

28 and 410 Gauge shotguns were discussed. It is recognized that the Model 11-48 in these gauges is difficult to make, has a high malfunction rate, and is costly to repair. The Committee will study the economic justification for 28 and 410 gauge shotguns; the possibility of providing these gauges in other actions, including pump and over and under; and the feasibility of converting current Model 870 shotguns to 28 and 410 gauge by use of auxiliary barrel liners.

SHOTGUN IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Production Department reports that improvements in plating and metal finish of shotgun components are being phased into production with highest priority being given to Sportsman 58 components. Target date for inclusion of improved appearance components in all models is late summer.

Receiver barrel and stock finish improvements for all models are expected to be in production before 1961.

Fore-end Checkering. The Sales Department recommends that the solid fore-end checkering pattern, currently approved for Model 878 ADL and Sportsman 58 ADL, be extended to include Model 870 ADL shotguns. The Plant recommends that all shotgun ADL grades, including Models 870 and 48, be converted to solid fore-end checkering inasmuch as maintenance of skip checkering on the Model 48 would require periodic checkering machine conversion to provide separate checkering patterns. The Committee is in agreement with the plant recommendation.

COMMITTEE DECISION: The Operations Committee recommends General Management approval for use of solid checkering, without skip lines, on Model 870 ADL grades and Model 48 shotguns, without obsolescence.

MODEL 878 SHOTGUN PROGRAM

Specifications It was reported that the following improvements and specifications for the Model 878 line were approved by General Management on May 31, 1960.

A. Model 878A Shotgun Revisions Approved

Addition of closely spaced, vertical fore-end grooves, similar to those currently provided on Model 870 AP shotguns.