

- Simulates Resistive Strain Gauge Bridge Circuits
- 6, 4 or 2 Simulators Per Module
- Simple Software Operation
- Fine Resistance Adjustment Over Full Operating Range
- VISA, IVI & Kernel Drivers Supplied for Windows
- Supported by PXI or LXI Chassis
- 3 Year Warranty

The 40-265 is ideal for testing strain gauge meters in a wide variety of industrial control systems. It provides 6, 4 or 2 channels of low cost simulation with excellent performance and is a simple way of replacing in-house developed sensors. It uses the same resistor bridge techniques of real-world strain gauges, ensuring accurate emulation under all conditions.

Each channel has a bridge output and an excitation input that can be driven with an AC or DC voltage. The bridge circuit includes three fixed resistors and a fourth programmable resistor that can be adjusted over a narrow resistance range with fine adjustment and excellent accuracy. The adjustment range is sufficient to simulate quarter, half or full bridge circuits. The standard bridge impedances are 350Ω, 1kΩ, 1.5kΩ, 2kΩ and 3kΩ.

The simulator is simple to use, the variable resistor element can be programmed using a resistance call. The user is given the value required to balance the bridge, and the setting of the simulator can be varied above and below this value to simulate extension and compression of a strain gauge.

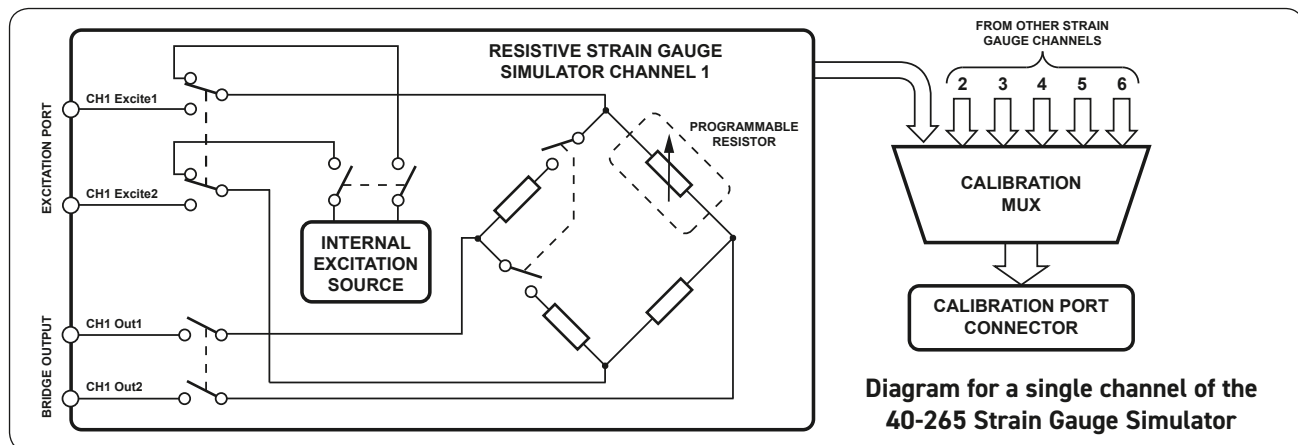
A simple system of verification is provided using a DMM connected to the calibration port. This allows any channel to be functionally checked without disconnecting the module from the test system. The calibration port can also be used to find the bridge balance setting using the internal DC excitation source.

Factory calibration information and the excellent long term stability of the bridge means adjustment is not routinely required.

We can offer strain gauge simulators with alternative resistance ranges and have a wide range of precision resistance modules that are suitable for simulating individual strain gauges. Please contact your local sales office for more information.



Pickering's Range of PXI Precision Resistor Modules					
Model	Description	Chan.	Range	Resolution	Accuracy
40-260	Precision	3	90Ω - 8kΩ	<10mΩ	0.1%
40-261	Programmable Resistor	2	1.5Ω - 2.9kΩ or 10Ω - 36kΩ	<2mΩ or <15mΩ	0.08%
40-262	RTD Simulator	18, 12 or 6	90Ω - 250Ω or 900Ω - 2.5kΩ	<8mΩ or <90mΩ	0.1%
40-263		4, 8, 12, 16, 20 or 24	40Ω to 900Ω, 200Ω to 4.5kΩ or 400Ω to 9kΩ	<10mΩ, <50mΩ or <100mΩ	0.1%
40-265	Strain Gauge Simulator	6, 4 or 2	350Ω, 1kΩ, 1.5kΩ, 2kΩ or 3kΩ	<2mΩ, <10mΩ, <12.5mΩ, <20mΩ or <25mΩ	0.03% or 0.06%
40-297	High Density Precision	18, 9, 6, 4	Up to 22.3MΩ	0.125Ω, 0.25Ω, 0.5Ω, 1Ω or 2Ω	0.2%
40-298	Resistor	or 3			
Standard Resistor Modules					
For applications that do not require the precision or accuracy of our precision range, look to our Standard Resistor range which includes models 40-280/1/2, 40-290/1, 40-292, 40-293, 40-294 and 40-295/6					
Custom Resistor Modules					
If our range of Resistor Modules does not meet your specific requirements, please contact you local sales office to discuss your application. Customizations include: different start and stop values, current, power, voltage, precision, accuracy, number of channels, connector etc.					



Specifications

Strain Gauge Channels					
	40-265 -01x	40-265 -20x	40-265 -40x	40-265 -30x	40-265 -10x
Number of channels:	6, 4 or 2 per module				
Channel Configuration:	Independent excitation ports and bridge output.				
Resistor Values:	350Ω	1kΩ	1.5kΩ	2kΩ	3kΩ
Variable Resistor:	±2%	±5.3%			
Resolution:	<2mΩ	<10mΩ	<12.5 mΩ	<20mΩ	<25mΩ
Variable Resistor Accuracy:	0.03%	0.06%			
Excitation Voltage*:	Up to ±10V peak (relative to ground) 20V peak-to-peak, DC or AC †	Up to ±12V peak (relative to ground) 24V peak-to-peak, DC or AC †			
Bridge Output:	> ±0.45% of excitation voltage ‡	> ±1.25% of excitation voltage ‡			

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

† Internal ±5V DC source can be used. Excitation port is disconnected when card power is off.

‡ Bridge Output disconnected when card power is off.

Calibration Port

Function: Allows connection to any of the strain gauge bridges. Provides a simple means of checking the operation of any of the strain gauges and finding bridge balance points when internal excitation source is selected. Can be used for module verification procedures.

Also used by Pickering Interfaces for module adjustment.

Power Requirements

+3.3V	+5V	+12V	-12V
0	0.2A (0.55A Max)	0.1A (0.2A Max)	0.1A

Software Support

Supplied with software that accepts a resistance instruction.

Mechanical Characteristics

Single slot 3U PXI (CompactPCI card).

Module weight: 240g (40-265-016).

3D models for all versions in a variety of popular file formats are available on request.

Connectors

PCI Interface: 33MHz, 32-bit address, 16-bit data.

Strain Gauge channel signals via front panel 26-pin male High Density D-Type connector. Calibration connection via front panel 9-pin male D-Type connector. For pin outs please refer to the operating manual.

Operating/Storage Conditions

Operating Conditions

Operating Temperature: 0°C to +55°C

Humidity: Up to 90% non-condensing

Altitude: 5000m

Storage and Transport Conditions

Storage Temperature: -20°C to +75°C

Humidity: Up to 90% non-condensing

Altitude: 15000m

PXI & CompactPCI Compliance

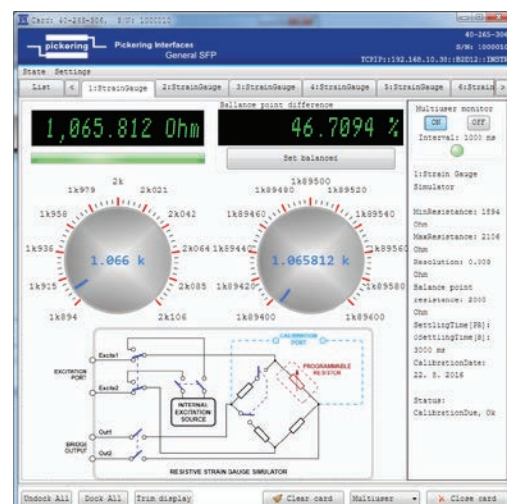
The module is compliant with the PXI Specification 2.2. Local Bus, Trigger Bus and Star Trigger are not implemented.

Uses a 33MHz 32-bit backplane interface.

Safety & CE Compliance

All modules 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.

The 40-265 uses innovative techniques which are the subject of protected Pickering Interfaces intellectual property rights.



Soft Front Panel for Strain Gauge Simulator Modules

Product Order Codes

6 Channel Strain Gauge Simulator:	
350Ω	40-265-016
1kΩ	40-265-206
1.5kΩ	40-265-406
2kΩ	40-265-306
3kΩ	40-265-106

4 Channel Strain Gauge Simulator:	
350Ω	40-265-014
1kΩ	40-265-204
1.5kΩ	40-265-404
2kΩ	40-265-304
3kΩ	40-265-104

2 Channel Strain Gauge Simulator:	
350Ω	40-265-012
1kΩ	40-265-202
1.5kΩ	40-265-402
2kΩ	40-265-302
3kΩ	40-265-102

Note: The 40-265-016 supersedes the 40-265-006. Both modules have the same functionality but the -016 has a resistor variation of $\pm 2\%$ whereas the -006 has a resistor variation of $\pm 1\%$.

Accessories:

Calibration port to DMM lead (shrouded 4mm bayonet plug):

For a single module (1x9 pin D-type)	40-975-009-SL1
For two modules (2x9 pin D-types)	40-975-009-SL2
For three modules (3x9 pin D-types)	40-975-009-SL3

(calibration leads capable of supporting a greater number of modules are available, please contact sales office)

Mating Connectors & Cabling

For connection accessories for the 40-265 please refer to the [90-009D](#) 26-pin D-Type and [90-003D](#) 9-pin D-Type Connector Accessories data sheets where a complete list and documentation can be found for accessories, or refer to the Connection Solutions catalog.

Other Resistor Modules

Pickering Interfaces manufacture a range of variable resistor modules in the PXI format. If you have a requirement for a variable resistor module please contact your local sales office with the information below and we will advise you on the best solution for your application.

Lowest Resistance †	<input type="text"/>
Highest Resistance	<input type="text"/>
Resistance Resolution	<input type="text"/>
Overall Accuracy	<input type="text"/>
Maximum Power/Current	<input type="text"/>
Number of Channels (variable resistors)	<input type="text"/>

† Resistance is as measured across the user connector terminals, minimum resistance must have a non-zero value.

Product Customization

Pickering PXI modules 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 resistance range
- Alternative resolution
- Different number of channels
- 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.

Chassis Compatibility

This PXI module must be used in a suitable chassis. It is compatible with the following chassis types:

- All chassis conforming to the 3U PXI and 3U Compact PCI (cPCI) specification
- Legacy and Hybrid Peripheral slots in a 3U PXI Express (PXIe) chassis
- Pickering Interfaces LXI or LXI/USB Modular Chassis



Chassis Selection Guide

Standard PXI or hybrid PXIe Chassis from any Vendor:

- Mix our 1000+ PXI switching & simulation modules with any vendor's PXI instrumentation
- Embedded or remote Windows PC control
- Real-time Operating System Support
- High data bandwidths, especially with PXI Express
- Integrated module timing and synchronization



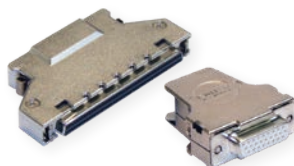
Pickering LXI or LXI/USB Modular Chassis—only accept our 1000+ PXI Switching & Simulation Modules:

- Ethernet or USB control enables remote operation
- Low-cost control from practically any controller
- LXI provides manual control via Web browsers
- Driverless software support
- Power sequencing immunity
- Ethernet provides chassis/controller voltage isolation
- Independence from Windows operating system



Connectivity Solutions

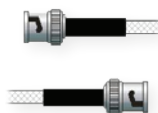
We provide a full range of supporting cable and connector solutions for all our switching products—20 connector families with 1200+ products. We offer everything from simple mating connectors to complex cables assemblies and terminal blocks. All assemblies are manufactured by Pickering and are guaranteed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



Connectors & Backshells



Multiwire 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.

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 sister company, Pickering Electronics. These instrument grade reed relays feature **SoftCenter®** technology, ensuring long service life and repeatable contact performance



Programming

Pickering provide kernel, IVI and VISA (NI & Keysight) drivers which are compatible with all Microsoft supported versions of Windows and popular older versions.

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
- **Mathworks** Matlab
- **Marvin** ATEasy
- **MTQ Testsolutions** Tecap Test & Measurement Suite

Drivers for popular Linux distributions are available, other environments are also supported, please contact Pickering with specific enquiries.

We provide Soft Front Panels (SFPs) for our products for familiarity and manual control, as well as comprehensive documentation and ex

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.



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.



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

Available Product Resources

We have a large library of product resources including success stories, product and support videos, articles, as well as complete product catalogs and product reference maps to assist when looking for the switching, simulation and cable and connector solutions you need. We have also published handy reference books for the PXI and LXI standards.

