

# Xtra Long Life SPDT Switch

MSP2TA-18-12+  
MSP2TA-18-12BM+

50Ω DC to 18 GHz, 12 Volt, Absorptive

## The Big Deal

- Extra long life - 10 million cycles
- Low insertion loss, 0.25 dB
- High isolation, 80 dB
- Absorptive
- Reliable sleep mode switching



## Product Overview

Mini-Circuits' MSP2TA Series are ultra-reliable, rugged-duty absorptive fail-safe SP2T switches designed in break-before-make configuration offering an Ultra long switching life. Powered by +12VDC, the device has a typical switching speed of 20 milliseconds, insertion loss of 0.25 dB and high isolation of 80 dB. The MSP2TA Series are suitable for use across a wide range of applications, including switching for automated test equipment and redundancy switching.

## Key Features

Feature	Advantages
Extra long service life	Exceptionally long service life improves system reliability and reduces the need to replace switches often, making it ideal for automatic test systems.
High isolation, 80 dB typ.	Prevents interference from unwanted signals, ensuring signal integrity and accuracy of testing.
Reliable sleep-mode switching	Offers dependable performance even after being set at a fixed position for prolonged periods. Highly-reliable sleep mode switching averts failures due to "wake up," making it suitable for automatic testing as well as redundancy switching applications.
High repeatability between switching cycles	High repeatability of insertion loss between switching cycles ensures reliable performance critical for automated testing and other measurement applications.



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## Features

- low voltage operation, 12V
- low insertion loss, 0.25 dB typ.
- high isolation, 80 dB typ.
- high power handling, 20W
- ultra reliable
- break-before-make configuration
- absorptive failsafe switch
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## Applications

- Automatic Test Equipment (ATE)
- redundancy switching for microwave radio

## MSP2TA-18-12+ MSP2TA-18-12BM+



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MSP2TA-18-12+ MSP2TA-18-12BM+ (Base Mount)

Model No.	Connectors	Bracket Option	Case Style
MSP2TA-18-12+	SMA	—	FP914
MSP2TA-18-12BM+	SMA	Base Mount	FP914-BM

See Page 4 for Mounting Options Available  
Option must be specified when ordering

### +RoHS Compliant

The +Suffix identifies RoHS Compliance. See our web site for RoHS Compliance methodologies and qualifications

## Electrical Specifications

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ. (Note 1)	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range		DC	—	18	GHz
Insertion Loss	DC - 1 GHz	—	0.10	0.15	dB
	1 - 8	—	0.15	0.30	
	8 - 12	—	0.25	0.40	
	12 - 18	—	0.30	0.50	
Isolation	DC - 1 GHz	85	100	—	dB
	1 - 8	75	90	—	
	8 - 12	70	80	—	
	12 - 18	60	66	—	
VSWR (Note 2)	DC - 1 GHz	—	1.05	1.10	:1
	1 - 8	—	1.20	1.30	
	8 - 12	—	1.20	1.35	
	12 - 18	—	1.15	1.40	
Control Signal (Note 3)	at 12V	—	350	430	mA
RF Power Cold Switching	DC - 18 GHz	—	—	20	W
RF Power Hot Switching	0.1W	10 million	—	—	Cycles
	1W	—	3 million	—	

### Notes

1. The performance values represent a common value for the frequency range. For typical performance across the frequency band, see performance graphs in the next page.
2. All ports, all states.
3. +12 Volt applied to energized port, COM is negative.

Additional Specifications	
Operating Voltage Range	12V (nom) ±0.5V
Switching Time (Typ.)	20ms

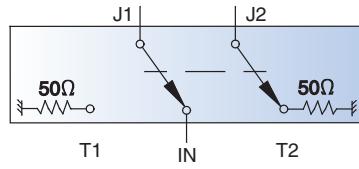
## Maximum Ratings

Operating Temperature	-15°C to +45°C
Storage Temperature	-15°C to +85°C
RF Power (at IN port)	20W
RF Power (at J1 and J2)	1W
Control Voltage	13VDC

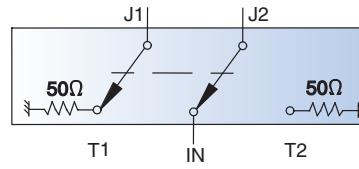
Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.

## Switching States

DE-ENERGIZED DC=0V



ENERGIZED DC=12V



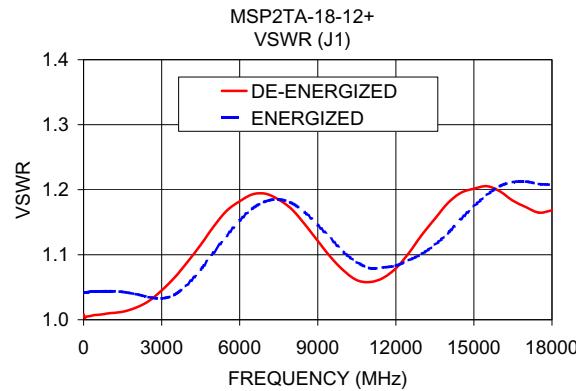
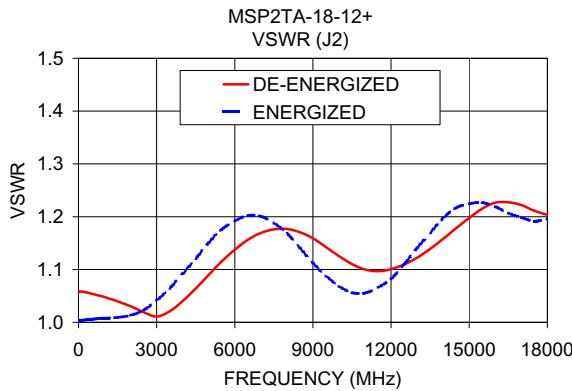
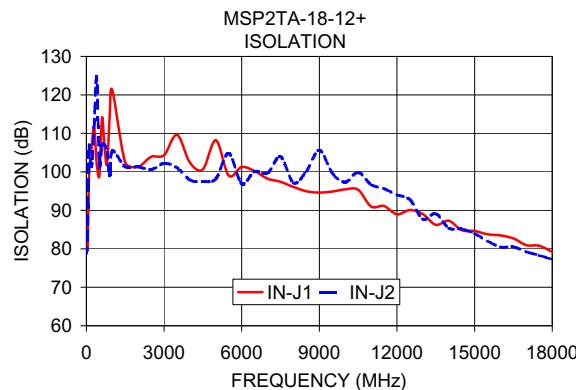
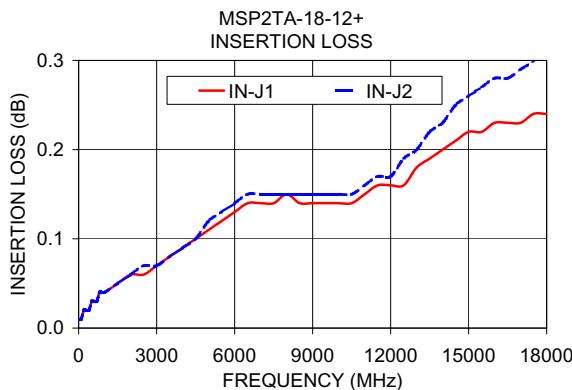
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## Typical Performance Data

FREQ. (MHz)	ON INSERTION LOSS (dB)		OFF ISOLATION (dB)		VSWR, IN (:1)		VSWR (J2) (:1)		VSWR (J1) (:1)	
	IN-J2	IN-J2	IN-J1	IN-J2	De-Energized	Energized	De-Energized	Energized	De-Energized	Energized
10.0	0.01	0.01	79.15	78.83	1.00	1.01	1.06	1.00	1.01	1.04
100.0	0.01	0.01	98.51	106.49	1.00	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.00	1.04
1000.0	0.04	0.04	121.18	105.44	1.01	1.01	1.05	1.01	1.01	1.04
2000.0	0.06	0.06	101.35	101.29	1.01	1.02	1.03	1.01	1.02	1.04
3000.0	0.07	0.07	104.33	102.22	1.04	1.05	1.01	1.04	1.04	1.03
4000.0	0.09	0.09	102.39	97.90	1.09	1.09	1.04	1.09	1.09	1.05
5000.0	0.11	0.12	108.21	98.20	1.15	1.14	1.09	1.15	1.14	1.10
6000.0	0.13	0.14	101.25	96.96	1.20	1.18	1.14	1.19	1.18	1.15
7000.0	0.14	0.15	98.22	99.67	1.20	1.19	1.17	1.20	1.19	1.18
8000.0	0.15	0.15	96.08	97.15	1.17	1.16	1.18	1.17	1.17	1.18
9000.0	0.14	0.15	94.61	105.59	1.11	1.12	1.16	1.11	1.12	1.15
10000.0	0.14	0.15	95.45	97.35	1.07	1.07	1.13	1.07	1.08	1.10
11000.0	0.15	0.16	90.97	96.67	1.05	1.06	1.10	1.06	1.06	1.08
12000.0	0.16	0.17	88.97	94.03	1.08	1.08	1.10	1.08	1.08	1.08
13000.0	0.18	0.20	89.02	87.71	1.15	1.13	1.12	1.14	1.13	1.10
14000.0	0.20	0.23	87.29	85.40	1.21	1.18	1.16	1.20	1.18	1.13
15000.0	0.22	0.26	84.63	83.93	1.23	1.20	1.20	1.22	1.20	1.17
16000.0	0.23	0.28	83.48	80.49	1.21	1.20	1.23	1.22	1.20	1.21
17000.0	0.23	0.29	80.95	79.21	1.16	1.17	1.22	1.20	1.17	1.21
18000.0	0.24	0.32	79.20	77.24	1.16	1.17	1.20	1.20	1.17	1.21

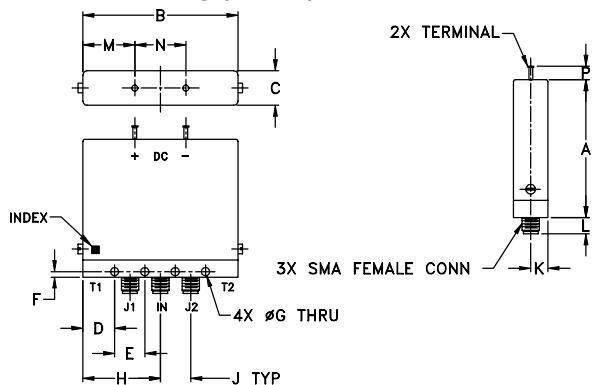


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## Outline Drawing (FP914)

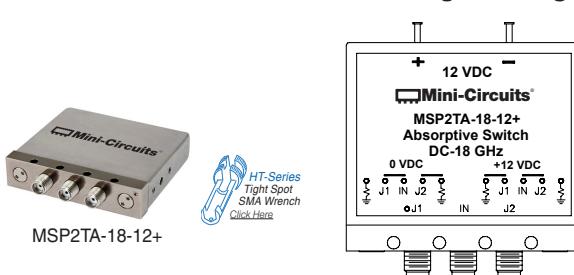


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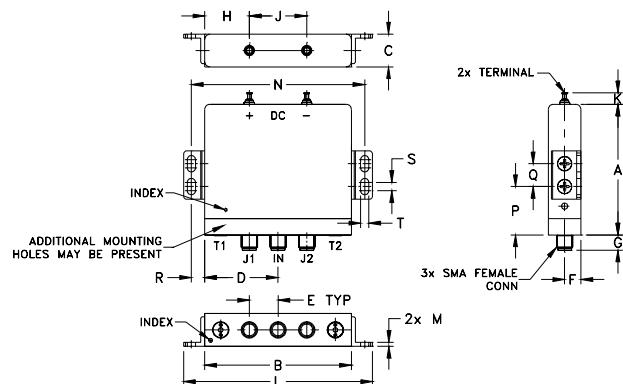
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	wt
2.00	2.25	.50	.460	.440	.080	.120	1.125	.440	.25	.24	.755	.740	.19	grams

50.80 57.15 12.70 11.68 11.18 2.03 3.05 28.58 11.18 6.35 6.10 19.18 18.80 4.83 93.1

## Marking Drawing



## Outline Drawing (FP914-BM) Base Mount Bracket

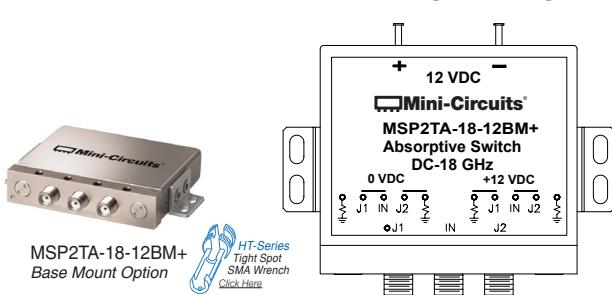


## Outline Dimensions (inch mm)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	wt
2.00	2.25	.50	1.125	.440	.25	.24	.755	.740	.19	2.90	.062	2.660	.74	.350	.205	.125	.125	grams

50.80 57.15 12.70 28.58 11.18 6.35 6.10 19.18 18.80 4.83 73.66 1.57 67.56 18.80 8.89 5.21 3.18 3.18 96.6

## Marking Drawing



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## Typical Performance Data

FREQUENCY (MHz)	INSERTION LOSS ON (dB)		ISOLATION OFF (dB)		VSWR (IN) (:1)		VSWR (J2) (:1)		VSWR (J1) (:1)	
	IN-J1	IN-J2	IN-J1	IN-J2	DE-ENERGIZED	ENERGIZED	DE-ENERGIZED	ENERGIZED	DE-ENERGIZED	ENERGIZED
10.0	0.01	0.01	79.15	78.83	1.00	1.01	1.06	1.00	1.01	1.04
50.0	0.01	0.01	79.67	82.79	1.00	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.00	1.04
100.0	0.01	0.01	98.51	106.49	1.00	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.00	1.04
200.0	0.02	0.02	106.20	101.41	1.00	1.00	1.06	1.00	1.01	1.04
300.0	0.02	0.02	111.63	111.99	1.00	1.01	1.06	1.00	1.01	1.04
400.0	0.02	0.02	102.03	124.56	1.01	1.01	1.06	1.01	1.01	1.04
500.0	0.03	0.03	98.95	101.72	1.01	1.01	1.05	1.01	1.01	1.04
600.0	0.03	0.03	114.04	107.11	1.01	1.01	1.05	1.01	1.01	1.04
700.0	0.03	0.03	106.61	107.06	1.01	1.01	1.05	1.01	1.01	1.04
800.0	0.04	0.04	101.96	105.09	1.01	1.01	1.05	1.01	1.01	1.04
900.0	0.04	0.04	114.40	98.98	1.01	1.01	1.05	1.01	1.01	1.04
1000.0	0.04	0.04	121.18	105.44	1.01	1.01	1.05	1.01	1.01	1.04
1500.0	0.05	0.05	102.50	101.36	1.01	1.02	1.04	1.01	1.01	1.04
2000.0	0.06	0.06	101.35	101.29	1.01	1.02	1.03	1.01	1.02	1.04
2500.0	0.06	0.07	103.90	100.60	1.02	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.03	1.03
3000.0	0.07	0.07	104.33	102.22	1.04	1.05	1.01	1.04	1.04	1.03
3500.0	0.08	0.08	109.66	101.07	1.06	1.07	1.02	1.06	1.07	1.04
4000.0	0.09	0.09	102.39	97.90	1.09	1.09	1.04	1.09	1.09	1.05
4500.0	0.10	0.10	100.67	97.47	1.12	1.12	1.06	1.12	1.12	1.08
5000.0	0.11	0.12	108.21	98.20	1.15	1.14	1.09	1.15	1.14	1.10
5500.0	0.12	0.13	99.02	104.80	1.18	1.17	1.12	1.18	1.17	1.13
6000.0	0.13	0.14	101.25	96.96	1.20	1.18	1.14	1.19	1.18	1.15
6500.0	0.14	0.15	100.19	100.10	1.21	1.19	1.16	1.20	1.19	1.17
7000.0	0.14	0.15	98.22	99.67	1.20	1.19	1.17	1.20	1.19	1.18
7500.0	0.14	0.15	97.41	103.94	1.19	1.18	1.18	1.19	1.18	1.19
8000.0	0.15	0.15	96.08	97.15	1.17	1.16	1.18	1.17	1.17	1.18
8500.0	0.14	0.15	94.95	100.17	1.14	1.14	1.17	1.14	1.15	1.17
9000.0	0.14	0.15	94.61	105.59	1.11	1.12	1.16	1.11	1.12	1.15
9500.0	0.14	0.15	94.87	99.67	1.09	1.09	1.14	1.09	1.10	1.12
10000.0	0.14	0.15	95.45	97.35	1.07	1.07	1.13	1.07	1.08	1.10
10500.0	0.14	0.15	95.34	99.84	1.06	1.06	1.11	1.06	1.06	1.09
11000.0	0.15	0.16	90.97	96.67	1.05	1.06	1.10	1.06	1.06	1.08
11500.0	0.16	0.17	91.12	95.63	1.06	1.06	1.10	1.07	1.06	1.08
12000.0	0.16	0.17	88.97	94.03	1.08	1.08	1.10	1.08	1.08	1.08
12500.0	0.16	0.19	90.09	92.75	1.11	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.10	1.09
13000.0	0.18	0.20	89.02	87.71	1.15	1.13	1.12	1.14	1.13	1.10
13500.0	0.19	0.22	86.22	89.12	1.18	1.16	1.14	1.17	1.16	1.12
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17000.0	0.23	0.29	80.95	79.21	1.16	1.17	1.22	1.20	1.17	1.21
17500.0	0.24	0.30	80.77	78.30	1.15	1.17	1.21	1.19	1.16	1.21
18000.0	0.24	0.32	79.20	77.24	1.16	1.17	1.20	1.20	1.17	1.21



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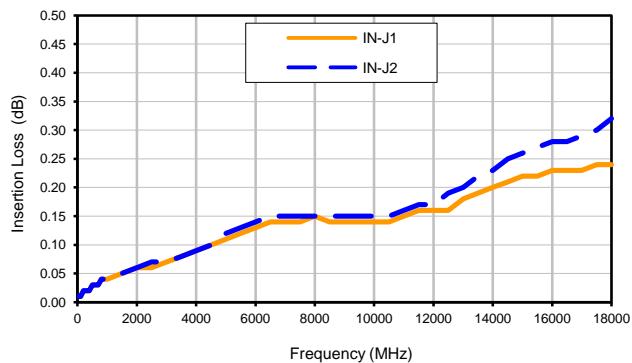
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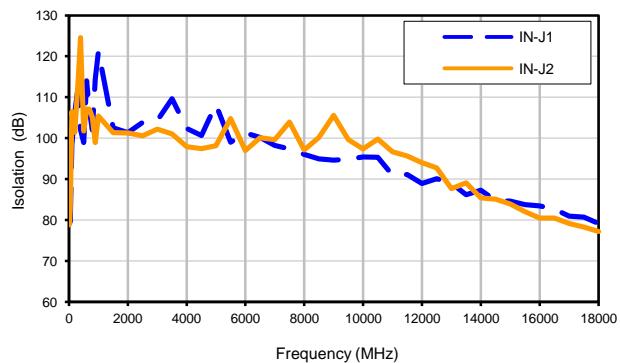
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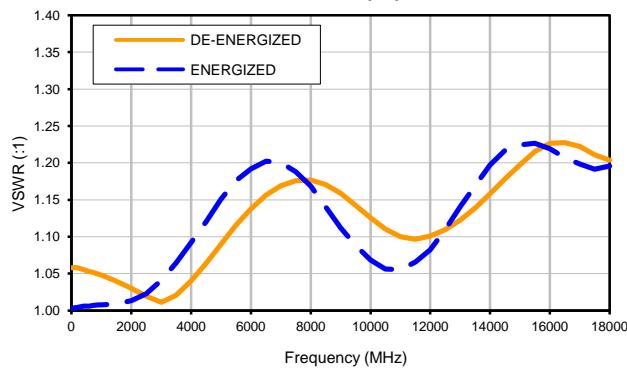
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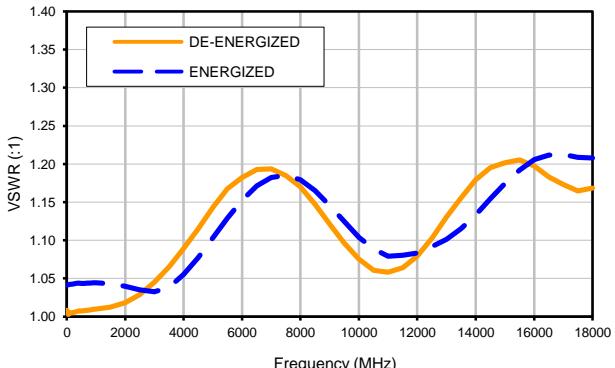
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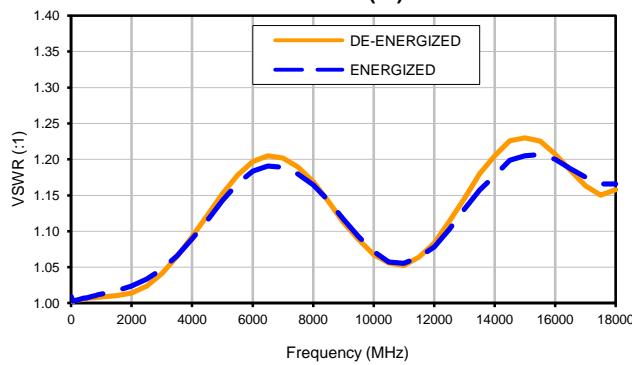
VSWR (J2)



VSWR (J1)



VSWR (IN)



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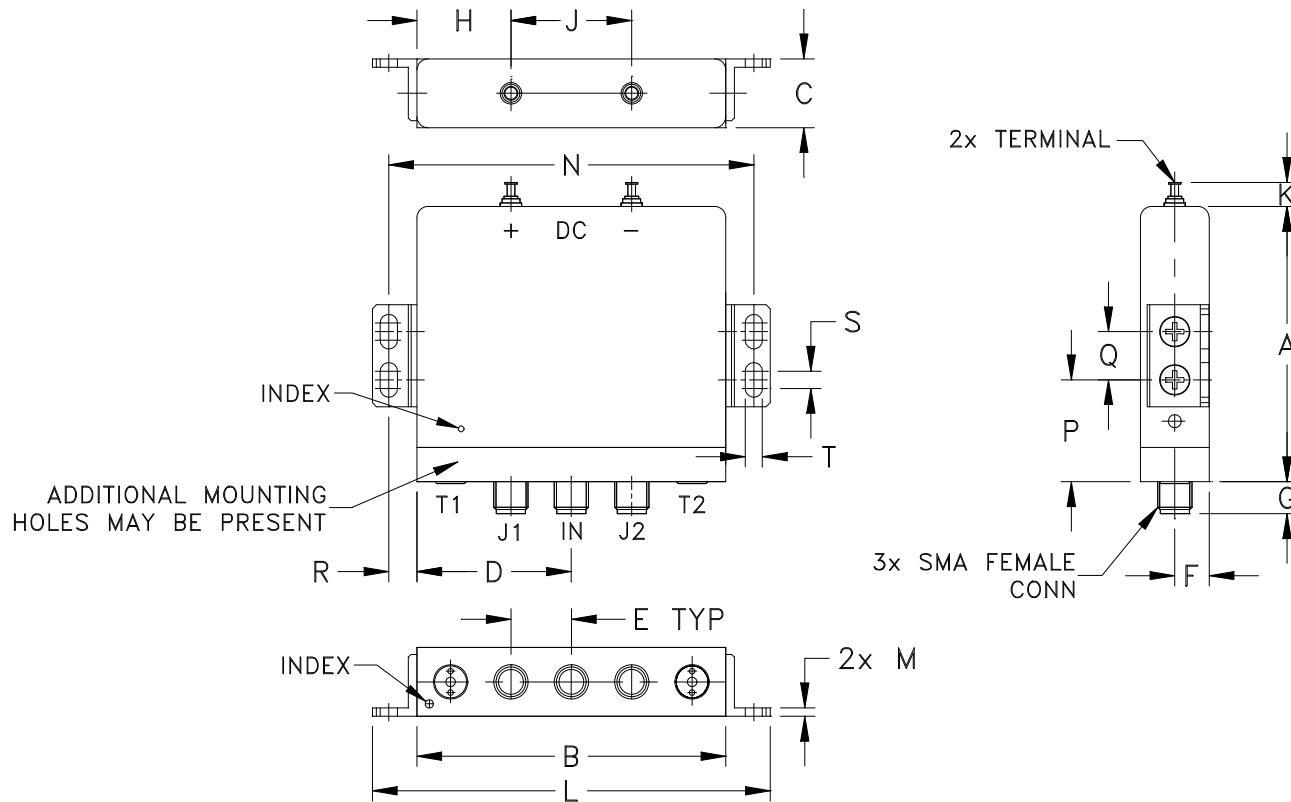
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# Case Style

**FP**

## Outline Dimensions



CASE #.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N
FP914-BM	2.00 (50.80)	2.25 (57.15)	.50 (12.70)	1.125 (28.58)	.440 (11.18)	.25 (6.35)	.24 (6.10)	.755 (19.18)	.740 (18.80)	.19 (4.83)	2.90 (73.66)	.062 (1.59)	2.660 (67.56)

CASE #.	P	Q	R	S	T	WT, GRAM
FP914-BM	.74 (18.79)	.350 (8.88)	.205 (5.20)	.125 (3.18)	.125 (3.18)	96.6

Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2Pl.  $\pm .03$ ; 3Pl.  $\pm .015$

### Note:

1. Case material: Copper-Nickel alloy.



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Operating Temperature	-15° to 45°C Ambient Environment	Individual Model Data Sheet
Storage Temperature	-15° to 85°C Ambient Environment	Individual Model Data Sheet
Humidity	90 to 95% RH, 96 hours, 40°C	MIL-STD-202, Method 103B, Condition B, Except 50°C
Thermal Shock	-55° to 100°C, 50 cycles	MIL-STD-202, Method 107, Condition B, except -55° to +100°C and 50 cycles
Vibration (High Frequency)	0.06-inch double amplitude, 10-55 Hz, 2 hours in each of three perpendicular directions (total 6 hours)	MIL-STD-202, Method 204, Condition C, Part 1
Mechanical Shock	50G, 11 ms sawtooth, 18 shocks: 3 each direction, each of 3 axes	MIL-STD-202, Method 213, Condition G
Marking Resistance to Solvents	Isopropyl alcohol + mineral spirits at 25°C; terpene defluxer at 25°C; distilled water + propylene glycol monomethyl ether + monoethanolamine at 63°C to 70°C	MIL-STD-202, Method 215