

FIREARMSSHOTGUNSSHORT STOCK PRESS FORMING - MODEL 870 STOCK

R & D reported that the wood carver had been altered to produce a satisfactory finish for the short Stock press forming program. Equipment is being moved into the production area. Pilot operations should start in October.

MODEL 1100 AUTOLOADING SHOTGUNFore End

Packaging of Fore Ends for part sales has been changed to provide greater protection in shipment. A review indicates the gun packaging is adequate for normal shipments.

A prototype Fore End with a fiber glass cloth filler was shown to the Operations Committee. The strength of the Fore End is materially increased when spread outward but about the same as the present Fore End with inward pressure. Since the Fore End is in outward tension on the gun and is being packed with a wood block to maintain outward pressure, the liner probably will provide the strengthening required for the Fore End. The fiber glass filler should reduce the effect of weather on the Fore End.

Shipment tests are proposed for the proposed Fore End. The process and costs to add the fiber glass filler to the Fore End will have to be developed.

Committee Action:

Review of packaging of Fore Ends and Model 1100 shotguns will be dropped by the Committee.

R & D is to expedite the evaluation of the fiber glass cloth liner for the Fore End.

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