

- Dual or Quad Channel Resistor Card
- Fitted With Pickering Reed Relays, Providing Superior Speed of Operation and Card Life
- Short and Open Simulation
- Simple Software Control Through Resistance Calls
- Provides Fully Isolated Variable Resistors
- Option of Added SPST Uncommitted Relays
- Special Versions With Non Standard Resistors Built To Order
- VISA & Kernel Drivers Supplied for Windows Plus Soft Front Panel
- 3 Year Warranty



The 50-294 is a Programmable Resistor with either two or four resistor channels in a single slot short PCI format card. The card is ideal for simulating sensors in control and management systems under test, allowing the user to verify system response in design verification or manufacturing test applications.

The 50-294 can also be supplied with 8xSPST Pickering reed relays providing the functionality of a resistor card and a relay card in a single PCI slot. These uncommitted relays have a number of uses, including extending the resistor channels and adding additional fault conditions. Each relay includes a footprint for the user to fit an axial leaded resistor which can be bypassed by the relay to provide a resistance value or a short circuit.

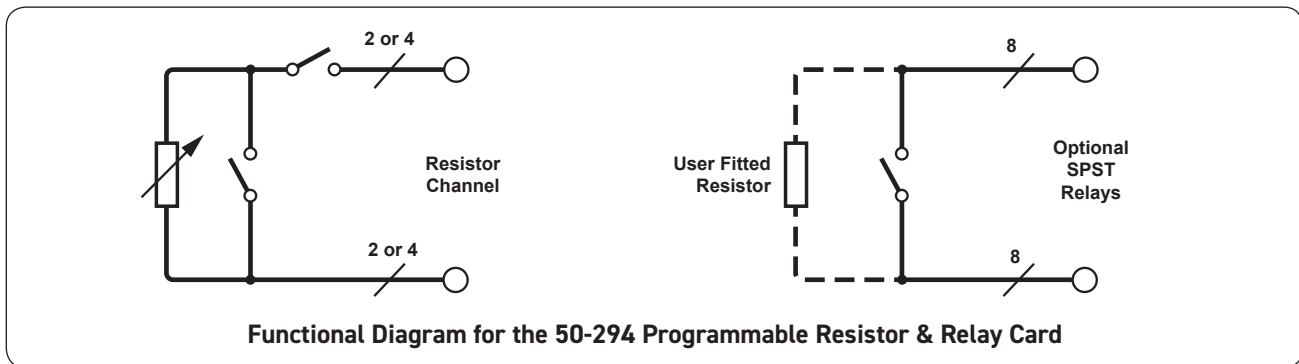
Software control of the 50-294 is simplified by the use of resistor value calls. The card calculates the channel setting closest to the requested value and sets that value. The user can interrogate the card to find the actual resistance setting. Alternatively, users can operate individual relays within the resistor chains by setting the appropriate bit pattern.

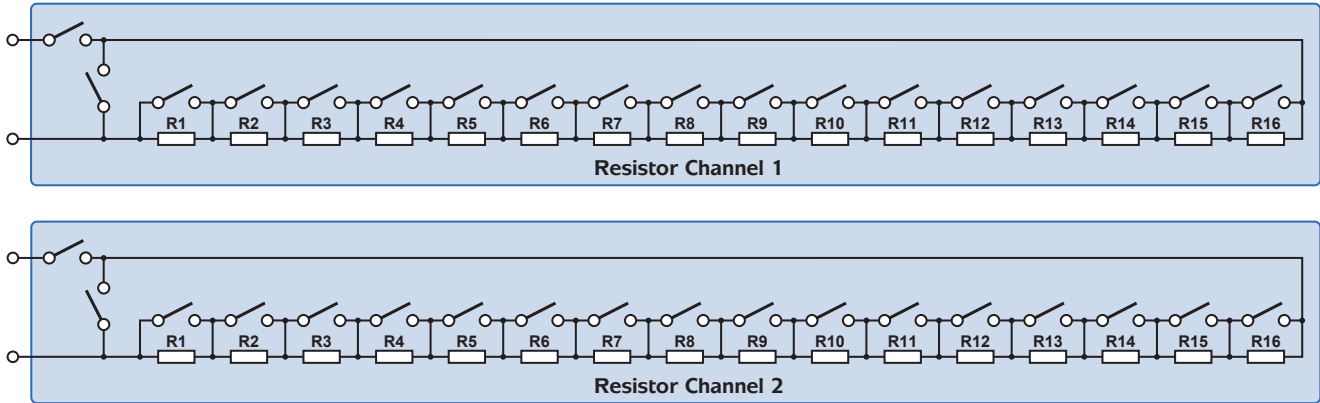
Versions with other resistance values can be provided for specific applications, this includes the fitting of an offset resistor that can be used to set the minimum resistance value. If versions are required with different resistance ranges than those shown, please contact the Pickering Interfaces' Sales Office for assistance.

Pickering's Range of PCI Resistor Cards			
Model No.	Description	Channels	Range
50-293	Programmable Resistor + SPDT	2 or 4	Up to 131kΩ
50-294	Programmable Resistor + SPST	2 or 4	Up to 131kΩ
50-295	Programmable Resistor	3, 6, 5, 10 or 18	Up to 16MΩ
50-296	Programmable Potentiometer	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 9	Up to 16MΩ
Precision Resistor Cards			
For applications requiring a Resistor Card with greater resolution (to <2mΩ) or better accuracy (to <0.03%), look to our Precision Resistor range which includes models 50-262, 50-265, and 50-297			
Custom Resistor Cards			
If our range of Resistor Cards does not meet your specific requirements, please contact you local sales office to discuss your application. Customizations include: different start and stop values, current, power, voltage, precision, accuracy, number of channels, connector etc.			

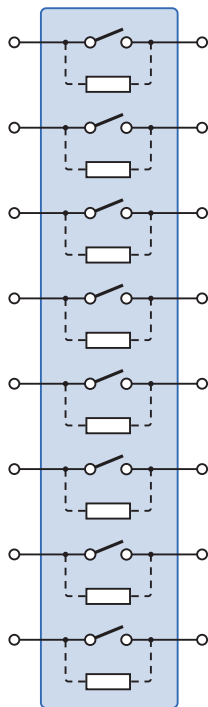
For improved accuracy each resistor channel has accurate calibration data stored on the card.

The card is supplied with VISA drivers and a soft front panel.

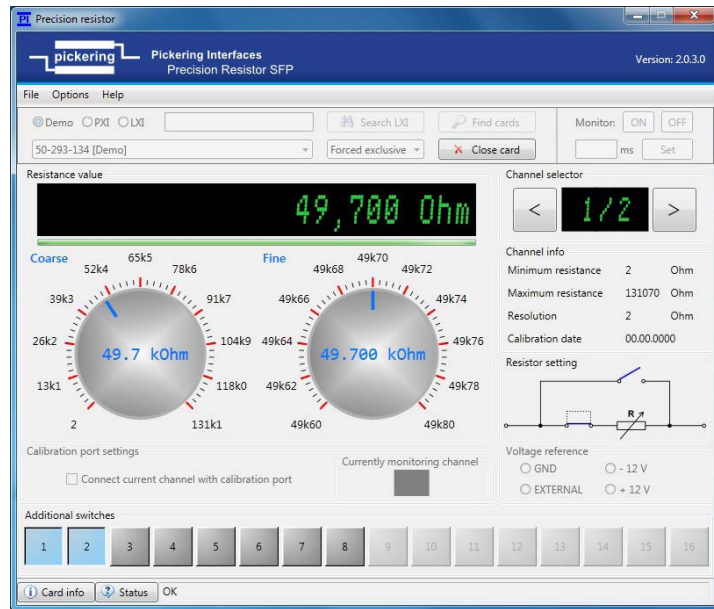




Schematic for 50-294-x3x Resistor Card



8 x SPST Relay Option



Example Soft Front Panel for the Resistor Card

PCI Part Number (Number of Channels)	1Ω	10Ω	100Ω	1kΩ	10kΩ	100kΩ	1MΩ	10MΩ	Resolution
50-294-011(4) 50-294-111(4+8xSPST)	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	0.25Ω
50-294-012(4) 50-294-112(4+8xSPST)	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	0.5Ω
50-294-013(4) 50-294-113(4+8xSPST)	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	1Ω
50-294-014(4) 50-294-114(4+8xSPST)	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	2Ω
50-294-021(2) 50-294-121(2+8xSPST)	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	0.25Ω
50-294-022(2) 50-294-122(2+8xSPST)	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	0.5Ω
50-294-023(2) 50-294-123(2+8xSPST)	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	1Ω
50-294-024(2) 50-294-124(2+8xSPST)	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	2Ω
50-294-031(2) 50-294-131(2+8xSPST)	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	0.25Ω
50-294-032(2) 50-294-132(2+8xSPST)	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	0.5Ω
50-294-033(2) 50-294-133(2+8xSPST)	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	1Ω
50-294-034(2) 50-294-134(2+8xSPST)	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	2Ω

Graphical Representation of the 50-294 Resistor Card Range

## Relay Type

The 50-294 is fitted with Pickering Reed Relays with Sputtered Ruthenium contacts. A Spare Relay is built onto the circuit board to allow easy maintenance with minimum downtime.

All reed relays are manufactured by our sister company Pickering Electronics: [pickeringrelay.com](http://pickeringrelay.com)

## Programmable Resistor Specification

Accuracy of Resistance Call:	$\pm 1\%$ $\pm$ Resolution †
Accuracy of Resistance Readback:	$\pm 0.3\%$ $\pm 0.2\Omega$ †
Max Switch Voltage:	100V*
Max Power:	0.5W
Residual Resistance, typical (when chain resistance is set to 0 $\Omega$ ):	2 $\Omega$ (50-294-x1x) 2.5 $\Omega$ (50-294-x2x) 3 $\Omega$ (50-294-x3x)
Thermal Offset:	<200 $\mu$ V
Operate Time:	0.3ms ‡
Expected Life:	>1x10 <sup>9</sup> operations

\* For full voltage rating, signal sources must be fully isolated from mains supply and safety earth.

† Valid between  $\pm 10^{\circ}\text{C}$  from calibration temperature (factory calibrated at 21 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), excluding thermo-electric effects.

‡ The total operate time when setting a resistance may be longer depending upon the change requested due to relay sequencing.

## Uncommitted SPST Relay Specification

Switch Type:	Pickering Reed Relay
Contact Type:	Sputtered Ruthenium
Max Switch Voltage:	100VDC*
Max Power:	10W
Max Switch Current:	0.5A
Max Continuous Carry Current:	1A
Initial Path Resistance, On:	0.2 $\Omega$ (0.12 $\Omega$ typical)
Initial Path Resistance, Off:	> 10 <sup>9</sup> $\Omega$
Relay Operate Time:	0.3ms
Expected Life:	>1x10 <sup>9</sup> operations

\* For full voltage rating, signal sources must be fully isolated from mains supply and safety earth.

Note: When user defined resistors are fitted to SPST relays, the above ratings may be affected, refer to fitted resistor ratings.

## Power Requirements

+3.3V	+5V	+12V	-12V
0.25A	0.3A	0	0

## Mechanical Characteristics

Single slot short PCI format.

3D models for all versions in a variety of popular file formats are available on request.

## Connectors

Resistor connections via a 37-pin male D-Type connector. For pin outs please refer to the operating manual.

## PCI Compliance

The 50-294 complies with the PCI Specification 2.0 (issued Feb 2004).

Signalling Environment: 33MHz, 32-bit Universal (+3.3V or +5V).

For advance information about a PCI Express version of this card please contact your local Pickering sales office

Supplied soft front panels and driver software are fully compatible with Windows operating systems.

## Safety & CE Compliance

All cards are fully CE compliant and meet applicable EU directives: Low-voltage safety EN61010-1:2010, EMC Immunity EN61326-1:2013, Emissions EN55011:2009+A1:2010.

## Operating/Storage Conditions

### Operating Conditions

Operating Temperature:	0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +55 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
Humidity:	Up to 90% non-condensing
Altitude:	5000m

### Storage and Transport Conditions

Storage Temperature:	-20 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +75 $^{\circ}\text{C}$
Humidity:	Up to 90% non-condensing
Altitude:	15000m

## Product Order Codes

### 0.25Ω Resolution

Range	No. of Channels	Order Code, No SPST Relays	Order Code, With SPST Relays
2Ω to 63.7Ω	4	50-294-011	50-294-111
2.5Ω to 1.02kΩ	2	50-294-021	50-294-121
3Ω to 16.3kΩ	2	50-294-031	50-294-131

### 0.5Ω Resolution

Range	No. of Channels	Order Code, No SPST Relays	Order Code, With SPST Relays
2Ω to 127Ω	4	50-294-012	50-294-112
2.5Ω to 2.04kΩ	2	50-294-022	50-294-122
3Ω to 32.7kΩ	2	50-294-032	50-294-132

### 1Ω Resolution

Range	No. of Channels	Order Code, No SPST Relays	Order Code, With SPST Relays
2Ω to 255Ω	4	50-294-013	50-294-113
2.5Ω to 4.09kΩ	2	50-294-023	50-294-123
3Ω to 65.5kΩ	2	50-294-033	50-294-133

### 2Ω Resolution

Range	No. of Channels	Order Code, No SPST Relays	Order Code, With SPST Relays
2Ω to 510Ω	4	50-294-014	50-294-114
2.5Ω to 8.19kΩ	2	50-294-024	50-294-124
3Ω to 131kΩ	2	50-294-034	50-294-134

### Accessories:

Calibration lead for 4-wire resistance measurement of the Programmable Resistor Channels using DMM - 37-pin D-type socket to shrouded 4mm bayonet plugs,

**1 meter length: 40-975-037-02-1m**

## Other Resistor Cards

Pickering Interfaces manufacture a range of variable resistor cards in the PXI and PCI formats. If you have a requirement for a variable resistor card please contact your local sales office with the information below and we will advise you on the best solution for your application.

Lowest Resistance †	<input type="text"/>
Highest Resistance	<input type="text"/>
Resistance Resolution	<input type="text"/>
Overall Accuracy	<input type="text"/>
Maximum Power/Current	<input type="text"/>
Number of Channels (variable resistors)	<input type="text"/>

† Resistance is as measured across the user connector terminals, minimum resistance must have a non-zero value.

## Mating Connectors & Cabling

For connection accessories for the 50-294 please refer to the [90-007D](#) 37-pin D-type Connector Accessories data sheet where a complete list and documentation can be found for accessories, or refer to the Connection Solutions catalog.

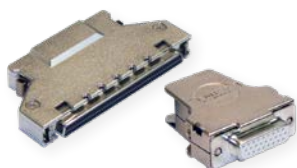
## Product Customization

Pickering PCI card are designed and manufactured on our own flexible manufacturing lines, giving complete product control and enabling simple customization to meet very specific requirements.

All customized products are given a unique part number, fully documented and may be ordered at any time in the future. Please contact your local sales office to discuss.

## Connectivity Solutions

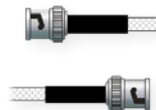
We provide a full range of supporting cable and connector solutions for all our switching products—20 connector families with 1200+ products. We offer everything from simple mating connectors to complex cables assemblies and terminal blocks. All assemblies are manufactured by Pickering and are guaranteed to mechanically and electrically mate to our modules.



Connectors & Backshells



Multiway Cable Assemblies



RF Cable Assemblies



Connector Blocks

We also offer customized cabling and have a free online Cable Design Tool that can be used to create custom cable solutions for many applications.

Visit: [pickeringtest.com/cdt](http://pickeringtest.com/cdt) to start your design.

### Mass Interconnect

We recommend the use of a mass interconnect solution when an Interchangeable Test Adapter (ITA) is required for a PXI or LXI based test system. Our modules are fully supported by both Virginia Panel and MacPanel.

### Pickering Reed Relays

We are the only switch provider with in-house reed relay manufacturing capability via our sister company, Pickering Electronics. These instrument grade reed relays feature **SoftCenter®** technology, ensuring long service life and repeatable contact performance

To learn more, please go to: [pickeringrelay.com](http://pickeringrelay.com)



## Programming

Pickering provide kernel, IVI and VISA (NI & Keysight) drivers which are compatible with all Microsoft supported versions of Windows and popular older versions. For a list of all supporting operating systems, please see: [pickeringtest.com/os](http://pickeringtest.com/os)

The VISA driver is also compatible with Real-Time Operating Systems such as LabVIEW RT. For other RTOS support contact Pickering. These drivers may be used with a variety of programming environments and applications including:

- **Pickering Interfaces Switch Path Manager**
- **National Instruments** products (LabVIEW, LabWindows/CVI, Switch Executive, MAX, TestStand, VeriStand, etc.)
- **Microsoft Visual Studio** products (Visual Basic, Visual C+)
- **Keysight VEE**
- **Mathworks Matlab**
- **Marvin ATEasy**
- **MTQ Testsolutions** Tecap Test & Measurement Suite

Drivers for popular Linux distributions are available, other environments are also supported, please contact Pickering with specific enquiries.

We provide Soft Front Panels (SFPs) for our products for familiarity and manual control, as well as comprehensive documentation and example programs to help you develop test routines with ease.

To learn more about software drivers and development environments, please go to: [pickeringtest.com/software](http://pickeringtest.com/software)



## Signal Routing Software

Our signal routing software, Switch Path Manager, automatically selects and energizes switch paths through Pickering switching systems. Signal routing is performed by simply defining test system endpoints to be connected together, greatly accelerating Test System software development.

To learn more, please go to: [pickeringtest.com/spm](http://pickeringtest.com/spm)



## Diagnostic Relay Test Tools

eBIRST Switching System Test Tools are designed specifically for our PXI, PCI or LXI products, these tools simplify switching system fault-finding by quickly testing the system and graphically identifying the faulty relay.

To learn more, please go to: [pickeringtest.com/ebirst](http://pickeringtest.com/ebirst)

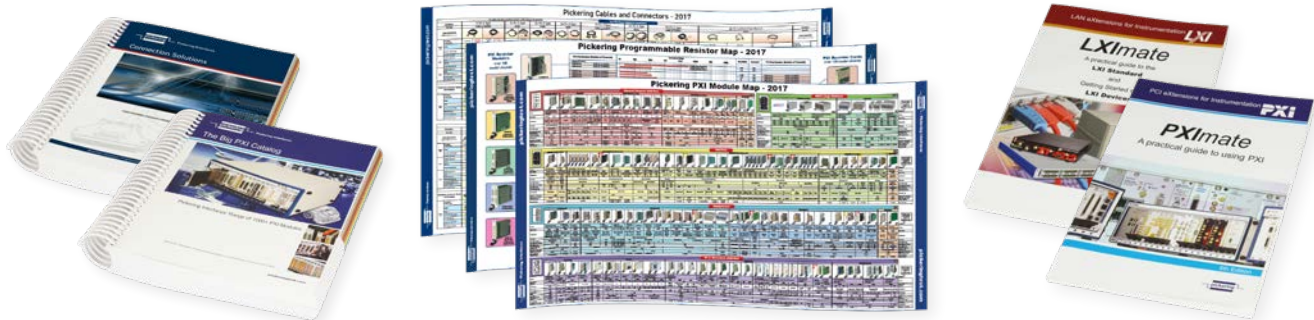


## Three Year Warranty & Guaranteed Long-Term Support

All standard products manufactured by Pickering Interfaces are warranted against defective materials and workmanship for a period of three years from the date of delivery to the original purchaser. Extended warranty and service agreements are available for all our modules and systems with various levels to suit your requirements. Although we offer a 3-year warranty as standard, we also include guaranteed long-term support—with a history of supporting our products for typically 15-20 years. To learn more, please go to: [pickeringtest.com/support](http://pickeringtest.com/support)

## Available Product Resources

We have a large library of product resources including success stories, product and support videos, articles, as well as complete product catalogs and product reference maps to assist when looking for the switching, simulation and cable and connector solutions you need. We have also published handy reference books for the PXI and LXI standards.



To view, download or request any of our product resources, please visit: [pickeringtest.com/resources](http://pickeringtest.com/resources)

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