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MODEL 500 BARREL BRACKET #2431

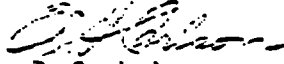
A revised cost comparison of the above Barrel Bracket and the regular M/700 Bracket has been completed as requested.

The full factory cost of the M/600 and M/700 Barrel Brackets is \$.45 and \$.37, respectively. The current M/600 Bracket with the required additional polishing around the periphery costs approximately \$.03 more than the standard M/700 Bracket.

A proposal is being considered of having the vendor perform a shave operation, and hopefully thus being able to eliminate the extra polishing now required on the M/600 Barrel Bracket. If this were 100% successful, the cost would be reduced to approximately \$.01 more than the present M/700 Barrel Bracket.

However, if the cost of the vendor tooling, about \$2,000, were to be amortized over the next five years, an additional \$.02 would be added to the cost of the component. This would make the proposed M/600 Bracket cost about \$.03 more than the present M/700 Bracket.

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