

# Better Or Worserer

Thinking about updating your kit with some new electrical supplies? Before digging into your pockets, find out what our team of professional electricians and installers have to say as they test and compare the latest bevy of products.

This month: **Heat Pump Isolators.**



**Brand:**  
**Clipsal**  
Trade \$80.10 +GST

**Model:**  
WHA120

## LANCE NEWMAN

**YEARS IN THE GAME:** 11 years.

**BEST THING ABOUT HIS JOB:** Variety. No day is ever the same.

**WORST THING ABOUT HIS JOB:** The paperwork.

**HOBBIES:** Motorbikes, Cars & Bourbon.

**LIFE CHANGING QUOTE:** Life is like underwear. Change is good.



## ANTON SIMPSON

**YEARS IN THE GAME:** 20 years.

**BEST THING ABOUT HIS JOB:** Variety and fault finding.

**WORST THING ABOUT HIS JOB:** Last minute deadlines.

**HOBBIES:** Fishing and Diving.

**LIFE CHANGING QUOTE:** I don't know how to act my age, I've never been this age before.



## DARRELL SIDON

**YEARS IN THE GAME:** 42yrs (Heat Pumps 27 years).

**BEST THING ABOUT HIS JOB:** Satisfaction - "I did that"

**WORST THING ABOUT HIS JOB:** When things go wrong - no control.

**HOBBIES:** Fishing, Hunting, Outdoors, Bridge.

**LIFE CHANGING QUOTE:** The best friends to have are those that want nothing from you but your company.



NICE SIZE & LOOK.

Easy to install, but small terminal size a negative.

Would be nice to have combination slotted & Philips head terminal screws.

**RATING: 7/10**

PRETTY BASIC STYLE, COULD DO WITH AN UPDATE. COLOUR IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS.

Holes too close to the edge for screws.

Terminals are very small for conductors.

**RATING: 7/10**

NICE LOOKING ISOLATOR WITH POSITIVE ON/OFF.

Easy install. Solid base.

Incoming wires are connected to the face plate.

**RATING: 7/10**



**Brand:**  
**HPM**  
Trade \$80.17 +GST

**Model:**  
42/120

BIG & BULKY LOOK WOULD NOT SUIT DOMESTIC INSTALLS BUT OK FOR COMMERCIAL.

Good to install with heaps of cable space. Large terminals & good layout. Only slotted terminal screw heads.

Having the isolator mounted in the base could be a plus in some situations.

**RATING: 6/10**

SAME AS THE CLIPSAL, IT LOOKS A BIT OUTDATED. VERY LARGE FOR A 20AMP ISOLATOR.

Easy enough, plenty of entries for conduit and room for cable.

Would use for a commercial application rather than domestic

**RATING: 8/10**

VISUALLY TOO BIG, TOO BULKY.

Easy to install, but bigger base not suitable on uneven surfaces.

Plenty of room inside. Incoming wires connect to the base making testing easier.

**RATING: 5/10**



**Brand:**  
**NHP NLine**  
Trade \$61.00 +GST

**Model:**  
NL120

NICE COMPACT UNIT.

Easy install & like the larger terminal size.

Good all round isolator. My Pick.

**RATING: 8/10**

**TOP PICK**

NICE BASIC ROTARY SWITCH.

Easy to install with indents on the base for screws. Good size terminals for conductors.

Terminal block on the side can make it tight to screw switch to base. Value for money, a good product.

**RATING: 9/10**

**TOP PICK**

NICE LOOKING ISOLATOR WITH POSITIVE ON/OFF. MY FAVOURITE.

Easy install.

Wiring does connect to the face plate but has good terminal size.

**RATING: 8/10**

**TOP PICK**

