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Most of us in our hunting group (6) use Remington 700's. I've been a strong advocate of Remington, especially models 700, 870, and 1100 even though my automatic is a Winchester Model 1, super-x.

I'm 42 years of age, have been around rifles all my life. My father, uncles, and brother all hunt. I am a graduate engineer, currently a project engineer with a large engineering company.

Action requested:

1. An analysis and explanation for why the rifle discharged when operating the safety lever. (I could not duplicate it by operating the bolt and safety several times). I also need assurance that this problem is not dormant in other 700's.
2. If this is not a problem generic to the model 700, I want my rifle checked for tolerances and proper corrections made.
3. I would also like a floor plate installed, so I don't have to run rounds into the chamber unless I intend to fire one.

I am looking forward to hearing from you directly; no middlemen please. I want the guns to be safe; I want you to know what the problem is, and I want a positive, failsafe solution.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ronald J. Hazen

P.S. I have subsequently duplicated the above failure. I placed a fired, empty case in the chamber, to avoid firing pin damage and operated the bolt several times, and sequentially operated the safety lever and the firing pin was released without touching the trigger. Periodically I did pull the trigger while the safety was on.