

FIREARMSQUALITY

Production reported that finished gun audits for the previous week showed 1.8 demerits per unit average for the Model 700 rifle and 3.3 for the Model 1100 shotgun. Model 700 was better than year to date and Model 1100 was at the bottom of control limits. Guns from the previous two days of finished gun audit were available for review at the meeting.

WOOD PRESS FORMINGMODEL 870, 12-16-20 GAUGE FORE-ENDS

Production reported that press form dies have been modified to improve contour blend between the first and second pressing operations. They have been chrome plated, and trial and pilot operations resumed the week of October 7. Small lots are being run for product and process evaluation. Sample Fore-ends were reviewed and they compared favorably to the previously approved production sample. 83

Economics were reviewed - Exhibit 1. Work on this development is to continue.

SHOTGUNSMODEL 3200 SHOTGUN
(Introduction 1973)

Production reported that the screw-fastened Bottom Tang and brazed Tang Connecting Block design is in effect.

Current design revisions provide a new Strut between the top and bottom Tangs and revised Sears. Sears will be available October 21. R & D will produce Struts temporarily starting the week of October 14. Trial and pilot sub-assembly of new guns will start the following week with guns ready for testing about November 1. Regular assembly is tentatively scheduled to start about November 1 with warehousing starting November 15, depending on the results of the continuing testing.