Alternating Relays

**AR Series**
Alternating relays are used in special applications where the optimization of load usage is required by equalizing the run time of two loads. The alternating action is initiated by a control switch, such as a float switch, manual switch, timing delay, pressure switch, or other isolated contact. Each time the initiating switch is opened, the output relay contacts will change state, thus alternating the two loads. Two LED indicators show which load to energize next.

The alternating relay can be used with one or two control switches and is available in the SPDT output configuration.

The AR Series Relays have a three-position selector switch. This allows the unit to alternate the two loads as normal, or lock the relay to one load or the other. By locking the alternating relay to one load, the other load can be removed for service without rewiring the first load for continuous operation. The selector switch has a low profile to prevent any accidental changes in status.

**ARX Series**
Alternating relays with DPDT cross-wired outputs are used in applications requiring both (a) the optimization of load usage by equalizing the run time of two loads and (b) additional capacity in case of excess load requirements. The alternating action is initiated by a control switch, such as a float switch, manual switch, timing relay, pressure switch, or other isolated contact. Each time the initiating switch is opened, the output relay contacts will change state, thus alternating the two loads. Two LED indicators show the load to energize first.

Alternating relays with DPDT cross-wired output configurations can be used with two or three control switches.

The ARX series relays have a three-position selector switch. This allows a DPDT cross-wired unit to alternate the two loads as normal, or lock the relay to always operate the same load first each time. In this manner, a load that has fewer hours of operation than the other load could be used more often in an effort to eventually balance the run time of both loads.

**Features**

**AR Series**
- For duplex loads
- 10A SPDT output configuration
- Can be used with one or two control switches
- 120 VAC Control voltage
- Compact plug-in design utilizing industry-standard 8-pin octal socket
- Low profile selector switch to lock in one sequence
- 2 LEDs indicate load to energize next

**ARX Series**
- For duplex loads
- 10A DPDT cross-wired output configuration
- Can be used with two or three control switches
- 120 VAC Control voltage
- Compact plug-in design utilizing industry-standard 8-pin octal socket
- Low profile selector switch to lock either load On first
- 2 LEDs indicate load to energize first

**Agency Approvals**
- cURus, File number E191059
- CSA, File number LR45565
- •CE, EN60947-1, EN60947-5-1
- •RoHS

(with appropriate socket 70169-D)
### Technical Specifications

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<td><strong>Voltage Tolerances</strong></td>
<td>120 VAC 50/60Hz (+10%/-15%)</td>
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<td><strong>Output Contacts</strong></td>
<td>10A at 240 VAC/30 VDC Max</td>
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<td>Mechanical 10,000,000 operations; Electrical - Resistive: 100,000 operations</td>
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<td><strong>Temperature</strong></td>
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*Resistive load

### Wiring

**AR-1C-120A**
- **INPUT VOLTAGE**
  - L1: LOAD A
  - L2: LOAD B
- **CONTROL SWITCH**
  - 1: LOAD A
  - 2: LOAD B
  - 3: LOAD A
  - 4: LOAD B
  - 5: LOAD A
  - 6: LOAD B
  - 7: LOAD A
  - 8: LOAD B

**ARX-2C-120A**
- **INPUT VOLTAGE**
  - L1: LOAD A
  - L2: LOAD B
- **CONTROL SWITCH**
  - 1: LOAD A
  - 2: LOAD B
  - 3: LOAD A
  - 4: LOAD B
  - 5: LOAD A
  - 6: LOAD B
  - 7: LOAD A
  - 8: LOAD B

### Dimensions

**AR-1C-120A, ARX-2C-120A**

- **AR-1C-120A**
  - 2.18 (55.3) [in (mm)]
  - 1.70 (43.1)

- **ARX-2C-120A**
  - 2.90 (73.6) [in (mm)]
  - 3.10 (78.4)

All dimensions in inches (millimeters)
**Typical Installations**

When using the AR series relay with the selector switch in the “Alternate” position in the initial off state (Figure A), the Control Switch is open, the Alternating Relay is in the “LOAD A” position, and both loads (M1 and M2) are off. The red LED marked “LOAD A” is ON. When the Control Switch closes, it energizes Load M1. As long as the Control Switch remains closed, Load M1 remains energized. When the Control Switch opens, Load M1 is turned off and the Alternating Relay toggles to the “LOAD B” position. The red LED marked “LOAD B” glows. When the Control Switch closes again, it energizes Load M2. When the Control Switch opens, Load M2 is turned off, the Alternating Relay toggles back to the “LOAD A” position, and the process can be repeated again. On relays with DPDT contacts, two pilot lights can be used for remote indication of “LOAD A” or “LOAD B” status.

To eliminate any bounce condition of the Control Switch, the addition of a second switch (OFF) along with two auxiliary contacts is recommended as shown (Figure B).

When using the ARX series relay with the selector switch in the “Alternate” position in the initial off state (Figure C), both the LEAD Control Switch and the LAG Control Switch are open, the Alternating Relay is in the “LOAD A” position, and both loads are off. The red LED marked “LOAD A” is ON. When the LEAD Control Switch closes, it energizes Load M1. As long as the LEAD Control Switch remains closed, Load M1 remains energized. If the LAG Control Switch closes, it energizes Load M2. When the LAG Control Switch opens, Load M2 is turned off. When the LEAD Control Switch opens, Load M1 is turned off. The Alternating Relay toggles to the “LOAD B” position. The red LED marked “LOAD B” is ON. When the LEAD Control Switch closes, it turns on Load M2. If the LAG Control Switch closes, it will energize Load M1. When the LAG Control Switch opens, Load M1 remains on because the OFF Switch is still closed. When the LEAD Control Switch opens, Load M1 remains off because the STOP Switch is still closed. When the OFF Switch opens, both Load M1 and Load M2 are turned off simultaneously. The Alternating Relay toggles to the “LOAD B” position. The entire cycle is then repeated, but with Load M2 energized first followed by Load M1.

A type of operation known as “Sequence On - Simultaneously Off (S.O.S.O.)” where the two loads are energized sequentially, but remain on together until the OFF switch is opened (Figure D). In the initial OFF state, all three switches are open, the Alternating Relay is in the “LOAD A” position, and both loads are off. No action happens with the Alternating Relay or either load when the OFF Switch closes. When the LEAD Switch closes, Load M1 turns on. When the LAG Switch closes, Load M2 turns on. Both loads remain on as long as all three switches are closed. When the LAG Switch opens, Load M2 remains on because the OFF Switch is still closed. When the LEAD Switch opens, Load M1 remains on because the STOP Switch is still closed. When the OFF Switch opens, both Load M1 and Load M2 are turned off simultaneously. The Alternating Relay toggles to the “LOAD B” position. The entire cycle is then repeated, but with Load M2 energized first followed by Load M1.
8-pin Octal Socket

Features

• 600V (Plug-in 3-phase monitor relays require a 600V-rated socket when used with system voltages greater than 300V)
• Mounts on 35mm DIN rail
• Screw pressure wire clamp termination

Agency Approvals

• cURus, File number E191059, E225080, E169693
• CE
• RoHS

Octal Sockets for Motor Monitor Relays

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<td>600V</td>
<td>10A</td>
<td>6-32</td>
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Dimensions

Socket Pinouts

To obtain the most current agency approval information, see the Agency Approval Checklist section on the specific part number’s web page.

All dimensions in inches (millimeters)