

The 35 Remington Magnum barrel will be regular steel rather than stainless steel as in the Model 700 Magnum calibers. The high ratio of bore diameter to powder capacity reduces the throat erosion in the 35 Remington Magnum compared to the 264 Winchester Magnum, 7MM Remington Magnum and 300 Winchester Magnum.

Production questioned if the light colored beech will pick up moisture and darken as maple stocks used to. Research was not definite in their answer but did not think it would.

The Committee approved the appearance sample. However, they withheld approval for release to Production until the May meeting when Research will have completed testing of stock strength adequacy.

Model 870 - Slide Action Shotgun - New Custom Checkering Pattern and RK-W Finish

The Committee last month approved RK-W finish on the Model 870 for 1965.

Sales did not request approval of the new checkering pattern. The pattern Sales had selected was a compromise of a proposed pattern and it did not appear on a hand checkered shotgun as visualized from the pattern drawing. Consequently, the checkered sample is being revised and will be submitted for approval in May.

Model 742 Autoloading Rifle - RK-W Finish

RK-W finish on the Model 742 was approved on March 19 by General Management for release to Production.

Model 760 - RK-W Finish (New Item)

The Sales Department requested the Model 760 be finished with RK-W in 1960 to complete the quality image of our higher priced, higher earnings guns.

The secretary reviewed the approach to justify this improvement shown in the table on the next page: