USB & Ethernet Controlled
Mechanical Switch System (1 x SP8T)   ZT-1SP8T-26

50Ω   DC to 26.5 GHz

Typical Applications

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

Product Overview

ZT-1SP8T-26 is part of Mini-Circuits' ZTM series modular switch range, which offers flexibility and fast turnaround for automated test setups. The design consists of a 19" rack chassis (3U height) which can be populated with your choice of mechanical switches on the front panel, with options up to SP8T and 40 GHz.

With the use of Mini-Circuits' low cost Hand-Flex™ interconnect cables, multiple matrix configurations can be easily created by the user. 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
Flexible mechanical switch options	Mechanical absorptive switches provide high reliability, repeatable high performance and internal terminations of input signals on the disconnected paths
Fast turnaround time	2-3 weeks from order to shipment allows test configuration to be rapidly updated without causing production delays.
Rack-mount chassis	Compact, 3U height 19" rack-chassis suits integration in automated production test environments
USB & Ethernet control	USB HID and Ethernet (HTTP / Telnet) interfaces provide easy compatibility with a wide range of software setups and programming environments

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Configuration

Row	Slot	Model Name	Frequency	Connectors	Description
Top	1	MSP8TA-26 (B81-53+)	DC-26.5 GHz	SMA (f)	SP8T Switch

Electrical Specifications @ 25ºC (per Switch)

Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Frequency		DC		26.5	GHz
Insertion Loss	DC-8 GHz		0.15	0.30	dB
	8-18 GHz		0.30	0.60	
	18-26.5 GHz		0.80	1.10	
Isolation	DC-26.5 GHz	55	70		dB
Return Loss	DC-8 GHz		20		dB
	8-18 GHz		16		
	18-26.5 GHz		14		
Switching Time			25		ms
RF Input Power (Cold Switching)[1]	DC-8 GHz			20	W
	8-18 GHz			10	
	18-26.5 GHz			5	
Switch Lifetime	100 mW hot switching[2]	2			million cycles
	1W hot switching		1		

[1] Maximum power for any connected through path as stated; maximum power into any internal termination is 1W per port, 3W total per switch
[2] Hot switching power above this level will degrade the switch lifetime

Switch Configuration:

- Normally open (all ports disconnected)
- Absorptive (internal terminations on ports J1-J8)

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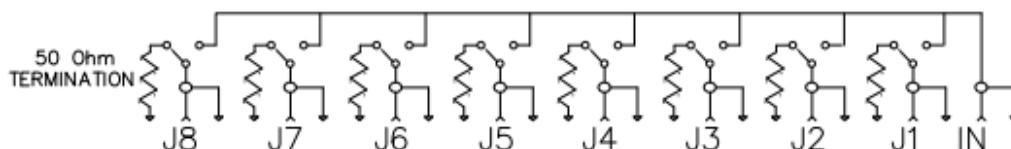
Mechanical / Environmental Specifications

Dimensions	19" (w) x 3U (h) x 13" (d); mounting feet add 0.5" height
Case Material	Aluminum (with protective coatings to prevent corrosion)
Case Drawing	99-01-2846
RF Connectors	SMA female
Front Panel	a) Power ON/OFF switch with indicator light b) All RF ports c) LED switch position indicators
Rear Panel	a) AC mains power input (IEC C14 inlet) b) USB & RJ45 control connections
Control Interface	USB and Ethernet TCP/IP supporting HTTP and TELNET protocols
Power Supply	AC mains power input (90-260 V, 47-63 Hz) with 2A, 250V fuse rating
Operating Temperature	0° to +50° C

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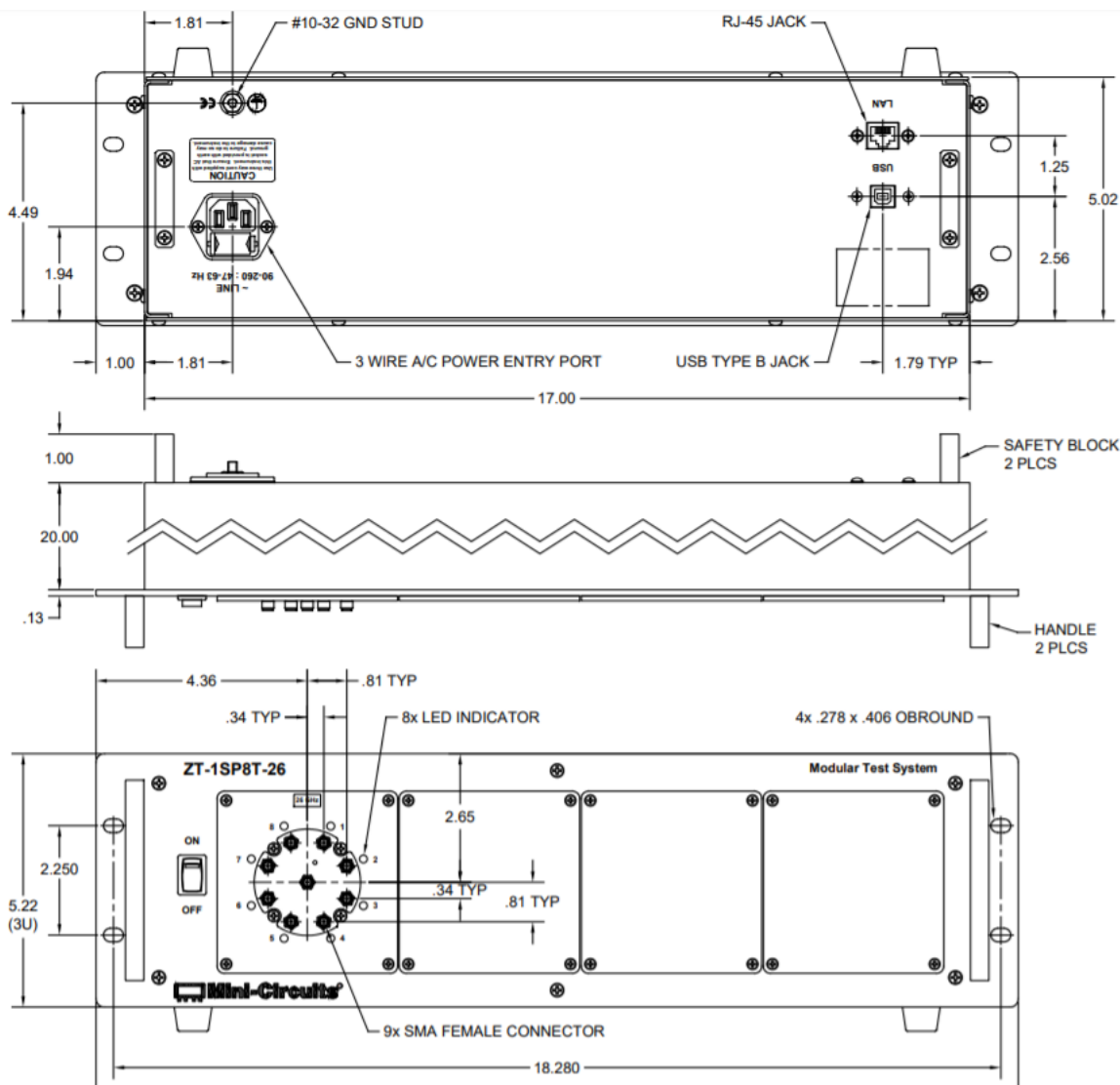
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Software Specifications

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/ztm_rcm.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 switch & 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 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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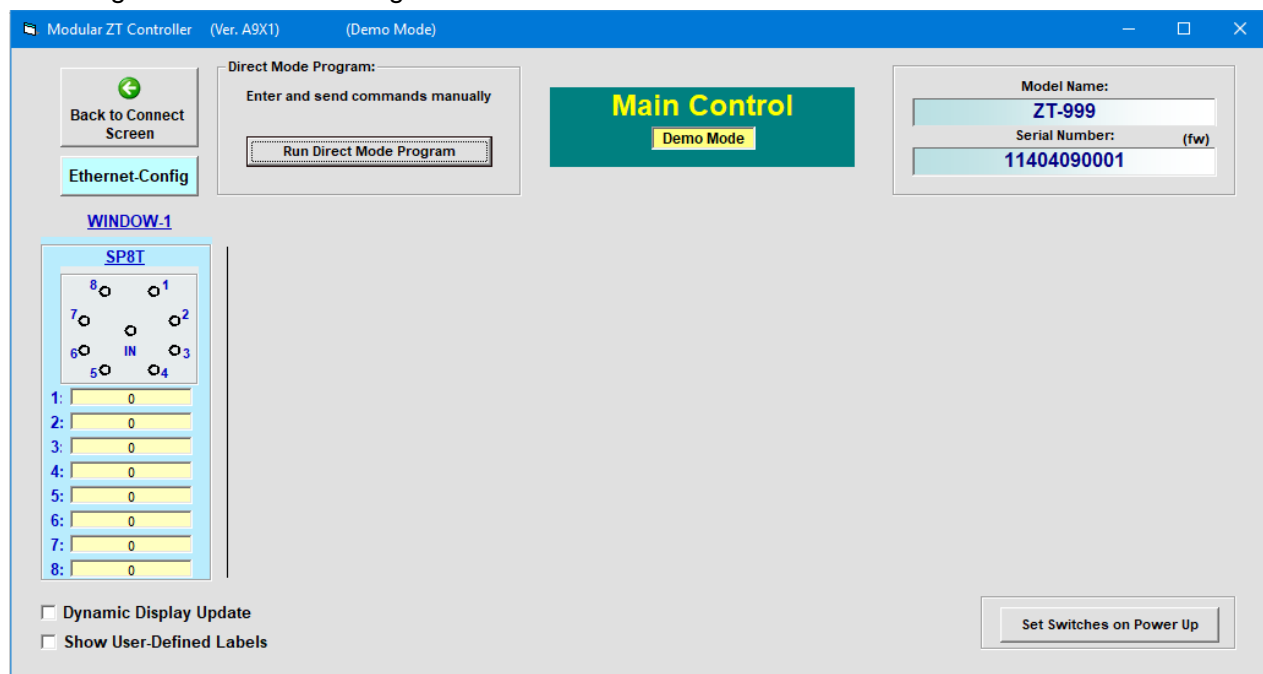# Mechanical Switch System (1 x SP8T)

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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
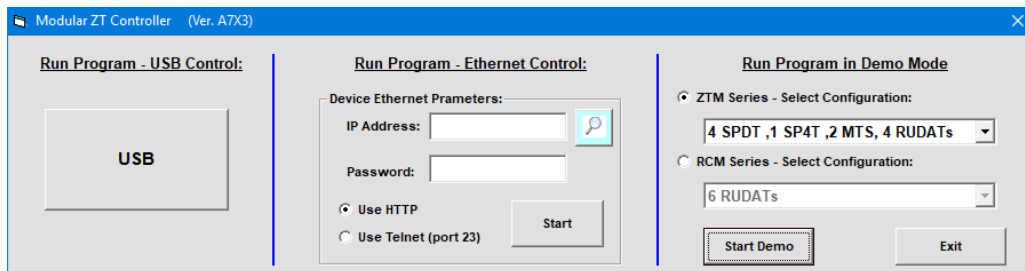
- View and set switch / attenuator states at the click of a button
- Configure and run timed sequences
- Set start-up states
- View switch position counters
- Configure Ethernet IP settings

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Ordering Information

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Included Accessories

Model Name	Quantity	Description
CBL-3W-xx*	1	AC power cord (IEC C13 connector to local plug)
USB-CBL-AB-7+	1	USB cable (6.8 ft)
CBL-RJ45-MM-5+	1	Ethernet cable (5 ft)
HT-4-SMA	1	SMA Cable Wrench (4 in)
B13-67-11+	2	Rear safety block
B18-DD-125+	4	Pan-head screw

Cable Model	Region
CBL-3W-US	USA
CBL-3W-EU	Europe
CBL-3W-IL	Israel
CBL-3W-UK	UK
CBL-3W-AU	Australia / China

*Please specify one option on the purchase order, at no charge

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