

RIM FIRE RIFLESMODEL 541-S SPORTER BOLT ACTION
CLIP MAGAZINE RIM FIRE RIFLE
(Introduction 1972)

Production reported that N/C engraving of Model 541-S Receivers and Trigger Guards will start at Ilion the week of April 24. Initial N/C checkering of Stocks will be done at Wilmington. A production sample schedule of 200 rifles per month, starting in May, will depend upon proveout of the N/C checkering. Fore-end Tip molding problems have been solved.

R & D reported having provided an advance sample rifle for the NRA show.

MODEL 552-572 RIM FIRE RIFLES -
MOLDED FIBER GLASS TRIGGER PLATE

Production reported that a molded fiber glass Trigger Plate has been developed, tested and proven satisfactory for the Model 552-572 rim fire rifles. It is proposed to complete the tooling for production operation and introduce the new Trigger Plate without obsolescence of current components. Sample rifles with the new Trigger Plate were reviewed.

This is a cost reduction development which also improves functional performance of these rifles.

The appearance samples were not acceptable. It was indicated that a duller finish might be desirable. Samples showing different finishes are to be prepared for further review.

GENERAL

R & D showed samples of Model 552 Stocks and Fore-ends made of molded polyurethane foam material. The molds were made using Stocks of high grade wood. Reproduction of checkering was excellent but the high grade wood appearance was lost. Overall appearance was considered good; however, the light color material under the surface would show when scratched. This was considered objectionable.