

SHOTGUNS - contd.MODEL 3200 SHOTGUN - contd.

- . Exposure to wear is greater on Model 3200 guns than others.
- . Variables are being studied to get the best possible durability from the existing black oxide coloring process.
- . Improvement is needed quickly.

Wood supply for One of 1000 and PREMIER guns was discussed. There are Stock blanks for 1000 guns. The vendor is selecting about 20 Fore-and blanks per week. Experience to date indicates that it may not be possible to get enough wood for 1500 guns this year and next, especially if all One of 1000 are to be made in the first 6 months of 1974.

French walnut may be acceptable for the PREMIER guns. Production is to determine availability of this wood and get samples before a change is made in the Marketing plan. Marketing is also considering using special trap wood on the PREMIER guns.

The Chairman asked whether or not Remington should take a position on small gauge Barrel tubes for the Model 3200 shotgun - either sponsor a manufacturer's tubes or make them? This appears to be needed until interchangeable Barrel sets are available.

R & D has tested some tubes. Patterns were reasonably good. The tubes were difficult to remove. A set of Ejectors is required with each set of tubes and these are hard to change. There have been problems with inadequate tube strength. The tubes will be difficult to make and may have to be fitted. R & D would not want to endorse another manufacturer's tubes.

Marketing noted that tube sets were being changed in 10 to 15 minutes at the Great Eastern Shoot.

Marketing believes that interchangeable Barrel sets are what are wanted by the customer. However, the tube proposal will be studied and a forecast made.

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