

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

Marketing in testing model guns requested a design change to reduce the size and weight of the "Adjustable Skeet Weight". R & D expects to release revised model drawings to the Plant July 19. The "Adjustable Skeet Weight" is to be assembled to each skeet grade gun. The gun price will cover the added cost of the weight. Also the "Adjustable Skeet Weight" will be offered as an accessory for the field grade guns.

Production reported that R & D assistance in making three (3) cuts on Model 870, 410 gauge Breech Bolts, providing special cutters for the Barrel, altering Extractors and making Locking Blocks should make it possible to assemble a limited quantity of pre-pilot guns in October.

Permanent tooling for the design changes will not be available until the end of October. This and the availability of new capacity equipment, particularly the fourth GFM machine, limits production until late 1968.

A similar approach to prove the design will be followed by producing one hundred (100) parts for the Model 870, 28 gauge and Model 1100, 410 and 28 gauge, to permit the assembly of pilot guns as soon as possible.

Design changes, particularly to formed blanks, and redesign of the "Adjustable Skeet Weight" may still affect production of the finished guns.

The program for the 20 gauge guns was reviewed. R & D had previously reported that the design of the Model 870 slide action lightweight gun had been completed. The addition of a lightweight Model 870, 20 gauge gun was set aside for the present. The present program is to introduce the lightweight Model 1100 autoloading shotgun in 1970. The attached Exhibit 1 outlines Marketing's proposed listings for the present Model 1100 and the lightweight 20 gauge guns.

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