

The Model 700 BDL Stock pattern proposed for the 1969 version does not have checkering on the top of the grip. Production has had difficulty with checkering the current model in this area. The general agreement by R & D and P E & C was that this checkering could be omitted without affecting the rifle appearance. A sample rifle was made omitting the top checkering.

F. E. Morgan took the sample to Bridgeport. Verbal approval has been received from Marketing to omit the top checkering. Will you please have the model drawings revised to cover this change.

An estimated savings for the balance of 1968 until the 1969 version is in production should be approximately \$3000.

Planning estimates that on some calibers, Stocks without the top checkering will be shipped to the field in February. Because of the number of calibers involved, the warehouse should be cleared of the rifles having top checkering by June.

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