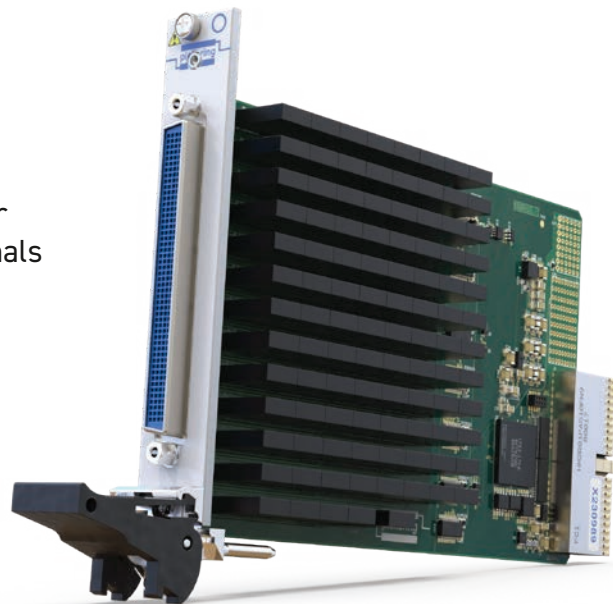- Available as PXI or PXIe Modules
- Highest Density Reed Relay Modules in PXI/PXIe
- 100x, 75x or 50x SPST Configurations
- High Reliability Pickering Ruthenium Reed Relays For Maximum Performance - Suitable For Low Level Signals
- Fast Operating Speed 250 µs Typical
- Pin Compatible With Alternative 40-145A Electro-mechanical Relay Modules
- Switch up to 150 V, 1 A with 20 W Max Power
- Single PCB Construction With Leaded Relays Allows Easy Maintenance
- Relay Cycle Counting Included
- Drivers Supplied for Windows & Linux, Plus Support for Real-time Systems
- PXI Versions Supported by PXI or LXI Chassis
- Supported by *eBIRST ™*
- 3 Year Warranty

The 40-140B (PXI) and 42-140B (PXIe) range of high density switching modules are available in 50x, 75x and 100x Normally Open SPST configurations. Connections are made via a front panel 200-pin female connector.

General purpose reed relays are suitable for the construction of small switching networks, I/O port switching, for controlling larger relays or for operating external devices such as lamps and solenoids.
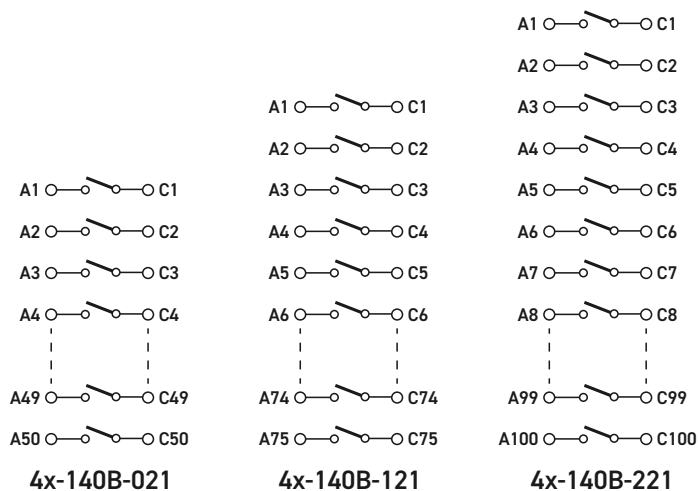
Supported by eBIRST

eBIRST switching system test tools simplify switching system fault-finding by quickly testing the system and graphically identifying the faulty relay.
For more information go to: pickeringtest.com/ebirst

Updated Product Information

These products have been introduced as a "form & fit" update to the 40-140A, the changes are to provide PXIe options and an updated bus interface which will require the use of an updated software driver. Otherwise, the electrical performance is very similar and the software and pinout are identical.

High Density 200-pin Connector

We have a range of connector solutions for the 200 pin connector used on this series of modules. These include mating connectors, pre-made cable assemblies and cable assemblies that break out the 200 conductors into more manageable 50-pin transition connectors. Please refer to our web site for more details.

This product is based on the obsolete Molex LFH series connector that has been superseded by a Pickering commissioned form, fit, function equivalent. The new connector series is 100% compatible with the Molex connectors allowing either gender of Pickering connector to mate with the corresponding Molex part without issue.

SPST High Density Reed Relay Modules

4x-140B-021 | 4x-140B-121 | 4x-140B-221

Choice of Signal Relay Types

4x-140B series of modules are fitted with reed relays (sputtered ruthenium type) which are designed solely for high-end instrumentation applications. They offer very long life to 1000 million operations, fast operate time of 0.25 ms and exceptional low level switching performance. Reed relays are hermetically sealed so ensuring consistent and stable contact resistance with long life. All of the reed relays used in our PXI modules are manufactured by our Relay Division: www.pickeringrelay.com

Electro-mechanical Relays (palladium-ruthenium, gold covered) are used in module series 4x-145A/146/148. They offer good general purpose performance, switching times of 3 ms and are lower cost than instrumentation grade reed relays. Overall they offer a good general purpose choice.

Pin Compatibility. 4x-140B & 4x-145A modules are 100% pin compatible allowing use of either module type in your test system.

Exactly which type to select depends on your application, if in doubt please contact your nearest Pickering sales office.

Relay Cycle Counting

To aid with module "health" monitoring all versions are provided with a relay cycle counting cycle feature. The number of operations per contact are stored on the module and can be used to determine if a relay is approaching EOL. This information could allow system connections to be revised so that signals applied to heavily used contacts are swapped with lightly used contacts to prolong the working life of the relay(s).

Switching Specification

Switch Type:	Ruthenium Reed
Max Switching Voltage:	150 VDC/100 VAC*
Max Power:	20 W
Max Switch Current:	1 A
Max Carry Current:	1 A
Initial On Path Resistance:	<600 mΩ max (350 mΩ typical)
Off Path Resistance:	>10^9 Ω
Thermal Offset:	50 µV typical
Operate Time:	<0.5 ms, 0.25 ms typical
Release Time:	<0.5 ms, 0.25 ms typical
Expected Life	
Low power load:	1x10^9 operations
Full power load:	>1x10^6 operations

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

RF Specification - In a 50 Ω System

Bandwidth (-3 dB):	65 MHz (typical)	
Crosstalk (typical):	10 kHz:	-60 dB
	100 kHz:	-60 dB
	1 MHz:	-45 dB
	10 MHz	-20 dB
Isolation (typical):	10 kHz	65 dB
	100 kHz:	60 dB
	1M Hz:	50 dB
	10 MHz:	30 dB

Power Requirements - 40-140B

	+3.3 V	+5 V	+12 V	-12 V
100 Relays Energised	140 mA	920 mA	0	0

Power Requirements - 42-140B

	+3.3 V	+12 V
100 Relays Energised	370 mA	430 mA

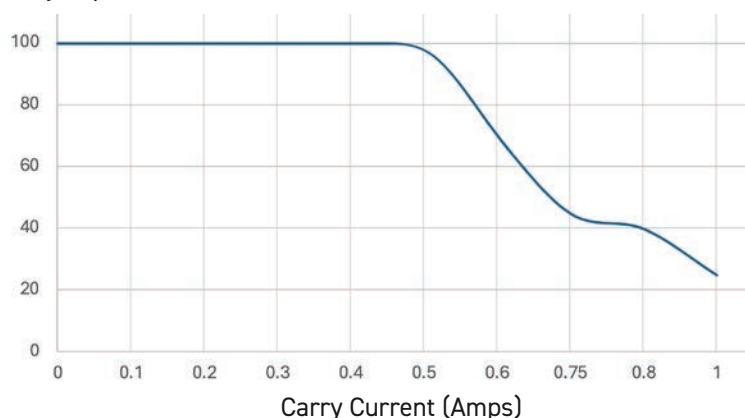## Mechanical Characteristics

40-140B - Single slot 3U PXI (CompactPCI card).

42-140B - Single slot 3U PXIe, compatible with PXIe hybrid slot.

Module weight: 200g (40-140B-121),
              240g (40-140B-221)

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

Simultaneous
Relays Operated

Carry Current (Amps)

Plot of recommended number of relays operated simultaneously versus carry current. Please refer to 'Guidance on Power Handling' in the user manual for details.

Connectors

40-140B - PXI bus via 32-bit P1/J1 backplane connector.

42-140B - PXIe bus via XJ3 and XJ4 backplane connectors.

Signals via front panel 200-pin female LFH* connector, for pin outs please refer to the operating manual.

* LFH relates to the obsolete Molex connector series and is retained for continuity, products will be fitted with a form, fit, function Pickering equivalent connector that is intermateable with the original Molex parts.

Operating/Storage Conditions

Operating Temperature: 0 °C to +55 °C
Humidity: Up to 90 % non-condensing
Altitude: 5000 m

Storage/Transport Temperature: -20 °C to +75 °C
Humidity: Up to 90 % non-condensing
Altitude: 15000 m

PXI & CompactPCI Compliance - 40-140B

The module is compliant with the PXI Specification 2.2. LocalBus, Trigger Bus & Star Trigger are not implemented.
Uses a 33 MHz 32-bit backplane interface.

PXIe Compliance - 42-140B

The module is compliant with the PXIe Specification 1.0. Local Bus, Trigger Bus & Star Trigger are not implemented.

Safety & CE Compliance

All modules 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.

Product Order Codes

PXI 50 x SPST, Ruthenium Reed Relays	40-140B-021
PXI 75 x SPST, Ruthenium Reed Relays	40-140B-121
PXI 100 x SPST, Ruthenium Reed Relays	40-140B-221
PXIe 50 x SPST, Ruthenium Reed Relays	42-140B-021
PXIe 75 x SPST, Ruthenium Reed Relays	42-140B-121
PXIe 100 x SPST, Ruthenium Reed Relays	42-140B-221

Product Customization

Pickering modules are designed and manufactured on our own flexible manufacturing lines, giving complete product control and enabling simple customization to meet very specific requirements. Customization can include:

- Alternative reed relay types
- Mixture of reed relay types
- Alternative number of relays
- Different performance specifications

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.

PXIe Version of 100xSPST Reed Relay Module - Part Number 42-140B-221

Support Products

eBIRST Switching System Test Tool

This product is supported by the *eBIRST* test tools which simplify the identification of failed relays, the required *eBIRST* tools are below. For more information go to: pickeringtest.com/ebirst

Product	Test Tool	Adapter
4x-140B-021/121/221	93-002-001	Not Required

Spare Relay Kits

Kits of replacement relays are available for the majority of Pickering's PXI switching products, simplifying servicing and reducing down-time.

Product	Relay Kit
4x-140B-021/121/221	91-100-015

For further assistance, please contact your local Pickering sales office.

Mating Connectors & Cabling

For connection accessories for the 4x-140B series please refer to the 90-002D 200-pin LFH Connector Accessories data sheet where a complete list and documentation can be found for accessories, or refer to our website.

Pickering can supply mating 200-pin connectors and cable assemblies to enable easy integration of the 4x-140B series of relay modules

Chassis Compatibility

The PXI versions of this module are compatible with the following chassis types:

- All chassis conforming to the 3U PXI and 3U Compact PCI (cPCI) specification
- Legacy and Hybrid Peripheral slots in a 3U PXI Express (PXIe) chassis
- Pickering Interfaces LXI or LXI/USB Modular Chassis

The PXIe versions of this module are compatible with the following chassis types:

- All chassis conforming to the 3U PXIe specification
- PXIe and Hybrid Peripheral slots in a 3U PXI Express (PXIe) chassis

Chassis Selection Guide

PXI and PXIe (with PXIe and/or Hybrid slots) Chassis from any Vendor:

- Mix our 1000+ PXI/PXIe switching & simulation modules with any vendor's PXI/PXIe instrumentation
- Embedded or remote Windows PC control
- Real-time Operating System Support
- High data bandwidths, especially with PXI Express
- Integrated module timing and synchronization

Pickering LXI or LXI/USB Modular Chassis Only accept our PXI Switching & Simulation Modules:

- Choose from 1000+ Pickering PXI Modules
- Ethernet or USB control enables remote operation
- Low-cost control from practically any controller
- LXI provides manual control via Web browsers
- Driverless software support
- Power sequencing immunity
- Ethernet provides chassis/controller voltage isolation
- Independence from Windows operating system
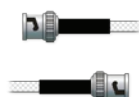
Connectivity Solutions

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. These accessories are detailed in Connector Accessories data sheets, where a complete list and documentation can be found for each accessory.

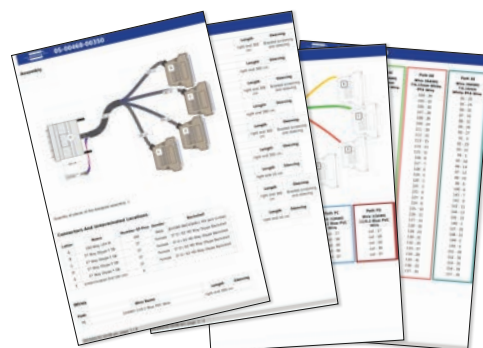| Connectors & Backshells	Multi-way Cable Assemblies	RF Cable Assemblies	Breakouts	Connector Blocks

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.

- Fully supported on modern browsers and tablet operating systems.
- Built-in tutorials and videos allow you to get quickly up to speed.
- Store cable assemblies in the Cloud and develop over time.
- Each cable design has a downloadable PDF documentation file detailing all specifications

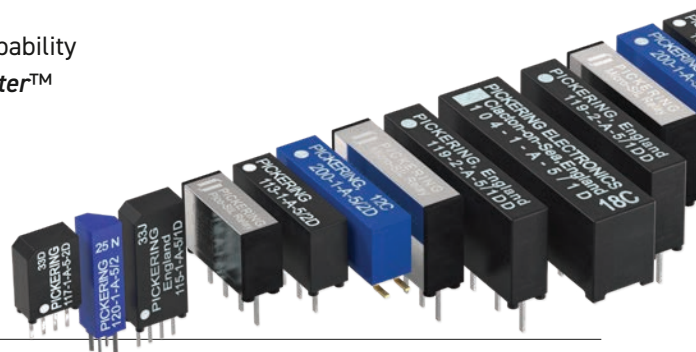Start designing your custom cabling, go to pickeringtest.com/cdt

Mass Interconnect

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

Pickering Reed Relays

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

To learn more go to 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 more information go to pickeringtest.com/os

The VISA driver support is provided for LabVIEW Real Time Operating Systems (Pharlap and Linux-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++)
- **Programming Languages** C, C++, C#, Python
- **Keysight** VEE and OpenTAP
- **Mathworks MATLAB, Simulink**
- **Marvin** ATEasy
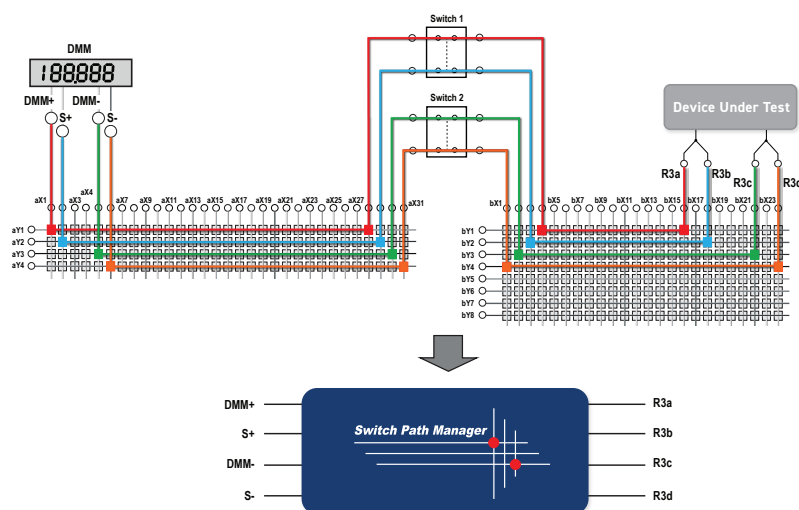- **MTQ Testsolutions** Tecap Test & Measurement Suite

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 go to 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 go to 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 go to 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 three years from the date of delivery to the original purchaser. Extended warranty and service agreements are available with various levels for 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 go to pickeringtest.com/support

Available Product Resources

We have a library of resources including success stories, product and support videos, articles and white papers as well as application-specific brochures to assist you. We have also published reference books on switching technology and the PXI and LXI standards.

To view, download or request any of our product resources go to pickeringtest.com/resources