

MODEL 740 DESIGN CHANGES

It is planned to pilot test in July, Model 740, 30-06 guns incorporating the design changes approved at the May 1, Operations Committee Meeting.

#1. The Breech Ring changes require a new Breech Ring Nut and Breech Ring Lock Screw. Pilot parts are available and Barrel Assembly has started. Assuming satisfactory testing, this change should be effected in guns assembled the latter part of August. 83

#2. Tooling to start the pilot quantity of Fore Ends has been completed. A shipment of Fore End Reinforcements has been received as well as Fore End Bushings, Screws, and Front Swivel Collars. For pilot assembly, Fore End Caps will be altered. This change should be effective in guns assembled November 1956.

#3. Tooling will be altered during the vacation shutdown to produce revised design Breech Bolts and Barrel Extensions. This improvement which affects both M/740 and M/760 should be effective in guns assembled in September. Pilot Barrel Extensions have been completed using some Tool Room operations. Pilot Breech Bolts are being processed. A pilot quantity of revised Ejectors and Springs are promised the middle of June.

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