

MISCELLANEOUS

IMPROVED METAL FINISHES

The Ilion Plant reported that adoption of the black oxide finish is now completed and that the browning room will be torn out within a few weeks. This item is therefore considered closed.

IMPROVED WOOD FINISHES

Sales reported that, following consideration of the sample TC gun presented at the last meeting, they find the appearance satisfactory. It was therefore agreed that TC guns should be produced with the red-shade filler.

The Plant presented the requested information concerning the finishes used on SC guns, which showed that the TC stocks cost approximately \$19.00 more than those used on SC guns. Of this approximately \$1.50 is for the use of varnish instead of the lacquer used on the SC guns. In view of this, Sales withdrew its suggestion of the last meeting that the use of varnish be considered for the SC guns, and requested instead that consideration be given to the use of lacquer on the TC grade stocks with red-shade filler. The Plant will submit samples.

Research and Development feels that the present gun specifications are inadequate with respect to wood finishes. They are considering more realistic ways of specifying wood finish and are considering a specification comprising color, type of finish, number of coats, and gloss. This study is continuing, and a further report will be made later.

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