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Discussion Thread

Response (Laura)

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Dear Mr. Ordova,

Model 700 rifles manufactured before 1982 were manufactured with a "bolt lock" feature. The purpose of the bolt lock, which was favored by many hunters, was to prevent accidental lifting of the bolt, for example, by heavy brush. This feature requires the manual safety to be placed in the "fire" position before the bolt can be raised and the firearm unloaded. If the bolt cannot be raised on your firearm while the safety is in the "on safe" position, it has the bolt lock feature.

Apparently with your firearm being a newer model, the bolt can be opened with the safety on or off.

If you have a rifle with a bolt lock, you must take special precautions when unloading your rifle. Remember the first Commandment of Firearm Safety: ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE OF YOUR RIFLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION! Always unload your rifle in the field; never carry a loaded rifle in a vehicle or to your hunting camp.

Customer (ernard ordova)

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I'm finding that the bolt with the safety in the fire or the safe position will open. Is this normal? I do know with the older models that the bolt can not be opened with the safety in the fire position. I have another 700 in 350 REM MAG and the bolt will not open when the safety is in the fire position.

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