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MAJOR PRODUCT UPGRADING

Standardization of Operation - Contd. (Slide A26)

One model is a three-position Safety. The "OFF" Safety position is forward. The middle position is "ON" Safe and the Bolt is locked. The rear position is "ON" Safe but the Bolt can be unlocked.

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The other model is a Bolt Lock mounted on the Bolt Plug. It is used in conjunction with the present two-position Safety. When the Bolt is closed and cocked, the Bolt Handle is locked in the down position. With the Safe in the "OFF" position, the Trigger can be actuated to fire the rifle and this will automatically unlock the Bolt so that it can be opened. To open the Action with the Safe "ON", the Bolt Lock Lever on the Bolt Plug must be depressed, while at the same time, lifting the Bolt Handle. This can be done easily with a natural motion of the hand and thumb.

Prototypes of these designs are now in test. It is anticipated that final designs will be ready for acceptance by December 1978.

Guns with each of these design features are on display boards and can be examined after the presentations.

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Because the autoloading shotgun market is such an important segment of the total industry, there has been heavy competitive pressure over the past few years. This can readily be seen in the quality and durability of our competitors' latest offerings. While we have not yet lost market share, the effects of the Browning 2000, Winchester SX-1 and Smith and Wesson 1000 will be felt.



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