

MODEL 572 LIGHT WEIGHT

Difficulty is still being encountered in obtaining uniformity of coloring of "Buckskin Tan" receivers. Some modifications are being made in the castings by both suppliers (Alcoa and Mall) and it is expected that new castings will color satisfactorily.

The new castings which are expected by the end of December will also contain a design improvement by increasing the height of the supporting rail of the receiver to provide more support for the barrel.

Testing of the guns assembled so far has shown acceptable accuracy. However, scope shooting has shown up occasional changes in the center of impact. This is believed to be due to slight shifts in the seating between the barrel and the receiver. This would not show up in iron sight shooting where the sights are all located on the barrel but would show up in scope shooting where the scope is mounted on the receiver. Although this shift is believed to be of little or no practical importance, it is expected that unfavorable publicity would result should such a shift occur during tests by a writer. Shipment of writers' guns has therefore been held up until some method of overcoming this difficulty has been developed. This delay may in turn delay announcement beyond the presently planned December 15.

The Plant submitted the following warehouse schedule:

	<u>October 22, 1957</u>	<u>December 6, 1957</u>		
	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Schedule</u>		
		<u>Crow</u>	<u>Buck</u>	
		<u>Wing</u>	<u>Skin</u>	
		<u>Black</u>	<u>Tan</u>	<u>Total</u>
September	473 actual			
October	1,200			
November	1,300			
December	1,470	(*1,765)	(1,002)	(2,767)
January		1,200	500	1,700
		500	1,040	1,540

*Actual through November

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