

- Single: 64-Channel 1-Pole, 32-Channel 2-Pole, 16-Channel 4-Pole, 8-Channel 8-Pole
- Dual: 32-Channel 1-Pole, 16-Channel 2-Pole, 8-Channel 4-Pole
- Quad: 16-Channel 1-Pole, 8-Channel 2-Pole
- 9 Half Density Configurations
- 2 A Hot or Cold Switching
- Switch up to 300 VDC/250 VAC and up to 60 W Max Power
- Simple 78-Pin D-Type Connection
- VISA, IVI & Kernel Drivers Supplied for Windows
- Supported by *eBIRST*™
- 3 Year Warranty

The 50-635A 2 A Multiplexer card is available in 9 standard and 9 half density configurations. All configurations use high quality electro-mechanical signal relays allowing each channel to switch up to 2 A and up to 300 V DC/250 VAC.

The card is suitable for signal routing in ATE and data acquisition systems. Connections are made via a front panel 78-pin D-type plug.

The 50-635A can be operated as a conventional multiplexer with break-before-make action when a new channel is selected. Alternatively, 2-pole, 4-pole and 8-pole variants of the multiplexer can be supplied that allow multiple channels to be simultaneously selected.

Note: The multiple channel selection option is not available for 1-pole versions of the 50-635A multiplexer.

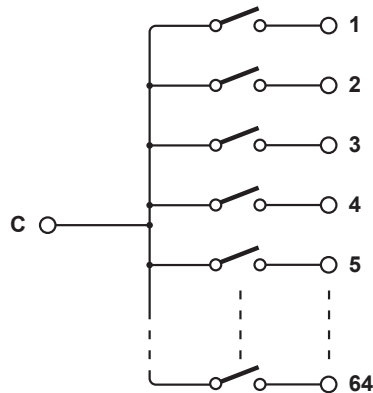


The 50-635A channel selection configurations have been revised from the 50-635. The 50-635A card defaults to single channel selection with multiple channel selection variants defined by use of a suffix.

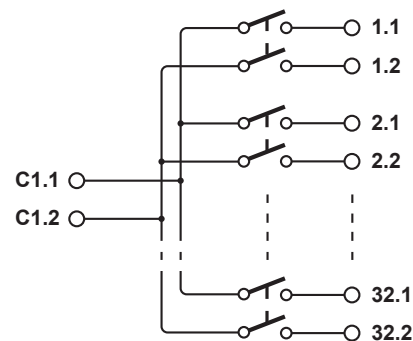
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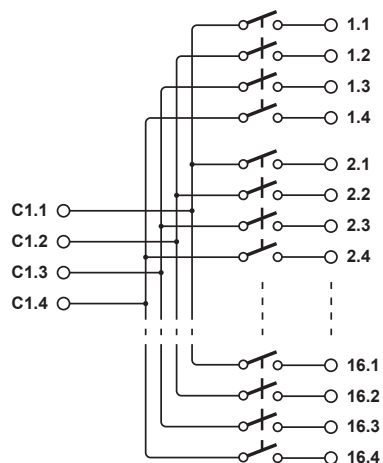
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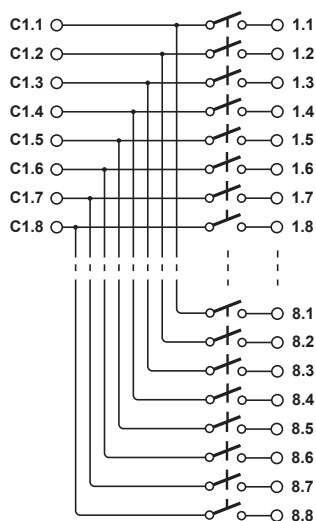
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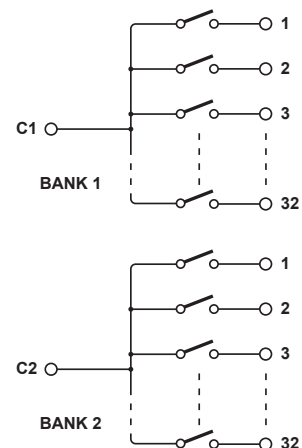
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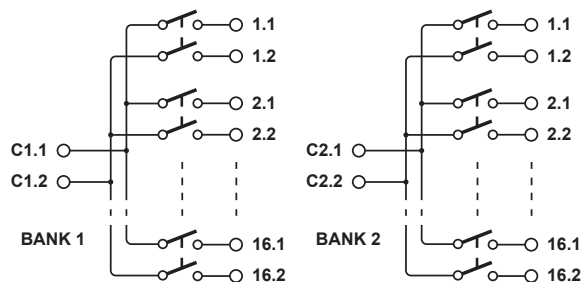
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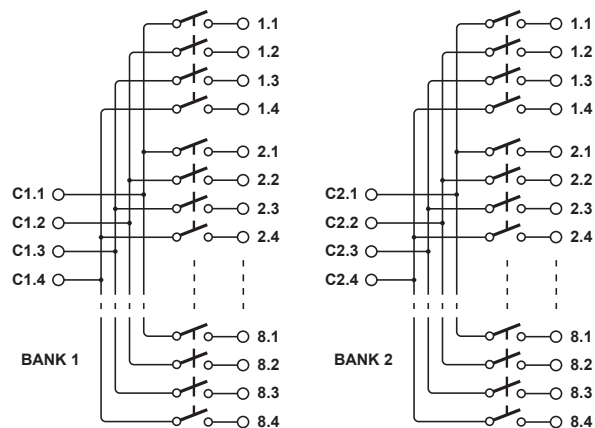
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Single 8-Channel 8-Pole MUX



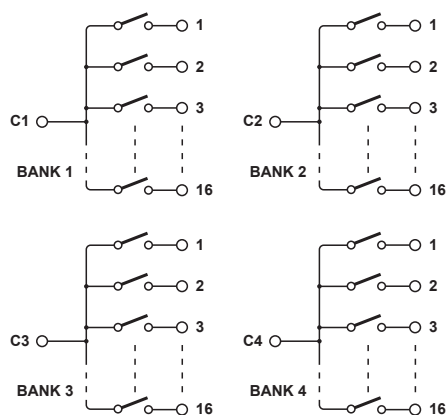
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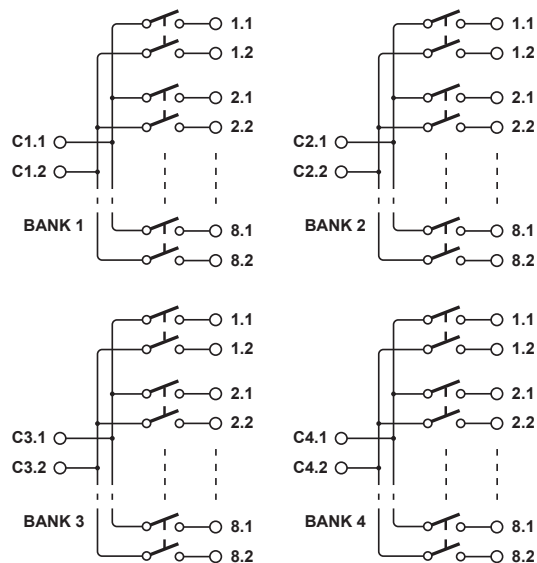
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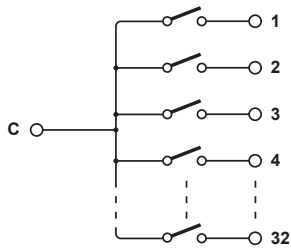


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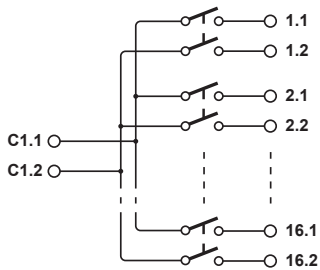


50-635A-009 Quad 8-Channel 2-Pole MUX

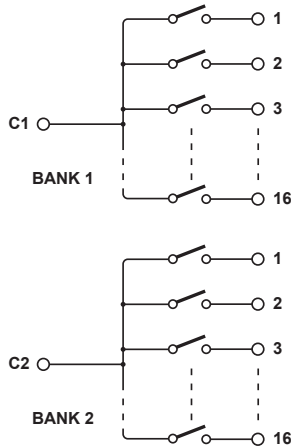
**50-635A Multiplexer Standard
Configuration Schematics**



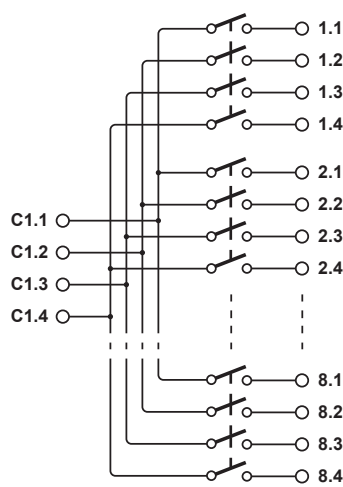
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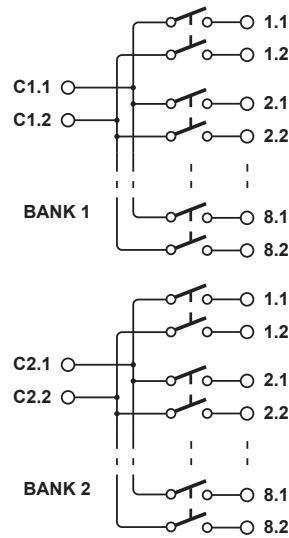
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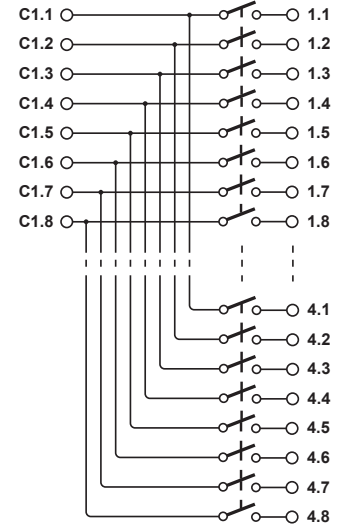
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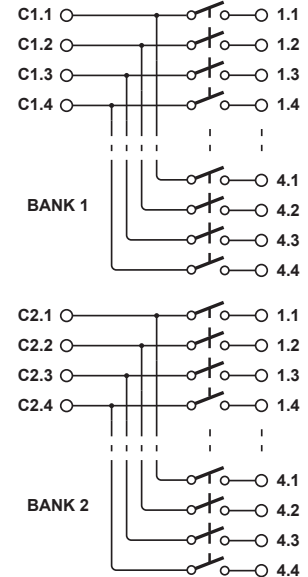
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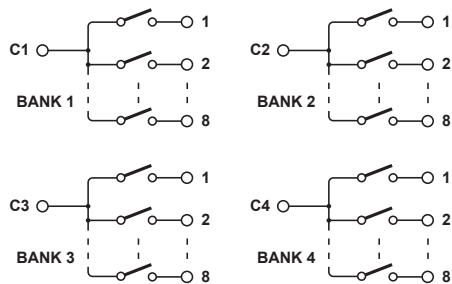
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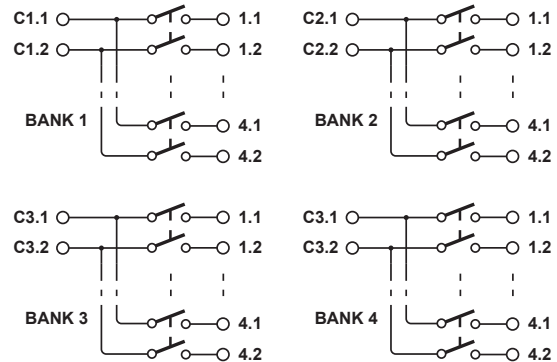
50-635A-104
Single 4-Channel 8-Pole MUX



50-635A-107
Dual 4-Channel 4-Pole MUX



50-635A-108 Quad 8-Channel 1-Pole MUX



50-635A-109 Quad 4-Channel 2-Pole MUX

**50-635A Multiplexer Half Density
Configuration Schematics**

Relay Type

The 50-635A is fitted with electro-mechanical relays with Palladium-Ruthenium Gold covered contacts. A spare relay is built onto the circuit board to allow easy maintenance with minimum downtime.

Switching Specification

Switch Type:	Electro-mechanical
Contact Type:	Palladium-Ruthenium, Gold Covered Bifurcated
Max Switch Voltage:	300 VDC/250 VAC*
Max Power:	62.5 VA at 250 VAC, 60 W from 30 V to 220 VDC, 30 W to 300 VDC (resistive load)
Max Switch Current:	2 A
Max Continuous Carry Current:	2 A
Max Pulsed Carry Current	6 A for 100 ms
Example (single switch path):	(up to 10 % duty cycle)
Initial Path Resistance - On:	<300 mΩ
Path Resistance - Off:	>10 ⁹ Ω
Single-Ended Thermal Offset:	<10 μV
Differential Thermal Offset:	<5 μV
Operate Time:	6 ms typical, 3 ms for multichannel mode
Expected Life (operations)	
Very low power signal load:	>1x10 ⁸
Low power load (2 W):	>1.5x10 ⁷ (0.1 A 20 VDC)
Medium power load (30 W):	>5x10 ⁶ (1 A 30 VDC)
	>1x10 ⁵ (0.1 A 300 VDC)
Full power load (60 W):	>1x10 ⁵ (2 A 30 VDC)

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

RF Specification - In a 50 Ω System

Bandwidth (typical, -3 dB):	12 MHz	(50-635A-001)
	13 MHz	(50-635A-002)
	18 MHz	(50-635A-003)
	21 MHz	(50-635A-004)
	16 MHz	(50-635A-005)
	15 MHz	(50-635A-006)
	21 MHz	(50-635A-007)
	21 MHz	(50-635A-008)
	26 MHz	(50-635A-009)
Crosstalk (typical):	10 kHz:	-90 dB
	100 kHz:	-70 dB
	1 MHz	-50 dB
	10 MHz	-30 dB
Isolation (typical):	10 kHz:	100 dB
	100 kHz:	80 dB
	1 MHz	60 dB
	10 MHz	40 dB

Power Requirements

+3.3 V	+5 V	+12 V	-12 V
200 mA	350 mA	30 mA	0

Mechanical Characteristics

Single slot short PCI format.

Card weight: 166 g (typical)

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

Connections

User connection via a 78-pin male D-type, 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:	5000 m

Storage and Transport Conditions

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

PCI Compliance

The 50-635A complies with the PCI Specification 2.0 (issued Feb 2004).

Signalling Environment: 33 MHz, 32-bit Universal (+3.3 V & +5 V).

Safety & CE Compliance

All cards 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 - 2 A MUX Standard Configurations

Channel Selection	Model Variant	Order Code
Single	Single 64-Channel, 1-Pole	50-635A-001
Single	Dual 32-Channel, 1-Pole	50-635A-005
Single	Quad 16-Channel, 1-Pole	50-635A-008

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

Channel Selection	Model Variant	Order Code
Single	Single 32-Channel, 2-Pole	50-635A-002
Single	Single 16-Channel, 4-Pole	50-635A-003
Single	Single 8-Channel, 8-Pole	50-635A-004
Single	Dual 16-Channel, 2-Pole	50-635A-006
Single	Dual 8-Channel, 4-Pole	50-635A-007
Single	Quad 8-Channel, 2-Pole	50-635A-009

Note: The above cards are available in multiple channel selection mode by adding the "-M" suffix to the part number.

For example, the single 32-channel 2-pole MUX with multiple channel capability would be: **50-635A-002-M**

Product Order Codes - 2 A MUX Half Density Configurations

Channel Selection	Model Variant	Order Code
Single	Single 32-Channel, 1-Pole	50-635A-101
Single	Dual 16-Channel, 1-Pole	50-635A-105
Single	Quad 8-Channel, 1-Pole	50-635A-108

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

Channel Selection	Model Variant	Order Code
Single	Single 16-Channel, 2-Pole	50-635A-102
Single	Single 8-Channel, 4-Pole	50-635A-103
Single	Single 4-Channel, 8-Pole	50-635A-104
Single	Dual 8-Channel, 2-Pole	50-635A-106
Single	Dual 4-Channel, 4-Pole	50-635A-107
Single	Quad 4-Channel, 2-Pole	50-635A-109

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:

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Product	Test Tool	Adaptor
50-635A	93-006-001	Not Required

Spare Relay Kits

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

Product	Relay Kit
50-635A	91-100-001

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

Mating Connectors & Cabling

For connection accessories for the 50-635A card range please refer to the [90-006D](#) 78-pin D-type Connector Accessories data sheet where a complete list and documentation can be found for accessories, or refer to the Connection Solutions catalog.

Note: The above cards are available in multiple channel selection mode by adding the "-M" suffix to the part number.

For example, the single 16-channel 2-pole MUX with multiple channel capability would be: **50-635A-102-M**

Product Customization

Pickering PCI cards 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.

Connectivity Solutions

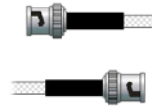
We provide a full range of supporting cable and connector solutions for all our switching products—20 connector families with 1200+ products. We offer everything from simple mating connectors to complex cables assemblies and terminal blocks. All assemblies are manufactured by Pickering and are guaranteed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



Connectors & Backshells



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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.

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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.



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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:

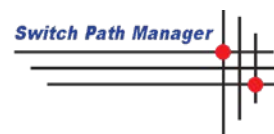
- **Pickering Interfaces Switch Path Manager**
- **National Instruments** products (LabVIEW, LabWindows/CVI, Switch Executive, MAX, TestStand, VeriStand, etc.)
- **Microsoft Visual Studio** products (Visual Basic, Visual C+)
- **Keysight** VEE and OpenTAP
- **Mathworks** Matlab
- **Marvin** ATEasy
- **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.

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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.

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