

SHOTGUNS - contd.MODEL 3200 SHOTGUN - contd.Committee Action:

The Operations Committee accepted the production sample Model 3200 field grade shotgun. Management approval to release for invoice shipment was recommended.

IRON SHOT PROGRAM

There was discussion of the iron shot program. Bridgeport and R & D is considering loading iron shot only in 3" shells. This volume appears to be needed for shell performance and loading space. At present about 45,000 guns are sold each year with 3" chamber.

R & D indicated that 3" shells would not perform satisfactorily in guns with 2-3/4" chambers. The Chairman asked if an acceptable steel shot conversion kit could be provided for 2-3/4" chamber guns. It appears possible to provide such a kit; however a study would have to be made to determine the requirements for each model gun.

Bridgeport R & D is to provide a quantity of 3" iron shot shells to Ilion R & D as soon as possible for testing.

R & D reported that the Production Department is completing a new lot of Barrels for steel shot testing this week. This will be made up in Model 870 plain Barrels to the minimum wall thickness (approx. .032") of the Model 3200 Barrels. One-half of the lot is made with the flatter taper ahead of the choke and one-half of each lot will be hardened by heat treatment at the choke section.

ERD has blanks ready for cold forming a test lot of 50 Barrels. These are also to be made in the Model 870 assembly with the minimum wall thickness for the Model 3200 shotgun. One-half of these Barrels will have the model drawing choke and one-half will have a "full taper" choke. One-half of each lot is to be stress relieved. It is now expected that this lot of Barrels will be ready for shipment to Bridgeport in January, 1973.