



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.



BSC FILTERS | DOW-KEY MICROWAVE | K&L MICROWAVE | POLE ZERO

Proprietary Information



Core Products



Filters



Surface Mount

Coaxial

Waveguide

Switches

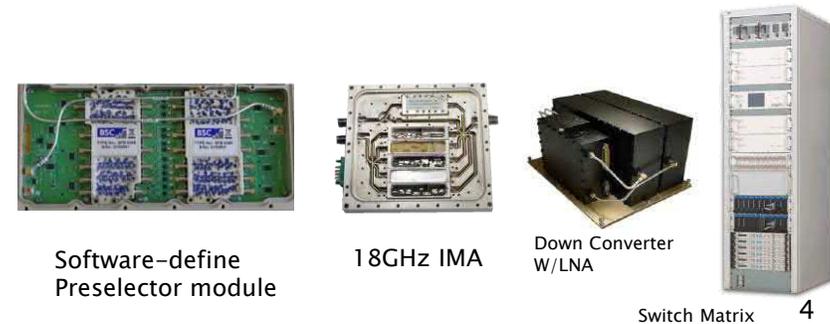


Surface Mount

Coaxial

Waveguide

Integrated Microwave Assemblies (IMA)



Software-define Preselector module

18GHz IMA

Down Converter W/LNA

Switch Matrix 4



Switch Heritage



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



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

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	



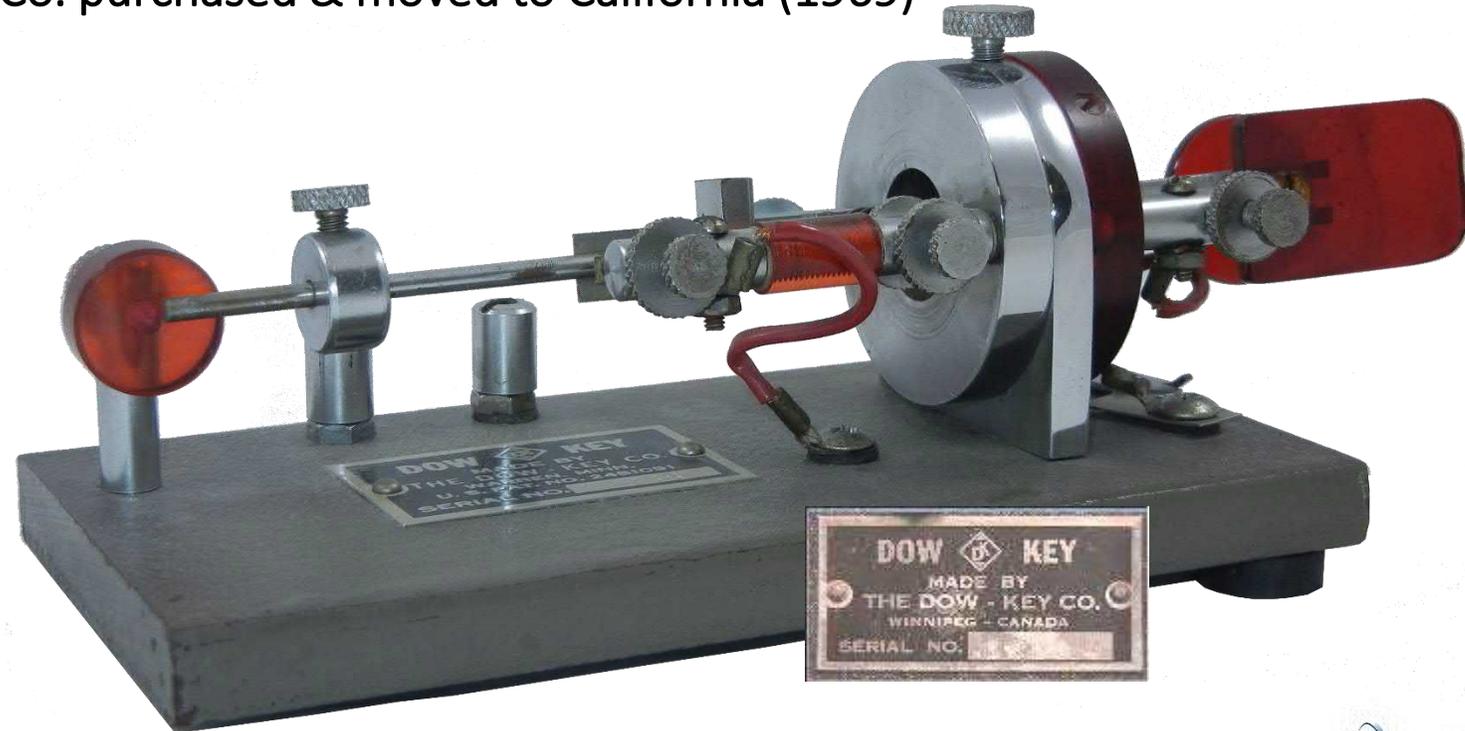


Past – Present – Future



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

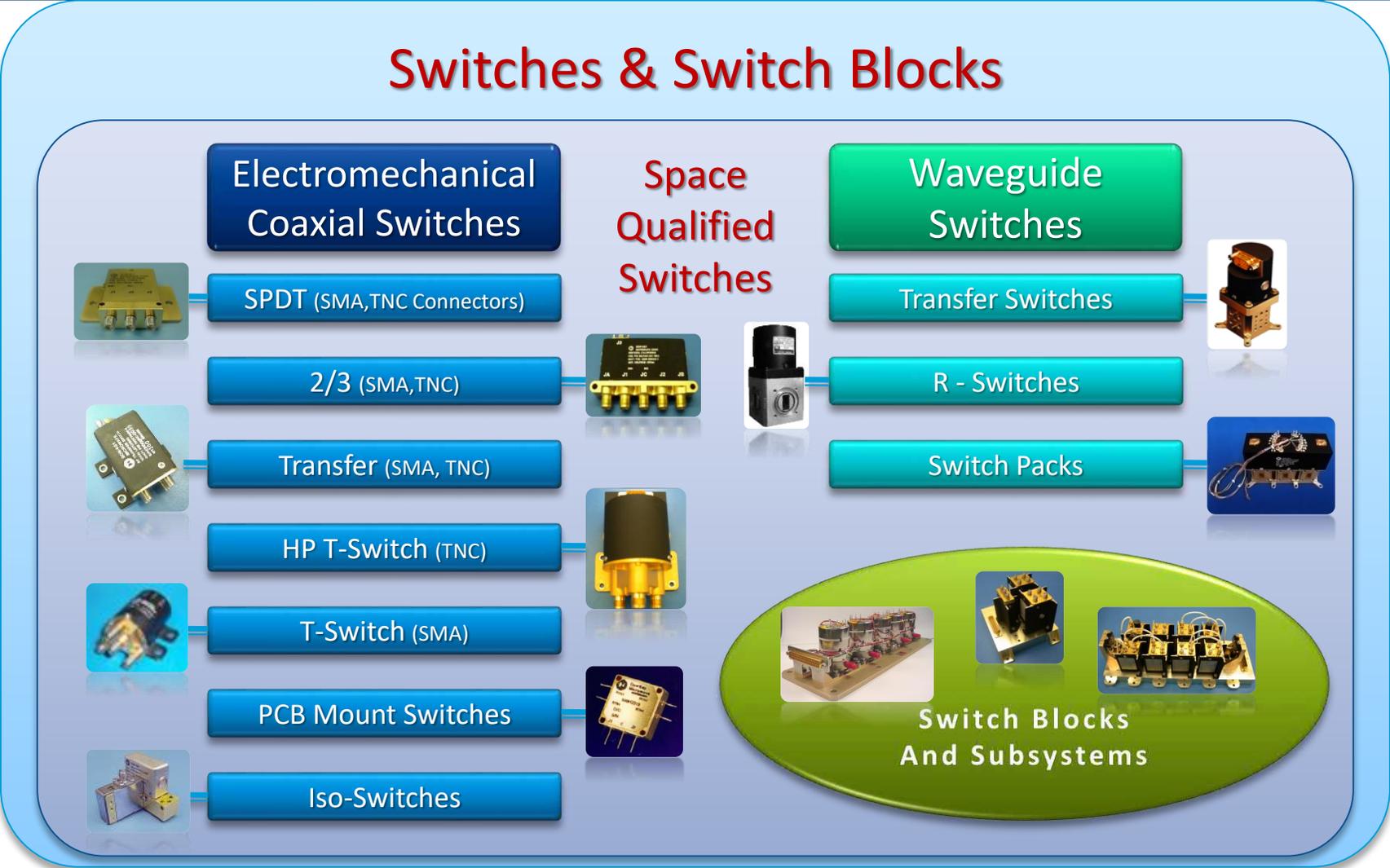
Matrices
&
Systems

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
GPSFII
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

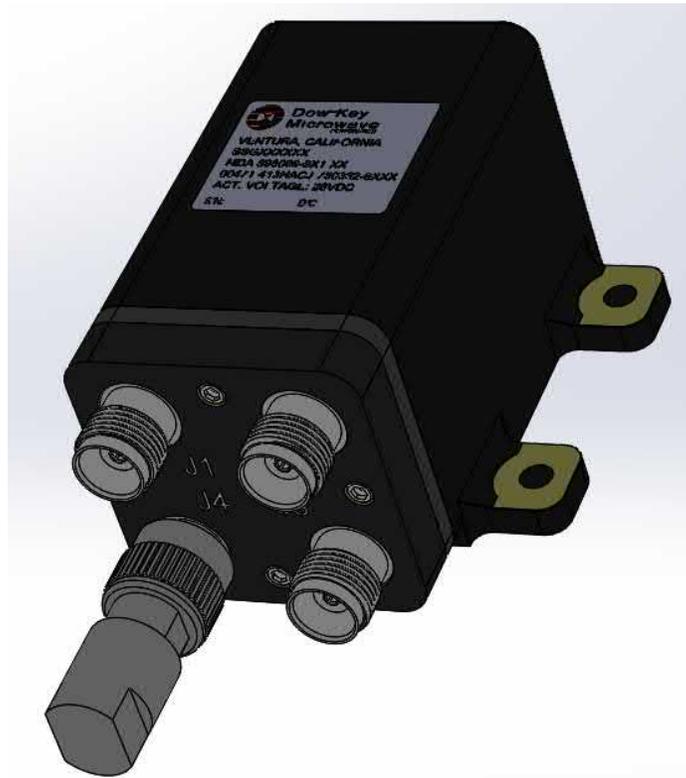


Frequency Range from 1237 to 1600 MHz
Multipaction Tested with Input RF Peak Power 855 W @ 1600 MHz

Hermetically Sealed High Power C-Switch

PROGRAMS

Dream Chaser



Parameters	Specification
Impedance	50 Ω
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
Multipaction @ Corona Input RF Peak Power	100 W
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
Mass	320 Grams
Operating Temp	-25°C to +75°C
Random Vib	21 grms

Low Mass C-Switch

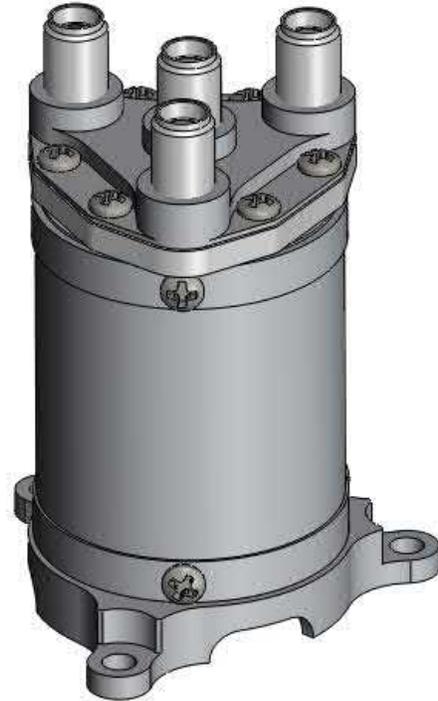
Qualified & Flight Pending



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
Mass, Max	53 Grams
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
Mass, Max	67 Grams
Operating Temp	-30°C to +85°C
Random Vibration	15 grms



Waveguide Switches

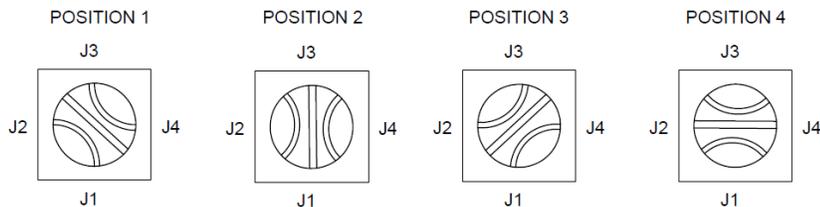
WR-112, WR-90, WR-75, WR-62,
WR-42, WR-34, WR-28, WR-15

Waveguide Product Offering

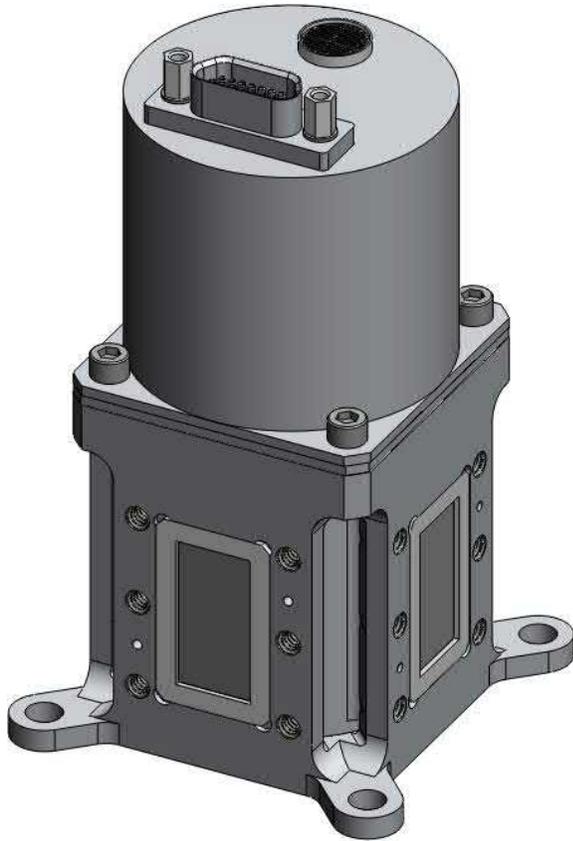


Size	C-type	R-type
WR-112 (7.05 – 10.0 GHz)	X	IRAD
WR-90 (8.2 – 12.4 GHz)	X	
WR-75 (10.0 – 15.0 GHz)	X	X
WR-62 (12.4 – 18.0 GHz)	X	
WR-51 (15.0 – 22.0 GHz)		X
WR-42 (18.0 – 26.5 GHz)	X	X
WR-34 (22.0 – 33.0 GHz)	X	X
WR-28 (26.5 – 40 GHz)	X	
WR-22 (33 – 50 GHz)		IRAD
WR-15 (50 – 75 GHz)	X	X

R-Type Switches are Equipped with the Sequential Actuator



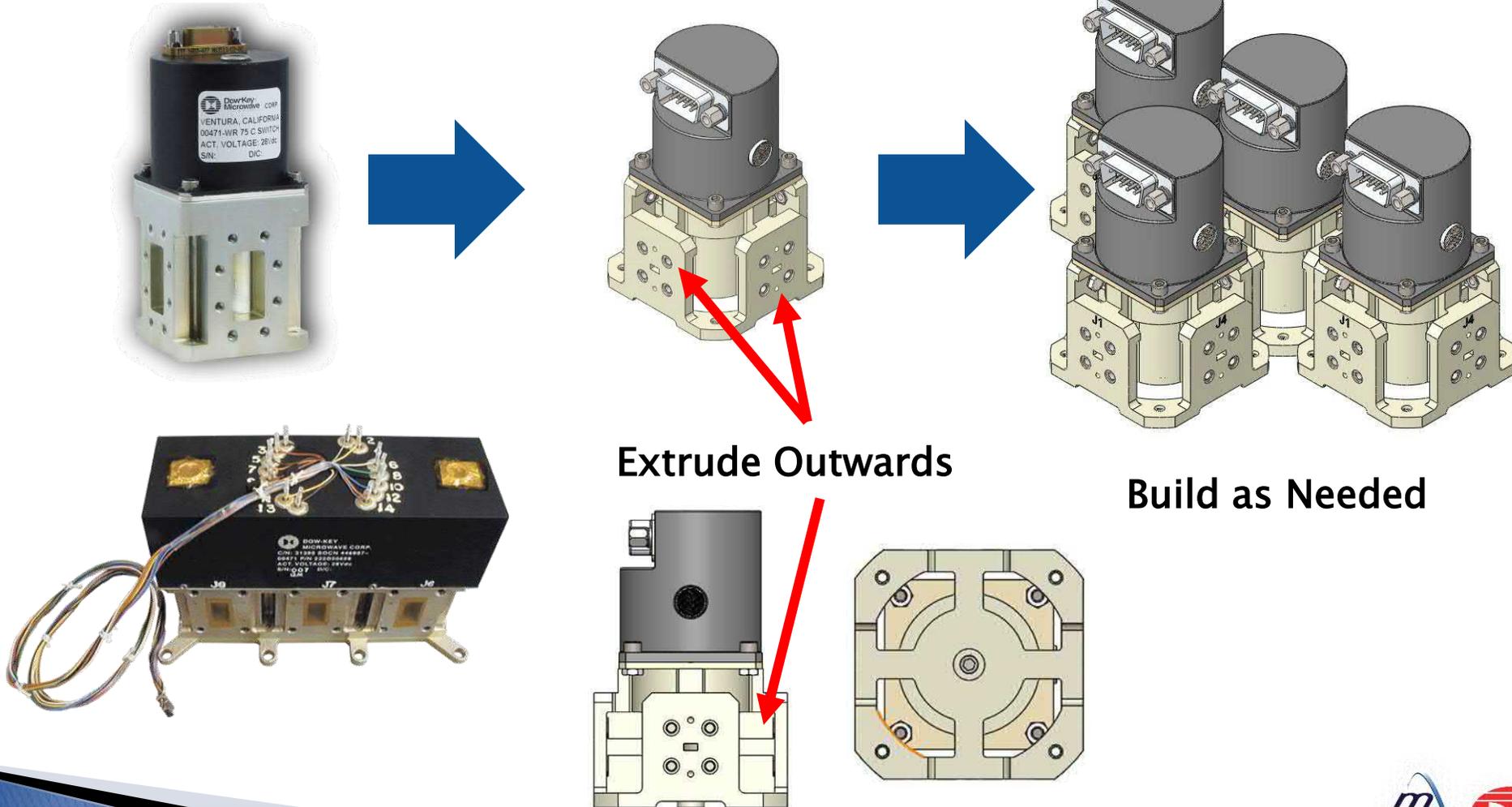
WR75 C-Switch Qualified for SSL in 2017



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



Extrude Outwards

Build as Needed



Switch Blocks & Assembly Capabilities

Space Qualified Sub-Assembly Capabilities

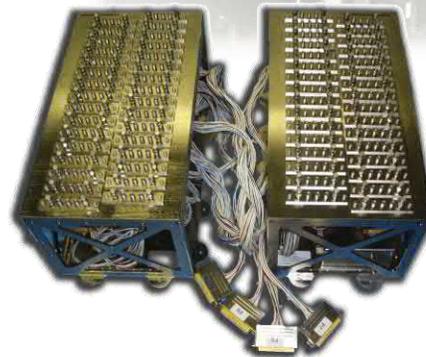
Our Capabilities:

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



Switch Block Assembly with:

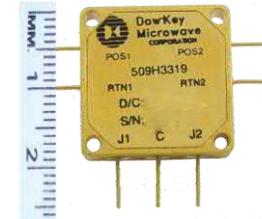
- Power Dividers
- Terminations
- Circulators
- Attenuators
- Isolators



Dow-Key's Direction & Goals

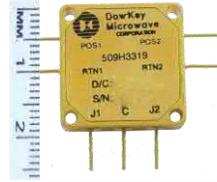
Invest in the Space Products Growth

- 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



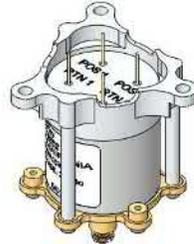
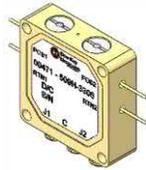
Innovation

Drop-In SPDT
Switch 509H-
3319



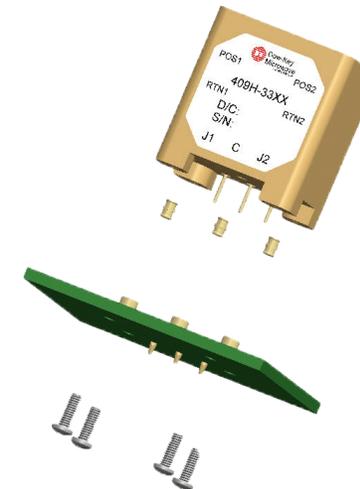
Designed in FY1999
Qualified in FY2017

Concept of
Switches with
SMPM-T
Connectors



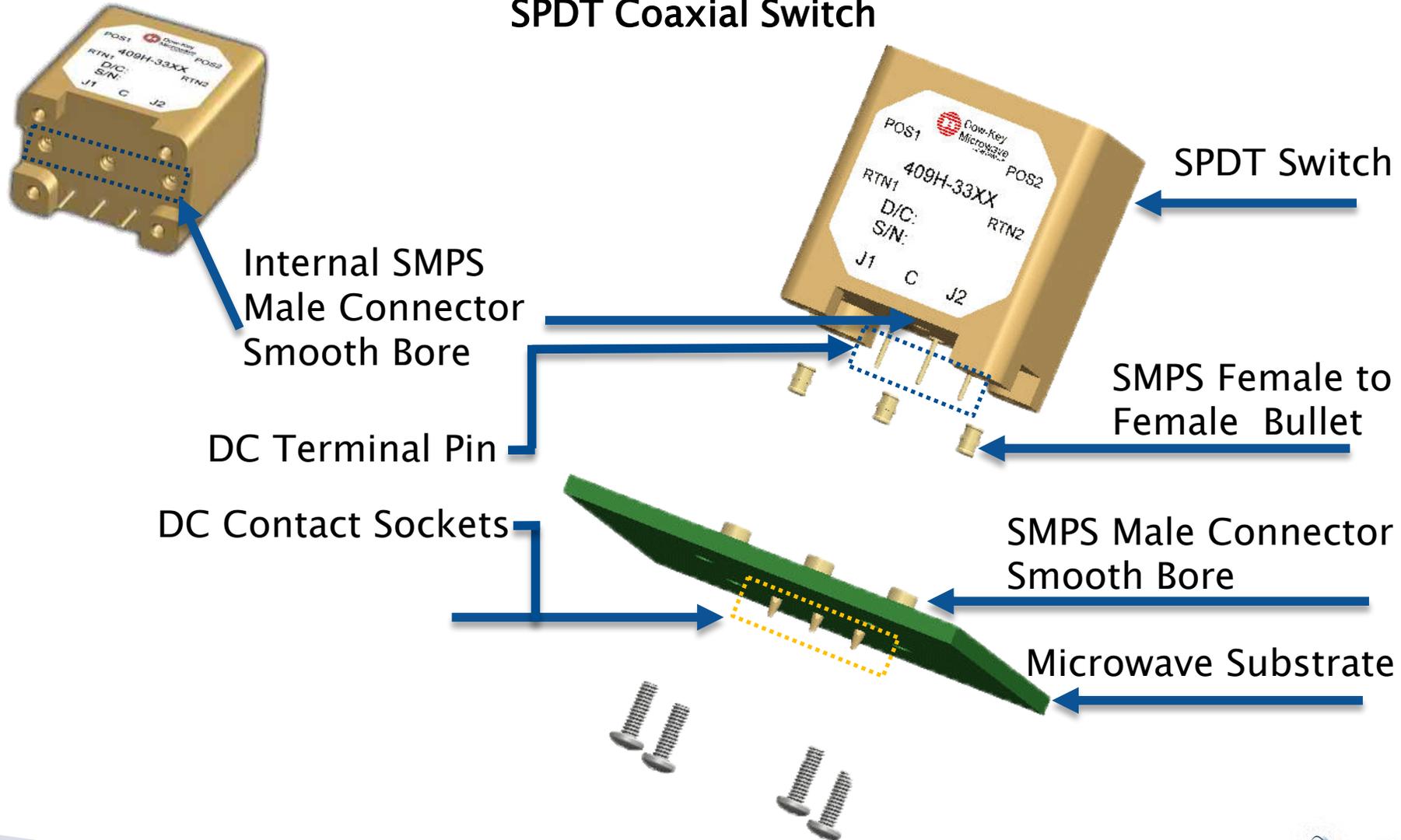
Switch Type	SPDT	Transfer	T-Switch
Volume Reduction	84%	63%	43%
Mass Reduction	79%	62%	38%

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



Innovation

SPDT Coaxial Switch

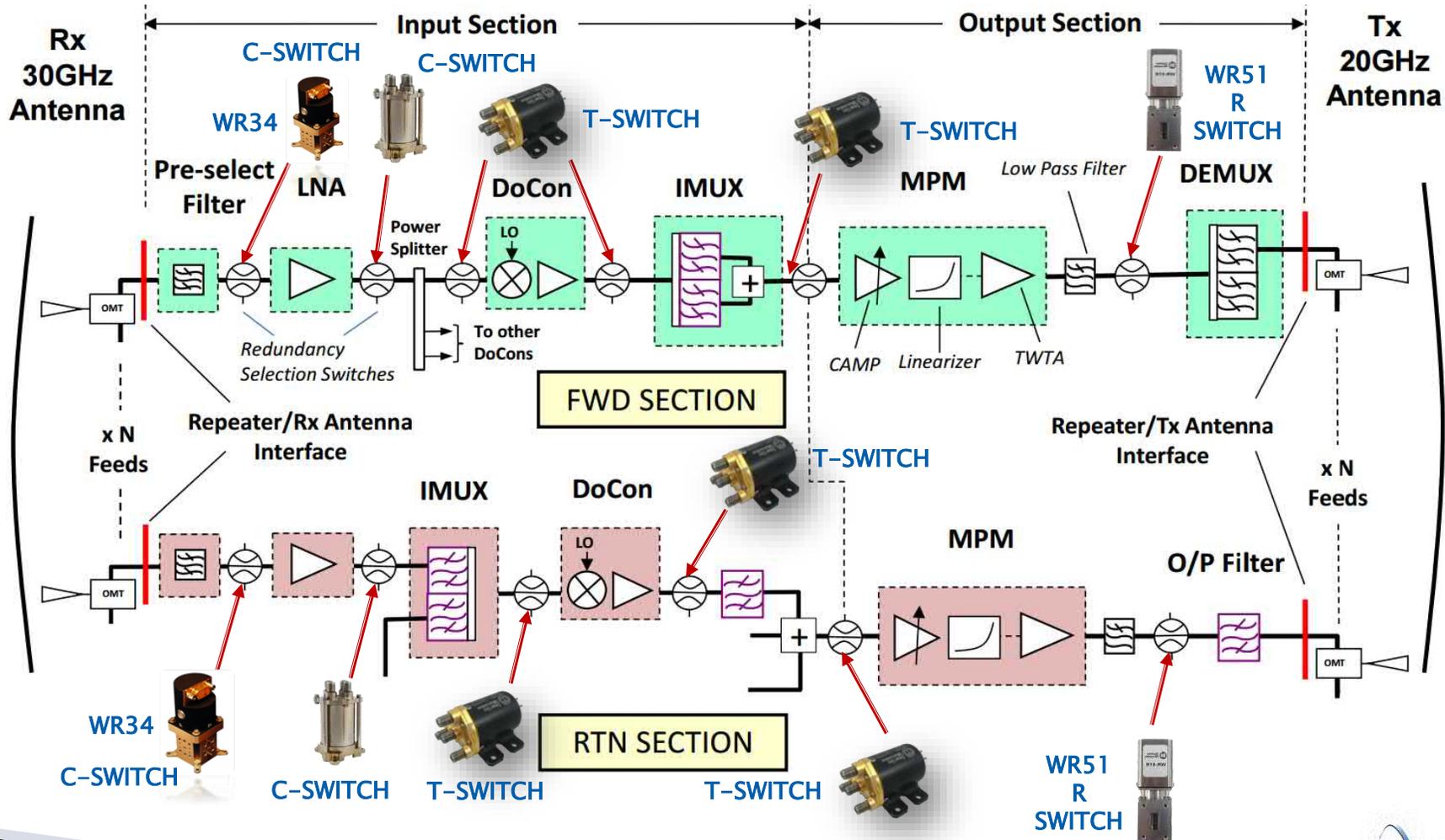




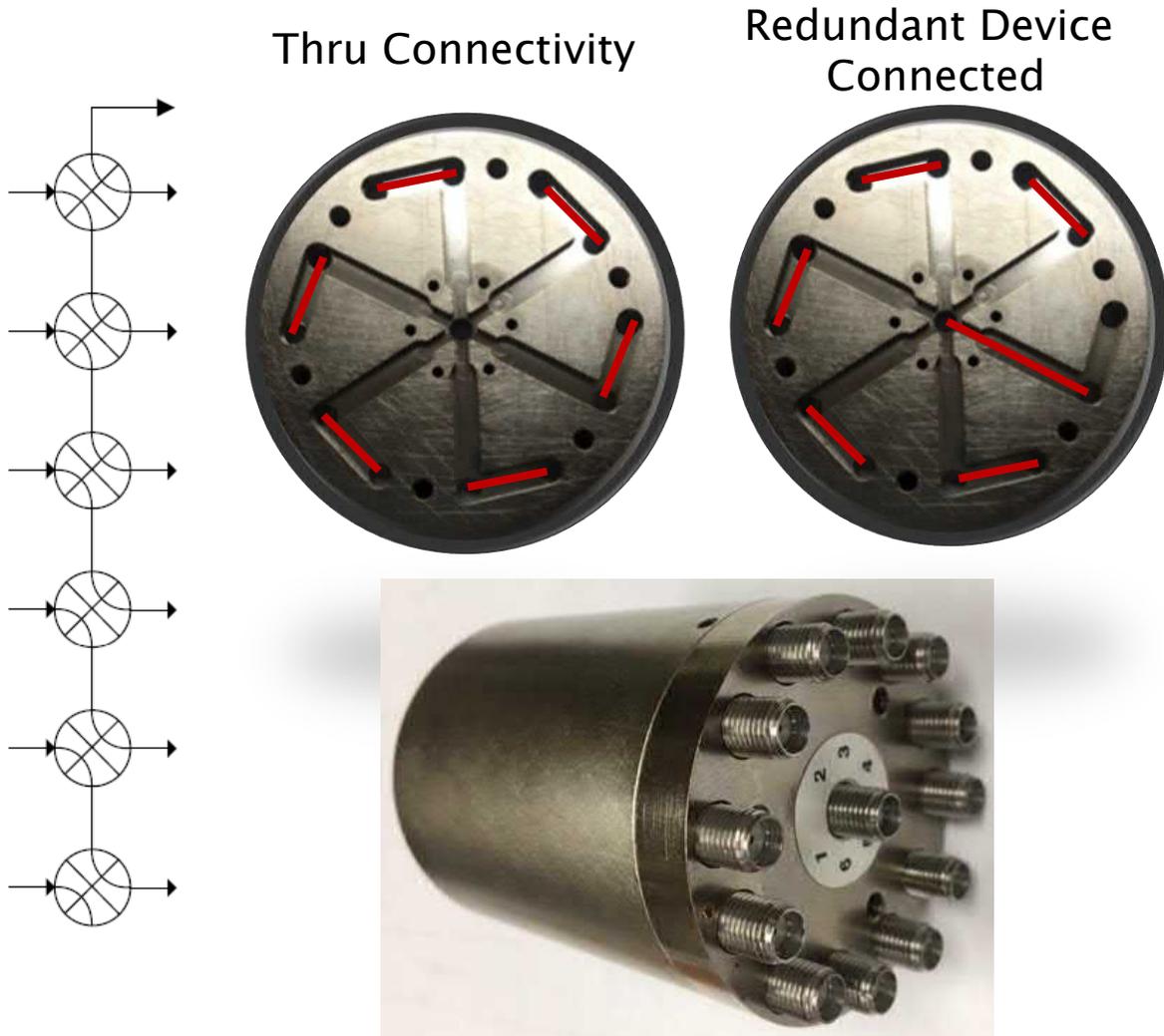
Redundancy Solutions

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 in³)
- ▶ Mass ~200 grams
- ▶ Reduced Insertion Loss and simplified phase matching due to single RF contact

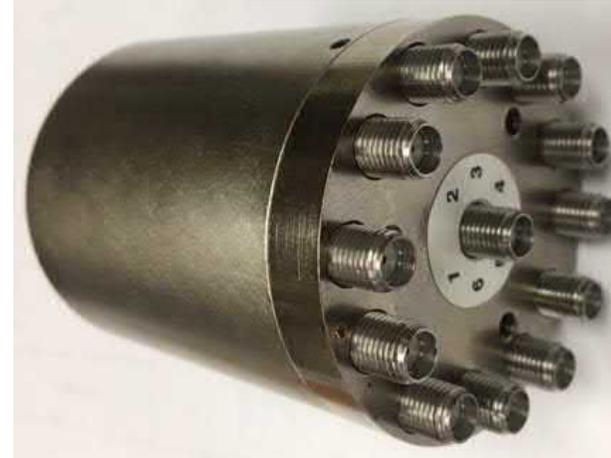
Alternative Redundancy Solution

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

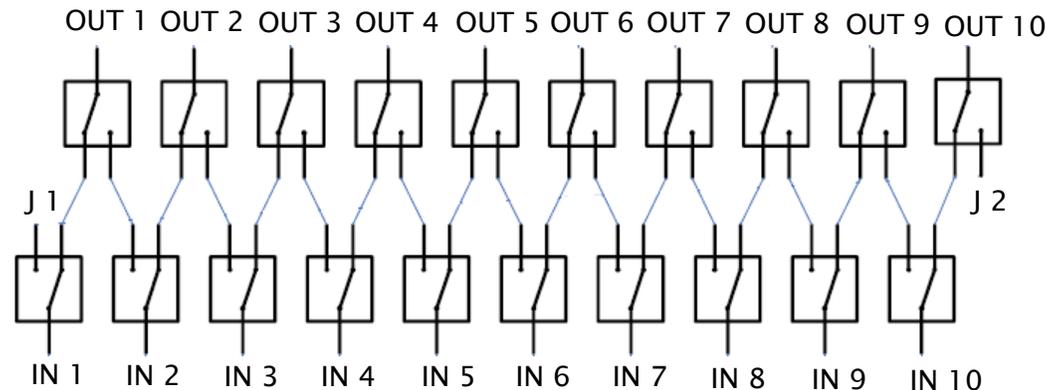
Input Stage

Output 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 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

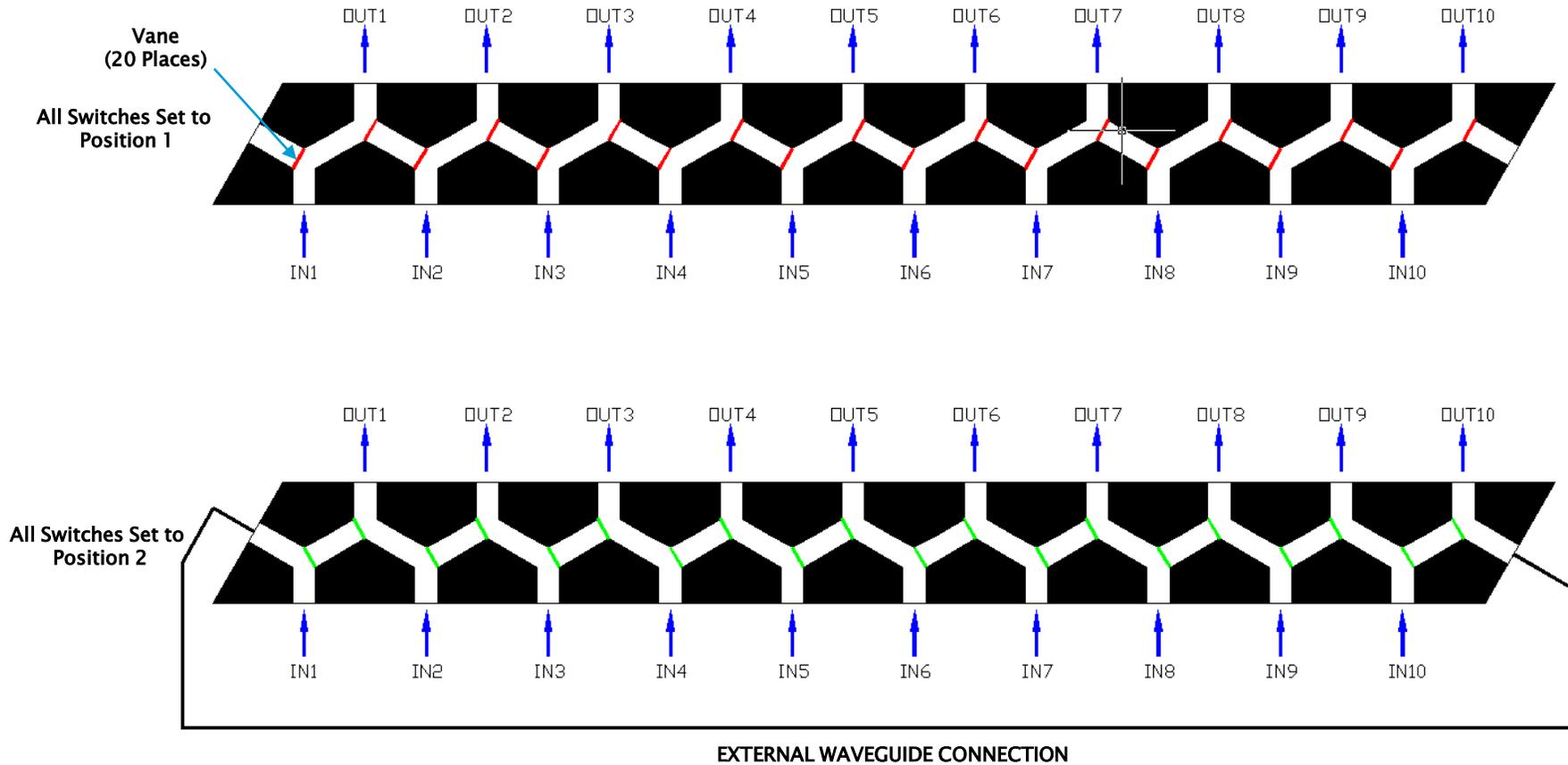
Schematic



Alternative Redundancy Solution

Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

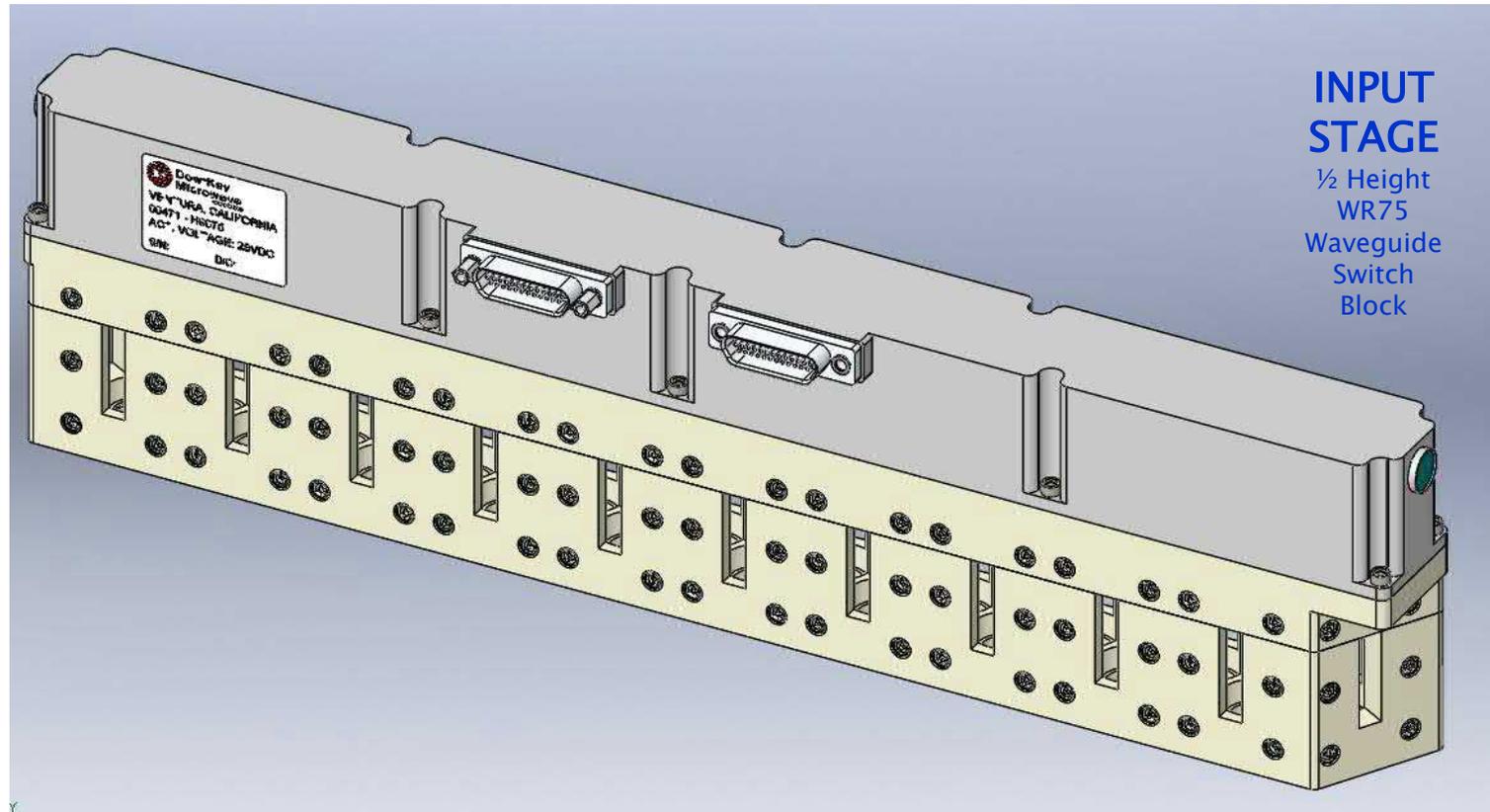
INPUT SWITCH BLOCK



Alternative Redundancy Solution

Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

INPUT SWITCH BLOCK

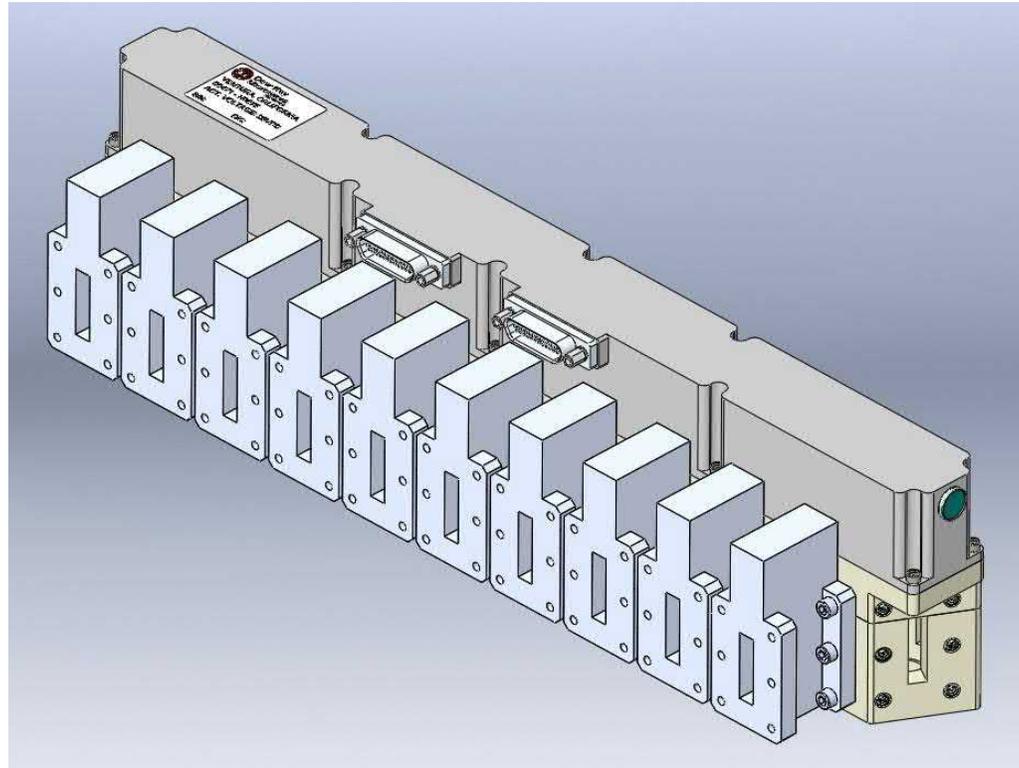


Insertion Loss .3 dB @ 20.5 GHz (Specification .5dB)
Envelope 11" x 1" x 2.8"

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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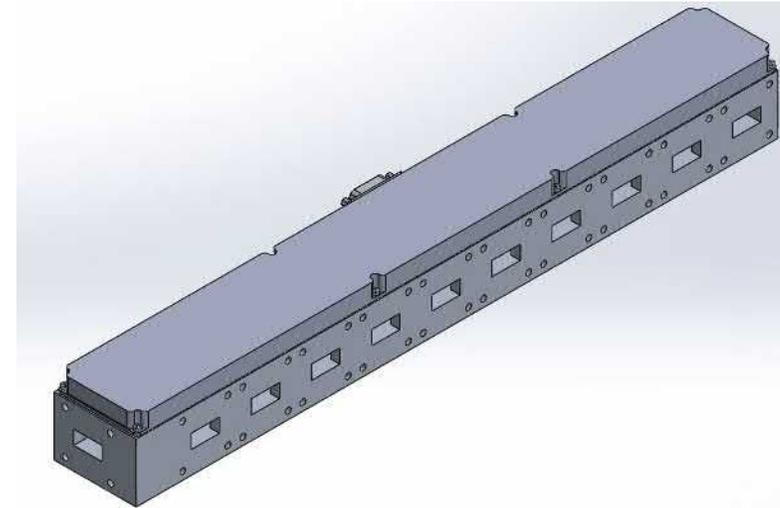
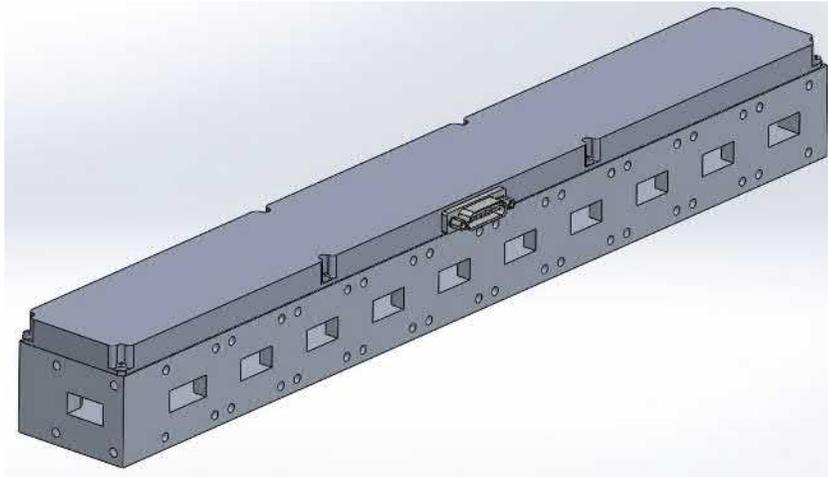
Alternative Redundancy Solution

Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

OUTPUT SWITCH BLOCK

Ferrite Switch Solution

WR62 Waveguide

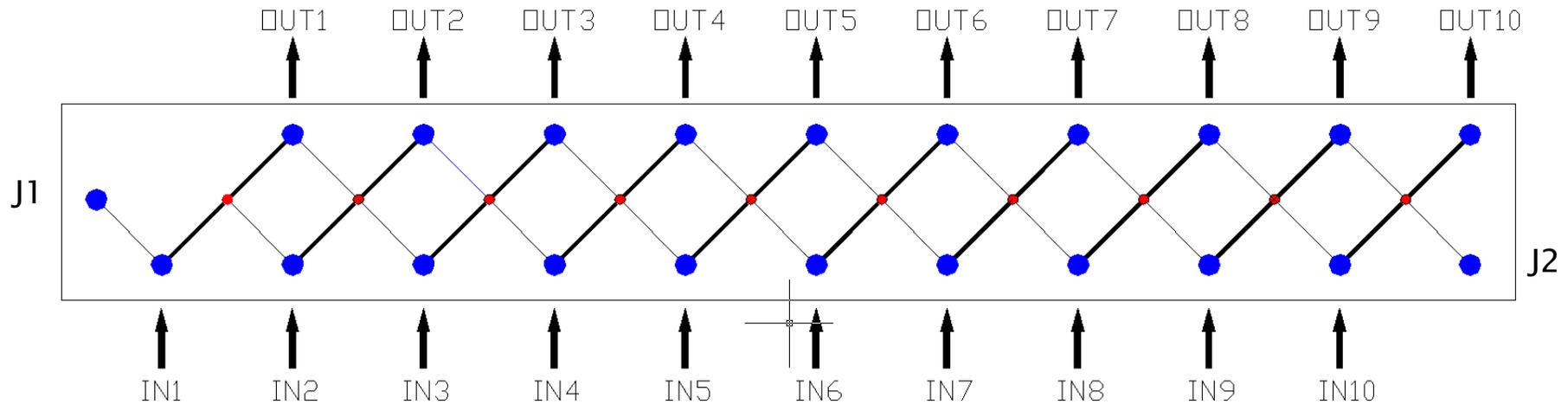


Insertion Loss @ 20.5 GHz .5 –.7 dB Max (Specification 4 dB)
Envelope 11.9" x 2.8" x 2.9"

Alternative Redundancy Solution

Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

OUTPUT SWITCH BLOCK

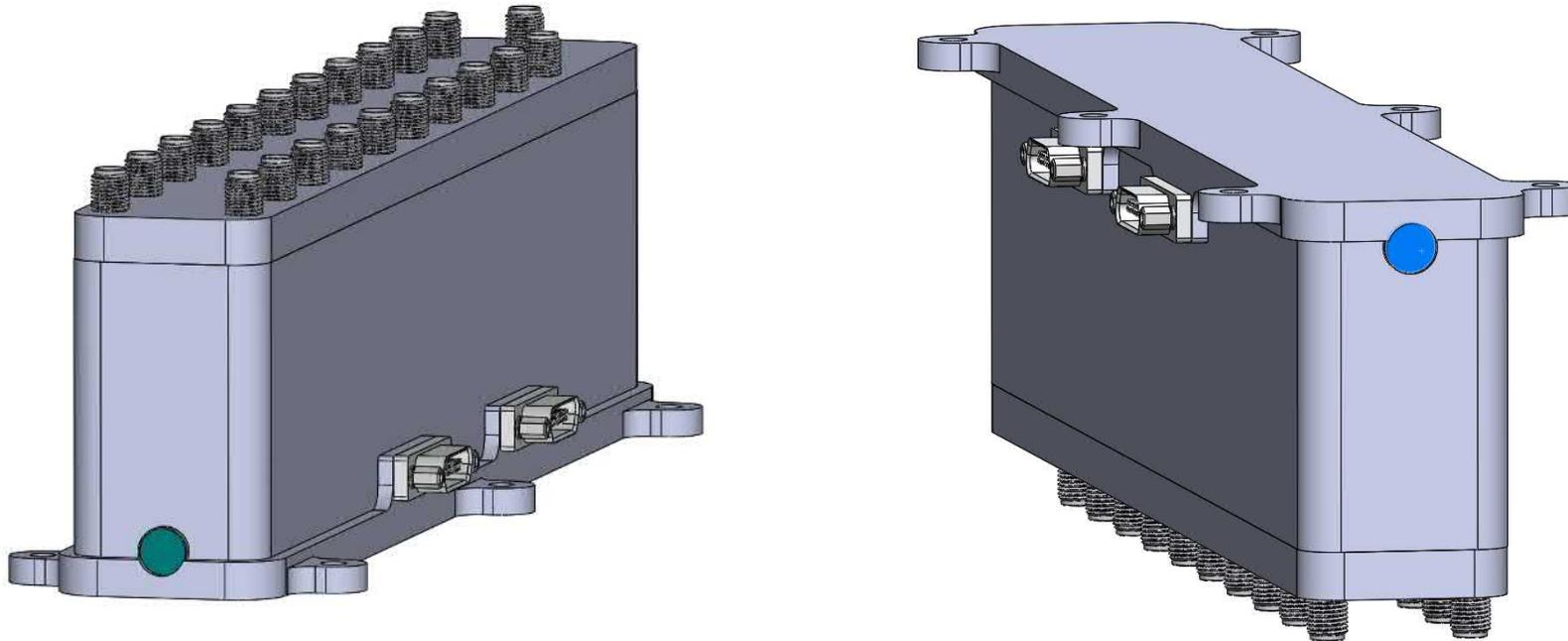


Alternative Redundancy Solution

Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

OUTPUT SWITCH BLOCK

Coaxial EM Solution Based on Qualified Components



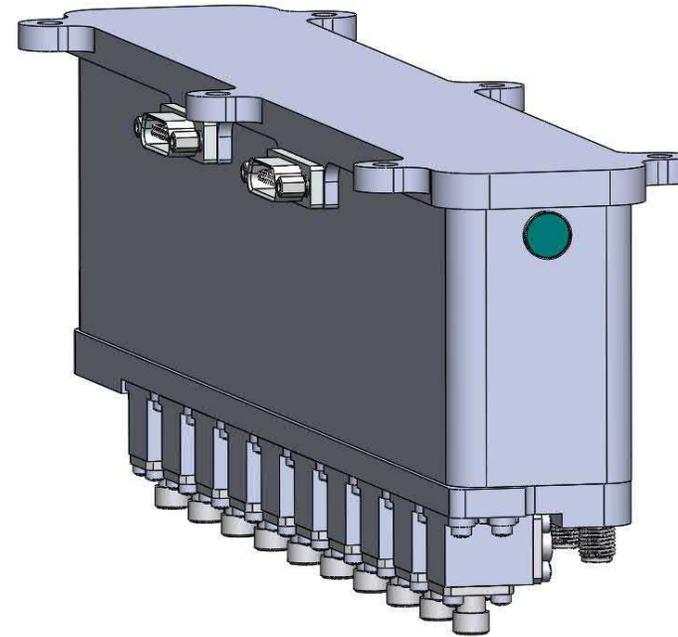
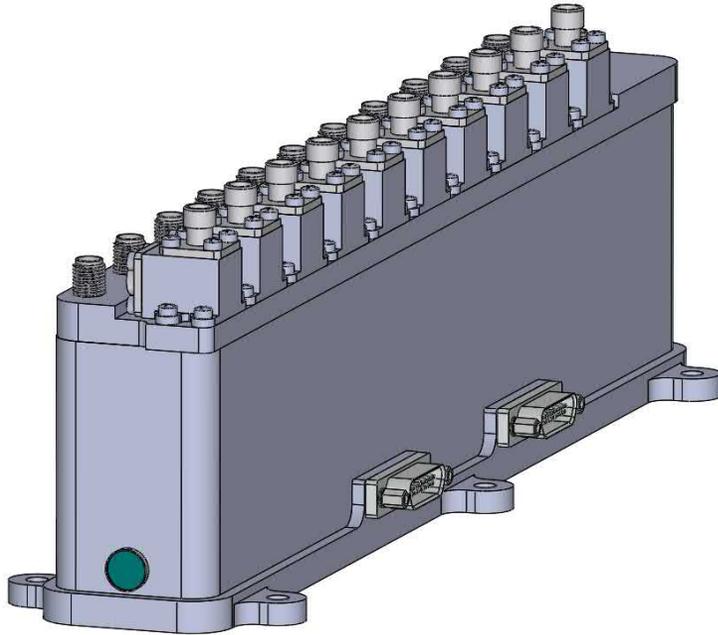
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Alternative Redundancy Solution

Redundancy Solution for Low Noise Amplifiers

OUTPUT SWITCH BLOCK WITH ISOLATORS

Coaxial EM Solution Based on Qualified Components



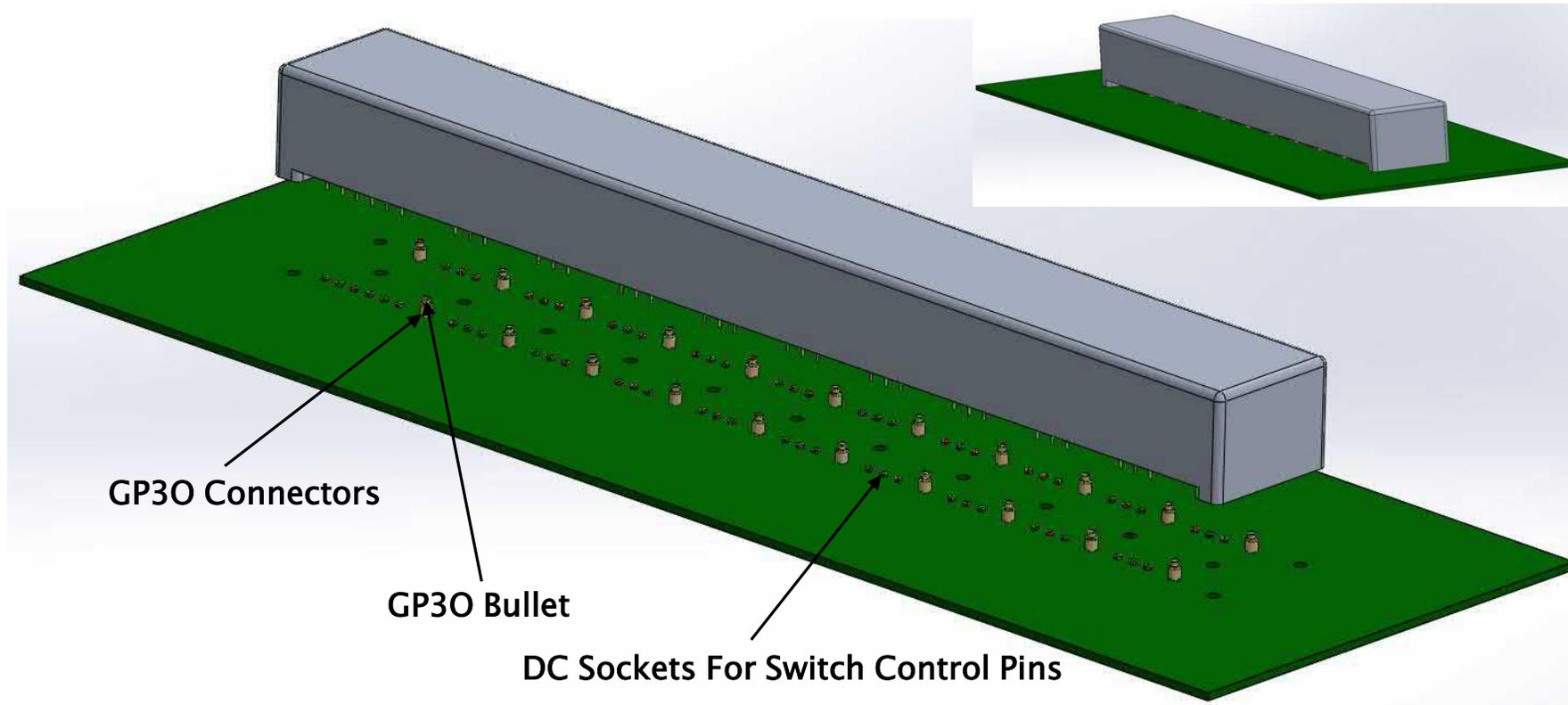
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Envelope 11.9" x 2.8" x 2.9"

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"

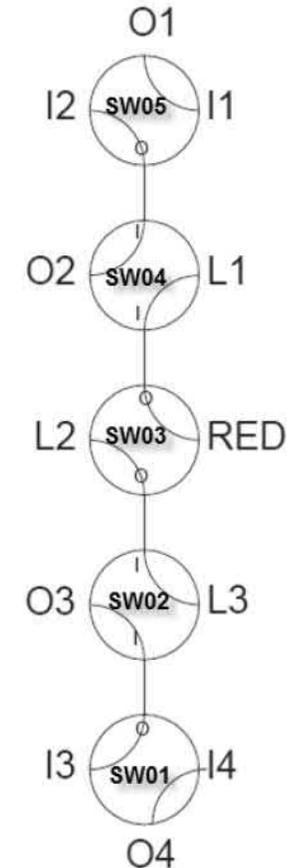
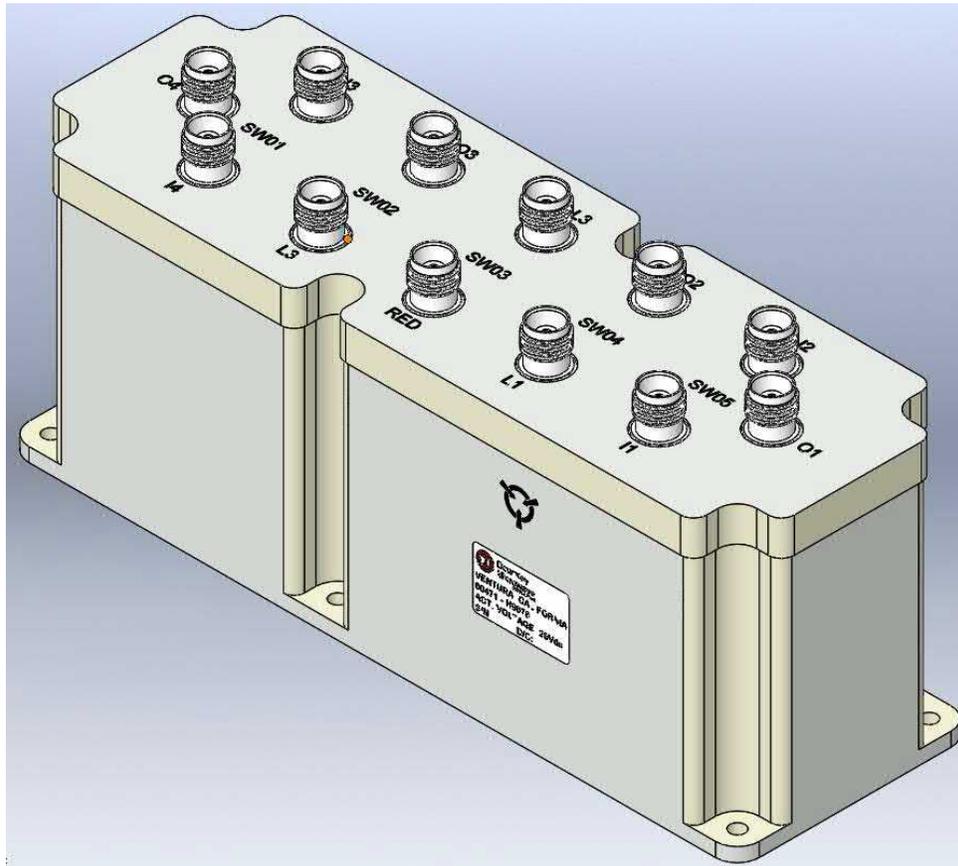


Redundancy Solutions Based on Integrated Switch Blocks

Alternative Redundancy Solution

Redundancy Solution

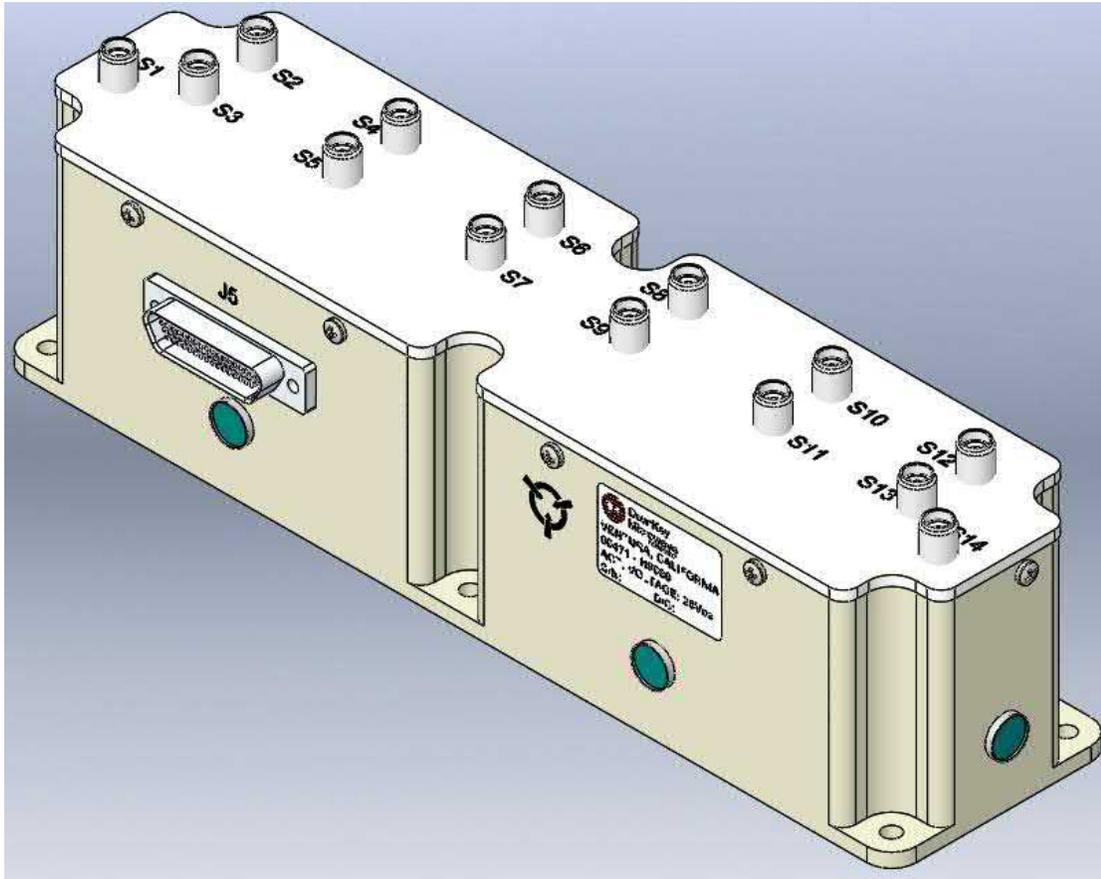
5/4 **OUTPUT** SWITCH BLOCK



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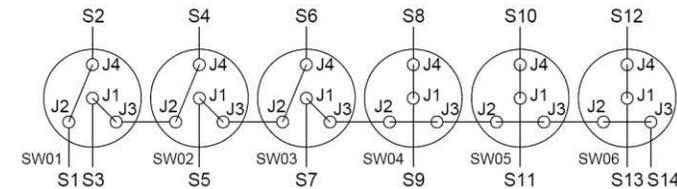
Redundancy Solution

INPUT/OUTPUT SWITCH BLOCK



6-Pack T-Switch Block

Schematic

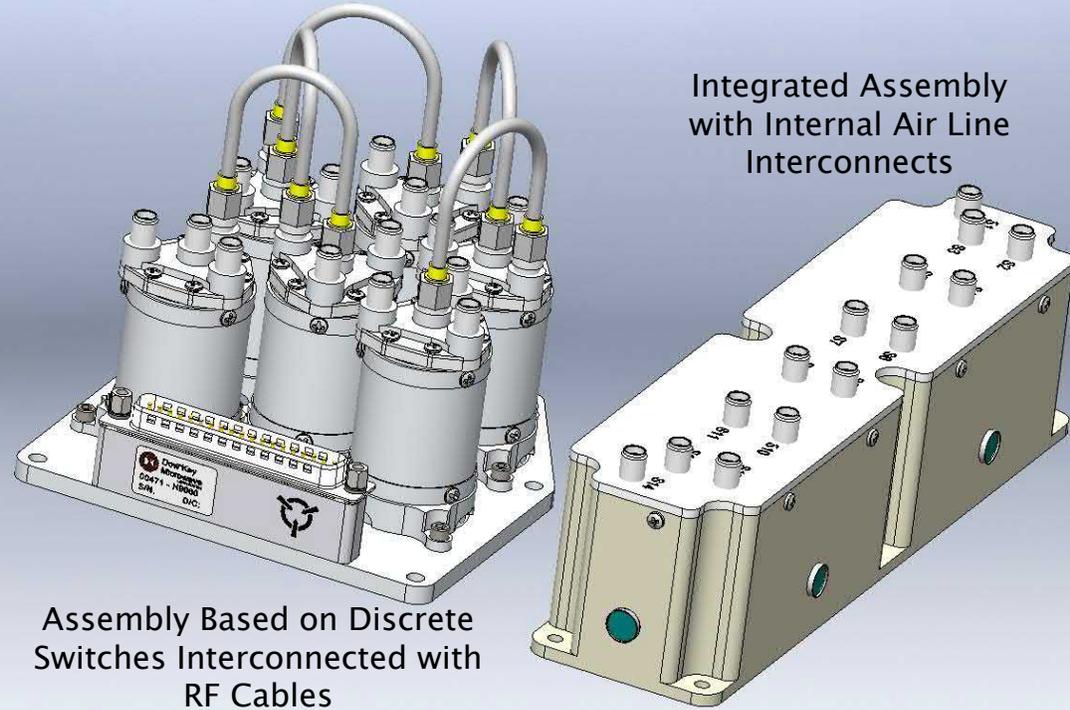


SMA Connector Version
Operating Frequency Range DC-22GHz

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

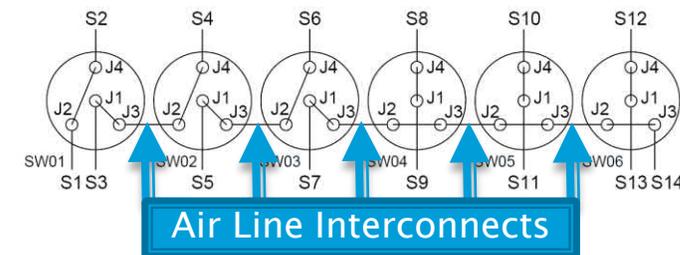
Assembly Based on Discrete Switches Interconnected with RF Cables

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

Benefits of the Integrated Assembly

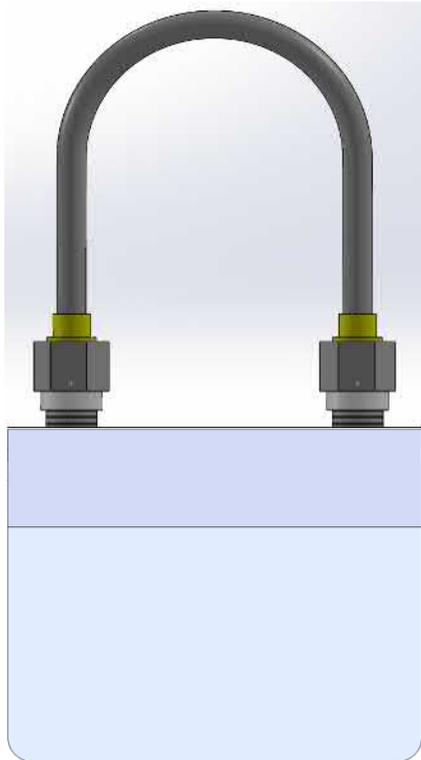
- Smaller Size/Volume
- Reduced Mass
- Improved RF Performance
 - Lower Insertion Loss
 - Better VSWR
- Lower Cost
- Easier System Level Integration Process (Open Access to Install RF Cables)

Schematic



Alternative Redundancy Solution

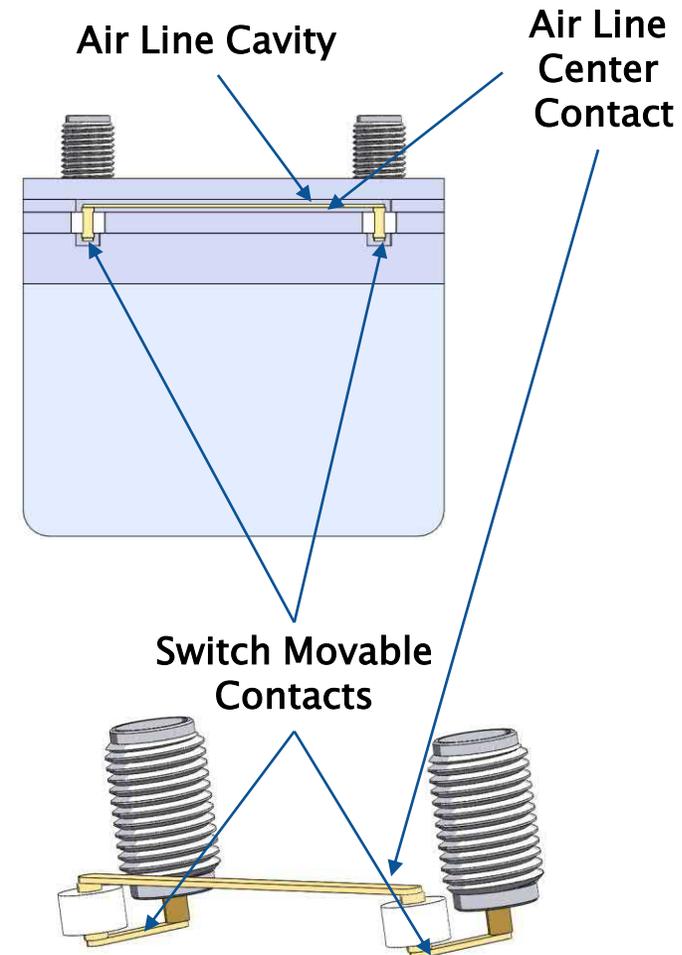
Old Solution with the RF Cable



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

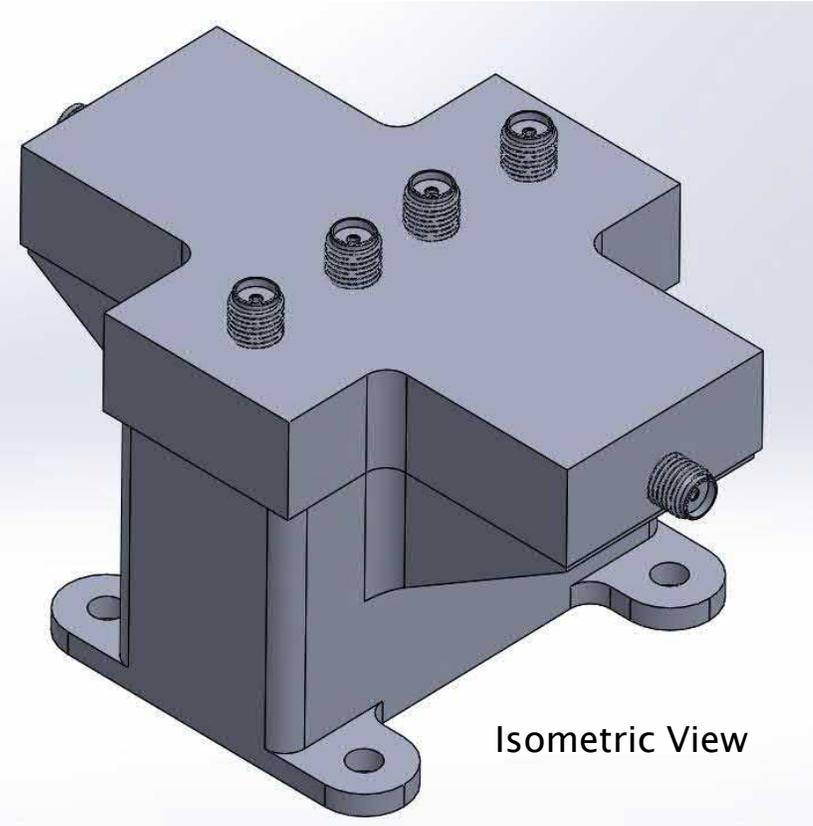
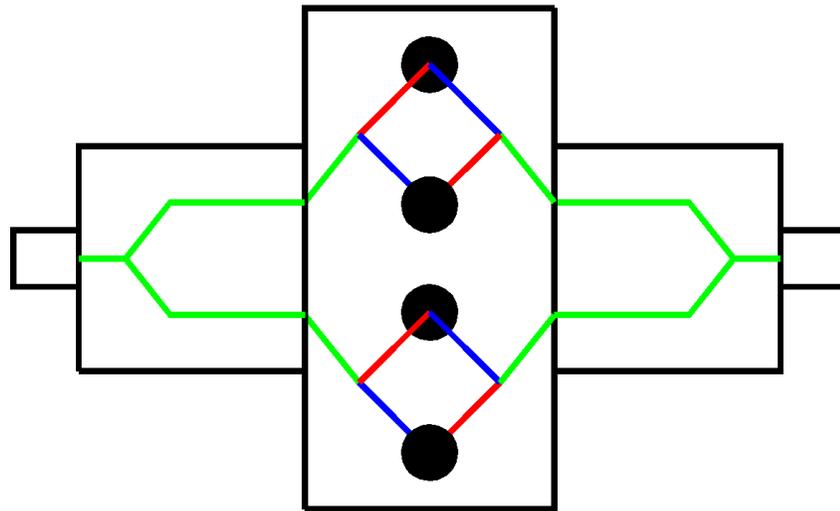


Alternative Redundancy Solution

Redundancy Solution

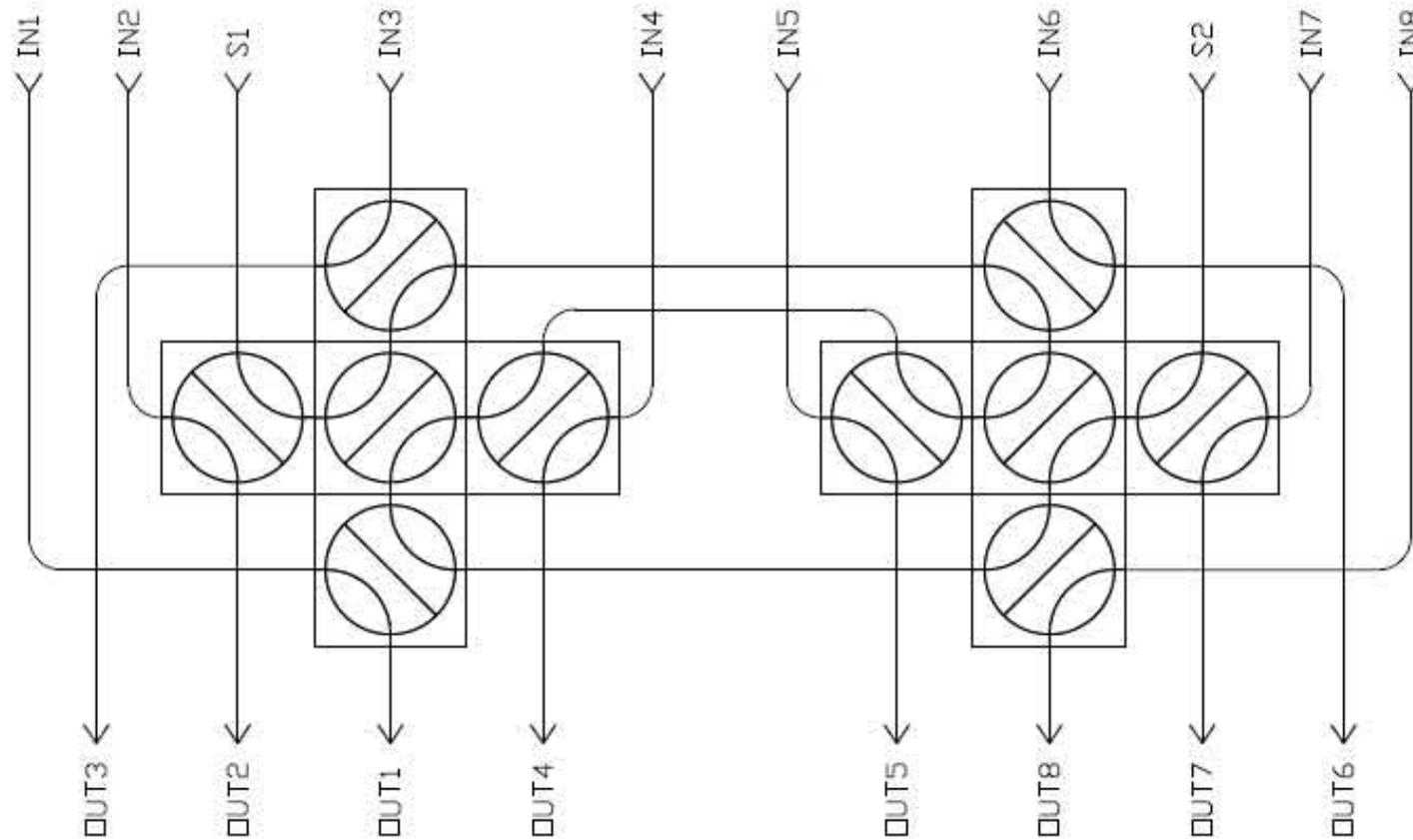
Switch Block
2X Transfer Switch
2X Power Divider

OUTPUT SWITCH BLOCK



Envelope 3.4" x 2.5" x 2.05"

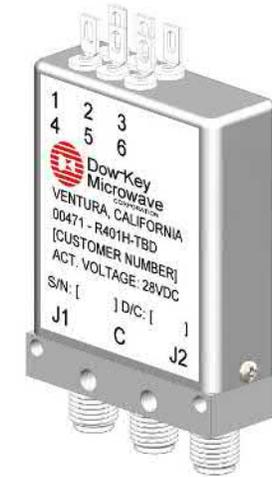
Innovative Redundancy Solutions



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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