USB & ETHERNET CONTROLLED

Millimeter Wave Switch Matrix RC-4SPDT-50

50Ω DC to 50 GHz 2.4 mm-Female

THE BIG DEAL

- Millimeter wave switching (up to 50 GHz)
- 4 x mechanical reflective SPDT switches
- High reliability, 2 million switch cycles
- 3W power rating (cold switching)

CASE STYLE: LM3149

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RoHS Compliant
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APPLICATIONS

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

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' RC-4SPDT-50 houses 4 electro-mechanical SPDT switches operating over an extremely wide bandwidth, from DC to 50 GHz with high isolation and low insertion loss. The reflective switches are of a failsafe and break-before-make-configuration, with a lifetime of 2 million switching cycles, when used within the noted specifications.

The switch box is constructed in a compact, rugged metal case (6.0 x 4.5 x 2.25") with all 2.4 mm (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
Mechanical SPDT switches	Mechanical reflective switches provide high reliability and repeatable performance
Operation from DC to 50 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		DC		50	GHz
Path Loss	DC – 12 GHz		0.2	0.4	dB
	12 – 26 GHz		0.3	0.7	
	26 – 40 GHz		0.3	0.8	
	40 – 50 GHz		0.4	1.1	
Isolation (Inactive Paths)[1]	DC – 12 GHz	60	100		dB
	12 – 26 GHz	55	90		
	26 – 40 GHz	50	80		
	40 – 50 GHz	50	70		
Return Loss[2]	DC – 12 GHz		23		dB
	12 – 26 GHz		17		
	26 – 50 GHz		16		
Switching Time			25		ms
RF Input Power	Cold switching, DC – 12 GHz			20	W
	Cold switching, 12 – 26 GHz			10	
	Cold switching, 26 – 40 GHz			5	
	Cold switching, 40 – 50 GHz			3	
	Hot switching[3]			0.1	
	Into internal termination			1	
Switch Lifetime			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 Com (all states) and ports 1-2 when connected to Com. Ports 1 & 2 are reflective when disconnected.
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
Supply Voltage	26V

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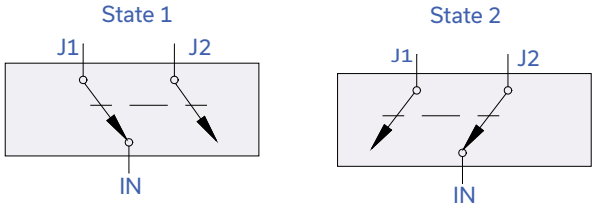
SWITCHING CONFIGURATION:

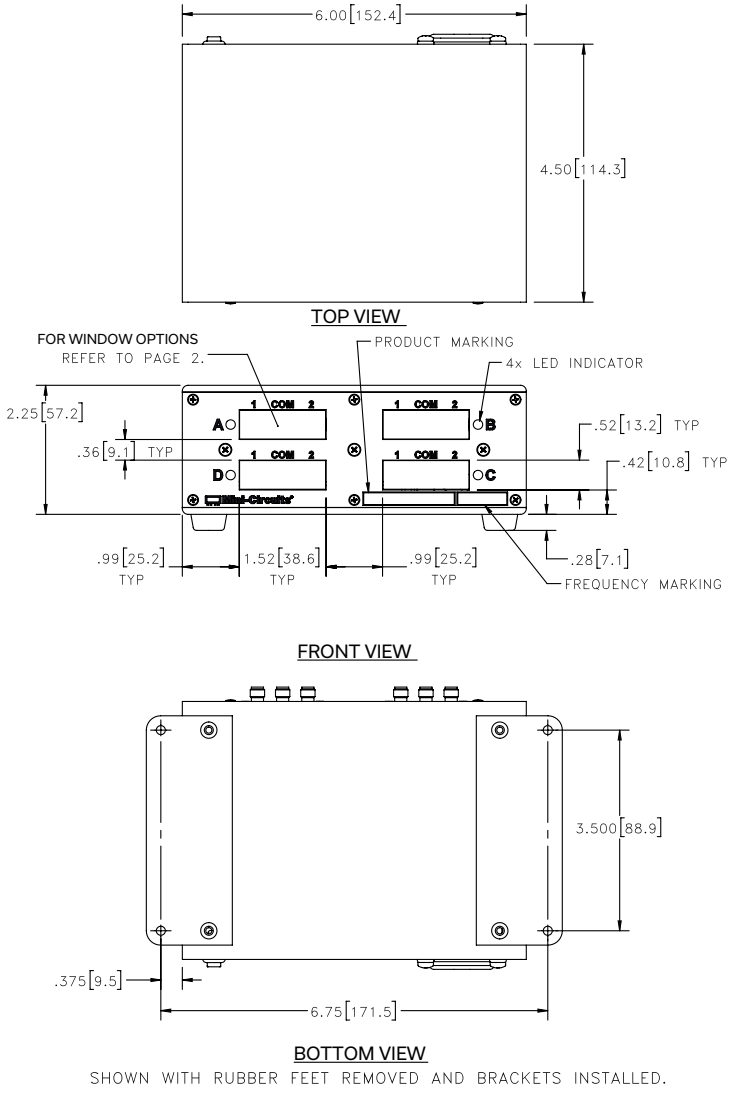
- Fail-safe
- Reflective

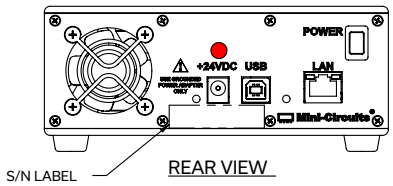


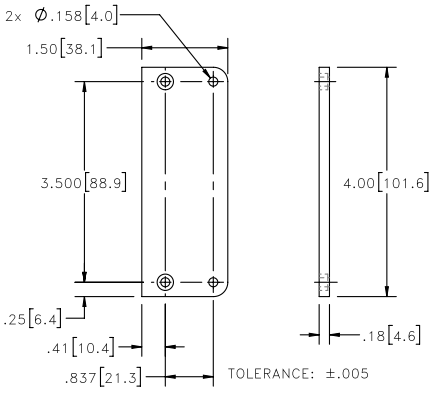
CONNECTIONS

Port Name	Connector Type
RF Switch A-D (COM, 1 & 2)	2.4 mm female
USB	USB type-B
Ethernet / LAN	RJ45
24V $_{DC}$ Input	2.1mm center positive DC socket

OUTLINE DRAWING (LM3149)





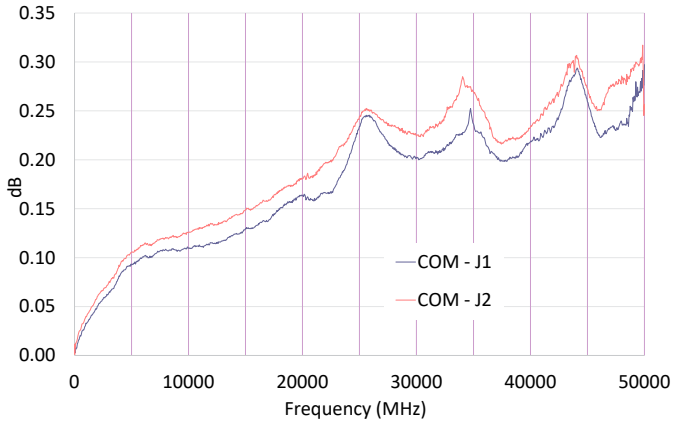


INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOUNTING BRACKETS:
TOOL REQUIRED: PHILLIPS HEAD SCREWDRIVER
STEP 1: REMOVE RUBBER FEET FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE UNIT, DO NOT DISCARD THE FASTENERS.
STEP 2: MOUNT THE BRACKETS WITH THE FASTENERS REMOVED IN STEP 1, USING THE COUNTER BORE HOLES IN THE BRACKET.

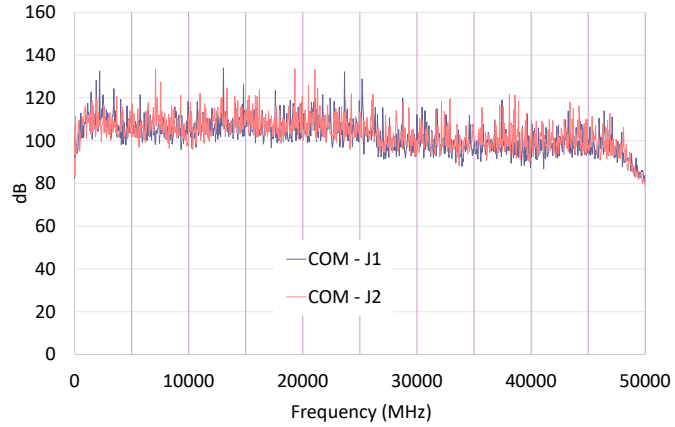
Weight (Model): (2SPDT) 880 grams; (4SPDT) 960 grams
Dimensions are in inches [mm]. Tolerances: 2 Pl. ±.03 inch; 3 Pl. ±.015 inch.

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS (PER SWITCH)

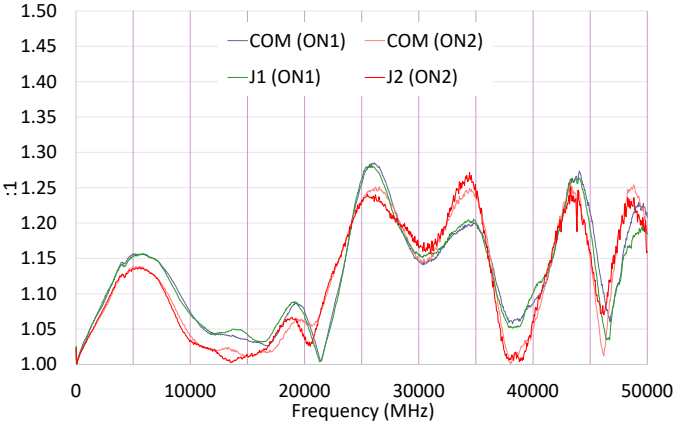
Insertion Loss



Isolation (Disconnected Paths)



VSWR (Active Paths)



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 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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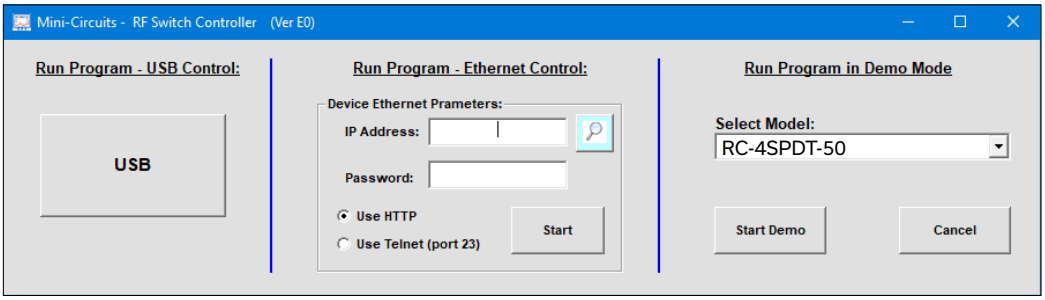
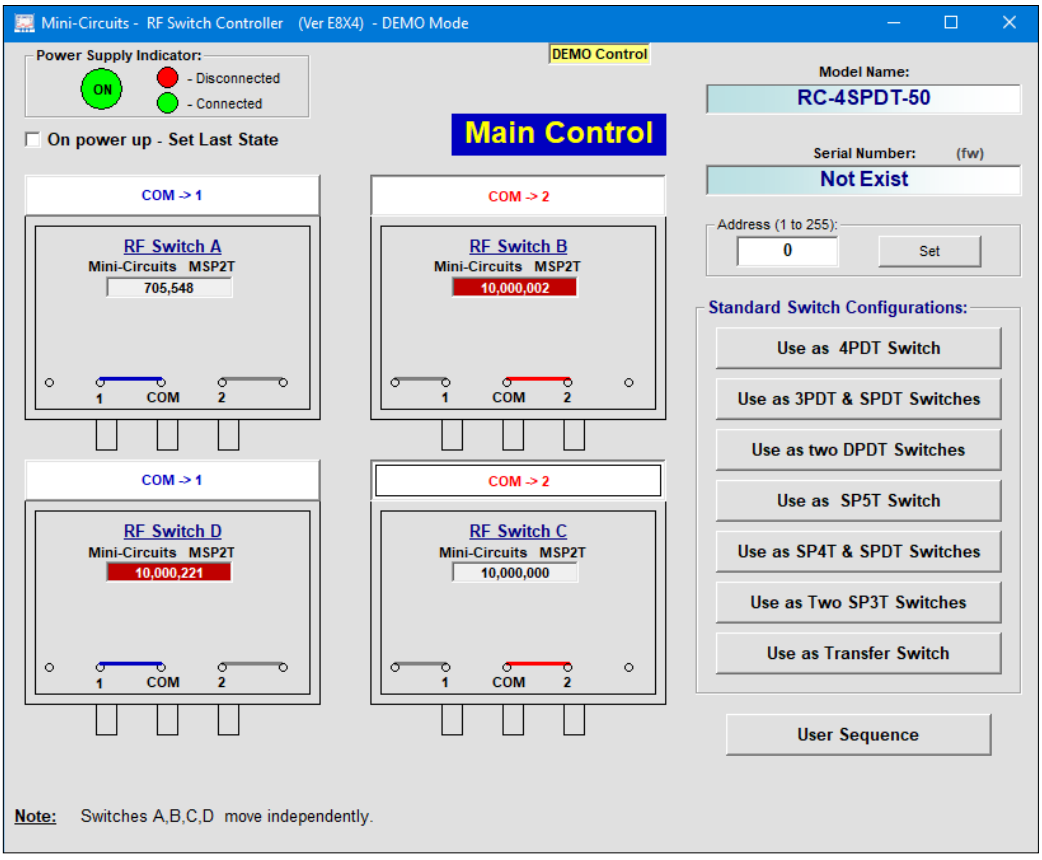
GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI) FOR WINDOWS - KEY FEATURES

- 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

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Model	Description
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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[2]	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

2. 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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