

SHOTGUNS - contd.Short Stock Press Forming - contd.

In view of the above advantages together with indicated economics, the Production Department seems ready to accept this operation for warehouse guns.

Marketing reported that a letter (Exhibit 1) was sent to fifteen (15) selected individuals to evaluate the proposed formed Stock and current production. The sample guns were shipped May 3. Reports are expected by the end of May. Two Stock and Receiver Assemblies representative of the field shipments were reviewed by the Committee. Attention tended to center on the appearance of the Recoil Pad rather than the Stock.

Production reported that steps have been taken to improve the sanded appearance of the Recoil Pad. Abrasive machining of the Recoil Pad for either the formed or currently sanded Stock will result in a further improvement and result in a more acceptable finished product. Marketing will so advise those receiving the sample guns so that the field test will not be influenced by the Recoil Pad appearance.

The improvement in weatherability of the formed Stock has been accomplished by machining so that there is a minimum of wood densification in the forming operation. It is planned to assign plant personnel to the operations and increase production to the extent of the available equipment. Fabrication of additional equipment provided for in the project will be considered when the present facilities are in production.

Committee Action:

Production was authorized to proceed with the program as outlined without waiting for the results of the field review. A production sample shotgun is to be submitted to General Management for approval to make warehouse shipments.