

XP-100
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Dear Tom:

I have alerted our Arms Service Section that the .230 Magnum will be coming my way and to be on the lookout for it. We will give this rifle and ammunition combination our immediate attention.

Now to answer some of your questions on the Speed-Memo. The clip that you saw on the XP-100 we tested in Idaho 2 years ago was a dummy clip and indicated the position where a magazine could feed shells from the left side into an auto-loading mechanism, the autoloader being similar in size and balance to the XP-100. In other words this device was for purposes of demonstrating to the Military what could be done in an autoloader. It was not our intention nor could a design be devised to feed in this manner for a bolt action pistol. For example, if you carefully examine the XP-100 you will notice that the left locking lug would have to be the feeding portion of the bolt to strip cartridges. It would be very difficult to hold the cartridge in position until it reached the center of the bolt for feeding purposes. Also, there is not enough room to feed shells up through the grip section of this pistol.

All of these things were of course investigated during the initial stages of this model. It might be possible to feed from the left side if we eliminate the left locking lug, but it was decided that the venture was not worth the effort. As far as law enforcement agencies are concerned, I am sure the autoloading version would be much more desirable (please keep this confidential!).

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