

The Ilion Plant and Research and Development expressed considerable skepticism as to whether a gun having these specifications could be produced to sell with adequate return at a retail price of \$129.95. However, they are proceeding with cost estimates for presentation as quickly as possible. Two specific points were raised:

1. Steel floor plate. It is believed that Winchester has heavy forging equipment available on which the floor plate for the Model 70 is made. Presumably because of the availability of this equipment, they could not justify changing to an aluminum plate such as we use.

Similarly, a change by us to a steel plate would require the purchase of special forging equipment for this one part. It was suggested, therefore, that an alternate calculation be made based on the provision of an aluminum floor plate.

2. Wood grade. The supplies of B grade wood are limited by nature. Ilion Purchasing does not believe sufficient B grade wood for 15,000 guns a year could be obtained without purchasing far more stock blanks than will be required for the Models 721, 722, and 725. It was pointed out that Winchester offers special-grade wood on the Model 70 at a premium price when available. It was suggested, therefore, that alternate calculations be prepared on the use of A grade and B grade wood.

The committee concurred in both of the suggestions for alternate calculations.

If the Model 725 is introduced, Sales desires to retain the Models 721 and 722 at the present price and present volume as the A grade gun with only the following features of the Model 725:

1. Common sight line stock without the Monte Carlo feature.
2. New iron sights of the same design to be used on the Model 725, but on a Model 721 type "hump" barrel.