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**Chapter 7**  
**Object Snapping**

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## 7.1 Running Object Snaps

An object snap mode specifies a snap point at an exact location on an object. OSNAP specifies running object snap modes, which remain active until you turn them off.

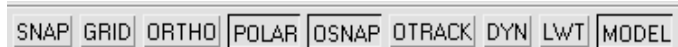
1. **Choose** Tools, Drafting Settings...

or

2. **Type** DDOSNAP at the command prompt  
Command: **DDOSNAP**

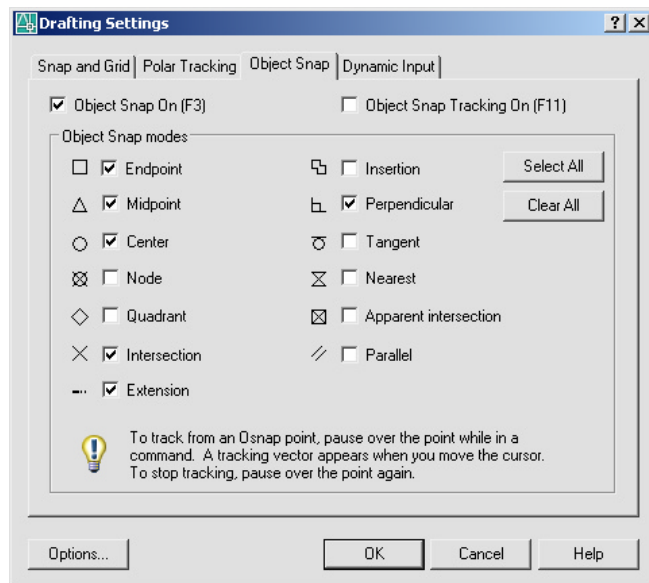
or

3. **Click** OSNAP on the Status Bar.



4. **Right Click** the Object Snap TAB.

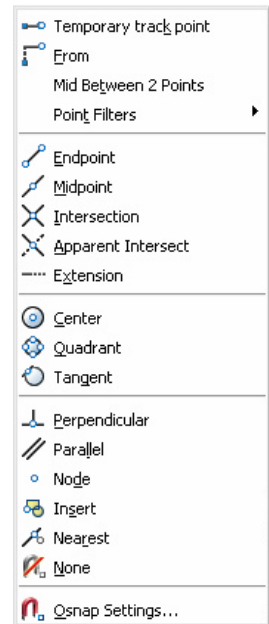
5. **Choose** an object snap to turn ON/OFF from the dialog box.



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## 7.2 Case by Case (Temporary Mode)

1. **Press** SHIFT + the RIGHT MOUSE BUTTON.



or

2. **Click** one of the object snaps located Object Snap toolbar icon.



or

3. **Type** The object snap at the prompt line.  
Command: Line  
From pt: **ENDP**  
To pt: **MID**  
To pt: **CEN**

### TIP:

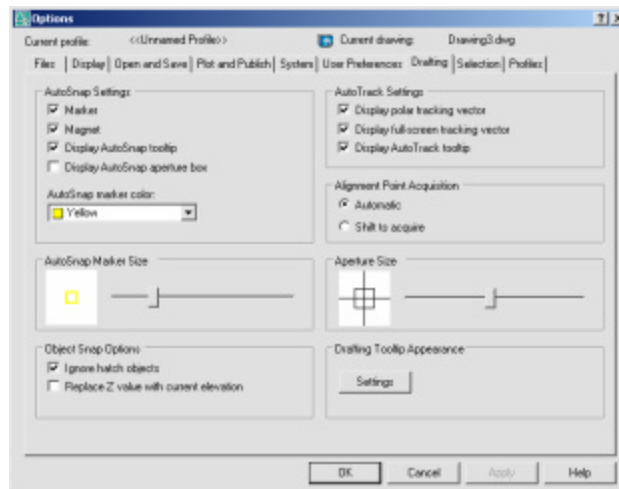
Case by Case objects snaps will override running mode object snaps

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## 7.3 Osnap Settings

When you use any of the object snap settings, AutoSnap displays a marker and a Snap tip when you move the cursor over a snap point.

1. **Choose** Tools, Options...
2. **Select** the Drafting tab in the Options dialog box.
3. **Change** settings and choose OK.



The following are object snap modes:

<b>CEN</b> ter	Center of Arc or Circle
<b>END</b> point	Closest endpoint of Line/Arc
<b>INS</b> ertion	Insertion point of Text/Block/Shape/ Attribute
<b>INT</b> ersection	Intersection of Lines/Arcs/Circles
<b>MID</b> point	Midpoint of a line/Arc or midpoint
<b>NEA</b> erst	Nearest point on a Line/Arc/Circle/Point
<b>APP</b> arent Int	Finds where two entities would intersect
<b>NOD</b> e	Nearest point entity (or Dimension defini tion point)
<b>NON</b> e	None (off)
<b>PER</b> pendicular	Perpendicular to a Line/Arc/Circle

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<b>QUA</b> drant	Quadrant point on an Arc/Circle
<b>QUI</b> ck	Quick mode (first find, not closest)
<b>TAN</b> gent	Tangent to Arc or Circle

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## 7.4 Aperture

Controls the size and appearance of the pickbox used for object snap selection.

1. **Type** APERTURE at the command prompt  
Command: **APERTURE**
2. **Type** The size of the target box ( 3-8 is a good size)  
Size of target box in pixels (1-50): (**number**)

or

