

- Very High Density Multi-Banked Multiplexer
- Choice of 20, 10, 5, 4, 2 or 1 Multiplexers Per Module
- Up to 168 Switch Points Available with 1 or 2-Pole Switching Formats
- Uses High Reliability Pickering Reed Relays
- Fast Operating Speed <500µs
- Switch up to 150VDC/100VAC, 1.0A with 20W Max Power
- Versions Available With Automatic Isolation Switches To Reduce Capacitive Loading in Large Systems
- VISA, IVI & Kernel Drivers Supplied for Windows
- Supported by PXI or LXI Chassis
- Supported by *eBIRST*™
- 3 Year Warranty



The 40-615A series of high density multiplexers feature a wide range of switching configurations. It is especially useful where a large number of small multiplexers are required. Typical applications include signal routing in ATE and data acquisition systems. User connections are made via a front panel 200-pin connector.

The 40-615A can be operated as a conventional multiplexer with break-before-make action when a new channel is selected. Alternatively, product variants can be supplied that allow multiple channels to be simultaneously selected.

Model 40-615A channel selection configurations have been revised from model 40-615. The 40-615A family defaults to single channel selection with multiple channel selection variants defined by use of a suffix.

The 40-615A single pole high density versions include automatic isolation switching. This connects only the currently active multiplexer bank to the common terminal, keeping capacitive loading and leakage current to a minimum in large multiplexer systems. Larger multiplexers may be constructed by daisy chaining the common signals from multiple modules.

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.

The 40-615A is part of a family of high density PXI multiplexer modules all sharing similar architecture and the same 200-pin connector, other members include the 40-610 and 40-670A High Density Multiplexer series.

Available Multiplexer Formats
20 Banks, 8 Channels, 1-Pole 20 Banks, 4 Channels, 2-Pole
10 Banks, 16 Channels, 1-Pole 10 Banks, 8 Channels, 2-Pole
5 Banks, 32 Channels, 1-Pole 5 Banks, 16 Channels, 2-Pole
4 Banks, 40 Channels, 1-Pole 4 Banks, 20 Channels, 2-Pole
2 Banks, 80 Channels, 1-Pole 2 Banks, 40 Channels, 2-Pole
1 Bank, 160 Channels, 1-Pole 1 Bank, 80 Channels, 2-Pole
6 Lower Density Versions Custom Sizes (100s of combinations)

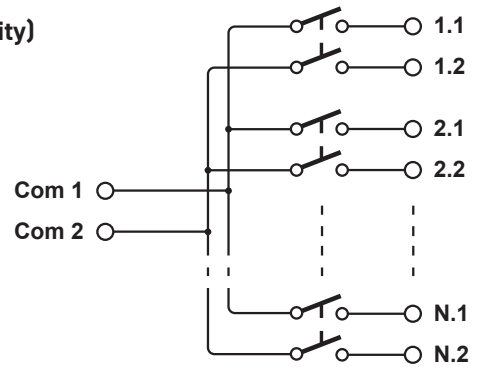
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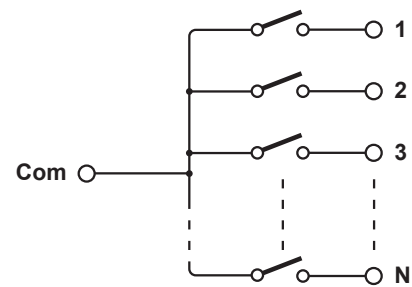
- 20 Banks of 4 Channels
- 10 Banks of 8 Channels
- 5 Banks of 16 Channels
- 4 Bank of 20 Channels
- 2 Banks of 40 Channels
- 1 Bank of 80 Channels
- Custom Configurations

2-Pole MUX Mode (high density) – Available Configurations



- 20 Banks of 4 Channels
- 10 Banks of 8 Channels
- 5 Banks of 16 Channels
- 4 Banks of 20 Channels
- 2 Banks of 40 Channels
- 1 Bank of 80 Channels
- Custom Configurations

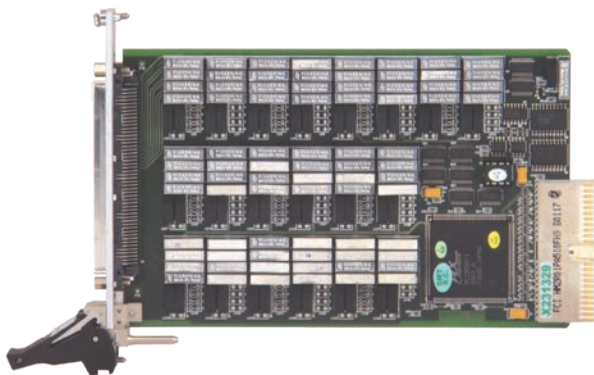
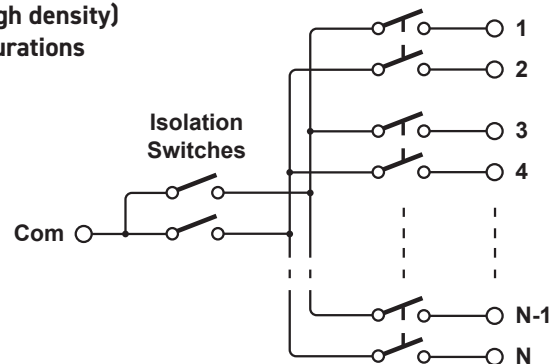
1-Pole MUX Mode (low density) – Available Configurations



- 20 Banks of 8 Channels
- 10 Banks of 16 Channels
- 5 Banks of 32 Channels
- 4 Banks of 40 Channels
- 2 Banks of 80 Channels
- 1 Bank of 160 Channels
- Custom Configurations

Note: Multi-channel selection not available in this mode

1-Pole MUX Mode (high density) – Available Configurations



PCB Layout for the
40-615A Very High
Density Multiplexer
Module

Relay Type

The 40-615A 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

Switching Specification

Switch Type:	Ruthenium Reed
Max Switch Voltage:	150VDC/100VAC*
Max Power:	20W
Max Switch Current:	1.0A
Max Carry Current:	1.2A
Initial On Path Resistance (Single Module):	<1Ω
Off Path Resistance (Single Module):	>10 ⁹ Ω
Bandwidth (3dB, 1 module)	>5MHz †
Operate Time:	1ms typical, 500us for multichannel mode
Expected Life, low power load:	1x10 ⁹ operations
Expected Life, full power load:	>1x10 ⁶ operations

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

† Bandwidth is configuration dependent (please consult sales office for further information).

Power Requirements

+3.3V	+5V	+12V	-12V
0	1350mA (typ 280mA)	0	0

Mechanical Characteristics

Single slot 3U PXI (CompactPCI card).

Module weight: 240g (40-615A-001).

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

Connectors

PXI bus via 32-bit P1/J1 backplane connector.

Signals via front panel 200-pin female LFH connector, for pin outs please refer to the operating manual.

Operating/Storage Conditions

Operating Conditions

Operating Temperature:	0°C to +55°C
Humidity:	Up to 90% non-condensing
Altitude:	5000m

Storage and Transport Conditions

Storage Temperature:	-20°C to +75°C
Humidity:	Up to 90% non-condensing
Altitude:	15000m

PXI & CompactPCI Compliance

The module is compliant with the PXI Specification 2.2. Local Bus, Trigger Bus and Star Trigger are not implemented.

Uses a 33MHz 32-bit backplane interface.

Safety & CE Compliance

All modules 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 - High Density MUX Configurations

Channel Selection	Model Variant	Order Code
Single	20 Bank, 8 Channel, 1 Pole	40-615A-001
Single	10 Bank, 16 Channel, 1 Pole	40-615A-003
Single	5 Bank, 32 Channel, 1 Pole	40-615A-005
Single	4 Bank, 40 Channel, 1 Pole	40-615A-007
Single	2 Bank, 80 Channel, 1 Pole	40-615A-009
Single	1 Bank, 160 Channel, 1 Pole	40-615A-011

Note: The above modules can only select a single channel.

Single	20 Bank, 4 Channel, 2 Pole	40-615A-002
Single	10 Bank, 8 Channel, 2 Pole	40-615A-004
Single	5 Bank, 16 Channel, 2 Pole	40-615A-006
Single	4 Bank, 20 Channel, 2 Pole	40-615A-008
Single	2 Bank, 40 Channel, 2 Pole	40-615A-010
Single	1 Bank, 80 Channel, 2 Pole	40-615A-012

Note: The above modules are available in multiple channel selection mode by adding the “-M” suffix to the part number. For example, the 20-bank, 4-channel 2-pole MUX with multiple channel capability would be: **40-615A-002-M**

Product Order Codes - Low Density MUX Configurations

Channel Selection	Model Variant	Order Code
Single	20 Bank, 4 Channel, 1 Pole	40-615A-013
Single	10 Bank, 8 Channel, 1 Pole	40-615A-014
Single	5 Bank, 16 Channel, 1 Pole	40-615A-015
Single	4 Bank, 20 Channel, 1 Pole	40-615A-016
Single	2 Bank, 40 Channel, 1 Pole	40-615A-017
Single	1 Bank, 80 Channel, 1 Pole	40-615A-018

Note: The above modules are available in multiple channel selection mode by adding the “-M” suffix to the part number. For example, the 20-bank, 4-channel 1-pole MUX with multiple channel capability would be: **40-615A-014-M**

Product Customization

Pickering PXI modules 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

Product	Test Tool	Adaptor
40-615A	93-002-001	Not Required

Spare Relay Kits

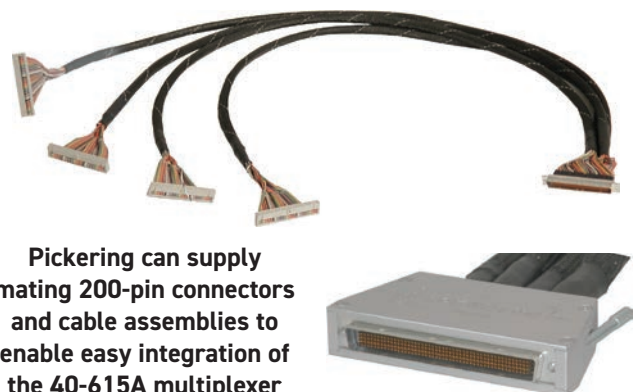
Kits of replacement relays are available for the majority of Pickering's PXI switching products, simplifying servicing and reducing down-time.

Product	Relay Kit
40-615A-001 to -013	91-100-008 & 91-100-015
40-615A-014 to -019	91-100-003 & 91-100-015

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

Mating Connectors & Cabling

For connection accessories for the 40-615A series 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 40-615A multiplexer modules



Chassis Compatibility

This PXI module must be used in a suitable chassis. It is compatible with the following chassis types:

- All chassis conforming to the 3U PXI and 3U Compact PCI (cPCI) specification
- Legacy and Hybrid Peripheral slots in a 3U PXI Express (PXIe) chassis
- Pickering Interfaces LXI or LXI/USB Modular Chassis

Chassis Selection Guide

Standard PXI or hybrid PXIe Chassis from any Vendor:

- Mix our 1000+ PXI switching & simulation modules with any vendor's PXI instrumentation
- Embedded or remote Windows PC control
- Real-time Operating System Support
- High data bandwidths, especially with PXI Express
- Integrated module timing and synchronization

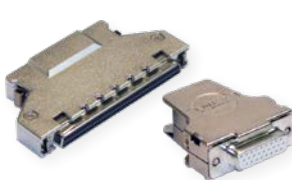
Pickering LXI or LXI/USB Modular Chassis—only accept our 1000+ PXI Switching & Simulation Modules:

- Ethernet or USB control enables remote operation
- Low-cost control from practically any controller
- LXI provides manual control via Web browsers
- Driverless software support
- Power sequencing immunity
- Ethernet provides chassis/controller voltage isolation
- Independence from Windows operating system



Connectivity Solutions

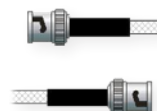
We provide a full range of supporting cable and connector solutions for all our switching products—20 connector families with 1200+ products. We offer everything from simple mating connectors to complex cables assemblies and terminal blocks. All assemblies are manufactured by Pickering and are guaranteed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



Connectors & Backshells



Multiwire Cable Assemblies



RF Cable Assemblies



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.

Visit: pickeringtest.com/cdt to start your design.

Mass Interconnect

We recommend the use of a mass interconnect solution when an Interchangeable Test Adapter (ITA) is required for a PXI or LXI based test system. Our modules are fully supported by both Virginia Panel and MacPanel.

Pickering Reed Relays

We are the only switch provider with in-house reed relay manufacturing capability via our sister company, Pickering Electronics. These instrument grade reed relays feature **SoftCenter®** technology, ensuring long service life and repeatable contact performance.

To learn more, please 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 a list of all supporting operating systems, please see: pickeringtest.com/os

The VISA driver is also compatible with Real-Time Operating Systems such as LabVIEW 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+)
- **Keysight** VEE and OpenTAP
- **Mathworks** Matlab
- **Marvin** ATEasy
- **MTQ Testsolutions** Tecap Test & Measurement Suite

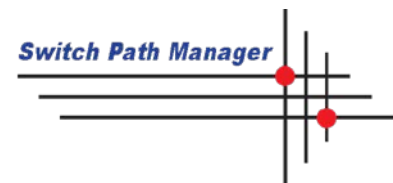
Drivers for popular Linux distributions are available, other environments are also supported, please contact Pickering with specific enquiries. We provide Soft Front Panels (SFPs) for our products for familiarity and manual control, as well as comprehensive documentation and example programs to help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

To learn more about software drivers and development environments, please 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, please go to: pickeringtest.com/spm



Diagnostic Relay Test Tools

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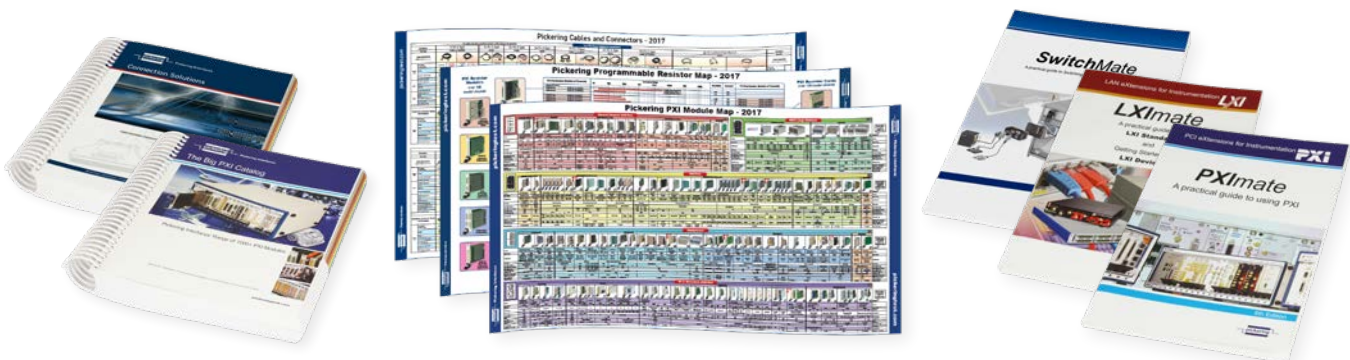


Three Year Warranty & Guaranteed Long-Term Support

All standard products manufactured by Pickering Interfaces are warranted against defective materials and workmanship for a period of three years from the date of delivery to the original purchaser. Extended warranty and service agreements are available for all our modules and systems with various levels to suit 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, please go to: pickeringtest.com/support

Available Product Resources

We have a large library of product resources including success stories, product and support videos, articles, as well as complete product catalogs and product reference maps to assist when looking for the switching, simulation and cable and connector solutions you need. We have also published handy reference books on Switching Technology and for the PXI and LXI standards.



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