

With respect to the sparks encountered on the lefthand side of the gun, H. J. Hackman reported that they believe this difficulty has been overcome.

Hackman presented the sample in which the space between the receiver and fore-end on the right side have been filled in. Exact costs have not yet been determined, but are estimated to be approximately 5 cents per rifle. The committee decided that the unbalanced appearance was more detrimental than the space to which they had previously objected. Since the Iliion Plant has agreed to color the spring, the committee decided that for the present this space should not be filled in. If objections are raised in the field, this subject will be reconsidered.

Sales once again called attention to the large rear sight screws, which they feel look cheap. They urged that in any future rim fire models an effort be made to set these screws flush with the surface of the sight base.

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A field test is planned using 200 guns, 100 maroon and 100 in some other color to be chosen by Sales. Detailed cost estimates are not yet ready. However, to serve as a guide in planning the next steps in the program, it was indicated that the probable cost of 1,000 to 2,000 guns would be \$294,000, and the cost of a production run of 40,000 to 50,000 rifles would be \$338,000. It is hoped that more detailed and accurate cost estimates will be available before the next meeting.

There was some discussion of the use of the du Pont oval on the butt plate. The Sales Department favors this feature, and would like to see its eventual adoption on all models. Since they are recommending this feature on the Model 555, the Sales Department is responsible for obtaining the necessary approvals.