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**The RF Line**

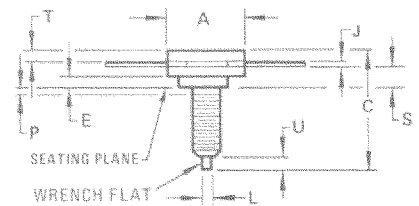
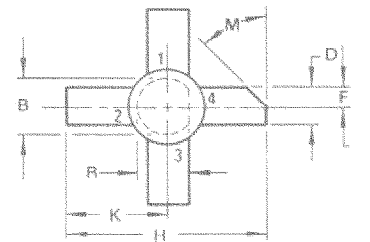
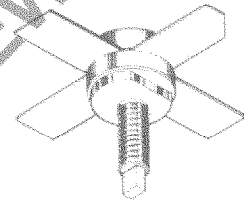
**NPN SILICON RF POWER TRANSISTORS**

... designed for 12.5 Volt, mid-band large-signal amplifier applications in industrial and commercial FM equipment operating in the 40 to 100 MHz range.

- Specified 12.5 Volt, 90 MHz Characteristics —  
Output Power = 15 Watts  
Minimum Gain = 10 dB  
Efficiency = 55%
- 100% Tested for Load Mismatch at all Phase Angles with 30:1 VSWR
- Characterized with Series Equivalent Large-Signal Impedance Parameters
- Characterized with Parallel Equivalent Large-Signal Impedance Parameters

**MRF233**

15 W — 90 MHz  
RF POWER  
TRANSISTOR  
NPN SILICON



STYLE 1:  
PIN 1. EMITTER  
2. BASE  
3. EMITTER  
4. COLLECTOR

| DIM | MILLIMETERS |       | INCHES  |       |
|-----|-------------|-------|---------|-------|
|     | MIN         | MAX   | MIN     | MAX   |
| A   | 9.40        | 9.78  | 0.370   | 0.385 |
| B   | 8.13        | 8.38  | 0.320   | 0.330 |
| C   | 18.03       | 19.05 | 0.710   | 0.750 |
| D   | 5.59        | 5.84  | 0.220   | 0.230 |
| E   | 1.78        | 2.03  | 0.070   | 0.080 |
| F   | 2.79        | 2.92  | 0.110   | 0.115 |
| H   | 26.42       | 28.70 | 1.040   | 1.130 |
| J   | 0.10        | 0.15  | 0.004   | 0.006 |
| K   | 13.21       | 14.35 | 0.520   | 0.565 |
| L   | 1.40        | 1.65  | 0.055   | 0.065 |
| M   | 45° NOM     |       | 45° NOM |       |
| P   | —           | 1.27  | —       | 0.050 |
| R   | 7.59        | 7.80  | 0.299   | 0.307 |
| S   | 4.01        | 4.52  | 0.158   | 0.178 |
| T   | 2.16        | 2.41  | 0.085   | 0.095 |
| U   | 2.54        | 3.30  | 0.100   | 0.130 |

NOTE:  
CASE 145A-01 USE 8-32NC2A STUD

CASE 145A-01

**MAXIMUM RATINGS**

| Rating  | Symbol           | Value          | Unit           |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Collector-Emitter Voltage   | V <sub>CEO</sub> | 18             | Vdc            |
| Collector-Base Voltage  | V <sub>CBO</sub> | 36             | Vdc            |
| Emitter-Base Voltage  | V <sub>EBO</sub> | 4.0            | Vdc            |
| Collector Current — Continuous  | I <sub>C</sub>   | 3.5            | Adc            |
| Total Device Dissipation @ T <sub>C</sub> = 25°C (1)<br>Derate Above 25°C | P <sub>D</sub>   | 50<br>—<br>285 | Watts<br>mW/°C |
| Storage Temperature Range   | T <sub>stg</sub> | -65 to +200    | °C             |
| Snatch Torque (2)   | —                | 6.5            | In-lb          |

**THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS**

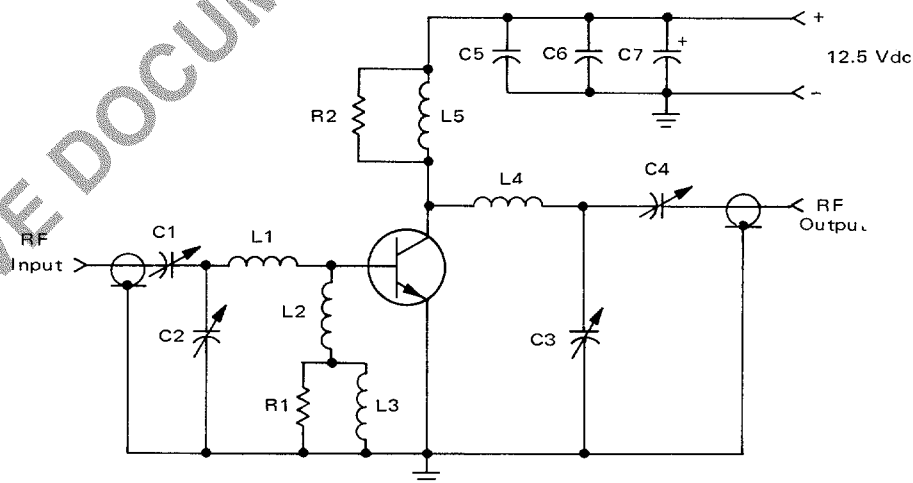
| Characteristic                       | Symbol           | Max | Unit |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----|------|
| Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case | R <sub>θJC</sub> | 3.5 | °C/W |

(1) These devices are designed for RF operation. The total device dissipation rating applies only when the devices are operated as Class C RF amplifiers.  
(2) For Repeated Assembly use 5 In. Lb.

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

| Characteristic   | Symbol     | Min  | Typ | Max | Unit  |
|--|------------|--|-----|-----|-------|
| <b>OFF CHARACTERISTICS</b>   |            |  |     |     |       |
| Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage<br>( $I_C = 100\text{ mA dc}$ , $I_B = 0$ )  | $BV_{CEO}$ | 18   | —   | —   | Vdc   |
| Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage<br>( $I_C = 50\text{ mA dc}$ , $V_{BE} = 0$ )  | $BV_{CES}$ | 36   | —   | —   | Vdc   |
| Emitter-Base Breakdown Voltage<br>( $I_E = 5.0\text{ mA dc}$ , $I_C = 0$ )   | $BV_{EBO}$ | 4.0  | —   | —   | Vdc   |
| Collector Cutoff Current<br>( $V_{CB} = 15\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_E = 0$ )   | $I_{CBO}$  | —  | —   | 1.0 | mA dc |
| <b>ON CHARACTERISTICS</b>  |            |  |     |     |       |
| DC Current Gain<br>( $I_C = 1.0\text{ A dc}$ , $V_{CE} = 5.0\text{ Vdc}$ )   | $h_{FE}$   | 5.0  | —   | —   | —     |
| <b>DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS</b>   |            |  |     |     |       |
| Output Capacitance<br>( $V_{CB} = 12.5\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_E = 0$ , $f = 1.0\text{ MHz}$ )  | $C_{ob}$   | —  | 100 | 120 | pF    |
| <b>FUNCTIONAL TESTS (Figure 1)</b>   |            |  |     |     |       |
| Common-Emitter Amplifier Power Gain<br>( $V_{CC} = 12.5\text{ Vdc}$ , $P_{out} = 15\text{ W}$ , $f = 90\text{ MHz}$ )            | $G_{pE}$   | 10   | —   | —   | dB    |
| Collector Efficiency<br>( $V_{CC} = 12.5\text{ Vdc}$ , $P_{out} = 15\text{ W}$ , $f = 90\text{ MHz}$ )                           | $\eta$     | 55   | —   | —   | %     |
| Load Mismatch<br>( $V_{CC} = 12.5\text{ Vdc}$ , $P_{out} = 15\text{ W}$ ,<br>$f = 90\text{ MHz}$ , $T_C \leq 25^\circ\text{C}$ ) | —          | VSWR > 30:1 Through All Phase Angles in a 3 Second Interval After Which Devices Will Meet $G_{pE}$ Test Limits |     |     |       |

FIGURE 1 — 90 MHz TEST CIRCUIT SCHEMATIC



C1, C3 9.0-180 pF, ARCO 463

C2, C4 25-280 pF ARCO 464

C5 1000 pF UNELCO

C6 0.01  $\mu\text{F}$  ERIE Disc CeramicC7 1.0  $\mu\text{F}$ , 35 Vdc TANTALUM

L1 2 Turns, #18 AWG, 3/8" I.D., 1/4" Long

L2 0.22  $\mu\text{H}$ , 9230-04 MILLER Molded ChokeL3 2.2  $\mu\text{H}$ , 9230-200 MILLER Molded Choke

L4 2 Turns, #18 AWG, 3/8" I.D., 3/8" Long

L5 10 Turns, #16 AWG, Wound On R2.

R1 15 Ohm, 1/2 W, 10% Carbon

R2 68 Ohm, 1 Watt, 10% Carbon

Input/Output Connectors — Type BNC



FIGURE 2 – OUTPUT POWER versus INPUT POWER

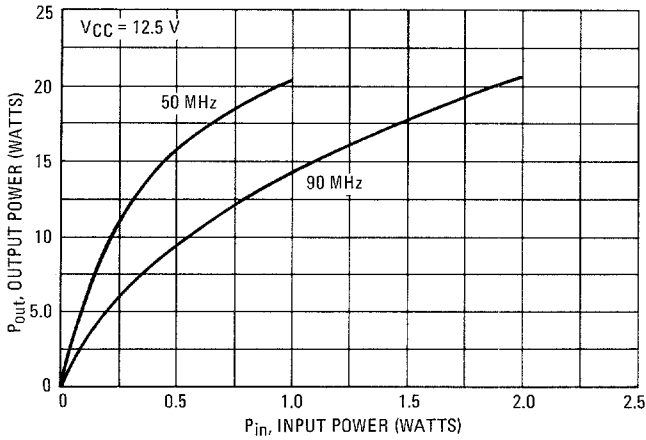


FIGURE 3 – OUTPUT POWER versus FREQUENCY

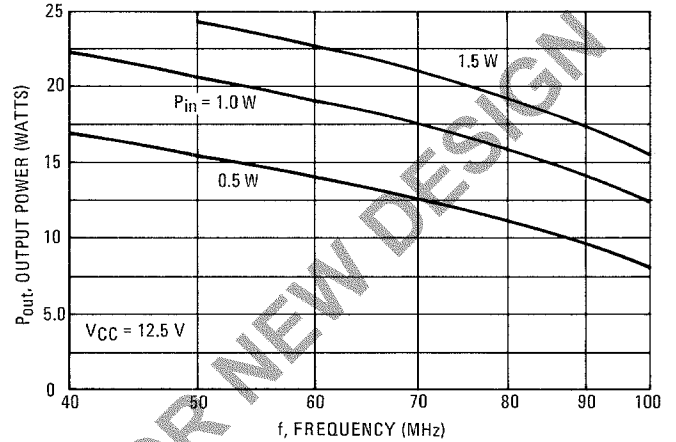


FIGURE 4 – OUTPUT POWER versus SUPPLY VOLTAGE

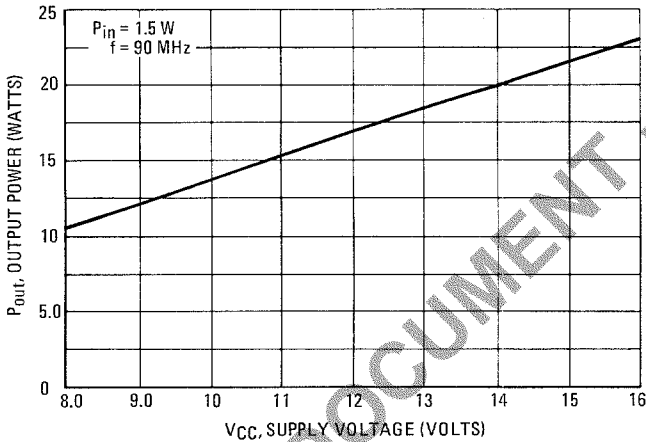
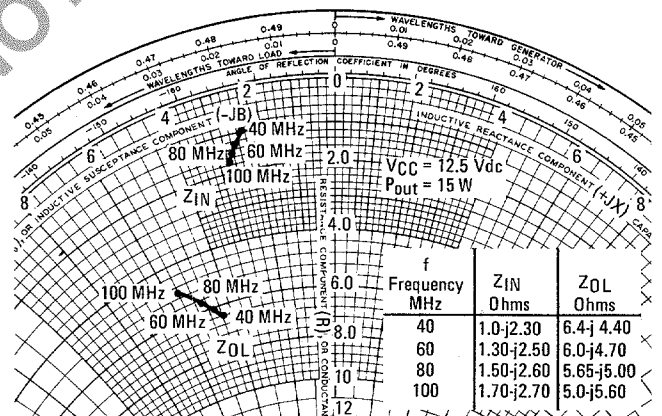


FIGURE 5 – SERIES EQUIVALENT IMPEDANCE



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FIGURE 6 – PARALLEL EQUIVALENT INPUT RESISTANCE versus FREQUENCY

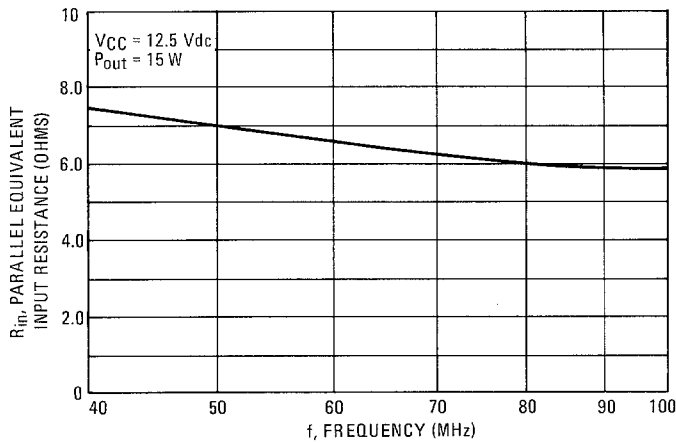


FIGURE 7 – PARALLEL EQUIVALENT INPUT CAPACITANCE versus FREQUENCY

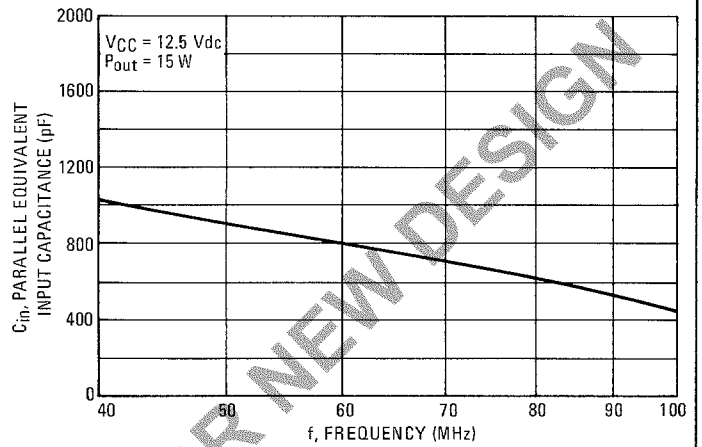


FIGURE 8 – PARALLEL EQUIVALENT OUTPUT RESISTANCE versus FREQUENCY

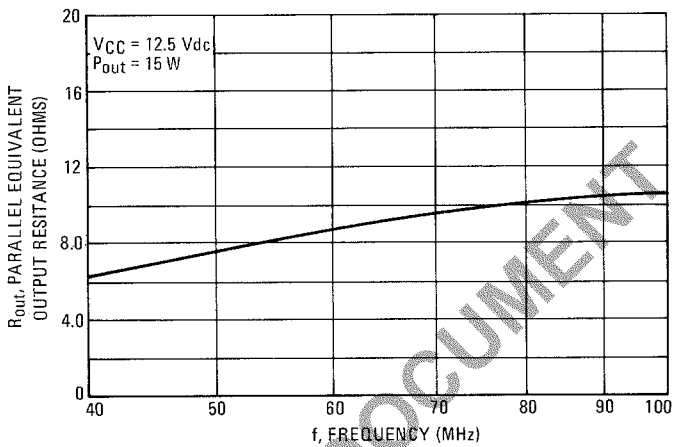
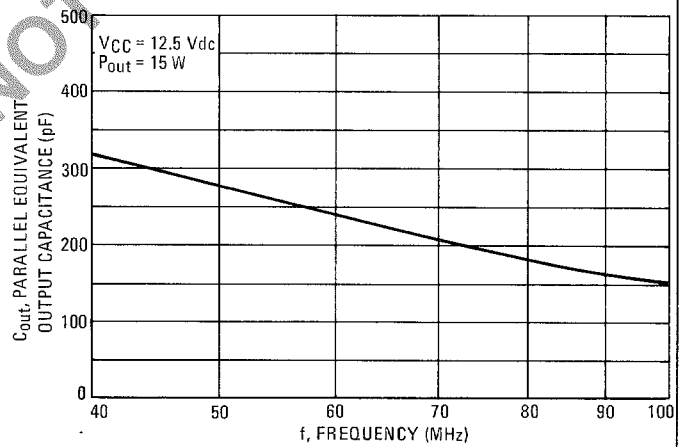


FIGURE 9 – PARALLEL EQUIVALENT OUTPUT CAPACITANCE versus FREQUENCY



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