

XC-6 AUTOLOADER, XC-7 LEVER ACTION, XC-8 SLIDE ACTION RIFLES

Work on the XC-6 Autoloader was deferred several months ago in order to divert personnel and model making into the Model 58 - 5-Shot program.

The XC-7 Lever Action is being subjected to preliminary accuracy tests. Styling of the fore-end of this item is proceeding. The Research & Development and Sales Departments have recently reviewed two proposed lever and stock designs. The functioning model of the XC-7 has been fired satisfactorily, and there appears to be no inherent mechanical problems.

The XC-8 Slide Action has been affected by the priority problems which have limited work on the XC-6 and XC-7 rifles. Slide design is being completed to permit styling review. This item will be held in a partially finished state so that preference may be given to completion of 1962 models.

CENTER FIRE PISTOLXP-722 PISTOL, 222 CALIBER

It is reported by Research & Development that costs involved in the short receiver for this item prevent a favorable return at current forecast levels. It is now planned to cost this item on the basis of using the same receiver as the XC-13 Bantamweight rifle. Some compromise of weight and appearance may be expected with incorporation of the XC-13 receiver.

The short barrels required for this item cannot be economically made on Ilion barrel equipment. Quotations from outside barrel manufacturers may be required.

RIM FIRE RIFLESNYLON 76 LEVER ACTION RIFLE

This item has not been finally approved.

Design testing of this item is being continued. The Research & Development Department is working to improve the breakage life of certain action elements which have become critical at 2 to 3 thousand rounds usage. Release of drawings to the Production Department is still planned for July 1, 1961.

Target date for announcement of the Nylon 76 remains January 1, 1962.