USB & ETHERNET & DAISY-CHAIN

Mechanical Switch Assembly ZT-16SPDT-A18

50Ω DC to 18 GHz 16 x SPDT Rack-Mount SMA Female

THE BIG DEAL

- 16 x mechanical SPDT absorptive switches
- Convenient rack-mountable chassis
- SSH secure Ethernet communication
- Daisy-chain control of multiple switch racks
- Fail-safe / redundancy switching
- LED switch state indicators

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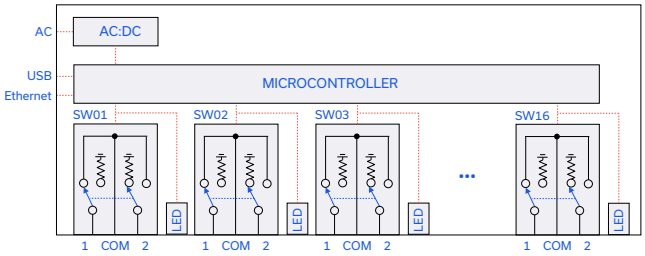
FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



APPLICATIONS

- Benchtop and rack-mounted automated test systems
- 5G FR1 & FR3, WiFi 6E, UWB, Bluetooth
- Military radio, radar & electronic warfare
- Microwave radio & cellular infrastructure
- Switch matrices

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' ZT-16SPDT-A18 houses 16 independently controlled electro-mechanical SPDT switches. Each switch operates over an extremely wide bandwidth, from DC to 18 GHz with high isolation and low insertion loss. The absorptive switches are failsafe, with a break-before-make configuration, and lifetime of 5 million switching cycles when used within the noted specifications.

The switches are housed in a compact 19-inch rack chassis, 2U height, with all SMA (female) RF connectors on the front. LED switch state indicators on the front panel enable visual display of all switch states. The switch assembly can be controlled via USB or Ethernet (supporting SSH, 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.

The daisy-chain control interface with "dynamic addressing" simplifies control integration by interconnecting multiple switch racks via their respective serial in and out connections. The system automatically identifies and addresses all switch racks within the daisy-chain, allowing each to be independently controlled through the single USB / Ethernet connection of the first unit in the chain.

KEY FEATURES

Feature	Advantages
Mechanical switches	Mechanical absorptive switches provide low loss, high isolation, high reliability, repeatable performance and internal termination of input signals on the disconnected paths
Daisy-chain control	Control multiple switch racks through a single USB or Ethernet connection, simplifying control systems and switch automation.
Secure Ethernet communication	Support for SSH (secure shell protocol) provides a means for secure communication over Ethernet networks with strict security policies. HTTP & Telnet communication via Ethernet are also supported.
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
Rack-mount chassis	Compact 2U height, 19" rack-mountable chassis suits integration in automated production test environments.

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ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT +25°C (EACH SWITCH)

Parameter	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range		DC		18	GHz
Insertion Loss	DC – 8 GHz 8 – 12 GHz 12 – 18 GHz		0.15 0.25 0.30	0.30 0.40 0.50	dB
Isolation (Inactive Paths)[1]	DC – 8 GHz 8 – 12 GHz 12 – 18 GHz	75 70 60	90 80 66		dB
Return Loss[2]	DC – 8 GHz 8 – 12 GHz 12 – 18 GHz		20 20 19		:1
Switching Time			25		ms
RF Input Power (Cold Switching)	DC-18 GHz Into internal termination			20 1	W
Switch Lifetime	100 mW hot switching[3] 1W hot switching		5 1		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

CONTROL INTERFACES

Ethernet Control	Supported Protocols	TCP / IP, SSH, HTTP, Telnet, DHCP, UDP (limited)
	Max Data Rate	100 Mbps (100 Base-T Full Duplex)
USB Control	Supported Protocols	HID – High Speed
	Min Communication Time[1]	400 µs typ
Daisy-Chain	Supported Protocols	Mini-Circuits proprietary
	Requirements	Additional ZT-16SPDT-A18 switch racks with one unit to be controlled using USB or Ethernet

1. Based on the polling interval of the USB HID protocol (125 µs with 64 bytes per packet) and no other significant CPU or USB activity

SOFTWARE & DOCUMENTATION

Mini-Circuits' full software and support package including user guide, Windows GUI, API, programming manual and examples can be downloaded free of charge (refer to the last page for the download path).
A comprehensive set of software control options is provided:

- GUI for Windows – Simple software interface for control via Ethernet and USB
- Programming / automation via Ethernet
  - Complete set of control commands which can be sent via any supported protocol – simple to implement in the majority of modern programming environments

- Programming / automation via USB
  - DLL files provide a full API for Windows with a set of intuitive functions which can be implemented in any programming environment supporting .Net Framework or ActiveX
  - Direct USB programming is possible in any other environment (not supporting .Net or ActiveX)

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MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Hardware	Intel i3 (or equivalent) or later
GUI (USB or Ethernet Control)	Windows 7 or later
USB API DLL	Windows 7 or later with support for Microsoft .Net Framework or ActiveX
USB Direct Programming	Windows 7 or later; Linux
Ethernet	Windows, Linux or macOS with Ethernet TCP / IP support

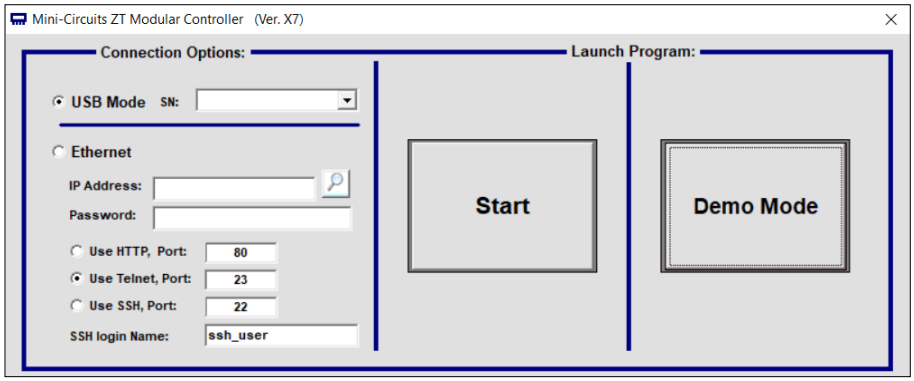
PROGRAMMING COMMANDS

The key ASCII / SCPI commands for control of the system for control via the Ethernet or USB API are summarized below (refer to the programming manual for full details):

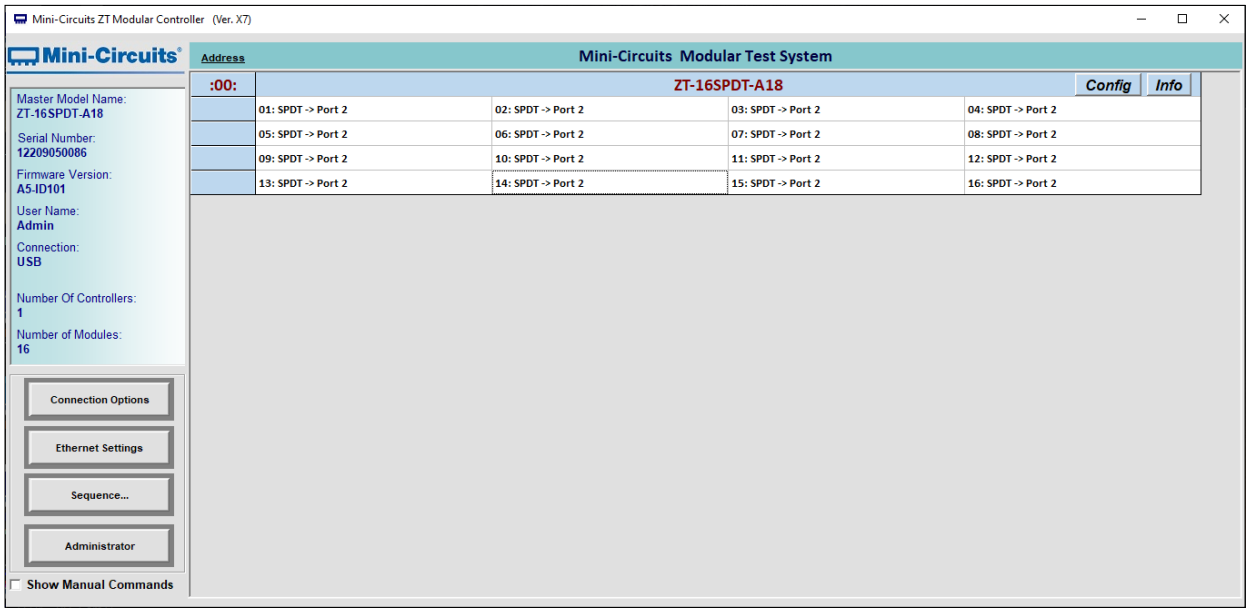
Command / Query	Description
:MN?	Read model name
:SN?	Read serial number
:FIRMWARE?	Read firmware version
:[address]:SPDT:[swlabel]:STATE:[port]	Set a single switch state: • [address] = Address of the ZT-16SPDT-A18 units when multiple units are daisy-chained (00 to nn) – Can be omitted for a single unit • [sw_label] = Switch number within the ZT-16SPDT-A18 rack (1 to 16) • [port] = The port to be connected to Com of the specified switch (1 or 2) • Example :SPDT:1:STATE:2
:[address]:SPDT:[sw_label]:STATE?	Get the state of all switches: • [address] = Address of the ZT-16SPDT-A18 units when multiple units are daisy-chained (00 to nn) – Can be omitted for a single unit • [sw_label] = Switch number within the ZT-16SPDT-A18 rack (1 to 16) • Example :SPDT:1:STATE?

GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI) FOR WINDOWS

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



- View and set all switch states at the click of a button
- Configure automated switching sequences
- Define custom switch and port labels
- Set switch power-up states
- Configure Ethernet settings
- Update firmware



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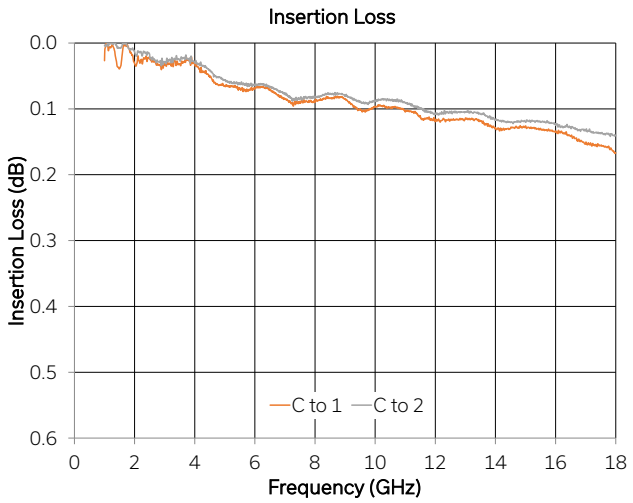
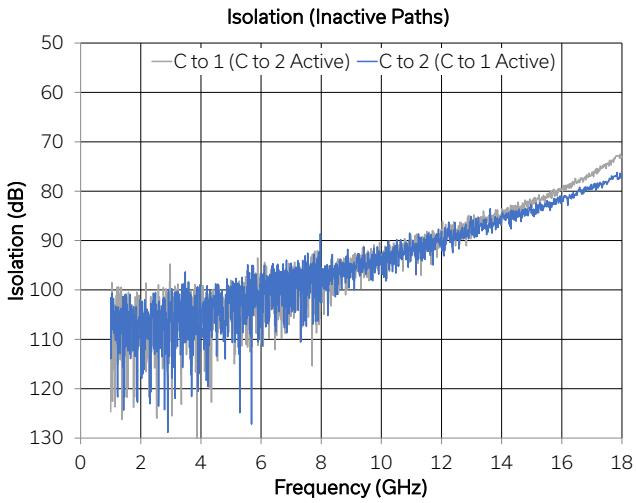
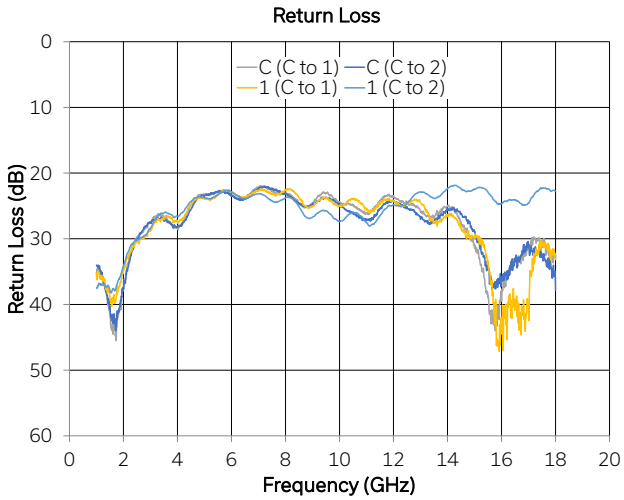
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS







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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Parameter	Conditions	Limits	Units
Temperature	Operating	0 to +50	°C
	Storage	-20 to +60	
Input Power (No Damage)	Cold switching	20	W
	Hot switching	1	
	Into internal termination	1	

Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded. Operating in the range between operating power limits and absolute maximum ratings for extended periods of time may result in reduced life and reliability.

POWER SUPPLY

Power Supply	AC mains input: 100-240 V, 50 / 60 Hz
Fuse	2A, 250V rating
Power Consumption	150W maximum

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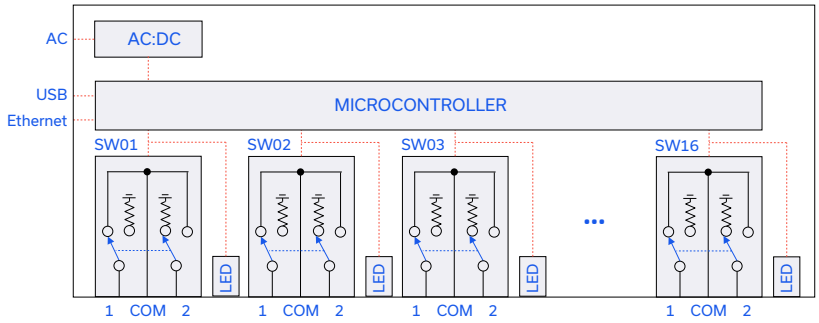

CONNECTIONS

Port	Connector
COM & 1-2 (each SPDT)	SMA female
USB	USB type B
Ethernet / LAN	RJ45
Serial In & Serial Out	D-sub 9-pin
AC Input	IEC C14 inlet

COM = Common port
1-2 = input / output ports

SWITCH STATE TABLES

Each SPDT Switch:

Switch Command	Switch x State	Switch x LED State
:SPDT:[x]:STATE:1	COM to 1	Green
:SPDT:[x]:STATE:2	COM to 2	Orange

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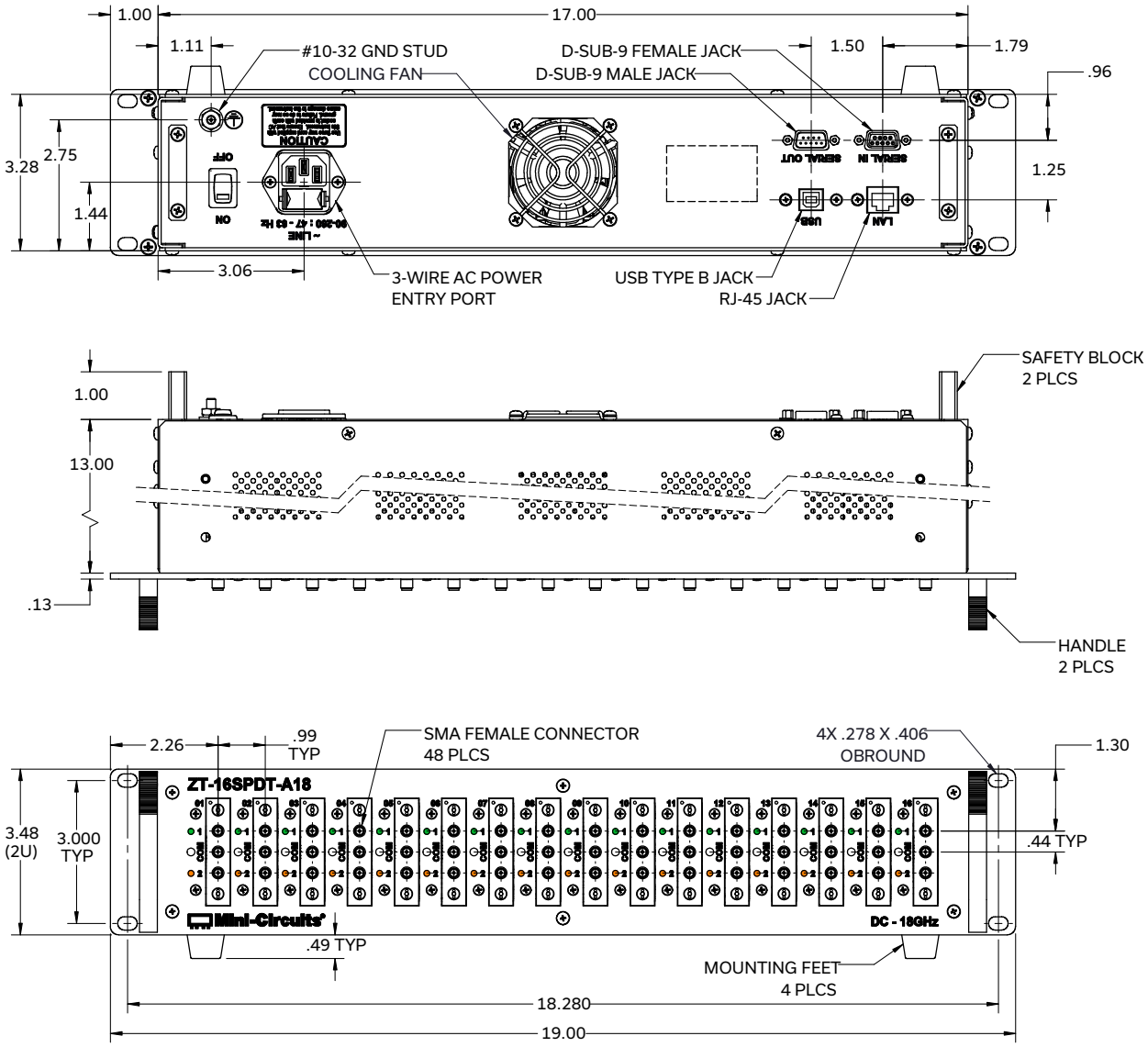
CASE STYLE DRAWING



PRODUCT MARKING*

Product Marking: ZT-16SPDT-A18
Product Frequency: DC – 18 GHz
Unit ID Label: Serial number and other identification marks
*Marking may contain other features or characters for internal lot control

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Case Style	99-01-3487
Software, User Guide & Programming Manual	www.minicircuits.com/softwaredownload/ztm_ztm2.html
Environmental Rating	ENV55
Regulatory Compliance	Refer to our website for compliance methodologies and qualifications CE UKCA www.minicircuits.com/quality/environmental_introduction.html

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Included Accessories	Part Number	Description
	USB-CBL-AB-7+	USB cable (6.8ft) type A to type B
	CBL-RJ45-MM-5+	Ethernet cable (5 ft)
	D-SUB9-MF-6+	Serial daisy-chain control cable (6") with D-sub 9-pin connectors
	HT-4-SMA	SMA connector wrench (4" length)
	CBL-3W-xx	AC power cord (IEC C13 connector to local plug) Select one option from the list below. Please contact testsolutions@minicircuits.com if your region is not listed.

AC Power Cord Options	Part Number	Description
	CBL-3W-US	USA NEMA 5-15 plug (type B) to IEC C13 connector
	CBL-3W-EU	Europe CEE 7/7 plug (type E/F) to IEC C13 connector
	CBL-3W-UK	UK BS-1363 plug (type G) to IEC C13 connector
	CBL-3W-AU	Australia & China AS/NZS 3112 plug (type I) to IEC C13 connector
	CBL-3W-IL	Israel SI-32 plug (type H) to IEC C13 connector

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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

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