

IMP n gauge modules

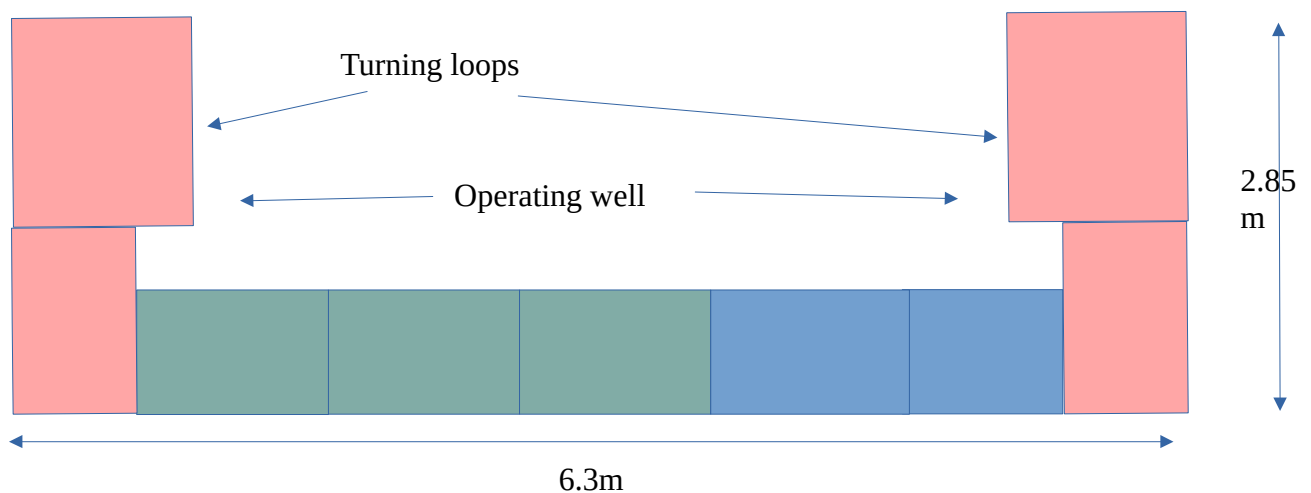
IMP layout is currently configured as a U with a very wide base. The modules have a twin track main line running along the outer edge. The base is made up of the Modules from Ian and Mike. At each end there is 90 degree turning board which connects to a single oversize board with a 3 road reversing loop. The turning loop boards have limited scenic development. The 3 road loops act as 2 storage loops and 1 through running loop. There is an additional track for train assembly. The thru roads have a Tam Valley Auto switching to enable continuous running.

Ian's module, which consists of 3 boards (3m long) connects to the left hand end of Mikes Module and at the right-hand end to one of the 3 track turning loops. This module has a shuttle running along the back. The mainline runs through a marshalling / loco facilities area

Mike's module consists of one 900mm and one 1200mm boards. From the front the left hand board paints a picture of an edge of a city shopping and services area including a suburban railway station, car showroom, garage and the local fire brigade headquarters. The right hand board takes us into a mixed commercial and industrial area with a railway yard and road distribution area on the outskirts of a city. All the buildings on Mike's board are based on Metcalf Kits.

Adjoining Mikes right hand board is scenic board with a small engine shed which is located between the main line and the castle mound. The mainline runs round the inner bailey of a castle of which the keep will be modelled. The turning loop runs round the outer bailey of the castle. The drawbridge has been replaced by modern bridge over the tracks. Currently it is envisaged that the left hand end turning loop will be disguised by a wooded area to give a scenic separator. The

To give access to the operating well the space required is 7.5m*3.5 m. In its usual configuration the modules require at least 3 cars to transport it.



Front of layout. -Viewing side