

CENTER FIRE RIFLES - contd.MODEL 742X MAGNUM RIFLE - AUTOLOADING CENTER FIRE - contd.

A tank type gas system is being tested and analyzed as a backup. Also it may be possible to adapt this system to the 742 which could improve endurance and performance.

Marketing is planning to test the break-action concept using the panel evaluation of shooters similar to what was done with the Model 700 improved rifle. Four prototype rifles will be available (in September or October) for this evaluation. The panel results will be only one of the inputs on evaluating the 742X rifle features and the results will be used with care.

The Study Group chairman reported that continued economic analysis, setting ROI at a constant 5%, indicates \$400+ selling prices. Marketing is evaluating further the sales volume - price picture. Production and R & D are working on cost reduction. Something has to give for this program to materialize. 83

In discussion, the point was emphasized that this program is borderline economically. Alternatives should be considered. Remington still needs gun development.

The Chairman expressed his desire to have some firm decision or direction Remington is to take on this program by the July meeting.

MODEL 700 BOLT ACTION CENTER FIRE RIFLE - IMPROVEMENTS
(Introduction 1974)

Production reported on the Du Pont development of the N/C checkering machines. It is indicated that trial and pilot production will start June 7 on one machine and continue for two weeks. Opinion - Production at Ilion will start late in the fall of 1974. Hand checkering will continue.