

SHOTGUNS - contd.MODEL 870, 28-410 GAUGEMODEL 1100, 20-28-410 GAUGE - contd.

of 5 oz. is expected. Marketing, to assist in holding the weight to a minimum, is considering the use of mahogany wood for the Model 1100, 20, 28 and 410, and Model 870, 28 and 410 gauge A grade guns. Skeet grade guns would have walnut wood and probably added weight in the Magazine Cap so the gun weight would be more comparable with the 12, 16 and 20 gauge as now produced. Further, when the lightweight Model 1100, 20 gauge gun is available, the offering of mahogany wood on the standard 20 gauge would be dropped. The possibility of discontinuing the present 20 gauge gun exists if customers prefer the lightweight version.

R & D was requested to determine if the 20 gauge magnum would be satisfactory in the light model. Also WesternField now produces a 28 gauge magnum shell. R & D is to determine if the gun will handle this shell.

At the July meeting, R & D had indicated a left hand (mirror image) gun could be produced. Marketing had indicated interest. In reviewing at this meeting, Marketing stated that left hand versions should be first introduced in the current 12, 16 and 20 gauge guns before adding to the new line. This was not the approach being taken by R & D; however, since eventually Marketing will want left hand versions, R & D is to design to this objective.

Production reported that processing of released model drawings, tool design and tooling procurement is progressing. Vendor design assistance is being used to expedite the program.

Standard machines are being purchased. Remington machine design is being given priority.

Committee Action:

The design of the vent rib is to be as recommended by Marketing. The checkering pattern was accepted.