

January, 1957, advanced quantities are being produced for use in guns chambered for the 244 Remington. It is believed that this is necessary to insure the expected accuracy. Pilot assembly is expected to start the latter part of October, and the production schedule previously submitted (Minute No. 6 - page 6) is expected to be met.

General Design Changes

The design changes to the breech ring and the barrel extension-breech bolt assembly are now in effect except for some small lots of guns not scheduled for October assembly.

The revised design for attaching the fore-end bushing to the steel fore-end reinforcement to prevent splitting of the wood appears to be satisfactory, and pilot assemblies are now being tested. Advanced quantities of these assemblies will be used in the 244 Remington caliber guns, and it is expected that general adoption will take place in January, 1957.

Stock Design

The Sales Department has proposed the discontinuance of the present high comb and low comb stocks and the present sights on the Models 740 and 760 rifles, without obsolescence. These guns would then be furnished with a common sight line stock similar to that proposed for the Model 725. This proposal is now being studied by the Ilion Plant, and it is hoped that a report will be available at the time of the next meeting.

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222 Remington

Model drawings of the 222 Remington were released late in September. Priority is being given to work on the Model 740 - 280 caliber, but process development and tool design on the 222 Remington will proceed as rapidly as possible. It is hoped that by the November meeting it will be possible for the Ilion Plant to submit a warehouse schedule.

244 Remington

It is believed that the feeding difficulties reported at the last meeting have been overcome through changes in the magazine, and production was released on September 24. Pilot testing has thus far been excellent. Although the feeding difficulties have