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Dear Sir:

I am writing to inquire about the
shooter-safety merits of your current
Model 700 bolt action rifle.

I am a 55 year old retired Navy senior
non-commissioned officer with some
30 years of shooting and ammunition-
reloading experience.

I want to buy one of your current
Model 700's, in Varmint Model .308
Win. caliber for bench and metallic-
silhouette target shooting. I will
reload my ammunition.

My questions and problem here:

- ✓ 1. In a printed publication, "Bolt Action
Rifles" written by Mr. Frank de Haas,
former Technical Staff member of the
National Rifle Association, Edited by
Mr. John T. Amber, Editor of The Gun
Digest magazine-book company, incorpo-
rated, Northfield, Illinois, 1971 and
1973, there appears a full-length
article on the merits and de-merits of
the Remington Model 700 bolt-action
(pages 249-255).
2. Mr. De Haas states several positive
merits of the M700 to his personal
liking, however, on page 252, he

² the action words.
states, in his opinion, an additional gas vent
hole in the left side of the receiver ring,
plus the installation (Need) of a flange
on the left side of the bolt sleeve are two
items to be desired on the m700 action,
for pure reasons of shooter safety in the event
of a cartridge failure, i.e. gas and
brass fragments blowing back into the
shooter's face.

- ✓ 3. May I have your technical opinion here,
please, and can and should the above
be accomplished at Remington Arms?
4. My concern here is evident. I captain
a 12 man shooting team of metallic silhouette
target shooters; we like the m700 Vermont
Model. We have been using old, converted
Mausers (model 98's). We are all aware of
the danger of cartridge failures, and the
rearward gas, + brass fragment escaping
problem. (into the shooter's face.)
5. I have no reason to want to "nit pick" here.
Yet, the Gun Digest Reports are a respected
source of gun data, in this country, and
abroad. Mr. de Haas is also respected.

May I have your ^{only} answer here on all of this,
please? Thank you.

Sincerely,

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