

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, will be completed in June. Samples are to be available at the July meeting.

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 was approved May 25, 1973.

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. The Locking Blocks had cracked between 16,000 and 17,000 rounds. Testing continued to 22,000 rounds when both the Locking Block and Bolt failed safely. There is no evidence of failure of the long Barrel Extension or modified Receiver.

Redesigned Locking Blocks will be in test in July.

MODEL 3200 SHOTGUN  
(Introduction 1973)

Production reported that 411 Model 3200 shotguns have been produced in June through the 16th. It is expected that the schedule of 1365 guns for June will be met.