

Xtra Long Life SP4T Switch

MSP4TA-18-12+

50Ω DC to 18 GHz, 12 Volt, Absorptive

The Big Deal

- Extra long life - 10 million cycles
- Low insertion loss, 0.2 dB
- High isolation, 90 dB
- Absorptive
- Reliable sleep mode switching



CASE STYLE: HJ1768

Product Overview

Mini-Circuits' MSP4TA-18-12+ is an ultra-reliable, rugged-duty absorptive fail-safe SP4T switch designed in break-before-make configuration offering an Ultra long switching life. Powered by +12VDC, the device has a typical switching speed of 20 milliseconds, insertion loss of 0.2 dB and high isolation of 90 dB. The MSP4TA-18-12+ is suitable for use across a wide range of applications, including switching for automated test equipment and redundancy switching.

Key Features

Feature	Advantages
Extra long service life	Exceptionally long service life improves system reliability and reduces the need to replace switches often, making it ideal for automatic test systems.
High isolation, 90 dB typ.	Prevents interference from unwanted signals, ensuring signal integrity and accuracy of testing.
Reliable sleep-mode switching	Offers dependable performance even after being set at a fixed position for prolonged periods. Highly-reliable sleep mode switching averts failures due to "wake up," making it suitable for automatic testing as well as redundancy switching applications.
High repeatability between switching cycles	High repeatability of insertion loss between switching cycles ensures reliable performance critical for automated testing and other measurement applications.



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Maximum Ratings

Operating Temperature	-15°C to +45°C
Storage Temperature	-15°C to +85°C
RF Power	20W
Control Voltage	13V
Permanent damage may occur if any of these limits are exceeded.	

Features

- ultra-reliable, 10 million cycles
- low insertion loss, 0.2 dB typ.
- high isolation, 90 dB typ
- break-before-make configuration
- absorptive fail-safe switch
- reliable "sleep-time" switching
- protected by US Patents 5,272,458; 6,414,577; 7,633,361; 7,843,289 and 6,650,210

Applications

- (ATE) automatic test equipment
- redundancy switching for microwave radio

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front view

back view

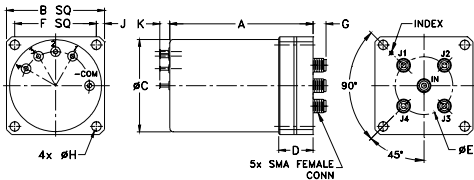
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Connectors Model
SMA MSP4TA-18-12+

+RoHS Compliant

The +Suffix identifies RoHS Compliance. See our web site for RoHS Compliance methodologies and qualifications

Outline Drawing



Outline Dimensions (inch)

A	B	C	D	E	F
2.63	1.80	1.70	.63	1.06	1.500
66.80	45.72	43.18	16.00	26.92	38.10
G	H	J	K	wt	
.24	.172	.15	.19	grams	
6.10	4.37	3.81	4.83	160	

Electrical Specifications at 25°C

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Typ. (Note 1)	Max.	Unit
Frequency Range		DC	—	18	GHz
Insertion Loss	DC - 1 GHz	—	0.10	0.20	dB
	1 - 8	—	0.15	0.30	
	8 - 12	—	0.25	0.40	
	12 - 18	—	0.50	0.80	
Isolation	DC - 1 GHz	85	105	—	dB
	1 - 8	80	100	—	
	8 - 12	75	95	—	
	12 - 18	60	80	—	
VSWR (Note 2,3)	DC - 1 GHz	—	1.05	1.10	:1
	1 - 8	—	1.20	1.40	
	8 - 12	—	1.20	1.40	
	12 - 18	—	1.30	1.60	
Control Signal (Note 4)	12V	—	170	250	mA
Switching Lifetime Hot Switching	0.1W	10 million	—	—	cycles
	1.0W	—	1 million	—	
RF Power Cold Switching	—	—	—	20	W

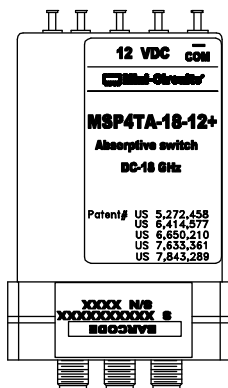
Notes

1. The performance values represents a common value for the frequency range. For typical performance across the frequency band, see performance graphs in the next page.
2. All ports, all states
3. For port IN in Energized state only.
4. +12 Volt applied to energized port, COM is negative.

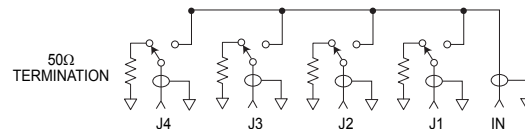
Additional Specifications

Operating Voltage Range	12V (nom) ±0.5V
Switching Time (Typ.)	20ms

Marking Drawing

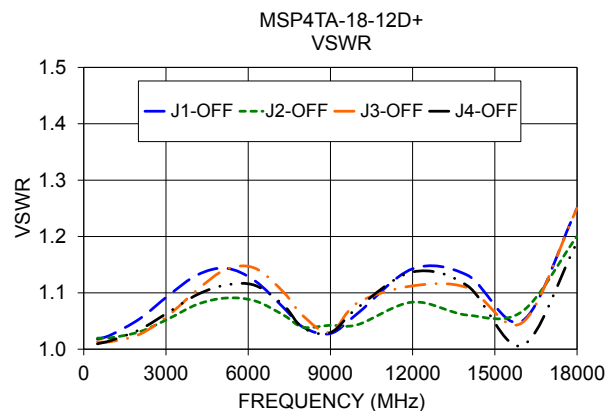
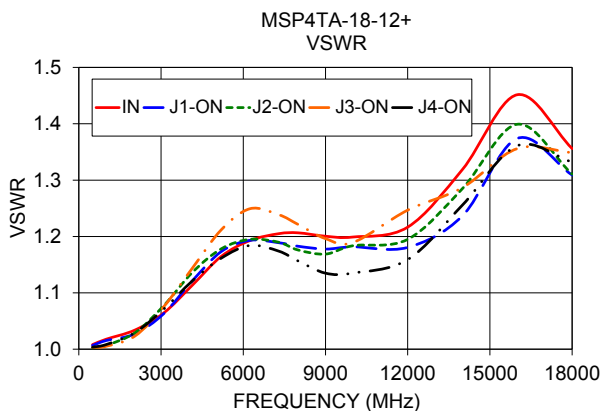
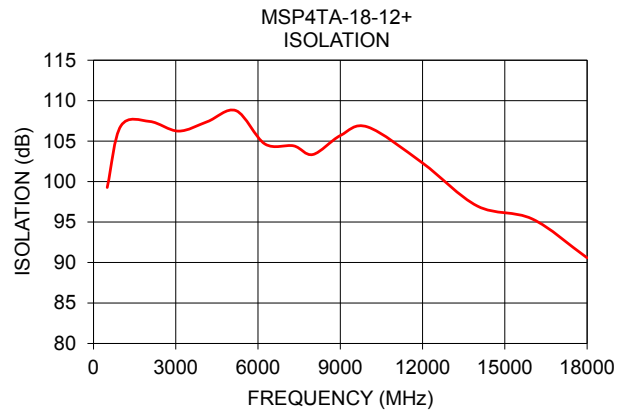
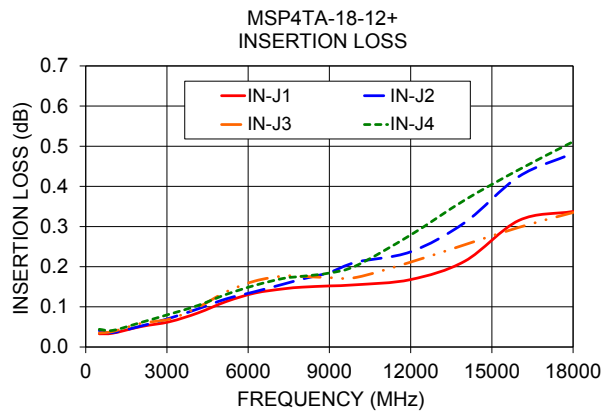


Switching Position (Non-Energized)



Typical Performance Data

FREQ. (MHz)	ON INSERTION LOSS (dB)				ISOLATION (dB)	VSWR								
	IN-J1	IN-J2	IN-J3	IN-J4		IN	J1-ON	J2-ON	J3-ON	J4-ON	J1-OFF	J2-OFF	J3-OFF	J4-OFF
500	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.04	99.27	1.01	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.02	1.01	1.01
1000	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	106.89	1.02	1.02	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.03	1.02	1.01	1.02
2050	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	107.43	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.05	1.03	1.03	1.03
3100	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.08	106.24	1.06	1.06	1.08	1.08	1.07	1.10	1.05	1.06	1.07
4150	0.08	0.10	0.10	0.10	107.40	1.11	1.12	1.14	1.14	1.12	1.13	1.08	1.11	1.10
5200	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.13	108.76	1.16	1.17	1.18	1.21	1.16	1.14	1.09	1.14	1.11
6250	0.13	0.14	0.16	0.15	104.65	1.19	1.19	1.20	1.25	1.18	1.12	1.09	1.14	1.11
7300	0.14	0.16	0.18	0.17	104.41	1.21	1.19	1.19	1.24	1.17	1.07	1.06	1.10	1.08
8000	0.15	0.17	0.18	0.18	103.35	1.21	1.18	1.18	1.22	1.16	1.04	1.04	1.06	1.04
9000	0.15	0.19	0.17	0.18	105.69	1.20	1.18	1.17	1.20	1.13	1.03	1.04	1.03	1.03
10000	0.16	0.21	0.17	0.20	106.75	1.20	1.18	1.18	1.19	1.14	1.06	1.04	1.08	1.07
12000	0.17	0.24	0.21	0.28	102.29	1.22	1.18	1.19	1.25	1.16	1.14	1.08	1.11	1.14
14000	0.21	0.31	0.25	0.37	96.97	1.32	1.24	1.29	1.29	1.26	1.13	1.06	1.11	1.11
16000	0.32	0.42	0.30	0.44	95.38	1.45	1.37	1.40	1.36	1.36	1.05	1.07	1.05	1.01
18000	0.34	0.48	0.33	0.51	90.58	1.36	1.31	1.31	1.35	1.33	1.25	1.20	1.25	1.19



Additional Notes

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