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MODEL 700 - CHANGE IN OPERATION

Market research, over the past several years, shows that customer interest in the bolt lock feature on the Model 700 rifle has declined. As a result, we have removed it.

Elimination of the bolt lock permits the bolt handle to be raised when the safety switch is either in the "S" or "F" position, simplifying loading and unloading. Appropriate changes in the instruction books have been made.

Since this change does not involve any product obsolescence, the order number will remain the same and there will be no formal trade announcement. Product will be shipped as available so orders should not specify guns with or without a balk lock.

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