



# FAQ FACT SHEET



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## Questions and Answers Re: M&P15-22 Safety Alert!

Smith & Wesson® has issued a safety alert on all model M&P15-22 firearms manufactured prior to February 1, 2019. Smith & Wesson has identified two M&P15-22 rifles from recent production on which the breech face counter bore depth was not within manufacturing specification. In those rifles, the lack of depth may allow the bolt, upon closing, to crush the rim of the case, causing the round to fire, cycling the bolt, and potentially resulting in multiple discharges without depressing the trigger. This issue can occur in the following two scenarios:

1. With a loaded magazine in the firearm and the bolt locked to the rear, depressing the bolt release to allow the bolt to drop freely may ignite the round as the bolt closes without engaging the trigger and with the safety selector in either the safe or the fire position, and may also result in multiple discharges.
2. With a loaded magazine in the rifle, bolt in the closed position and a round in the chamber and the safety selector in the fire position, depressing the trigger will cause the round to fire normally, however as the bolt cycles, the next round may be ignited by the bolt crushing the rim of the case as it closes, causing multiple discharges.

We are asking you to stop using and immediately inspect your M&P15-22 to ensure that your firearm is not affected by this out of specification condition, and if it is, to send the bolt from your firearm bolt back to Smith & Wesson for replacement. We believe this is an isolated condition, however, we are asking customers of all M&P15-22 firearms manufactured before February 1, 2019 to inspect their firearm bolts for this condition.

### Questions & Answers Re: M&P15-22 Alert

#### **Q1. What is the problem with the M&P15-22 firearms?**

**Answer 1.** Smith & Wesson has identified an out of specification condition in the firearm bolts of two M&P15-22 rifles. In those rifles, the lack of depth may allow the bolt, upon closing, to crush the rim of the case, causing the round to fire, cycling the bolt, and potentially resulting in multiple discharges without depressing the trigger.

#### **Q2. What is the reason for the safety alert?**

**Answer 2.** First and foremost, safety. We wanted to alert all our M&P15-22 firearms customers of this potential condition and ask them to perform a quick self-inspection of the firearm bolts.

#### **Q3. Are you recalling the M&P15-22 firearms?**

**Answer 3.** No, this is not a recall but an important safety alert to stop using the firearms; perform the simple inspection procedure; and send the firearm bolt in for replacement if it exhibits the out of specification condition. (Go to [MP15-22SafetyAlert.com](http://MP15-22SafetyAlert.com) for instructions, photographs and a video on how to conduct the simple inspection).

#### **Q4. Why isn't S&W simply recalling all M&P15-22 firearms?**

**Answer 4.** We believe the condition is present in only a small number of firearm bolts and can be determined by a simple inspection of the bolt. Rather than asking all customers to return the bolt of their M&P15-22 firearm, we are asking them to perform a simple inspection, and return the bolt to us if the condition exists.

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**Q5. How do I know which M&P15-22 firearms are subject to this safety alert?**

**Answer 5.** We are asking consumers of all M&P15-22 firearms manufactured before February 1, 2019 to inspect their firearm bolt for this condition.

**Q6. I just fired my M&P15-22 firearm the other day and everything worked fine. If it functioned and fired ok, it must not have the issue, right?**

**Answer 6.** Shooting the firearm is not a valid test, we still recommend that you perform the simple inspection steps outlined in the M&P 15-22 safety alert notice. The issue identified in the M&P15-22 safety alert is not a wear-in condition and will not develop over time. It is important to check the bolt with the bolt inspection gauge at this time.

**Q7. I'm not really sure or comfortable inspecting my M&P15-22 firearm bolt for this condition, what do I do?**

**Answer 7.** Your firearm bolt must be inspected to determine whether it exhibits the condition identified in the safety alert. If you are uncomfortable in conducting the inspection outlined above or are unsure whether the condition described in this notice applies to your firearm bolt, you can send your firearm bolt to Smith & Wesson for inspection.

If, after inspection it is determined that the condition outlined in this safety alert exists, then the firearm bolt must be sent to Smith & Wesson for replacement at no cost to you. All shipping and replacement costs will be covered by Smith & Wesson. (Outside the United States, please see list of Authorized Warranty Centers)

**Q8. Does this alert apply only to the M&P15-22 Firearms?**

**Answer 8.** This safety alert only refers to the M&P15-22 firearms manufactured before February 1, 2019 and does not apply to any of the other Smith & Wesson firearm.

**Q9. Does this alert apply to both M&P15-22 Pistols and Rifles?**

**Answer 9.** Yes, this safety alert applies to both M&P15-22 pistols and rifles manufactured before February 1, 2019.

**Q10. Does this alert apply to any other M&P15 calibers?**

**Answer 10.** No, this alert applies only to the M&P15-22.

**Q11. If my M&P15-22 bolt is OK now, is it expected to wear over time and eventually fail?**

**Answer 11.** If your M&P15-22 bolt passed the inspection procedure, then it does not exhibit the condition outlined in the Safety Alert and will not develop this condition over time. Of course, with all firearms, proper use and maintenance are recommended in order to enjoy many years of use.

### **DISTRIBUTORS AND DEALERS:**

1. We are asking our Distributors and Dealers to stop shipment immediately on any M&P15-22 firearms they have in stock. The bolts of these firearms must be inspected before they can be sold. If they exhibit the condition, the bolts must be sent back to Smith & Wesson for replacement. Any shipping and repair costs will be covered by Smith & Wesson.

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