

MINUTE #3 - 1979

## LIMITED DISTRIBUTION

### PRODUCT SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 1979

#### PRESENT:

#### SUBCOMMITTEE

E. F. BARRETT, CHAIRMAN  
S. K. DAUBENSPECK, SECRETARY  
E. HOCKET, JR.  
R. A. PARTNOY  
J. G. WILLIAMS  
R. C. LARSON

#### OTHER

J. E. PREISER  
R. B. SPERLING  
C. B. WORKMAN  
J. H. CHISNALL

#### XP-100 CHANGES

C. B. Workman reported that three design changes have been made in the XP-100 in the last several weeks due to problems in production and returned goods. Shipments are being held up at present pending a discussion by the Products Safety Subcommittee. The changes are:

1. The sear has been redesigned to increase the lift clearance between the sear and the bolt stop pin to prevent hard "safety on" forces when the maximum cam on the safety lever is used. This change was made to a non-critical area of the sear and does not adversely affect its operation or strength.
2. The top of the trigger was redesigned to eliminate possible interference with the trigger adjustment screw.
3. Redesign of the safety lever to better control sol-

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erances is in progress. This is not yet complete.

Mr. Boston pointed out that the gun function is safe even without these design changes, which were effected to facilitate ease of operation of the gun and to simplify the assembly of the gun. He is satisfied that the changes are in order and will not adversely affect safety. Sufficient testing is being done to assure safe and satisfactory functioning of the gun.

The Subcommittee approved shipment of XP-100 guns with the three changes listed above.

The Subcommittee discussed the question of a bolt lock on the XP-100. In 1975, when a decision was made to remove the bolt lock from the Model 788, a similar decision was made on the XP-100. Guns made since then are not provided with a bolt lock, and the XP-100 guns [redacted] returned to the factory for repair are shipped to the customer [redacted] without the bolt lock, and a sticker is affixed to the guns advising the customer of this fact.

Mr. Workman said that an inertial block must be used on custom XP-100 barreled actions. The inertial block installation is required to protect against jar-off. Because of the difficulty in insuring that customers who buy barreled actions use the inertial block, it was decided that barreled actions would not be sold as a separate item.

This ammunition was the subject of a recall because of low pressures with the possibility of squib loads. Remington's recall advertisement was released on November 29, 1978, and was published

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In December, Marketing was requested to furnish the Product Safety Subcommittee with documentation of the advertisement, listing publications and dates.

[REDACTED] Of 49,150 rounds produced under this code, 19,135 rounds have been returned as of February 1, 1979. It is believed that most, if not all, of the remaining rounds have already been fired.

The status of this recall will again be reviewed 30 days after the recall advertisement's last appearance in local newspapers, which was on January 28, 1979.

RECALL OF CERTAIN MODELS 600, 660 AND MOHAWK 600 RIFLES  
AND XP-100 PISTOLS

A letter is to be mailed to all of our key dealers on February 8, 1979, giving them detailed information on procedures for this recall. A copy of this letter is attached to these minutes.

Efforts will be made by Marketing to obtain a complete list of Federal Firearms licensees to be used for mailing similar information. Attempts to get a machine-readable list of license holders from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) failed because BATF has now gone to microfiche which is not easily converted to computer. Working from microfiche would mean months of delay in getting the information mailed.

Recall advertisements have been run in newspapers, weeklies, verticals, etc. An advertisement was placed in the January, 1979, issue of American Rifleman and will be repeated in the April issue.

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Mr. Larson reported on the status of the recall as follows:

Total guns involved . . . . . about 200,000

Trigger assemblies shipped to repair stations through January 39 . . . . . 13,976

Invoice for guns repaired paid to date  
in the United States . . . . . 7,786  
and in Canada . . . . . 335

Mr. Preiser reported that he will assess and review results of the recall advertisements shortly.

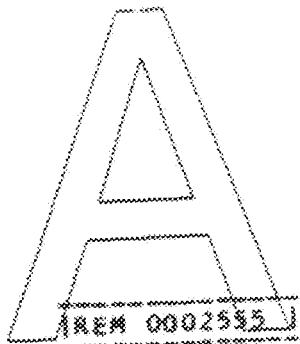
## GUN SAFETY - COMMUNICATION WITH CUSTOMERS

To develop a program for communicating to our customers the importance of safe gun handling and to give them needed information, we have engaged the firm of Bill and Knowlton. Mr. Partney reported that we expect to hear from them concerning their outline for a program within the next two weeks.

30-30 WIN. "ACCELERATOR"

Mr. Chinnall reported that 99.6% of the cartridges sought by Remington have been retrieved from the distributors and dealers who received the suspect ammunition.

B. K. Daubenspeck  
Research Fellow  
Ammunition Research



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TO REMINGTON FIREARMS DIVISION:

BULLETIN: PROJECT MISCELLANEOUS

As you are undoubtedly aware, we are recalling certain of our Model 800 series of center fire rifles and our XP-100 target pistol. We are trying to reach all of the owners who may have these recalled models and you can be of invaluable assistance to us in this effort. To date, we have alerted the public to our recall through radio and television coverage as well as by newspaper and magazine articles and advertisements. In order to help us reach the individual shooter directly, we ask that you look through your files to determine the customers to whom the following recalled guns were sold:

MODELS BEING RECALLED

All Remington Model 800 and 860 rifles, and all Remington shotguns EXCEPT THOSE WITH A SERIAL NUMBER STARTING WITH THE "A".

Any XP-100 pistol with a serial number below 7507984, EXCEPT THOSE WITH THE PREFIX "A" OR "B" BEFORE THE NUMBER.

DATE OF MANUFACTURE

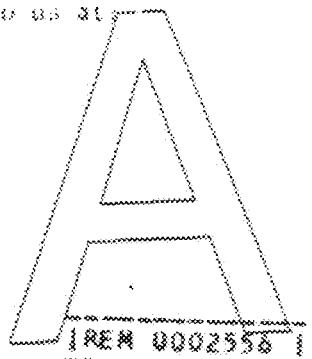
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Please send the customer's name and address to us at

Remington Arms Company, Inc.  
Box 540  
Bridgeport, CT 06602

and we will contact them.



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Included for your convenience is a form to be used in obtaining  
the above information.

We also urge you to check your own firearms inventories to  
be absolutely sure none of those recalled guns remain in your  
stock. If you find that you do have either a new or used gun  
covered by the recall, call the appropriate toll-free number  
listed below to find the name of the nearest participating  
gunsmith who will, at no charge, inspect and modify the gun  
as required.

All states except Georgia      - 1-800-281-8844 (operator 61)  
Georgia only                    - 1-800-282-1333 (operator 61)

Inquiring customers who may have guns covered by the recall  
should be told that Remington recommends that prior to any  
further use of their guns that they be inspected and modified  
as required. This will be done at no charge by participating  
gunsmiths around the country. Customers may call one of the  
above toll-free phone numbers for the name of the nearest  
participating gunsmith. (The location is not guaranteed to  
personally deliver the gun, the customer may need the gun sent  
to the gunsmith and have it returned to you.)

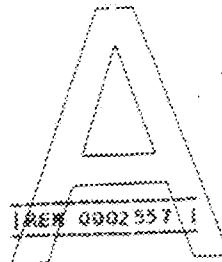
For convenient in-store use and display purposes we are enclosing  
a laminated version of this same information  
pertaining to the recall.

We thank you for your cooperation in assisting us in this recall  
and expect any inconvenience caused you or your customers.

Sincerely,

E. J. Conroy  
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