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## Don's Electrical Supply

Don's Electrical Supply has all the **connectors** you need at great prices. Whatever the connection, we have the connector!

Are you looking to connect wires to equipment? We have many connectors to serve your needs. We carry **post connectors**, **blade connectors**, **ring terminals**, and **spade terminals**.

Or perhaps you need to connect wires to other wires. If this is the case, we can provide you with a variety of **solderless connectors**. We have **terminal block connectors**, **plug and socket connectors**, and **clamp connectors**.

We also have some other items for more specific types of connections:

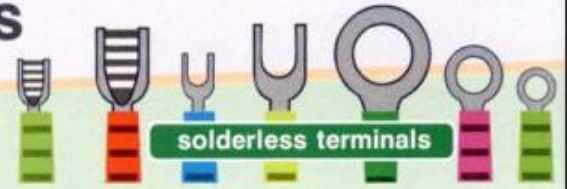
**Insulation displacement connectors** are available if you don't want to strip wires.

For connecting larger size wire, we have **split bolt connectors**.

For changing the wiring on your electrical box, **offset connectors** are available.

You can place an order online anytime at [www.donselectricalsupply.com](http://www.donselectricalsupply.com).

You can also call us at 1-800-376-8532 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.



solderless terminals



split bolt connector



post connector



clamp connector



plug and socket connector

### Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What are some different kinds of wire connectors?
- 2 When is it acceptable for electricians to substitute one kind of connector for another?

4 Place the words and phrases from the word bank under the correct headings.

### Word BANK

terminal block connector

post connector

clamp connector

blade connector

ring terminal spade terminal

plug and socket connector

### Reading

2 Read the store webpage about connectors. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 ☐ Split bolt connectors are used for changing wires on electrical boxes.
- 2 ☐ Insulation displacement connectors make stripping wires unnecessary.
- 3 ☐ Post connectors splice two different wires.

### Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-4) with the definitions (A-D).

- 1 ☐ offset connector
- 2 ☐ clamp connector
- 3 ☐ split bolt connector
- 4 ☐ insulation displacement connector

- A connects wires without stripping them
- B uses a V-shaped ring to connect wires
- C changes the direction of a wire
- D used for taps and splices in building wiring

#### Connects Wires to Equipment

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#### Connects Wires Together

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- 5 Listen and read the store webpage about connectors again. Why are there so many different types of connectors?

## Listening

- 6 Listen to a conversation between an electrician and a supplier. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the purpose of the conversation?  
A to place an order for different connectors  
B to find out which connectors are in stock  
C to learn how to use each kind of connector  
D to compare the prices of connectors
- 2 Why does the man order a post connector?  
A to connect two different kinds of wires  
B to connect a wire to some speakers  
C to cap off the end of a spliced wire  
D to connect a large wire

- 7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

**Electrician:** I have 1 \_\_\_\_\_ that I need to order.

**Supplier:** Okay. We have all types of connectors.

**Electrician:** Good. First of all, I need something to 2 \_\_\_\_\_ to some large speakers. What about a post connector?

**Supplier:** That would work. I'll just check availability. You said 3 \_\_\_\_\_, right? Okay, I do have those 4 \_\_\_\_\_ right now.

**Electrician:** Great. I'll take a pack of those. I also need to connect some wires. Do you have any 5 \_\_\_\_\_?

**Supplier:** We sure do. What kind do you need?

**Electrician:** I'll take two packs of 6 \_\_\_\_\_ please, and four packs of socket connectors.

## Speaking

- 8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then switch roles.

### USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

*First of all ...*  
*What about ...*  
*I'll take ...*

**Student A:** You are an electrician. Talk to Student B about:

- why you need connectors
- what kinds of connectors you need
- the price of the connectors

**Student B:** You are a supplier. Talk to Student A about the different kinds of connectors.

## Writing

- 9 Use the conversation from Task 8 to fill out the purchase order.

blade terminals

## Purchase Order Form

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total price: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Order: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

solderless connector