

Mr. Burkey;
Please hold this rifle for reply.
Sms

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Mr. Bob Burkey
Burkey Lumber Company
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Delta, Colorado 81416

Pull R - Gun Smith

Dear Mr. Burkey:

Examination has been completed on your Model 700 ADL 243 Win. caliber rifle, serial number 6883146, which you returned to us when it allegedly went off when opening it to unload.

The returned firearm, which was produced in November of 1975, has been 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 fair and it was noted that the stock contained nicks; there were nicks on the metal, and the toe of the stock was chipped. In addition, when the barreled action was removed from the stock, a considerable amount of dust and dirt was noted in and around the trigger assembly and on the bottom of the receiver. In going over the individual parts, we found the headspace normal, recoil shoulders normal, and chamber rusty.

Examination of the rifle and trigger assembly could not duplicate the incident that was described. All parts tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal, including sear-connector engagement. Also, factory seals were intact on the trigger adjusting screws, indicating no alterations were made on the trigger outside our company. Trigger pull was within our specifications at 5 1/2 pounds.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for the incident. We can only assume that accidental contact was made with the trigger, with the safety in the "fire" position, which caused the rifle to fire, or, that foreign matter getting inside the trigger assembly caused internal parts to hang-up and resulted in the accidental firing.