



THE BIG DEAL

- Mechanical absorptive switches
- 2 x SPDT + 4 x SP8T or configure into 2 x SP16T
- High reliability, millions of cycles
- Software control & automation
- SSH secure Ethernet communication
- LED switch state indicators

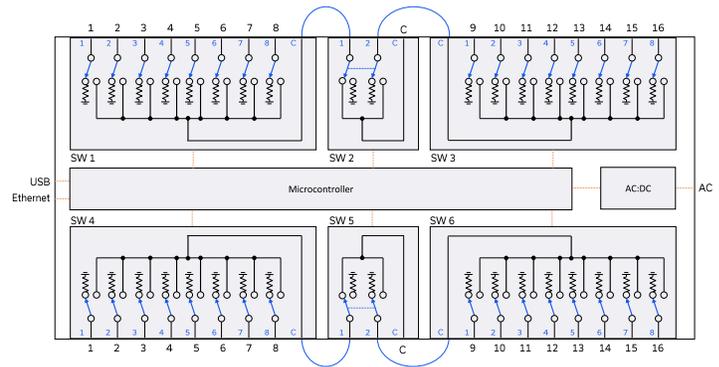


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APPLICATIONS

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

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' ZT-2SP16T-26 houses 2 x SPDT and 4 x SP8T absorptive electro-mechanical switches. Each switch operates over an extremely wide bandwidth, from DC to 26.5 GHz with high isolation and low insertion loss. The switches can be conveniently interconnected on the front panel using the included FL086-6-35M+ high quality interconnect cables to form a pair of SP16T switches.

The switches are housed in a compact 19-inch rack chassis with all RF connectors (SMA female) 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
Secure Ethernet communication	Support for SSH (Secure Shell protocol) provides a means for secure communication over Ethernet networks with strict security policies.
Rack-mount chassis	Slim 2U 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.



ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT +25°C (EACH SP16T SWITCH)

Parameter	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Frequency Range		DC		26.5	GHz
Insertion Loss	DC-8 GHz		0.6		dB
	8-18 GHz		1.3		
	18-26.5 GHz		1.8		
Isolation (Inactive Paths) ¹	DC-8 GHz		85		dB
	8-18 GHz		80		
	18-26.5 GHz		70		

ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT +25°C (EACH SP8T 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		0.35	0.60	
	18-26.5 GHz		0.80	1.10	
Isolation (Inactive Paths) ¹	DC-8 GHz	70	80		dB
	8-18 GHz	60	75		
	18-26.5 GHz	55	70		
Return Loss ²	DC-8 GHz		20		dB
	8-18 GHz		16		
	18-26.5 GHz		14		
Switching Time			25		ms
RF Input Power	Cold switching, DC-8 GHz			20	W
	Cold switching, 8-18 GHz			10	
	Cold switching, 18-26.5 GHz			5	
	Hot switching ³			0.1	
	Into internal terminations ⁴			1	
Switch Lifetime			2		million cycles

ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS AT +25°C (EACH SPDT 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) ¹	DC-8 GHz	75	90		dB
	8-18 GHz	60	66		
	18-26.5 GHz	55	65		
Return Loss ⁵	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
	Hot switching ³			0.1	
	Into internal termination			1	
Switch Lifetime			5		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 1-8 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 1W per port, 3W total per switch

5. Return loss into all ports in all states

**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 ⁷	400 μs typ

7. 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

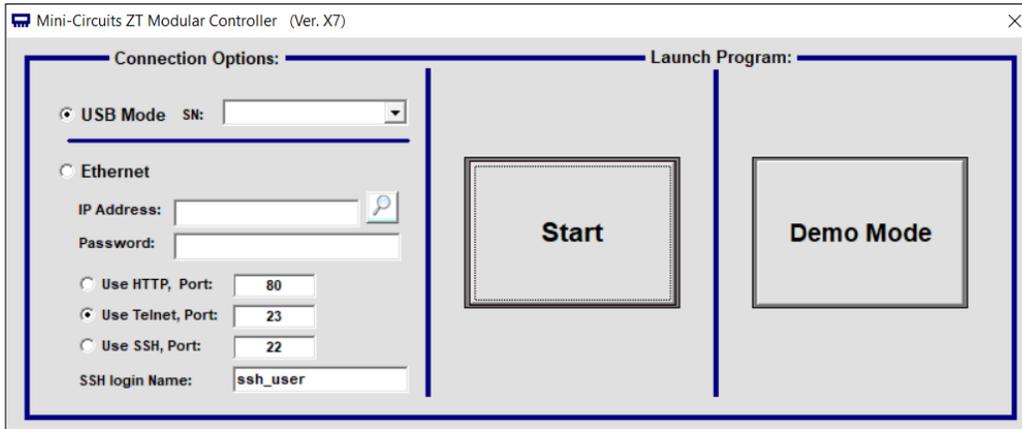
The key ASCII / SCPI commands for control of the system for control via the Ethernet or USB API are summarized below (refer to the programming manual for full details):

Command / Query	Description
:MN?	Read model name
:SN?	Read serial number
:FIRMWARE?	Read firmware version
:[sw_type]:[sw_label]:STATE:[port]	Set a single switch state: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [sw_type] = SPDT or SP8T • [sw_label] = 1 to 6 • [port] = For SPDT switches: 1 (Com to 1) or 2 (Com to 2) = For SP8T switches: 0 (all ports disconnected) to 8 (Com to 8) Example :SP8T:3:STATE:8 (set switch SP8T switch 3 to state 8)
:[sw_type]:[sw_label]:STATE?	Get a single switch state: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [sw_type] = SPDT or SP8T • [sw_label] = 1 to 6 Example :SP8T:3:STATE:8 (set switch SP8T switch 3 to state 8)

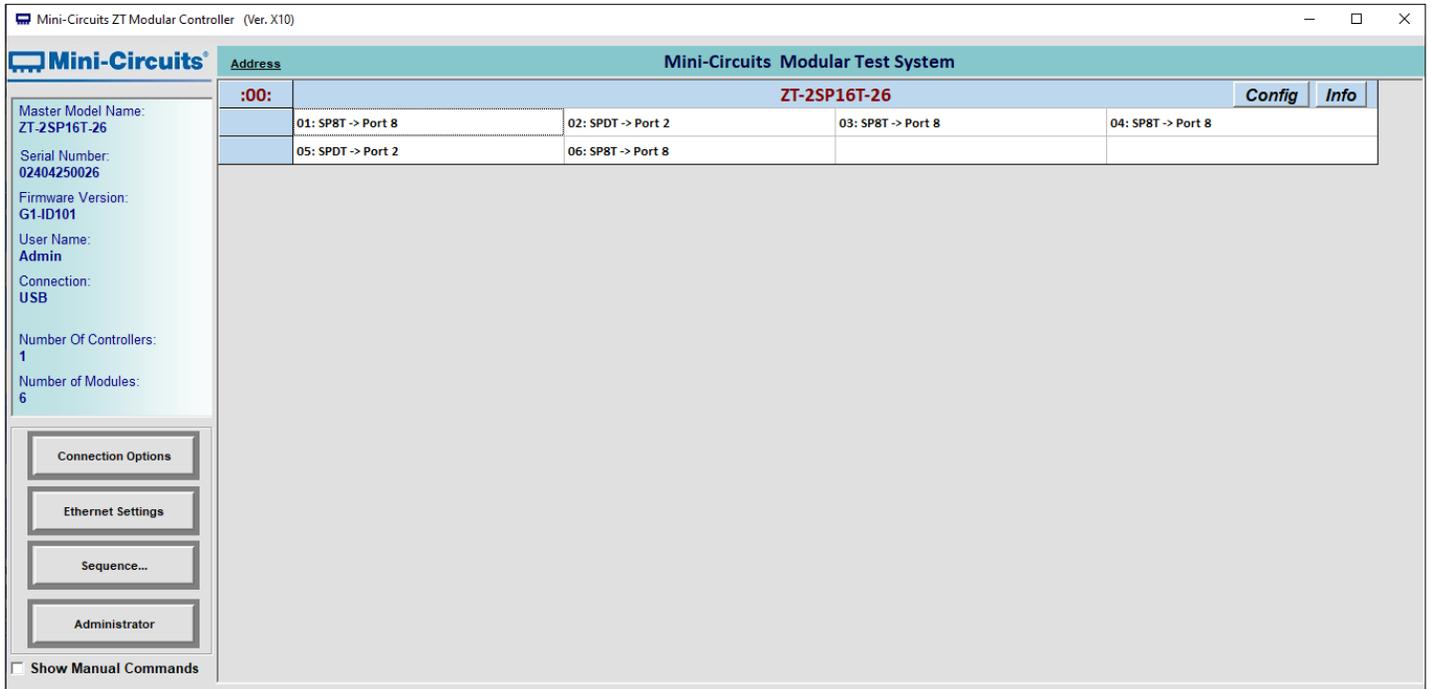


GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI) FOR WINDOWS - KEY FEATURES

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

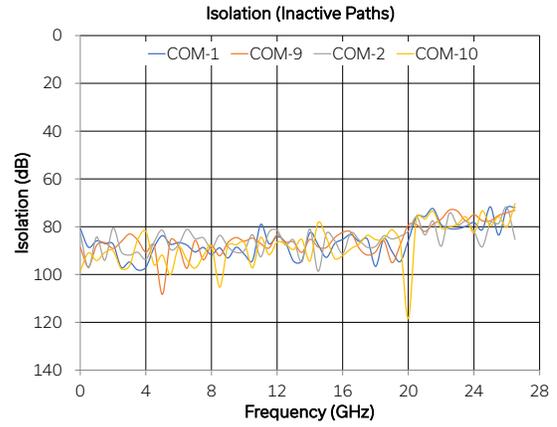
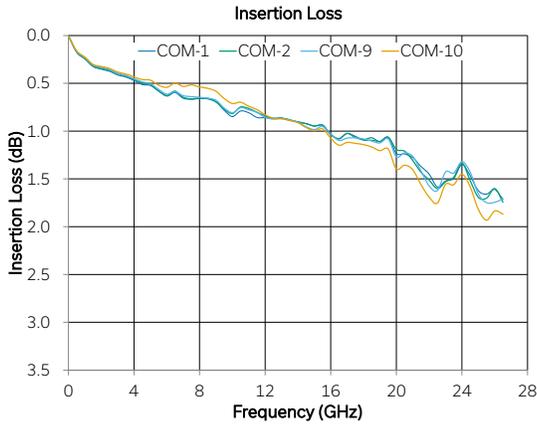


- View and set all switch states at the click of a button
- Set switch power-up states
- Configure Ethernet settings
- Update firmware

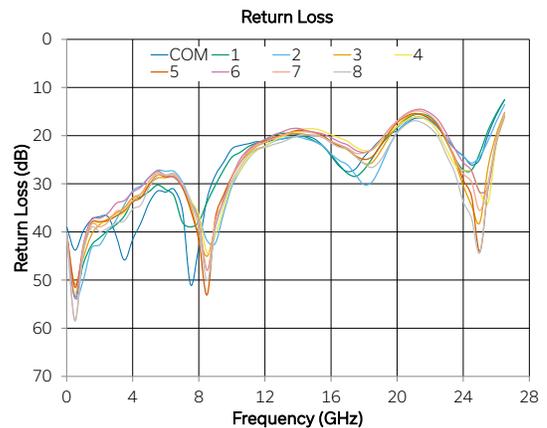
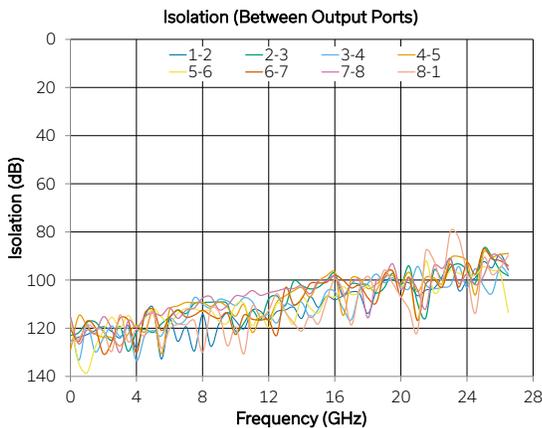
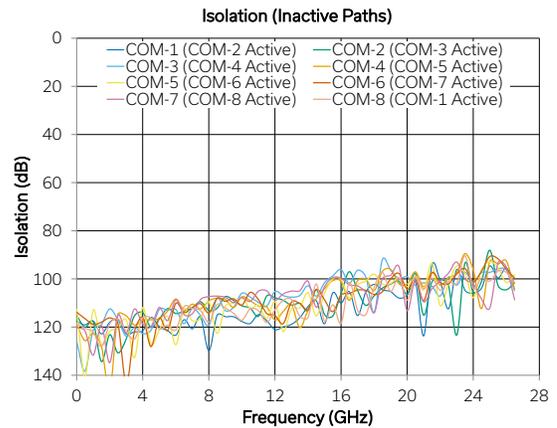
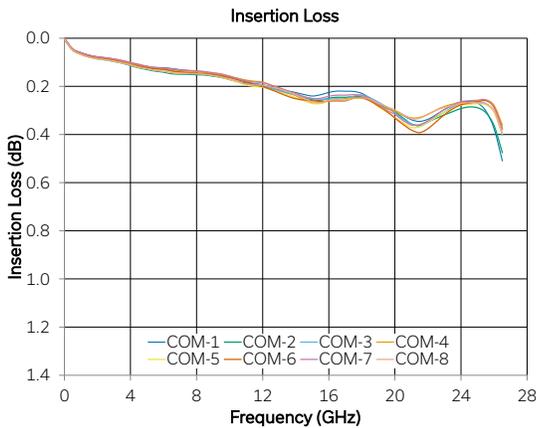




TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS (CONNECTED AS SP16T SWITCH)

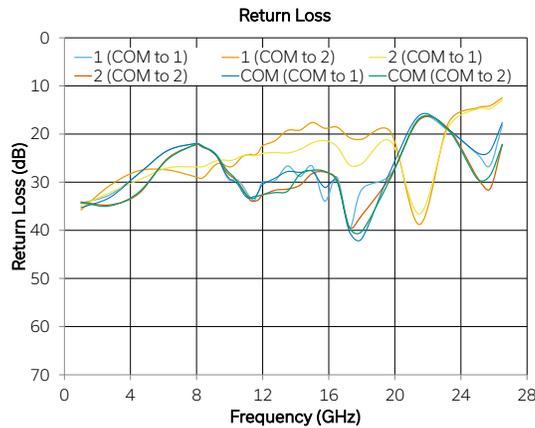
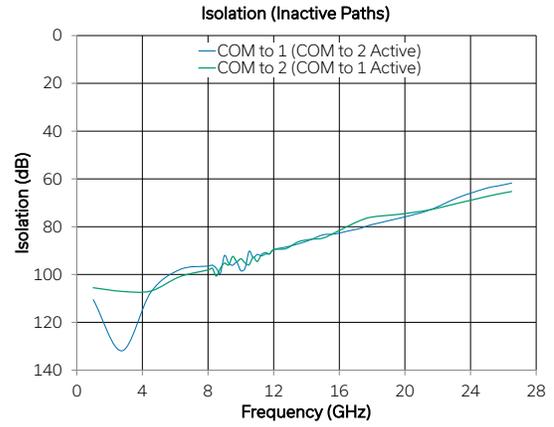
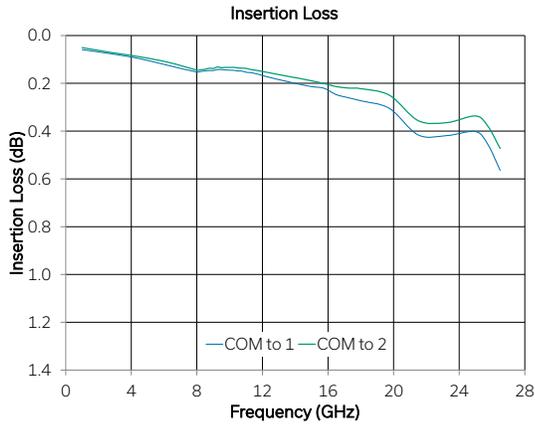


TYPICAL PERFORMANCE GRAPHS (EACH SP8T SWITCH)





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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		W
	Each SPDT (DC-26.5 GHz)	20	
	Each SP8T (DC-8 GHz)	20	
	Each SP8T (8-18 GHz)	10	
	Each SP8T (18-26.5 GHz)	5	
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

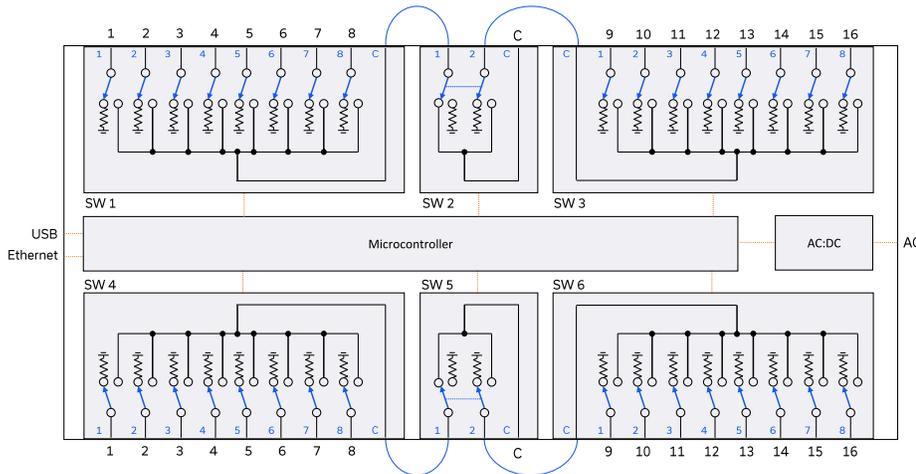
Power Supply	AC mains input: 100-240 V, 50 / 60 Hz
Fuse	2A, 250V rating
Power Consumption	150W maximum

POWER-UP OPTIONS

Mode	Initial Switch Paths
Default	All switches power up in the default state (SP8T = all ports disconnected; SPDT = C to 1)
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

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



Shown with 4 external cable connections to create 2 x SP16T configuration

SWITCH STATE TABLE

Each SP8T switch:

Switch Command	Switch x State	Switch x LED State							
		LED1	LED2	LED3	LED4	LED5	LED6	LED7	LED8
:SP8T:[x]:STATE:0	All ports disconnected (C open; 1-8 terminated)	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
:SP8T:[x]:STATE:1	C to 1	On	Off						
:SP8T:[x]:STATE:2	C to 2	Off	On	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
:SP8T:[x]:STATE:3	C to 3	Off	Off	On	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
:SP8T:[x]:STATE:4	C to 4	Off	Off	Off	On	Off	Off	Off	Off
:SP8T:[x]:STATE:5	C to 5	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	Off	Off	Off
:SP8T:[x]:STATE:6	C to 6	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	Off	Off
:SP8T:[x]:STATE:7	C to 7	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	Off
:SP8T:[x]:STATE:8	C to 8	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	On

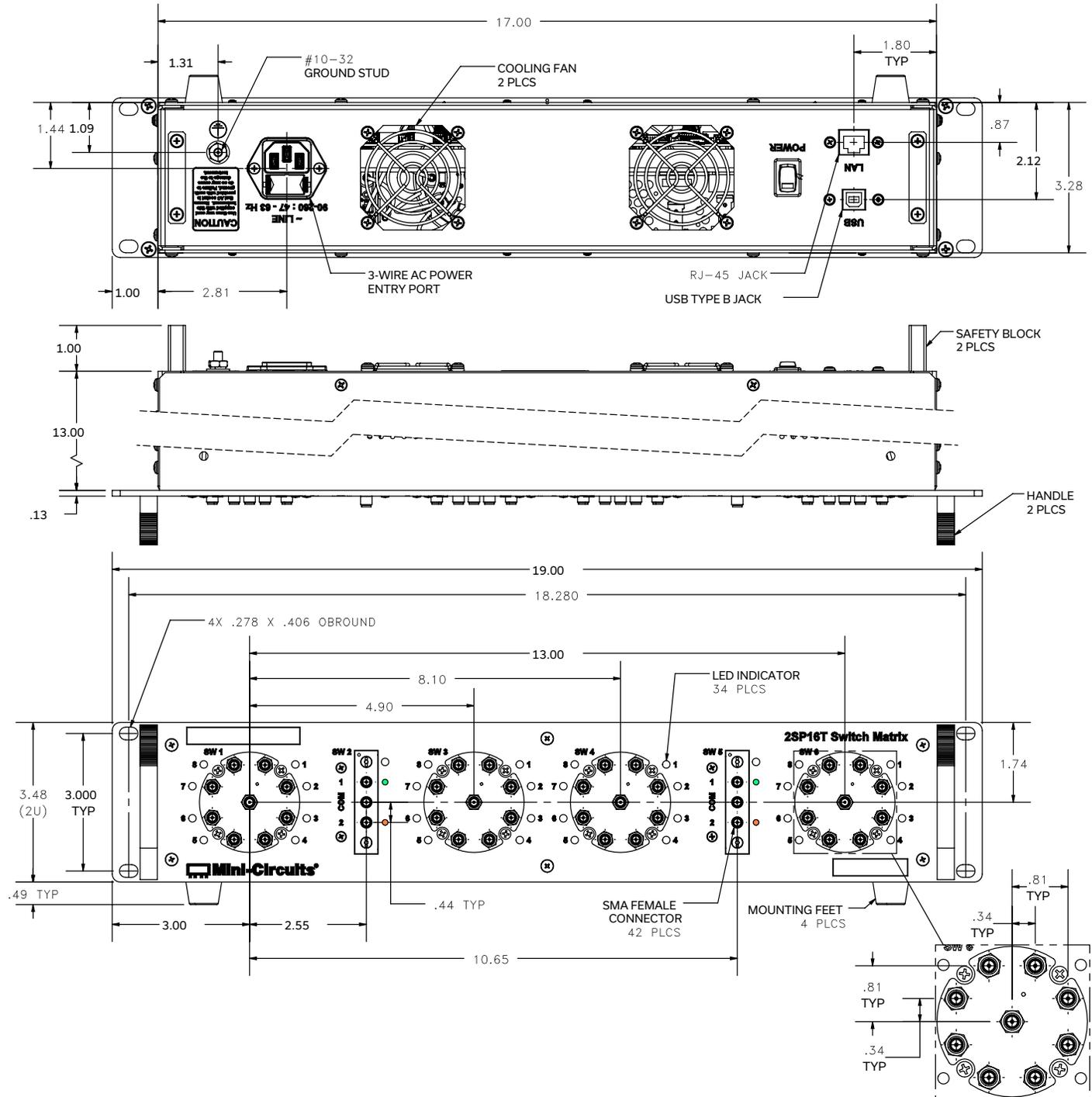
Each SPDT switch:

Switch Command	Switch x State	Switch x LED State
:SPDT:[x]:STATE:1	C to 1	Green
:SPDT:[x]:STATE:2	C to 2	Orange

x = switch number



CASE STYLE DRAWING



PRODUCT MARKING*

Product Marking: ZT-2SP16T-26

Product Description: 2SP16T Switch Matrix

Product Frequency: DC-26 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	99-01-3313
Software, User Guide & Programming Manual	www.minicircuits.com/softwaredownload/ztm_ztm2.html
Environmental Rating	ENV55
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 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)
	4 x FL086-6-35M+	RF interconnect cables, 6" length, 3.5 mm male to male

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

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