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Mr. Les Norman  
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XP-100  
 Testing

Dear Les:

I just returned from Chicago after having attended the Sports Show. While there I had a nice chat with Dave Bushnell and we discussed the pistol scope and mount problems. It has been agreed that we will furnish him a list of the sports writers to receive the XP-100 Pistol and he can ship his scope separately. In this manner we show no partiality.

Tom Frye certainly is an asset to Remington and I feel sure he is appreciated as much by Management as he is by me. As far as pistols are concerned Remington has very few experienced men, particularly in the Sales Department.

Yes, the scope idea is, I believe, necessary to put this pistol across -- especially to reveal its remarkable accuracy.

My idea for the carrying of the XP-100 other than to use a holster is to use a sling attached to the fore end and bottom of the grip. I neglected to send you some fixtures for attaching the sling, so will forward these immediately. I thought you might try out some of your ideas if you had a spare stock and sling with attachments.

I am also forwarding to you some 38 Cal. bullets, an aluminum mount and drawing, in addition to the scope and steel mount you sent. These mounts appear to be satisfactory but I favor 75ST aluminum for lighter weight. We find some fairly good groups with the scope combination using factory ammunition. The large cross hairs impaired our sighting ability as they covered the target at 50 yards. I agree with you that finer cross hairs would be desirable and advised Dave Bushnell of our findings.

The .230 Mag. certainly sounds interesting and at 3600 should do a real job. I would be interested in more particulars.

Mr. L. Bowman

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I have just been checking over some of your previous unanswered letters and have noticed that some of your questions need a reply. For example, your question concerning 4227 powder versus 2400. We have tried, I believe, all available powders including 2400 and have found 4227 to be the most ideal for this barrel length. With the 50 grain bullet we are using 15.8 grains of 4227.

As far as adjustment of the trigger pull is concerned, we have set up a factory specification of 1 1/2 to 2 3/4 lb. pull. Most of the pistols that we have tested as produced by the factory have revealed a trigger pull of approximately 2 lbs. With careful adjustment, of course, the 1 1/2 lb. pull could be reduced but might be on the dangerous side. The only adjustment we have provided is for creep and for over-travel of the trigger. This adjustment is in the rear of the fire control housing. The creep adjustment is located up front of the forward trigger housing, which is the adjustment for the sear block to eliminate creep.

Thanks, Lea, for all your help and good advice. If you need anything else, please let me know.

Regards,

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