

MDL 700 accidental discharge

Discussion Thread

Response (Jessica)
Dear Don,

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Your inquiry has been forwarded to our product service manager, he will be contacting you soon. If you need further assistance please reply back.

Customer (Don Baumgartner)

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Our SWAT team currently has two Remington MDL 700 PSS rifles in .308 caliber. Recently I was advised by several sniper teams in our area of accidental discharges occurring when the safety on their Remington rifle was manipulated. The King County Washington team was able to re-create the incident with predictability. The Pierce County Washington team was also able to repetitively cause an accidental discharge with their Remington rifles. My understanding is that the accidental discharges occurred with the simple manipulation of the safety and there was no manipulation of the bolt.

I attempted to replicate the problem with my assigned rifle; fortunately my weapon performed as designed. However, given that the Police industry has the most efficient rumor mill known to man, I have been asked by my superiors if my rifle is safe. I actually found one in my swat locker inspecting my rifle, he now wears a cast and paid me overtime to re-confirm the zero.

All that aside, are you aware of the problem? Is it related to the problem which prompted the re-call, if you will, of pre 1985? model 700 rifles? Any recommendations you may be able to forward to ensure I can adequately test my rifle to prevent an accidental discharge as described above would be appreciated.

The rifles we have were purchased in 1996. One has been assigned to me since then. My log book indicates I have pushed 13,040 rounds down the tube. It has probably been dry-fired an equal number of times. It still shoots sub MOA, I think it may be starting to deteriorate a little in accuracy but it may just be my eyes. The other rifle has been assigned to several different members of the team over that time and may have 2,000 rounds through the bore.

Please forgive the writing style, I just proofed the draft after being called away yet again on a call and I need to go again.
Thanks in advance for your time.

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