

4-Port Mesh Network Emulator **ZTMN-0495AS**

50Ω 350 to 6000 MHz Rack-Mount SMA Female

THE BIG DEAL

- · 4 fully interconnected test ports
- 95 dB programmable attenuation per path
- · Software control & automation
- Configure automated sweep, hop & fading sequences
- SSH secure Ethernet communication
- · Compact rack-mountable chassis

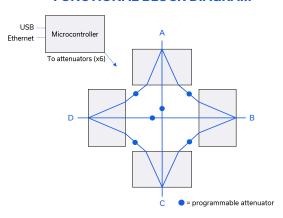
APPLICATIONS

- ISM band fire & security monitoring
- 5G FR1, WiFi 6E, IoT & Zigbee device testing
- Smart home & energy monitoring systems
- · Production, R&D, qualification testing



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FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' ZTMN series mesh network emulators are multi-port test systems with independently variable attenuation on each internal path. This concept allows simulation of a "real-world" mesh communication network within the confined space of a production or test environment. Path loss can be varied independently between any pair of devices on the network without affecting any other combination of devices, allowing simulation of a complex range of test cases.

ZTMN-0495AS is a 4-port mesh covering the 350 MHz to 6 GHz bands, with 0 to 95 dB attenuation range on each of the internal paths. The model is housed in a compact 19-inch rack chassis with all RF connectors on the front panel. The ZTMN series also supports custom mesh network combinations, with port counts, attenuation and frequency ranges configured according to your needs.

The system can be controlled via USB or Ethernet (supporting SSH, HTTP & Telnet protocols). Full software support is provided, including our user-friendly GUI application for Windows, flexible API, and programming instructions for Windows and Linux environments.

KEY FEATURES

Feature Advantages	
Wide attenuation range	Independently controllable 0-95 dB attenuators on each path allow simulation of a wide range of test scenarios including receiver sensitivity, device / base-station handovers, device failures, and interference effects.
Wide bandwidth	Incorporates most of the key commercial wireless mesh network applications, including WiFi, 5G FR1 and Zigbee.
Rack-mount chassis	Slim 2U height, 19" rack-mountable chassis minimizes the rack space required in crowded production test environments.
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.
Integrated control & power	Easy to use on the lab bench or integrate into larger automated test systems without the need to develop custom control systems.





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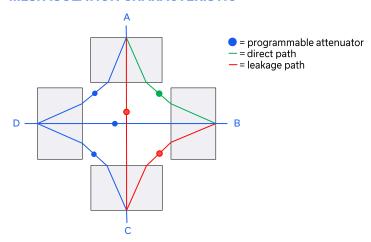
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ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT +25°C

Parameter	Conditions	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units	
Frequency Range		350		6000	MHz	
Insertion Loss ¹	350-2000 MHz		17	19	-ID	
Insertion Loss-	2000-6000 MHz		20	24	dB	
le-letie-	Direct path @ max attenuation ²		110		-ID	
Isolation	Leakage path ³		45		dB	
Return Loss	12		12		dB	
Input Power	Per port +		+27	dBm		
Attenuation Range	ion Range Per path			95	dB	
Attauration Chair	0 – 90 dB range		0.25		-ID	
Attenuation Steps	90 – 95 dB range		0.5		dB	

- 1. Path loss on the direct path between 2 ports when the attenuator in path is at 0 dB $\,$
- 2. Path loss on the direct path between 2 ports with all attenuators at max attenuation
- 3. Path loss on the leakage path between 2 ports with the 2 attenuators in the leakage path at 0 dB and all others at max attenuation

MESH ISOLATION CHARACTERISTIC



The green path in the diagram above is the direct path between ports A & B. In an ideal mesh this would be the only route between these 2 ports. The insertion loss (IL) on the direct path is approximately as below, when the attenuator highlighted in green is set to 0 dB:

The red path highlights an indirect, leakage path which also exists between ports A & B due to the finite isolation of the splitter / combiner component. A number of similar leakage paths also exist across the output ports of the other splitter / combiner components within the mesh. The worst-case isolation (ISO) of the red leakage path is approximately as below, when the attenuators highlighted in red are set to 0 dB:

Mini-Circuits minimizes the leakage paths by design; a well-designed splitter / combiner component can offer in the order of 20 dB isolation over a wide bandwidth. It is not possible to remove entirely the leakage paths but their effects can be mitigated during operation of the mesh through careful choice of the programmable attenuation values in path. Mini-Circuits' recommendations are:

- 1. Terminate any unused external ports around the mesh to ensure the best impedance match throughout.
- 2. Set all programmable attenuators to their maximum values (90 dB) initially to ensure all direct and leakage paths are isolated, then reduce the attenuation on the specific paths required by the test scenario.
- 3. When leakage paths are affecting measurements, consider increasing the value on all internal programmable attenuators to minimize their significance. Every 1 dB increase in insertion loss on all direct paths, leads to a 2 dB increase on all indirect paths.



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CONTROL INTERFACES

Ethernet Control	Supported Protocols	TCP / IP, SSH, HTTP, Telnet, DHCP, UDP (limited)	
Ethernet Control	Max Data Rate	100 Mbps (100Base-T Full Duplex)	
USB Control	Supported Protocols	HID - High Speed	
OSB Control	Min Communication Time ⁴	400 μs typ	

^{4.} Based on the polling interval of the USB HID protocol (125 µs with 1024 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]:[channels]:SETATT:[value]	Set attenuation: [address] = Address of the attenuator module (refer to the Attenuator Path Map table) [channels] = Channel number (1 to 4) within the 4-channel attenuator module. Multiple channels can be listed in a string, separated by colon (":"). [value] = Attenuation value to set (from 0 to 95 dB) Example: 01:CHAN:1:2:3:SETATT:10.25
:[address]:[channels]:ATT?	Return a single attenuator value: • [address] = Address of the attenuator module (refer to the Attenuator Path Map table) • [channels] = Channel number (1 to 4) within the 4-channel attenuator module • Example: • 01:CHAN:1:ATT?

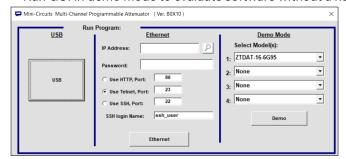


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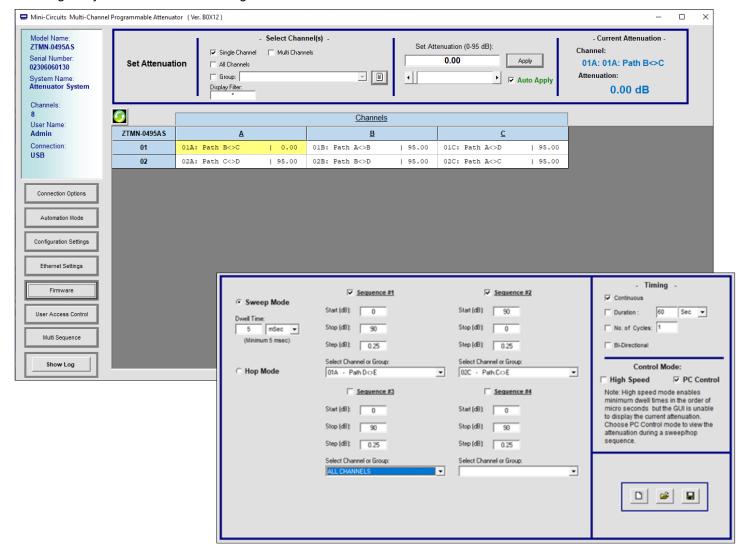
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GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI) FOR WINDOWS

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



- View and set all attenuator values, independently or in groups
- · Configure automated sweep / hop / fading sequences
- Apply custom port / path names
- Configure system and Ethernet settings

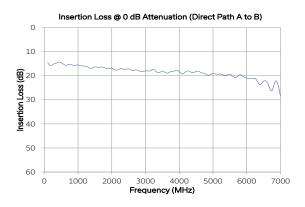


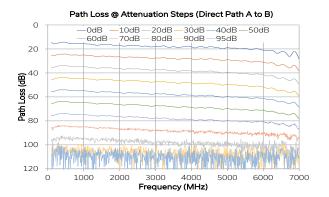


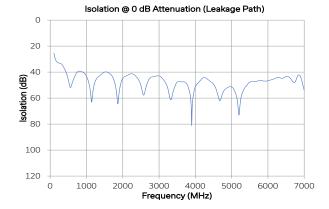
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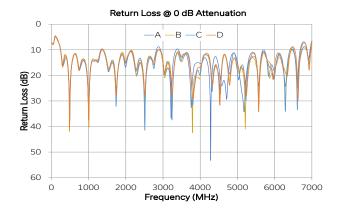
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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS











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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

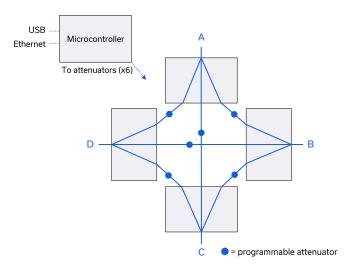
Parameter	Conditions	Limits	Units
Tomporatura	Operating	0 to +50	°C
Temperature	Storage	-20 to +60	
Input Power (No Damage)	Per port	+27	dBm

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	85W maximum	

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



CONNECTIONS

Port	Connector
A to D	SMA female
USB	USB type B
Ethernet / LAN	RJ45
AC Input	IEC C14 inlet

ATTENUATOR / PATH MAP

- The mesh is constructed using six 8-channel programmable attenuator blocks, addressed 01 to 06
- · Each of the 8 channels within a block controls the path loss between a single pair of ports
- Refer to the table below to address the attenuator between any pair of ports

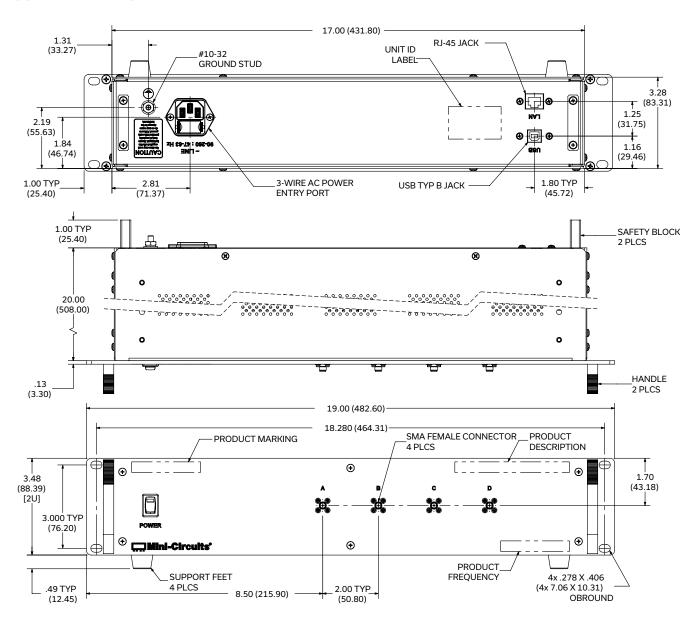
		Port		
	В С			D
	Α	Att 01 - Ch B	Att 02 – Ch C	Att 01 - Ch C
Port	В		Att 01 - Ch A	Att 02 - Ch B
_	С			Att 02 – Ch A



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OUTLINE DRAWING



Weight: 5350 grams.

Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2 Pl. ± .03 inch; 3 Pl. ±.015 inch.

PRODUCT MARKING

Product Marking: ZTMN-0495AS

Product Description: 4-Port Mesh Network Test Drawer

Product Frequency: 350-6000 MHz

Unit ID Label: Serial number and other identification marks

*Marking may contain other features or characters for internal lot control



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DETAILED MODEL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE CLICK HERE

Case Style	BAK2370		
Software, User Guide & Programming Manual	www.minicircuits.com/softwaredownload/multiatt.html		
Environmental Rating	ENV55		
Regulatory Compliance	Refer to our website for compliance methodologies and qualifications CEUK www.minicircuits.com/quality/environmental_introduction.html		

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Included Accessories	Part Number	Description
	CBL-3W-xx	AC power cord (IEC C13 connector to local plug) Select one option from the list below. Please contact Please contact testsolutions@minicircuits.com if your regions is not listed.
\$1. S	USB-CBL-AB-7+	USB cable (6.8ft) type A to type B
8/1	CBL-RJ45-MM-5+	Ethernet cable (5 ft)

AC Power Cord Options	Part Number	Description
	CBL-3W-US	USA NEMA 5-15 plug (type B) to IEC C13 connector
4	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
9	CBL-3W-IL	Israel SI-32 plug (type H) to IEC C13 connector

NOTES

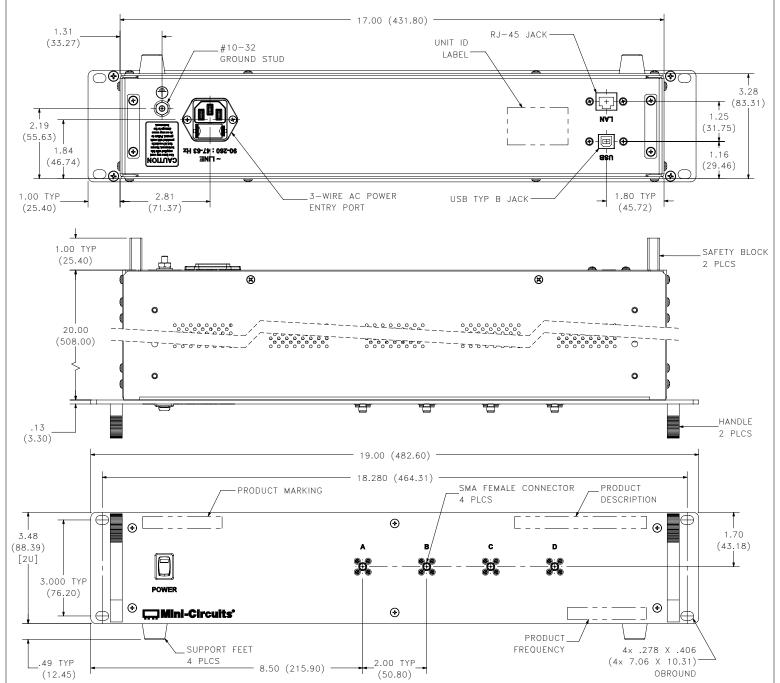
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Case Style



Outline Dimensions



Notes:

- Case material: Aluminum (with protective coating to prevent corrosion).
- Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2 Pl. ±.03 inch; 3 Pl. ±.015 inch.
- Weight: 5350 grams.
- Marking may contain other features or characters for internal lot control.





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Environmental Specifications

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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 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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