

Mechanical Switch Assembly RCM-1SP12T-18

50Ω DC to 18 GHz 1 x SP12T SMA-Female

THE BIG DEAL

- Mechanical SP12T absorptive switch
- High port count with excellent performance to 18 GHz
- · High reliability, millions of cycles
- Compact benchtop package with power supply
- · Software control & automation
- · LED switch state indicators

RCM-1992FC4

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FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM

Microcontroller SW1 Driver

APPLICATIONS

- Benchtop and rack-mounted automated test systems
- 5G FR1, WiFi 6E, millimeter wave radio infrastructure
- Military radio, radar & electronic warfare
- Quantum computing
- Switch matrices

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' RCM-1SP12T-18 is an electro-mechanical SP12T switch operating over a wide bandwidth from DC to 18 GHz with high isolation and low insertion loss. The absorptive switch is fail-safe / normally open with a break before make configuration and lifetime of 2 million switching cycles when used within the noted specifications.

The switch is housed in a compact benchtop package with all SMA (female) RF connectors on the front along with LED indicators for a quick read out of switch states. Control and power connections are located on the rear panel.

The switch assembly can be controlled via USB or Ethernet (supporting 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 switch reverts 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	USB HID and Ethernet (HTTP & Telnet) interfaces ensure compatibility with most software environments and connection requirements.
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

Parameter	Conditions	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range		DC		18	GHz
	DC - 8 GHz		0.25	0.50	
Insertion Loss	8 – 12 GHz		0.40	0.70	dB
	12 – 18 GHz		0.60	1.00	
	DC - 8 GHz	70	90		
Isolation ¹	8 – 12 GHz	70	85		dB
	12 – 18 GHz	50	80		
	DC - 8 GHz		19		
Return Loss ²	8 – 12 GHz		17		dB
	12 – 18 GHz		15		
Switching Time			25		ms
	Cold switching			20	
RF Input Power	Hot switching ³			0.1	w
	Into internal terminations ⁴			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 when active or ports 1-12 in any state; Com is reflective when disconnected

^{3.} Hot switching power above this level will degrade the switch lifetime

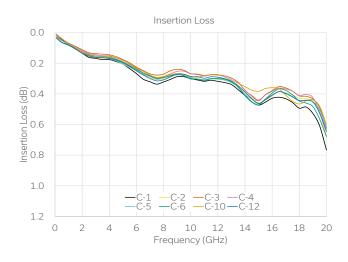
^{4.} Maximum power into any internal termination is 1 W per port, 3 W total per switch

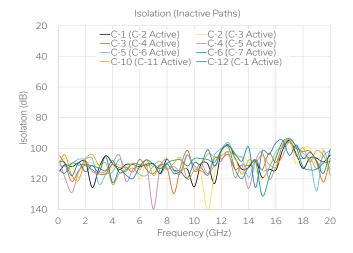


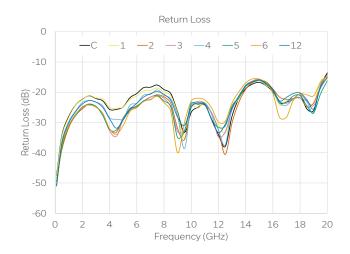
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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS









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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS⁵

Parameter	Conditions	Limits	Units
Temperature	Operating	0 to +50	°C
remperature	Storage	-20 to +60	C
DC Supply Voltage		26	V
_	Cold switching	20	
Input Power (No Damage)	Hot switching	1	W
(**** = *******************************	Into internal termination	1	

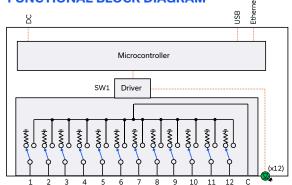
^{5.} Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded. Operating in the range between operating power limits and absolute maximum ratings for extended periods of time may result in reduced life and reliability.

POWER SUPPLY

Parameter	Conditions	Тур	Max	Units
DC Voltage		24	26	V
Current	Switch disconnected	100		^
Consumption	Switch connected	400		mA

Using included AC/DC-24-3W1 power supply adapter (110 / 240 V AC input)

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



CONNECTIONS

Port	Connector
C & 1-12	SMA female
USB	USB type B
Ethernet / LAN	RJ45
24V DC Input	2.1 mm center positive DC socket

C = Common port 1-12 = Input / output ports

SWITCH STATE TABLE

S. T. I. S		LED State											
Switch Command	Switch State		LED2	LED3	LED4	LED5	LED6	LED7	LED8	LED9	LED10	LED11	LED12
:SP12T:1:STATE:0	All ports disconnected (C open; ports 1-12 terminated)	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
:SP12T:1:STATE:1	C to 1	On	Off	Off	Off								
:SP12T:1:STATE:2	C to 2	Off	On	Off	Off	Off							
:SP12T:1:STATE:3	C to 3	Off	Off	On	Off	Off	Off						
:SP12T:1:STATE:4	C to 4	Off	Off	Off	On	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
:SP12T:1:STATE:5	C to 5	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
:SP12T:1:STATE:6	C to 6	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
:SP12T:1:STATE:7	C to 7	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
:SP12T:1:STATE:8	C to 8	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	Off	Off	Off	Off
:SP12T:1:STATE:9	C to 9	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	Off	Off	Off
:SP12T:1:STATE:10	C to 10	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	Off	Off
:SP12T:1:STATE:11	C to 11	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	Off
:SP12T:1:STATE:12	C to 12	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	On

POWER-UP OPTIONS

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

Switches revert to the default state when the power supply is turned off or disconnected





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CONTROL INTERFACES

Ethernet Control	Supported Protocols	TCP / IP, HTTP, Telnet, DHCP, UDP (limited)		
Ethernet Control	Max Data Rate	10 Mbps (10Base-T Half Duplex)		
USB Control	Supported Protocols	HID – Full Speed		
USB CONTROL	Min Communication Time ⁶	3 ms typ		

^{6.} Based on the polling interval of the USB HID protocol (1 ms 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

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	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
:SP12T:1:STATE:[port]	Set a single switch state: [port] = 0 (all ports disconnected) to 12 (Com to 12)
:SP12T:1:STATE?	Get a single switch state

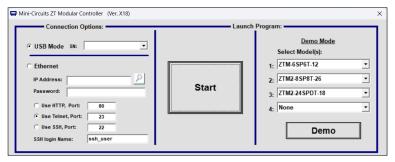


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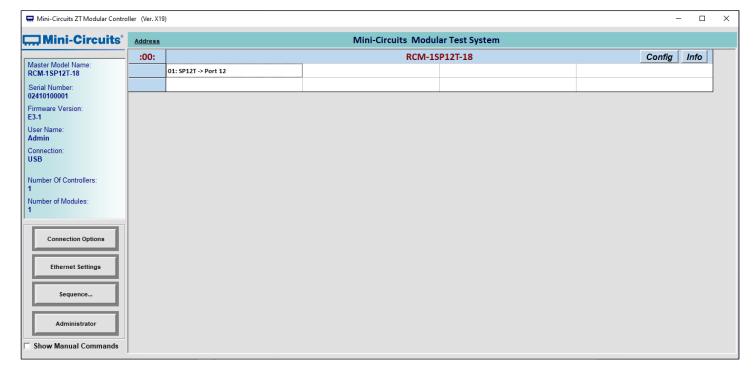
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GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI) FOR WINDOWS

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



- · View and set all switch states at the click of a button
- Configure automated / timed switching sequences
- Set switch power-up states
- Configure Ethernet settings
- Update firmware

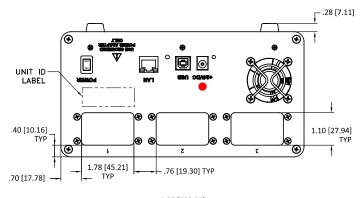


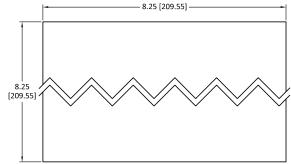


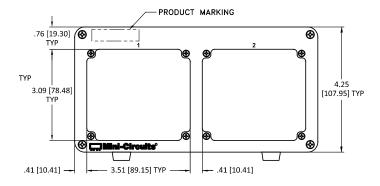
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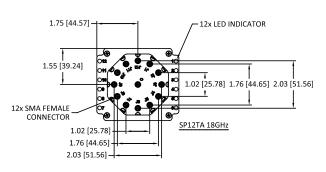
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CASE STYLE DRAWING









Weight: 2350 grams.

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

PRODUCT MARKING

Product Marking: RCM-1SP12T-18

Serial Number

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	JV2068				
Software, User Guide & Programming Manual	vww.minicircuits.com/softwaredownload/ztm_rcm.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
	AC/DC-24-3W1	AC/DC 24V DC grounded power adaptor. Operating temperature 0 to +40 °C, max current 2.5A, IEC C6 AC inlet.
	CBL-3W1-xx	AC power cord (IEC C5 connector to local plug) Select one option from the list below. Please contact testsolutions@minicircuits.com if your regions is not listed.
	USB-CBL-AB-7+	USB cable (6.8ft) type A to type B
a a	CBL-RJ45-MM-5+	Ethernet cable (5 ft)

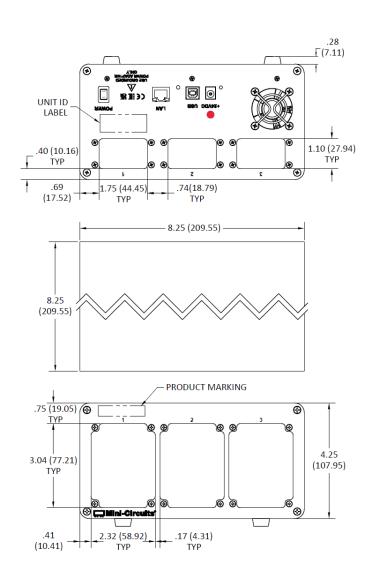
AC Power Cord Options	Part Number	Description
4	CBL-3W1-US	USA NEMA 5-15 plug (type B) to IEC C5 connector
4	CBL-3W1-EU	Europe CEE 7/7 plug (type E/F) to IEC C5 connector
	CBL-3W1-UK	UK BS-1363 plug (type G) to IEC C5 connector
	CBL-3W1-AU	Australia & China AS/NZS 3112 plug (type I) to IEC C5 connector
	CBL-3W1-IL	Israel SI-32 plug (type H) to IEC C13 connector

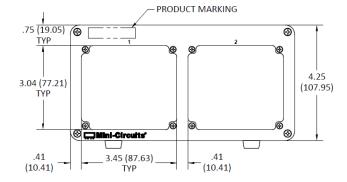
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Outline Dimensions

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FRONT PANEL FOR RCM WITH RUDAT, SPDT, SP4T, SP6T & MTS SWITCHES

FRONT PANEL FOR RCM WITH SP8T SWITCHES

Notes:

- 1. Case material: Aluminum alloy.
- 2. Finish: Clear chemical conversion coating
- 3. Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2 Pl. ±.03 inch; 3 Pl. ±.015 inch
- 4. Weight: 2350 grams.
- 5. Marking may contain other features or characters for internal lot control.



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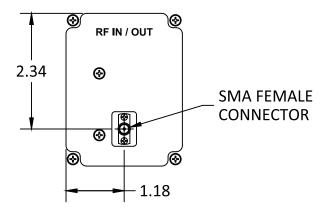
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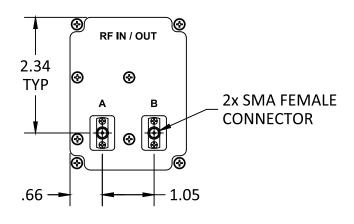


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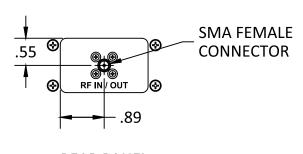
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FRONT PANEL



FRONT PANEL



REAR PANEL

2x SMA FEMALE CONNECTOR

RF IN / OUT

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REAR PANEL

SINGLE RUDAT

DUAL RUDAT



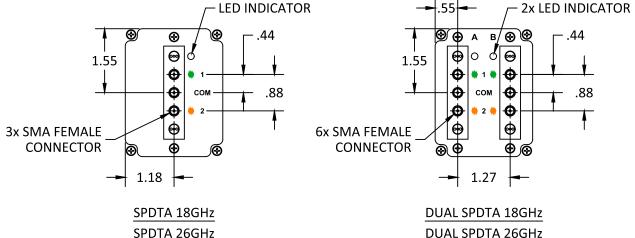
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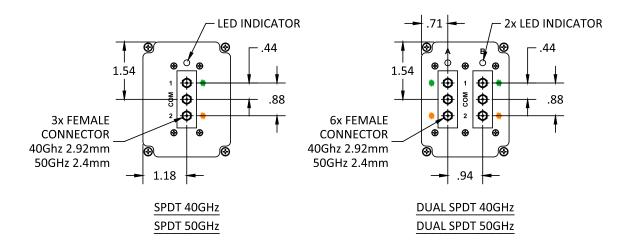
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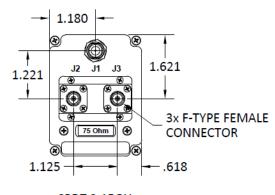
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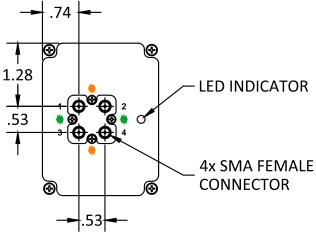
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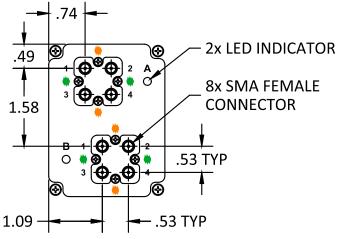


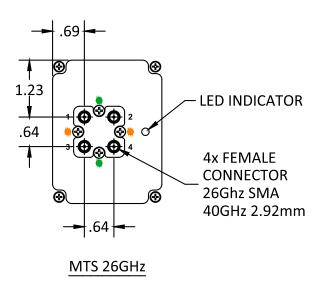
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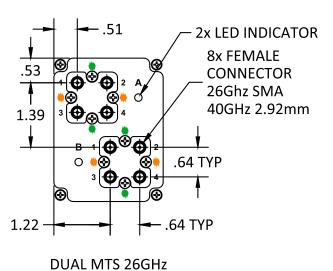
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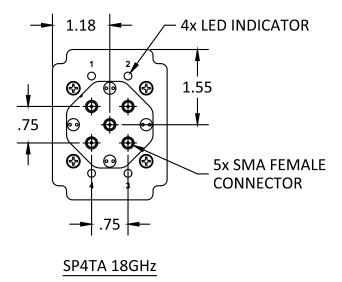
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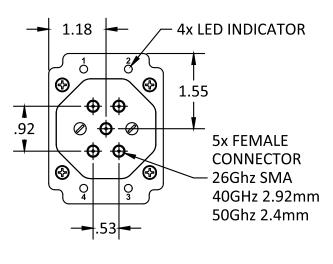
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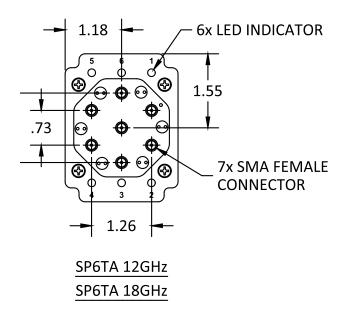
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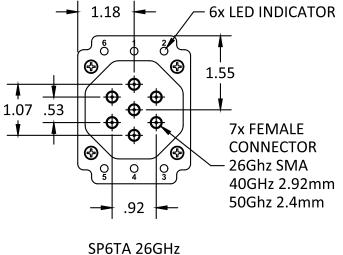
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SP6TA 40GHz SP6TA 50GHz



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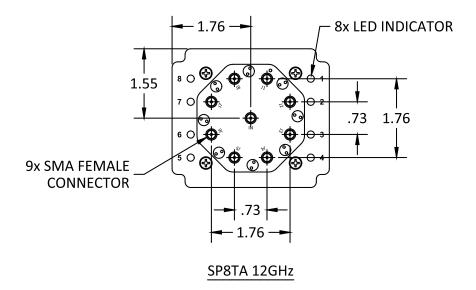
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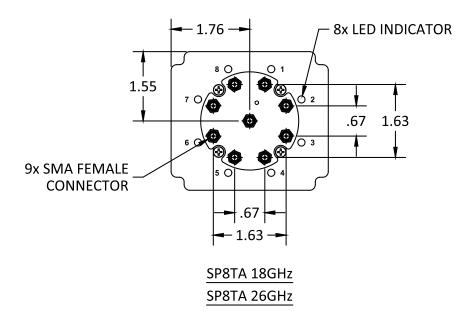
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Environmental Specifications

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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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