



- Single Pole High Density Matrix - Up To 4096 Crosspoints
- Dual Analog Bus
- Matrix Size 256x4 to 1024x4
- Up to 1027 Simultaneously Closed Crosspoints
- Uses High Quality Electro-Mechanical Relays
- Switch up to 150 VDC/100 VAC & up to 60 W Max Power
- Maximum Switch Current of 2 A
- Built-In Scan List Sequence Stores With Triggering Capability
- Relay Cycle Counting Included
- 1U Rack Mountable Enclosure
- LXI Standard 1.4 Compliant With Gigabit Ethernet Interface
- IVI & Direct I/O Drivers
- Supported by BIRST™ & eBIRST™ Test Tools
- 3 Year Warranty

The 60-553 is a high density single pole 1024x4 matrix suitable for signal routing in large ATE systems. It is easily expanded to produce larger sizes, for example, two units can be linked to create a 2048x4 matrix.

The matrix is constructed from 128x4 sub assemblies and can be supplied in sizes from 256 to 1024 X connections in increments of 128. Up to 1027 simultaneously closed crosspoints are permitted, making it suitable for cable/backplane continuity and isolation testing.

### Dual Analog Bus

The Y axis of each 128x4 sub-matrix can be connected to one of two analog buses (Dual Analog Bus). These can be used to maximize bandwidth by disconnecting unused stub matrices from the bus in use. They also provide configuration flexibility by giving the potential to divide the 60-553 into two independent matrices whose size can be set in increments of 128 X connections.

The 60-553 is designed in accordance with the LXI Standard 1.4 and is supplied in a 1U high, full rack width case with

500mm depth. It is programmable via the LAN interface using Pickering's generic switch driver. Standard (W3C) web browsers can be used to change configuration information and access soft front panels.

The 60-553 is ideal for applications where a simple start-up is required and for applications requiring control over large distances.

### Built-In Relay Self-Test - BIRST

The BIRST facility provides a quick and easy way of finding relay failures. No test equipment is required, simply un-plug the connectors, launch the BIRST application and the tool will run a diagnostic test that will find all relays with faulty contacts. For more information go to: [pickeringtest.com/birst](http://pickeringtest.com/birst)

### Supported by eBIRST

This matrix is also supported by eBIRST. These 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](http://pickeringtest.com/ebirst)

## Sequencing Service and Triggering

The Sequencing service provides the user with the ability to set a series of pre-determined sequences on an LXI unit. These sequences can be triggered by software or one of the sixteen software configurable open collector triggers.

As the operations are grouped together, it will minimize the number of control transactions required to achieve a composite change of target switch state, condensing multiple operations in a single sub-unit into a single operation, thus reducing the overall system switch settling time.

For example, if a user wants to operate matrix crosspoints X1-Y1, X4-Y1, X2-Y2, in the first sequence, only one operation, and one delay, will be used.

Additionally, as the switch state sequences are stored within the LXI controller, the burden on the Host CPU and Ethernet traffic is greatly reduced, and so the overall system latency is also reduced.

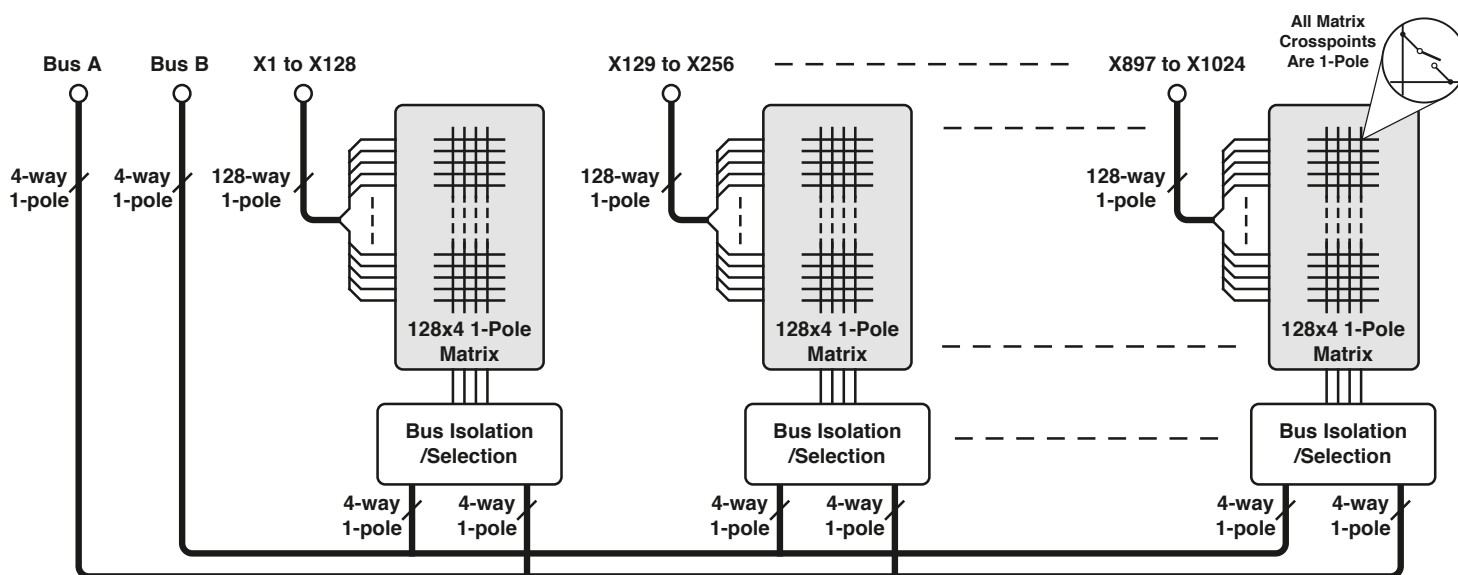
This unit features a software reset line which provides the ability for a user supplied reset to be applied to the unit,

triggering a software reset of the relays, returning all relays in the unit to their default state. There is also a software fault line available that will be triggered if there is any error detected within the unit. Please note that while these reset and fault lines use dedicated physical connections to the unit, they are software control lines and as such should not be used for safety interlocks etc.

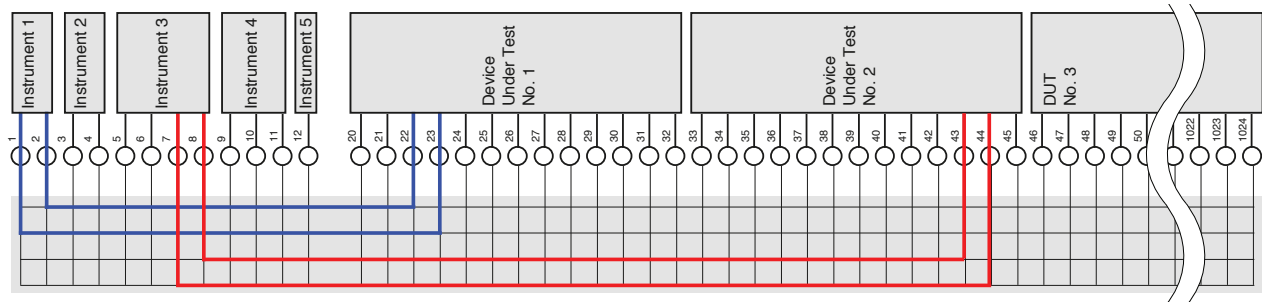
For more information on the [Pickering Sequence Manager](#) please refer to our website.

## Relay Cycle Counting

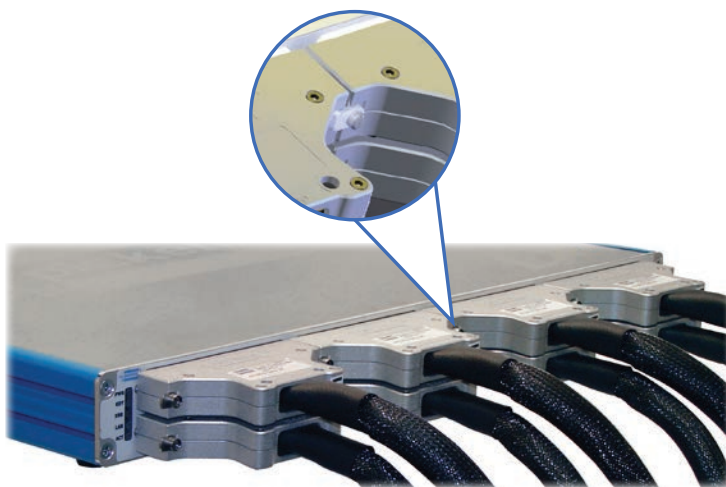
To aid with "health" monitoring this unit is provided with a relay cycle counting feature. The number of operations per contact are stored on the unit and can be used to determine if a relay is approaching EOL. This information could allow system connections to be revised so that signals applied to heavily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



60-553 Single Pole 1024x4 EMR Matrix Schematic Diagram. The 60-553 has up to eight 128x4 sub-matrices linked by two analog buses. Isolation/selection switches connect the Y-bus of a sub-matrix to Bus A, Bus B or isolated it from the other sub-matrices.

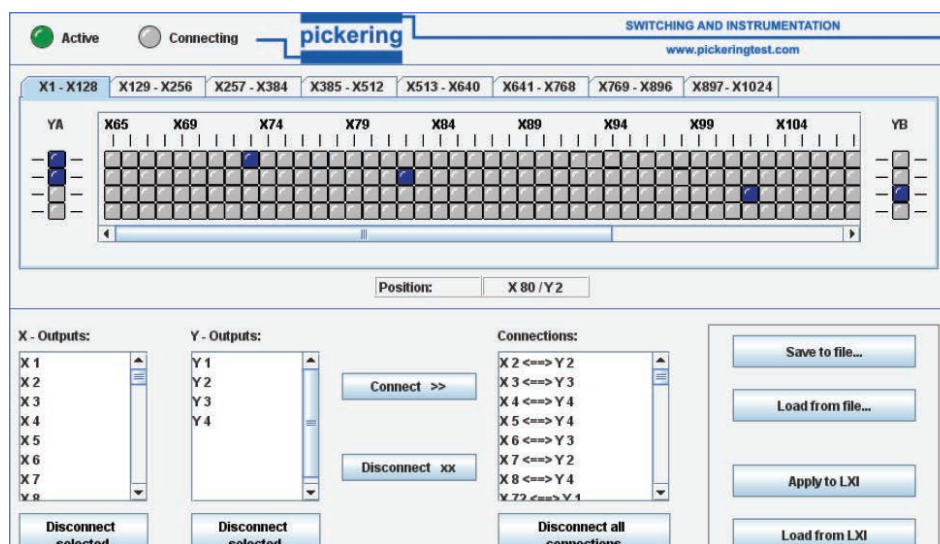


**Example Application of a high density matrix:**  
The matrix is used to parallel test multiple DUTs with all connections via X-axis for maximum efficiency



Example of 60-553 With Pickering Cabling Attached. Detail shows how adjacent 160-pin connectors are fixed together with a tab and a locking screw. This allows the mating connectors to be secured to the front panel while maintaining the highest possible cabling density.

## Programming via Soft Front Panel

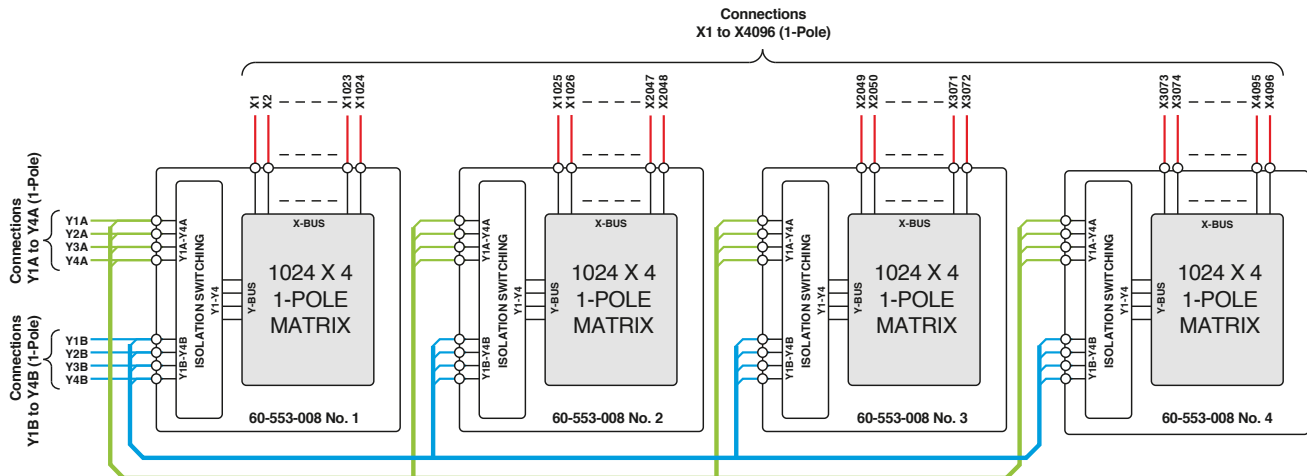


Soft Front Panel for the 60-553 Matrix - can be executed as a Java applet from the device's LXI homepage and allows graphical control of the matrix

## Matrix Expansion

The 60-553 may be expanded to larger matrix sizes by using cabling to daisy-chain the Y signals.

The illustrations below show four 60-553-008 1024x4 1-pole matrices interconnected as a 4096x4 1-pole matrix using specially constructed cables. The first diagram shows the matrix schematic and the second diagram shows how the front panel connectors are cabled together.



Schematic Diagram of four 60-553-008 matrices connected as a single 4096x4 1-pole matrix, the 60-553 is fitted with Dual 4-wire, 1-pole Analog Buses

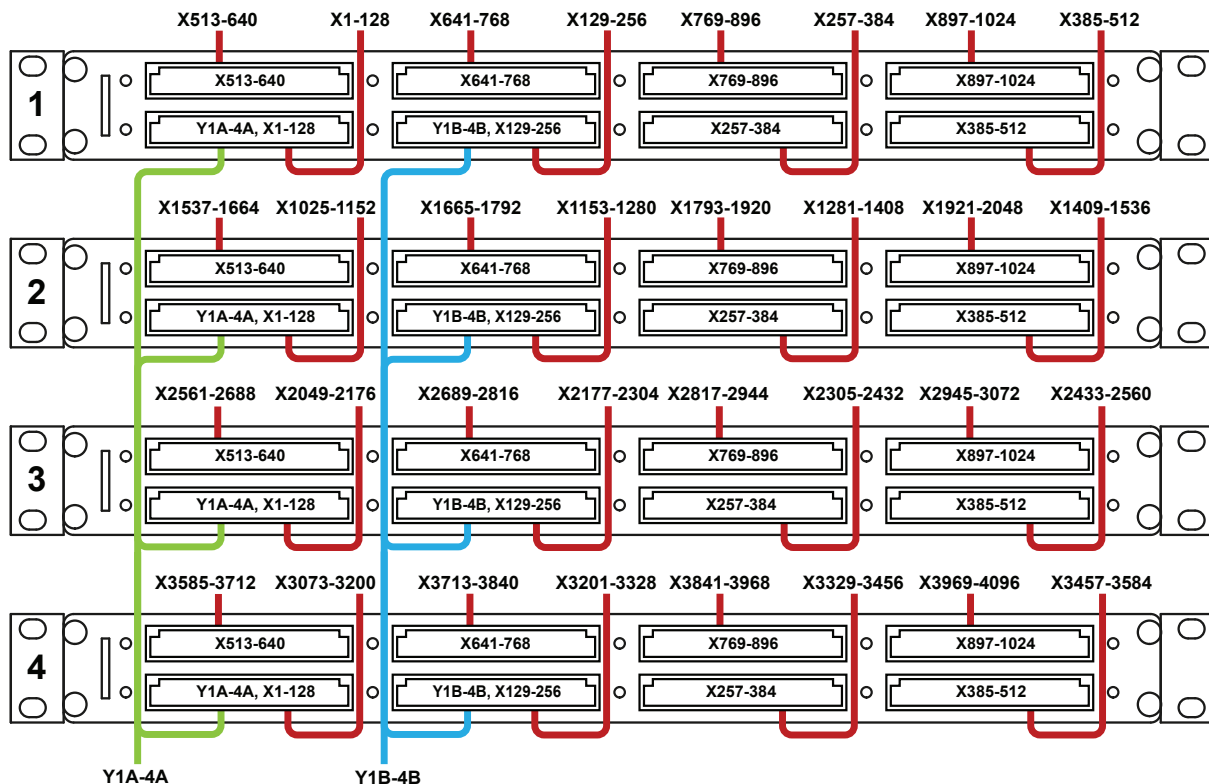


Diagram showing the front panel cabling required to interconnect four 60-553-008 matrices as a single 4096x4 1-pole matrix

## Relay Type

The 60-553 is fitted with high quality electro-mechanical relays. These relays are leaded types (not surface mount) so field maintenance is greatly simplified. Spare relays are built onto the circuit board to allow easy maintenance with minimum downtime.

## Switching Specification

Switch Type	Electro-mechanical
Contact Type:	Palladium-Ruthenium, Gold Covered Bifurcated
Max Switch Voltage:	150 VDC/100 VAC*
Max Power:	62.5 VA, 60 W (resistive load)
Max Switch Current:	2 A
Max Continuous Carry Current:	2 A
Max Pulsed Carry Current:	6 A for 100 ms (up to 10% duty cycle)
Initial Path Resistance - On:	1 $\Omega$ typical (X to X, highest resistance path)
Initial Path Resistance - Off:	>10 <sup>9</sup> $\Omega$
Minimum Voltage:	100 $\mu$ V
Thermal Offset:	<5 $\mu$ V
Typical Operate Times	
Crosspoint Relay:	<4 ms
Crosspoint + Isolation Relay:	<8 ms
Expected Life (operations)	
Very low power signal load:	>1x10 <sup>8</sup>
Low power load (2 W):	>1.5x10 <sup>7</sup> (0.1A 20 VDC)
Medium power load (30 W):	>5x10 <sup>6</sup> (1A 30 VDC)
Full power load (60 W):	>1x10 <sup>5</sup> (2 A 30 VDC)
Bandwidth:	3 MHz typical (fully populated)
Crosstalk (typical):	10 kHz: -68 dB 100 kHz: -58 dB 1 MHz: -34 dB
Isolation (typical):	10 kHz: -94 dB 100 kHz: -88 dB 1 MHz: -68 dB
Max Number of simultaneously closed crosspoints:	1027

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

## 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 60-553 has a 1000Base-T Ethernet Interface via a standard RJ-45 connector mounted on the rear panel with a display showing the unit's IP address.

## Mechanical Characteristics

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

Dimensions: 1U high, full rack width, 500 mm depth

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

## Signal Connectors

Signals via front panel connectors.

X and Y connections are via 8 x 160-pin DIN41612 plugs (Y connections are on the first and second X signal connectors).

For pin outs please refer to the operating manual.

## Scan List Sequencing

Capable of storing 5000 predefined test sequences, loaded from the host Controller to the LXI unit at process initialization, with the ability to be triggered through software or from any of the sixteen software configurable triggers.

For more information on the Pickering Sequence Manager, please go to: [pickering-sequence-manager](#)

## Triggering

- 16x Software Configurable Bidirectional Open Drain Triggers
- 1x Dedicated Software Reset Line
- 1x Dedicated Software Fault Line
- 1x Dedicated Interlock Line

Sequencing/Triggering port: 25-pin male micro-D connector mounted on the rear panel.

## Product Order Codes

LXI High Density 256x4 1-Pole EMR Matrix	60-553-002
LXI High Density 384x4 1-Pole EMR Matrix	60-553-003
LXI High Density 512x4 1-Pole EMR Matrix	60-553-004
LXI High Density 640x4 1-Pole EMR Matrix	60-553-005
LXI High Density 768x4 1-Pole EMR Matrix	60-553-006
LXI High Density 896x4 1-Pole EMR Matrix	60-553-007
LXI High Density 1024x4 1-Pole EMR Matrix	60-553-008

## 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.

## 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

## 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.

## 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. This product requires master slave testing and one set of each tool is required together with the master slave cable **93-970-301**.

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

Product	Test Tool	Adaptor
60-553	93-002-001	93-002-410

### Spare Relay Kits

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

Product	Relay Kit
60-553	91-100-001

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

### Mating Connectors & Cabling

For connection accessories for the 60-553 please refer to the **90-001D** 160-pin DIN41612 Connector Accessories data sheet where a complete list and documentation can be found for accessories, or refer to our website.

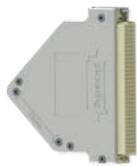


Pickering can supply mating connectors and cable assemblies to enable easy integration of the 60-553 High Density matrix



## Connectivity Solutions

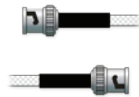
We provide a full range of supporting cable and connector solutions for all our switching products—20 connector families with **1200+** products. We offer everything from simple mating connectors to complex cables assemblies and terminal blocks. All assemblies are manufactured by Pickering and are guaranteed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



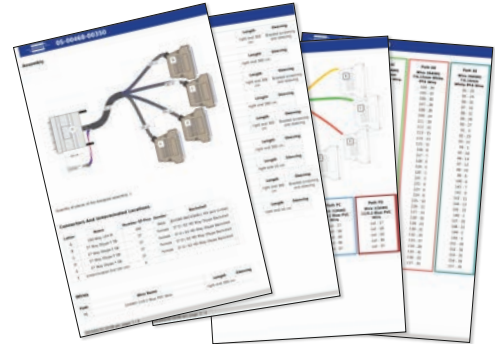
Breakouts



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](http://pickeringtest.com/cdt)

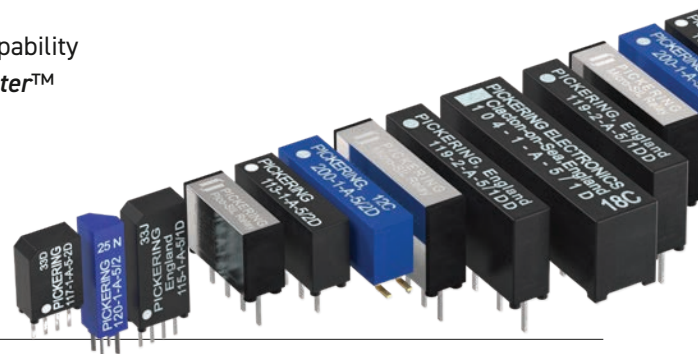
## Mass Interconnect

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](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

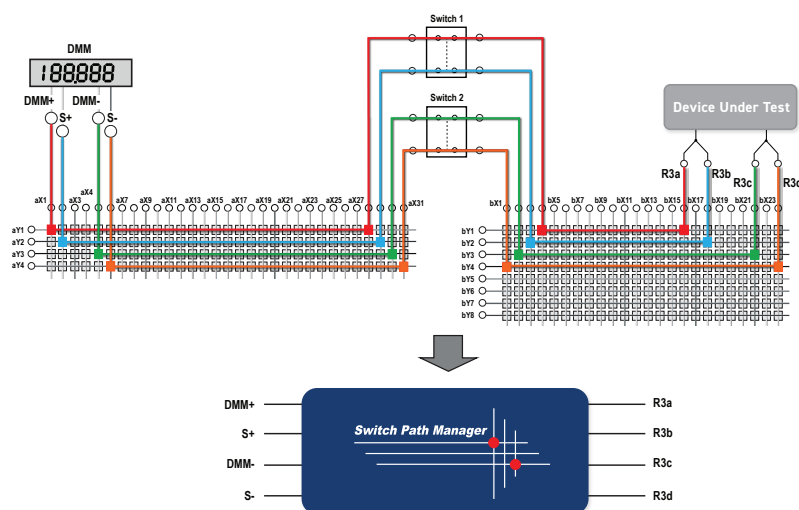
Drivers for popular Linux distributions are available, other environments are also supported, please contact Pickering with specific enquiries. We provide Soft Front Panels (SFPs) for our products for familiarity and manual control, as well as comprehensive documentation and example programs to help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

