

GENERALWOOD

Production reported that the birch and elm pilot Stocks are held at the finishing operations. The Ilion plant is working with the DuPont F & F Marshall Laboratory to develop a satisfactory color finish that can be used in sustained production.

The use of elm is not recommended since due to the stringy nature of the wood, production sanding and finishing problems would result.

XR Bolt Action Rim Fire Magnum Rifles when authorized will use birch as recommended by the Operations Committee.

Committee Action

The Ilion plant will gain experience to develop costs and the processes for birch as part of the XR Bolt Action program. The committee agreed to drop the review of wood substitutes for walnut until such time as cost or availability warrant reconsideration. The Ilion plant is to continue the program of evaluating various woods and sources in case a need for a substitute becomes necessary.

REVOLVERSALP 22 Caliber Pistol

R & D presented sketches of a proposed 22 caliber pistol. The use of plastic for functional characteristics as well as some outside finish is proposed. The presentation was to obtain opinions on the potential of hand gun manufacture.

Marketing indicated the U. S. market for hand guns would primarily be for law enforcement. This is in the larger calibers. There is also an export market. Proposed legislation could drastically effect any market. The potential sale of hand guns to the public probably would not justify a program.

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