

- Model 700 204 Ruger

OBJECTIVE: New Product

Discussed with Engineering and Planning the projected timeline for delivering this new product in as expeditious a fashion as possible. Planning has begun driving independent demand for long lead time items (stocks). Engineering has ordered tooling and components to handload. Marketing agreed to drop .243 Win and 7mm-08 Rem M700 LV SF show specials to allow resources to focus on .204 Ruger. Bottomline is that if all goes to plan, we will deliver product to the warehouse by mid to late May.

ACTION: Will review progress as we find results and at next PTM.

2005 Prospective Ilion New Rifle Programs

- 2005 New Products

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Action: Trull to lead group in discussion about prospective new product concepts for 2005.

Discussion centered around the following:

1. New synthetic stock for M700 – R&D to run this program. Diaz will act as mediator between E-Town and Ilion. All were in agreement that we can't have another M7 scenario on our hands.
2. M700 SPS DM – Findlay spoke on concept of incorporating .223 Rem and Ultra Mags into our DM system. Bottomline is that the climb does not appear to be worth the view. Will pursue with standard calibers.

Ilion Engineering Topics – Rifles

- Alternative Metal Finish for Stainless Rifles

OBJECTIVE: Product Enhancement

Action: Report on cost and properties of various options for coatings were due on 9/30. No report has been presented to date. Ilion should be prepared to advise of status.

No additional work had been done to date. Engineering is going to proceed with samples of e-nickel Teflon and a boron ceramic coating.

ACTION: Engineering should be prepared to report on costs for both processes and address potential means for incorporating into production at the next PTM.

- Roller Burnish for Rifle Chambers

OBJECTIVE: Product Enhancement

Engineering reported at last meeting that this process is being held up due to chamber eccentricity issues. Bulk of problem appears to rest with current CF heading process at Ilion.

Action: Engineering to advise on progress of implementing this process on CF rifles. Have eccentricity and processing concerns been corrected? Are we still on track to implement in February of 2004?

Implementing on a gradual basis now. Will continue to monitor at subsequent meetings.

Ilion Quality Issues – Rifles

- Bolt Action Rifle "Lays Left" Issue

OBJECTIVE: Quality Issue

Action: Engineering & Quality to discuss progress since last meeting.

Scott Weese addressed team with findings by the "barrel lays left" team. Findings were very encouraging with the product benefiting from the results of the finding near term.

ACTION: Engineering to continue to work together with Quality and Production to implement corrective actions. Will continue to review at subsequent meetings.