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PILOT LINE TESTING OF THE MODEL 552
AND
COMPARISON TEST OF THE MODEL 550

Endurance testing of the M/552 and comparison of the M/550, which was started 1/29/57, is now complete as of 2/8/57. The M/552 was fired 25,000 rounds using all makes of ammunition. Ammunition was rated percentage-wise with this year's sales forecast of ammunition in the following order:

Long rifle high speed	50%
Short high speed	30%
Long rifle standard velocity	10%
Long high speed	10%

The M/550 was discontinued in test due to poor performance. Two models were selected as the average of three guns in their respective test. With exception of 3,000 rds., all guns were fired in the field. Each gun was cleaned at every 1,000 rds.. Measurements were taken periodically.

The results are as follows:

	Malfunctions	
	M/552 - 25,000 rds.	M/550 - 4,100 rds.
Firing	23	2
Extraction		16
Blow back	4	95
Ejection	130	46
Feed from Mag.	22	25
Stem chamber	25	2
Locking up	17	106
	<u>221</u>	<u>292</u>
Rate	.88%	7.1%