

Being considered are other alternatives for receiver cracking, including a plurality of "Ataprene" elastomeric buffers placed at impact points in the bolt and receiver, and use of the longitudinal stress relief cut extending to the rear of the receiver.

Correction of receiver cracking is a Research and Development responsibility. Target date for correction of the condition is January 1, 1962.

6. Carrier Styling

The Research & Development Department reports that designs of carrier ribbing and appearance changes are being studied in an effort to eliminate the "stamped sheet metal" appearance of the carrier. Ribbing of the carrier is a questionable solution in view of possible deformation of a ribbed carrier in heat treating processes. Dimensions of the receiver limit the thickness of the useable carrier to about the gauge of metal currently used.

Carrier redesign is a Research and Development responsibility which is to be complete by March 1, 1962.

7. Receiver and Bolt Decorations

The Sales Department is currently reviewing decorations to be used on this item.

Selection of receiver decorations is expected to be complete by October 13, 1961.

8. Stock Spacers, ADL Grade Guns

The Research & Development Department is working with the Plastic Research Committee to develop means of avoiding sanding scratches and discoloration of white spacers used on ADL Grade stocks.

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This Research & Development Department responsibility is expected to be completed by November 1, 1961.

A recapitulation of responsibilities for correction of product problems and scheduling of problem correction was requested by Committee members. This data is set forth as follows: