

Panda Plastics Speedy Assembly Jig Instructions

Thank you for purchasing the Panda Jig for assembling Panda individual link Sherman tracks. We have worked with modelers of all skill levels to develop an assembly jig that makes it much easier to assemble individual track links while speeding up the assembly process.

Step One

Start by detaching the end connectors from the tree and then cleaning up any residual stubs. Any residual plastic on the end connectors should be gently filed away with a sanding stick.

Step Two

Detach the track shoes from their sprues, and gently remove any residual plastic stubs.

Step Three

Insert end connectors as shown in **Picture 1** (below) into the holes in the jig. Take the track blocks and gently press them into the connectors. The track connector pins are designed to be a "press fit" which enable the modeler to fit the track sections to the Sherman without fear of the run falling apart. Please do not force them, since they may break off.

Modeling Suggestion: The use of a narrow nosed tweezers greatly speeds up the process of loading the end connectors into the jig and inserting of the track shoes into the connectors.

Note: It is important to make sure that the tracks have the correct cleat orientation (they are all facing in the same direction) during the assembly process.



Picture 1

After this assembly process, your track run should look like **Picture 2** (Page 2). Note that all the track shoes have the proper cleat orientation.



Picture 2

Step Four

At this juncture, there are two options for completing the track assembly. **Option One** is to gently remove the run from the jig, again insert end connectors in the jig's holes as was done previously, and then turn around and lay the partially assembled run on the jig. Again, gently press the track pins into the end connectors until seated as shown in **Picture 3** (below). **Option Two** is to leave the partially built track run in place as shown in **Picture 2** (above). At this point, the track pins are in alignment for the entire run and it is easy to take end connectors and press them on to the exposed pins. The Jig has been designed with a ledge to facilitate the application of this technique. Finally, remove the assembled run of tracks and either assemble it to other runs of tracks or fit the new run directly to the tank. **Note:** Please do not attempt to glue the track links together in the Panda Jig. Doing so will ruin the jig as well as the assembled track run.



Picture 3

Additional tips and techniques for assembling individual track are shown on our website at www.shermantracks.com.