

attn: Director
Firearms
Development

SEP 06 1977

Murray E. Salter
87 Gardiner Street
Raynham Center, Mass. 02767
Sept. 2, 1977

Dear Sir:

I am writing to inquire about the shooter-safety merits of your current Model 700 bolt action rifle.

I am a 55 year old retired Navy senior non-commissioned officer with some 30 years of shooting and ammunition-reloading experience.

I want to buy one of your current Model 700's, in Varmint Model .308 Win. caliber, for bench, and metallic-silhouette target shooting. I will reload my ammunition.

My questions and problem here:

- ✓ 1. In a printed publication, "Bolt Action Rifles" written by Mr. Frank de Haas, former Technical Staff member of the National Rifle Association, edited by Mr. John T. Amber, Editor of The Gun Digest magazine-book company, incorporated, Northfield, Illinois, 1971 and 1973, there appears a full-length article on the merits and de-merits of the Remington Model 700 bolt-action (pages 249-255).
2. Mr. De Haas states several positive merits of the M700 to his personal liking, however, on page 252, he

^{the action words.}
states, in his opinion, an additional gas vent hole in the left side of the receiver ring, plus the installation (need) of a flange in the left side of the bolt sleeve are two items to be desired on the m700 action, for pure reasons of shooter safety in the event of a cartridge failure, i.e. gas and brass fragments blowing back into the shooter's face.

3. May I have your technical opinion here please and can and should the above be accomplished at Remington Arms?
4. My concern here is evident. I captain a 12 man shooting team of metallic silhouette target shooters; we like the m700 Varmint Model. We have been using old, converted Mausers (model 98's). We are all aware of the danger of cartridge failures, and the rearward gas, + brass fragment escaping problem. (into the shooters face.)
5. I have no reason to want to "nit pick" here. Yet, the Gun Digest Reports are a respected source of gun data, in this country, and abroad. Mr. de Haas is also respected.

May I have your ^{only} answer here on all of this, please? Thank you.

Sincerely,

Murray E. Salter
Member: National Rifle Association
Member: G.O.A.L. of Massachusetts