

RIM FIRE RIFLES - contd.MODEL 590-591-592, 5MM CAL. RIM FIRE RIFLES

A prototype of the enclosed Cartridge Head 5mm caliber rifle was shown to the Committee. Comments were that a smoother action is desirable. In July, model rifles were furnished Bridgeport for testing.

Production reported that the design of tooling for the enclosed Cartridge Head has started. All model drawings except the Model 592 Cartridge Feed Insert were released by R & D.

Tooling should be available to start pilot operations in November. While firm dates on formed blanks and purchase parts have not been received, it is believed that pilot Model 590 single shot and 591 clip rifles can be assembled in December.

The schedule for the Model 592 tubular rifle will have to be established after the design is released.

The change from the original program of providing a rifle to handle the 22 Win. Mag. cartridge to the development of the 5mm caliber rifle and cartridge was reviewed. The initial economics were based on a \$5.00 increase in price over the regular 22 caliber for the magnum rifle. The rifle appearance was changed and now the enclosed Cartridge Head design has been added. Estimated product cost figures were shown. The project figures were reviewed for comparison. This data is not included in this report as Marketing was requested to determine the rifles to be introduced in 1969 and establish the retail selling price.

Due to the change in design, the left hand version of the Model 591 rifle had been dropped. R & D should review the design so that a left hand rifle can be available for 1970 announcement.

Committee Action:

Since the single shot Model 590 may be dropped, any plant work which is only for this rifle should be held.

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