

CENTER FIRE RIFLESMODEL 7400, 7600, FOUR AND SIX
(1981 Introduction)

Production reviewed production to the warehouse (Exhibit 6), noting that all calibers are now available for shipment, though some are in limited supply. Exhibit 7 shows the progress that has been made in increasing product to the warehouse. The average daily rate has increased each month, from 34 guns per day in August to 317 guns per day in November.

Exhibit 8 compares gallery performance of the 7400 to that of the 742, in 30-06 Caliber. Production emphasized that these represent rejects from the gallery, and problems are corrected before the guns are warehoused. They also pointed out that in light of this high reject rate, the standard audit sample size has been doubled for the new models. To date, the malfunction rate of guns which passed the gallery has been about 3%. 83

A Committee of Research and Production personnel has been organized to investigate high gallery reject rate. The specific goals of the Committee are to:

1. Identify causes of malfunctions and provide short-term corrective action; and,
2. Identify and implement long term solutions.

Research noted that the first goal will be completed by February, with the second expected to take six to twelve months.

The Chairman asked that the Model 7400 report for the next few months include a report on quality. Marketing noted that a limited warehouse audit will be conducted prior to the January meeting.

Marketing reported that the new rifles were announced at last month's Sales Meeting and at the Outdoor Writer's Conference. Response to the new rifles at the N.A.S.G.W. Show was favorable. As of December 11, orders for 3,150 guns have been entered. Initial shipments began the week of December 8.

The 7400 Committee reported that, with limited quantities now available for shipment, their mission has been accomplished. They recommended that the 7400 Committee be dissolved.

Committee Action

The Operations Committee approved the recommendation to dissolve the 7400 Committee.