

SHOTGUNS - contd.MODEL 878 AUTOLOADING SHOTGUN - contd.

The expected basic performance of the Model 878 is not higher than other autoloading shotguns that have been produced. The quality which the plant can produce is in relation to the inherent design. All guns will pass the limited plant test before being shipped. As such, Remington's responsibility for warranty repairs must be determined.

Shotgun Recoil Pad

On November 1, Pachmayr was granted registration of a "trade mark" for the cross-hatch design in the Recoil Pad (Exhibit 1).

Remington has a design which does not infringe on the Pachmayr "trade mark" but will require die changes. Until a satisfactory Recoil Pad from Firestone is available, the plant will continue to use the more expensive Pachmayr pad.

R & D reported on progress being made on further development of a new Recoil Pad made from duPont "adiprene." It now appears that sufficient outer "skin" can be molded to provide a reasonable allowance for sanding without exposing the inner cell structure. If successful, this could provide a decided advantage over conventional materials in absorbing recoil. The natural color is white but it is expected that desired colors can be provided.

Committee Action:

R & D should advise the patent attorney of progress to date with a desire for obtaining a product application for this material. Effort should also be made to establish a product name and "trade mark."