

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

Questions and comments were concerned with the necessity of a break-action to permit camouflaging the Receiver length. Could the Winchester Model 1400 concept be designed around for adequate appearance? Perhaps it could be. Marketing has reservations about the break-action appearance.

Development of the Model 742X was reviewed. While the Model 742 does have a rotary lock, it is not a full rotary lock with only a portion of the lugs used. This in effect is also an off-center locking system with similar problems to the Model 1100. A Barrel Assembly and Bolt were shown to demonstrate the locking mechanism.

In summary, the rifle needed the same treatment as the shotgun. Design is progressing simultaneously on the rifle and shotgun. The family approach is being utilized for minimum product cost and capital investment.

Model 742, 742X and four competitive rifles were shown and discussed - Exhibit 4. It was concluded that the greatest competition for the 742X is the 742.

MODEL 700 BOLT ACTION CENTER FIRE RIFLE - IMPROVEMENTS
(Introduction 1974)

Production reported that tool design and procurement for the Model 700 rifle improvements are on schedule. It is expected that BDL Stocks will be available for hand checkering to start in early May.

Du Pont development of the high speed multi-head N/C checkering machine is on schedule. A cancellable order for the DEC controller has been placed for August delivery which will permit completing the machine on schedule. Alternate controllers with earlier delivery are being investigated since this would make the build schedule more flexible. Cost of providing two 3-head machines is being estimated. Review of the program is scheduled for the week of March 26. It is expected that other long delivery items can be ordered after the review.

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