

- 2-Pole 75x4 Matrix Available in Single, Dual and Triple Versions
- Cold Switch Voltage Rating of 750 VDC Continuous & Higher Voltage Pulse Conditions e.g. Typically 1000 VDC for 2 ms With Low Duty Cycle
- Maximum Current of 1 A Switch/2 A Carry
- X and Y Loop-Thru Connections Allow Easy Matrix Expansion
- X and Y Isolation Switching for Maximized Performance
- High Quality Electromechanical Relays

The 60-311 is a 2-pole matrix available with one, two or three separate 75x4 matrices housed in the same chassis. It is capable of cold switching 750 VDC continuous with a carry current of 2 A with higher pulse conditions - typically 1000 VDC for 1 s with low duty cycle or 6 A for 200 μ s with <1% duty cycle.

Front panel loop-thru connections allow the 75x4 matrices to be easily expanded to an adjacent matrix within the same chassis. Also, expansion can be carried out between 60-311 matrices in separate chassis. For instance, the Y axis of ten 75x4 matrices can be cascaded to create a single 750x4 matrix.



- 3U Rack Mountable Enclosure
- LXI Standard 1.4 Compliant
- IVI & Direct I/O Drivers
- 3 Year Warranty

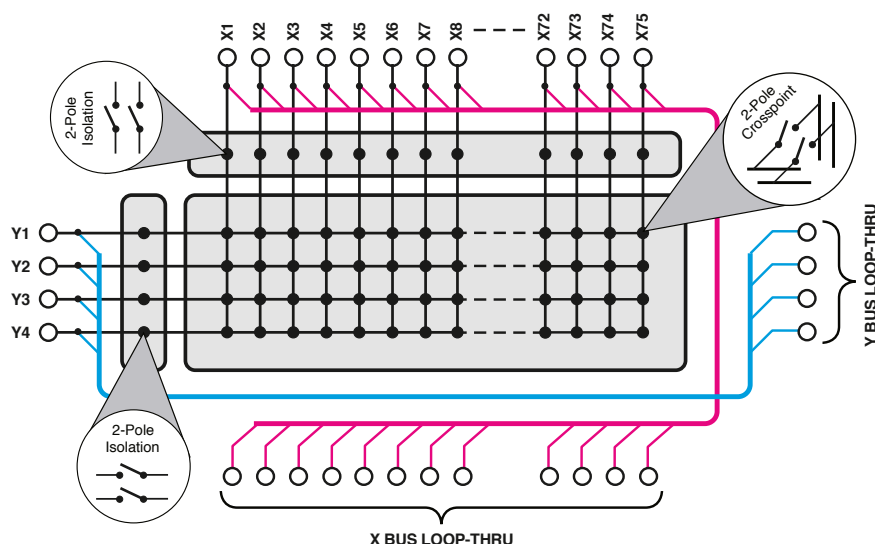
The X and Y signals of the matrices are routed to the front panel connectors via isolation switches. These allow unused matrix paths to be disconnected, preserving signal integrity.

The 60-311 is designed in accordance with the LXI Standard 1.4 and is supplied in a 3U high, full rack width chassis with 500 mm depth.

It is programmable via a LAN interface using Pickering Interfaces generic switch driver. Industry standard (W3C) web browsers can be used to access and change configuration information and provide access to the soft front panels, allowing control from any PC or Mac.

The 60-311 is ideal for applications where a simple start-up process is required and for applications requiring control over large distances.

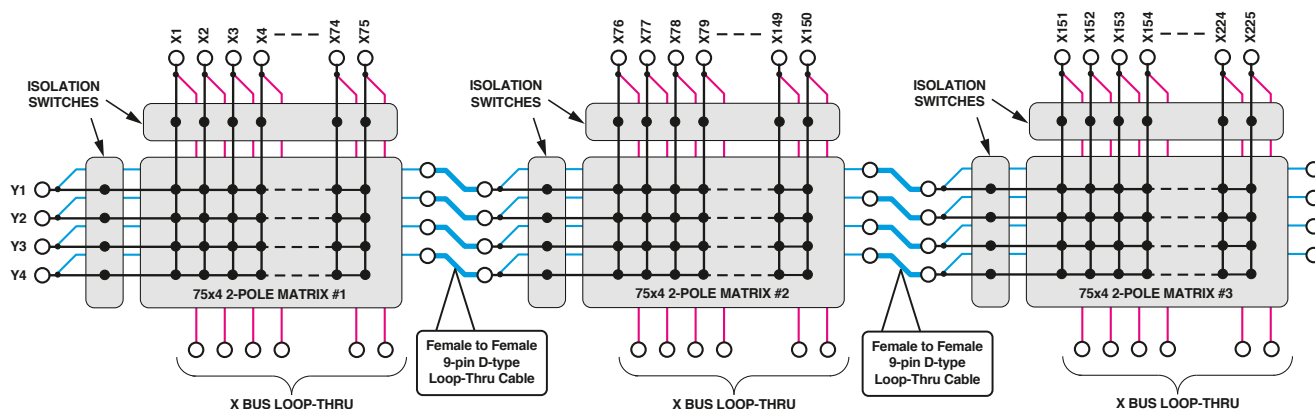
2-Pole 75x4 High Voltage Matrix Schematic Diagram.
The 60-311 Unit is available with 1, 2 or 3 of these matrices.



Issue 2.5 January 2024

Matrix Expansion

The 60-311 may be expanded to larger matrix sizes by using cabling to daisy-chain the Loop-Thru connections. The illustrations below show the three 75x4 matrices of a 60-311-003 interconnected as a single 225x4 matrix using female to female 9-pin D-type cables to link the Y buses. In the same way, the X Loop-Thru connections can be used to interlink the X signals and create a matrix with a wider Y bus. Additionally, the Loop-Thru connections can be used to link X and Y buses between units. For example, ten 75x4 matrices housed in four separate 60-311 units can have their Y buses daisy-chained to produce a single 750x4 matrix. The first diagram shows the matrix schematic and the second diagram shows how the front panel connectors are cabled together.



Schematic diagram of three 75x4 matrices connected as a single 225x4 matrix using the Y-bus Loop-Thru connections.

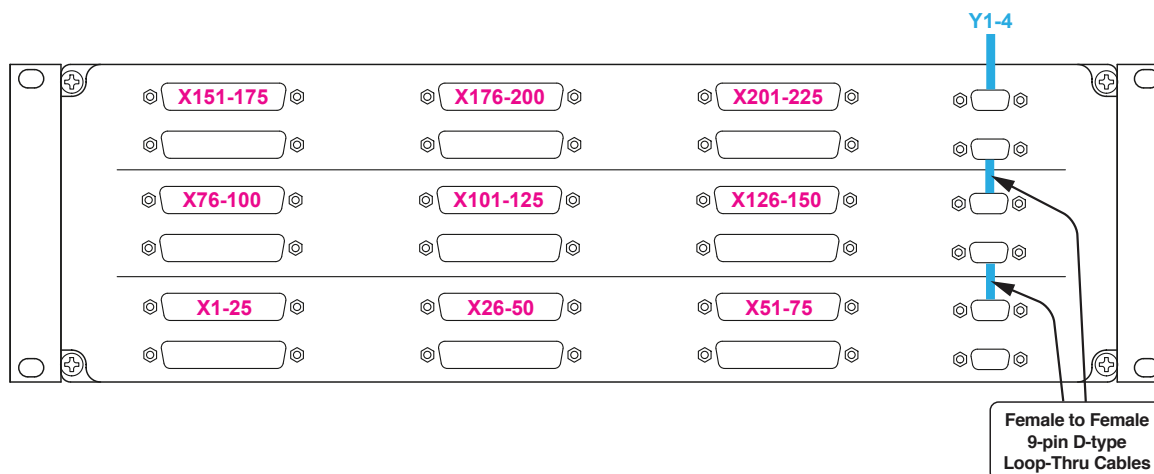


Diagram showing the front panel cabling required to interconnect three 75x4 matrices as a single 225x4 matrix. The Y-bus Loop-Thru connections can be further expanded to other 60-311 Units.

Relay Type

The 60-311 is fitted with high quality electro-mechanical relays. A Spare Relay is built onto the circuit boards to allow easy maintenance with minimum downtime.

Switching Specification

Switch Type:	Electro-mechanical
Contact Type:	Palladium-Ruthenium, Gold Covered Bifurcated
Max Hot Switch Voltage:	220 VDC/250 VAC*
Max Cold Switch Voltage:	750 VDC continuous & higher voltage pulse conditions, e.g. typically 1000 VDC for 2 ms with low duty cycle*
Max Hot Switch Power:	30 W
Max Hot Switch Current:	1 A
Max Cold Switch Current:	2 A
Max Pulsed Carry Current Example:	6 A For 200 μ s With <1% Duty Cycle
Initial Path Resistance - On:	<1 Ω (X to X)†
Initial Path Resistance - Off:	>10 ⁹ Ω
Minimum Voltage:	100 μ V
Operate Times	
Crosspoint Relay:	<3 ms
Crosspoint + Isolation Relay:	<6 ms
Expected Life (operations)	
Very low power signal load:	>1x10 ⁸
Low power load (2 W):	>1.5x10 ⁷ (0.1 A 20 VDC)
Medium power load (30 W):	>5x10 ⁶ (1 A 30 VDC)
Full power load (60 W):	>1x10 ⁵ (2 A 30 VDC)
Max Number of simultaneously closed crosspoints:	100 per matrix

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

† Path resistance is dependent upon the signal route selected.

Power Source

Universal AC mains supply, 90-120/200-240 V 50-60 Hz	
Power Inlet:	Male IEC connector
Power Rating:	100 VA maximum
Fuse Rating:	(F) 5 A, 250 V

LAN Interface

Compliant to LXI Standard 1.4, the 60-311 has a 1000Base-T Ethernet Interface via a standard RJ-45 connector mounted on the rear panel with an LCD display showing the unit's IP address.*

*Note: Legacy units may not have 1000Base-T support or be fitted with an LCD display.

Mechanical Characteristics

Supplied with front panel ears to enable rack mounting on a shelf or other rear support mechanism.

Dimensions: 3U high, full rack width, 500 mm depth

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

Connectors

Signals via front panel connectors:

X connections: 50-pin male high voltage D-type

Y connections: 9-pin male high voltage D-type

For pin outs please refer to the operating manual.

Operating/Storage Conditions

Operating Temperature:	0 °C to +55 °C
Humidity:	Up to 85% non-condensing
Altitude:	5000 m
Storage/Transport Temperature:	-20 °C to +75 °C
Humidity:	Up to 85% non-condensing
Altitude:	15000 m

Safety & CE Compliance

All products 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

LXI Single 75x4 2-Pole HV Matrix	60-311-001
LXI Dual 75x4 2-Pole HV Matrix	60-311-002
LXI Triple 75x4 2-Pole HV Matrix	60-311-003

Product Customization

Pickering LXI units 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 relay types
- Mixture of 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.

Mating Connectors & Cabling

For connection accessories for the 60-311 please refer to the [90-005HVD](#) High Voltage 50-pin D-type and [90-003HVD](#) High Voltage 9-pin D-type Connector Accessories data sheets where a complete list and documentation can be found for accessories, or refer to our website.

Overview of “Hot” & “Cold” Switching Techniques

“Hot” Switching

This is when the load is switched with the high voltage source applied. Hot switching may generate considerable RFI, both within the switching module and on interconnecting wiring. Care must be taken to suppress or shield all cabling.

Note that any precaution which adds extra capacitance to a cable should be taken with great care, even a very small capacitance at high voltages can cause very large inrush current through the module resulting in possible switch weld and excessive RFI.

The 60-311 modules include extensive built-in RFI suppression circuits that minimize RFI and surge problems.

“Cold” Switching – The Preferred Option for Reliability & Long Life

With cold switching, the relay is operated before the high voltage source is applied. In this case the maximum carry current is much greater, also there will be much less stress on the reed relays, resulting in improved reliability and life.

Most high voltage sources include a soft start facility which reduces the likelihood of generating RFI or temporary over-voltage.

High voltage switching modules are often used for isolation testing applications (e.g. cable, transformer or semiconductor isolation tests), in these cases, cold switching is nearly always the preferred option to reduce the risk of high voltage transients that may cause premature breakdown.

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

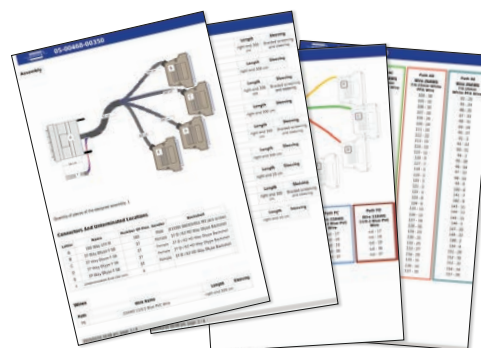


Breakouts



Connector Blocks

- 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

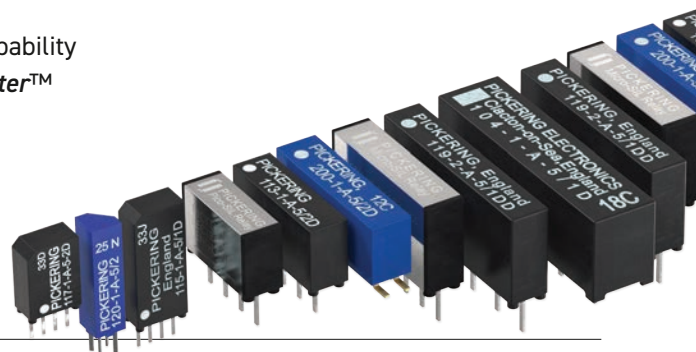


Start designing your custom cabling, go to pickeringtest.com/cdt

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.

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

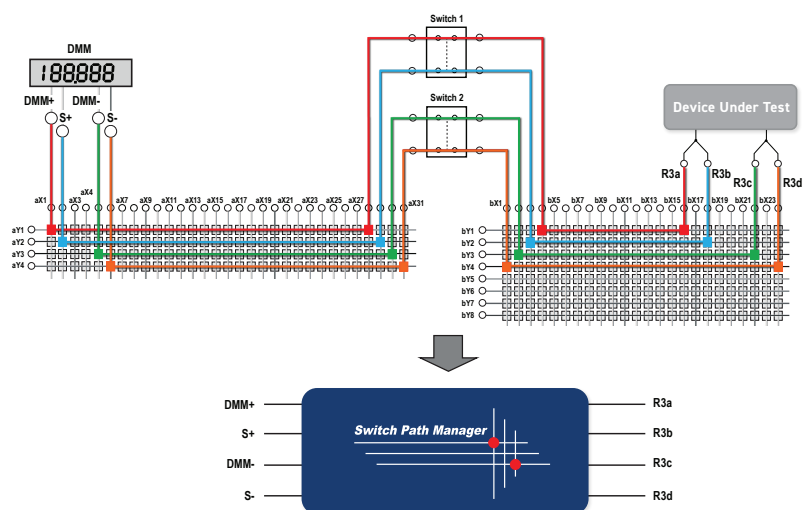
Drivers for popular Linux distributions are available, other environments are also supported, please contact Pickering with specific enquiries. We provide Soft Front Panels (SFPs) for our products for familiarity and manual control, as well as comprehensive documentation and example programs to help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

