

SPORTSMAN-58

3" Magnum

Functional difficulties with shell feed mechanisms of the Magnum guns have delayed release. The 50 pilot guns on hand are being reworked. Test results of reworked guns have been good, and Research & Development is further evaluating tests.

The warehouse schedule has been revised as follows -

	<u>November 6, 1958</u>	<u>January 29, 1959</u>
	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
November 1958	50	0
December 1958	100	0
January 1959	(As required by Sales)	0
February 1959		200
March 1959		(As required by Sales)

Sales raised the question of magazine capacity of the Magnum guns, pointing out that there are two lengths of 3" Magnum shells. With the shorter 3" Magnum shell to be delivered in April, the Sportsman-58 has a two-shot magazine capacity. With the longer 3" Magnum shell, which is currently available, magazine capacity is reduced to one shell. To avoid possible customer confusion over lengths of shell and relative magazine capacity with each shell length, Sales recommended that informational data on shell length be included with each Magnum Sportsman-58 shipped. The Committee agrees.

Sales and Research & Development will collaborate on preparation of shell length data to be supplied with each Magnum Sportsman-58.

Barrel Cut

Ten 12 gauge barrels were provided with the "thumbnail cut" using the special machine for this operation. Practicality of the operation is established.

Research & Development will make comparative checks to determine the effect of the "thumbnail cut" on gun fouling, as soon as these new model barrels are tested.

If the "thumbnail cut" proves successful in reducing fouling, it is planned to incorporate it in trap and skeet barrels only.