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- shows visible damage
- has been stored under unfavorable conditions
- has sustained stress

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EMC:	EN50081-1 CISPR 11:1990/EN 55011 (1991): Group 1 Class A IEC 801-2:1991/EN 50082-1 (1992): 4 kV CD, 8 kV AD IEC 801-3:1984/EN 50082-1 (1992): 3 V/m, 27-500 MHz IEC 801-4:1988/EN 50082-1 (1992): 1 kV
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L	The product herewith complies with the requirements of the ow Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC and the EMC Directive 99/336/EEC.
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Chapter 1 SPECIFICATIONS

Introduction

The 1260-134 is a 16 (1X4) 2 wire multiplexer plug-in switch module developed for the 1260-100 Adapt-a-Switch Carrier. The 1260-134 includes the following features:

- Standard Adapt-a-Switch plug-in design, providing for ease of replacement
- Data-Driven embedded descriptor, allowing immediate use with any Option-01T switch controller, regardless of firmware revision level.

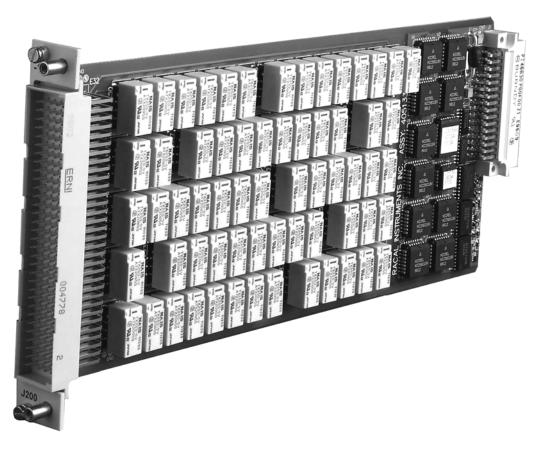


Figure 1-1, The 1260-134

Specifications

Bandwidth (-3dB)

100 MHz

Insertion Loss 10 MHz 50 MHz	< 0.5 dB < 1 dB
Isolation 100 KHz 1 MHz	> 50 dB > 40 dB
Crosstalk 100 KHz 1 MHz	< -50 dB < -40 dB
Switching Voltage AC DC	250 V, Max 220 V, Max
Switching Current AC DC	2 A, Max 2 A, Max
Switching Power AC DC	125 VA, Max 60 W, Max
Path resistance	< 500 mΩ
Thermal EMF	< 10 uV
Capacitance Channel to Chassis Open Channel	•
Insulation resistance	> 10 ⁹ Ω
Relay Settling Time	< 10 ms
Shock	30g, 11 ms, ½ sine wave
Vibration	0.013 in. P-P, 5-55 Hz
Bench Handling	4 in., 45°
Cooling	See 1260-100 cooling data
Temperature Operating Non-operating	0°C to +55°C -40°C to +75°C
Relative Humidity	85% + 5% non-condensing at < 30°C
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Altitude

	Operating Non-operating	10,000 feet 15,000 feet
Power	Requirements +5 VDC	150mA + 30mA per energized relay (2A Max.)
Weigh	t	1.0 lb. (0.45 kg.)
MTBF		749095 hours (MIL-HDBK-217E)
Dimen	sions	4.5"H X 0.75"W X 9.5"D

About MTBF The 1260-134 MTBF is 749095 hours, calculated in accordance with MIL-HDBK-217E, with the exception of the electromechanical relays. Relays are excluded from this calculation because relay life is strongly dependent upon operating conditions. Factors affecting relay life expectancy are:

- 1. Switched voltage
- 2. Switched current
- 3. Switched power
- 4. Maximum switching capacity
- 5. Maximum rated carrying current
- 6. Load type (resistive, inductive, capacitive)
- 7. Switching repetition rate
- 8. Ambient temperature

The most important factor is the maximum switching capacity, which is an interrelationship of maximum switching power, maximum switching voltage and maximum switching current. When a relay operates at a lower percentage of its maximum switching capacity, its life expectancy is longer. The maximum switching capacity specification is based on a resistive load, and must be further de-rated for inductive and capacitive loads.

For more details about the above life expectancy factors, refer to the data sheet for the switch plug-in module.

The relay used on the 1260-134 plug-in is part no. 310256-001. The relay manufacturer's specifications for this relay are:

Life Expectancy Mechanical Electrical

100,000,000 operations 100,000 operations at full rated load (resistive)

For additional relay specifications, refer to the relay manufacturer's data sheet.

Ordering Information

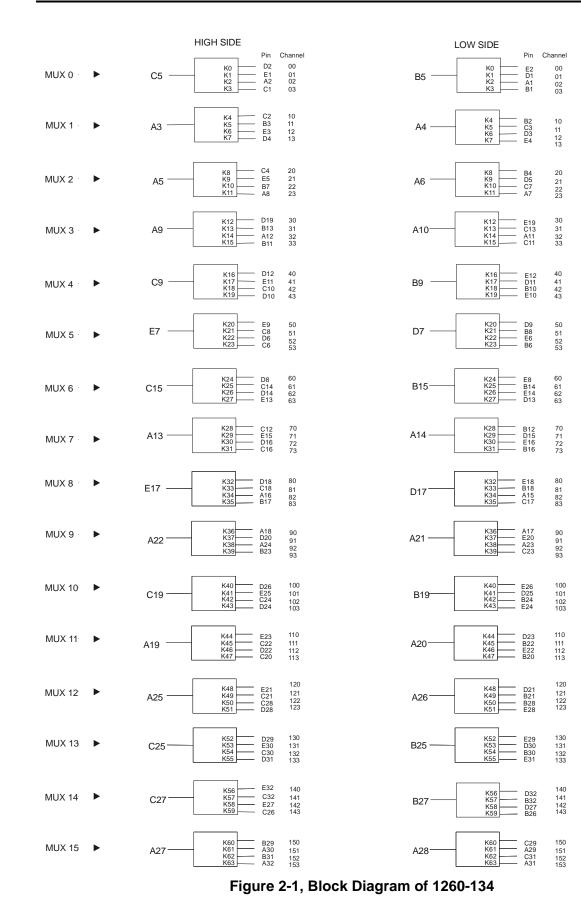
Listed below are part numbers for both the 1260-134 switch module and available mating connector accessories. Each 1260-134 uses a single mating connector.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PART #
1260-134 Switch Module	Switch Module, 16 (1X4) 2 wire multiplexer, 2 A Consisting of:	407662
	P/N 405133-001 PCB Assembly	
	P/N 980824-134 Manual	
160-pin Mating Connector	160 Pin Conn. Kit with pins	407664
Cable Assy. 6ft, Sleeved	160 Pin Cable Assy, 6 Ft, 24 AWG	407408-001
Additional Manual		980824-134

Chapter 2 INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Unpacking and Inspection	1.	Remove the 1260-134 module and inspect it for damage. If any damage is apparent, inform the carrier immediately. Retain shipping carton and packing material for the carrier's inspection.
	2.	Verify that the pieces in the package you received contain the correct 1260-134 module option and the 1260-134 Users Manual. Notify EADS North America Test and Services, if the module appears damaged in any way. Do not attempt to install a damaged module into a VXI chassis.
	3.	The 1260-134 module is shipped in an anti-static bag to prevent electrostatic damage to the module. Do not remove the module from the anti-static bag unless it is in a static-controlled area.
Reshipment Instructions	1.	Use the original packing when returning the switching module to EADS North America Test and Services, for calibration or servicing. The original shipping carton and the instrument's plastic foam will provide the necessary support for safe reshipment.
	2.	If the original packing material is unavailable, wrap the switching module in an ESD Shielding bag and use plastic spray foam to surround and protect the instrument.
	3.	Reship in either the original or a new shipping carton.
Installation	Са	tallation of the 1260-134 Switching Module into a 1260-100 rrier assembly is described in the Installation section of the 60-100 Adapt-a-Switch Carrier Manual.

Module Configuration	The 1260-134 contains sixteen 1x4 multiplexers. Each channel of each multiplexer is independently controlled. Thus, the user can simultaneously connect any combination of four input channels to the common port of the multiplexer.	
	For a block diagram of the 1260-134, refer to Figure 2-1 .	
Front Panel Connectors	The 1260-134 has one 160-pin front-panel connector, labeled J200. It is a 160-pin, modified DIN style, with 0.025" square posts as pins. It has one pin for each input and one for each output. See Figure 2-2 for numbering. Table 2-1 shows the mapping of channel numbers to connector pins. Information about available mating connectors is provided immediately after Table 2-1 .	



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		Pi	Pin			
MUX	Channel	High	Low			
	Common	C5	B5			
	Input 0	D2	E2			
0	Input 1	E1	D1			
	Input 2	A2	A1			
	Input 3	C1	B1			
	Common	A3	A4			
	Input 10	C2	B2			
1	Input 11	B3	C3			
	Input 12	E3	D3			
	Input 13	D4	E4			
	Common	A5	A6			
	Input 20	C4	B4			
2	Input 21	E5	D5			
	Input 22	B7	C7			
	Input 23	A8	A7			
	Common	A9	A10			
	Input 30	D19	E19			
3	Input 31	B13	C13			
	Input 32	A12	A11			
	Input 33	B11	C11			
	Common	C9	B9			
	Input 40	D12	E12			
4	Input 41	E11	D11			
	Input 42	C10	B10			
	Input 43	D10	E10			
	Common	E7	D7			
	Input 50	E9	D9			
5	Input 51	C8	B8			
	Input 52	D6	E6			
	Input 53	C6	B6			
	Common	C15	B15			
	Input 60	D8	E8			
6	Input 61	C14	B14			
	Input 62	D14	E14			
	Input 63	E13	D13			
	Common	A13	A14			
	Input 70	C12	B12			
7	Input 71	E15	D15			
	Input 72	D16	E16			
	Input 73	C16	B16			

Table 2-1, 1260-134 Front-Panel Connections

		Pi	Pin			
MUX	Channel	High	Low			
	Common	E17	D17			
	Input 80	D18	E18			
8	Input 81	C18	B18			
	Input 82	A16	A15			
	Input 83	B17	C17			
	Common	A22	A21			
	Input 90	A18	A17			
9	Input 91	D20	E20			
	Input 92	A24	A23			
	Input 93	B23	C23			
	Common	C19	B19			
	Input 100	D26	E26			
10	Input 101	E25	D25			
	Input 102	C24	B24			
	Input 103	D24	E24			
	Common	A19	A20			
	Input 110	E23	D23			
11	Input 111	C22	B22			
	Input 112	D22	E22			
	Input 113	C20	B20			
	Common	A25	A26			
	Input 120	E21	D21			
12	Input 121	C21	B21			
	Input 122	C28	B28			
	Input 123	D28	E28			
	Common	C25	B25			
	Input 130	D29	E29			
13	Input 131	E30	D30			
	Input 132	C30	B30			
	Input 133	D31	E31			
	Common	C27	B27			
	Input 140	E32	D32			
14	Input 141	C32	B32			
	Input 142	E27	D27			
	Input 143	C26	B26			
	Common	A27	A28			
	Input 150	B29	C29			
15	Input 151	A30	A29			
	Input 152	B31	C31			
	Input 153	A32	A31			

Mating	Mating connector accessories are available:		
Connectors	160-Pin Connector Kit with pins, P/N 407664		
	160-Pin Cable Assembly, 6 Ft., 24 AWG, P/N 407408-001		
	The 160-Pin Connector Kit consists of a connector housing and 170 crimp pins. After wire attachment, the pin is inserted into the housing and will snap into place, providing positive retention.		
	The suggested hand tool for the crimp pins is P/N 990898. The corresponding pin removal tool is P/N 990899.		
	The 160-Pin Cable Assembly uses 24 AWG cable with crimp pins to mate with the 1260-134. The other cable end is unterminated. Refer to Table 2-1 for channel-to-pin mapping information.		

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Chapter 3 MODULE OPERATION

Setting the Module Address

The Option-01T switch controller identifies each Adapt-a-Switch plug-in or conventional 1260-Series module by a *module address* that is unique to that module. The module address is a number from 1 through 12, inclusive.

The module address assigned to the 1260-134 depends on the carrier slot into which the 1260-134 is inserted, and on the position of the logical address DIP switch on the carrier side panel. The switch has two settings:

• 1-6 (closed): When the switch is set to this position, the module addresses of the plug-ins in the 1260-100 Carrier are from 1 through 6. The module with address 1 is in the left slot of the top row. The plug-ins are addressed in the following pattern:

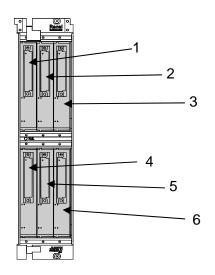


Figure 3-1, Front-View – Module Addresses for 1 through 6

• 7 - 12 (open): When the switch is set to this position, the module addresses of the plug-ins in the 1260-100 Carrier are from 7 through 12, in the following pattern:

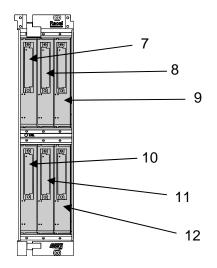


Figure 3-2, Front-View – Module Addresses for 7 through 12

When setting module addresses for Adapt-a-Switch Carriers and conventional 1260-Series modules, be sure that no address is used by more than one plug-in or 1260-Series C-Size switching module.

For instructions on setting module addresses for a conventional 1260-Series module, see the label on the side panel of the module.

Operating Modes The 1260-134 may be operated either in *message-based* mode or in *register-based* mode.

In the *message-based* mode, the 1260-01T switch controller interprets commands sent by the slot 0 controller, and determines the appropriate data to send to the control registers of the 1260-134 module.

A conceptual view of the message-based mode of operation is shown in **Figure 3-3**.

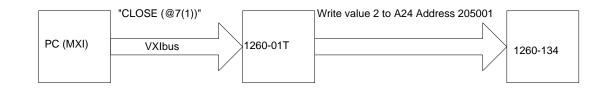


Figure 3-3, Message-Based Mode of Operation

In the *register-based* mode, the user writes directly to the control registers on the 1260-134 module. The 1260-01T command module does not monitor these operations, and does not keep track of the relay states on the 1260-134 module in this mode.

A conceptual view of the register-based mode is shown in **Figure 3-4** below.

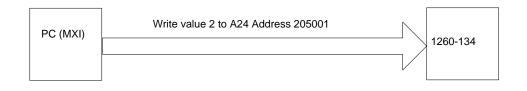


Figure 3-4, Register-Based Mode of Operation

Since the 1260-01T switch controller does not keep track of relay states during the register-based mode, it is advisable to use **either** the message-based or the register-based mode, and continue to use the same mode throughout the application program.

In general, the message-based mode of operation is easier to use with utility software such as the National Instruments VXI Interactive Control (VIC) program. The message-based mode allows the user to send ASCII text commands to the 1260-01T and to read replies from the 1260-01T. In addition, some features, such as the SCAN list, are available only in the message-based mode of operation.

The register-based mode provides faster control of relay channels. In this mode, relay operations are processed in less than 9 microseconds, not counting relay settling time or software overhead inherent in I/O libraries such as VISA. To determine the relay settling time, refer to Relay Settling Time in the Specifications section.

Consult the 1260-01T User's Manual for a comparison of the message-based and register-based modes of operation.

Operating In Message-Based Mode

Channel Descriptors For The 1260-134	The standard 1260-01T commands are used to operate the 1260- 134 module. These commands are described in the 1260-01T User's Manual.		
	the channel(s) of interest. The the same for all 1260 series	Each 1260-01T relay command uses a <i>channel descriptor</i> to select the channel(s) of interest. The syntax for a channel descriptor is the same for all 1260 series modules. In general, the following syntax is used to select a single channel:	
	(@ <module address=""> (<channel>))</channel></module>		
	Where:		
		address of the 1260-134 module. e range from 1 through 12, inclusive.	
		4 channel to operate. This is a n 0-3, 10-13, 20-23etc. See	
	Multiple individual channels r channel descriptor syntax:	nay be specified using the following	
	<pre>@ <module ,,="" <chann="" address=""></module></pre>	s> (<chan1> , <chan2>))</chan2></chan1>	
	A range of channels may be descriptor syntax:	specified using the following channel	
	<pre>@ <module <last="" address="" channel="">))</module></pre>	s> (<first channel=""> :</first>	
	The following examples ill descriptors for the 1260-134:	lustrate the use of the channel	
	OPEN (@8(0))	Open channel 0 on the 1260-134 that has module address 8.	
	CLOSE (@8(0,3))	Close channels 0 and 3 on the	

1260-134 that has module address

8.

CLOSE (@2(10:13)) Close channels 10 through 13 inclusive on the 1260-134 that has module address 2.

Reply To The MOD:LIST? Command

The 1260-01T returns a reply to the MOD:LIST? command. This reply is unique for each different 1260 series switch module. The syntax for the reply is:

<module address> : <module-specific identification string>

The <module-specific identification string> for the 1260-134 is:

1260-134 16 1X4 2A MUX

So, for a 1260-134 whose <module address> is set to 8, the reply to this query would be:

8: 1260-134 16 1X4 2A MUX

Operating The 1260-134 in Register-Based Mode

In register-based mode, the 1260-134 is operated by directly writing and reading control registers on the 1260-134 module. For the channel assignments for each control register, see Table 3-1.. When a control register is written to, all channels controlled by that register are operated simultaneously.

The control registers are located in the VXIbus A24 Address Space. The A24 address for a control register depends on:

- 1. The A24 Address Offset assigned to the 1260-01T module by the Resource Manager program. The Resource Manager program is provided by the VXIbus slot-0 controller vendor. The A24 Address Offset is placed into the "Offset Register" of the 1260-01T by the Resource Manager.
- 2. The <module address> of the 1260-134 module. This is a value in the range from 1 and 12 inclusive.
- 3. The 1260-134 control register to be written to or read from. Each control register on the 1260-134 has a unique address.

The base A24 address for the 1260-134 module may be calculated by:

(A24 Offset of the 1260-01T) + (1024 x Module Address of 1260-134).

The A24 address offset is usually expressed in hexadecimal. A typical value of 204000_{16} is used in the examples that follow.

A 1260-134 with a module address of 7 would have the base A24 address computed as follows:

Base A24 Address of $1260-134 = 204000_{16} + (400_{16} \times 7_{10})$ = $205C00_{16}$

The control registers for Adapt-a-Switch plug-ins and conventional 1260-Series modules are always on odd-numbered A24 addresses. The three control registers for the 1260-134 reside at the first three odd-numbered A24 addresses for the module:

(Base A24 Address of 1260-134) + 1 = Control Register 0

(Base A24 Address of 1260-134) + 3 = Control Register 1

(Base A24 Address of 1260-134) + 5 = Control Register 2

So, for our example, the first three control registers are located at:

205C01	Control Register 0, controls channels 150, 143, 142, etc.
205C03	Control Register 1, controls channels 153, 151, 141, etc.
205C05	Control Register 2, controls channels 93, 100, 101, etc.

Table 3-1 shows the channel assignments for each controlregister.

Control	Channels							
Register	Bit 7 (MSB)	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0 (LSB)
0	130	131	132	133	140	142	143	150
1	152	122	123	Unused	Unused	141	151	153
2	113	Unused	120	121	101	100	Unused	93
3	92	81	111	112	110	103	102	Unused
4	72	73	Unused	80	82	83	90	91
5	32	31	Unused	61	62	63	70	71
6	53	52	51	42	41	40	Unused	33
7	3	10	11	30	23	Unused	60	Unused
8	2	13	43	50	Unused	20	21	22
9	12	Unused	Unused	Unused	Unused	Unused	0	1

Table 3-1, Control	Register Channe	el Assignments
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Setting a control bit to 1 closes the corresponding channel, and clearing the bit to zero opens the corresponding channel. Thus, if you write the value 1000 0101 binary = 133 decimal = 85 hexadecimal to Control Register 0, channels 130, 142, and 150 will close, while channels 131, 132, 133, 140, and 143 will open.

The present control register value may be read back by reading an 8-bit value from the control register address. **The value is inverted.** In other words, the eight-bit value read back is the one's complement of the value written.

If you want to change the state of a single relay without affecting the present state of the other relays controlled by the control register, you must:

- 1. Read the control register
- 2. Invert the bits (perform a one's complement on the register data)
- 3. Perform a bit-wise AND operation, leaving all but the specific control register bit for the relay to change
- 4. **To open**: continue to step 5. **To close**: OR in the bit for the relay to close.
- 5. Write the modified value back to the control register.

For example, to close channel 123:

- 1. Read Control Register 1 (this register controls channels 122, 123, 141, 151, 152, and 153 with channel 153 represented by the LSB)
- 2. Invert the bits in the value read in step 1
- 3. AND with 1101 1111 binary (the zero is in the position corresponding to channel 123)
- 4. OR with 0010 0000 binary
- 5. Write the value to Control Register 1

The VISA I/O library may be used to control the module. The VISA function viOut8() is used to write a single 8-bit byte to a control register, while viIn8() is used to read a single 8-bit byte from the control register. The following code example shows the use of viOut8() to update the 1260-134 module.

1260-134 Example Code

#include <visa.h>

```
/* This example shows a 1260-01T at logical address 16 and a VXI/MXI */
/* interface */
#define RI1260_01_DESC
                       "VXI::16"
/* For a GPIB-VXI interface, and a logical address of 77 */
/* the descriptor would be: "GPIB-VXI::77" */
/* this example shows a 1260-134 with module address 7 */
#define MOD ADDR 134 7
void example operate 1260 134(void)
{
     ViUInt8 creg_val;
     ViBusAddress creg0_addr;
     ViBusAddress creq1 addr;
     ViBusAddress creg2_addr;
     ViSession hdl1260; /* VISA handle to the 1260-01T */
     ViSession hdlRM;
                          /* VISA handle to the resource manager */
     ViStatus error;
                          /* VISA error code */
     /* open the resource manager */
     /* this must be done once in application program */
     error = viOpenDefaultRM (&hdlRM);
     if (error < 0) {
           /* error handling code goes here */
     }
     /* get a handle for the 1260-01T */
     error = viOpen (hdlRM, RI1260_01_DESC, VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &hdl1260);
     if (error < 0) {
           /* error handling code goes here */
     }
     /* form the offset for control register 0 */
     /* note that the base A24 Address for the 1260-01T */
     /* is already accounted for by VISA calls viIn8() and */
```

```
/* viOut8() */
   /* module address shifted 10 places = module address x 1024 */
creg0_addr = (MOD_ADDR_134 << 10) + 1;
creg1_addr = creg0_addr + 2;
creg2_addr = creg1_addr + 2;
/* close channel 123 without affecting the state of */
/* channels 122, 141, 151, 152, and 153 */
error = viIn8 (hdl1260, VI_A24_SPACE, creg1_addr, & creg_val);
if (error < 0) {
     /* error handling code goes here */
}
/* invert the bits to get the present control register value */
creg_val = ~creg_val;
/* AND to leave every channel except 123 unchanged */
creq val \&= \sim (0x20);
/* OR in the bit to close channel 123 */
creg_val |= 0x20;
/* write the updated control register value */
error = viOut8 (hdl1260, VI_A24_SPACE, creg1_addr, creg_val);
if (error < 0) {
     /* error handling code goes here */
}
/* open channel 93 without affecting channels 100, 101, 120, 121,
and 113 */
error = viIn8 (hdl1260, VI A24 SPACE, creq2 addr, &creq val);
if (error < 0) {
     /* error handling code goes here */
}
/* invert the bits to get the present control register value */
creg_val = ~creg_val;
/* AND to leave every channel except 93 unchanged */
/* leave bit 0 clear to open channel 93 */
creg_val &= ~ (0x01);
/* write the updated control register value */
error = viOut8 (hdl1260, VI_A24_SPACE, creg2_addr, creg_val);
if (error < 0) {
     /* error handling code goes here */
}
```

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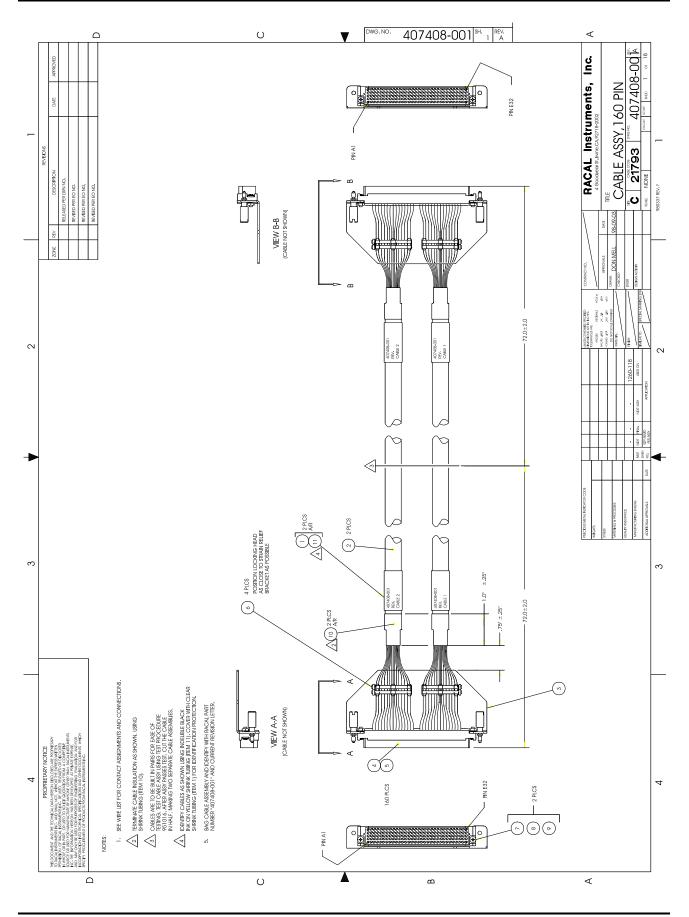
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#	Component	Description	U/M	Qty Reqd.	REF
1	602258-116	CON-CAB-RCP160C,100S	-E EA	1.000	
2	602258-900	TRMCRP-SNP-U-F26-20G	-E EA	170.000	



Chapter 5

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For worldwide support and the office closest to your facility, refer to the website for the most complete information <u>http://www.eads-nadefense.com</u>.

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