

Before blaming the rifle or yourself,

Check your ammo!

Ammo issues in rifle

During testing of a rifle I built, with the owners ammo, I noticed one round sticking a little during a ten-round string. I then ran two more ten round strings and did not have any issues. On the 4th string of 10 I had a round stick one third of the way out of the chamber and was very hard to extract. After checking the chamber clearance and other possible issues. I noticed that the case had several scratches or gauling on 70% of the length, this was probably caused from the sizing die. I placed that round in several other rifles that have never had that issue and it also caused a problem locking up one third of the way out of the chamber. By pulling the hammer back it relived the pressure and the round extracted easily. I have never had an issue like this before and wanted to pass this tip on to other shooters. It really pays to inspect your brass for seated primers and gauling.

Possible solution, I had a gauling issue on brass once when I purchased some new 32 S&W Long and new dies from Dillon. I contacted them and they said to clean the dies with 600 wet or dry emery paper and tumble the brass before using it even if it was new. This did solve the problem.

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