

SHOTGUNS - contd.WOOD PRESS FORMING - contd.

2. Improved and modernized manufacturing facilities with elimination of the hand sanding and filling operation.
3. Further net cost reduction of current manual Fore End manufacturing methods will be extremely difficult. However, work accomplished to date indicates that with the proposed press form system, there are possibilities for substantial reductions in finishing costs not possible with the manual method..

The development of a suitable dip coating that can be press finished might possibly eliminate the present spray coating operations completely. A high spot estimate of this proposal indicated a gross savings of \$23,000 in annual operating cost for the Model 870 Fore Ends. If the above objective can be accomplished, the project would be justified with an estimated return on investment of 13%.

The project will be submitted with two savings calculations. The first is the current proposed process and the second if a suitable dip coating is developed. A sample Stock with a water soluble dip coating was shown to the Committee.

This is a development and the equipment to be provided by the project is required to determine if the Fore End can be pressed and checkered in the same operation.

Marketing again stated that a comparable finish for the Stock and Fore End is desirable and recommended the continued development of the press forming of Fore Ends.

MODEL 870 SHOTGUNS
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Production reported that samples of the white line grip and butt spacers are promised the first part of September.