

Remington Arms Co., Inc.
Product Service
Legal Case #:5057

Case Information

RE#	Date Opened	Date Opened(PS)	Date Closed	Incident Date	Pre Lit	Lit	Obsolete
215647	12/20/2010	11/10/2010	12/28/2010				

Customer Information

Type	Business	First Name	Last Name	Street	City	State	Zip	Age	Contact
Incident		Darrin	Rousse	3811 Hunters Gate Ct	Sugar Land	TX	77479		E darrin.rousse@sbmoffshore.com

Incident Information

Claims	Codes	Repair Est.	Medical Treatment	Medical Status
PI				
PD	Cause:4038	Could Not Duplicate Concern		
S	Fired on safety release	Concern:1007	Fired on Safe Release	Unknown
C				

11/10/10 Per email sent to Remington.com, incid # 101102-000089, this summer he had an accidental discharge when he place the gun in the "F" or fire position with a round chambered. He thought he may have made the error. Since the CNBC program he has doubts as to whether it was operator error or not.cm

Firearm Information

Mfg.	Type	Model/Ga.	SKU	Serial	Bbl.	DOM
Remington	CF/BA	700/7MM REM MA	27480	E6668206	OU	7/20/2000 9:15:24 PM
Date Purchased	Where Purchased	Accessories	Original Owner			
	ACADEMY CORP	TWO PIECE SCOPE BASE	Y			

CONCERN:FSR

Ammunition Information - None Defined

Other Products Information - None Defined

Settlement

Remington/700/CF/BA

Settlement	Release of Claims	Release Date	Reimbursement	Cash Settlement	Reim. Date APV	Cash Date APV
Per Ilion, replace TPA, clean, test at 1/2 normal cost						
	Repair/Replacement Cost	Repair/Replacement Date				

11/10/10 Mailing ARS and letter.cm 1/5/11 Per Ilion, could not duplicate concern. Can offer to replace TPA, clean, test at 1/2 normal cost. Emailed inspect/quote info. Awaiting reply.cm 1/7/11 Per call from Rousse, he approved replacement and would like the original sent back to him also.cm

Examination[Remington/CF/BA]

Part	Sub-Part	Code	Comment
Examination	Examiner		B.TRAVIS
	Exam Date		12/28/2010
	Product Type		RF
	Action Type		A
	Assigned To		T.NAGLE
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	Date Code		OU
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	Bore Plugged	False	
	Bulged	False	
	Fired	False	
	Fired while Obstructed		
	Muzzle/Crown Condition	Slightly Worn; Functioning	
Bolt	Firing Pin	Slightly Worn; Functioning	
	Shroud	Slightly Worn; Functioning	
	Face	Slightly Worn; Functioning	
	Handle	Slightly Worn; Functioning	
	Stop	Slightly Worn; Functioning	
Extractor	Condition	Slightly Worn; Functioning	
	Cut Condition	Slightly Worn; Functioning	
	Ext/Eject Test	False	
Locking	Block Condition	---Select---	
	Lug Condition	Slightly Worn; Functioning	
	Notch Condition	---Select---	
Overall	Exterior Condition	Slightly Worn; Functioning	
	Stock Condition	Slightly Worn; Functioning	
	Fore End Condition	---Select---	
Receiver	Condition	Slightly Worn; Functioning	
	Bulged	False	
Safety	Description		M.700 SAFETY
	Function	Like new; Functioning	
	Sub-Assembly	ISS	
Sear	Lift	---Select---	.013
	Notch	Like new; Functioning	
	Tests	Test Fired	False
Feeding Test	Tests	False	
Trigger	Condition	Like new; Functioning	
	Pull	---Select---	5.5#
	Altered	False	
	Sub-Assembly	M/700 Non-Bolt Lock	
Non-Remington Components	Description		TWO PIECE SCOPE BASE

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November 10, 2010

Darrin Rouse
3811 Hunters Gate Ct
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Subject: #5057, Model 700

Dear Mr. Rouse,

Per our phone conversation, enclosed is the prepaid UPS ground shipping label for shipment of the firearm to our factory for inspection. Please include a copy of this letter with the firearm. **The letter inside is important as sometimes the outside label gets damaged in transit and we want to be sure the firearm is logged in correctly.** Please mark the ends of the box with "Product Service".

I apologize for the inconvenience that this incident has caused and I hope that these actions will keep you as a loyal Remington customer.

Sincerely,

Christy Mitchell
Consumer Affairs Administrator
Phone: 800-243-9700, ext 8684
christy.mitchell@remington.com

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enclosure

Serial Number:

E6668206

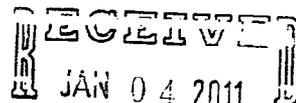
Model: 700



RE00215647

could not duplicate concern.
CAN offer to replace TPA, clean
+ test fire at 1/2 normal cost

Quote \$71.52



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Phone 800-243-9700 • www.remington.com BY:.....

NOTE: Please complete and print this form, and then include it with your firearm.

Model Number: <u>Model 700 ADL</u>		Serial Number: <u>E6668206</u>	
Are you the original owner?: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Name: <u>DARRIN ROUSSE</u>		Date of Purchase: <u>2000/2001</u>	
Address (no PO Boxes): <u>3811 Hunters Gate CT.</u>			
City: <u>Sugar Land</u>		State: <u>TX</u>	Zip: <u>77479</u>
Phone (Daytime): <u>832-440-0187</u>		Fax: _____	
E-mail Address: (if e-mail address is provided, notification of receipt and shipment will be sent) <u>DRousse@comcast.net</u>			
E-mail Address: <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to receive future e-mail updates from Remington.			
Please describe your problem and date of occurrence: <u>Please see Attached Email 4 pages.</u>			
500 characters left			
Ammunition Information:			
Manufacturer: <u>Winchester</u>		Type: <u>140/150 gr Ballistic Silver Tip CRP2</u>	
Other (i.e. bullet weight/type, shot size, powder): <u>7mm Rem Mag</u>			
Handload Information: <u>N/A</u>			
Powder Used: _____		Powder Weight: _____	
Case/Hull Used: _____		Primer Used: _____	
Bullet Type/Shot Size: _____		Reloader Used: _____	

Darrin Rouse

From: Rouse, Darrin [Darrin.Rouse@sbmoffshore.com]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 8:19 AM
To: dsrouse@comcast.net
Subject: FW: Model 700 Trigger/Safety/Accidental Discharge [Incident: 101102-000089]

Darrin Rouse
Instrumentation & Controls Engineer
SBM Atlantia
Direct: +1 281-679-2425
darrin.rouse@sbmoffshore.com

From: Remington Information [mailto:info@remington.com]
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2010 4:33 PM
To: Rouse, Darrin
Subject: Model 700 Trigger/Safety/Accidental Discharge [Incident: 101102-000089]

Recently you requested personal assistance from our on-line support center. Below is our response.

We will assume your issue has been resolved if we do not hear from you within 72 hours.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service to you.

[To access your question from our support site, click here.](#)

Subject

Model 700 Trigger/Safety/Accidental Discharge

Discussion Thread

Response (Chris)

11/05/2010 05:33 PM

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Customer (Darrin Rouse)

11/02/2010 04:57 PM

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Background:

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Question Reference #101102-000089

Product Level 1: Accessories

Date Created: 11/02/2010 04:57 PM

Last Updated: 11/05/2010 05:33 PM

Status: Waiting

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Status
Updated

Assigned To Administrators
Christy -

Product Accessories

SLA
Not specified

Queue
CSR

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