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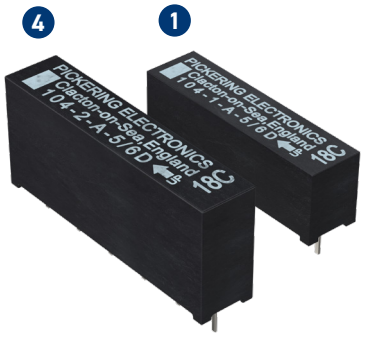
Mercury Wetted Relays for Specialised Applications

Package Type



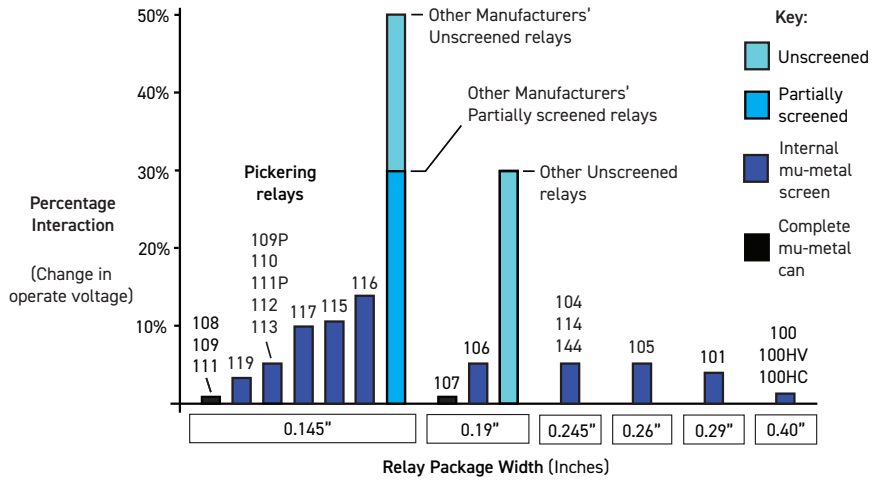
- Up to **1.5 kV** stand-off
- Switching Voltage up to **500 VDC** at **50 W**
- Small size. Stacking on **0.25 Inches** pitch
- Internal mu-metal magnetic screen
- One or two switches in a single package
- **1 Form A** & **2 Form A** configurations
- **5 V**, **12 V** or **24 V** Coils with optional 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.

Mercury wetted devices are available for applications where bounce free switching is required. These are rated at 1500 VDC minimum stand-off, 500 VDC switching at up to 50 W.

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.

For information on the recommended spacing between high voltage parts, please see page 2.



Magnetic Interaction

This chart demonstrates the percentage changes in operate voltage due to magnetic interaction depending on the level of magnetic screening offered from the relay package. For more information on magnetic interaction **click here**.

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Switch Ratings - Mercury Wetted Switches

1 Form A (energize to make)	2 Form A (energize to make)
1500 VDC min stand-off 500 VDC switching at 50 W	1500 VDC min stand-off 500 VDC 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

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 °C to +125 °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

Washing Guidelines

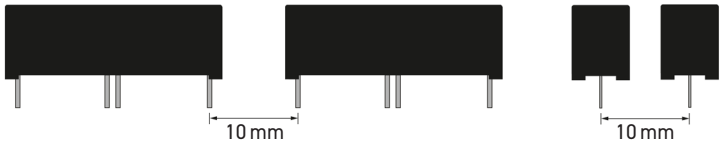
Pickering do not make any specific recommendations on washing reed relays, due to the large number of factors in cleaning processes, however we do have suggestions on best practices. Click here for more information.

Mercury Relays

Mercury relays no longer form part of our standard range due to ROHS guidelines, although some exceptions may apply. For more information please visit pickeringrelay.com/mercuryreedrelays, email techsales@pickeringrelay.com, or call +44 (0) 1255 428141.

Recommended Spacing for High Voltage Parts

When working with high voltages, the recommended space between pins is 2 mm per 1 kV stand-off voltage. For example, the 5 kV version of the 104 should have a gap of 10 mm between the pins.



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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	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
6	A	50 W	2 A	3 A	500	1500	10^8	1.5 ms	1.0 ms	Standard mercury

Note[1]: 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 (V)	Coil resistance	Max. contact resistance (initial)	Insulation resistance (minimum at 25 °C) (see Note[4])		Capacitance (typical) (see Note[2])	
					Switch to coil	Across switch	Closed switch to coil	Across open switch
1 Form A Switch No. 6 (1.5 kV) Package Type 1 *	104-1-A-5/6D	5	100 Ω	0.12 Ω	10^{12} Ω	10^{11} Ω	3 pF	3 pF
	104-1-A-12/6D	12	500 Ω					
	104-1-A-24/6D	24	1500 Ω					
2 Form A Switch No. 6 (1.5 kV) Package Type 4	104-2-A-5/6D	5	50 Ω	0.15 Ω	10^{12} Ω	10^{11} Ω	See Note[3]	See Note[3]
	104-2-A-12/6D	12	275 Ω					
	104-2-A-24/6D	24	1000 Ω					

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

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

Note[2]: Capacitance across open switch

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

Note[3]: Capacitance values

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

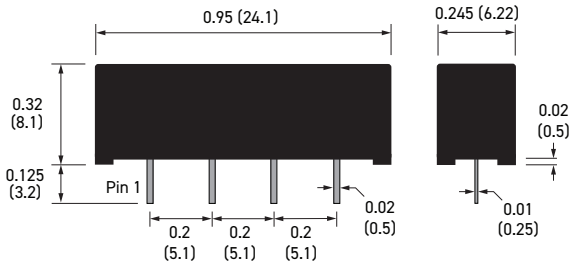
Note[4]: Insulation resistance

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)

Package Type 1

Weight: Typical 2.06 g



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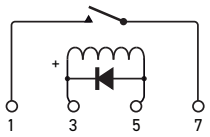
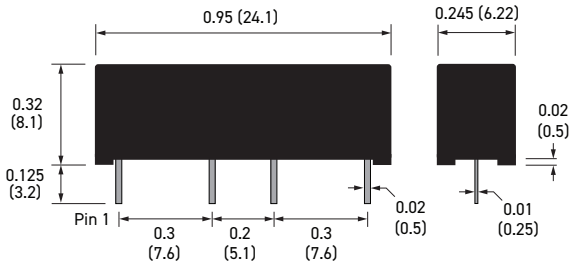


Switch No. 6 (Mercury Wetted)

Package Type 2

Weight: Typical 2.06 g



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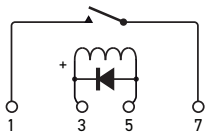
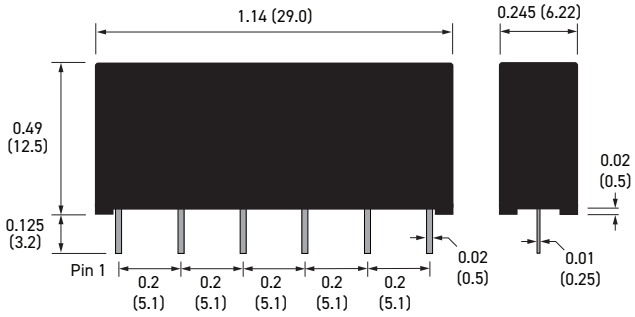


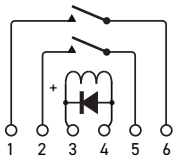
Additional Build Options:
Switch No. 6 (Mercury Wetted)

Package Type 4

Weight: Typical 3.70 g



2 Form A



Switch No. 6 (Mercury Wetted)

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

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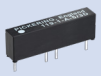
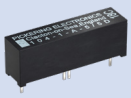
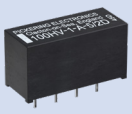
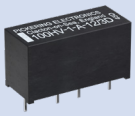
Similar Relays Comparison

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.

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																	
Depth	mm (inches)	3.7 (0.145)	3.7 (0.145)						6.3 (0.245)								
Width		12.5 (0.49)	15.1 (0.595)		20.1 (0.79)		15.1 (0.595)		24.1 (0.95)								
Height		6.6 (0.26)	6.6 (0.26)			8.9 (0.35)	8.9 (0.35)		8.2 (0.32)								
Package Volume (mm^3)		306	369		491	662	498		1 & 2 1245			1245		1245	1245		
Typical Weights (g)		0.58	0.67		0.74	1.06	0.89		2.06			2.06		2.06	1.94		
Contact Configuration		1-A (SPST)	1-A (SPST)			2-A (DPST)	1-B (SPNC)		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-off Voltage (V)		1500	1500	2000	3000	1500	1500	2000	1500	2000	1500	3000	4000	5000	1500	2000	3000
Switching Voltage (V)		1000	1000						1000		500	1000 (1500)			1000	1000	1000
Switching 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
Switch Power (W)		10	10						25		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													
Depth	mm (inches)	6.3 (0.245)					10.2 (0.40)			10.2 (0.40)		10.2 (0.40)	
Width		29 (1.14)					24.1 (0.95)			29 (1.14)		29 (1.14)	
Height		12.5 (0.49)					12.7 (0.50)			15.2 (0.60)		15.2 (0.60)	
Package Volume (mm^3)		2284		4 2284			3122		3122	4496		4496	
Typical Weights (g)		3.75		3.7			6.99			8.75		8.75	
Contact Configuration		1-B (SPNC)		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		1000		500	1000			1000		1000	
Switching Current (A)		1		1		2	1			1		1	
Carry Current (A)		1.5		1.5		3	1.5			1.5		1.5	
Switch Power (W)		25		25		50	25			25		25	

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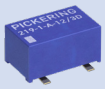
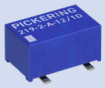
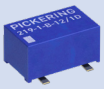
Series Name		219-1-A			219-2-A	219-1-B	
Physical Outline							
Depth	mm (inches)	10.5 (0.42) Body, 13.8 (0.55) Across Legs					
Width		17.2 (0.677)					
Height		8.5 (0.34)					
Package Volume (mm^3)		1535			1535	1535	
Typical Weights (g)		2.12			2.39	2.19	
Contact Configuration		1-A (SPST)			2-A (DPST)	1-B (SPNC)	
Reed Switch Type		Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry
Stand-off Voltage (V)		1500	2000	3000	1500	1500	2000
Switching Voltage (V)		1000					
Switching Current (A)		0.7					
Carry Current (A)		1.25					
Switch 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

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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.

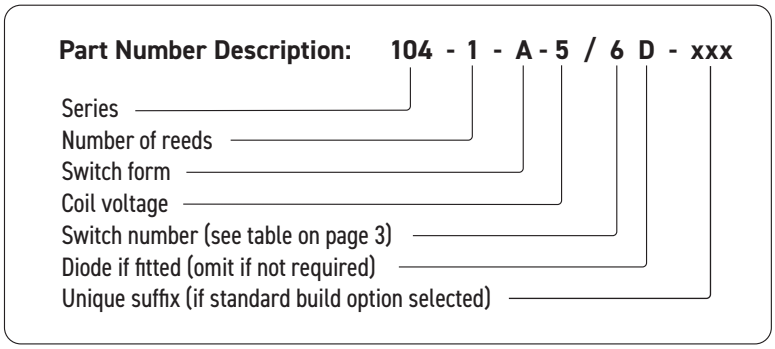
Mechanical Build Options	Electrical Build Options
Special pin configurations or pin lengths	Different coil resistance
Special print with customer's own part number or logo	Different stand-off or switching voltage
Custom packaging possibility	Operate or de-operate time
Equivalents to competitors discontinued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



Help

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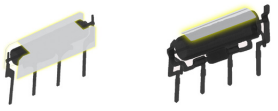
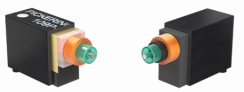
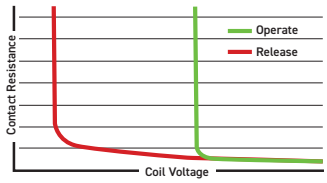
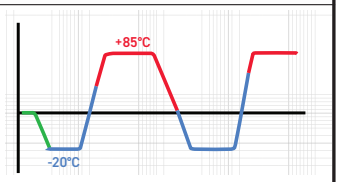
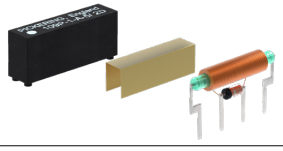
10 Key Benefits of Pickering Reed Relays

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.	
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.	

For more information go to: pickeringrelay.com/10-key-benefits

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