

RIM FIRE RIFLES - contd.

MODEL 580 SINGLE SHOT, 581 BOX &  
582 TUBULAR BOLT ACTION RIFLES  
MODEL 788 CENTER FIRE RIFLE - contd.

As indicated in the development schedule, rim fire (22 caliber) and center fire rifles should be produced so that announcement can be made January 1967.

Molded samples of the proposed Magazine Box for the Model 581 were shown to the committee. A two-piece nylon molding is proposed. A delrin Follower and Spring would be assembled in the box and the two parts sonic (friction) welded. The possibility exists of extending this construction to the center fire rifles at a later date. For the Model 788 introduction, formed metal parts will be used.

The development of the molded Magazine Box has delayed the release to the plant of the Model 581 Magazine and related parts until April.

Model rifles with the black oxide colored and bright Bolt Assemblies were reviewed by the committee. R & D recommended the use of the colored assembly in order to provide a rust resistant finish.

At the February meeting, R & D reported that testing of the 5mm caliber would start as soon as cartridges were available. This status is unchanged. Cartridges are to be hand loaded by Bridgeport R & D and are expected in the near future.

In the discussion of the Arms Development Schedule, Marketing requested the 5mm program be expedited. Warehousing of at least the single shot rifle for announcement January 1967 is essential. R & D indicated that the model drawings for the single shot rifle could be released to the plant in the near future. Additional time will be required for the clip and tubular model development. The Arms Development Schedule will be revised.

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