

S relay – The multi featured relay

HF characteristics

The relatively good HF characteristics of this S relay are due to the following

- Low → capacitance
- Short twin contact finger springs
- High through power
- Low contact resistance
- Contacts shielded from armature

By series connection of the contacts the cross-talk attenuation can be improved

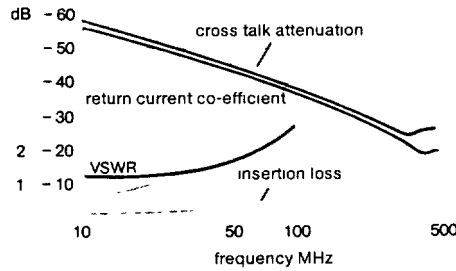


fig 6 HF characteristics of the S relay

Capacitance values ± pF

contact ungrounded	0,7
contact (coil grounded)	0,35
coil/fixed contact	1,15
coil/fixed contact (moving contact grounded)	0,9
coil/moving contact	1,4
coil/moving contact (fixed contact grounded)	1,15
contact set/contact set	0,6
contact set/contact set (coil grounded)	0,1

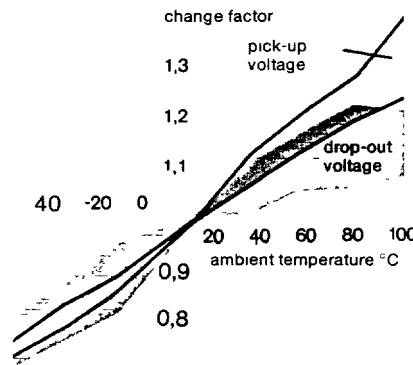
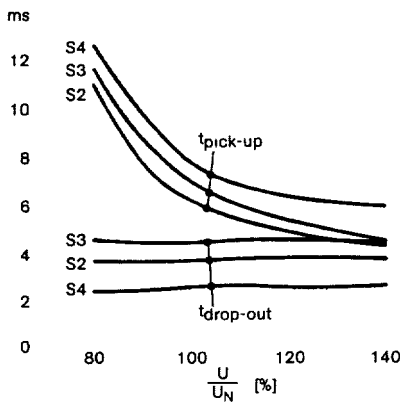
Thermovoltage

At normal coil excitation after 30 min at 25 – 29°C and 60 – 75% relative humidity

type S2 Connections	4-5	10-11		
U _{th} [µV]	1,3 ± 0,6	2 ± 1		
type S4 Connections	2-3	4-5	8-9	10-12
U _{th} ± 0,3 [µV]	2,3	1,5	1,8	1,9

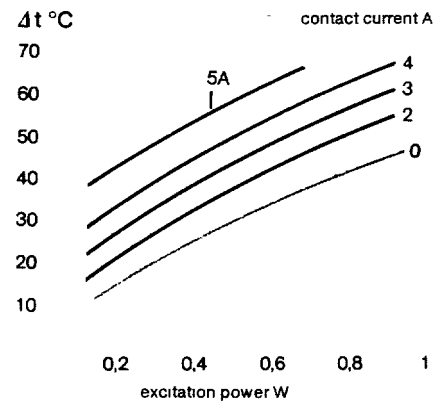
With impulse operation of bistable S relays or switching via a C switching network (fig 10) the thermovoltage < 1 µV

Pick-up/drop-out times ± 20% Temperature influence



Example A relay with a pick-up voltage of 8 V (20°C) picks up at 1 2 x 8 = 9 6 V at 60°C and at -40°C at 0 8 x 8 = 6 4 V

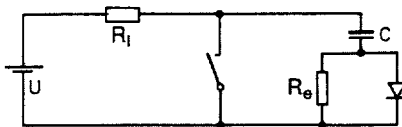
Coil heating (after 30 min switching)



If 4 contacts are simultaneously carrying 5 A then with normal excitation of 0 2 W, the max ambient temperature can be 50°C

Contact protection for d.c. operation

The following contact protection circuit is recommended to increase the contact life when switching high loads



R_l = Load resistance
R_e = Discharge resistor

Thus it is then possible to switch loads considerably in excess of 100 W To completely suppress an arc the value of the capacitor should be approx. 1 µF per ampère of switch-off current Thus with a current of 5 A a 4 7 µF capacitor should be used

The size of the discharge resistor R_e depends on the switching voltage and frequency Generally care should be taken that charging current + contact current are kept below 20 A. The overload current capacity of the diode must exceed the switching current.

Historical experience with the S relay

At „Electronica 74“ the S relay was still the „Relay of the future“ In October 1975 the first unit was delivered and today it has become one of the most specified relays on the world market

The S relay is unique in many respects, for its high efficiency, the switching range of between 1 nW to 1 kVA or its universal acceptability for mono- or bistable switching requirements with 4 contacts of various configurations

Since additionally it is hermetically sealed, has good HF characteristics and a low thermovoltage as well as being energy saving and highly reliable in operation, it finds wide use in such fields as measurement, control, information, signal and process technologies

S relays can also be used as coupling and linking elements within electronic circuits as well as interface relays for microprocessors or as storage elements

The rejection rate has sunk from an initial value of 1% to the current level of below 0 01% Only the sales price has in real terms, fallen by 15% since 1975 The supply is secured since S relays are now manufactured in West Germany, Japan and soon also in the USA

Due to the surface characteristics of the high quality gold contact assembly it is recommended that ultrasonic cleaning methods be avoided

Operation of the S relays

The S relay has a rotating armature. A permanent magnetic field is superimposed with the excitation flux across 4 air gaps. This results in high efficiency and contact pressure at low energising power. With monostable S relays the opposite pole faces are dissimilar. Fig 8 shows the switching operation with mono or bistable configurations with one or two coils depending on the polarity of the exciting voltage.

Thus at any given time a NO and a NC contact are linked like a changeover contact. For NO contacts, the top half, and for NC contacts the bottom half of the time axis is used. The excitation pulses ABEFHJL indicate that a

monostable polarised relay with constant polarity applied operates in normal circumstances like an un-polarised relay. Changing over the polarity at the coil does not affect the contact operation. Bistable relays change the contact position with the applied voltage polarity and remain in that state even when the excitation voltage is interrupted.

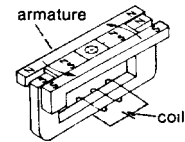


fig 7 Magnet system of the S relay

Uses Amplifiers, choppers changing sine waveform into rectilinear pulses (FGH). Bistable relays with two coils permit particularly elegant efficient solutions to switching

problems e.g. If a coil is pulsed for > 4 ms then a contact will open or close as appropriate until the other coil is pulsed with the opposite polarity.

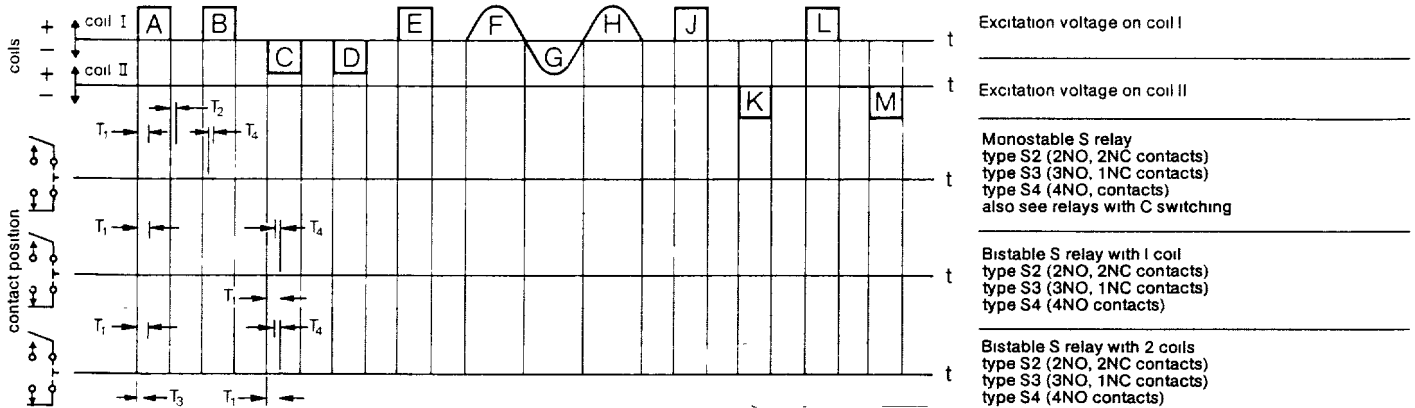


fig 8 Switching mode of various S relays with an example of a NO and NC contact or alternatively of a combined changeover pair

T_1 = pick-up time T_2 = drop-out time
 T_3 = response time T_4 = transition time

Special user examples of the S relay

As a latch relay

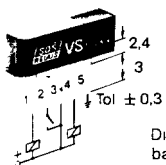
If the electronic switching element shown in fig 9 is connected with a relay of type S2-L2, S3-L2 or S4-L2, then the relay assumes the properties of a latch relay e.g. with an impulse of the same polarity the relay switches momentarily in the opposite sense. A relay contact is used in this control circuit. All other data on the S relay remains the same.

As an ultra-modern relay

- 99% saving of energising power
 - Thermovoltage < 1 μ V at 100% operation
 - Pick-up/drop-out time approx 3 or 2 ms
 - Ratio, pick-up/drop-out voltage approx 1:2
- The C switching circuit shown in fig 10 bestows monostable operation on bistable relays so that only during the pick-up time is there any power consumed (See SDS IC data sheet)

As time relay

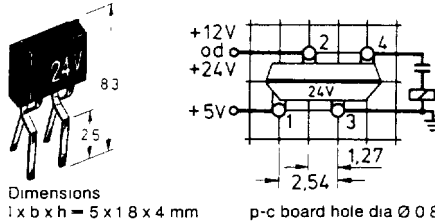
By using the C switching circuit and parallel switching of the capacitor at the input to the IC module, it is possible to increase the drop-out time to approx. 30 s. The achievable drop-out time delays are then $\approx 0.26 \text{ s}/\mu\text{F}$



Dimensions 18.5 x 3.3 x 6.3 mm
 basic gnd 2.54 mm
 p-c board hole dia $\varnothing 0.8$

fig 9 VS Electronic module

See also plug-in socket with C switching



Dimensions 1 x b x h = 5 x 18 x 4 mm
 p-c board hole dia $\varnothing 0.8$

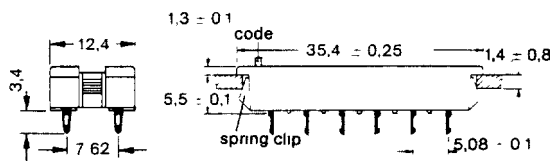
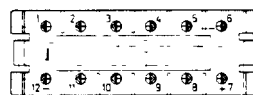
fig 10 IC for C switching

Plug-in socket type S-NS

For p-c board or chassis mounting

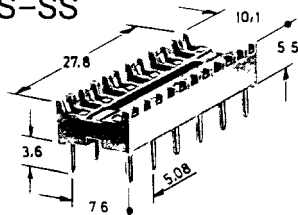


p-c board hole dia 1.3 \pm 0.1
 chassis punching 12.6 x 33.1 \pm 0.1



Plug-in type S-SS

p-c board hole dia 1 mm



Distributor

Plug-in circuit with C switching circuit

The S-NS is also available with an in-built C switching circuit to become an active plug-in socket for 12 V and 24 V coil voltages. It bestows monostable switching capability on single coil bistable relays whose rated coil voltage is approx. 50% less. e.g. relay S2-L-6 V for plug-in socket S-NS-12 V excitation voltage. \rightarrow Ultra modern relay. The internal connection of the C switching circuit are shown in blue. Control is made via connections 7 (+) and 12 (-).

When using the active S-NS in existing p-c boards which have been designed for S2- and S4-relays the S-NS socket must be turned in relation to the p-c board by 180°.

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