

PRESIDENT LETTER

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Sir:

I just purchased one of your rifles. It is a Model 700 - 30/06 Springfield bold action (#A6666052). I have wanted one of these fine rifles for years, but never felt I could afford one. Of course I also purchased Remington ammunition to go with my new rifle. The rifle shoots like a dream and the ammo has power beyond my wildest beliefs. I found one small problem with the rifle. The bolt only works when it is off safety. None of my other Remingtons are like this or any other rifle I have ever used.

I purchased the rifle on April 21, 1984 and took it out on the 23rd to test fire and sight it in. After shooting less than a box of shells, I can put 3 rounds in a 50c size bullseye at 50 yards.

After I finished shooting, I was unloading my rifle and the ground gave way under my feet, causing me to almost fall. My rifle went off, going through the back of my pickup truck. The flight and power of that bullet was something to see. It went through the bed of my truck, the cab, through my coat in 6 places, through the seat, car seat cushion, shattered my steering wheel (causing my windshield to shatter and putting six holes in my door panel). Moving right along through the dash, the fuse box, my main wiring control (three times), through the emission control box, light switch, and then through the fire wall. That bullet tried to get out of the fire wall in three different places before it finally stopped.

Never in all my years in the Army or hunting have I seen such power in an 80c bullet. There is a copy of the estimate of damages to my truck which shows the full extent of the damages to my pocket book.

At least I know that I can buy quality ammo these days. Especially if I ever need to shoot anything and put it down for good. My compliments to you and the employees of Remington for making two fine quality products. This is without a doubt the best shooting rifle I will ever own and your ammunition can't be beat by anyone. I do hope you can find a way to have the safety on while we load and unload our most powerful rifles.

Yours truly;

Philip O. Heard
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