

JULY 23, 1992

REMINGTON ARMS
ARMS SERVICE DIVISION
14 HOEFLER AVE.
ILION, NEW YORK 13357

RE: REPAIR OF RIFLE

GENTLEMEN,

I AM SENDING YOU MY MODEL 700, 270 CAL. RIFLE (SERIAL #6379490) FOR INSPECTION AND REPAIR. OVER THE PAST YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN A SERIES OF TIMES(4 DIFFERENT INCIDENTS) WHEN THE RIFLE HAS DISCHARGED WITHOUT THE TRIGGER BEING PULLED. THREE OCCURRED WHEN I ATTEMPTED TO TAKE THE RIFLE OFF SAFETY AND THE OTHER BEING WHEN THE RIFLE WAS BEING UNLOADED.

THESE MISFIRINGS RESULTED IN A HOLE IN MY PICKUP AND A HOLE IN MY HUNTING BLIND. THE OTHER TWO SHOTS WENT HARMLESSLY INTO THE GROUND. THIS, NEEDLESS TO SAY, HAVE CAUSED ME A GREAT AMOUNT OF CONCERN.

I HAVE TAKEN THE RIFLE TO TWO DIFFERENT GUNSMITHS IN THE DALLAS AREA. BOTH HAVE REFUSED TO WORK ON IT SAYING THAT IT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO REMINGTON. THEY ALSO INTIMATED THAT THE MODEL 700 HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL LAWSUITS AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN RECALLED.

MY CONCERN IS SAFETY. PLEASE REPAIR OR REPLACE THIS RIFLE.

I CAN BE REACHED AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
CARROLLTON, TEXAS 75006
[REDACTED]

SINCERELY,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

July 7, 1989
[REDACTED]

Corpus Christi, Tx.
78418

Customer Relations
Remington Arms Co.
Illion, NY 13357

Dear Sirs:

This January I was on a hunting trip near Poteet, Texas. When I pushed the safety to off, the gun fired. I am certain that I had not pulled the trigger. The result was that I now have a hole in my camper. This gun is dangerous. I need to know what caused this incident. Please inform me as to what course of action I should take.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

AL 010787

STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

January 3, 1991

Remington Arms Company, Inc.
939 Barnum Avenue
P.O. Box 1939
Bridgeport, CT 06601

Gentlemen:

Until recently I was the proud owner of a Remington Model 700LH, Serial No. A6828535, .270 Winchester. I am no longer proud.

During last year's buck season (December 1989) I was approached by a herd of deer. I was in a standing position, behind a tree, and began releasing the safety with my thumb and forefinger to avoid the "click." The rifle discharged. I unloaded the remaining shells, left the woods and subsequently took the rifle to one of your dealers for inspection and repair. I was later contacted and advised that the situation had been corrected. I picked it up, paid for the repairs and put the rifle away.

On opening day of the recent buck season (November 26, 1990) I spent an uneventful and fruitless day in the woods. When our group returned to the trucks at the end of the day, we began to unload. As I released the safety (mandatory in order to unload the chamber), the rifle discharged. By the grace of whatever higher authority looks over us - and our group's mutually enforced practice of never having a weapon pointed at another - a disaster was averted with only shattered nerves and ringing ears remaining in testimony of the event.

This rifle has been fired less than fifty times. It will never again be fired - by me. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss a replacement with your representative.

Very truly yours,
[Redacted Signature]

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J.A. [unclear]

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file.*

March 1, 1989

Remington Arms Company
14 Hoetler Avenue
Ilion, New York 13357

c/o Arms Division

Re: Remington Model 700
30-06 Rifle
Serial #A6409076

Gentlemen:

Sent via UPS.
I am sending the ~~enclosed~~ 30-06 Rifle to you for repair. Local gunsmiths in Salt Lake City are unable to make the necessary repair.

When the safety is moved from "on position" to "fire position" the rifle fires or discharges, without pulling the trigger. This happens only occasionally and generally after the safety has been in the "on position" for a while.

The rifle has "accidently fired" twice during hunting trips, almost killing someone each time.

Please advise me at the address below of repair charges and I will remit as soon as possible.

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Sincerely,

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
Midvale, Utah 84047
[Redacted]

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July 7, 1989

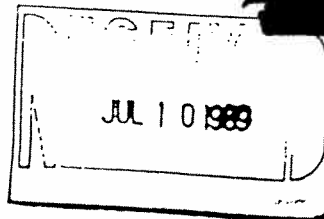
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Customer Relations
Remington Arms Co.
Illion, NY 13357

Dear Sirs:

I am a long time user of Remington products. Fifteen years ago I bought a Remington 700 30.06. In those fifteen years, I have been out hunting about fifteen times. I probably used no more than two boxes of shells all told. Last year, however, my rifle misfired. I was out hunting and placed the gun on safety. Just as I took the safety off, the gun misfired. Luckily, the shot went into the air. The only injury I sustained was a sore wrist. I know the result could have been much worse. I am scared to use the rifle now. I know my hand did not touch the trigger. Please advise me about what can be done concerning this dangerous rifle.

Sincerely,



AL 007305

February 15, 1992

[REDACTED]
Erie, PA. 16504

REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY, INC.
ARMS SERVICE DIVISION
Illion, New York 13357

Dear Sir,

I'm sending you my complete rifle serial number 6690866 model 700 BDL 30-06 because after a day of hunting I went to unload the rifle and while pushing the safety off to the fire position in order to open the bolt the rifle went off. I thought maybe it was me hitting the trigger by accident because I had gloves on, it was a cold morning. Until the next year my wife was using the rifle and after hunting I watched her unload it and it happened again. The next summer I had the rifle at the range and I could not get it to go off accidentally, so I thought it was okay. The following deer season I lent the rifle to my best friend who was in the Army with me during the Vietnam War so he knows about guns and how to handle them. After hunting the first morning of buck season he walked back to his house went to unload the rifle and the same thing happened to him. He pushed the safety forward and the rifle went off. The muzzle was down the bullet hit a rock and ricocheted and put a hole in his garage. You can imagine how I felt. Luckily nobody was in the garage at the time. All three times it went off accidentally the temperatures were cold between 20 - 30 degrees. I loaded the rifle with empty brass, one in the chamber three in the magazine. I then put the rifle outside in my truck camper for a week, it was January and the temperatures were below freezing. Before going to work each day I would go to the camper and try to get the rifle to discharge by moving the safety it wont do it. I tried hitting the butt on the floor, shook it and hit it on all sides with palm of my hand and it did not discharge. Could you please remedy this problem. After what happened to my wife and best friend and myself, if it happens again I'm going to take the scope and sling off and throw it in Lake Erie which I only live a mile from. I would be afraid to sell it to someone and I'll never buy another Remington rifle. It's really scary when you blow a hole in the ground right in front of you. Please return the rifle in the same box in which I am sending it in. If you have any questions please call [REDACTED] I work second shift 2:30 - 10:30 .

Thank You very much,
[REDACTED]

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Remington Arms Co. Inc.
Arms Service Division
14 Hoefler Ave.
Ilion, NY 13357

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Subject: Safety failure on a 700 ED, 30-06

[REDACTED], [REDACTED] Anchorage, AK'

To Whom It May Concern:

On August 12, 1995, I was hunting black bear in Cooper Landing, AK. The previous day I had discharged the rifle one time. It was working properly.

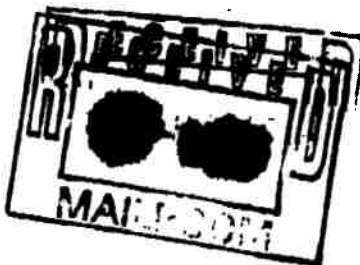
The morning of the 12th, I shot a black bear. The bear was hit and immediately ran. I put a new round in the chamber as soon as I shot. When I tried to put the safety on, it would not come out of the fire position. I decided to chase the bear with the gun in the fire position. I located the bear, it was still moving, its' legs but was down. I was 10 feet away. I tried to shoot it again, but it would not fire, as if it were in the safety position. I tried to take it out of the fire position again but it would not come out. I was able to unload the gun. Once it was unloaded, it would go back into safety. I reloaded the gun at this time. The bear had since died - lucky for me. At this time I was just happy I had not been facing a wounded bear in this situation!

After I calmed down, I went back to my father-in-law's cabin. He met me outside. I was explaining what happened with the gun, I took the safety off and it discharged between us when I did this. FYI - I did not have my finger anywhere near the trigger - my father-in-law can attest to this!!!

In asking questions of many people, I found out that there is a history of these failures with your guns, have you corrected it? If you have, how do I get my gun repaired? A gunsmith told me you do not sell the parts to them.

Please respond ASAP - it is the middle of our hunting season now.

Concerned owner,
[REDACTED]



September 9, 1983

Remington

P.S.#
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an avid hunter (have been for almost 25 years). In the fall of 1982 I hunted Dall Sheep in the Alaska Range with my Browning 30-06. After the hunt, I asked my father (who owns a sporting goods store in northern Wisconsin for 35 years and has been selling firearms of all makes since that time) to send me a flat shooting rifle, preferably a 270 caliber. He sent me a Remington Model 700 saying that this is just the weapon I needed. I was pleased with his choice because we had both used Remington firearms for many years and had been satisfied with their performance.

This fall I spent \$400.00 to fly in to the Alaska Range after many months of preparing for the hunt. My partner and I hiked approximately 5 to 6 miles where the sheep were bedded and made our stalk. I spotted a trophy ram (with about a 40 inch curl) and was sighting him in. Once I had him sighted in, I eased off the safety and immediately the rifle discharged scattering the sheep. Fortunately, neither my partner nor I was seriously injured, but this incident caused a large gash over my eye, scattered the sheep and, needless to say, ended my hunting trip. I was severely upset not only at the (probable once-in-a-lifetime) chance of "bagging" a trophy, but at the serious danger involved in the mis-firing of this weapon. I am thankful that no lives were lost in this incident. The rifle had never been used before except for target shooting which I did before the hunt to sight it in.

When I arrived back in North Pole, Alaska (my home), I found out that another person had the same experience with his Remington rifle. I wish to have my rifle repaired and \$500.00 reimbursed to me for expenses. I've lost one year of Dall Sheep hunting as well as a trophy ram. I will carry a scar over my eye for the rest of my life as a reminder of this incident.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
North Pole, AK 99705
[REDACTED]

AL 007401

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Charlottesville, VA 22901

February 20, 1990

Jack Preiser, Director
Remington Arms Division
E. I. DuPont DeNemours & Company
Remington B6232
1007 Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19898

Dear Mr. Preiser:

I purchased a Remington 700 Model bolt-action 30-06 rifle in 1980. The rifle discharged unexpectedly while I was deer hunting with it a few seasons later. Fortunately, nobody was injured on that occasion. My recollection is that my finger was nowhere near the trigger when the rifle fired, and I was moving the two-position safety forward to the "fire" position so that I could open the bolt and unload the rifle.

I have since heard a number of reports of similar occurrences and have even been made aware of some lawsuits claiming that the model is defective. I reported my experience to your legal department a few years ago, and since then I have received a couple of questionnaires from lawyers representing injured persons who presumably obtained my name from your records. To date, I have ignored those questionnaires.

I have given up deer hunting (largely due to safety concerns) and my only interest with respect to this rifle is to get rid of it in some manner that will protect others from injury and myself from potential liability should it ever again discharge unexpectedly. As I trust you have similar concerns, I propose that I return the rifle to Remington in exchange for some payment of its reasonable value. I would even be willing to accept a shotgun of comparable value in lieu of cash.

Jack Preiser, Director
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If we can reach agreement on the above, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
Fredricksburg, VA 22407

May 5, 1993

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Customer Services
1007-T Market Street,
Wilmington DE 19898

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Arms Service

Dear Sirs,

I am writing concerning a serious problem that I have experienced with my Remington Model 700 BDL, caliber 30-06, serial number A6349270. I bought the rifle new from Best & Company, a discount store, in Falls Church Virginia in the fall of 1976.

The problem that I have is that the rifle will fire at times when the safety is moved from the safe to fire position. When this has happened I have been fortunate enough to have been handling the rifle in a safe manner and I have not shot anyone or anything of value. In addition to being embarrassed, I have had a considerable piece taken out of my right thumb due to the recoil of the rifle with my thumb on the safety.

I consider the rifle unsafe in its present condition. I understand that there were sufficient problems with the Model 600 Remington rifles that also used the Walker Fire Control System to have these rifles to be recalled, but there was no recall of the Model 700 rifles. I am sure that Remington is aware of the problem.

I am a veteran that served in the U. S. Navy as an Aviation Ordnanceman. I have been a long time member of the N.R.A. I have shot in matches sanctioned by the Defence Civilian Marksmanship program under the sponsorship of the Virginia Rifle and Pistol Association and others.

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I consider myself to be an experienced and safe rifleman.

I am asking that you provide me with the means of repairing this rifle so that it is safe to use. I hope to hear from you in the near future.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]

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