

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

Shipment of the present design Model 700 to Australia is still authorized. A report on the testing of the shrouded Bolt sample rifle by the Commonwealth Police Office in Melbourne has not been received.

R & D requested Export Sales to determine if a slight protrusion of the Firing Pin Head would be acceptable. This design which has been transmitted for production improves the rifle appearance.

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Design of tooling for the change to the Stock configuration and checkering patterns should be completed in May. The special machine to damascene finish the Bolt is promised for tryout in May.

The precision casting vendors indicate that the change in the design of the Bolt Handle is such that a quality product cannot be produced. With R & D concurrence, the Bolt Handle now in production will be continued.

The intermediate design of the shrouded Bolt Assembly which has been released to the plant will have to be used in order to meet the schedule.

R & D reported that three (3) 6.5 magnum caliber rifles are in Bridgeport R & D for test. Barrels for the 350 magnum and additional 6.5mm are in process, and 6.5 magnums are being tested at Ilion for function. There are some indications that modifications to the feeding may be required. It is believed the present Stock design will be satisfactory; however, epoxy bedding as used on the Model 660 laminated Stock may be required.

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