



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.

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

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?

Reading

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

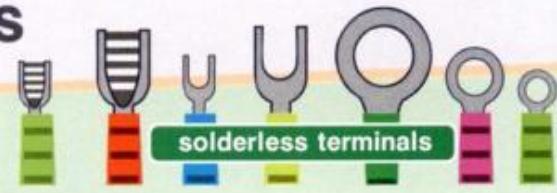
- 1 Split bolt connectors are used for changing wires on electrical boxes.
- 2 Insulation displacement connectors make stripping wires unnecessary.
- 3 Post connectors splice two different wires.

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



split bolt connector

post connector

clamp connector

plug and socket connector

- 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

Connects Wires to Equipment

Connects Wires Together

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.



solderless connector

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.



Purchase Order Form

Item: _____

Quantity: _____

Item: _____

Quantity: _____

Total price: _____

Reason for Order: _____

Additional Information: _____