

Series 67, 68 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 ²)	Operate time inc bounce (max)	Release time
1	A	50 W	3 A	3.5 A	3500 (Note ¹)	5000	10 ⁸	3 ms	2 ms
2	A	50 W	3 A	3.5 A	7500 (Note ¹)	10000	10 ⁸	3 ms	2 ms
4 (Series 67 only)	A	200 W	3 A	5 A	6000 (Note ¹)	8000	10 ⁸	6 ms	2 ms
5 (Series 67 only)	C	100 W	3 A	3.2 A	2500 (Note ¹)	5000	10 ⁸	6 ms	6 ms

Note¹: Switching Voltage

This high voltage rating is for **RESISTIVE loads only**. At these high voltages, even stray capacitance can generate very high current pulses, which can damage the contact plating causing welding of the reed switch. If there is capacitance in circuit, provision should be made to limit the surge, to within the current and power ratings of the relay.

Note²: Life Expectancy

The life of a reed relay depends upon the switch load and the end of life criteria. For example, for an 'end of life' contact resistance specification of 1Ω, switching low loads with the current less than 1 mA, or when 'cold' switching, typical life is expected to be greater than 1 x 10⁸ ops. At higher voltages and up to the maximum 50 W load (resistive), typical life is 1 x 10⁶ 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 conditions.

Operating Voltages

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

Environmental Specification/Mechanical Characteristics

In the table below, the upper temperature limit can be extended to +125 °C if the coil drive voltage is increased to accommodate the resistance/temperature coefficient of the copper coil winding. This is approximately 0.4% per °C. This means that at 125 °C the coil drive voltage will need to be increased by approximately 40 x 0.4 = 16% to maintain the required magnetic drive level. Please contact sales@pickeringrelay.com for assistance.

Operating Temperature Range	-20 °C to +85 °C
Storage Temperature Range	-35 °C to +100 °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

Series 67 Coil data and type numbers

Device Type	Type Number	Coil (V)	Coil resistance	Max. contact resistance (initial)	Insulation resistance (minimum at 25 °C) (see Note ⁵)		Capacitance (typical) (see Note ³)	
					Switch to coil	Across switch	Closed switch to coil	Across open switch
1 Form A Switch No. 1 (5 kV) Package Type 1	67-1-A-5/1D	5	40 Ω	0.12 Ω	10 ¹² Ω	10 ¹² Ω	3 pF	0.15 pF
	67-1-A-12/1D	12	150 Ω					
	67-1-A-24/1D	24	600 Ω					
1 Form A (ES Shielded) Switch No. 1 (5 kV) Package Type 2	67ES-1-A-5/1D	5	15 Ω	0.12 Ω	10 ¹² Ω	10 ¹² Ω	3 pF	0.15 pF
	67ES-1-A-12/1D	12	100 Ω					
	67ES-1-A-24/1D	24	200 Ω					
1 Form A Switch No. 2 (10 kV) Package Type 1	67-1-A-5/2D	5	40 Ω	0.12 Ω	10 ¹² Ω	10 ¹² Ω	3 pF	0.15 pF
	67-1-A-12/2D	12	150 Ω					
	67-1-A-24/2D	24	600 Ω					
1 Form A Switch No. 4 (200 W, 8 kV) Package Type 1	67-1-A-5/4D	5	40 Ω	0.5 Ω	10 ¹⁰ Ω	10 ¹⁰ Ω	3 pF	0.15 pF
	67-1-A-12/4D	12	150 Ω					
	67-1-A-24/4D	24	600 Ω					
1 Form C Switch No. 5 (5 kV) Package Type 2	67-1-C-5/5D	5	40 Ω	0.5 Ω	10 ¹⁰ Ω	10 ¹⁰ Ω	See Note ⁴	See Note ⁴
	67-1-C-12/5D	12	150 Ω					
	67-1-C-24/5D	24	600 Ω					

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

Note³: Capacitance across open switch

This is measured with all other component leads connected to the guard terminal of the measuring bridge.

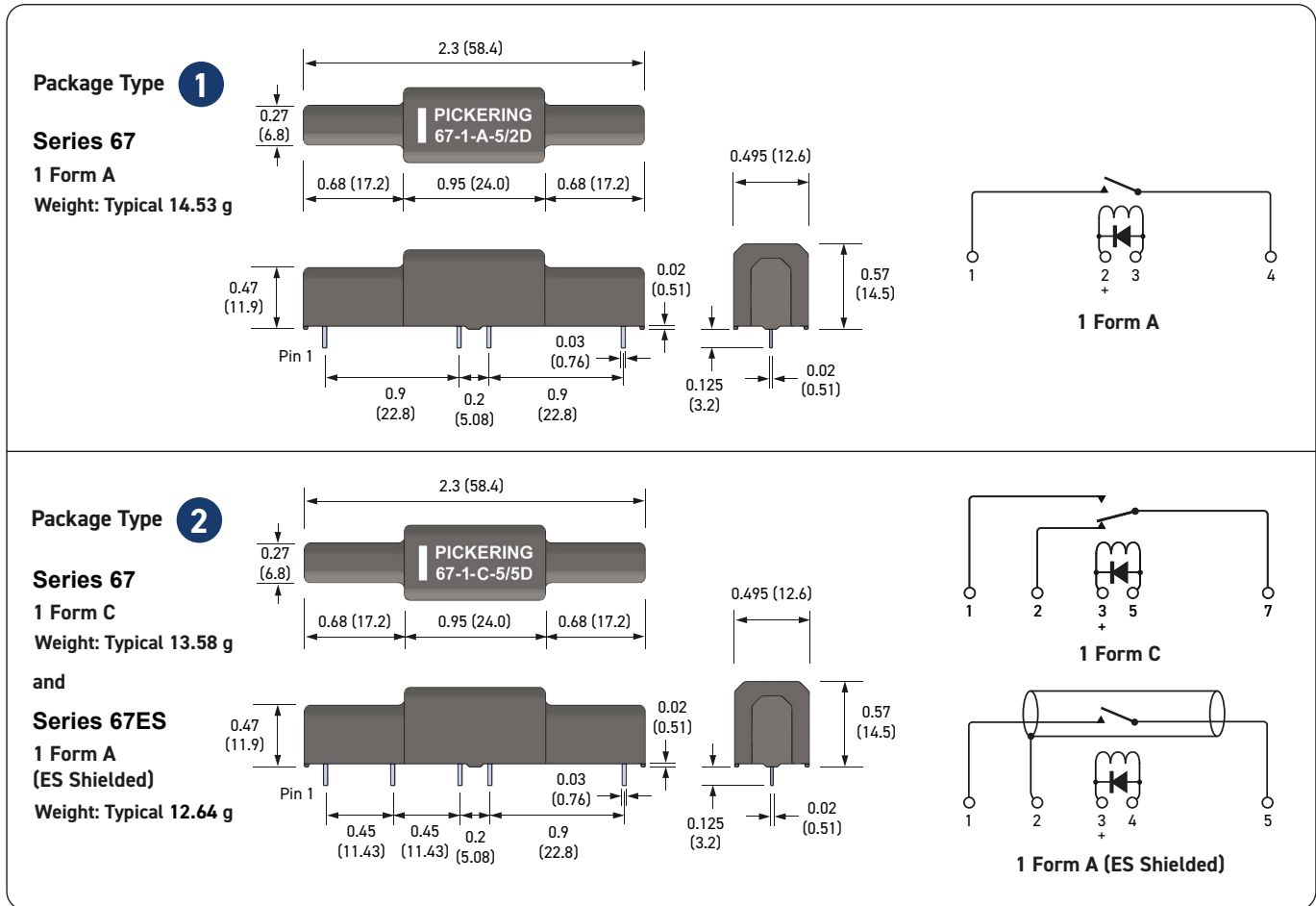
Note⁴: Capacitance values

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

Note⁵: 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.

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.

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Series 68 Coil data and type numbers

Device Type	Type Number	Coil (V)	Coil resistance	Max. contact resistance (initial)	Insulation resistance (minimum at 25 °C) (see Note ⁷)		Capacitance (typical) (see Note ⁶)	
					Switch to coil	Across switch	Closed switch to coil	Across open switch
1 Form A Switch No. 1 (5 kV) Package Type 3	68-1-A-5/1D	5	40 Ω	0.12 Ω	10 ¹² Ω	10 ¹² Ω	3 pF	0.15 pF
	68-1-A-12/1D	12	150 Ω					
	68-1-A-24/1D	24	600 Ω					
1 Form A (ES Shielded) Switch No. 1 (5 kV) Package Type 4	68ES-1-A-5/1D	5	15 Ω	0.12 Ω	10 ¹² Ω	10 ¹² Ω	3 pF	0.15 pF
	68ES-1-A-12/1D	12	100 Ω					
	68ES-1-A-24/1D	24	200 Ω					
1 Form A Switch No. 2 (10 kV) Package Type 3	68-1-A-5/2D	5	40 Ω	0.12 Ω	10 ¹² Ω	10 ¹² Ω	3 pF	0.15 pF
	68-1-A-12/2D	12	150 Ω					
	68-1-A-24/2D	24	600 Ω					
1 Form A (ES Shielded) Switch No. 2 (10 kV) Package Type 4	68ES-1-A-5/2D	5	15 Ω	0.12 Ω	10 ¹² Ω	10 ¹² Ω	3 pF	0.15 pF
	68ES-1-A-12/2D	12	100 Ω					
	68ES-1-A-24/2D	24	200 Ω					

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

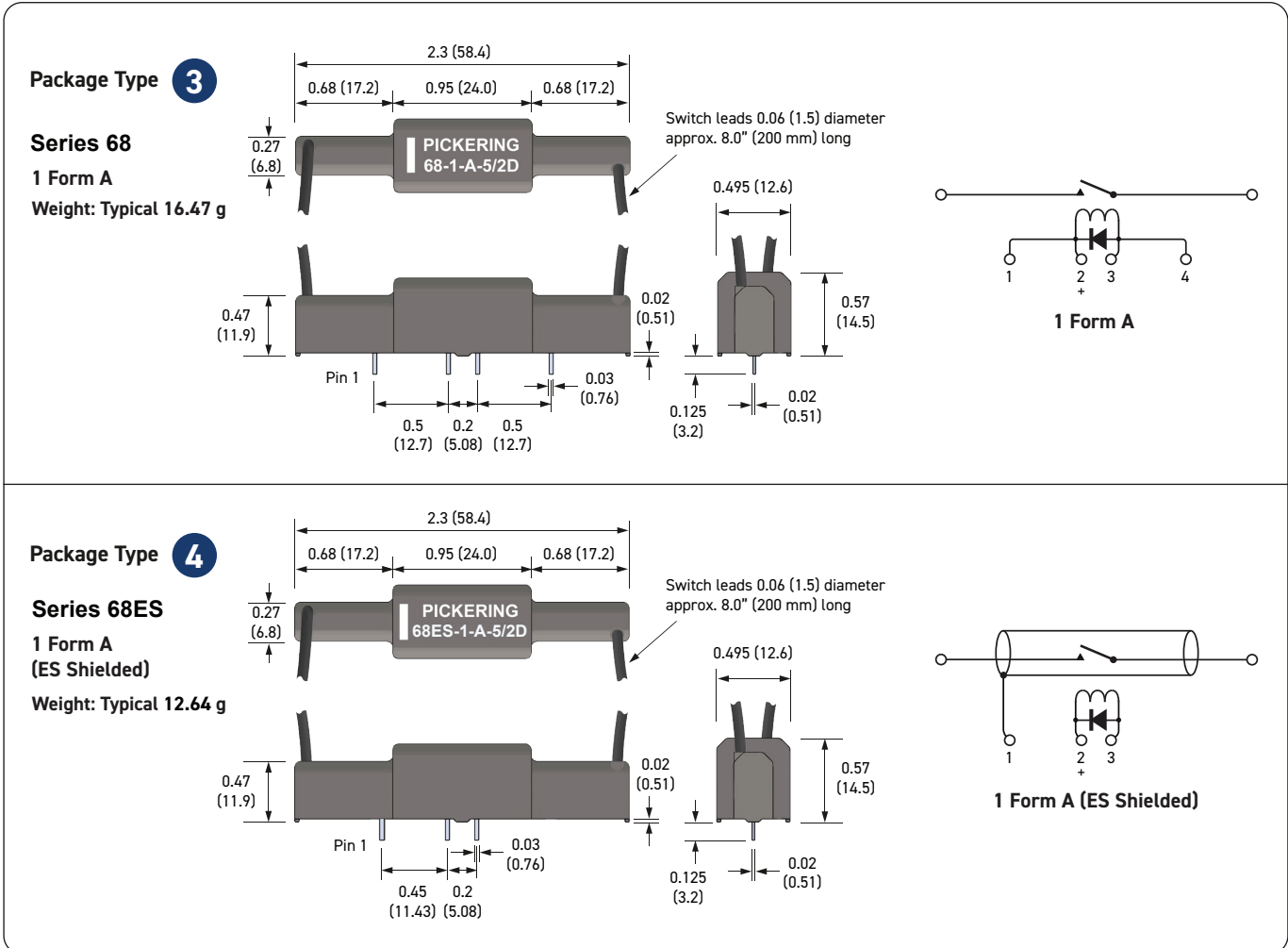
Note⁶: Capacitance across open switch

This is measured with all other component leads connected to the guard terminal of the measuring bridge.

Note⁷: 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.







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



Similar Relays Comparison

If the Series 67 and 68 are unsuitable for your application, Pickering also manufactures four other series of reed relays with similar characteristics, but in different package sizes.

Series Name		60-1-A			60-1-B		65-1-A		65-1-B		67-1-A			67-1-C		67ES-1-A	
Physical Outline																	
Depth	mm (inches)	16.0 (0.63)			16.0 (0.63)		16.0 (0.63)		16.0 (0.63)		12.6 (0.495)			12.6 (0.495)		12.6 (0.495)	
Width		57.9 (2.28)			57.9 (2.28)		57.9 (2.28)		57.9 (2.28)		58.4 (2.3)			58.4 (2.3)		58.4 (2.3)	
Height		18.0 (0.71)			18.0 (0.71)		18.0 (0.71)		18.0 (0.71)		14.5 (0.57)			14.5 (0.57)		14.5 (0.57)	
Package Volume (mm ³)		16676			16676		16676		16676		① 9543			② 9543		② 9543	
Typical Weights (g)		28.43			31.83		23.99		31.65		14.53			13.58		12.64	
Contact Configuration		1-A (SPST)			1-B (SPNC)		1-A (SPST)		1-B (SPNC)		1-A (SPST)			1-C (SPDT)		1-A (SPST)	
Reed Switch Type		Dry			Dry		Dry		Dry		Dry			Dry		Dry	
Stand-off Voltage (V)		5000	10000	15000	5000	10000	5000	10000	5000	10000	5000	8000	10000	5000	5000	5000	5000
Switching Voltage (V)		3500	7500	12500	3500	7500	3500	7500	3500	7500	3500	6000	7500	2500	3500	3500	3500
Switching Current (A)		3			3		3		3		3			3		3	
Carry Current (A)		3.5			3.5		3.5		3.5		3.5	5	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.5
Switch Power (W)		50			50		50		50		50	200	50	100	50	50	50

Series Name		68-1-A		68ES-1-A		62-1-A		62-1-B		63-1-A			63-1-B	
Physical Outline														
Depth	mm (inches)	12.6 (0.495)		12.6 (0.495)		19.05 (0.75)		19.05 (0.75)		19.05 (0.75)			19.05 (0.75)	
Width		58.4 (2.3)		58.4 (2.3)		63.5 (2.5)		63.5 (2.5)		63.5 (2.5)			63.5 (2.5)	
Height		14.5 (0.57)		14.5 (0.57)		21.3 (0.84)		21.3 (0.84)		21.3 (0.84)			21.3 (0.84)	
Package Volume (mm ³)		③ 9543		④ 9543		25767		25767		25767			25767	
Typical Weights (g)		16.47		12.64		44.16		44.69		45.47			44.69	
Contact Configuration		1-A (SPST)		1-A (SPST)		1-A (SPST)		1-B (SPNC)		1-A (SPST)			1-B (SPNC)	
Reed Switch Type		Dry		Dry		Dry		Dry		Dry			Dry	
Stand-off Voltage (V)		5000	10000	5000	10000	5000	10000	5000	10000	5000	10000	15000	5000	10000
Switching Voltage (V)		3500	7500	3500	7500	3500	7500	3500	7500	3500	7500	12500	3500	7500
Switching Current (A)		3		3		3		3		3			3	
Carry Current (A)		3.5		3.5		3.5		3.5		3.5			3.5	
Switch Power (W)		50		50		50		50		50			50	

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 67 and 68 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.

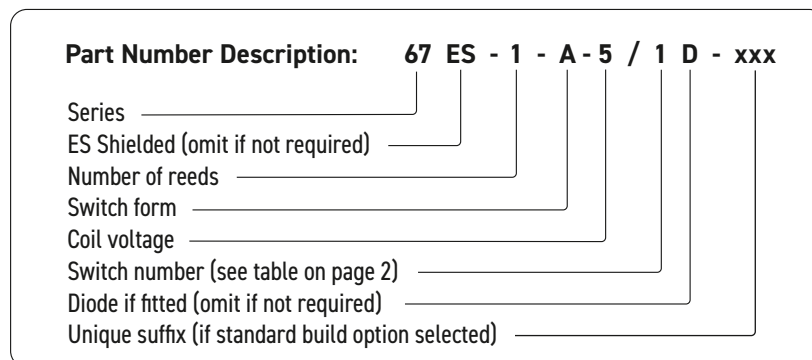
Mechanical Build Options	Electrical Build Options
Special pin configurations or pin lengths	Different coil resistance
Special print with customer's own part number or logo	Different stand-off or switching voltage
Custom packaging	Operate or de-operate time
Equivalents to competitors discontinued parts	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

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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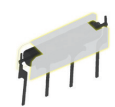
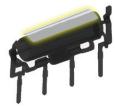


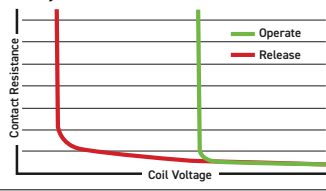

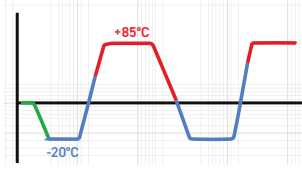

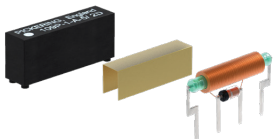

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10 Key Benefits of Pickering Reed Relays

Key Benefit	Pickering Reed Relays	Typical Industry Reed Relays	
1 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.	
2 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 mu-metal magnetic screen X-Ray of typical industry 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 Typical industry thermo-setting hard moulded 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 
6 100% Inspection at Every Stage of Manufacturing	Inspection at every stage of manufacturing maintaining high levels of quality.	Often limited batch inspection.	
7 100% 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.	
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.	
9 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.	
10 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.	

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