- 1 or 2 Changeover Relays Per Module
- Internal or External Termination
- 50 Ω Characteristic Impedance
- 18 GHz Bandwidth
- LED Indication
- VISA, IVI & Kernel Drivers Supplied for Windows
- Supported by PXI or LXI Chassis
- 3 Year Warranty

The 40-781 Microwave switching module consists of one, or two changeover switches capable of switching frequencies to 18 GHz in 50 Ω. It is available with either internal or external terminations and connections are made via front panel mounted high quality SMA coaxial connectors.

The externally terminated versions have the advantage that the terminations can be removed and replaced with RF loads capable of handling higher power. This also allows alternative configurations such as terminated 4-port bypass (1 termination removed) and 5-port DP3T (both terminations removed). See overleaf for diagrams of these configurations.

These modules give you the highest RF and microwave switching performance available within a Pickering switching system. Although designed for microwave applications, they have many uses in the RF spectrum where extremely low insertion loss and ultra high isolation are critical. They may also be used for lower frequency applications where power handling to 240 W (without termination) is required.
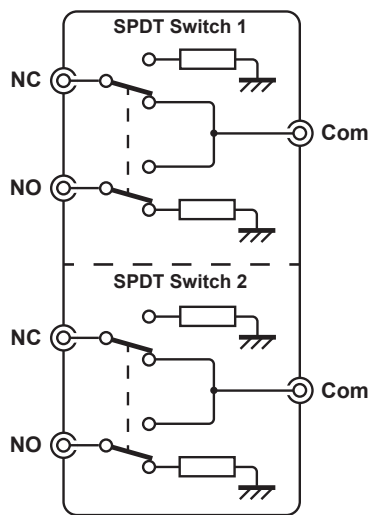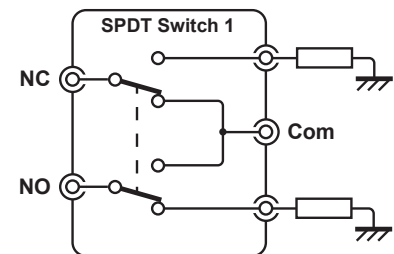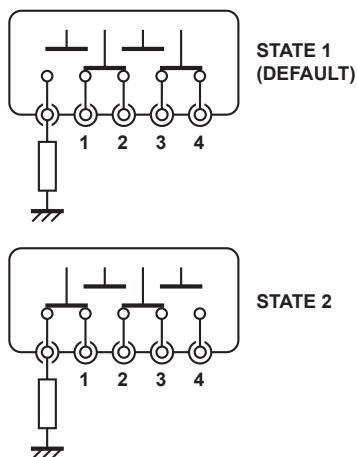

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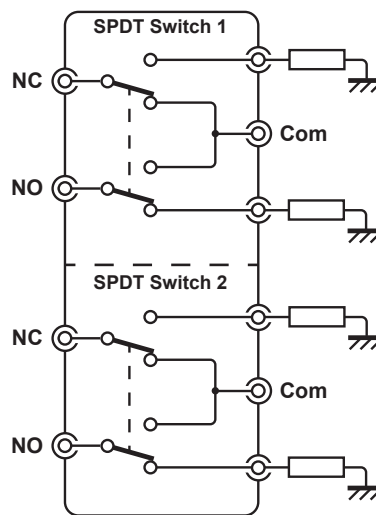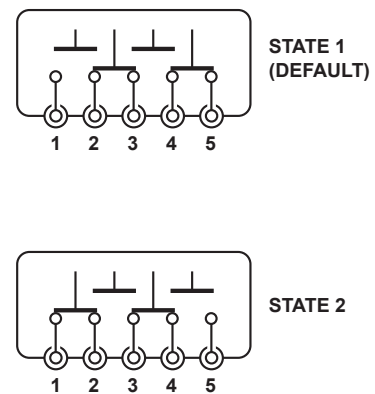
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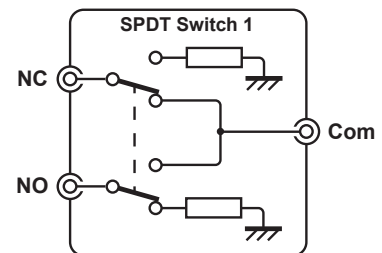
40-781 Single Changeover Relay, Internal Terminations

40-781 Single Changeover Relay, External Terminations

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**40-781-12x Configured as a Terminated 4-Port Bypass Switch (With One External Termination Removed)**

40-781-12x Configured as a 5-Port DP3T Switch (With Both External Terminations Removed)

## Switching Specification

Configuration:	SPDT Microwave Switch with automatic termination on the NO and NC paths, 1 or 2 independent banks.
LED Indicators:	Blue LEDs to indicate activated relays.
Operate Time:	10 ms
Characteristic Impedance:	50 Ω
Connectors:	SMA
Maximum Frequency:	18 GHz
Expected Life	
40-781-1xx:	>10 million operations
40-781-0xx:	>2 million operations

RF Specification

Insertion Loss:	<0.2 dB to 3 GHz <0.3 dB to 8 GHz <0.4 dB to 12.4 GHz <0.5 dB to 18 GHz
Isolation:	>80 dB to 3 GHz >70 dB to 8 GHz >60 dB to 18 GHz
VSWR:	<1.2:1 0 to 3 GHz <1.3:1 to 8 GHz <1.4:1 to 12.4 GHz <1.5:1 to 18 GHz
Power Handling - Externally Terminated Versions:	1 W limited by terminations.
NOTE: External terminations can be removed and replaced with higher power loads.	
Power Handling - Internally Terminated Versions:	1 W limited by terminations.
RF Average Carry Power at 25 °C:	240 W to 3 GHz 150 W to 8 GHz 120 W to 12.4 GHz 100 W to 18 GHz
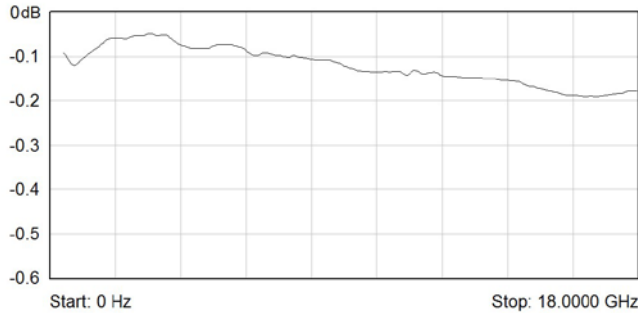
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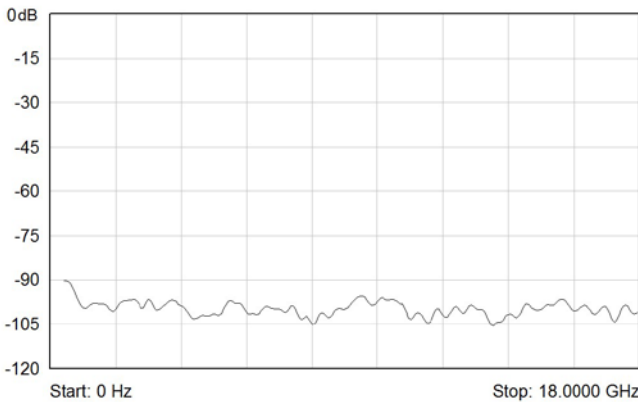
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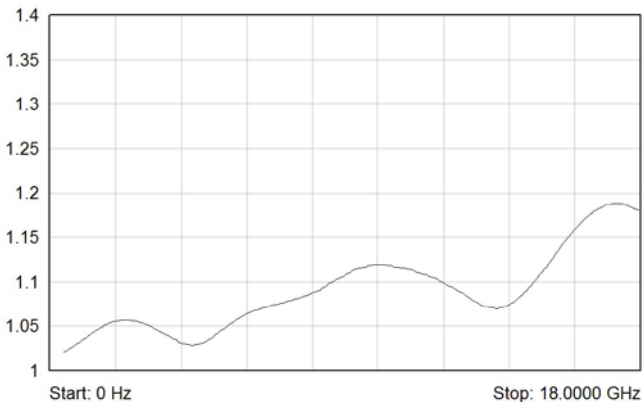
40-781 Microwave Switch VSWR

Power Requirements

+3.3 V	+5 V	+12 V	-12 V
0	0.2 A	1.0 A	0

Mechanical Characteristics

40-781 single SPDT: Single slot 3U PXI (CompactPCI card).

40-781 dual SPDT: Double slot 3U PXI (CompactPCI card).

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 mounted coaxial connectors.

Operating/Storage Conditions

Operating Conditions

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

Storage and Transport Conditions

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

PXI & CompactPCI Compliance

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

Uses a 33 MHz 32-bit backplane interface.

Safety & CE Compliance

All modules are fully CE compliant and meet applicable EU directives: Low-voltage safety EN61010-1:2001, EMC Immunity EN61000-6-1:2001, Emissions EN55011:1998.

Product Order Codes

18 GHz Microwave Relays, 50 Ω SMA	
1 x SPDT, Internal Termination	40-781-021
2 x SPDT, Internal Termination	40-781-022

18 GHz Microwave Relays, 50 Ω SMA	
1 x SPDT, External Termination	40-781-121
2 x SPDT, External Termination	40-781-122

Product Customization

Pickering 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 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.

Mating Connectors & Cabling

For connection accessories for the 40-781 series please refer to the 90-011D RF Cable Assemblies data sheet where a complete list and documentation can be found for accessories, or refer to the Connection Solutions catalog.

Warranty

This module carries a 3 year warranty. The warranty specifically applies to only the cold switching operations of the relay within the stated lifetime.

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
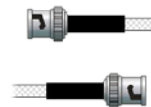- Independence from Windows operating system

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   **Multiway 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 Relay Division. These instrument grade reed relays feature *SoftCenter*™ technology, ensuring long service life and repeatable contact performance. To learn more, please go to: pickeringrelay.com

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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
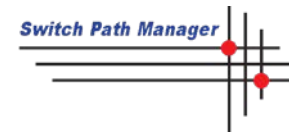
Diagnostic Relay Test Tools

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.
To learn more, please go to: pickeringtest.com/ebirst

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 and white papers as well as application specific product brochures to assist when looking for the switching, simulation and connection solutions you need. We have also published handy reference books on Switching Technology and for the PXI and LXI standards.

To view, download or request any of our product resources, please visit: pickeringtest.com/resources

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