

# **TC8926**

## **8- or 16-Ch.**

### **Hoot-n-holler Bridge**

**User Manual**  
**MNL-89260-01-00**



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## Guide to Alert Symbols

These alert symbols are used in Caution, Warning, and Danger notes.

Symbol	Meaning
	Pinching or crushing hazard
	Electrical hazard.
	Equipment alert: be careful of damage from static electricity
	General alert: used for all other hazardous conditions (referring to people, not equipment).

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## In this chapter:

- *Product Description*, on page 1-1
- *Specifications*, on page 1-5

## 1.1 General Information

This manual is intended to describe the features and functionality in addition to aiding in the planning, configuring, commissioning and maintaining of the TC8926 Hoot-n-holler Bridge.

## 1.2 Product Description

The TC8926 provides the bridging of 4-wire analog audio, forming a traditional Hoot N Holler system. When connected to hoot phones, the TC8926 bridges the audio and forms a partyline. Whenever a handset is unmuted, the caller can speak and broadcast to the everyone in the party.

TC8926 is available in two configurations:

- 8-channel 4-wire analog
- 16-channel 4-wire analog

Diagnostic LEDs are available to quickly identify issues with your analog lines.



**Figure 1-1 TC8926 Hoot-n-holler Bridge**

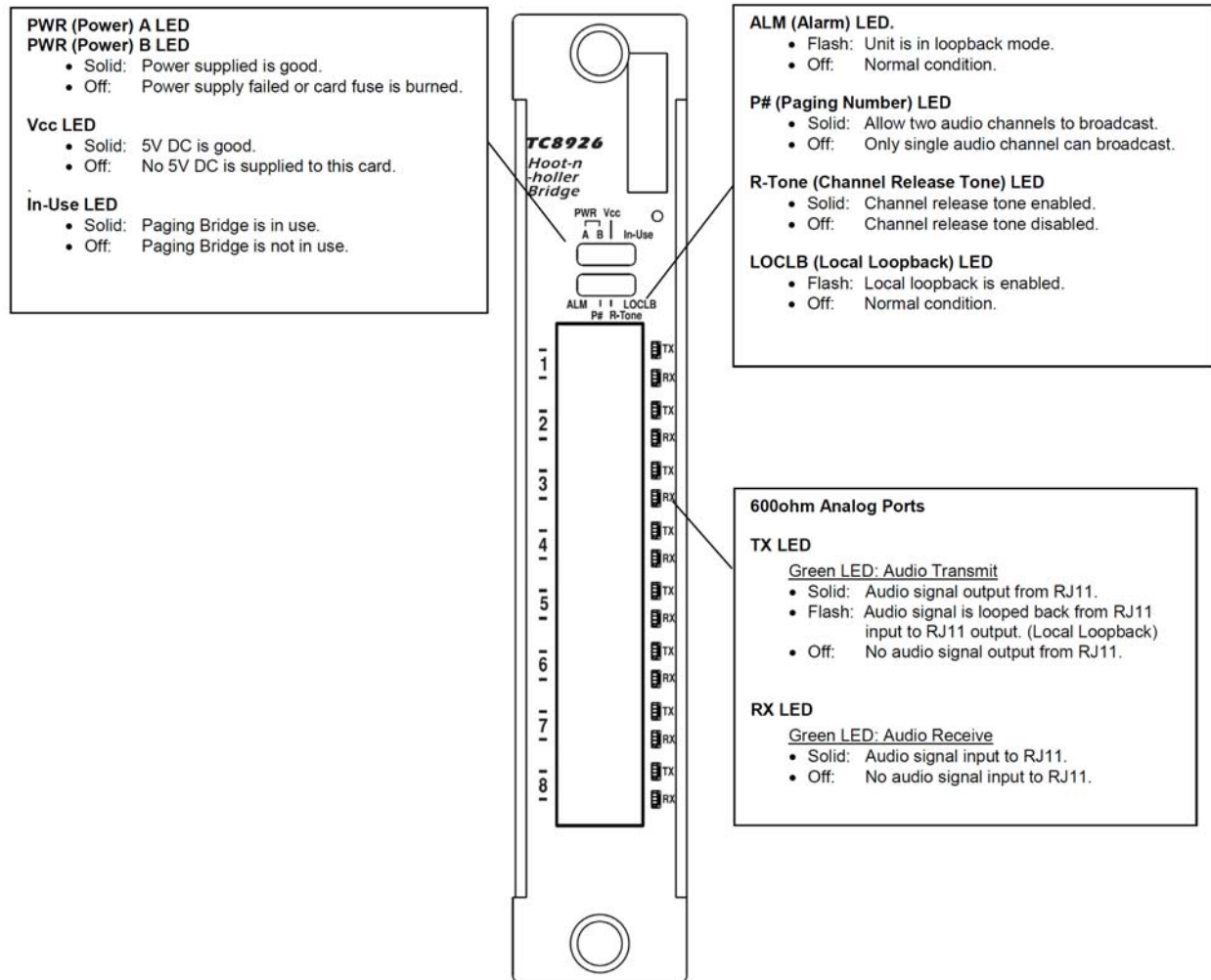
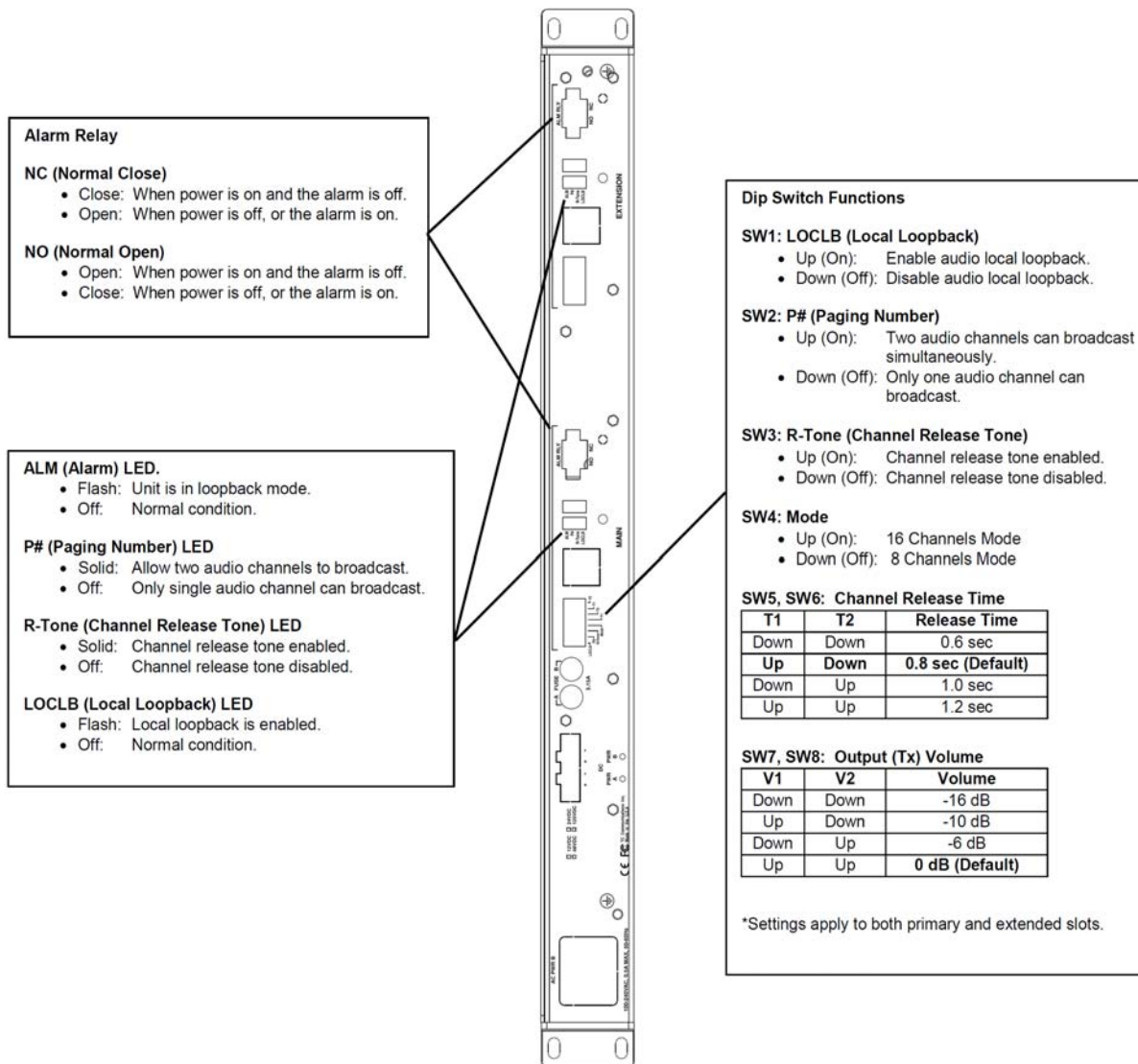


Figure 1-2 TC8926 Front Panel LED Definitions



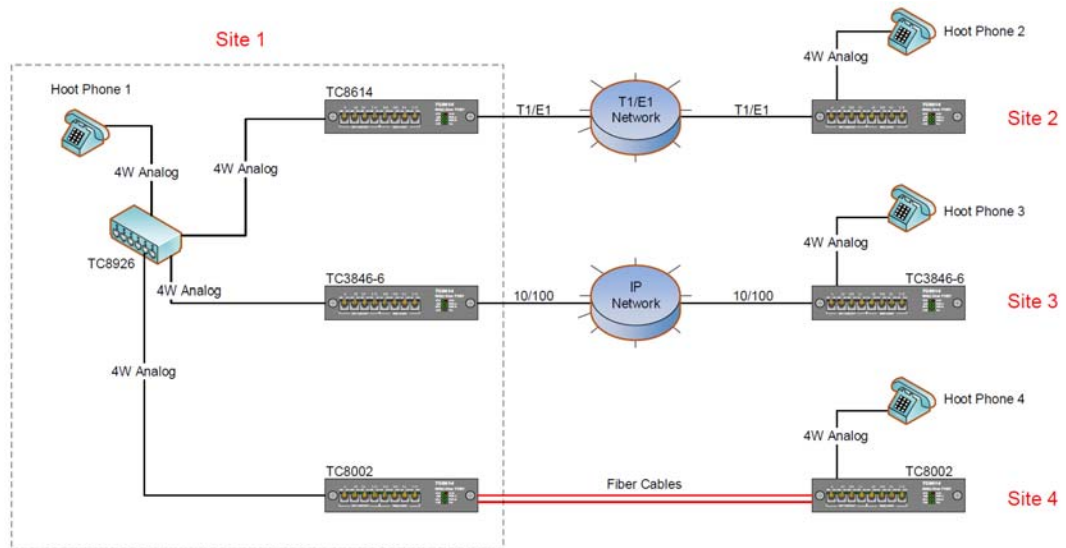
**Figure 1-3 TC8926 Rear Panel LED Definitions (Primary & Secondary)**

## 1.2.1 Features

- 8 CH or 16 CH Hoot-n-holler Bridge
- Modular Design with 8 Channels per Module
- 64K Full Bandwidth Voice Transport
- Passes All Tones used for FSK, EIA Tone Control/Remote and Paging
- Supports Pilot/Guard Tone Operation
- Optional Power Redundancy
- 1U or 4U Rack Mount or 1S Standalone Chassis
- 12VDC, 24VDC, -48VDC, 125VDC
- LEDs for analog volume, alarm status, channel release tone, and loopback

## 1.2.2 Applications

The TC8926 provides the bridging of 4-wire analog audio, forming a traditional Hoot N Holler system.



**Figure 1-4 Typical Application using the TC8926**



## 1.3 Specifications

Connection Capacity	
600Ω (4-Wire)	8 ports

Electrical	
Analog/Dry Contact Connector	RJ-11
Impedance	600Ω

System	
Visual Indicators	System: PWR A, PWR B, Vcc, ALM Paging: P#, R-Tone Channel Status: TX (1 each 600Ω Audio Ports 1-8) RX (1 each 600Ω Audio Ports 1-8)
Diagnostic Functions	Local Loopback

Power Source	
Standard	12VDC @500mA
Optional	24VDC, -48VDC, 125VDC, or 100/240VAC

Temperature	
Operating	-10°C to 50°C
(Optional Hi-Temp Version)	-20°C to 70°C
(Optional Extreme-Temp Version)	-40°C to 80°C
Storage	-40°C to 90°C
Humidity	95% non-condensing

<b>Physical (Rack mount 1U “Pizza Box” with two cards)</b>	
Height	(4.3 cm) 1.7"
Width	(48.3 cm) 19"
Depth	(26.7 cm) 10.5"

## In this chapter:

- *Power Supply*, on page 2-2
- *System Configuration*, on page 2-2

## 2.1 General Information

The installation section describes how to:

- Unpack the unit
- Ensure an optimum site location
- Install the power supply and dry contact connection

## 2.2 Unpacking

Before unpacking any equipment:

- Inspect all shipping containers for evidence of external damage caused during transportation
- Inspect for damage after it is removed from the containers

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### IMPORTANT



Any claims concerning shipping damage should be made directly to the pertinent shipping agencies. Any discrepancies should be reported immediately to the Customer Service Department at TC Communications, Inc. at (949) 852-1973.

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## 2.3 Equipment Location

The TC8926 should be located in an area that provides adequate light, work space and ventilation.

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### Important

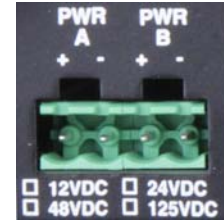
Avoid locating it next to any equipment that may produce electrical interference or strong magnetic fields, such as elevator shafts or heavy duty power supplies.

As with any electronic equipment, keep the unit from excessive moisture, heat, vibration and freezing temperatures.

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## 2.4 Power Supply

The TC8926 can be powered by external DC power. Available power options are 12 VDC, 24 VDC, -48 VDC, and 125 VDC. There are two terminal block connectors labeled "PWR A" and "PWR B" only one is required to power up the unit. Since each TC8926 card is equipped with a power redundancy capability, the power LEDs on the front panel will light according to which power jack (A or B) is connected. Both LEDs will light when power redundancy is utilized.



### Important

Read and only connect a supply voltage that corresponds to the type plate of your device. Make sure that the contact load capacity of the signal contact is not exceeded.

## 2.5 Dry Contact Alarm Relay (DCAR)

A terminal block connector at the rear panel provides for the Dry Contact Alarm Relay. This relay can be used in NO (Normal Open) or NC (Normal Close) configuration.

When used in NO (Normal Open) configuration, the relay will close if the unit loses power completely or the Alarm is on. The relay remains open during normal operation.

When used in NC (Normal Close) configuration, the relay will open if the unit loses power completely or the Alarm is on. The relay remains close during normal operation.

## 2.6 System Start Up

Apply the power by plugging the power plug into a power jack (both PWR A & PWR B for dual power units).

After power is applied, all LEDs (except PWR & VCC LEDs) will flash momentarily and the following LED status should be observed from the front and back panels:

1. The Power "A" and/or "B" and VCC LEDs should be lit.

## 2.7 System Configuration

The TC8926 has been pre-tested and switches have been set per factory specifications.

## 2.7.1 Front Panel (Analog Pin Assignments)

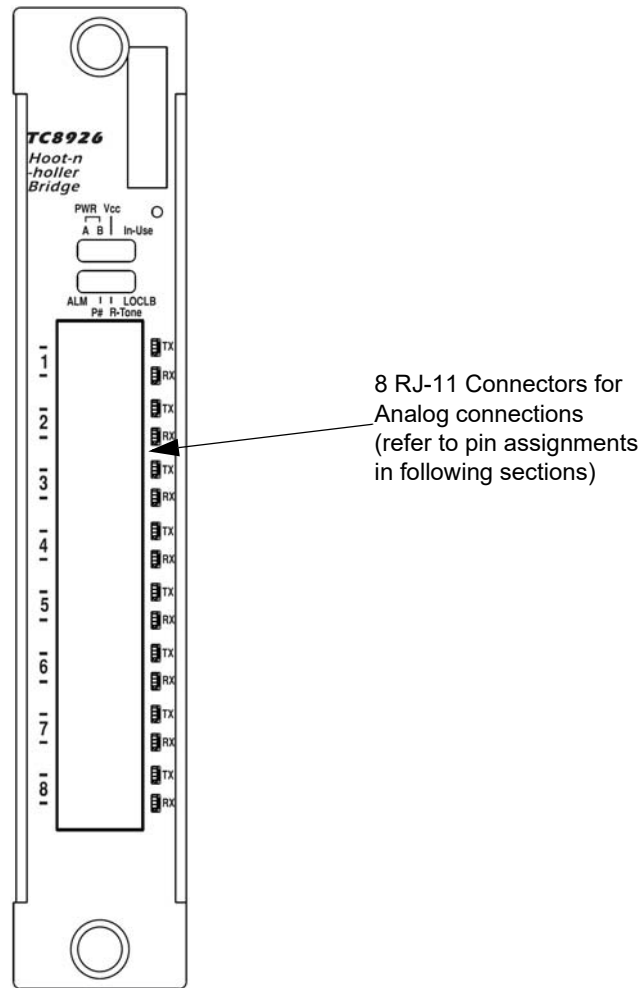


Figure 2-1 TC8926 Front Panel Analog & Dry Contact Connectors

## 2.7.2 Rear Panel

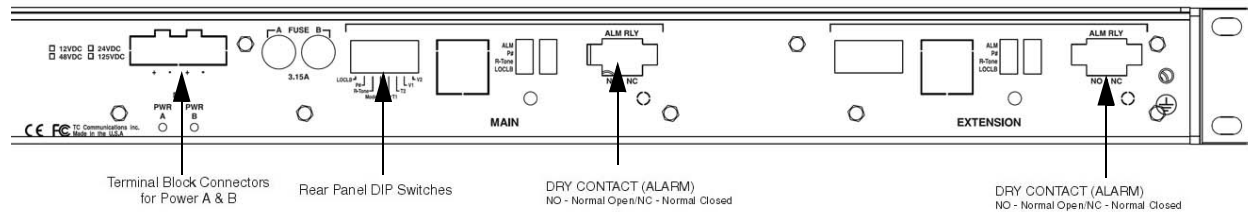
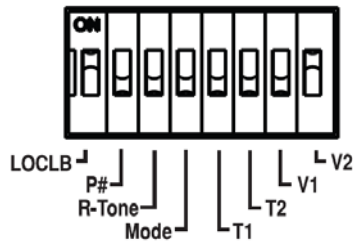


Figure 2-2 TC8926 Rear Panel (Main & Extension)

### 2.7.2.1 Rear Panel DIP Switch Functions



The DIP switch functions on the TC8926 are described below. To activate the function, set the appropriate switch to the “On” (Up) position.

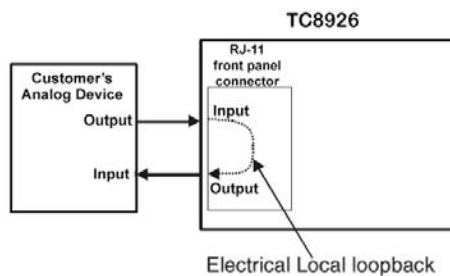
- **LOCLB:** Local Loopback. This switch (SW1) initiates the Local Loopback function. The analog signals are received on the “RX Data” pins and looped back to the “TX Data” pins for diagnostic testing.

#### Local Loopback Test (for 4-Wire analog only)

When the rear panel SW1 (LOCLB) in the “On”(Up) position the analog signals are received on the “Input” pins and looped back to the “Output” pins on the TC8926.

1. The “TX” LED will be flashing green for that particular channel being tested and the "ALM" alarm LED will flash to indicate that the unit is in local loopback mode. (Note, the RX LED will be solidly lit green when an analog signal is detected.)
2. The Customer’s Analog Device should receive a 6dBm lower audio signal back as that of the transmitted signal.
3. Upon successful completion of this test, please return DIP switch SW1(LOCLB) to the “Off” (Down) position..

#### Local Loopback Test



- **P#:** Paging Number. This switch (SW2) is used to enable the two channels broadcast function. "Off" (Down) for only allow single channel to broadcast. "On" (Up) allows two channels to broadcast simultaneously.

- **R-Tone:** Channel Release Tone. This switch (SW3) is used to enable the unit to generate a tone after a channel is release (Stop broadcasting). "Off" (Down) will disable the channel release tone. "On" (Up) will enable the channel release tone.
- **Mode:** 8/16 Channel Mode. This switch (SW4) is used to setup the number of Channels. "Off" (Down) is for 8 channels mode. "On" (Up) is for 16 channels mode.
- **T1, T2:** Channel Release Time. These switches are used to set the channel release time (stop broadcasting) after the channel stop receiving audio.

<b>SW5, SW6: Channel Release Time</b>		
<b>T1</b>	<b>T2</b>	<b>Release Time</b>
Down	Down	0.6 sec
<b>Up</b>	<b>Down</b>	<b>0.8 sec (Default)</b>
Down	Up	1.0 sec
Up	Up	1.2 sec

- **V1, V2:** Output (Tx) Volume. These switches are used to set the output volume for all the channels.

<b>SW7, SW8: Output (Tx) Volume</b>		
<b>V1</b>	<b>V2</b>	<b>Volume</b>
Down	Down	-16 dB
Up	Down	-10 dB
Down	Up	-6 dB
<b>Up</b>	<b>Up</b>	<b>0 dB (Default)</b>

## 2.7.3 Electrical Signal Interface Connection & Pin Assignments

The RJ-11 connectors are located at the front panel of the TC8926.

### 2.7.3.1 600Ω Analog Connections

RJ-11 600Ω Analog 4-Wire Port Pin Assignment (Normal Mode)	
1	Relay or Detector
2	Input RING
3	Output RING
4	Output TIP
5	Input TIP
6	Relay or Detector GND

RJ-11 Jack

6 5 4 3 2 1

RJ-11 600Ω Analog 4-Wire Port Pin Assignment (Reverse Mode)	
1	Relay or Detector
2	Output RING
3	Input RING
4	Input TIP
5	Output TIP
6	Relay or Detector GND

RJ-11 Jack

6 5 4 3 2 1



## 3.1 General

Under normal operation, PWR, and Vcc LEDs should be lit.

## 3.2 All LEDs are OFF

If no LEDs are lit on the unit, check the DC power supply, connector plug, and/or the power source. If the problem persists, contact the Technical Support Department at TC Communications, Inc. @ (949) 852-1973.

## 3.3 Alarm LED

Alarm conditions occur whenever local loopback is enabled and the ALARM LED will flash.

# Appendix A 19" Rack Mount Card Cage

## A.1 Features

- 1U height (1.75")
- Universal Power Supply Accepts 90V to 264V AC and 47 to 63 Hz AC
- Standard Power Supply is 12VDC, Optional 24VDC, -48VDC, 125VDC, or AC Power Supply Available
- Over Load & Short Circuit Protection

## A.2 Description

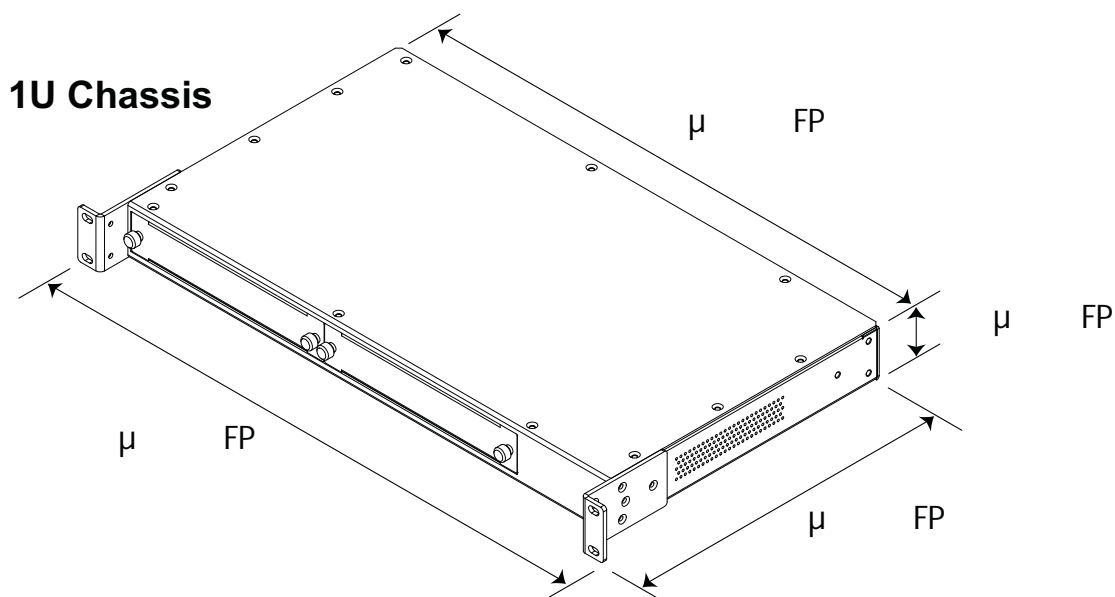
This 1U "Pizza Box" Rack Mount Card Cages hold up to 2 single multiplexer type cards.

It operates with one power supply. The AC power supply automatically adjusts for 90V to 264V AC input and 47 to 63 Hz operation. The DC power supply accepts 24VDC, -48VDC, or 125VDC input (Optional).

This 1U rack assembly is 19" wide by 1.75" high, and is 9" deep.

## A.3 Chassis Ground

The Stand alone and Rack mount chassis provide a connection point for chassis ground with a dedicated chassis ground screw and lock washer. The chassis ground screw is located on the rear side of the chassis. This chassis ground connection point is available in case chassis ground is taken into design consideration by the end user.



## B.1 Return Policy

To return a product, you must first obtain a Return Material Authorization number from the Customer Service Department. If the product's warranty has expired, you will need to provide a purchase order to authorize the repair. When returning a product for a suspected failure, please provide a description of the problem and any results of diagnostic tests that have been conducted.

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