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Subject: Safety failure on a 700 BDL 30-06

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To Whom It May Concern:

On August 12, 1995, I was hunting black bear in Cooper Landing, AK. The previous day I had discharged the rifle one time. It was working properly.

The morning of the 12th, I shot a black bear. The bear was hit and immediately ran. I put a new round in the chamber as soon as I shot. When I tried to put the safety on, it would not come out of the fire position. I decided to chase the bear with the gun in the fire position. I located the bear, it was still moving, its' legs but was down. I was 10 feet away. I tried to shoot it again, but it would not fire, as if it were in the safety position. I tried to take it out of the fire position again but it would not come out. I was able to unload the gun. Once it was unloaded, it would go back into safety. I reloaded the gun at this time. The bear had since died - lucky for me. At this time I was just happy I had not been facing a wounded bear in this situation!

After I calmed down, I went back to my father-in-law's cabin. He met me outside. I was explaining what happened with the gun, I took the safety off and it discharged between us when I did this. FYI - I did not have my finger anywhere near the trigger - my father-in-law can attest to this!!!

In asking questions of many people, I found out that there is a history of these failures with your guns, have you corrected it? If you have, how do I get my gun repaired? A gunsmith told me you do not sell the parts to them.

Please respond ASAP - it is the middle of our hunting season now.

Concerned owner,


Winn Patton

