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### **APPLICATION OF INSULATED BLOCK JOINTS**

1. It has been decided to standardise on the use of 6 hole pre-assembled block joints.
2. Manufacturing of the following block joint types will be discontinued.

Field assembled, 57kg, 4 hole (Item 53010551)  
Field assembled 57kg 6 hole (Item 53010575)  
Workshop pre-assembled, 48kg, 4 hole (Item 53611946)  
Field assembled, 48kg, 6hole (Item 53010563)

3. Field assembled, 48kg, 4 hole (Item 53010538)

The field assembled 48kg, 4 hole (Item 53010538), will still be required for the use in exceptional instances where 6 hole pre-assembled block joints can not be inserted due to space restrictions for example in diamond crossings, slips scissors and 1:6 turnouts. Sufficient stock levels must be retained for these applications.

4. Present stock

Block joints mentioned in paragraph 2 and the balance of par. 3, in stock should be installed on lives with low axle loading and traffic density. Low axle loading in this