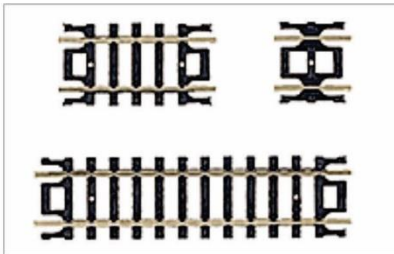


Joiner Track Positioning

NTRAK standards stipulate Atlas #2501 5-inch code 80 straight tracks for module joiner tracks. Unfortunately this is not a perfect world so many modelers have an assortment of longer and shorter joiner tracks created from pieces of code 80 flextrack. Such is life.



Atlas has an “N Snaptrack Assortment” #2509 that includes a piece that is half the length of the recommended joiner track at 2 ½-inches long. When laying track on your module clamp a board to the end of the module (as if you were attaching to another module) with the top edge above the module surface. Temporarily attach a 2 ½ inch track piece to the modules track center up against the board at one end and proceed to mount your module’s trackage from the other end. Remove the 2 ½-inch track piece after your module’s trackage is laid. In a perfect world that should set your joiner track

gap “perfectly”. **NOTE:** Why do I have those little 1/8th track pieces in there? Sometimes bad things happen to good modules. The little track pieces are expendable and easily replaced if damaged. Much better than replacing a 3 foot length of flex or cutting out the damaged section, especially in this case where the turnouts would be at risk.



OR: If you have another finished module, clamp it to your new module, insert joiner tracks and then lay the track on the new module from the end of the joiner tracks. If those two modules are a set you should have a constant joiner track gap.