Rack-Mounted | USB & Ethernet Control

Solid-State 8 x SP8T Switch Rack ZTS-8SP8T-63

50Ω 10-6000 MHz

Product Overview

Mini-Circuits' ZTS series platform allows multiple solid-state switch types to be combined and integrated into a single rack-mount package with software control via USB and Ethernet.

ZTS-8SP8T-63 accommodates 8 independent SP8T switches, each operating from 10 MHz to 6 GHz with fast switching and high isolation. All SMA female RF connections (COM and ports 1-8 for each switch) are accessible on the front of the 19-inch 4U height rack chassis.

The system can be controlled via USB or Ethernet (supporting both HTTP and Telnet network protocols). Full software support is provided, including our user-friendly GUI application for Windows and a full API with programming instructions for Windows and Linux environments (both 32-bit and 64-bit systems).

Key Features

Feature	Advantages
High performance switches	Mini-Circuits' high performance solid-state switch modules are used, combining fast switching with high isolation
Rack-mountable chassis	The 4U height, rack-mountable chassis allows easy integration into automated production test environments
Ethernet-TCP/IP (HTTP & Telnet)	Remote control from any Windows®, Mac®, or Linux® computer, or even a mobile device with a network connection and Ethernet-TCP/IP (HTTP or Telnet protocols) support. Using a VPN would allow remote control from anywhere in the world.
USB HID (Human Interface Device)	Local control via USB connection. Plug-and-Play, no driver required. Compatible with Windows® or Linux® operating systems using 32 and 64 bit architectures.
Full software support	The user friendly Windows GUI (graphical user interface automation) allows manual control straight out of the box. A full API (application programming interface), programming examples and manuals are provided to allow automation in most programming environments.

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Mechanical Specifications

Dimensions	19" (W) x 4U (H) x 13" (D)
Case Material	Aluminum (with protective coatings to prevent corrosion)
Case Drawing	99-01-2475
RF Connectors	SMA female
Front panel	a) 8 x SP8T switches, each with ports COM and 1-8 b) ON/OFF switch with indicator light c) Carry handles
Rear panel	a) Trigger In and Trigger Out ports (BNC female) b) AC mains power supply input c) USB & RJ45 control connections d) Label with date code/serial number/MCL part# for traceability
Control Interface	a) USB and Ethernet TCP/IP supporting HTTP and TELNET protocols
Power supply	a) AC mains power supply (90-260 V, 47-63 Hz) b) 2A, 250V fuse rating
Operating temp	0° to +50° C

Electrical Specifications at 25°C (per Switch)

Parameter	Port	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Operating Frequency			10		6000	MHz
Insertion Loss	COM to any active port	10 to 700 MHz	–	3.2	4.5	dB
		700 to 2500 MHz	–	3.9	5.5	
		2500 to 5000 MHz	–	5.2	6.5	
		5000 to 6000 MHz	–	5.8	7.5	
Isolation	Between any of ports J1 to J8	10 to 700 MHz	80	100	–	dB
		700 to 2500 MHz	70	87	–	
		2500 to 5000 MHz	52	69	–	
		5000 to 6000 MHz	50	60	–	
	COM to any terminated port	10 to 700 MHz	78	100	–	
		700 to 5000 MHz	73	98	–	
		700 to 5000 MHz	58	76	–	
		5000 to 6000 MHz	54	65	–	
VSWR	COM port	10 to 700 MHz	–	1.40	–	:1
		700 to 2500 MHz	–	1.25	–	
		2500 to 5000 MHz	–	1.25	–	
		5000 to 6000 MHz	–	1.25	–	
	Any port connected to COM	10 to 700 MHz	–	1.45	–	
		700 to 2500 MHz	–	1.25	–	
		2500 to 5000 MHz	–	1.25	–	
		5000 to 6000 MHz	–	1.25	–	
	Any terminated port	10 to 700 MHz	–	1.15	–	
		700 to 2500 MHz	–	1.15	–	
		2500 to 5000 MHz	–	1.15	–	
		5000 to 6000 MHz	–	1.20	–	
Power Input @1 dB Compression [1,2]	COM to any active port	100 to 6000 MHz	–	35	–	dBm
IP3 [2,3]	COM to any active port	100 to 6000 MHz	–	50	–	dBm
Transition Time [4]	–	–	–	200	300	ns
Minimum dwell time [5]	High Speed Mode	–	–	25	–	µs
Switching Time (USB) [6]	–	–	–	2	–	ms
Operating RF Input Power [1]	Any active port to COM port	Hot Switching	–	–	+23	dBm
	Any active port to COM port	Cold Switching	–	–	+30	
	Any terminated port	–	–	–	+23	
	COM to any port	–	–	–	+30	

[1] Max power at through path derates linearly from +30 dBm @ 40 MHz to +23 dBm @10 MHz

[2] Compression and IP3 may degrade below 100 MHz.

[3] IP3 Tested with 1 MHz span between signals.

[4] Transition time spec represents the time that the RF signal paths are interrupted during switching and thus is specified without communication delays.

[5] Minimum dwell time is the shortest time that can be achieved between 2 switch transitions when programming an automated switch sequence.

[6] Switching time(USB) is the time from issuing a single software command via USB to the switch state changing. The most significant factor is the host PC, influenced by CPU load and USB protocol. The time shown is an estimate for a medium CPU load and USB 2.0 connection.

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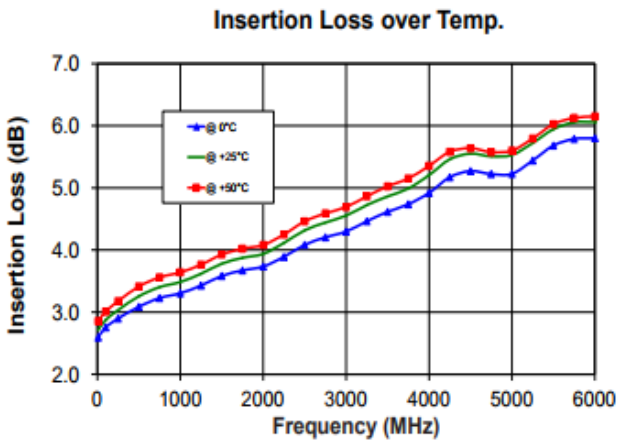
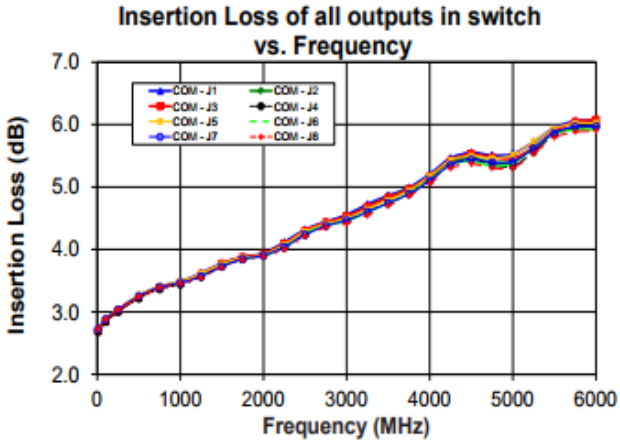
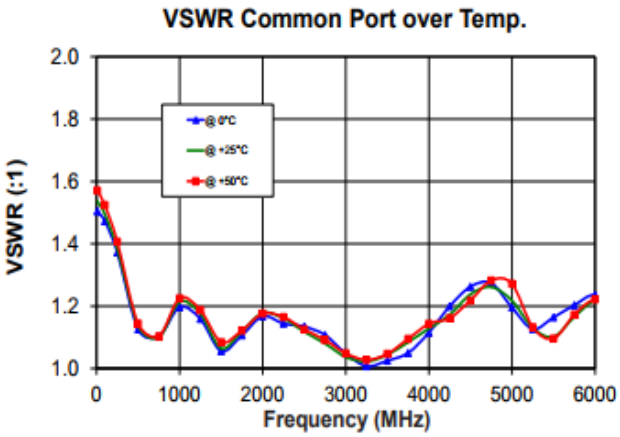
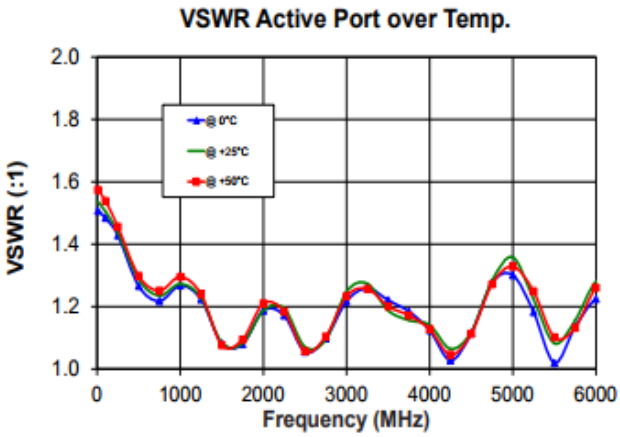
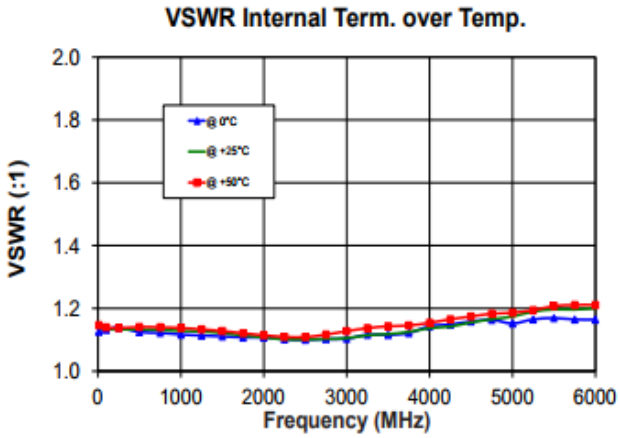
Typical Performance Data (per Switch)

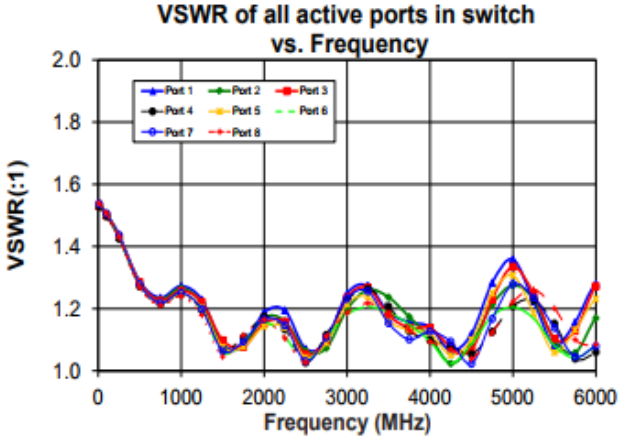












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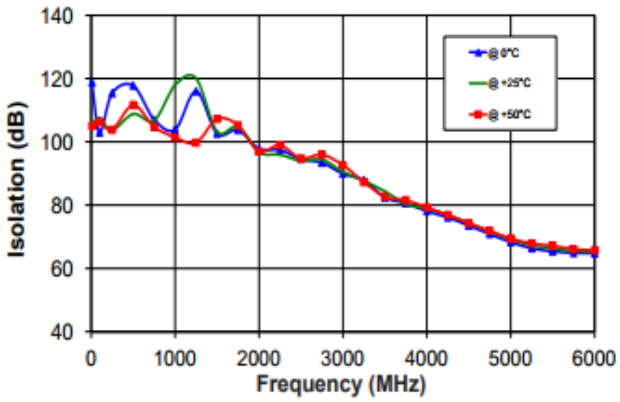

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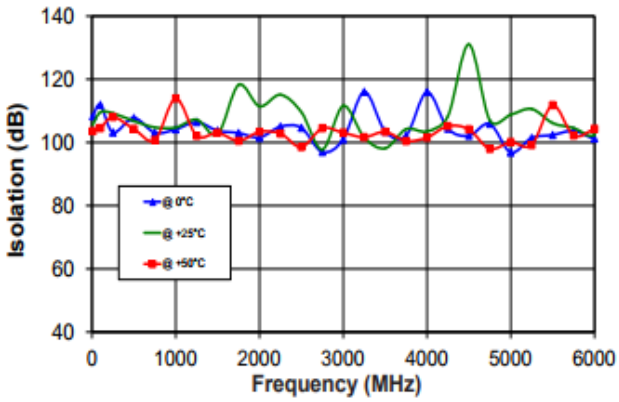

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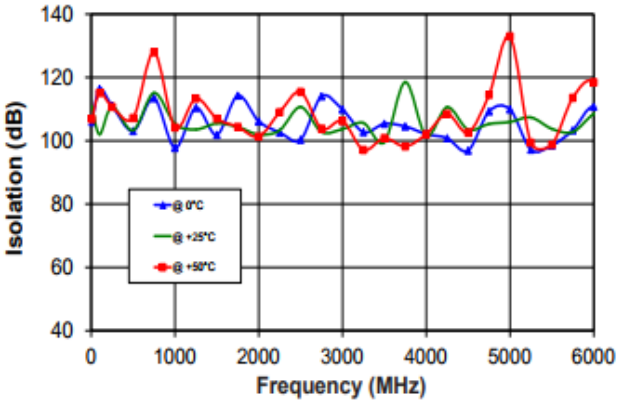

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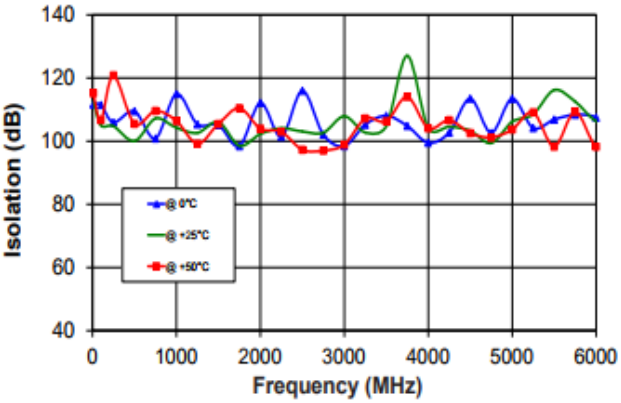

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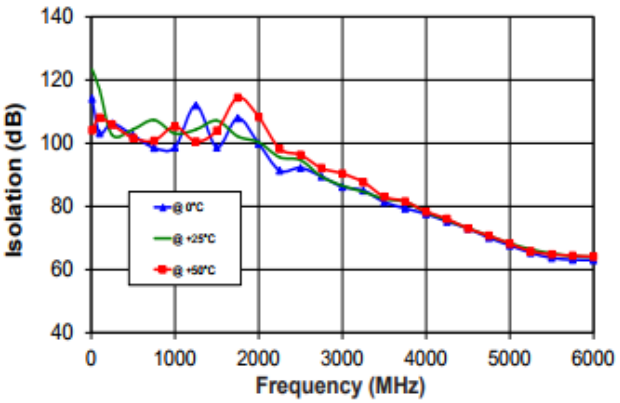

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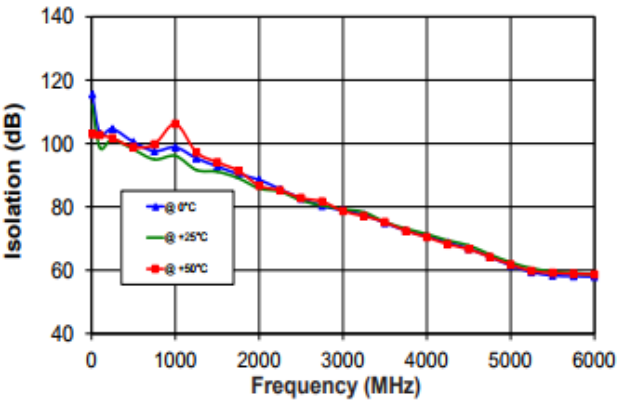

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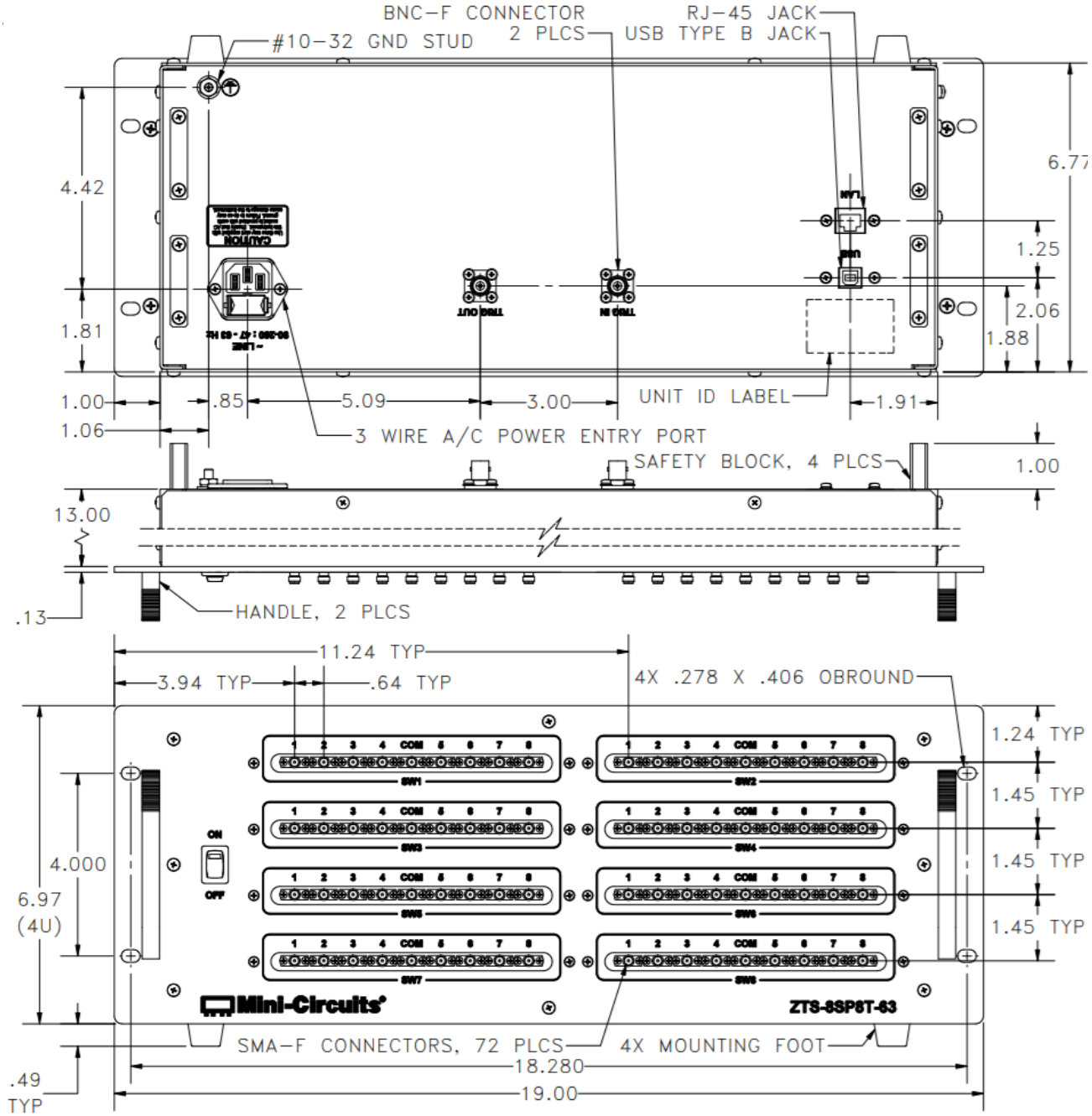
Outline Drawing



Software Specifications

Software & Documentation Download:

- Mini-Circuits' full software and support package including user guide, Windows GUI, DLL files, programming manual and examples are available for download from:
  https://www.minicircuits.com/softwaredownload/multissw.html
- Please contact testsolutions@minicircuits.com for support

Minimum System Requirements:

Parameter	Requirements	
Interface	USB HID & Ethernet (HTTP & Telnet)	
System Requirements	GUI	Windows 98 or later
	USB API DLL	Windows 98 or later and programming environment with ActiveX or .NET support
	USB Direct Programming	Linux; Windows 98 or later
	Ethernet	Windows, Linux or Mac computer with a network port and Ethernet TCP / IP support
Hardware	Pentium II or later with 256 MB RAM	

Application Programming Interface (API)

Ethernet Support:

- Simple ASCII / SCPI command set for attenuator control
- Communication via HTTP or Telnet
- Supported by most common programming environments

USB Support (Windows):

- ActiveX COM DLL file for creation of 32-bit programs
- .NET library DLL file for creation of 32 / 64-bit programs
- Supported by most common programming environments (refer to application note AN-49-001 for summary of supported environments)

USB Support (Linux):

- Direct USB programming using a series of USB interrupt codes

Full programming instructions and examples available for a wide range of programming environments / languages.

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Graphical User Interface (GUI) for Windows - Key Features

- Connect via USB or Ethernet
- Run GUI in “demo mode” to evaluate software without a hardware connection
- View and set all switch states
- Configure Ethernet settings
- Upgrade firmware
- Send SCPI commands
- View temperature & fan status