

## **Roadbed Installation Tips**

- Do not stretch the roadbed, especially in curves. This will cause low spots and be a source of derailments. Gentle curves are best. When a gentle curve will not work and tighter bending is required, remove small wedge shaped pieces on the inside of the curve. "Pie shaped" wedge cuts should be made that reach no further than into the center of the roadbed.
- All purpose caulk is a great alternative to wood glue and is easily removed without destroying the roadbed if later changes are needed. Using a flexible putty knife, lay a thin bead of caulk down a predetermined centerline where the roadbed is to be placed. Spread the caulk with the putty knife and then install the roadbed. Hand press down the roadbed without overly compressing it. Use Woodland Scenic Foam Nails (T-pins) or PECO track pins to temporarily hold the roadbed to curves until the caulk has set up. Generally 24 hours is more than adequate for the caulk to be completely firm.
- Roadbed should be completely dry before installing the track to make sure errant bumps do not knock the roadbed out of alignment.