

Remington Arms Company, Inc.
Attn: Arms Service
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Sirs.

I am sending you my Model 700VSSF serial # S6294784, in 223 Remington. I purchased this rifle a couple of years ago from a dealer in Lafayette, Louisiana. From the very start I had a recurring problem that continues to this day. When trying to chamber a round, the bolt sometimes refuses to close on some cartridges. This happens with both handloads and factory ammo. All of the same cartridges chamber in my other 223's (I have 3 others) with no problem. I had the same problem with a Model 700 Mountain Rifle in 270 and got rid of it thinking there was a unrepairable problem with it and I took a substantial monetary loss on that rifle. After this rifle was purchased and I started having the same problem, I took it to my local gunsmith. He said that the ejector button was sticking and cleaned the bolt thoroughly and said that should fix it. That didn't do the trick. It still had the same problem. I just resigned myself to the fact that if I wanted to shoot this rifle I would have to throw out the cartridges that did not chamber or at least separate them and use them in the other rifles. I could find no differences in them as I have miked them all and found all to be within the tolerances listed in all my reloading manuals. This was the first problem I wanted to address.

2. The second problem arose this past weekend. We finally got a nice weekend here and a friend and I took out several of our guns to do a little plinking. We were shooting from sandbags across the hood of my friend's truck. After firing a few rounds through this rifle, some of which chambered with more than a little effort, I pulled the trigger on a live round and the trigger fell back without firing the rifle. It felt like the gun had not recoiled. I opened the bolt and ejected the shell. There was no mark on the primer. I loaded another shell into the chamber and when I closed the bolt the gun fired. The bullet went through the hood of my friend's truck. After regaining my composure (it was in Cincinnati) I loaded another round and while making sure I had the muzzle pointed downrange, I closed the bolt with the same result. This time I only killed a sage bush instead of a Ford.

I would like to have this rifle checked out for a possible headspace problem. Or, if you can find another reason it malfunctions as I described above, I would like to hear your version of what's going on with this gun. I would also like for you to send me a check for \$200.00, the cost estimate given to me to repair my friend's hood.

Thank you for your timely handling of this matter.

Sincerely,

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