

WOOD - contd.Blanks - contd.

R & D had proposed using birch for the Model 580, 581 and 582 Stocks to improve costs.

Committee Action

Fifteen hundred (1500) birch long Stock blanks are to be purchased. Model 514 Stocks are to be produced from both the pecan and birch for comparison.

Finish

Visits have been made to the Marshall Laboratory and a program to improve the weatherability of the lacquer finish has been suggested. This would require end coating the stocks with RK-W a new filler, pad coating with RK-W and scuff sanding before the regular lacquer finishing. It is estimated this additional processing would increase costs approximately \$65,000 per year if used on all present lacquer finished models.

Attached on Table 4 are the costs by model.

Committee Action

Marketing will review the costs with Production to determine on which models the additional costs can be justified.

PELLET RIFLES AND PISTOLS

R & D described the informal visit to NRA as had been suggested by the Marketing Dept. The results were helpful.

Every type of pellet pistol and rifle on the market is being investigated. Spring loading will be required for accuracy as CO₂ is unreliable. To meet the economic goal cost, it is necessary to design a family of guns with maximum interchangeability.

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