

SHOTGUNS - contd.MODEL 870, 20 GAUGE LIGHTWEIGHT SHOTGUN  
(Introduction 1972)

Production reported that Marketing field samples and writer's Model 870, 20 gauge lightweight shotguns have been completed. This gun is in production.

Model 870, 20 gauge magnum lightweight shotguns are in design confirmation testing.

MODEL 870 "ALL AMERICAN" 12 GAUGE TRAP GUN  
(Introduction 1972)

Production reported that Model 870 "All American" Barrels, Receivers and Trigger Plates are ready for N/C engraving. Stocks and Fore-ends are ready for N/C checkering.

New sample emblems have been received. Endurance testing of the mechanical-adhesive fastening has started.

Delivery of carrying cases is scheduled to start February 1, 1972.

R & D reported that N/C engraving of parts for production began December 13. The operation is on two shifts and will continue through January 1, 1972. Du Pont policy may prevent continuation of multiple shift operation past January 1, 1972. It is expected this will be resolved December 16. If multiple shift operation cannot continue, a decision will be made to move the machine to Ilion sooner than previously planned.

A Receiver was shown with completed engraving on the left side panel. Part of the patterns were also completed on the top radii. The pattern for the ejection port side of the Receiver will be "de-bugged" the week of December 20.

The N/C checkering machine will be ready for initial prove-out operation the week of December 20.