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PRODUCT SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 1979

PRESENT:

SUBCOMMITTEE

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XP-100 CHANGES

C. B. Workman reported that three design changes have been made in the XP-100 in the last several weeks due to problems in production and returned goods. Shipments are being held up at ~~present~~ pending a discussion by the Products Safety Subcommittee. The changes are:

1. The sear has been redesigned to increase the lift clearance between the sear and the bolt stop pin to prevent hard "safety on" forces when the maximum cam on the safety lever is used. This change was made to a non-critical area of the sear and does not adversely affect its operation or strength.
2. The top of the trigger was redesigned to eliminate possible interference with the trigger adjustment screw.
3. Redesign of the safety lever to better control tol-

erances is in progress. This is not yet complete.

Mr. Hooton pointed out that the gun function is safe even without these design changes, which were effected to facilitate ease of operation of the gun and to simplify the assembly of the gun. He is satisfied that the changes are in order and will not adversely affect safety. Sufficient testing is being done to assure safe and satisfactory functioning of the gun.

The Subcommittee approved shipment of XP-100 guns with the three changes listed above.

The Subcommittee discussed the question of a bolt lock on the XP-100. In 1975, when a decision was made to remove the bolt lock from the Model 788, a similar decision was made on the XP-100. Guns made since then are not provided with a bolt lock, and the XP-100 guns returned to the factory for repair are shipped ~~to the~~ customer without the bolt lock, and a sticker is affixed to the guns advising the customer of this fact.

Mr. Workman said that an inertial block must be used on custom XP-100 barreled actions. The inertial block installation is required to protect against jar-off. Because of the difficulty in insuring that customers who buy barreled actions use the inertial block, it was decided that barreled actions would not be sold as a separate item.

PETERS AMMUNITION RECALL (PS12 H MAG - 4 BK - CODE H24D)

This ammunition was the subject of a recall because of low pressures with the possibility of squib loads. Remington's recall advertisement was released on November 29, 1978, and was published

in December. Marketing was requested to furnish the Product Safety Subcommittee with documentation of the advertisement, listing publications and dates.

Of 49,150 rounds produced under this code, 15,125 rounds have been returned as of February 2, 1979. It is believed that most, if not all, of the remaining rounds have already been fired.

The status of this recall will again be reviewed 30 days after the recall advertisement's last appearance in local newspapers, which was on January 28, 1979.

RECALL OF CERTAIN MODELS 600, 660 AND MOHAWK 600 RIFLES
AND XP-100 PISTOLS

A letter is to be mailed to all of our key dealers on February 8, 1979, giving them detailed information on procedures for this recall. A copy of this letter is attached to these minutes.

Efforts will be made by Marketing to obtain a complete list of Federal Firearms licensees to be used for mailing similar information. Attempts to get a machine-readable list of license holders from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) failed because BATF has now gone to microfiche which is not easily converted to computer. Working from microfiche would mean months of delay in getting the information mailed.

Recall advertisements have been run in newspapers, weeklies, verticals, etc. An advertisement was placed in the January, 1979, issue of American Rifleman and will be repeated in the April issue.

Mr. Larson reported on the status of the recall as follows:

Total guns involved about 200,000

Telephone calls from customers
to Atlanta, WATS numbers, through
January 29. 18,885

Trigger assemblies shipped to repair
stations through January 29 13,976

Invoice for guns repaired paid to date
in the United States 7,786
and in Canada 156

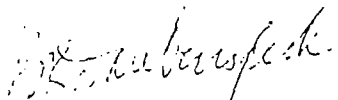
Mr. Preiser reported that he will assess and review results
of the recall advertisements shortly.

GUN SAFETY - COMMUNICATION WITH CUSTOMERS

To develop a program for communicating to our customers
the importance of safe gun handling and to give them needed
information, ~~we have~~ engaged the firm of Hill and Knowlton.
Mr. Partnoy reported that we expect to hear from them concerning
their outline for a program within the next two weeks.

30-30 WIN. "ACCELERATOR"

Mr. Chisnall reported that 99.6% of the cartridges sought
by Remington have been retrieved from the distributors and
dealers who received the suspect ammunition.


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