

SHOTGUNS - contd.MODEL 3200 SHOTGUN  
(Introduction 1973)

Production reported a reduction in Standard Costs of \$74,720 and Labor Variance of \$65,440 through October 9.

A used EB N/C machine has been purchased with delivery expected the week of November 5. Installation will take about one week. This should reduce costs by providing an adequate supply of parts to subsequent operations.

The new Barrel Band and Barrel Band Stud are in production. Trial and pilot operations are in progress on the redesigned Fore-end Latch Cover. Revised Fore-end Plates are ready for trial assembly. It is expected that these parts will be available for gun assembly in November.

A complete inventory shows enough Fore-end wood for 600 One of 1000 and PREMIER guns. Purchasing is expediting the delivery of additional wood.

The new PREMIER roll mark is expected to be received the week of October 22. Production of PREMIER guns will start in November and shipment in December.

Study of the black oxide metal coloring process is continuing in an effort to improve color durability.

Following are the main points of the discussion on metal color durability:

- . The Frame and Trigger Guard show the most wear.
- . Customer complaints are increasing.
- . Coloring of Trigger Guard and Top Lock Lever was changed to automatic system in August which should improve durability.
- . Repair requires strip, polish and recolor. This is expensive.

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