

SHOTGUNS - contd.White Line Spacers - contd.

were made of the two materials and the vendor has been released. It is expected that spacers will be received so that by November, Stocks will have the spacers.

A sample Stock with the spacers was reviewed with Marketing representatives prior to the meeting. Some guns shipped in the latter part of 1969 will have the spacers. There may also be a carryover of some guns without spacers at the end of 1969.

MODEL 870 AND 1100 SHOTGUNSShell Latch

Production reported that following the introduction of the two-step Shell Latch in the Model 870 shotguns, the rejects at testing had increased from an average of .5 to 2.5%. Customer complaints for hard action and feeding have also been increasing. A similar condition is being experienced in the Model 1100 shotgun.

The vendor has been unable to produce formed blanks that do not require precision adjustment at gun assembly to assure satisfactory gun functioning. Gunsmiths and Remington field personnel have experienced difficulty in making the proper adjustments.

It is believed that the reduction in complaints for inadvertent feeding of shells behind the Carrier have been more than offset by the difficulties for misfeeding and hard actions. Production with R & D concurrence recommended the return to the single step Shell Latch for the 12, 16 and 20 gauge Model 870 and 1100 guns. Since the major dies are used to produce the 28 and 20 gauge LW Shell Latch, these would also be one step. The cost is fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) per set of dies.

R & D stated that in the 410 gauge, the Receiver and other related components were designed to accommodate the double step latch. This is not the case in the other gauges.

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