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HIGHLIGHTS

- o Due to delays in receiving prototype parts from the Model Shop, NBAR design evaluation will not begin until early January.
- o The Custom Shop is building .350 Rem. Mag. rifles for test; evaluation and transmittal will follow.
- o Research support to Process Engineering regarding the Mountain Rifle is continuing.

New Bolt Action Rifle

A new bolt action rifle is being developed as a potential replacement for the Model 700, possibly in 1988. Technical improvements over the Model 700 include enhanced safety, a detachable magazine, a claw-type extractor, an independent bolt lock, and integral scope mounts.

The design evaluation scheduled for December has been delayed until January due to difficulties in scheduling prototype parts through the Model Shop. Components yet to be delivered include long action bolts, short action stocks, trigger guards, magazine boxes, followers, and triggers. The delay of the bolts is critical to the start of testing since after receipt from the Model Shop they must be processed through production before final heading of the barreled actions can be started. Of the remaining components, all but the magazine assemblies should be completed before final heading of the barrels. The trigger guard and follower are being processed through the N/C Shop and I cannot estimate a realistic completion date.

Five rifles have been readied for Focus Panel reviews of several cosmetic features including receiver, bolt handle, bolt plug, and stock styling. Marketing is scheduling the reviews that may start as early as January, 85.

Model 700 Classic - .350 Rem. Mag.

Remington is continuing the limited run, special caliber offering in the Classic line by reintroducing the .350 Rem. Mag. in 1985.

Research involvement is limited to strength, accuracy, and feeding testing as well as the transmittal of model drawings. The Custom Shop is assembling the rifles and a test outline has been written in anticipation of their receipt.

Mountain Rifle

Scheduled for a 1986 introduction, the Mountain Rifle will address the higher end of the bolt action rifle line and replace the Model 700 Classic.

N/C Shop fabrication of the stock former is continuing at an unacceptable pace and will probably interfere with the trial and pilot schedule.

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