



Interurban Track Centers and Obstacle Clearances

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This RP is similar to NMRA RP-7.2 Curved Track Centers and NMRA RP-7.3 Curved Track Obstacle Clearances. While track center and obstacle clearance calculation methodology is the same as that for conventional equipment, there is only one limiting type of interurban equipment:

- Interurban Car:** 55-foot to corner posts, 40 feet between bolsters
- Tangent Centers:** 12.5 feet
- Tangent Obstacle:** 6.0 feet

That means a single table may contain both track centers and obstacle clearances. Further, interurban equipment often operates on curves that are far sharper than those used for conventional equipment. Use this table in the same manner as instructed in NMRA RP-7.2 and RP-7.3.

PROTOTYPE Radius (ft.)	35	45	60	75	100	125	150	175	200	Tangent
Inside Clearance (ft.)	12.28	10.69	9.43	8.72	8.02	7.61	7.34	7.15	7.00	6.00
Outside Clearance (ft.)	8.51	8.25	7.92	7.67	7.37	7.15	7.00	6.88	6.78	6.00
Track Centers (ft.)	19.54	18.55	17.45	16.67	15.79	15.21	14.80	14.50	14.27	12.50
1/2" SCALE Radius (in.)	17 1/2"	22 1/2"	30"	37 1/2"	50"	62 1/2"	75"	87 1/2"	100"	Tangent
Inside Clearance (in.)	6 1/8"	5 11/32"	4 23/32"	4 11/32"	4"	3 13/16"	3 21/32"	3 9/16"	3 1/2"	3"
Outside Clearance (in.)	4 1/4"	4 1/8"	3 31/32"	3 27/32"	3 11/16"	3 9/16"	3 1/2"	3 7/16"	3 13/32"	3"
Track Centers (in.)	9 25/32"	9 9/32"	8 23/32"	8 11/32"	7 29/32"	7 19/32"	7 13/32"	7 1/4"	7 1/8"	6 1/4"
O SCALE Radius (in.)	8 3/4"	11 1/4"	15"	18 3/4"	25"	31 1/4"	37 1/2"	43 3/4"	50"	Tangent
Inside Clearance (in.)	3 1/16"	2 11/16"	2 11/32"	2 3/16"	2"	1 29/32"	1 27/32"	1 25/32"	1 3/4"	1 1/2"
Outside Clearance (in.)	2 1/8"	2 1/16"	1 31/32"	1 29/32"	1 27/32"	1 25/32"	1 3/4"	1 23/32"	1 11/16"	1 1/2"
Track Centers (in.)	4 7/8"	4 5/8"	4 3/8"	4 5/32"	3 15/16"	3 13/16"	3 11/16"	3 5/8"	3 9/16"	3 1/8"
S SCALE Radius (in.)	6 9/16"	8 7/16"	11 1/4"	14 1/16"	18 3/4"	23 7/16"	28 1/8"	32 13/16"	37 1/2"	Tangent
Inside Clearance (in.)	2 5/16"	2"	1 25/32"	1 5/8"	1 1/2"	1 7/16"	1 3/8"	1 11/32"	1 5/16"	1 1/8"
Outside Clearance (in.)	1 19/32"	1 17/32"	1 1/2"	1 7/16"	1 3/8"	1 11/32"	1 5/16"	1 9/32"	1 9/32"	1 1/8"
Track Centers (in.)	3 21/32"	3 15/32"	3 9/32"	3 1/8"	2 31/32"	2 27/32"	2 25/32"	2 23/32"	2 11/16"	2 11/32"
HO SCALE Radius (in.)	4 13/16"	6 3/16"	8 9/32"	10 11/32"	13 25/32"	17 7/32"	20 21/32"	24 1/8"	27 9/16"	Tangent
Inside Clearance (in.)	1 11/16"	1 15/32"	1 5/16"	1 3/16"	1 3/32"	1 1/16"	1"	1"	31/32"	13/16"
Outside Clearance (in.)	1 3/16"	1 1/8"	1 3/32"	1 1/16"	1"	1"	31/32"	15/16"	15/16"	13/16"
Track Centers (in.)	2 11/16"	2 9/16"	2 13/32"	2 9/32"	2 3/16"	2 3/32"	2 1/32"	2"	1 31/32"	1 23/32"
N SCALE Radius (in.)	2 5/8"	3 3/8"	4 1/2"	5 5/8"	7 1/2"	9 3/8"	11 1/4"	13 1/8"	15"	Tangent
Inside Clearance (in.)	29/32"	13/16"	23/32"	21/32"	19/32"	9/16"	9/16"	17/32"	17/32"	7/16"
Outside Clearance (in.)	5/8"	5/8"	19/32"	9/16"	9/16"	17/32"	17/32"	17/32"	1/2"	7/16"
Track Centers (in.)	1 15/32"	1 13/32"	1 5/16"	1 1/4"	1 3/16"	1 1/8"	1 1/8"	1 3/32"	1 1/16"	15/16"