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Although there were fewer major demerits in 1980 than in 1979, there was a deterioration of visual quality of the M/700 and M/7400 starting around the inception of the M/7400. This was due to a high number of ten and one demerit items.

On the M/700, over 50% of the demerit items were handling deficiencies, mars, scratches, dents and miscellaneous damage. Close to 40% of the demerit items were due to poor wood finishes, such as poor wood repairs, excess sealer and poor fits. These were resolved by daily meetings with area supervision.

On the M/7400, over 75% of the demerits were due to poor wood finishes, such as poor finish Stocks and Fore Ends, poor fit grip cap and spacer and excess wood margin Stock to Receiver. These problems were resolved by establishing working samples, retraining operators, additional filters of new material in the spray line, a new method of cleaning racks for the spray line, reworking grip cap and spacer dies and new gages for wood margin. Over 20% of the demerits were a combination of adjustments and poor metal finishes, problems such as rust on Fore End tips, disconnectors not adjusted properly and poor finish on Barrels. These problems were resolved by daily contacts with area supervision.

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