C3-A3x

3 pole | changeover contact



Main circuit

Available contact materials	AgNi for C3-A30
	AgNi + 5 µ Au for C3-A38
	AgNi + 0.2 µ Au for C3-A39
Recommended minimum contact load	10 mA / 10 V for C3-A30, C3-A39
	5 mA / 5 V for C3-A38
Maximum contact load AC	10 A / 250 V AC-1
Maximum contact load DC	10 A / 30 V DC-1
Rated current	10 A
Inrush current	30 A, 20 ms
AC load	2500 VA
DC load	fig. 3.
Mechanical endurance (cycles)	≥ 20 000 000
Electrical endurance at rated load AC-1 (cycles)	≥ 500 000

Control circuit

Nominal voltage	see table product references
Operating voltage range	0.8 U_N … 1.1 U_N
Pick-up voltage	≤ 0.8 U_N
Release voltage	≥ 0.1 U_N
Power consumption AC / DC	2.2 VA / 1.3 W

Coil table

V AC	Ω	mA	V DC	Ω	mA
12	16	185	12	115	104
24	67	96	24	480	50
48	296	45	48	1 850	26
60	405	36	60	2 900	21
115	1 753	19	110	9 216	12
230	7 078	10	220	38 720	5.7

Insulation

Test voltage open contact	1 kV / 1 min
Test voltage contact / contact	2.5 kV / 1 min
Test voltage contact / coil	2.5 kV / 1 min
Pollution degree	3
Overvoltage category	III
Insulation resistance at 500 V	≥ 1 GΩ

General data

Ambient temperature storage (no ice)	-40 … 80 °C
Ambient temperature operation	-40 … 70 °C
Pick-up time / bounce time	16 ms / ≤ 3 ms
Release time / bounce time	8 ms / ≤ 1 ms
Maximum switching frequency at rated load	1200 / h
Dimension	fig. 4.
Weight	81 g
Housing material	PA / PC

Product references

Description	Type (x refers to contact material)	12	24	48	60	110	115	220	230
AC 50 Hz	C3-A3x/AC…V	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
LED	C3-A3xX/AC…V	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
RC Suppressor	C3-A3xR/AC…V	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
DC	C3-A3x/DC…V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
LED	C3-A3xX/DC…V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
LED & Free wheeling diode	C3-A3xDX/DC…V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
LED & Polarity & Free wheeling diode	C3-A3xFX/DC…V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
AC / DC bridge recifier & LED	C3-A3xBX/UC…V	✓	✓	✓	✓				

AC relays also available as 60 Hz. Other voltages on request. Please contact support@comatreleco.com.
«…» List coil voltage to complete product references

Accessories

Socket	S3-B, S3-S, S3-PO, S3-M, S3-M0, S3-M1
Blanking plug	SO-NP (BAG 10 PCS)

fig. 1. Wiring diagram

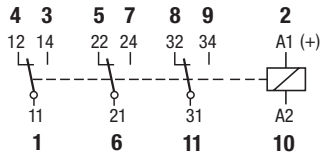


fig. 2. AC voltage endurance

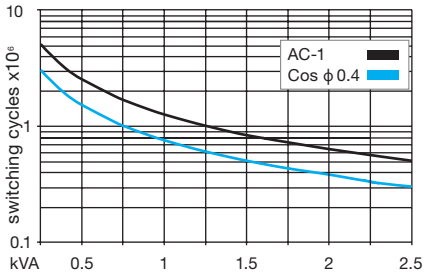


fig. 3. DC load limit curve

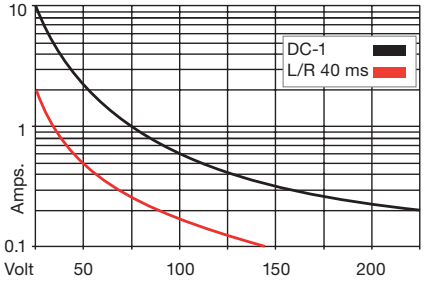
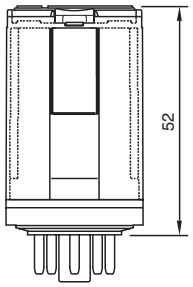
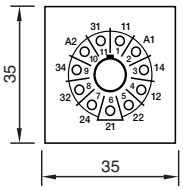


fig. 4. Dimension (mm)





Technical approvals, conformities

Standards: IEC/EN 61810; IEC/EN 60947

Approvals: C3-A30 only

Relays

General Information

Product range
ComatReleco offers a wide range of relay types and versions and associated sockets and accessories.

Relays C2, C3, C4, C5, R4
35 x 35 mm round plug-in relay, 8- or 11-terminals multipole connectors with 2 or 3 contacts up to 10 A and different contact types and contact materials.
Standard relay 35 x 35 mm with flat blade connectors with up to 4 contacts and up to 16 A with 4 contacts.

Relays C7, C9, R7, R9
22.5 mm series with up to 4 contacts and up to 10 A with 1 or 2 contacts.

Interface Relays, C10, C12, C16, C18, R10, R12
Overall width 13 mm with up to 2 electromechanical contacts, or fully electronic switches.

Special relays, remanence relays
While "normal" relays are monostable, i.e. they return to the idle state when the excitation is switched off, remanence relays are bistable, i.e. the current switching state is retained irrespective of the excitation. Relays of this type are available in different versions.

Solid State Relay SSR
Solid State Relays are suitabe to either switch AC or DC loads up to 6 A. For AC relays a distinction is made between synchronously (zero crossing) and asynchronously switching versions. For switching transformer loads we recommended using asynchronously switching semiconductor switches. For incandescent lamp loads etc. synchronously switching switches are ideal for avoiding high switch-on currents.

Accessories
Suitable sockets are available for the different relay series for DIN rail mounting or panel mounting. In addition, retaining clips are available for the relays, some of which are included in the scope of supply. Suitable bridges for cost-saving wiring in series are also available.

Basic identification principle (type designation code electromechanical relays)

1	2		3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10
C	**n(n)**	**-**	**T**	**1**	**0**	**z**	**(*)**	**X**	**-**	**/...V**	**RF-nnnn**

1. Relay application
C = Industrial relays
R = Railway relays

2. Product family
n(n) = Basic type refers to the product line

3. Relay type
A = Standard (general-purpose) contact
G = Refers to a NO contact
N = Sensitive drive 800 mW coil power
S = Sensitive drive with 250 mW exciter input
R = Code for remanence relays, drive-specific ID
T = Twin contact for signal and control circuit
X = Relay high power, double make contact.
W = With tungsten contact for maximum switch-on currents
Z = Solid State
E = Sensitive drive with 500 mW coil power
H = Single-point contact + twin contact load to signal current circuit for switching state feed back. Mixed contact configuration
M = Relay with highly effective neodymium blow magnet for fast quenching of the arc. This relay is particularly suitable for high DC loads.
B = Single C.O. contact with two pins per connection

4. Number of contacts
1-4 = Number of contacts

5. Definition of contact material / SSR type
This code may differ depending on type.
Examples:

0 = In the standard range stands for AgNi
1-9 = See contact material for each type
N = NPN negative common (DC)
P = PNP positive common (DC)
I = Instantaneous, random-on (AC)
Z = Zero-crossing synchronised (AC)

6. Describes the options
D = Integrated free-wheeling diode
F = Integrated free-wheeling diode and series diode e.g. for common alarm circuits
R = RC connection for the coil
B = Bridge rectifier

7. (*) Special requirements
H = Orange button. No lockable function
N = Black button. No function

PT = PCB pins, 3.5mm grid, transparent cover
PTL = PCB pins, 5mm grid, transparent cover

8. Relay with LED
X = relays with LED

9. Nominal coil voltage specification
AC...V = AC 50/60 HZ, voltage 6 - 250 (400) V
AC...V 60 Hz = AC 60 Hz, 120, 240 V
DC...V = DC, voltage 5 - 220 V
UC...V = AC/DC

10. Ref. nnnn
Relays with a reference number are versions with special (e.g. customised) features. These features may relate to special test criteria, tolerances or other properties.

Availability of such relays may be limited to certain customers or applications.

Coil accessories
General Information

Relays C2-C9, R4, R7, R9

Protection against transients

When the coil is disconnected from an electromagnet, peaks of inverse voltage appear at the terminals which can reach very high values. These pulses can be transmitted down the line associated with the coil and could possibly affect other components.
In the case of a realy being operated by such devices as transistors, Triacs, etc; it may be necessary to protect against transients.

Transients carried in the line

High voltage surges can be carried in the supply line to the relay coil. These may appear in the form of peaks or bursts and are generated by the connection and disconnection of electric motors, transformers, capacitors etc.
Normally a relay is unaffected by these pulses, but if a diode is connected in association with the coil, it must be capable of withstanding an inverse voltage higher than those of the incoming peaks.

Protection circuits

A protection circuit must efficiently cope with pulses generated by the coil as well as incoming line surges (surges $U_{1.2/50\mu s}$)
ComatReleco Relays are available with integrated protection circuits.

X LED indication with rectifier.
For DC and AC relays up to 250 V

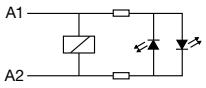
DX Free-wheeling diode + LED
Dampens transients caused by the relay coil on de-energisation.

FX Polarity + free wheeling diode + LED
A diode in series with the coil protects the relay from reverse connection.

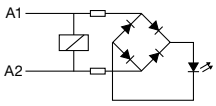
BX Bridge rectifier + LED indication
Allows the relay to operate in both AC or DC without any polarity inconvience.
Available only in voltages up to 60 V.

R Resistor and capacitor.

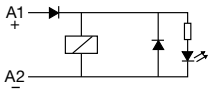
X(C7/R7, C9/R9)



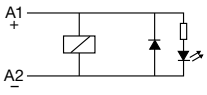
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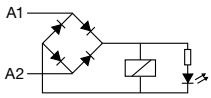
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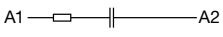
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BX



R



Relays C10-C12, R10, R12

LED and protection circuit connected to coil.

X LED with no polarity, (standard)
Coils ≤ 12 V A DC coils
LED rectifier bridge in parallel

X LED with no polarity, (standard)
Coils ≥ 24 V A DC coils
LED rectifier bridge in series

FX LED with polarity A1+ (option)
Every DC coil voltage
Polarity and Free-wheeling diodes

BX LED with no polarity, (option)
Only 24 V and 48 V A DC coils
Rectifier bridge for AC/DC relays

R LED not available (option)
RC protection against pulses on AC

Protection against pulses

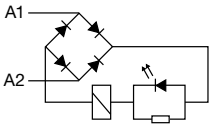
When a relay coil is disconnected, reverse voltage peaks may arise and reach very high values. Said peaks can transmit to the coil associated line and other relays or semiconductors can be affected.

If Triac, transistor, etc. controls a relay, appropiate steps must be taken to avoid or decrease peaks down to a non risky level.

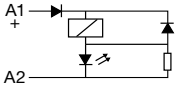
Both Polarity and Free-wheeling diodes (FX), must protect coils, to avoid malfunctions provided DC relays in battery are installed.

Making or breaking engines, transformers or contactors in an industrial environmental, may generate high voltage pulses, either isolated or burst, through the main line.
The voltage level of those pulse may be high enough to affect the isolation of the coil.

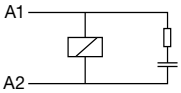
BX



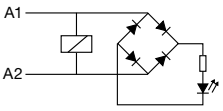
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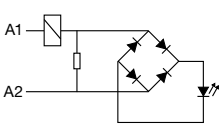
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X≤12V



X≥24V



Relays

General Information

Contacts

There are different contact types. The main distinction is between single contacts and twin contacts. While single contacts are more suitable for higher loads, twin contacts are significantly more reliable at small loads, i.e. < 24V, < 100mA.

Contact Material

There is no all-purpose contact!

AgNi is used as standard material for a wide range of applications. AgNi contacts with hard gold plating (up to 5µm) are offered for applications in aggressive atmosphere.

Relays with gold contacts are approved for relatively high currents (e.g. 6A, 250V), but in practice values of 200mA, 30V should not be exceeded for operation with intact gold plating.

Relays with a tungsten pre-contact are available for very high switch-on currents (up to 500A, 2.5ms). For some applications AgNi contacts with gold flashing (0.2µm) are available. The purpose is corrosion protection during storage. Tin oxide is specially appropiated for load with high-inrush current.

Minimum load

The minimum load value is a recommended value under normal conditions such as regular switching, no special ambient conditions, etc. Under these conditions reliable switching behaviour can be expected.

Contact resistance

Initial values of resistance of contact can vary with the use, load and others conditions.

Typical values when the relay is new is about 50mΩ.

Contact spacing

Normally all contacts have an air gap between 0.5 … 1.5mm when they are open. They are referred to as µ contacts. According to the Low-Voltage Directive and the associated standards these contacts are not suitable for safe disconnection.

For switching of DC loads large contact clearances are beneficial for quenching the arc. See relays with "Cx-Gyz" naming. "G" stands for extended contact gap of 3mm.

Switching capacity

The contact switching capacity is the product of switching voltage and switching current.

For AC the permitted switching capacity is generally high enough to handle the max. continuous AC-1 current over the whole voltage range. For DC the load limit curve must never be exceeded, because this would lead to a remaining switch-off arc and immediate destruction of the relay. The order of magnitude of the DC switching capacity is a few 100W (DC-1).

Drive (coil)

The drive of a relay refers to the coil plus connections. The coil has special characteristics, depending on the rated voltage and the type of current.

Coil design

The coil consists of a plastic former (resistant up to about 130°C) and doubly insulated high-purity copper wire, temperature class F. The winding must withstand threshold voltages (EN 61000-4-5) of more than 2000V. This is ensured through forced separation of the start and end of the winding.

Coil resistance and other properties

Each coil has an ohmic coil resistance that can be verified with an ohmmeter. The specified coil resistance applies to a temperature of 20°C. The tolerance is ±10%.

For AC operation the coil current will not match the ohmic value, because self-inductance plays a dominant role. At 230V this may reach more than 90H. When a relay is switched off, self-inductance results in a self-induced voltage that may affect the switching source (destruction of transistors, EMC problems).

Drive voltages

A distinction is made between the standardised voltages according to EN 60947 as guaranteed values, and typical values that can be expected with a high degree of probability.

Pick-up voltage, Release voltage

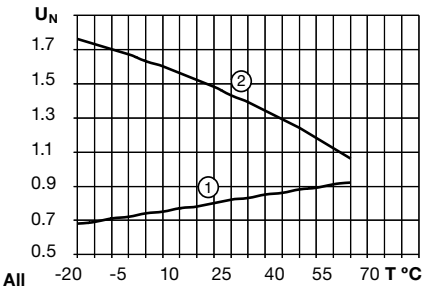
The pick-up voltage is the voltage at which the relay engages safely. For DC the typical trip voltage is approx. 65% of Unom, for AC approx. 75%. The release voltage, on the other hand, is approx. 25% or 60% respectively.

For DC these voltages are strongly temperature-dependent, according to the temperature coefficient of Cu (See curve 1). This is not the case for AC, where the inductive resistance is the controlling factor, which is practically constant over a wide temperature range. With AC, in a certain undervoltage range the relay may hum, and the armature may flutter. This voltage range must be avoided.

Operating voltage range

Unless specified otherwise, the following characteristic curve applies for the operating voltage range (See curve 2). The upper limit of the coil voltage is determined by self-heating and the ambient temperature. Self-heating through contacts under high load must not be underestimated. It may be higher than the power dissipation in the drive.

During intermittent operation significantly higher overvoltages temporary may occur for short periods. If in doubt please consult our specialists.



General design

ComatReleco Relays are made from high-quality, carefully selected materials. They comply with the latest environmental regulations such as RohS. Their meticulous design makes them particularly suitable for industrial applications and installation engineering. They are particularly service-friendly through robust terminals, mechanical position indicating device a standard, manual operation, dynamic, permanent characteristics.

Colour coding for manual operation as a function of the coil voltage is another useful feature. Further options such as different coil connections, free-wheeling diode, LED display, bridge rectifier for AC/DC drives etc., and short-term availability of special versions for practically any drive voltage up to DC 220V /AC 400V leave nothing to be desired.

Apart from a few special versions, in general, ComatReleco industrial relays feature manual operation (push/pull) and a mechanical position indicating device.

For safety reasons, manual operation may be replaced with a black button, if required.

Coil connections

Different coil connections can be integrated in the relay as an option.

For DC a cost-effective free-wheeling diode is available. Please note that the stated release times are generally specified without the coil connection. While an additional LED status indicator has practically no effect, a free-wheeling diode (D) will lead to an increase in release time by a factor 2 to 5, or 10ms to 30ms. For AC VDRs or RC elements may be used. In this case resonance effects may have to be considered. VDRs and common RC elements may increase release times by less than 5 ms.

Relays
General Information

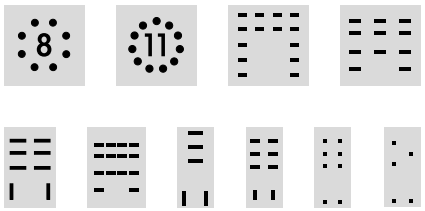
Standards, conformities
All ComatReleco relays feature the CE mark to indicate that CE standards apply e.g. 2kV surge resistance according to EN 61000-4-5.
A significant and not generally available characteristic is that the coils and in particular the connections are able to withstand the voltage spikes that may occur in practice.
In addition, the relays feature various technical approvals depending on the respective relay code, and they comply with further standards and guidelines. The main technical approvals include cURus, CCC, Lloyd's Register, cULus and EAC.The associated information is provided in the data sheets.

Switching classes
EN 60947 defines different switching classes that specify the suitability of contacts for different load types.

Example:
AC-1 = Ohmic AC load
AC-3 = Motor loads
AC-15 = Power contactors, solenoid valves, solenoids
DC-1 = Ohmic DC load
DC-13 = DC contactors, solenoids

UL60947 contains different technical approval criteria such as general purpose, control application etc. Switching classes are defined based on the electrical switching capacity, e.g. B600 etc.

Choosing the right Socket
For plug-in industry, interface, time, and monitoring relays, we offer sockets with the corresponding pin configuration and various layouts for the terminal connectors. For easy identification, you'll find those symbol referring to the matching socket.



Main technical approvals and standards

Country	Technical approval
China	Authority: CQC Specification GB14048.5-2001
Russia	Authority: KORPORATSIA STANDART Specification TP TC 004/2011
Wordwide / USA / Canada	Authority: UL Specification C 22.2; UL 60947
United Kingdom	Authority: GB Lloyd's Register of Shipping
Europe / Worldwide	Railway EN 50155

Utilisation categories according to
EN 60947-4-1/-5-1

Pollution category
Cat. 1
Dry, non-conductive contamination without further effect

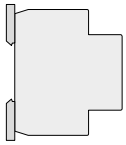
Cat. 2
Occasional conductive contamination, short duration due to moisture condensation

Cat. 3
Dry, non-conductive and conductive contamination with moisture condensation

Cat. 4
Contamination with persistent conductivity through conductive dust, rain

Protection class IP according to EN 60529 and other standards. Industrial relays and their sockets can be classified as follows:
Socket IP20: Contact safety
Relay IP40/IP50: not watertight, but protected against ingress of coarse contaminants.

Electrical Distributor DIN 45mm
All devices with a housing fitting in an electrical distributor with a front of 45mm are marked with the following symbol.



Further information and tips
The main operational criteria for relays such as number of cycles, switching frequency, ambient conditions, reliability requirements, load type, switch-on current, load switch-off energy must be clarified in order to ensure reliable operation and long service life.

Example
If the number of cycles is expected to exceed several 100.000 operations per year (e.g. clock generators, fast running machines), an electronic solution is no doubt more appropriate, although we also offer solutions for this type of application. In AC applications crosstalk caused by long control leads is often a problem and can result in constant humming of the relay or even inadvertent triggering due to interference.

Different harmless loads may lead to very high switch-on currents or switch-off energy values, resulting in an unacceptable reduction in service life.
Particularly tricky are DC inductive loads.

Characteristics of various loads:

Heating circuits
No higher switch-on currents, no higher switch-off loads.

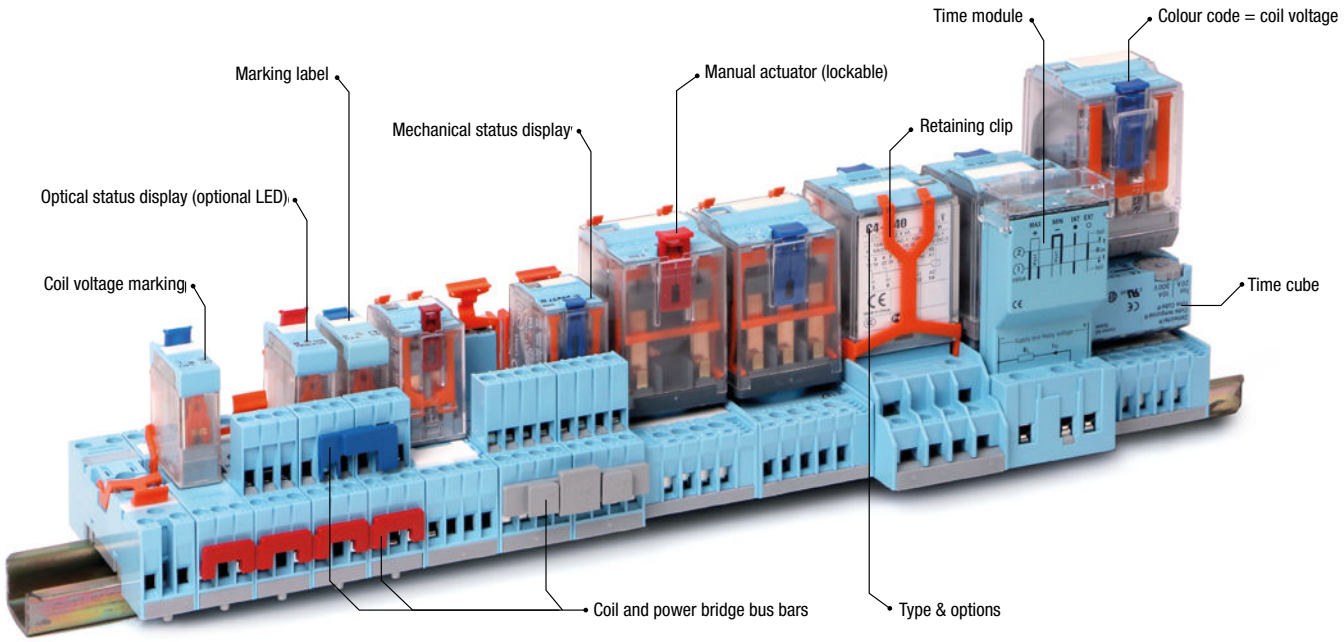
Incandescent lamps, halogen lamps
Switch-on currents during a few ms in the range 10 … 18 x rated. Switch-off at rated load.

Low-energy lamps
Very high, but very short switch-on currents due to built-in decoupling capacitors. Contacts have a tendency to fuse.

Transformers, AC contactors
Switching on during zero-transition may lead to switch-on currents of 8 … 15 x rated values.
High inductive switch-off energy is possible. The load must be connected.

Relays

Full Features System



X	LED
DX	Freewheeling diode, LED
BX	Bridge rectifier, LED
FX	Polarity protection, freewheeling diose, LED

Five colours for an easier identification of coil voltage

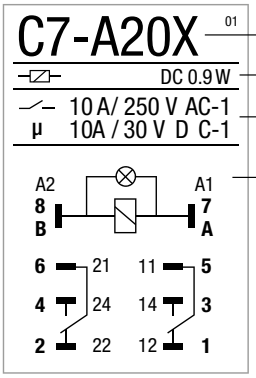
AC	red: 230 V AC (North America 120 V AC)
AC	dark red: others V AC
UC	grey: V AC/DC
DC	blue: 24 V DC
DC	dark blue: others V DC

If you don´t want to have the lockable function, you can use the orange button.

Orange button, no lockable function, push only

Black button, no function

Comprehensive technical label



- Part number
- Coil details
- Maximum switching capacity according to EN 60947 (IEC 947)
- Aditional circuit diagram for coil Electric diagram showing all additions to the coil
- Wiring diagram with sequential and DIN numbers

Relays

Select the correct Relay

- Level of switching current and voltage of the application?
- DC or AC switching?
- Inductive or capacitive load?
- Expected number of switching cycles?

Symbol	Voltage	Current	Use	Type	Material
Signal relays	100 mV…5V	10 uA…1 mA	Low-level signals, Standard signals (0…10 V / 4…20 mA)	Gold-plated double contact	AgNi + Au
				Gold-plated Single Contact	AgNi + Au
Control relays	5V…30V	1 mA…100 mA	PLC inputs, Control circuits	double contact	AgNi
				Gold-plated Single Contact	AgNi + Au
			Frequent, rapid switching procedures	Semiconductor	MOSFET (DC) Triac (AC)
Power relays	30V…400V	100 mA…16A	Increased AC or DC loads	Single Contact	AgNi
			Electromagnets (utilisation cat. AC-15 / DC-13)	Single Contact	$AgSnO_2$
			Frequent, rapid switching procedures, high reliability, noiseless switching	Semiconductor	MOSFET (DC) Triac (AC)
High-power relays	12V…400V	100 mA…16A	Capacitive loads	Early make contact	AgNi + W $AgSnO_2$ + W
			High DC loads, inductive loads	Series contacts	AgNi $AgSnO_2$
			Frequent, rapid switching procedures, high reliability, noiseless switching	Semiconductor	MOSFET (DC) Triac (AC)