

MODEL 721 BOLT ACTION - CALIBER 264 WINCHESTER

The Production Department reports that problems of machining the stainless steel barrel for this caliber have been eliminated. Several hundred Model 721 rifles in this caliber are expected to be in warehouse stock by July, 1961. Current plans call for manufacture of this caliber only in Model 721 rifles.

The item will be dropped from the agenda.

MODEL 721 CARBINE - DESIGN STUDY

The Research & Development Department has investigated the concept of providing a bolt action carbine which could be priced at the level of competitive lever action rifles. In original concept, it was planned to reduce manufacturing costs by use of Model 510 rim fire stock blanks, and lower cost sights. 83

The proposed Model 721 Carbine was costed out by the Plant in increments of 5, 10, 15 and 20 thousand units of added business, to determine effect on earnings. Results indicate low percentages of operative earnings for the first year, ranging from 2.8% for 5 thousand additional units, to 8.3% for 20 thousand units, on a full book economic basis.

In view of the relatively poor return and limited appeal indicated for the Model 721 Carbine, the Research and Development Department advocates a more complete departure from conventional design, as a means of increasing center fire rifle sales. One step in this direction is the bantamweight center fire bolt action carbine, defined under the XC-13 heading hereinafter.

The Sales Department proposes that further work on the Model 721 Carbine design study be terminated, in favor of continued development of the XC-13 concept. After review of a sample XC-13 rifle, the Committee accepts the Sales Department proposal.

The Model 721 Carbine design study will be dropped from the agenda.

XC-13 BANTAMWEIGHT BOLT ACTION RIFLE, CALIBERS 222 REMINGTON, 44 REMINGTON MAGNUM, 308 WINCHESTER and 30 WINCHESTER

A model of this item in Caliber 222 Remington was shown by Research & Development. The XC-13 is an "idea gun", comprising a Model 722 action, with Mannlicher-type