



PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
ECS-37S	Commercial, double pole double throw (transfer) latching coaxial switch
<p>The ECS-37S is a long-life, high performance transfer switch designed for use in 50 Ohms coaxial transmission lines operating over frequencies ranging from DC to 26.5 GHz. The switch is designed for minimum size compatible with SMA connector spacing.</p> <p>This switch is provided with a magnetic latching actuator which is particularly desirable in applications where actuator power consumption must be kept to an absolute minimum. The latching type actuator requires less switching current than the failsafe type. In the self-cutoff version, power is applied only for the very short duration (approximately 50 msec. max.) of the actuator transfer from one position of the other. This makes this type of actuator especially suitable for portable battery operated systems.</p>	

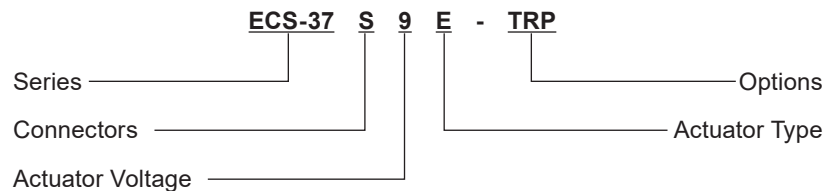


ENVIRONMENTAL AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS	
Temperature Range (storage)	-55°C to 100°C
Temperature Range (operating)	-25°C to 65°C
Vibration, 10 - 2,000 Hz MIL-STD-202 Method 204, Condition C	10 g peak 300 sec
Shock, Half-Sine Pulse MIL-STD-202 Method 213, Condition D	500 g 1 msec
Standard Actuator Life	5,000,000 cycles
Actuator Life w/ Additional Features	1,000,000 cycles
Connector Type	SMA
Humidity w/ Moisture Resistant Option	95% RH, non condensing
Weight	2.5 oz. max (70.87 g)

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS	
RF Contacts	Break before make
Frequency Range	DC – 26.5 GHz
Characteristic Impedance	50Ω
Switching Time	20 msec max
Actuation Voltage (VDC) 20°C	12 24
Actuation Current (mA)	300 300
TTL Driver Voltage Range	
ON STATE	2.4 - 5.5 VDC
OFF STATE	0 - 0.8 VDC
Indicator Contact Rating	30 VDC, 50 mA max
Magnetic Sensitivity	5 Gauss, 0.5 inch max

RF CHARACTERISTICS				
Frequency	DC–2 GHz	2–12 GHz	12–18 GHz	18–26.5 GHz
Insertion Loss (max)	0.2 dB	0.3 dB	0.6 dB	0.8 dB
Isolation (min)	80 dB	70 dB	70 dB	60 dB
VSWR (max)	1.20:1	1.30:1	1.60:1	1.60:1

**PART NUMBERING SYSTEM**



**Connectors**  
SMA Female

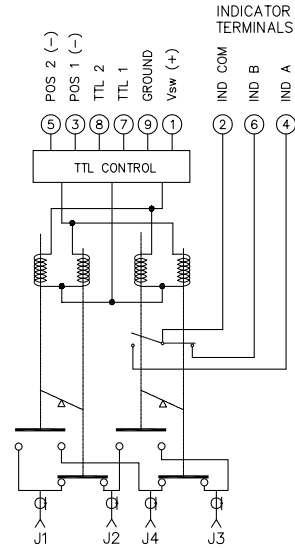
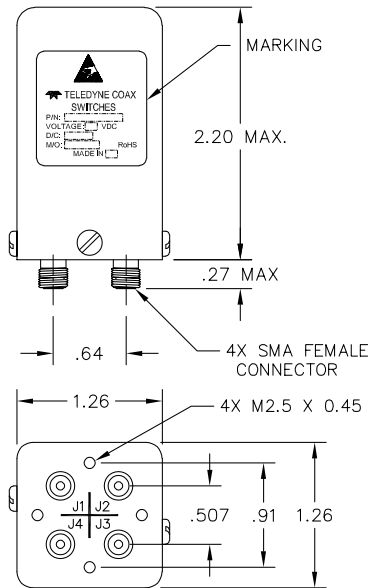
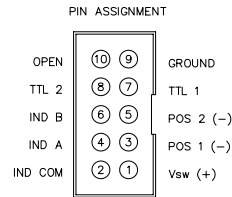
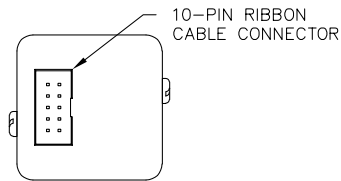
**Actuator Voltages**  
8: 12 VDC  
9: 24 VDC

**Actuator Type**  
E: Indicator Contacts  
and Self Cut-Off

**Installed Options**  
T: TTL Driver with Diodes  
R: Positive (+) Common or  
Reverse Polarity  
P: 10-Pin Ribbon Cable  
Connector (Male)

Please feel free to contact us for more information regarding additional options and custom configurations.

**SCHEMATICS AND MECHANICAL OUTLINE**



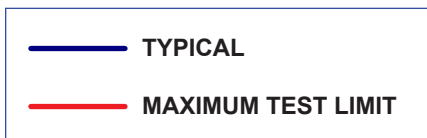
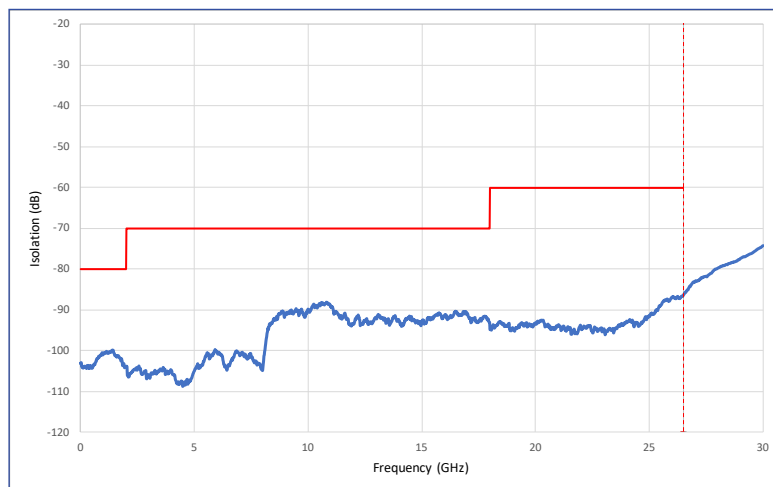
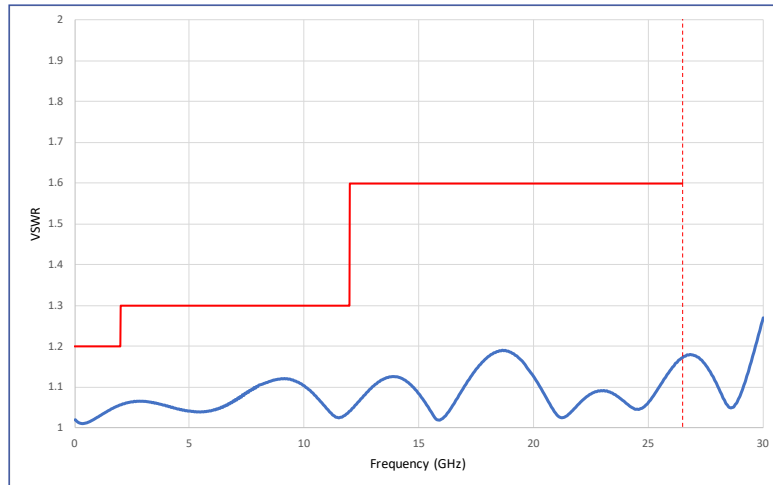
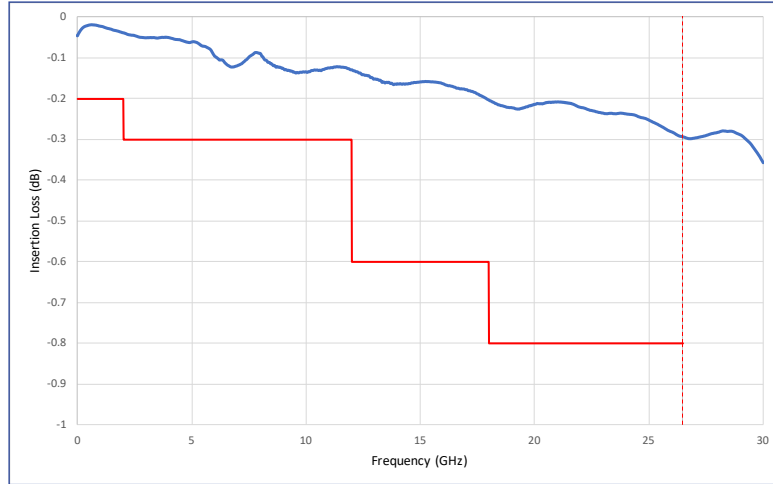
**10-PIN RIBBON CABLE CONNECTOR PIN ASSIGNMENT**

Pin No.	Description
1	VSW (+)
2	IND COM
3	Pos 1 (-)
4	IND A
5	Pos 2 (-)
6	IND 2
7	TTL 1
8	TTL 2
9	GND
10	N/A

**OPERATION TABLE**

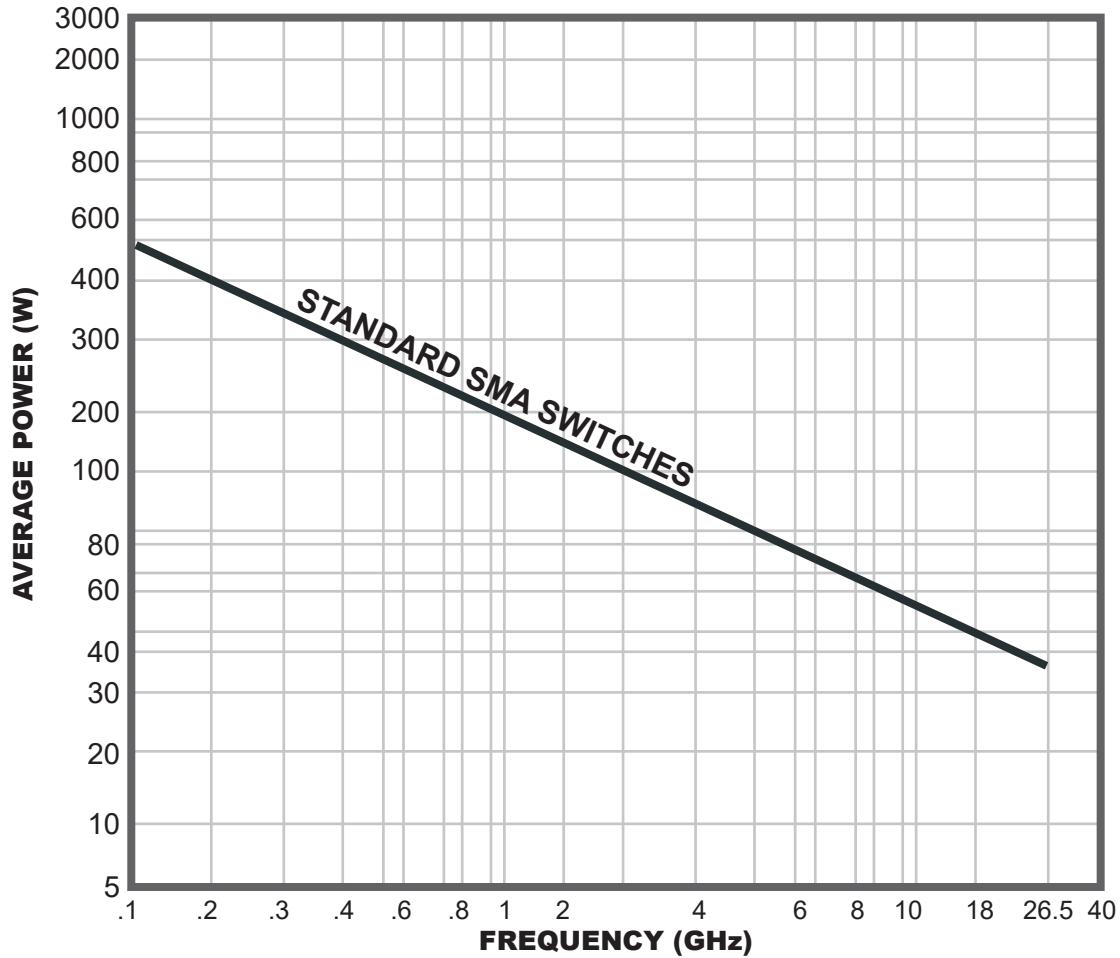
Terminals				RF Path		Indicator
3	5	7	8			
OPEN	OPEN	0	0	NO CHANGE		NO CHANGE
GND (-)	OPEN	1	0	J1-J2	J3-J4	4
OPEN	GND (-)	0	1	J2-J3	J1-J4	6
GND (-)	GND (-)	1	1	FORBIDDEN		FORBIDDEN

**TYPICAL RF PERFORMANCE CURVES**

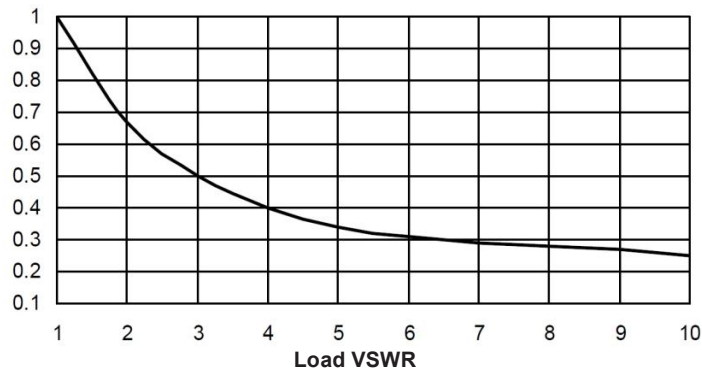


**TYPICAL POWER PERFORMANCE CURVE**

**Power Handling vs. Frequency**



**Power Handling Derating vs. Load VSWR**



Estimates based on the following reference conditions:

- Ambient temperature of 40°C or less
- Sea level operation
- Load VSWR of 1.20:1 maximum
- No high-power (hot) switching

**GLOSSARY**

**Actuator**

An actuator is the electromechanical mechanism that transfers the RF contacts from one position to another upon DC command.

**Arc Suppression Diode**

A diode is connected in parallel with the coil. This diode limits the “reverse EMF spike” generated when the coil de-energizes to 0.7 volts. The diode cathode is connected to the positive side of the coil and the anode is connected to the negative side.

**Date Code**

All switches are marked with either a unique serial number or a date code. Date codes are in accordance with MIL-STD-1285 Paragraph 5.2.5 and consist of four digits. The first two digits define the year and the last two digits define the week of the year (YYWW). Thus, 1032 identifies switches that passed through final inspection during the 32nd week of 2010.

**Failsafe**

A failsafe switch reverts to the default or failsafe position when actuating voltage is removed. This is realized by a return spring within the drive mechanism. This type of switch requires the continuous application of operating voltage to select and hold any position. (Multi-position switches are normally open with no voltage applied).

**Latching**

A latching switch remains in the selected position whether or not voltage is maintained. This can be accomplished with either a magnetic or mechanical latching mechanism.

**Indicator**

Indicators tell the system which position the switch is in. Other names for indicators are telemetry contacts or tellback circuit. Indicators are usually a set of internally mounted DC contacts linked to the actuator. They can be wired to digital input lines, status lights, or interlocks. Unless otherwise specified, the maximum indicator contact rating is 30 Vdc, 50 mA, or 1.5 Watts into a resistive load.

**Internal Termination**

Unselected ports are internally terminated to a matched load. The load is 50Ω resistive device. The max RF power rating is 2 Watts CW. Without the internal termination option, the unselected ports are open circuits.

**Isolation**

Isolation is the measure of the power level at the output connector of an unconnected RF channel as referenced to the power at the input connector. It is specified in dB below the input power level.

**Self-Cutoff**

The self-cutoff option disables the actuator current on completion of actuation. Either a series contact (linked to the actuator) or an IC driver circuit provides the current cutoff. This option results in minimum power consumption by the RF switch. Cutthroat is another name used in the industry for this option. Pulse latching is a term used to describe a switch without this feature.

**SPDT Switch**

A single-pole-double-throw, has one input and two output ports.

**Switching Time**

Switching time is the total interval beginning with the arrival of the leading edge of the command pulse at the switch DC input and ending with the completion of the switch transfer, including contact bounce. It consists of three parts: (1) inductive delay in the coil, (2) transfer time of the physical movement of the contacts, and (3) the bounce time of the RF contacts.

**TTL Switch Driver Option**

As a special option, switch drivers can be provided for both failsafe and latching switches, which are compatible with industry-standard low-power Schottky TTL circuits.

**Performance Parameters vs Frequency**

Generally speaking, the RF performance of coaxial switches is frequency dependent. With increasing frequency, VSWR and insertion loss increase while isolation decreases.

All data sheets specify these three parameters as “worst case” at the highest operating frequency. If the switch is to be used over a narrow frequency band, better performance can be achieved.

**Actuator Current vs Temperature**

The resistance of the actuator coil varies as a function of temperature. There is an inverse relationship between the operating temperature of the switch and the actuator drive current. For switches operating at 28 VDC, the approximate actuator drive current at temperature, T, can be calculated using the equation:

$$I_T = \frac{I_A}{[1 + .00385 (T-20)]}$$

Where:

$I_T$  = Actuator current at temperature, T

$I_A$  = Room temperature actuator current – see data sheet

T = Temperature of interest in °C

**Magnetic Sensitivity**

An electro-mechanical switch can be sensitive to ferrous materials and external magnetic fields. Neighboring ferrous materials should be permitted no closer than 0.5 inches and adjacent external magnetic fields should be limited to a flux density of less than 5 Gauss.