

The Production Department pointed out that the situation of back ordering a difficult-to-produce item is the frequent result of announcing a new item prior to warehousing.

The Committee requested that Committee activity relative to this item be dropped. Problems concerning it are exclusively a production nature.

XP-100 BOLT ACTION PISTOL

The Production Department reported that the XP-100 pistol continues approximately six weeks behind schedule as reported at the last meeting. The new scheduling system being established for the Sportsman 68 is also being extended to the XP-100 pistol and Model 600 rifle to clearly indicate all work required to complete each step in the production sequence of major components. Research and Development reported that the stock dies are expected the end of July to begin molding stocks during the vacation shut-down. It is still expected to meet the January warehouse date. 83

Preference continues to be given to Model 700 rifle production where operations conflict with XP-100 or Model 600 Trial and Pilot. The pistol interferes least with Model 700 production and could be more easily produced concurrent with Model 700's should any question of deferring either the pistol or rifle occur.

The approval status of the pistol is that the basic prototype has been approved by both Management and the Committee with the following changes having been presented to and approved by the Committee only:

Barrel Length

-Increased 3/4" to gain 80 ft. per second muzzle velocity.

Bolt Handle

-The shape of the bolt handle, which is common to the Model 600 rifle, has been modified slightly to accommodate on the rifle a newly offered adjustable power scope.

Rear Sight

-Allen Head screws requiring the same size wrench have been incorporated for windage and elevation adjustment. A suggestion at the June meeting that a wrench to fit these screws be packaged with the pistol was not resolved at that meeting. The Chairman requested this be done outside the Committee.