

Mr. James L. Niemann
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Dear Mr. Niemann:

Most of the items suggested in your letter of October 12th for the M/700 are at the present time incorporated in the Mark V Weatherby.

Since we are committed to the strongest commercial action we would not be permitted to use this type of extractor which you suggest. We have tested this type using our standard blow-up test and find that it is not as strong as our present construction. In addition the hook type extractor will not give as high an extraction force as our present shrouded ring type extractor. The major difficulty of course with the ring type extractor is that many shooters overload to the point where the average gun would be destroyed, while in the M/700 the extractor may be the only casualty. In continued shooting, if the extractor fails, the shooter then blames the extractor. We have yet to find a commercially produced bolt action rifle as strong and as safe as the M/700.

Thank you very much for your interest in our product. Letters such as yours are of great assistance in determining the shooters' desires.

Sincerely,

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