

- Very High Density Multiplexer
- 4 Banks, 24-Channel, 2-Pole
- Uses High Reliability Pickering Reed Relays
- Fast Operating Speed 500  $\mu$ s Typical per Relay
- Switch up to 100 V, 1.2 A with 20 W Max Power
- Automatic Isolation Switches Reduce Capacitive Loading in Large Systems
- Drivers Supplied for Windows & Linux, Plus Support for Real-time Systems
- Supported by **eBIRST™**
- 3 Year Warranty



The 50-671A is a 24-channel 2-pole very high density multiplexer with 4 separate banks. Typical applications include signal routing in ATE and data acquisition systems.

The 50-671A can be operated as a conventional multiplexer with break-before-make action when a new channel is selected. Alternatively, a product variant can be supplied that allows multiple channels to be simultaneously selected.

The 50-671A channel selection configuration has been revised from model 50-671. The 50-671A card defaults to single channel selection with the multiple channel selection variant defined by use of a suffix.

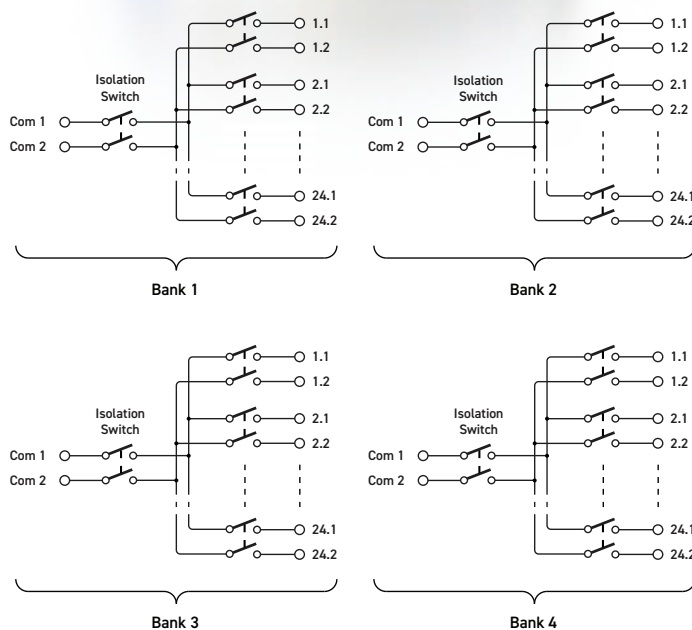
Built in Automatic Isolation Switching connects only the currently active multiplexer bank on to the analogue common, thereby keeping capacitive loading and leakage currents in large multiplexer systems to a minimum. Larger multiplexers may be constructed by daisy chaining the common signals from multiple cards.

Automatic isolation switching only applies to single channel selection mode, for versions with multi channel selection, the isolation relays are controlled separately from the channel relays. To prolong contact life of the isolation relays it is strongly advised that they are cold switched.

## Supported by eBIRST

eBIRST test tools simplify switching fault-finding by quickly testing the system and graphically identifying the faulty relay.

For more information go to: [pickeringtest.com/ebirst](http://pickeringtest.com/ebirst)



**Functional Diagram for the 50-671A-022-Q/24/2  
4-Bank, 24-Channel 2-Pole Multiplexer Card**

## Front Panel Connector

This product is based on the obsolete Molex LFH series connector that has been superseded by a Pickering commissioned form, fit, function equivalent.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.

## Relay Type

The 50-671A is fitted with ruthenium sputtered reed relays, these offer very long life with good low level switching performance and excellent contact resistance stability. Spare reed relays are 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)

## Switching Specification

Switch Type:	Ruthenium Reed
Max Switching Voltage:	100 V*
Max Power:	20 W
Max Switch Current:	1 A
Max Carry Current:	1.2 A
Path Resistance On (Single Card):	<800 mΩ (600 mΩ typical)
Path Resistance Off (Single Card):	>10 <sup>9</sup> Ω
Differential Thermal Offset:	<10 μV
Bandwidth (3 dB, 1 card):	>5 MHz
Noise Level (0 to 1 MHz in 50Ω system):	<-80 dBm
Operate Time:	1 ms typical, 500 μs for multi-channel mode
Expected Life (operations)	
Low power load:	>1x10 <sup>9</sup>
Full power load:	>1x10 <sup>6</sup>

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

## Power Requirements

+3.3 V	+5 V	+12 V	-12 V
0	Min: 160 mA Typical: 280 mA Max: 360 mA	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.

## Connections

Signals via a 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 95 % non-condensing
Altitude:	5000 m
Storage Temperature:	-20 °C to +75 °C
Humidity:	Up to 95 % non-condensing
Altitude:	15000 m

## PCI Compliance

The 50-671A card complies with the PCI Specification 2.0 (issued Aug 2000).

Signalling Environment: 33 MHz, 32-bit (+5 V only).

## 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.

## Product Order Codes - Very High Density Multiplexer

Channel Selection	Model Variant	Order Code
Single	4-Bank, 24-Channel, 2-Pole	50-671A-022-Q/24/2

**Note:** The above card is available in multiple channel selection mode by adding the “-M” suffix to the part number. The MUX with multiple channel capability would be:  
**50-671A-022-Q/24/2-M**

## Product Customization

Pickering PCI cards 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.

## 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](http://pickeringtest.com/ebirst)

Product	Test Tool	Adaptor
50-671A	93-002-001	Not Required

### Spare Relay Kits

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

Product	Relay Kit
50-671A	91-100-008

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

## Mating Connectors & Cabling

For connection accessories for the 50-671A card 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 the Connection Solutions catalog.



Pickering can supply mating 200-pin connectors and cable assemblies to enable easy integration of the 50-671A series of multiplexers

## Connectivity Solutions

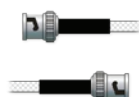
We provide a full range of supporting cable and connector solutions for all our switching products—20 connector families with **1200+** products. We offer everything from simple mating connectors to complex cables assemblies and terminal blocks. All assemblies are manufactured by Pickering and are guaranteed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



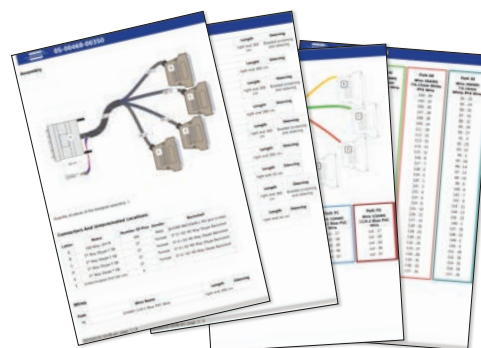
Breakouts



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.

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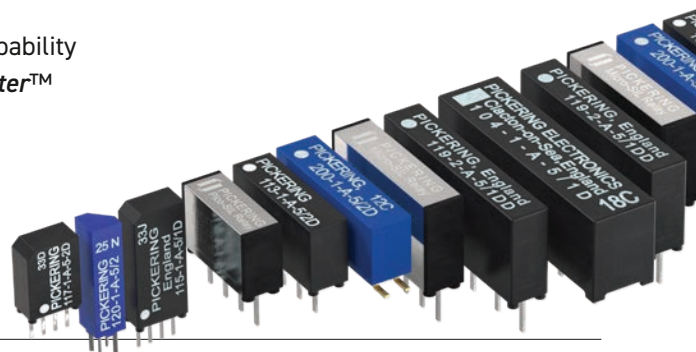
## Mass Interconnect

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](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 more information go to [pickeringtest.com/os](http://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

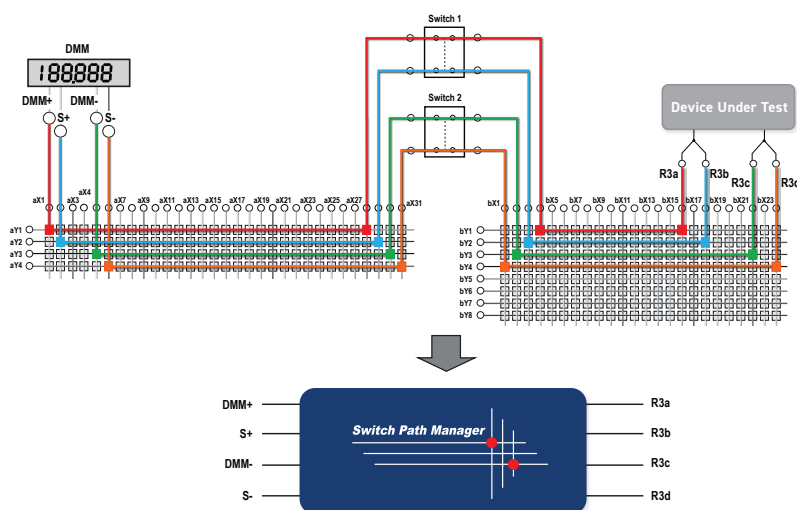
Drivers for popular Linux distributions are available, other environments are also supported, please contact Pickering with specific enquiries. We provide Soft Front Panels (SFPs) for our products for familiarity and manual control, as well as comprehensive documentation and example programs to help you develop test routines with ease.

To learn more about software drivers and development environments go to [pickeringtest.com/software](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 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.

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## 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](http://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](http://pickeringtest.com/resources)

