Features

- **SoftCenter®** construction (see adjacent diagram)
- Highest quality instrumentation grade switches
- Internal mu-metal magnetic screen
- Insulation resistance greater than $10^{12}$ Ω for Form A devices
- Dry switches available in both 1 Form A and 1 Form C configurations
- 3, 5 and 12 Volt coils with or without internal diode
- 5 Volt coils are 500 ohms and may be driven directly from TTL logic
- 100% tested for dynamic contact resistance for guaranteed performance

The Series 106 is a range of Single-In-Line reed relays intended for stacking on 0.2 inches pitch. Their small size, superb contact resistance stability and ultra high insulation resistance, make these relays an ideal choice for Automatic Test Equipment. They have an internal mu-metal screen to eliminate problems that would otherwise be experienced due to magnetic interaction. While the screening is not quite as efficient as the complete mu-metal can of the Series 107, 108 or 109, it is more than adequate for most applications (see explanation below).

If even greater packing density is required, smaller devices are available in other Pickering SIL ranges.

**Magnetic Interaction - An explanation**

Magnetic interaction between relays is normally expressed as a percentage increase in the voltage required to operate the relay, due to the extraneous fields from adjacent relay coils.

An unscreened SIL relay of this size would have an interaction figure of around 30 percent, i.e. the voltage required to operate it will increase by this amount when relays alongside are operated also. It may prove impossible to use such a relay at its nominal coil voltage in high density applications.

A Pickering Series 106 reed relay has an interaction figure of approximately 5 percent.

**Switch Ratings**

- 1 Form A (Energize to Make) relays.
  Up to 1 Amp switching at 20 Watts
- 1 Form C (Change-over) relays.
  3 Watts at 200 Volts

**Typical Pickering SoftCenter® Construction**
**Series 106 switch ratings** - The contact ratings for each switch type are shown below:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Switch No</th>
<th>Switch form</th>
<th>Power rating</th>
<th>Max. switch current</th>
<th>Max. carry current</th>
<th>Max. switching volts</th>
<th>Life expectancy (see Note 1 below)</th>
<th>Operate time (in bounces (max))</th>
<th>Release time</th>
<th>Special features</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>20 W</td>
<td>1.0 A</td>
<td>1.2 A</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>10²</td>
<td>0.5 ms</td>
<td>0.2 ms</td>
<td>General purpose</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>10 W</td>
<td>0.5 A</td>
<td>1.2 A</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>10²</td>
<td>0.5 ms</td>
<td>0.2 ms</td>
<td>Low level</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>C</td>
<td>3 W</td>
<td>0.25 A</td>
<td>1.2 A</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>10²</td>
<td>1.0 ms</td>
<td>0.5 ms</td>
<td>Change over</td>
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Switch no.2 is particularly good for switching low currents and/or voltages. It is the ideal switch for A.T.E. systems where cold switching techniques are often used. Where higher power levels are involved, switch no.1 is more suitable.

**Operating voltages**

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<th>Voltage</th>
<th>Coefficient must operate - open switch</th>
<th>Must release voltage - open switch</th>
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<td>3 V</td>
<td>0.5 V</td>
<td>0.3 V</td>
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<td>5 V</td>
<td>0.5 V</td>
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<tr>
<td>12 V</td>
<td>1.2 V</td>
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When an internal diode is required, the suffix D is added to the part number as shown in the table.

**Environmental specification**

- **Standard operating temperature range**: -20 to +85°C
- **Vibration**: Maximum 20 G
- **Shock**: Maximum 50 G

**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 1Ω, switching low loads (10 V at 10 mA resistive) or when ‘cold’ switching, typical life is approx. 1 x 10² ops. At the maximum load (resistive), typical life is 1 x 10³ 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.

**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 the mode of connection/grounding of unused terminals. Please contact technical sales for details.

**Internal Mu-metal Magnetic Screen**

The Series 106 relays are fitted with an internal mu-metal magnetic screen which permits side-by-side stacking on 0.2 inches pitch.

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**Pin Configuration and Dimensional Data**

**Dimensions in inches (Millimeters in brackets)**

**1 Form A (Energize to make)**

- 0.75 (19.1) nominal
- 0.765 (19.4) maximum

**1 Form C (Changeover)**

- 0.32 (8.1) nominal
- 0.33 (8.4) maximum

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

**3D Models: Interactive models of the complete range of Pickering relay products can be downloaded from the web site.**

**Mercury Relays**

With the exception of the position insensitive type, mercury relays should be mounted vertically with pin 1 uppermost.

**Order Code**

- **Series**: 106 - 1 - A - 5 / 2 D
- **Number of reeds**
- **Switch form**: Coil voltage
- **Switch number** (See table adjacent)
- **Diode if fitted (Omit if not required)**

**Help**

If you need any technical advice or other help, for example, any special tests that you would like carried out, please do not hesitate to contact our Technical Sales Department. We will always be pleased to discuss Pickering relays with you. email: techsales@pickeringrelay.com

Please ask us for a FREE evaluation sample.