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GPI 1600 System Automation

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1.0 System Description

The GPI 1600 Automation / Sequence Generator is a compact automation system that can be integrated with SAS switching and mixing systems, or be used as a stand alone sequence generator. The GPI 1600 is packaged in a single rack unit chassis and houses 16 form C relays for general purpose machine control and 16 opto-isolated inputs for event triggers. Direct connection to SAS switching systems allows time based XY switcher commands combined with general purpose relay closures / opto triggers.

Event programming is accomplished using a PC which is connected to the GPI via RS-232. Easy to use, menu driven software is included. An unlimited number of events are available on a 7 day / 24 hour programming schedule. Each event may activate an audio crosspoint and / or activate a relay. Each event may be programmed to occur on any or all days of the week.

The automation system will use the internal time clock of the PC by default. An optional ESE Model PC-471 time code reader card for the PC is available to synchronize the PC clock with station reference time. The PC-471 will read both ESE 24 hour clock and SMPTE code.

2.0 Installation

The Model GPI-1600 requires a 1 rack unit space. Locate a suitable area close to the central switching rack where there is adequate room for rear panel wiring.

2.1 Getting Started

Sierra Automated Systems recommends that the IBM compatible personal computer which will run the automation software be dedicated exclusively to router control and not used for general computer tasks. Also, the machine should meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Intel based 80486 - 66 Mhz processor.
2. VGA color monitor and video card (640x480 16 color).
3. Eight (8) megabytes of RAM (If Windows is to be used).
4. Two (2) RS-232 serial I/O ports.
5. A fast hard drive with a 2 meg disk cache (Microsoft SmartDrive).
6. One (1) 3 1/2" 1.44 meg floppy disk drive.

Connect the PC serial port to the GPI 1600. Note that the SAS software defaults to COM 2, but may be changed via command line switches as required (see below). A 25 pin D female connector on the GPI 1600 rear panel provides an RS-232C serial port, 19.2K baud, 1 start bit, 1 stop bit, no parity.

GPI-1600		PC RS-232	
DB25-S (female)		25 Pin D (male)	9 Pin D (male)
(TERMINAL)	(cable)	Serial Port	
Gnd pin 7	>----- shield -----	< Gnd pin 7	Gnd Pin 5
TX pin 3	>-----	< RX pin 3	RX pin 2
RX pin 2	>-----	< TX pin 2	TX pin 3

2.2 Connection to Switching System.

The GPI 1600 Salvo Sequence Generator connects to the SAS switching system RS-485 XY serial bus. Reference your system specific wiring information. The 32000 Series systems have one common RS-485 XY Party Line. A typical connection is shown below to pins [C2, B2 (A2) ; +, - (shield)]. The 64000 Series systems have up to six RS-485 XY busses. A typical connection would be to XY bus 2 [C3, B3 (A3) ; +, - (shield)].

The 'System RS-485 bus' connects to the central XY control panel and other units which have access to all outputs and inputs. The 16000 Series has 16 universal RS-485 ports. Enable the port to which the GPI 1600 will connect as an 'XY device'. The GPI-1600 provides a DE9P (male) connector on the rear panel for connection to the system RS-485.

Frame 1 MCU-3 / SAS 32000 (see text)	To GPI-1600
(96 pin Euro)	System RS-485 (DE9 Female)
	(cable)
+ C2>-----<pin 4	
- B2>-----<pin 5	
C A2>----- shield -----<pin 1	

Communication to the system can be verified by the SYSTEM OK LED on the front panel of the GPI-1600. Ensure steady / pulsating ON state. Disruption or communication errors are indicated by OFF state or occasional flickering.

The relay status will be displayed on the front panel of the GPI-1600 LED display "OUTPUT TRIGGER STATUS". This display will indicate any relay that is Active.

2.3 Software Installation & Startup

To install the SAS Automation Software insert the software disk in the computers floppy drive, switch to the drive letter for the floppy drive (either A: or B:) and type "INSTALL A: C:" (without the quotes). The install batch file will create a directory on the computers hard drive called C:\SASAUTO and copy the program files into it. The software may be installed in a different drive/directory by manually creating a directory in the desired location and copying the program files into it.

Before starting the software make sure the P.C's **TIME** and **DATE** are correct then change to the directory containing the program files and type " SASAUTO.EXE " (without the quotes) followed by any command line switches necessary to configure the software for the system. The command line options are listed in the following section along with the program defaults. If the defaults are acceptable no command line switches are necessary.

When the program is started for the first time there will be no event.dat file and no events displayed on the screen. To enter the first event press the < Insert > key and a blank event dialog box will pop up. Fill in the various information fields describing the event by typing text and number information (title, time, input/output num & relay num) and using the space bar to toggle on/off the various button fields (days active, event status, type of relay command & type of crosspoint command). When the information is complete and correct press the < F10 > key to save the event to the hard disk. As soon as the first event is defined the event.dat file is created and will store all event information.

Everytime the software is started, the event.dat file will be read. Any events defined will be displayed in the scrolling event window and **Run At Their Defined Times**. If the automation software is not running, the events **Will Not Be Executed!!**. For this reason SAS recommends that this software be run on a computer dedicated to router control only. If multi-tasking software such as Microsoft Windows is used, and properly configured, the computer may also be used to run the terminal software for setup and control of the routing switcher.

2.4 Connecting Station ESE Time Clock Source

The PC may have an ESE Model PC-471 time code reader card installed to synchronize the PC clock to station reference time. The automation system uses the PC time for event execution. The ESE PC-471 can be configured to read ESE or SMPTE time codes.

2.5 Connecting the Relays

The GPI-1600 provides 16 form C relay contact closures. The relays are accessible from the rear panel via two (2) 25 pin D female connectors. One connector for relays 1-8, the second connector for relays 9-16. Refer to drawings RIA16.S02 and RIA16.S03 for connector pinouts.

2.6 Connecting the Optos

The GPI-1600 provides 16 opto-isolated inputs. The optos are accessible from the rear panel via one 37 pin D female connector. The optos will function from 5VDC / 1 milliamp to 24 VDC / 8 milliamp. The unit provides 5 VDC and Common on two sets of pins on the connector for use with dry contacts or if the driving equipment does not have power available.

3.0 Software Description & Operation

3.1 Software Description

The SAS P.C. Automation Software provides an interface with the GPI-1600 to execute router and GPI-1600 operations. Events may be programmed to activate at a time or with an opto activation. The time may be based on the P.C's internal clock or the station time as read by the GPI-1600 (/G command line switch). A single event may include a crosspoint command such as TAKE, SUM ON or SUM OFF and a relay command such as MOMENTARY, LATCH ON or LATCH OFF. A single event may be programmed to run at it's assigned time on multiple days (MON thru SUN).

Several options are available to control the operation of an event. The event may be entered and made "active", in which case it will run at it's programmed time on it's assigned days. An event may be made "inactive" in which case it will remain in the event list but will not run until it's status is changed to "active". A "one-time" event will run once at it's assigned day and time and then will delete itself from the list and an event set to "skip" will miss it's next assigned time slot and then resume it's normal operation.

When the GPI-1600 receives an event from the P.C. it attempts to execute that command via the system 'X-Y' bus. If it is successful it signals the P.C. that a command was successfully completed and the P.C. writes an entry into a log file on the hard drive describing the event and the time it took place (according to the PC's time clock). This log file (TALLY.DAT) may be viewed, edited, printed, trimmed or deleted entirely with a standard text editor. If the file is deleted or moved it will be restarted when the next successful event is run. The logging function may be defeated with the /L command line switch.

Several parameters of the automation software are set with command line switches. These command switches are typed on the command line in any order in the following manner:

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C:\SASAUTO\sasauto.exe /P=1 /G /L
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In the above example the automation software is started using serial port 1 (/P=1), using the GPI-1600's time reference (/G) and no tally log file is created (/L).

3.2 Software Operation

Events are displayed in the scrolling event window located in the top section of the screen. The events are displayed sorted first by day, MON thru SUN; then by time 00:00:00 thru 23:59:59; and then by opto. The opto events show up at the end of the time list for the day(s) on which they are programmed. If an event is to be run on multiple days a separate event is shown for each day (figure 1.1). At the bottom section of the screen a three event history window lists the last three events which have run and a single event window displays the next event to be executed. The very bottom of the screen displays the keyboard commands available for the current screen.

To edit an existing event move the screen cursor bar to the event to be edited and press <ENTER>. A dialog box displaying information about the event (figure 1.2) will appear and you may edit any of the event information by moving the blinking cursor to the appropriate location and entering the new information. When you are finished editing pressing the <F10> key will save the modified event by overwriting the old event with

the new information, pressing the <F5> key will retain the original event and add a new event with the modified information or pressing <ESC> will abort the changes and restore the original event data.

To create a new event the <INS> key is pressed and a blank dialog box is displayed. Once the information describing the event has been entered pressing the <F10> key saves the new event to the hard drive list. Pressing the <ESC> key at this point would close the dialog box without saving the event. To move the cursor from field to field within the dialog box the <UP ARROW>, <DOWN ARROW> or <TAB> keys may be used. The <LEFT ARROW> and <RIGHT ARROW> keys are used to position the cursor within the field to be edited. The Spacebar key or the mouse may be used to toggle button fields.

Error detection has been provided to prevent invalid time information or out of range input, output and relay numbers from being entered. The current system time is displayed at the top of the screen along with an indication if GPI-1600 time sync is being used, two information fields in the middle of the screen indicate the number of events in the list (Total Events), and the number of events to be processed (List Size). One event, active on 4 days equals Total Events[1] and List Size[4].

Current system status may be obtained using a dialog box which is activated by the F4 key. The system status box (figure 1.3) displays the current serial port settings, the amount of RAM memory left available on the P.C, the status of the serial connection with the GPI-1600, which time clock is currently active (PC or GPI), the version number of the software and contact information for Sierra Automated Systems.

MAIN SCREEN KEYBOARD COMMANDS:

- PgUP - Displays the previous screenfull of 8 events.
- PgDn - Displays the next screenfull of 8 events.
- Home - Displays the first 8 events in the list.
- End - Displays the last 8 events in the list.
- DnKey - Moves the cursor down 1 event.
- UpKey - Moves the cursor up 1 event.
- Enter - Displays information about the current event for editing.
- Ins - Displays blank dialog box for new event to be entered.
- Del - Deletes the event at the cursor position.
- F1 - Displays system help (Esc exits help screen).
- F2 - Writes an events report to the hard drive (report.txt).
- F3 - Forces cursor bar to next event to run.
- F4 - Displays program information and comm status.
- Esc - Exits the program (or help screen if active).

EVENT DIALOG BOX COMMANDS:

- UpKey - Moves the cursor up to the previous information field.
- DnKey - Moves the cursor down to the next information field.
- Tab - Moves the cursor down to the next information field.
- Enter - Moves the cursor down to the next information field.
- Left Key - Moves the cursor left within the information field.
- Right Key - Moves the cursor right within the information field.
- BkSpace - Deletes character left of the cursor (inactive in time field).
- Del - Deletes the character at the cursor location.
- SpaceBar - Toggles button fields on/off (days active, event type, etc).
- F5 - Adds edited event as a new event and maintains original event.
- F10 - Exits event dialog box and SAVES any changes made.
- Esc - Exits event dialog box and abandons any changes made.

COMMAND LINE OPTION SWITCHES:

- /? - Displays a listing of all available command line switches.
- /H - Displays a listing of all available command line switches.
- /G - Sets the automation software to use the GPI-1600 station time.
- /L - Defeats the event logging function to the TALLY.DAT file.
- /P=x - Specifies which com port is to be used (1 through 4).
- /B=xxxx - Specifies baud rate for the active port.
- /S=x - Specifies stop bits used for the active port.
- /D=x - Specifies data bits used for the active port.
- /T=x - Specifies parity for the active port (E=even, N=none, O=odd)

Default settings are: Com2, 19200 baud, 8N1, Use P.C's time clock and Event logging Active.

MAIN SCREEN:

SYSTEM TIME: Mon Jun 10 08:05:08 1996		SIERRA AUTOMATED SYSTEMS	
Day	Time Of Day	Event Title	Active
MON	09:00:00	This is the Title For Event #1	YES
MON	10:15:00	This is the Title For Event #2	YES
MON	11:45:00	This is the Title For Event #3	YES
MON	13:10:00	This is the Title For Event #4	YES
TUE	09:00:00	This is the Title For Event #1	YES
TUE	10:15:00	This is the Title For Event #2	SKIP
WED	09:00:00	This is the Title For Event #1	YES
THU	09:00:00	This is the Title For Event #1	YES
Total Events[4] - EVENT HISTORY AND UPCOMMING LIST - List Size[8]			
MON	09:00:00	This is the Title For Event #1	
Press ENTER to edit highlighted Event, F1 Help, F2 To Create A Report, F3 For Next To Run, F4 For Info, INS/DEL To Add/Remove An Event, ESC To Quit			

Figure 1.1

EVENT DIALOG BOX:

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      [ EVENT INFORMATION ]
Event Title This is the Title For Event #1
Time(hr:mn:sc) 09:00:00 Opto( )
Output [5 ] Input [5 ] Take(*) Sm On( ) Sm Off( )
Relay [1 ] Mom( ) Lt On( ) Lt Off( )
Event Active Yes(*) No( ) Skip( ) One Time( )
Active Days Mon(*) Tue(*) Wed(*) Thu(*) Fri( ) Sat( ) Sun( )
  
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Figure 1.2

SYSTEM INFORMATION BOX:

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PORT(COM2) BAUD(19200) CONN(YES)
FREEMEM 56K, 21823488K TIME(PC )
SYSTEMS AUTOMATION SOFTWARE 3.00
Sierra Automated Systems
2112 N. Glenoaks Blvd.
Burbank, CA 91504
(818) 840.6749
  
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Figure 1.3

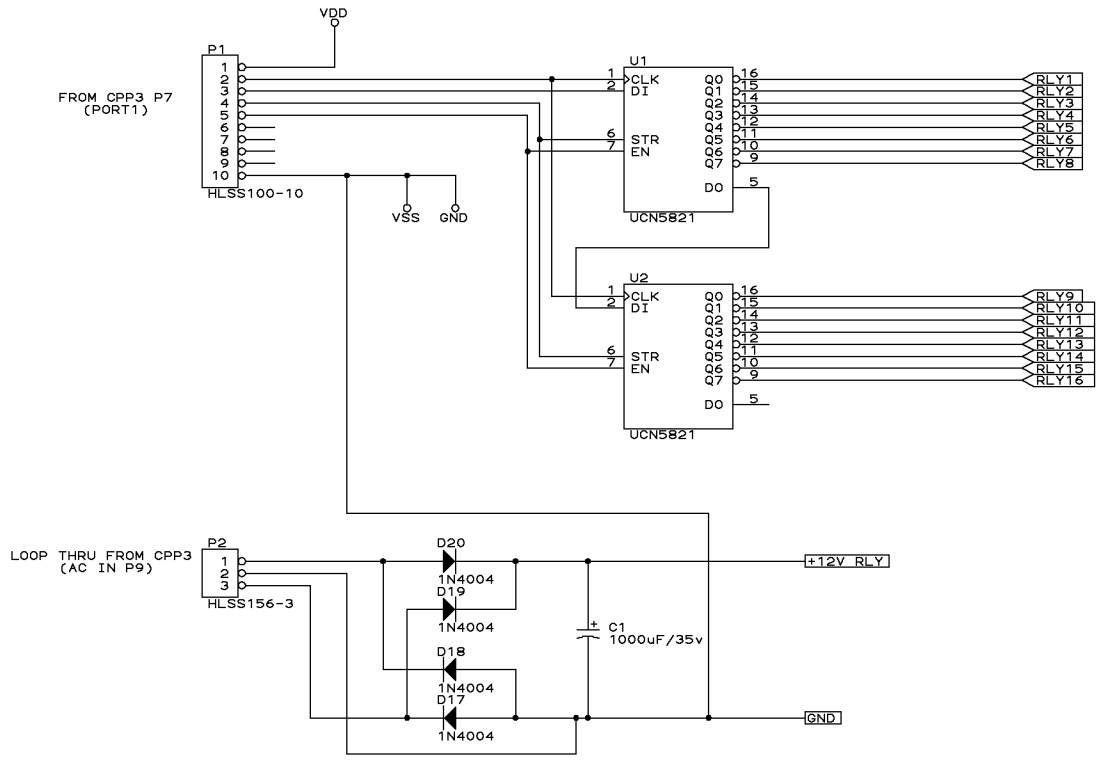
4.0 Specifications

System

SAS Switcher Interface	RS-485 Format, 76.8Kbaud Protocol: Internal SAS32000 XY bus
General purpose outputs (16)	Relay, Form C Contact, dual gold bifurcated crossbar 500 milliamp maximum Momentary closure duration 500 mSec
Opto-isolator inputs (16)	5 VDC / 1 milliamp minimum 24 VDC / 8 milliamp maximum Polarity sensitive
Serial Interface (to PC)	RS-232 Format, 19.2Kbaud 8 bits, 1 start, 1 stop, no parity
ESE Serial Interface	RS-232 Format, 1200 baud 8 bits, 1 start, 1 stop, no parity Requests time every 20 mSec
Internal Time Clock	PC clock

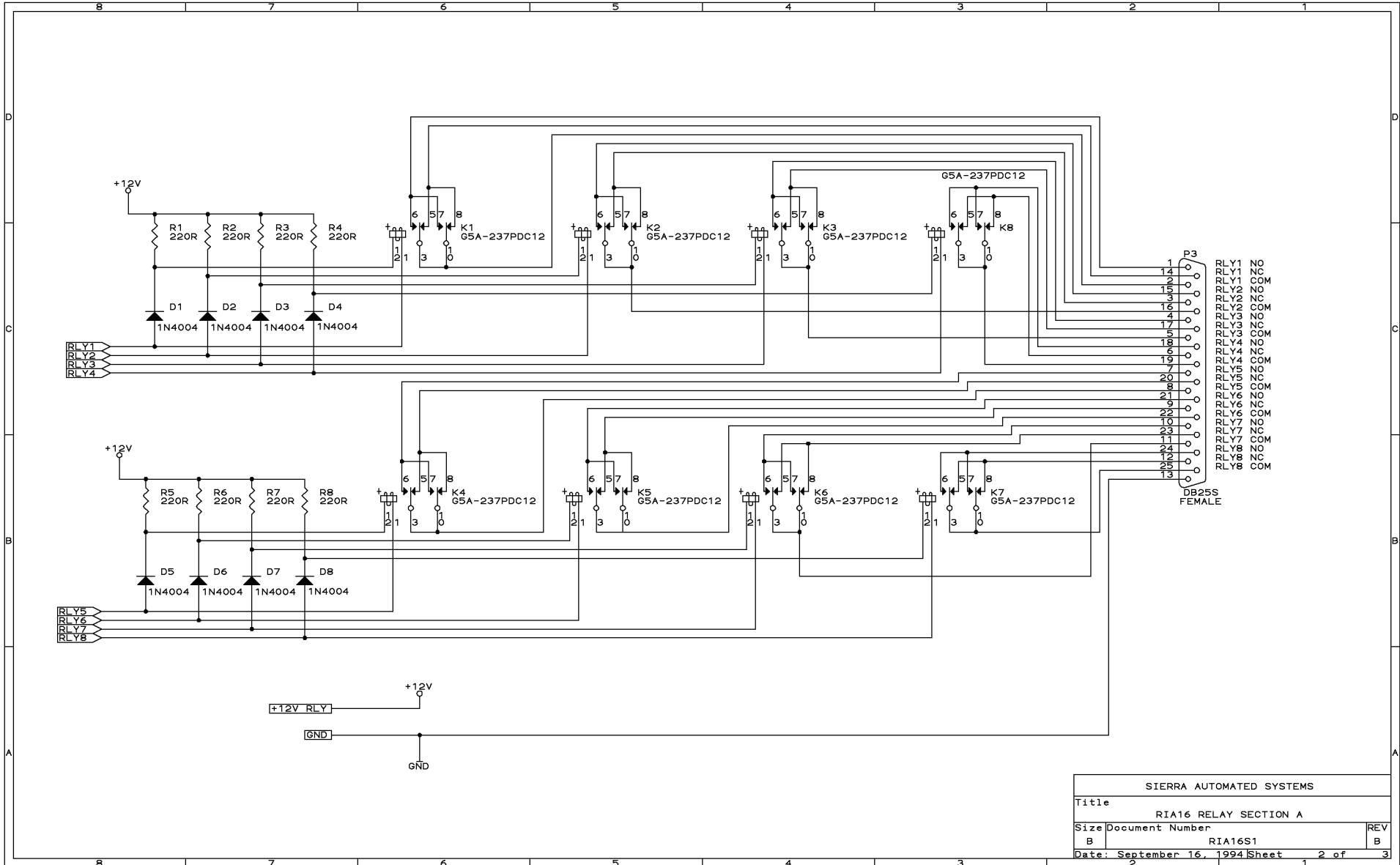
General

Power Requirements	115/230 VAC \pm 10%, 10 VA max.
Physical Size	1.725" X 19" X 10" (1 RU)

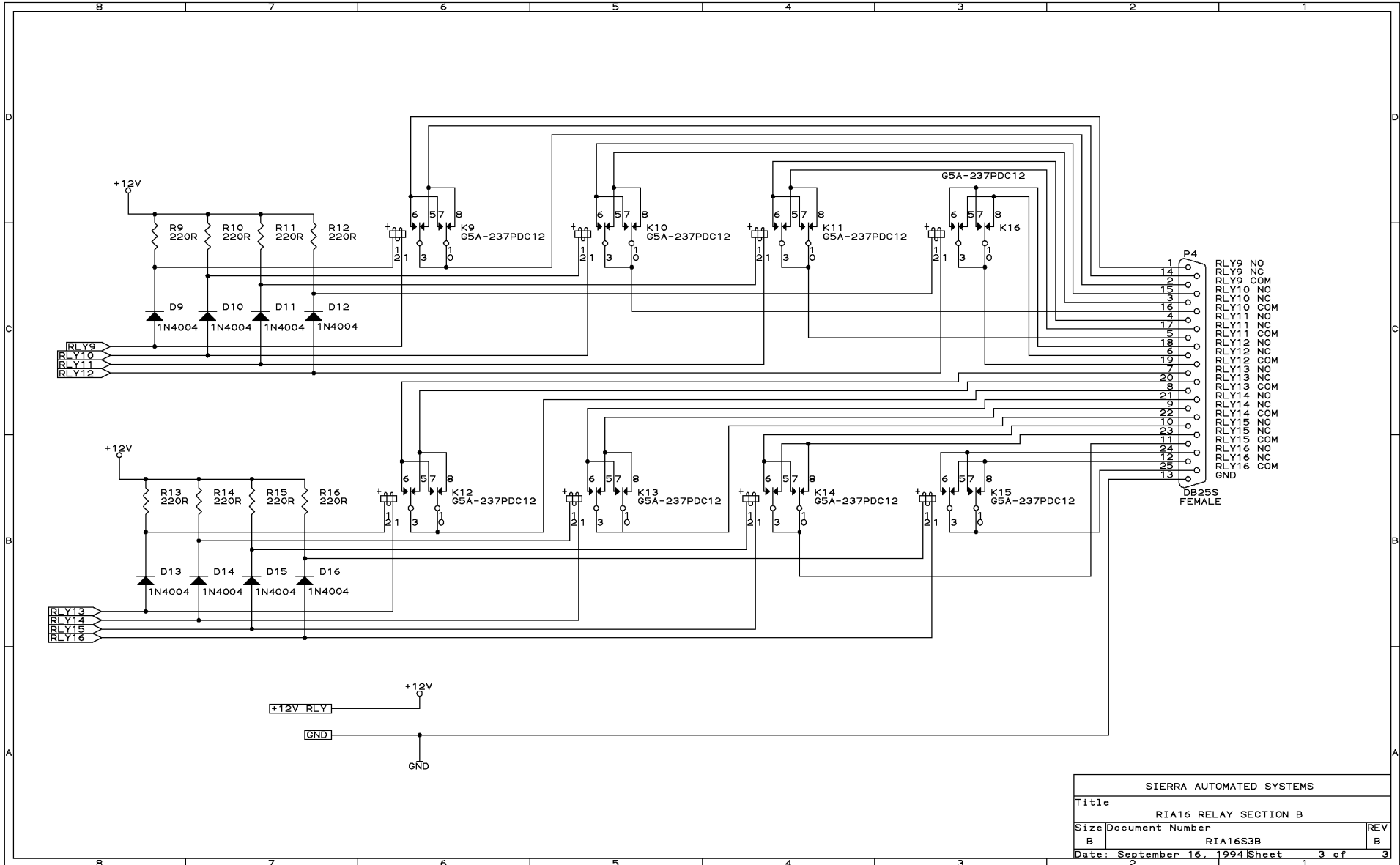


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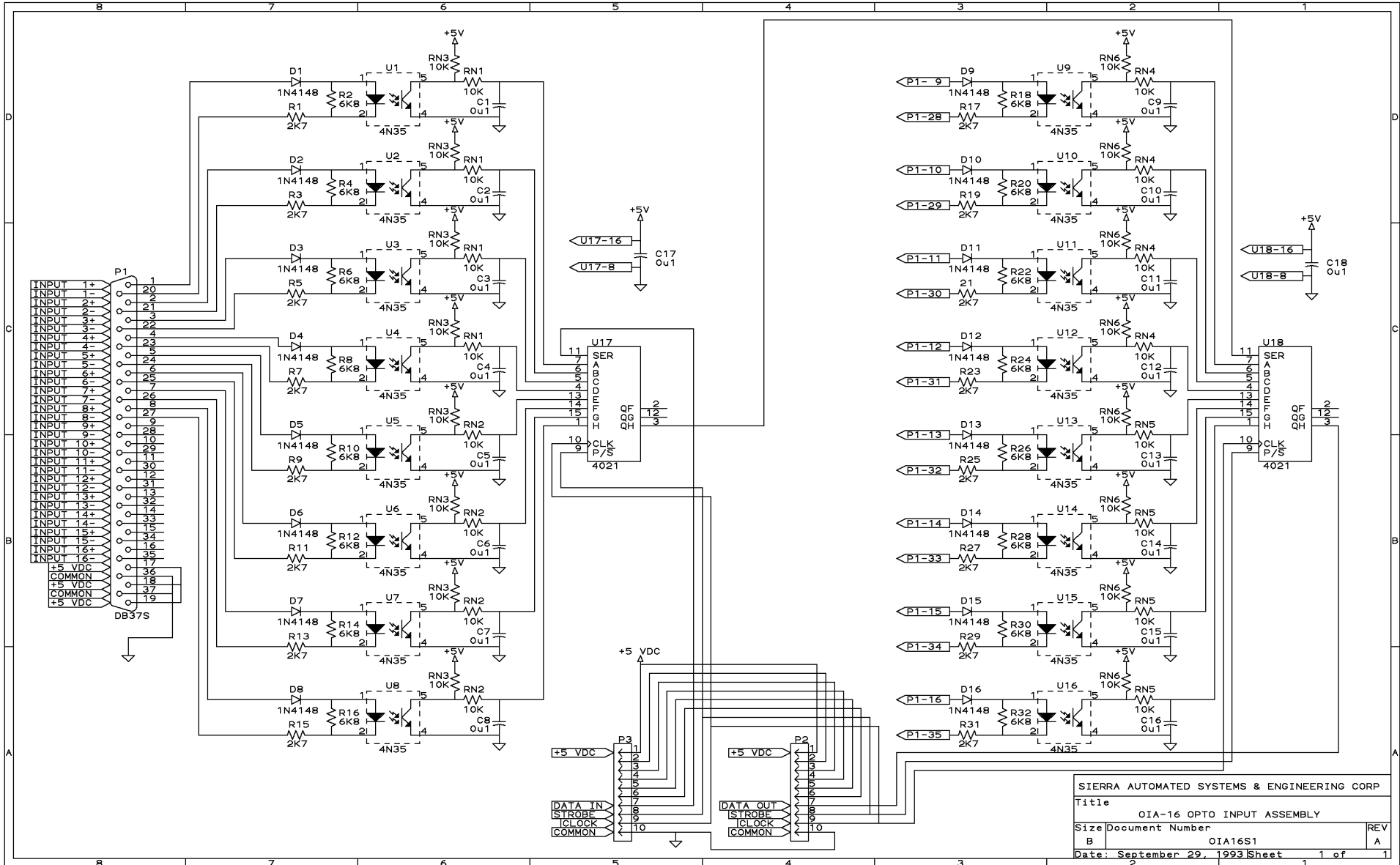
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