

MINUTES OF MEETING
SPORTING ARMS AND AMMUNITION MANUFACTURERS' INSTITUTE, INC.

FIREARMS TASK FORCE AND LIAISON MEMBERS
O'HARE HILTON, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 10 - 11, 1979

ATTENDEES: R. Chatigny, Harrington & Richardson
A. Hugick, Remington Arms
M. Kordas, Jr., Browning Arms
E. Larson, Remington Arms (Monday only)
C. Liedke, O. F. Mossberg
W. Ruger, Jr., Sturm, Ruger
H. Sibley, Smith & Wesson
E. Stark, Savage Arms
T. van Wilgen, Olin (Chairman)
C. Turner, SAAMI

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 1979.
The following matters were discussed.

The call of the meeting was read (See attachment "A."). The Chairman pointed out that the Executive Committee mandated that all materials contained in the firearms Manuals be unanimously approved by all member companies. At this point, the meeting was turned over to Mr. Martin Kordas of Browning Firearms.

The following opening statement was read by Mr. Kordas:

"Security tests are generally tests that would insure proper operation of the firing/safety and tests that would insure as far as practical against accidental discharge thru defined conditions of abusive handling. It is the desire of Browning that a mark, similar to a proof stamp, be affixed to the firearm indicating that the product has or is capable of passing mutually agreed-upon security tests which are part of the applicable firearms manual."

Extensive discussion of the pros and cons of the Browning proposal and a review of Browning procedures then took place. At the completion of these discussions and a review of ANSI/ASTM Standard F589-78 (Standard Consumer Safety Specifications for Non-Powder Guns) it was the consensus of those present, that the items suggested plus a section on product endurance are necessary to make the SAAMI firearms technical Manuals sufficiently complete for submission to the ANSI procedure.

The attached proposal (Attachment "B") to move in this direction was formulated by the entire group for review by the Policies and Practices Committee to enable them to make recommendations to the Executive Committee for its acceptance or rejection.

T. W. van Wilgen, Chairman
Firearms Task Force