

SHOTGUNS - contd.IRON SHOT PROGRAM - contd.

Three areas of iron shot testing will be (1) on federal lands, (2) at cooperating shooting clubs and (3) co-op shooter programs in some states.

Olin has completed testing at Nilo Farms and has published a summary of the results. The report will be in the September issue of a sporting magazine. They are taking the same position Remington took about 18 months ago. Iron shot is as effective as lead shot at 30 yards, however, from 30 to 80 yards, iron shot produces more crippled birds. The report supports the viewpoint that the practical actual effect will be to cripple more birds than are lost to lead shot poisoning.

It may be several years before it is settled whether or not iron shot will be required.

ADHESIVE-FASTENED VENT RIB AND PHOTO-ETCHED MATTING

Production reported that photo-etch matting equipment modifications to produce uniform quality matting are underway. Design is 95% complete and standard items have been ordered. Trial startup of this process will be in August, 1973.

Work on adhesive vent rib bonding is deferred pending startup of the photo-etch process.

RXI-58-6 for additional funds is being circulated for approval.

There has not been adequate testing of the adhesive-fastened Vent Rib. It is planned to make additional samples for testing that have been fastened using the proposed production process.

These two processes are independent of each other. The plant needs additional matting capacity and available manpower is being used to complete this job.

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