

CENTER FIRE RIFLES (CONT'D.)MODEL 700 BOLT ACTION RIFLE - 22 INCH BARRELS

The Sales Department proposes the barrel length of the calibers supplied with 20 inch barrels be increased to 22 inches. The calibers include:

6MM Remington  
243 Winchester

270 Winchester  
280 Remington

30-06 Springfield  
308 Winchester

Sales stated their marketing information during the past two years the Model 700 has been offered indicates consumer resistance to 20 inch barrels. The other features of the rifle have permitted the good model acceptance over these objections. However, with the up grading of the Model 70 by Winchester, Sales feels the consumer resistance to 20 inch barrels will be more serious, and we should therefore increase the barrel length.

The Production Department stated the one-time start-up cost and the additional product cost would be \$1,000 and about \$.07 a rifle equivalent to \$1,600 a year, respectively.

Committee Action

The Committee approved increasing the length of the 20 inch Model 700 barrels to 22 inches without obsolescence of present rifles and barrels on hand. The Chairman stated that Committee approval is sufficient to make this change without formal submission for General Management approval.

GENERALCUSTOM CHECKERING

All models to be custom checked under project RXI-40 are in production. This item will be closed.

WOOD FINISHING

The start-up of the facilities to electro statically spray RK-W or lacquer on all wood stocks is continuing. All RK-W coats except the last coat are being applied to the Models 700 and 1100 with the electrostatic spraying installation, and the last coat is being applied by hand. The steps are believed known to define the operating conditions to apply the last coat to the Model 700 and 1100. An inventory of "semi-finished" stocks is being accumulated to hand spray the last coat for production requirements while the balance of the start-up is completed. Conversion of all lacquer and RK-W finished stocks to electrostatic spraying is scheduled by the end of March.

The Committee requested this item be followed until satisfactory production operation is achieved.