

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

R & D is now completing a comparative endurance test of four Model 1100, 410 gauge guns. Two of the Receivers have the adhesive fastened hardened insert. One of each of the test Receivers was shown to the Committee. It is indicated part breakage is less in guns having the hardened insert. R & D will issue a model drawing change to add the hardened insert to Model 1100, 20-28-410 gauge Receivers.

The action to be taken on guns now being produced was discussed. The performance and endurance is considered satisfactory by R & D and is considerably better than the Model 11-48, 28 and 410 gauge guns.

The Model 1100, 20 gauge lightweight gun to be announced January 1970 will be in the field grade with mahogany wood. The specification of a 20 gauge lightweight magnum gun to have mahogany wood and a Recoil Pad on the Stock is being added. Marketing plans to discontinue the regular Model 1100, 20 gauge with mahogany wood in 1970.

Production reported the following production to warehouse figures:

Model 870	410 gauge field grade	1212
	28 gauge field grade	622
	Matched Pairs	204
Model 1100	410 gauge field grade	718
	28 gauge field grade	527
	Matched Pairs	5

The need for Model Shop assistance in converting blanks to maintain production should be eliminated by the end of June.

Pilot operations have started on some Model 1100, 20 gauge lightweight components. R & D requested that work on the Receiver and Locking Block be held until the design is finalized.