

Locking Mechanism

The first guns containing the new locking mechanism were cleared to the warehouse on September 13. Test results to date have been satisfactory.

On the basis of guns returned to date, the Iliion Plant estimates that approximately 14 per cent of the Model 572s might be returned over a five-year period. Although there was some discussion of the possible courses which might be followed in putting the new locking mechanism in returned guns, the Production Department is not yet prepared to submit recommendations. The Production Department will continue to accept responsibility for making a recommendation and obtaining Management approval.

GENERAL

SIMPLIFICATION OF FIREARMS LINE

The Sales Department submitted the following recommendation for deletion of firearms from the line, effective January 1, 1958:

1. Drop all specifications of Model 11-48 and Sportsman-48, with the following exceptions:
 - Model 11-48A (retain all A grade specifications)
 - Model 11-48R
 - Sportsman-48A (retain all A grade specifications)
 - Sportsman-48SA (12 and 20 gauges only)
 - Model 11-48SA (28 and 410 gauges)
2. Drop all specifications of Model 721 and Model 722 higher than A grade. This assumes introduction on January 1, 1958, of Model 725 in ADL, D, and F grades.
3. Drop Model 760-300 Savage - all specifications. (Model 760 - 257 Roberts has already been dropped.)
4. Drop Model 722-300 Savage - all specifications.
5. Drop Model 550-2G - assume introduction of Model 552-GS on January 1, 1958.
6. Drop all BDL specifications in Models 740 and 760.