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CENTER FIRE RIFLES

MODEL 742-X RIFLE - AUTOLOADING CENTER FIRE (Introduction 1976)

R & D reported that test shooting of the Model 742-X is progressing satisfactorily. Initial shooting was with the rifle enclosed for safety and this has been completed. Normal hand held shooting of the rifle is now in progress.

Testing for accuracy has produced a minimum group of under 1" with 7mm magnum factory loads. This testing was done without the gas system in place. This will now be added to determine the effect on accuracy.

Function of the gas lock system using 22-250 ammunition worked flawlessly for the last 50 rounds of a 250 round test.

Fabrication of four new prototype rifles will start in early January, 1973. There will be two 300 Win. Mag. and two 3006 caliber rifles with two interchangeable Barrels for each. These should be completed in May of 1973.

It is indicated that the magnum will weigh about 8 pounds, 3 ounces and the 30-06 about 7 pounds, 15 ounces

MODEL 700 BOLT ACTION CENTER FIRE RIFLE - LEFT HAND (Introduction 1973)

Production reported that design confirmation testing of the Model 700 best hand rifle has been completed and production to Warehouse has started. A production sample rifle was presented to the Committee for review.

Committee Action:

The Operations Committee approved the production sample Model 700 BDL left hand rifle. General Management approval to release for invoice shipment was recommended.