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 To: Franz, Scott
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 Subject: RE: Guide Gun DAT Status

All,

Marketing acknowledges the issue with the stocks cracking and accepts this condition. Please move forward with transmittal. This being noted, I would like for E-town and Ilion to take a look at the effect of placing a rivet in the stock as a possible longer term solution to this condition in order to mitigate potential warranty/repair concerns. This effort should not however, impair the current T&P or production schedules.

Any questions or comments, please advise.

Thanks,

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From: Franz, Scott
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 Subject: FW: Guide Gun DAT Status

The following summarizes status on the Guide Gun DAT as of today, 1/10/03. As everyone knows there have been issues around stock failure (cracking and recoil lug area setback), malfunction issues and ammo availability that has delayed completion of this DAT as originally planned. The remaining tests yet to be completed are the two trigger tests (SAAMI & Remington tests using a 40 lb. load), obstructed bore and high pressure. The two trigger tests and the obstructed bore test are scheduled to be run today. The high pressure test will be completed early next week after load development for the 120 ksi load is complete. The main issue with DAT was and still is the cracking and setback of the recoil lug area of the stock. Thermal testing does accelerate this failure, however testing under normal shooting conditions also generates the failure. A design change was tested (double enforcement screw up front), however failures of the stock occurred with this design as well. The earliest stock failure during normal shooting occurred at just over 300 rounds with a single enforcement screw and at about 600 rounds on two stocks with double enforcement screws. A picture of these two failed stocks is shown at the bottom of this e-mail. When this failure occurs the action moves rearward in the stock resulting in damage to the magazine box. In addition the stock just behind the bolt handle breaks off from impact with the handle. The second picture shows this failure area on the two double enforcement screw stocks that failed. Other cracks in the stock inletting area around the take down screw holes have consistently occurred. Stock cracking and more specifically the recoil lug area setback is a DAT Exit issue. The Test Lab cannot support transmittal of this product without Marketing's formal acceptance of this condition. Randy Murphy is currently pursuing a riveted design. Test Lab supports this action and will do whatever it can to evaluate this as a potential fix. Timing on availability of test samples is unknown at this time.

Since the last update the following activities have occurred.

- 1 Engineering evaluation of ejection malfunctions on four guns