USB & ETHERNET CONTROLLED

RF SPDT Switch Matrix RC-4SPDT-A26

50Ω DC to 26.5 GHz SMA Female

THE BIG DEAL

- Mechanical Absorptive SPDT Switches
- Excellent Performance to 26.5 GHz
- 30 W Power Rating (Cold Switching)



CASE STYLE: LM1851

DOWNLOAD SOFTWARE PACKAGE

Refer to our website for compliance methodologies and qualifications

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APPLICATIONS

- 5G FR1, WiFi 6E, UWB, Bluetooth
- Automated Test Equipment
- Fail-Safe / Redundancy Switching

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' RC-4SPDT-A26 comprises of four independently controlled, electro-mechanical SPDT switches. Each switch operates over an extremely wide bandwidth, from DC to 26.5 GHz with high isolation and low insertion loss. The absorptive switches are of a failsafe and break-before-make-configuration, with a typical lifetime of 2 million switching cycles per switch when used within the noted specifications.

The switch box is constructed in a compact, rugged metal case (4.5 x 6.0 x 2.25") with 12 SMA (f) RF connectors 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
Four Mechanical SPDT Switches	Mechanical absorptive switches provide high reliability, repeatable high performance and internal terminations of input signals on the disconnected paths
Operation from DC to 26.5 GHz	Supports a wide range of RF test and signal routing applications, including 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G, with a single device
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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ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT +25 °C

Parameter	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range		DC		26.5	GHz
Insertion Loss	DC-8 GHz		0.15	0.30	dB
	8-18 GHz		0.30	0.50	
	18-26.5 GHz		0.60	0.80	
Isolation[1]	DC-8 GHz	70	90		dB
	8-18 GHz	60	66		
	18-26.5 GHz	55	65		
Return Loss[2]	DC-8 GHz		20		dB
	8-18 GHz		20		
	18-26.5 GHz		16		
Switching Time			25		ms
RF Input Power	Cold switching			30	W
	Hot switching[3]			0.1	
	Into internal termination[4]			1	
Switch Lifetime	100 mW hot switching		2		million cycles

1. Isolation measured between COM and any disconnected port. Example: Isolation for COM to 1 is the leakage measured at port 1 from a signal input at COM when the active switch path is set to COM to 2.
2. Return loss into all ports in all states
3. Hot switching power above this level will degrade the switch lifetime

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Parameters	Ratings
Operating Temperature	0 °C to 40 °C
Storage Temperature	-15 °C to 85 °C

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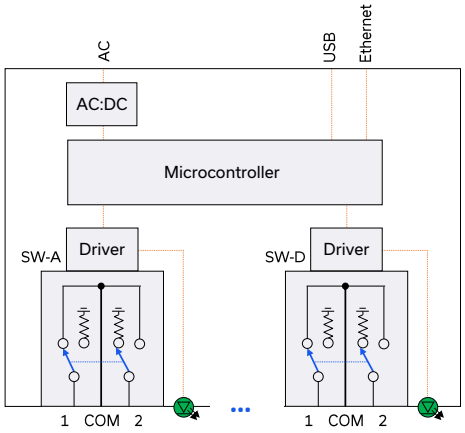
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CONNECTIONS

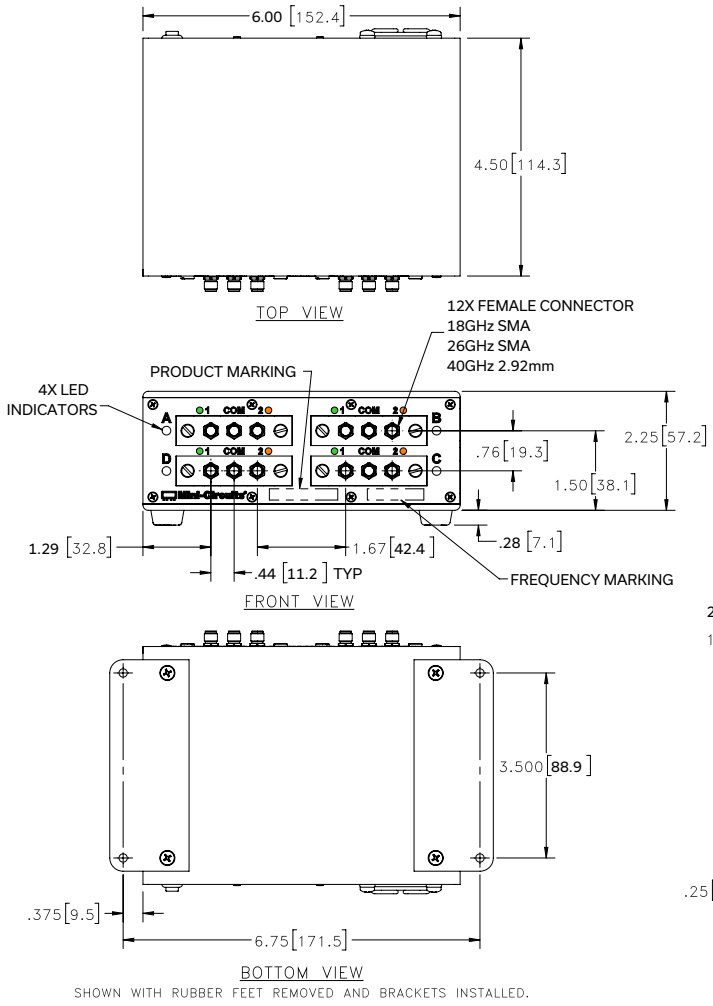
Port Name	Connector Type
RF Switch A (COM, 1 & 2)	SMA female
RF Switch B (COM, 1 & 2)	SMA female
RF Switch C (COM, 1 & 2)	SMA female
RF Switch D (COM, 1 & 2)	SMA female
USB	USB type-B
Ethernet / LAN	RJ45
24V DC Input	2.1mm center positive DC socket

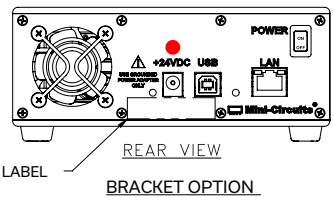
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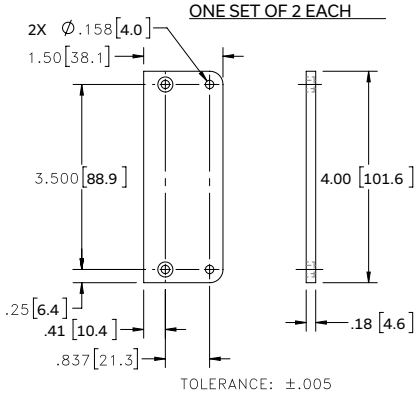
- Fail-safe
- Absorptive (internal terminations on ports J1-J2)



OUTLINE DRAWING (LM1851)







INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOUNTING BRACKETS: TOOL REQUIRED: PHILLIPS HEAD SCREWDRIVER
STEP 1: REMOVE RUBBER FEET FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE UNIT, DO NOT DISCARD THE FASTENERS.
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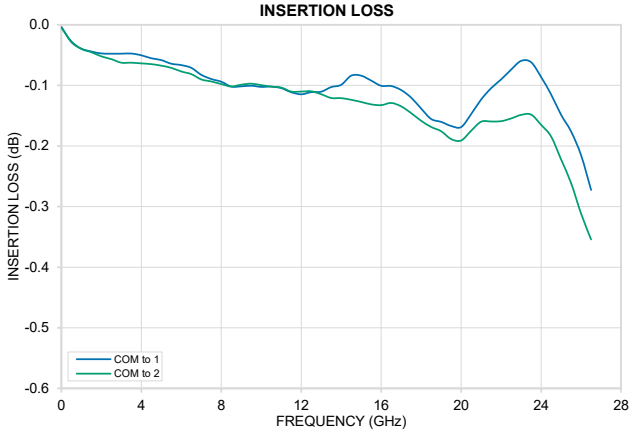
Weight: 1160 grams.
Dimensions are in inches [mm]. Tolerances: 2 Pl. ±.03 inch; 3 Pl. ±.015 inch.

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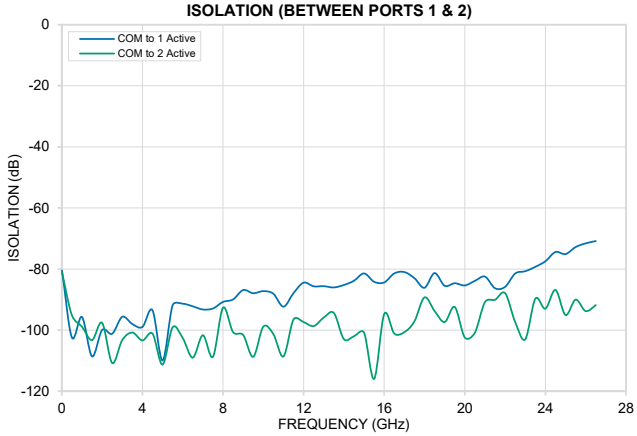
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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS

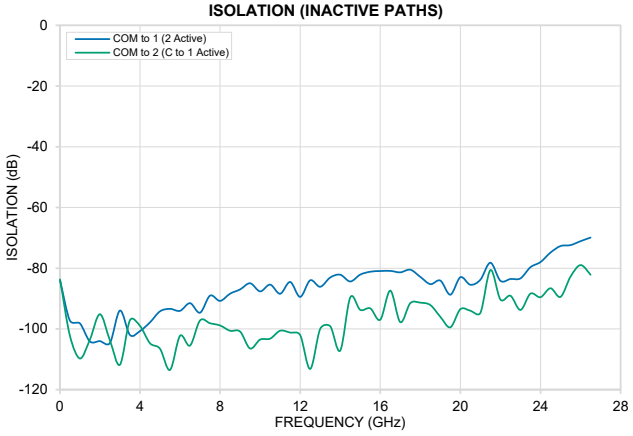
INSERTION LOSS



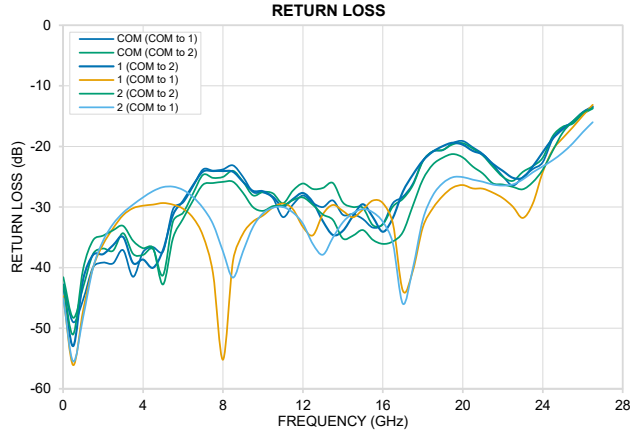
ISOLATION (BETWEEN PORTS 1 & 2)



ISOLATION (INACTIVE PATHS)



RETURN LOSS



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 for support

MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

Parameter	Requirements	
Interface	USB HID & Ethernet (HTTP & Telnet)	
System Requirements	GUI	Windows 7 or later
	USB API DLL	Windows 7 or later and programming environment with ActiveX or .NET support
	USB Direct Programming	Linux, Windows 7 or later
	Ethernet	Windows, Linux or Mac computer with a network port and Ethernet TCP/IP support
Hardware	Intel i3 (or equivalent) or later	

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 suported environments)

USB SUPPORT (LINUX):

- Direct USB programming using a series of USB interrupt codes

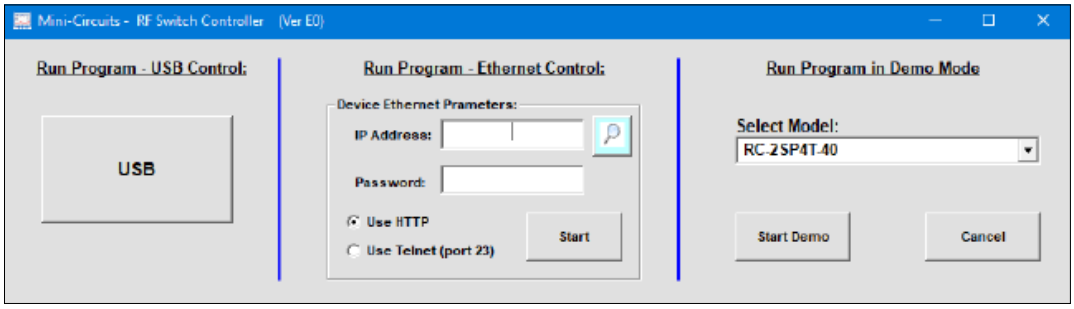
Full programming instructions and examples available for a wide range of programming environments / languages.

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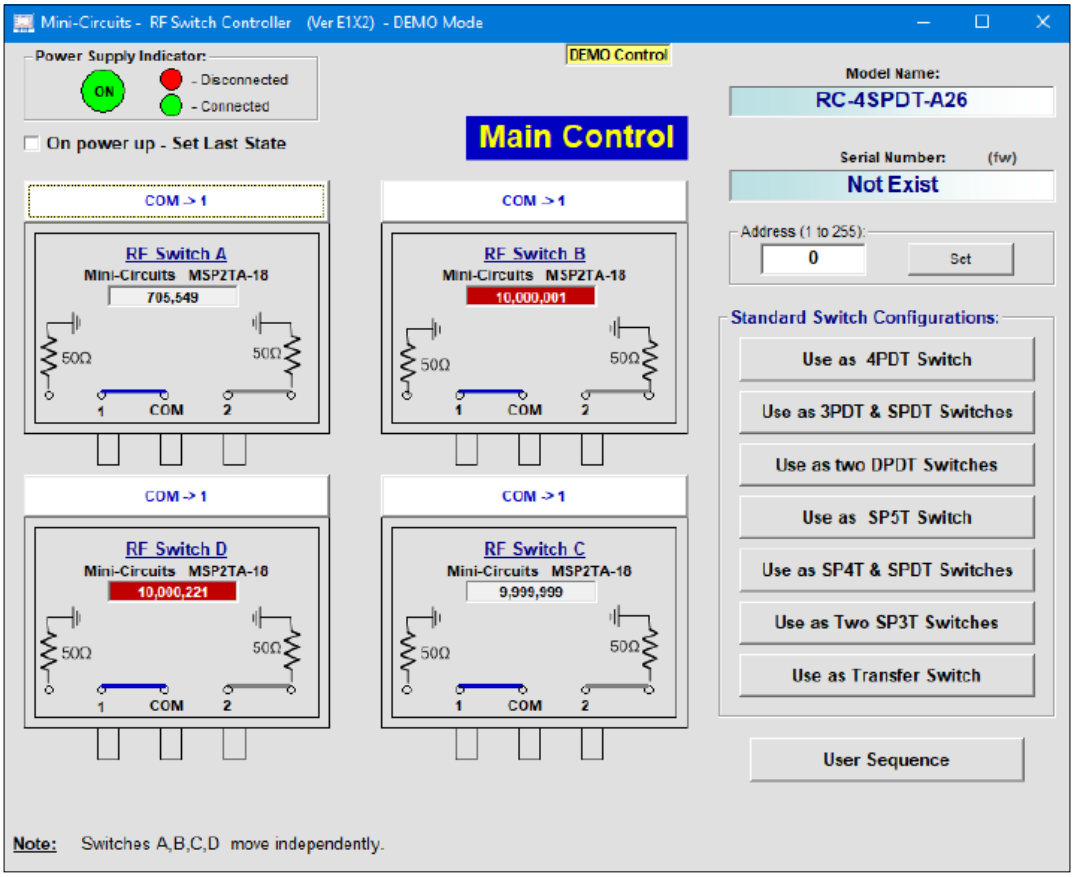
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GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI) FOR WINDOWS - KEY FEATURES

- Connect via USB or Ethernet
- Run GUI in "demo mode" to evaluate software without a hardware connection



- View and set 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

Refer to Mini-Circuits' website for pricing and availability information:
https://www.minicircuits.com/WebStore/dashboard.html?model=RC-4SPDT-A26

Model	Description
RC-4SPDT-A26	USB & Ethernet controlled SPDT switch matrix

Included Accessories	Part No.	Description
	AC/DC-24-3W1	AC/DC 24V_{DC} Grounded Power Adaptor. Operating temperature: 0°C to +40°C, I_{Max}=2.5A
See Below	CBL-3W1-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[5]	Part No.	Description
	CBL-3W1-US	Power Cord for United States
	CBL-3W1-EU	Power Cord for Europe
	CBL-3W1-UK	Power Cord for United Kingdom
	CBL-3W1-AU	Power Cord for Australia and China
	CBL-3W1-IL	Power Cord for Israel

5. If you need a Power cord for a country not listed please contact testsolutions@minicircuits.com

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

USB-CBL-AB-3+	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
BKT-272-08+	Bracket (One set of 2 each)

NOTES

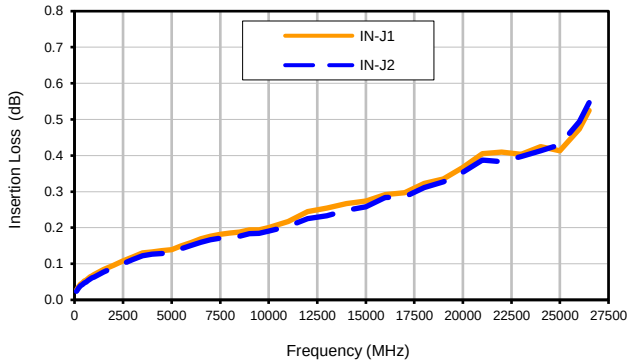
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Typical Performance Curves (per Switch)

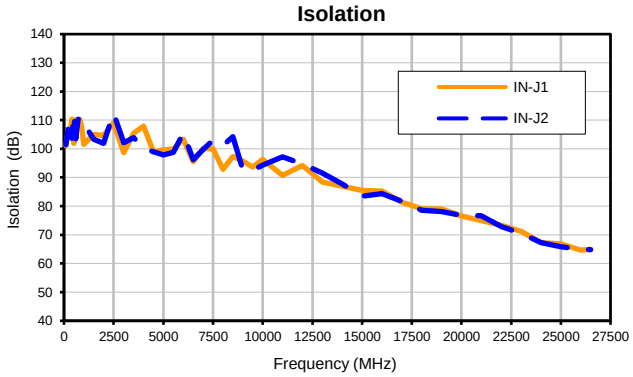
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	IN-J1	IN-J2	IN-J1	IN-J2	DE-ENERGIZED	ENERGIZED	DE-ENERGIZED	ENERGIZED	DE-ENERGIZED	ENERGIZED
100	0.03	0.02	101.07	101.45	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01
200	0.04	0.03	105.94	106.75	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01
300	0.04	0.04	105.50	105.73	1.02	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01
400	0.05	0.04	110.32	103.71	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.01	1.02
500	0.05	0.05	101.86	112.37	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02
600	0.06	0.05	110.11	103.41	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02
700	0.06	0.05	109.60	110.19	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02
800	0.06	0.06	110.28	111.26	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.02	1.03
900	0.07	0.06	107.28	110.44	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.03
1000	0.07	0.06	101.54	108.83	1.03	1.04	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03
1500	0.08	0.08	104.96	103.37	1.05	1.05	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04
2000	0.10	0.09	104.68	101.84	1.05	1.06	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05
2500	0.11	0.10	108.98	112.50	1.06	1.07	1.07	1.06	1.06	1.06
3000	0.12	0.11	98.60	102.08	1.07	1.08	1.08	1.07	1.08	1.06
3500	0.13	0.12	105.42	103.95	1.08	1.09	1.10	1.08	1.09	1.08
4000	0.13	0.13	107.89	100.01	1.09	1.11	1.11	1.09	1.11	1.09
4500	0.14	0.13	98.86	98.96	1.11	1.12	1.12	1.10	1.12	1.10
5000	0.14	0.13	99.65	97.85	1.13	1.14	1.13	1.12	1.13	1.11
5500	0.15	0.14	99.92	98.77	1.14	1.16	1.13	1.13	1.14	1.13
6000	0.16	0.15	103.35	105.41	1.15	1.17	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.13
6500	0.17	0.16	95.51	96.14	1.15	1.17	1.11	1.13	1.12	1.13
7000	0.18	0.17	100.11	99.75	1.15	1.16	1.10	1.12	1.11	1.13
7500	0.18	0.17	100.00	102.99	1.14	1.15	1.08	1.11	1.09	1.11
8000	0.19	0.17	92.85	101.05	1.12	1.12	1.07	1.09	1.08	1.10
8500	0.19	0.18	97.30	104.28	1.10	1.10	1.06	1.08	1.06	1.08
9000	0.19	0.18	95.75	92.76	1.08	1.08	1.06	1.08	1.04	1.07
9500	0.19	0.18	93.67	92.50	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.07	1.03	1.06
10000	0.20	0.19	96.31	94.29	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.07	1.03	1.07
11000	0.22	0.20	90.71	97.21	1.06	1.06	1.09	1.08	1.04	1.09
12000	0.24	0.23	94.19	94.70	1.09	1.08	1.14	1.09	1.08	1.12
13000	0.25	0.23	88.43	91.54	1.12	1.11	1.18	1.09	1.15	1.14
14000	0.27	0.25	86.97	87.67	1.14	1.13	1.23	1.09	1.21	1.14
15000	0.27	0.26	85.46	83.46	1.14	1.12	1.24	1.06	1.23	1.10
16000	0.29	0.28	85.28	84.37	1.11	1.08	1.23	1.04	1.24	1.08
17000	0.30	0.29	81.39	81.69	1.09	1.05	1.23	1.04	1.24	1.06
18000	0.32	0.31	79.13	78.52	1.09	1.06	1.27	1.06	1.28	1.08
19000	0.34	0.33	79.03	78.06	1.12	1.11	1.28	1.13	1.33	1.13
20000	0.37	0.35	76.54	76.74	1.19	1.18	1.20	1.19	1.33	1.19
21000	0.41	0.39	74.94	76.63	1.27	1.25	1.09	1.20	1.25	1.24
22000	0.41	0.38	73.35	72.90	1.28	1.24	1.06	1.19	1.12	1.22
23000	0.40	0.40	71.22	70.53	1.18	1.13	1.16	1.09	1.11	1.13
24000	0.42	0.41	67.25	67.23	1.04	1.03	1.23	1.04	1.17	1.07
25000	0.41	0.43	66.80	65.77	1.04	1.10	1.23	1.00	1.13	1.04
26000	0.47	0.49	64.64	64.94	1.07	1.12	1.29	1.08	1.16	1.08
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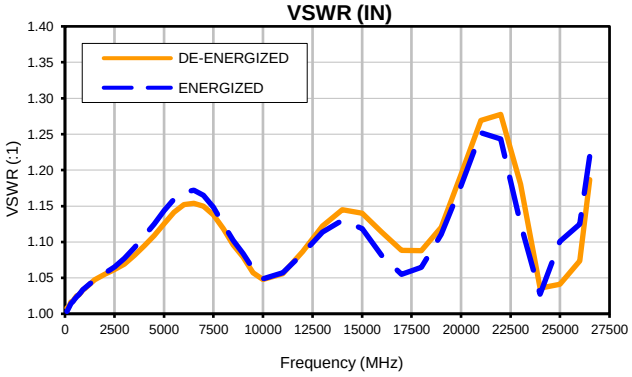
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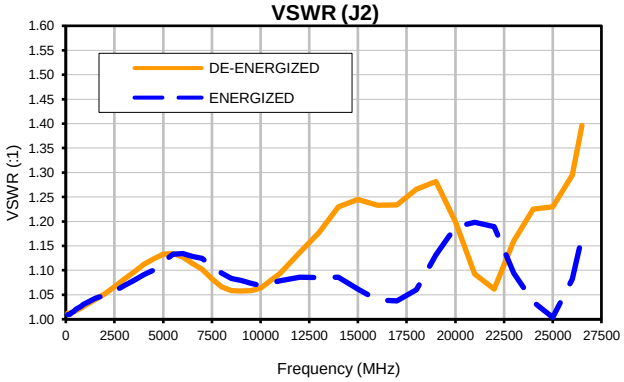
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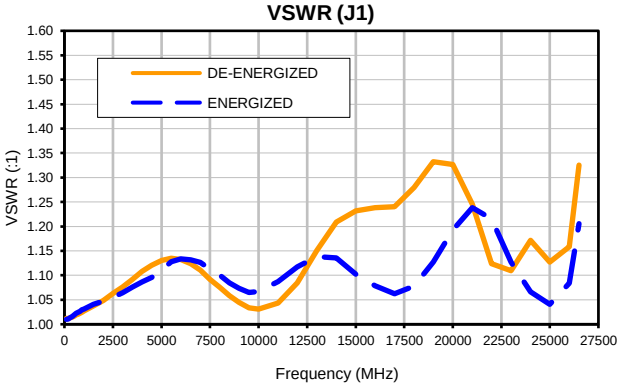
VSWR (IN)



VSWR (J2)



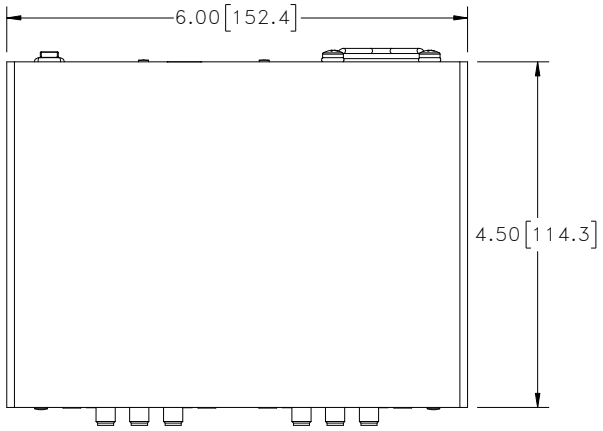
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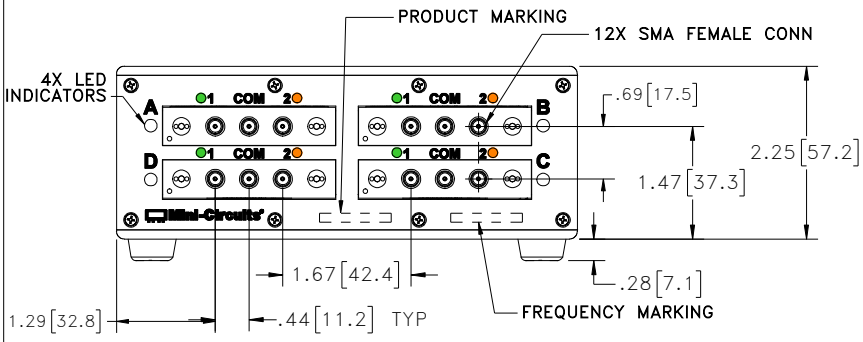
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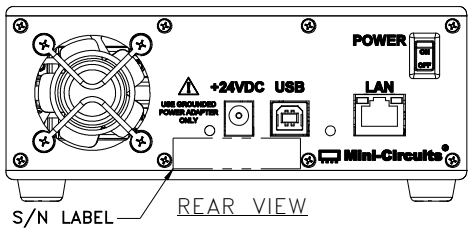
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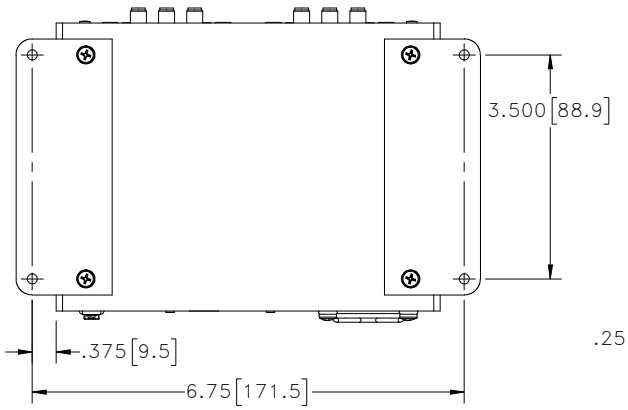
TOP VIEW



FRONT VIEW



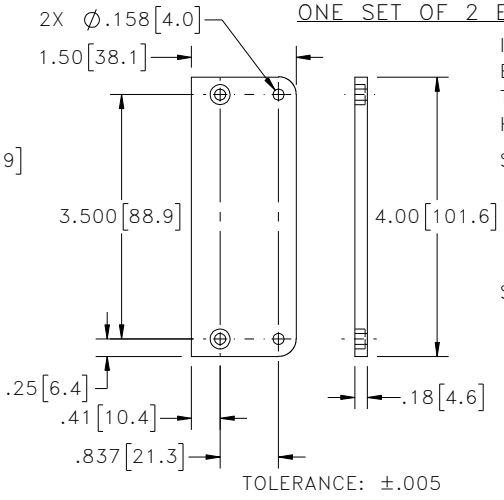
REAR VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW

SHOWN WITH RUBBER FEET REMOVED AND BRACKETS INSTALLED.

BRACKET OPTION
ONE SET OF 2 EACH



TOLERANCE: ±.005

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Notes:

1. Case material: Aluminum (with protective coating to prevent corrosion).
2. Dimensions are in inches [mm]. Tolerances: 2 Pl. ±.03 inch; 3 Pl. ±.015 inch.
3. Weight: 1184 grams.
4. Marking may contain other features or characters for internal lot control.

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Environmental Specifications **ENV104**

All Mini-Circuits products are manufactured under exacting quality assurance and control standards, and are capable of meeting published specifications after being subjected to any or all of the following physical and environmental test.

Specification	Test/Inspection Condition	Reference/Spec
Operating Temperature	0° to 40° C Ambient Environment	Individual Model Data Sheet
Storage Temperature	-15° to 85°C Ambient Environment	Individual Model Data Sheet
Operating and Storage Humidity	5% to 85% RH (non-condensing)	Ambient
Bench Handling Test	Bench Top Tip 45° & Drop	MIL-PRF-28800F
Transit Drop Test	Free Fall Drop, 20 cm (7.9 inches)	MIL-PRF-28800F class 3

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