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RF Transfer Switch Matrix RC-3MTS-26

50Ω DC to 26.5 GHz

THE BIG DEAL

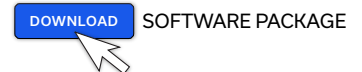
- Three mechanical transfer switches
- Wideband performance up to 26.5 GHz
- High reliability, 2 million switch cycles
- High isolation

APPLICATIONS

- 5G node / device testing
- Automated test equipment
- Fail-safe / redundancy switching
- Switch matrices



CASE STYLE: SH3143



RoHS Compliant
See our web site for RoHS Compliance methodologies and qualifications

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' RC-3MTS-26 comprises of three independently controlled, electro-mechanical transfer switches. Each switch operates over a wide bandwidth, from DC to 26.5 GHz with high isolation (80 dB typical), low insertion loss (0.3 dB typical) and high input power rating. The switches are of a fail-safe and break-before-make-configuration, with a minimum life time of 2 million switching cycles 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 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).

KEY FEATURES

| Feature | Advantages |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Three transfer switches | Transfer switches provide a simple DPDT switch application (2 input to 2 output switch matrix) and are a useful building block in much larger switch matrices |
| 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 (GHz) | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|--|----------------------------------|------|------|------|----------------|
| Frequency Range | | DC | | 26.5 | GHz |
| Insertion Loss | DC - 8 | — | 0.15 | 0.30 | dB |
| | 8 - 12 | — | 0.20 | 0.40 | |
| | 12 - 18 | — | 0.30 | 0.50 | |
| | 18 - 26.5 | — | 0.50 | 0.70 | |
| Isolation | DC - 8 | 70 | 90 | — | dB |
| | 8 - 12 | 65 | 80 | — | |
| | 12 - 18 | 60 | 80 | — | |
| | 18 - 26.5 | 50 | 70 | — | |
| VSWR | DC - 8 | — | 1.30 | | :1 |
| | 8 - 12 | — | 1.40 | | |
| | 12 - 18 | — | 1.50 | | |
| | 18 - 26.5 | — | 1.70 | | |
| Switching Time | — | — | 25 | — | ms |
| RF Input Power (Cold Switching) ¹ | DC - 8 | | | 20 | W |
| | 8 - 12 | | | 10 | |
| | 18 - 26.5 | | | 5 | |
| Switch Lifetime (per Switch) | <0.1W hot switching ² | 2 | — | — | million cycles |
| | 0.1 - 1W hot switching | — | 1 | — | |
| Rated Voltage | 24V _{DC} input | 23 | 24 | 25 | V |
| | USB port | — | 5 | — | |
| Rated Current (24V DC Input) | All switches in state 2 | — | 530 | 840 | mA |
| | All switches in state 1 | — | 90 | 120 | |
| Rated Current (USB) | | — | 10 | 20 | mA |

¹ Maximum power per path, with all portS terminated into 50Ω

² Hot switching power above this level will degrade the switch lifetime.

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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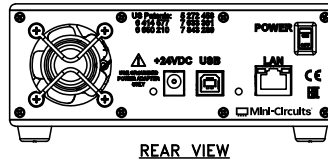
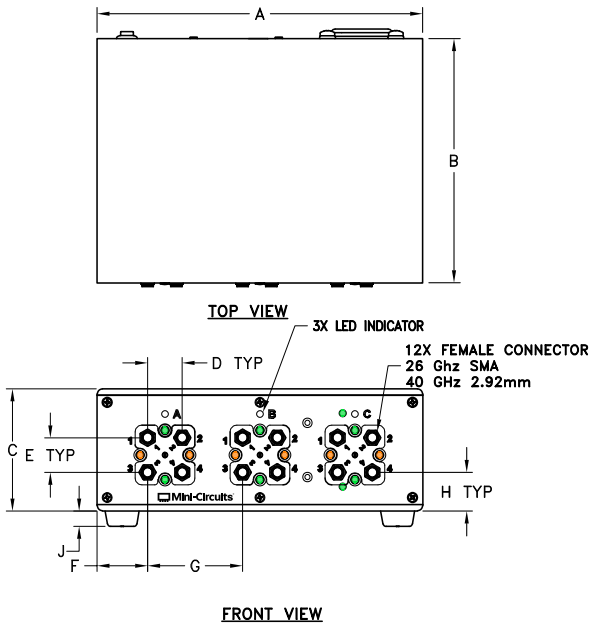
SWITCHING STATES (PER SWITCH)



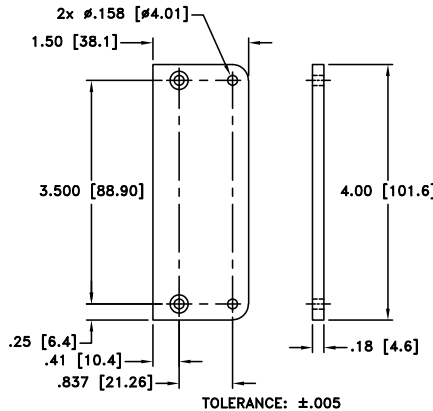
CONNECTIONS

| Port Name | Connector Type |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| RF Switch A (J1, J2, J3 & J4) | SMA female |
| RF Switch B (J1, J2, J3 & J4) | SMA female |
| RF Switch C (J1, J2, J3 & J4) | SMA female |
| USB | USB type-B |
| Ethernet / LAN | RJ45 |
| 24V _{DC} Input | 2.1mm center positive DC socket |

OUTLINE DRAWING (SH3143)



BRACKET OPTION ONE SET OF 2 EACH



INSTRUCTION FOR MOUNTING BRACKETS:
TOOL REQUIRED: PHILLIPS HEAD SCREW DRIVER
STEP 1: REMOVE RUBBER FEET FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE UNIT, DO NOT DISCARD THE FASTENERS.
STEP 2: MOUNT THE BRACKETS WITH THE FASTENERS REMOVED IN STEP 1, USING THE COUNTER BORE HOLES IN THE BRACKET.

OUTLINE DIMENSIONS (Inches mm)

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | J | K | L | M | wt |
|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| 6.00 | 4.50 | 2.25 | 0.64 | 0.64 | 0.93 | 1.75 | 0.71 | 0.28 | 3.50 | 0.375 | 6.75 | grams |
| 152.4 | 114.3 | 57.2 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 23.7 | 44.5 | 18.1 | 7.1 | 88.90 | 9.52 | 171.45 | 960 |

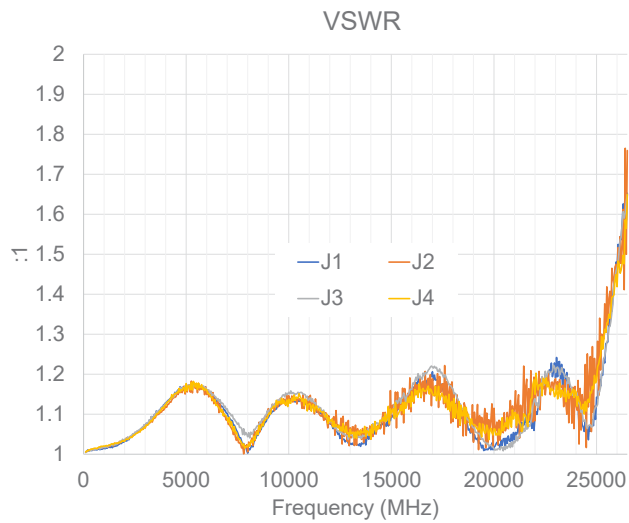
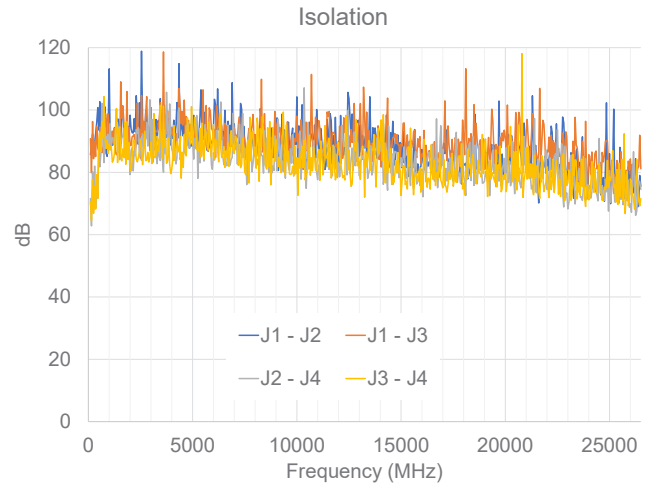
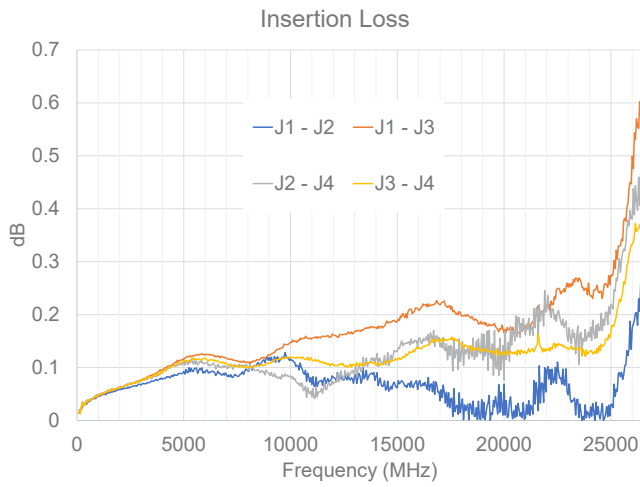




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SOFTWARE SPECIFICATIONS

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 98 or later |
| | USB API DLL | Windows 98 or later and programming environment with ActiveX or .NET support |
| | USB Direct Programming | Linux, Windows 98 or later |
| | Ethernet | Windows, Linux or Mac computer with a network port and Ethernet TCP/IP support |
| Hardware | Pentium II or later with 256 MB RAM | |

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):

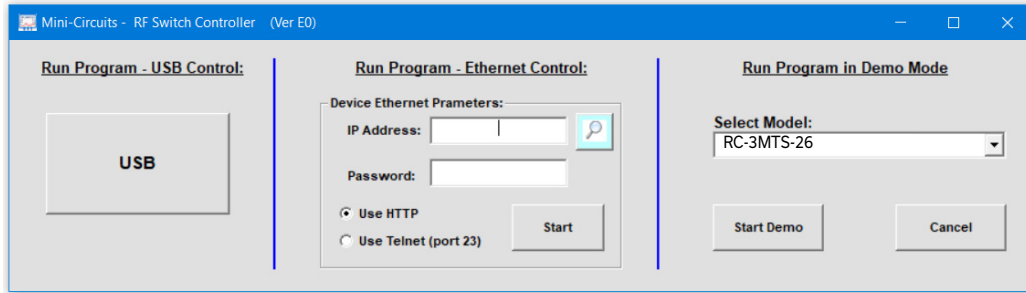
- Direct USB programming using a series of USB interrupt codes

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

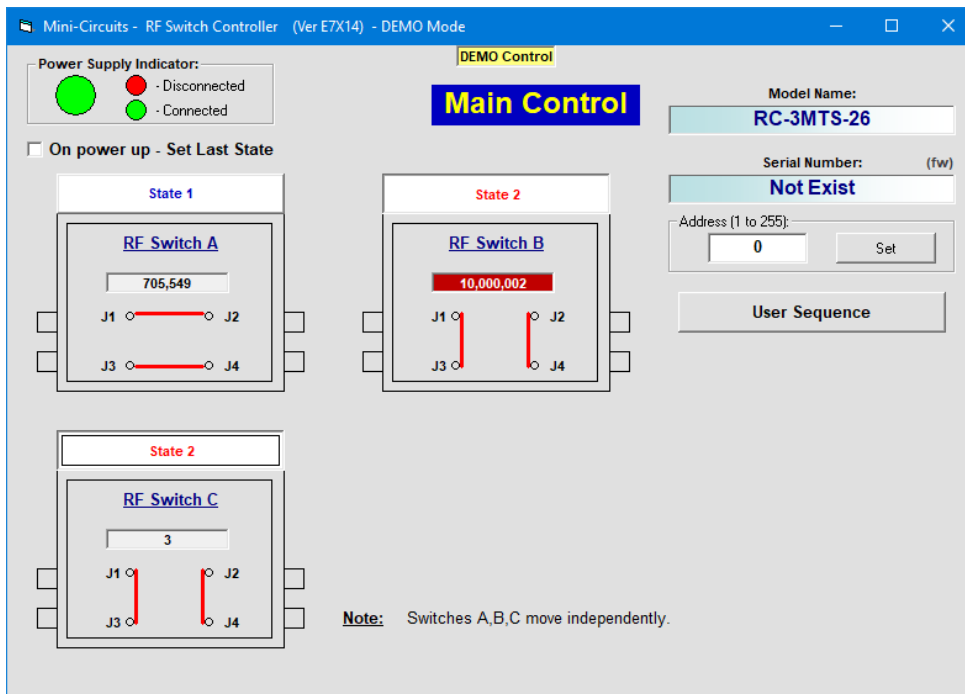


GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI) FOR WINDOWS - KEY FEATURES

- 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












ORDERING INFORMATION

Refer to Mini-Circuits' website for pricing and availability information:

<https://www.minicircuits.com/WebStore/dashboard.html?model=RC-3MTS-26>

| Model | Description |
|------------|--|
| RC-3MTS-26 | USB & Ethernet controlled transfer 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

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|----------------|--|
| 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) |

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