

XR SERIES BOLT ACTION LINE - contd.

- . Sell as a private brand to wholesalers
- . Consider a combination of methods of distribution

In view of the strength, function and appearance features proposed by R & D, Sales was requested to review the proposed selling prices, particularly the shotguns.

Committee Action

R & D was authorized to continue the Rim Fire, Center Fire and Shotgun Bolt Action development program.

RIM FIRE - CENTER FIRE - SHOTGUN -  
AUTOLOADING AND SLIDE ACTION LINE

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The R & D preliminary survey of the long range Center Fire development indicates that a similar approach to that taken on the XR Series Bolt Action Line should be the most economical. This concept would develop a new Rim Fire, Center Fire and Shotgun Autoloading and Slide Action Line.

The proposed approach would be a Receiver shell (similar to the Nylon 66) with the required functioning design built into a laminated steel and plastic Trigger Plate Assembly. The Receiver could be sized to be compatible with the calibers and gauges for weight and appearance. The Receiver ends could be welded or brazed powder metal inserts for component attachment. The Bolt lockup for strength would be in the Barrel Extension section of the Barrel.

Investigation of locking systems, action strength safety features, adjustable sights, Trigger pull and a Safety to block the Sear are required as part of the program.

For Center Fire, initial development of a taper bore and gain twist in the Barrel has started. This program is being tied in with Bridgeport R & D bullet development.

Concentration on this program can be started when the XR Bolt Action Line R & D design has been completed. The tentative date is January 1965.