

caused some difficulty among Field shooters. This will be particularly critical to the consumer. Sales requested Research to review and improve the assembly procedures and instruction, considering how this can best be communicated to the consumer. Sales asked that this be reviewed with them as soon as it is completed.

Grade Specifications

The Committee approved the grade specifications for the reference of Research in preparing standards, Table 3 attached. The approved specifications are based on the tentative specifications proposed at the July meeting, as modified at the request of individual departments:

1. The stock and fore-end of the SC grades to be hand checkered to support the price differential, instead of Custom Checkered.
2. The SD and SF grades were dropped as separate grades since the specifications state that all chokes and barrel lengths are available in D and F grades. The same philosophy could be applied to all other models in the line offering SD, SF, TD or TF grade.

SPORTSMAN 58 AND MODEL 870 - 16 AND 20 GAUGE RIFLE SLUG BARRELS

The Sales Department requested this item be dropped from the agenda.

10 GAUGE SLIDE ACTION SHOTGUN FOR MILITARY

R&D reported that none of the present receivers are sufficiently large for 10 gauge. This information has been supplied to Military Sales who will stress 12 gauge over 10 gauge to the Military. This item will be dropped.

CENTER FIRE RIFLES AND PISTOLS

MODEL XP-100 BOLT ACTION PISTOL

The Production Department reported that the pistol continues six to eight weeks behind schedule. The limitation is delay of machines, tooling and purchase components. The Production Department still expects to begin pilot assembly in October through expediting and by-pass operations.