

- Modular Matrix Design With 4 Y Axis Connections
- User Configurable for X Dimensions by Plug-in addition, up to 1536x4
- Twelve or Six Analog Buses
- Switch up to 1 A
- Uses High Quality Pickering Ruthenium Reed Relays
- Built-In Scan List Sequence Stores With Triggering Capability
- Supported by **BIRST™** and **eBIRST™** Test Tools
- Fully Compliant to 1.5 LXI Standard
- 3 Year Warranty

The 65-221 is a modular matrix platform that provides a large reed relay matrix solution with 1 A current carrying capacity on all Y paths.

Matrices are created by populating a 65-200 chassis with plug-in modules that provide access to the X and Y axis on 200-pin LFH connectors. The chassis is capable of supporting matrices with a Y axis size of 4 and X axis sizes up to 1536 in increments of 128. Users can specify as many or as few plug-in modules as they require and can field upgrade the chassis to extend the matrix.

The chassis supports up to 6 plug-in modules. These can be with or without direct Y bus access and are loaded into the chassis via the front panel, greatly improving flexibility and ease of maintenance.

Analog Buses

Each plug-in provides a single or dual 128x4 sub matrix with the ability to connect its Y axis to one of twelve or six analog buses (depending upon the plugin model type). This provides a high degree of flexibility in configuring the matrix. They can be used to maximize the bandwidth of the matrix by disconnecting unused stub matrices from the used bus, or can be used to divide the 65-221 into twelve or six independent matrices whose size can be set by the user in increments of 128 X connections. For example, twelve independent banks of 128x4 matrix.

Cooling for the 65-200 is provided by rear fans and front air intakes ensuring no wasted space when the chassis is rack



mounted. The cooling system is adaptive, ensuring the acoustic noise is minimised when used in quiet laboratory environments and low load conditions.

Configuring the Matrix

To select the parts that you need to create a matrix simply:

- Specify a 65-200-002 Modular Matrix Chassis.
- Add Matrix Plug-in Modules with direct Y access as required.
- Add Matrix Plug-in Modules without direct Y access as required.

Both styles of plug-in module have options for single or dual 128x4 configurations, with twelve or six analog bus options.

Built-In Relay Self-Test - BIRST

The **BIRST** facility provides a quick and simple way of finding relay failures. No test equipment is required, simply un-plug the user connectors, launch the **BIRST** application and the tool will run a diagnostic test that will find all relays with faulty contacts.

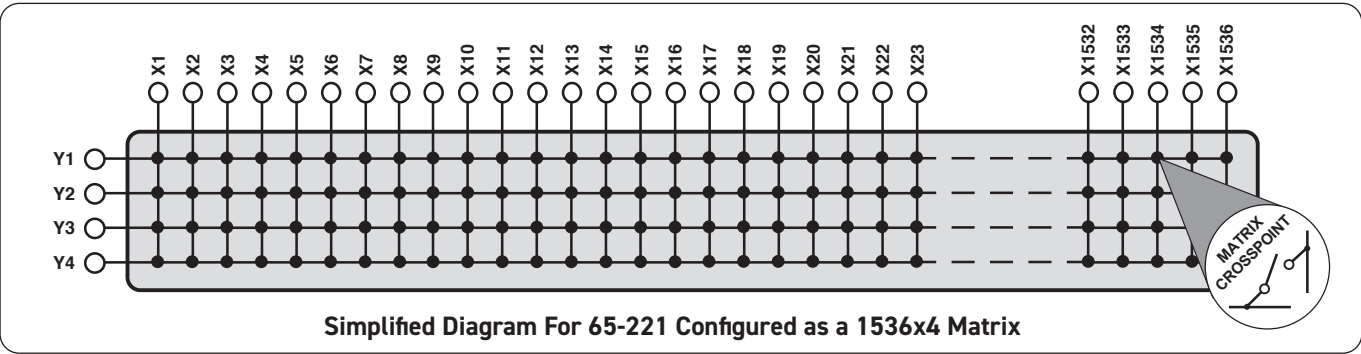
For more information go to: pickeringtest.com/birst

Supported by eBIRST

The matrix is also supported by our **eBIRST** test tools. These simplify switching fault-finding by quickly testing the system and graphically identifying the faulty relay.

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Pickering's Range of LXI Modular Reed Relay Matrices			
Y-Axis	X Range	Analog Buses	Model No.
4	128 to 1536	12 or 6	65-221
8	64 to 768	6	65-223
16	32 to 384	3	65-225
32	32 to 192	1	65-227



65-221 matrix configurations range between 128x4 and 1536x4. The overall matrix size can be altered by the addition or removal of plug-in modules.



The 65-221 plug-in modules can be supplied as a single or dual 128x4 matrix with or without front panel access to the Y-bus. Also, versions are available with 12 or 6 analog buses. Each analog bus has four connections which can be routed via isolation relays to the Y-bus of any 128x4 sub-matrix that makes up the overall 65-221 matrix.

The 128x4 matrices of the 65-221 plug-in modules are made up from four 32x4 matrix plug-on modules. These use Pickering high density instrument grade ruthenium reed relays for maximum reliability and performance. The isolation relays that connect the analog bus to the matrix are also on replaceable plug-on modules.

The modular architecture of the 65-221 allows easy maintenance and repair.



Example Configuration

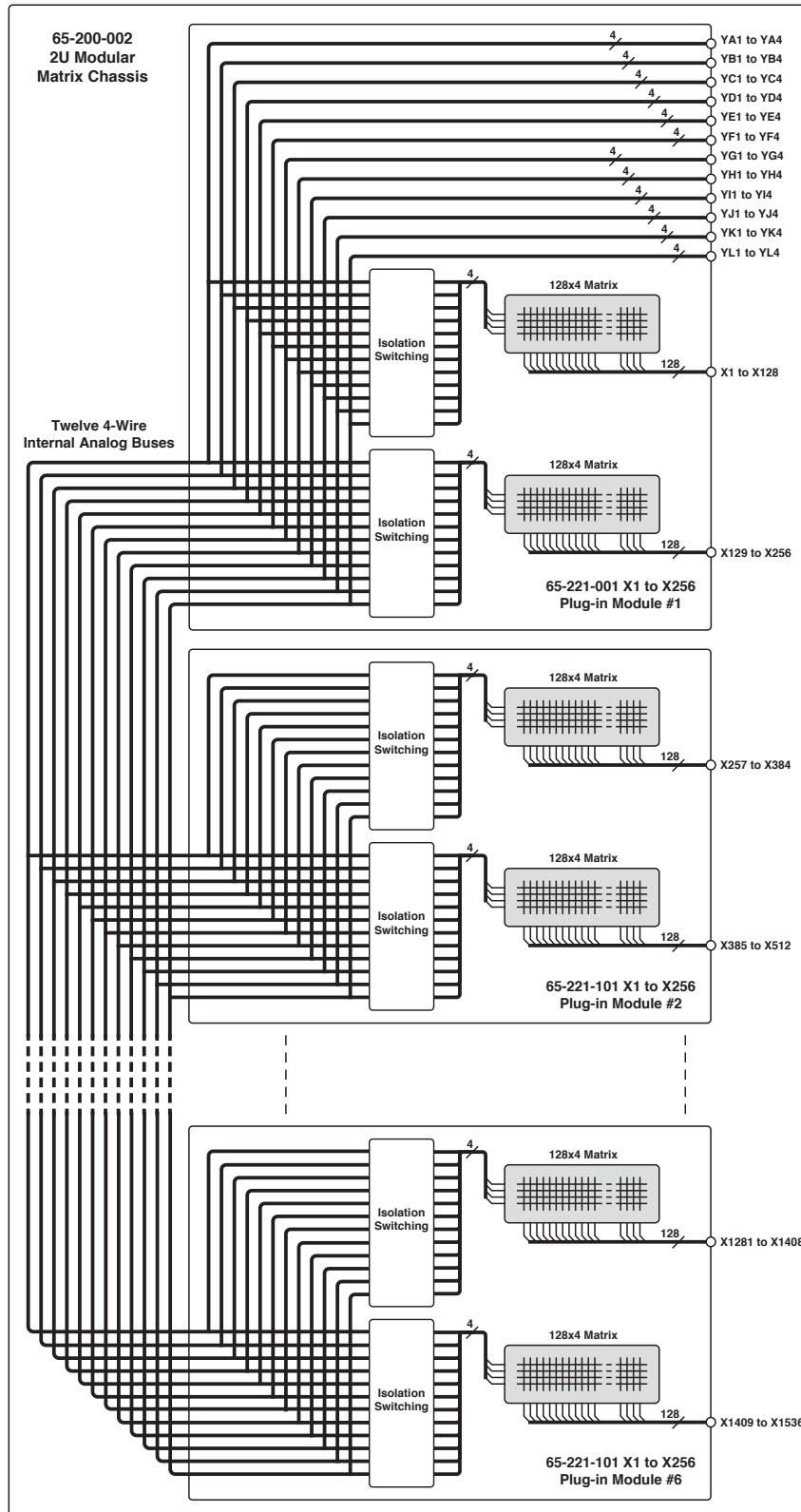
2 U 1536x4 Matrix With 12 Analog Buses

Matrix that permits 48 concurrent connections to be made between Y and X or X and X with Y access when utilising the analog bus capability.

1 off 65-200-002 2 U Modular Matrix Chassis

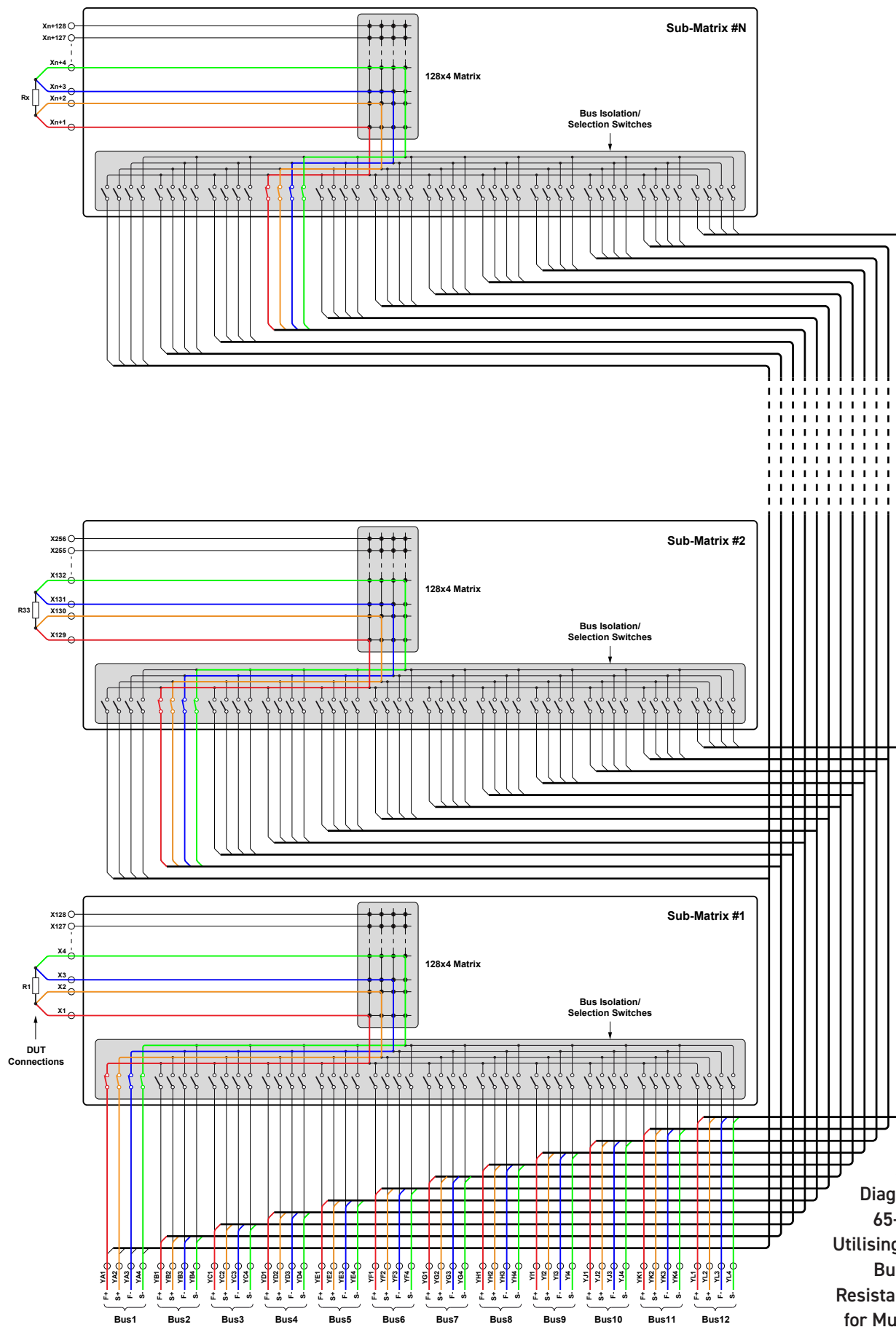
1 off 65-221-001 Matrix Plug-in, direct Y access, 12 analog bus

5 off 65-221-101 Matrix Plug-in, no direct Y access, 12 analog bus



65-221 Configured as a 1536x4 matrix with 12 analog buses using:

- 65-200-002 2 U Modular Matrix Chassis
- 1 off 65-221-001 Plug-in Modules
- 5 off 65-221-101 Plug-in Modules



Example
Application
Diagram for the
65-221 Matrix
Utilising 12 Analog
Buses: 4-Wire
Resistance Testing
for Multiple DUTs

Sequencing Service and Triggering

The Sequencing service provides the user with the ability to set a series of pre-determined sequences on an LXI instrument. These sequences can be triggered by software or one of the sixteen software configurable open collector triggers.

As the operations are grouped together, it will minimize the number of control transactions required to achieve a composite change of target switch state, condensing multiple operations in a single sub unit into a single operation, thus reducing the overall system switch settling time.

For example, if a user wants to operate X1-Y1, X4-Y1, X2-Y2, in the first sequence, only one operation, and so delay, will be used.

Additionally, as the switch state sequences are stored within the LXI controller itself, the burden on the Host CPU and Ethernet traffic is greatly reduced, and so the overall system latency is also reduced.

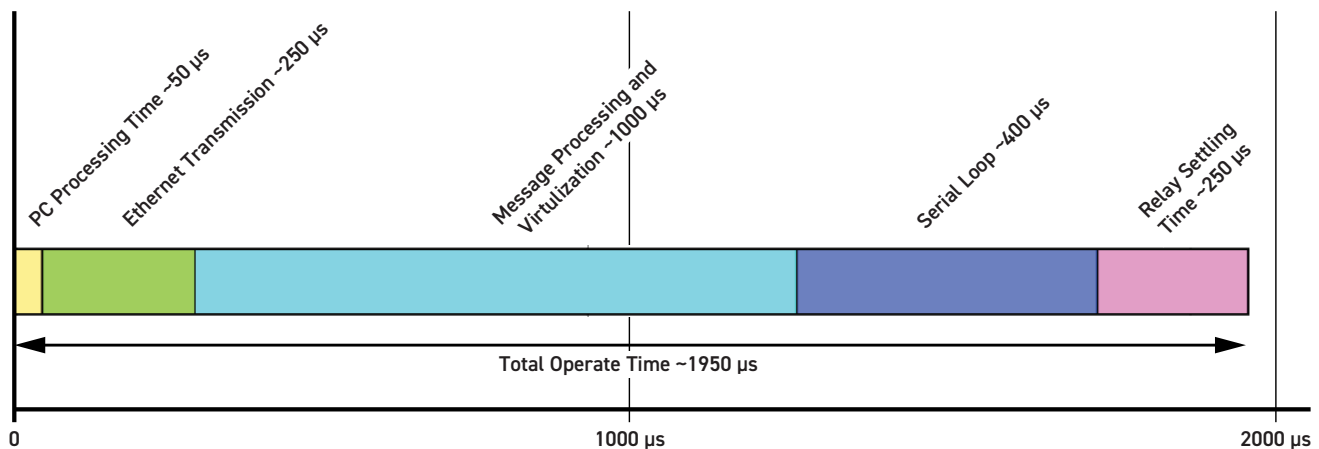
This unit features a software reset line which provides the ability for a user supplied reset to be applied to the unit, triggering a software reset of the relays, returning all relays in the unit to their default state. There is also a software fault line available that will be triggered if there is any error detected within the unit. Please note that while these reset and fault lines use dedicated physical connections to the unit, they are software control lines and as such should not be used for safety interlocks etc.

Speed of Operation

Speed of Operation can be important when defining systems for test applications, therefore it can be beneficial to understand all the necessary overhead delays associated with a switch operation.

If we consider a single relay / block relay operation, it can be considered to be a combination of five discrete operations: PC Processing, Ethernet Latency, LXI Processing / Virtualisation, Serial Loop Transmission and Relay Settling.

A representation of these processes can be seen in the diagram below.



Speed of Operation Diagram For The 65-221

Note: These are estimated figures, PC processing and Ethernet transmission times may vary depending upon the overall system setup and load.

Matrix Specification

General:	Provides 48 (12 bus versions) or 24 (6 bus versions) of concurrent X to Y or X to X connections.
Maximum Size:	1536x4 using 65-200-002
Maximum Hot Switching Capacity	
Maximum Switch Current:	1 A
Maximum Switch Voltage:	150 VDC/100 VAC*
Maximum Power:	20 W/20 VA
Relay Type:	Pickering Reed Relay (Ruthenium Sputtered)
Estimated Plug-in Setting Time:	<2 ms (per relay or relay block operation) Note: This figure may vary depending upon user setup and network load.
Initial Path Resistance - On:	Plug-in: 1.3 Ω (typical) System†: 2 Ω (typical)
Initial Path Resistance - Off:	>10 ⁹ Ω
Bandwidth:	(Measurement at front panel) Plug-in: >2 MHz System†: 1.5 MHz (typical)
Crosspoint Closure Limit:	1572†
† This represents an example system configured as a 1536x4 matrix consisting of 1x 65-221-001 and 5x 65-221-101 Plugin Modules housed within an 65-200-002 Chassis.	
Expected Life (operations):	>1x10 ⁹ (Low Load) >1x10 ⁶ (Full Load)

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

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

Mechanical Specification

Chassis Dimensions:	2 U rack mountable full width, depth 500mm.
Number of Plug-ins Supported:	6 (in 65-200-002 chassis)
Plug-in Connectors:	2x200-pin LFH socket for dual 128x4 plug-in modules. 1x200-pin LFH socket for single 128x4 plug-in modules.
Trigger Connector:	25-pin male micro D-type
Chassis Cooling:	Front air intakes through plug-in module holes, temperature controlled speed adjustable fans.

Power Source

Universal AC mains supply, 90-120/200-240 V 50-60 Hz.

Power Inlet:	Male IEC connector
Power Rating:	100 VA maximum
Fuse Rating:	(F) 5 A 250 V

LAN Interface

1000Base-T Ethernet Interface with a standard RJ-45 connector mounted on the rear panel. Compliant to LXI Standard 1.5

Triggering

- 16x Software Configurable Bidirectional Open Collector Triggers
- 1x Dedicated Software Reset Line
- 1x Dedicated Software Fault Line
- 1x Dedicated Interlock Line

Scan List Sequencing

Capable of storing 5000 predefined test sequences, loaded from the host Controller to the LXI unit at process initialization, with the ability to be triggered through software or from any of the sixteen software configurable triggers.

For more information on the Pickering Sequence Manager, please go to: [pickering-sequence-manager](#)

Safety & CE Compliance

All products 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

Specify which modules are required to build the matrix, Pickering Interfaces will supply the chassis with the modules installed if ordered at the same time. Plug-in modules can be ordered for chassis already supplied.

Chassis

2U Modular Matrix Chassis, 6-Slot	65-200-002
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Matrix Plug-in Modules

Dual 128x4, direct Y access, 12 analog bus	65-221-001
Dual 128x4, direct Y access, 6 analog bus	65-221-011
Dual 128x4, no direct Y access, 12 analog bus	65-221-101
Dual 128x4, no direct Y access, 6 analog bus	65-221-111
Single 128x4, direct Y access, 12 analog bus	65-221-002
Single 128x4, direct Y access, 6 analog bus	65-221-012
Single 128x4, no direct Y access, 12 analog bus	65-221-102
Single 128x4, no direct Y access, 6 analog bus	65-221-112

Replacement Plug-on Modules

32x4 Matrix Plug-on	69-221-001
12 Analog Bus Isolation Plug-on	69-221-002
6 Analog Bus Isolation Plug-on	69-221-003

Product Customization

Pickering LXI units 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. This product requires master slave testing and two test tools are required together with the master slave cable: **93-970-301**. For more information go to: pickeringtest.com/ebirst

Product	Test Tool	Adaptor	Termination
All Confgs	93-002-001	Not Required	93-002-101



To use eBIRST the test tool is fitted to the user connectors of the 65-221 plugin module. The supplied software is executed to perform a full diagnostic test of signal paths through the matrix. This will highlight failed or problem relays on a graphical interface.

Spare Relay Kits

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

Product	Relay Kit
65-221-XXX	91-100-097

For further assistance, please contact your Pickering sales office.

Mating Connectors & Cabling

For connection accessories for the 65-221 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 State-Of-The-Art Reed Relays

This matrix is constructed using very high density reed relays manufactured by our Relay Division.

Sputtered Ruthenium

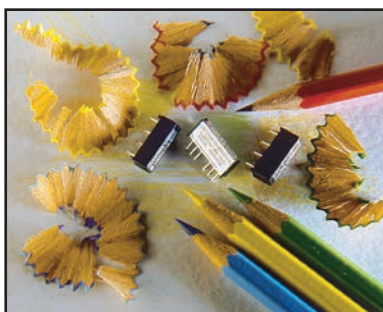
Reed Relays

offer maximum performance, they are hermetically sealed and offer a very stable, long life relay contact (typically 10^9 operations) with very fast operate time.

Alternative types

such as electro-mechanical armature relays or non-instrumentation grade reed relays are lower cost but do not offer the consistent contact resistance, long life, fast switching speed and low level switching capability of a reed relay.

All of the reed relays used in our matrix switching modules are manufactured by our Relay Division, these offer maximum switching performance. Please visit the Reed Relay web site at pickeringrelay.com for further information.



Available from Pickering are the 60-102B and 60-103B LXI Modular Chassis. These are 7 and 18 slot chassis capable of hosting any of our range of PXI switching and programmable resistor modules under LXI control via a Gigabit Ethernet interface. Also available are the 60-104, 60-105 and 60-106. These are 2, 4 and 6 slot LXI/USB Modular Chassis which allow control of our PXI modules via Ethernet or USB.



The 65-221 range is part of a growing family of Scalable Matrix systems available from Pickering Interfaces. Illustrated is the LXI 65-219 Modular 2 Amp Matrix, available in sizes up to 60x40.

Connectivity Solutions

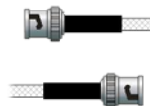
We provide a full range of supporting cable and connector solutions for all our switching products—20 connector families with 1200+ products. We offer everything from simple mating connectors to complex cables assemblies and terminal blocks. All assemblies are manufactured by Pickering and are guaranteed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



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

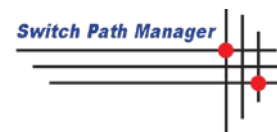
As well as various open source environments such as:

- **Sharp Develop**
- **Dev-C++**

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.

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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 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

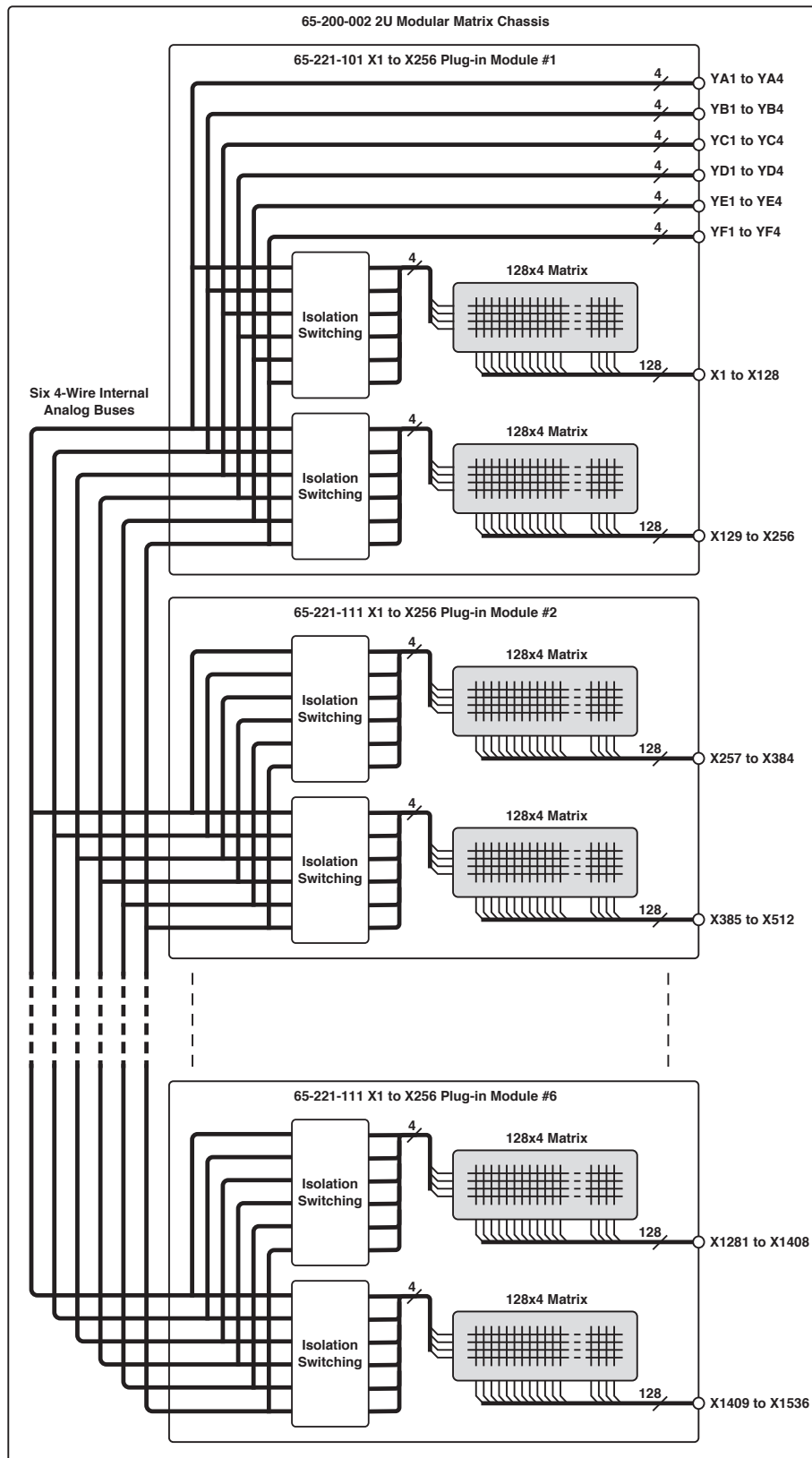
2U 1536x4 Matrix With 6 Analog Buses

Matrix that permits 24 concurrent connections to be made between Y and X or X and X with Y access when utilising the analog bus capability.

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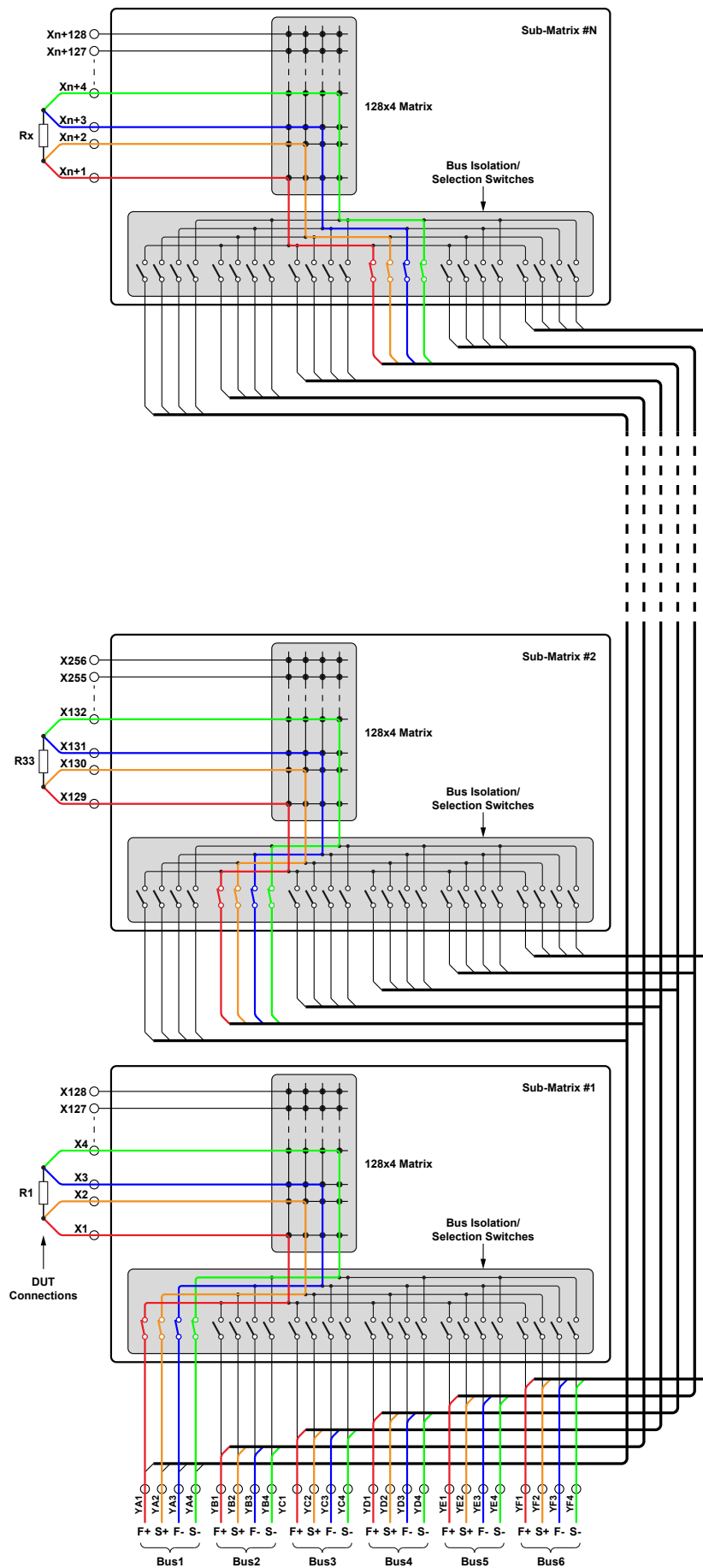
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