

# NI PXI-2520 Specifications

## 80-Channel SPST Relay Module

This document lists specifications for the NI PXI-2520 general-purpose relay module. All specifications are subject to change without notice. Visit [ni.com/manuals](http://ni.com/manuals) for the most current specifications.



**Caution** The protection provided by the NI PXI-2520 can be impaired if it is used in a manner not described in this document.

Topology ..... 80-channel SPST, non-latching

Refer to the *NI Switches Help* for detailed topology information.

## About These Specifications

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*Specifications* characterize the warranted performance of the instrument under the stated operating conditions.

*Typical Specifications* are specifications met by the majority of the instrument under the stated operating conditions and are tested at 23 °C ambient temperature. Typical specifications are not warranted.

All voltages are specified in DC, AC<sub>pk</sub>, or a combination unless otherwise specified.



**Caution** Refer to the *Read Me First: Safety and Electromagnetic Compatibility* document for important safety and electromagnetic compatibility information. To obtain a copy of this document online, visit [ni.com/manuals](http://ni.com/manuals), and search for the document title.



**Caution** To ensure the specified EMC performance, operate this product only with shielded cables and accessories.

## Input Characteristics

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Maximum switching voltage

Channel-to-channel ..... 150 V

Channel-to-ground ..... 150 V, CAT I



**Caution** This module is rated for Measurement Category I and intended to carry signal voltages no greater than 150 V. This module can withstand up to 800 V impulse voltage. Do *not* use this module for connection to signals or for measurements within

Categories II, III, or IV. Do not connect to MAINS supply circuits (for example, wall outlets) of 115 or 230 VAC. Refer to the *Read Me First: Safety and Electromagnetic Compatibility* document for more information on measurement categories.



**Caution** When hazardous voltages ( $>42.4 V_{pk}/60$  VDC) are present on any relay terminal, safety low-voltage ( $\leq 42.4 V_{pk}/60$  VDC) cannot be connected to any other relay terminal.



**Caution** The switching power is limited by the maximum switching current, the maximum voltage, and must not exceed 60 W, 62.5 VA.

Maximum switching power (per channel) ..... 60 W, 62.5 VA (DC to 60 Hz)

Maximum current  
(switching or carry, per channel) ..... 2 A

Simultaneous channels at maximum  
current ( $\leq 43$  °C) ..... 30

Minimum switching conditions ..... 20 mV/1 mA



**Note** Switching inductive loads (for example, motors and solenoids) can produce high voltage transients in excess of the module's rated voltage. Without additional protection, these transients can interfere with module operation and impact relay life. For more information about transient suppression, visit [ni.com/info](http://ni.com/info) and enter the Info Code `relayflyback`.

DC path resistance  
Initial .....  $<0.5 \Omega$   
End-of-life .....  $\geq 1.0 \Omega$

DC path resistance typically remains low for the life of the relay. At the end of relay life, the path resistance rises rapidly above 1  $\Omega$ . Load ratings apply to relays used within the specification before the end of relay life.

Thermal EMF (typical at 23 °C) ..... 12  $\mu$ V

Bandwidth (-3 dB, typical at 23 °C)  
50  $\Omega$  termination .....  $\leq 35$  MHz

Crosstalk (typical at 23 °C, 50  $\Omega$  termination)  
Channel-to-channel  
10 kHz .....  $\leq 80$  dB  
100 kHz .....  $\leq 60$  dB

Isolation (typical at 23 °C, 50  $\Omega$  termination)  
Open channel  
10 kHz .....  $\geq 80$  dB  
100 kHz .....  $\geq 60$  dB

# Module Load Derating at >43 °C

Load derating is dependent on the ambient temperature and the sum of the current squared of each channel simultaneously carrying a signal. The result must fall within the shaded region of Figure 1. The following examples represent this calculation.

## Example 1

30 channels carry 1.7 A while

10 channels carry 1.5 A

$$(30 \times 1.7^2) + (10 \times 1.5^2) = 109.2 \text{ A}^2 \times \text{channels}$$

The module in Example 1 can be used at ambient temperatures between 0 °C and 47 °C.

## Example 2

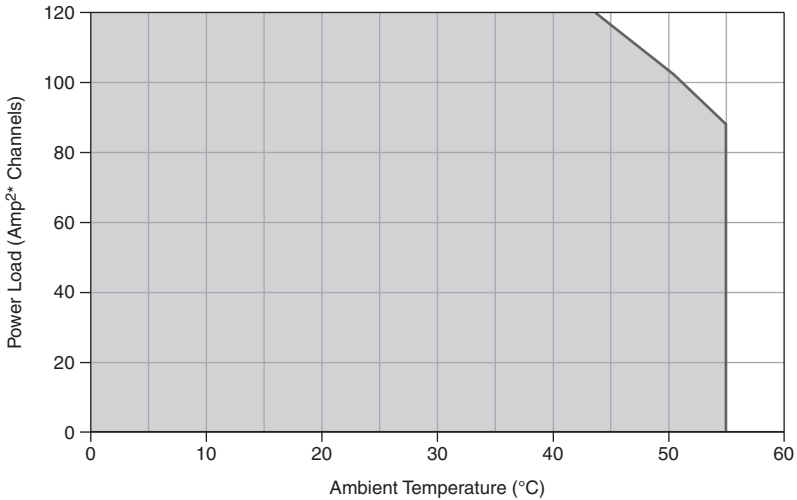
25 channels carry 1.55 A while

5 channels carry 2.0 A

$$(25 \times 1.55^2) + (5 \times 2.0^2) = 80.06 \text{ A}^2 \times \text{channels}$$

The module in Example 2 can be used at ambient temperatures between 0 °C and 55 °C.

**Figure 1. Module Load Derating**



# Dynamic Characteristics

## Relay operate time

Typical ..... 1 ms

Maximum..... 3.4 ms

Simultaneous drive limit..... 40 relays



**Note** Certain applications may require additional time for proper settling. For information about including additional settling time, refer to the *NI Switches Help*.

Expected relay life

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Mechanical.....        | $1 \times 10^8$ cycles |
| Electrical (resistive) |                        |
| 30 V, 1 A.....         | $5 \times 10^5$ cycles |
| 30 V, 2 A.....         | $1 \times 10^5$ cycles |



**Note** The relays used in the NI PXI-2520 are field replaceable. Refer to the *NI Switches Help* for information about replacing a failed relay.

## Trigger Characteristics

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Input trigger

|                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sources.....             | PXI trigger lines 0-7 |
| Minimum pulse width..... | 150 ns                |



**Note** The NI PXI-2520 can recognize trigger pulse widths less than 150 ns if you disable digital filtering. For information about disabling digital filtering, refer to the *NI Switches Help*.

Output trigger

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Destinations..... | PXI trigger lines 0-7                  |
| Pulse width.....  | Programmable (1 $\mu$ s to 62 $\mu$ s) |

## Physical Characteristics

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|   |   |
|---|---|
| Relay type.....                           | Electromechanical, non-latching   |
| Relay contact material.....               | Palladium-ruthenium, gold covered   |
| I/O connector.....                        | 160 DIN 41612, 160 positions, male  |
| PXI power requirement.....                | 6 W at 5 V,<br>2.5 W at 3.3 V   |
| Dimensions (L $\times$ W $\times$ H)..... | 3U, one slot, PXI/cPCI module<br>21.6 $\times$ 2.0 $\times$ 13.0 cm (8.5 $\times$ 0.8 $\times$ 5.1 in.) |
| Weight.....                               | 174 g (6.1 oz)  |

# Environment

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|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Operating temperature ..... | 0 °C to 55 °C           |
| Storage temperature .....   | -20 °C to 70 °C         |
| Relative humidity .....     | 5% to 85% noncondensing |
| Pollution Degree .....      | 2                       |
| Maximum altitude.....       | 2,000 m                 |

Indoor use only.

# Shock and Vibration

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|-------------------------|---|
| Operational Shock ..... | 30 g peak, half-sine, 11 ms pulse<br>(Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-27.<br>Test profile developed in accordance with<br>MIL-PRF-28800F.)                      |
| Random Vibration        |   |
| Operating .....         | 5 to 500 Hz, 0.3 g <sub>rms</sub>   |
| Nonoperating .....      | 5 to 500 Hz, 2.4 g <sub>rms</sub><br>(Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-64.<br>Nonoperating test profile exceeds the<br>requirements of MIL-PRF-28800F, Class 3.) |

# Diagrams

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Figure 2 shows the NI PXI-2520 hardware diagram.

**Figure 2.** NI PXI-2520 Hardware Diagram

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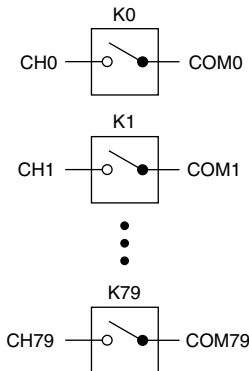
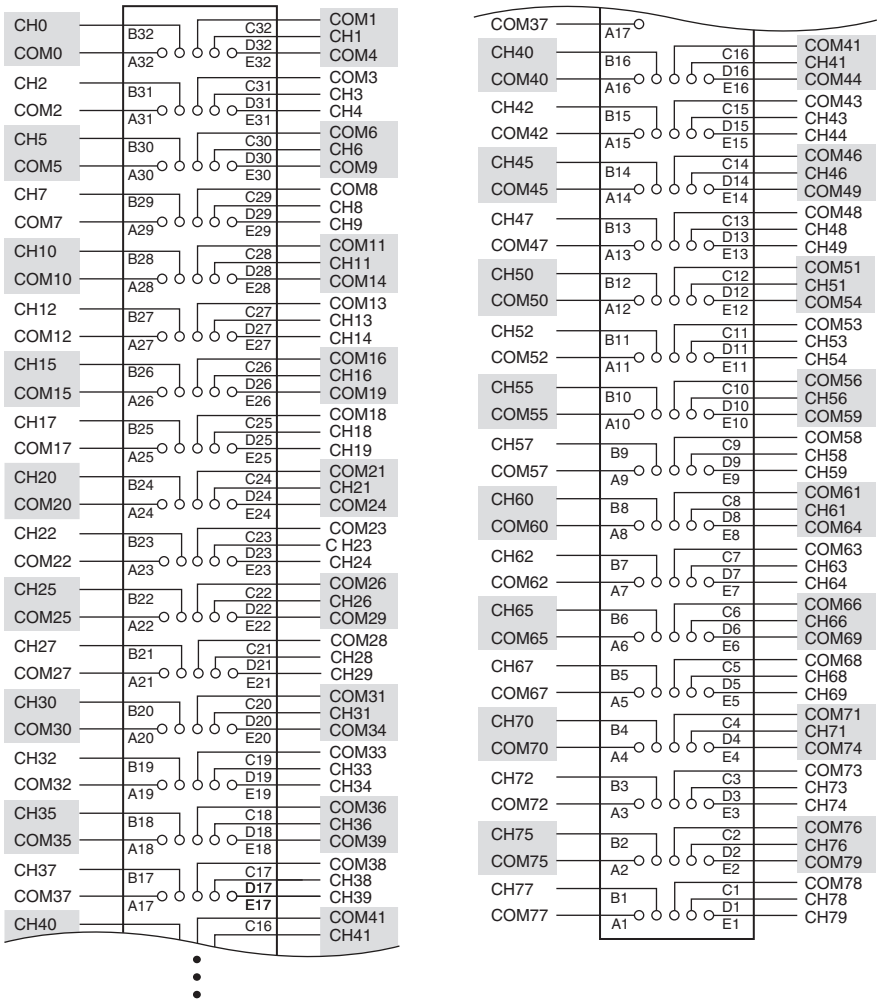


Figure 3 shows the NI PXI-2520 connector pinout.

**Figure 3. NI PXI-2520 Connector Pinout**



# Accessories

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Visit [ni.com](http://ni.com) for more information about the following accessories.

**Table 1.** NI Accessories for the NI PXI-2520

| Accessory                               | Part Number |
|---|-------------|
| DIN160 to 50 Pin DSUB switch cable, 1 m | 782417-03   |
| DIN160 to DIN160 switch cable, 1 m      | 782417-02   |
| DIN160 to bare wire switch cable, 1 m   | 782417-01   |
| Relay replacement kit                   | 782460-10   |

## Compliance and Certifications

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### Safety

This product meets the requirements of the following standards of safety for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA 61010-1



**Note** For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label or the [Online Product Certification](#) section.

### Electromagnetic Compatibility

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This product meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61326-1 (IEC 61326-1): Class A emissions; Basic immunity
- EN 55011 (CISPR 11): Group 1, Class A emissions
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions



**Note** In the United States (per FCC 47 CFR), Class A equipment is intended for use in commercial, light-industrial, and heavy-industrial locations. In Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand (per CISPR 11) Class A equipment is intended for use only in heavy-industrial locations.



**Note** Group 1 equipment (per CISPR 11) is any industrial, scientific, or medical equipment that does not intentionally generate radio frequency energy for the treatment of material or inspection/analysis purposes.



**Note** For EMC declarations and certifications, and additional information, refer to the *Online Product Certification* section.

## CE Compliance

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives as follows:

- 2006/95/EC; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 2004/108/EC; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)

## Online Product Certification

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