Product data sheet

1. Product profile

1.1 General description

NPN silicon microwave transistor for high speed, medium power applications in a plastic, 4-pin SOT223 package.

The BFU590G is part of the BFU5 family of transistors, suitable for small signal to medium power applications up to 2 GHz.

1.2 Features and benefits

- Medium power, high linearity, high breakdown voltage RF transistor
- AEC-Q101 qualified
- Maximum stable gain 13 dB at 900 MHz
- P_{L(1dB)} 21.5 dBm at 900 MHz
- 8.5 GHz f_T silicon technology

1.3 Applications

- Automotive applications
- Broadband amplifiers
- Medium power amplifiers (500 mW at a frequency of 433 MHz or 866 MHz)
- Large signal amplifiers for ISM applications

1.4 Quick reference data

Table 1. Quick reference data

T_{amb} = 25 °C unless otherwise specified

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|------------------|---------------------------|--|-----|-----|------|------|
| V_{CB} | collector-base voltage | open emitter | - | - | 24 | V |
| V_{CE} | collector-emitter voltage | open base | - | - | 12 | V |
| | | shorted base | - | - | 24 | V |
| V_{EB} | emitter-base voltage | open collector | - | - | 2 | V |
| I _C | collector current | | - | 80 | 200 | mA |
| P _{tot} | total power dissipation | $T_{sp} \le 90 ^{\circ}C$ | - | - | 2000 | mW |
| h _{FE} | DC current gain | $I_C = 80 \text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}$ | 60 | 95 | 130 | |
| C _c | collector capacitance | V _{CB} = 8 V; f = 1 MHz | - | 1.9 | - | pF |
| f _T | transition frequency | I _C = 80 mA; V _{CE} = 8 V; f = 900 MHz | - | 8.5 | - | GHz |



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Table 1. Quick reference data ...continued

 $T_{amb} = 25$ °C unless otherwise specified

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----|------|-----|------|
| G _{p(max)} | maximum power gain | $I_C = 80 \text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}; f = 900 \text{ MHz}$ | - | 13 | - | dB |
| P _{L(1dB)} | output power at 1 dB gain compression | I_C = 80 mA; V_{CE} = 8 V; Z_S = Z_L = 50 Ω ; f = 900 MHz | - | 21.5 | - | dBm |

- [1] T_{sp} is the temperature at the solder point of the collector lead.
- [2] If K > 1 then $G_{p(max)}$ is the maximum power gain. If K < 1 then $G_{p(max)} = MSG$.

2. Pinning information

Table 2. Discrete pinning

| Pin | Description | Simplified outline | Graphic symbol |
|-----|-------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1 | emitter | | |
| 2 | base | 4 | 4 |
| 3 | emitter | | 2 — |
| 4 | collector | | 1, 3 |
| | | | mbb159 |

3. Ordering information

Table 3. Ordering information

| Type number | Package | | | | | |
|-------------|------------------|--|---------|--|--|--|
| | Name Description | | Version | | | |
| BFU590G | - | plastic surface-mounted package with increased heatsink; 4 leads | SOT223 | | | |
| OM7966 | - | Customer evaluation kit for BFU580G and BFU590G [1] | - | | | |

- [1] The customer evaluation kit contains the following:
 - a) Unpopulated RF amplifier Printed-Circuit Board (PCB)
 - b) Unpopulated RF amplifier Printed-Circuit Board (PCB) with emitter degeneration
 - c) Four SMA connectors for fitting unpopulated Printed-Circuit Board (PCB)
 - d) BFU580G and BFU590G samples
 - e) USB stick with data sheets, application notes, models, S-parameter and noise files

4. Marking

Table 4. Marking

| Type number | Marking |
|-------------|---------|
| BFU590G | BFU590 |

5. Design support

Table 5. Available design support

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| Support item | Available | Remarks |
|---|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Device models for Agilent EEsof EDA ADS | yes | Based on Mextram device model. |
| SPICE model | yes | Based on Gummel-Poon device model. |
| S-parameters | yes | |
| Customer evaluation kit | yes | See Section 3 and Section 10. |
| Solder pattern | yes | |
| Application notes | yes | See Section 10.1 and Section 10.2. |

6. Limiting values

Table 6. Limiting values

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Max | Unit |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----|------|------|
| V _{CB} | collector-base voltage | open emitter | - | 30 | V |
| V_{CE} | collector-emitter voltage | open base | - | 16 | V |
| | | shorted base | - | 30 | V |
| V _{EB} | emitter-base voltage | open collector | - | 3 | V |
| Ic | collector current | | - | 300 | mΑ |
| T _{stg} | storage temperature | | -65 | +150 | °C |
| V _{ESD} | electrostatic discharge voltage | Human Body Model (HBM) According to JEDEC standard 22-A114E | - | ±250 | V |
| | | Charged Device Model (CDM) According to JEDEC standard 22-C101B | - | ±2 | kV |

7. Recommended operating conditions

Table 7. Characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----|-----|------|------|
| V_{CB} | collector-base voltage | open emitter | - | - | 24 | V |
| V_{CE} | collector-emitter voltage | open base | - | - | 12 | V |
| | | shorted base | - | - | 24 | V |
| V_{EB} | emitter-base voltage | open collector | - | - | 2 | V |
| I _C | collector current | | - | - | 200 | mA |
| Pi | input power | $Z_S = 50 \Omega$ | - | - | 20 | dBm |
| Tj | junction temperature | | -40 | - | +150 | °C |
| P _{tot} | total power dissipation | $T_{sp} \le 90 ^{\circ}C$ | [1] | - | 2000 | mW |

^[1] T_{sp} is the temperature at the solder point of the collector lead.

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8. Thermal characteristics

Table 8. Thermal characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Тур | Unit |
|----------------|--|------------|-----|------|
| $R_{th(j-sp)}$ | thermal resistance from junction to solder point | <u>[1]</u> | 30 | K/W |

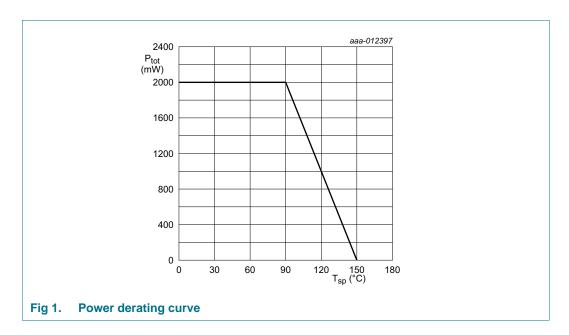
[1] T_{sp} is the temperature at the solder point of the collector lead.

 T_{sp} has the following relation to the ambient temperature $T_{amb}\!:$

 $T_{sp} = T_{amb} + P \times R_{th(sp-a)}$

With P being the power dissipation and $R_{th(sp-a)}$ being the thermal resistance between the solder point and ambient. $R_{th(sp-a)}$ is determined by the heat transfer properties in the application.

The heat transfer properties are set by the application board materials, the board layout and the environment e.g. housing.



9. Characteristics

Table 9. Characteristics

 $T_{amb} = 25$ °C unless otherwise specified

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|------|
| $V_{(BR)CBO}$ | collector-base breakdown voltage | $I_C = 100 \text{ nA}; I_E = 0 \text{ mA}$ | 24 | - | - | V |
| $V_{(BR)CEO}$ | collector-emitter breakdown voltage | $I_C = 150 \text{ nA}; I_B = 0 \text{ mA}$ | 12 | - | - | V |
| Ic | collector current | | - | 80 | 200 | mA |
| I _{CBO} | collector-base cut-off current | I _E = 0 mA; V _{CB} = 8 V | - | <1 | - | nA |
| h _{FE} | DC current gain | $I_C = 80 \text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}$ | 60 | 95 | 130 | |
| Ce | emitter capacitance | V _{EB} = 0.5 V; f = 1 MHz | - | 3.9 | - | pF |
| C _{re} | feedback capacitance | V _{CE} = 8 V; f = 1 MHz | - | 1.1 | - | pF |
| C _c | collector capacitance | V _{CB} = 8 V; f = 1 MHz | - | 1.9 | - | pF |
| f _T | transition frequency | $I_C = 50 \text{ mA}$; $V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}$; $f = 900 \text{ MHz}$ | - | 8.5 | - | GHz |

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 Table 9.
 Characteristics ...continued

T_{amb} = 25 °C unless otherwise specified

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----|------|-----|------|
| G _{p(max)} | maximum power gain | f = 433 MHz; V _{CE} = 8 V | | | | |
| | | I _C = 10 mA | - | 18.5 | - | dB |
| | | I _C = 50 mA | - | 19.5 | - | dB |
| | | I _C = 80 mA | - | 19.5 | - | dB |
| | | $f = 900 \text{ MHz}; V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}$ [1] | | | | |
| | | I _C = 10 mA | - | 13.5 | - | dB |
| | | I _C = 50 mA | - | 13 | - | dB |
| | | I _C = 80 mA | - | 13 | - | dB |
| | | $f = 1800 \text{ MHz}; V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}$ [1] | | | | |
| | | I _C = 10 mA | - | 8 | - | dB |
| | | I _C = 50 mA | - | 8 | - | dB |
| | | I _C = 80 mA | - | 8 | - | dB |
| $ s_{21} ^2$ | insertion power gain | f = 433 MHz; V _{CE} = 8 V | | | | |
| | | I _C = 10 mA | - | 16 | - | dB |
| | | I _C = 50 mA | - | 17.5 | - | dB |
| | | I _C = 80 mA | - | 17.5 | - | dB |
| | | f = 900 MHz; V _{CE} = 8 V | | | | |
| | | I _C = 10 mA | - | 10 | - | dB |
| | | I _C = 50 mA | - | 11 | - | dB |
| | | I _C = 80 mA | - | 11 | - | dB |
| | | f = 1800 MHz; V _{CE} = 8 V | | | | |
| | | I _C = 10 mA | - | 4.5 | - | dB |
| | | I _C = 50 mA | - | 5.5 | - | dB |
| | | I _C = 80 mA | - | 5.5 | - | dB |
| P _{L(1dB)} | output power at 1 dB gain compression | $f = 433$ MHz; $V_{CE} = 8$ V; $Z_{S} = Z_{L} = 50$ Ω | | | | |
| | | I _C = 50 mA | - | 20 | - | dBm |
| | | I _C = 80 mA | - | 22.5 | - | dBm |
| | | $f = 900 \text{ MHz}; V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}; Z_{S} = Z_{L} = 50 \Omega$ | | | | |
| | | I _C = 50 mA | - | 19.5 | - | dBm |
| | | I _C = 80 mA | - | 21.5 | - | dBm |
| | | $f = 1800 \text{ MHz}$; $V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}$; $Z_{S} = Z_{L} = 50 \Omega$ | | | | |
| | | I _C = 50 mA | - | 18.5 | - | dBm |
| | | I _C = 80 mA | - | 21 | - | dBm |

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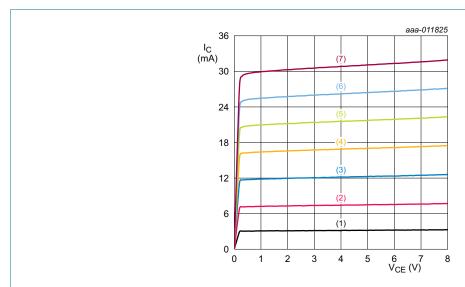
 Table 9.
 Characteristics ...continued

T_{amb} = 25 °C unless otherwise specified

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|------------------|------------------------------------|---|-----|------|-----|------|
| IP3 _o | output third-order intercept point | f_1 = 433 MHz; f_2 = 434 MHz; V_{CE} = 8 V; Z_S = Z_L = 50 Ω | | | | |
| | | I _C = 50 mA | - | 29.5 | - | dBm |
| | | I _C = 80 mA | - | 32 | - | dBm |
| | | f_1 = 900 MHz; f_2 = 901 MHz; V_{CE} = 8 V; Z_S = Z_L = 50 Ω | | | | |
| | | I _C = 50 mA | - | 29 | - | dBm |
| | | I _C = 80 mA | - | 31 | - | dBm |
| | | $\begin{aligned} f_1 &= 1800 \text{ MHz}; f_2 = 1801 \text{ MHz}; \\ V_{CE} &= 8 \text{ V}; Z_S = Z_L = 50 \Omega \end{aligned}$ | | | | |
| | | I _C = 50 mA | - | 28 | - | dBm |
| | | I _C = 80 mA | - | 30.5 | - | dBm |

[1] If K > 1 then $G_{p(max)}$ is the maximum power gain. If K < 1 then $G_{p(max)} = MSG$.

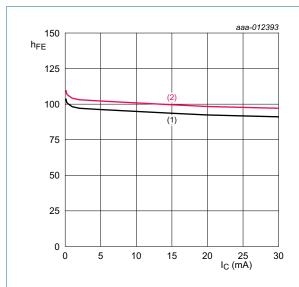
9.1 Graphs



 $T_{amb} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C.$

- (1) $I_B = 25 \mu A$
- (2) $I_B = 75 \mu A$
- (3) $I_B = 125 \mu A$
- (4) $I_B = 175 \mu A$
- (5) $I_B = 225 \mu A$
- (6) $I_B = 275 \mu A$
- (7) $I_B = 325 \mu A$

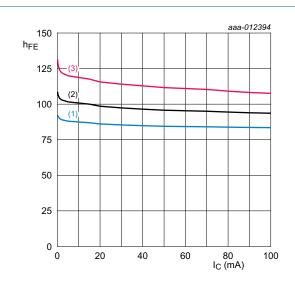
Fig 2. Collector current as a function of collector-emitter voltage; typical values



$$T_{amb} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C.$$

- (1) $V_{CE} = 3.0 \text{ V}$
- (2) $V_{CE} = 8.0 \text{ V}$

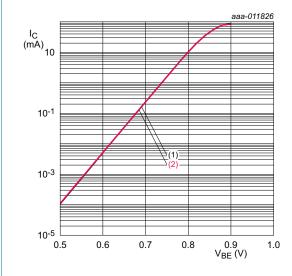
Fig 3. DC current gain as a function of collector current; typical values



$$V_{CE} = 8 V.$$

- (1) $T_{amb} = -40 \, ^{\circ}C$
- (2) $T_{amb} = +25 \, ^{\circ}C$
- (3) $T_{amb} = +125 \, ^{\circ}C$

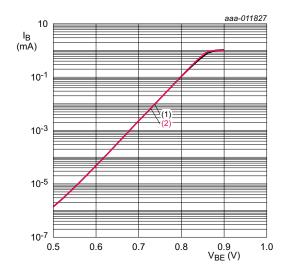
Fig 4. DC current gain as a function of collector current; typical values



 $T_{amb} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C.$

- (1) $V_{CE} = 3.0 \text{ V}$
- (2) $V_{CE} = 8.0 \text{ V}$

Fig 5. Collector current as a function of base-emitter voltage; typical values

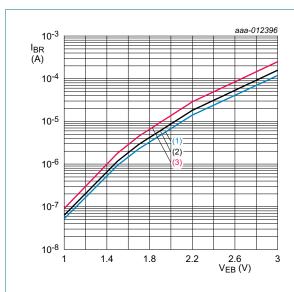


 $T_{amb} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C.$

- (1) $V_{CE} = 3.0 \text{ V}$
- (2) $V_{CE} = 8.0 \text{ V}$

Fig 6. Base current as a function of base-emitter voltage; typical values

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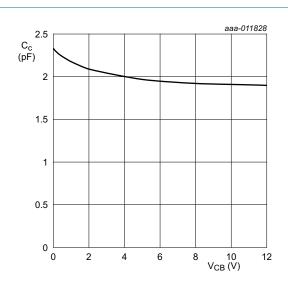
 $V_{CE} = 3 V.$

(1) $T_{amb} = -40 \, ^{\circ}C$

(2) $T_{amb} = +25 \, ^{\circ}C$

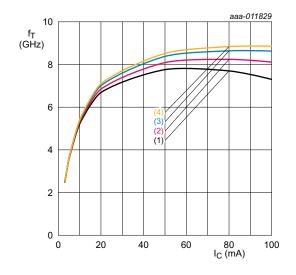
(3) $T_{amb} = +125 \, ^{\circ}C$

Fig 7. Reverse base current as a function of emitter-base voltage; typical values



 $I_C = 0$ mA; f = 1 MHz; $T_{amb} = 25$ °C.

Fig 8. Collector capacitance as a function of collector-base voltage; typical values



 $T_{amb} = 25 \, ^{\circ}C.$

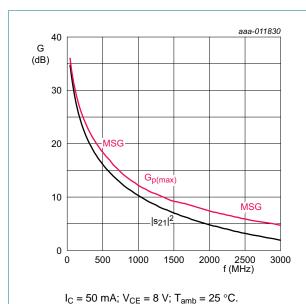
(1) $V_{CE} = 3.3 \text{ V}$

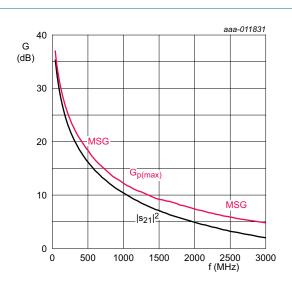
(2) $V_{CE} = 5.0 \text{ V}$

(3) $V_{CE} = 8.0 \text{ V}$

(4) $V_{CE} = 12.0 \text{ V}$

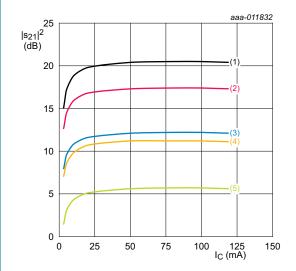
Fig 9. Transition frequency as a function of collector current; typical values





 I_C = 80 mA; V_{CE} = 8 V; T_{amb} = 25 °C.

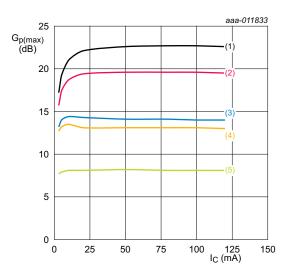
Fig 10. Gain as a function of frequency; typical values Fig 11. Gain as a function of frequency; typical values



 $V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}$; $T_{amb} = 25 \, ^{\circ}\text{C}$.

- (1) f = 300 MHz
- (2) f = 433 MHz
- (3) f = 800 MHz
- (4) f = 900 MHz
- f = 1800 MHz

Fig 12. Insertion power gain as a function of collector current; typical values



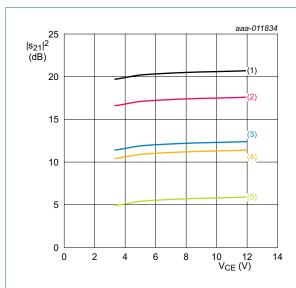
 $V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}$; $T_{amb} = 25 \, ^{\circ}\text{C}$.

If K > 1 then $G_{p(max)} = maximum$ power gain. If K < 1 then $G_{p(max)} = MSG.$

- (1) f = 300 MHz
- (2) f = 433 MHz
- (3) f = 800 MHz
- (4) f = 900 MHz
- f = 1800 MHz

Fig 13. Maximum power gain as a function of collector current; typical values

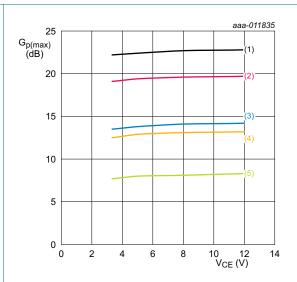
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 I_C = 50 mA; T_{amb} = 25 °C.

- (1) f = 300 MHz
- (2) f = 433 MHz
- (3) f = 800 MHz
- (4) f = 900 MHz
- (5) f = 1800 MHz

Fig 14. Insertion power gain as a function of collector-emitter voltage; typical values



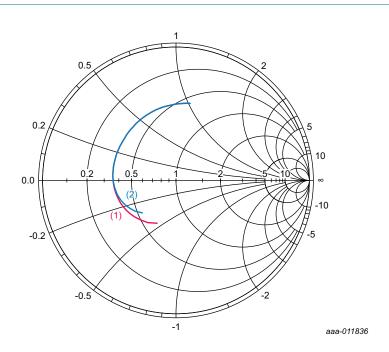
 I_C = 80 mA; T_{amb} = 25 °C.

If K >1 then $G_{p(max)}$ = maximum power gain. If K < 1 then $G_{p(max)}$ = MSG.

- (1) f = 300 MHz
- (2) f = 433 MHz
- (3) f = 800 MHz
- (4) f = 900 MHz
- (5) f = 1800 MHz

Fig 15. Maximum power gain as a function of collector-emitter voltage; typical values

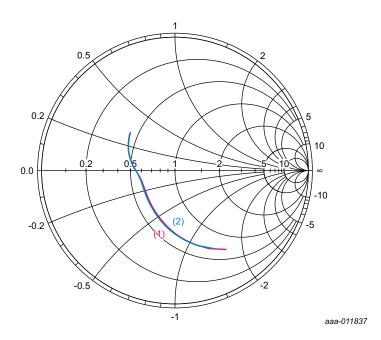




 V_{CE} = 8 V; 40 MHz \leq f \leq 3 GHz.

- (1) $I_C = 50 \text{ mA}$
- (2) $I_C = 80 \text{ mA}$

Fig 16. Input reflection coefficient (s₁₁); typical values



 $V_{CE} = 8~V;~40~MHz \leq f \leq 3~GHz.$

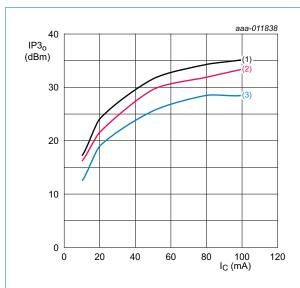
- (1) $I_C = 50 \text{ mA}$
- (2) $I_C = 80 \text{ mA}$

Fig 17. Output reflection coefficient (s_{22}) ; typical values

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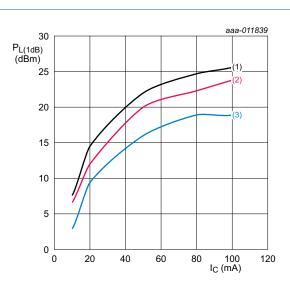
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 $V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}; T_{amb} = 25 ^{\circ}\text{C}.$

- (1) $f_1 = 433 \text{ MHz}$; $f_2 = 434 \text{ MHz}$
- (2) $f_1 = 900 \text{ MHz}$; $f_2 = 901 \text{ MHz}$
- (3) $f_1 = 1800 \text{ MHz}$; $f_2 = 1801 \text{ MHz}$

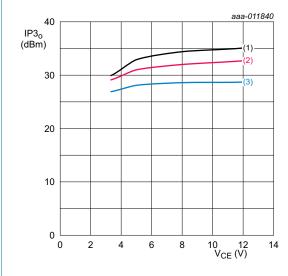
Fig 18. Output third-order intercept point as a function of collector current; typical values



 $V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}; T_{amb} = 25 \,^{\circ}\text{C}.$

- (1) f = 433 MHz
- (2) f = 900 MHz
- (3) f = 1800 MHz

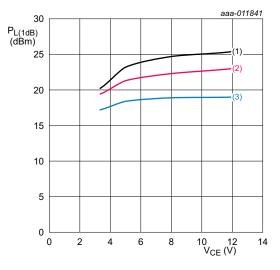
Fig 19. Output power at 1 dB gain compression as a function of collector current; typical values



 $I_C = 80 \text{ mA}$; $T_{amb} = 25 \, ^{\circ}\text{C}$.

- (1) $f_1 = 433 \text{ MHz}$; $f_2 = 434 \text{ MHz}$
- (2) $f_1 = 900 \text{ MHz}$; $f_2 = 901 \text{ MHz}$
- (3) $f_1 = 1800 \text{ MHz}$; $f_2 = 1801 \text{ MHz}$

Fig 20. Output third-order intercept point as a function of collector-emitter voltage; typical values



 $I_C = 80 \text{ mA}$; $T_{amb} = 25 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$.

- (1) f = 433 MHz
- (2) f = 900 MHz
- (3) f = 1800 MHz

Fig 21. Output power at 1 dB gain compression as a function of collector-emitter voltage; typical values

10. Application information

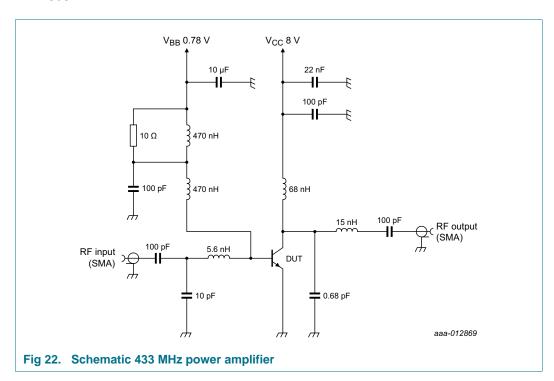
More information about the following application example can be found in the application notes. See Section 5 "Design support".

The following application example can be implemented using the evaluation kit. See Section 3 "Ordering information" for the order type number.

The following application example can be simulated using the simulation package. See Section 5 "Design support".

10.1 Application example: 433 MHz PA

More detailed information of the application example can be found in the application note: *AN11503.*



Remark: fine tuning of components maybe required depending on PCB parasitics.

Table 10. Application performance data at 433 MHz

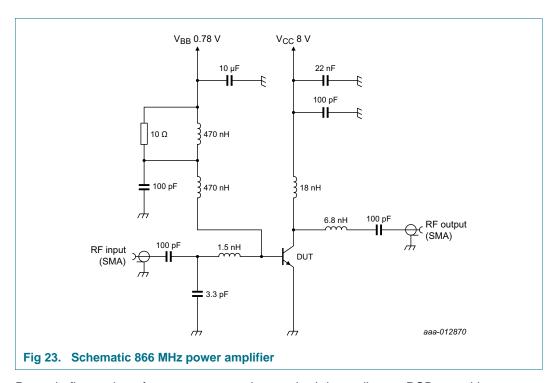
 $I_{CC} = 100 \text{ mA}; V_{CC} = 8 \text{ V}$

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| $ s_{21} ^2$ | insertion power gain | | - | 15 | - | dB |
| $ s_{11} ^2$ | input return loss | | - | -7 | - | dB |
| P _{L(1dB)} | output power at 1 dB gain compression | | - | 26 | - | dBm |
| ης | collector efficiency | | - | 60 | - | % |

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10.2 Application example: 866 MHz PA

More detailed information of the application example can be found in the application note: *AN11501*.



Remark: fine tuning of components maybe required depending on PCB parasitics.

Table 11. Application performance data at 866 MHz

 $I_{CC} = 100 \text{ mA}; V_{CC} = 8 \text{ V}$

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| $ s_{21} ^2$ | insertion power gain | | - | 10 | - | dB |
| $ s_{11} ^2$ | input return loss | | - | -12 | - | dB |
| P _{L(1dB)} | output power at 1 dB gain compression | | - | 27 | - | dBm |
| ης | collector efficiency | | - | 55 | - | % |

11. Package outline

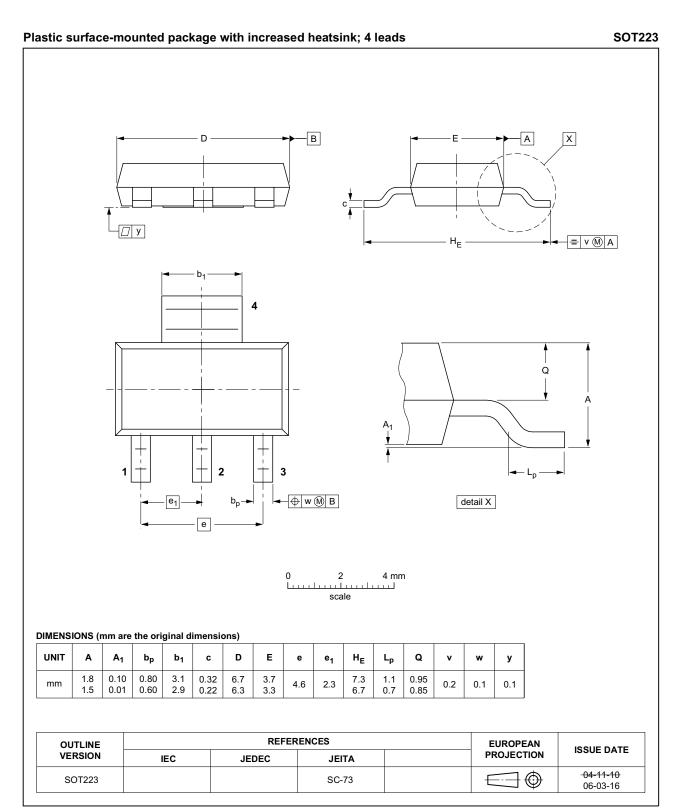


Fig 24. Package outline SOT223

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12. Handling information

CAUTION



This device is sensitive to ElectroStatic Discharge (ESD). Observe precautions for handling electrostatic sensitive devices.

Such precautions are described in the ANSI/ESD S20.20, IEC/ST 61340-5, JESD625-A or equivalent standards.

13. Abbreviations

Table 12. Abbreviations

| Acronym | Description | | | |
|---------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| AEC | Automotive Electronics Council | | | |
| ISM | ndustrial, Scientific and Medical | | | |
| LNA | Low-Noise Amplifier | | | |
| MSG | Maximum Stable Gain | | | |
| NPN | Negative-Positive-Negative | | | |
| PA | Power Amplifier | | | |
| SMA | SubMiniature version A | | | |

14. Revision history

Table 13. Revision history

| Document ID | Release date | Data sheet status | Change notice | Supersedes |
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