## Solid State Switches

## Overview

Solid state switches are more reliable and exhibit longer lifetimes than their electromechanical counterparts due to their superior resistance to shock, vibration and mechanical wear. They also offer faster switching times. However, solid state switches have higher insertion loss than electromechanical switches due to their higher innate ON
resistance. Therefore solid state switches are preferred in systems where fast switching and long lifetime are essential.

Solid state switches are often used in switch matrix systems for testing of semiconductor devices where high switching speed is critical and power handling requirements are lower.

## Specifications



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## P940xA/C Absorptive Solid State Switches

The P940xA/C absorptive solid state switches, based on PIN diode technology, provide superior performance in terms of isolation, insertion loss and return loss across a broad operating frequency range. The $\mathrm{P} 940 \times \mathrm{A} / \mathrm{C}$ are particularly suitable for high-speed RF and microwave switching applications in instrumentation, communication, radar, switch matrices as well as many other test systems.

The P9402A/C switches have a SPDT PIN diode individual control switch IC and discrete shunt pin diodes on the RF path. The discrete shunt pin diodes enhance the isolation between ports. The switch's individual control pin controls the port between the ON and OFF state. With these features, the switch provides good port match even when it is off. Hence, this SPDT switch has three switching states, switching between the common port and port 1 or port 2 or ports OFF.

The P90404A/C switches have a SP4T PIN diode switch IC and discrete shunt pin diodes on the RF path. The P9404A/C SP4T switches have five switching states, switching between the common port to any one of the 4 output ports or, all ports to the OFF state (terminated at $50 \Omega$ ).


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[^0]:    Solid state switches are standard and do not require option selection.

