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# Rack-Mount SPDT Switch Matrix

# ZTRC-8SPDT-A18

50Ω DC to 18 GHz



## The Big Deal

- Rack-mount switch system, 8 x SPDT
- High reliability, 10 million switch cycles
- 20W power rating (cold switching)
- High isolation, 85 dB typ



Software Package

Case Style: 99-01-2683

## Typical Applications

- Automated test equipment
- Fail-safe / redundancy switching
- Switch matrices

### RoHS Compliant

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## Product Overview

Mini-Circuits' ZTRC-8SPDT-A18 comprises 8 independently controlled, electro-mechanical SPDT switches. Each switch operates over a wide bandwidth, from DC to 18 GHz with high isolation (85 dB typical), low insertion loss (0.2 dB typical) and high input power rating (20W for cold switching). The switches are of a failsafe and break-before-make-configuration using a patented design which ensures long-term reliability, with a minimum lifetime of 10 million switching cycles when used within the noted specifications.

The switch system is housed in a rugged 19" rack chassis, 2U height, with 24 SMA (f) RF connectors and LED switch position indicators on the front panel. The switches are controlled via USB or Ethernet, allowing control directly from a PC, or remotely over a network. 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

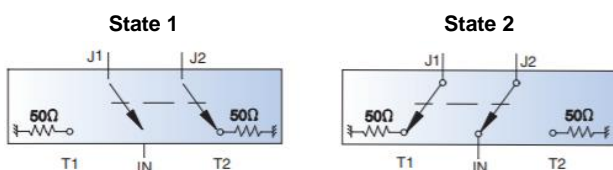
Feature	Advantages
8 independent SPDT switches	Flexible front panel switch arrangement in a compact rack-mountable chassis supports a wide range of signal routing applications.
Fail-safe design	The switches revert to a known default state when the DC supply is removed, allowing their use in systems that must continue to operate safely in the event of power failure
Break-before-make configuration	Prevents a momentary connection of the old and new signal paths, reducing the inconsistent transient effects that could otherwise be observed during switching
USB & Ethernet control	USB HID and Ethernet (HTTP / Telnet) interfaces provide easy compatibility with a wide range of software setups and programming environments
Full software support	User friendly Windows GUI (graphical user interface) allows manual control straight out of the box, while the comprehensive API (application programming interface) with examples and instructions allows easy automation in most programming environments



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Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Frequency Range		DC		18	GHz
Insertion Loss	DC – 1 GHz		0.10	0.15	dB
	1 – 8 GHz		0.15	0.30	
	8 – 12 GHz		0.25	0.40	
	12 – 18 GHz		0.30	0.50	
Isolation	DC – 1 GHz	85	100		dB
	1 – 8 GHz	75	90		
	8 – 12 GHz	70	80		
	12 – 18 GHz	60	66		
VSWR	DC – 1 GHz		1.05	1.10	:1
	1 – 8 GHz		1.20	1.30	
	8 – 12 GHz		1.20	1.35	
	12 – 18 GHz		1.25	1.40	
Switching Time			25		ms
RF Input Power <sup>1,2</sup>	Cold switching			20	W
Switch Lifetime (per Switch) <sup>3</sup>	@ 100 mW hot switching	10			million cycles
	@ 1 W hot switching		3		
AC Input		90-260 V, 47-63 Hz			

**Switch States (per Switch):****Absolute Maximum Ratings:**

RF Power (Through Path)	20 W
RF Power (Internal Termination)	1 W
Operating Temperature	0°C to 40°C
Storage Temperature	-15°C to 85°C

## Notes:

1. Power handling is specified with RF applied to the COM port and external load connected to either 1 or 2 of the respective switch
2. Cold switching describes switch operation where there is no significant user signal present at the moment the switch contacts open or close.
3. Hot switching powers above this level will degrade the switch lifetime

**Connections:**

Port Name	Connector Type
Switch Ports (Switch A-H, Ports 1-2 per Switch)	24 x SMA female
USB	USB type-B
Ethernet / LAN	RJ45
AC Input	C14 AC mains input

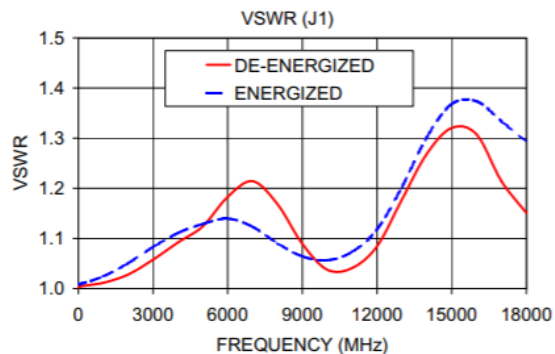
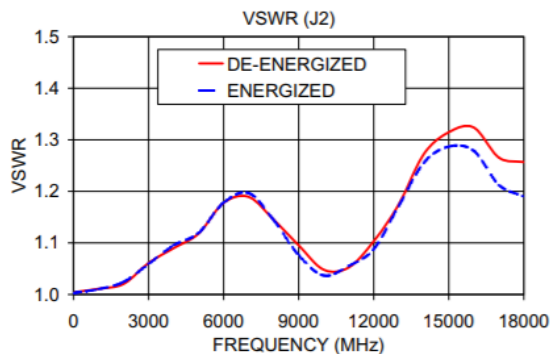
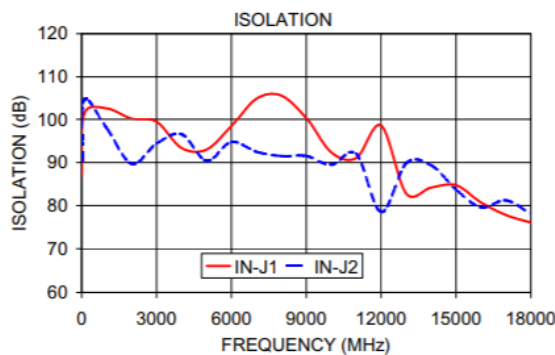
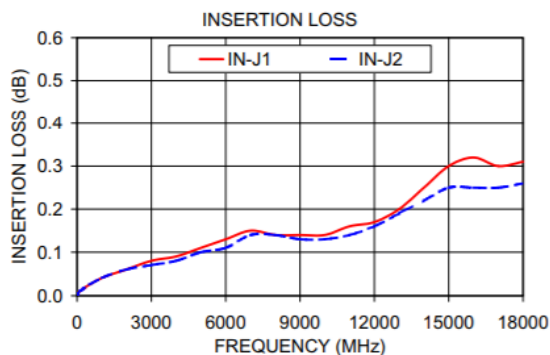
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## Typical Performance Data (per Switch)

FREQ. (MHz)	ON INSERTION LOSS (dB)		OFF ISOLATION (dB)		VSWR, IN (:1)		VSWR, (J2) (:1)		VSWR (J1) (:1)	
	COM-J1	COM-J2	COM-J1	COM-J2	COM-J1	COM-J2	COM-J1	COM-J2	COM-J1	COM-J2
10.00	0.00	0.00	86.92	90.23	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.01
100.00	0.01	0.01	101.44	104.72	1.00	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.01
1000.00	0.04	0.04	102.68	97.93	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.02
2000.00	0.06	0.06	100.29	89.71	1.02	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.03	1.05
3000.00	0.08	0.07	99.44	94.36	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.08
4000.00	0.09	0.08	93.35	96.55	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.10	1.09	1.11
5000.00	0.11	0.10	92.98	90.42	1.12	1.13	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.13
6000.00	0.13	0.11	98.44	94.76	1.16	1.18	1.18	1.18	1.18	1.14
7000.00	0.15	0.14	104.93	92.46	1.18	1.21	1.19	1.20	1.21	1.12
8000.00	0.14	0.14	105.64	91.48	1.14	1.17	1.15	1.14	1.17	1.09
9000.00	0.14	0.13	100.36	91.51	1.09	1.09	1.10	1.08	1.09	1.06
10000.00	0.14	0.13	92.35	89.45	1.04	1.04	1.05	1.04	1.04	1.06
11000.00	0.16	0.14	91.02	91.97	1.04	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.04	1.07
12000.00	0.17	0.16	98.57	78.50	1.10	1.08	1.10	1.09	1.08	1.12
13000.00	0.20	0.19	82.82	89.80	1.19	1.17	1.17	1.17	1.18	1.20
14000.00	0.25	0.22	84.16	89.36	1.27	1.26	1.27	1.26	1.27	1.30
15000.00	0.30	0.25	84.72	83.73	1.32	1.32	1.31	1.29	1.32	1.37
16000.00	0.32	0.25	80.73	79.61	1.31	1.32	1.32	1.28	1.31	1.37
17000.00	0.30	0.25	77.82	81.23	1.30	1.23	1.27	1.21	1.21	1.33
18000.00	0.31	0.26	76.06	78.10	1.27	1.17	1.26	1.19	1.15	1.29

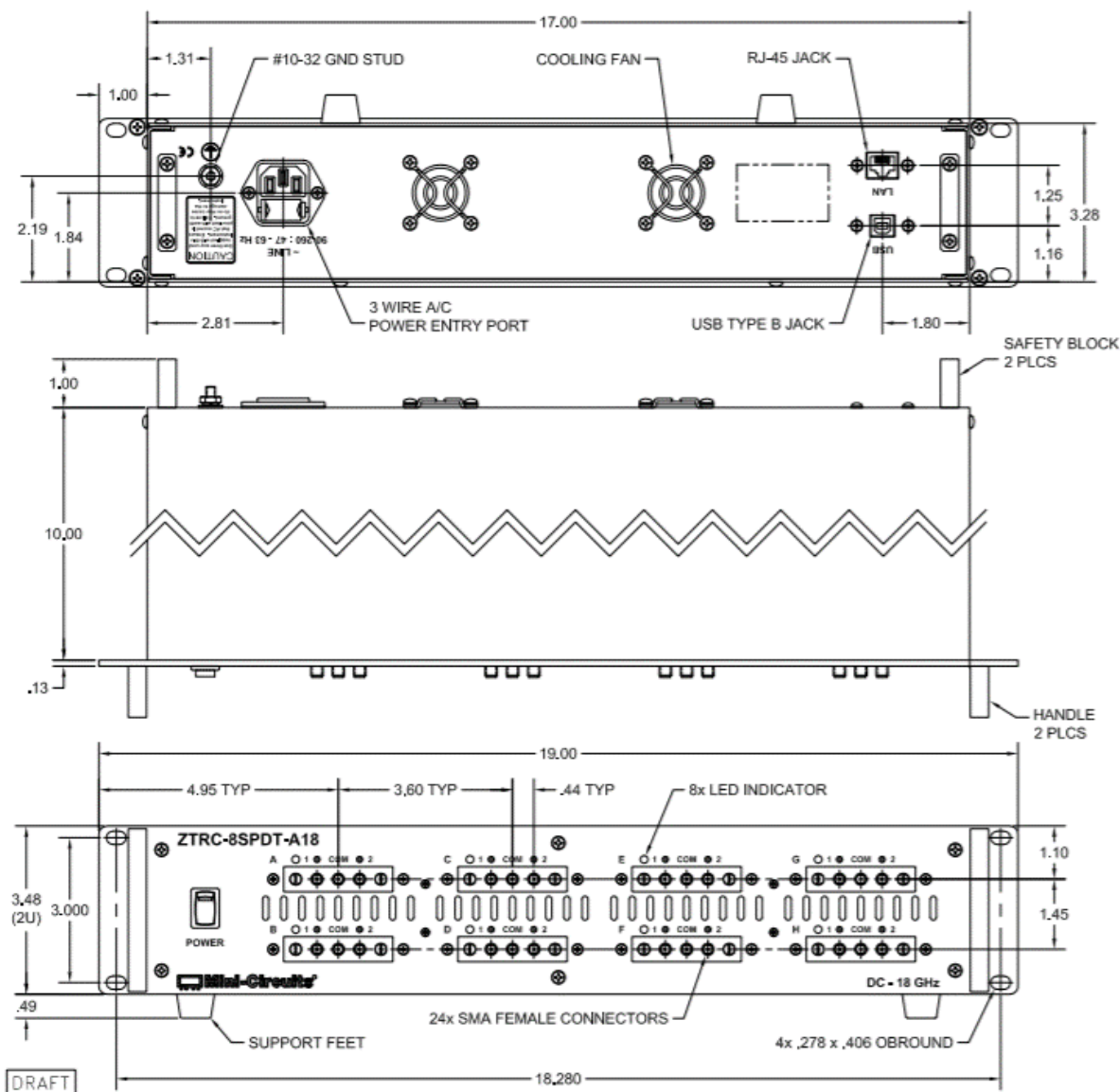


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## Outline Drawing / Dimensions (99-01-2683)



## Software Specifications

### Software & Documentation Download:

- Mini-Circuits' full software and support package including user guide, Windows GUI, DLL files, programming manual and examples can be downloaded free of charge from <https://www.minicircuits.com/softwaredownload/rfswitchcontroller.html>
- Please contact [testsolutions@minicircuits.com](mailto: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)

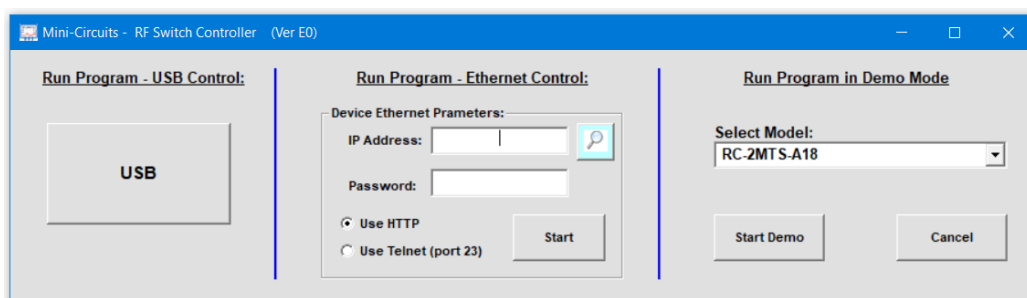
#### USB Support (Linux):

- Direct USB programming using a series of USB interrupt codes

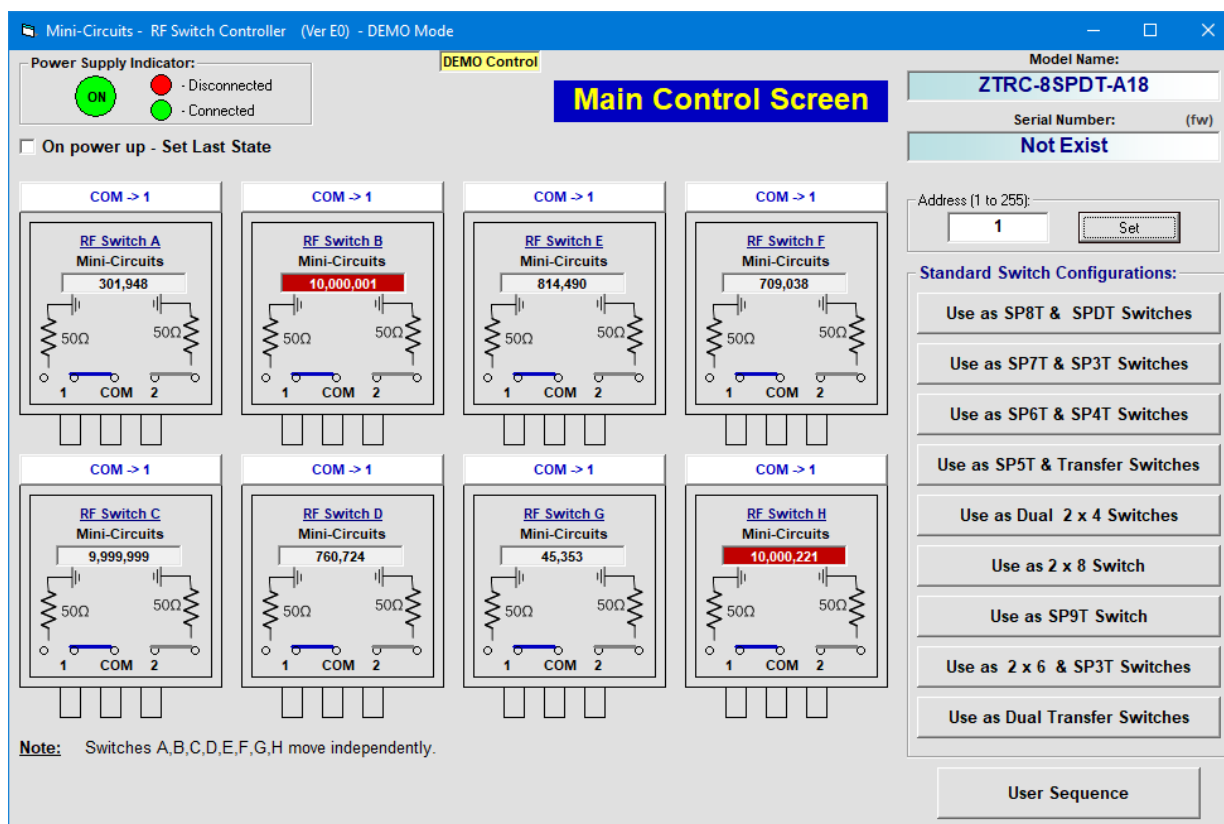
Full programming instructions and examples available for a wide range of programming environments / languages.

## 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 switch states at the click of a button
- Configure and run timed switching sequences
- Set start-up switch state
- Configure Ethernet IP settings



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## Ordering Information

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Model	Description
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Included Accessories	Part No.	Description
	CBL-3W-XX	AC Power Cord (Select one power cord from below with each Switch Matrix box)
	USB-CBL-AB-3+	2.7 ft (0.8 m) USB Cable: USB type A(Male) to USB type B(Male)

AC Power Cords	Part No.	Description
	CBL-3W-US	Power Cord for United States
	CBL-3W-EU	Power Cord for Europe
	CBL-3W-UK	Power Cord for United Kingdom

Optional Accessories	Description
USB-CBL-AB-3+ (Spare)	2.7 ft (0.8 m) USB Cable: USB type A(Male) to USB type B(Male)
USB-CBL-AB-7+	6.8 ft (2.1 m) USB Cable: USB type A(Male) to USB type B(Male)
USB-CBL-AB-11+	11 ft (3.4 m) USB Cable: USB type A(Male) to USB type B(Male)
CBL-RJ45-MM-5+	5 ft (1.5 m) Ethernet cable: RJ45(Male) to RJ45(Male) Cat 5E cable

### Additional Notes

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