

BFU590G NPN wideband silicon RF transistor Rev. 1 — 28 April 2014

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**

$T_{amb} = 25 \ ^{\circ}C$ 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	$T_{sp} \le 90 \ ^{\circ}C$	<u>[1]</u>	-	-	2000	mW
h _{FE}	DC current gain	I _C = 80 mA; V _{CE} = 8 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 $T_{amb} = 25 \ ^{\circ}C$ unless otherwise specified									
Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Unit					
G _{p(max)}	maximum power gain	I _C = 80 mA; V _{CE} = 8 V; f = 900 MHz [2]	-	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.

Pinning information 2.

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

Ordering information 3.

Table 3. **Ordering information**

Type number	Package)	
	Name	ame Description	
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
I _C	collector current		-	300	mA
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

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
l _C	collector current		-	-	200	mA
Pi	input power	Z _S = 50 Ω	-	-	20	dBm
Tj	junction temperature		-40	-	+150	°C
P _{tot}	total power dissipation	T _{sp} ≤ 90 °C	<u>[1]</u> _	-	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

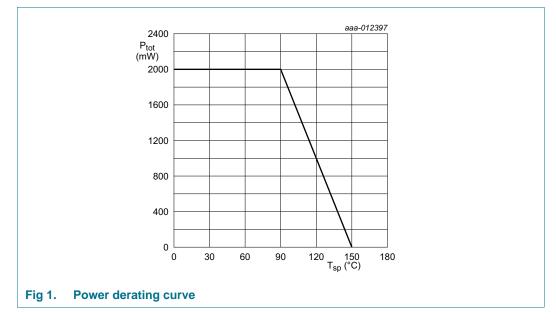
[1] T_{sp} is the temperature at the solder point of the collector lead.

 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 nA; I _E = 0 mA	24	-	-	V
V _{(BR)CEO}	collector-emitter breakdown voltage	I _C = 150 nA; I _B = 0 mA	12	-	-	V
I _C	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	
C _e	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

 $T_{amb} = 25 \ ^{\circ}C$ unless otherwise specified

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
G _{p(max)}	maximum power gain	f = 433 MHz; V _{CE} = 8 V	1			
		I _C = 10 mA	-	18.5	-	dB
		I _C = 50 mA	-	19.5	-	dB
		I _C = 80 mA	-	19.5	-	dB
		f = 900 MHz; V _{CE} = 8 V	1			
		I _C = 10 mA	-	13.5	-	dB
		I _C = 50 mA	-	13	-	dB
		I _C = 80 mA	-	13	-	dB
		f = 1800 MHz; V _{CE} = 8 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 MHz; V_{CE} = 8 V; Z_{S} = Z_{L} = 50 Ω				
		I _C = 50 mA	-	19.5	-	dBm
		I _C = 80 mA	-	21.5	-	dBm
		f = 1800 MHz; V_{CE} = 8 V; Z_{S} = Z_{L} = 50 Ω				
		I _C = 50 mA	-	18.5	-	dBm
		I _C = 80 mA	-	21	-	dBm

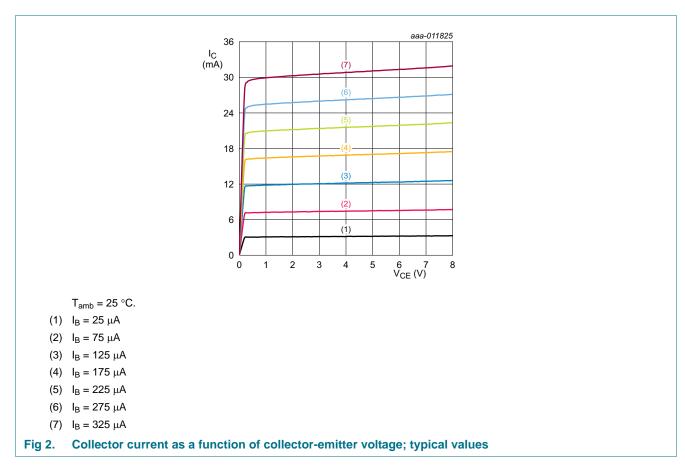
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Table 9. Characteristics ...continued

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Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
IP3 _o	output third-order intercept point	$ f_1 = 433 \text{ MHz}; \ f_2 = 434 \text{ MHz}; \ V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}; \\ Z_S = Z_L = 50 \ \Omega $				-
		I _C = 50 mA	-	29.5	-	dBm
		I _C = 80 mA	-	32	-	dBm
		$\label{eq:f1} \begin{array}{l} f_1 = 900 \; MHz; f_2 = 901 \; MHz; V_{CE} = 8 \; V; \\ Z_S = Z_L = 50 \; \Omega \end{array}$				-
		I _C = 50 mA	-	29	-	dBm
		I _C = 80 mA	-	31	-	dBm
		f_1 = 1800 MHz; f_2 = 1801 MHz; V _{CE} = 8 V; Z _S = Z _L = 50 Ω				-
		I _C = 50 mA	-	28	-	dBm
		I _C = 80 mA	-	30.5	-	dBm

 $\label{eq:general} \mbox{[1]} \quad \mbox{If } K > 1 \mbox{ then } G_{p(max)} \mbox{ is the maximum power gain. If } K < 1 \mbox{ then } G_{p(max)} = MSG.$

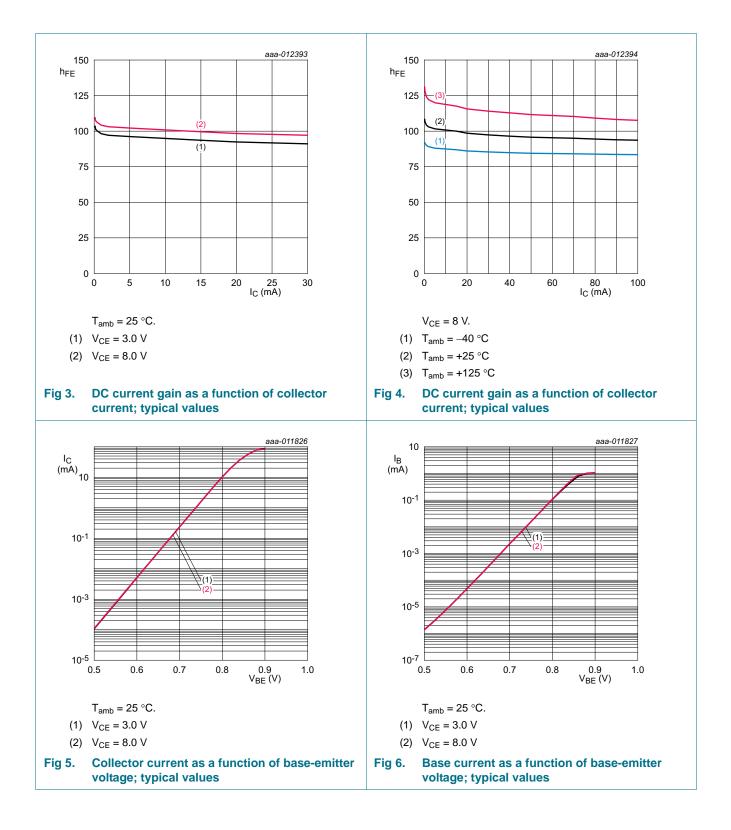


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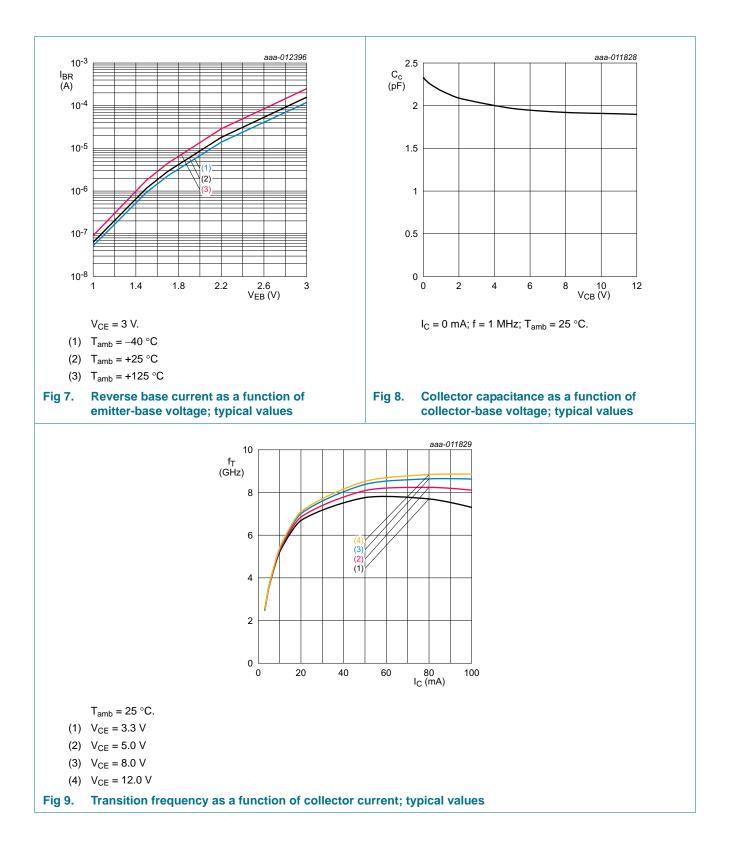
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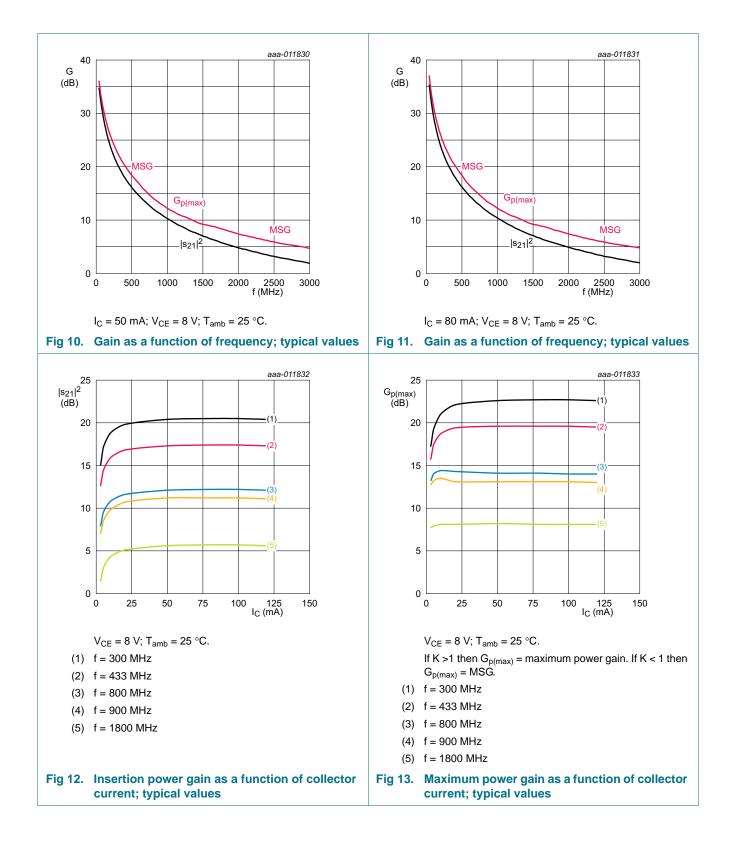
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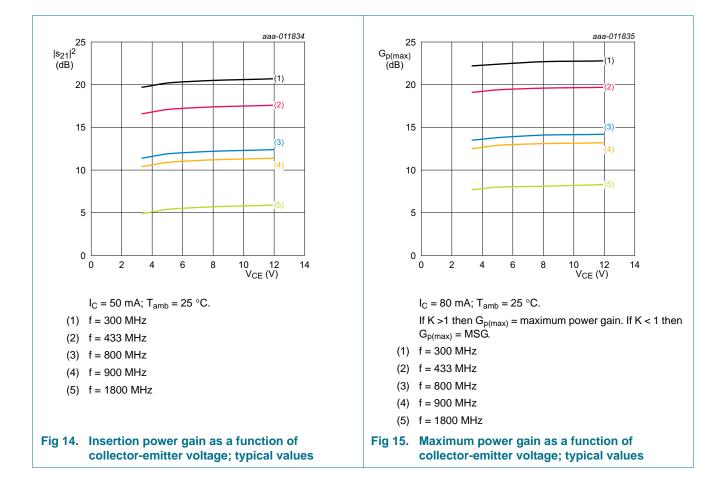


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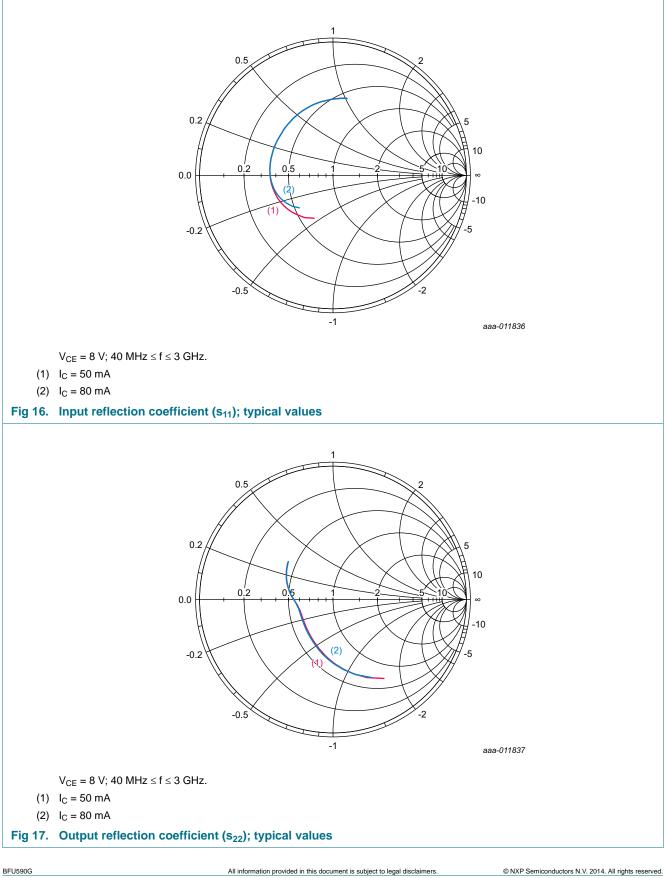
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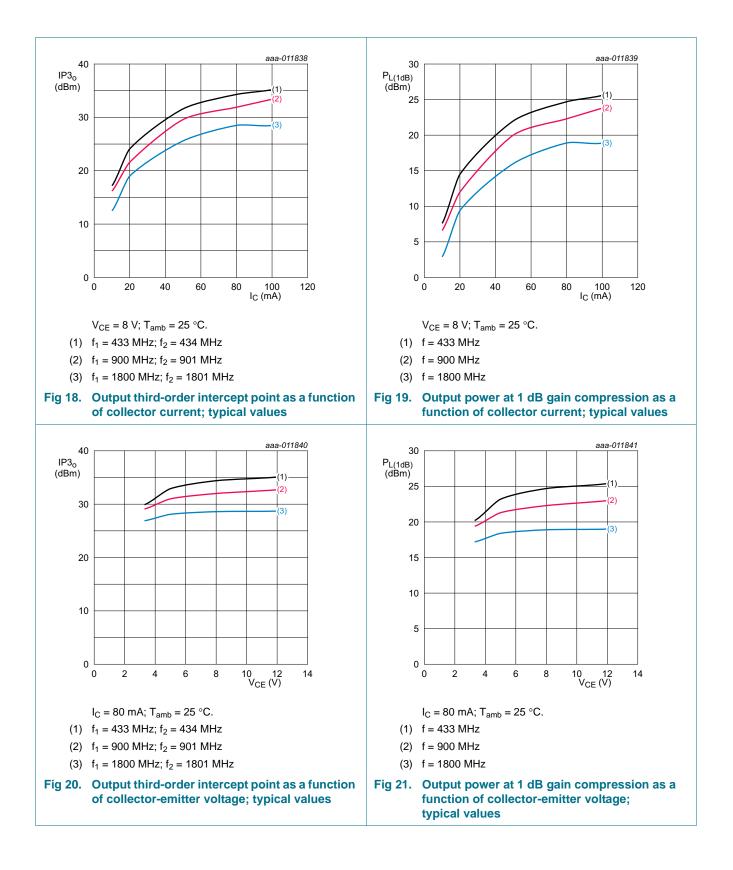


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10. Application information

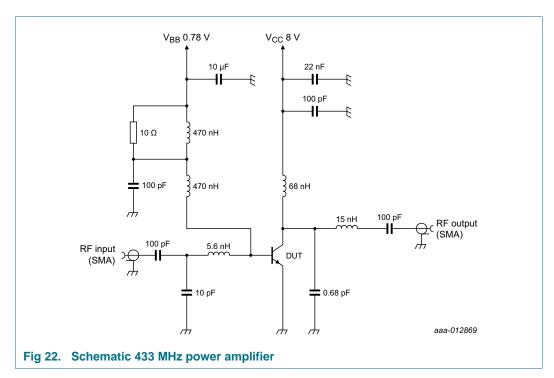
More information about the following application example can be found in the application notes. See <u>Section 5 "Design support</u>".

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

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

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

$I_{\rm CC} = 100 \ m\text{A}; \ V_{\rm CC} = 8 \ V$						
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
ηc	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.

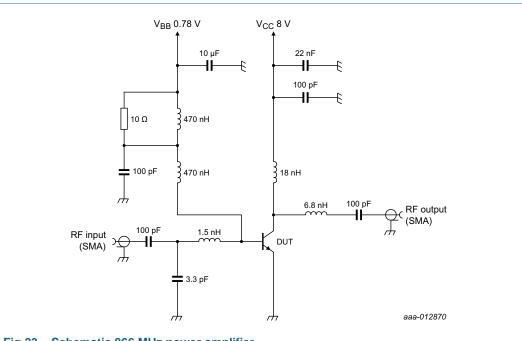


Fig 23. Schematic 866 MHz power amplifier

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

Table 11. Application performance data at 866 MHz $l_{cc} = 100 \text{ mA}$; $V_{cc} = 8 \text{ V}$

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	-	%

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11. Package outline

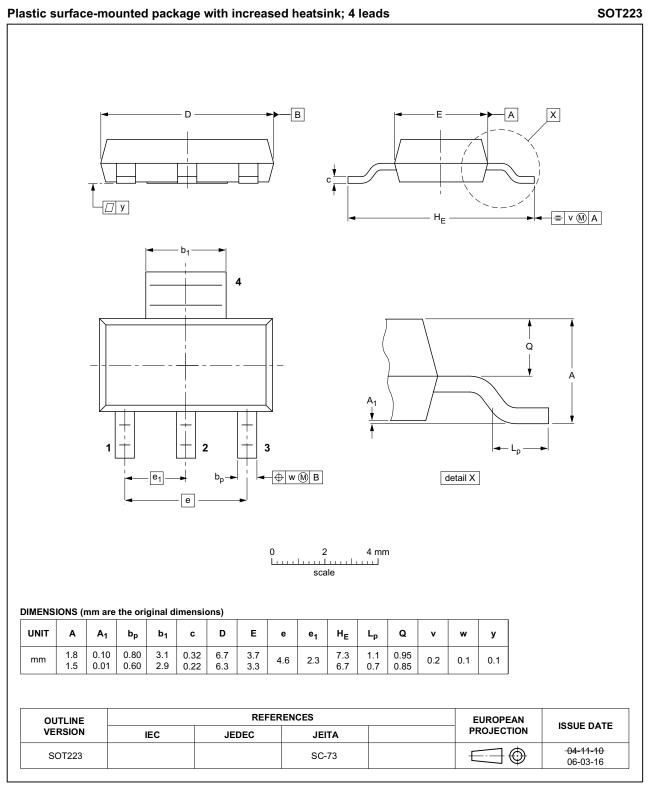


Fig 24. Package outline SOT223

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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

Acronym	Description			
AEC	Automotive Electronics Council			
ISM	Industrial, 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

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15. Legal information

15.1 Data sheet status

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