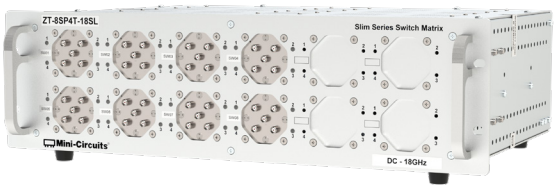
USB & ETHERNET

Mechanical Switch Assembly ZT-8SP4T-18SL

50Ω DC to 18 GHz 8 x SP4T Rack-Mount SMA Female

THE BIG DEAL

- 8 x mechanical SP4T absorptive switches
- Slim chassis to maximize rack availability
- High reliability, millions of switch cycles
- Software control & automation
- SSH secure Ethernet communication
- LED switch state indicators



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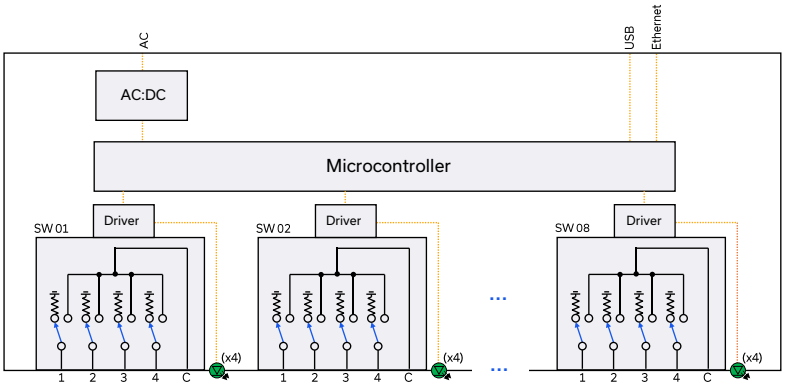
FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



APPLICATIONS

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

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' ZT-8SP4T-18SL houses 8 independently controlled electro-mechanical SP4T switches. Each switch operates over a wide bandwidth from DC to 18 GHz with high isolation and low insertion loss. The absorptive switches are fail-safe / normally open with a break before make configuration and lifetime of millions of switching cycles when used within the noted specifications.

The switches are housed in a slim 19-inch rack chassis 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.

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
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
Ethernet & USB control	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.
Rack-mount chassis	Slim 3U height, 19" rack-mountable chassis minimizes the rack space required in crowded production test environments.
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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ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT +25°C (EACH SWITCH)

Parameter	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range	-	DC		18	GHz
Path Loss	DC – 8 GHz 8 – 12 GHz 12 – 18 GHz		0.15 0.25 0.50	0.30 0.40 0.80	dB
Isolation (Inactive Paths)[1]	DC – 8 GHz 8 – 12 GHz 12 – 18 GHz	80 75 60	100 95 80		dB
Return Loss[2]	DC – 8 GHz 8 – 12 GHz 12 – 18 GHz		20 20 17		dB
Switching Time			25		ms
RF Input Power (Cold Switching)	Through path Into internal termination			20 1	W
Switch Lifetime	100 mW hot switching[3] 1W hot switching	10	 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 Com when active or ports 1-4 in any state; Com is reflective when disconnected.
3. Hot switching power above this level will degrade the switch lifetime.

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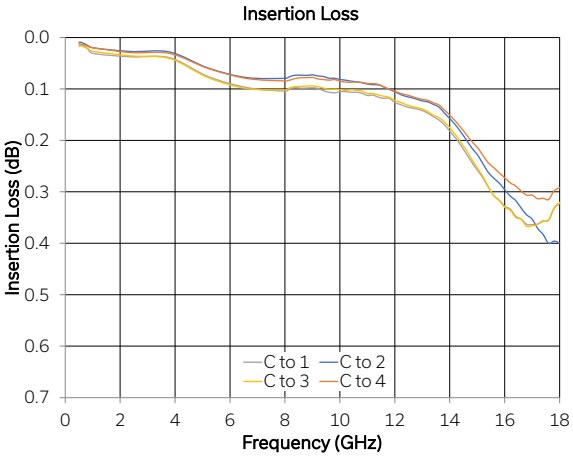
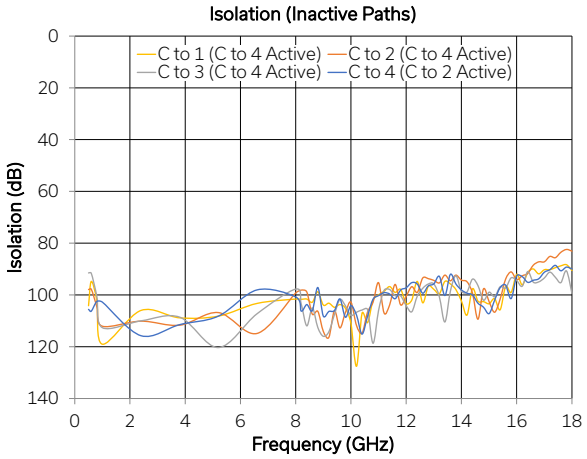
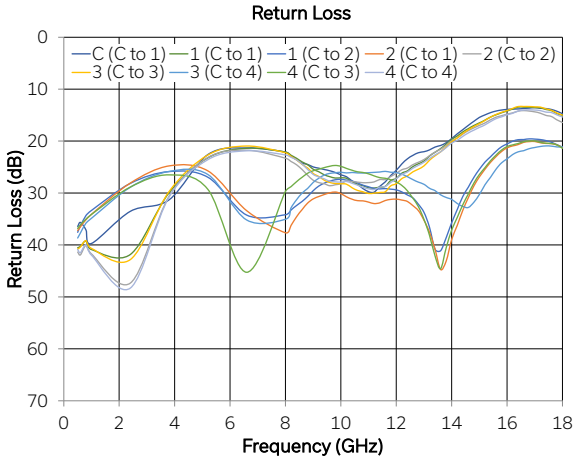
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS (EACH SWITCH)







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[4]	400 µs typ

4. 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
:SP4T:[sw_label]:STATE:[port]	Set a single switch state: • [sw_label] = 1 to 8 • [port] = 0 (all ports disconnected) to 4 (Com to 4) • Example :SP4T:3:STATE:4 (set SP4T switch 3 to state 4)
:SP4T:[sw_label]:STATE?	Get the state of all switches: • [sw_label] = 1 to 8 • Example :SP4T:3:STATE?

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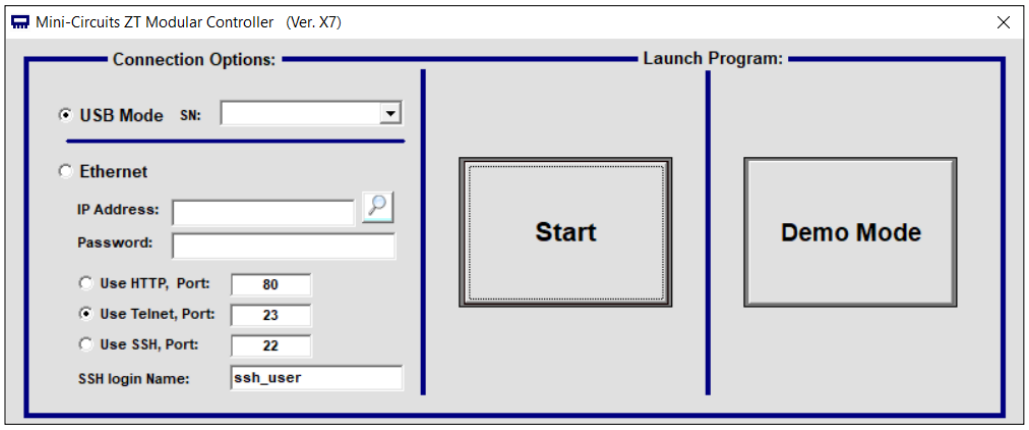
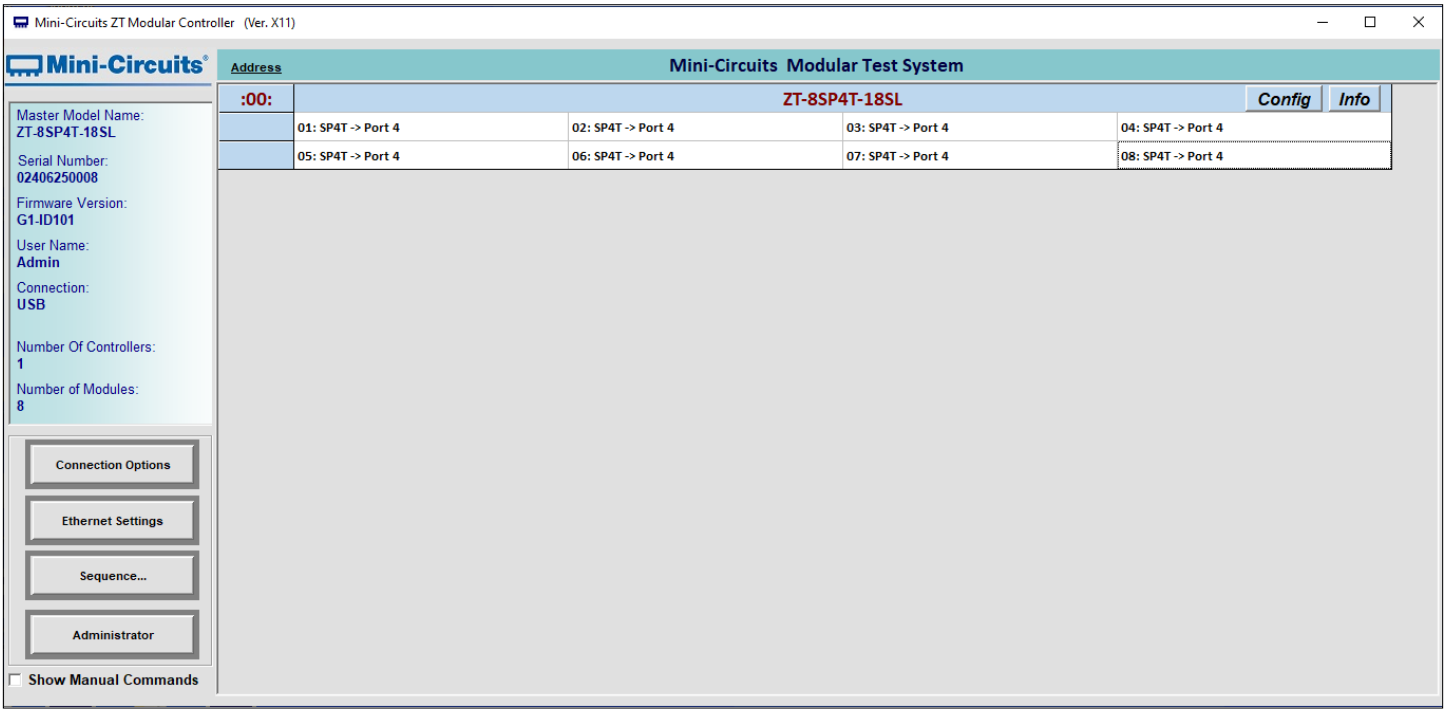
GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI) FOR WINDOWS

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



- View and set all switch states at the click of a button
- Set switch power-up states
- Configure Ethernet settings
- Update firmware



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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	2 A, 250 V rating
Power Consumption	150 W maximum

CONNECTIONS

Port	Connector
SW1-8, C & 1-4	SMA female
USB	USB type B
Ethernet / LAN	RJ45
AC Input	IEC C14 inlet

C = Com port
1-4 = input / output ports

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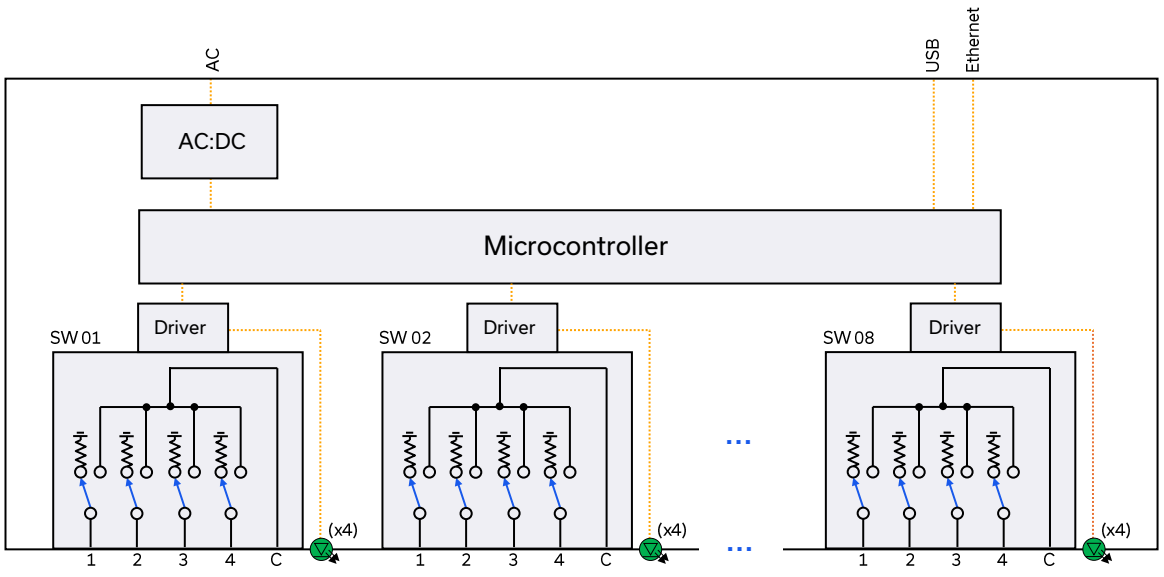

SWITCH STATE TABLE (EACH SPDT SWITCH)

Switch Command	Switch x State	Switch x LED State			
		LED1	LED2	LED3	LED4
:SP4T:[x]:STATE:0	All ports disconnected (C open; 1-4 terminated)	Off	Off	Off	Off
:SP4T:[x]:STATE:1	C to 1	On	Off	Off	Off
:SP4T:[x]:STATE:2	C to 2	Off	On	Off	Off
:SP4T:[x]:STATE:3	C to 3	Off	Off	On	Off
:SP4T:[x]:STATE:4	C to 4	Off	Off	Off	On

x = switch number (1 to 4)

POWER-UP OPTIONS

Mode	Initial Switch Paths
Default	All switches power up in the default state (all ports disconnected)
Last States	All switches resume the previous state from the point of last power supply disconnection

All switches revert to the default state when the power supply is turned off or disconnected.

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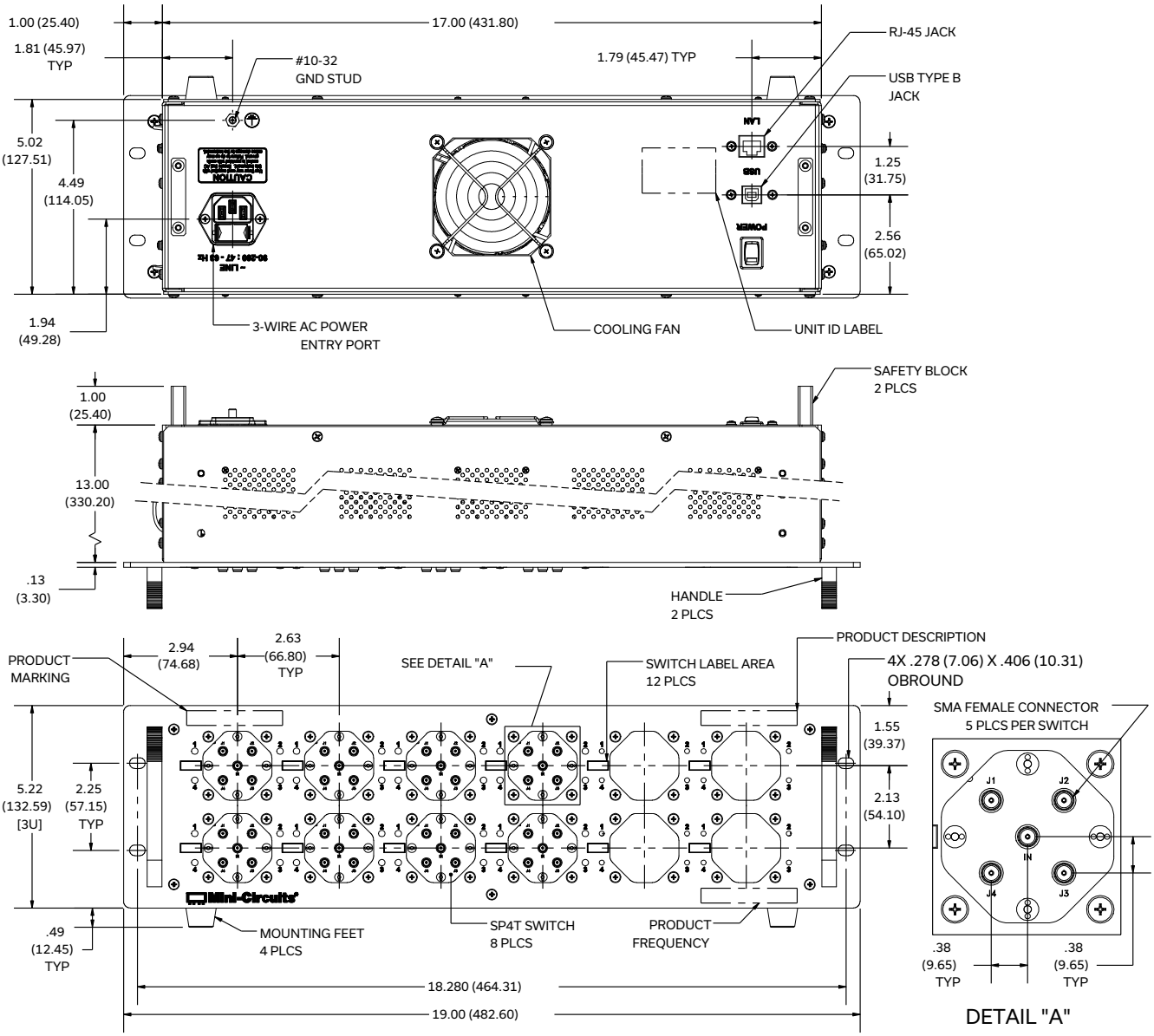
CASE STYLE DRAWING



Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: ±2 Pl. inch; ±3 Pl. inch.
Weight: 5700 grams.

PRODUCT MARKING*

Product Marking: ZT-8SP4T-18SL
Product Description: Slim Series Switch Matrix
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	BAR3649
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
	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.
	USB-CBL-AB-7+	USB cable (6.8ft) type A to type B
	CBL-RJ45-MM-5+	Ethernet cable (5 ft)
	HT-4-SMA	SMA connector wrench (4" length)

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

NOTES

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