

MODELS 870, 878 and SPORTSMAN 58 SHOTGUNS -
IMPROVEMENT OF LOCKING MECHANISMS

The Committee previously approved a proposal for improvements to the locking mechanisms of the subject shotguns.

Research & Development Department reports that design analysis of the proposed improvement indicate technical problems. Drawings have therefore not been released to the Plant. The Committee will be advised as work on this item continues.

This item will be dropped from the agenda until Research & Development Department wishes to report further.

MODELS 870, 11-48 and SPORTSMAN 58 SHOTGUNS -
RIFLED SLUG SPECIAL GRADES

Research & Development reports that requests have been received for 16 and 20 gauge rifled slug special barrels.

The Sales Department does not consider that prospective volume of 16 and 20 Gauge RSS barrels would justify their addition to the line.

The item will be dropped from the agenda.

14 GAUGE SHOTGUN

In accordance with an assignment set forth in Minute #4-1960, the Chairman reported high spot economic estimates for this item:

1. Preparation of a 14 Gauge shotgun, based on the Sportsman 58 action, would require a minimum of four months and expenditures of \$25,000.
2. A 14 Gauge shot shell, based on the zinc plastic concept, would require development time of six months and an expenditure of \$50,000.

The Sales Department recommends that no further work be undertaken on this item in view of projected costs and the doubtful market. Sales will watch this competitive development closely for reconsideration in the event that a 14 Gauge shotgun is marketed.

The item will be dropped from the agenda.