High Voltage SIL/SIP Reed Relays

- Up to 5 kV stand-off
- Switching Voltage up to 1500 VDC
- Small size. Stacking on 0.25 Inches pitch
- Internal mu-metal magnetic screen
- Optional electrostatic screen NEW
- 104HT High temperature versions available NEW

Package Type

- One or two switches in a single package
- 1 Form A, 2 Form A & 1 Form B configurations
- Dry and mercury wetted switches available
- 5 V, 12 V or 24 V Coils with optional internal diode
- Ideal for mixed semiconductor testers, renewable energies and much more (see below)
- Additional build options are available including many pin configurations
- Many benefits compared to industry standard relays (see last page)

The Series 104 reed relays are ideal for mixed signal semiconductor testers, cable testing, monitoring photovoltaic efficiency, EVs & charge point testing, mining gas analysis, medical electronics, in-circuit test equipment, high voltage instrumentation, and much more.

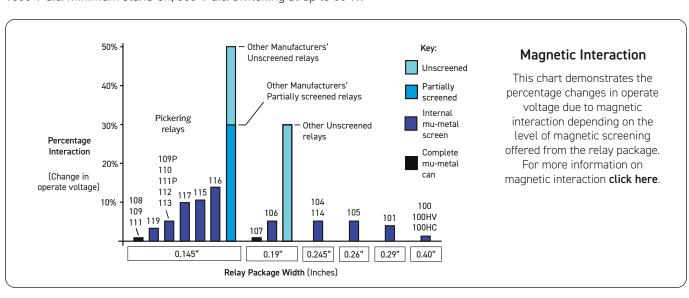
Where mains voltages are switched, for example to control and isolate S.C.R. or triac gates, they are an ideal choice.

The range features an internal mu-metal screen to eliminate problems that would otherwise be experienced due to magnetic interaction when they are closely stacked.

There is an option for an electrostatic shield between the switch and the coil to help minimise noise between the coil drive and high voltage circuits.

Where extended operating temperature ranges are required, options are designed to work from -40 °C to +125 °C, or custom versions up to +150 °C.

Five types of dry switches are available, capable of standing-off 1.5, 2, 3, 4 or 5 kV d.c. The 1.5 kV and 2 kV versions are rated to switch up to 1000 VDC, for 3 kV, 4 kV and 5 kV versions, under certain conditions, this can be extended to 1500 VDC. The 3, 4 & 5 kV versions also have an increased clearance between the switch and coil pins to accommodate the higher voltage. Mercury wetted devices are also available for applications where bounce free switching is required. These are rated at 1500 V d.c. minimum stand-off, 500 V d.c. switching at up to 50 W.



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Switch Ratings - Dry Switches

1 Form A (energize to make)	1 Form B (energize to break)	2 Form A (energize to make)
1500 V d.c. min stand-off	1500 V d.c. min stand-off	1500 V d.c. min stand-off
1000 V d.c. switching at 25 W	1000 V d.c. switching at 25 W	1000 V d.c. switching at 25 W
2000 V d.c. min stand-off	2000 V d.c. min stand-off	2000 V d.c. min stand-off
1000 V d.c. switching at 25 W	1000 V d.c. switching at 25 W	1000 V d.c. switching at 25 W
3000 V d.c. min stand-off		_
1000* V d.c. switching at 25 W	_	_
4000 V d.c. min stand-off		
1000* V d.c. switching at 25 W	_	_
5000 V d.c. min stand-off		
1000* V d.c. switching at 25 W	_	_

^{*} For higher standoff versions, switching voltages greater than 1000 VDC are possible at reduced current and power, see the Extending Switching Voltages table below.

Dry Reed: Series 104 switch ratings - contact ratings for each switch type

Switch No	Switch form	Power rating	Max. switch current	Max. carry current	Max. switching volts	Min. stand-off volts	Life expectancy ops typical (see Note ¹)	Operate time inc bounce (max)	Release time	Special features
1	A or B	25 W	1.0 A	1.5 A	1000	1500	108	1.0 ms	0.3 ms	High voltage
2	A or B	25W	1.0 A	1.5 A	1000	2000	10 ⁸	1.0 ms	0.3 ms	High voltage
3	А	25W	1.0 A	1.5 A	1000*	3000	108	1.0 ms	0.3 ms	High voltage
4	А	25W	1.0 A	1.5 A	1000*	4000	108	1.0 ms	0.3 ms	High voltage
5	А	25W	1.0 A	1.5 A	1000*	5000	108	1.0 ms	0.3 ms	High voltage

^{*} For higher standoff versions, switching voltages greater than 1000 VDC are possible at reduced current and power, see the Extending Switching Voltages table below.

Note1: Life Expectancy

The life of a reed relay depends upon the switch load and end of life criteria. For example, for an 'end of life' contact resistance specification of 1 Ω , switching low loads (10 V at 10 mA resistive) or when 'cold' switching, typical life is approx 1 x 10 9 ops. At the maximum load (resistive), typical life is 1 x 10 7 ops. In the event of abusive conditions, e.g. high currents due to capacitive inrushes, this figure reduces considerably. Pickering will be pleased to perform life testing with any particular load condition.

Dry Reed: Series 104 switch ratings - Extended Switching Voltages

Switch No	Switch form	Max. switch current	Max. switching volts	Switched power	Typical life expectancy
3, 4 or 5	А	1 mA	1250	1.25 W	10 ⁷
3, 4 or 5	А	4 mA	1250	5 W	5 x 10 ⁶
3, 4 or 5	А	8 mA	1250	10 W	106
3, 4 or 5	А	1 mA	1500	1.5 W	106
3, 4 or 5	А	2 mA	1500	3 W	5 x 10⁵



Switch Ratings - Mercury Wetted Switches

1 Form A (energize to make)	2 Form A (energize to make)
1500 V d.c. min stand-off	1500 V d.c. min stand-off
500 V d.c. switching at 50 W	500 V d.c. switching at 50 W

Operating Voltages - Standard

Coil voltage - nominal	Must operate voltage - maximum at 25°C	Must release voltage - minimum at 25°C
5 V	3.75 V	0.5 V
12 V	9 V	1.2 V
24 V	18 V	2.4 V

Operating Voltages - HT (High Temperature) Versions

Cail valtage naminal	Must opera	ate voltage	Must release voltage		
Coil voltage - nominal	maximum at 25°C	maximum at 125°C	minimum at 25°C	minimum at 125°C	
5 V	2.75 V	3.75 V	0.5 V	0.5 V	
12 V	6 V	9 V	1.2 V	1.2 V	
24 V	12 V	18 V	2.4 V	2.4 V	

Environmental Specification/Mechanical Characteristics

In applications where a higher or lower operating temperature range is required, the 104HT range has been designed to maintain optimum performance from -40 $^{\circ}$ C to +125 $^{\circ}$ C.

Standard Operating Temperature Range	-20 °C to +85 °C
Standard Storage Temperature Range	-35°C to +100°C
104HT Operating Temperature Range	-40 °C to +125 °C
104HT Storage Temperature Range	-40 °C to +150 °C
Shock Resistance	50 g
Vibration Resistance (10 - 2000 Hz)	20 g
Soldering Temperature (max) (10 s max)	270°C
Washability (Proper drying process is recommended)	Fully Sealed

Extended Operating Temperature Range

With the copper coil winding wire having a resistance/temperature coefficient of approximately 0.4% per °C, changes in temperature will result in changes in operating voltage. A standard reed relay is designed to have optimum performance up to the maximum operating temperature of +85 °C, the 104HT range has increased coil drive to ensure the same performance up to 125 °C, and with certain considerations, up to +150 °C. For more information, see our Temperature guide or contact techsales@pickeringrelay.com



Dry Relay: Series 104 Coil Data and Type Numbers

Device Type	Type Number	Coil	Coil	Max. contact	Insulation (minimum (see I	n at 25 °C)	(typ	itance ical) Note²)
Device Type	туре митрег	(V)	resistance	resistance (initial)	Switch to coil	Across switch	Closed switch to coil	Across open switch
1 Form A	104-1-A-5/1D	5	375 Ω					
Switch No. 1 (1.5 kV)	104-1-A-12/1D	12	1000 Ω	0.15 Ω	$10^{12}\Omega$	$10^{12}\Omega$	2.5 pF	0.1 pF
Package Type 1*	104-1-A-24/1D	24	3000 Ω					
1 Form A	104-1-A-5/2D	5	375 Ω					
Switch No. 2 (2 kV)	104-1-A-12/2D	12	1000 Ω	0.15 Ω	$10^{12}\Omega$	$10^{12}\Omega$	2.5 pF	0.1 pF
Package Type 1*	104-1-A-24/2D	24	3000 Ω					
1 Form A	104-1-A-5/3D	5	220 Ω					
Switch No. 3 (3 kV)	104-1-A-12/3D	12	500 Ω	0.15 Ω	10 ¹² Ω	10 ¹² Ω	2.5 pF	0.1 pF
Package Type 2	104-1-A-24/3D	24	3000 Ω					
1 Form A	104-1-A-5/4D	5	220 Ω	0.15 Ω			2.5 pF	
Switch No. 4 (4 kV)	104-1-A-12/4D	12	500 Ω		$10^{12}\Omega$	$10^{12}\Omega$		0.1 pF
Package Type 2	104-1-A-24/4D	24	3000 Ω					
1 Form A	104-1-A-5/5D	5	220 Ω		10 ¹² Ω		2.5 pF	
Switch No. 5 (5 kV)	104-1-A-12/5D	12	500 Ω	0.15 Ω		10 ¹² Ω		0.1 pF
Package Type 6*	104-1-A-24/5D	24	3000 Ω					
1 Form B	104-1-B-5/1D	5	750 Ω				2.5 pF	
Switch No. 1 (1.5 kV)	104-1-B-12/1D	12	2000 Ω	0.20 Ω	$10^{12}\Omega$	$10^{12}\Omega$		0.1 pF
Package Type 3	104-1-B-24/1D	24	3000 Ω					
1 Form B	104-1-B-5/2D	5	750 Ω					
Switch No. 2 (2 kV)	104-1-B-12/2D	12	2000 Ω	0.20 Ω	$10^{12}\Omega$	$10^{12}\Omega$	2.5 pF	0.1 pF
Package Type 3	104-1-B-24/2D	24	3000 Ω					
2 Form A	104-2-A-5/1D	5	250 Ω				C	Cra
Switch No. 1 (1.5 kV)	104-2-A-12/1D	12	750 Ω	0.20 Ω	$10^{12}\Omega$	$10^{12}\Omega$	See Note ³	See Note ³
Package Type 4	104-2-A-24/1D	24	2000 Ω				14000	11010
2 Form A	104-2-A-5/2D	5	250 Ω					6.
Switch No. 2 (2 kV)	104-2-A-12/2D	12	750 Ω	0.20 Ω	$10^{12}\Omega$	10 ¹² Ω 10 ¹² Ω	See Note ³	See Note ³
Package Type 4	104-2-A-24/2D	24	2000 Ω				NOTE	7,000

When an internal diode is required, the suffix D is added to the part number as shown in the table.

Note²: Capacitance across open switch

The capacitance across the open switch was measured with other connections guarded.

Note³: Capacitance values

The value will depend upon on the mode of connection/guarding of unused terminals. Please contact technical sales for details.

Note⁴: Insulation resistance

Insulation resistance will reduce at higher temperatures. For more information on temperature effects **click here**, or **contact Pickering** for more in depth guidance.



^{*} Package Type 2 available, contact Pickering for more details.

Dry Relay: Series 104 (Electrostatic Shield) Coil Data and Type Numbers

Davies Torse Torse North		Coil	Coil	Max. contact	Insulation resistance (minimum at 25 °C) (see Note ³)		Capacitance (typical) (see Note²)	
Device Type	Type Number	(V) resistance r	resistance (initial)	Switch to coil	Across switch	Closed switch to coil	Across open switch	
1 Form A (ES Shielded)	104ES-1-A-5/1D	5	150 Ω		1012 Ω	10 ¹² Ω	2.5 pF	
Switch No. 1 (1.5 kV)	104ES-1-A-12/1D	12	600Ω	0.15 Ω				0.1 pF
Package Type 5	104ES-1-A-24/1D	24	2000 Ω					
1 Form A (ES Shielded)	104ES-1-A-5/2D	5	150 Ω		10 ¹² Ω		2.5 pF	0.1 pF
Switch No. 2 (2 kV)	104ES-1-A-12/2D	12	600 Ω	0.15 Ω		1012 Ω		
Package Type 5	104ES-1-A-24/2D	24	2000 Ω					
1 Form A (ES Shielded)	104ES-1-A-5/3D	5	50 Ω					0.1 pF
Switch No. 3 (3 kV)	104ES-1-A-12/3D	12	400 Ω	0.15 Ω	10 ¹² Ω	10 ¹² Ω	2.5 pF	
Package Type 5	104ES-1-A-24/3D	24	1200 Ω				<u>'</u>	

When an internal diode is required, the suffix D is added to the part number as shown in the table.

Dry Relay: Series 104 (High Temperature) Coil Data and Type Numbers

Device Type	Type Number	Coil	Coil	Coil	Coil	Max. contact	Insulation resistance (minimum at 25 °C) (see Note³)		Capacitance (typical) (see Note²)	
Device Type	Type Nullibel	(V)	resistance	resistance (initial)	Switch to coil	Across switch	Closed switch to coil	Across open switch		
1 Form A (HT High Temp)	104HT-1-A-5/1D	5	300 Ω							
Switch No. 1 (1.5 kV)	104HT-1-A-12/1D	12	750 Ω	0.15 Ω	$10^{12}\Omega$	10 ¹² Ω	2.5 pF	0.1 pF		
Package Type 1	104HT-1-A-24/1D	24	3000 Ω							
1 Form A (HT High Temp)	104HT-1-A-5/2D	5	300 Ω				2.5 pF			
Switch No. 2 (2 kV)	104HT-1-A-12/2D	12	750 Ω	0.15 Ω	$10^{12}\Omega$	10 ¹² Ω		0.1 pF		
Package Type 1	104HT-1-A-24/2D	24	3000 Ω							
1 Form A (HT High Temp)	104HT-1-A-5/3D	5	125 Ω		10 ¹² Ω		2.5 pF	0.1 pF		
Switch No. 3 (3 kV)	104HT-1-A-12/3D	12	500 Ω	0.15 Ω		10 ¹² Ω				
Package Type 2	104HT-1-A-24/3D	24	2500 Ω							
1 Form A (HT High Temp)	104HT-1-A-5/4D	5	125 Ω					0.1 pF		
Switch No. 4 (4 kV)	104HT-1-A-12/4D	12	500 Ω	0.15 Ω	$10^{12}\Omega$	10 ¹² Ω	2.5 pF			
Package Type 2	104HT-1-A-24/4D	24	2500 Ω							
1 Form A (HT High Temp)	104HT-1-A-5/5D	5	125 Ω				2.5 pF	0.1 pF		
Switch No. 5 (5 kV)	104HT-1-A-12/5D	12	500 Ω	0.15 Ω	1012 Ω	2 Ω 1012 Ω				
Package Type 6	104HT-1-A-24/5D	24	2500 Ω							

When an internal diode is required, the suffix D is added to the part number as shown in the table.

Note2: Capacitance across open switch

The capacitance across the open switch was measured with other connections guarded.

Note³: Insulation resistance

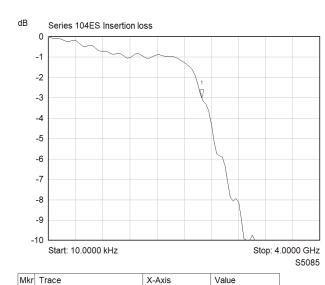
Insulation resistance will reduce at higher temperatures. For more information on temperature effects **click here**, or **contact Pickering** for more in depth guidance.



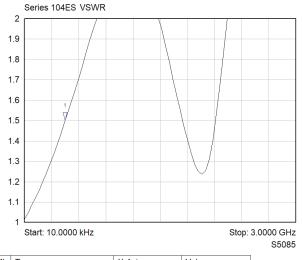
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Series 104ES

RF Plots for the 104ES Reed Relay



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Mkr	Trace	X-Axis	Value
1 🎖	Series 104ES	450.1271 MHz	1.50

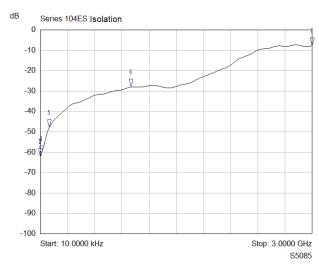
104ES Typical Insertion Loss Plot

2.2594 GHz

Value

-3.00 dB

104ES Typical VSWR Plot



Mkr	Trace	X-Axis	Value
1 ₹	Series 104ES	10.0000 kHz	-62.29 dB
2 ▽	Series 104ES	100.0000 kHz	-62.28 dB
3 ₹	Series 104ES	1.0000 MHz	-62.15 dB
4 ▽	Series 104ES	10.0000 MHz	-60.86 dB
5 ₹	Series 104ES	100.0000 MHz	-47.95 dB
6 ∇	Series 104ES	1.0000 GHz	-28.04 dB
7 ₹	Series 104ES	3.0000 GHz	-7.83 dB

104ES Typical Isolation Plot



Mercury Reed Relays

Mercury relays should be mounted vertically with **pin 1 uppermost**. Pin 1 is marked with a bar on the top face of the relay.



Mercury Reed: Series 104 switch ratings - contact ratings for each switch type

Switch No	Switch form	rating	Max. switch current		Max. switching volts	Min. stand-off volts	Life expectancy ops typical (see Note ¹)	Operate time inc bounce (max)	Release time	Special features
6	А	50 W	2A	3 A	500	1500	108	1.5 ms	1.0 ms	Standard mercury

Note1: Life Expectancy

The life of a reed relay depends upon the switch load and end of life criteria. For example, for an 'end of life' contact resistance specification of 1 Ω , switching low loads (10 V at 10 mA resistive) or when 'cold' switching, typical life is approx 1 x 10 9 ops. At the maximum load (resistive), typical life is 1 x 10 7 ops. In the event of abusive conditions, e.g. high currents due to capacitive inrushes, this figure reduces considerably. Pickering will be pleased to perform life testing with any particular load condition.

Mercury Relay: Series 104 Coil data and type numbers

Device Type	Type Number	Coil	Coil	Max. contact	(minimun	resistance n at 25 °C) Note ⁴)	Capacitance (typical) (see Note²)	
Device Type	туре мишьет	(V)	resistance	resistance (initial)	Switch to coil	Across switch	Closed switch to coil	Across open switch
1 Form A	104-1-A-5/6D	5	100 Ω		10 ¹² Ω	10¹¹ Ω	3 pF	
Switch No. 6 (1.5 kV)	104-1-A-12/6D	12	500 Ω	0.12 Ω				3 pF
Package Type 1*	104-1-A-24/6D	24	1500 Ω					
2 Form A	104-2-A-5/6D	5	50 Ω					
Switch No. 6 (1.5 kV)	104-2-A-12/6D	12	275 Ω	0.15 Ω	10 ¹² Ω	10 ¹¹ Ω	See Note ³	See Note ³
Package Type 4	104-2-A-24/6D	24	1000 Ω				Note	Note

When an internal diode is required, the suffix D is added to the part number as shown in the table.

Note²: Capacitance across open switch

The capacitance across the open switch was measured with other connections guarded.

Note³: Capacitance values

The value will depend upon on the mode of connection/guarding of unused terminals. Please contact technical sales for details.

Note4: Insulation resistance

Insulation resistance will reduce at higher temperatures. For more information on temperature effects **click here**, or **contact Pickering** for more in depth guidance.

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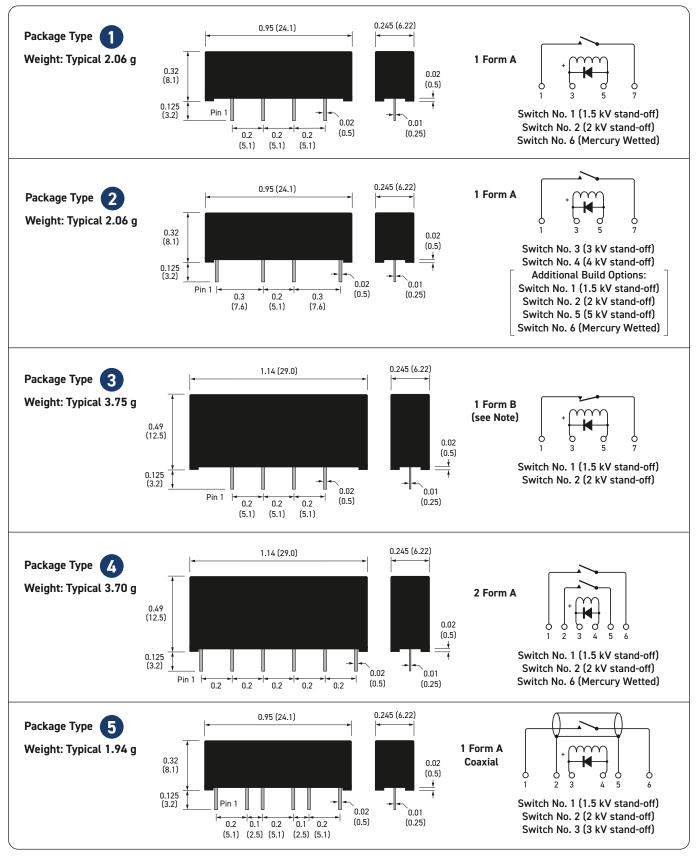
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^{*} Package Type 2 available, contact Pickering for more details.

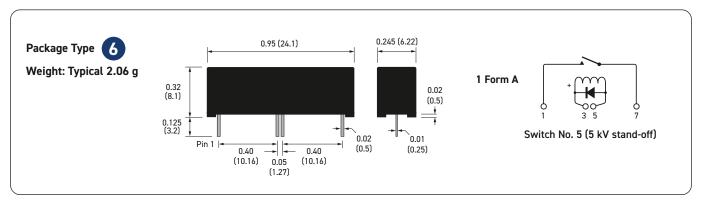
Pin Configuration, Weights and Dimensional Data (dimensions in inches, millimeters in brackets)



Important: Where the optional internal diode is fitted or for all Form B types, the correct coil polarity must be observed, as shown by the + symbol on the schematics.



Pin Configuration, Weights and Dimensional Data Continued (dimensions in inches, millimeters in brackets)



Important: Where the optional internal diode is fitted, the correct coil polarity must be observed, as shown by the + symbol on the schematic.

Similar Relays Comparison

If the Series 104 is unsuitable for your application, Pickering also manufactures four other series of reed relays with similar characteristics, but in different package sizes.

Ser	Series Name 131-1-A		119-1-A		119-2-A	119	-1-B		104-1-A & 104HT-1-A				104ES-1-A				
Physical Outline		To the second	1	The state of the s		A T I I I		The second	T T	8				UH			
Depth		3.7 (0.145)			3.7	(0.145)							6.3 (0.2	245)			
Width	mm (inches)	12.5 (0.49)	15.1 (0.595)	20.1	(0.79)	15.1 (0.595)					24.1 (0).95)			
Height	(inches)	6.6 (0.26)	,	5.6 (0.26)	8.9 (0.35)	8.9 (0.35)					8.2 (0.	.32)			
	age Volume (mm³)	306	36	59	491	662	49	78			1245 2 6 1245 1245 1245			5 1245			
Typica	ıl Weights (g)	0.58	0.0	57	0.74	1.06	0.	89		2.0	5	2.	06	2.06	1.94		
	Contact nfiguration	1-A (SPST)		1-A (SPST)		2-A (DPST)	1- (SP	-B NC)			(2	1-A SPST)			1-A (SPST)		
Reed	Switch Type	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Mercury Wetted	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry
Stand-o	off Voltage (V)	1500	1500	2000	3000	1500	1500	2000	1500	2000	1500	3000	4000	5000	1500	2000	3000
Switchi	ng Voltage (V)	1000	1000			10	1000 500 1000 (1500)		1500)	1000	1000	1000					
Switchi	ng Current (A)	0.7	0.7					1		2	1		1	1	1		
Carry	Current (A)	1.25	1.25					1.5 3		1.5		1.5	1.5	1.5			
Switc	h Power (W)	10				10			2	5	50	50 25 (3)		25	25	25	

Series Name	104	-1-B	104-2-A			100HV-1-A			100HV-1-B		100HV-2-A	
Physical Outline			1			Toom		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			Town I town	
Depth mm			6.3 (0.245)				10.2 (0.40)		10.2	(0.40)	10.2 ((0.40)
(inches)			29 (1.14)				24.1 (0.95)		29 (1.14)
Height			12.5 (0.49)				12.7 (0.50)		15.2	(0.60)	15.2 (0.60)	
Package Volume (mm ³)	_	3 2284 2284		3122 3122		4496		4496				
Typical Weights (g)	3.1	75		3.7		6.99		8.75		8.75		
Contact Configuration	1- (SP	_		2-A (DPST)		1-A (SPST)			1-B (SPNC)		2-A (DPST)	
Reed Switch Type	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Mercury Wetted	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry
Stand-off Voltage (V)	1500	2000	1500	2000	1500	1500	2000	3000	1500	2000	1500	2000
Switching Voltage (V)	1000		10	00	500		1000		10	00	10	00
Switching Current (A)	1		1		2	1			1			l
Carry Current (A)	1.5		1.5		3	1.5		1.5		1.5		
Switch Power (W)	2	5	2	:5	50		25		25		25	

Se	ries Name	219-1-A			219-2-A	-A 219-1-B				
Phy	sical Outline		P. C. K. E. L. J. Li							
Depth	mm				y, 15.5 (0.61) Across Legs					
Width Height	(inches)				7.2 (0.677) 8.5 (0.34)					
	kage Volume (mm³)		1535		1535					
Typica	al Weights (g)		2.12		2.39	2.19				
	Contact nfiguration		1-A (SPST)		2-A (DPST)	1-B (SPNC)				
Reed	Reed Switch Type Dry Dry		Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry				
Stand-	-off Voltage (V)	1500	2000	3000	1500	1500	2000			
Switch	Switching Voltage (V) 1000									
Switch	ing Current (A)	0.7								
Carr	y Current (A)	1.25								
Swite	ch Power (W)				10					

Reed Relay Selection Tool

Because Pickering offer the largest range of high-quality reed relays, sometimes it can be difficult to find the right reed relay you require. That is why we created the Reed Relay Selector, this tool will help you narrow down our offering to get you the correct reed relay for your application. To try the tool today go to: pickeringrelay.com/reed-relay-selector-tool



Standard Build Options

The Series 104 Reed Relays are available with a number of standard build options to tailor them to your specific application. These options are detailed in the table below. If you decide to go ahead and specify one, or more, of these options you will be allocated a unique part number suffix.

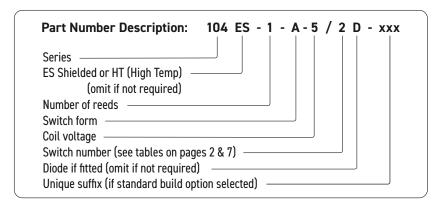
Mechanical Build Options	Electrical Build Options
Special pin configurations or pin lengths	Different coil resistance
Special print with customer's own part number or logo	Different stand-off or switching voltage
Custom packaging possibility	Operate or de-operate time
Equivalents to competitors discontinued parts	Pulse capability
	Enhanced specifications
	Equivalents to competitors discontinued parts
	Non-standard coil voltages and resistance figures
	Special Life testing under customer's specific load conditions
	Specific environmental requirements
	Controlled thermal EMF possibility

Customization

If your specific requirements are not met by standard relay, or any of the standard build options, please speak to us to discuss producing a customized reed relay to service your specific application: pickeringrelay.com/contact

3D Models

Interactive 3D models of the complete range of Pickering relay products in STEP, IGS and SLDPRT formats can be downloaded from the website: pickeringrelay.com/3d-models



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10 Key Benefits of Pickering Reed Relays

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Key Benefit	Pickering Reed Relays	Typical Industry Reed Relays	
Instrumentation Grade Reed Switches	Instrumentation Grade Reed Switches with vacuum sputtered Ruthenium plating to ensure stable, long life up to 5x10E9 operations.	Often low grade Reed Switches with electroplated Rhodium plating resulting in higher, less stable contact resistance.	
Formerless Coil Construction	Formerless coil construction increases the coil winding volume, maximizing magnetic efficiency, allowing the use of less sensitive reed switches resulting in optimal switching action and extended lifetime at operational extremes.	Use of bobbins decreases the coil winding volume, resulting in having less magnetic drive and a need to use more sensitive reed switches which are inherently less stable with greatly reduced restoring forces.	Pickering former-less coil Typical industry coil wound on bobbin
3 Magnetic Screening	Mu-metal magnetic screening (either external or internal), enables ultra-high PCB side-by-side packing densities with minimal magnetic interaction, saving significant cost and space. Pickering Mu-Metal magnetic screen - interaction approx. 5%	Lower cost reed relays have minimal or no magnetic screening, resulting in magnetic interaction issues causing changes in operating and release voltages, timing and contact resistance, causing switches to not operate at their nominal voltages. Typical industry screen - interaction approx. 30%	X-Ray of Pickering X-Ray of typical industry magnetic screen magnetic screen
4 SoftCenter [™] Technology	SoftCenter™ technology, provides maximum cushioned protection of the reed switch, minimising internal lifetime stresses and extending the working life and contact stability.	Transfer moulded reed relays (produced using high temperature/pressure), result in significant stresses to the glass reed switch which can cause the switch blades to deflect or misalign leading to changes in the operating characteristics, contact resistance stability and operating lifetime.	Pickering soft center protection of the reed switch
5 100% Dynamic Testing	100% testing for all operating parameters including dynamic contact wave-shape analysis with full data scrutiny to maintain consistency.	Simple dc testing or just batch testing which may result in non-operational devices being supplied.	Dynamic Contact Resistance Test — Operate — Release Coil Voltage
100% Inspection at Every Stage of Manufacturing	Inspection at every stage of manufacturing maintaining high levels of quality.	Often limited batch inspection.	
100% Thermal Cycling	Stress testing of the manufacturing processes, from -20 °C to +85 °C to -20 °C, repeated 3 times.	Rarely included resulting in field failures.	-20°C
8 Flexible Manufacturing Process	Flexible manufacturing processes allow quick-turn manufacturing of small batches.	Mass production: Usually large batch sizes and with no quick-turn manufacturing.	FAST
© Custom Reed Relays	Our reed relays can be customized easily, e.g. special pin configurations, enhanced specifications, non-standard coil or resistance figures, special life testing, low capacitance, and more.	Limited ability to customize.	
Product Longevity	Pickering are committed to product longevity; our reed relays are manufactured and supported for more than 25 years from introduction, typically much longer.	Most other manufacturers discontinue parts when they reach a low sales threshold; costing purchasing and R&D a great deal of unnecessary time and money to redesign and maintain supply.	Product 25+Years Longevity

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