



Assuming  $2.5\text{mm}^2$  and  $1.5\text{mm}^2$  T & E

Measuring across AB

$$\text{Path 1} = \text{ACB} = r_1/2 + r_2/2$$

$$\text{Path 2} = \text{ADB} = r_1/2 + r_2/2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Parallel paths } 1/R &= 1/\text{Path 1} + 1/\text{Path 2} \\ &= 1/(r_1/2 + r_2/2) + 1/(r_1/2 + r_2/2) \\ &\text{simplifies to } R = (r_1 + r_2)/4 \end{aligned}$$

This formula only works when the Line and Neutral have the same CSA (as will be the case with T&E).

An example for a 40m ring - if  $r_1 = 0.296\Omega$  and  $r_n = 0.296\Omega$  then parallel paths -  $1/R = 1/r_1 + 1/r_n$  gives  $0.148\Omega$  and so does  $(r_1 + r_2)/4$ .

Turning to the CPC loop (again 40m) - if  $r_1 = 0.296\Omega$  we would expect  $r_2$  to be  $0.494\Omega$  (1.67 higher in T&E)

Parallel paths gives  $1/R = 1/0.296 + 1/0.494$ , simplifies to  $R = 0.185\Omega$  but  $(r_1 + r_2)/4$  gives  $0.198\Omega$  and in the real world this would be an acceptable discrepancy.