

VIII. GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

8.01 Roadbed

Roadbed width, ditches and slopes shall conform to current NS Standard Roadbed Section. State or local regulations, codes, etc..., may require increased width of roadbed for walkway or other purposes. The controlling entity will always be the most restrictive.

Note: *The State of Tennessee requires a walkway width extending for a distance of 10 feet from the centerline of track on both sides. The walkway is to be level with the top of tie for a distance of 6 inches, and thereafter descending away from the centerline at no greater than an 8 to 1 slope. The walkway, or fill – in ballast is typically comprised of material with an AREMA gradation #5. Questions regarding the State of Tennessee regulations should be directed to:*

**Tennessee Department of Transportation
Rail Regulatory Section
505 Deadrick Street, Suite 400
Nashville, TN 37243
615.253.1045**

8.02 Gage

Tracks shall be constructed with a gage of four feet eight and one half inches (4' – 8 ½") on tangents and curves.

8.03 Construction

All tracks shall be constructed to the alignment and grades shown on approved plans and profiles.

It should be understood that final approval of the track for service is the prerogative of the Company, and close contact with Company supervisory officials is desirable. No work is to be performed on the Company's tracks by Contract forces, or in such proximity as to interfere with the Company's tracks or roadbed without explicit permission of the Company.

No track or turnout should be laid, and no track or turnout should be placed on the roadbed, until the finished subballast has been approved. All track and turnout materials should be handled in such a manner to protect such materials from being damaged. The alignment of the centerline of the track and the locations of turnouts should conform to that shown on the approved plans and further defined by an on-the-ground staked location. The final step for construction of track or turnouts should be the removing of all waste and rubbish from the track project site. The track project should not be considered complete and the final payment made until this clean up of the work site is accomplished.