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The dimensions for roadbed given below represent good Civil Engineering practice for typical mainline construction. Individual railroads have standards that will vary somewhat but the model builder can follow the dimensions given for good realistic appearance. Modern dimensions have been added and refer to practice after 1975.

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SINGLE TRACK, TANGENT

BERM CUT





SINGLE TRACK, CURVED



DOUBLE TRACK, TANGENT

RIVER GRAVEL OR DECOMPOSED GRANITE

MODERN: 1' OF SUBBALLAST





DOUBLE TRACK, TANGENT





SLOPE AS