

## The RF Line NPN Silicon RF Power Transistor

Designed for 24 Volt UHF large-signal, common emitter, class A linear amplifier applications in industrial and commercial equipment operating in the range of 800–960 MHz.

- Specified for  $V_{CE} = 24$  Vdc,  $I_C = 0.3$  Adc Characteristics
  - Output Power = 2.1 Watts CW
  - Minimum Power Gain = 12.5 dB
  - Minimum ITO = +43 dBm
  - Typical Noise Figure = 5.25 dB
- Characterized with Small-Signal S-Parameters and Series Equivalent Large-Signal Parameters from 800–960 MHz
- Silicon Nitride Passivated
- 100% Tested for Load Mismatch Stress at All Phase Angles with 30:1 VSWR @ 24 Vdc,  $I_C = 0.3$  Adc and Rated Output Power
- Will Withstand RF Input Overdrive of 0.4 W CW
- Gold Metallized, Emitter Ballasted for Long Life and Resistance to Metal Migration
- Circuit board photomaster available upon request by contacting RF Tactical Marketing in Phoenix, AZ.

**MRF857S**

**CLASS A**  
**800–960 MHz**  
**2.1 W (CW), 24 V**  
**NPN SILICON**  
**RF POWER TRANSISTOR**



**CASE 305D-01, STYLE 1**

### MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Collector–Emitter Voltage	$V_{CEO}$	30	Vdc
Collector–Base Voltage	$V_{CBO}$	55	Vdc
Emitter–Base Voltage	$V_{EBO}$	4	Vdc
Total Device Dissipation @ $T_C = 50^\circ\text{C}$ Derate above $50^\circ\text{C}$	$P_D$	17 0.114	Watts W/ $^\circ\text{C}$
Operating Junction Temperature	$T_J$	200	$^\circ\text{C}$
Storage Temperature Range	$T_{stg}$	–65 to +150	$^\circ\text{C}$

### THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Symbol	Max	Unit
Thermal Resistance ( $T_J = 150^\circ\text{C}$ , $T_C = 50^\circ\text{C}$ )	$R_{\theta JC}$	8.4	$^\circ\text{C/W}$

### ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Collector–Emitter Breakdown Voltage ( $I_C = 20$ mA, $I_E = 0$ )	$V_{(BR)CEO}$	28	35	—	Vdc
Collector–Emitter Breakdown Voltage ( $I_C = 20$ mA, $V_{BE} = 0$ )	$V_{(BR)CES}$	55	85	—	Vdc
Collector–Base Breakdown Voltage ( $I_C = 20$ mA, $I_E = 0$ )	$V_{(BR)CBO}$	55	85	—	Vdc
Emitter–Base Breakdown Voltage ( $I_E = 1$ mA, $I_C = 0$ )	$V_{(BR)EBO}$	4	5	—	Vdc
Collector Cutoff Current ( $V_{CB} = 24$ V, $I_E = 0$ )	$I_{CES}$	—	—	1	mA

(continued)



# ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS — continued

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>ON CHARACTERISTICS</b>					
DC Current Gain ( $I_C = 0.1$ A, $V_{CE} = 5$ V)	$h_{FE}$	30	60	120	—
<b>DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS</b>					
Output Capacitance ( $V_{CB} = 24$ V, $f = 1$ MHz)	$C_{ob}$	2.4	3.3	4.4	pF
<b>FUNCTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>					
Common-Emitter Power Gain ( $V_{CE} = 24$ V, $I_C = 0.3$ A, $f = 840$ – $900$ MHz, Power Output = $2.1$ W)	$P_g$	12.5	13.5	—	dB
Load Mismatch ( $P_o = 2.1$ W) ( $V_{CE} = 24$ V, $I_C = 0.3$ A, $f = 840$ MHz, Load VSWR = 30:1, All Phase Angles)	$\psi$	No Degradation in Output Power			
RF Input Overdrive ( $V_{CE} = 24$ V, $I_C = 0.3$ A, $f = 840$ MHz) No degradation	$P_{in(over)}$	—	—	0.4	W
Third Order Intercept Point ( $V_{CE} = 24$ V, $I_C = 0.3$ A) ( $f_1 = 900$ MHz, $f_2 = 900.1$ MHz, Meas. @ IMD 3rd Order = $-40$ dBc)	ITD	+43	+44.5	—	dBm
Noise Figure ( $V_{CE} = 24$ V, $I_C = 0.3$ A, $f = 900$ MHz)	NF	—	5.25	—	dB
Input Return Loss ( $V_{CE} = 24$ V, $I_C = 0.3$ A, $f = 840$ – $900$ MHz, Power Output = $2.1$ W)	IRL	—	–15	–10	dB

Table 1. MRF857S Common Emitter S-Parameters

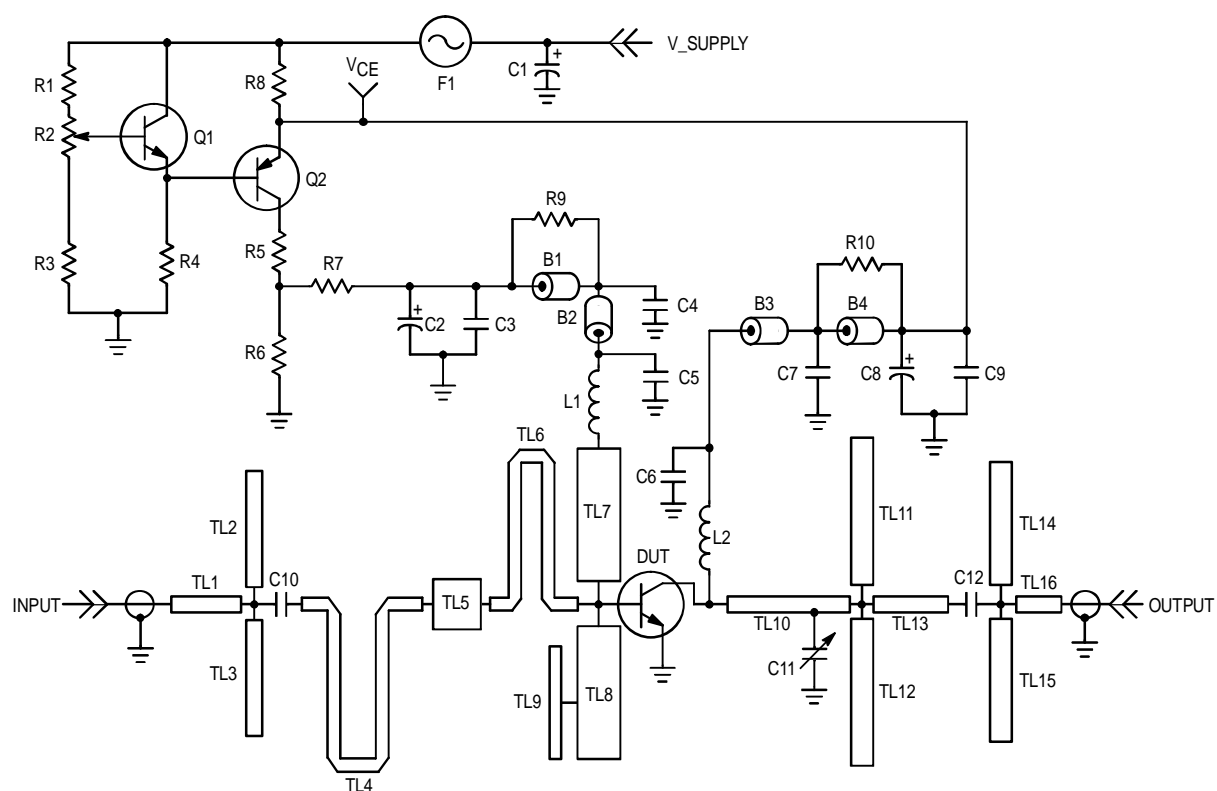
$V_{CE}$ (V)	$I_C$ (A)	$f$ (MHz)	$S_{11}$		$S_{21}$		$S_{12}$		$S_{22}$	
			$ S_{11} $	$\angle \phi$	$ S_{21} $	$\angle \phi$	$ S_{12} $	$\angle \phi$	$ S_{22} $	$\angle \phi$
24	0.3	800	0.915	165	2.098	54	0.037	58	0.343	–157
		820	0.915	165	2.049	53	0.038	58	0.345	–157
		840	0.915	165	1.991	52	0.038	58	0.349	–157
		860	0.913	164	1.951	51	0.039	59	0.352	–158
		880	0.914	164	1.912	50	0.040	59	0.355	–158
		900	0.914	163	1.865	49	0.041	59	0.359	–158
		920	0.913	163	1.832	48	0.042	59	0.362	–158
		940	0.915	162	1.783	47	0.043	59	0.366	–159
		960	0.916	162	1.748	46	0.043	59	0.369	–159

Table 2.  $Z_{in}$  and  $Z_{OL}^*$  versus Frequency

$f$ (MHz)	$Z_{in}$ (Ohms)		$Z_{OL}^*$ (Ohms)	
840	1.5	4.4	18.4	–26.3
870	1.7	4.7	18.0	–26.1
900	1.5	4.8	14.9	–26.2

$V_{CE} = 24$  V,  $I_C = 0.3$  A,  $P_o = 2.1$  W

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



B1, B4	Long Ferrite Bead, Fair Rite (2743021447)	R1	330 $\Omega$ , 1/4 W
B2, B3	Short Ferrite Bead, Fair Rite (2743019447)	R2	500 $\Omega$ Potentiometer, 1/4 W
C1	250 $\mu$ F, 50 Vdc Electrolytic Capacitor	R3	4.7K $\Omega$ , 1/4 W
C2, C8	10 $\mu$ F, 50 Vdc Electrolytic Capacitor	R4	2 x 4.7K $\Omega$ , 1/4 W
C3, C9	0.1 $\mu$ F, Chip Capacitor	R5	47 $\Omega$ , 2 W
C4, C7	1000 pF, Chip Capacitor	R6	75 $\Omega$ , 1/4 W
C5, C6	100 pF, Chip Capacitor	R7	4.7 $\Omega$ , 1/4 W
C10, C12	43 pF, 100 Mil Chip Capacitor	R8	10 $\Omega$ , 3 W
C11	0.8–8 pF, Johansen Gigatrim	R9, R10	4 x 39 $\Omega$ , 1/8 W Chip Resistors in Parallel
F1	1 A Micro-Fuse	TL1–TL16	Microstrip Transmission Line
L1, L2	5 Turns, 20 AWG, 0.126" ID, 46.2 nH	V_SUPPLY	+27 Vdc $\pm$ 0.5 V Due to Resistor Tolerance
Q1	MMBT2222ALT1, NPN Transistor	V_CE	+24 Vdc @ 0.3 A
Q2	BD136, PNP Transistor	Board	0.030" Glass-Teflon <sup>®</sup> 2 oz. Cu, $\epsilon_r$ = 2.55

**Figure 1. MRF857S Class A RF Test Fixture Schematic**

## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

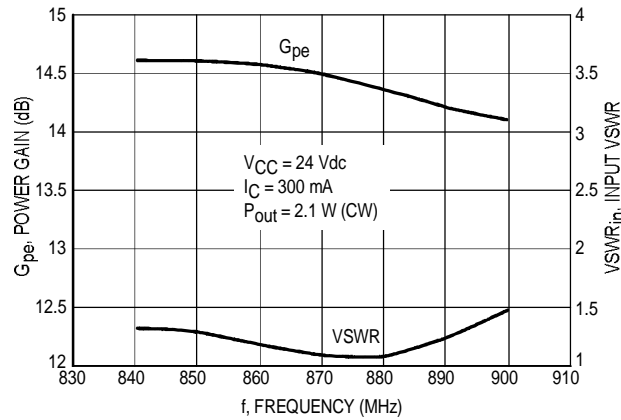


Figure 2. Performance of MRF857S in Broadband Circuit

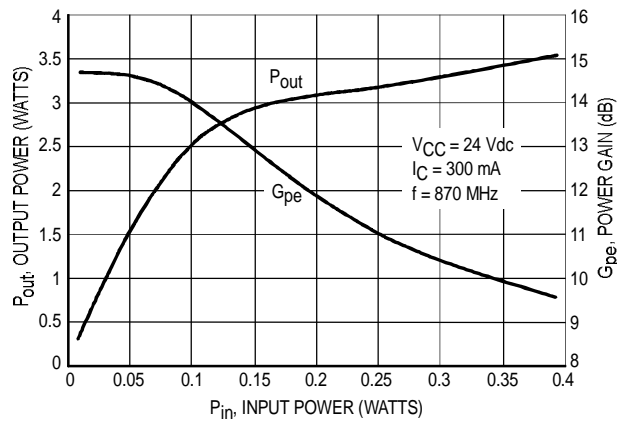


Figure 3. MRF857S Output Power & Power Gain versus Input Power

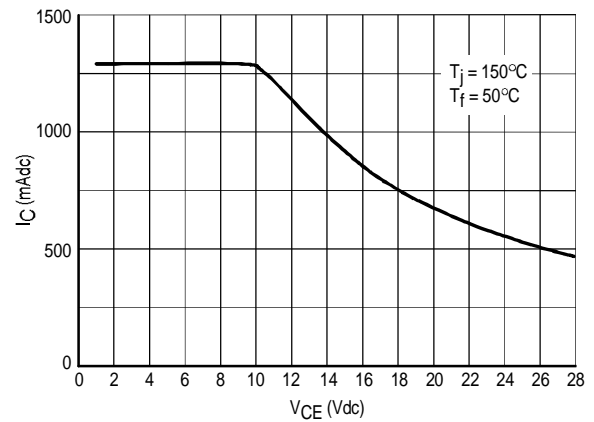


Figure 4. MRF857S DC SOA

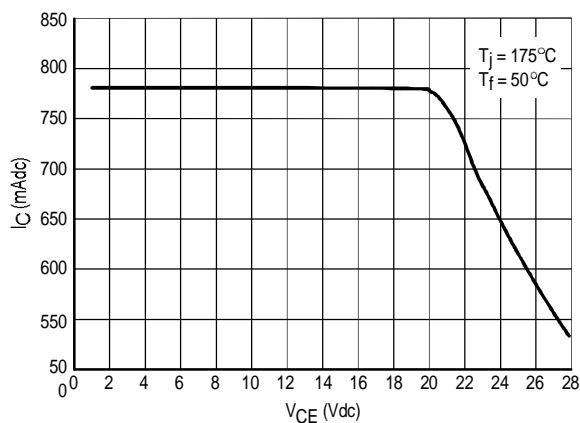


Figure 5. MRF857S DC SOA  
(This device is MTBF limited for  $V_{CE} < 20$  Vdc.)

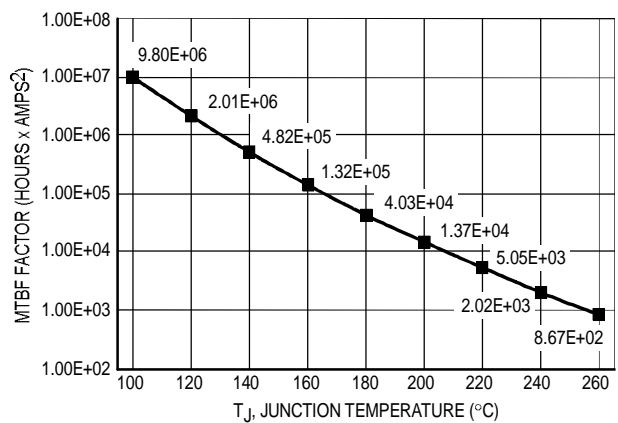


Figure 6. MRF857S MTBF Factor versus Junction Temperature

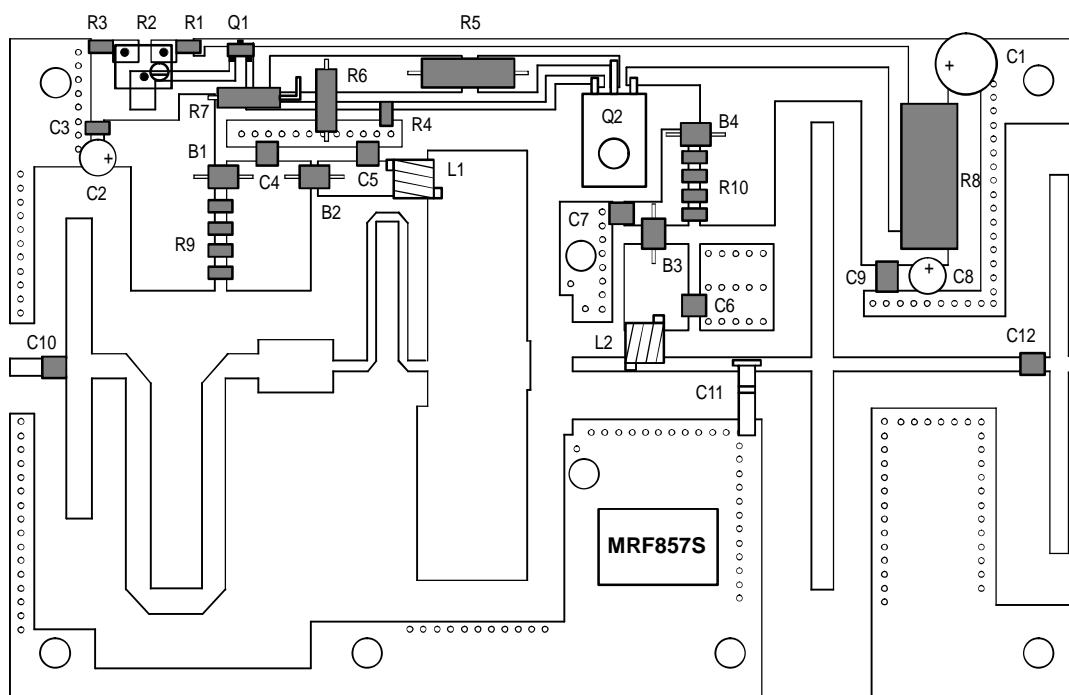
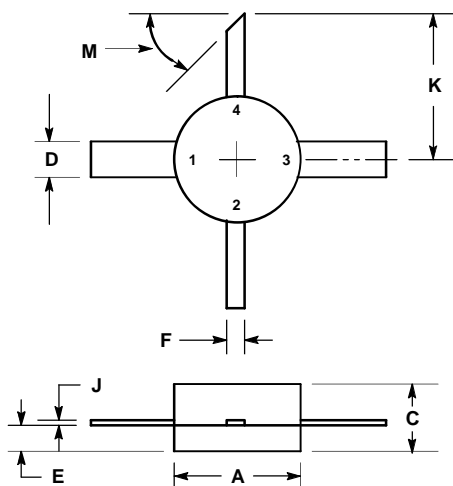


Figure 7. MRF857S Test Fixture Component Layout




- NOTES:  
 1. DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING PER ANSI Y14.5M, 1982.  
 2. CONTROLLING DIMENSION: INCH.

DIM	INCHES		MILLIMETERS	
	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
A	0.200	0.220	5.08	5.59
C	0.095	0.130	2.41	3.30
D	0.055	0.065	1.40	1.65
E	0.040	0.050	1.02	1.27
F	0.025	0.035	0.64	0.89
J	0.003	0.007	0.08	0.18
K	0.235	0.265	5.97	6.73
M	45° NOM		45° NOM	

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

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