

CENTER FIRE RIFLES - contd.MODEL 742-X RIFLE - AUTOLOADING CENTER FIRE - contd.

It was reported that a significant change has been made with the Action Spring elements moved from the Stock into the Fore-end. This will provide a desirable spring load on the action when in the break-open position. It will also simplify design of the pump action rifle.

The R & D schedule allowed for three complete design changes, one of which is being used now. It is expected that model drawings will be released in June, 1973. It will be necessary to tool for all the "family of guns" to permit special machine construction for minimum labor cost. The shotgun is following the rifle by approximately six months. An appearance model 2-shot gun will be completed June 1. The shotgun is to have an elevator feed system which will eliminate shell stemming malfunctions. The locking system will be rotary, providing a stronger action. The 5-shot model will follow the 2-shot.

It is planned to provide Marketing with rifles to test approximately June, 1973.

Marketing expressed the opinion that interchangeable calibers would be a valuable feature. The serious hunter should be interested in this feature and it would be a good selling tool.

N/C programming for producing the Frame, Top Lock and Bolt has started. The R & D Milwaukee-Matic N/C machine has been transferred to the plant for the 3200 Shotgun. After the meeting, the purchase order for the R & D replacement N/C machine was released.

R & D made the following comparison of estimated costs:

Model 742	Factory Cost	\$ 58.33
Model 742X Mag.	Estimated Factory Cost.	73.90
Model 742X Mag.	Retail Selling.	219.95
Browning Autoloader Reg. (1972).		229.95
Browning Autoloader Mag. (1972).		249.95