

FIREARMSSHOTGUNSWOOD PRESS FORMING

Production reported that there have been startup problems on the additional press forming equipment. In addition, there have been delays due to the machines and dies on the original equipment. Steps are being taken to strengthen the machines. Also the new stainless steel dies should eliminate the die failures. The first of the four (4) new dies should be completed in March. Full production will not be realized for several months.

Funds for the press forming of the Model 1100, 12, 16 and 20 gauge Stock were approved. Designs are being altered to correct the causes for equipment failures. The initial dies will be stainless steel.

R & D reported that process concepts and equipment designs for the Model 870 Fore End press forming are proceeding satisfactorily so that drawings can be transmitted and construction work started in March. Initial startup is indicated before the end of the year.

MODEL 870 SHELL LATCH AND  
MODEL 1100 FEED LATCH

The use of the Model 870 Shell Latch and Model 1100 Feed Latch in the 20 gauge guns to overcome the occasional problem of shells feeding back on the Carrier will be available for assembly by the end of February. This completes the 12 and 20 gauge.

The change to the 16 gauge in the Model 870 should be July 1969 and the Model 1100 the latter part of 1969.

The new latches are to be used by Arms Service for all part sales and repair of customer's guns.

Committee Action:

Reporting on this item will be dropped by the Committee.