

General Management Approval

On March 9, 1962, subsequent to the reported meeting, General Management approved the "ADL" grade of the Model 700 Bolt Action Rifle for invoiced shipment.

MODEL 700 BANTAMWEIGHT RIFLE AND RELATED PISTOLNomenclature

In response to a Research and Development Department request, the Sales Department has selected the following model numbers to designate these items:

Model 600 Bolt Action Rifle  
Model XP-100 Pistol

The trade names proposed by the Sales Department for these items are "Trailmaster", for the Model 600 rifle; and "222 Fireball" for the Model XP-100 Pistol.

Design Features

Model 600 Rifle - This item is currently based on use of Model 500 stock blanks for stock fabrication. Prototypes have been provided with black plastic fore end tips and a white line buttplate spacer. The Production Department has recommended the elimination of the black fore end tip and buttplate spacer to reduce cost, and feels that this step can be practically accomplished by use of a slightly longer stock blank which would provide an unbroken wood fore end of the same length and conformation as the prototype. A prototype without fore end tip or buttplate spacer will be prepared for Sales Department evaluation.

The Research and Development Department displayed a modification of the Model 600 rifle provided with styling features which might be used on a higher grade version. These features include a roll-marked receiver, decorated bolt and bolt plug, a trigger having its rearward portion shrouded within the trigger guard, a recoil pad, and roll-marked decoration of stock wood.

The Sales Department considers that consideration of a higher grade Model 600 should be deferred in favor of maximum effort on the single grade set forth in this project. It was pointed out that the first year forecast for this item, of 12,000 units, is based on May 1963 deliveries of a rifle having a list price of