

# The RF MOSFET Line

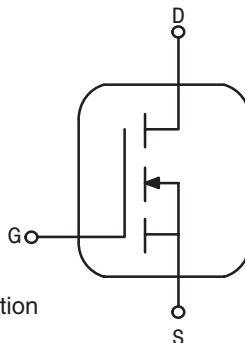
## RF Power Field Effect Transistor

### N-Channel Enhancement-Mode Lateral MOSFET

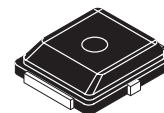
# MRF1511T1

The MRF1511T1 is designed for broadband commercial and industrial applications at frequencies to 175 MHz. The high gain and broadband performance of this device makes it ideal for large-signal, common source amplifier applications in 7.5 volt portable FM equipment.

- Specified Performance @ 175 MHz, 7.5 Volts  
Output Power — 8 Watts  
Power Gain — 11.5 dB  
Efficiency — 55%
- Capable of Handling 20:1 VSWR, @ 9.5 Vdc,  
175 MHz, 2 dB Overdrive
- Excellent Thermal Stability
- Characterized with Series Equivalent Large-Signal  
Impedance Parameters
- Broadband UHF/VHF Demonstration Amplifier Information  
Available Upon Request
- RF Power Plastic Surface Mount Package
- Available in Tape and Reel.  
T1 Suffix = 1,000 Units per 12 mm, 7 Inch Reel.



**175 MHz, 8 W, 7.5 V  
LATERAL N-CHANNEL  
BROADBAND  
RF POWER MOSFET**



**CASE 466-02, STYLE 1  
(PLD-1.5)  
PLASTIC**

#### MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Drain-Source Voltage	$V_{DSS}$	40	Vdc
Gate-Source Voltage	$V_{GS}$	$\pm 20$	Vdc
Drain Current — Continuous	$I_D$	4	Adc
Total Device Dissipation @ $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (1) Derate above $25^\circ\text{C}$	$P_D$	62.5 0.5	Watts W/ $^\circ\text{C}$
Storage Temperature Range	$T_{stg}$	-65 to +150	$^\circ\text{C}$
Operating Junction Temperature	$T_J$	150	$^\circ\text{C}$

#### THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Symbol	Max	Unit
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case	$R_{\theta JC}$	2	$^\circ\text{C/W}$

(1) Calculated based on the formula  $P_D = \frac{T_J - T_C}{R_{\theta JC}}$

**NOTE – CAUTION** – MOS devices are susceptible to damage from electrostatic charge. Reasonable precautions in handling and packaging MOS devices should be observed.

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

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
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**OFF CHARACTERISTICS**

Zero Gate Voltage Drain Current ( $V_{DS} = 35\text{ Vdc}$ , $V_{GS} = 0$ )	$I_{DSS}$	—	—	1	$\mu\text{Adc}$
Gate–Source Leakage Current ( $V_{GS} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $V_{DS} = 0$ )	$I_{GSS}$	—	—	1	$\mu\text{Adc}$

**ON CHARACTERISTICS**

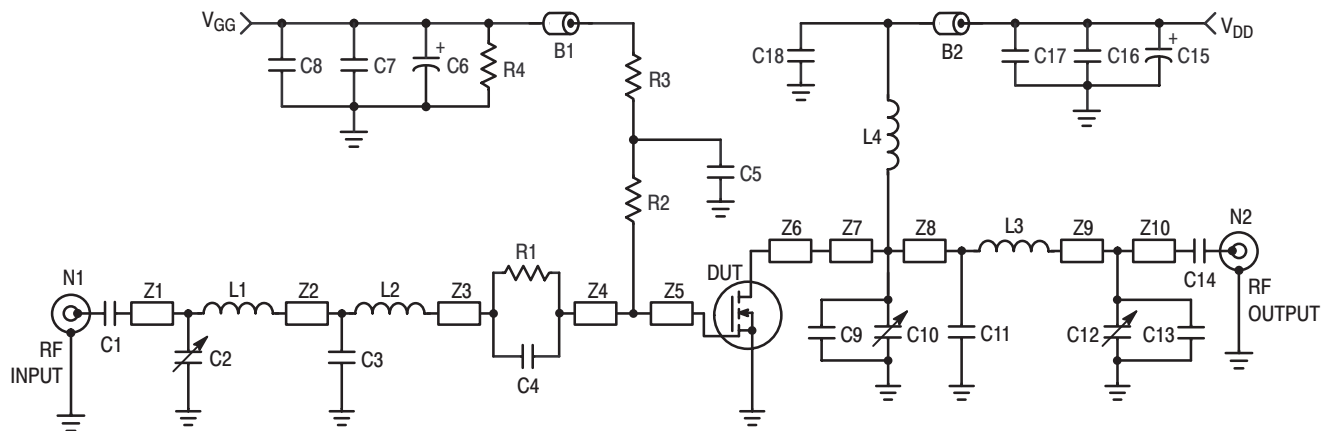
Gate Threshold Voltage ( $V_{DS} = 7.5\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_D = 170\text{ }\mu\text{A}$ )	$V_{GS(th)}$	1.0	1.6	2.1	Vdc
Drain–Source On–Voltage ( $V_{GS} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_D = 1\text{ Adc}$ )	$V_{DS(on)}$	—	0.4	—	Vdc

**DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Input Capacitance ( $V_{DS} = 7.5\text{ Vdc}$ , $V_{GS} = 0$ , $f = 1\text{ MHz}$ )	$C_{iss}$	—	100	—	pF
Output Capacitance ( $V_{DS} = 7.5\text{ Vdc}$ , $V_{GS} = 0$ , $f = 1\text{ MHz}$ )	$C_{oss}$	—	53	—	pF
Reverse Transfer Capacitance ( $V_{DS} = 7.5\text{ Vdc}$ , $V_{GS} = 0$ , $f = 1\text{ MHz}$ )	$C_{rss}$	—	8	—	pF

**FUNCTIONAL TESTS** (In Motorola Test Fixture)

Common–Source Amplifier Power Gain ( $V_{DD} = 7.5\text{ Vdc}$ , $P_{out} = 8\text{ Watts}$ , $I_{DQ} = 150\text{ mA}$ , $f = 175\text{ MHz}$ )	$G_{ps}$	10	11.5	—	dB
Drain Efficiency ( $V_{DD} = 7.5\text{ Vdc}$ , $P_{out} = 8\text{ Watts}$ , $I_{DQ} = 150\text{ mA}$ , $f = 175\text{ MHz}$ )	$\eta$	50	55	—	%



B1, B2 Short Ferrite Bead, Fair Rite Products  
(2743021446)  
C1, C5, C18 120 pF, 100 mil Chip Capacitor  
C2, C10, C12 0 to 20 pF, Trimmer Capacitor  
C3 33 pF, 100 mil Chip Capacitor  
C4 68 pF, 100 mil Chip Capacitor  
C6, C15 10  $\mu$ F, 50 V Electrolytic Capacitor  
C7, C16 1,200 pF, 100 mil Chip Capacitor  
C8, C17 0.1  $\mu$ F, 100 mil Chip Capacitor  
C9 150 pF, 100 mil Chip Capacitor  
C11 43 pF, 100 mil Chip Capacitor  
C13 24 pF, 100 mil Chip Capacitor  
C14 300 pF, 100 mil Chip Capacitor  
L1, L3 12.5 nH, A04T, Coilcraft  
L2 26 nH, 4 Turn, Coilcraft  
L4 55.5 nH, 5 Turn, Coilcraft  
N1, N2 Type N Flange Mount

R1 15  $\Omega$ , 0805 Chip Resistor  
R2 1.0 k $\Omega$ , 1/8 W Resistor  
R3 1.0 k $\Omega$ , 0805 Chip Resistor  
R4 33 k $\Omega$ , 1/8 W Resistor  
Z1 0.200" x 0.080" Microstrip  
Z2 0.755" x 0.080" Microstrip  
Z3 0.300" x 0.080" Microstrip  
Z4 0.065" x 0.080" Microstrip  
Z5, Z6 0.260" x 0.223" Microstrip  
Z7 0.095" x 0.080" Microstrip  
Z8 0.418" x 0.080" Microstrip  
Z9 1.057" x 0.080" Microstrip  
Z10 0.120" x 0.080" Microstrip  
Board Glass Teflon<sup>®</sup>, 31 mils, 2 oz. Copper

Figure 1. 135 – 175 MHz Broadband Test Circuit

### TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS, 135 – 175 MHz

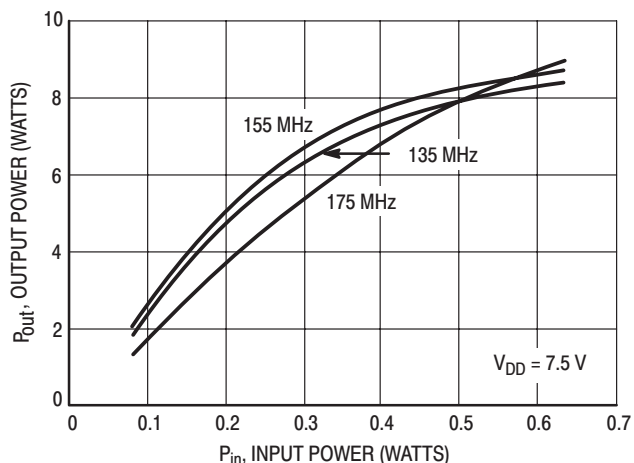


Figure 2. Output Power versus Input Power

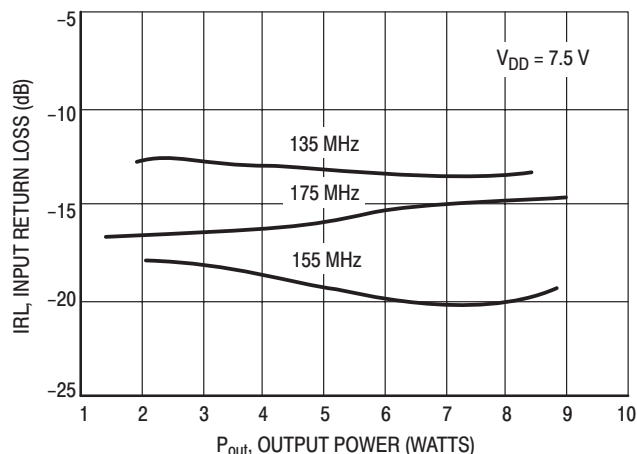


Figure 3. Input Return Loss versus Output Power

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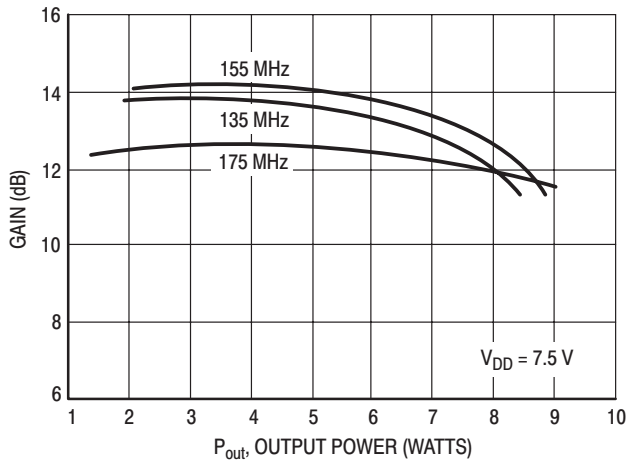


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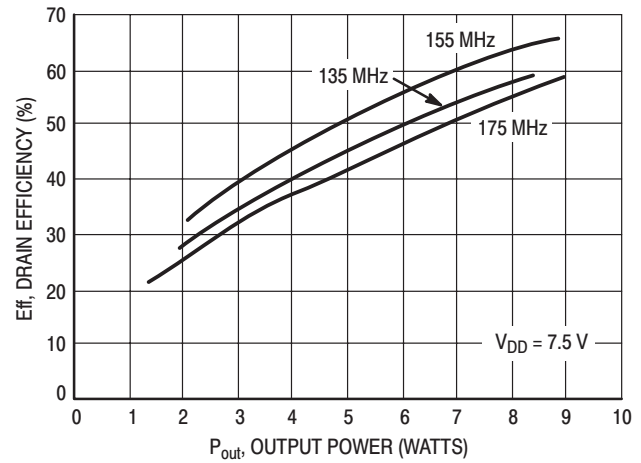


Figure 5. Drain Efficiency versus Output Power

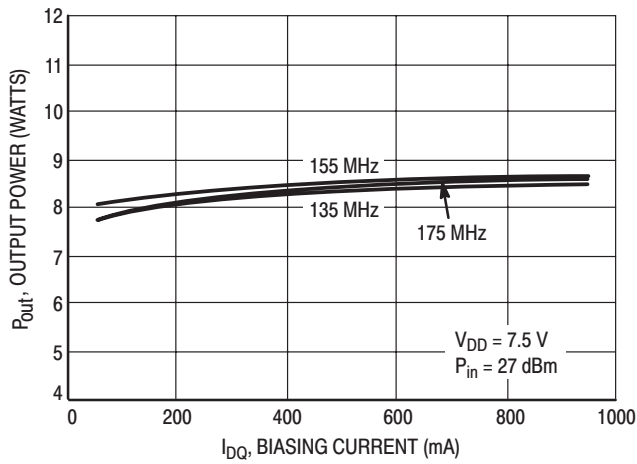


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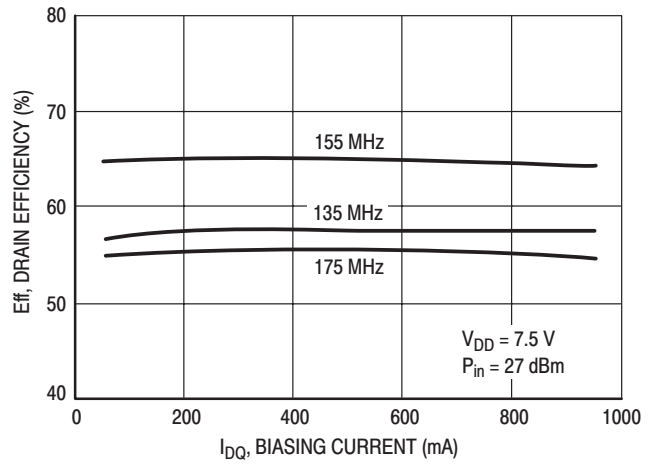


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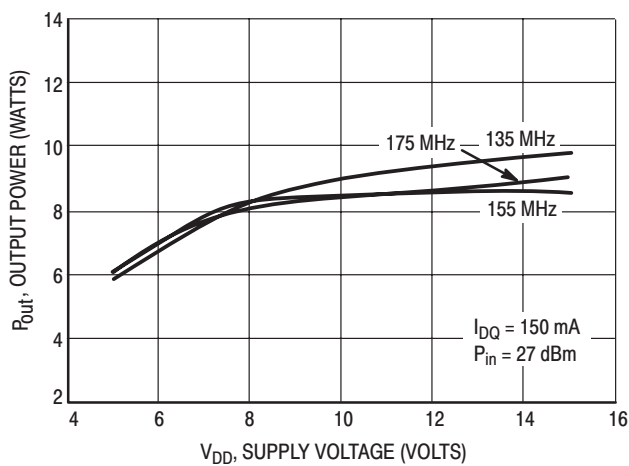


Figure 8. Output Power versus Supply Voltage

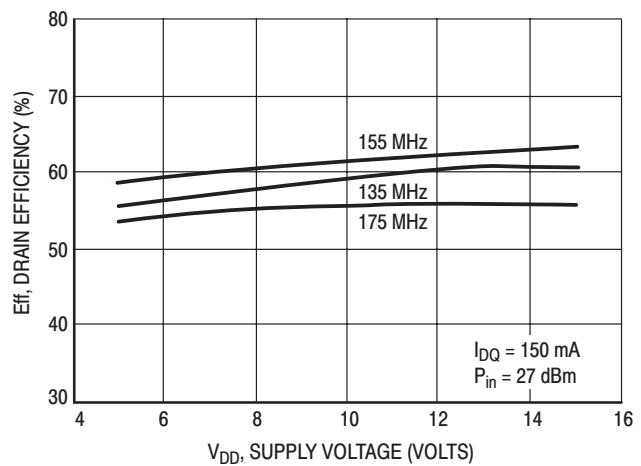
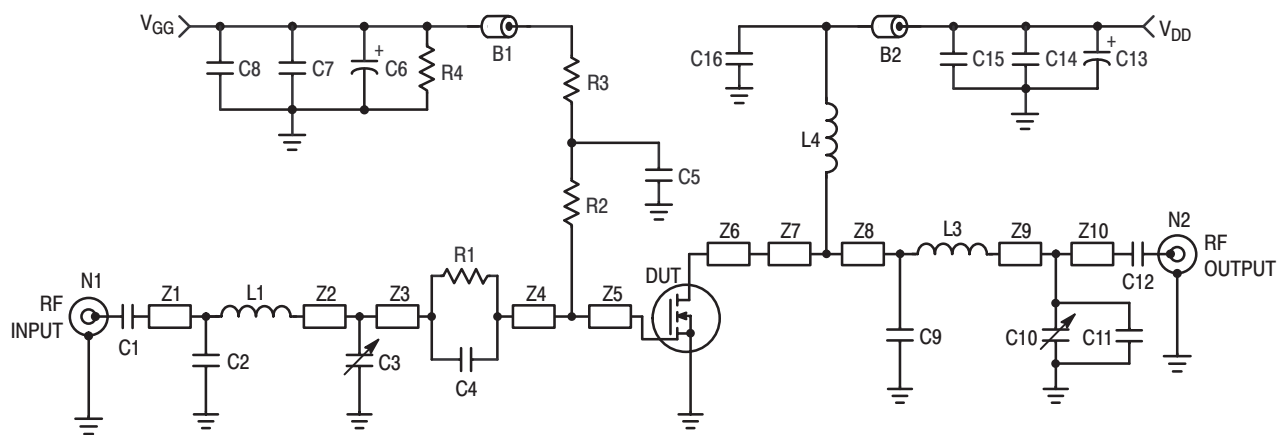


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Z3 1.032" x 0.080" Microstrip  
Z4 0.145" x 0.080" Microstrip  
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Z7 0.134" x 0.080" Microstrip  
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Figure 10. 66 – 88 MHz Broadband Test Circuit

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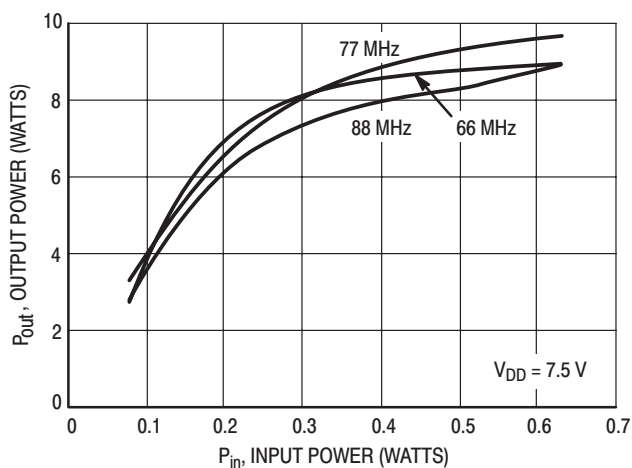


Figure 11. Output Power versus Input Power

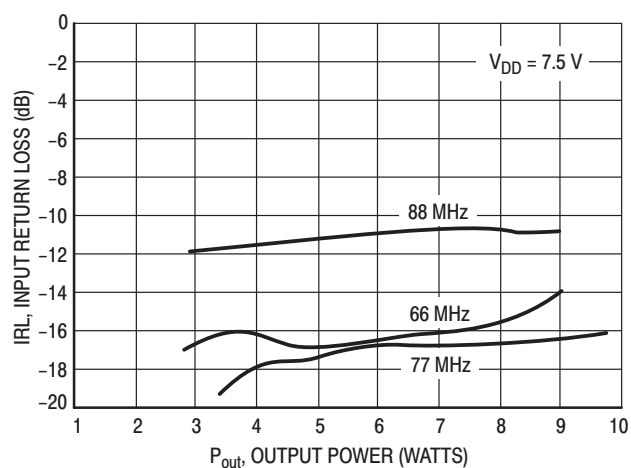


Figure 12. Input Return Loss versus Output Power

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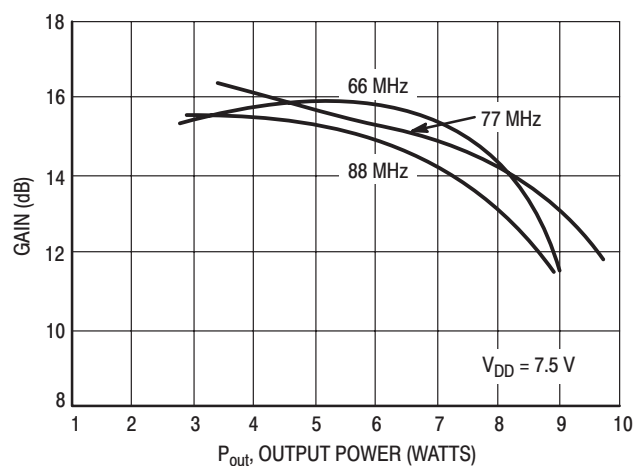


Figure 13. Gain versus Output Power

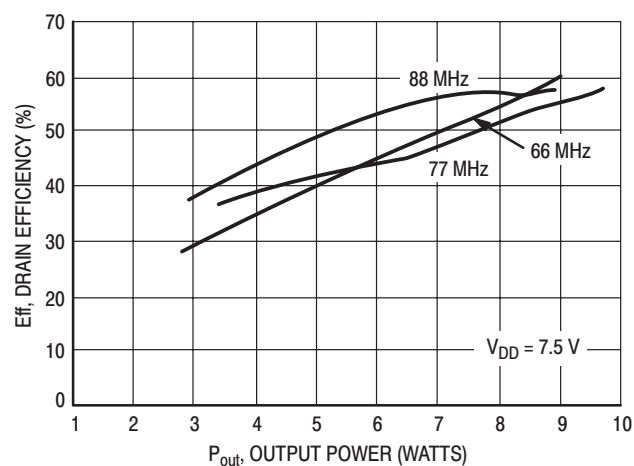


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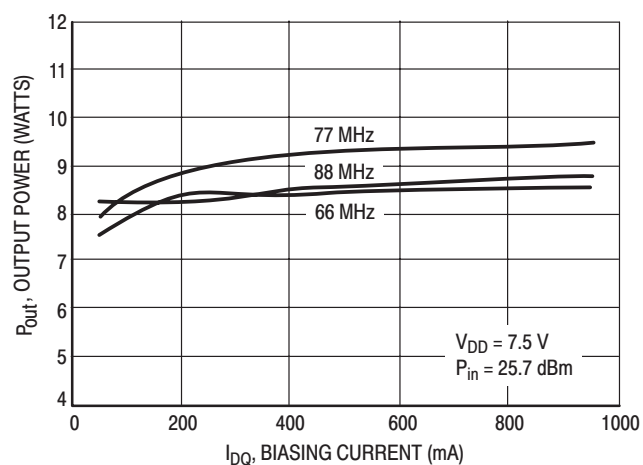


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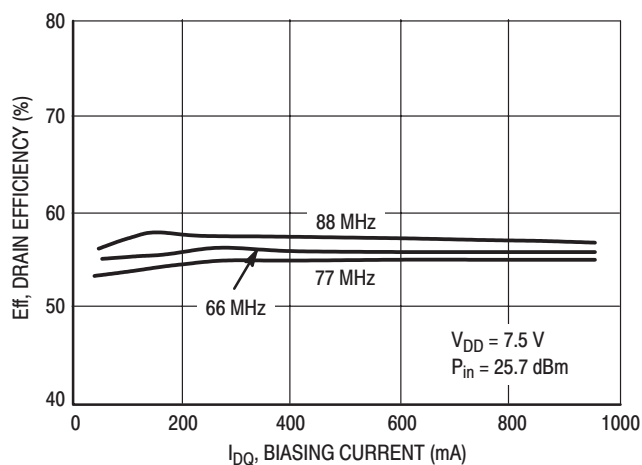


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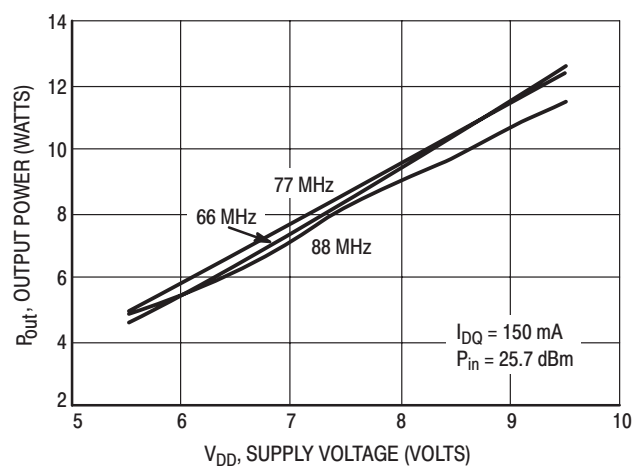


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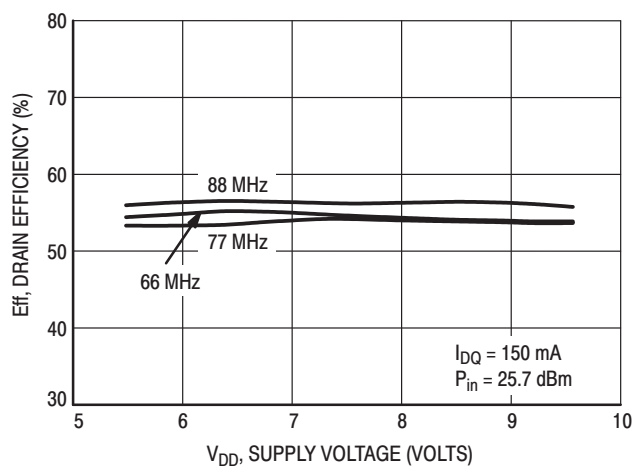
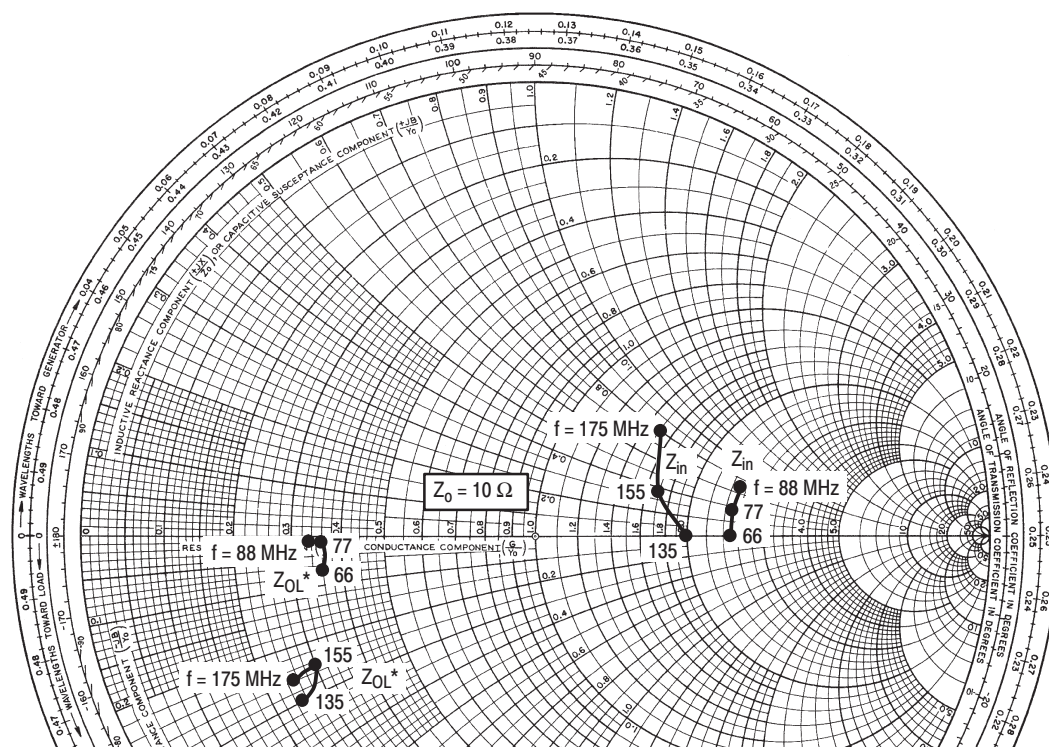


Figure 18. Drain Efficiency versus Supply Voltage



$V_{DD} = 7.5 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_{DQ} = 150 \text{ mA}$ ,  $P_{out} = 8 \text{ W}$

f MHz	$Z_{in}$ $\Omega$	$Z_{OL}^*$ $\Omega$
135	$20.1 - j0.5$	$2.53 - j2.61$
155	$17.0 + j3.6$	$3.01 - j2.48$
175	$15.2 + j7.9$	$2.52 - j3.02$

$Z_{in}$  = Complex conjugate of source impedance with parallel  $15 \Omega$  resistor and  $68 \text{ pF}$  capacitor in series with gate. (See Figure 1).

$Z_{OL}^*$  = Complex conjugate of the load impedance at given output power, voltage, frequency, and  $\eta_D > 50 \%$ .

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f MHz	$Z_{in}$ $\Omega$	$Z_{OL}^*$ $\Omega$
66	$25.3 - j0.31$	$3.62 - j0.751$
77	$25.6 + j3.62$	$3.59 - j0.129$
88	$26.7 + j6.79$	$3.37 - j0.173$

$Z_{in}$  = Complex conjugate of source impedance with parallel  $15 \Omega$  resistor and  $24 \text{ pF}$  capacitor in series with gate. (See Figure 10).

$Z_{OL}^*$  = Complex conjugate of the load impedance at given output power, voltage, frequency, and  $\eta_D > 50 \%$ .

Note:  $Z_{OL}^*$  was chosen based on tradeoffs between gain, drain efficiency, and device stability.

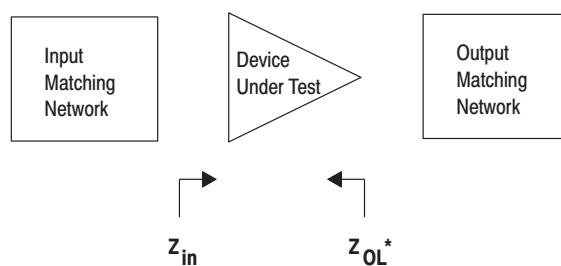


Figure 19. Series Equivalent Input and Output Impedance

Table 1. Common Source Scattering Parameters ( $V_{DD} = 7.5$  Vdc)

$I_{DQ} = 150$  mA

f MHz	S <sub>11</sub>		S <sub>21</sub>		S <sub>12</sub>		S <sub>22</sub>	
	S <sub>11</sub>	∠ φ	S <sub>21</sub>	∠ φ	S <sub>12</sub>	∠ φ	S <sub>22</sub>	∠ φ
30	0.88	-165	18.92	95	0.015	8	0.84	-169
50	0.88	-171	11.47	91	0.016	-5	0.84	-173
100	0.87	-175	5.66	85	0.016	-7	0.84	-176
150	0.87	-176	3.75	82	0.015	-5	0.85	-176
200	0.87	-177	2.78	78	0.014	-6	0.84	-176
250	0.87	-177	2.16	75	0.014	-10	0.85	-176
300	0.88	-177	1.77	72	0.012	-17	0.86	-176
350	0.88	-177	1.49	69	0.013	-11	0.86	-176
400	0.88	-177	1.26	66	0.013	-17	0.87	-175
450	0.88	-177	1.08	64	0.011	-20	0.87	-175
500	0.89	-176	0.96	63	0.012	-20	0.88	-175

$I_{DQ} = 800$  mA

f MHz	S <sub>11</sub>		S <sub>21</sub>		S <sub>12</sub>		S <sub>22</sub>	
	S <sub>11</sub>	∠ φ	S <sub>21</sub>	∠ φ	S <sub>12</sub>	∠ φ	S <sub>22</sub>	∠ φ
30	0.89	-166	18.89	95	0.014	10	0.85	-170
50	0.88	-172	11.44	91	0.015	8	0.84	-174
100	0.87	-175	5.65	86	0.016	-2	0.85	-176
150	0.87	-177	3.74	82	0.014	-8	0.84	-177
200	0.87	-177	2.78	78	0.013	-18	0.85	-177
250	0.88	-177	2.16	75	0.012	-11	0.85	-176
300	0.88	-177	1.77	73	0.015	-15	0.86	-176
350	0.88	-177	1.50	70	0.009	-7	0.87	-176
400	0.88	-177	1.26	67	0.012	-3	0.87	-176
450	0.88	-177	1.09	65	0.012	-18	0.87	-175
500	0.89	-177	0.97	64	0.009	-10	0.88	-175

$I_{DQ} = 1.5$  A

f MHz	S <sub>11</sub>		S <sub>21</sub>		S <sub>12</sub>		S <sub>22</sub>	
	S <sub>11</sub>	∠ φ	S <sub>21</sub>	∠ φ	S <sub>12</sub>	∠ φ	S <sub>22</sub>	∠ φ
30	0.90	-168	17.89	95	0.013	2	0.86	-172
50	0.89	-173	10.76	91	0.013	3	0.86	-175
100	0.88	-176	5.32	86	0.014	-19	0.86	-177
150	0.88	-177	3.53	83	0.013	-6	0.86	-177
200	0.88	-177	2.63	80	0.011	-4	0.86	-177
250	0.88	-178	2.05	77	0.012	-14	0.86	-177
300	0.88	-177	1.69	75	0.013	-2	0.87	-177
350	0.89	-177	1.43	72	0.010	-9	0.87	-176
400	0.89	-177	1.22	70	0.014	-3	0.88	-176
450	0.89	-177	1.06	68	0.011	-8	0.88	-176
500	0.89	-177	0.94	67	0.011	-15	0.88	-176



## DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

This device is a common-source, RF power, N-Channel enhancement mode, Lateral Metal-Oxide Semiconductor Field-Effect Transistor (MOSFET). Motorola Application Note AN211A, "FETs in Theory and Practice", is suggested reading for those not familiar with the construction and characteristics of FETs.

This surface mount packaged device was designed primarily for VHF and UHF portable power amplifier applications. Manufacturability is improved by utilizing the tape and reel capability for fully automated pick and placement of parts. However, care should be taken in the design process to insure proper heat sinking of the device.

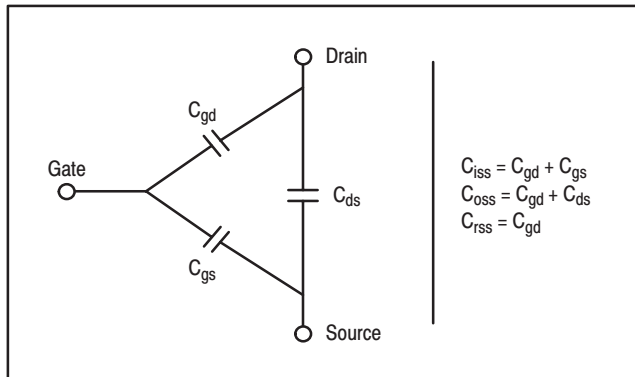
The major advantages of Lateral RF power MOSFETs include high gain, simple bias systems, relative immunity from thermal runaway, and the ability to withstand severely mismatched loads without suffering damage.

## MOSFET CAPACITANCES

The physical structure of a MOSFET results in capacitors between all three terminals. The metal oxide gate structure determines the capacitors from gate-to-drain ( $C_{gd}$ ), and gate-to-source ( $C_{gs}$ ). The PN junction formed during fabrication of the RF MOSFET results in a junction capacitance from drain-to-source ( $C_{ds}$ ). These capacitances are characterized as input ( $C_{iss}$ ), output ( $C_{oss}$ ) and reverse transfer ( $C_{rss}$ ) capacitances on data sheets. The relationships between the inter-terminal capacitances and those given on data sheets are shown below. The  $C_{iss}$  can be specified in two ways:

1. Drain shorted to source and positive voltage at the gate.
2. Positive voltage of the drain in respect to source and zero volts at the gate.

In the latter case, the numbers are lower. However, neither method represents the actual operating conditions in RF applications.



## DRAIN CHARACTERISTICS

One critical figure of merit for a FET is its static resistance in the full-on condition. This on-resistance,  $R_{DS(on)}$ , occurs in the linear region of the output characteristic and is specified at a specific gate-source voltage and drain current. The

drain-source voltage under these conditions is termed  $V_{DS(on)}$ . For MOSFETs,  $V_{DS(on)}$  has a positive temperature coefficient at high temperatures because it contributes to the power dissipation within the device.

$BV_{DSS}$  values for this device are higher than normally required for typical applications. Measurement of  $BV_{DSS}$  is not recommended and may result in possible damage to the device.

## GATE CHARACTERISTICS

The gate of the RF MOSFET is a polysilicon material, and is electrically isolated from the source by a layer of oxide. The DC input resistance is very high — on the order of  $10^9 \Omega$  — resulting in a leakage current of a few nanoamperes.

Gate control is achieved by applying a positive voltage to the gate greater than the gate-to-source threshold voltage,  $V_{GS(th)}$ .

**Gate Voltage Rating** — Never exceed the gate voltage rating. Exceeding the rated  $V_{GS}$  can result in permanent damage to the oxide layer in the gate region.

**Gate Termination** — The gates of these devices are essentially capacitors. Circuits that leave the gate open-circuited or floating should be avoided. These conditions can result in turn-on of the devices due to voltage build-up on the input capacitor due to leakage currents or pickup.

**Gate Protection** — These devices do not have an internal monolithic zener diode from gate-to-source. If gate protection is required, an external zener diode is recommended. Using a resistor to keep the gate-to-source impedance low also helps dampen transients and serves another important function. Voltage transients on the drain can be coupled to the gate through the parasitic gate-drain capacitance. If the gate-to-source impedance and the rate of voltage change on the drain are both high, then the signal coupled to the gate may be large enough to exceed the gate-threshold voltage and turn the device on.

## DC BIAS

Since this device is an enhancement mode FET, drain current flows only when the gate is at a higher potential than the source. RF power FETs operate optimally with a quiescent drain current ( $I_{DQ}$ ), whose value is application dependent. This device was characterized at  $I_{DQ} = 150 \text{ mA}$ , which is the suggested value of bias current for typical applications. For special applications such as linear amplification,  $I_{DQ}$  may have to be selected to optimize the critical parameters.

The gate is a dc open circuit and draws no current. Therefore, the gate bias circuit may generally be just a simple resistive divider network. Some special applications may require a more elaborate bias system.

## GAIN CONTROL

Power output of this device may be controlled to some degree with a low power dc control signal applied to the gate, thus facilitating applications such as manual gain control, ALC/AGC and modulation systems. This characteristic is very dependent on frequency and load line.

## MOUNTING

The specified maximum thermal resistance of 2°C/W assumes a majority of the 0.065" x 0.180" source contact on the back side of the package is in good contact with an appropriate heat sink. As with all RF power devices, the goal of the thermal design should be to minimize the temperature at the back side of the package. Refer to Motorola Application Note AN4005/D, "Thermal Management and Mounting Method for the PLD-1.5 RF Power Surface Mount Package," and Engineering Bulletin EB209/D, "Mounting Method for RF Power Leadless Surface Mount Transistor" for additional information.

## AMPLIFIER DESIGN

Impedance matching networks similar to those used with bipolar transistors are suitable for this device. For examples see Motorola Application Note AN721, "Impedance Matching Networks Applied to RF Power Transistors." Large-signal

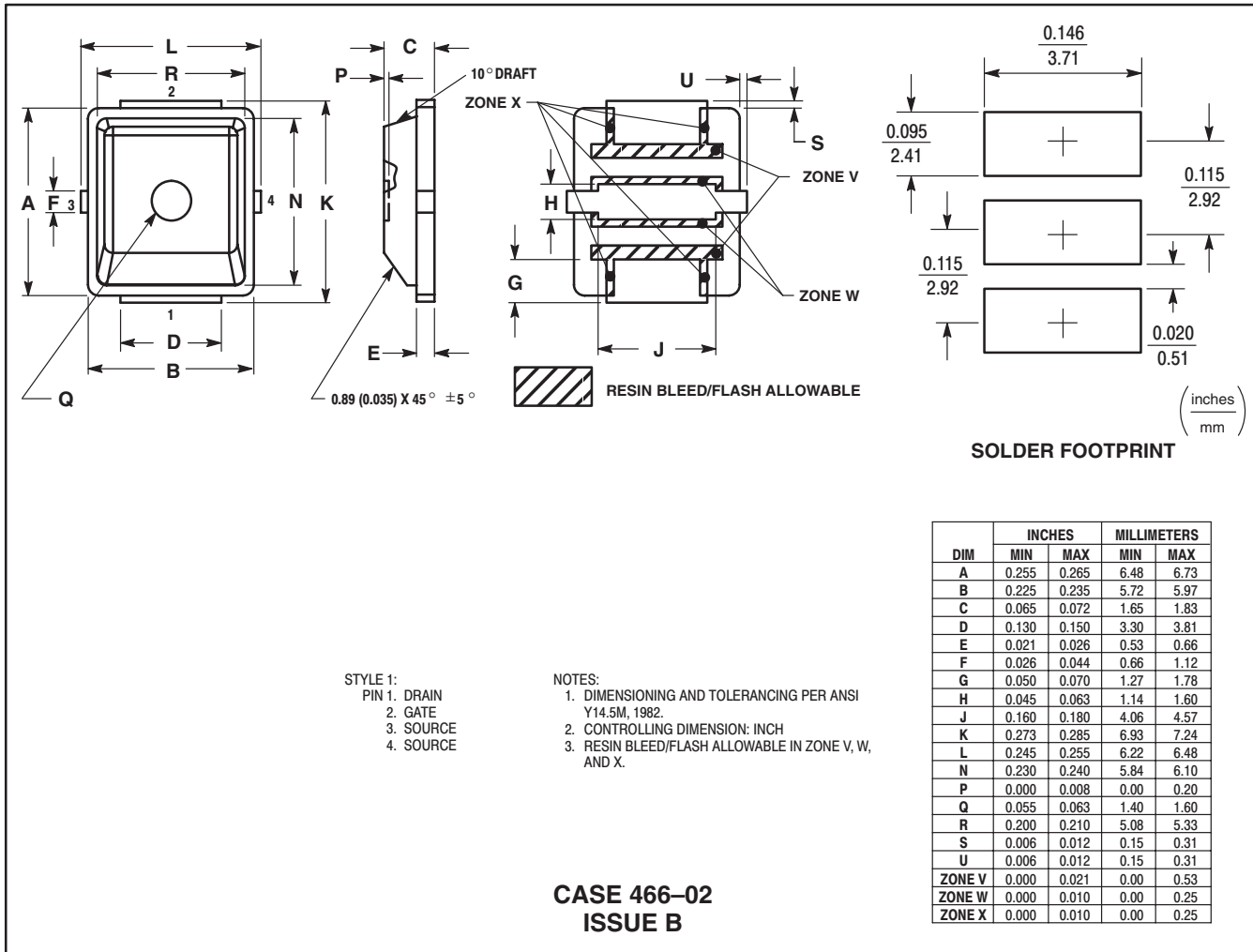
impedances are provided, and will yield a good first pass approximation.

Since RF power MOSFETs are triode devices, they are not unilateral. This coupled with the very high gain of this device yields a device capable of self oscillation. Stability may be achieved by techniques such as drain loading, input shunt resistive loading, or output to input feedback. The RF test fixture implements a parallel resistor and capacitor in series with the gate, and has a load line selected for a higher efficiency, lower gain, and more stable operating region.

Two-port stability analysis with this device's S-parameters provides a useful tool for selection of loading or feedback circuitry to assure stable operation. See Motorola Application Note AN215A, "RF Small-Signal Design Using Two-Port Parameters" for a discussion of two port network theory and stability.

# NOTES

## PACKAGE DIMENSIONS



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