



# **Tiny Plus-CAT SCR Preselector**

Five band Tunable 1.8MHz to 30 MHz Software Controlled Radio Preselector

Featuring tracking operation from dedicated radio software.

User manual. Rev 01



#### Features:

Tiny Plus-CAT SCR preselector is connected in line between the antenna and your receiver or transceiver providing filtering of R.F.spectrum to reduce broadband signal energy into the receiver.

**Note:** If the preselector is connected to a transceiver take precautions to prevent transmitting through it. An Input/Output by-pass dual power relay accessory is available to by-pass the preselector in transmission. FlexRadio user do not need external by-pass relay; see Owners\_Manual, Primary antenna ports configuration.

Suitable to work with SDR or analogue radios.



Tiny Plus-CAT preselector is remotely operated from a personal computer via USB or from a radio or digital system supporting I2C bus data communication. The software application runs on PC under Windows 2K, XP, Vista and Windows 7 (32 & 64 bits) OS.



- CAT serial protocol over Virtual Com Port (VCP), Kenwood TS-2000 protocol.

- Over the Internet or Local Network. (TCP/IP protocol).
- Graphic User Interface (GUI) on PC
- I2C bus from an external radio or digital system.

#### CAT remote control. Tracking feature.

CAT (Computer Aided Transceiver), serial data communication protocol over Virtual Com Port (VCP) enables Tiny Plus-CAT preselector to provide the user with a way to interface with several radios. The microcontroller on board translate valid CAT commands into specific instructions. The user can operate the preselector from remote control software such as Power SDR, DDUtil, HamRadio de Luxe, SDR Console, HDSDR, SDRMAX, etc., radio Logging programs, N1MM

and others, CAT utilities like CSP Manager, OmniRig and SDRMAX-CAT Connection among others.

#### **Technical features:**

- Tuneable Band Pass Filter bank for HF Bands covering 1.8 to 30 MHz.
- Five selectable bands more preselector By-Pass.
- Passive Band Pass Filters.
- Removes strong signals radiated back to the antenna from SDR quadrature mixers.
- No active switching or amplifier devices in the signal path, therefore it does not contribute to IMD (Intermodulation Distortion).
- High linearity (IP3). Suitable for Software Define Radios and analogue receivers.
- Two antenna inputs.
- 0dB, 6dB, 12dB, 18dB input attenuator.
- Embedded 110dB stop band Broadcast Band Rejection Filter. (AKA, BCB filter, Brick Wall filter, MW band killer filter).
- Embedded 7th order, 30MHz, Elliptic Low Pas Filter for FM broadcast band rejection.

■ Five Band Pass Filters: Tapped mono coil wound on large toroidal T-200 iron core avoiding saturation in front of large signals.

Digital tuning. Eight bits variable digital capacitor.

■ PTT feature enables by-passing the preselector in transmission allowing connecting in-line with a 100 Watts transceiver. (with Input/Output by-pass dual power relay accessory).

 12V DC/1Amp DC max. output cinch connector for a 150 Watts RF rating Input/Output by-pass dual power relay. (PTT or Keying line activated)

 Mini Din connector for I2C control lines from an external radio or digital system.

USB type B connector.

Power supply: 12Volts DC/ 0.5Amp max. 2.5mm plug power connec-tor.

- Dimension: 1650mmx165mmx52mm(6.496x6.496x2.047in).
- Weight: 1Kg.

USB

- Full speed USB v2.0 compliant.
- Plug and Play feature.
- Optocoupled USB sense signal.

#### I2C bus.

- I2C bus lines Galvanically isolated(ADuM1251).
- 16 bits standard I2C Bus serial bus interface. PCF8575 I2C controller.
- Supports 100Kbits/s and 400kbits/s FAST I2C Bus protocol.
- Compatible with most microcontrollers.











- 1 BNC connector, RF output  $50\Omega$ .
- 2 Chinch connector. Output to external Antenna By-Pass relay, 12V DC/1Amp max..
- 3 Jack 3.5mm. PTT/Keying line switch Input. 13mA close to ground.
- 4 USB connector. Type B.
- 5 Mini-Din 4 ways connector. I2C bus lines input.
- 6 Power Jack 2.5mm. Input DC12V/500mA max.-
- 7 BNC connector, antenna 2 input  $50\Omega$ .
- 8 BNC connector, antenna 1 input  $50\Omega$ .
- 9 Earth post.

External I2C Bus Line Input J7 +12V DC

(Front view)



Tiny Plus-CAT. Tracking feature over VCP. CAT protocol.





# Tiny Plus-CAT Interconnection. In line with a receiver.





Tiny Plus SCR Preselector interconnection. In line with a 100W Transceiver.



#### Starting procedure

Select among the above connection diagrams to set-up the Tiny Plus-CAT according with your radio system. **IMPORTANT:** If the preselector is connected to a transceiver take precautions to prevent transmitting through it. Failing to do so may result in catastrophic damage of your preselector, radio, and computer. An Input/Output by-pass dual power relay accessory is available to by-pass the preselector in transmission.

#### Power Up.

Copy the contents of the provided CD-ROM on your computer, do not execute from CD-ROM.

**NOTE:** The preselector GUI application must be closed before interface with any CAT remote control software. Close the GUI application and unplug the USB cable to switch to I2C mode remote control.

Use a reliable external power supply providing 12 Volts/ 500mA DC. Switch-on the preselector; if the USB cable is not plugged both LED located in front panel (2 and3) will lit signaling ON condition and I2C bus remote control mode.

Plugging the USB connector the preselector switches to USB mode, LED remote control mode (3) will turn off.

Now the preselector is ready to be remotely controlled from GUI mode and TCP/IP mode.

#### Graphic User Interface (GUI) mode operation.

Open the tiny Plus-CAT preselector application; a pop-up window will emerge indicating the USB connection status. By default the preselector application starts in by-pass state on power-on. In this state all controls are disabled except antenna selection and contextual menu.





Control and modes of operation available to the operator are itemised below.

#### Power Down.

Close all open related applications before power down the preselector.



# Remote control modes:

#### Graphic User Interface (GUI). Remote control console.

The control console application provides manual remote control from PC and a set of options.

The preselector GUI application must be closed before interface the preselector with any dedicated radio software.

It runs on PC under Windows 2K, XP, Vista and Windows 7 (32 & 64 bits) OS. It is an executable file does not need to be installed.



#### 1- Band selection.

Click over band push-button to change band.

#### 2- Input attenuator.

0dB, 6dB, 12dB, 18dB of attenuation available.

#### 3- By-Pass push-button.

By-passes the preselector. Default on power-on. In this state all controls are disabled except antenna selection and contextual menu.

4- Antenna selection. Two antenna input available. Active in by-pass state.

5- Tuning step. x1, x2, x5, x10

#### 6- Tuning knob.

Performs tuning rolling the mouse wheel. Also by pressing left or right arrows on the keyboard. Adjust to maximum signal or background noise.

7- *Tune Reference Dial.* Displays the actual tuned frequency and the corresponding capacitor value. Notice the attenuation of the pass band filters increases with less capacity due to the response of series tuned circuits.

8- *Mnemonic text box*. A brief caption can be written in the text boxes. Five memories for each band can be stored, twenty-five in total. On band change memories and captions are updated.

#### 9- Memory management.

10- Frequency scale. Frequency references on the scale are

updated in accordance with the calibration tables.

11- Context menu.

Right mouse button click on dial or function key F2 opens the context menu.

A set of program options are available to the user as follows:

Set Frequency	F3
Write calibration tables	F5
Logfile	F6
Firmware update	F7
Remote Client	F8
Remote Server	F9
Send CAT command	F10

#### Set Frequency. Function key F3

Freq	
Frequency (MHz)=	OK
	Cancel
1:800	

Enter any valid frequency expressed in MHz.



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#### Calibration table

#### Write calibration tables. modes. Function key F5

#### IMPORTANT: Keep safe a back-up of the calibration tables.

Calibration tables are needed by the microcontroller on board to translate frequency CAT commands into tune capacity values.

Tiny Plus-CAT Preselector comes calibrated from factory. Whenever the user can do recalibration with the aid of the calibration tables for each band.

The Tiny Plus-CAT Preselector program folder contains five documents so-called

table\_BAND\_A.txt

table\_BAND\_B.txt

table\_BAND\_C.txt

table\_BAND\_D.txt

table\_BAND\_E.txt

The tables link the operating frequency with the tuning capacity value, comprised between 0 and 255. That value can be read on Tune Reference Dial (7)

The column on the left is the capacity value, on the right the frequency related in MHz.

With the aid of a reference frequency or receiver, values in the calibration tables can be modified. *Up to 64 reference points* can be added to the list. Intermediate values in the table are computed by the microcontroller on board.

To calibrate, tune the preselector at maximum reference frequency or background noise on your receiver; enter in the table the capacity value shown in the Tune Reference Dial (7) and the reference frequency from your RF generator or receiver dial. Frequency must be expressed in MHz.

Next, calibration tables must be uploaded into the microcontroller; function key "F5" opens the message box.

After upload close the program and open again. The microcontroller on board

If writing tables a sintaxis error occurs a warning message is show when the program is open

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175	2.037	
165	2.075	
155	2.121	
145	2.167	
135	2.221	
125	2.282	
115	2.343	
105	2.405	
95	2.474	
85	2.550	
75	2.623	
65	2.711	
55	2.857	
45	2.957	
4		F.



Uploading calibration tables.

Writting: table\_BAND\_B



#### Logfile. Function key F6

again.

A Logfile is generated each time that the Tiny Plus-CAT application is opened . It is helpfull to diagnosis purposes.

Function key "F6" opens the Logfile.

Also the file can be found in the program folder.

resets, starts again and reads the new calibration tables.

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Cancel



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Cancel

### Firmware update. Function key F7

To update the on board microcontroller firmware, Function key "F7" pops-up the dialog window. Select Tiny\_Plus-CAT\_ firmware.hex file, located in the program folder.

WARNING! Do not stop the process, wait until finished.

## IMPORTANT: After update write calibration tables.

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# Updating the Firmware





Remember write calibration tables

OK



#### Internet/Local network remote control

The Tiny Plus-CAT preselector supports connections via the Internet and Local network. To make use of this feature execute the application on your computer and on a remote one. The protocol only uses TCP/IP; UDP which by definition is unreliable is not used. Remember that you are accepting incoming TCP/IP connections so you must configure your firewall on your PC and on external

hardware firewall. See details below.

#### Remote server (preselector side) Function key F9

To start the communication open first the Remote Server, Function key "F9".

The connection console is displayed showing the address in dotted format of the computer where the server is running and the port number, default port 51000.

Click on Start button. If the connection is successful you will start to receive commands from the client computer, current commands are traced on the console. The Tiny Plus-CAT will respond in accordace with valid CAT commands.

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Server Port #: 5100	00
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Start	

Server Port #:	51000	
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Remote Server console

**Receiving data from the Remote Client** 

#### Remote Client (remote control side) Function key F8

To connect to the server make sure the server is started and is listening. Open the Remote Client, Function key "F8".

The connection console is displayed showing the default address in dotted format of the host computer and the port number, default port 51000. Enter the Host IP address in the text window and start operating the Tiny Plus-CAT application. Executed commands on the GUI are traced on the console. Also valid CAT commands can be send from the text box.

Host IP:	192.168.1.3
Remote Port:	51000
Command:	

Remote Client console

Host IP:	192.168.2.2	
Remote Port:	51000	
Command:	i i	>
18:03		
18:03 Attenuate	or set= 0dB. RA0	
18:03 Capacity	set= 128	
18:03 Attenuato	or set= 6dB. RA1	
18:03 Capacity	set= 128	
18:03 Attenuate	or set= 6dB. RA1	
18:03 Capacity	set= 128	
18:04 Antenna	set= 2. AN2	
18:04 Capacity	set= 128	
18:04 Capacity	set= 128	
18:04 Capacity	set= 130	
18:04 Capacity	set= 132	

Sending data to the Remote Server



Send CAT command. Function key F10

Let send valid CAT commands for testing purposes.

Send CAT command	X
CAT Cmd=	OK
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# **Network Configuration**

### Public IP Address.

To make your Tiny Plus-CAT Remote server visible to the outside world you must have a public IP address; this is an address that is reachable on the global Internet. Some ISP's assign public addresses which may change from time-to-time; this is known as a dynamic IP address.

#### Firewall configuration

You must allow incoming TCP/IP connections on the port number selected in the Remote server's Console, by default this port number is 51000. You may have more than one firewall activated on your router and Windows Firewall. If the Windows firewall is enabled then when you start the Remote server for the first time you will see a popup window as below (from Windows Vista)

Windows Security Alert           Windows Security Alert           Windows Firewall has blocked some feat           Windows Firewal has blocked this program from accepting incoming r urblock this program, it will be unblocked on all public networks that y isses of urblocking a program?           Name:         Tiny Plus-CAT           Publisher:         Unknown           Path:         C: \users \ij\documents \tinyplus Network location:           Public network         What are network locations?	ures of this program network connections. If you rou connect to. What are that -cat_last\tiny_plus_cat.exe
Keep blocking	Unblock
	Windows Firewall Settings  General Exceptions Advanced  Exceptions control how programs communicate through Windows Firewall. Add a program or port exception to allow communications through the firewall.  Windows Firewall is currently using settings for the public network location.  What are the risks of unblocking a program?  To enable an exception, select its check box:
Windows Firewall	Program or port  Teamviewer Remote Control Application  Teamviewer Remote Control Service  Tiny Plus-CAT  Windows Collaboration Computer Name Registration Service  Windows Frewall Remote Management



#### Anti-virus.

Make sure you do not have anti-virus software inspecting and/or blocking TCP/IP traffic on the server port.

#### **Port Forwarding**

As well as allowing incoming TCP/IP connections on port 51000 you must route connections on this port to the computer where the server is running, this is known as Port Forwarding.

Depending on your router configuration software this may be referred to as Firewall> Virtual Servers, Port Forwarding, Forwarding - Virtual Servers, etc.

The screenshot below is from a Belkin router.

Use as Access Point		Enable	Description	Inbound port	Туре	Private IP address	Private port
Wireless Bridge Firewall	1.		Tiny Plus-CA1	51000 - 51000	TCP 👻	192.168.2. 2	51000 - 51000
Virtual Servers Client IP Filters	2.			-	TCP 👻	192,168,2.	
MAC Address Filtering DMZ	з.				TCP 👻	192,168.2.	
WAN Ping Blocking Security Log	4.				TCP 👻	192,168,2,	

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# USB driver software installation. 32-64 bits OS.

When plugging for the first time to the USB port the system will ask for install - Found New Hardware the driver software. Windows needs to install driver software for your Heros - Ignore the "Found New Hardware" window and go to "Device Manager" Tech.Tiny Plus-CAT ©2012 path: Control Panel/System/Device Manager`. Locate and install driver software (recommended) Windows will guide you through the process of installing driver software for your device. Ask me again later Windows will ask again the next time you plug in your device or log on. 📥 Device Manager - - -1 Don't show this message again for this device File Action View Help Your device will not function until you install driver software. (= =) 📰 🔄 🔢 📷 🛝 😭 🍢 🖧 Cancel UADCORE 1. E De Computer 🕀 👝 Disk drives 🗄 騙 Display adapters DVD/CD-ROM drives E FlexRadio 🕀 🚽 Floppy disk drives E Floppy drive controllers - Rigth mouse button on "Heros Tech Tiny Plus-CAT 2012" and click on 🕀 🚛 Human Interface Devices ' Update Driver Software" IDE ATA/ATAPI controllers IEEE 1394 Bus host controllers . Infrared devices Update Driver Software... ⊕ — Keyboards Disable Mice and other pointing devices H Monitors Uninstall 🕀 🔮 Network adapters 🖨 🧓 Other devices Scan for hardware changes Heros Tech. Tiny Plus-CAT ©2012 Ports (COM & LPT) Properties Communications Port (COM1) Printer Port (LPT1) Processors × 🕞 🧕 Update Driver Software - Heros Tech. Tiny Plus-CAT ©2012 How do you want to search for driver software? Search automatically for updated driver software Windows will search your computer and the Internet for the latest driver software for your device. - Click on "Browse my computer for driver software" Browse my computer for driver software Locate and install driver software manually. Cancel



Locate "Tiny Plus-CAT SCR Preselector.inf" file in the Tiny Plus-CAT folder and click "Next" button.

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Click on "Install this driver software anyway.



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	Driver succesfully installed
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<ul> <li>Disk drives</li> <li>Display adapters</li> <li>DVD/CD-ROM drives</li> <li>Play adapters</li> <li>DVD/CD-ROM drives</li> <li>Floppy disk drives</li> <li>Floppy disk drives</li> <li>Floppy drive controllers</li> <li>Mice and other pointing devices</li> <li>Monitors</li> </ul>	Close
Network adapters     Ports (COM & LPT)     Printer Port (LPT1)     Tiny Plus-CAT SCR Preselector (COM3)     Processors	Virtual Com Port has been created over the USB port

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# CAT remote control. Kenwood TS-2000 compatible.

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programs, N1MM and others, CAT utilities like CSP Manager, OmniRig and SDRMAX-

CAT Connection among others.

Refer to your specific software application manual about CAT operation.

The microcontroller on board translate valid CAT commands and responds in accordace.

#### Starting in CAT remote control mode.

**NOTE:** The preselector GUI application must be closed before interface with any remote control software.

Power-On the preselector and plug the USB cable, a new virtual COM port is open; start and configure your application to control remotely the preselector.

#### An example of working with HamRadio Deluxe.

When the application is open, a connection console will emerge, select parameters in



accordance with your hardware.



In order to test CAT commands go to TOOLS/CAT command tester.

#### **Conexion console on HamRadio Deluxe**

Connection			USE THIS DISPLAY	
Kenwood	- COM3 800 -	Connect	AT YOUR OWN RISK	
	CTS DTR DRT8	X Disconnect	This display is used to test CAT commands outside	
Command			of the main Ham Radio Deluxe	
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CAT command tester on HamRadio Deluxe



# CAT control commands list (Kenwood 2000 compatible)

#### CAT CONTROL COMMANDS. General information.

A CAT control command is composed of an alphabetical command, parameter, and the terminator that signals the end of the control command. EXAMPLE: Command to set tune frequency to 14.250 MHz



There are three command categories: Set (write) command that change preselector status, Get (read) command that request status information from the preselector and Answer (response) command that return information requested in a Get command.

A correctly executed Set command does not return an Answer command.

The terminator for all CAT commands is the semicolon (;). CAT commands are not case sensitive. Get and Set commands must contain the correct number of parameter characters as shown below. Get commands are simply the prefix followed by a termination.

#### Tiny Plus-CAT preselector. Available CAT commands.

CP;

Band commands: prefix BNx (x band number, 1 digit ; ). SET commands

By-Pass
Band A
Band B
Band C
Band D
Band E
Band-up
(PowerSDR)
Band-down
(PowerSDR)
(answer: BNx; where x is the band number) request information about Band status. GET command.
nands: prefix FA (band number, 11 digit;). frequency in Hz. SET commands.
(e.g. 3.8MHz FA00003800000, e.g. 21.315MHz FA00021315000
(PowerSDR)
(answer FA000xxxxxxxx;) request information about frequency status. GET command.
nds: prefix ANx (x antenna number, 1 digit ; ). SET commands.
antenna 1.
antenna 2
(answer ANx; where x is the antenna number) request information about antenna status. GET command.
nands: prefix RAxx (xx attenuator number, 2 digit ; ). SET commands.
attenuator 0dB
attenuator 6dB
attenuator 12dB
attenuator 18dB
(answer RAxx; where xx is the attenuator value) request information about attenuator status. GET command.
mmands: ( non standard Kenwood) prefix CPxxx (xxx capacity value (pF.), 3 digit ; ). SET commands.
(e.g. CP210; sey capacity to 210pF, e.g. CP009; set capacity to 9pF).



# I2C bus remote control mode.

Tiny Plus-CAT preselector features remote control mode from an external radio or digital system supporting I2C bus data communication system. It operates totally independent of other remote control modes.

The on board I2C slave controller is based on the widespread PCF8575, a 16 bits I/O expander, follow by a pair of ULN 2803 Darlington transistor array drivers interfacing with the system relays.

I2C lines are Galvanically isolated by means of ADuM1251 a hot swappable digital isolator specialised device from Analog Devices Inc. External master controller must implement the control software detailed in the table below.

I2C address from factory is 0100000. Address can be changed accessing to the main board.



#### Starting I2C bus remote control mode.

Unplug the USB cable and Power-On the preselector, the preselector starts in I2C bus mode and will remain in that state until the USB cable is plugged again. I2C signal lines SDA, SCL, +12V and Ground from the I2C controller are connected to a 4 ways miniDin socket on rear panel. Pinout cabling is shown below.

External I2C Bus lines

4 ways mini-Din connector pin-out





# I2C Bus remote control software implementation

Write sequence. Two 8 bits data Bytes.



#### First data byte

bit	Relay	Action		1 1	
P00	RL11 RL 10	Band C Band B	By-Pass- P00 to P4 - Unset (Default on Power Up) Band A- P04 - Set	Tuning Byte clear in By-Pass mode.	I2C default hardware address A0-A1-A2 = 0-0-0
P02	RL12	Band D	Band B- P04, P01 - Set	Tuning Byte value128 on new band change.	
P03	RL13	Band E	Band C- P04, P01, P00 - Set		I2C bus controller on Tiny Plus
P04 P05 P06 P07	RL9 RL14 RL16 PL 17	Band A Antenna selection Attenuator 6dB	Band D- P04, P01, P00, P02 - Set Band E- P04, P01, P00, P02, P03 - Set Antenna 1- P05-Linset (Default on Power Un)	External I2C Bus lines	
Second	data byte	Allendator 120B	Antenna 2- P05 - Set Att 0dB- P06, P07 - Unset — (Default on Power Up)	4 ways mini-Din connector on rear panel J7	A2 SCL PCF 8575DW P00 A0 I2C Address format P01 P17 0100 A2 A1 A0
P10 P11	RL8 RL7	Cap 128pF Cap 64pF	Att 6dB- P06, Set _P07 - Unset Att 12dB- P06, _Unset _ P07 - Set	+12V Gnd	P02 P16 A0,A1,A2 address bits
P12	RL6	Cap 32pF	Att 18dB- P06, P07 - Set	SCL SDA	P04 P14 set by hardware
P13	RL5	Cap 16pF		(Front view)	
P14 P15	RL4 RL3	Cap 8 pF Cap 4pF		<u> </u>	
P16 P17	RL2 RL1	Cap 2pF Cap 1pF			



# Accessories

USB Galvanic Digital Isolator for SDR radios

The USB Galvanic Digital Isolator for SDR radios is designed to break the galvanic connection between USB host PC and the attached SDR radio peripheral avoiding that whatever power and ground noise from the PC side do not influence the sensible radio on the other side.

The resultant galvanic isolation improves common-mode voltage, prevents ground loops, a common cause of interference and data distortion issues, improves reception, as the noise floor in the receiver is lowered, and removes spikes and birdies on the PC panoramic screen. In addition provides isolation of 1000V AC between the host PC and the radio peripheral that guard against surges that may come from the antenna connected to the receiver.

The USB Galvanic Digital Isolator for SDR radios is based on ADuM 4160 Full/Low Speed 5 kV USB Digital Isolator and ADuM 5000 Isolated DC-to-DC Converter both from Analog Devices combining high speed CMOS and chip-scale air transformer iCoupler technology.

The USB Galvanic Digital Isolator complies with specifications USB 1.1, Low speed (1.5Mbit/s) and USB 2.0 Full Speed (12Mbit/s). The speed mode is set manually via two jumpers inside (default full speed). Most of the time it is not necessary change between modes but if automatic speed detection is desired, an external hub can be connected to the peripheral side configured for full speed.

The USB Galvanic Digital Isolator is self powered from the host PC through the USB cable. An embedded DC/DC converter provides a galvanic isolated voltage of 5VDC/100mA to the peripheral side. It includes additionally ESD, EMC protection of the data lines and power transient short-circuit guard.

It is highly advisable not to power any part of the connected radio from the USB bus, instead an external dedicated power supply must be used.

The USB Galvanic Digital Isolator behaves like an USB cable, no USB drivers are needed. It works on all operating systems, Mac, Windows, Linux, etc.

Features:

Isolation 1.000 Volts AC

Protection: EMC, ESD, Overvoltage Surge, Short-circuits.

Power supply:

- PC side: From USB cable, 5VDC. Attached signalling LED.

- Drawn power from peripheral radio max: Through USB cable, 5V DC/100mA.

USB modes: Full speed (12 MBit/S) Low speed (1.5 MBit/S). Switchable.

Standard socket connectors: PC side: USB type B, peripheral side: USB type A.

Dimensions 67 mm x 66 mm x 28 mm. (2.638x2.598x 1.102inch)

USB2 pair of cables included

#### Input/Output ports by-pass dual power relay

Let by-pass the Input and Output RF ports of devices such as Preselectors, Amplifiers, Filters, etc.

Typical applications are:

- Inserting in line between the antenna and transceiver a preselector, preamplifier or filter device to be by- passed on transmission. - Switching antennas or RF signals.

A control line permits switch ON or OFF the dual relay. If the control line is connected to a transceiver, on transmission switchover, via PTT or Keying line, the Input and Output RF ports of any device in line are by passed avoiding being overloaded.

#### Features:

- Specialised high performance, low insertion loss set of RF relays is used in order to keep impedances and isolation between ports.

- Frequency range: HF: 60MHz
- Insertion loss: HF: 0.2 dB
- Isolation: >100 dB
- Power rating: 150 W PP max.
- Impedance: 50 Ohm
- Diode protection.
- Power supply: 12 Volts DC/60 mA (Active state)
- Switching time:
- Set: 5mS
- Reset: 4mS
- Life expectancy (Mechanical): 20,000,000 operations (at 18,000 operations/hr)
- External Dimensions: 40x111 40x37mm.(1.57x4.37x1.45in)
- Connectors: SO-239 or N type for Antenna Input/Output; BNC for Device Input/Output. (N or combined connectors configurations also available. Please ask.)
- Coaxial tails and complete shielded control cable with snap-on RFI-EMI suppressor ferrite cores are included.

#### WARNING! TO AVOID DAMAGE THE UNIT

In order to give enough time to the relays to switch before the RF power signal outputs the transceiver when the PTT is pressed, assure that your transceiver provides a delayed "SEND" control line signal. Alternatively a TX/RX Sequencer can be used.







*Tiny Plus SCR Preselector. Vetor Network Analyzer response plot. By-Pass* 



Tiny Plus SCR Preselector. Vector Network Analyzer response plot. Band A



Tiny Plus SCR Preselector. Vector Network Analyzer response plot. Band B



Tiny Plus SCR Preselector. Vetor Network Analyzer response plot. Band C

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Tiny Plus SCR Preselector. Vetor Network Analyzer response plot. Band D



Tiny Plus SCR Preselector. Vetor Network Analyzer response plot. Band E



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