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# RF SPDT Switch Matrix **RCM-6SPDT-18**

50Ω DC to 18 GHz SMA Female

## THE BIG DEAL

- 6 x mechanical SPDT absorptive switches
- Ethernet & USB control
- High isolation, 85 dB typ

## APPLICATIONS

- Benchtop and rack mounted automated test systems
- 5G FR1, WiFi 6E, UWB, Bluetooth
- Military radio, radar & electronic warfare
- Test & measurement systems
- Fail-safe / redundancy switching
- Switch matrices

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' RCM-6SPDT-18 comprises six 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. The switches are of a fail-safe and break-before-make-configuration, with a typical life time of 10 million switching cycles when used within the noted specifications.

The switch box is constructed in a compact, rugged metal case (8.25 x 8.25 x 4.25") with all 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).



CASE STYLE: UV2068

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SOFTWARE PACKAGE

Refer to our website for compliance methodologies and qualifications



## KEY FEATURES

Feature	Advantages
Mechanical switches	Mechanical absorptive switches provide high reliability, repeatable performance and internal termination of input signals on the disconnected paths
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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## ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT 25°C

Parameter	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range		DC		18	GHz
Insertion Loss	DC – 8		0.15	0.3	dB
	8 – 12		0.25	0.4	
	12 – 18		0.3	0.5	
Isolation	DC – 8	75	90		dB
	8 – 12	70	80		
	12 – 18	60	66		
Return Loss	DC – 8		20		dB
	8 – 12		20		
	12 – 18		23		
Switching Time			25		ms
RF Input Power <sup>1</sup>	Cold switching			20	W
Switch Lifetime	100 mW hot switching <sup>2</sup>		10		million cycles
	1W hot switching		3		
Rated Voltage	24V <sub>DC</sub> input	23	24	25	V
	USB port		5		DC

1. Maximum power for any connected through path as stated; maximum power into any internal termination is 1W per port

2. 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
Supply Voltage	26V



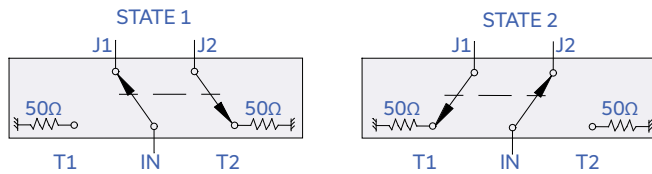


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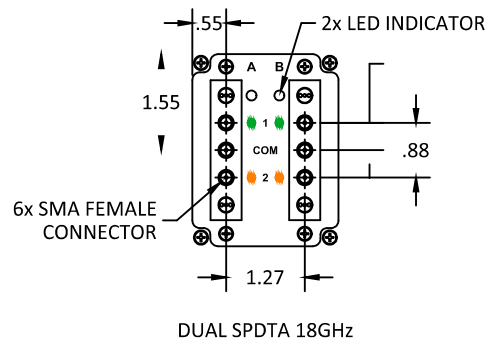
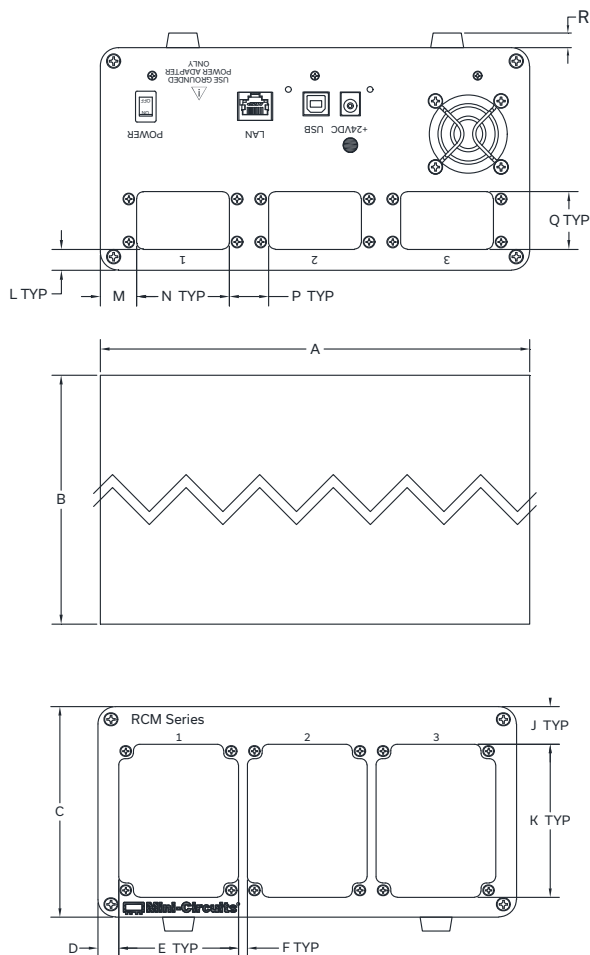
## SWITCHING STATES (PER SWITCH)



## CONNECTIONS

Port Name	Connector Type
RF Switch 1A-3B (COM, 1 & 2)	SMA female
USB	USB type-B
Ethernet / LAN	RJ45
24V DC Input	2.1mm center positive DC socket

## OUTLINE DRAWING



## OUTLINE DIMENSIONS (Inches mm)

A	B	C	D	E	F	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	wt
8.25	8.25	4.25	.41	2.36	.18	.76	3.09	.40	.70	1.78	.76	1.10	.28	grms
209.55	209.55	107.95	10.41	59.94	4.57	19.30	78.49	10.16	17.78	45.21	19.30	27.94	7.1	2350



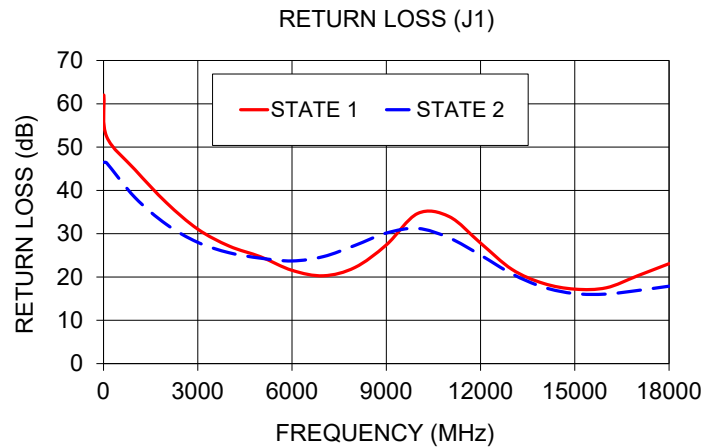
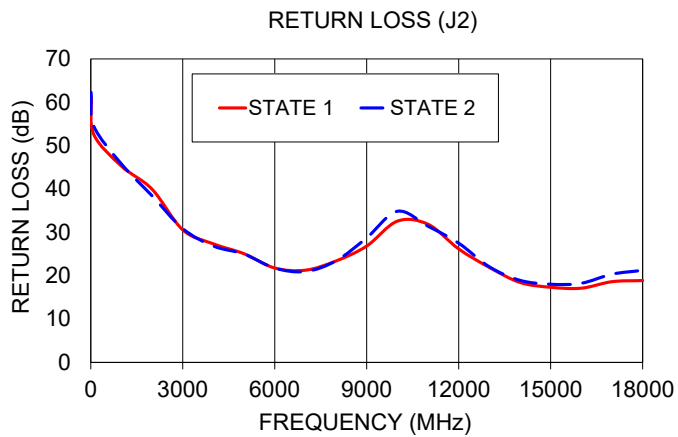
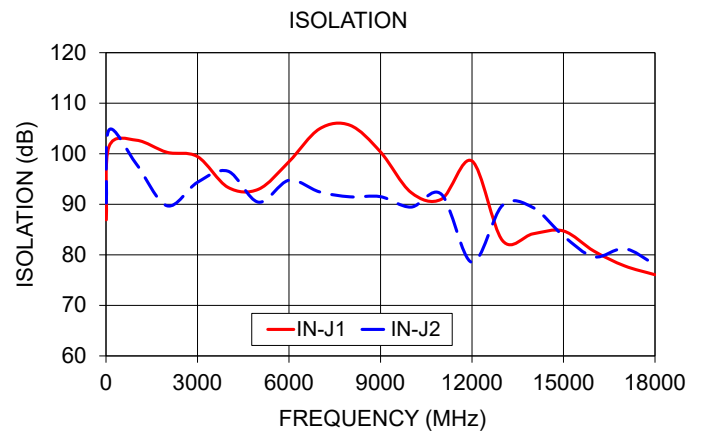
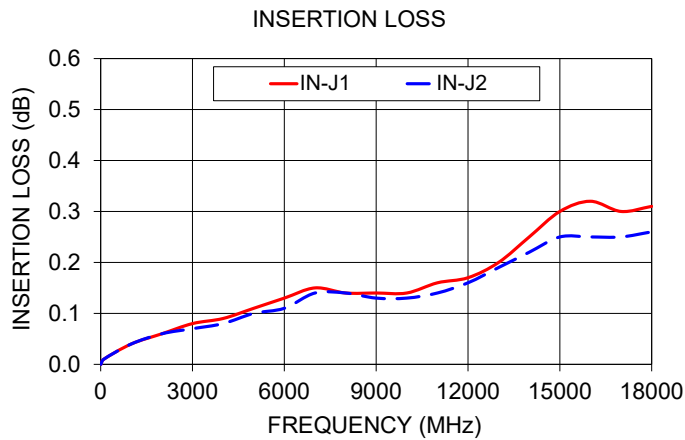


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## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES



**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/ztm\\_rcm.html](https://www.minicircuits.com/softwaredownload/ztm_rcm.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 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	

**APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE (API)****ETHERNET SUPPORT:**

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

**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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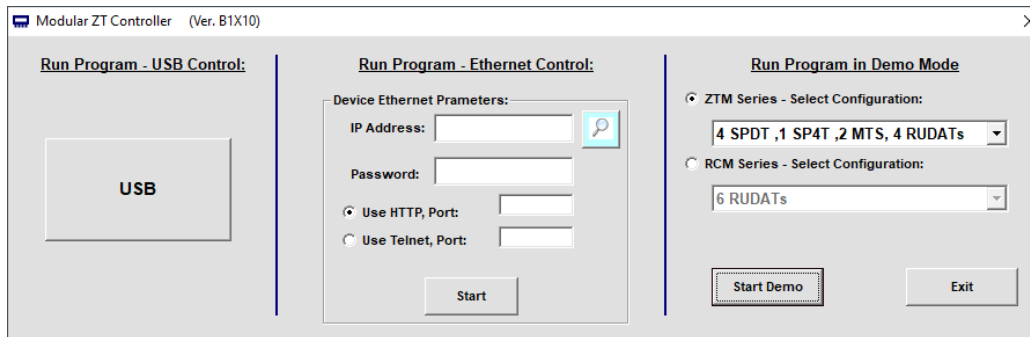
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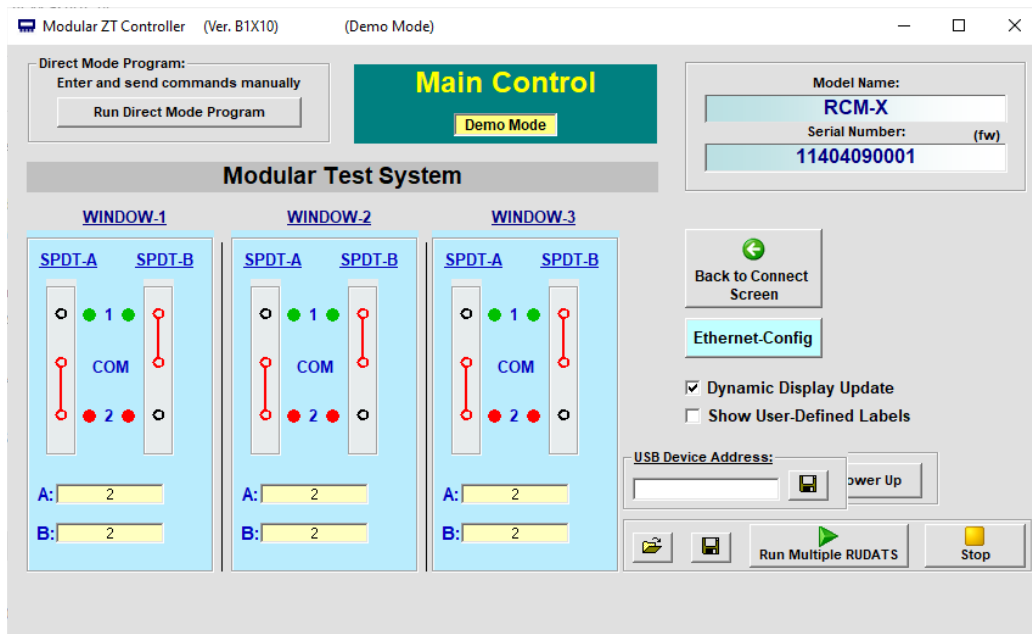
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## GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI) FOR WINDOWS - KEY FEATURES

- 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=RCM-6SPDT-18>

Model	Description
RCM-6SPDT-18	USB & Ethernet controlled transfer switch matrix

Included Accessories	Part No.	Description
	AC/DC-24-3W1	AC/DC 24V <sub>DC</sub> Grounded Power Adaptor. Operating temperature: 0°C to +40°C, I <sub>Max</sub> =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 <sup>5</sup>	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

<sup>5</sup>. If you need a Power cord for a country not listed please contact [testsolutions@minicircuits.com](mailto: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

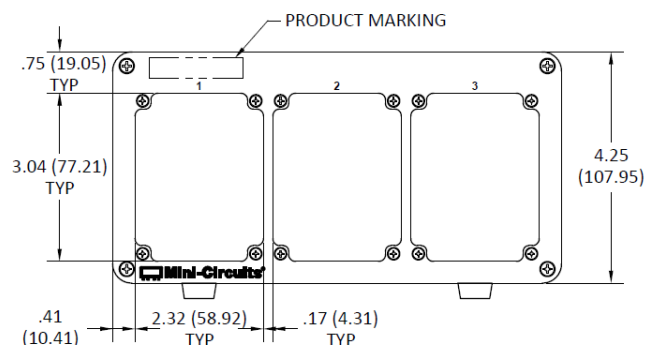
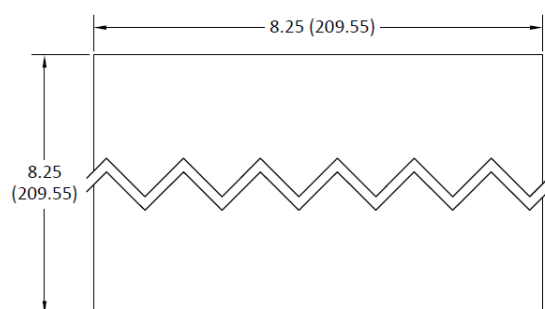
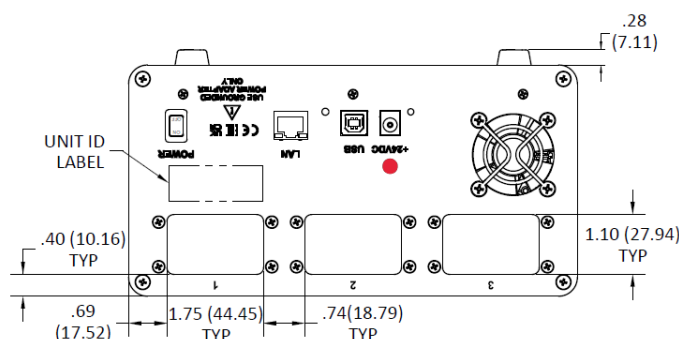
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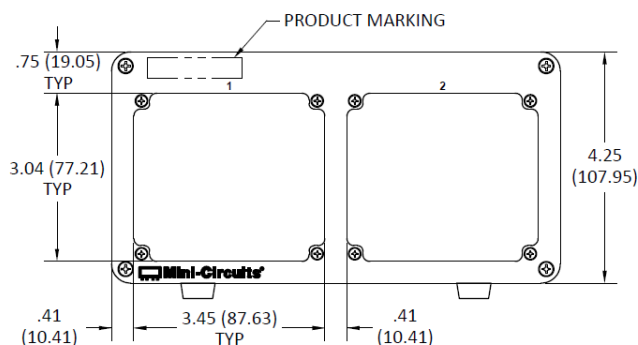


## Outline Dimensions

UV2068



FRONT PANEL FOR RCM WITH RUDAT, SPDT, SP4T, SP6T & MTS SWITCHES



FRONT PANEL FOR RCM WITH SP8T SWITCHES

### Notes:

1. Case material: Aluminum alloy.
2. Finish: Clear chemical conversion coating
3. Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2 Pl.  $\pm 0.03$  inch; 3 Pl.  $\pm 0.015$  inch
4. Weight: 2350 grams.
5. Marking may contain other features or characters for internal lot control.



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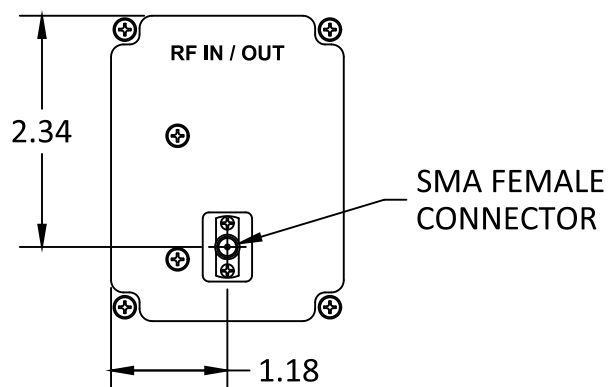
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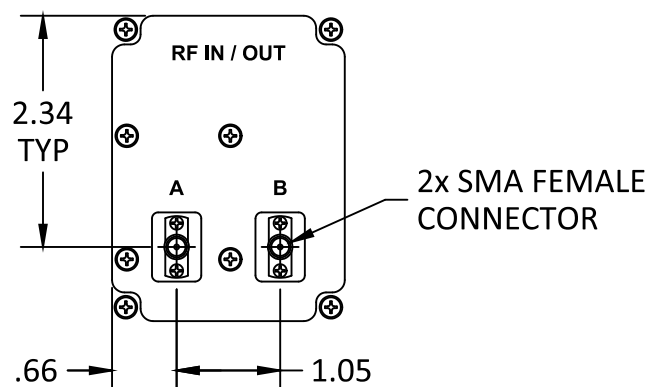


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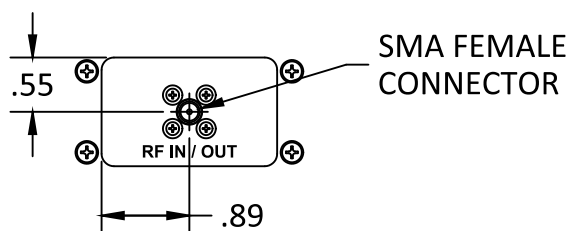
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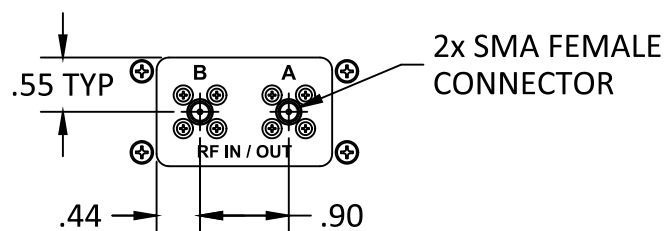


FRONT PANEL



REAR PANEL

SINGLE RUDAT

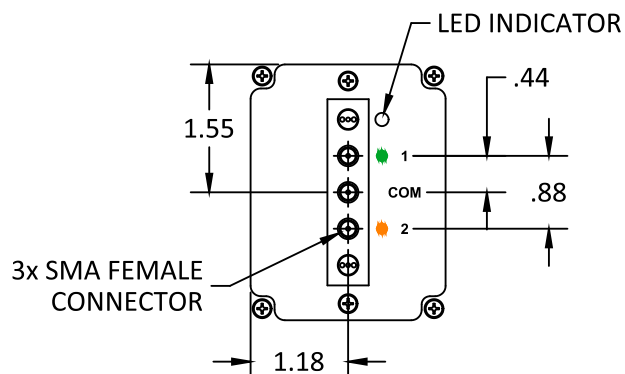


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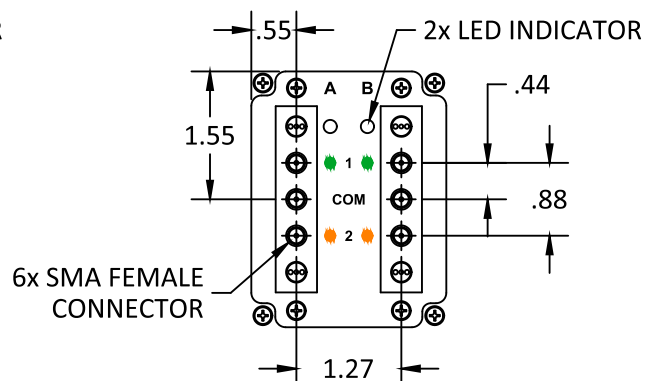
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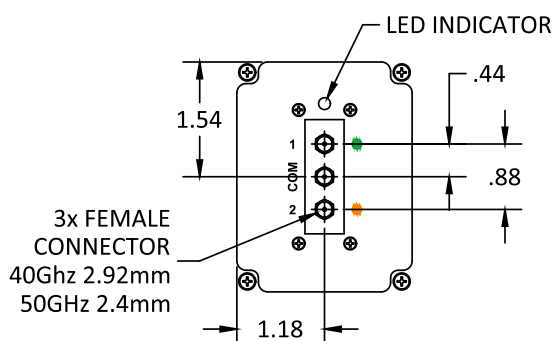
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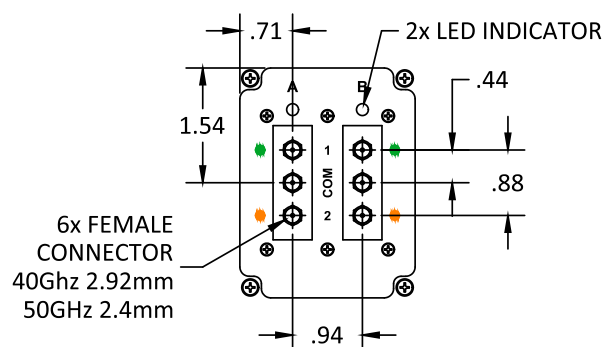
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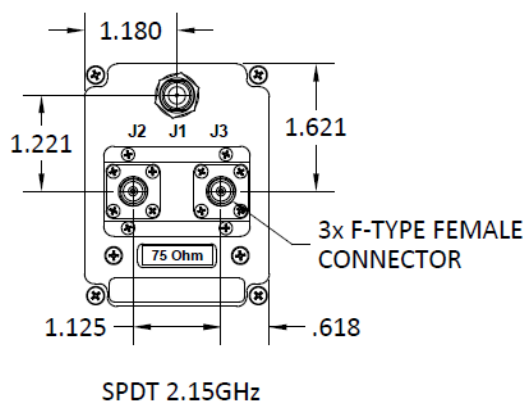
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SPDT 40GHz  
SPDT 50GHz



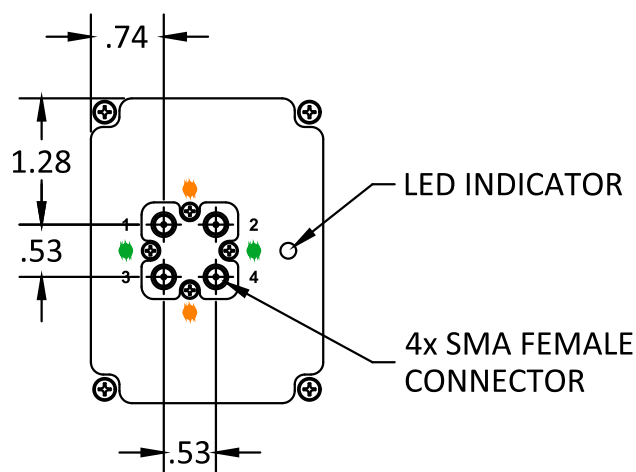
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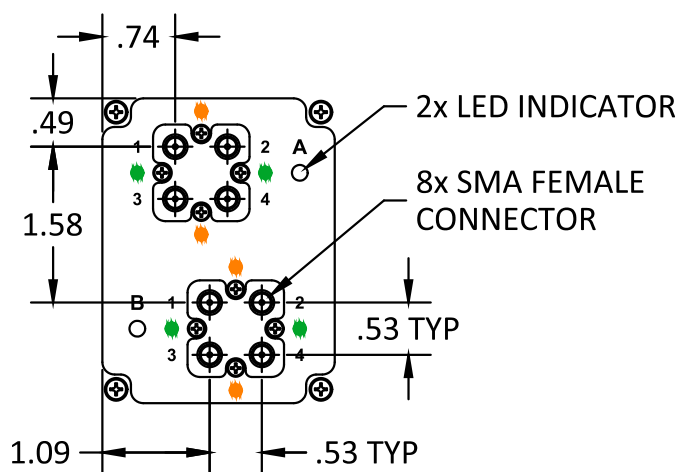
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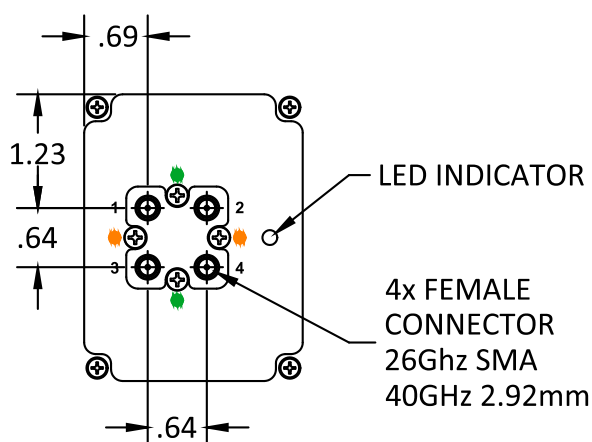
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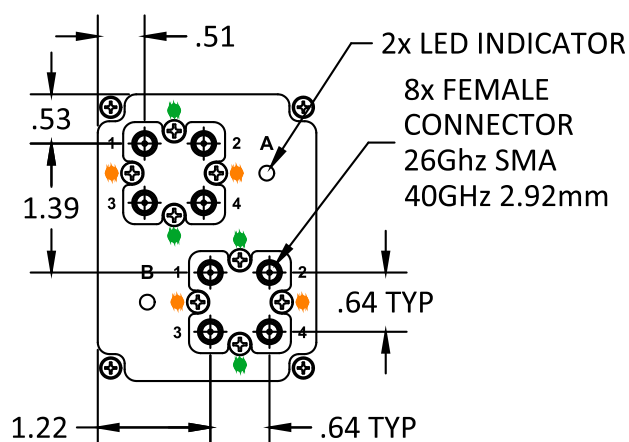
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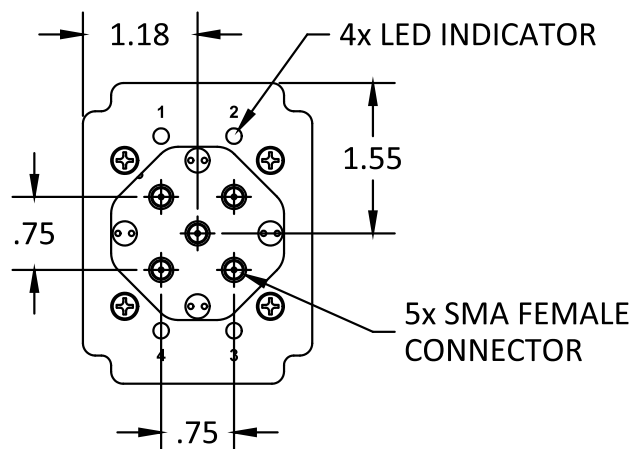
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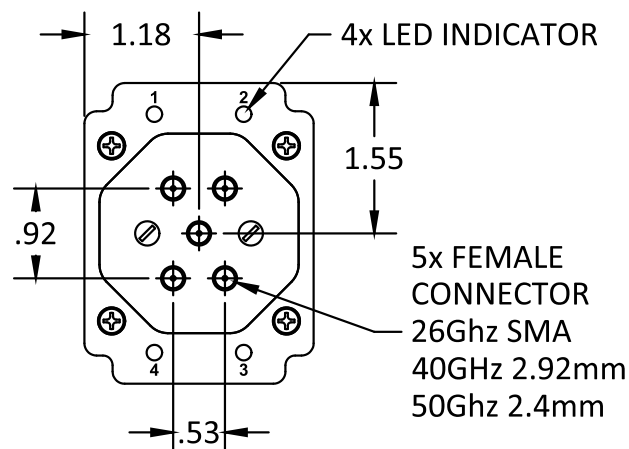
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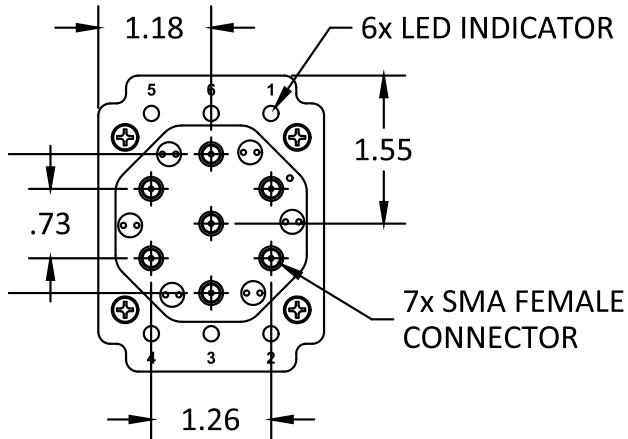
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SP4TA 26GHz

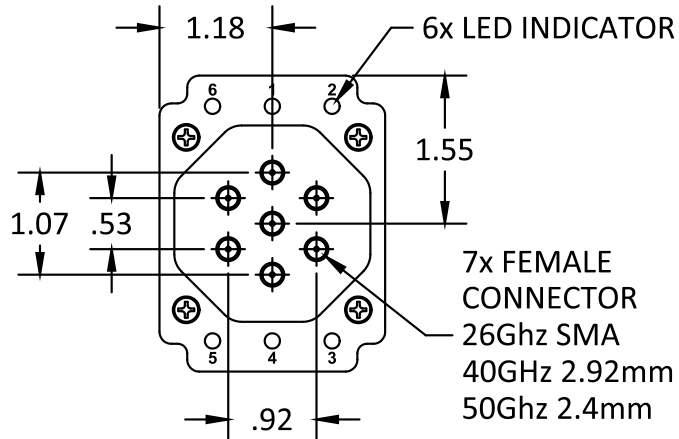
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SP4TA 50GHz



SP6TA 12GHz

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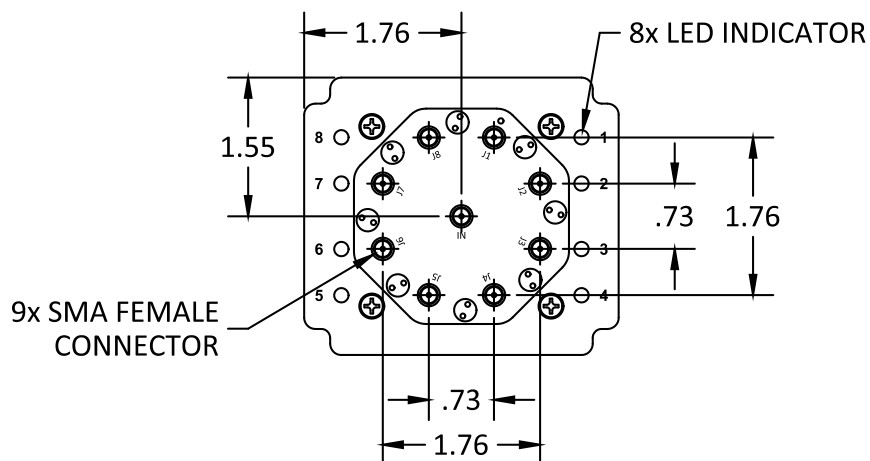
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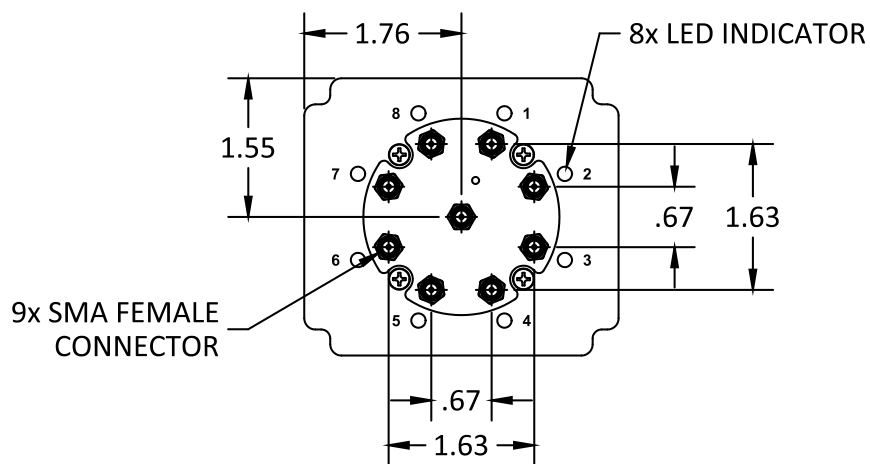
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SP8TA 12GHz



SP8TA 18GHz

SP8TA 26GHz



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Specification	Test/Inspection Condition	Reference/Spec
Operating Temperature	-0° to 50° C Ambient Environment	Individual Model Data Sheet
Storage Temperature	-20° to 60° 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