

became evident not from taking the rifle to the range and using it, but from use out in the real world - the world of elk hunting. In one morning alone while coming down a mountain trail that same bolt caught on brush - pulled open and ejected a cartridge. Not realizing that this was part of a new design by the company that recently came out I spent the rest of my hunting trip worried and concerned about the safety of carrying the rifle with me. Several times in fact in bringing it to my shoulder to check hopeful game sightings I was lucky enough to find the bolt half opened and was able to save losing additional cartridges.

My question to you as designers of this rifle is why - what would have happened if I had fired this rifle with the bolt half opened or worse. Safety has always been one of the strong points of your company. To me this is one of the most dangerous decisions your company has made concerning your rifles in a long time. Unfortunately because of this frequent happening with this new rifle, I have put it aside in my gun cabinet and am working on a system to try and figure out how to effectively keep the bolt locked down safely. I have taken the rifle to our local registered dealers in hopes of having the bolt changed back to the way