

favorable so they now recommend introduction of this gun on January 1, 1959, in Crow-wing Black and Buckskin Tan. They forecast for the year 1959 10,000 crow-wing black and 15,000 buckskin tan. This is in addition to the 1959 forecast of 12,000 Model 552As, 15,000 Model 550As and 40,000 Model 555s.

In reviewing the samples of guns submitted, the Sales Department made the following suggestions:

1. If possible, the fore-end tip should be rounded and finished more like the rest of the fore-end. This should be done on all Model 552 rifles if possible. The Ilion Plant explained that to round this completely would add greatly to the cost. They will investigate the extent of modification that can be accomplished without a substantial increase in cost and will report later on this item.
2. Sales would like the same sight combinations as on the Model 572.

For Crow-wing Black

Front Sight - gold color	(same)
Rear Sight Leaf - black	(was chrome plated)
Rear Sight Step - gold color	(same)
Rear Sight Screws - black	(were chrome plated)

For Buckskin Tan

Front Sight - gold color	(same)
Rear Sight Leaf - gold color	(was chrome plated)
Rear Sight Step - gold color	(same)
Rear Sight Screws - gold color	(were chrome plated)

3. The deflector should be of the same color as the rear sight leaf.
4. Sales would like to consider further the color of the operating handle and to assist them they would like samples prepared with the color matching that of the rear sight leaf.

The Committee concurred in the Sales recommendation and suggested that Research and Development schedule this item on the Development Schedule for introduction January 1, 1959 and that the Ilion Plant prepare economics.