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# USB RF-SPDT Switch Matrix

## USB-4SPDT-A18

50Ω DC to 18GHz

### The Big Deal

- Capable of 100 million cycles
- Wide frequency (DC to 18 GHz)
- High power, 10W
- 4 SPDT electromechanical, absorptive, RF switches (Isolation 85 dB typ.) configurable into a SP5T switch
- USB HID device, includes control software with an API DLL com object compatible with 32/64 Bit operating systems



Case Style: LM1639



Installation CD



### Product Overview

Mini-Circuits' USB-4SPDT-A18 is a general purpose USB controlled RF switch matrix containing four electro-mechanical SPDT, absorptive fail-safe RF switches constructed in break-before-make configuration and powered by +24V<sub>DC</sub> with a switching time of 25 mSec typical. The four switches can be set up as: four independent SPDT switches, two SP3T switches, one SP4T switch and a SPDT switch, a single SP5T switch, or other configurations (see page 5 & 6 for details). The RF switches can be operated in all these configurations remotely using the supplied GUI program, or programmed by the user using the included API DLL com object. The RF switches operate over a wide frequency band from DC to 18GHz, have low insertion loss (0.2 dB typical) and high isolation (85dB typical) making the switch matrix perfectly suitable for a wide variety of RF applications.

The USB-4SPDT-A18 is constructed in a metal case (size of 4.5" X 6.0" X 2.25") with 12 SMA(F) connectors (COM, 1, 2 for each switch), a 2.1mm DC socket, and a USB type B port. The model is supplied along with a CD containing a graphical user interface program featuring an API DLL com object. Also included is a 2.7ft. USB cable, and a power adapter suitable for US, EU and other power systems, see page 7 for details. Longer USB cables, SMA Male/ SMA Male coaxial semiflex cables for configuring the switch matrix and a mounting bracket are available as additional accessories.

### Key Features

Feature	Advantages
USB HID (Human Interface Device)	Plug-and-Play (no need to install a driver for the device).
RF SPDT Electromechanical switch	Wideband (DC to 18 GHz) with low insertion loss (0.2 dB typ.), very high isolation (85dB typ.), and high power rating (10W cold switching)
24V <sub>DC</sub> Operating voltage	The USB-4SPDT-A18 requires 24V/1A to power the RF switches, supplied from the included power adapter.
32/64 Bit operating systems	Compatible with Windows® and Linux® operating systems using 32 and 64 bit architecture.
Software CD, USB cable, and 24V <sub>DC</sub> Power adapter included	A CD containing a programming manual for Linux® and Windows® operating systems (32 and 64 bit systems) and a Windows® GUI program containing an API DLL com object is included with the USB-4SPDT-A18. A 2.7ft. USB cable, and a power adapter suitable for US, EU and other power systems are also included.



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### Features

- Capable of 100 million cycles
- Four DC to 18 GHz SPDT absorptive fail-safe RF switches in break-before-make configuration
- Configurable into SP5T, SP4T or SP3T switches
- Electromechanical switching (Isolation 85 dB typ.)
- High power handling, 10W
- Greatly simplifies complex switching and timing setups
- Easy installation and operation
- Compatible with 32/64-bit Windows® or Linux® operating systems, as well as LabVIEW®, Delphi®, C++, C#, Visual Basic®, and .NET software <sup>1</sup>
- Friendly Windows® Graphical User Interface
- Mounting bracket (Optional)
- protected by US Patents 5,272,458; 6,414,577; 6,650,210; 7,633,361 and 7,843,289

### Applications

- Lab
- Test equipment
- Control systems
- Switching a device in and out of a signal path



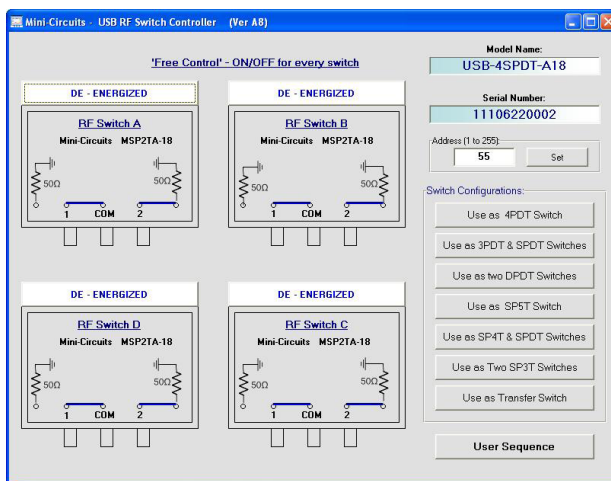
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Installation CD

Model No.	Description	Price	Qty.
<b>USB-4SPDT-A18</b>	<b>USB RF SPDT Switch</b>	\$1180.00 ea.	(1-9)
<b>Included Accessories</b>			
AC/DC-24-3W1	AC/DC 24V Adapter (see Ordering Information)		1
CBL-3W1-XX	AC Power Cord (see Ordering Information)		1
USB-CBL-AB-3+	2.7 ft USB cable		1
RFSW-CD	Installation CD		1

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### Mini-Circuits RF Switch Control Program for USB RF Switch Matrix



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## Electrical Specifications

Parameter	Port	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Rated Voltage <sup>2</sup>	24V <sub>DC</sub> IN	provided via external power adapter	23	24	25	V
	USB Port	-	-	5	-	
Rated Current	24V <sub>DC</sub> IN	Switch in COM->2 position	-	760	1020	mA
		Switch in COM->1 position	-	75	100	
	USB Port	Switch in COM->2 position	-	70	100	
		Switch in COM->1 position	-	50	80	
Switching Time		-	25	-	mS	
Life (per switch) <sup>3</sup>		@ 100 mW (hot switching) <sup>4</sup>	10	-	-	million switching cycles
		@ 1 W (hot switching) <sup>4</sup>	-	3	-	
RF Power (cold switching) <sup>5</sup>		-	-	-	10	W
RF Power (hot switching) <sup>5</sup>		-	-	-	1	
RF VSWR		DC to 1 GHz	-	1.05	1.10	:1
		1 to 8 GHz	-	1.20	1.30	
		8 to 12 GHz	-	1.20	1.35	
		12 to 18 GHz	-	1.25	1.40	
RF Insertion Loss (per switch)		DC to 1 GHz	-	0.10	0.15	dB
		1 to 8 GHz	-	0.15	0.30	
		8 to 12 GHz	-	0.25	0.40	
		12 to 18 GHz	-	0.30	0.50	
RF Isolation (per switch)		DC to 1 GHz	85	100	-	dB
		1 to 8 GHz	75	90	-	
		8 to 12 GHz	70	80	-	
		12 to 18 GHz	60	66	-	
RF Insertion Loss (configured as SP3T or SP4T - see page 5 for details)		DC to 1 GHz	-	0.20	-	dB
		1 to 8 GHz	-	0.40	-	
		8 to 12 GHz	-	0.70	-	
		12 to 18 GHz	-	0.90	-	
RF Insertion Loss (configured as SP5T - see page 6 for details)		DC to 1 GHz	-	0.35	-	dB
		1 to 8 GHz	-	0.75	-	
		8 to 12 GHz	-	1.15	-	
		12 to 18 GHz	-	1.30	-	

<sup>2</sup> Power On Sequence. Connect the 24V power, followed by the USB control before turning on the Switch Matrix.

<sup>3</sup> Capable of up to 100 million cycles with proper maintenance, contact Mini-Circuits.

<sup>4</sup> Exceeding these limits will result in reduced life.

<sup>5</sup> Power handling is specified with RF applied to the COM port and output load connected to either 1 or 2 of the respective switch.

## Minimum System Requirements

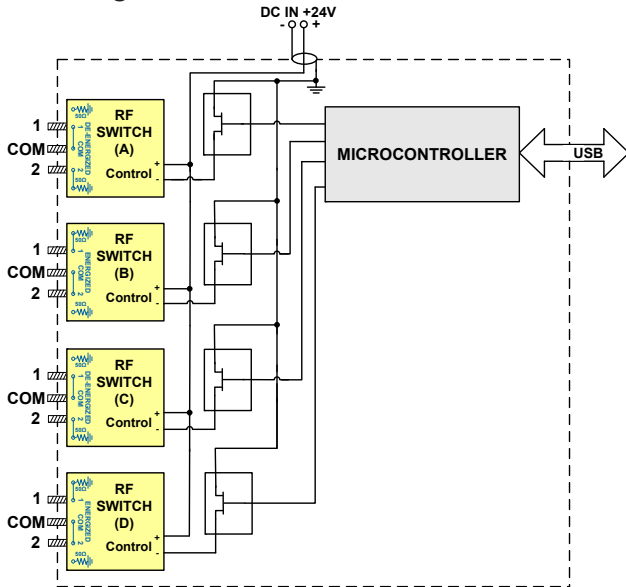
Interface	USB HID
Host operating system	<b>32 Bit operating system:</b> Windows 98®, Windows XP®, Windows Vista®, Windows 7® <b>64 Bit operating system:</b> Windows Vista®, Windows 7® <b>Linux® support:</b> 32/64 Bit operating system
Hardware	Pentium® II or better

## Absolute Maximum Ratings

Operating Temperature	0°C to 40°C
Storage Temperature	-15°C to 45°C
DC Voltage max.	26V
RF power (at COM port of any switch)	10W
RF power (at 1 and 2 of any switch)	1W

Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.

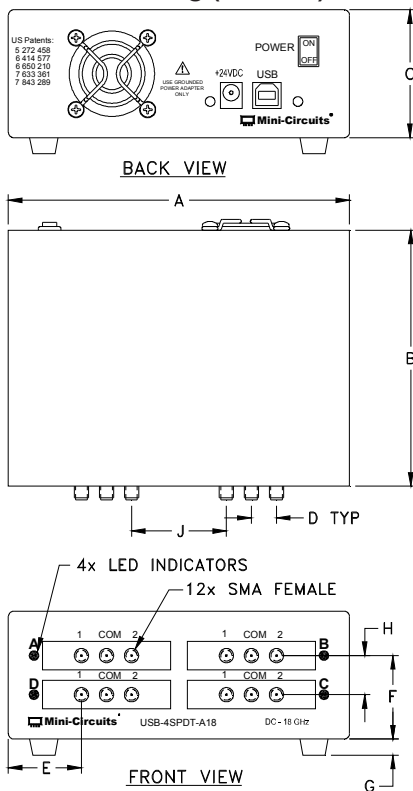
## Block Diagram



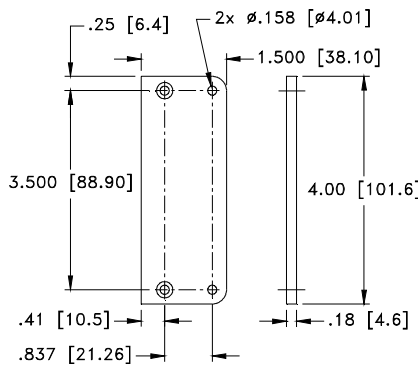
## Connections

24V <sub>DC</sub> IN	(2.1 mm center positive DC Socket)
RF Switch A (1, COM, 2)	(SMA female)
RF Switch B (1, COM, 2)	(SMA female)
RF Switch C (1, COM, 2)	(SMA female)
RF Switch D (1, COM, 2)	(SMA female)
USB	(USB type B receptacle)

## Outline Drawing (LM1639)



### BRACKET OPTION ONE SET OF 2 EACH.



TOLERANCE: ±.005

#### INSTRUCTION FOR MOUNTING BRACKETS:

TOOL REQUIRED: PHILLIPS HEAD SCREW DRIVER

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.

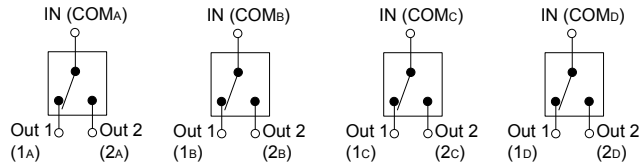
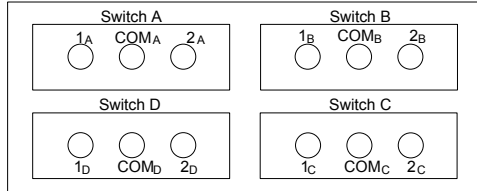
## Outline Dimensions ( inch mm )

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	wt
6.00	4.50	2.25	.440	1.28	1.47	.28	.688	1.670	grams
152.4	114.3	57.2	11.18	32.5	37.3	7.11	17.5	42.4	

## Configuration options

- Power handling is specified with RF applied to the COM port and output load connected to either 1 or 2 of the respective switch.
- When connecting a coaxial semi flex cable, tighten connectors alternately using an 8in/lb torque wrench to insure proper contact at each end.

### Config. A



#### SPDT: Switch A, B, C or D Logic

IN ↔ Out1 : 0  
IN ↔ Out2 : 1

Switches move independently.

#### 4PDT: Switch A, B, C & D Logic

IN ↔ Out1 : 0, 0, 0, 0  
IN ↔ Out2 : 1, 1, 1, 1

All four switches move together as one.

#### DPDT: Switch A & B or C & D Logic

IN ↔ Out1 : 0, 0  
IN ↔ Out2 : 1, 1

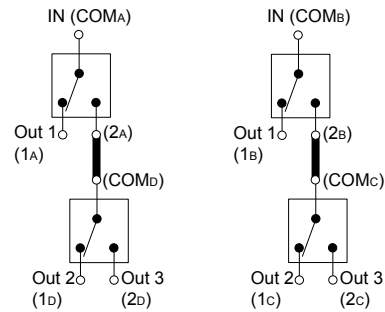
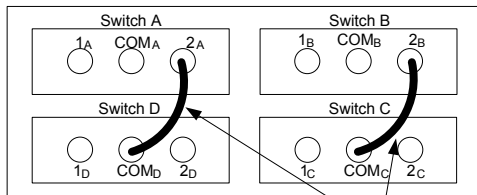
Switches A & B move together as one.  
Switches C & D move together as one.

#### 3PDT: Switch A, B & C Logic

IN ↔ Out1 : 0, 0, 0  
IN ↔ Out2 : 1, 1, 1

Switches A, B & C move together as one,  
switch D moves separately.

### Config. B



#### SP3T:

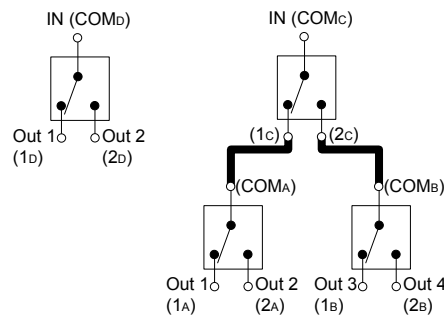
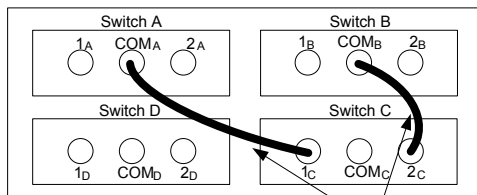
Switch A & D or B & C Logic

IN ↔ Out1 : 0, ∅  
IN ↔ Out2 : 1, 0  
IN ↔ Out3 : 1, 1

Switches A & D move together as one. Switches B & C move together as one.

SMA(M)-SMA(M) RF cables, not included

### Config. C



#### SPDT: Switch D Logic

IN ↔ Out1 : 0  
IN ↔ Out2 : 1

#### SP4T:

Switch A, B & C Logic

IN ↔ Out1 : 0, ∅, 0  
IN ↔ Out2 : 1, ∅, 0  
IN ↔ Out3 : ∅, 0, 1  
IN ↔ Out4 : ∅, 1, 1

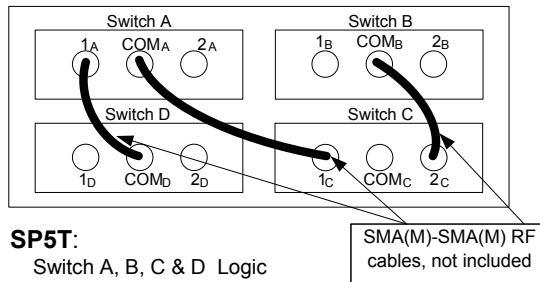
Switches A, B & C move together as one. Switch D moves separately.

SMA(M)-SMA(M) RF cables, not included

## Configuration options (Continued)

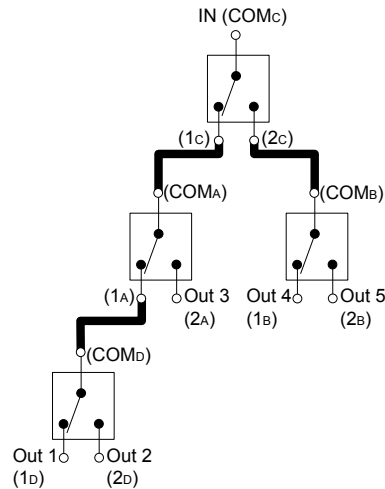
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### Config. D

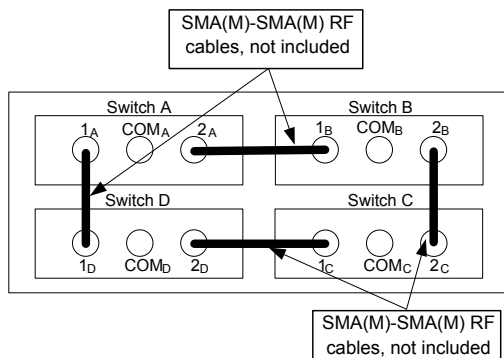


IN ↔ Out1 : 0, ∅, 0, 0  
 IN ↔ Out2 : 0, ∅, 0, 1  
 IN ↔ Out3 : 1, ∅, 0, ∅  
 IN ↔ Out4 : ∅, 0, 1, ∅  
 IN ↔ Out5 : ∅, 1, 1, ∅

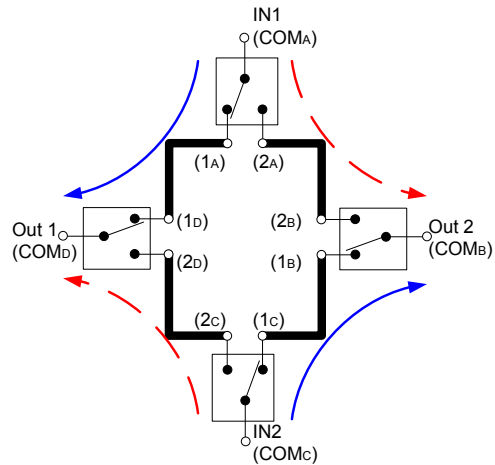
All four switches move together as one.



### Config. E



IN1 ↔ Out1, IN2 ↔ Out2 0, 1, 1, 0  
 IN1 ↔ Out2, IN2 ↔ Out1 1, 0, 0, 1  
 All four Switches move together as one.



## Ordering, Pricing & Availability Information see our web site

Model	Description
USB-4SPDT-A18	USB RF SPDT Switch Matrix

Included Accessories	Description
AC/DC-24-3W1	AC/DC 24V Power Adapter
CBL-3W1-XX	AC Power Cord ( <i>Select one power cord from below with each USB Switch Matrix box</i> )
RFSW-CD	Installation CD
USB-CBL-AB-3+	2.7ft. USB cable

AC Power Cords	Description
CBL-3W1-US	US Power Cord
CBL-3W1-EU	EU Power Cord
CBL-3W1-UK	UK Power Cord
CBL-3W1-AU	AU Power Cord
CBL-3W1-IL	IL Power Cord

Optional Accessories	Description
USB-CBL-AB-3+ (Spare)	2.7 ft (0.8 m) USB cable
USB-CBL-AB-7+	6.8 ft (2.1 m) USB cable
USB-CBL-AB-11+	11 ft (3.4 m) USB cable
141U-4SM <sup>4</sup>	4 inch coaxial, SMA Male RF semiflex cable
BKT-272-08+	Bracket (One set of 2 each)

<sup>4</sup> RF cables used for additional configurations only, see page 5 & 6 for details.

### Additional Notes

- A. Performance and quality attributes and conditions not expressly stated in this specification document are intended to be excluded and do not form a part of this specification document.
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