

FIREARMSWOOD PRESS FORMINGMODEL 870, 12-16-20 GAUGE FORE-ENDS

Production reported that equipment modifications, required to produce acceptable wrap-around checkering on Model 870 Fore-ends, are currently under way.

Trial startup of equipment to press form one-half of the total forecast volume of Model 870, 12-16-20 gauge Fore-ends still appears possible in July, 1973.

RXI-52-6 for the additional funds required is in Bridgeport for authorization.

SHOTGUNSMODEL 1100, 20 GAUGE LIGHTWEIGHT SHOTGUN

R & D reported that testing has continued on the two prototype Model 1100, 20 gauge lightweight shotguns with long Barrel Extensions. Between 16,000 and 17,000 rounds, the Locking Block cracked in both guns. Testing will continue until failure of the Locking Blocks. Records of previous testing will be reviewed to determine what differences exist that could contribute to this condition. During the current testing, the two guns had an 0.05% malfunction rate.

Efforts to develop the 20 gauge lightweight into a suitable skeet gun will continue.

MODEL 3200 SHOTGUN
(Introduction 1973)

Production reported that 997 Model 3200 shotguns have been produced in May through the 23rd. It is expected that the schedule of 1430 guns for May will be met.