

# Operations Manual

# Series 70000 / RS70000

## Coaxial Relay



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# 1. Introduction to the Series 70000 & RS70000 Coaxial Relays

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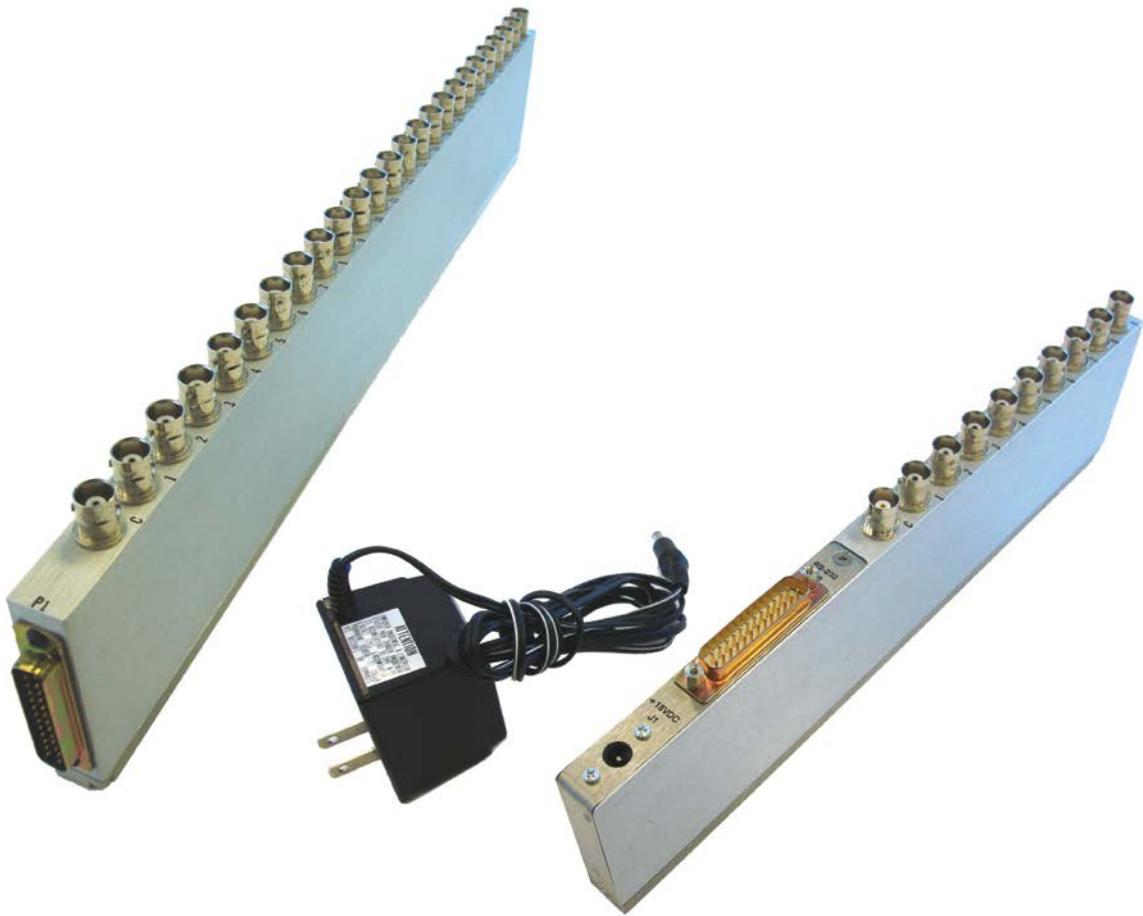
The Series 70000 & RS70000 Coaxial Relays are available in configurations from 2x1 up to 24x1. All of the Series 70000 & RS70000 Coaxial Relays are designed to maintain coaxial switching continuity over a wide range of critical applications. The relay housings are constructed of precision machined aluminum alloy for structural integrity and anodized for durability and corrosion resistance. Each signal path is a true coaxial path with switched center contacts. The covers are gasketed for maximum EMI protection. The basic reed switch elements are hermitically sealed in nitrogen filled gas envelopes and employ rhodium plated contacts to insure non-stick operation. The connector shields are continuous and are grounded to the housing.

The Series 70000 Coaxial Relay may be controlled alone by supplying the appropriate DC voltage at the appropriate connector pin, or installed in a Model U11600 rack mount chassis complete with relay drivers, remote control ports and power supplies.

The Series RS70000 Coaxial Relay has a built-in serial control port and includes a wall mount power supply for standalone applications.

## **Key features include the following:**

- DC up to 800MHz frequency range (Model specific)
- DB-25P interface control connector
- BNC signal connectors standard
- Variety of configuration sizes
- Continuous shield
- Individual field replaceable relay contacts
- Extremely low EMI
- Low VSWR
- Optional signal connectors on some models
- Optional insulated and switched coaxial shields
- Optional coil suppression diodes on 70000 Series



## 1.1. Setup

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This section contains cautions, notes and instructions on how to configure the Series 70000 & RS70000 Coaxial Relays in preparation for operation.

It is important to follow the instructions in this section to assure safe and trouble-free operation. The information is provided to maximize the performance and expected lifetime of the relay module.

## 1.2. Preventing Electrostatic Discharges (ESD)

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Electrostatic discharges (ESD) are the most severe form of electromagnetic interference. The human body can build up static charges that range up to many thousands volts. These build-ups can discharge very rapidly into an electrically grounded body or device. Damage to the internal components of a sensitive device can occur with just one static discharge.

The most common causes of ESD are the human body, low humidity, improper grounding, unshielded cables, and poor connections.

### 1.2.1. Anti-Static Protection

*Electronic components can be damaged by electrostatic discharges (ESD). The technician handling the component must know about static electricity and how to protect the components from ESD.*



**CAUTION: All personnel must employ Anti-Static procedures and use Anti-Static protection at all times. Failure to observe this CAUTION could lead to damage to equipment.**

### 1.3. Serial Number Label

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The Series 70000 & RS70000 coaxial relays have a unique factory assigned model number that defines the user requirements for a specific number of throws, coil voltage (if applicable), coil suppression diodes (if applicable), and optional connector type and insulated and switched coaxial shielding.

An identifying label is affixed on the end of the relay housing. The label contains both model number and unique serial number.

### 1.4. Unpacking

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The Series 70000 & RS70000 coaxial relays are packed in antistatic material and shipped in custom commercial packaging. Please pay attention when opening the shipping container so as not to inflict any cosmetic damage. Check the packing list against the contents of the shipping container.



***NOTE: Carefully inspect the packaging for shipping damage and if present, immediately notify Universal Switching Corporation and the carrier. Keep all shipping materials for the carrier's inspection.***

If the contents are not complete, or there is any kind of mechanical damage or visible defects, you must notify the factory within five (5) days of receipt.

### 1.5. Installation and Removal

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The Series 70000 coaxial relays may be installed in a standard model 11600 mainframe, or operated standalone by providing a control voltage and return directly to the switch control connector. Attaching hardware is available on request.

The Series RS70000 coaxial relays are designed for standalone operation using simple RS232 remote control. A +15VDC power source is required and is provided by the included universal AC wall mount power supply.

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## 1.6. Environmental Limits

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You may operate the coaxial relays in a normal laboratory environment, production environment, or a more rugged industrial environment without any additional considerations. Protection should be provided against temperature extremes (shock), which can cause condensation.

### 1.6.1. Storage and Shipping

The coaxial relays may be stored or shipped in environments with the following limitations:

- Temperature: -20 degrees C to +60 degrees C
- Humidity: 0 to 98% (non-condensing)
- Altitude: 50,000 feet

### 1.6.2. Operating Environment

The coaxial relays may be used in any environment with the following limitations:

- Temperature: 0 degrees C to +50 degrees C
- Humidity: 0 to 98% (non-condensing)

### 1.6.3. Installation Site Parameters

The area in which the coaxial relay is to be operated should be as clean as possible. An environmentally controlled area is recommended.

## 1.7. Return Shipment

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If a Series 70000 & RS70000 coaxial relay is to be shipped back to the factory for service or modification, it is recommended that the original custom commercial packaging be used. Attach a tag identifying the current owner (including address and phone number) model and serial number of the coaxial relay or component, as well as a brief description or the required service or suspected problem.

Mark the container **FRAGILE** to help insure safe handling by the carrier. In correspondence, refer to the return item by the model number and serial number.



***NOTE: Please call the factory prior to returning a relay. Return is not always necessary as many problems may be solved over the phone. If return is necessary, the factory shall assign an RMA number. No returned unit shall be accepted without an RMA number.***

### 1.7.1. Return Address

When returning the module for repair or service, please use the following address:

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***NOTE: Additional information is available at the Universal Switching Corporation website: [www.uswi.com](http://www.uswi.com)***

## 2. Series 70000 Coaxial Relays

The Series 70000 coaxial relay provides high performance and advanced features for best signal and connection reliability. They deliver compact switching technology in a rugged package design. This section describes the features and structural design qualities of the Series 70000 coaxial relays.



## 2.1. Series 70000 Model Number Definition

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The model number defines the contact configuration, number of throws, coil voltage, and options such as coil suppression diodes, custom connectors (SMA, TNC, F-type), and insulated switched coaxial shields. For ordering, all part numbers are prefaced with "U" and break down as follows:

Part number: U 7 **(CC)** **(NT)** - **(V)** **(D)** **(X)**

**(CC) Contact configuration**

10 - Standard configuration (normally open) 100VDC, 250ma, 10W  
25 - Standard (self-terminating type, 50 ohm) 4VDC, 250ma, 1/3W  
27 - Standard (self-terminating type, 75 ohm) 4VDC, 250ma, 1/3W  
30 - Medium isolation (normally open) 100VDC, 250ma, 10W  
40 - High isolation (normally open) 28VDC, 250ma, 3W  
65 - High isolation (self-terminating type, 50 ohm) 4VDC, 250ma, 1/3W  
67 - High isolation (self terminating type, 75 ohm) 4VDC, 250ma, 1/3W  
70 - Mercury wetted\* (normally open) 500VDC, 2A, 50W  
90 - Standard with Triaxial connector (BJ-77) 100VDC, 250ma, 10W

\* Due to environmental laws, mercury wetted contacts may not be available.

**(NT) Number of throws**

02 - 2x1	08 - 8x1	16 - 16x1
04 - 4x1	12 - 12x1	24 - 24x1

**(V) Coil voltage**

1 - 24VDC to 28VDC (1,000 ohm coils)  
2 - 15VDC (500 ohm coils)  
5 - 5VDC (250 ohms coils) only for contact types 10 -30

**(D) Coil suppression diodes**

0 - Not included  
P - Suppression diodes included with coil common positive  
N - Suppression diodes included with coil common negative

**(X) Extra options**

A - SMA signal connectors (on contact types 10, 25, 27, 65)  
F - F-type signal connectors (on contact types 10, 27)  
I - Insulated coaxial shield (on contact types 10, 25, 27, 70)  
S - Insulated and switched coaxial shield (on contact type 10, 25, 27, 70)  
T - TNC signal connectors (only on contact types 10, 25, 65)  
L - Lockscrews on control connector so mate can be secured.

## 2.2. Relay Enclosure Design Series 70000

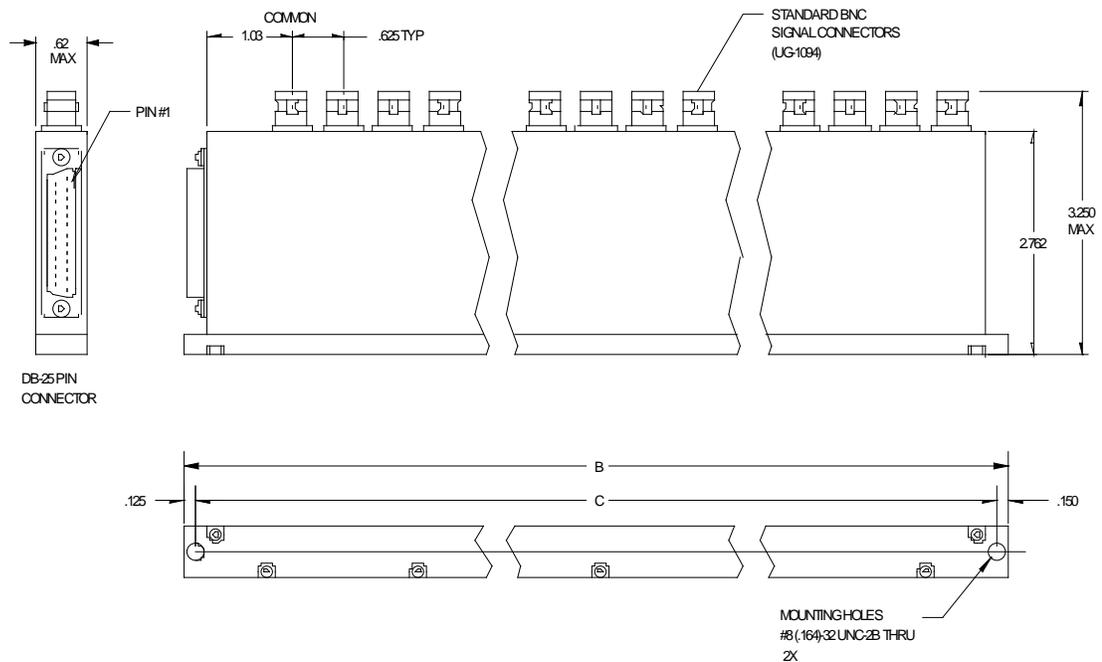
The Series 70000 coaxial relay design uses a machined aluminum alloy enclosure that is anodized for durability and corrosion resistance. The design of the enclosure provides a rigid framework that houses a collection of components including wiring, coils, reed switches, PCB, and BNC connectors.

### 2.2.1. Cooling

The Series 70000 coaxial relays are cooled by convection. No fans are required.

### 2.2.2. Mounting

Mounting is achieved by securing to the baseplate using #8-32 machine screws.



Dimension Table		
Model	B	C
7XX02	3.261	2.986
7XX04	4.511	4.236
7XX08	7.011	6.736
7XX12	9.511	9.236
7XX16	12.011	11.736
7XX24	17.011	16.736

### 2.2.3. DB-25P Connector Pinout

The Series 70000 coaxial relays utilize a DB-25P connector for power to individually control each port. The table below lists the pinout. Select the appropriate pins according to the coaxial relay configuration.

DB-25P Connector Pin Out	Signal Name
1	Port 1
2	Port 2
3	Port 3
4	Port 4
5	Port 5
6	Port 6
7	Port 7
8	Port 8
9	Port 9
10	Port 10
11	Port 11
12	Port 12
13	Port 13
14	Port 14
15	Port 15
16	Port 16
17	Port 17
18	Port 18
19	Port 19
20	Port 20
21	Port 21
22	Port 22
23	Port 23
24	Port 24
25	Common

Though more than 1 port may be connected simultaneously, there is no impedance matching or gain correction circuitry included. Connecting multiple ports may impact the gain, impedance, and quality of the signal by introducing multiple loads to the source signal.

For best performance, we suggest only connecting to one port at any given time.

### 3. Series RS70000 Coaxial Relays

This section describes the features and structural design qualities of the Series RS70000 coaxial relays.



### 3.1. Series RS70000 Model Number Definition

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The Series RS70000 model number defines the contact configuration, number of throws, and options such as custom connectors (SMA, TNC, F-type), and insulated switched coaxial shields. For ordering, all part numbers are prefaced with "U" and break down as follows:

Part number: U RS7 **(CC)** **(NT)** - **(X)**

**(CC) Contact configuration**

- 10 - Standard configuration (normally open) 100VDC, 250ma, 10W
- 25 - Standard (self-terminating type, 50 ohm) 4VDC, 250ma, 1/3W
- 27 - Standard (self-terminating type, 75 ohm) 4VDC, 250ma, 1/3W
- 30 - Medium isolation (normally open) 100VDC, 250ma, 10W
- 40 - High isolation (normally open) 28VDC, 250ma, 3W
- 65 - High isolation (self-terminating type, 50 ohm) 4VDC, 250ma, 1/3W
- 67 - High isolation (self terminating type, 75 ohm) 4VDC, 250ma, 1/3W
- 70 - Mercury wetted\* (normally open) 500VDC, 2A, 50W
- 90 - Standard with Triaxial connector (BJ-77) 100VDC, 250ma, 10W

\* Due to environmental laws, mercury wetted contacts may not be available.

**(NT) Number of throws**

- 02 - 2x1
- 04 - 4x1
- 08 - 8x1
- 12 - 12x1
- 16 - 16x1
- 24 - 24x1

**(X) Extra options**

- A - SMA signal connectors (on contact types 10, 25, 27, 65)
- F - F-type signal connectors (on contact types 10, 27)
- I - Insulated coaxial shield (on contact types 10, 25, 27, 70)
- S - Insulated and switched coaxial shield (on contact type 10, 25, 27, 70)
- T - TNC signal connectors (only for contact types 10, 25, 65)

## 3.2. Relay Enclosure Design Series RS70000

The Series RS70000 coaxial relay design uses a rectangular machined aluminum alloy enclosure that is anodized for durability and corrosion resistance. The design of the enclosure provides a rigid framework that houses a collection of components including wiring, coils, reed switches, serial interface board with power and control connectors, PCB, and BNC signal connectors.

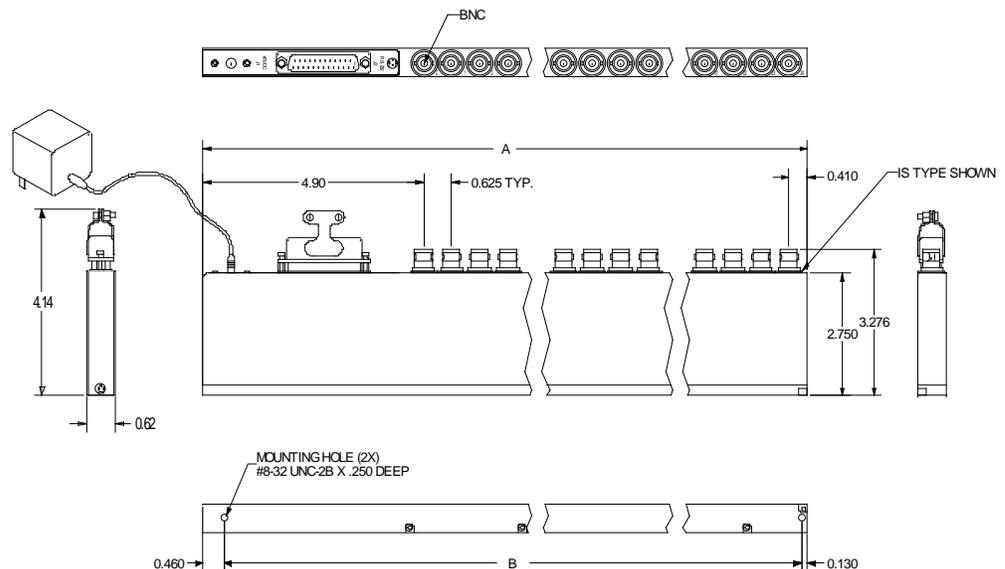
Below is a typical Series RS70000 enclosure Model URS71002 (2x1) showing the locations of the BNC connectors, DB-25P connector, and wall mount power supply.

### 3.2.1. Cooling

The Series RS70000 coaxial relays are cooled by convection. No fans are required.

### 3.2.2. Mounting

Mounting is achieved by securing to the baseplate using #8-32 machine screws.



Dimension Table		
Model	A	B
URS7XX02	6.56	5.97
URS7XX04	7.81	7.22
URS7XX08	10.31	9.72
URS7XX12	12.81	12.22
URS7XX16	15.31	14.72
URS7XX24	20.31	19.72

### 3.2.3. DB-25P Connector Pinout J2

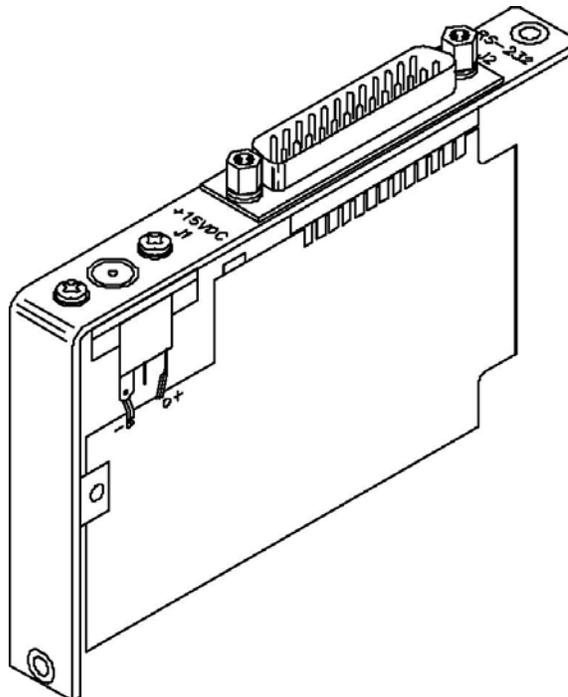
The Series RS70000 coaxial relays utilize a DB-25P connector. The table below lists the pinout for serial control.

DB-25P Connector Pin Out	Signal Name
2	Transmit (TXD)
3	Receive (RXD)
7	Signal Ground (SG)
1	Frame Ground (FG)

### 3.2.4. Relay Interface/Driver Board

The Series RS70000 coaxial relays utilize an Interface/Driver board to provide latching and coil drive for the relays. The RS70000 coaxial relay module must be connected to a RS-232C port.

The control input connector is a DB-25P connector (J2). The output connector is the PCB edge with gold plated contacts. The interface/driver board plugs into Series RS70000 coaxial relay and mates with a Cinch 50-30C-10 connector within the coaxial relay module. The interface/driver board receives power from the connector labeled J1.

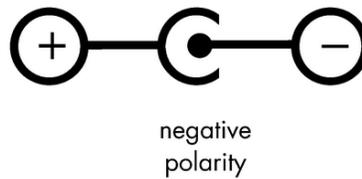


### 3.2.5. Wall Mount Power Supply

Supplied with the unit is a universal AC/DC wall-mount power supply. It accepts any AC input from 90-264VAC (47-63Hz) and provides +15VDC power for use with the RS70000 relay module.

Though the RS70000 ships with this power supply included, any quality 15VDC power source (0.6A min) can be used to power the unit. The suggested connector is a standard 2mm post jack (5mm diameter with a 2.1mm aperture and a 10mm minimum length) wired with the center post negative.

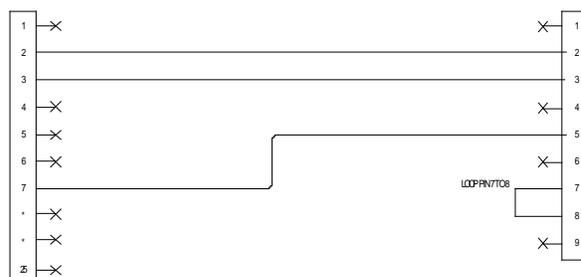
The power connector (J1), as well as the serial interface (J2), are conveniently located on the top of the Series RS70000 coaxial relay housing.



### 3.2.6. Typical Control Cable

A typical control cable consists of a DB-25 connector for the relay side and a DB-9 connector for the controller (computer) side. Below is a wiring diagram.

Various length cable assemblies are available for purchase from Universal Switching. Please contact the factory for more details.



### 3.3. Programming the Series RS70000

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When the relay module is connected to a standard RS-232C port, the interface board decodes control commands consisting of three (3) ASCII characters followed by a carriage return (CR).

There are three (3) possible operations: **S**, **R**, **CLR**

- **S**      Set              to energize a port
- **R**      Re-Set            to de-energize a port
- **CLR**    Clear all            to clear all connections
- **Q**      Query                to verify a port (only available on URS79000-12846 models)

#### 3.3.1. Serial Control Parameters

The serial control parameters are 9600 baud, no parity, 8 data bits, and 1 stop bit.

#### 3.3.2. Command Syntax and Operators

Commands are sent using standard ASCII strings, upper case and three (3) characters in length. All commands end with a carriage return (CR). The port numbers range from 01 to 24 depending on relay module configuration.

- Example to Set (energize) port -01: **S01(CR)**
- Example to Re-Set (de-energize) port-01: **R01(CR)**
- Example to clear connections: **CLR(CR)**
- Example to verify port -01: **Q01(CR)**
  - If de-energized (connected), this command will return **C01(CR)**. If energized (terminated), this command will return **D01(CR)**.

When successful, the command is echoed back with the exception of the Q command. Unsuccessful commands return the following errors:

- E01      for unrecognized command
- E02      for port less than 01 or greater than 24

Though more than 1 port may be connected simultaneously, there is no impedance matching or gain correction circuitry included. Connecting multiple ports may impact the gain, impedance, and quality of the signal by introducing multiple loads to the source signal.

For best performance, we suggest only connecting to one port at any given time.

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## 4. Service

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The Series 70000 & RS70000 coaxial relay modules are reliable assemblies needing no regular service. If a component within the coaxial relay module assembly fails, such as a reed relay or interface/driver board, contact Technical Support for assistance.

For ordering coaxial relay modules, all 70000 and RS70000 part numbers are prefaced with "U"

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## 5. General Specifications

- Configuration 2x1 up to 24x1 I/O configurations
- User connectors Top location, BNC (standard)
- Interface connector DB-25P
- Frequency range DC to 800MHz (depending on model number)
- Impedance 50 ohm standard, 75 ohm optional
- Switching speed 1ms for dry contacts; 3ms for mercury wetted contacts
- Contact resistance 300 mOhm; 100mOhm for mercury wetted contacts
- Contact rating 100VDC, 0.25A, 10W (4VDC Max on self-terminating type -25, -27, -65, -67)
- Coil resistance 1K ohms std; 250 & 500 Ohms optional
- Coil current 28mA std (1K coil) per activated port
- Dielectric Withstanding Rating >500VDC (50% Relative Humidity)
- Connector BNC (standard), F-type, SMA, TNC optional on some models
- Power requirement +15VDC, 0.6A on RS70000 Series; +24 to +28VDC std on 70000 Series
- Size Dependent on Nx1 configuration
- Unit material Aluminum alloy, corrosion resistant
- Operation temp range 0 to +50C
- Storage temp range -20C to +60C

## 5.1. Typical Isolation for Series 70000

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<u>Model</u>	<u>1MHz</u>	<u>10MHz</u>	<u>100MHz</u>	<u>100-300MHz</u>	<u>300-600MHz</u>
U71xxx	80dB	65dB	45dB		
U72xxx	95dB	75dB	55dB		
U73xxx	105dB	85dB	65dB		
U74xxx (not avail with I, S option)	160dB	140dB	120dB	80dB	60dB
U76xxx (not avail with I, S option)	140dB	120dB	100dB		
U77xxx	90dB	70dB	50dB		
U79xxx	90dB	70dB	50dB		

## 5.2. Insertion Loss for Series 70000 – 2 throws to 24 throws

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<u>Model</u>		
U7xx02	<1dB@ DC to 700MHz	<3dB@ DC to 800MHz
U7xx04	<1dB@ DC to 338MHz	<3dB@ DC to 419MHz
U7xx08	<1dB@ DC to 166MHz	<3dB@ DC to 214MHz
U7xx12	<1dB@ DC to 110MHz	<3dB@ DC to 144MHz
U7xx16	<1dB@ DC to 82MHz	<3dB@ DC to 108MHz
U7xx24	<1dB@ DC to 54MHz	<3dB@ DC to 72MHz

### 5.3. Typical Isolation for Series RS70000

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<u>Model</u>	<u>DC</u>	<u>10MHz</u>	<u>100MHz</u>	<u>100-300MHz</u>	<u>300-600MHz</u>
URS71xxx	80dB	65dB	45dB		
URS72xxx	95dB	75dB	55dB		
URS73xxx	105dB	85dB	65dB		
URS74xxx (not avail with I, S option)	160dB	140dB	120dB	80dB	60dB
URS76xxx (not avail with I, S option)	140dB	120dB	100dB		
URS77xxx	90dB	70dB	50dB		
URS79xxx	90dB	70dB	50dB		

### 5.4. Insertion Loss for Series RS70000 – 2 throws to 24 throws

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<u>Model</u>		
URS7xx02	<1dB@ DC to 700MHz	<3dB@ DC to 800MHz
URS7xx04	<1dB@ DC to 338MHz	<3dB@ DC to 419MHz
URS7xx08	<1dB@ DC to 166MHz	<3dB@ DC to 214MHz
URS7xx12	<1dB@ DC to 110MHz	<3dB@ DC to 144MHz
URS7xx16	<1dB@ DC to 82MHz	<3dB@ DC to 108MHz
URS7xx24	<1dB@ DC to 54MHz	<3dB@ DC to 72MHz



## 6. Record of Changes

This section only applies to revised manuals. The table below indicates the revision level entered and a brief description of change(s) incorporated into the manual.

Revision	Description of Change	Date
A	Revised manual to include typical control cable for RS70000 series relays. Section includes wiring diagram.	20100716
B	Added T and L extra options to model number designations, rearranged specification layout. Added mounting hole dimensions.	20101206
C	Added description for the <b>Qnn</b> command.	20141022
D	Corrected description for the <b>Qnn</b> command.	20150203
E	Added Dielectric Withstanding Rating. Updated cover page and added pictures.	20150211