

- Single 8 to 1 or Single 4 to 1 Fiber Optic MUX
- High Density 1 or 2 Slot Width Modules
- FC/APC, FC/PC or SC/PC Connectors
- Small Form Factor Connectors LC or MU (mini SC)
- 1240 to 1640 nm Single Mode
- 700 to 1700 nm Multi-Mode
- Return Loss >55 dB
- Long Operating Life >10<sup>9</sup> Operations with High Repeatability ± 0.01 dB and Good Temperature Stability
- Crosstalk -60 dB Typical
- 1 ms Typical Switching Time
- VISA, IVI & Kernel Drivers Supplied for Windows
- Supported by PXI or LXI Chassis
- 3 Year Warranty

Pickering PXI MEMS Fiber Optic multiplexer modules are available in 8:1 or 4:1 formats with a choice of 5 different connector styles to suit most applications: FC/APC (for optimal performance), FC/PC and SC/PC for general applications and LC and MU for high density applications.

The fiber optic multiplexers connect the common to a channel by redirecting the optical signal into a selected output fiber. This is achieved using Micro-Mechanical Mirrors driven by a highly precise mechanism and activated via an electrical control signal.

The range of MEMS (Micro-Electro-Mechanical-Systems) based optical switches is:

- **40-850** – Single 4 Channel Multiplexer
- **40-852** – Single 8 Channel Multiplexer

Pickering can construct custom optical systems to customers precise requirements. We have a large range of electrical switching modules which can form a complete PXI based telecom switching solution.

MEMS offers many advantages over traditional optical prism technology as used in the 40-810/815/820 modules. MEMS offers similar optical performance but with lower price, higher packing density, faster operate time and much longer operating life.

## Key Features

- Very fast operate time <1 ms
- Very long life >10<sup>9</sup> operations
- Return loss greater than 55 dB
- High repeatability over a broad range of environmental conditions
- High density

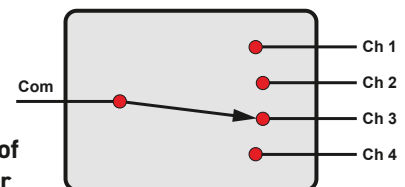
## Applications

- Optical signal routing
- Fiber network configuration
- Fiber Optic Component Test

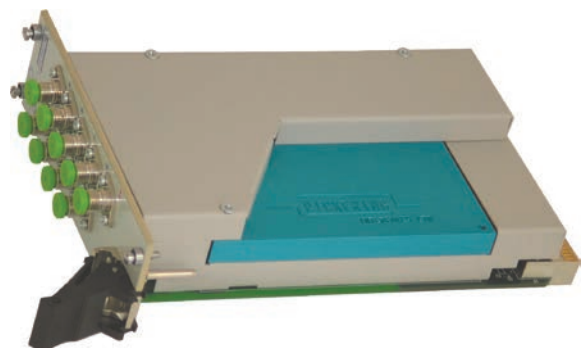
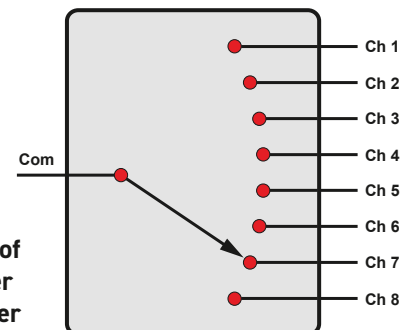


**40-852-018**  
**8 Channel Fiber**  
**Optic Multiplexer**

**Block Diagram of**  
**4 Channel Fiber**  
**Optic Multiplexer**



**Block Diagram of**  
**8 Channel Fiber**  
**Optic Multiplexer**



## General Specification (All versions)

Fiber Switch Type:	MEMS
Internal Fiber Type:	SM 9/125
Wavelength:	1240 to 1640 nm
Insertion loss (4 channel versions):	1 dB Typ
Insertion loss (8 channel versions):	1.5 dB Typ
Return loss (APC version):	60 dB Min
Return loss (other versions):	55 dB Min
Polarization dependent loss (PDL):	0.05 dB Max
Repeatability:	±0.01 dB Max
Crosstalk:	-60 dB Max
Optical Input Power:	300 mW Max
Thermal Stability: (-10 to 75°C insertion loss variation)	0.2 dB Max
Expected Life:	>>10 <sup>9</sup> operations
Maximum Switching Time:	1 ms
Cycle Rate:	500/sec

## Additional Specification (MM versions)

Fiber Switch Type:	MEMS
Internal Fiber Type:	MM 62.5/125 or 50/125
Wavelength:	700 to 1700 nm
Insertion loss (4 channel versions):	1 dB Typ
Insertion loss (8 channel versions):	1.5 dB Typ
Return loss (other versions):	55 dB Min
Polarization dependent loss (PDL):	0.05 dB Max

## Power Requirements

+3.3 V	+5 V	+12 V	-12 V
0	300 mA (typ 220 mA)	0	0

## Mechanical Characteristics

All modules are either 1 or 2 slot 3U PXI (CompactPCI) cards as indicated in Product Order Codes.  
Module weight: <0.8 Kg typical.  
3D models for all versions in a variety of popular file formats are available on request.

## Connectors

PXI bus via 32-bit P1/J1 backplane connector.  
Signals via front panel fiber optic connectors (choice of FC/APC, FC/PC, SC/PC, MU or LC types).

## Other Connector Styles

Pickering can manufacture Fiber Optic Switch modules with other connector styles, please contact sales office for further information.

## Operating/Storage Conditions

### Operating Conditions

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

### Storage and Transport Conditions

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

## PXI & CompactPCI Compliance

The module is compliant with the PXI Specification 2.2. Local Bus, Trigger Bus and Star Trigger are not implemented.

Uses a 33 MHz 32-bit backplane interface.

## 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 - 4 Channel Multiplexer Versions

Connector	Fibre	PXI Slots	Part number
FC/APC	Single-Mode 9/125	1	40-850-014
FC/PC	Single-Mode 9/125	1	40-850-114
SC/PC	Single-Mode 9/125	1	40-850-214
MU	Single-Mode 9/125	1	40-850-314
LC	Single-Mode 9/125	1	40-850-414
ST	Single-Mode 9/125	1	40-850-514
FC/APC	Multi-Mode 50/125	1	40-850-014-M50
FC/PC	Multi-Mode 50/125	1	40-850-114-M50
SC/PC	Multi-Mode 50/125	1	40-850-214-M50
MU	Multi-Mode 50/125	1	40-850-314-M50
LC	Multi-Mode 50/125	1	40-850-414-M50
ST	Multi-Mode 50/125	1	40-850-514-M50
FC/APC	Multi-Mode 62.5/125	1	40-850-014-M62.5
FC/PC	Multi-Mode 62.5/125	1	40-850-114-M62.5
SC/PC	Multi-Mode 62.5/125	1	40-850-214-M62.5
MU	Multi-Mode 62.5/125	1	40-850-314-M62.5
LC	Multi-Mode 62.5/125	1	40-850-414-M62.5
ST	Multi-Mode 62.5/125	1	40-850-514-M62.5

## Product Order Codes - 8 Channel Multiplexer Versions

Connector	Fibre	PXI Slots	Part number
FC/APC	Single-Mode 9/125	2	40-852-018
FC/PC	Single-Mode 9/125	2	40-852-118
SC/PC	Single-Mode 9/125	2	40-852-218
MU	Single-Mode 9/125	1	40-852-318
LC	Single-Mode 9/125	1	40-852-418
ST	Single-Mode 9/125	2	40-852-518
FC/APC	Multi-Mode 50/125	2	40-852-018-M50
FC/PC	Multi-Mode 50/125	2	40-852-118-M50
SC/PC	Multi-Mode 50/125	2	40-852-218-M50
MU	Multi-Mode 50/125	1	40-852-318-M50
LC	Multi-Mode 50/125	1	40-852-418-M50
ST	Multi-Mode 50/125	2	40-852-518-M50
FC/APC	Multi-Mode 62.5/125	2	40-852-018-M62.5
FC/PC	Multi-Mode 62.5/125	2	40-852-118-M62.5
SC/PC	Multi-Mode 62.5/125	2	40-852-218-M62.5
MU	Multi-Mode 62.5/125	1	40-852-318-M62.5
LC	Multi-Mode 62.5/125	1	40-852-418-M62.5
ST	Multi-Mode 62.5/125	2	40-852-518-M62.5

## 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 fiber types
- Alternative connector types
- Alternative number of channels
- 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.

## Chassis Compatibility

This PXI module must be used in a suitable chassis. It is 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

## Chassis Selection Guide

### Standard PXI or hybrid PXIe Chassis from any Vendor:

- Mix our 1000+ PXI switching & simulation modules with any vendor's PXI 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 1000+ PXI Switching & Simulation 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

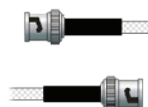
We provide a full range of supporting cable and connector solutions for all our switching products—20 connector families with 1200+ products. We offer everything from simple mating connectors to complex cables assemblies and terminal blocks. All assemblies are manufactured by Pickering and are guaranteed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



Connectors & Backshells



Multiwire 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 Relay Division. 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:

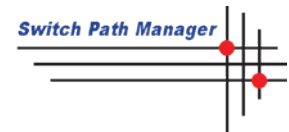
- **Pickering Interfaces Switch Path Manager**
- **National Instruments** products (LabVIEW, LabWindows/CVI, Switch Executive, MAX, TestStand, VeriStand, etc.)
- **Microsoft Visual Studio** products (Visual Basic, Visual C++)
- **Keysight** VEE and OpenTAP
- **Mathworks** Matlab
- **Marvin** ATEasy
- **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 and white papers as well as application specific product brochures to assist when looking for the switching, simulation and connection solutions you need. We have also published handy reference books on Switching Technology and for the PXI and LXI standards.



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