to a gunsmith when the season closed (Jan. 2). Last Saturday, after an uneventful morning hunt, I was attempting to unload the rifle. I had retracted the bolt and removed the first cartridge and was attempting to chamber the second cartridge when the bolt refused go the last inch to close. I had the gun on safe, and knowing that many bolt action rifles will not operate on safe, I moved the safety to fire and attempted to close the bolt. Just as I closed the bolt the gun fired. Fortunately no one was injured and the bolt did not kick backward. The only damage was a nice sized hole in the lower panel of my pick up truck.

I know that you (Remington) test fire each rifle before it leaves the factory. Therefore, I assumed this rifle operated correctly. I am truly amazed and angry that you would allow a gun this unsafe to go out of your factory. The person who "inspected?" this gun should be horse whipped! Don't they know how dangerous an improperly operating firearm can be? I am returning the rifle in it's original container. At your customer service persons instruction I also mailed the registration card today. I do not know if you will receive it before you receive the rifle.

Please let me know what the problem with this rifle is and what your remedy will be. Please find my address and phone number at the top of this letter. My work number is 919-732-9823. Thank you in advance for you prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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