

Two sample rifles were made using birch and walnut wood. (Exhibits 21 - 22). Marketing accepted the samples.

A meeting was then held with Process Engineering so they could discuss the new features of this model and changes could be made if possible to simplify processing and manufacture. (Exhibit 23). At the same time models were started for accuracy, function, and field testing. Five hand made stocks were to be used for in-plant testing. The stocks were proofed four times each with each succeeding caliber. The stocks stood up well. The accuracy from the bench was well within the present plant specifications for these calibers in this and other centerfire rifles. (Exhibit 24)

Twenty stocks were ordered from Fajan from our handmade pattern, to be used for field testing. They were finished and fitted to actions by Remington personnel. The field test actions were all made up in 7mm-08. They were ready for field test in June 1980, and were sent to people designated by Marketing. (Exhibits 25 - 26)

Costs were requested from Industrial Engineering. Several updates were completed to cover possible changes in stock wood and finish and checkering. (Exhibits 27 thru 30) A separate cost was also requested for a proposed bolt lock mechanism. This mechanism has now been dropped from the latest model. (Exhibit 31)

A letter was received from the Patent Department (Exhibit 32) covering work to date on the new stamped floor plate design.