



# COMMERCIAL CENTIGRID® MAGNETIC LATCHING R.F. RELAYS DPDT

SERIES RF170

### DESCRIPTION

The RF170 Series relay is an ultraminiature, hermetically sealed, magnetic-latching relay featuring extremely low intercontact capacitance for exceptional R.F. performance over the full UHF spectrum. Its low profile height and .100" grid spaced terminals (precluding the need for spreader pads) make it ideal for applications where extreme packaging density and/or close PC board spacing are required.

The basic design and internal structure are similar to the TO-5 421 Series relay. In addition, the RF170 design has been optimized for use in RF attenuators, RF switch matrices, and other applications requiring high isolation, low insertion loss, and low VSWR.

Unique construction features and manufacturing techniques provide overall high reliability and excellent resistance to environmental extremes.

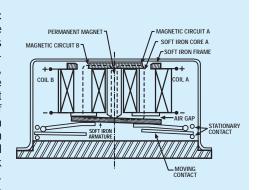
- · All welded construction.
- Unique uni-frame design providing high magnetic efficiency and mechanical rigidity.
- High force/mass ratios for resistance to shock and vibration.
- Advanced cleaning techniques provide maximum assurance of internal cleanliness.
- Gold plated precious metal alloy contacts ensure reliable d.c. switching from dry-circuit to 1/4 amp, as well as low, stable insertion loss.

The RF170 relay is ideally suited for applications where power dissipation must be minimized. The relays can be operated with a short-duration pulse. After the contacts have transferred, no external holding power is required.

The magnetic-latching feature of the RF170 Series provides a "memory" capability, since the relays will not reset upon removal of coil power.

### PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

Energizing Coil B produces a magnetic field opposing the holding flux of the permanent magnet in Circuit B. As this net holding force decreases, the attractive force in the air gap of Circuit A, which also results from the flux of the permanent magnet, becomes great enough to break the armature free of Core B, and snap it into a closed position against Core A. The armature then remains in this position upon removal of power from Coil B, but will snap back into position B upon energizing Coil A. Since operation depends upon cancellation of a magnetic field, it is necessary



to apply the correct polarity to the relay coils as indicated on the relay schematic.

When latching relays are installed in equipment, the latch and reset coils should not be pulsed simultaneously. Coils should not be pulsed with less than the nominal coil voltage and the pulse width should be a minimum of three times the specified operate time of the relay. If these conditions are not followed, it is possible for the relay to be in the magnetic neutral position.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND PHYSICAL SPECIFICATIONS					
Temperature (Ambient)	-55°C to + 85°C				
Vibration	10 g's to 1000 Hz (Note 3)				
Shock	30 g's for 6 msec. (Note 3)				
Enclosure	Hermetically sealed				
Weight	0.10 oz (2.9 gms.) max.				

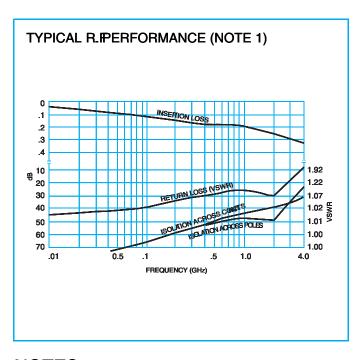
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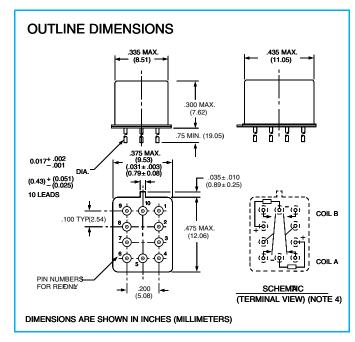
# GENERAL ELECTRICAL SPECTIONS (@ 25C) (Notes 1 & 2)

Contact Arrangement	2 Form C (DPDT)			
Rated Duty	Continuous			
Contact Resistance	0.15 ohm max. before life; 0.25 ohm max. after life at 0.25A/28VDC, (measidirech 1/6ader)			
Contact Load Rating (DC)	Resistive: 0.25 Amp/28VDC Low Level: 10 to 5pA/10 to 50 mV			
Contact Life Ratings	10,000,000 cycles (typical) at low level 100,000 cycles min. at all other loads specified above			
Contact Overload Rating	0.5A/28VDC Resistive (100 cycles min.)			
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Coil Operating Power	290 milliwatts typical at nominal rated voltage @ 25			
Operate Tme	2.0 msec max. at nominal rated coil voltage			
Minimum Operate Pulse	6.0 msec max. at nominal voltage			
Intercontact Capacitance	0.02 pf typical			
Insulation Resistance	1,000 megohms min. between mutually isolated terminals			
Dielectric Strength	Atmospheric pressure: 350 VRMS/60 Hz			

# DETAILED ELECTRICAL SPECTHOMAS (@ 25C) (Note 2)

	BASE <b>R</b> RT NUMBERS	RF170-5	RF170-6	RF170-9	RF170-12	RF170-18	RF170-26
Coil Voltage (VDC)	Nom.	5.0	6.0	9.0	12.0	18.0	26.5
	Max.	6.0	8.0	12.0	16.0	24.0	32.0
Coil Resistance (Ohms 20%)		61	120	280	500	1130	2000
Set & Reset Mage (VDC, Max.)		3.5	4.5	6.8	9.0	13.5	18.0





# **NOTES:**

- 1. Characteristics shown appical are based on available data and are best estimates. No on-going verification tests ranged per
- 2. Unless otherise specified, parameters are initial values.
- 3. Relays will exhibit no contact chatter in excess psec or transfer in excess of sec.
- 4. Contacts shown in position resulting when Coil A last energized.