

Rifle sights will be confined to 12 gauge. A decision must be made on length of barrel and choke for commercial barrels with rifle sights. The Sales Department has asked Research & Development to test and propose specifications.

The economics of this proposal look good and the Committee approved in general. Sample barrels will be provided and final specifications established. Formal approval and recommendations to Management will be accomplished prior to the next meeting.

C-1 - Slide Action Carbine - Model 760

This rifle design is still early in development. A barrel is being obtained for a possible model. Design of a 30/30 caliber is necessary for satisfactory volume. The major problem in this caliber is the feeding of rimmed cartridges.

Added attention will be given to this project in the coming year.

C-2 - Colored Metal and Light Wood -
Models 722, 725 and 750 - Caliber 222

The major effort on this item concerns processes for coloring steel surfaces. One new process shows practical possibilities for coloring but an added treatment required to make surfaces scratch-resistant has proved costly.

The Committee viewed a sample of a Nylon 66 with colored steel parts as an example of what can be done in coloring steel.

The Sales Department wishes to hold further consideration of this item for the present in view of the many new items for 1959.

R-4 - Boy's Rifle (XR-3)

The Committee viewed a new sample of this gun which was later to be shown to Management.

This gun is single shot and auto-ejecting. In loading and action the bolt is first closed by pushing the safety to the on position. The safety is then pulled off, the gun is fired and the bolt automatically opens and ejects ready for the next round.

The gun barrel is aluminum jacketed and straight. It could be interchangeable with the Nylon 66 barrel. An appearance of taper is achieved for the barrel by fore-end design.