

CENTER FIRE RIFLES - contd.MODEL 700 BOLT ACTION CENTER FIRE RIFLECaliber 17, Rem BDL Grade - contd.

The present Barrel specifications are for a 24" length stainless steel Barrel. Testing at Bridgeport which should be completed in August will determine the need for these specifications.

As soon as General Management approval is received R & D will transmit rifle drawings to the plant.

Stainless Steel Barrel Specifications

Marketing had requested a study to discontinue the use of stainless steel for Model 700 Barrels. This involves the magnum calibers 7mm Rem, 300 Win and 264 Win. Testing of the Barrel life has revealed that regular steel has an accuracy life of two-thousand (2000) rounds as compared with three-thousand (3000) for the stainless. The accuracy life of the 264 Win is considerably less than the other magnum calibers. 83

The additional cost for the stainless steel Barrel is \$5.69 per rifle. Based on maintaining the present selling price there would be an estimated increase of approximately eighty-thousand dollars (\$80,000) in factory profit.

It was reported that Winchester, Weatherby and other manufacturers use regular Barrel steel. Only Savage offers stainless steel.

There are coloring problems using stainless steel. The rifle appearance would be improved if the use of regular Barrel steel was approved.

Committee Action:

Based on Marketing and R & D recommendation General Management is to be requested to authorize the use of regular Barrel steel for the 7mm Rem magnum, 300 Win magnum and 264 Win magnum calibers in 1971.