

Engineering reported at last meeting that this process is being held up due to chamber eccentricity issues. Bulk of problem appears to rest with current CF heading process at Ilion.

Action: Engineering to provide update.

Perniciaro indicated that they are in early phases of implementing, but have some key issues to resolve with respect to processing (i.e. heading after rollerburnish scarring chambers) Current plan shows implementation in Feb. of 2004.

Action: Review status at December PTM

- Other Engineering Topics
Measurement of drop dimensions for rifles. Currently calls for measurement off iron sights. Most rifles are clean barrel.

Action: Marketing/Engineering agree to measure drops from front edge of receiver.

Ilion Quality Issues – Rifles

- Bolt-Action Rifle "Lays Left" Issue

OBJECTIVE: Quality Issue

Action: Engineering & Quality to discuss progress thus far

Shoemaker reviewed teams findings. General emphasis from Product Team members was to insure that data and findings were to be transformed into corrective action plans. Perniciaro estimates that it will likely take one year to begin to really see the improvements in the process and product.

Action: Trull to continue to receive monthly updates and review at each PTM until issue resolved.

- Model 700/Seven Trigger Pull Weights
OBJECTIVE: Quality Issue
Sales and Marketing are receiving a great deal of feed back from customers and consumers that we are losing sales at a devastating level to the Savage Accutrigger offerings.

Action: Engineering to advise of progress on getting trigger pull specs back to an acceptable level.

See notes on ISS removal.

- Model 40-X Triggers in Varmint/Police Rifles

OBJECTIVE: Product enhancement

Action: Group to discuss potential for adding 40-X trigger with external trigger pull weight adjustment capability to Varmint and Police rifles. 40-X triggers are externally adjustable down to 1.5lbs.

Discussion around using the Model 40-X externally adjustable trigger in M700 Varmint and Police rifles in competitive response to the Savage Acutrigger. This will require joint test efforts by R&D and Ilion.

Action: Perniciaro to determine which 10 rifles need to be tested. McCormack to supply 10 40-X firecontrols to Perniciaro. Assembled rifles to be sent to Diaz. Diaz to look at design to incorporate a stop to prevent the external adjustment screw from being completely removed from the rifle.

Action: Testing will be completed in December at latest.