A MOSFET relay offers superior performance to an electromechanical relay in many applications. It is a solid-state device that replaces a coil-activated mechanical switch with an optically isolated input stage driving a MOSFET.

Internally, a MOSFET relay includes an input-side LED and an output side with a photodiode dome array (PDA), a control circuit, and an output FET block. The operation is as follows:

1. The input driver circuit causes current to flow through the LED, turning it on. The driver circuit can be as simple as a pullup resistor on pin 1 and a switch to ground on pin 2.
2. The light from the LED output travels through the silicone resin and is converted to voltage by the PDA.
3. The PDA output drives the MOSFET output block via a control circuit. The output block contains a double MOSFET, allowing it to pass both AC and DC loads in either direction.

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MOSFET Relay Advantages

Compared to traditional relays, MOSFET relays offer many benefits, including lower maintenance costs, a smaller footprint, a longer lifetime (greater than 500 million operations), and higher-speed switching.

MOSFET relays also outperform other electronic technologies such as thyristors, bipolar transistors, and triacs. They have hot-switching capability, are bi-directional, and support both AC and DC waveforms.

Compared to solid-state relays from other manufacturers, OMRON’s G3VM relays feature single- (white) and double- (black) mold packages that give the designer the widest choice of high-sensitivity and high-dielectric-strength devices.

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DIP: Dual Inline Package
SOP: Small Outline Package
SSOP: Shrink Small Outline Package
USOP: Ultra Small Outline Package
VSON: Very Small Outline Non-Leaded
S-VSON: Super-VSON (smallest package)

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Omron’s G3VM MOSFET relay family includes more than 148 devices that handle a wide range of voltages and currents. Options include current limiting, high-dielectric-voltage withstand, normally open and normally closed contact forms, and high-speed switching.

Features:
- A wide range of packages: DIP, SOP, SSOP, USOP, VSON, and S-VSON
- S-VSON package is the smallest in the industry: 2 x 1.45 x 1.65 mm
- Single- and dual-contact models available with both NO and NC contacts
- ON-resistance as low as 5 mΩ (typical)
- OFF-state capacitance as low as 0.3 pF (typical)
- Trigger LED forward currents as low as 0.2 mA
- Switching times down to 0.2 ms
- Models including current limiting functions also available
- 100,000 hours of continuous operation
- Dielectric strength up to 5,000 Vac for 1 second
- Models switching up to 10 A* in such a small package
OMRON MOSFET relays are ideal for a wide range of applications:

- Automated test equipment
- Medical equipment
- Instrumentation
- Security equipment
- Automated meter reading
- Automotive diagnostic equipment
- Gaming machines
- Vending machines
- Factory Automation
- Industrial Equipment
- Telecommunications
  - Line switching
  - Signal transmission control
- Networking
  - Local area networks (LANs)
  - Routers
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