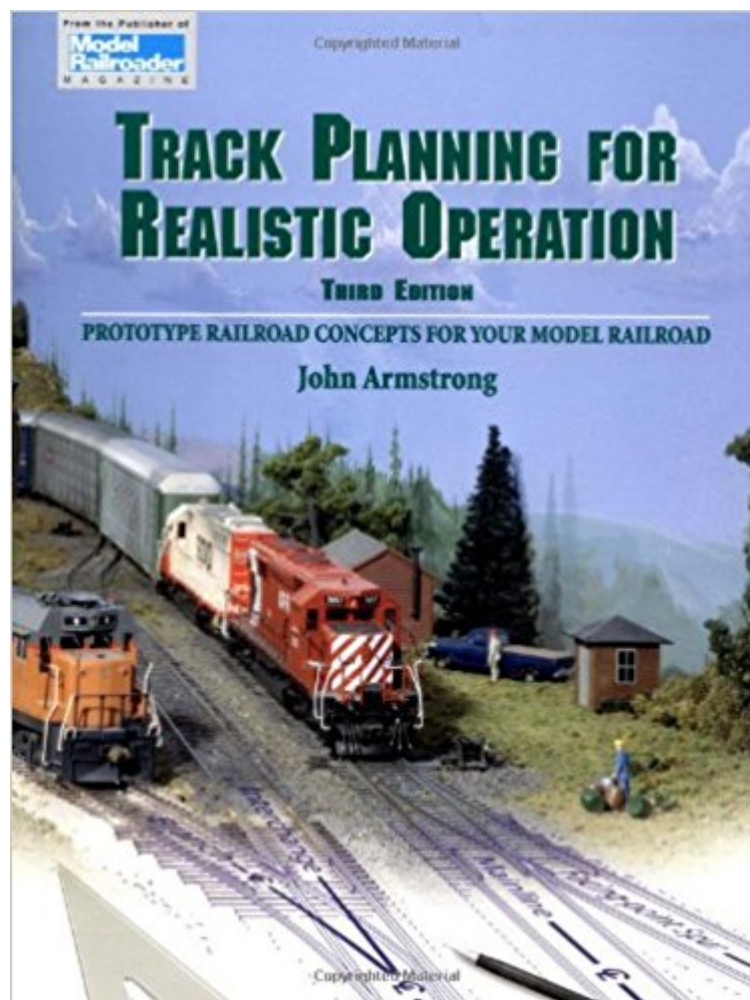




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# Track Planning For Realistic Operation: Prototype Railroad Concepts For Your Model Railroad (Model Railroader)(3rd Edition)



## Synopsis

Provides step-by-step design techniques and track planning tips that save you time, money, and headaches. This must-have book also covers aspects of prototype freight and passenger operations, route design, and contemporary railroading.

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## Customer Reviews

This classic is outstanding for understanding why prototypical layouts work from the operational standpoint. It is possible to model layouts, or work (as I do) with virtual layouts in simulators such as Trainz for years without truly appreciating the "whys" and "wherefores" of the actual design and consists. This textbook has the answers. I say "textbook" because it reads like one. Packed with overwhelming amounts of information, this book can be daunting on the first pass. I find it best to skim through, and then read the material again for better understanding. Yes, I plan on using this information to prepare routes in Trainz: A New Era. This outstanding modeling environment provides excellent tools to create model railroad layouts similar to those shown in this book, but without a lot of the space constraints that plague the modeler. This is a great resource to provide the details needed to understand how railroads really operate.

Because about everybody that's into modelling railroads mentions this book, I was curious how relevant it would be since my interests is definitely continental Europe which is quite different from the US. And the first edition was from 1963 too! Anyway, I needn't have worried: it's a gem of a book. The author deal with the real thing and the model in a very concise and order manner, there

are a great many diagrams to illustrate layout types, yard designs and tricks to get the most out of a limited space. I especially liked his considerations what of a type design has what kind of an influence for either a smaller, or a larger layout. So in short if you're about to design or extend a layout - read it and get more fun and more variety in operations packed in.

Has some really good ideas and John has a technically minded approach to layout planning which I appreciate, if you only buy one layout planning book, buy this one as it covers everything.

This book has all the information I was hoping for when I ordered it. The problem is, the text is printed in an extremely small font, and a lot of the special sidebars are printed in black text on dark blue backgrounds! The content is extremely useful, but you're going to work to get it. I suggest a magnifier and a strong reading light, and take notes as you read.

This is a really fine book! I wish I'd encountered it when I first started in the hobby. Our first layout is okay, but had we had this guide we would have done so many things differently. There are many books on track layouts, but they generally just present someone's ideas for a layout and tell you how to build it. This book, on the other hand, tells you WHY things are certain way and HOW to make things for this or that track activity. It makes total sense and our next layout will be much better because of this book. The book has two major parts. The first part of the book describes basic railroad operations, such as loading and unloading, assembling cars into trains, moving trains, etc. The second part looks at how to design a practical model, what standards to use, minimal curves, layout shapes, etc. It has a lot of great ideas, with many pictures and schematics to satisfy both advance and novice modelers. Great book!

Doing things in a simple way is generally the best way. If you are a keen modeller, you probably read a book about modelling a long time ago and progressed from there. You maybe never read much on the subject after that, because after all, it was all common sense anyway wasn't it ?. Think again. Although this book is written with the American Railroad modeller in mind, it is just as relevant to the UK counterpart. The contributors have created a simple narrative born out of good railway operational practice. How much we assumed, how much we took for granted and how much have we have forgotten? After reading this book, be prepared to rethink a few things and relay some of your track.

Top quality product as described by this provider. Book has exactly what I was looking for in order to help me develop a reasonable layout that looks and works as intended for realistic action. Wanted something that would provide insights to spacing needs and approximate track utilization ratios. Pleased with author's knowledge and ability to relate model railroading development. Just starting out in this after many years on the sidelines, so found this book to be one among only a few out there to address this important facet of railroading planning.

I should have bought this book many years ago. Read this before you buy any track planning books. The most enlightening "single volume" book that covers most of the key points for building a railroad. You don't even have to be a "rivet counter" to appreciate the material in here.

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