

Power Cone Development

DED has now decided that it is unnecessary to convert Sportsman-58 guns to Power Cone operations since they believe it has been adequately demonstrated that these guns will operate satisfactorily with the Power Cone in replacement of the Dial-A-Matic cap. It was once again requested that this information be made available to the committee. If it is not available, DED should perform the necessary tests.

Some months ago the Sales Department said they would consider introduction of the Power Cone on January 1, 1958, as a new feature replacing the Dial-A-Matic. However, they felt that the carrier latch should be retained. DED was therefore requested to prepare a gun having the features they would like to incorporate in a Power Cone gun, but with a carrier latch in place of the magazine follower release, or side button release submitted by them on May 1. DED reports now that the timing of guns having a carrier latch is such that they do not believe they could eliminate the magazine follower latch or the magazine spacer. For this reason, they plan no further work on the Power Cone at this time beyond confirmation of satisfactory functioning of guns with the Dial-A-Matic cap replaced with the Power Cone.

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Research and Development now believes there would be no advantage in presenting an appearance mock-up, and they are working on a shooting model of the gun which they hope will be available in January, 1957.

The Sales Department advises that they believe the trend toward the use of 3-inch magnum shells is so strong that future guns should accommodate this shell. However, Research and Development points out that they are making every effort to reduce the length of the receiver to approach as closely as possible the appearance and feel of the over-and-under shotgun and that these efforts would be vitiated to a large extent by requirement that the gun handle the 3-inch shell. Sales agreed, therefore, that before a final decision is made Research and Development should submit a comparison of the features and costs of guns handling 2-3/4-inch shells only and 3-inch shells.