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Discussion Thread

Response (Chris) 7/21/2003 8:54:58 AM
Dear Mr. Langston,

Thank you for contacting Remington Country. It may be best to contact our Custom Shop with the question of installing a custom barrel and pricing. It is not their normal practice to install a custom barrel on a production rifle. You can reach them at 800-243-9700, Mon-Fri 9-5 EST.

The firearm was produced in 1971. Remington is extending through December 31, 2003, its safety modification program to remove the bolt-lock mechanism from certain Remington bolt-action centerfire firearms made prior to March, 1982. (Post-1982 bolt-action firearms were not manufactured with bolt-lock mechanisms). The firearms will be cleaned and inspected and the bolt lock mechanism will be removed for \$20.00 plus shipping and handling. We will return the gun to you with a \$20.00 rebate coupon good towards the purchase of any Remington brand safety product (eye protection, hearing protection, cable and trigger locks, gun cabinets and gun safes.)

To view more information on the bolt lock safety program, go to:
http://www.remington.com/safety_Modification_Program/remington_safety.htm

Customer (Bruce Langston) 7/18/2003 9:41:18 PM
I purchased this weapon in jan or feb 1981 for shooting varmints. I quickly found out it would not stabilize anything under 90 Gr. I contacted remington and was told "send it back and we will replace the bbl". Well, in June 1981 the Army sent me to Saudi arabia and then Germany. In 1987, when I got back to the USA I contacted Remington again, but got a lot of feet dragging. I was told I could "send it in for a custom barrel" at my expense. Well, before I could get that straightened out, I got sent to Korea for a year. When I got back, I had to start over again (new crew). I finally got ahold of a really nice lady who found some of the eaqlier documentation and said send it in.. by this time we were back in the desert again and I was between Saudi and Kuwait and Iraq.

Mind you, every time I go overseas I have to pack up and store my weapons. So here we are in 2003, I have been to saudi 4 times, kuwait 4 times, bosnia and other places and I still have this remington that has had somewhere between 75 and 150 rounds run through it, none anywhere but a range trying to find a good 70 or 80 grain varmint load.

My question is, what do I do? I read that I may have a bolt safety that needs replacing, so that enters the equasion, but seriously doubt it because i believe the target varmintier used a triger assy safety (rifle is still in storage at this moment, I pick them all up friday next).

Any good words of advice? what will it cost to get a reasonable barrel instaled that will stabilize varmint bullets.. would I be better off with a different cal than 243?? If so, what Cal, what barrel? what costs?

I guess I should preface this with the fact I have 2 sako target (deutches jagdshutzen verband) rifles and a single shot bolt with a 1 1/2 bbl so like a good shooter. I do have numerous others I could shoot, but this one has always griped me because I like remingtons, and it has never been a satisfactory weapon.