



# Space Qualified Products Heritage and Present Capabilities

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# Dover Structure



Headquarters: Downers  
Groove, Illinois  
Founded in 1955  
~29,000 employees  
New York Stock Exchange  
under "DOV"  
dovercorporation.com

Engineered  
Systems

Fluids

Refrigeration &  
Food Equip.



# Core Products



## Filters



Surface Mount



Coaxial



Waveguide

## Switches



Surface Mount



Coaxia



Waveguide

## Integrated Microwave Assemblies (IMA)



Software-define  
Preselector module



18GHz IMA



Down Converter  
W/LNA



Switch Matrix

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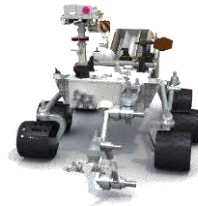
# Switch Heritage



1970-1979	
1972	
818-SPDT	SYMPHONIE
1975	
700-TRANSFER	METEOSAT
1976	
33-WAVEGUIDE	TELESTAR
300-TRANSFER	MAROTS
707-TRANSFER	SPACE SHUTTLE
1977	
700-TRANSFER	CRRES
700-TRANSFER	SCATHA
909-SPDT	SEASAT
1978	
707-TRANSFER	EXOSAT
707-TRANSFER	INTELSAT V
1979	
707-TRANSFER	SATCOM
800-SPDT	TDRSS
808-SPDT	INSAT
909-SPDT	RADARSAT

1980-1989

APOLLO 17  
GPSII, GPS-IIF, GPSIII  
MARS SCIENCE LAB  
MUOS  
Galileo  
GOES-R, S, T, U  
JCSAT 17  
IRIDIUM CONSTELLATION  
KEPLER  
EUTELSAT  
SKYNET  
INMARSAT  
GLONASS  
TDRSS



1986	
707-TRANSFER	EURECA
707-TRANSFER	ERS 1
909-SPDT	SKYNET
1987	
707-TRANSFER	EUTELSAT
959-DP3T	ANIK E
1988	
33-WAVEGUIDE	EUTELSAT II
33-WAVEGUIDE	ENVISAT RA-2
707-TRANSFER	INSAT II
737-T-SWITCH	ITALSAT
1990-1999	
1990	
33-WAVEGUIDE	SPOT 4 HELIOS
737-T-SWITCH	TELCOM II
1992	
33-WAVEGUIDE	TURKSAT
33-WAVEGUIDE	AMOS
707-TRANSFER	SAX
818-SPDT	CENTAUR
1993	

SPACE SHUTTLE  
DEEP IMPACT  
TURKSAT  
AMOS  
ISRO  
INSAT  
NovaSAR  
CyGNSS  
NGSAR  
COMSAT NG  
RapidEye  
LSAT  
ATLAS  
KOMPSAT  
SYMPHONIE

2000-2013	
2000	
406H-SPDT	ALOS
413H-TRANSFER	FOS
919-SPDT	SST
406H-SPDT	OPTUS
411H-TRANSFER	NEW SKIES
700-TRANSFER	CORIOLIS
426H-SPDT	GOES
2001	
707-TRANSFER	SMART I
707-TRANSFER	CLOUD SAT
749-SPDT	DOCOMO
2002	
DEEP IMPACT	
GPS	
GE 15/16	
INMARSAT IV	
INSAT III	
DEEP IMPACT	
2003	
PEGASUSA	
LRO	



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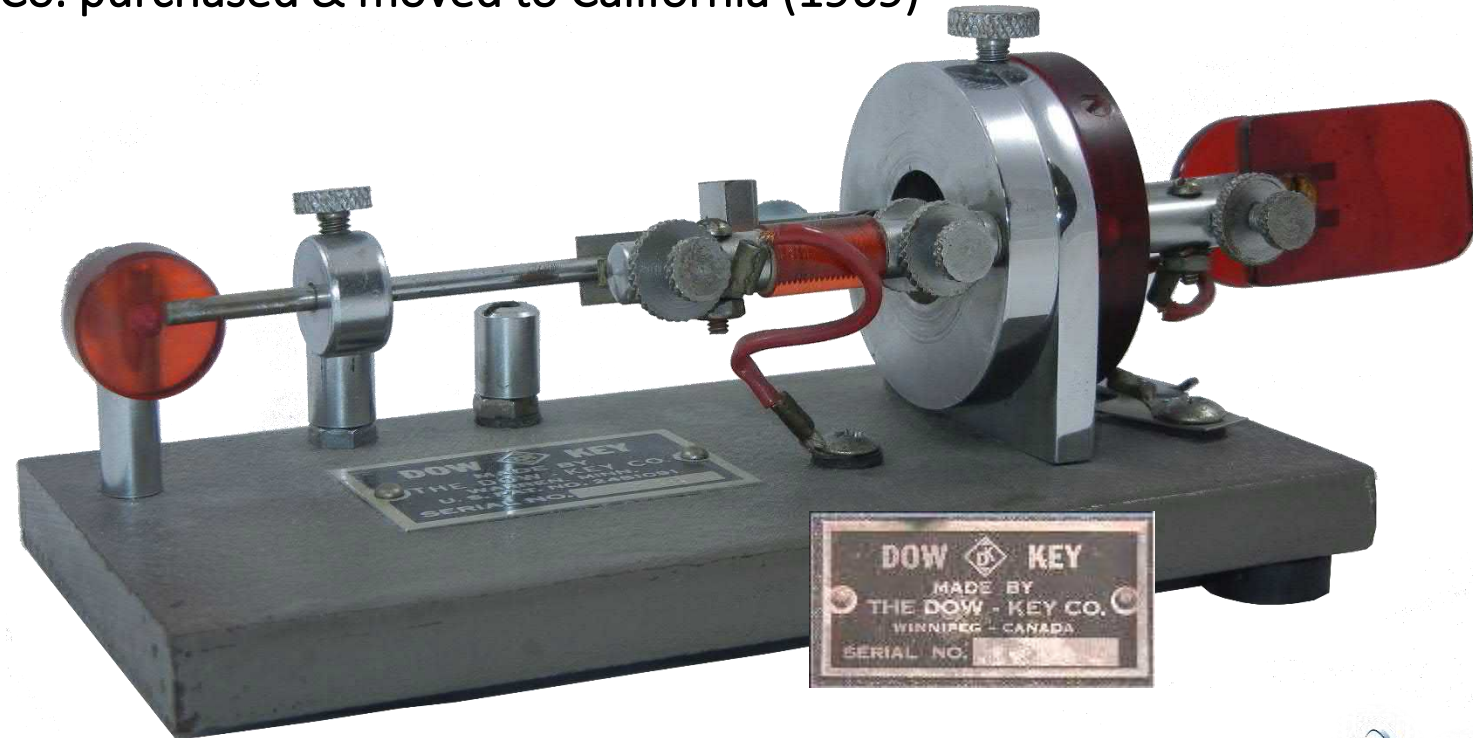


# Past – Present – Future



# The Dow-Key Co. Telegraph Key

- Paul Peel Dow starts making telegraphic speed keys to benefit operators (1942-1943)
- Dow “KEY-municator” showcases a professional cast metal telegraph key with chrome base and red paddles with transistorized oscillator (1960)
- Dow-Key Co. purchased & moved to California (1969)





# Dow-Key Microwave



## Facility

- 40K Sq ft facility located in Ventura, California
- Design, manufacture, assembly, and full environmental test capability
- Two Class 7 clean rooms for Space and Military programs
- RF Performance test up to 70GHz
- Special test includes:
  - Corona and Multipaction
  - Passive intermodulation (PIM)
  - Vibration



# Product Offering

## Commercial & Military Switches

Electromechanical  
Coaxial Switches

Electromechanical  
Waveguide Switches

## Switches & Switch Blocks

## Space Qualified Switches

Electromechanical  
Coaxial Switches

Electromechanical  
Waveguide Switches

Electromechanical  
Coaxial Matrices

Solid State Matrices

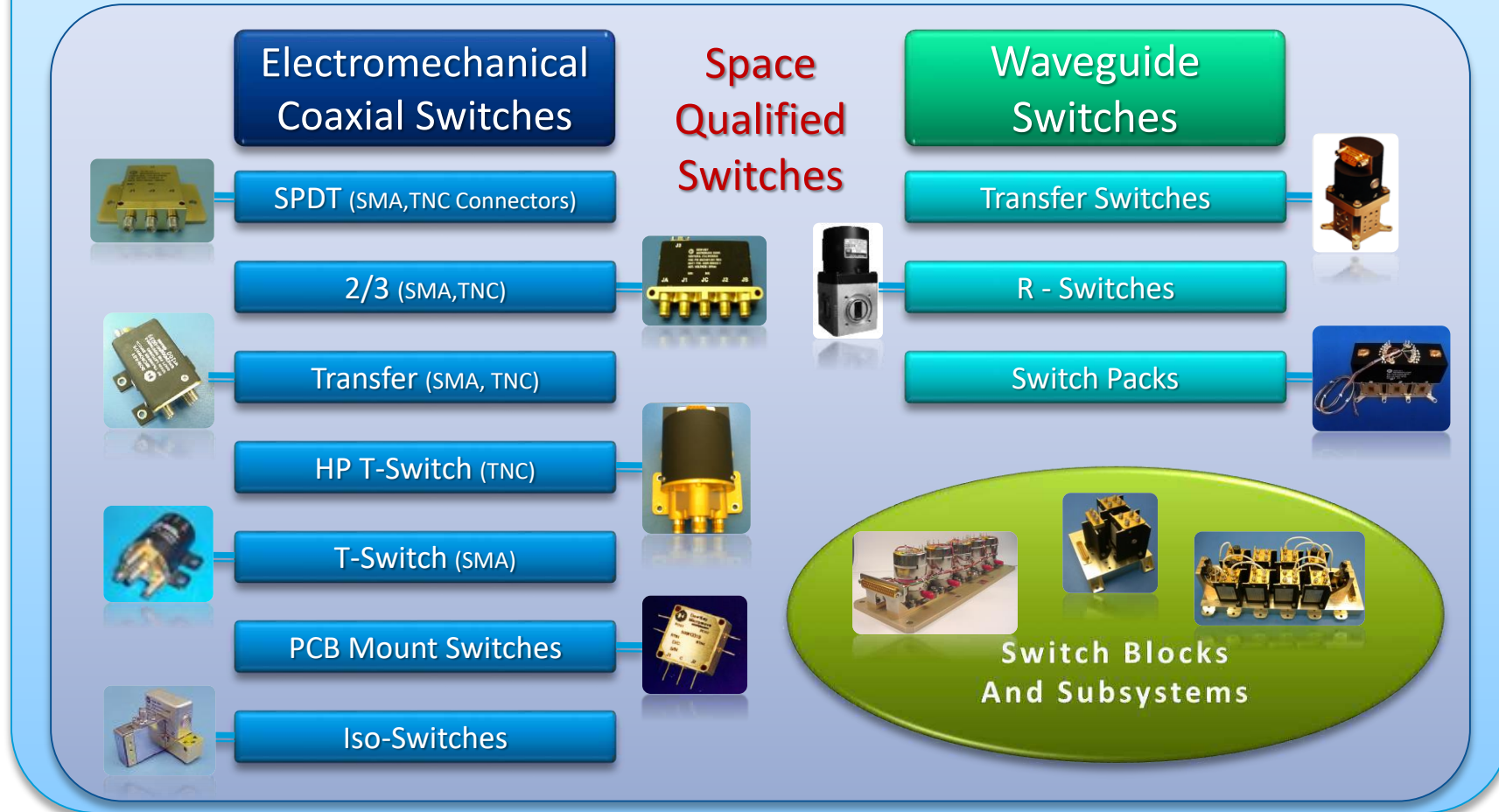
## Matrices & Systems

## Fiber Optic Matrices

O-O-O Solutions  
*Switching in the Optical Domain*

# Product Offering

## Switches & Switch Blocks



# High Power Coaxial Switches

# High Power Switches

## PROGRAMS

↓  
BIOMASS  
AMOS  
G-SAT  
INSAT  
MUOS  
TDRS-K  
TDRS-L  
TDRS-M  
TDRS-N  
WGS

## T-Switch



Various PN Covering Frequency Ranges from  
376 MHz to 4.6 GHz  
Multipaction Tested with Input RF Peak Power  
280 - 1200 W *(Depending on Operating  
Frequency Range)*

## PROGRAMS

↓  
GPS III  
GPSII  
GLONASS

## SPDT



Frequency Range from 1151 to 1600 MHz  
Multipaction Tested with Input RF Peak Power  
650 W @ 1550 MHz

## Transfer

## PROGRAMS

↓  
GALILEO  
AMSAT  
FOS  
ACES



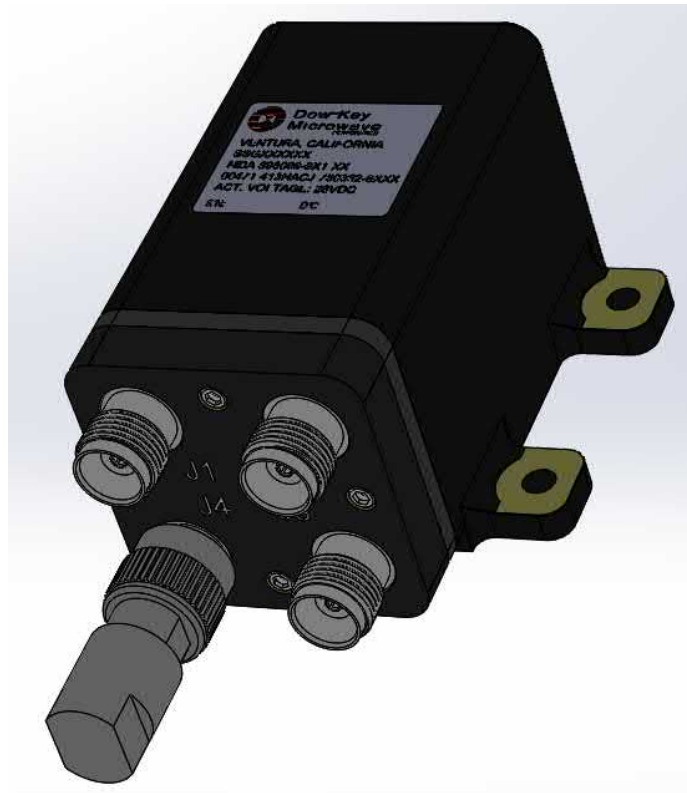
Frequency Range from  
1237 to 1600 MHz  
Multipaction Tested with  
Input RF Peak Power 855 W  
@ 1600 MHz



# Hermetically Sealed High Power C-Switch

## PROGRAMS

### Dream Chaser



Parameters	Specification
Impedance	50 $\Omega$
Frequency(MHz)	2,000 – 2,300
VSWR, Max	1.17:1
Insertion Loss	0.30 dB
Isolation, Min	65 dB
RF Power, Ave	60 W
<b>Multipaction @ Corona Input RF Peak Power</b>	<b>100 W</b>
Operating Volt	22-29
Mass	385 Grams
Operating Temp	-24°C to +61°C
Random Vibration	75 grms



# Low Power Coaxial Switches

# Low Power SP6T

## PROGRAM

AMOS 4

# SP6T



Operates from DC to 18 GHz

Spec	Qualified
Impedance	50 ohm
Frequency(MHz)	14,000-16,000
VSWR, Max	1.13:1
Insertion Loss	0.3 dB
Isolation, Min	60 dB
RF Power, Ave	10 W
RF Power, Peak	N/A
Operating Volt	22-29
<b>Mass</b>	<b>320 Grams</b>
Operating Temp	-25°C to +75°C
Random Vib	21 grms

# Low Mass C-Switch

Qualified & Flight Pending

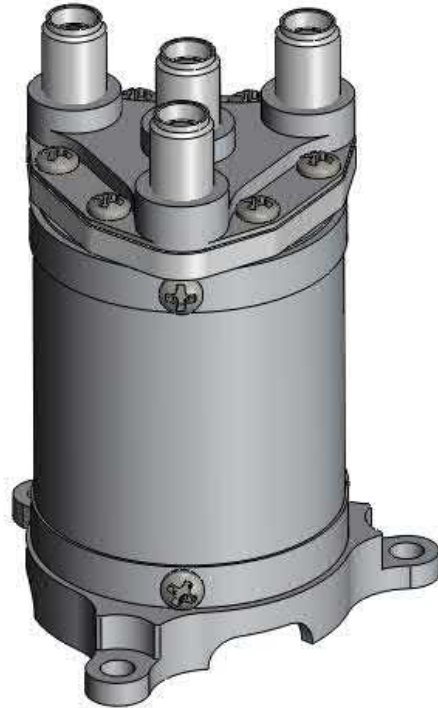


Spec	Qualified
Impedance	50 ohm
Frequency(MHz)	30-27,000
VSWR, Max	1.35:1
Insertion Loss	0.35 dB
Isolation, Min	75 dB
RF Power, Ave	2 W
Operating Volt	22-29
<b>Mass, Max</b>	<b>53 Grams</b>
Operating Temp	-55°C to +85°C
Random Vibration	26 grms



# Low Mass T-Switch

## Qualification & Flight Pending



Spec	Qualified
Impedance	50 ohm
Frequency(MHz)	DC-22,000
VSWR, Max	1.50:1
Insertion Loss	0.5 dB
Isolation, Min	65 dB
RF Power, Ave	2 W
Operating Volt	22-29
<b>Mass, Max</b>	<b>67 Grams</b>
Operating Temp	-30°C to +85°C
Random Vibration	15 grms



# Waveguide Switches

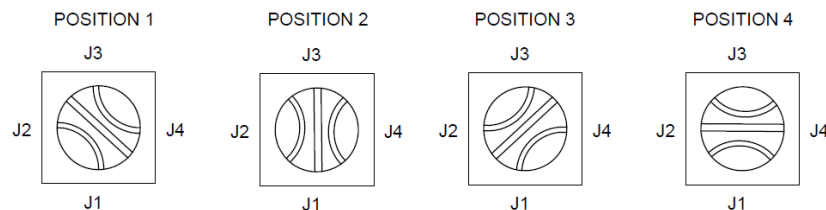
WR-112, WR-90, WR-75, WR-62,  
WR-42, WR-34, WR-28, WR-15

# Waveguide Product Offering

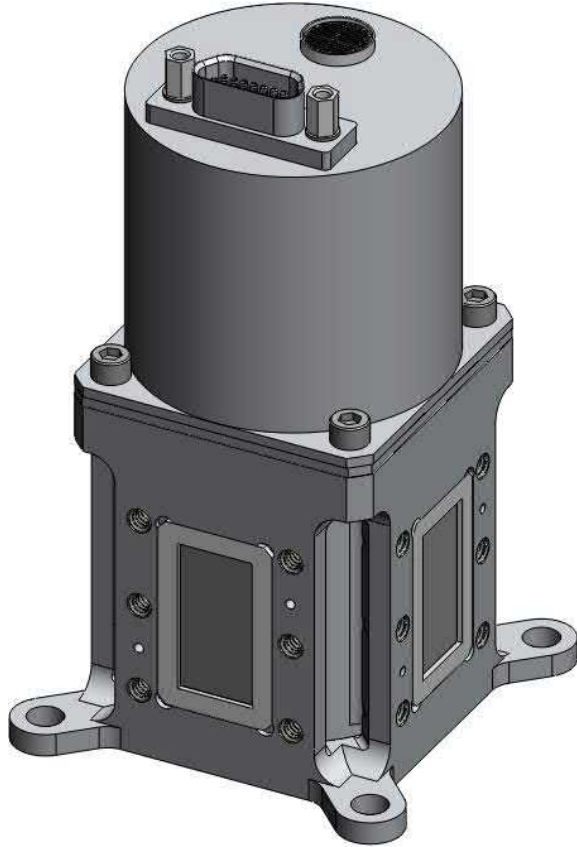


Size	C-type	R-type
WR-112 (7.05 – 10.0 GHz)	X	IRAD
WR-90 (8.2 – 12.4 GHz)	X	
WR-75 (10.0 – 15.0 GHz)	X	X
WR-62 (12.4 – 18.0 GHz)	X	
WR-51 (15.0 – 22.0 GHz)		X
WR-42 (18.0 – 26.5 GHz)	X	X
WR-34 (22.0 – 33.0 GHz)	X	X
WR-28 (26.5 – 40 GHz)	X	
WR-22 (33 – 50 GHz)		IRAD
WR-15 (50 – 75 GHz)	X	X

**R-Type Switches are  
Equipped with the  
Sequential Actuator**



# WR75 C-Switch Qualified for SSL in 2017



Operating Frequency Range: 10.7 – 14.5 GHz

Insertion Loss: 0.06 dB

Return Loss: 25 dB

Power Dissipation: 300 W

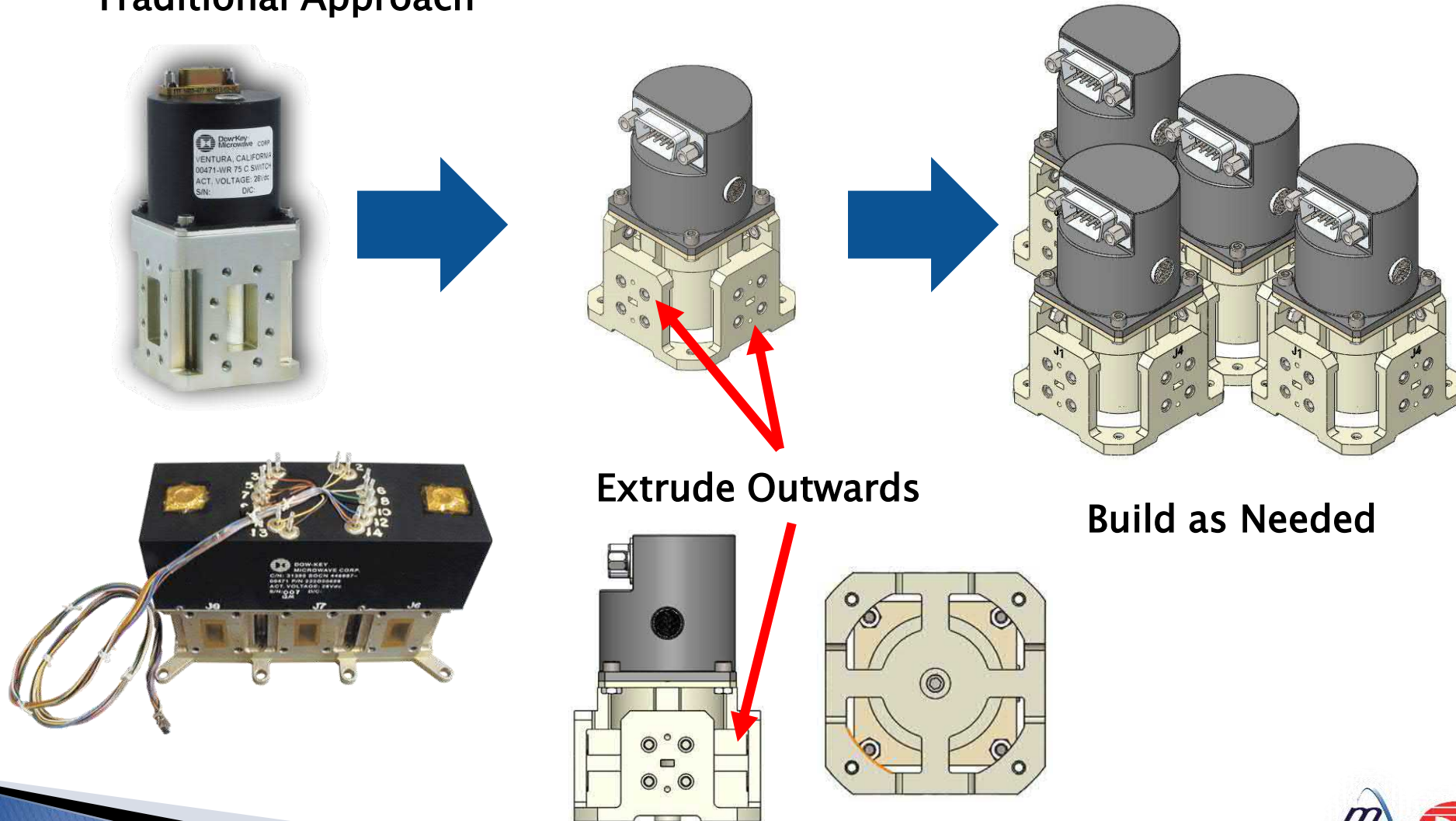
Multipaction Rated Power: 2105 W

Multipaction Test/path: 4200 W



# Modularity / Flexibility – Waveguide Switches

## Traditional Approach





# Switch Blocks & Assembly Capabilities

# Space Qualified Sub-Assembly Capabilities

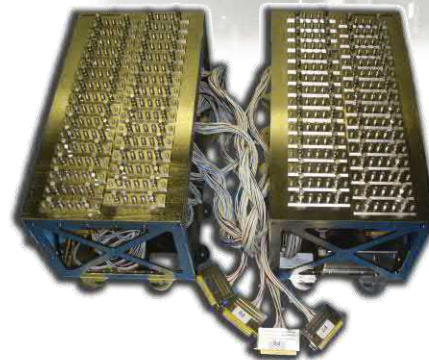
## Our Capabilities:

- Design and Analysis
- Integration and Test
- Supplier Program Management



## Switch Block Assembly with:

- Power Dividers
- Terminations
- Circulators
- Attenuators
- Isolators

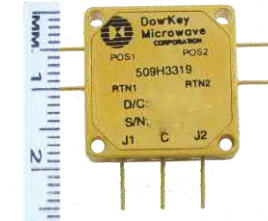




# Dow-Key's Direction & Goals

## Invest in the Space Products Growth

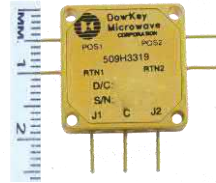
- Dedicated Technical Team
  - Active IRAD Programs
  - Feasibility Study – Exploration of new Switching Solutions
    - Looking for customer feedback
    - New Smaller and Lighter interconnect solution
  - Alternative solutions for Redundancy Systems
- Investment in the Infrastructure
- ▶ Continuous Improvement Commitment
  - Shipping Over 40,000 switches/year (single shift)
    - Over 600 Space switches / year





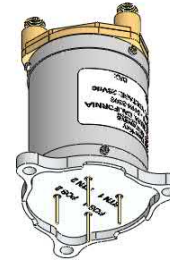
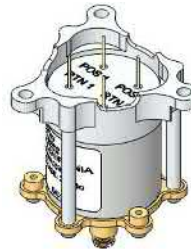
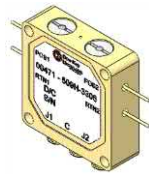
# Innovation

Drop-In SPDT  
Switch 509H-  
3319



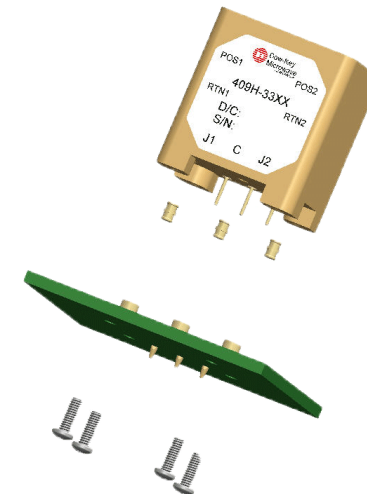
Designed in FY1999  
Qualified in FY2017

Concept of  
Switches with  
SMPM-T  
Connectors

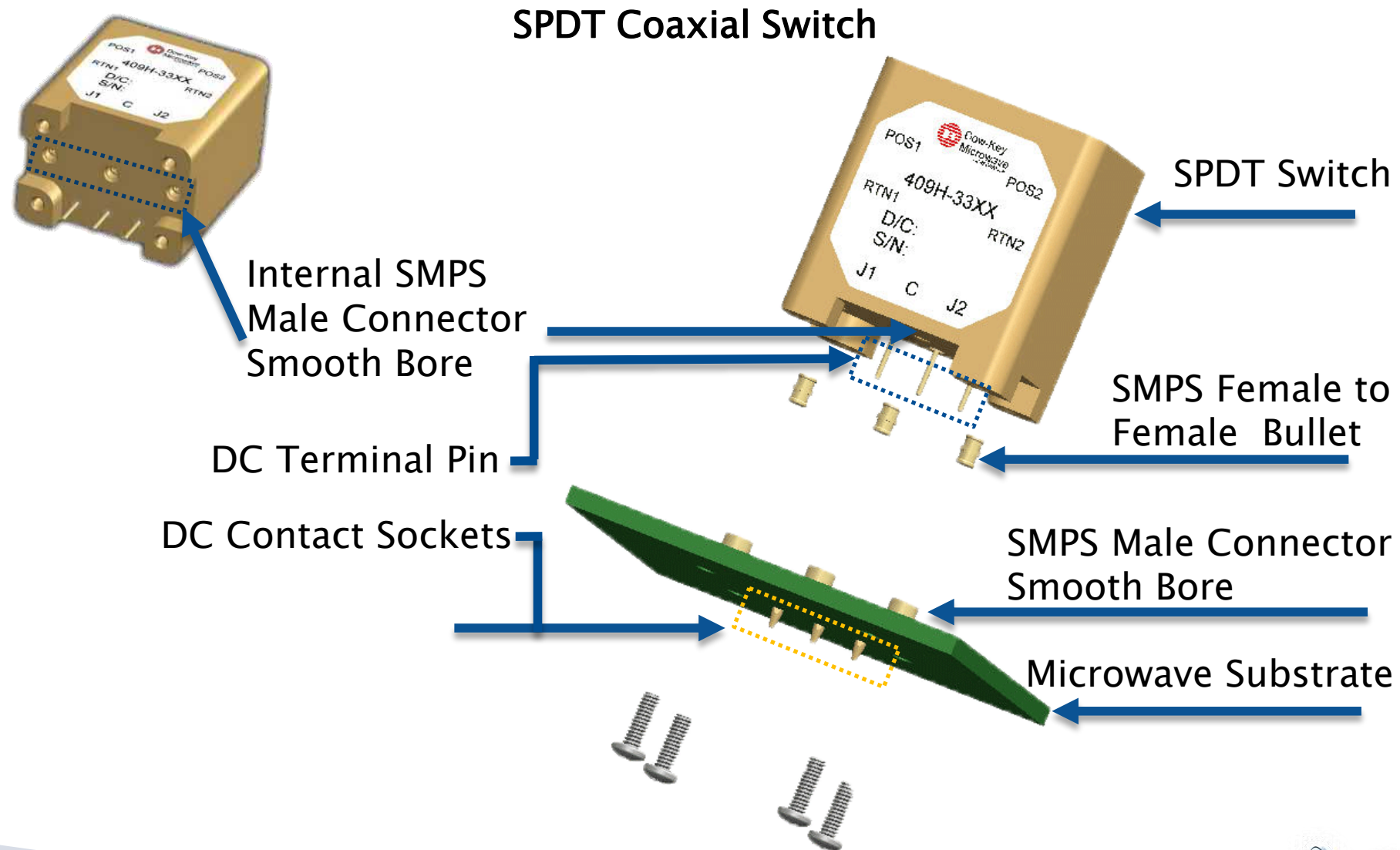


Switch Type	SPDT	Transfer	T-Switch
Volume Reduction	84%	63%	43%
Mass Reduction	79%	62%	38%

Concept of a SPDT  
Switch with SMPs  
Connectors for  
Solderless Installation  
on a Microstrip Board.



# Innovation

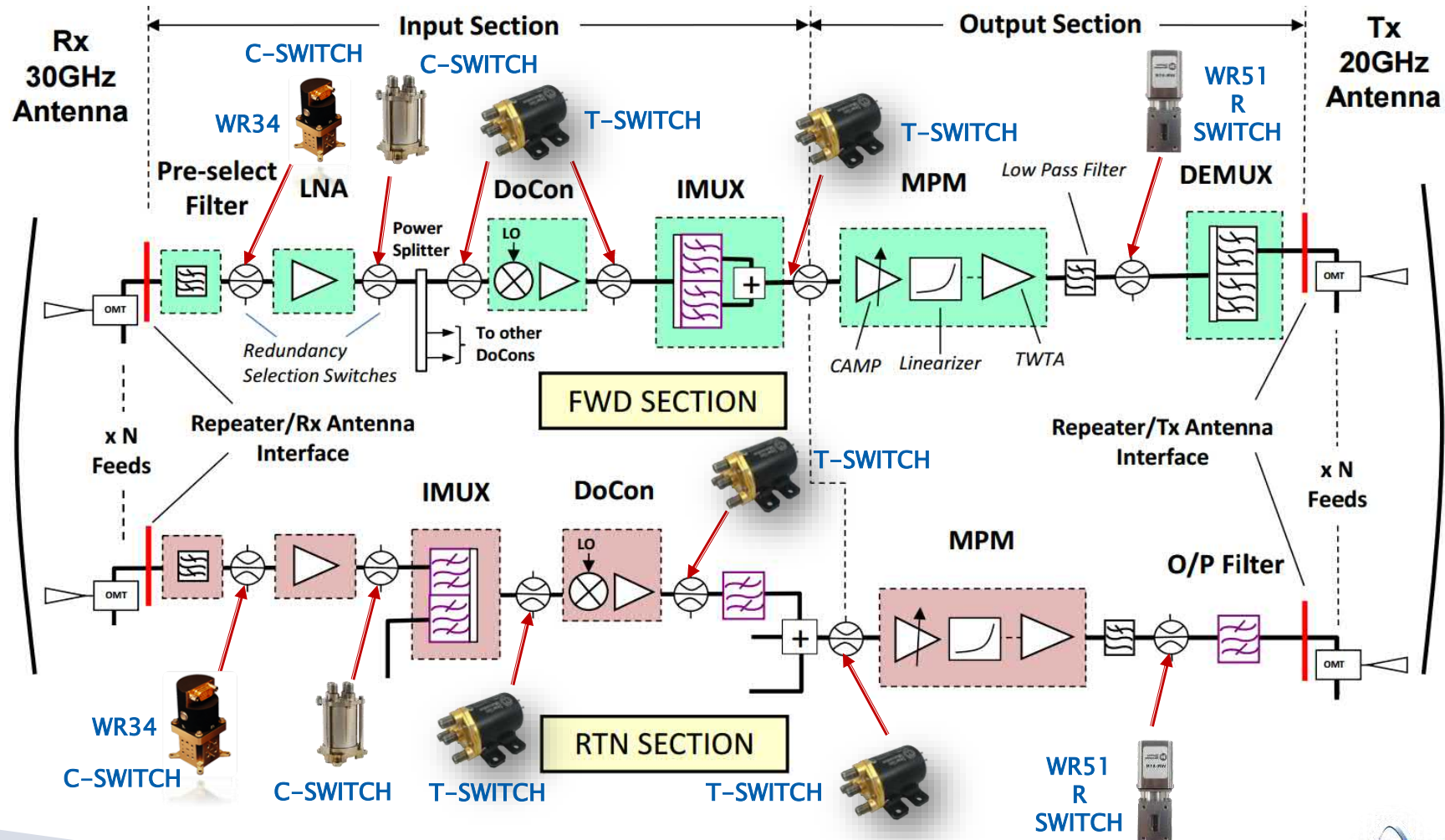




# Redundancy Solutions

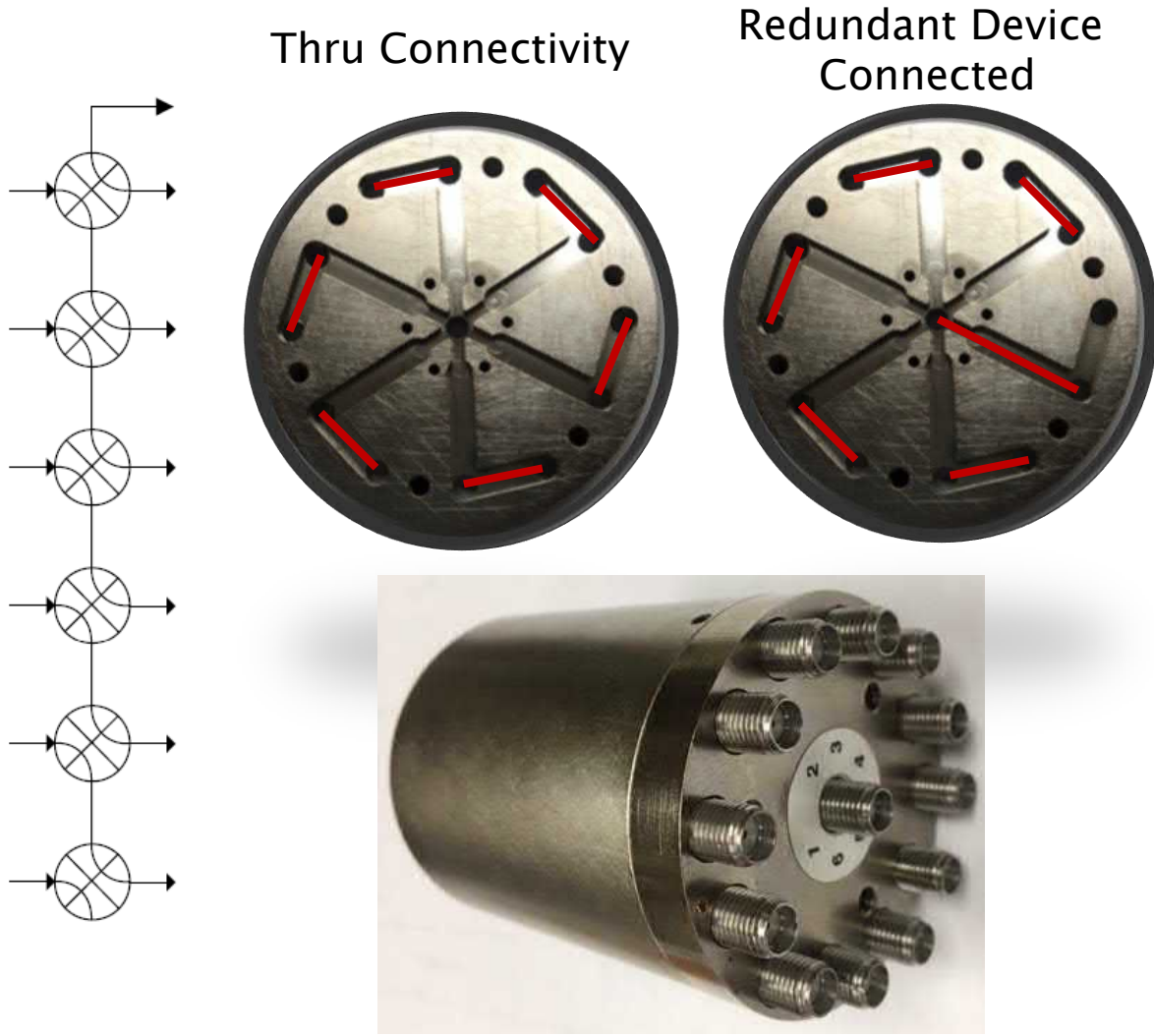
# Ka-Band HTS Satellite – Payload Architecture

## Dow-Key Offers Switch Solution For Each Payload Segment





# Alternative Redundancy Solution



## 7 to 6 Matrix

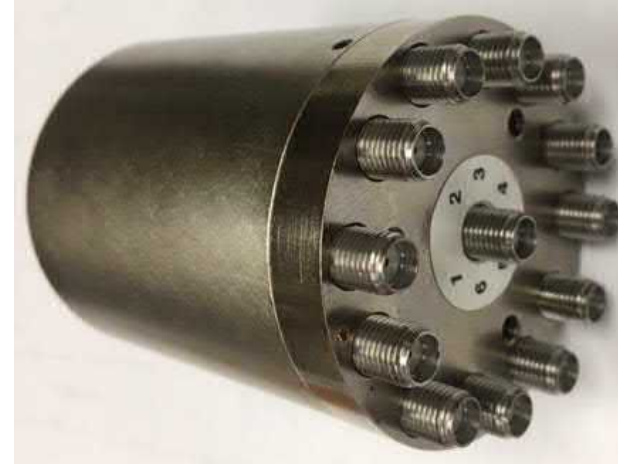
- ▶ Single switch package
- ▶ Size 2" DIA x 2.5" (10 in<sup>3</sup>)
- ▶ Mass ~200 grams
- ▶ Reduced Insertion Loss and simplified phase matching due to single RF contact

# Alternative Redundancy Solution

## Multiple Configurations Available

### Building Blocks

- ▶ SP6T: 7 to 6
- ▶ SP8T: 9 to 8
- ▶ SP12T: 13 to 12
- ▶ CanBus Control is potential



# Alternative Redundancy Solution

## Case Study

### Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

#### Requirements

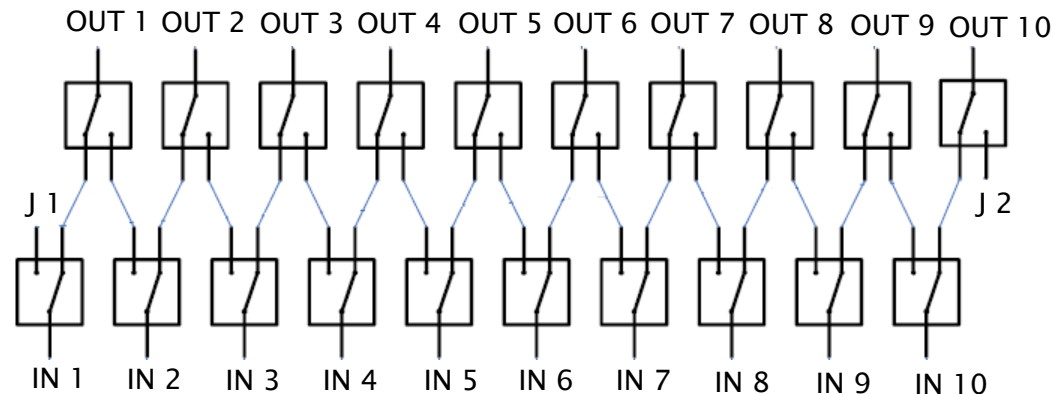
##### Input Stage

Input SWM – Target Requirement	Value
RF Interface	WR 75
Insertion Loss	< 0.5 dB
Isolation	> 40 dB
Max input level	-55 dBm
Center frequency	15 GHz
Bandwidth	500 MHz

##### Output Stage

Output SWM – Target Requirement	Value
RF Interface	SMK (2.92mm)
Insertion Loss	< 4 dB
Isolation	> 40 dB
Max input level	+16 dBm
Frequency range	17.5 to 20.5 GHz
Bandwidth	500 MHz

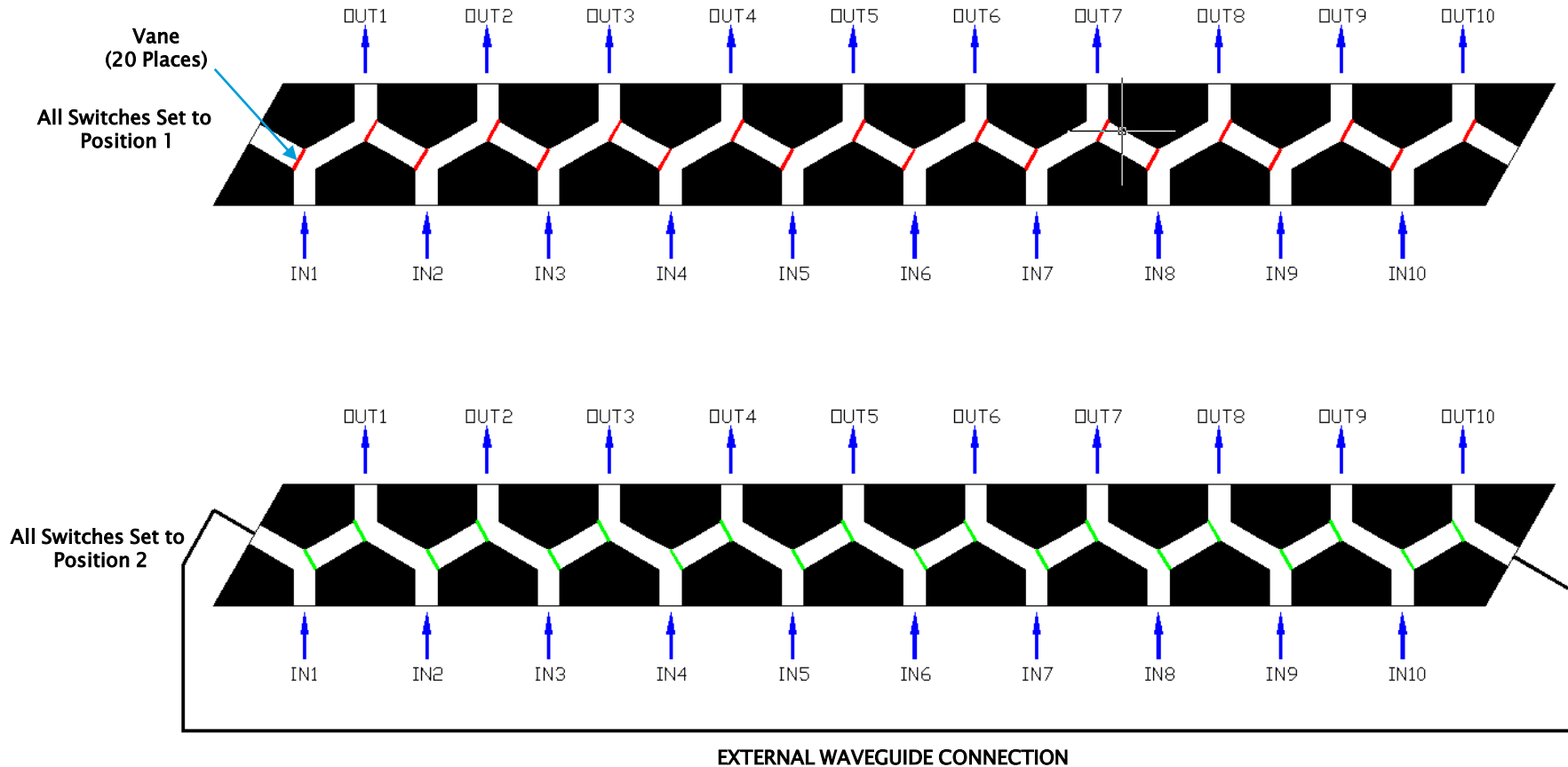
#### Schematic



# Alternative Redundancy Solution

## Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

INPUT SWITCH BLOCK

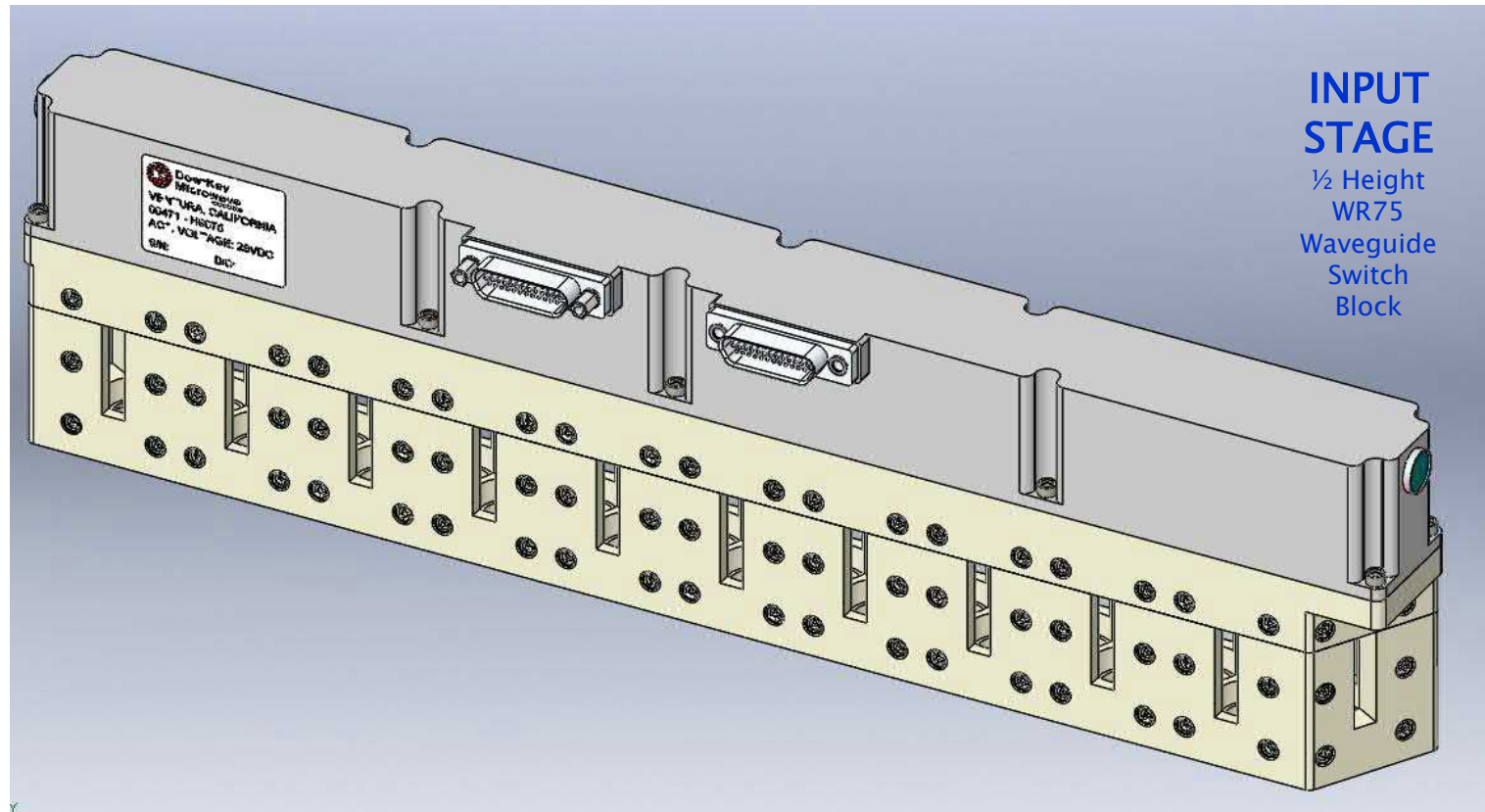




# Alternative Redundancy Solution

## Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

INPUT SWITCH BLOCK

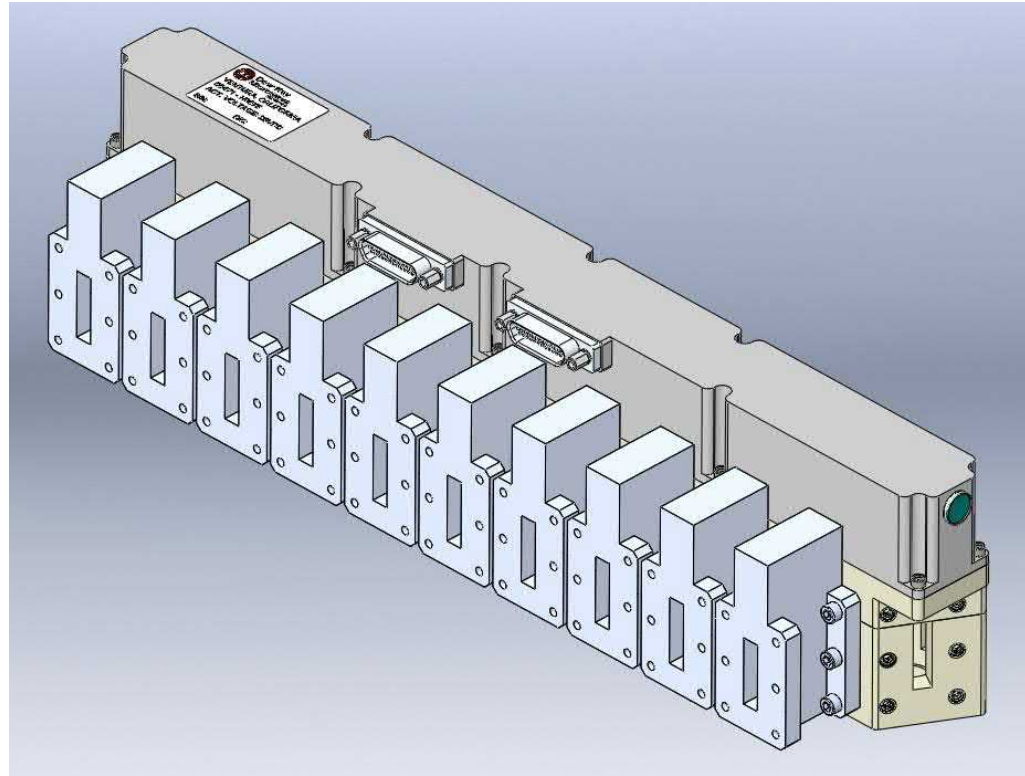


Insertion Loss .3 dB @ 20.5 GHz (Specification .5dB)  
Envelope 11" x 1" x 2.8"

# Alternative Redundancy Solution

## Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

INPUT SWITCH BLOCK WITH ISOLATORS



Insertion Loss .55 dB @ 20.5 GHz (Specification .5dB)  
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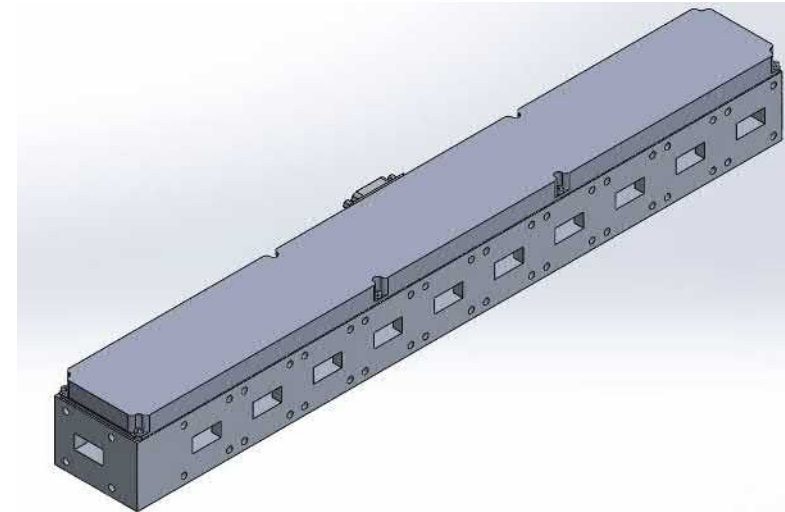
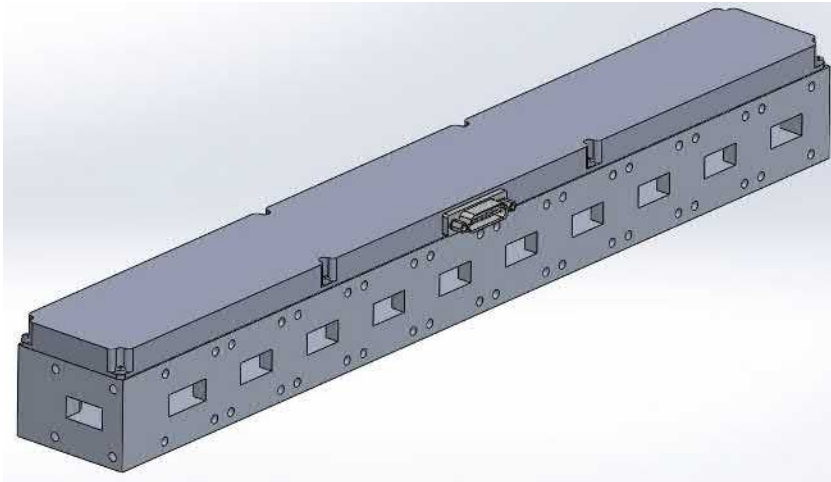
# Alternative Redundancy Solution

## Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

OUTPUT SWITCH BLOCK

### Ferrite Switch Solution

WR62 Waveguide

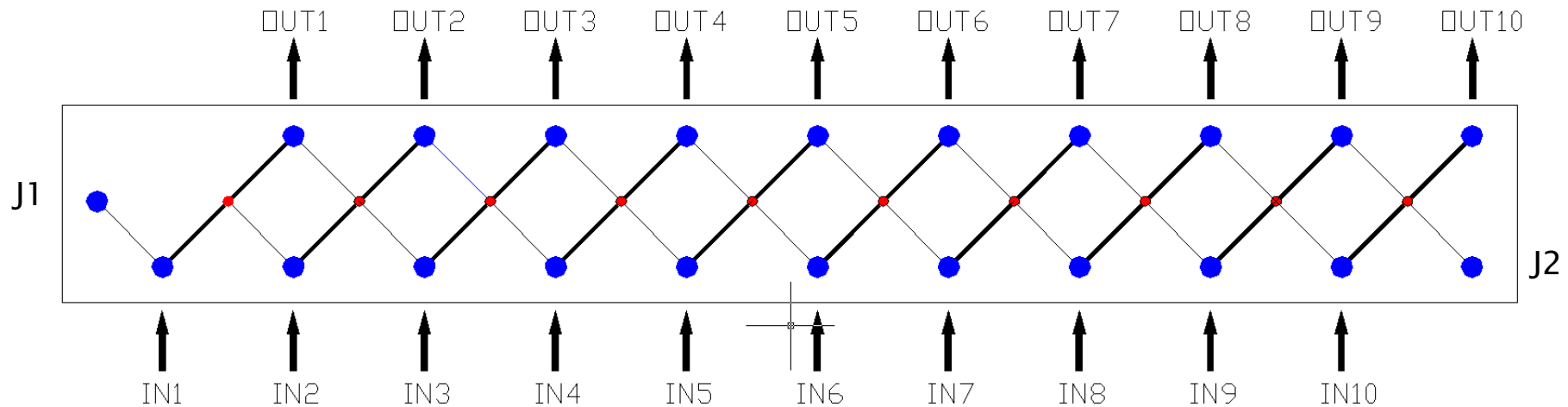


Insertion Loss @ 20.5 GHz .5 –.7 dB Max (Specification 4 dB)  
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# Alternative Redundancy Solution

## Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

OUTPUT SWITCH BLOCK



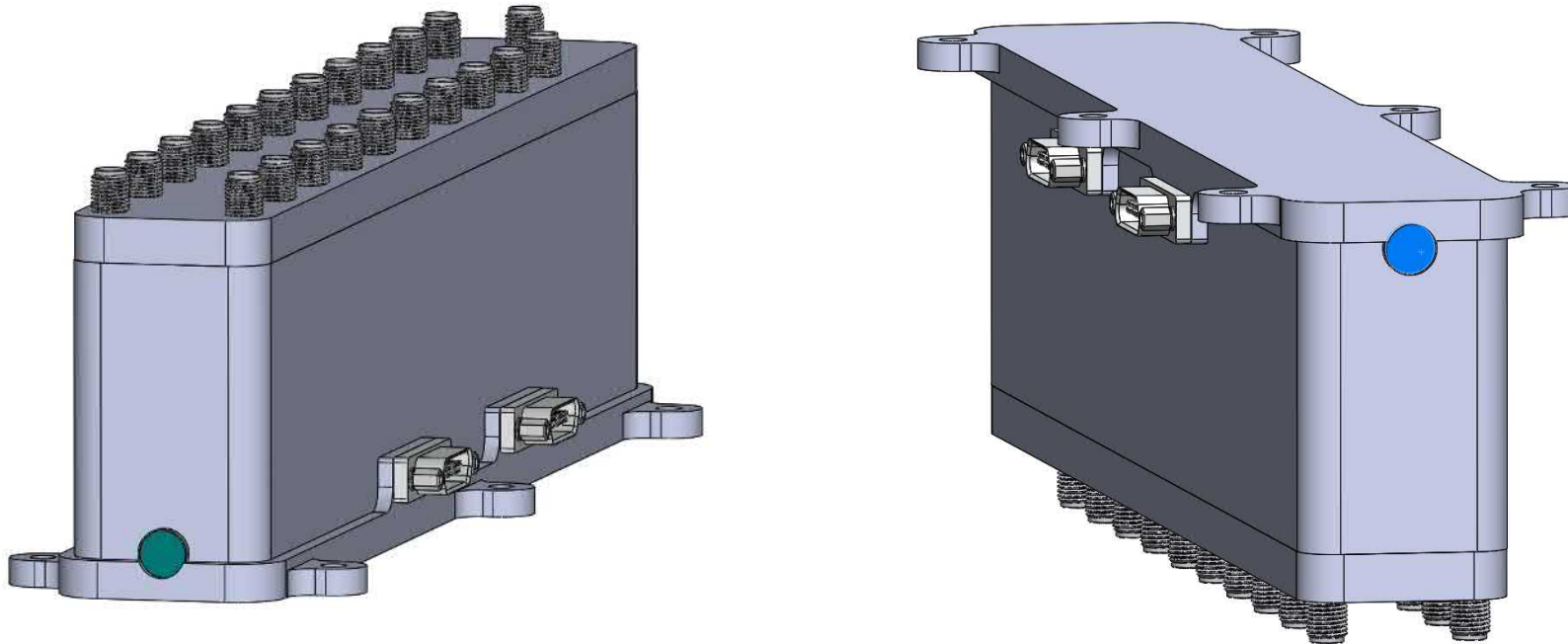


# Alternative Redundancy Solution

## Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

OUTPUT SWITCH BLOCK

Coaxial EM Solution Based on Qualified Components



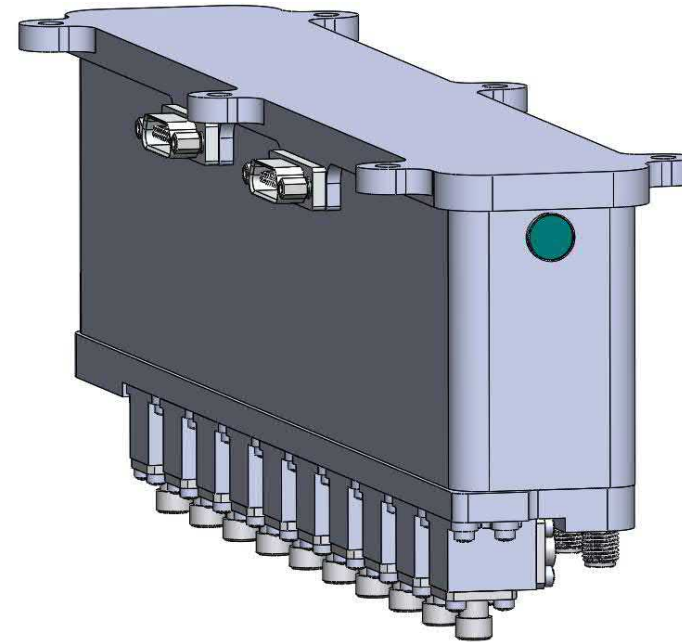
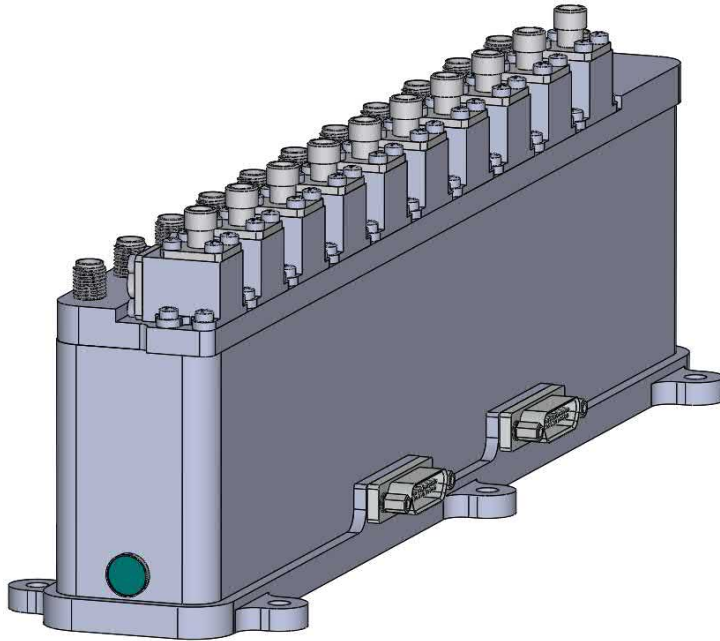
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## Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

OUTPUT SWITCH BLOCK WITH ISOLATORS

Coaxial EM Solution Based on Qualified Components



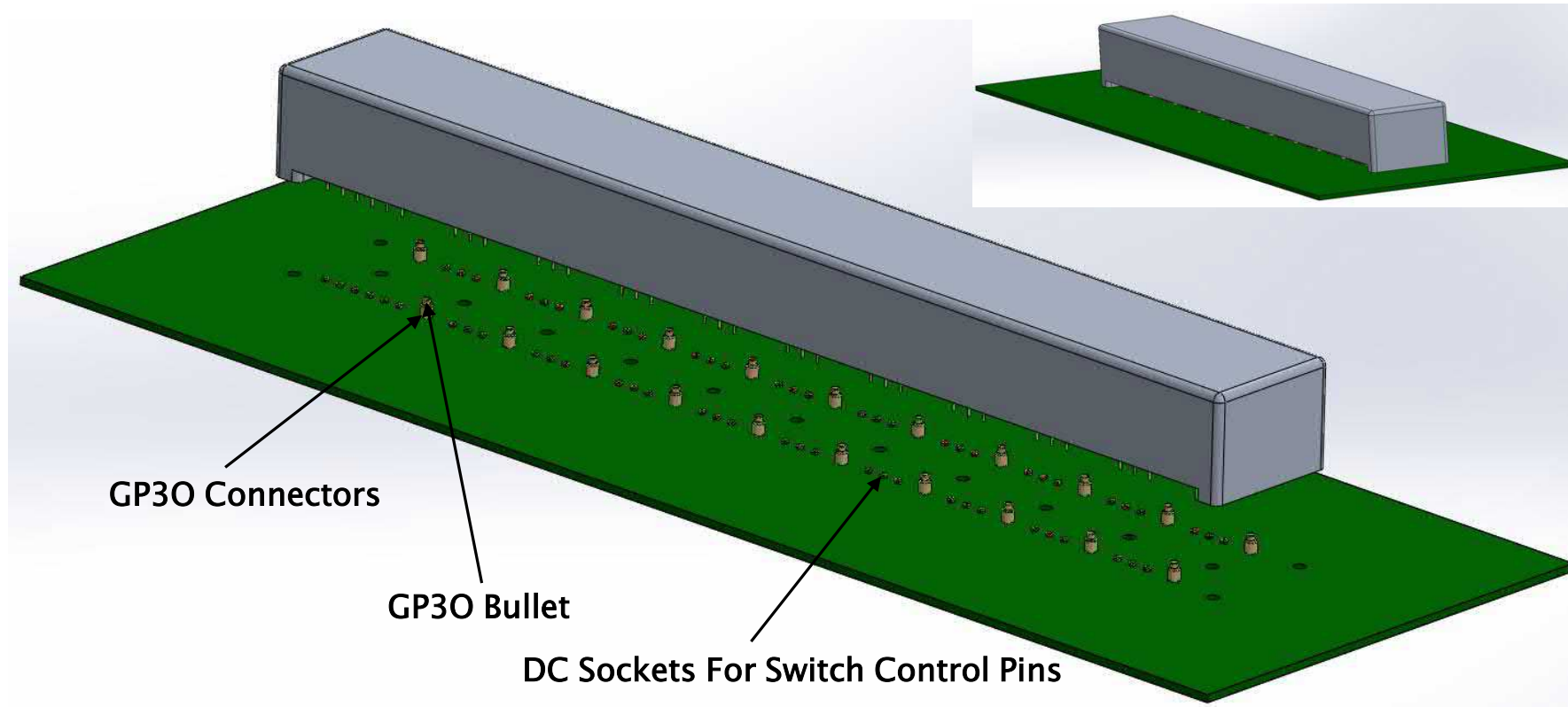
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Envelope 11.9" x 2.8" x 2.9"

# Alternative Redundancy Solution

## Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

OUTPUT SWITCH BLOCK

### PCB Mounted Solution



Insertion Loss @ 20.5 GHz .7 dB Max (Specification 4 dB)

Envelope 9.3" x 1.2" x 0.88"



# Redundancy Solutions Based on Integrated Switch Blocks

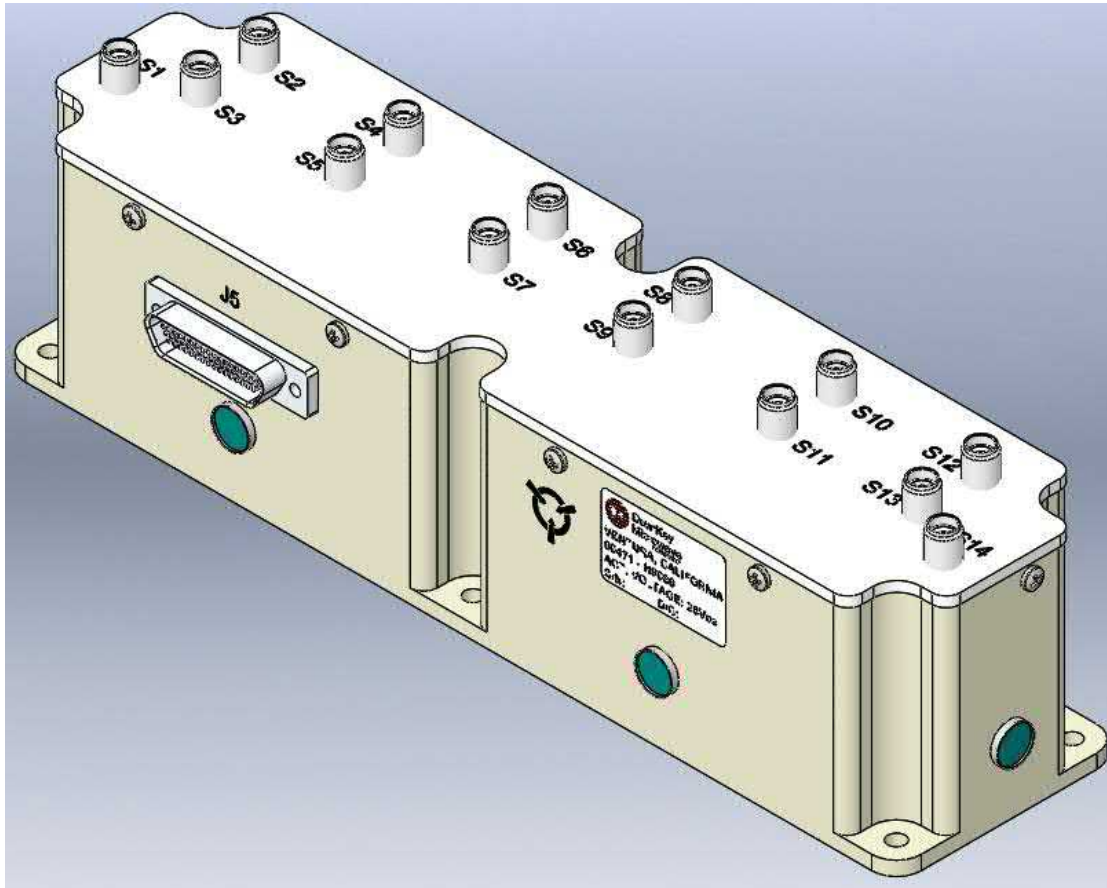




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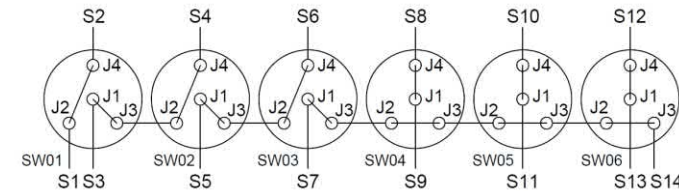
## Redundancy Solution

INPUT/OUTPUT SWITCH BLOCK



## 6-Pack T-Switch Block

Schematic



**SMA Connector Version**

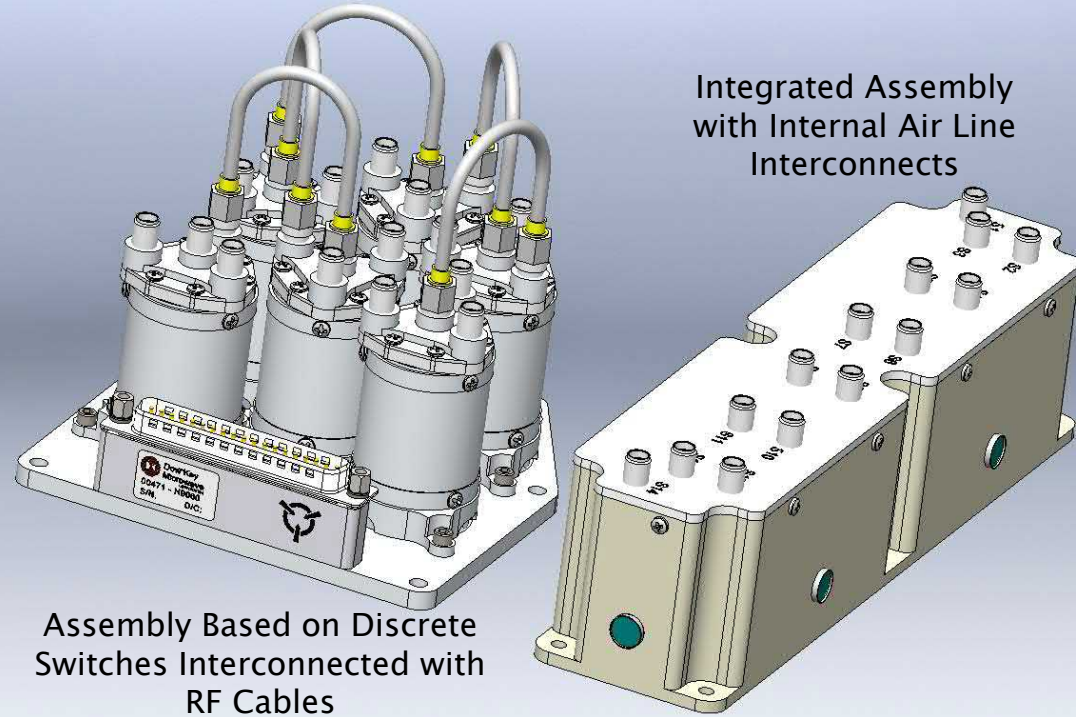
*Operating Frequency  
Range DC-22GHz*

**K - Connector Version**

*Operating Frequency  
Range 17.5 - 31 GHz*

# Alternative Redundancy Solution

## 6 Pack T-Switch Block



Integrated Assembly with Internal Air Line Interconnects

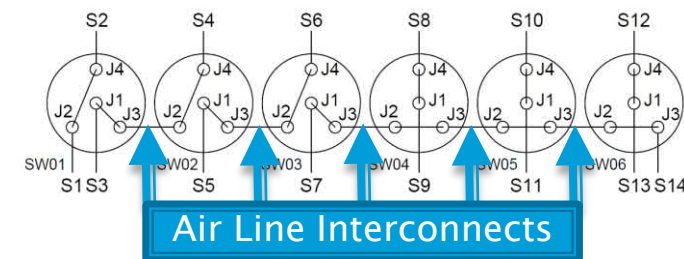
Assembly Based on Discrete Switches Interconnected with RF Cables

Solution Type	Discrete Assembly	Integrated Assembly
Envelope Dimensions	6.19"x4.4"x3.2"	7.91"x2"x2"
Envelope Volume	87.16 in <sup>3</sup>	31.64 in <sup>3</sup>
Mass	580 grams	480 grams

### Benefits of the Integrated Assembly

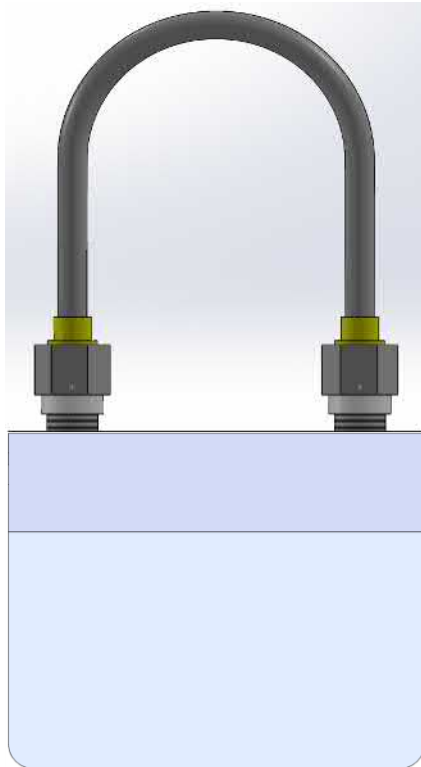
- Smaller Size/Volume
- Reduced Mass
- Improved RF Performance
  - Lower Insertion Loss
  - Better VSWR
- Lower Cost
- Easier System Level Integration Process (Open Access to Install RF Cables)

### Schematic



# Alternative Redundancy Solution

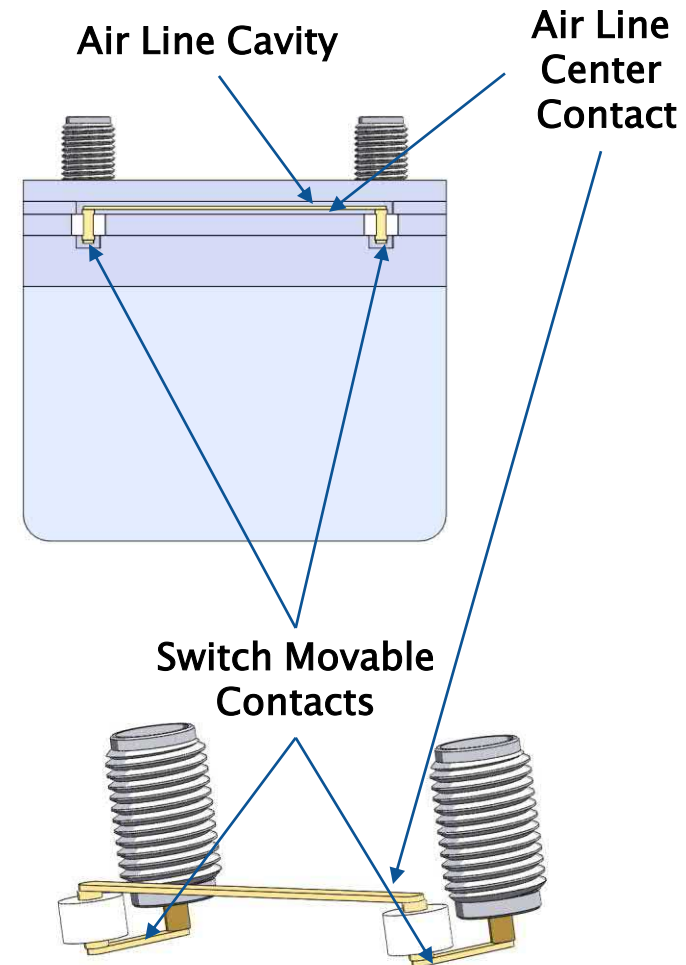
Old Solution with the RF Cable



## Benefits of the Air Line Solution

- ❖ Lower Mass
  - ✓ *RF Cable and Two Connectors Replaced by much Smaller and Lighter Internal Parts)*
- ❖ Improved RF Performance
- ❖ Lower Cost
  - ✓ *Since RF Cables and Connectors are Often Classified as Components, an Additional Screening (on the Component Level) is Required. The Cost of the Additional Screening Process is Significantly Impacting the Product Final Cost and the Unit Price.*

New Solution with the Air Line

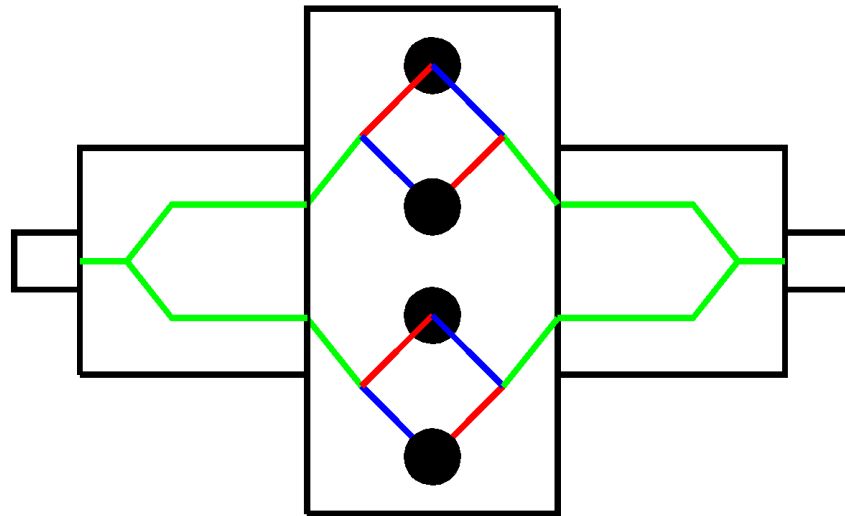




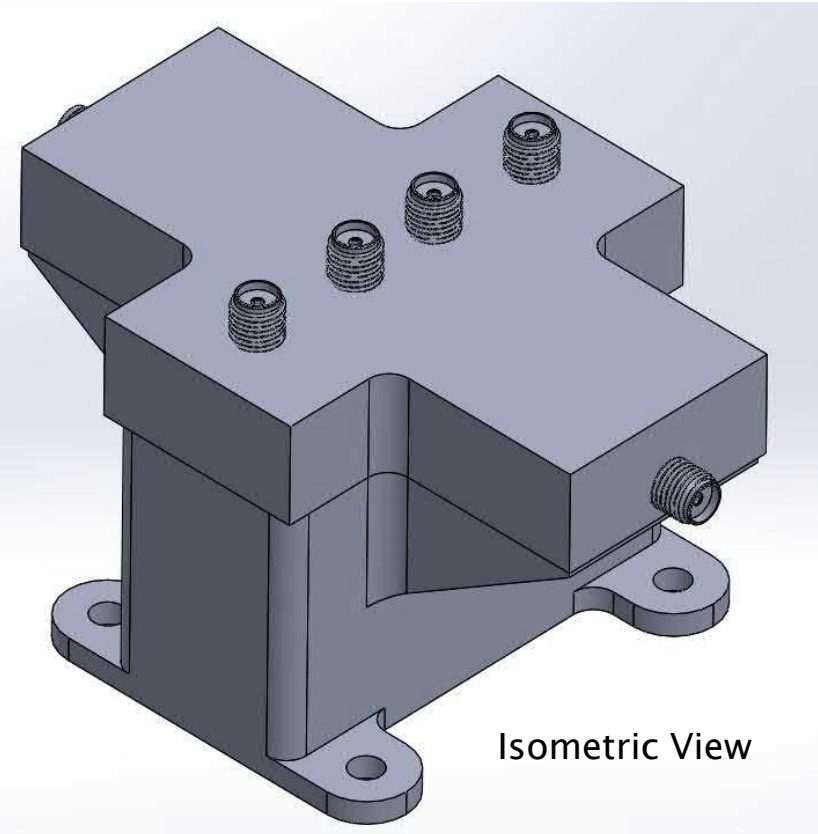
# Alternative Redundancy Solution

## Redundancy Solution

Switch Block  
2X Transfer Switch  
2X Power Divider



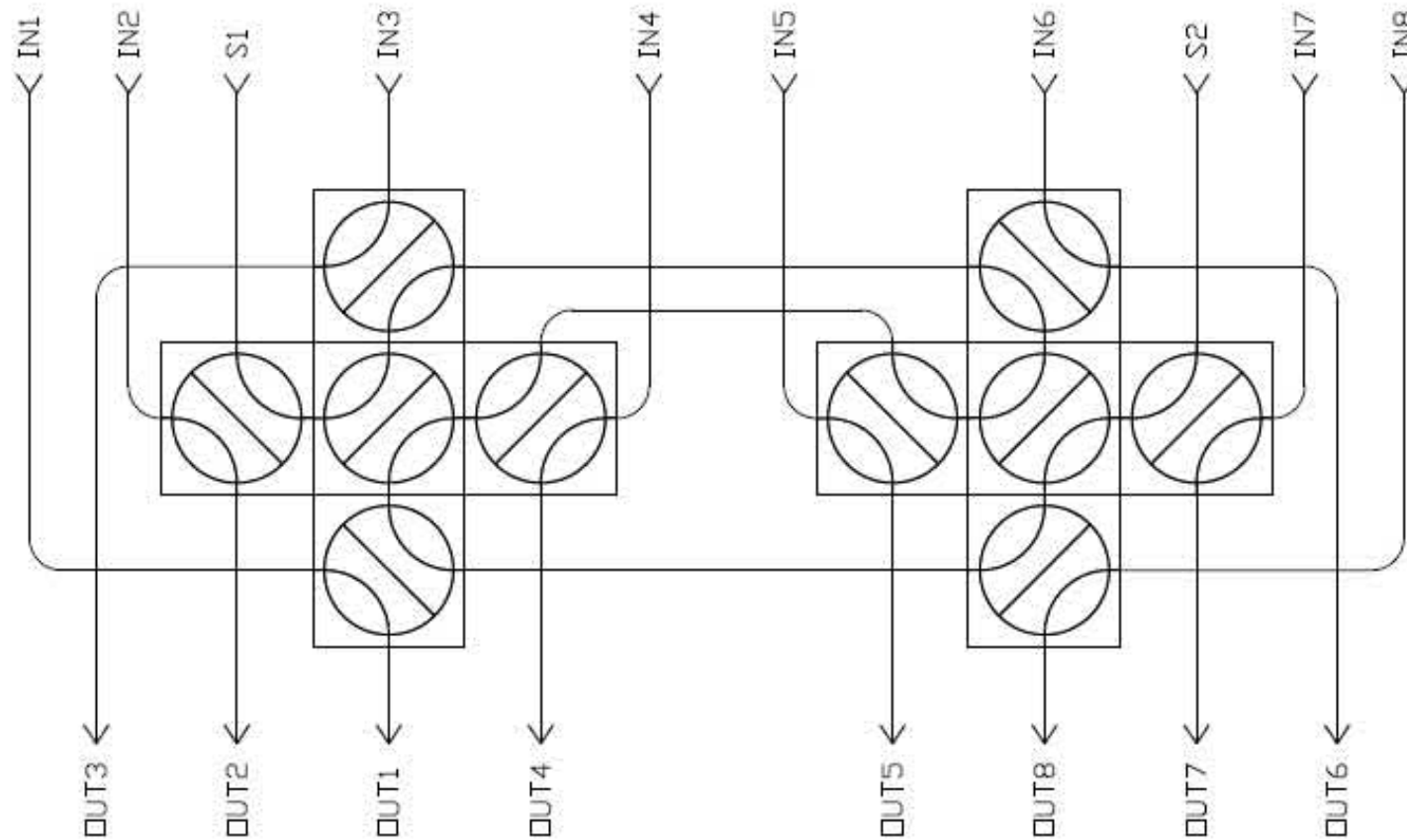
OUTPUT SWITCH BLOCK



Isometric View

Envelope 3.4" x 2.5" x 2.05"

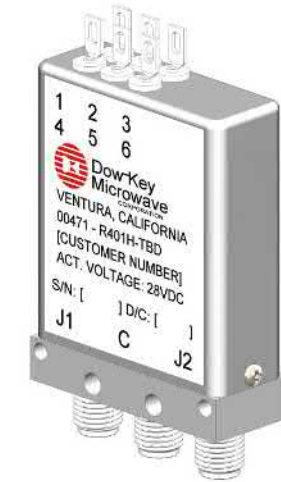
# Innovative Redundancy Solutions



Schematic of the 10:8 Waveguide Block



# NewSpace Initiative



## Coaxial Switches for NewSpace Applications

(Upgraded Military Grade Switches)  
Lower Cost – Shorter Lead Time



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