

Model Railroading 101 Basic Tool Kit

This is intended as a recommended list of the basic or first tools needed in model railroading. You might find that you already own some of these, in one form or another. Others will need to be purchased. Most of them will be able to be used in many household tasks, which may require later purchasing duplicate tools for general use, while retaining key tools for your modeling use.

This list is highly subjective and not intended to be an all-inclusive listing. We have listed a "Starter Set" which is followed by suggestions of tools for later purchase. These do not have to be purchased all at one time but may and should be purchased as needed. The one rule on all tools is buy good ones, not cheap. Good tools will outlast you.

- 1. NMRA Gauge for the Scale in which you model.
- 2. Truck Tuner Micro-Mark 82838
- 3. Scale Rule for the Scale in which you model.
- 4. Hobby knife and sharp blades Supply of #11 blades
- 5. Cutting pad
- 6. Fine point tweezers
- 7. Jeweler's screw driver set
- 8. Fine jaw pliers
- 9. Track cutting pliers Xuron Track Cutter
- 10. Small files One set for plastic and one set for metal
- 11. Sanding sticks
- 12. Soldering station Weller WLC100 40-Watt
- 13. Solder 60/40 Tin/Lead Sn60Pb40 with Flux Rosin Core 0.8mm
- 14. Track cleaning pad Bright boy
- 15. Razor Saw and miter box

Additional Tools:

- 16. Pin vice and drill bits
- 17. Small clamps
- 18. Machines' square
- 19. Electric drill
- 20. Hand saw or electric saw
- 21. Hand rotary tool

