



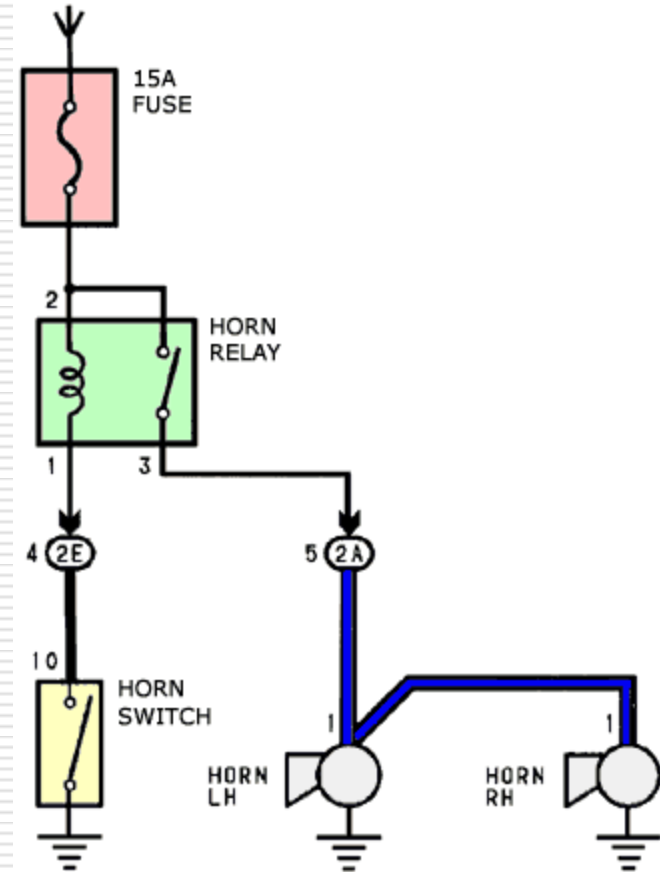
# Relay Operation

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- Relays are a remote control electrical switch that can be switched using low current to control a high current load.

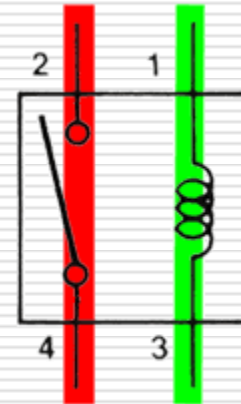




# Relay operation

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- ❑ Load side. (red)
- ❑ Control side. (green)

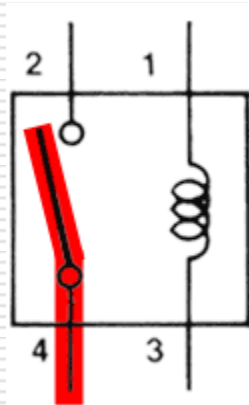




# Relay operation (off)

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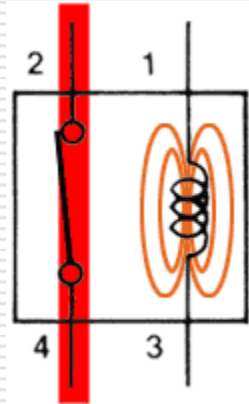
- ☐ Drawn in natural state
- ☐ Where is voltage present when load side is open?





# Relay operation (on)

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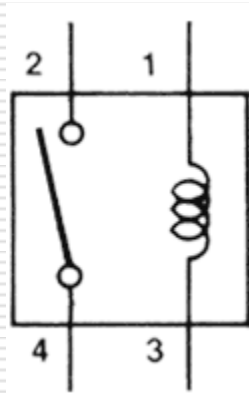


- When there is current through the coil of wire on the control side a magnetic field is produced.
- This magnetic field closed the contacts on the load side.



# Normally open

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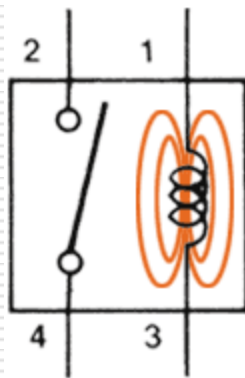
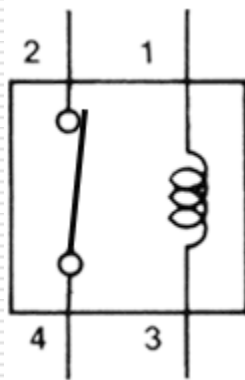


- ❑ In this relay's natural state it is in the normally open state.
- ❑ When the coil is energized the contacts are closed



# Normally closed

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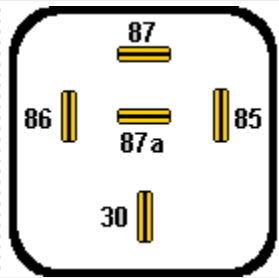


- ❑ In this relay's natural state it is in the normally closed state.
- ❑ When the coil is energized the contacts opened

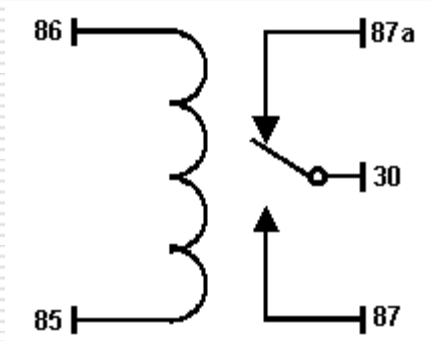


## Mini-ISO 5 pin

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- ☐ Five pin relay
- ☐ Most common
- ☐ Contains normally open and normally open contacts

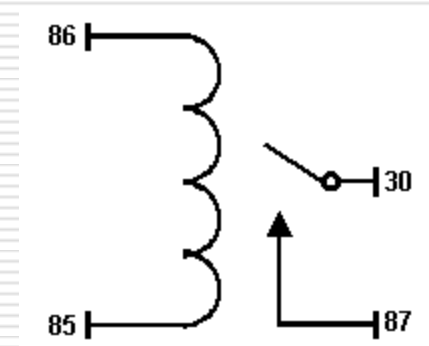
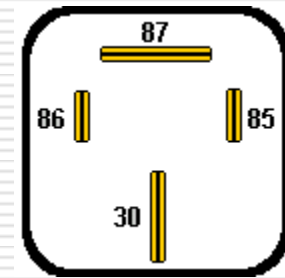






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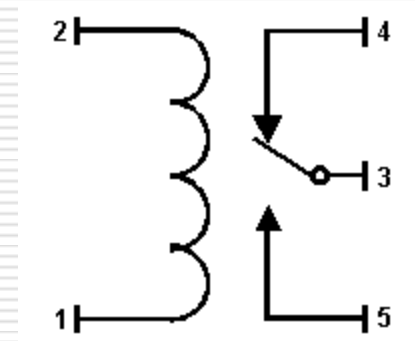
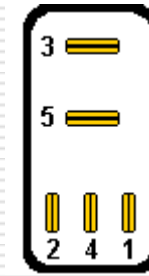
- ❑ 4 pin relay
- ❑ Contain either normally open or normally closed.





# Micro-ISO 5 pin

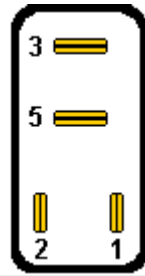
- ❑ 5 pin relay
- ❑ Very common
- ❑ Contains normally open and normally closed



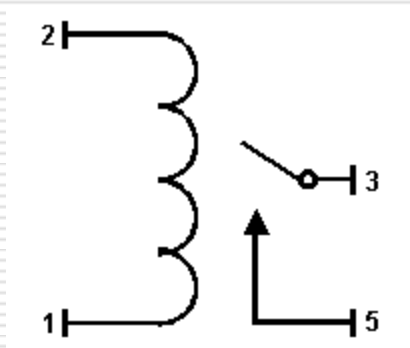


# Micro-ISO 4 pin

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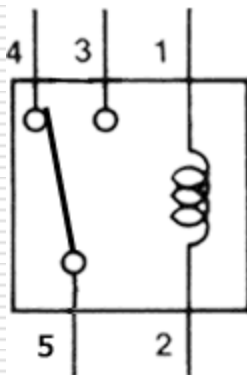
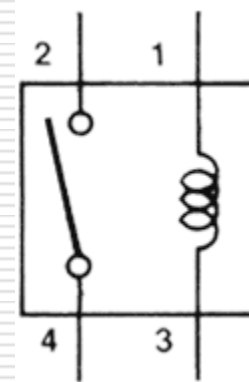
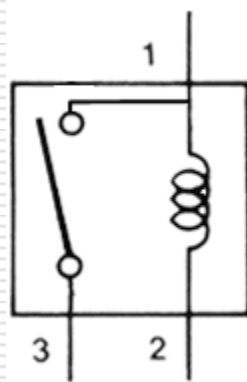


- ❑ 4 pin
- ❑ Contains either normally open or closed



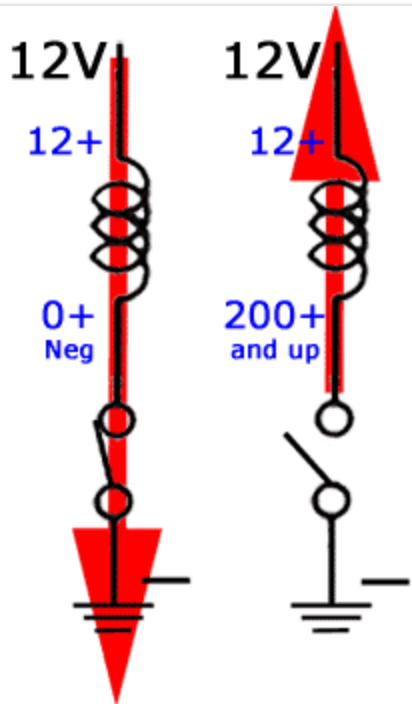


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# Voltage spikes



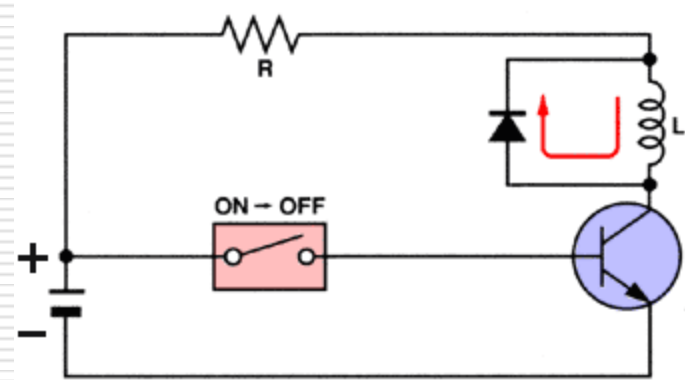
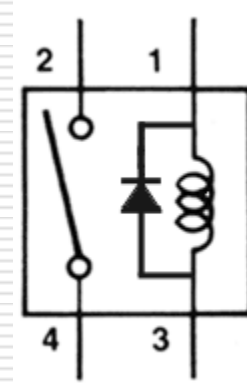
- When a coil collapses what is produced in the coil?





# Voltage suppression

- Diodes are used to suppress the voltage spike produced by collapsing the magnetic field





# Voltage suppression

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- ❑ Resistor
- ❑ The voltage spike is forced to go through the resistor.

