

Research reported the first nylon stocks molded had some warpage, which is usually expected on initial product. The mold is being altered by the vendor, and will be returned to mold stocks in early September.

Research also reported that they are considering increasing the twist from 1 in 14" to 1 in 12" to accommodate future light weight bullets. The first production of 700 barrels in progress will have 1 in 14" twist. Subsequently barrels will incorporate any revised twist established.

Sales expressed their intention to develop advertising for the pistol around its unique long range accuracy. They are considering having some of the country's outstanding pistol shooters and gun writers preview the pistol in October.

MODEL 600 "TRAILMASTER" BOLT ACTION RIFLE

Production stated that the Model 600 is essentially on schedule to begin pilot assembly of .308 caliber in mid-January, 1963. In order to avoid production interference with the Model 700 rifle, pilot operations on the Model 600 receiver are being deferred until November. This will not interfere with the .308 caliber Model 600 schedule, providing the Model 700 production schedule does not exceed present expectations.

General Management has stated the Model 600 will be announced when the 30-30 caliber is available. Warehousing of .308 caliber is to continue as presently scheduled, but will be held in the warehouse unannounced until the 30-30 caliber is also available.

Research stated that a model with rotary box magazine for 30-30 caliber will start testing the end of August. They believe extensive testing of several models will be necessary to develop a satisfactory magazine since it has been a formidable problem of long standing.

MODEL 742 AUTOLOADING RIFLE - CALIBER .243 WINCHESTER AND 6MM REMINGTON

The Production Department reported that proper cartridge feeding and power for functioning with .243 caliber ammunition appears in hand. However, the accuracy problem continues and has been turned over to Research.

In response to Sales inquiry, Research stated that the accuracy of the caliber 6MM Remington is satisfactory in Model 700 rifles. In view of this, Sales suggested that since the same work is required to provide proper accuracy of caliber 6MM as .243 in the Model 742, work be stopped on .243 and be concentrated on 6MM Remington. Sales requested that 6MM Remington be available by the first of the year

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