# Agilent M9155/6/7C
PXI Hybrid Switch Modules
DC to 26.5 GHz

Data Sheet

- A readily scaled integrated switching solution to satisfy your unique platform needs
- Guaranteed 0.03 dB insertion loss repeatability throughout the operating life
- Typical operating life up to 10 million cycles
- Unmatched isolation of 60 dB at 26.5 GHz
- Soft Front Panel is available for each switch module
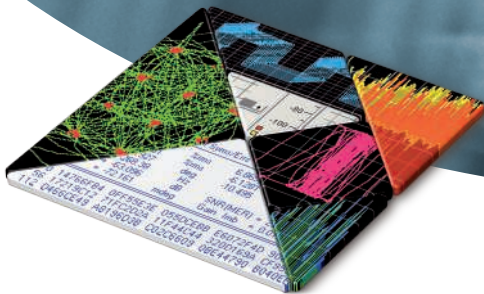
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OVERVIEW

Product description

Agilent has been a leading designer and manufacturer of RF and microwave switches in the global marketplace for more than 60 years. RF and microwave switches are used extensively in microwave test systems for signal routing between instruments and devices under test (DUT).

Agilent designs and manufacturers a comprehensive range of RF and microwave switches to meet your switching requirements. Other than connectorized switches, Agilent also offers switch modules that operate across a broad frequency range and come in a variety of configurations. With Agilent's proven track record in switches (high performance, quality and reliability), these modules will provide a similar set of standards of high accuracy and repeatability for automated test and measurement, signal monitoring and routing applications.

The M9155/6/7C Agilent PXI hybrid switch module series operates from a frequency range of DC to 26.5 GHz. It is being used in applications such as Automatic Test Equipment (ATE), RF communications measurement and RF parametric measurements where a rugged switching module is needed in switching systems.

The PXI hybrid switch module comes in a selection of 3 models; the integration of Agilent dual SPDT switches, dual transfer switches, and a single SP6T configurations. These PXI modules provide an exceptional 0.03 dB insertion loss repeatability, high isolation and low SWR with a long operating life up to 10 million cycles.

Applications

- Automatic test equipment
- RF communications measurement
- RF parametric measurements

Features

- A readily scaled integrated switching solution to satisfy your unique platform needs
- Guaranteed 0.03 dB insertion loss repeatability throughout the operating life
- Unmatched isolation of 60 dB at 26.5 GHz
- Soft Front Panel is available for each switch module

Customer values

- Peace of mind in switch technology from Agilent who has a proven track record of providing versatile, quality RF and microwave switches
- Reduce downtime for recalibration, improve testing efficiency and hence maximize throughput
- Maximize measurement accuracy and system flexibility
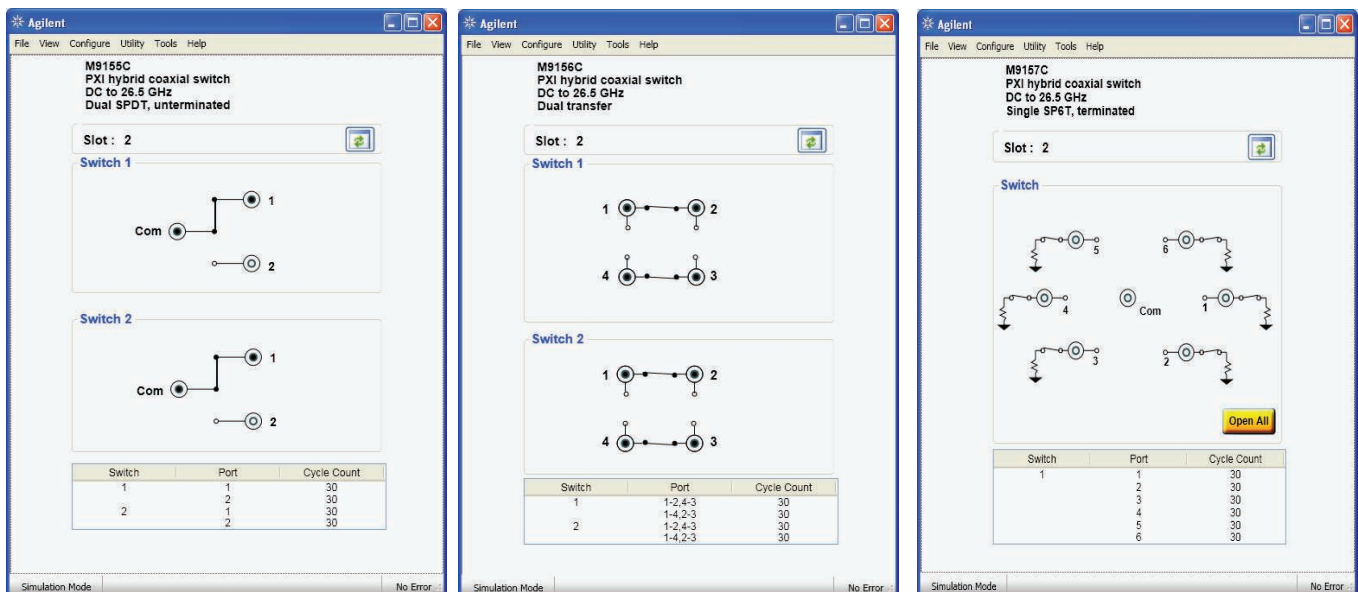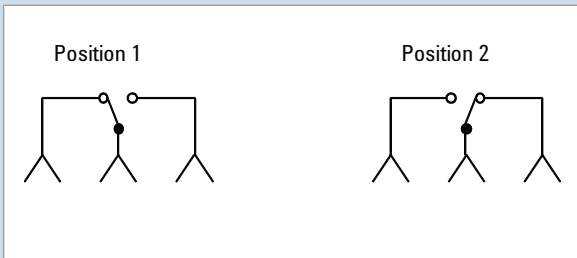- The embedded graphical user interface ease the trouble shooting of your PXI systems
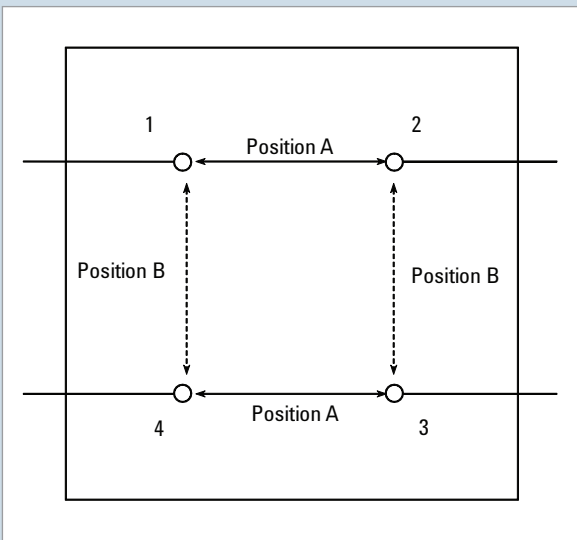

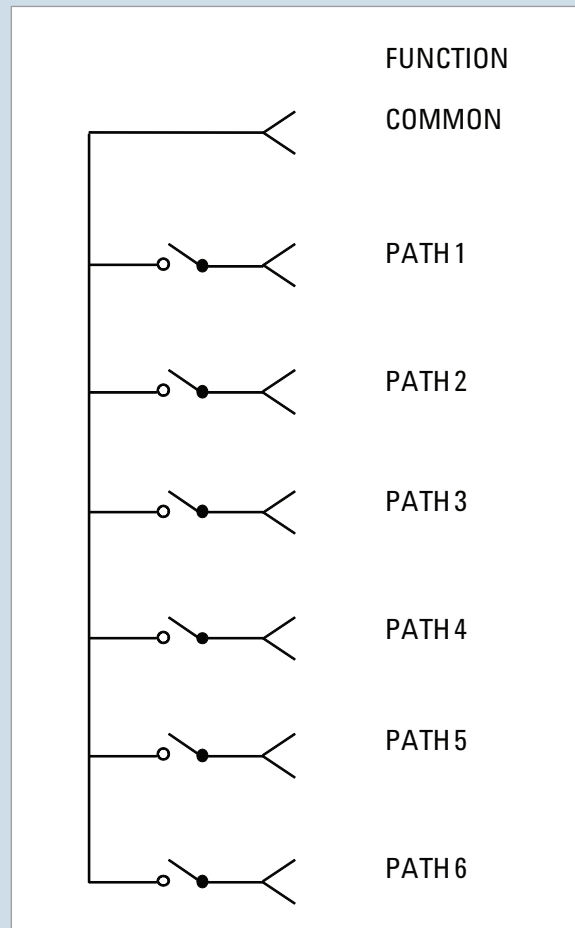
Figure 1. Soft Front Panel for M9155C, M9156C and M9157C

Position 1   Position 2

M9155C is an integration of 2 units of Agilent 8765C with Option 024 (24 V, 3 inch ribbon)

FUNCTION

COMMON

PATH 1

PATH 2

PATH 3

PATH 4

PATH 5

PATH 6

1   Position A   2

Position B   Position B

4   Position A   3

M9156C is an integration of 2 units of Agilent L7222C with Option 161 (24 V, 10-pin DIP)

M9157C is an integration of 1 unit of Agilent L7106C with Option 161 (24 V, 16-pin DIP)

Connections are made via front panel mounted high quality RF coaxial connectors, 3.5 mm (f) or SMA (f) for 50 Ω.

The M9155/6/7C switch modules give you the most reliable and repeatable RF & microwave switching available in the market. Their applications are mainly in automated test equipment for example, RF communication, engineering verification and RF parametric measurement where low insertion loss and ultra high isolation are critical.

These modules provide individual cycle count trackings for each of the switch paths. Cycle count is incremented per each complete Open-Close sequence. The individual cycle count is user-retrievable, either via scripting or the Soft Front Panel. Engineers can use this feature for scheduled maintenance to reduce unexpected system downtime.

EASY SETUP ... TEST ... AND MAINTENANCE

Hardware platform

Compliance

The M9155/6/7C is PXI compliant, using either a PXI-H, PXI-1 or cPCI slot. Designed to benefit from fast data interfaces, the products can be integrated with other test and automation modules in PXI, CompactPCI, and Hybrid chassis. The PXI format offers high performance in a small, rugged package. It is an ideal deployment platform for many automated test systems. A wide array of complementary PXI products is currently available. Products include multimeters, waveform generators, local oscillators, digitizers, and switch multiplexers.

Software platform

Drivers

Agilent's switches come complete with software drivers for Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, and LabVIEW. Also included are application code examples for LabVIEW, LabWindows/CVI, Visual Studio, C, C++, MATLAB.

Soft front panel

The M9155/6/7C's graphical user interface guides developers through the module setup process. Users can quickly configure the module parameters. The interfaces are implemented using the IVI standard supporting both IVI-COM and IVI-C.

Easy software integration

Agilent's M9155/6/7C comes complete with software drivers for Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, and LabVIEW. Also included are application code examples for LabView, LabWindows/CVI, Visual Studio, C, C++, C#, Visual Basic, and MATLAB, which provide M9155/6/7C set up and basic switching functionality. The application code examples are easily modified to quickly integrate the module into your measurement system.

Calibration intervals

The M9155/6/7C is factory calibrated and shipped with an ISO-9001, NIST-traceable calibration certificate.
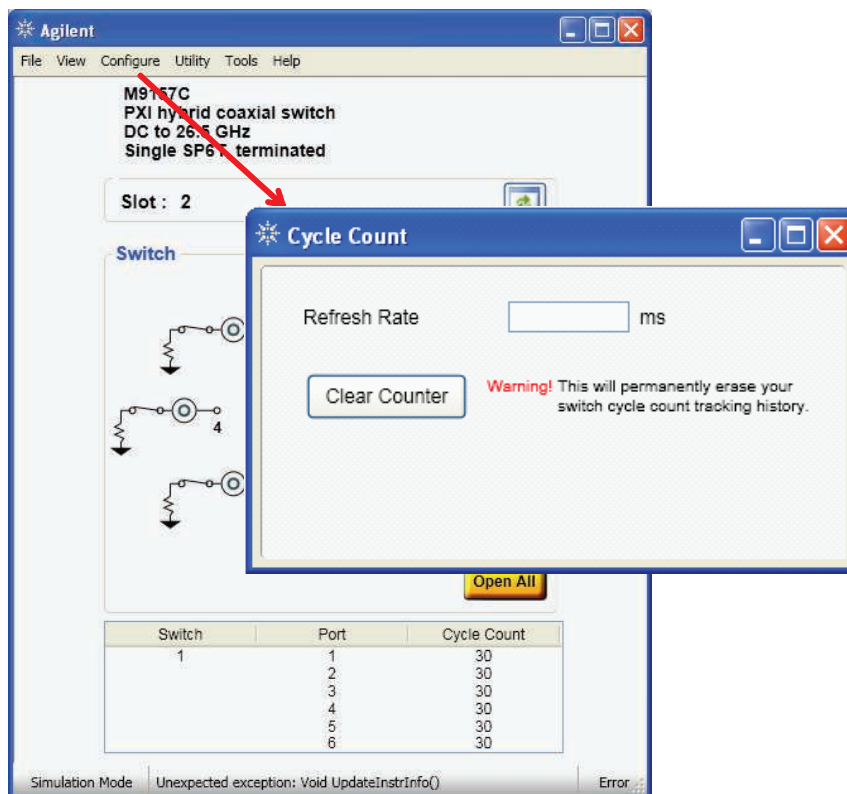

Figure 2. Onboard switch cycle count tracking eases maintenance and reduces unexpected system downtime.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

RF input specifications			
Input characteristics	M9155C, M9156C, M9157C		
Frequency range	DC to 26.5 GHz		
Characteristics impedance	50 Ω		
Maximum RF carry power (50 Ω)	150 W at 100 MHz at 75 °C		
Maximum voltage (cold-switching only)	86.6 Vrms		
Maximum carry current (per channel)	1.73 Arms		
Initial on path resistance	100 m Ω		
Off path resistance	>10M Ω		

RF specifications			
Model	M9155C	M9156C	M9157C
Switch type	Dual SPDT EM switch	Dual Transfer EM Switch	Single SP6T EM Switch
	Agilent 8765C, two each	Agilent L7222C, two each	Agilent L7106C, one
Dimension	1 slot	2 slots	3 slots
Frequency range	DC to 26.5 GHz	DC to 26.5 GHz	DC to 26.5 GHz
Insertion loss f is frequency in GHz	0.25 + 0.027f DC: 0.25 dB 8 GHz: 0.47 dB 12.4 GHz: 0.58 dB 18 GHz: 0.74 dB 26.5 GHz: 0.96	0.2 + 0.025f DC: 0.20 dB 8 GHz: 0.40 dB 12.4 GHz: 0.51 dB 18 GHz: 0.65 dB 26.5 GHz: 0.86 dB	0.3 + 0.015f DC: 0.30 dB 8 GHz: 0.42 dB 12.4 GHz: 0.49 dB 18 GHz: 0.57 dB 26.5 GHz: 0.70 dB
Isolation	110 - 2.25f DC: 110 dB 8 GHz: 92 dB 12.4 GHz: 82 dB 18 GHz: 70 dB 26.5 GHz: 50 dB	110 - 2f DC: 110 dB 8 GHz: 94 dB 12.4 GHz: 85 dB 18 GHz: 74 dB 26.5 GHz: 57 dB	DC - 12 GHz: 90 dB 12 - 15 GHz: 70 dB 15 - 20 GHz: 65 dB 20 - 26.5 GHz: 60 dB
VSWR	DC - 4 GHz: 1.25 4 - 18 GHz: 1.45 18 - 26.5 GHz: 1.70	DC - 2 GHz: 1.10 2 - 4 GHz: 1.15 4 - 12.4 GHz: 1.25 12.4 - 20 GHz: 1.40 20 - 26.5 GHz: 1.65	DC - 4 GHz: 1.20 4 - 12.4 GHz: 1.35 12.4 - 20 GHz: 1.45 20 - 26.5 GHz: 1.70
Guaranteed operating life	5 million cycles	2 million cycles	2 million cycles
Typical operating life	10 million cycles	5 million cycles	5 million cycles
Insertion loss repeatability	0.03 dB	0.03 dB	0.03 dB
Impedance	50 Ω	50 Ω	50 Ω
RF connectors	3.5 mm (f)	SMA (f)	SMA (f)

Power requirements			

Power consumption from the backplane supply is as follows:

Voltage	+3.3 V	+5 V	-12 V	+12 V
Current	0.5 A (typ. 0.2 A)	20 mA (typ. 10 mA)	0	0.4 A (typ. 0.2 A)

General operating data
Maximum power rating:
M9155C which contains two each of 8765C
Hot switching: 2 W average for switching with power applied
Cold switching 150 W CW at 3 GHz, 25 °C, 120 W CW at 4.2 GHz, 25 °C

General operating data (continued)

M9156C which contains two each of L7222C

Hot switching: 1W CW, 50 W peak, 10 us max pulse width, not to exceed 1 W average

Cold switching 150 W CW at 3 GHz, 25 °C, 120 W CW at 4.2 GHz, 25 °C

M9157C which contains one L7106C

Into internal termination

Hot switching: 1W CW, 50 W peak, 10 µs max pulse width, not to exceed 1 W average

Into thru path

Hot switching: 2 W CW, 100 W peak, 10 µs max pulse width, not to exceed 2 W average

Cold switching: 150 W CW at 3 GHz, 25 °C, 120 W CW at 4.2 GHz, 25 °C

Environmental and physical specifications

Temperature • Operating • Non-operating	 0 to 55 °C -40 to 70 °C
Relative humidity • Operating • Non-operating	 95% RF at 40 °C, 24 hours cycling, repeated 5 times 50% RH at –10 °C to 25 °C, 24 hour cycle
Vibration • Operating random Vibration • Survival random vibration	 5 - 500 Hz, 0.3 g RMS 5 - 500 Hz, 3.41 g RMS
Shock • End use handling shock • Transportation shock	 Half-sine wave form, 120 in/s, duration < 3ms Trapezoidal, 50 g
Altitude test • Operating/non-operation	 15,000 ft (4600 m)
ESD Immunity Air discharge Direct discharge[1]	 15 kV per IEC61000-4-2 8 kV per IEC61000-4-2
Safety	This product has input power below the requirements as specified in the Low Voltage Directive (2006/95/EC)
EMC	EMC Standard: IEC 61326-1:2005 / EN 61326-1:2006 Emissions : CISPR 11:2003 / EN55011:2007 Immunity: IEC 61000-4-3:2002 / EN 61000-4-3:2002 Electrostatic Discharge : IEC 61000-4-2:2001 / EN 61000-4-2:1995+A1:1998+A2:2001 EMC/EMI : CE, C-Tick
CE compliance	EMC Compatibility Directive (EMC): 2004/108/EC
Warm-up time	Refer to PXI Chassis warm up time
Dimensions M9155C M9156C M9157C	3U PXI/CompactPCI standard Front panel complies with IEEE 1101.10 certification and compliance 174.8 x 128.7 x 20 mm 174.8 x 128.7 x 40.3 mm 174.8 x 128.7 x 60.7 mm
Weight M9155C M9156C M9157C	 0.395 kg 0.255 kg 0.340 kg
Connectors	PXI bus via 32 bit P1/J1 backplane connector. Signals via front panel mounted coaxial 3.5 mm (f) or SMA(f) connectors.
Contact Material	Beryllium copper, gold plated
Connector compatibility	PXI-h, PXI-1, cPCI

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CONFIGURATION

Hardware

Recommended configuration

Model	Description
M9018A	PXIe Chassis, 18-slots, 3U, 8 Gb/s
M9155C	PXI Hybrid Coaxial Switch, DC to 26.5 GHz, dual SPDT, Unterminated
M9156C	PXI Hybrid Coaxial Switch, DC to 26.5 GHz, dual Transfer
M9157C	PXI Hybrid Coaxial Switch, DC to 26.5 GHz, single SP6T, Terminated
M9021A	PXIe System Interface

Accessories

SMA male-male cable (semi-rigid)

Module and chassis compatibility

PXI chassis compatibility
Compatible with all chassis conforming to the 3U PXI and 3U cPCI specifications
Compatible with Agilent M9018A PXIe chassis, 18-slots, 3U, 8 Gb/s

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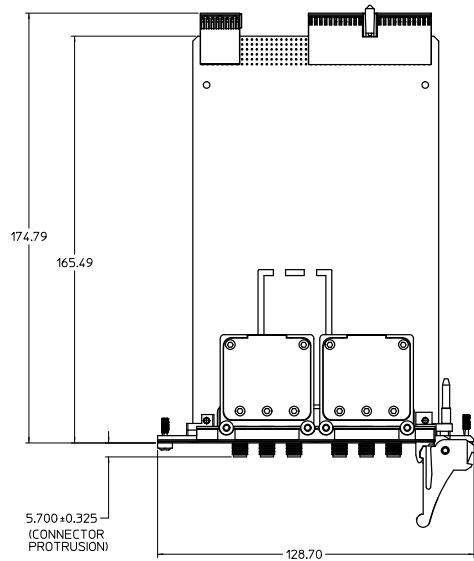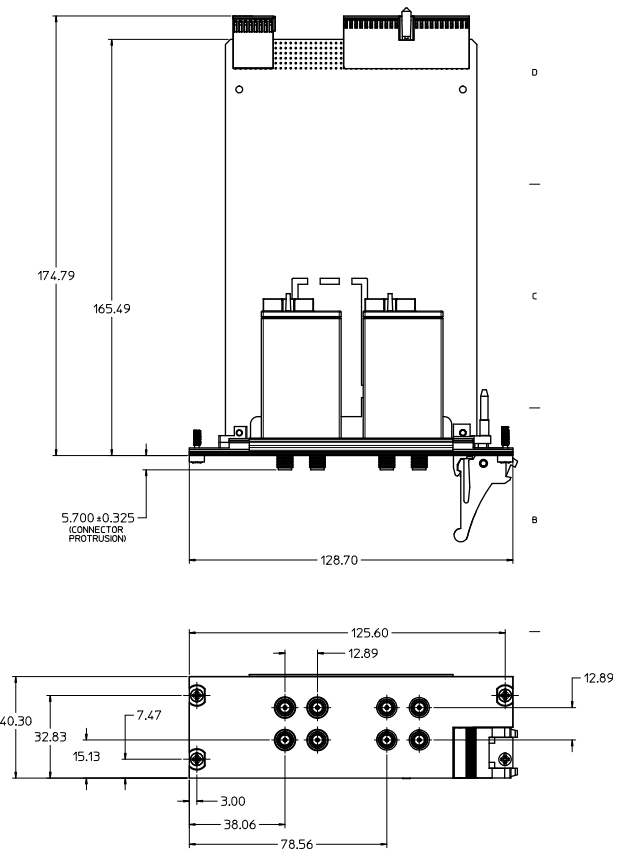| Model	Description
M9155CH40	PXI hybrid coaxial switch, DC to 40 GHz, Dual SPDT, unterminated
M9156CH40	PXI hybrid coaxial switch, DC to 40 GHz, Dual transfer
M9157CH40	PXI hybrid coaxial switch, DC to 40 GHz, Single SP6T, terminated
M9392A	PXI Vector Signal Analyzer
M9302A	PXI Local Oscillator
M9351A	PXI Downconverter: (50 MHz—2.9 GHz)
M9360A	PXI Attenuator/Preselector
M9361A	PXI Downconverter: (2.75 GHz—26.5 GHz)

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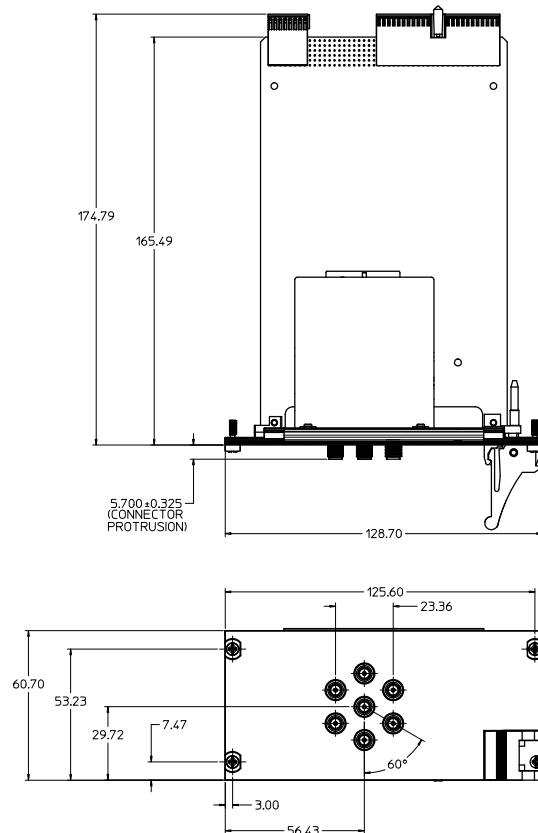

Figure 3. M9155C

Figure 4. M9156C

Figure 5. M9157C

ORDERING

Model	Description
M9155C	PXI hybrid coaxial switch, DC to 26.5 GHz, Dual SPDT, unterminated
M9156C	PXI hybrid coaxial switch, DC to 26.5 GHz, Dual transfer
M9157C	PXI hybrid coaxial switch, DC to 26.5 GHz, Single SP6T, terminated

The Modular Tangram

The four-sided geometric symbol that appears throughout this document is called a tangram. This seven-piece puzzle originated in China a few centuries ago. The goal is to create shapes—from simple to complex—that form an identifiable silhouette. As with a tangram, the possibilities may seem infinite as you begin to create a new test system. With a set of clearly defined elements—architecture, hardware, software —Agilent can help you create the system you need, from simple to complex.

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