

COMMITTEE DECISION: (con't)

2. Provision of a black carrier and bright plated magazine follower on all Model 878 grades without obsolescence.
3. Addition of a forwardly pointed arrow and the word "CLOSE" to the lower receiver bridge of all grades of Model 878 shotguns.
4. Provision of a black Sportsman 58 grip cap for ADL and higher grades.

Trap and Skeet Guns

The question of potential performance of the Model 878 in Trap and Skeet guns was raised. The Research and Development and Production Departments pointed out that while Model 878 trap and skeet prototypes have shown better performance life than the Sportsman 58, it must be realized that these prototypes were specially prepared guns. Expected life and malfunction rate in production of Model 878 Skeet guns should be similar to current Sportsman 58 performance.

Since the Model 878 cannot be "beefed-up" for competition use without adding weight and cost, and since the skeet models will give greater volume than trap models, and provide necessary publicity, the Sales Department has no current intention of requesting trap guns in this model. The Research & Development Department desires to thoroughly field test the intended skeet grade before release to production.

3" Magnum Guns

Research & Development reports that the Model 878 3" Magnum models can be engineered to handle either (1) a limited range of loads extending from high base standard length shells to Magnum, or (2) a greater range of loads extending from Standard Low Base field shells to Magnum.

COMMITTEE DECISION: The Model 878, chambered for 3" Magnum shells, will be engineered to handle the broadest range of shells possible within design limitations.