

RIM FIRE RIFLESMODEL 540XR AND 540XRJR POSITION RIFLESMODEL 40XC NATIONAL MATCH RIFLEMODEL 40XR POSITION RIFLE

(Introduction 1974)

A new pilot lot of Model 540XR Stocks is in process and is to be ready for hardware assembly the week of July 1. Pilot assembly and testing are to be completed in July.

Programming of the N/C routing of outside contours of the Model 40XR-XC Stocks requires further revision. The goal remains to complete pilot assembly, design testing and start production to warehouse in July.

MATERIALS SUPPLYWOOD

The May minutes recorded that Marketing has provided tags and label wording for Mohawk-48 shotguns. This is incorrect. No tag or label wording change is planned.

Production reported that mahogany Stock and Fore-end samples were reviewed by Marketing for finish and color. Samples of lightest and darkest acceptable color were established for use of this wood on Model 870 and 1100 shotguns.

The Operations Committee reviewed the mahogany samples.

It is expected that about 20,000 Model 1100 (15,000 12 gauge) and 18,000 Model 870 (12,000 12 gauge) will be produced in mahogany. These guns will be tagged identifying the wood.

Walnut supply will remain limited this year. There will be some improvement in September but will get tighter in November and December. About 5% more scrap is expected with mahogany than with walnut. Closer machining tolerances are required for press forming mahogany Stocks. Also staining tends to show up flaws more than on walnut. New cost of mahogany based on boles is not available and the supply situation is not fully defined.

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