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PRODUCT SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 6, 1979

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MODEL 552 .222 CAL. RIFLE

Mr. Hooton reported that some Model 552 rifles had been assembled using receivers in which the action bar slot was too wide, caused by new tooling at a vendor's shop. This results in the action binding and failing to close completely, with the possibility that the cartridge could be fired out of battery. There is no positive lockup on this rifle. The defect was discovered in a P.E. and C. quality audit. The defective rifles were made over a two-day period; about 20 guns might be involved.

Shipments were stopped on February 23, 1979. Recall of the rifles is in progress, H. D. Albaugh having called wholesalers who received them. They have been instructed to return the rifles to J. H. Carter. As they are returned, they will be replaced. It is expected that all of the guns affected will be returned.



B.K. Daubenspeck
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