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MODEL 722 - .308 CALIBER - PILOT LINE TESTING

At your request, ten (10) of the subject guns were withdrawn on 4-27-55 and subjected to a functional test of 320 rounds each. An accuracy test was attempted but due to production schedules which have to be met, facilities were not available. This test will be completed at a later date.

The results of the 320 round test are as follows:

<u>Gun #</u>	<u>No. of Malf.</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Type of Malfunction</u>
352682	None		
360866	None		
353207	3	.8%	2 Failures to eject *1 Hard cocking
354524	None		
360850	1	.2%	1 Failure to eject
361012	1	.2%	*1 Hard cocking
350906	3	.8%	3 Failures to eject
129499	11	3.1%	11 Failures to eject
360742	3	.8%	2 Failures to eject *1 Hard cocking
354553	1	.2%	*1 Hard cocking

*The hard cocking that occurred on four of these guns was due to upsetting of metal on the cocking cam. An adjustment by using lubrication helped this condition. However, it is felt this should be investigated inasmuch as it must exist in all calibers in the M/721 and M/722. Gun #129499 which had the highest malfunction rate due to ejection failures actually is not as serious as pictured. The majority of the malfunctions occurred on slow and medium manual operation.

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Ammunition used in this test is as follows:

1.	Winchester	180	gr.	ST	6.	Western	110	gr.	SP
2.	"	150	"	ST	7.	Remington	180	"	SPCL
3.	"	110	"	SP	8.	"	150	"	SPCL
4.	Western	180	"	SPCL	9.	"	110	"	SPCL
5.	"	150	"	ST					

The malfunctions that occurred did not show a definite pattern of any one type of ammunition.

From the above results of test function-wise, the .308 Caliber appears satisfactory, providing the cocking cam condition is corrected.


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