

P.I. KRS GUN EXAMINATION REPORT NUMBER: 481 MODEL: 700 BOL
 GENERAL CONDITION: GOOD R #: 17845
 OUTSIDE WORK: W/ SIGHTS - W/ SLING SCOPE DATE: 7-2-81
MOUNT FROM: JOHN HOOTON
 FIRE AMMO TYPE: NOT KNOWN KINGWOOD, WV
 & CONDITION: _____ GUN #: 6894689
 PROOF: (REP) INSP.: 54 TEST: 70 CODE: WZ-8-75
 HEADING: OK GA./CAL.: 3006
 BREACH OPENING: OK CHECKED BY: ML-2-2-81
 RECOIL SHOULDERS: OK APPROVED: COJ 7/24/81
 CHAMBER: OK APPROVED: RL 7/24/81
 TEST: _____ APPROVED: PN 7/24/81
 COMPONENT CONDITION: (Damaged, Broken, Old Style) APPROVED: JO 7/24/81
STOCK CRACKED AT TOE APPROVED: JO 7-24-81

COMPLAINT: FIRES WHEN SAFE IS PUSHED FORWARD

INCIDENT: _____

COMMENTS:

Trigger Pull 4 3/4", Gun passes
Trick Test. Gun Engagement. 018 Gun left full
Age .006.

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RECEIVING and ESTIMATE REPORT

ORDER R 17848

7-8

7-2-81

ESTIMATED 8/31/81

VIA Truck

CHARGES SEP - 1

FROM Jon Hutton

KINGWOOD, WV.

GRADE 700 30-06

SERIAL NO 6894689

DATE WZ

BDL

GRADE CODE

CODE 8-75

PUTER REFER. ONLY

L1 SIGHTS

REPAIR CHG. 80-55-

N1 SLING, SCOPE BASE

INS.

PARCEL POST

EDITION (New) (Slightly worn) (Very worn) (Misused) (Quoted)

TOTAL

R'S COMPLAINT

I'm went off when safety was stuck off

I'm went off when safety was pushed.

GALLERY REPORT

DEMERIT CODE

55 - Trigger Tensing any.

John Chamber

work

(Clean) (Test) (Target)

Repairman *CH*

SEP 2 1981

PAY THIS AMOUNT

110.77

INVOICE AMOUNT



INTER-STATE LUMBER COMPANY

601 EAST MAIN STREET • KINGWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA 26537 • 804/824-3885 • 104/328-1120 • TELETYPE 711

December 29, 1981

Remington Arms Company
Arms Service Division
Hill, New York 11357

Re: Defective Model 700 Remington Rifle

Dear Sir:

About four years ago I purchased a new Model 700 Remington Rifle from your company, bearing Serial No. 6894689. Since that time the gun has been used only for target practice annually to check the scope setting, and has had no more than twenty rounds fired through it.

Year before last, my father was checking the scope setting during target practice and when he pushed the safety forward, the rifle automatically went off without touching the trigger mechanism. I shot the gun again last year during deer season to check the scope and had no problems.

However, this year I had the door of my friend's jeep wagoner open and while attempting to unload the rifle to get into the jeep, I pushed the safety forward to eject the shell from the chambers and the gun automatically discharged without touching any of the trigger mechanisms. At the time the gun discharged, there was an occupant in the driver's seat of the jeep and the bullet narrowly missed him and entered the floor boards.

Upon taking the jeep to the garage to determine the amount of damage done to the jeep, the mechanic reported that the bullet struck the bell housing and glanced off and struck a bolt causing the shell to explode and thus severing some hydraulic lines. He further advised that if the bullet hadn't exploded when it hit the bolt, there was a strong possibility that the shell would have come right back into the cab of the jeep and seriously injured or killed someone.

The rifle is definitely defective and I cannot take the chance of using the rifle in its present condition and, of course, I'm certain that you don't want a liability suit against your company as a result of an accident caused by a defective rifle.

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MANUFACTURED AND WHOLESALE BY: Remington Arms Company, Inc. • C/O A. T. Green Lumber • Coal • Metallurgical and Chemical • Iron and Steel Mining

TOTAL

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TAX

AMOUNT

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AMOUNT

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Please advise as to your desires regarding the disposition of this rifle. It is quite evident that I can no longer take the chance of using the gun in its present condition.

Very truly yours,

for A. Hoo on

307.1

TOTAL

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110.57

DON'T SAY IT—WRITE IT

To D.F. POLLEY Location ARMS SERVICE 52-2
From J.A. STEKL Location PRODUCT SERVICE 52-4 Phone No. _____
Subject R#17848 M/700 BDL 30/06 Caliber, S.N. 6894689 Date 8/17/81

Please replace the trigger assembly on this rifle and return to:

Inter-State Lumber Co.
Attn: Mr. Jon A. Hooton
601 E. Main St.
Kingwood, West Virginia 26537

Please have the work done and return the rifle as soon as possible,
and keep the old trigger assembly for possible future reference.

Thank you.

J.A. Stekl
JAS:tpg

RD 779

STOP, LOOK, AND LIVE

State Automobile Mutual Insurance Company

HOOTON INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

P. O. Box 686

KINGWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA 26537

PHONE: (304) 329-0960

August 7, 1981

Remington Arms Company, Inc.
Attn. Mr. J. A. Stekl, Supervisor
Firearms Product Service
Ilion, New York 13357

Dear Mr. Stekl:

I am writing in response to your letter of July 28, 1981, wherein you set forth that your experts have completed their examination of my Model 700 BDL 30-06 caliber rifle, serial number 6894689 after it fired when the safety was moved into the "fire" position.

Yes, I do want the trigger assembly replaced, because not only did this malfunction happen once, but it happened on two different occasions with two different experienced individuals.

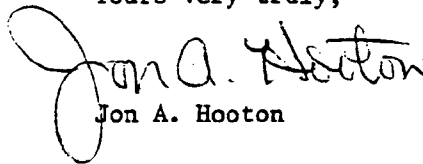
Your letter advised that your experts have concluded their examination and that the rifle has passed all necessary tests and that possibly there was pressure applied to the trigger mechanism. Please be advised that I intend to hold Remington Arms Company fully responsible for the malfunctions of this rifle regardless of what their experts say.

As previously stated, the gun discharged on two (2) different occasions with two (2) different individuals who had both had years of experience in handling and using firearms, and this type of incident has never happened on any other occasion with any other firearm, so I am certainly aware when a rifle has discharged without any pressure on the trigger.

Therefore, if you are willing to send this rifle back to me, then your company will assume all responsibility for the same.

I might also add that the gun did not discharge in this manner on every occasion that it was used, but it DID HAPPEN on two occasions, and I cannot accept the conclusion of your experts that there is not a malfunction in the trigger mechanism.

Yours very truly,


Jon A. Hooton

JAH:ssl



cc: E.F. Barrett
F.T. Millener
R.B. Sperling
J.H. Chisnall
D.J. Sanita

R-17848

July 28, 1981

Inter-State Lumber Co.
Attn: Mr. Jon A. Hooton
601 E. Main St.
Kingwood, West Virginia 26537

Dear Mr. Hooton:

Examination has been completed on the Model 700 BDL 30-06 caliber rifle, serial number 6894689, which you returned to us when it allegedly fired as the safety was moved to the "fire" position.

The returned firearm, which was produced in August of 1975, has been thoroughly examined by our firearms experts who report that it contained our high-pressure proof test, gallery test, and final inspection stampings, indicating that it had successfully passed all our necessary tests prior to shipment.

The general condition of the gun appeared to be good, but it was noted that the stock was cracked at the toe. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace, recoil shoulders, and chamber all to be normal.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the incident that was reported. All parts tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal, including sear-connector engagement. Also, factory seals were intact on the trigger adjustment screws, indicating no alterations were made on the trigger outside our company. Trigger pull was well within our specifications at 4-3/4 pounds.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the incident. It is possible that while you were moving the safety lever from the "safe" position to the "fire" position, you at the same time were inadvertently applying finger pressure to the trigger. When the safety lever reached the "fire" position, the gun then discharged - as it is designed to do - because the trigger was being pulled with the gun no longer on "safe".

July 28, 1981

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We trust that we have clarified the circumstances that could possibly have caused the accidental firing and, as a gesture of good will, even though there is nothing wrong with the present trigger assembly, we can replace it with another assembly at no-charge to insure that your faith in the rifle is restored, or, the rifle can be returned as received. We will await your decision and reply.

Thank you for having afforded us this opportunity to examine the rifle and to be of service.

Sincerely,

J.A. Stekl, Supervisor
Firearms Product Service

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Safe .006.

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