

CENTER FIRE RIFLES - contd.MODEL 700 CENTER FIRE BOLT ACTION RIFLEExport

R & D reviewed a sample Model 700 rifle with an adapted Model 600 shrouded Bolt Plug. The proposal is to ship the rifle to Australia to determine if it meets the import standards. This conversion could be made at a cost of \$1.50 each. It could be a temporary program until the 1969 version is available.

1969 Version

The prototype ADL and BDL rifles for 1969 announcement were reviewed. The features on the sample rifles were:

1. Improved Safety
2. Change to Bolt Handle contour
3. Damascene finish on Bolt
4. Stock forearm shape and new checkering pattern
5. Shrouded Bolt Plug
6. New Sling Strap for the BDL grade

As previously approved, the new Safety and changes to the Bolt Handle will be in rifles produced during the first part of 1968. Equipment for the remaining changes must be available so that new rifle production in the lower volume calibers can be effected by September. A new Rear Sight Assembly has not yet been developed but is expected to be available at a later date. Marketing will also consider the use of a plastic Butt Plate for the ADL grade with a white spacer for the BDL.

Funds have previously been authorized for the development of a special machine to damascene finish the Bolt.

The proposed checkering patterns were reviewed. If development of the leaf border for the Model 742 and 760 is satisfactory, the pattern for the BDL appears practical. It will be necessary to make a reduction in the width of the forearm side pattern as shown on the prototype rifle. The ADL pattern with border and skip line checkering was considered acceptable.

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