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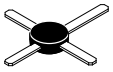


CASE 317–01, STYLE 2

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}	3.0	Vdc
Collector Current — Continuous	I_C	150	mAdc
Total Device Dissipation @ T_C = 50°C Derate above 50°C	P_D	2.0 20	Watts mW/°C
Storage Temperature Range	T_{stg}	–65 to +150	°C

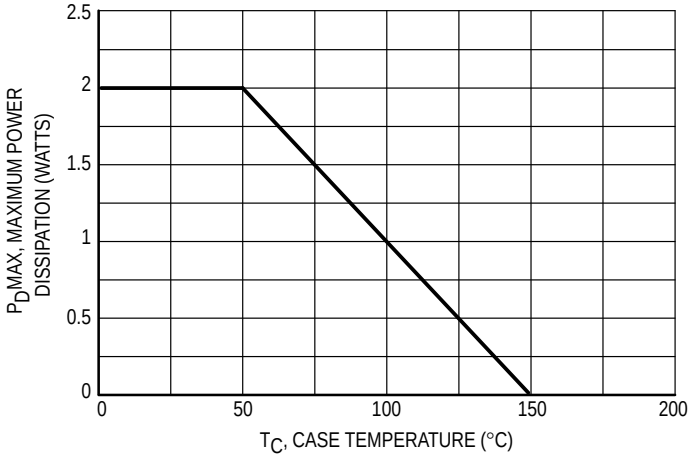
ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (T_C = 25°C unless otherwise noted.)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
OFF CHARACTERISTICS					
Collector–Emitter Breakdown Voltage (I_C = 5.0 mAdc, I_B = 0)	$V_{(BR)CEO}$	16	—	—	Vdc
Collector–Base Breakdown Voltage (I_C = 100 μAdc, I_E = 0)	$V_{(BR)CBO}$	36	—	—	Vdc
Emitter–Base Breakdown Voltage (I_E = 100 μAdc, I_C = 0)	$V_{(BR)EBO}$	3.0	—	—	Vdc
Collector Cutoff Current (V_{CE} = 15 Vdc, V_{BE} = 0)	I_{CES}	—	—	1.0	mAdc
ON CHARACTERISTICS					
DC Current Gain (I_C = 50 mAdc, V_{CE} = 10 Vdc)	h_{FE}	30	90	200	—
DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS					
Current–Gain — Bandwidth Product (I_C = 100 mAdc, V_{CE} = 10 Vdc, f = 200 MHz)	f_T	—	3000	—	MHz
Output Capacitance (V_{CB} = 12.5 Vdc, I_E = 0, f = 1.0 MHz)	C_{ob}	—	2.0	2.5	pF

(continued)

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS — continued (T_C = 25°C unless otherwise noted.)

Characteristic		Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
FUNCTIONAL TESTS						
Common–Emitter Amplifier Power Gain (V_{CC} = 12.5 Vdc, P_{out} = 0.5 W)	f = 870 MHz f = 512 MHz	G_{PE}	8.0 —	9.5 13	— —	dB
Collector Efficiency (V_{CC} = 12.5 Vdc, P_{out} = 0.5 W)	f = 870 MHz f = 512 MHz	η	50 —	65 60	— —	%
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE @ V_{CC} = 7.5 V						
Common–Emitter Amplifier Power Gain (V_{CC} = 7.5 Vdc, P_{out} = 0.5 W)	f = 870 MHz f = 512 MHz	G_{PE}	— —	6.5 10	— —	dB
Collector Efficiency (V_{CC} = 7.5 Vdc, P_{out} = 0.5 W)	f = 870 MHz f = 512 MHz	η	— —	70 65	— —	%



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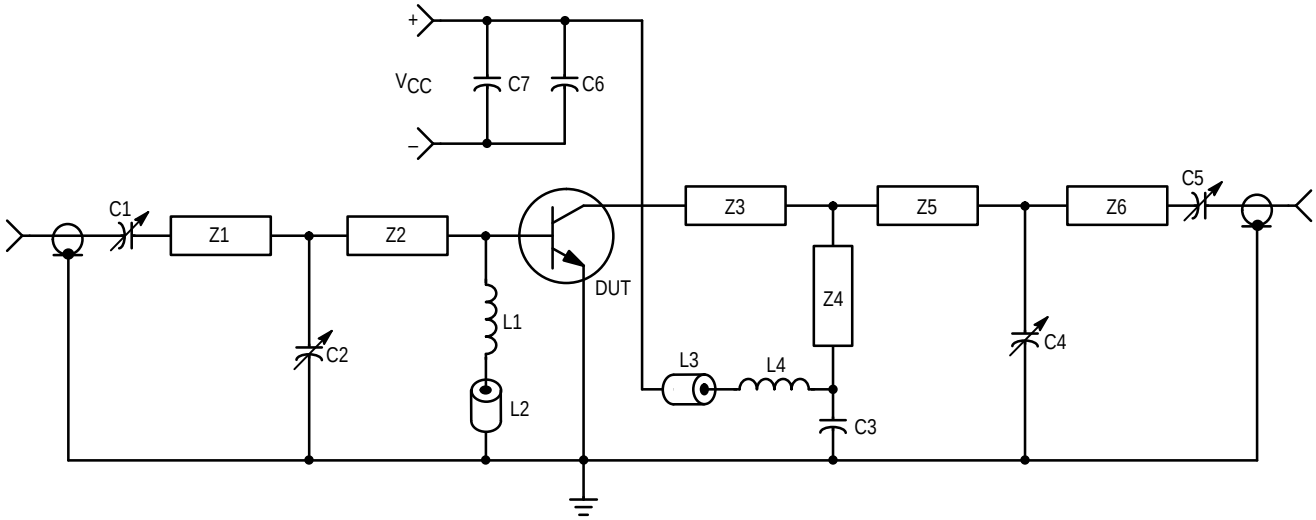


C1, C2, C4, C5 — 1.0–10 pF Johanson
C3, C6 — 0.001 μF Chip Capacitor
C7 — 1.0 μF Tantalum
L1, L4 — 4 Turns #26 AWG, 0.3 cm ID, 0.4 cm Long
L2, L3 — Ferrite Bead
Microstrip Elements — ε_r = 2.55

Z1 — 50 Ω 1.5 cm
Z2 — 30 Ω 2.5 cm
Z3 — 50 Ω 2.0 cm
Z4 — 50 Ω 1.2 cm
Z5, Z6 — 50 Ω 1.25 cm

Figure 2. 870 MHz Test Fixture

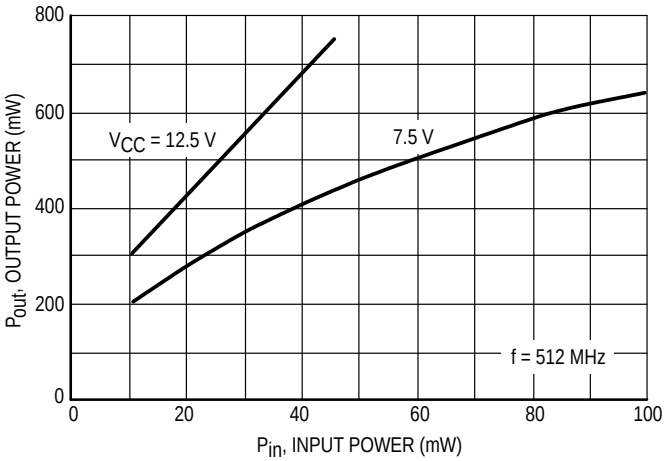
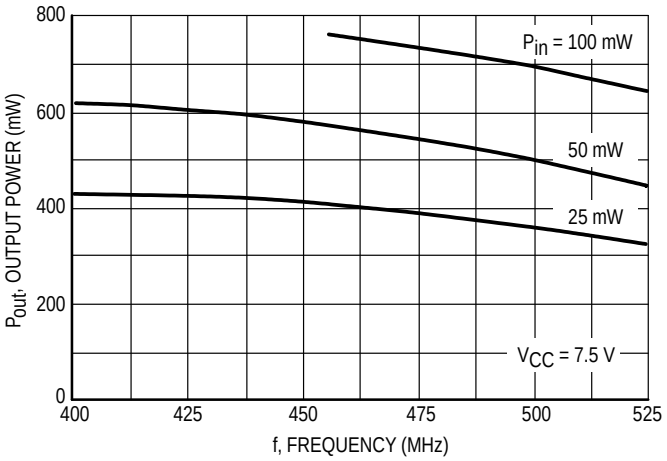


Figure 3. Output Power versus Input Power



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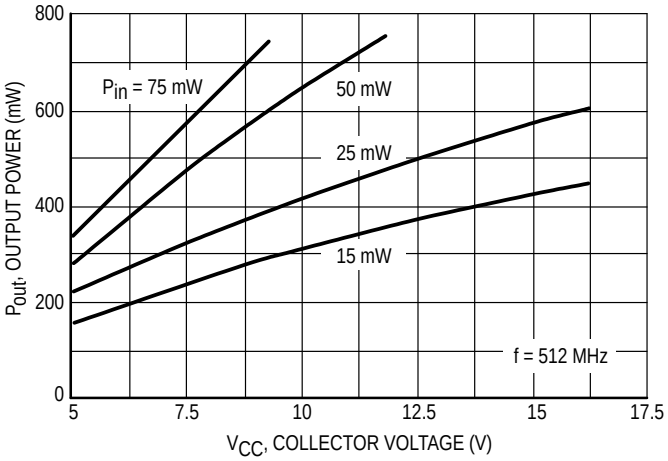

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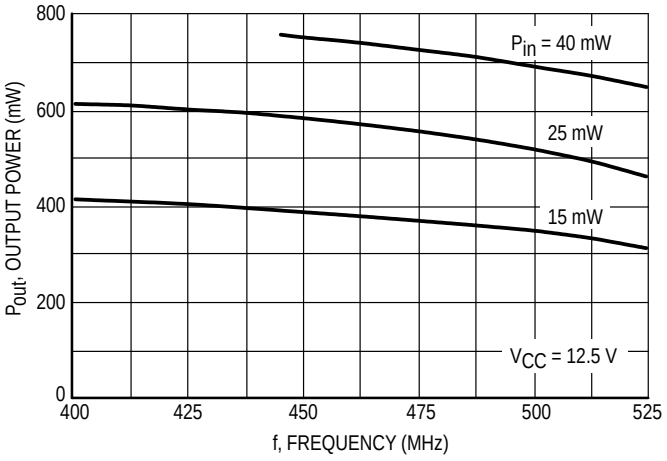
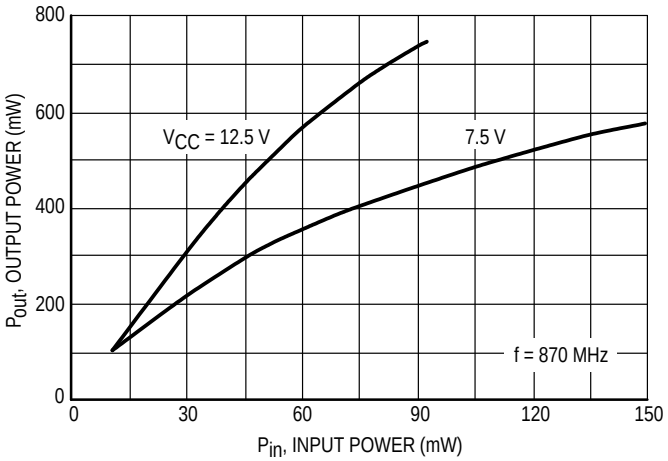


Figure 6. Output Power versus Frequency

f Frequency MHz	Z_{in} Ohms			Z_{OL}* Ohms					
	V_{CC} = 7.5–12.5 V			V_{CC} = 7.5 V			V_{CC} = 12.5 V		
	15 mW	25 mW	50 mW	0.25 W	0.5 W	0.75 W	0.25 W	0.5 W	0.75 W
400	4.3 – j13.3	4.9 – j11.0	5.7 – j8.7	31 – j49	44 – j34	42 – j4.9	20 – j68	42 – j60	52 – j54
440	3.9 – j8.8	4.5 – j8.7	5.4 – j6.9	27 – j42	39 – j30	40 – j6.9	19 – j62	37 – j54	49 – j50
480	3.5 – j4.4	4.1 – j6.5	5.0 – j4.3	24 – j36	36 – j25	39 – j9.0	18 – j56	33 – j48	47 – j46
520	3.2 – j2.2	3.8 – j4.3	4.7 – j1.7	22 – j30	34 – j20	37 – j12	17 – j52	31 – j44	47 – j42

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

Table 1. Z_{in} and Z_{OL} versus Collector Voltage, Input Power, and Output Power



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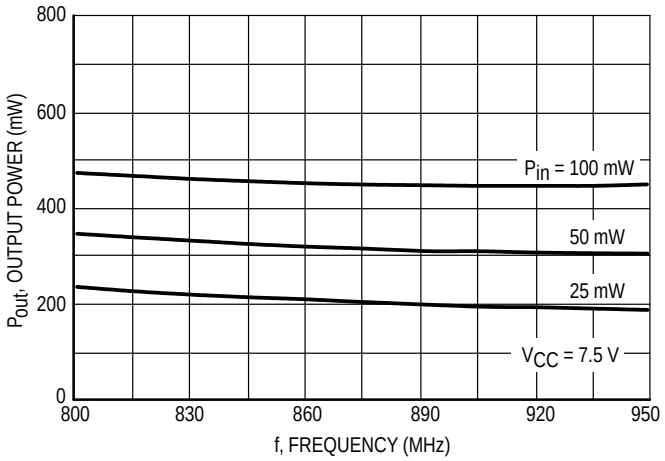

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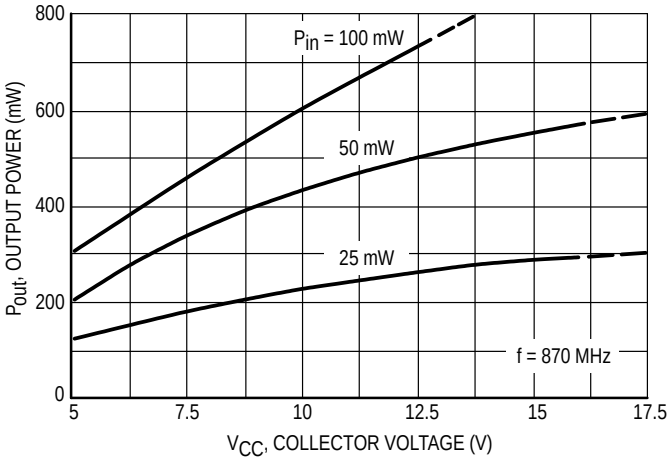

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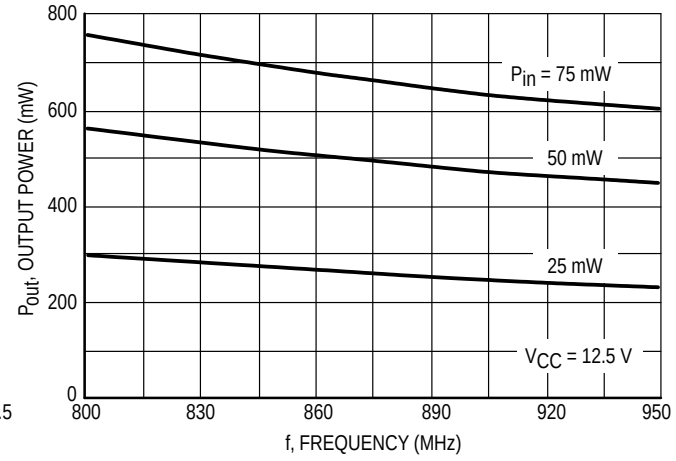
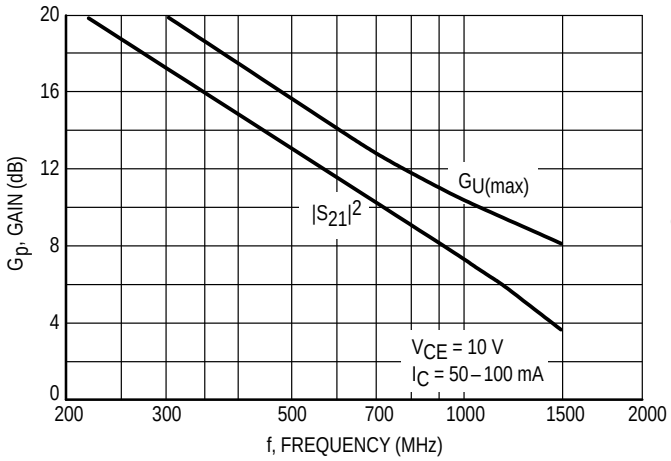


Figure 10. Output Power versus Frequency

f Frequency MHz	Z_{in} Ohms			Z_{OL}* Ohms					
	V_{CC} = 7.5–12.5 V			V_{CC} = 7.5 V			V_{CC} = 12.5 V		
	25 mW	50 mW	100 mW	0.25 W	0.5 W	0.75 W	0.25 W	0.5 W	0.75 W
800	2.9 + j2.2	3.8 + j4.4	4.7 + j6.5	15.0 – j36.8	22.7 – j30.6	27.1 – j22.6	14.6 – j43.6	17.2 – j39.7	23.4 – j37.7
850	3.2 + j3.5	3.8 + j5.2	4.8 + j7.4	15.7 – j35.3	23.9 – j28.7	27.3 – j21.5	16.3 – j40.8	17.8 – j39.5	23.7 – j36.8
900	3.8 + j5.7	4.4 + j7.0	5.4 + j8.7	16.4 – j33.7	25.1 – j27.0	27.5 – j20.5	17.3 – j38.2	18.3 – j39.3	23.9 – j36.0
950	4.1 + j7.4	4.5 + j8.8	5.5 + j10.1	17.0 – j32.2	26.3 – j25.2	27.6 – j19.4	17.2 – j36.1	20.1 – j38.5	24.5 – j35.6

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

Table 2. Z_{in} and Z_{OL} versus Collector Voltage, Input Power, and Output Power



$$G_{U(max)} = \frac{|S_{21}|^2}{(1-|S_{11}|^2)(1-|S_{22}|^2)}$$

Figure 11. Gain versus Frequency

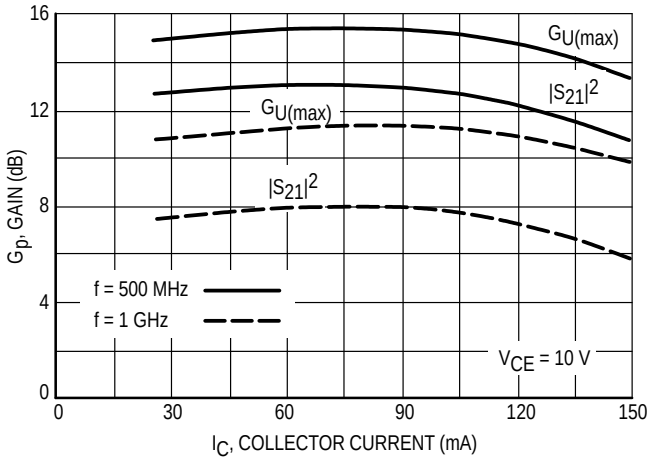


Figure 12. Gain versus Collector Current

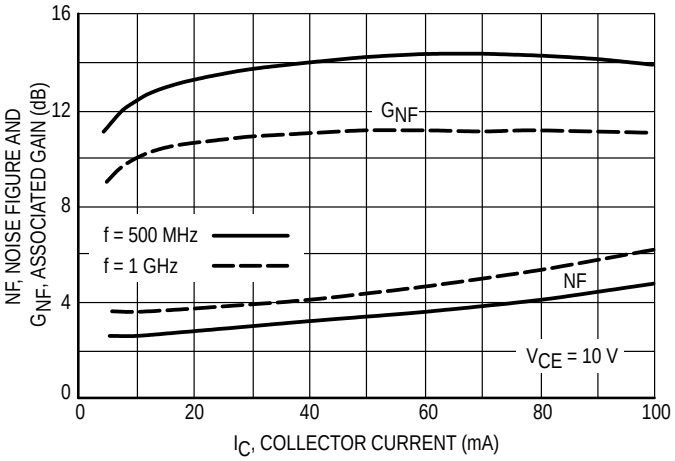
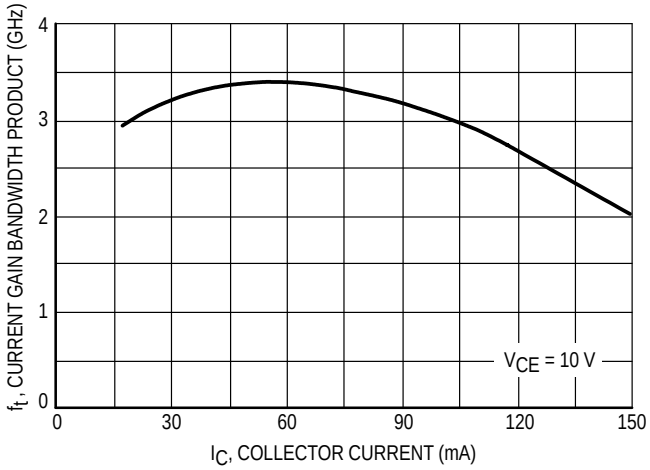


Figure 13. Noise Figure and Associated Gain versus Collector Current



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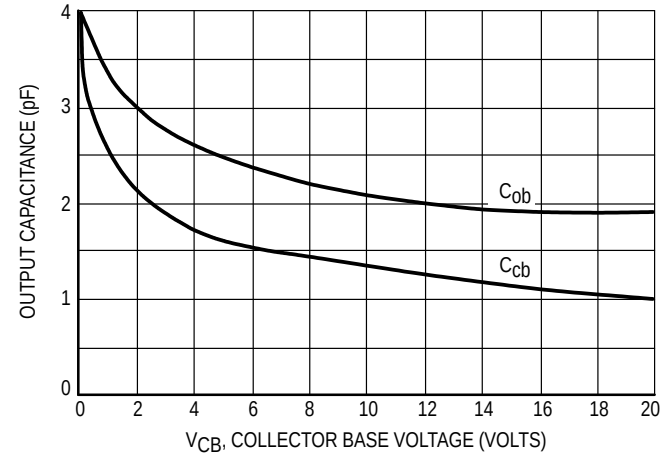
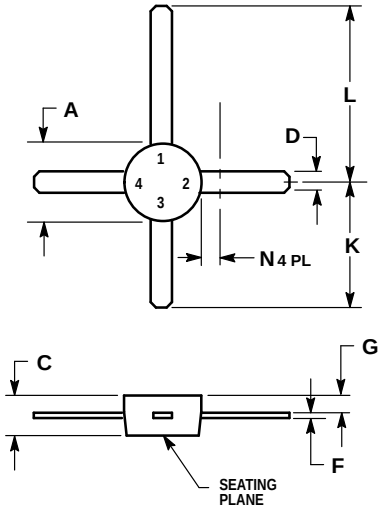


Figure 15. Output Capacitance versus Collector Base Voltage

V_{CE} (Volts)	I_C (mA)	f (MHz)	S_{11}		S_{21}		S_{12}		S_{22}	
			$\|S_{11}\|$	$\angle\phi$	$\|S_{21}\|$	$\angle\phi$	$\|S_{12}\|$	$\angle\phi$	$\|S_{22}\|$	$\angle\phi$
5.0	10	250	0.72	−161	6.20	93	0.057	30	0.30	−91
		500	0.73	179	3.16	76	0.069	43	0.27	−94
		1000	0.76	158	1.62	55	0.105	63	0.27	−119
		1500	0.82	142	1.08	41	0.155	70	0.41	−137
	25	250	0.70	−173	7.17	89	0.045	47	0.26	−123
		500	0.70	172	3.63	75	0.073	60	0.20	−128
		1000	0.74	152	1.90	54	0.134	67	0.21	−157
		1500	0.79	136	1.32	39	0.196	66	0.32	−167
	50	250	0.72	−178	7.63	89	0.038	56	0.27	−139
		500	0.72	170	3.85	77	0.068	67	0.23	−141
		1000	0.75	153	2.01	59	0.129	72	0.23	−162
		1500	0.81	137	1.40	46	0.188	70	0.32	−164
	100	250	0.73	179	7.34	88	0.036	61	0.26	−143
		500	0.74	169	3.70	77	0.067	71	0.22	−144
		1000	0.76	153	1.94	59	0.130	74	0.24	−166
		1500	0.81	138	1.36	46	0.191	71	0.32	−167
	150	250	0.78	176	5.19	92	0.033	64	0.22	−131
		500	0.78	167	2.76	78	0.065	74	0.21	−131
		1000	0.80	151	1.49	58	0.129	77	0.24	−155
		1500	0.85	135	1.05	45	0.191	73	0.35	−161
10	10	250	0.69	−157	7.03	94	0.050	33	0.34	−67
		500	0.70	−178	3.59	77	0.060	46	0.32	−69
		1000	0.74	160	1.84	55	0.094	67	0.29	−94
		1500	0.81	142	1.20	41	0.148	76	0.42	−121
	25	250	0.67	−168	8.30	91	0.039	46	0.24	−93
		500	0.68	176	4.25	77	0.060	60	0.21	−89
		1000	0.72	158	2.19	57	0.109	71	0.19	−114
		1500	0.78	142	1.47	44	0.165	74	0.31	−134
	50	250	0.68	−174	8.88	90	0.035	55	0.21	−110
		500	0.68	172	4.49	77	0.060	67	0.18	−104
		1000	0.72	155	2.31	59	0.113	74	0.17	−128
		1500	0.77	139	1.58	46	0.169	74	0.28	−140
	100	250	0.68	−178	8.49	89	0.030	61	0.19	−104
		500	0.69	170	4.32	76	0.060	71	0.17	−97
		1000	0.72	153	2.25	58	0.120	76	0.17	−123
		1500	0.78	137	1.53	44	0.180	75	0.28	−137
	150	250	0.72	178	6.53	91	0.029	64	0.22	−71
		500	0.73	169	3.37	77	0.056	75	0.24	−75
		1000	0.76	152	1.79	57	0.112	80	0.22	−105
		1500	0.83	137	1.22	43	0.175	79	0.34	−129

Table 3. Common Emitter Scattering Parameters

PACKAGE DIMENSIONS



NOTES:
1. DIMENSION D NOT APPLICABLE IN ZONE N.

	MILLIMETERS		INCHES	
DIM	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
A	4.44	5.21	0.175	0.205
C	1.90	2.54	0.075	0.100
D	0.84	0.99	0.033	0.039
F	0.20	0.30	0.080	0.012
G	0.76	1.14	0.030	0.045
K	7.24	8.13	0.285	0.320
L	10.54	11.43	0.415	0.450
N	—	1.65	—	0.065

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