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RF Transfer Switch Matrix RC-3MTS-18

50Ω DC to 18 GHz SMA-Female

THE BIG DEAL

- 3 mechanical transfer switches
- High reliability, 10 million switch cycles
- 10W power rating (cold switching)
- High isolation, 85 dB typ.

CASE STYLE: SH3022

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RoHS Compliant
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APPLICATIONS

- Automated test equipment
- Fail-safe / redundancy switching
- Switch matrices

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Mini-Circuits' RC-3MTS-18 comprises 3 independently controlled, electro-mechanical transfer switches. Each switch operates over a wide bandwidth from DC to 18 GHz, with high isolation (85 dB typical), low insertion loss (0.2 dB typical) and high input power rating (10W for cold switching). The switches are of a failsafe and break-before-make-configuration, using a patented design which ensures long-term reliability, with a lifetime of 10 million switching cycles when used within the noted specifications.

The switch box is constructed in a compact, rugged metal case (4.5 x 6.0 x 2.25") with all RF connectors (SMA female) on the front panel. The switches are controlled via USB or Ethernet, allowing control directly from a PC, or remotely over a network. 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
Three transfer switches	Transfer switches provide a simple DPDT switch application (2 input to 2 output switch matrix) and are a useful building block in much larger switch matrices
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
USB & Ethernet control	USB HID and Ethernet (HTTP / Telnet) interfaces provide easy compatibility with a wide range of software setups and programming environments
Full software support	User friendly Windows GUI (graphical user interface) allows manual control straight out of the box, while the comprehensive API (application programming interface) with examples and instructions allows easy automation in most programming environments

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ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Parameter	Conditions (GHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Frequency	-	DC	-	18	GHz
Insertion Loss	DC – 8 GHz	-	0.10	0.25	dB
	8 – 12 GHz	-	0.20	0.36	
	12 – 18 GHz	-	0.25	0.45	
Isolation	DC – 8 GHz	75	90	-	dB
	8 – 12 GHz	70	86	-	
	12 – 18 GHz	60	76	-	
Return Loss	DC – 8 GHz	-	23	-	dB
	8 – 12 GHz	-	23	-	
	12 – 18 GHz	-	23	-	
Switching Time		-	25	-	ms
RF Input Power	Cold switching[1]	-	-	10	W
	Hot switching[2]	-	-	0.1	
Switch Lifetime	-	-	10	-	million switching cycles

1. Maximum power for cold switching is 10W per path, 20W total, with all ports terminated into 50Ω
2. Hot switching power above this level will degrade the switch lifetime

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Parameters	Ratings
Operating Temperature	0°C to 40°C
Storage Temperature	-15°C to 85°C
Supply Voltage	26V
Total RF Power	20W[1]

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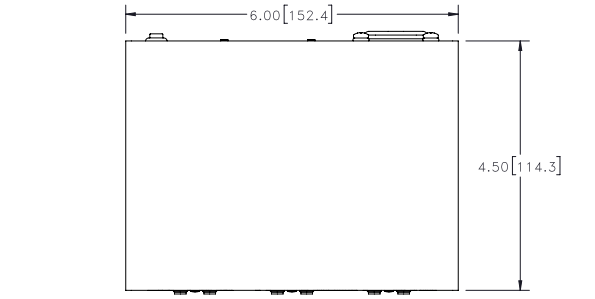
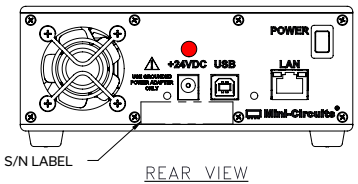
SWITCHING STATES (PER SWITCH)

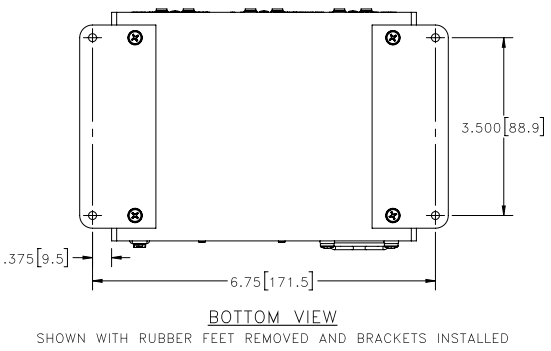
CONNECTIONS

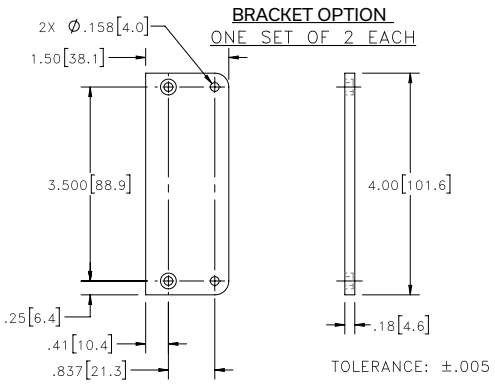
Port Name	Connector Type
RF Switch A (J1, J2, J3 & J4)	SMA female
RF Switch B (J1, J2, J3 & J4)	SMA female
RF Switch C (J1, J2, J3 & J4)	SMA female
USB	USB type-B
Ethernet / LAN	RJ45
24V $_{DC}$ Input	2.1mm center positive DC socket

OUTLINE DRAWING (SH3022)









INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOUNTING
BRACKETS:
TOOL REQUIRED: PHILLIPS HEAD SCREWDRIVER
STEP 1: REMOVE RUBBER FEET FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE UNIT, DO NOT DISCARD THE FASTENERS.
STEP 2: MOUNT THE BRACKETS WITH THE FASTENERS REMOVED IN STEP 1, USING THE COUNTER BORE HOLES IN THE BRACKET.

Weight: 1000 grams
Dimensions are in inches [mm]. Tolerances: 2 Pl. ±.03 inch; 3Pl. ±.015 inch

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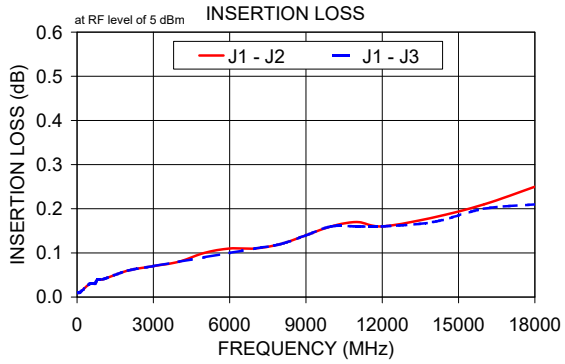
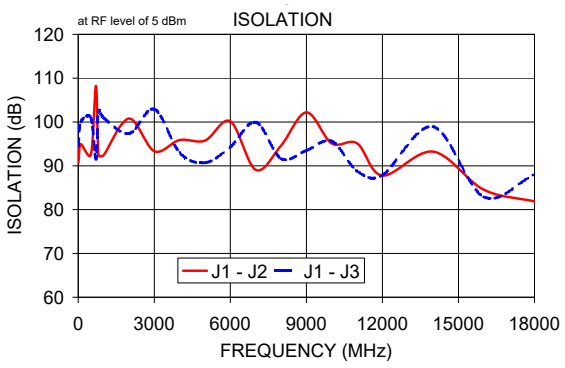
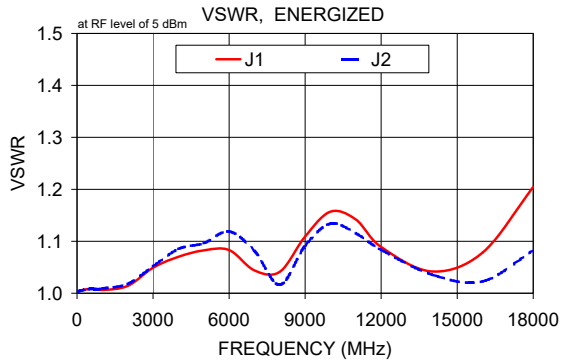
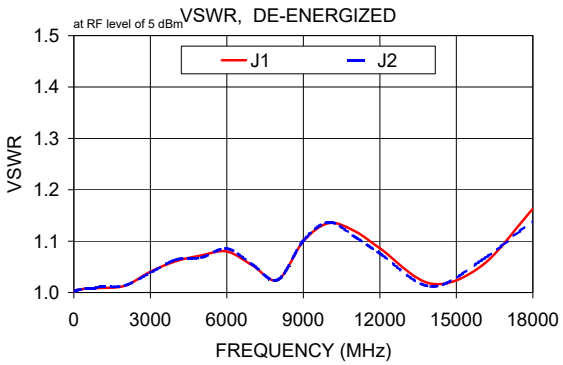
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE DATA (PER SWITCH)

FREQ. (MHz)	ON INSERTION LOSS (dB)		OFF ISOLATION (dB)		VSWR ENERGIZED (:1)		VSWR DE-ENERGIZED (:1)	
	J1-J2	J1-J3	J1-J2	J1-J3	J1	J2	J1	J2
10.00	0.01	0.01	90.66	94.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
100.00	0.01	0.01	94.93	100.05	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
500.00	0.03	0.03	92.59	100.93	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01
700.00	0.03	0.03	108.21	91.48	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01
800.00	0.04	0.04	92.52	102.45	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01
1000.00	0.04	0.04	92.45	100.96	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.01
2000.00	0.06	0.06	100.79	97.34	1.01	1.02	1.01	1.01
3000.00	0.07	0.07	93.32	102.92	1.05	1.05	1.04	1.04
4000.00	0.08	0.08	95.89	93.03	1.07	1.09	1.06	1.06
5000.00	0.10	0.09	95.75	90.70	1.08	1.10	1.07	1.07
6000.00	0.11	0.10	100.15	94.32	1.08	1.12	1.08	1.09
7000.00	0.11	0.11	89.08	99.96	1.04	1.08	1.05	1.05
8000.00	0.12	0.12	94.59	91.64	1.04	1.02	1.02	1.02
9000.00	0.14	0.14	102.19	93.50	1.11	1.09	1.10	1.10
10000.00	0.16	0.16	95.10	95.63	1.16	1.13	1.14	1.14
11000.00	0.17	0.16	95.14	88.79	1.14	1.12	1.12	1.11
12000.00	0.16	0.16	87.77	87.85	1.09	1.08	1.09	1.08
14000.00	0.18	0.17	93.24	98.95	1.04	1.04	1.02	1.01
16000.00	0.21	0.20	84.54	82.94	1.08	1.02	1.05	1.06
18000.00	0.25	0.21	81.87	88.03	1.20	1.08	1.16	1.14









SOFTWARE SPECIFICATIONS

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/rfswitchcontroller.html
- Please contact testsolutions@minicircuits.com for support

MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

Parameter	Requirements	
Interface	USB HID & Ethernet (HTTP & Telnet)	
System Requirements	GUI	Windows 98 or later
	USB API DLL	Windows 98 or later and programming environment with ActiveX or .NET support
	USB Direct Programming	Linux, Windows 98 or later
	Ethernet	Windows, Linux or Mac computer with a network port and Ethernet TCP/IP support
Hardware	Pentium II or later with 256 MB RAM	

APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE (API)
ETHERNET SUPPORT:

- Simple ASCII / SCPI command set for attenuator control
- Communication via HTTP or Telnet
- Supported by most common programming environment

USB SUPPORT (WINDOWS):

- ActiveX COM DLL file for creation of 32-bit programs
- .NET library DLL file for creation of 32 / 64-bit programs
- Supported by most common programming environments (refer to application note AN-49-001 for summary of suported environments)

USB SUPPORT (LINUX):

- Direct USB programming using a series of USB interrupt codes

Full programming instructions and examples available for a wide range of programming environments / languages.

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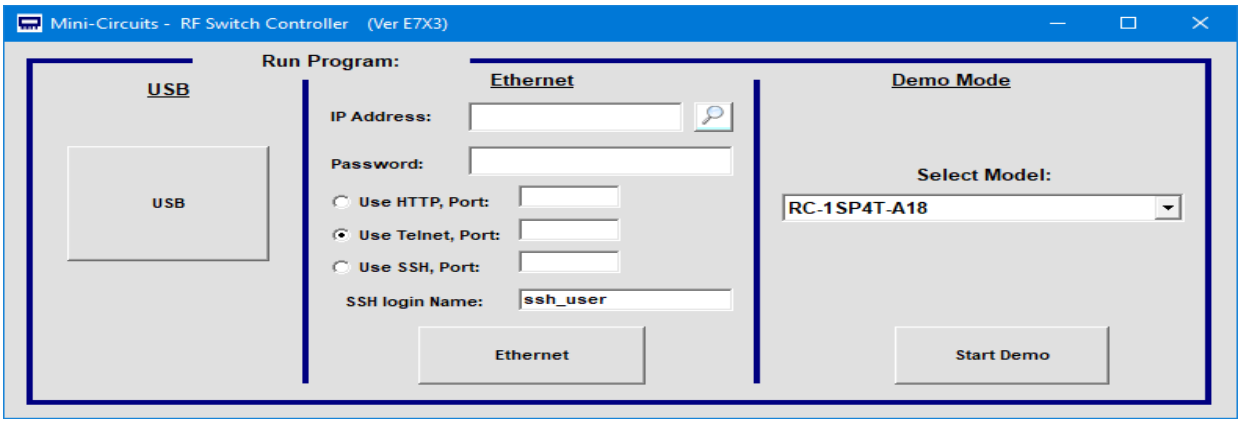
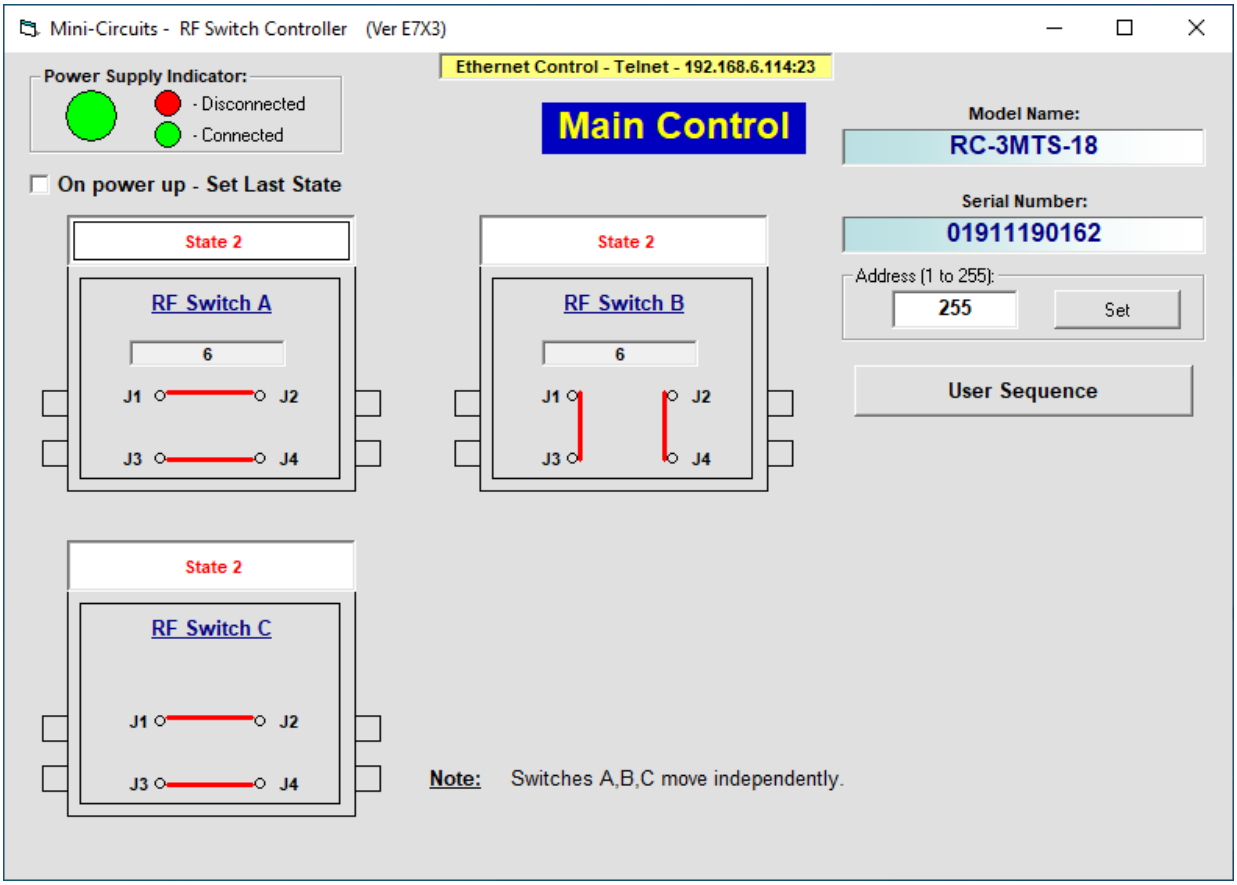
GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI) FOR WINDOWS - KEY FEATURES

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



- View and set switch states at the click of a button
- Configure and run timed switching sequences
- Set start-up switch state
- Configure Ethernet IP settings



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ORDERING INFORMATION

Refer to Mini-Circuits' website for pricing and availability information:
https://www.minicircuits.com/WebStore/dashboard.html?model=RC-3MTS-18

Model	Description
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Included Accessories	Part No.	Description
	AC/DC-24-3W1	AC/DC 24V_{DC} Grounded Power Adaptor. Operating temperature: 0°C to +40°C, I_{Max}=2.5A
See Below	CBL-3W1-XX	AC Power Cord (Select one power cord from below with each Switch Matrix box)
	USB-CBL-AB-3+	2.7 ft (0.8 m) USB Cable: USB type A(Male) to USB type B(Male)

AC Power Cords[5]	Part No.	Description
	CBL-3W1-US	Power Cord for United States
	CBL-3W1-EU	Power Cord for Europe
	CBL-3W1-UK	Power Cord for United Kingdom
	CBL-3W1-AU	Power Cord for Australia and China
	CBL-3W1-IL	Power Cord for Israel

5. If you need a Power cord for a country not listed please contact testsolutions@minicircuits.com

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

USB-CBL-AB-3+	2.7 ft (0.8 m) USB Cable: USB type A(Male) to USB type B(Male)
USB-CBL-AB-7+	6.8 ft (2.1 m) USB Cable: USB type A(Male) to USB type B(Male)
USB-CBL-AB-11+	11 ft (3.4 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
BKT-272-08+	Bracket (One set of 2 each)

NOTES

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