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This merning Bill Best called to my attention a characteristic of the M/788 safety which he thought should be clarified or made known since differs from the M/700.

In each family of rifles the sele is ON when moved to the rear position. In the M/788 if the sale is placed in the rear (ON) position with the bolt open, it will be cammed OFF or into the fire position when the bolt is closed. When this is repeated in the M/700 there is interference as the bolt is closed; however, the sale continues to remain in the ON position.

In discussing with Wayns he points out that this change was purposely made to avoid the interference which can damage the fire control of the M/700 when operated in the above manner. The amount of interference varies from rifle to rifle. Wayne also believes that it is generally usual practice not to put the safety ON with the bolt open, but after the bolt has been closed.

Apparently this difference has not been demonstrated or discussed with Marketing, but Wayne has agreed to demonstrate it or review it with Morgan as they travel to the next regional sales meeting.

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