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# Blocking Switch Matrix

**ZTVX-16-18-S**

50Ω DC to 18 GHz 2 X 16

## THE BIG DEAL

- 2 x 16 blocking matrix
- Bi-directional operation
- Low loss & high isolation
- GUI & API for automation

## APPLICATIONS

- Production test automation
- VNA extension (2 ports to 16 ports)



CASE STYLE: WU2505

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SOFTWARE PACKAGE

**RoHS Compliant**

See our web site for RoHS Compliance methodologies and qualifications

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' ZTVX-16-18 is a flexible, 2 by 16 blocking switch matrix covering DC to 18 GHz with low insertion loss and high isolation. The compact 2U height, 19-inch rack-mountable chassis includes all RF connections (SMA) on the front panel. This system is ideal for expanding a standard 2 port VNA for multi-port or multi-device testing:

- Parallel testing of multiple 2 port devices such as filter or amplifier characterisation
- Production testing of splitter / combiner or switch components with high port counts
- Testing of MIMO systems with high channel counts

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

The full ZTVX series also includes options for both 50Ω and 75Ω testing over a range of frequency bands, with switch configurations from 2 x 8 up to 2 x 32.

## KEY FEATURES

Feature	Advantages
High port counts	Bi-directional operation from 2 to 16 ports facilitates a wide range of switch applications
Compact package	The 2U height, rack-mountable chassis is easily located beneath a VNA or in a rack test environment.
Ethernet Control	Remote control from any computer or device with a network connection (HTTP or Telnet protocols).
USB HID (Human Interface Device)	Local control via USB connection with no driver installation required. Compatible with Windows® or Linux® operating systems using 32 and 64 bit architectures.
Full software support	The user friendly Windows GUI (graphical user interface automation) allows manual control straight out of the box. A full API (application programming interface), programming examples and manuals are provided to allow automation in most programming environments.





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## ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT 25°C

Parameter	Condition (GHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range		DC	-	18	GHz
Insertion Loss	DC - 6	-	1.0	-	dB
	6 - 12	-	1.5	-	
	12 - 18	-	2.5	-	
Return Loss	DC - 4	-	20	-	dB
	4 - 12	-	15	-	
	12 - 18	-	12	-	
Isolation	$A_x$ to $N_y$ when disconnected	-	90	-	dB
	$A_x$ to $A_y$ or $N_x$ to $N_y$	-	90	-	
Input Power	Cold switching	-	-	+30	dBm

## MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS

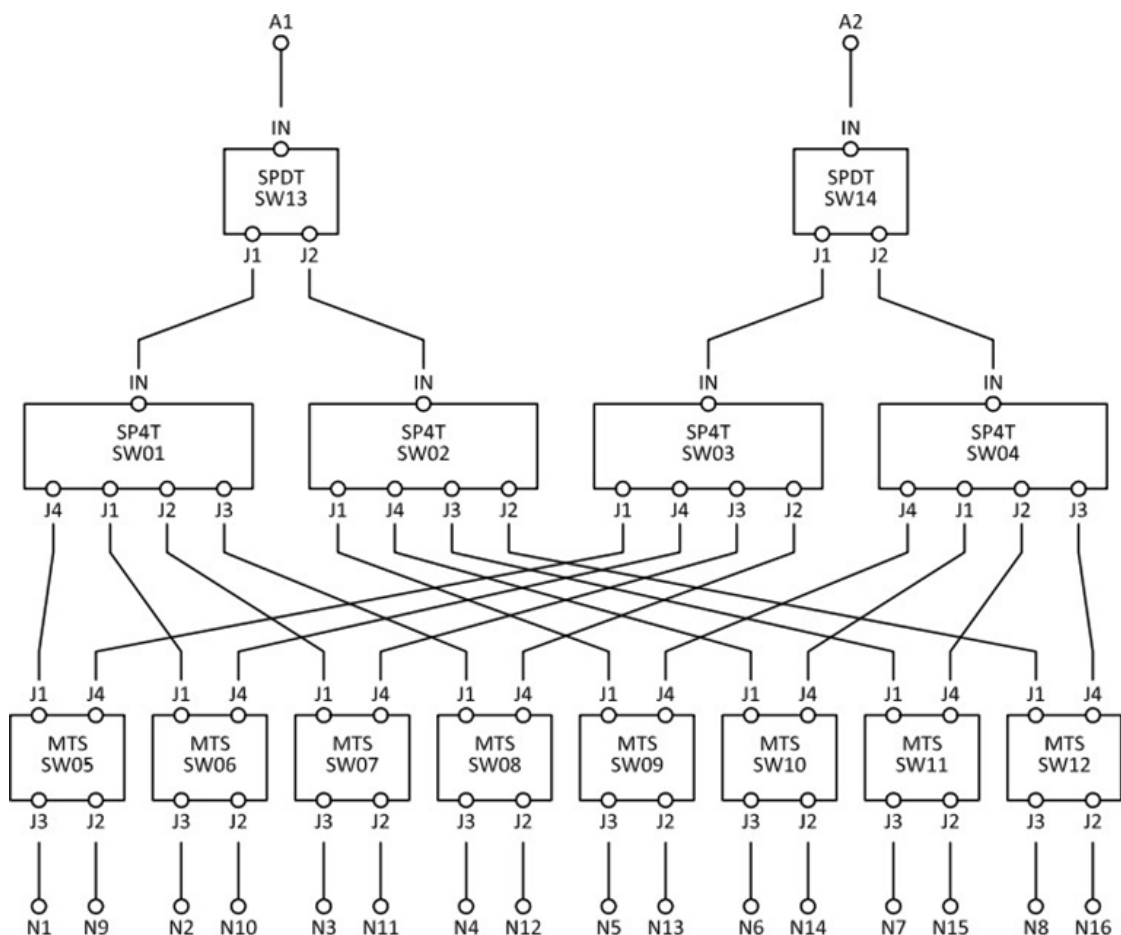
Dimensions	19" (W) x 2U (H) x 20" (D)			
Case Drawing	99-01-2505			
Case Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Aluminum (with protective coating to prevent corrosion)</li><li>Reinforced cover to support VNA mounted on top of switch matrix</li></ul>			
RF Connectors	Panel	Connector	Quantity	Port Labels
	Front	SMA female	2	A1 – A2
			16	N1 – N16
Panel Items	Front Panel	Rear Panel		
Panel Marking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Model name</li><li>2 x 16 Switch Matrix</li><li>DC - 18 GHz</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CE</li><li>UKCA</li><li>EAC</li><li>Serial number / date code / model name</li></ul>		
Other Connectors		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AC mains power input (IEC C14 inlet)</li><li>USB type B socket</li><li>RJ45 (LAN) socket</li></ul>		
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Power on / off switch with LED</li><li>Carry handles</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cooling fan</li></ul>		
Power Supply	AC mains power input (90-260 V, 47-63 Hz)			
Power Consumption	86W max			
Temperature	Operating: 0 to +50 °C			



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SIMPLIFIED FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM





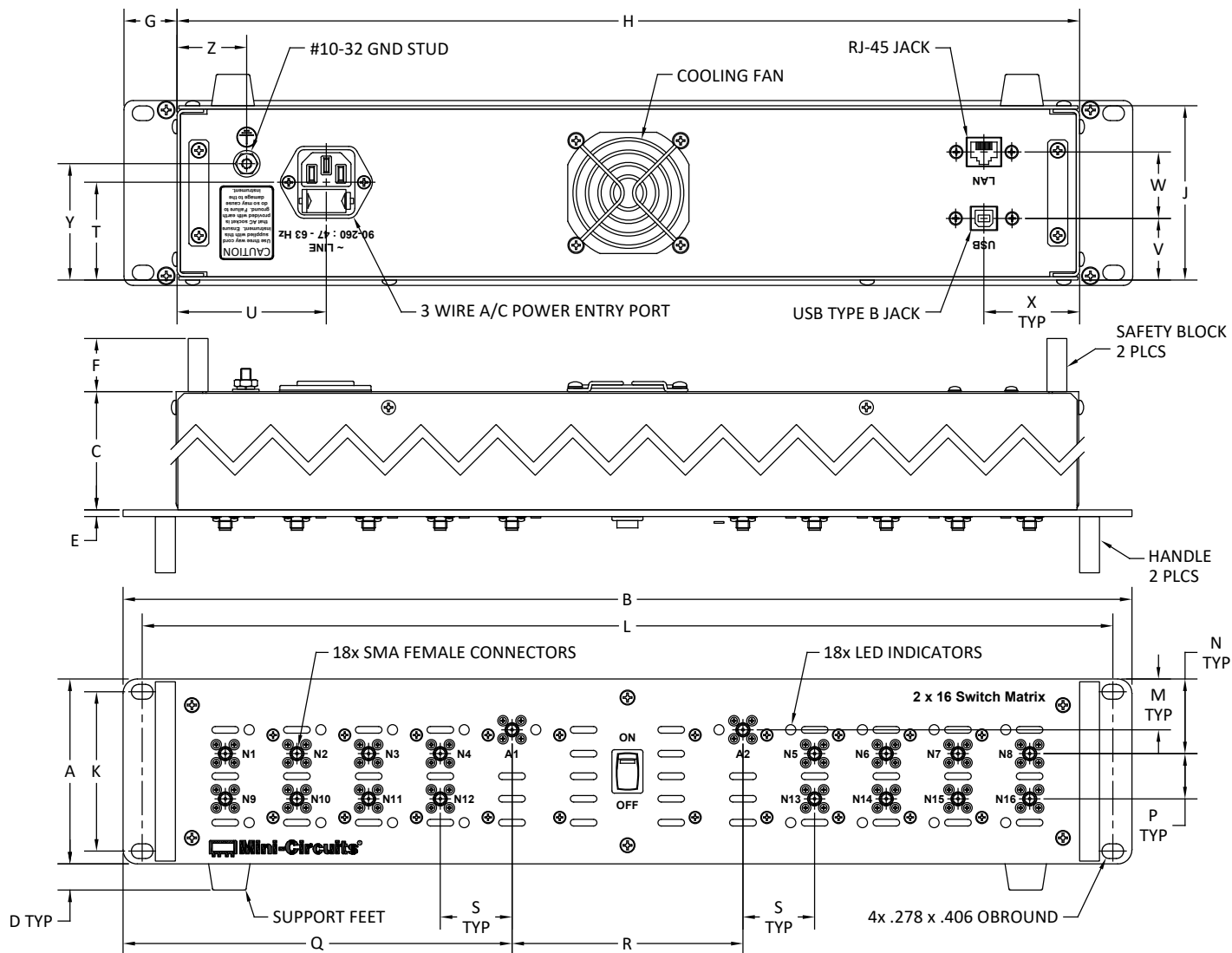
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## OUTLINE DRAWING



## OUTLINE DIMENSIONS (Inch mm)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T
3.48	19.00	20	.49	.13	1.00	1.00	17.00	3.28	3.00	18.280	.96	1.41	4.00	7.33	4.35	5.1	.135
88.39	482.60	508.00	12.45	3.30	25.40	25.40	431.80	83.31	76.20	464.31	24.38	35.81	101.60	186.18	110.49	129.54	3.43
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	wt									
3.48	19.00	20	.49	.13	1.00	1.00	17.00	grams									
88.39	482.60	508.00	12.45	3.30	25.40	25.40	431.80	7400									





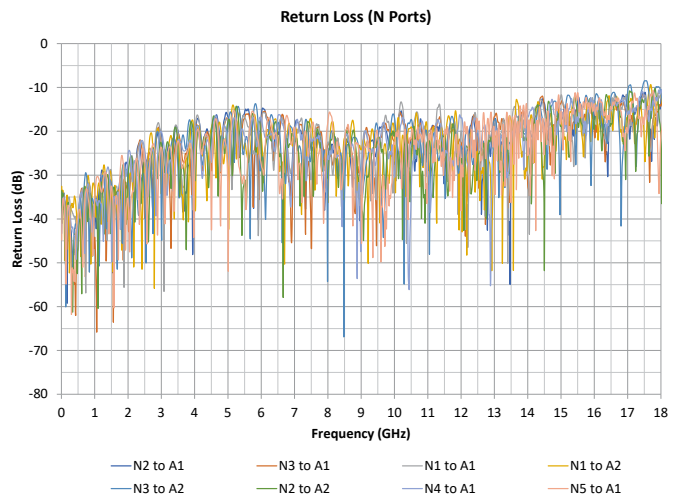
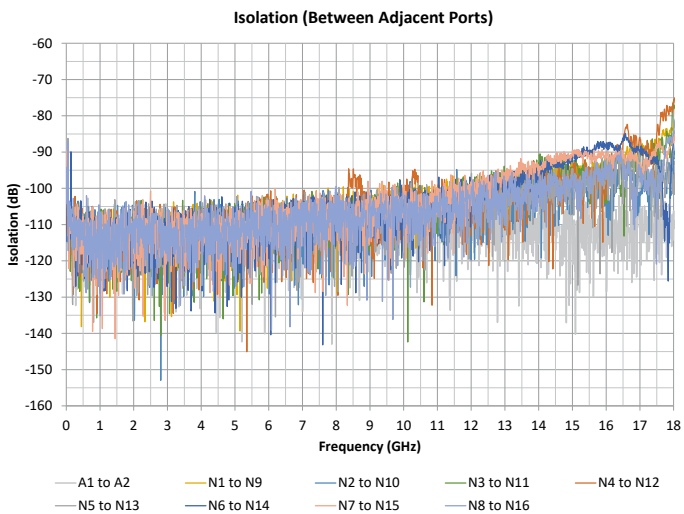
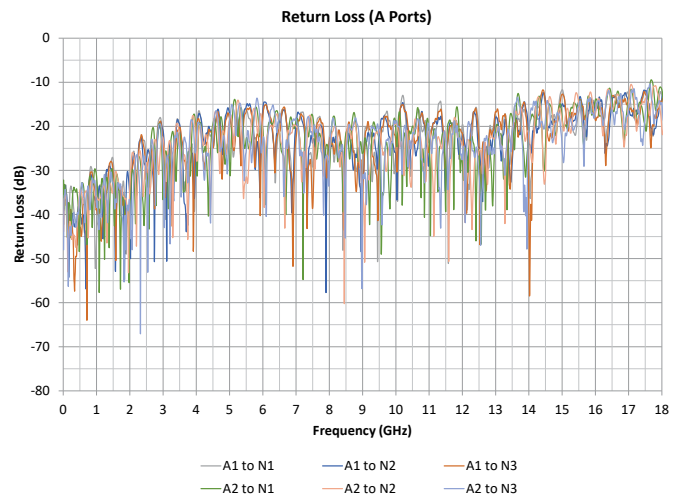
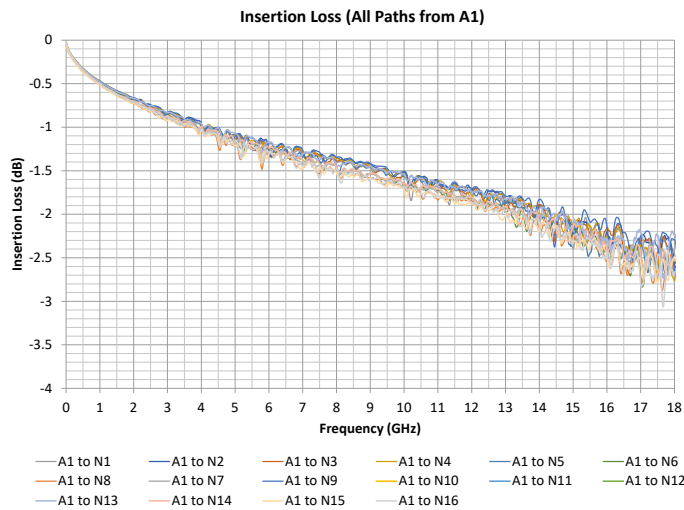
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## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES





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## SOFTWARE SPECIFICATIONS

- Please contact [testsolutions@minicircuits.com](mailto:testsolutions@minicircuits.com) for support

Ethernet Control	Supported Protocols	TCP / IP, HTTP, Telnet, DHCP, UDP
	Max Data Rate	10 Mbps (10 Base-T Half Duplex)
USB Control	Supported Protocols	HID-Full Speed
	Min Communication Time	3ms typ
Software Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mini Circuits' Universal GUI for USB &amp; LAN control (Windows only)</li><li>• ASCII / SCPI command syntax for LAN programming (all OS)</li><li>• ActiveX / .Net DLL APIs for USB programming (Windows only)</li><li>• Interrupt codes for direct USB programming (all OS)</li><li>• Full programming instructions and examples for a wide range of languages</li></ul>	
Downloads	Software & Documentation	<a href="https://www.minicircuits.com/softwaredownload/ztvx.html">https://www.minicircuits.com/softwaredownload/ztvx.html</a>

## PROGRAMMING COMMANDS

- The key ASCII / SCPI commands for control of the system are summarized below
- These can be sent via the USB or Ethernet API
- Please refer to the programming manual for full details

Command / Query	Description
:MN?	Read model name
:SN?	Read serial number
:FIRMWARE?	Read firmware version
:PATH:a_port:n_port	Set the path between 2 switch ports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a_port= "Input" port</li><li>• n_port= "Output" port</li><li>• Example: :PATH:A1:N8(connect A1 to N8)</li></ul>
:PATH:input?	Check which "output" is connected to a specified input port



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## 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/ztvx.html>  
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**Main Control**
Help
Block Diagram

**Set Path**

From: A1
To: N5

Show Command
Save to Quick Set Button
SEND

**Model Name** ZTVX
**Serial Number** Demo Mode

Protocol IP Password

Firmware Upgrade
Ethernet Config

Connection Status Demo Mode

**Switch Status**

Switch	State	Count
1	0	325
2	1	179
6	0	470
7	0	461
8	1	430
9	1	254
10	0	479

**Quick-Set Buttons**
Configuration File: FactoryDefault\_2\_16.txt

Set A1 Path
Set A2 Path
TAB3 (Empty)
TAB4 (Empty)
TAB5 (Empty)

A1 -> N1 A1 -> N2 A1 -> N3 A1 -> N4 A1 -> N5  
A1 -> N6 A1 -> N7 A1 -> N8 A1 -> N9 A1 -> N10  
A1 -> N11 A1 -> N12 A1 -> N13 A1 -> N14 A1 -> N15  
A1 -> N16 Query A1 Path EMPTY18 EMPTY19 EMPTY20

Modify Buttons
Load Config
Clear All

**Manual Commands**

Switch Commands
Switch States :PATH-A1?
Switch Counters
Additional Commands

Command X
:PATH-A1?
SEND

**Command History**

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[4/30/2020 2:23:10 PM] [Q Set Btn] [A1 -> N1] SCPL: :PATH-A1:N1 Result: 1 - Success (! Demo Mode)
[4/30/2020 2:23:10 PM] [Q Set Btn] [A1 -> N13] SCPL: :PATH-A1:N13 Result: 1 - Success (! Demo Mode)
[4/30/2020 2:23:11 PM] [Q Set Btn] [A1 -> N8] SCPL: :PATH-A1:N8 Result: 1 - Success (! Demo Mode)
[4/30/2020 2:23:11 PM] [Q Set Btn] [A1 -> N4] SCPL: :PATH-A1:N4 Result: 1 - Success (! Demo Mode)
[4/30/2020 2:23:17 PM] [Manual Comm] SCPL: :PATH-A1? Result: 1 - Success (! Demo Mode)

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**Connection Status:**

A1 - NX
A2 - NX

**Temperature / Fans Status**

Temperature	Normal
Fan1 operation	OK
Fan2 operation	OK
Fans state	OFF





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## ORDERING INFORMATION

Please contact Mini-Circuits' Test Solutions department for price and availability: [testsolutions@minicircuits.com](mailto:testsolutions@minicircuits.com)

Model	Description
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Included Accessories	Part No.	Description
See Below	CBL-3W-xx*	AC power cord (IEC C13 connector to local plug)
	USB-CBL-AB-7+	6.8 ft (2.1 m) USB Cable: USB type A(Male) to USB type B(Male)
	CBL-RJ45-MM-5+	5 ft (1.5 m) Ethernet cable: RJ45(Male) to RJ45(Male) Cat 5E cable
	HT-4-SMA	SMA Cable Wrench (4 in)

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

AC Power Cords <sup>5</sup>	Part No.	Description
	CBL-3W-US	Power Cord for United States
	CBL-3W-EU	Power Cord for Europe
	CBL-3W-UK	Power Cord for United Kingdom
	CBL-3W-AU	Power Cord for Australia and China
	CBL-3W-IL	Power Cord for Israel

5. If you need a Power cord for a country not listed please contact [testsolutions@minicircuits.com](mailto:testsolutions@minicircuits.com)

## NOTES

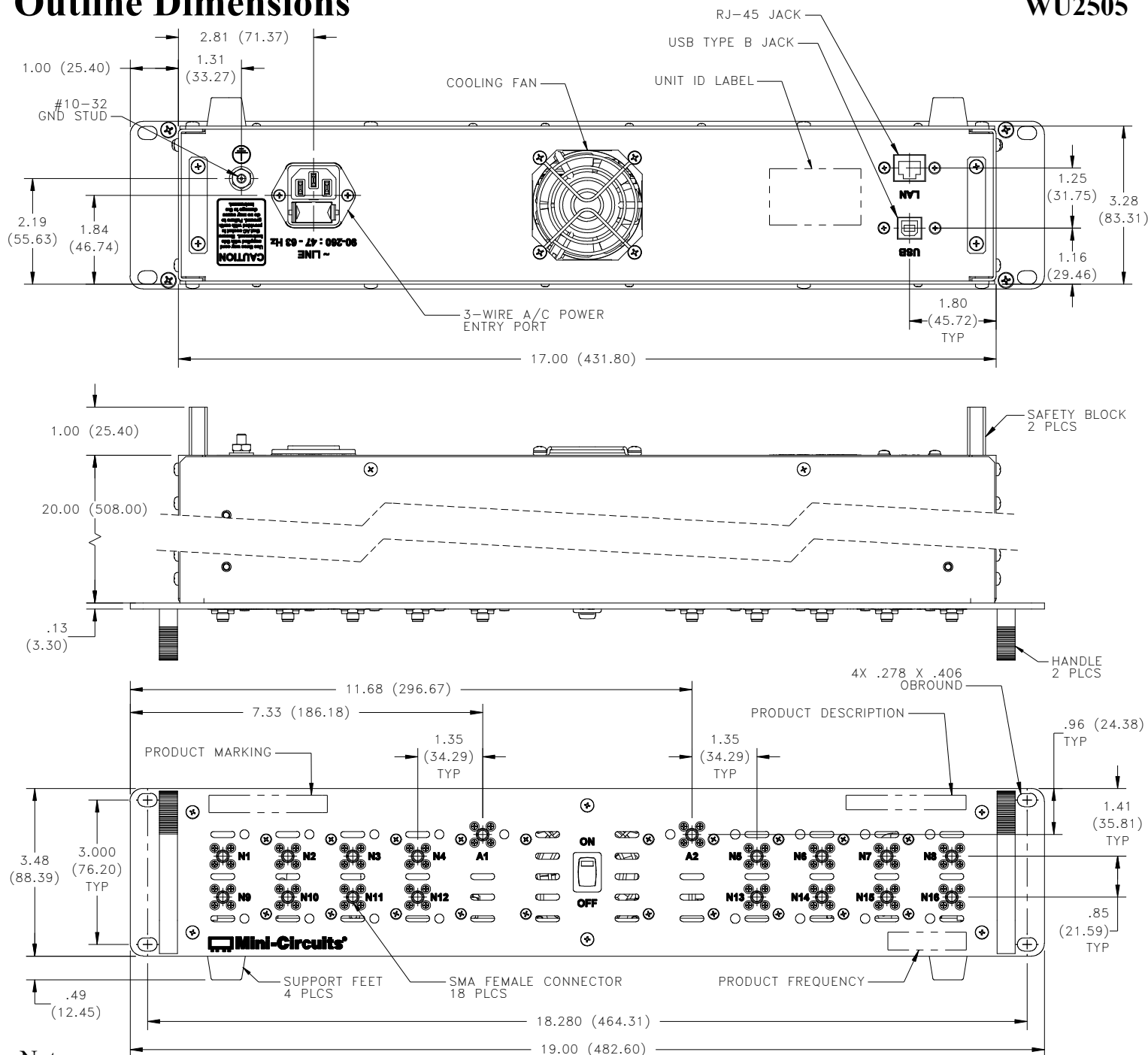
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## Outline Dimensions

WU2505



### Notes:

1. Case material: Aluminum (with protective coating to prevent corrosion).
2. Dimensions are in inches (mm). Tolerances: 2 Pl.  $\pm 0.03$  inch; 3 Pl.  $\pm 0.015$  inch.
3. Weight: 7400 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