

How can I tell if I have a pre-1982 model 700? The bolt will not raise in saf...

Discussion Thread

Response (Laura) 12/4/2001 10:10:11 AM

At 12/04/2001 10:07 AM we wrote -

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for your inquiry. Model 700 rifles manufactured before 1982 (serial numbers that have no prefix, have an "A" prefix, or have a "B" prefix up to B6349999), and some other older Remington rifles (Models 721, 722, 788, 600, and 660 series) 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.

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.

If you wish to have your firearm changed to a non bolt lock safety, please contact your Remington Authorized Repair Center. For your convenience, we have included their information below:

Billings Gunsmiths
1841 Grand Avenue
Billings, MT 59102
Phone: 406-256-8390

Capital Sports & Western Wear
1092 Helena Ave.
Helena, MT 59601
Phone: 406-443-2978
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Customer (Bart Johnson) 11/29/2001 9:53:24 PM

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How can I tell if I have a pre-1982 model 700? The bolt will not raise in safe when the it is charged, so I assume that it is pre-1982. I have also been hearing a number of radio spots that talk about having the bolt lock removed. Is this a safety recall or is this at the owners expense?