

2. Provision of a Black Carrier and a Plated Magazine Follower. The Sales Department has recommended, for all Model 878 shotguns, the substitution of a black carrier for the current bright plated carrier, and use of a bright plated magazine follower. These changes are calculated to increase product differentiation over the Sportsman 58 and provide visual prominence to the magazine follower action release mechanism. The possibility that the black carrier may in time show brass streaks from magazine loading is accepted. The new carrier coloration and plated magazine follower would be provided by the Production Department without obsolescence.
3. Addition of Action Release Marking Arrow and Legend. The Sales Department recommends that the lower bridge portion of the receiver, supporting the magazine tube, be roll-engraved with a forwardly pointed arrow and the word "CLOSE" to depict the direction of movement of the magazine follower for release of the action. While the Committee questioned the necessity for the word "CLOSE", based on lack of descriptiveness and possible interference with the "magnum" marking appearing on the lower receiver bridge of 12 Gauge Magnum guns, General Management decided, subsequent to the meeting that the word "CLOSE" will appear with the arrow.

The Production Department is now investigating availability of the required engraving roll.

4. Coloration of Grip Cap. At the recommendation of the Sales Department, several color variations of the Sportsman 58 grip cap have been made up for evaluation on the Model 878 ADL shotgun. An early decision as to preferred coloration will be made. The selected Sportsman 58 grip cap will be used only on ADL and higher grades of the Model 878 shotgun. (Subsequent to the meeting, the Sales Department selected black as the preferred coloration of the grip cap).

COMMITTEE DECISION: The Operations Committee recommends General Management approval for the following Model 878 specification changes:

1. Elimination of the side-button action release originally proposed for ADL and higher grades.