

Quick Start Guide :

Setting the train “Build” options

This step-by-step guide should be used to set certain options for the train “Build” function. The importance of these options is not always clear for the new user, and, while it is possible to revisit this section after the user has created some trains, a couple of items checked here now, will make life easier later. I suggest these settings...

Step-by-step "How-To":

1. Open **PanelPro**, if not already open.
2. Select “**Operations**--->**Settings**” from the main menu.
 - a. Select “**Tools**--->**Options**”.
 - i. Under “Build Options”, change “Normal” to “Aggressive” & set “Number of Passes During Build” to **3**.
 - ii. Under “Staging Options”,
 1. Uncheck box labeled “Enable Type, Road, and Load Restrictions into Staging”.
 2. Check box labeled “Make departure track available after train is built”.
 3. Check box labeled “Try Normal Mode if Build Failure from Staging”.
 4. Click “Save”
 - b. Close **Options** window.
3. Close the **Settings** window.
4. Close **PanelPro**, or continue to develop other sections.

Upon completion of this task, the user should encounter fewer train “build” errors, wherein the train either does not do what the user expected, or fails to build at all (in the case of staging tracks). Car movement errors should be less encountered as well.

For further explanation of these items, spend time reading the excellent “Help” files accessible here...

[Help for Settings--->Options](#)

The Help files are also available while in any open window. To access the “Help” screen...

- Click on “**Help**--->**Window Help**” from the active window’s top menu.

This should open **HELP** directly to the subject of the active window. (E.g. the user is trying to set the location of a car. By clicking on “**Help**--->**Window Help**” at the top of the “Set Car” window, the **HELP** guide opens directly to the info on how to set a car’s location.)

All these quick-start guides are intended for use with OperationsPro, a stand-alone application accessed from within PanelPro. The use of any other PanelPro functions (such as creating a panel) is NOT required.