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Image: constraint of the end	06-08-2020, 08:26 AM #679 Pete finally got me to understand the short circuit through the bottom of the PC Board. So the problem was how to cut a notch underneath without ripping everything out. On the outside tracks, it wasn't too hard, since those were short sections that lead to the PC Board crossing. On the bridge itself, the challenge was to get access to the bottom without having to relay all of the track. I carefully pried up the track and then used a triangle file to cut the notch from underneath. An advantage of caulk is it's easy to remove/reposition track, slip a thin blade putty knife between the track and roadbed. Then you can put a light coat of caulk to refasten the track.
Posts: 11493	The other problem is figuring out how to check the notch. I've found a small make-up compact is invaluable for trackwork!





Finally, a photo of the drop gate dropped, its normal location.



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	06-08-2020, 11:02 AM Chuck is correct on this one, AFAIK (I'm not an engineer, don't play one on Tee-Vee, and didn't sleep in a Holiday Inn Express last night), but I should have	
Orionvp17 Senior Member Join Date: Feb 2007 Posts: 8839	seen and suggested that option on the front end of the off-list discussion with Dave Sorry Dave It's been a Long week here, and I'm probably more tired than I think 🙄 [)] Pete in Michigan	
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deemery Senior Member	o6-o8-2020, 11:30 AM Well, I did get to test the adjustability of the track on the gate, I know I can wiggle it a bit if I need to because of expansion/contraction. dave	
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deemery	06-08-2020, 02:10 PM #686 Here's the interim wiring:	
Senior Member Join Date: Sep 2007 Posts: 11493	I'm kinda all "clevered out" at this point. But the way it's wired is that one rail is fed from each approach. About 5" of approach track on each side is also wired into the bridge. So if the bridge is connected, the bridge track and both approaches have power. If the bridge is not connected, then neither approach track has power. I also connected the remaining parts of the main line, soldering feeders and connecting them into the track bus. So tomorrow, at least in theory, I can run a train around the entire layout in a big circle. dave	
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	06-08-2020, 02:58 PM #687 Running a train around sounds therapeutic to me Enjoy!	
Orionvp17 Senior Member Join Date: Feb 2007 Posts: 8839	Pete in Michigan	
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Failman28 Senior Member Join Date: Mar 2010 Posts: 6713	o6-o8-2020, 04:25 PM Dave, right in the middle you a potential short. Your isolation cuts are not aligned giving you about 1/8" where the plates overlap and could short out with a little help. A little nail polish will safe guard things. Bob	
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