

RIM FIRE RIFLESMODEL 552-572 "BDL" GRADE RIM FIRE RIFLE

Production reported that pilot operations are progressing and a few rifles should be assembled in June as scheduled.

The marketing situation for the Model 552 and 572 in 1965 is similar to that outlined under the Model 742 and 760. Marketing recommended deferment of announcing the "BDL" grades until January 1966.

Committee Action

The Committee approved deferring introduction of the "BDL" Model 552 and 572 rifle until 1966. The Ilion plant is to complete pilot work and present sample guns for Operations Committee review at the June meeting.

MODEL 6600 AUTOLOADING RIM FIRE RIFLE

The project authorizing expenditures to introduce the Model 6600 Autoloading Rim Fire Rifle was approved at the May Board of Directors meeting.

R & D reviewed the revised model rifle. The weight is approximately six pounds. The Receiver and Fore End have been shortened and the finish improved as recommended by Management. The Trigger, Trigger Guard and Operating Handle have been redesigned and are metal instead of plastic. Some problems with the nylon Receiver Insert remain to be resolved before all model drawings can be released to the plant.

A few model drawings have been released to the plant for processing. The balance should be completed by July 1.

R & D reported design changes indicate an increase in the product cost and about a 5% reduction in the return on investment percentage.