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M/710 CENTERFIRE RIFLE DESIGN ACCEPTANCE TEST PLAN - DAT #1

Introduction:

This test is designed with the assumption that not all of the sample test guns will be available at the same start time. The initial test sample of 15 rifles will be delivered the second week in March (2000) and will be followed by an additional sample of 30-35 rifles delivered for test at a later time. Both sample sets are considered to be integral parts of the complete Design Acceptance Test Procedure.

The samples have been divided based on current estimates of sample delivery as follows. Rifles designated A1 to A15 are the first samples expected to be submitted for test on or about the 13th of March (2000) with a second group expected on about mid-May (2000) which will be designated as B1 to B30.

When successfully completing the proof test series, a 200 round per gun jack-function test is planned for the initial 15 rifle sample to quickly determine the probable malfunction rate and determine if the expenditure of further amounts of ammunition is justified by the performance of the product. Upon passing the jack-function test, the rifles will be subjected to 100 rounds per rifle test (twenty-five rounds each of four different bullet types). These rifles will be shot from the shoulder (standing position) in the long range to confirm that the rifles function as intended when shot in the same manner as expected to be used by the customer.

Various inspection points and safety reviews are scheduled into the test program.

Note that samples A1 through A15 will be shot using 3 aluminum stocks that will preclude some tests such as recoil and drop testing. The samples scheduled for delivery in mid-May will have the synthetic stocks designed for this model. Those tests requiring the use of the final design stock will be run at that time. The Intentional Abuse tests are scheduled during Phase I, (for rifles A1-A15) but will be tested without the stocks in place. Although not currently scheduled these tests may be repeated during Phase II if necessary.

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