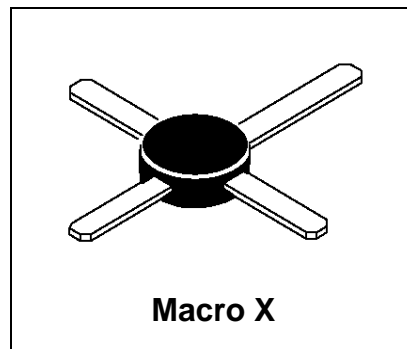


**MRF559**

**RF & MICROWAVE DISCRETE  
 LOW POWER TRANSISTORS**

Features

- Specified @ 12.5 V, 870 MHz Characteristics
- Output Power = .5 W
- Minimum Gain = 8.0 dB
- Efficiency 50%
- Cost Effective Macro X Package
- Electroless Tin Plated Leads for Improved Solderability



DESCRIPTION: Designed primarily for wideband large signal stages in the UHF frequency range.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Tcase = 25°C)

| Symbol           | Parameter                 | Value | Unit |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------|------|
| V <sub>CEO</sub> | Collector-Emitter Voltage | 16    | Vdc  |
| V <sub>CBO</sub> | Collector-Base Voltage    | 30    | Vdc  |
| V <sub>EBO</sub> | Emitter-Base Voltage      | 3.0   | Vdc  |
| I <sub>c</sub>   | Collector Current         | 150   | mA   |

Thermal Data

|                |                                                           |             |                 |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| P <sub>D</sub> | Total Device Dissipation @ TC = 75°C<br>Derate above 75°C | 2.0<br>20   | Watts<br>mW/ °C |
| Tstg           | Storage Temperature Range                                 | -65 to +150 | °C              |

ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS (Tcase = 25°C)

STATIC  
 (off)

| Symbol | Test Conditions                                                | Value |      |      | Unit |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|
|        |                                                                | Min.  | Typ. | Max. |      |
| BVCEO  | Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage<br>(IC = 5.0 mAdc, IB = 0) | 16    | -    | -    | Vdc  |
| BVCBO  | Collector-Base Breakdown Voltage<br>(IC = 0.1 mAdc, IB = 0)    | 30    | -    | -    | Vdc  |
| BVEBO  | Emitter-Base Breakdown Voltage<br>(IE = 0.1 mAdc, IC = 0)      | 3.0   | -    | -    | Vdc  |
| ICES   | Collector Cutoff Current<br>(VCE = 15 Vdc, VBE = 0 Vdc)        | -     | -    | 1.0  | mA   |

(on)

|     |                                                 |    |   |     |   |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------|----|---|-----|---|
| HFE | DC Current Gain<br>(IC = 50 mAdc, VCE = 10 Vdc) | 30 | - | 200 | - |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------|----|---|-----|---|

DYNAMIC

| Symbol | Test Conditions                                             | Value |      |      | Unit |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|
|        |                                                             | Min.  | Typ. | Max. |      |
| COB    | Output Capacitance<br>(VCB = 12.5 Vdc, IE = 0, f = 1.0 MHz) | -     | 2.5  | 3.0  | pF   |

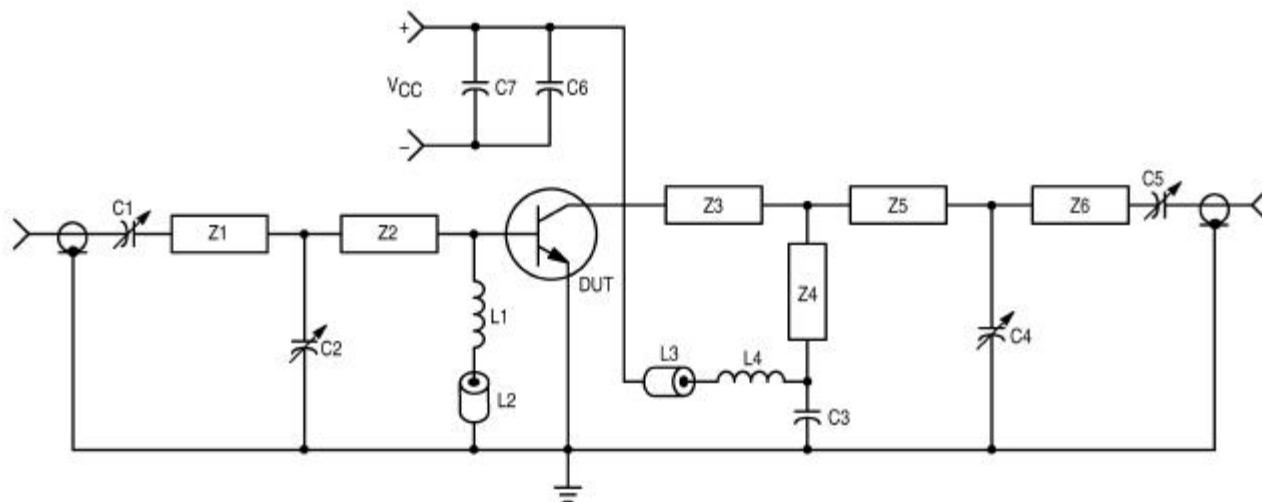
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FUNCTIONAL

| Symbol   | Test Conditions      |                                                                                   | Value    |           |      | Unit |
|----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------|------|
|          |                      |                                                                                   | Min.     | Typ.      | Max. |      |
| $G_{PE}$ | Power Gain           | Test Circuit-Figure 1<br>Pout = 0.5 W, VCE =12.5Vdc<br>f = 870 MHz<br>f = 512 MHz | 8.0<br>- | 9.5<br>13 | -    | dB   |
| $\eta$   | Collector Efficiency | Test Circuit-Figure 1<br>Pout = 0.5 W, VCE =12.5Vdc<br>f = 870 MHz<br>f = 512 MHz | 50<br>-  | 65<br>60  | -    | %    |

Typical Performance @ VCC = 7.5V

|          |                      |                                                                                  |        |           |        |    |
|----------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|----|
| $G_{PE}$ | Power Gain           | Test Circuit-Figure 1<br>Pout = 0.5 W, VCE =7.5Vdc<br>f = 870 MHz<br>f = 512 MHz | -<br>- | 6.5<br>10 | -<br>- | dB |
| $\eta$   | Collector Efficiency | Test Circuit-Figure 1<br>Pout = 0.5 W, VCE =7.5Vdc<br>f = 870 MHz<br>f = 512 MHz | -<br>- | 70<br>65  | -<br>- | %  |



**Figure 2. 870 MHz Test Fixture**

C1, C2, C4, C5 — 1.0–10 pF Johanson  
 C7 — 1.0  $\mu$ F Tantalum  
 L2, L3 — Ferrite Bead  
 Z2 — 30  $\Omega$  2.5 cm  
 Z4 — 50  $\Omega$  1.2 cm  
 Microstrip Elements —  $\epsilon_r = 2.55$

C3, C6 — 0.001  $\mu$ F Chip Capacitor  
 L1, L4 — 4 Turns #26 AWG, 0.3 cm ID, 0.4 cm Long  
 Z1 — 50  $\Omega$  1.5 cm  
 Z3 — 50  $\Omega$  2.0 cm  
 Z5, Z6 — 50  $\Omega$  1.25 cm

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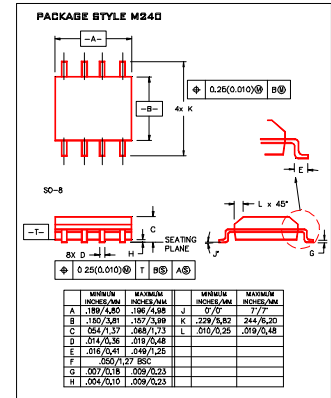
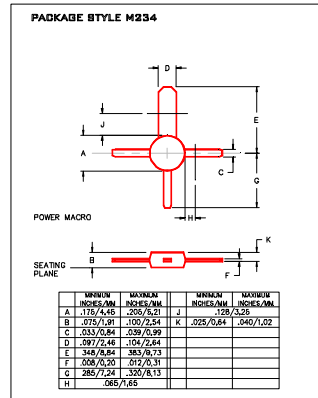
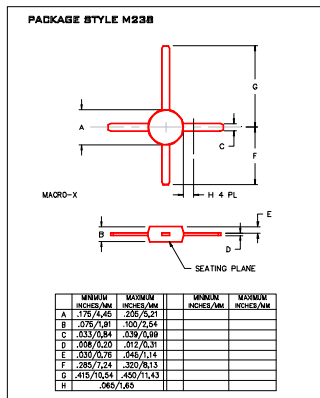
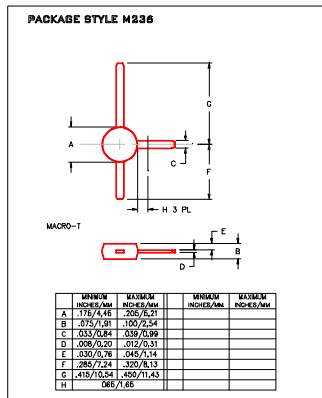
| Package     | Device          | Type | GPE Freq (MHz) | Pout | GPE (dB) | Efficiency (%) | GPE VCC | BVCEO | IC max (mA) |
|-------------|-----------------|------|----------------|------|----------|----------------|---------|-------|-------------|
| SO-8        | MRF4427, R2     | NPN  | 175            | 0.15 | 18       | 60             | 12      | 20    | 400         |
| TO-39       | 2N4427          | NPN  | 175            | 1    | 10       | 50             | 12      | 20    | 400         |
| POWER MACRO | MRF553          | NPN  | 175            | 1.5  | 11.5     | 60             | 12.5    | 16    | 500         |
| POWER MACRO | MRF553T         | NPN  | 175            | 1.5  | 11.5     | 50             | 12.5    | 16    | 500         |
| TO-39       | MRF607          | NPN  | 175            | 1.75 | 11.5     | 50             | 12.5    | 16    | 330         |
| TO-39       | 2N6255          | NPN  | 175            | 3    | 7.8      | 50             | 12.5    | 18    | 1000        |
| TO-72       | 2N5179          | NPN  | 200            |      | 20       | 6              | 12      | 50    |             |
| MACRO X     | MRF559          | NPN  | 512            | 0.5  | 10       | 65             | 7.5     | 16    | 150         |
| MACRO X     | MRF559          | NPN  | 512            | 0.5  | 13       | 60             | 12.5    | 16    | 150         |
| TO-39       | 2N3866A         | NPN  | 400            | 1    | 10       | 45             | 28      | 30    | 400         |
| SO-8        | MRF3866, R1, R2 | NPN  | 400            | 1    | 10       | 45             | 28      | 30    | 400         |
| POWER MACRO | MRF555          | NPN  | 470            | 1.5  | 11       | 50             | 12.5    | 16    | 400         |
| POWER MACRO | MRF555T         | NPN  | 470            | 1.5  | 11       | 50             | 12.5    | 16    | 400         |
| MACRO X     | MRF559          | NPN  | 870            | 0.5  | 6.5      | 70             | 7.5     | 16    | 150         |
| MACRO X     | MRF559          | NPN  | 870            | 0.5  | 9.5      | 65             | 12.5    | 16    | 150         |
| SO-8        | MRF8372, R1, R2 | NPN  | 870            | 0.75 | 8        | 55             | 12.5    | 16    | 200         |
| POWER MACRO | MRF557          | NPN  | 870            | 1.5  | 8        | 55             | 12.5    | 16    | 400         |
| POWER MACRO | MRF557T         | NPN  | 870            | 1.5  | 8        | 55             | 12.5    | 16    | 400         |

| Package | Device          | Type | Freq (MHz) | NF (dB) | NF IC (mA) | NF VCE | GN (dB) | Gu Max (dB) | Ftau (MHz) | Cob (pF) | BVCE | IC max (mA) |
|---------|-----------------|------|------------|---------|------------|--------|---------|-------------|------------|----------|------|-------------|
| TO-39   | 2N5109          | NPN  | 200        | 3       | 10         | 15     |         | 12          | 1200       | 3.5      | 20   | 400         |
| TO-39   | MRF5943C        | NPN  | 200        | 3.4     | 30         | 15     |         | 11.4        | 1000       |          | 30   | 400         |
| SO-8    | MRF5943, R1, R2 | NPN  | 200        | 3.4     | 30         | 15     |         | 15          | 1300       |          | 30   | 400         |
| TO-72   | 2N5179          | NPN  | 200        | 4.5     | 1.5        | 6      |         | 17          | 900        | 1        | 12   | 50          |
| TO-72   | 2N2857          | NPN  | 300        | 5.5     | 50         | 6      |         | 13          | 1600       | 1        | 15   | 40          |
| TO-39   | MRF517          | NPN  | 300        | 7.5     | 50         | 15     |         | 5.5         | 4600       | 3        | 25   | 150         |
| TO-72   | MRF904          | NPN  | 450        | 1.5     | 5          | 6      |         | 11          | 4000       | 1        | 15   | 30          |
| TO-72   | 2N6304          | NPN  | 450        | 5       | 2          | 5      |         | 14          | 1400       | 1        | 15   | 50          |
| MACRO T | BFR91           | NPN  | 500        | 1.9     | 2          | 5      | 11      | 16.5        | 5000       | 1        | 12   | 35          |
| MACRO T | BFR96           | NPN  | 500        | 2       | 10         | 10     |         | 14.5        | 500        | 2.6      | 15   | 100         |
| SO-8    | MRF5812, R1, R2 | NPN  | 500        | 2       | 50         | 10     | 15.5    | 17.8        | 5000       |          | 15   | 200         |
| MACRO X | MRF581A         | NPN  | 500        | 2       | 50         | 10     | 14      | 15          | 5000       |          | 15   | 200         |
| Macro   | BFR90           | NPN  | 500        | 2.4     | 2          | 10     | 15      | 18          | 5000       | 1        | 15   | 30          |
| TO-72   | BFR90           | NPN  | 500        | 2.5     | 2          | 5      |         | 20          | 1300       |          | 15   | 50          |
| TO-72   | MRF914          | NPN  | 500        | 2.5     | 5          | 10     |         | 15          | 4500       |          | 12   | 40          |
| MACRO X | MRF581          | NPN  | 500        | 2.5     | 50         | 10     | 15      | 17.8        | 5000       |          | 16   | 200         |
| TO-39   | MRF586          | NPN  | 500        | 3       | 90         | 15     | 11      | 14.5        | 4500       | 2.2      | 17   | 200         |
| MACRO X | MRF951          | NPN  | 1000       | 1.3     | 5          | 6      | 14      | 17          | 8000       | 0.45     | 10   | 100         |
| MACRO X | MRF571          | NPN  | 1000       | 1.5     | 10         | 6      | 10      |             | 8000       | 1        | 10   | 70          |
| MACRO T | BFR91           | NPN  | 1000       | 2.5     | 2          | 5      | 8       | 11          | 5000       | 1        | 12   | 35          |
| MACRO T | BFR90           | NPN  | 1000       | 3       | 2          | 10     | 10      | 12.5        | 5000       | 1        | 15   | 30          |
| TO-39   | MRF545          | PNP  |            |         |            |        |         | 14          | 1400       | 2        | 70   | 400         |
| TO-39   | MRF544          | NPN  |            |         |            |        |         | 13.5        | 1500       |          | 70   | 400         |

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Low Cost RF Plastic Package Options



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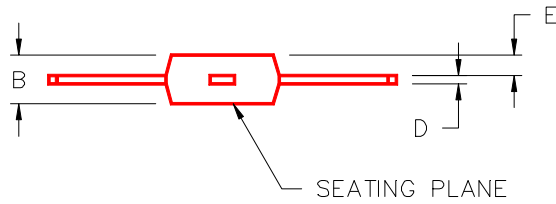
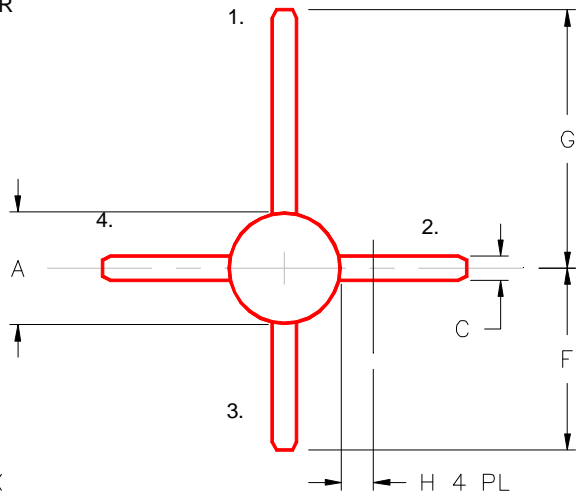
Macro X

Power

SO-8

PACKAGE STYLE M238

- PIN 1. COLLECTOR
- 2. EMITTER
- 3. BASE
- 4. EMITTER



|   | MINIMUM<br>INCHES/MM | MAXIMUM<br>INCHES/MM |  | MINIMUM<br>INCHES/MM | MAXIMUM<br>INCHES/MM |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| A | .175/4,45            | .205/5,21            |  |                      |                      |
| B | .075/1,91            | .100/2,54            |  |                      |                      |
| C | .033/0,84            | .039/0,99            |  |                      |                      |
| D | .008/0,20            | .012/0,31            |  |                      |                      |
| E | .030/0,76            | .045/1,14            |  |                      |                      |
| F | .285/7,24            | .320/8,13            |  |                      |                      |
| G | .415/10,54           | .450/11,43           |  |                      |                      |
| H | .065/1,65            |                      |  |                      |                      |