

# CONFIDENTIAL

## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE - ARMS DIVISION MEETING

Bridgeport  
September 3, 1958

### Present: Members

Paul Hickman, Chairman  
F. E. Morgan  
S. M. Alvis  
C. A. Nash, Secretary

### Absent: N. F. Larsen D. E. Miller

### Others

E. B. Beattie  
(Acting for N. F. Larsen)  
H. A. Brown (Part time)  
P. H. Burdett  
W. H. Foster  
H. J. Hackman  
(Acting for D. E. Miller)  
H. L. Hamster  
J. K. Hamil

## SHOTGUNS

### SPORTSMAN-58A and XS-3

#### (A) - Sportsman-58A Grade

The Plant and Research & Development, in keeping with the Sales Department's strong recommendation for a new autoloading gun for 1959 that can be offered at a comparatively low retail price, have suspended activity on the Sportsman-58A Grade.

#### (B) - XS-3 (Model 870 Autoloader)

Ten additional functioning models of the XS-3 have been prepared with improvements based on design testing of the first three guns. Functional testing of these guns has been completed. One gun has been endurance tested to 12,000 rounds. Sufficient parts for another ten guns have been prepared by Research & Development for assembly and test to confirm design.

Functional testing has demonstrated that it can be assembled to provide satisfactory operation with all types of 2-3/4" 12 gauge loads, including 2-3/4" Magnum and light trap loads. All test guns were fired 375 rounds each, shoulder shooting, with an over-all average malfunction rate of ~~0.004~~ 1.06%.

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