

FIREARMS

SHOTGUNS

MODEL 1100 AUTOLOADING SHOTGUN

Production Status - 12 Gauge

Approximately 4,000 shotguns have been warehoused in the plain and vent rib barrel field grades and SA grade. The balance of the grades now back ordered will be warehoused by April. The major problems in production are wood processing and RK-W finish. Improvements are receiving constant attention.

Production is determining means to meet the 65% higher sales forecast of 50,000 Model 1100's, approximately 47,400 of which must be produced by the end of October to meet the usual selling season. Peak daily rates equivalent to approximately 70,000 a year are required. This, in conjunction with the Model 870 schedule, will exceed the shotgun line capacity and can be accomplished by six day operation and/or additional facilities to overcome bottlenecks. The excess cost of six day operation is being evaluated against the possible short time need of additional facilities.

Design Status - 16 and 20 Gauge

Research has transmitted the final 16 and 20 gauge designs to the Plant. The 20 gauge will be piloted ahead of 16 gauge at Sales request. The estimated schedule indicates pilot operations will be complete by October 1 and November 1 for 20 and 16 gauges, respectively, allowing two to three months to build warehouse inventories before their announcement in January, 1964. The field test by Sales will be expedited by their testing a few Research prototypes before September 1 and following this with an intensive field test of production samples during October, November and December.

CENTER FIRE RIFLES AND PISTOLS

XP-100 BOLT ACTION PISTOL

Production Status

The pistol was announced March 6 and will retail for \$99.95. Production reported approximately 1600 pistols have been warehoused and that its manufacture is running smoothly. This item will be dropped.