



## Middle Distal Canal

- Mandibular first molars usually have two roots, but, can have three canals in either or both roots.
- The third canal in these roots is typically called the **Middle** canal.
- To locate additional canals:
  1. always expect the unexpected
  2. understand the possible complexities of the tooth being treated
  3. have “straight-line” access to improve visibility
  4. examine the pulpal floor for “lines” or other clues of additional orifices
  5. always “trough” the areas between located orifices to uncover hidden canal openings

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