

CENTER FIRE RIFLES - contd.Caliber 350 Remington Magnum

Production reported pilot operations are being started as soon as tooling incorporating design changes listed in the October minutes is available. Warehousing of initial rifles is scheduled for December.

The five (5) model rifles together with ammunition were shipped for field testing November 9. Accuracy with the heavier Barrel was satisfactory. Targets showing R & D test results were included with each rifle.

A prototype rifle was not available for review at the Regional Manager's meeting. Sales reported that based on a description of the proposed rifle, the reaction was satisfactory.

Caliber 243 Winchester

Sales had proposed the addition of the caliber 243 Winchester to the Model 600 Bolt Action Rifle for announcement January 1965. The forecast is 1000 per year additional sales. The attached Table 3 indicates a satisfactory return.

Ilion, to determine feeding and accuracy characteristics, produced twelve (12) model guns. Function was considered satisfactory. A 2 1/4" accuracy specification will be required as compared with 2" for varmint calibers.

Rifle production to the warehouse could start in February 1965.

Committee Action

The Committee approved and recommends that General Management approve the addition of the caliber 243 Winchester to the Model 600. The accuracy specification of 2 1/4" was accepted provided efforts are continued to improve the performance of the 243 Winchester cartridge in center fire rifles to a 2" specification.