

Magazines. The magazine is as rugged as space permits, but, as is the case with the 30/06, functioning can be expected to become unreliable after approximately 350 rounds.

General functioning. It is believed that operation of the gun is as good as with 30/06 ammunition. However, it was pointed out that the 308 Winchester ammunition is inherently somewhat more erratic than 30/06 in performance, with the result that a slightly higher rate of malfunction in the gun can be expected.

Assembly has now been started, and it is anticipated that 2,500 guns will be put up in June. The revised warehouse schedule is as follows:

	<u>May 1, 1956</u>	<u>June 11, 1956</u>
May, 1956	150	
June, 1956	2,500	2,500
July, 1956	2,500	2,500

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Sales reports that 8,000 orders have been received.

244 Remington

The last of the general design improvements referred to below is scheduled for November, 1956. It is believed that 244 guns can be assembled as soon as these improvements have been incorporated. The present warehouse schedule, therefore, calls for assembly of 150 guns in November and 1,000 guns in December. Sales presently anticipates announcement on December 15, 1956.

General Design Changes

It is now planned to pilot-test Model 740 guns in 30/06 caliber, incorporating the design changes approved at the last meeting during July. Assuming satisfactory functioning, it is presently planned to introduce these three changes as follows:

- Breech ring change - late in August
- Revised fore-end assembly - November
- Revised breech bolt and barrel extensions - September.