

SHOTGUNS - contd.MODEL 870, 28-410 GAUGEMODEL 1100, 20-28-410 GAUGE - contd.

The questions as to shell length are not involved for the 28 gauge and R & D reported that 28 gauge guns have adequate strength and will handle the competitive 28 gauge magnum shells. A new Ejector Spring is also being added to the Model 870.

The Plant started pre-pilot assembly of Model 870, 410 gauge guns on September 9 and encountered the functional problems as reported by R & D. Changes have been made to the Extractor; tension of the Shell Latches; control of the centrality of the Barrel Support in the Receiver; forming operation to the Action Bars for latch coverages and other component assembly adjustments. While to date the additional pre-pilot guns have not performed satisfactorily, the reject rate has been reduced as changes were made. At a review by the Plant and R & D October 16, the latest revisions proposed by R & D were established. Steps are being taken to obtain parts to assemble between fifty (50) and one hundred (100) pilot guns as soon as possible. Permanent tooling for some of the parts will require four (4) months.

Several of the changes will also affect the Model 1100. These changes together with problems in producing some pilot components will delay pre-pilot assembly of Model 1100, 410 gauge guns until November.

Until the startup problems have been cleared, the Plant will be unable to provide Marketing with a firm date for small gauge gun production to warehouse.

Marketing had circulated the proposed program for the matched sets of Model 870, 28 and 410 gauge and Model 1100, 28 and 410 gauge guns. At present, there is no change to the announcement date. Gun cases are being studied. When Marketing has made a decision, the recommended case is to be reviewed with General Management.

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