

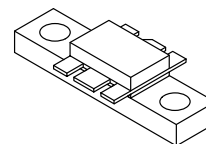
The RF Line

NPN Silicon

RF Power Transistor

... designed for 12.5 volt UHF large-signal, common-base amplifier applications in industrial and commercial FM equipment operating in the range of 806–960 MHz.

- Specified 12.5 Volt, 870 MHz Characteristics
 - Output Power = 20 Watts
 - Power Gain = 6.0 dB Min
 - Efficiency = 50% Min
- Series Equivalent Large-Signal Characterization
- Internally Matched Input for Broadband Operation
- 100% Tested for Load Mismatch Stress at All Phase Angles with 20:1 VSWR @ 15.5 Volt Supply and 50% RF Overdrive
- Gold Metallized, Emitter Ballasted for Long Life and Resistance to Metal Migration
- Silicon Nitride Passivated

MRF842
20 W, 870 MHz
RF POWER
TRANSISTOR
NPN SILICON

CASE 319-07, STYLE 1

MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Collector-Emitter Voltage	V_{CEO}	16	Vdc
Collector-Base Voltage	V_{CBO}	36	Vdc
Emitter-Base Voltage	V_{EBO}	4.0	Vdc
Collector Current — Continuous	I_C	7.6	Adc
Total Device Dissipation @ $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (1) Derate above 25°C	P_D	80 0.64	Watts W/°C
Storage Temperature Range	T_{stg}	–65 to +150	°C

THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Symbol	Max	Unit
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case (2)	$R_{\theta JC}$	1.5	°C/W

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ($T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted.)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
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OFF CHARACTERISTICS

Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage ($I_C = 50\text{ mAdc}$, $I_B = 0$)	$V_{(BR)CEO}$	16	—	—	Vdc
Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage ($I_C = 50\text{ mAdc}$, $V_{BE} = 0$)	$V_{(BR)CES}$	36	—	—	Vdc
Emitter-Base Breakdown Voltage ($I_E = 10\text{ mAdc}$, $I_C = 0$)	$V_{(BR)EBO}$	4.0	—	—	Vdc
Collector Cutoff Current ($V_{CB} = 15\text{ Vdc}$, $I_E = 0$)	I_{CBO}	—	—	5.0	mAdc

NOTES:

(continued)

- This device is designed for RF operation. The total device dissipation rating applies only when the device is operated as an RF amplifier.
- Thermal Resistance is determined under specified RF operating conditions by infrared measurement techniques.



ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS — continued ($T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted.)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
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ON CHARACTERISTICS

DC Current Gain ($I_C = 2.0\text{ Adc}$, $V_{CE} = 5.0\text{ Vdc}$)	h_{FE}	10	—	—	—
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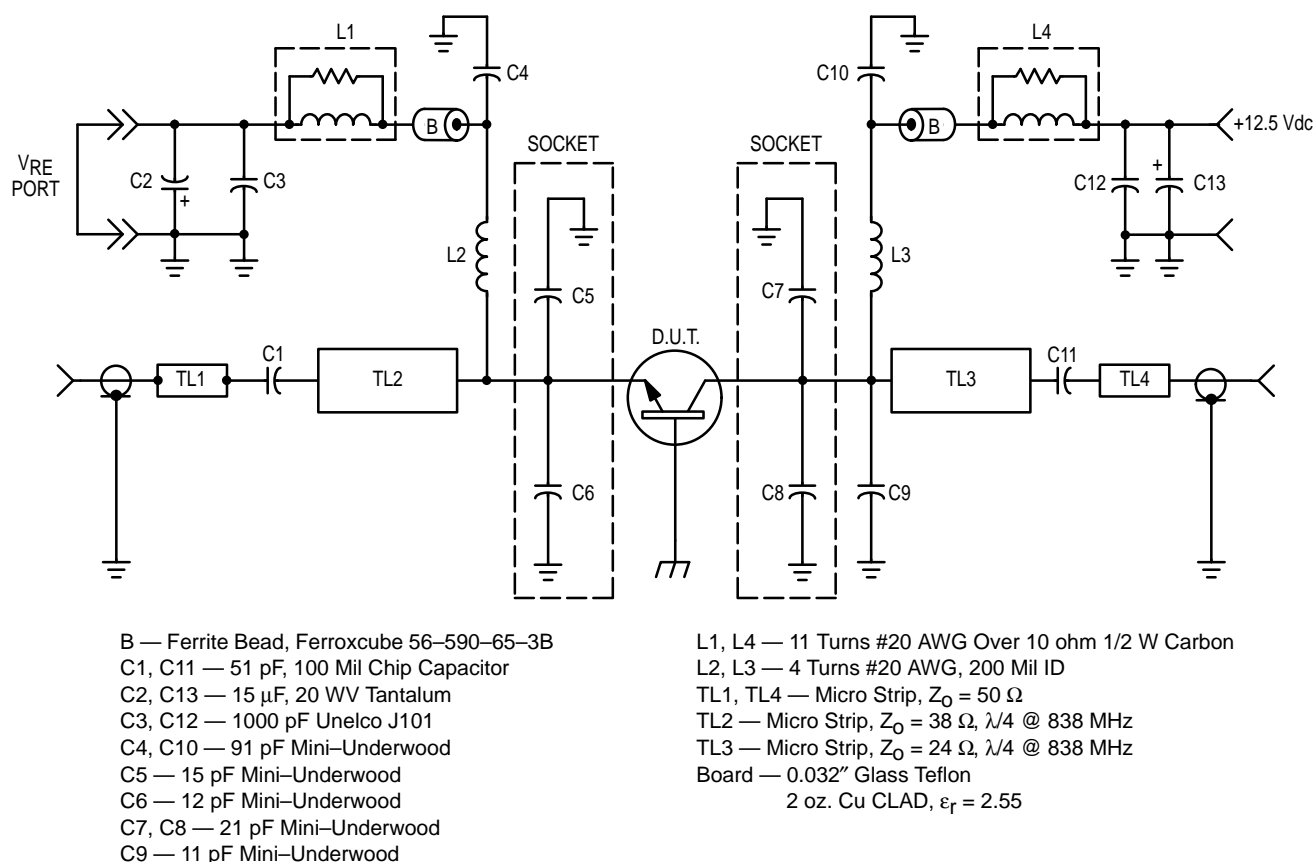
DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Output Capacitance ($V_{CB} = 12.5\text{ Vdc}$, $I_E = 0$, $f = 1.0\text{ MHz}$)	C_{ob}	—	45	65	pF
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FUNCTIONAL TESTS

Common-Base Amplifier Power Gain ($P_{out} = 20\text{ W}$, $V_{CC} = 12.5\text{ Vdc}$, $f = 870\text{ MHz}$)	G_{PB}	6.0	7.0	—	dB
Collector Efficiency ($P_{out} = 20\text{ W}$, $V_{CC} = 12.5\text{ Vdc}$, $f = 870\text{ MHz}$)	η	50	55	—	%
Load Mismatch Stress ($V_{CC} = 15.5\text{ Vdc}$, $P_{in} (3) = 6.0\text{ W}$, $f = 870\text{ MHz}$, $VSWR = 20:1$, all phase angles)	—	No Degradation in Output Power			

NOTE:

3. $P_{in} = 150\%$ of the typical input power requirement for 20 W output power @ 12.5 Vdc.**Figure 1. 870 MHz Test Circuit Schematic**

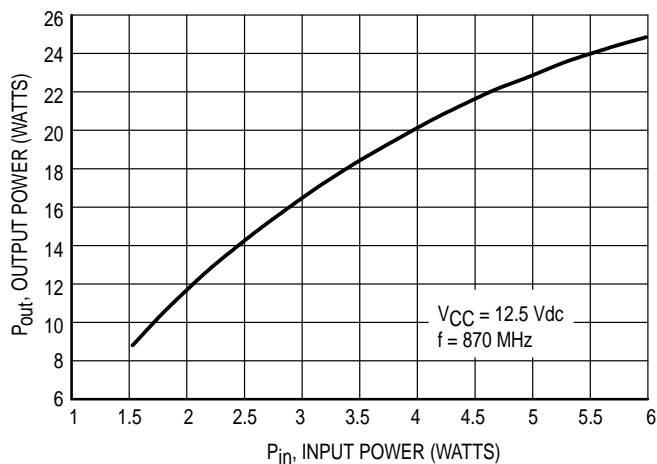


Figure 2. Output Power versus Input Power

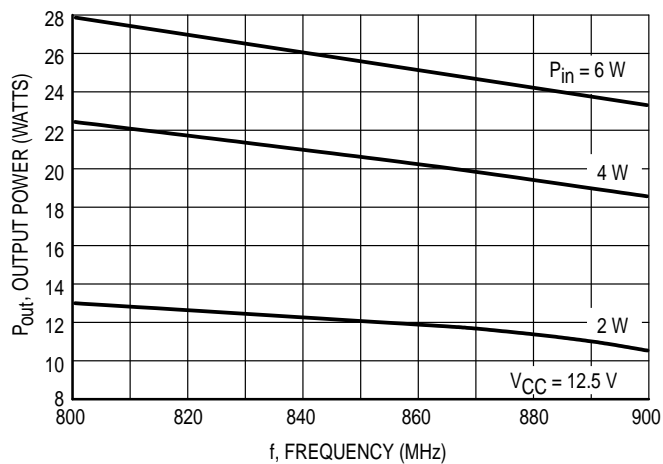


Figure 3. Output Power versus Frequency

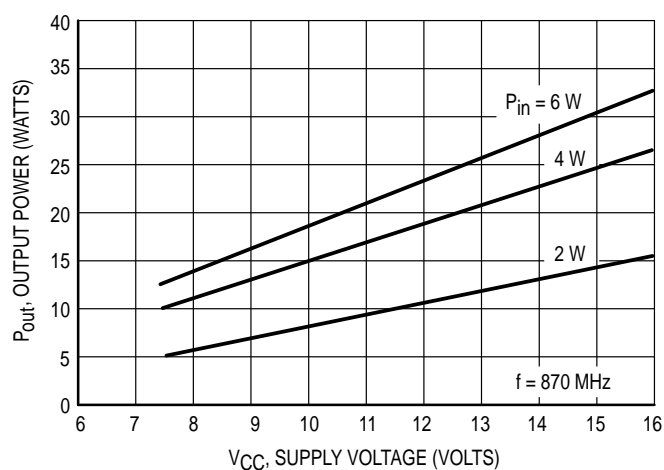
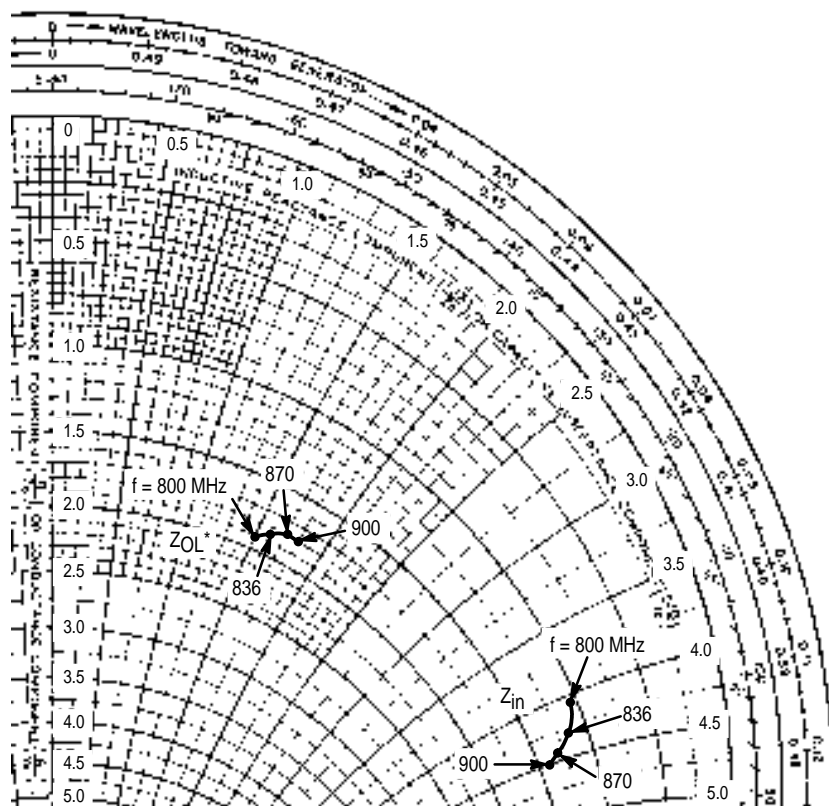


Figure 4. Output Power versus Supply Voltage



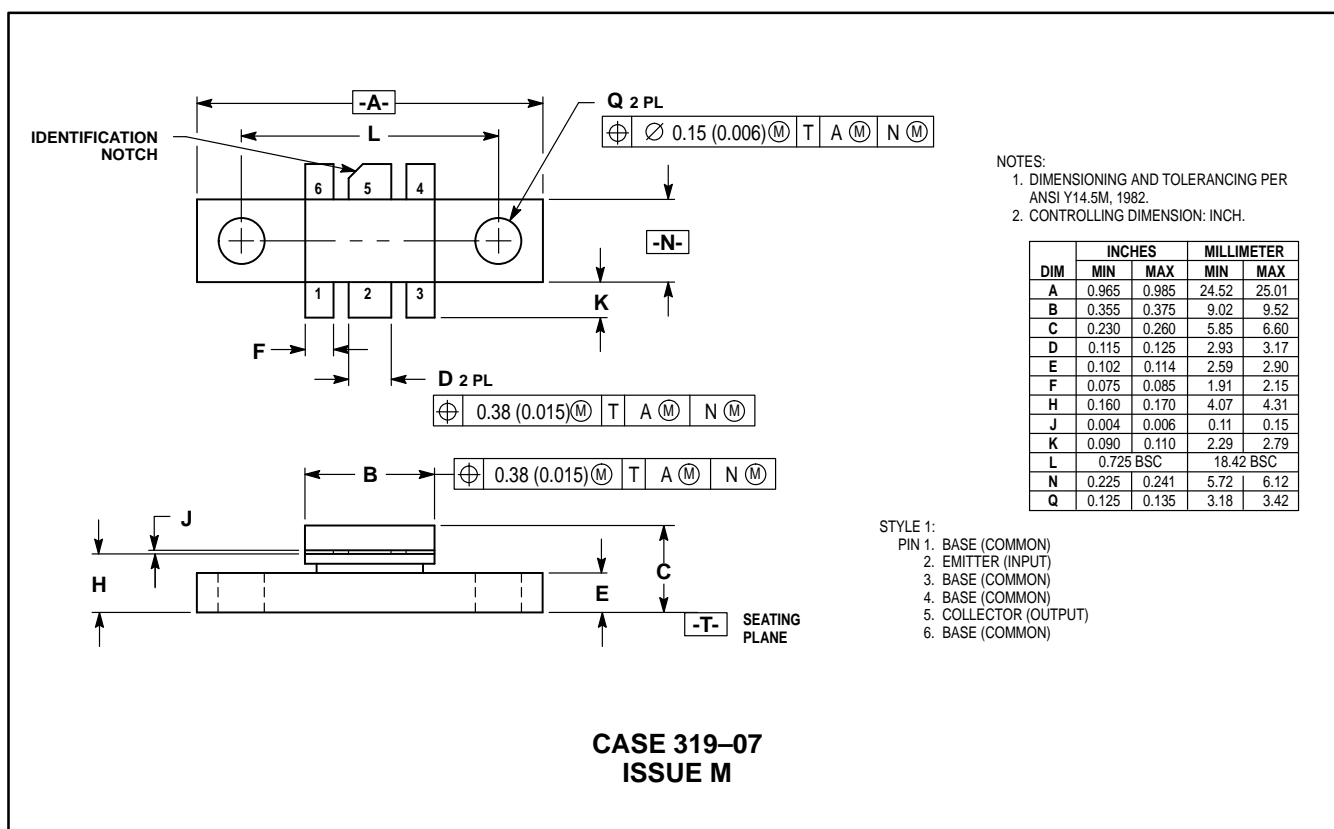
$P_{out} = 20 \text{ W}$, $V_{CC} = 12.5 \text{ Vdc}$


f MHz	Z_{in} Ohms	Z_{OL}^* Ohms
800	$1.1 + j4.1$	$1.9 + j1.5$
836	$1.2 + j4.3$	$1.85 + j1.6$
870	$1.4 + j4.4$	$1.8 + j1.7$
900	$1.6 + j4.5$	$1.8 + j1.8$

Z_{OL}^* = Conjugate of the optimum load impedance into which the device output operates at a given output power, voltage and frequency.

Figure 5. Series Equivalent Input/Output Impedance

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