

Re: How to wire a Reed Relay

Source: <http://sci.tech-archive.net/Archive/sci.electronics.design/2005-04/msg00036.html>

- *From:* "Lathe_Biosas" <lathe_biosas@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* 31 Mar 2005 11:18:46 -0800
-

Ross Herbert wrote:

- > Let's forget about your experiments, other than to say it is obvious
- > you don't know anything about electricity... The old adage that " a
- > little bit of knowledge is a dangerous thing" applies in your case,
- > but don't take this too personally. It is usually a good idea to ask
- > the questions BEFORE you start to blow expensive items up due to lack
- > of knowledge.

Hi Ross,

Thank you very much for your answer and time

- > You must apply +5V to terminal 6 and -VE to terminal 13 in order to
- > energise the relay.

What does VE stands for?

- > The diode is for user configuration. In the usual arrangement the
- > diode is connected across the coil (insert strap between 13 and 9) to
- > SUPPRESS the back emf from the coil during release. The disadvantage
- > of this method is that the release time of the relay is increased
- > considerably but if this isn't a problem then connect it like this.
- >
- > The diode can also be wired in series with the coil by connecting +VE
- > to terminal 9 instead of 6 (leave 6 open or no connection). The diode
- > will now BLOCK the coil back emf during release to prevent damage to
- > the relay driver and will have the advantage of minimising the
- > release
- > time of the relay. A small voltage will be dropped across the diode
- > (0.7V) but since the relay will operate reliably down to 3.5V this
- > shouldn't be a problem.
- >
- > You will need to check that your relay driver TTL output can source
- or
- > sink at least 25mA depending on your arrangement. What TTL driver are
- > you using?

If relay driver TTL output current is the output current at the

Re: How to wire a Reed Relay

terminal of the TTL chip, im getting 735 mVolts and 735mA . The TTL driver is a 74F00 I got those values setting the current probe sensitivity to 1 V/A (Unfortunately I don't know what is the meaning of V/A and neither if I actually I'm measuring the real current, sorry about that)

As for now, I'm testing the relay as follows:

Terminal 1 connected to 330 Ohm Resistance and resistance to Power Supply's GND

Terminal 6 connected to Power Supply's +5 Volts

Terminal 7 connected to a LED and LED to Power Supply's +5 Volts

Terminal 9 and 13 connected to Power Supply Ground

Terminal 14 and 8 are not connected (Seem to be the same as 1 and 7 respective)

Terminal 2 has two "states":

- a) Connected to Power Supply's +5 Volts -> The LED emits light
- b) Disconnected from Power Supply's +5 Volts -> The LED doesn't emit light and the relay makes click.

If the test connection is ok, the following step would be to wire:

- output of the 74F00 to Reed Relay's Terminal 1
- input of a 74HC to Reed Relay's Terminal 7
- output of an other 74F00 to Reed Relay's Terminal 2

As much as I can assume, the terminal 2 of the reed relay chip is the one that controls the "open" and "close" states between terminals 1-7 and respective 14-8. Is this assumption right?

So, do you have any new suggestions?

Thank you very much and sorry about my electronics/electricity language

Best Regards

• ***Follow-Ups:***

◆ ***Re: How to wire a Reed Relay***

◇ *From:* John Fields

• ***References:***

◆ ***How to wire a Reed Relay***

◇ *From:* Lathe_Biosas

• Prev by Date: ***Re: Problem with Spice – it won't allow me to change bounds of graph***

Re: How to wire a Reed Relay

- Next by Date: ***Re: Spice simulation far from actual circuit behaviour***
- Previous by thread: ***Re: How to wire a Reed Relay***
- Next by thread: ***Re: How to wire a Reed Relay***
- Index(es):
 - ◆ ***Date***
 - ◆ ***Thread***