

8-RELAYS for RASPBERRY PI

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION



The 8-RELAYS card is a stackable expansion card for Raspberry Pi. The card is compatible with all Raspberry Pi versions from Zero to 4. It offers a compact and inexpensive solution for adding up to 64 relays to your Raspberry Pi project.

Pluggable connectors make the 8-RELAYS card easy to use when multiple cards are stacked up. Loads of up to 4A and 125V can be switched by all relays. Status LEDs show when relays are on or off.

Each relay has a corresponding LED installed on the long side of the card which turns on when the relay is energized. A LED also shows when power is applied to the board. A pushbutton permits the user to issue a command to Raspberry Pi or to shut it down (a script is required for the desired application).

The 8-RELAYS card has also an RS485 driver which can communicate with other industrial equipment using the MODBUS protocol.

Mechanically, the 8-RELAYS card adheres to the Sequent Microsystems Modular Industrial format. It can be installed in the free 3D printable stackable enclosure. All the cards in this format have the same mechanical specifications.

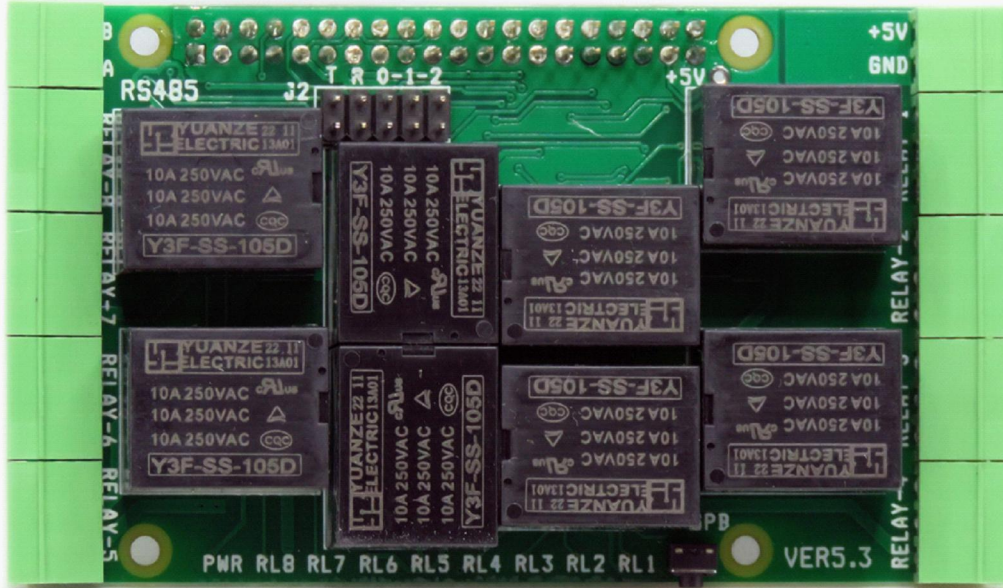
FEATURES

- Eight Relays with Status LEDs
- Pluggable Connectors, 26-16 AWG wires
- All Relays with NO and NC Contacts, rated 4A/120VAC
- 24V DC Switching on all Relays
- RS485 Port with TVS protection
- Reverse polarity power supply protection
- General purpose pushbutton
- All mounting hardware included: stand-offs, screws and nuts
- Software self-test
- Command Line, Node-RED, Python and OpenPLC Drivers

Up to eight 8-RELAYS cards can be stacked on top of one Raspberry Pi. The 8-RELAYS cards share a serial I2C bus using only two of the Raspberry Pi's GPIO pins to manage all eight cards. This feature leaves the remaining 24 GPIOs available for the user.

WHAT IS IN YOUR KIT

1. 8-RELAYS Card for Raspberry Pi



2. Mounting hardware

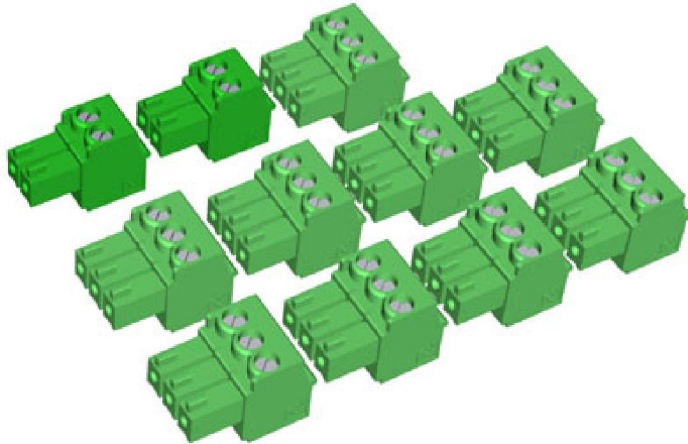
- a. Four M2.5x19mm male-female brass standoffs
- b. Four M2.5x5mm brass screws
- c. Four M2.5 brass nuts



3. Two jumpers.



4. All the required female mating connectors.

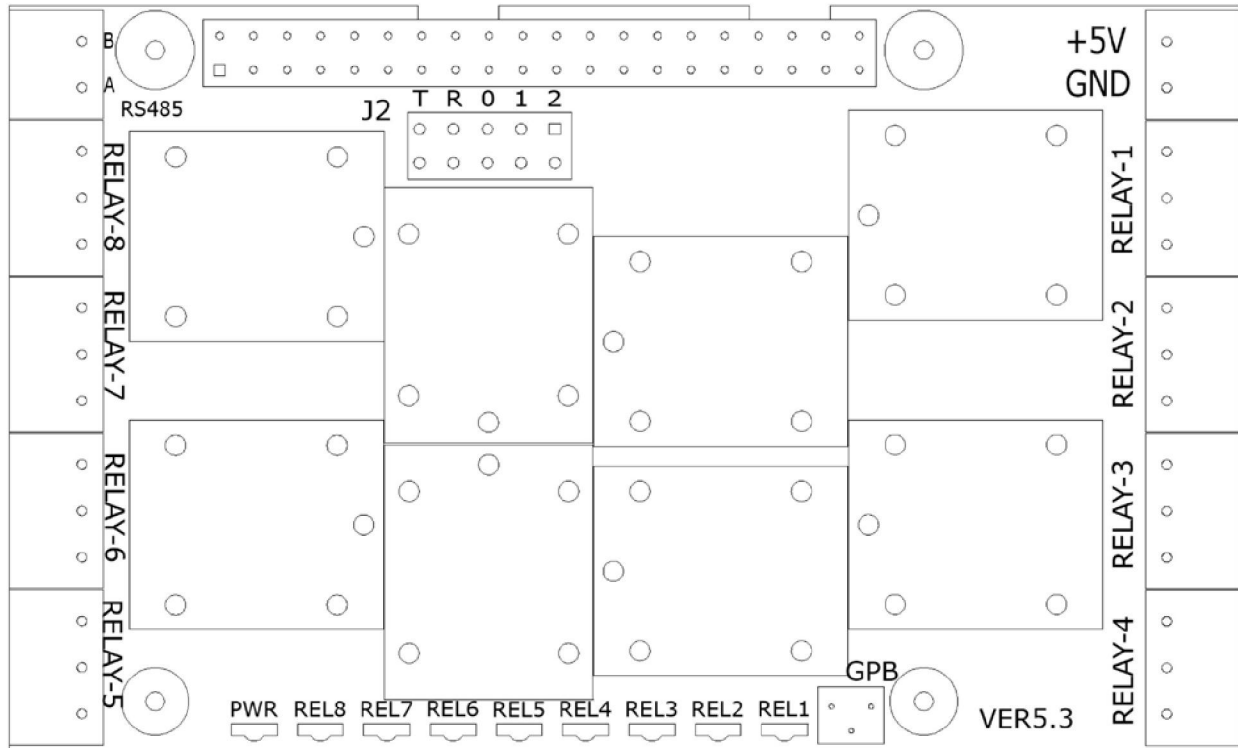


QUICK START-UP GUIDE

1. Plug your 8-RELAYS card on top of your Raspberry Pi and power up the system.
2. Enable I2C communication on Raspberry Pi using raspi-config.
3. Install the 8-RELAYS software from github.com:
 - a. `~$ git clone https://github.com/SequentMicrosystems/8relind-rpi.git`
 - b. `~$ cd /home/pi/8relind-rpi`
 - c. `~/8relind-rpi$ sudo make install`
4. `~/8relind-rpi$ 8relind`

The program will respond with a list of available commands.

BOARD LAYOUT



Your 8-RELAYS card comes with appropriate mounting hardware. Up to eight 8-RELAYS cards can be stacked on top of one Raspberry Pi. Eight LEDs indicate the status of their respective relay. An LED is lit when the corresponding relay is energized. The General Purpose Pushbutton GPB is connected to pin 37 of the Raspberry Pi GPIO connector (GPIO26). In order to use the pushbutton you need to write a shell script to accomplish the desired function.

All relays have NO and NC contacts brought out to pluggable connectors.

The three right-most positions of the J2 jumper are used for selecting the stack level (see next section). The left most jumper (marked T) is the RS485 terminator. Install the jumper if the 485 port is the last in the chain. The next jumper (market R) connects the RS485 port to the Raspberry Pi. Install the jumper if you want to use the RS485 port. Remove the jumper if the serial port of Raspberry Pi is used for another purpose.

STACK LEVEL SETTINGS

Up to eight 8-RELAYS Cards can be installed on top of one Raspberry Pi. The 8-RELAYS Card shares the same I2C address with the 8-INPUTS, 8-MOSFETS, 16-RELAYS AND 16-INPUTS cards. If a combination of these cards is used in the same stack, a total of eight cards can be installed.

The 8-RELAYS card is controlled by Raspberry Pi using only the I2C interface. The card occupies the address space 0x20 - 0x27. The local address can be configured using the Stack Level Jumpers or DIP switches. A maximum stack of eight cards requires a total of 12 jumpers.

Cards can be installed on Raspberry Pi in any order. The 3 position jumper or DIP switch is selecting the stack level of the card, as follows:

JMP/SW	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	ON	OFF
STACK LEVEL	0			1			2			3		
I2C ADDR.	0x27			0x26			0x25			0x24		

JMP/SW	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	ON	ON	ON	ON
STACK LEVEL	4			5			6			7		
I2C ADDR.	0x23			0x22			0x21			0x20		

To find out the stack level of all the cards installed in your system run the command line with the “-list” option.

Note1: Previous version of the 8-Relay card has I2C address range 0x38-0x3F

OpenPLC SETUP

When using OpenPLC only four 8-RELAYS Cards can be accessed in one system, on stack levels 0-3.

The stack level 4-5 is reserved for the 16-RELAYS and stack level 6-7 reserved for 16-INPUTS Cards.

RS-485 COMMUNICATION

The 8-RELAYS cards card contains a standard RS485 transceiver which can be accessed by the serial port of the Raspberry Pi. In order to enable communication, the jumper labeled RS485EN on J2 connector needs to be installed.

POWER REQUIREMENTS

The 8-RELAYS card requires +5V power, supplied either from the Raspberry Pi expansion bus, or from its own pluggable connector. The on-board relays are powered at +5V (See Schematic).

Raspberry Pi current consumption: 250 mA @ +5V (could be as high as 2A)

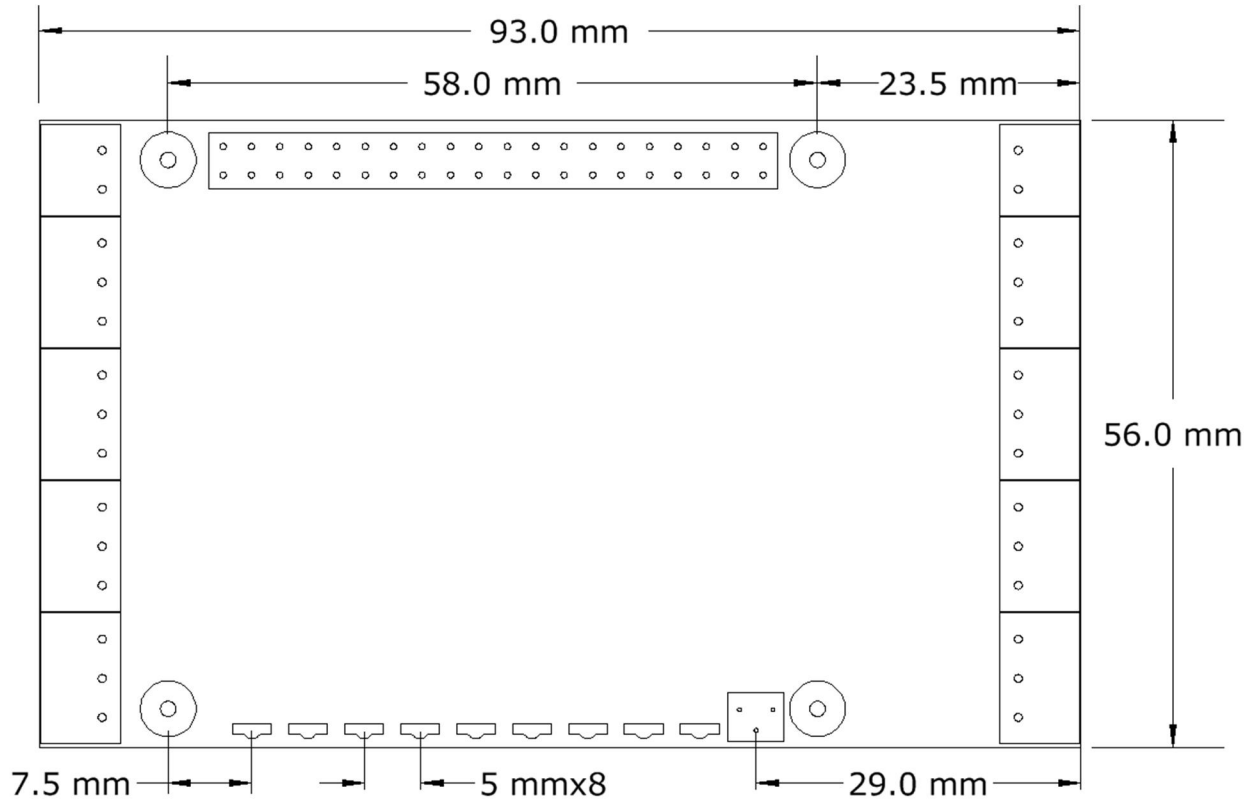
8-RELAYS Card current consumption: 10 mA @ +5V (all relays OFF)

700 mA @ +5V (all relays ON)

The power connector which powers the 8-RELAYS card can supply up to 4A and is protected by a 3A resettable fuse. We recommend using a 5V regulated power supply rated at 3A or higher. The 8-RELAYS card can be stacked up to eight levels. A multi-stack configuration can be powered from any of the cards.

If your application requires multiple relays to be ON at the same time, we recommend using a power supply rated 4A or higher, with a split cable to power multiple cards.

MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS



The card is compatible with any card manufactured by Sequent Microsystems and can be mounted in any order. You may also intermix cards from other vendors, assuming they do not use the same I2C address. It can be installed in the 3d-printable modular enclosure available for download from our website.

SOFTWARE SETUP

The 8-RELAYS board occupies the I2C addresses from 0x20 to 0x27.

1. Have your Raspberry Pi ready with the [latest OS](#).

2. Enable I2C communication:

```
~$ sudo raspi-config
```

1. Change User Password		Change password for default user
2. Network Options		Configure network settings
3. Boot Options		Configure options for start-up
4. Localisation Options		Set up language and regional settings to match..
5. Interfacing Options		Configure connections to peripherals
6. Overclock		Configure overclocking for your Pi
7. Advanced Options		Configure advanced settings
8. Update		Update this tool to the latest version
9. About raspi-config		Information about this configuration
P1	Camera	Enable/Disable connection to the Raspberry Pi Camera
P2	SSH	Enable/Disable remote command line access to your Pi
P3	VNC	Enable/Disable graphical remote access to your Pi using...
P4	SPI	Enable/Disable automatic loading of SPI kernel module
P5	I2C	Enable/Disable automatic loading of I2C kernel module
P6	Serial	Enable/Disable shell and kernel messages to the serial port
P7	1-Wire	Enable/Disable one-wire interface
P8	Remote GPIO	Enable/Disable remote access to GPIO pins

3. Download the 8relind software from github.com:

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~$ git clone https://github.com/SequentMicrosystems/8relind-rpi.git
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4.

```
~$ cd /home/pi/8relind-rpi
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5.

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~/8relind-rpi$ sudo make install
```

6.

```
~/8relind-rpi$ 8relind
```

The program will respond with a list of available commands.

Type "**8relind -h**" for online help.

After installing the software, you can update it to the latest version with the commands:

1.

```
~$ cd /home/pi/8relind-rpi
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2.

```
~/8relind-rpi$ git pull
```

3.

```
~/8relind-rpi$ sudo make install
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