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Model 1100, 12-16-20 Gauge	Received Feb. 9
Mohawk-48	Received Feb. 16
Model 1100 - Lightweight & Left Hand	Due Feb. 23
Model 870 - All	Due Mar. 6

CENTER FIRE RIFLESMODEL 742X - AUTOLOADING CENTER FIRE  
(Introduction 1976)

R & D demonstrated a Model 742X prototype rifle and its features. This is a magnum caliber rifle which weighs 8 lbs. 9 oz. The new prototypes in magnum calibers are expected to weight 8 lbs. and 3 to 4 oz. 30-06 Caliber is expected to weight 7 and 3/4 lbs. Four more prototype rifles will be made and ready for testing in July. These will include two magnum calibers and two regular calibers. After July, ten more prototype rifles will be made with expected completion in January, 1974. This work will include testing of interchangeability of calibers.

The development schedule called for announcement of this rifle in January, 1976. It is scheduled to be released to production in June, 1974. However, Production needs to begin work on this gun in January, 1974. The magnum caliber has been scheduled to be released first. It may be possible to release all calibers at the same time. In any event, Production activities will have to start before final release of design.

There does not appear to be a competitor in a position to introduce a new autoloading rifle.

The new model Study Group has had its first meeting and will meet every two weeks. Priorities are being studied. Marketing is developing volume versus selling price information. Production is developing cost versus volume information. The new models are being considered as new business and not as replacement for existing models.