

SPORTSMAN 68 AUTOLOADERSCHEDULING

The Iliion Semi-Annual Development Schedule of March 6, 1962 revises completion dates for various phases of the Sportsman 68 program, as follows:

	PREVIOUS DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE OCT. 25, 1961	CURRENT DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE MARCH 6, 1962
Final release of parts drawings to the Plant by R & D	Jan. 1, 1962	March 10, 1962
Completion of production tooled pilot lot	Oct. 15, 1962	Jan. 1, 1963
Warehouse Date	Jan. 1, 1963	Feb. 1, 1963

Final release of parts drawings by Research and Development is now substantially complete, after having been delayed by necessity for various structural redesigns.

The Plant points out that the Development Schedule of October 25, 1961 set a date of January 1, 1962 for release of design to the Plant. Design release has been delayed more than two months beyond scheduled date, yet announcement date of January 1, 1963 remains unchanged, and proposed warehouse date has been set ahead only 30 days. This compression of an already optimistic schedule, in combination with late project completion which delayed orders for necessary equipment, forces extreme telescoping of production effort. If pilot work date and warehouse date are to be met at all, it will be necessary to resort to expensive bypass operations in areas where new production machinery is not yet available.

The question of Sales Department testing of this item was reviewed. While provisions are being made to supply the Sales Department with 25 Research and Development assembled prototypes at mid year, the Sales Department feels testing of such prototypes cannot substitute for the required sales acceptance test of at least 25 guns produced on production tooling. Normal scheduling would provide sufficient time between completion of pilot lot and movement of production guns to the warehouse, for comprehensive field testing. The minimum time for Sales Department field testing is 30 days after guns are received by field