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8-Port Mesh Network Emulator **ZTMN-0895A-N**

50Ω 30 to 3000 MHz Rack-Mount N-type

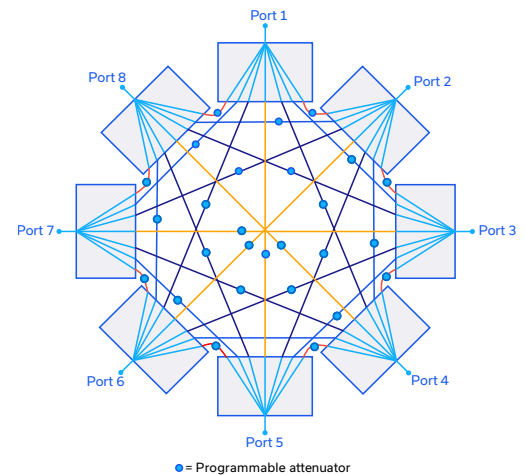
THE BIG DEAL

- 8 fully interconnected test ports (28 internal paths)
- 95 dB programmable attenuation per path
- Configure automated sweep / hop / fading sequences
- Ethernet & USB control



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FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



APPLICATIONS

- Military VHF / UHF radio testing
- Production, R&D, qualification testing
- Smart home & energy monitoring systems
- Test & measurement systems

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' ZTMN series mesh network emulators are multi-port test systems with independently variable attenuation on each internal path. This concept allows simulation of a "real-world" mesh communication network within the confined space of a production environment. Path loss can be varied independently between any pair of devices on the network without affecting any other combination of devices, allowing simulation of a complex range of test cases.

ZTMN-0895A-N is an 8-port mesh covering the 30 MHz to 3 GHz bands, with 0 to 95 dB attenuation range on each of the 28 internal paths. The model is housed in a compact, 2U height, 19-inch rack chassis with all RF connectors on the front panel. The ZTMN series also supports larger mesh network combinations, custom attenuation and frequency ranges available on request.

The system can be controlled via USB or Ethernet (supporting SSH, HTTP & Telnet 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 (both 32-bit and 64-bit systems).

KEY FEATURES

| Feature | Advantages |
|------------------------|--|
| Wide attenuation range | Independently controllable 0-95 dB attenuators on each path allow simulation of a wide range of test scenarios including receiver sensitivity, device / base-station handovers, device failures, and interference effects. |
| Wide bandwidth | Operation from 30 MHz to 3 GHz incorporates the VHF / UHF bands utilized by a wide range of military radio systems. |
| Rack-mount chassis | Compact 2U height, 19" rack-mountable chassis suits integration in automated production test environments. |
| Ethernet & USB control | USB HID and Ethernet (SSH / HTTP / Telnet) interfaces ensure compatibility with most software environments and connection requirements. |

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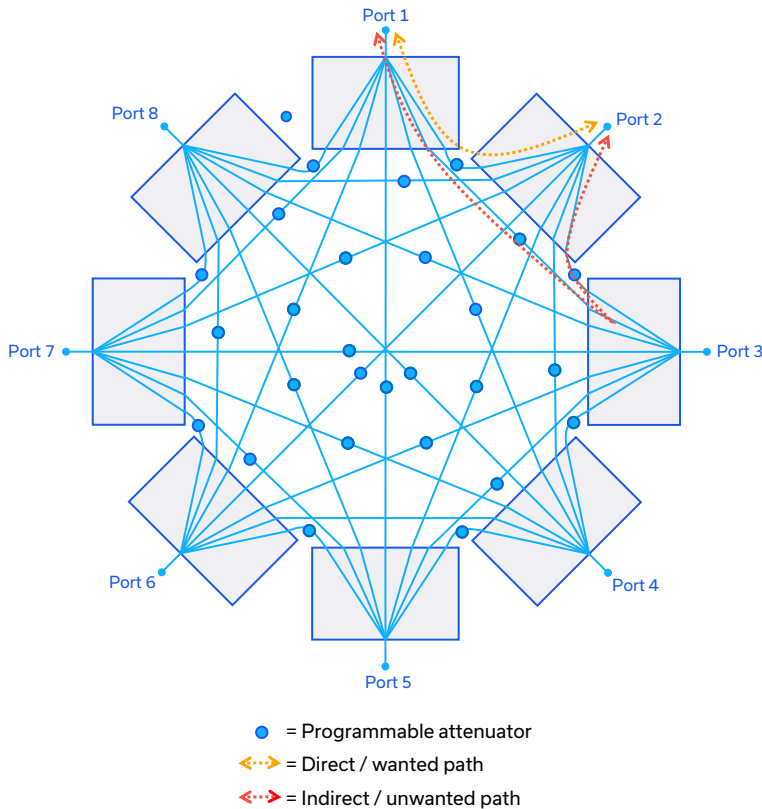




ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS @ +25°C

| Parameter | Conditions | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Frequency Range | | 30 | | 3000 | MHz |
| Insertion Loss ¹ | 30 - 1000 MHz | | 28 | 32 | dB |
| | 1000 - 2000 MHz | | 31 | 36 | |
| | 2000 - 3000 MHz | | 34 | 40 | |
| Isolation | Indirect path ^{2,4} | 60 | 70 | | dB |
| | Direct path ³ | 95 | 110 | | |
| Return Loss | | | 12 | | dB |
| Attenuation Range | | 0 | | 95 | dB |
| Attenuation Steps | 0 - 90 dB | | 0.25 | | dB |
| | 90 - 95 dB | | 0.5 | | |
| Input Power | | | | +27 | dBm |

1. Path loss on the direct path between 2 ports when the attenuator in path is at 0 dB.
2. Path loss on the indirect / unwanted path between 2 ports with the 2 attenuators in path at 0 dB and all others at 95 dB (limited by the isolation characteristic of the internal splitter / combiner component).
3. Path loss on the direct path between 2 ports with all attenuators at 95 dB.
4. It is recommended initially to set all attenuators to max attenuation due to the isolation effects described in note 2, then reduce the attenuation on specific paths as required by the test configuration.



**CONTROL INTERFACES**

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Ethernet Control | Supported Protocols | TCP / IP, SSH, HTTP, Telnet, DHCP, UDP (limited) |
| | Max Data Rate | 100 Mbps (100Base-T Full Duplex) |
| USB Control | Supported Protocols | HID – High Speed |
| | Min Communication Time ⁵ | 400 μs typ |

5. 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)

Please contact testsolutions@minicircuits.com for support

MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

| | 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

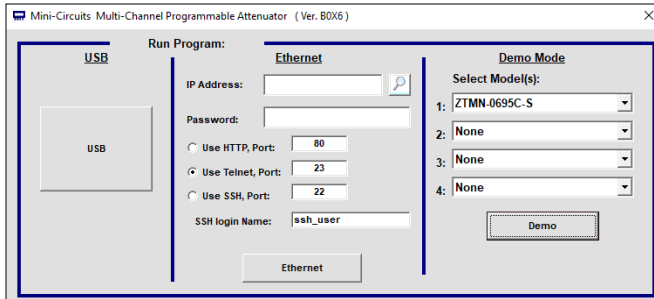
The key ASCII / SCPI commands for control of the system for control via the Ethernet or USB API are summarized below (refer to the programming manual for full details):

| Command / Query | Description |
|--|---|
| :MN? | Read model name |
| :SN? | Read serial number |
| :FIRMWARE? | Read firmware version |
| : [address]:[channels]:SETATT:[value] | Set attenuation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [address] = Address of the attenuator module (refer to the Attenuator Path Map table) • [channels] = Channel number (1 to 4) within the 4-channel attenuator module. Multiple channels can be listed in a string, separated by colon ("."). • [value] = Attenuation value to set (from 0 to 95 dB) • Example 01:CHAN:1:2:3:SETATT:10.25 |
| : [address]:[channels]:ATT? | Return attenuation value: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [address] = Address of the 4-channel attenuator module (refer to the Attenuator Path Map table) • [channels] = Channel number (1 to 4) within the 4-channel attenuator module • Example 01:CHAN:1:ATT? |



GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI) FOR WINDOWS

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



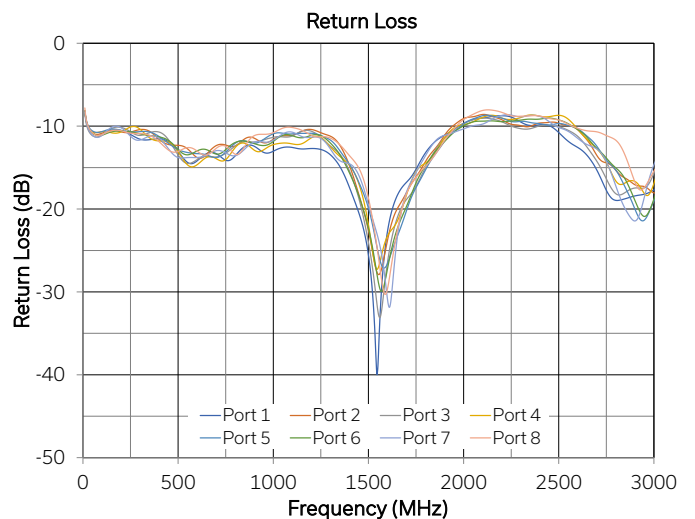
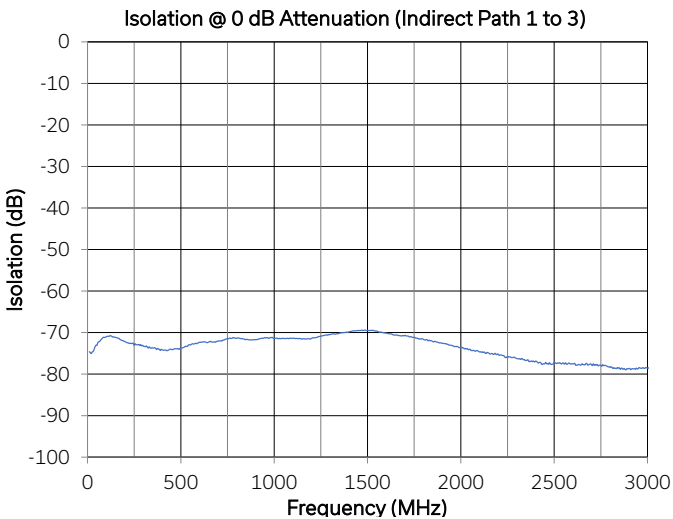
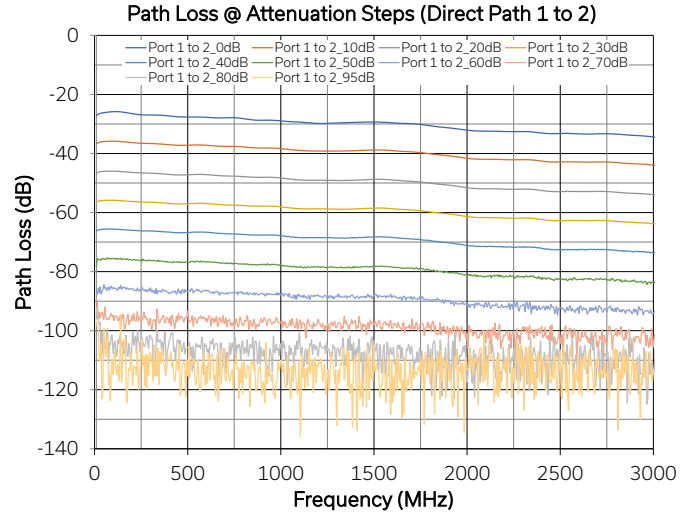
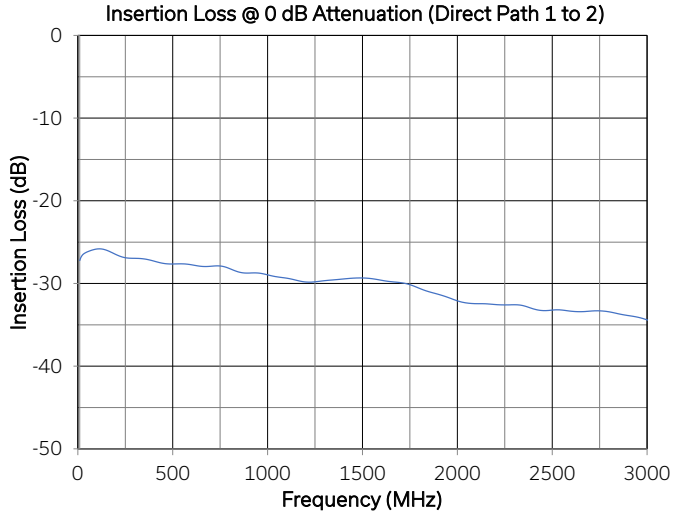
- View and set all switch states at the click of a button
- Configure automated / times switching sequences
- Configure Ethernet settings
- Update firmware

The screenshot shows the main GUI interface. On the left is a sidebar with model information (ZTMN-0895A-N, Serial: 02207250028) and various configuration buttons. The main area features a 'Set Attenuation' section with a '32.00' dB value and an 'Apply' button. Below this is a 'Channels' table with 7 rows and 4 columns (A, B, C, D). The 'Path 6<5' cell in column B is highlighted in yellow. At the bottom, there are 'Sweep Mode' and 'Timing' sections. The 'Sweep Mode' section includes 'Sequence #1' and 'Sequence #2' with start/stop/step dB values and channel selection. The 'Timing' section includes 'Continuous' mode, duration (60 Sec), and 'Control Mode' options (High Speed, PC Control).

| ZTMN-0895A-N | A | B | C | D |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 01 | Path 5<2 44.00 | Path 5<3 95.00 | Path 5<4 95.00 | Path 7<6 10.00 |
| 02 | Path 6<4 95.00 | Path 6<5 32.00 | Path 7<4 95.00 | Path 7<5 95.00 |
| 03 | Path 6<3 95.00 | Path 8<5 95.00 | Path 8<6 55.00 | Path 8<7 95.00 |
| 04 | Path 3<7 43.00 | Path 3<8 22.00 | Path 3<1 95.00 | Path 3<2 34.00 |
| 05 | Path 4<8 95.00 | Path 4<1 95.00 | Path 4<2 33.00 | Path 4<3 95.00 |
| 06 | Path 1<5 11.00 | Path 1<6 95.00 | Path 1<7 11.00 | Path 1<8 95.00 |
| 07 | Path 2<6 95.00 | Path 2<7 95.00 | Path 2<8 95.00 | Path 2<1 95.00 |



TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS





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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS⁶

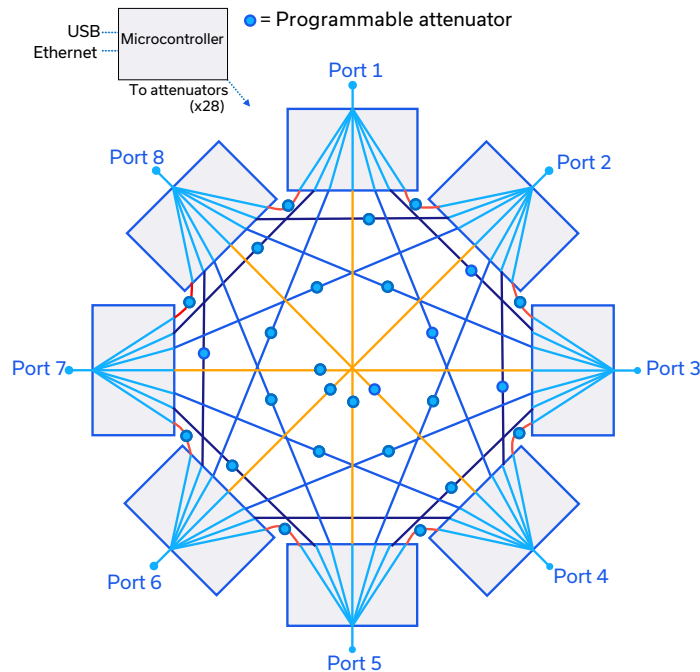
| Parameter | Conditions | Limits | Units |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Temperature | Operating | 0 to +50 | °C |
| | Storage | -20 to +60 | |
| Input Power (No Damage) | Per port | +27 | dBm |

6. 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 | 2A, 250V rating |
| Power Consumption | 85W maximum |

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



CONNECTIONS

| Port | Connector |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1 to 8 | N-type female |
| USB | USB type B |
| Ethernet / LAN | RJ45 |
| AC Input | IEC C14 inlet |

ATTENUATOR / PATH MAP

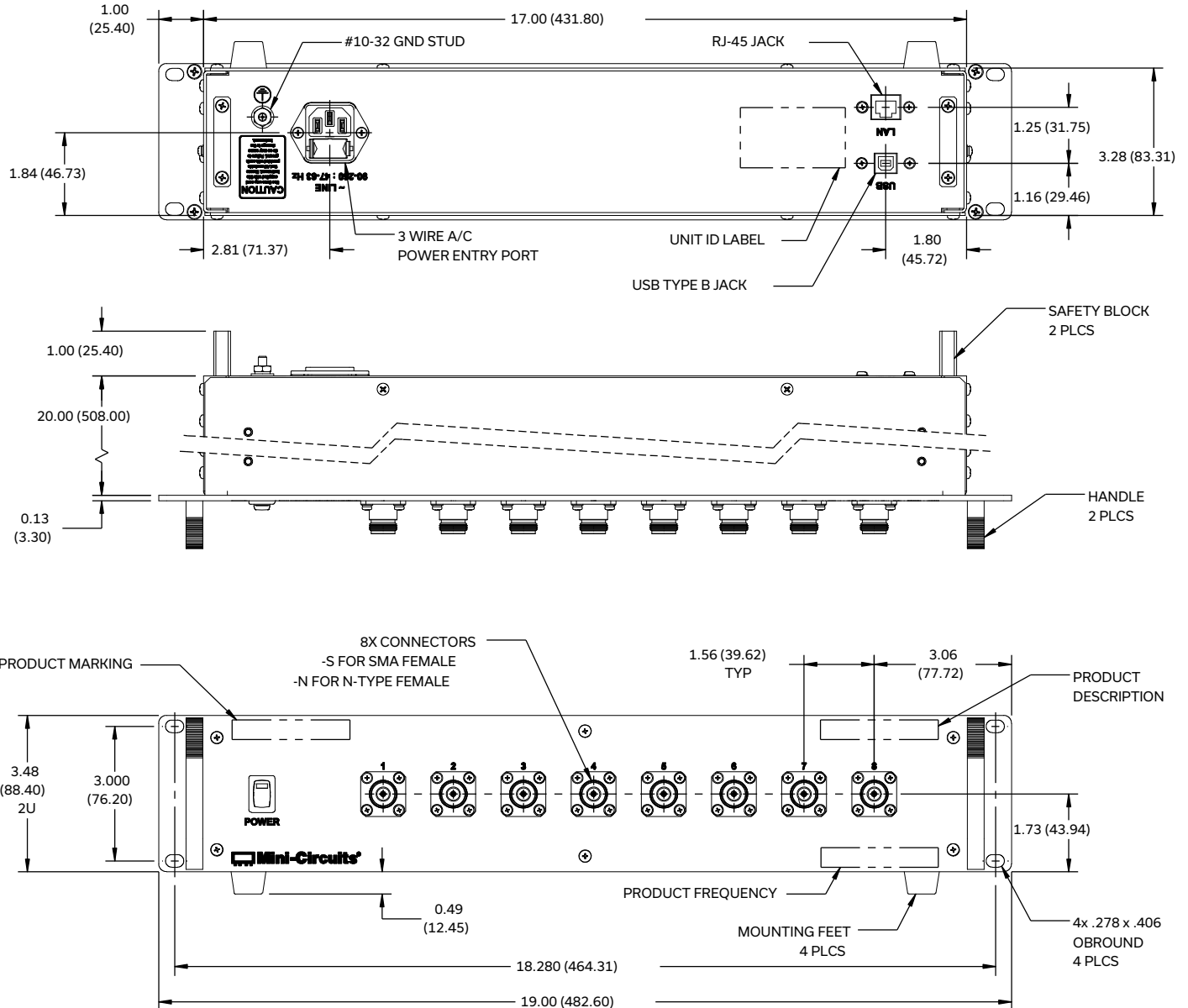
- The mesh is constructed using four 4-channel programmable attenuator blocks, addressed 01 to 07
- Each of the 4 channels within a block controls the path loss between a specific pair of ports, as shown below

| | Channel 1 (A) | Channel 2 (B) | Channel 3 (C) | Channel 4 (D) |
|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Att 01 | 5 ↔ 2 | 5 ↔ 3 | 5 ↔ 4 | 7 ↔ 6 |
| Att 02 | 6 ↔ 4 | 6 ↔ 5 | 7 ↔ 4 | 7 ↔ 5 |
| Att 03 | 6 ↔ 3 | 8 ↔ 5 | 8 ↔ 6 | 8 ↔ 7 |
| Att 04 | 3 ↔ 7 | 3 ↔ 8 | 3 ↔ 1 | 3 ↔ 2 |
| Att 05 | 4 ↔ 8 | 4 ↔ 1 | 4 ↔ 2 | 4 ↔ 3 |
| Att 06 | 1 ↔ 5 | 1 ↔ 6 | 1 ↔ 7 | 1 ↔ 8 |
| Att 07 | 2 ↔ 6 | 2 ↔ 7 | 2 ↔ 8 | 2 ↔ 1 |





OUTLINE DRAWING



Weight: 6670 grams.

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

PRODUCT MARKING

Product Marking: ZTMN-0895A-N

Product Description: 8-Port Mesh Network

Product Frequency: 30-3000 MHz

Unit ID Label: Serial number and other identification marks



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




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| | |
|---|---|
| Case Style | YT2312 |
| Software, User Guide & Programming Manual | www.minicircuits.com/softwaredownload/multiatt.html |
| Environmental Rating | ENV56 |
| Regulatory Compliance | <p>Refer to our website for compliance methodologies and qualifications</p>  <p>www.minicircuits.com/quality/environmental_introduction.html</p> |

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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 regions is not listed. |
|  | USB-CBL-AB-7+ | USB cable (6.8ft) type A to type B |
|  | CBL-RJ45-MM-5+ | Ethernet cable (5 ft) |

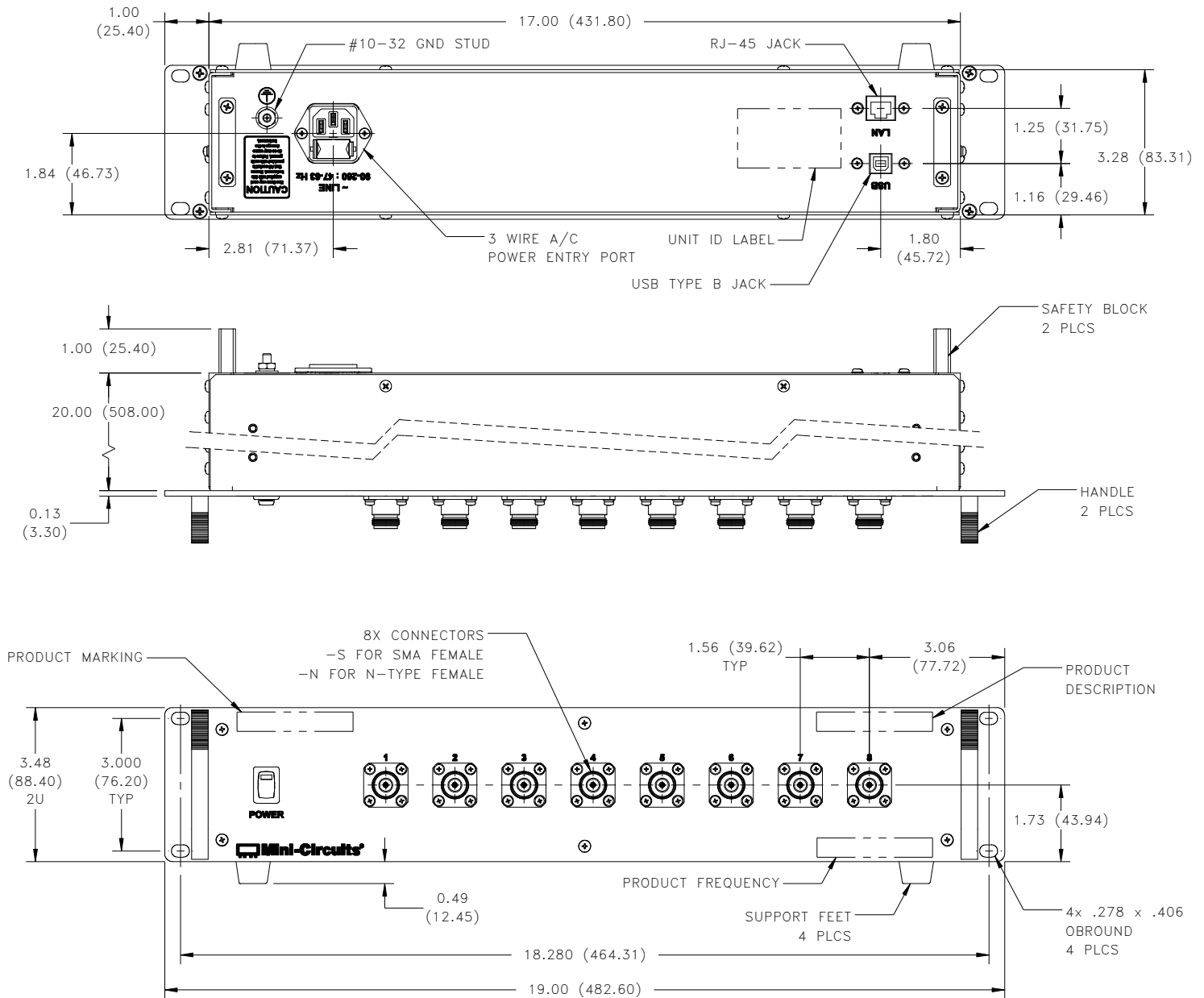
| AC Power Cord Options | Part Number | Description |
|---|-------------|---|
|  | CBL-3W-US | USA NEMA 5-15 plug (type B) to IEC C13 connector |
|  | CBL-3W-EU | Europe CEE 7/7 plug (type E/F) to IEC C13 connector |
|  | CBL-3W-UK | UK BS-1363 plug (type G) to IEC C13 connector |
|  | CBL-3W-AU | Australia & 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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Outline Dimensions

YT2312



Notes:

1. Case material: Aluminum (with protective coating to prevent corrosion).
2. Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2 Pl. ± 0.03 inch; 3 Pl. ± 0.015 inch
3. Weight: 6670 grams.
4. Marking may contain other features or characters for internal lot control.

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Environmental Specifications **ENV56**

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 40° C Ambient Environment | Individual Model Data Sheet |
| Storage Temperature | -15° to 85° 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 |