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**Subject:** Snipersonline: Rem triggers (training)

Brian and group,

I can recall the Rem 700 problem back into the 1970s. Problems such as the rifle firing when the bolt was closed and firing when the safety was snicked off.

Sometimes it was due to inexperience in adjusting the triggers by rifle owners, sometimes it was a factory adjusted trigger not being to safe specs. (The trigger group is not supposed to be adjusted outside the factory in these modern times.)

I never did trust them as is after these experiences. That is why I do not use Rem trigger groups in the MR30 PG rifles, and why I can't understand why some custom rifle builders continue to use and "tune" rem trigger groups outside the factory, especially on live call out rifles. Too much liability to use what we know has failed in the past.

I tried to get across to readers in the Tactical Marksman I book that there was a need to test this area with fast bolt closure in a safe environment, and in all weather conditions. Extreme cold has had more of an effect in my experience.

Also, the procedure I use in the FFP is a fully raised bolt handle with a round in the chamber. All other safety rules still of course apply in addition to this mechanical safety procedure.

One item of note with 700 shooters has been they may use the raised bolt handle idea, but then are delayed when they close the bolt to fire because they find the thumb safety in the on position. They try to pull the trigger and take the shot, and can't because the safety is on. They then snick the safety off and the 700s sometimes fire. If they don't fire, the on safe problem still delayed the shot when it was needed. Both bad situations.

I have seen field solutions at the ITRC where shooters block the on safe movement of the 700 safety lever with a foam ear plug wedged in behind the safety lever. This helps prevent the lever from being drug into the on position and causing confusion as to why the rifle doesn't fire when needed. However, it is not the best solution.

On the MR30PG the bolt handle is the safety. When open the striker can not move forward, when closed the rifle is ready to fire when the trigger is pulled. No lever to be in the wrong position at the wrong time. Shooters must remember that when the bolt handle is closed on the 700 style rifle that the striker is cocked and held under great tension right behind that primer. Simply blocking the trigger group internally is not an acceptable safe zone for me to work in where unintentional discharges can cause death to the innocent.

If I accomplish nothing else from the Tactical Marksman series of books and the ITRC, I hope to get across acceptable and safe gun handling procedures in the tactical environment.

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Brian K. Sain" <brianksain@yahoo.com>  
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Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2002 11:04 AM  
Subject: Snipersonline: Rem triggers (training)

- > What are you guys doing, as far as training around the
- > Remington triggers are concerned ?
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- > I believe the main two concerns here are:
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- > 1) Safety, and
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- > 2) The need to get a round off quickly if there is a
- > sudden threat.
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- > Personally, I would rather err on the side of safety.
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- > Some thoughts on the rifle safety condition while in
- > Final Firing Position. Which of the four or what
- > other method are you Rem guys using ?
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- > 1. Round in the chamber, safety lever on fire but
- > bolt handle raised while in position ? Whereas you
- > just reach up and cam it down if things go that way.
- > Pretty quick and safe.
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- > 2. No round in the chamber and bolt closed over a
- > round in the magazine. Run the bolt to chamber a
- > round. Pretty much foolproof safety-wise but slower if
- > you have to shoot quick.
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- > Hypothetically relating to the #2 method above, what
- > if you perceive a threat, run the bolt and then for
- > whatever reason wind up NOT having to take a shot,
- > what do you do then ?
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- > Continuing ...
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- > 3. Trust to fate and use the safety as designed.
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- > 4. Round chambered, rifle on fire once in position
- > and use finger only as a safety. I have seen this done
- > (not my Team). I have personally seen operational ADs
- > because of it too. NOTE: The guy was in the process of
- > giving up 'til the AD hit the cave over his head.
- > Then he shot himself. . . . oops.
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- > Do you guys train with one of the above methods when
- > you shoot your qual courses ? I am just curious as to
- > what you are doing and why.
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> Of course, Sniper Z2 and Ed III have the solutions to  
> all of this safety/trigger conversation.  
>  
> Those solutions being simply - Accuracy International  
> and Winchester. (I can see the smug looks and shrugged  
> shoulders on them both as I type this).  
>  
> REMINDER: If your entry or react people are out front,  
> you are pretty much out of the picture anyway unless  
> covering an adjacent window, etc. prior to entry.  
> Pick up your binos or use the lower two quadrants of  
> your scope for observation, finger off the trigger for  
> Christ sake. A crosshair SHOULD NEVER touch a cop. I  
> know ya'll know this stuff already. Just a friendly  
> reminder from the white trash sniper.  
>  
> Like always, if you violate one gun safety rule but  
> obey all the others, you MIGHT GET LUCKY and avoid a  
> tragedy. Much better to just make a conscious effort  
> to obey them all. Snipe smart. Think.  
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> No more Lubbocks or Rhode Islands thank you.  
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> "Oops" and "Miss" are four letter words; especially in  
> our business.  
>  
> Watch your sixes bros,  
>  
> Brian  
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