

Ilion Minute No. 5, 1959

MODEL 721 - CALIBER 280 REMINGTON

The Sales Department proposes addition of the 280 Remington caliber in Model 721 rifles, as part of the program of emphasis of the 280 Remington over the 270 Winchester caliber. The following forecast was presented -

	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Third Year</u>
Model 721 - 280 Rem.	1,200	800
New Business	800	600
Out of 30/06	200	100
" " 270	200	100

The Plant reports that tooling is on hand, and the only costs involved will be \$300 for engineering and testing.

The following action was taken -

Decision

The Operations Committee, Ilion Division, approves addition of the 280 Remington cartridge in Model 721 rifles, based on the forecast and costs presented.

It was reported by Sales that competition either has increased, or will increase, velocity of the 150 grain 270 caliber bullet in their loadings as a means of offsetting the ballistic advantage of the 280 Remington cartridge. Since a velocity increase in the 270 Winchester cartridge will almost certainly be accomplished by pressure increases, and since pressure increases in this cartridge can be expected to affect functioning of firearms, including the Model 760, Sales feels that the Committee should be informed.

The Committee expressed concern over this matter in view of the current high pressure levels of the 270 Winchester cartridge and the effect that still higher pressure can have on gun functioning.

MODEL 760 CARBINE

The Sales Department recommends addition of this item to the line in calibers 280 Remington and 30/06.

Preliminary economics relative to the Model 760 Carbine were reported. While the Committee considered these economics to be favorable, it was evident that their accuracy would be affected by decisions as to the final design specifications of this item. It was decided that final specifications would be determined, and new economics based thereon would be prepared for review of the Committee.