

CENTER FIRE RIFLES - contd.MODEL 742-760 CENTER FIRE RIFLES

Prototypes of the Model 760 and 742 rifles were reviewed by the Committee. R & D is to consider minor changes to the checkering pattern. Two versions of the Model 742 Fore End Cap were shown. The one selected will require new forming dies.

The initial program was to produce one grade rifle in 1968 with the following features:

Model 742 & 760 (One Grade)

1. Stock configuration - with cheek piece
2. Grip Cap and Spacer (like Model 700)
3. Plastic Butt Plate and Spacer
4. Fore End changed shape
5. New checkering pattern on Fore End and Stock
6. Receiver rear radius like present ADL
7. White spacer for Fore End
8. Model 742 recess Fore End Cap and double slot screw
9. Improved metal finish

High spot economics were developed for the Model 742. Marketing review resulted in a decision to retain the present BDL grade and improve the ADL with the listed features. Attached as Exhibit 3 are the figures developed for this proposal. There are decreased earnings on the ADL grade which probably would not be offset by the \$10 increase in selling price for the BDL grade.

The addition of the cheek piece on the ADL Stock increases hand sanding labor. The Ilion plant has experienced difficulty in training and retaining hand sanders. This has been the control operation for the production of the present BDL grade rifles. To also have the cheek piece on the ADL grade would compound the problem. In view of the added product costs and production problems, Marketing will accept an ADL grade Stock without the cheek piece and Monte Carlo features. This will also apply to the Model 760 slide action rifle.