

RIM FIRE RIFLES - contd.MODELS 580-581-582 & 788 - contd.

Production reported that plant activity on the rim fire and center fire rifles is on schedule.

A prototype of a Model 580 single shot rim fire rifle for left hand shooters was shown to the Committee. The position of the Safety is to be resolved with Marketing. The future R & D program provides for developing both rim fire and center fire rifles for left hand shooters.

Committee Action

R & D is to continue design development of rifles for left hand shooters. Further action beyond R & D will be held until the new models are in production.

FINISHES

Model 742-760 "BDL" rifle and Model 700 "BDL" Floor Plate and Trigger metal finishes were reviewed. Marketing recommended that metal finishes on shotgun and center fire rifles be improved.

Production briefly outlined a new vibrator finish that has been developed by Alenco. The metal parts on the sample Model 742 were produced using the recently developed media (plastic impregnated with abrasive) and related equipment. A program for modernizing the finishing equipment at Ilion could accomplish the requested improvement in metal finishes.

The second part of the finish program is durability. R & D has had a study program for the past several years. The extent that the proposed improved finish has on durability is to be determined.

Committee Action

The Ilion plant is to formulate a program of improving center fire and shotgun metal finishes.