

SHOTGUNS - contd.PHOTO-ETCHED MATTING OF VENT RIBS - contd.

While the initial reaction to the sample was good, Marketing will keep the sample for comparison to competitive products.

Production is ready to warehouse this product and begin increasing output and yield through this process.

Marketing is to determine acceptability of the photo-etched matting and advise Production as soon as possible.

MODEL 1100 AUTOLOADING SHOTGUN - IMPROVEMENTS

R & D reported that drawings for the revised Action Bars will be completed in December. Drawings for the holes in the Barrel Extension for the shell catcher will be completed as soon as a sample catcher is received from Marketing. 83

The current Fore-end Tube with ears removed and glued into the Fore-end is in testing. If results are good, this could be a temporary improvement until the new thicker wall Fore-end Tubes are available. Production expects to have a continuous supply of the new tubes in August.

R & D has requested Marketing to provide five of the new Winchester autoloading shotguns for analysis and testing.

MODEL 1100X AUTOLOADING SHOTGUN
(Introduction not established)

R & D reported that five prototype Model 1100X shotguns will be completed in June or July, 1974. These prototype guns will have changes, which were shown to be needed during testing of the first two prototype guns, to improve endurance and functional performance. These are to be 5-shot guns. Work on the 2-shot guns will be held for the present.

Efforts to improve economics through design and processing continue.