

Final results of the Model 600 quality audit revealed that a high percentage of the guns are subject to the "trick" safety condition--safety is put in midway position, trigger is pulled, then safety is put in "off" position and gun automatically fires. Newly-instituted check procedures have eliminated the "trick" safety condition in all bolt action guns now leaving the Plant. Design improvements, which should be in production within the next six months, give added insurance against recurrence of the problem.

The relatively few incidents of reported safety release firings reported from the field in the past few years give support to our conclusion that the shooter is not likely to place his gun in the "trick" condition. Examination also revealed that major competitive bolt action models can be "tricked," in one way or another, so as to fire upon movement of the safety.

After discussion, it was decided that John Linde take charge of revising the section in the Gunsmith Manual covering bolt action fire controls, so as to include (1) appropriate checks for the "trick" safety condition, and (2) recommendations for corrective action. As soon as the revision is completed, copies of the revised section will be distributed to all recorded holders of the Gunsmith Manual.

Another safety meeting will be held in about six weeks to hear a progress report on the Gunsmith Manual revision.

R.B. Sperling
Acting Secretary

RBS:TJS:KLK



NTBOOK024

Sperling 7