

# History since 1914

At the turn of the twentieth century, a young Scotsman named Bill P. Marr immigrated to Ontario, Canada. After settling in the Toronto area, Marr was soon employed by the T. Eaton Company as a contractor for Ontario Hydro, where he worked as an electrician converting gas-lit homes to electrical incandescent lighting.

As part of this conversion, the accepted practice back then was a process called “solder and tape.” Typically, a mechanic would first run the wires required, then an electrician would polish the exposed conductors and twist them together. Next, the ends of the wires would be firmly joined by dipping them in a pot of molten solder, and after they cooled, the wires would then be wrapped with an insulating tape.



Over time, this process proved to be both time consuming and dangerous, as Bill Marr discovered first-hand when he inadvertently spilled a scorching solder pot while working in a customer's home. Convinced that there had to be a safer and more efficient way of joining two electrical conductors, Marr worked tirelessly in his basement shop until he finally invented the first pressure-type wire connector (a set-screw version that was the forerunner to the modern-day wire connector).

Since that day in 1914, the Marr® company became a leading manufacturer of twist-on wire connectors throughout North America. The Marrette brand so revolutionized the way branch circuits were connected that the term “marrette” has become synonymous with “wire connector” in the electrician's vocabulary.

Since being acquired in 1997 by Thomas & Betts, which was in turn acquired in 2012 by ABB, the highly respected Marrette brand name has become an integral part of the vast ABB product offering to the construction market.

Why  
**MARR**  
saves time



no tape  
no solder  
no special tools



No Guesswork  
with **MARR**

As you tighten the set-screw down on a wire you can see and feel that you're solid, mechanically sound connection.

Marr Connectors are approved by Canadian Standards Association for both indoor & general wiring work.

Use them for:

- House Wiring - Motor Connections
- Building Wiring - Lighting Connections
- Conduit Wiring - Farm Wiring

Marr Connectors are in Stock - Wholesalers

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3 Reasons  
why **MARR CONNECT**  
provide Joint Security

- Permanent, Positive Connection  
Wires hold rigidly by set screw—cannot come loose.
- You Can Feel the Pressure Being Applied on the Wires  
No guesswork—As you turn the set screw down on the wire you can feel when you have a rigid, mechanically sound connection.
- Complete Insulation Coverage  
Insulating cap threads down well over insulation on wires.

TWO SIZES OF MARR CONNECTORS  
GIVE WIDE CAPACITY:

- No. 1—For Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14. (12 wires in this capacity)
- No. 2—For Nos. 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 3. (12 wires in capacity of 2 Nos. 18 or 4 No. 12)

Specify — **MARR** — Better by far  
Connectors