

R&S®OSP OPEN SWITCH AND CONTROL PLATFORM

Modular solution for RF switch and control tasks



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AT A GLANCE

The modular R&S®OSP open switch and control platform performs RF switch and control tasks quickly and easily. The latest R&S®OSP generation comes with an extended range of modules, allowing an even wider variety of RF wiring configurations to be implemented.

The latest R&S®OSP product family comprises three models (R&S®OSP220, R&S®OSP230 and R&S®OSP320) plus a satellite box (R&S®OSP-B200S2) to meet the requirements of diverse test scenarios – ranging from desktop configurations for laboratory measurements to complex, rack-integrated test systems.

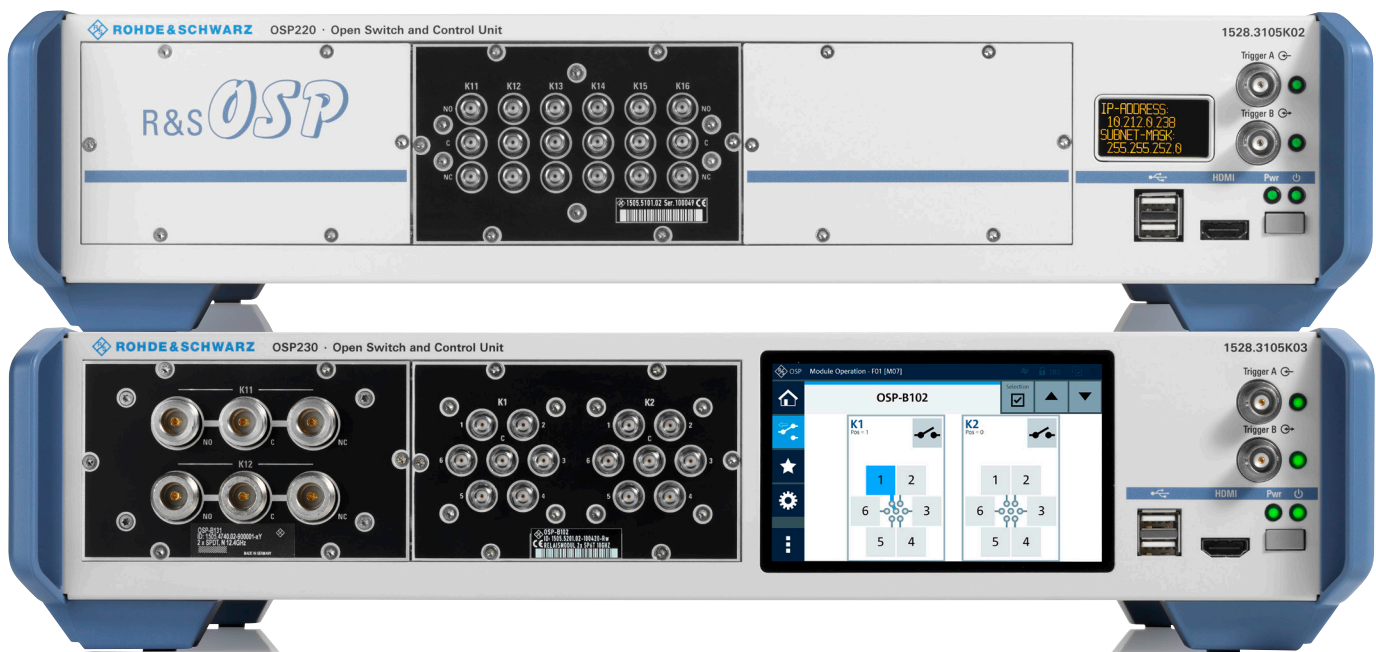
The R&S®OSP switch and control units can be controlled via Ethernet. Multiple units can be combined into a primary/secondary system setup via LAN. Manual control via a touchscreen or an external monitor and a keyboard and mouse is also possible.

The units have module slots on their front and rear panels, allowing users to implement application-specific configurations – from simple RF switch functions to automatic path switchover in complex RF test systems. Typical applications include mobile and wireless communications as well as broadcast and EMC applications.

The R&S®OSP-B200S2 satellite box, in combination with up to two R&S®OSP modules, enables split operation, i.e. the box moves RF switch and control tasks closer to the DUT or the antennas.

New technologies such as 5G, radar and other applications call for very fast and often precisely defined switching times between measuring instruments and antennas and between the DUT ports in development and production.

The R&S®OSP-K100 hardware trigger option makes switching of solid-state relay (SSR) and digital I/O modules up to 1000 times faster and enables precise, reproducible path switching irrespective of whether the paths involved contain electromechanical, solid-state RF relay or digital I/O modules.



Top: R&S®OSP220 with three slots each on the front and rear panel; bottom: R&S®OSP230 with built-in touchscreen, two slots on the front and three slots on the rear panel.

BENEFITS AND KEY FEATURES

Modular, reliable, cost-efficient

Thanks to the modular design of the R&S®OSP family, users can quickly and easily set up test and measurement configurations for applications in production, test labs and development. The ability to implement complex wiring configurations with a single switch and control platform is an essential prerequisite for reliable and reproducible measurements that can be automated for cost-efficient test sequences.

Compact and flexible

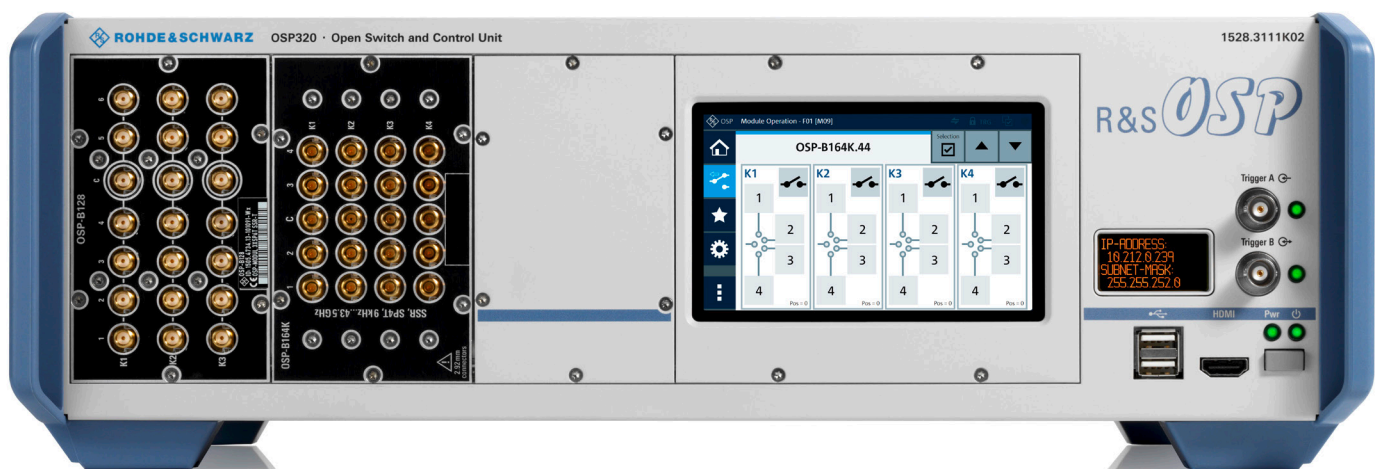
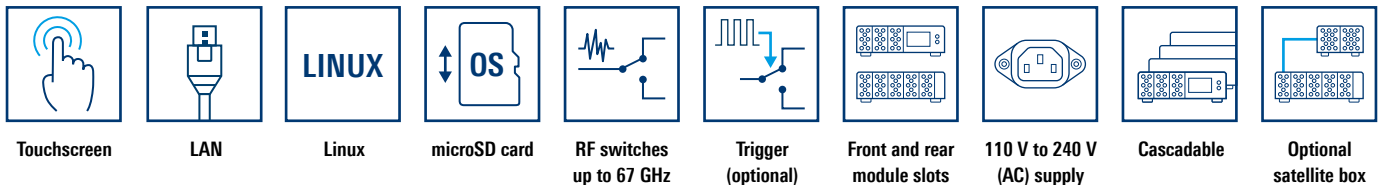
The R&S®OSP units come with a powerful CPU that provides maximum flexibility for controlling switch and control modules. It enables the use of internal and external interfaces and supports a user-friendly web interface. The web based graphical user interface (GUI) provides a compact menu display on the built-in touchscreen (R&S®OSP230 and optionally on the R&S®OSP320) and an extended view on a connected monitor or PC.

The units of the latest R&S®OSP series come in a compact 2 RU 19" cabinet (R&S®OSP220 and R&S®OSP230) with up to 6 module slots and a 3 RU version (R&S®OSP320) with up to 10 module slots.

The module slots on the front and rear panels can be combined into wider slots to accept larger modules that provide an extended range of functions.

Compatible with legacy products

The latest generation of the R&S®OSP product family is largely backward compatible. In particular, all available universal switch and control modules can be used with the latest units. A dedicated compatibility mode makes it easy to use existing control software.



R&S®OSP320 with five slots each on the front and rear panel. The front panel can optionally be configured with three slots and a touchscreen.

SWITCH AND CONTROL MODULES

The R&S®OSP family comes with powerful switch and control modules that can be inserted into the front and rear module slots. Different types of modules can be combined in an R&S®OSP unit – from simple RF switch modules to more complex, application-specific modules – allowing users to tailor their R&S®OSP platform cost-efficiently to specific applications.

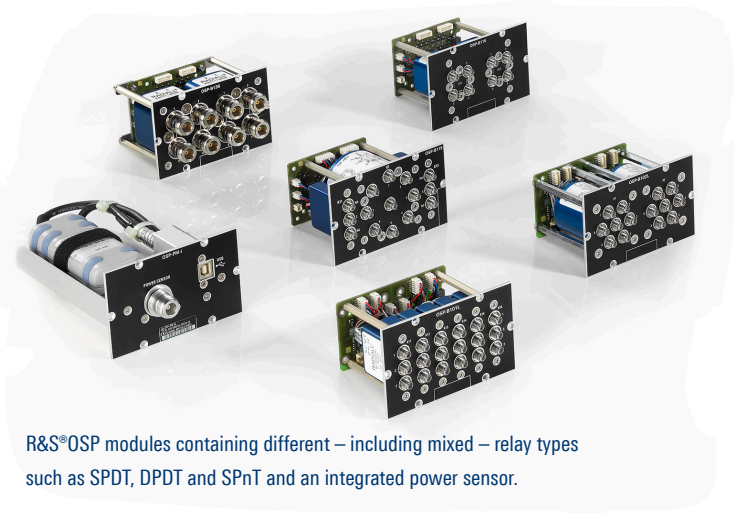
The following module types are available:

- ▶ Universal electromechanical RF relay modules up to 67 GHz in various versions, i.e. with terminated and non-terminated, failsafe and latching relays
- ▶ Solid-state relay modules (up to 43.5 GHz)
- ▶ Digital I/O modules and multiplexer modules
- ▶ Auxiliary modules such as digital RF attenuator modules (up to 40 GHz)
- ▶ Module kit for versatile off-the-shelf customization

Special modules such as the R&S®OSP-B104, R&S®OSP-B114 and R&S®OSP-PM-I are available to simplify the implementation of EMS test systems.

The R&S®OSP-BCST module kit for R&S®OSP320 offers a versatile off-the-shelf solution. A wide selection of R&S®OSP modules and additional auxiliary components enable easy customization and integration to meet your specific needs (see page 8 for details).

The R&S®OSP detects each module automatically. No installation routine is required after swapping modules; new modules are ready for operation immediately.



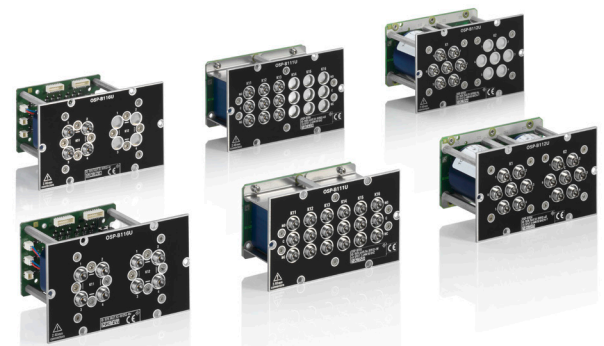
R&S®OSP modules containing different – including mixed – relay types such as SPDT, DPDT and SPnT and an integrated power sensor.



R&S®OSP modules with type N connectors containing different relay types such as SPDT, DPDT and SP6T.



Modules with terminated and non-terminated relays from DC to 40 GHz.



Modules with SPDT, DPDT and SP6T relays up to 50 GHz.

Overview of universal R&S®OSP modules with RF coaxial relays ^{1),2)}

Frequency range	0 Hz	9 kHz	to	6 GHz	8 GHz	10 GHz	12.4 GHz	18 GHz	26.5 GHz ³⁾	40 GHz	50 GHz	67 GHz		
Relay types														
R&S®OSP-Bxxx RF relay modules														
RF solid-state relays	SPDT	B107: reflective, 30 dBm												
		B127: absorptive ⁴⁾ , 30 dBm												
		B162K: absorptive ⁴⁾ , 23 dBm, 9 kHz to 43.5 GHz												
		B142: absorptive ⁴⁾ , 30 dBm												
	DP3T	B142: reflective, 40 dBm												
SP4T	B164K: absorptive ⁴⁾ , 23 dBm, 9 kHz to 43.5 GHz													
SP6T	B128: absorptive ⁴⁾ , 30 dBm													
Electromechanical RF relays	SPDT	B106: 3 × BNC (900 MHz) and 3 × N												
		B131/B132: failsafe												
	DPDT	B136: failsafe												
	SP6T	B133: failsafe												
	SPDT	B101: failsafe						B111E		B111H	B111U	B111V		
		B101L: latching									B111UL ⁵⁾	B111VL ⁵⁾		
		B121: terminated, failsafe						B121E		B121H	B121U	B121(V)L ⁵⁾		
	DPDT	B116: failsafe						B116E		B116H	B116U			
	SP6T	B102: failsafe						B112E		B112H	B112U	B112V		
		B102L: latching									B112UL ⁵⁾			
		B122: terminated						B122E		B122H	B122U	B122(V)L ⁵⁾		
			Six connectors for external termination ⁶⁾						B182E	B182H				
	SP6T, SPDT	BM6x: 1 to 3 × SPDT, 1 × SP6T, failsafe						BM6xE		BM6xH	BM6xU			
	SP8T, SPDT	B123/B124/B125: terminated, failsafe						B125E		B125H				
	SP8T, SPDT	B119: 1 × SP8T, 2 × SPDT, failsafe						B119E		B119H				
SP8T, SPDT	B129: 1 × terminated SP8T, 2 × non-terminated SPDT, failsafe						B129E		B129H					

Color code for coaxial connectors in line with IEEE 287-2007: ■ type N ■ SMA ■ 2.92 mm ■ 2.4 mm ■ 1.85 mm

¹⁾ For digital I/O and application-specific modules and their specifications, see ordering information and the R&S®OSP specifications (PD 5216.1340.22).

²⁾ Relays are non-terminated unless otherwise specified.

³⁾ SMA female connectors are also commonly used in this frequency range.

⁴⁾ With 50 Ω termination.

⁵⁾ Latching.

⁶⁾ External termination not in scope of delivery.



Selection of R&S®OSP modules of different sizes and configurations, depending on the function.

INTUITIVE OPERATION

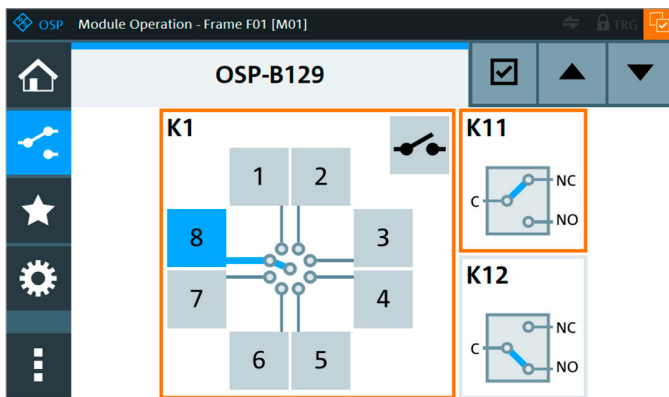
All R&S®OSP units can be controlled using an external keyboard and mouse and monitor with a HDMI interface. The models with a touchscreen can be manually operated without external accessories.

The R&S®OSP units come with a built-in web interface for operation via the touchscreen or control from a PC or laptop via a browser. With browser based control, the resolution of the displayed content is automatically adapted to the size of the monitor used. The intuitive user interface makes it easy to configure and control the switch and control modules; no specific software knowledge is required.

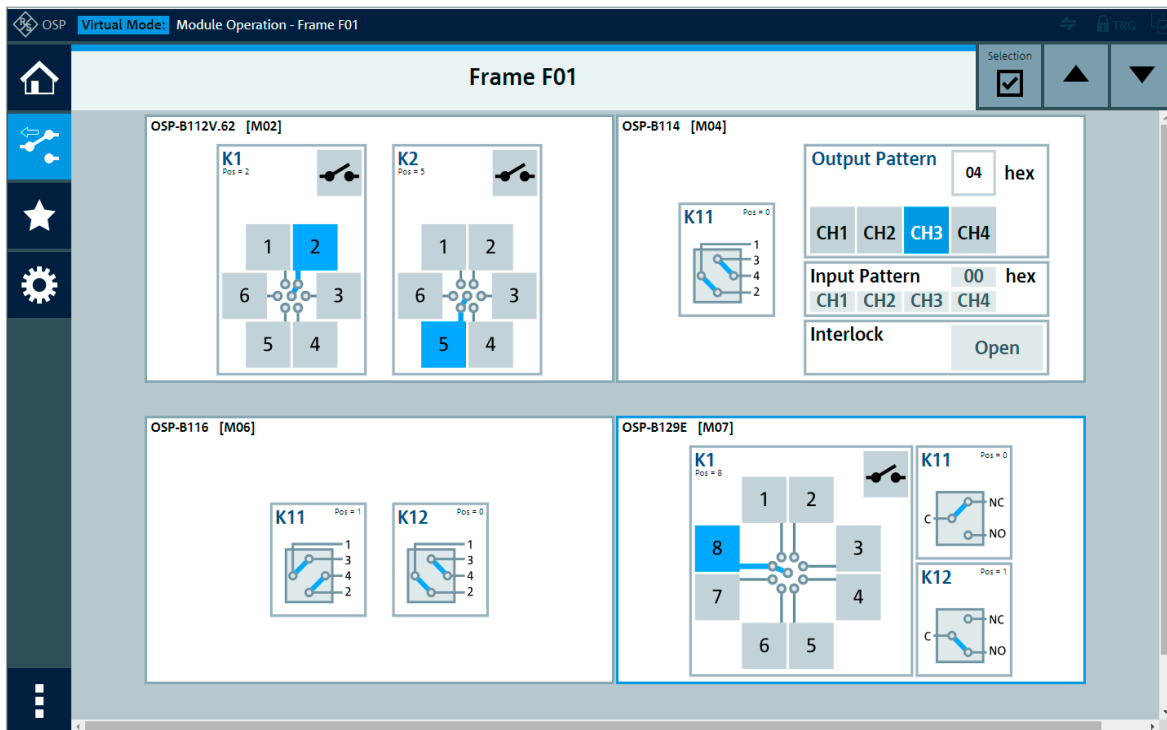
Path control

Relay switching states are combined into defined paths, simplifying the control and programming of complex wiring configurations.

The ability to copy and paste the syntax of manually defined paths to SCPI commands makes SCPI programming very efficient.



Example of path definition via the R&S®OSP touchscreen for the R&S®OSP-B129 RF switch module (K1 and K11 relays).



Example of the web based GUI, controlled via a remote computer with an Ethernet connection.

The larger monitor of a PC or laptop provides an extended view, allowing multiple RF modules to be displayed.

HARDWARE BASED TRIGGER

New technologies such as 5G and radar applications call for considerably faster and often precisely defined path switching intervals. The R&S®OSP-K100 hardware trigger option delivers precise, reproducible and accelerated path switching.

The two BNC connectors on the R&S®OSP front panel are used as trigger inputs, with LEDs indicating the trigger status. The R&S®OSP320 additionally comes with a D-Sub connector on its rear panel to accept an addressed trigger.

Up to 16 paths can be controlled, depending on the trigger type. A path can consist of just one switching relay or a number of switchable elements distributed among various

modules or even among different R&S®OSP units of a primary/secondary system and any optional connected R&S®OSP satellite boxes. This opens up a virtually unlimited variety of applications.

The trigger function can be configured in a convenient trigger menu or programmed using SCPI commands. Since calculating trigger intervals for paths containing multiple switching elements is tedious, the R&S®OSP offers a very useful feature. It displays the minimum trigger interval for a given path based on the specifications of all switching elements involved and taking into account the internal delays.

Trigger types

Trigger type	Number of paths	Interfaces	Function
Single	1	Trigger A (BNC)	The trigger activates only one path only once, then the trigger mode is deactivated.
Toggle	2	Trigger A (BNC)	The trigger switches back and forth between two paths.
Sequenced	3 to 16	Trigger A (BNC), Trigger B (BNC)	The trigger is switched sequentially from path 0 to path n (n = 2 to 15). A reset restarts the sequence with path 0.
Addressed (R&S®OSP320 only)	up to 16	Trigger (D-Sub, rear panel)	The R&S®OSP320 has four additional address lines for direct control of paths 0 to 15.

Trigger menu and trigger connectors

Display of minimum trigger interval and the paths to which the trigger signal is to be applied.



SYSTEM INTEGRATION

Easy system integration

Since all R&S®OSP models can be controlled via Ethernet, R&S®OSP units can be connected to a PC or laptop, integrated into a test system and remotely operated over a corporate network and the internet.

Remote control is via SCPI commands using LabVIEW, LabWindows/CVI, Keysight VEE, C++, C#, Visual Basic, Visual Basic .NET, etc.

Virtually unlimited expandability

All R&S®OSP models can be combined via Ethernet into a primary/secondary system in a local network or a corporate or global network. This substantially enhances the functionality of the R&S®OSP configuration, including path control, and it provides an easy way to expand existing R&S®OSP systems to meet future requirements.

Diverse interfaces

The R&S®OSP family models come with diverse interfaces. PC interfaces such as Ethernet, USB and HDMI are provided as standard. An Ethernet connection is used for remote control via SCPI commands sent from a remote computer or for manual remote control via the web based R&S®OSP GUI. USB and HDMI are used for manual operation as well as for updates and data backup.

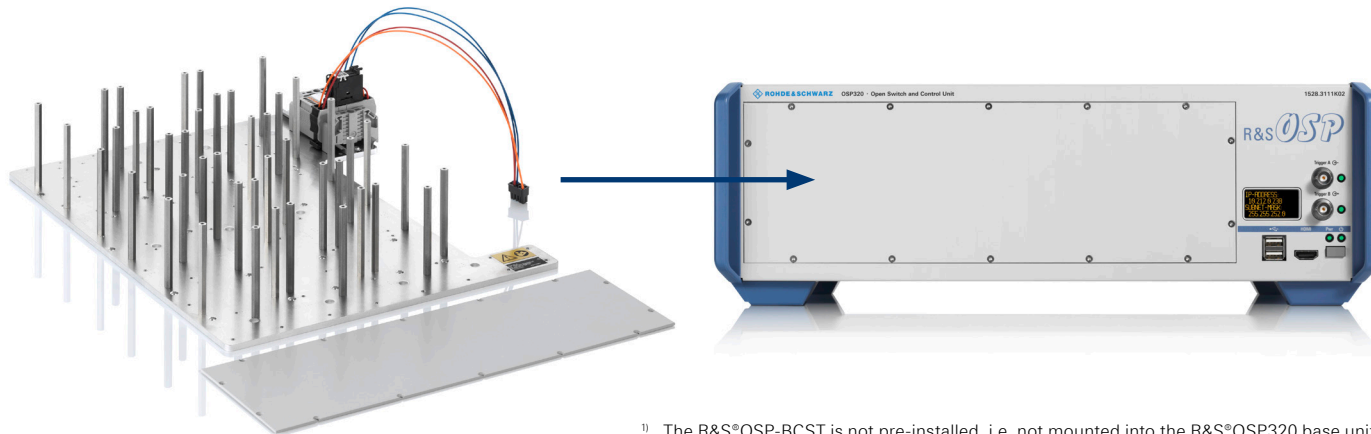
The operating system, together with any system and user information that may be included, is stored on an externally accessible microSD card that can be removed for security-critical applications.

Streamlined integration

When combined with the R&S®OSP320 base unit, the R&S®OSP-BCST module kit¹⁾ offers the flexibility and freedom to realize customized RF switch module designs. The wide range of R&S®OSP modules is complemented by the possibility of integrating additional auxiliary components. All components necessary for the RF application can now be placed next to each other in the R&S®OSP320 for seamless integration. The module kit comes with a front plate that enables the RF interface layout to be customized as required, a base plate for mounting R&S®OSP modules and third-party components as well as a +5 V DC and +27 V DC terminal block for feeding active third-party components. Off-the-shelf auxiliary components and DC/DC converters for DIN rail mount can be easily integrated into the base unit. This greatly simplifies integration efforts and reduces the complexity, since there is no need for additional external power supplies for powering active components such as a low-noise amplifier. Even after customers have implemented their design, RF switching operation is performed and based on the R&S®OSP platform. This combination is a versatile off-the-shelf solution that offers easy customization to meet specific needs.

Realize your customized RF switch module designs

R&S®OSP-BCST module kit for seamless integration into the R&S®OSP320 base unit¹⁾.



¹⁾ The R&S®OSP-BCST is not pre-installed, i.e. not mounted into the R&S®OSP320 base unit.

Split operation

In addition to networking multiple R&S®OSP units, split operation is also possible using the compact R&S®OSP-B200S2 satellite box. The satellite box moves RF switch and control tasks closer to the DUT or the antennas. This reduces the number of long RF cables required, improving the RF performance of the setup and lowering costs. Depending on the application, the satellite box is controlled via a serial electrical bus cable (wired link) or a fiber-optic link (FOL).



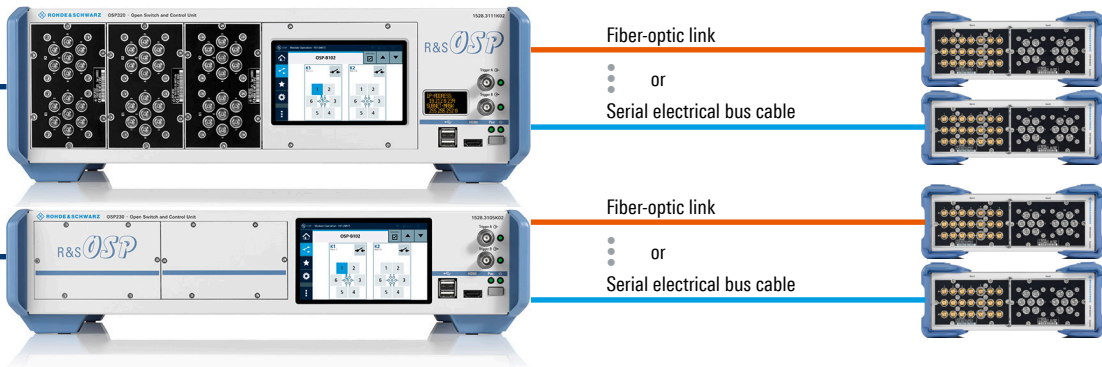
R&S®OSP-B200R remote control module with R&S®OSP-B200S2 satellite box and fiber-optic cable.

Possible combinations of R&S®OSP base units and satellite boxes

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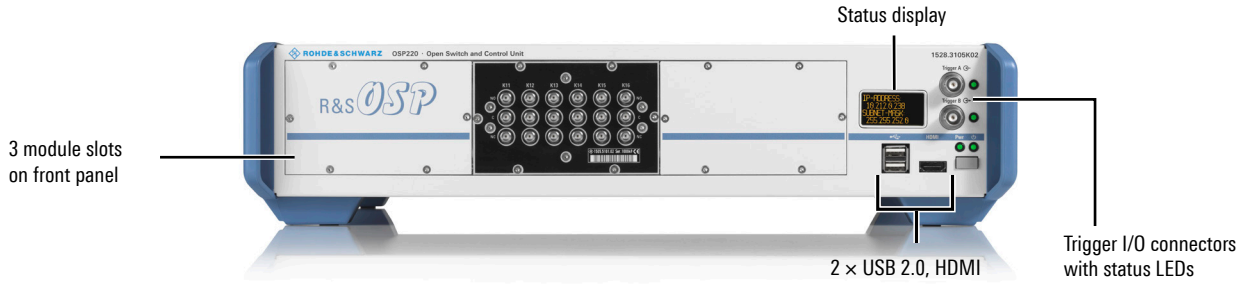
Any R&S®OSP models can be combined via Ethernet.

Multiple satellite boxes can be controlled from one R&S®OSP unit.

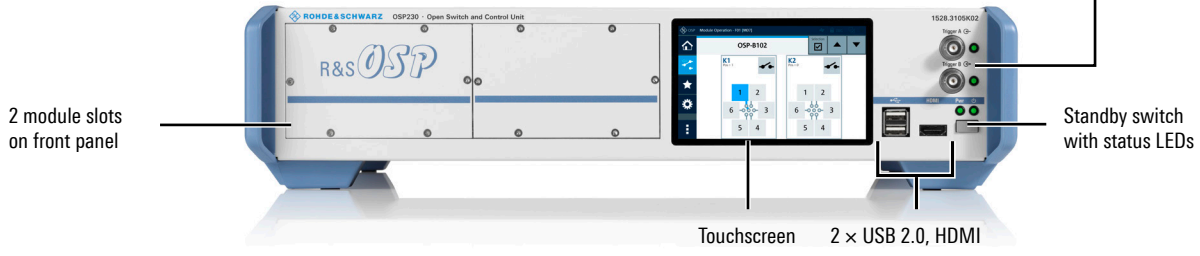


R&S®OSP320 and R&S®OSP-B200S2 equipped with solid-state relay (SSR) modules up to 43.5 GHz and attenuator module.

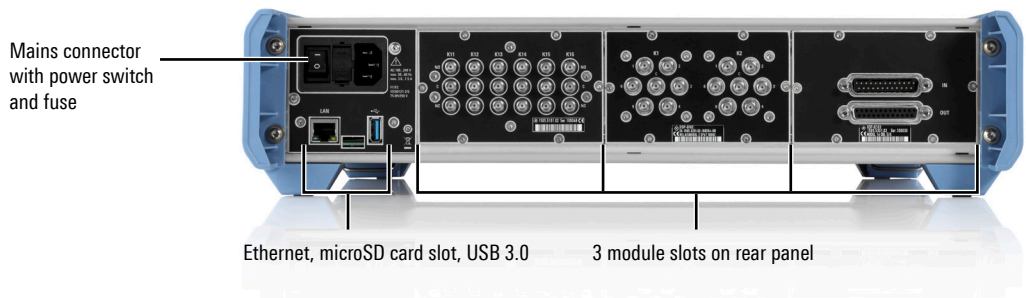
Front view of 2 RU R&S®OSP220 switch and control unit



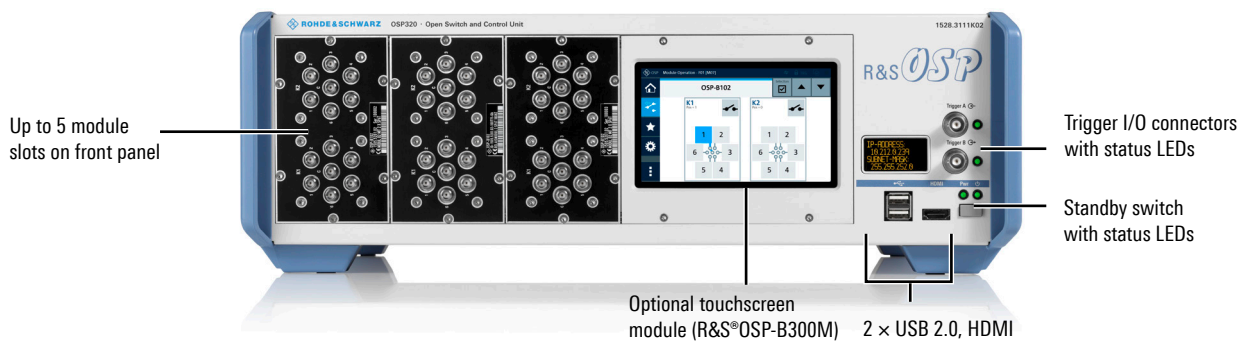
Front view of 2 RU R&S®OSP230 switch and control unit



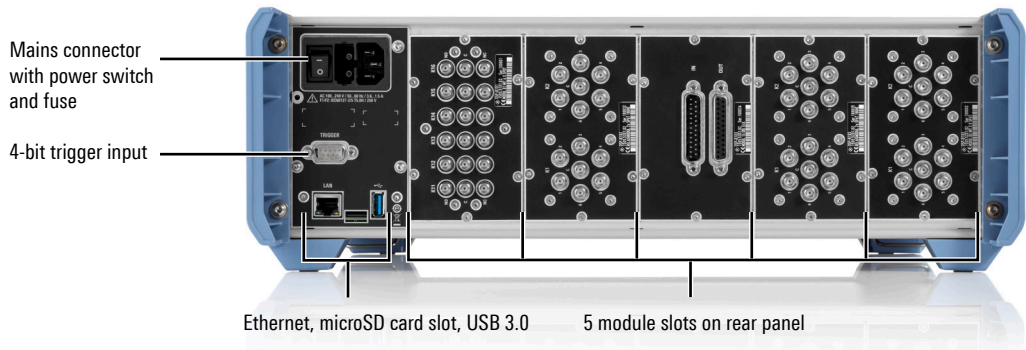
Rear view of 2 RU R&S®OSP220 and R&S®OSP230 switch and control units



Front view of 3 RU R&S®OSP320 switch and control unit



Rear view of 3 RU R&S®OSP320 switch and control unit



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