

cc: F. E. Morgan

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Mr. Lee G. Zimmer, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Zimmer:

Thank you for your interesting letter regarding suggested improvements and further applications for our Model XP-100 Pistol.

This will be a surprise since not as you thought would be just a form letter. However, I will have to send it on to our Marketing people who are in closer touch with all of our customers and are responsible for coming up with any program of changes. But there are several items involving technical questions that I should mention; namely:

1. As a matter of safety we would not recommend the sale of single barrels or receivers of bolt action type such as the Model XP-100. This is because special tools are required to make up this assembly of the barrel to the receiver with a final machining involving the basic breech and locking area necessary to assure correct dimensions for the space between the base of a chambered cartridge and the face of the bolt when in the locked up or battery position.
2. To simply put the XP-100 action on a rifled stock would be subject to legal restrictions of Firearms Act as regards to barrel lengths for shoulder weapons. For a rifle the minimum would have to be 18 1/2".

You may be interested to know that here in Research we already have an experimental prototype of the type of rifle you describe for the Caliber 221 Fireball cartridge. If our Marketing people determine there is sufficient demand to justify manufacture, you can be sure that such a rifle would be offered.

Thank you again for your suggestions, and especially we appreciate your taking the trouble to write us of your thoughts.

Very truly yours,

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