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Trigger Job

The Timney Trigger Fix is an inexpensive accessory with wide appeal

Here's a statistic that should get your attention. Since 1950, more than 10 million Remington 870 pump shotguns have been sold. Even if you don't sell Remington shotguns, many of your customers own an 870, as the shotgun comes in several iterations. Up until now, the 870 owner who wanted a smoother-pulling trigger had to hand over the gun to a gunsmith. No more. The new Timney Trigger Fix, which debuted at the 2010 SHOT Show, is a true do-it-yourself operation. If your customer can handle a screwdriver,



along with the carrier follower-spring and plunger.

4. With a flat-tip screwdriver, move the connector below the action bar and past the sear pin for removal. Then pull out the sear.
5. Place the new sear in the assembly, secure it with the pin, and install the chosen spring.
6. Move the connector back to its original position and reinstall the carrier assembly. You're now ready to put the trigger plate back and reinstall the trigger-assembly mounting with the two pins.

The Timney Trigger Fix is an innovative, do-it-yourself accessory that allows the owners of Remington 870 shotguns to install a smoother-operating trigger.

Total installation the first time was about 12 minutes. When I repeated the exercise, I was able to cut the time to under 5 minutes. Timney offers a lifetime warranty and the Trigger is made in the U.S. SRP: \$89.95. (866-484-6639; timneytriggers.com)



he can install the Trigger Fix.

The company originally designed the Trigger Fix with turkey hunters in mind, but has seen heavy interest from slug-gun owners and trap shooters, too. The package holds three springs (light, medium and heavy), a sear replacement and a hex Allen wrench.

I put the kit to the test with my heavily used 17-year-old 870 to see if this is truly a do-it-yourself installation. I found the installation instructions on Timney's website. Then I retired to the basement, where I

scrounged up a punch, a medium-size screwdriver and a small hammer. The process is simple and took only six steps.

1. Point the 870 in a safe direction and make sure it is unloaded. With the gun empty, work the pump, cocking the action, and engage the safety.

2. With a punch and a small hammer, pop out the two receiver pins and remove the trigger housing.

3. Pull the spring from the sear and push on the carrier dog to remove the carrier pivot. Then pull out the carrier assembly

Selling TIP!

THREE LITTLE SPRINGS

When selling a trigger upgrade, keep the following in mind.

First, this product is brand-new, and your customers may not

have heard of it. Second, they may

express reservations about being able to do the job themselves. Timney recommends you put up a small display or sign at the counter to promote the trigger kit. One Iowa retailer has posted a sign at the register that reads, "You can do it—\$89 will make your 870 feel like a bolt-action rifle."

Third, have a staff member retrofit an 870. That way he can show a customer how dead-simple this is. You can also have a reluctant customer go to Timney's website, where he can view the installation instructions and see that he's not being asked to assemble a Stealth bomber. An added benefit is the chance to get customers interested in tools and gunsmith bench items.