



# Mechanical Switch Assembly ZTRC-8SPDT-A26

50 Ω DC to 26.5 GHz 8 x SPDT Rack-Mount SMA Female

### THE BIG DEAL

- 8 x mechanical SPDT absorptive switches
- Convenient rack-mountable chassis
- SSH secure Ethernet communication
- Fail-safe / redundancy switching
- LED switch state indicators

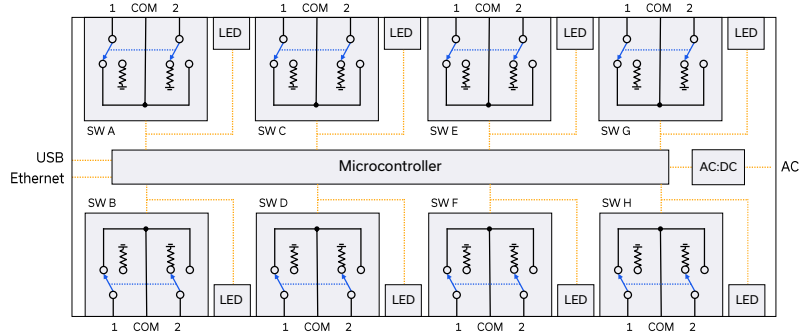


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### APPLICATIONS

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

### FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' ZTRC-8SPDT-A26 houses 8 independently controlled electro-mechanical SPDT switches. Each switch operates over an extremely wide bandwidth, from DC to 26.5 GHz with high isolation and low insertion loss. The absorptive switches are failsafe, with a break-before-make configuration, and lifetime of 5 million switching cycles when used within the noted specifications.

The switches are housed in a compact 19-inch rack chassis, 2U height, 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                        |
| Secure Ethernet communication   | 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. |
| 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                         |
| 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                                       |
| Rack-mount chassis              | Compact 2U height, 19" rack-mountable chassis suits integration in automated production test environments.   |

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## ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT +25°C (EACH SWITCH)

| Parameter                               | Conditions                        | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Units          |
|---|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|----------------|
| Frequency Range                         | -                                 | DC   |      | 26.5 | GHz            |
| Insertion Loss                          | DC - 8 GHz                        |      | 0.15 | 0.30 | dB             |
|   | 8 - 18 GHz                        |      | 0.30 | 0.50 |                |
|   | 18 - 26.5 GHz                     |      | 0.60 | 0.80 |                |
| Isolation (Inactive Paths) <sup>1</sup> | DC - 8 GHz                        | 75   | 90   |      | dB             |
|   | 8 - 18 GHz                        | 60   | 66   |      |                |
|   | 18 - 26.5 GHz                     | 55   | 65   |      |                |
| Return Loss <sup>2</sup>                | DC - 8 GHz                        |      | 20   |      | dB             |
|   | 8 - 18 GHz                        |      | 20   |      |                |
|   | 18 - 26.5 GHz                     |      | 16   |      |                |
| Switching Time                          |                                   |      | 25   |      | ms             |
| RF Input Power (Cold Switching)         | DC-26.5 GHz                       |      |      | 20   | W              |
|   | Into internal termination         |      |      | 1    |                |
| Switch Lifetime                         | 100 mW hot switching <sup>3</sup> |      | 5    |      | million cycles |
|   | 1W hot switching                  |      | 1    |      |                |

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 all ports in all states.

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

**CONTROL INTERFACES**

|                         |                                     |  |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Ethernet Control</b> | Supported Protocols                 | TCP / IP, SSH, HTTP, Telnet, DHCP, UDP (limited) |
|                         | Max Data Rate                       | 100 Mbps (100 Base-T Full Duplex)                |
| <b>USB Control</b>      | Supported Protocols                 | HID – High Speed                                 |
|                         | Min Communication Time <sup>1</sup> | 400 μs typ                                       |

1. 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**

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Hardware</b>                      | Intel i3 (or equivalent) or later                                       |
| <b>GUI (USB or Ethernet Control)</b> | Windows 7 or later  |
| <b>USB API DLL</b>                   | Windows 7 or later with support for Microsoft .Net Framework or ActiveX |
| <b>USB Direct Programming</b>        | Windows 7 or later; Linux   |
| <b>Ethernet</b>                      | Windows, Linux or macOS with Ethernet TCP / IP support                  |

**PROGRAMMING COMMANDS**

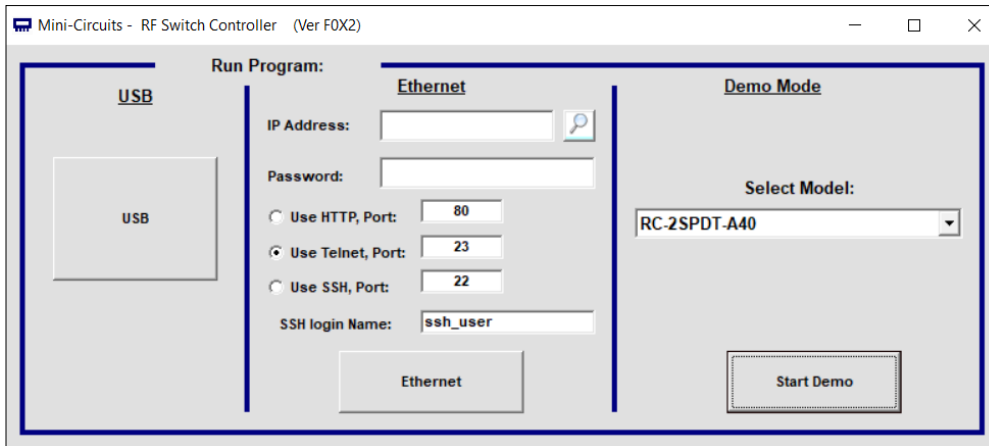
The key ASCII / SCPI commands for control of the system for control via the Ethernet or USB API are summarized below (refer to the programming manual for full details):

| Command / Query      | Description  |
|----------------------|--|
| :MN?                 | Read model name  |
| :SN?                 | Read serial number   |
| :FIRMWARE?           | Read firmware version  |
| SET[sw_label]=[port] | Set a single switch state: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [sw_label] = A to H</li> <li>• [port] = 0 (Com to 1) or 1 (Com to 2)</li> <li>• Example: SETA=1 (set SPDT A with Com to 2)</li> </ul>  |
| SWPORT?              | Get the state of all switches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Returns a byte value, with the 2 least significant bits each representing the state of an individual SPDT (switch A is the least significant bit). The value for each switch will be:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 = COM to 1</li> <li>• 1 = COM to 2</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Example: A returned value of 2 is represented as 00000010 indicating SW B = 1 (Com to 2) &amp; SW A = 0 (Com to 1)</li> </ul> |

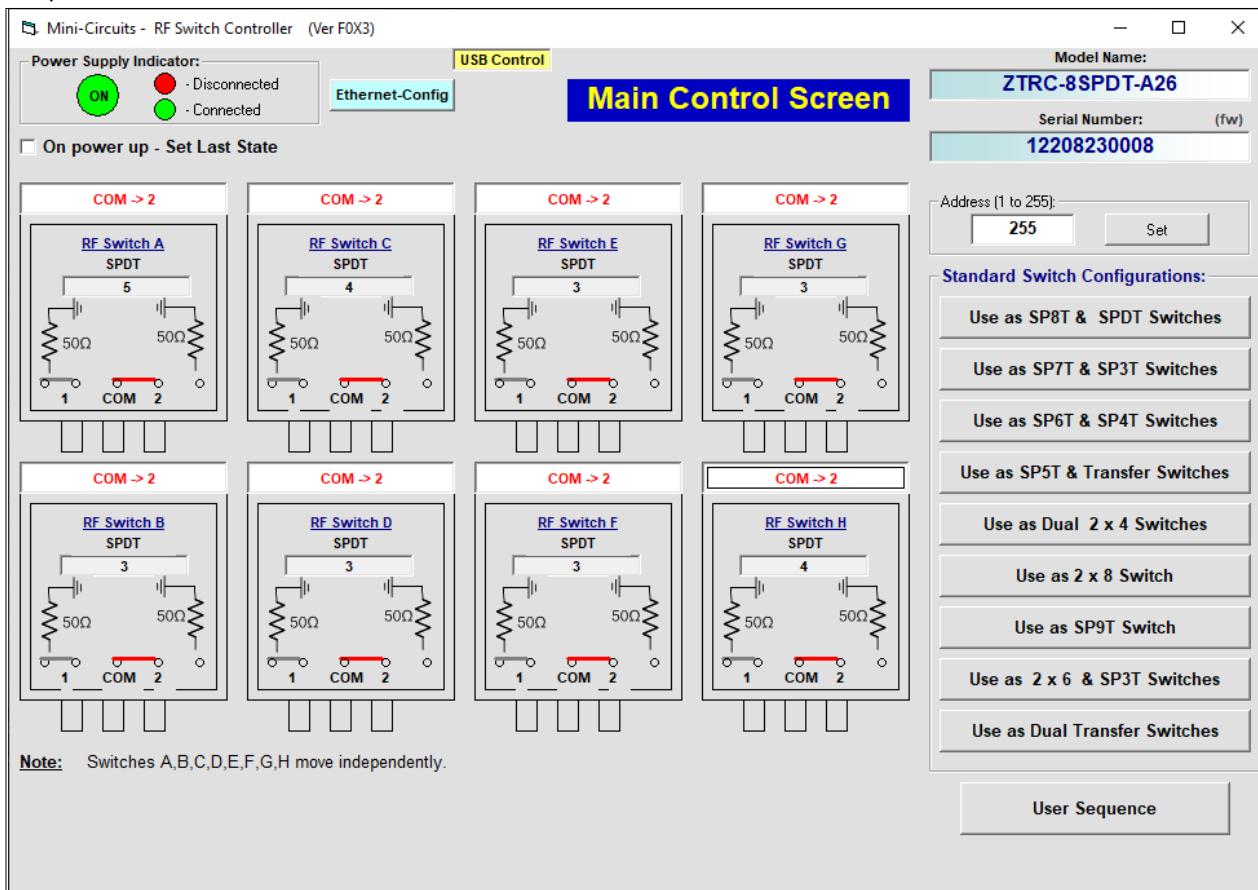


### GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI) FOR WINDOWS - KEY FEATURES

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



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

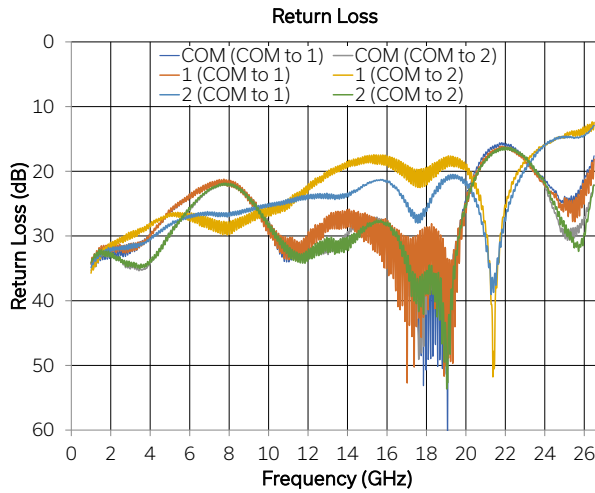
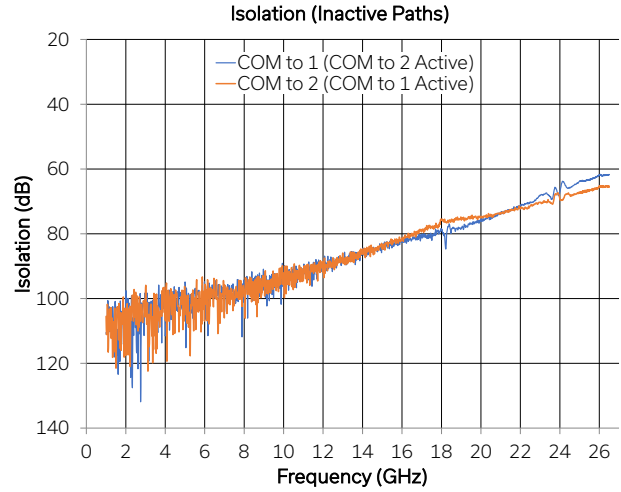
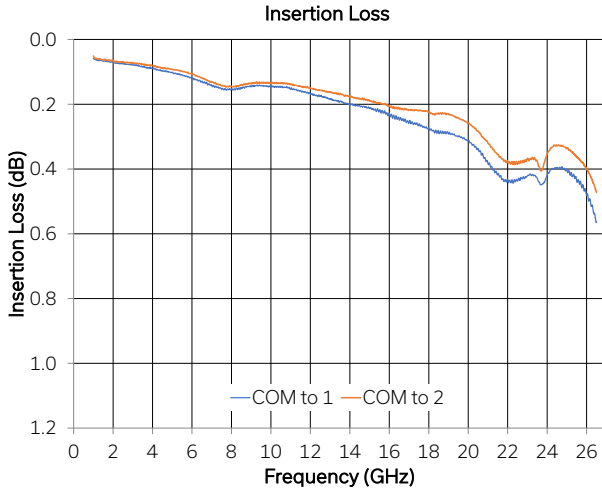




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## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS





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### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

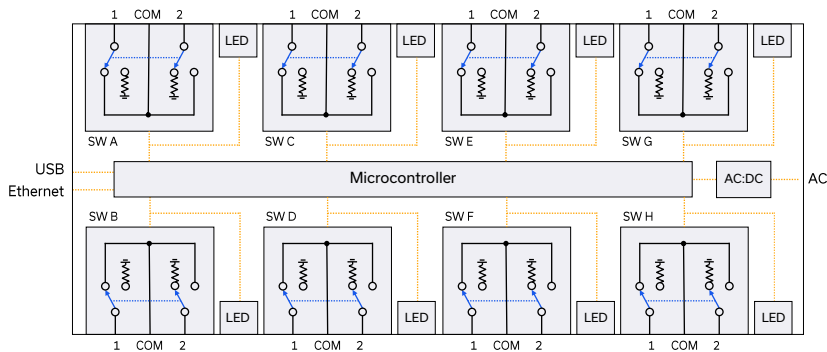
| Parameter               | Conditions                | Limits    | Units |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Temperature             | Operating                 | 0 to 70   | °C    |
|                         | Storage                   | -20 to 85 |       |
| 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:<br>100-240 V, 50 / 60 Hz |
| Fuse              | 2A, 250V rating                          |
| Power Consumption | 150W maximum                             |

### FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



### CONNECTIONS

| Port                | Connector     |
|---------------------|---------------|
| C & 1-2 (each SPDT) | SMA female    |
| USB                 | USB type B    |
| Ethernet / LAN      | RJ45          |
| AC Input            | IEC C14 inlet |

C = Com port  
1-2 = input / output ports

### SWITCH STATE TABLES (EACH SPDT SWITCH)

| Switch Command | Switch x State | Front Panel x LED Color |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| SET[x]=0       | C to 1         | Green                   |
| SET[x]=1       | C to 2         | Orange                  |

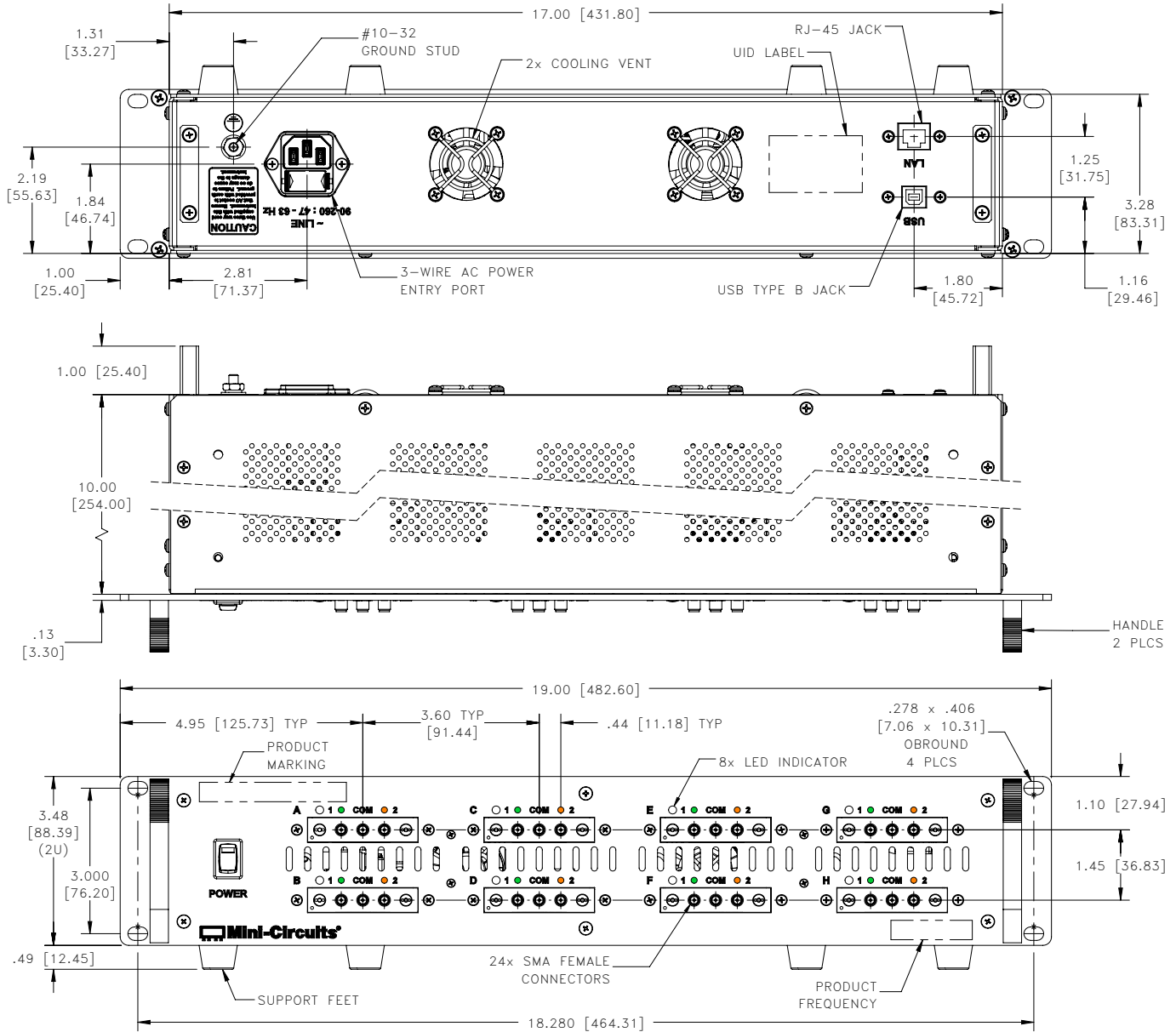
x = switch label



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## CASE STYLE DRAWING



### Notes:

1. Case material: Aluminum (with protective coating to prevent corrosion).
2. Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2 Pl.  $\pm .03$  inch; 3 Pl.  $\pm .015$  inch.
3. Weight: 3350 grams.
4. Marking may contain other features or characters for internal lot control.

### PRODUCT MARKING\*

Product Marking: ZTRC-8SPDT-A26

Product Frequency: DC - 26 GHz

Unit ID Label: Serial number and other identification marks

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## USB & ETHERNET

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|   |   |
|---|---|
| Case Style                                | VD2683  |
| Software, User Guide & Programming Manual | <a href="http://www.minicircuits.com/softwaredownload/rfswitchcontroller.html">www.minicircuits.com/softwaredownload/rfswitchcontroller.html</a>  |
| Environmental Rating                      | ENV140  |
| Regulatory Compliance                     | <p>Refer to our website for compliance methodologies and qualifications</p>  <p><a href="http://www.minicircuits.com/quality/environmental_introduction.html">www.minicircuits.com/quality/environmental_introduction.html</a></p> |

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| Included Accessories  | Part Number    | Description  |
|---|----------------|--|
|    | 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)   |
|   | CBL-3W-xx      | AC power cord (IEC C13 connector to local plug) Select one option from the list below. Please contact <a href="mailto:testsolutions@minicircuits.com">testsolutions@minicircuits.com</a> if your region is not listed. |

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

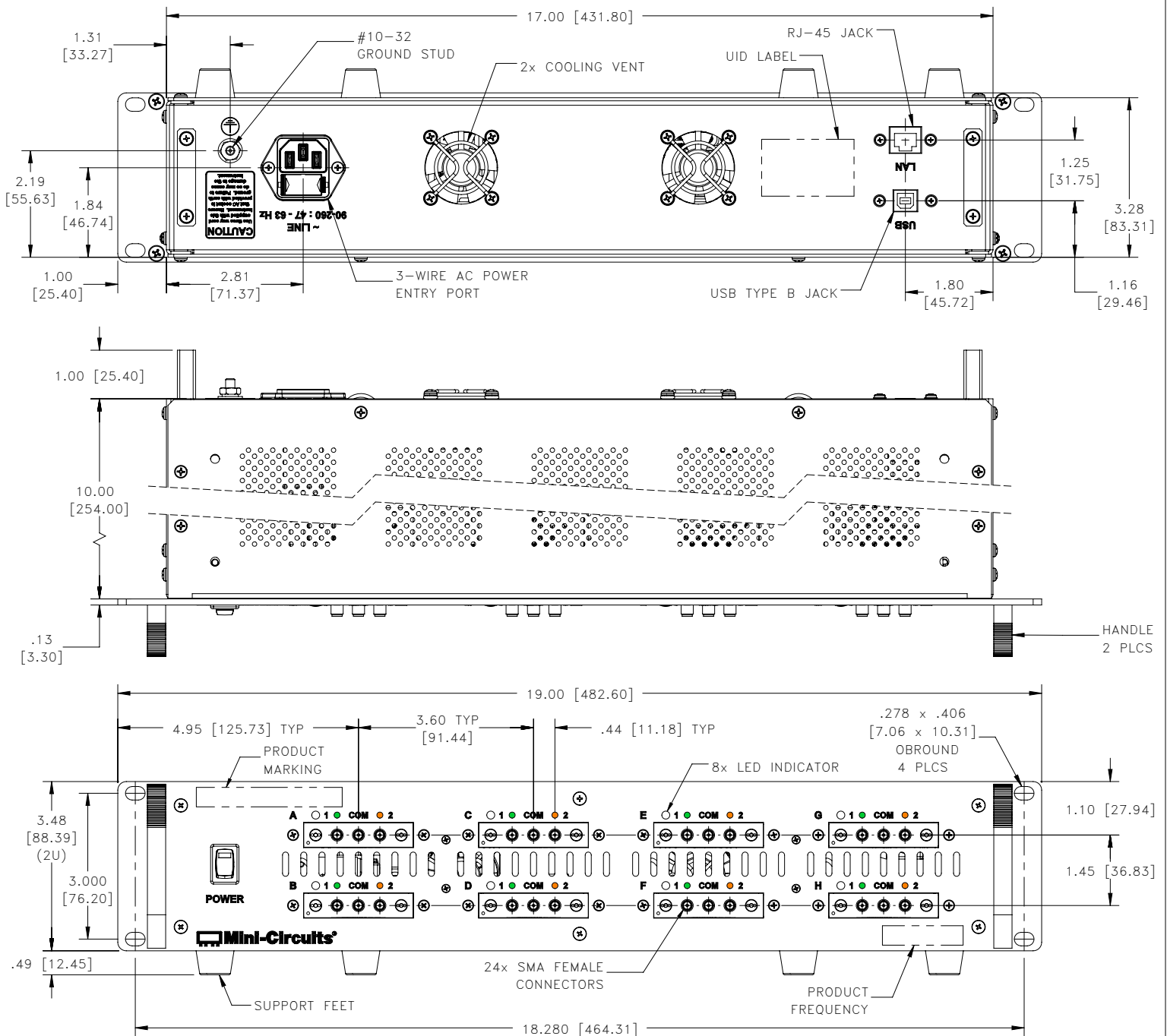
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## Outline Dimensions

### VD2683



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RF/IF MICROWAVE COMPONENTS



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 70° C<br>Ambient Environment   | Individual Model Data Sheet |
| Storage Temperature            | -20° to 85° C<br>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      |