

552 GALLERY VERSION

It has now been determined that competitive gun manufacturers do not mark the barrels of their gallery guns to recommend use of their own brands of ammunition. The recommendation from the Operations Committee to Management that such marking be placed on the barrel of the gallery version of the Model 552 has therefore been withdrawn.

MODEL 555

The original gun has now been fired more than 65,000 rounds, with no major overhaul or cleaning. Malfunctions were under 1 per cent. The first gun made with a molded nylon component was fired 7,500 rounds, with about 1 per cent malfunctions. After minor modifications, it was fired an additional 2,300 rounds, with malfunction rate of 0.35 per cent.

Minor revisions are being made to the stock die, and it is expected that this will be completed by July 1. Dies for other plastic accessories will be ready by August 1. This should permit production of 200 guns on schedule in December. Sales has agreed that these guns should be maroon. However, it now appears that a satisfactory metallic bronze color may also be available.

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