

RIM FIRE RIFLES - contd.Model 590-591-592, 5mm Cal. Bolt Action Rifles - contd.

As soon as Magazine Boxes are available, Model 591 rifles can be assembled. Revisions are required to the formed Cartridge Feed Insert dies. This is the control part for the Model 592 tubular magazine rifle assembly.

It is expected that Model 590 rifles will be available for field test in June and the Model 591 and 592 rifles in July as scheduled.

R & D reported that the changes proposed in the 5mm caliber ammunition should produce a satisfactory cartridge. As soon as ammunition is available, the performance in pilot rifles can be determined.

Left Hand Bolt Action Rifle

Drawings to move the Bolt Handle to the left side and to produce a mirror image left hand rim fire Rifle have been given to the plant for estimating.

The design to produce a mirror image left hand Model 788 rifle is quite complicated and will require several months to complete the design.

The design to move only the Bolt Handle to the left side if accepted could at a later date be extended to mirror image rifles. On this basis, Marketing agreed to accept the Model 581 rim fire and Model 788, 30-30 caliber left hand rifles with only the Bolt Handle change.

R & D expects to have drawings for the Model 788 left hand Bolt for plant estimating in June.

Committee Action:

Marketing recommendations for the left hand Model 581 and 788 rifles were approved.