Insulation-piercing straight-through mains connectors with service facility

MECHANICAL CONNECTORS



## **PCM2** Connector



### **Principle Application**

Combined straight-through mains and service connections for live jointing of solid sector aluminium mains cables

Connector Reference	С	Approx			
	Мс	lins	Service	Unit Wt. (grams)	
	Min	Max	Max*		
PCM2/1	50	95	35	170	
PCM2/2	95	185	35	250	
PCM2/3	120	300	35	370	

#### Range

\*Note: For small section conductors see technical data overleaf.

The Hepworth mechanical connector PCM2 is designed for live straight-through connections of three or four core solid aluminium mains conductors, with the additional facility of connecting either one or two services from the same joint. This may be useful in reducing the overall number of the conventional service joints in a distribution network, or when carrying out repairs involving the replacement of a length of damaged LV mains cable.

Each connector is supplied in a sealed pack together with fitting instructions, details of which appear with the technical data overleaf.



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#### **Physical Dimensions**



Ref	Dimensions (mm)					
Code	Α	В	С	D	Е	
PCM2/1	90	115	37.7	26.2	13.0	
PCM2/2	100	125	43.6	33.2	17.0	
PCM2/3	120	145	48.1	40.2	17.0	

#### Material

Aluminium Alloy

#### **Fitting Instructions**

Align the cores to be connected and loosely assemble the connectors around the cores, making sure that it is centrally located. Cut the service cables(s) to length and strip back 15mm of insulation. Thoroughly abrade the exposed service conductor(s), insert into the bridge piece up to the insulation and tighten the grub screws using a 5/32" or 4mm A/F hexagonal drive. The mains connection is completed by tightening the mains screws consecutively, one turn at a time, until the heads are sheared from all four screws.

These connectors have been designed to accept each mains conductor in either normal (apex-down) or cross-cored configurations.

Stranded service conductors below 16mm<sup>2</sup> should be doubled, and if necessary redoubled, and if copper conductors are to be jointed, they should be wrapped in brass gauze to improve the electrical stability of the interface connection.

