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This is a bid used by the Responder after Opener's strong two-suiter bid showing a weak hand 5-7HCP. This bid conveys to Opener :

- either a fit in one of his suits
- or a regular hand to play NT

This is a forcing bid for one round ... the bid of the strong two-suiter is in itself auto forcing!



S	W	N	E
		1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass			



Problem E4915 2NT with only 6HCP - to curb Partner's enthusiasm. Opener signs off at Game.



S	W	N	E
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2 NT			



Problem E4915 With only 5HCP, Game isn't possible if Opener's two-suiter is minimum (18HCP). Opener will pass because his P has informed him of his point strength.



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Opener's follow on bids :

If Opener is minimum he should rebid his opening suit
With strength for Game :

- without a suit fit, he signs off at 3NT
- with a fit in Responder's suit, he can bid Game at the 4 level
- with a suit fit, he can also continue bidding describing his hand

A	J	7	2	6	4	6	5	4	3	7	6	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦
S			W			N			E			
1 ♣			Pass			1 ♠			Pass			
2 ♦			Pass			2 NT			Pass			
3 ♣												
6	5	Q	5	A	K	Q	10	9	A	K	9	8
♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E6125 Opener with a minimum (18HCP) has to repeat his opening minor. This will prevent Responder bidding Game.

K	Q	7	5	7	5	4	10	4	3	5	3	2
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦
S				W		N		E				
1 ♣		Pass		1 ♠		Pass						
2 ♥		Pass		2 NT		Pass						
3 ♣												
6	4	A	K	Q	6	A	K	J	8	5	J	4
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problem E6619 After Responder's limited raise bid of 2NT, Opener who has a minimum (18HCP) repeats his opening minor. Responder will pass.



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The Responder now knows the strength of Opener's hand and can now bid using this knowledge :

If Opener is minimum :

- minimum and fitted in the 1st suit - pass
- minimum and fitted in the 2nd suit - bids 2nd suit
- with no fit and 8-10HCP signs off at 3NT

If Opener isn't minimum in his bid, he will continue bidding until Game



S	W	N	E
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		



Problem E8125 Pass : Responder notes that Opener is minimum in his bid.