

R. & D LONG RANGE PROGRAM REVIEW - contd.MODEL 700 IMPROVEMENTS - contd.

All of these items are interchangeable and would not affect field service in any way.

The following changes will require special treatment in order to accommodate field service requirements and are recommended for 1974 introduction.

1. New Stock with wider fore-end adapted to rolled on checkering or cut checkering and with new Tip and Grip Cap.
2. New Receiver and Bolt with anti-bind device added.
3. New lighter Firing Pin with full shroud over Firing Pin head.
4. Other appearance changes to be agreed on such as photo-engraved Floor Plate, and new Butt Plate such as presently used on Model 541 Sporter.

An appearance sample was presented for review.

NOTE: The Planning Department reports total M/700 orders received year ending June, 1971 were 89,821; through June, 1972, 73,854.

Points made during discussion of the program:

1. The new lighter Firing Pin is the item to reduce lock time.
2. A cocking indicator on the Firing Pin head should be included as an improvement.
3. The Model 700 prototype, a Ruger 77 and a new Winchester M/70 were reviewed. Quality of workmanship on the Ruger 77 was noted. While the Winchester M/70 is improved over last year, it is not overwhelming.