

older 700 safety issue

Discussion Thread

Response (Kati)

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Dear Baron:

Thank you for your support of Remington products. Based on the serial number provided, your firearm qualifies for the Safety Modification Program. Details are listed below.

Model 700  
Safety Modification Program

Remington is extending through December 31, 2005, 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). To determine whether your firearm has a bolt-lock mechanism and is subject to the safety modification program, click on the model listed below and follow the directions included.

The unloading process for most bolt-action firearms with a bolt-lock mechanism cannot begin unless the manual safety is placed in the "F" or "Off or Fire" position. If you participate in the program your firearm will be modified to eliminate the bolt-lock feature and you will be able to unload your firearm while the safety is kept in the "S" or "On Safe" position. The operation of your firearm will not otherwise be affected.

Here are the basic program elements:

- 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.)

If you have a bolt-action rifle with a bolt-lock mechanism, and you do not wish to have the lock removed, you must be sure to follow this IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE: Be sure the rifle is pointing in a safe direction anytime you move the manual safety to the "F" or "Off or Fire" position. As soon as you have lifted the bolt, immediately put the manual safety back in the "S" or "On Safe" position and then continue the unloading process.

Remington Model 700 & Model 40-X

If you own a Remington Model 700 or Model 40-X rifle:

Only those Model 700 or 40-X rifles made before March 1982 were manufactured with a bolt-lock mechanism. Model 700 or 40-X rifles made after March 1982 do not have a bolt-lock mechanism and may be loaded and unloaded with the safety in the "S" or "On Safe" position. Consequently, post-1982 Model 700 or 40-X rifles are not subject to this bolt-lock Safety Modification Program.

To determine whether your Model 700 or 40-X rifle has a bolt-lock mechanism, either:

- Call Remington toll-free at 1-877-387-6691 and a service representative will help you determine if your firearm has a bolt-lock mechanism, or
- Take your Model 700 or 40-X rifle to a Remington Authorized Repair Center and a qualified gunsmith will examine your firearm and determine whether it has a bolt-lock mechanism.

If your Model 700 or 40-X rifle has a bolt-lock mechanism, it is eligible for this bolt-lock Safety Modification Program. If you participate, your firearm will be cleaned and inspected for proper functioning by a

qualified gunsmith. Once the condition of your firearm has been assessed, you will be notified of one of the following:

- Your firearm's trigger assembly is otherwise in good operating condition, and the gunsmith will proceed to physically remove the bolt-lock feature so that your rifle can be loaded and unloaded while the safety remains in the "S" or "On Safe" position; or
- Your rifle's trigger assembly is found to be in an unsatisfactory or potentially unsafe operating condition because of any number of factors, including wear, alteration or maintenance. The entire trigger assembly will be replaced with a new factory trigger assembly, which does not incorporate a bolt-lock mechanism.

In either case, the total cost to you is \$20, plus tax. You will also receive a rebate coupon good for up to \$20 toward the purchase of any Remington safety product, including gun locks, hearing and eye protection, and gun safes.

#### How to participate in the Safety Modification Program

Complete the General Repair Form and Send or deliver your firearm and the completed repair form to either:

- a) A Remington Authorized Repair Center; or
- b) Ship your firearm to the Remington factory at:  
Remington Arms Company, Inc.  
Ilion Firearms Plant  
Attention: BL Safety Program  
14 Hoefler Avenue  
Ilion, NY 13357

Remington will bill or arrange for payment once your firearm is received and evaluated.

**CAUTION:** It is your responsibility to comply with all laws and regulations regarding transportation or shipping of your firearm. Absolutely no ammunition should be packaged with the firearm whether loaded in the firearm itself or included in the shipping container. The firearm should be transported only in a completely unloaded condition.

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Consumer Service

Customer (baron tregle) 12/14/2005 9:10:47 AM  
I was using my brother-in-law's older (early to mid 80's) remington 700 a few years ago and when I took the gun off of safety to open the bolt, the gun fired. It scared me to death. I was positive that I did not hit the trigger, but I was thinking that there was no way it could have fired without me hitting the trigger. I want to purchase my own remington 700 now and while I was doing research on the gun I came across a article about a problems with the trigger/safety that was occurring in the older 700 model guns. I am concerned that this gun may be one of the guns that has this problem. I want to find out for sure. I will include the model and serial numbers for the gun. Please let me know about it. I am now using the same gun and am concerned for the safety of the people around me. I love the model 700 and am planning to purchase my own this week.

Remington model 700  
serial: A6868144  
It is a 7mm-08 cal

Thanks

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