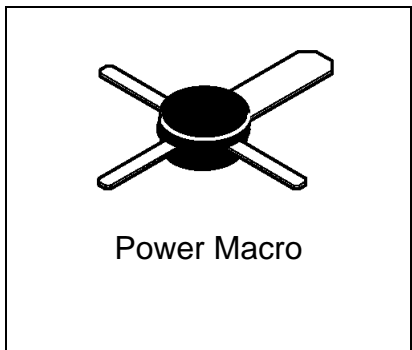


**MRF553**

**RF & MICROWAVE DISCRETE  
 LOW POWER TRANSISTORS**

Features

- Specified @ 12.5 V, 175 MHz Characteristics
- Output Power = 1.5 W
- Minimum Gain = 11.5 dB
- Efficiency 60% (Typ)
- Cost Effective PowerMacro Package
- Electroless Tin Plated Leads for Improved Solderability



DESCRIPTION: Designed primarily for wideband large signal stages in the VHF 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    | 36    | Vdc  |
| V <sub>EBO</sub> | Emitter-Base Voltage      | 4.0   | Vdc  |
| I <sub>C</sub>   | Collector Current         | 500   | mA   |

Thermal Data

|                |   |     |                 |
|----------------|---|-----|-----------------|
| P <sub>D</sub> | Total Device Dissipation @ TC = 75°C<br>Derate above 75°C | 3.0 | Watts<br>mW/ °C |
|                |   | 40  |                 |

ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS (Tcase = 25°C)

STATIC  
 (off)

| Symbol | Test Conditions   | Value |      |      | Unit |
|--------|---|-------|------|------|------|
|        |   | Min.  | Typ. | Max. |      |
| BVCEO  | Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage<br>(IC=10 mAdc, IB=0)       | 16    | -    | -    | Vdc  |
| BVCES  | Collector-Emitter Sustaining Voltage<br>(IC = 5.0 mAdc, IB = 0) | 36    | -    | -    | Vdc  |
| BVCBO  | Collector-Base Breakdown Voltage<br>(IE = 0, IC = 5 mAdc)       | 36    | -    | -    | Vdc  |
| BVEBO  | Emitter-Base Breakdown Voltage<br>(IE = 1 mAdc, IC = 0)         | 4.0   | -    | -    | Vdc  |
| ICES   | Collector Cutoff Current<br>(VCE = 15 Vdc, VBE = 0 Vdc)         | -     | -    | 5    | mA   |

(on)

|     |  |    |   |     |   |
|-----|--|----|---|-----|---|
| HFE | DC Current Gain<br>(IC = 250 mAdc, VCE = 5.0 Vdc) Both | 30 | - | 200 | - |
|-----|--|----|---|-----|---|

DYNAMIC

| Symbol | Test Conditions   | Value |      |      | Unit |
|--------|---|-------|------|------|------|
|        |   | Min.  | Typ. | Max. |      |
| COB    | Output Capacitance<br>(VCB = 10 Vdc, IE = 0, f = 1.0 MHz) | -     | 12   | 20   | pF   |

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FUNCTIONAL

| Symbol   | Test Conditions                                    |  | Value                          |      |      | Unit |
|----------|--|--|--------------------------------|------|------|------|
|          |  |  | Min.                           | Typ. | Max. |      |
| $G_{PE}$ | Power Gain   | Test Circuit-Figure 1<br>Pout = 1.5 W, VCE =12.5Vdc<br>f = 175 MHz | 11.5                           | 13   | -    | dB   |
| $\eta$   | Collector Efficiency                               | Test Circuit-Figure 1<br>Pout = 1.5 W, VCE =12.5Vdc<br>f = 175 MHz | 50                             | 60   | -    | %    |
| $\Psi$   | Load Mismatch<br>VSWR $\geq$ 10:1 All Phase Angles | Test Circuit-Figure 1<br>Pout = 1.5 W, VCE =12.5Vdc<br>f = 175 MHz | No Degradation in Output Power |      |      | -    |

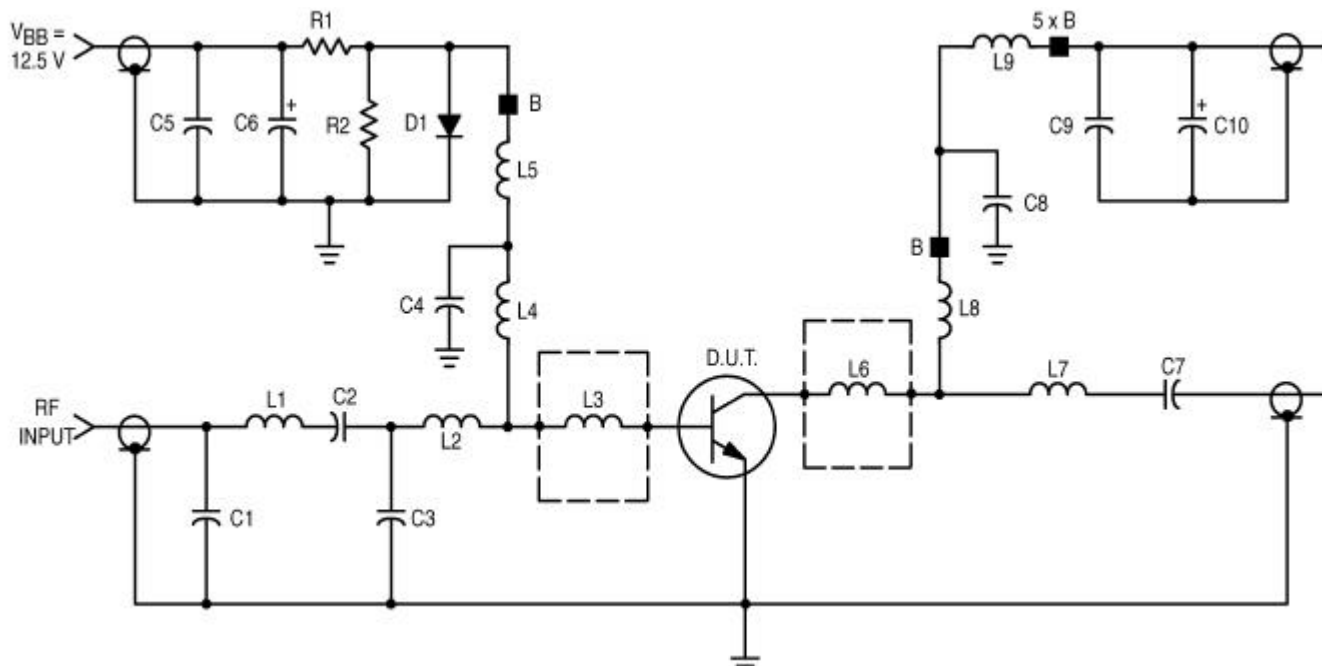


Figure 1. 140-175 MHz Broadband Circuit Schematic, Stub tuning implemented on the input to improve match. Microsemi fixture schematic with input match optimization will be available in the final version of the data sheet.

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|---|---|
| C1 — 36 pF Mini Underwood   | C2 — 47 pF Mini Underwood                         |
| C3 — 91 pF Mini Underwood   | C4 — 68 pF Mini Underwood                         |
| C5, C9 — 1.0 $\mu$ F Erie Red Cap Capacitor                         | C6, C10 — 0.1 $\mu$ F, 35 V Tantalum              |
| C7 — 470 pF Chip Capacitor  | C8 — 2200 pF Chip Capacitor                       |
| R1 — 4.7 k $\Omega$ , 1/4 W   | R2 — 100 $\Omega$ , 1/4 W                         |
| D1 — 1N4148 Diode   | L1 — 3 Turns, #18 AWG, 0.210, ID, 3/16, Length    |
| L2, L4, L7 — 0.62, #18 AWG Wire Bent into "V"                       | L3, L6 — 60 x 125 x 250 Mils Copper Pad on 27Mils |
| L5 — 12 $\mu$ H Molded Choke  | L8 — 7 Turns, #18 AWG, 0.170, ID, 7/16, Length    |
| L9 — 1.0, #18 AWG Wire with 5 Ferrite Beads                         | B — Ferrite Bead                                  |
| Thick Alumina Substrate   |   |
| Board Material — Glass Teflon, $\epsilon_r = 2.56$ , $t = 0.0625$ , |   |

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RF Low Power PA, LNA, and General Purpose Discrete Selector Guide

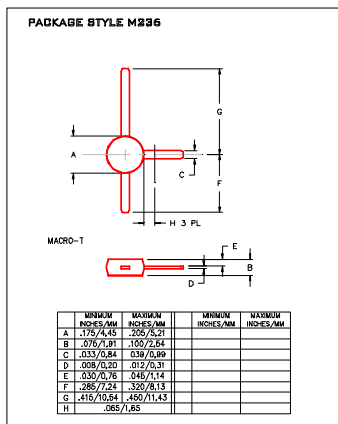
| Package     | Device          | Type | GPE Freq (MHz) | Pout (watts) | GPE (dB) | Efficiency (%) | GPE VCC | BVCEO | IC max (mA) |
|-------------|-----------------|------|----------------|--------------|----------|----------------|---------|-------|-------------|
| SO-8        | MRF4427, R2     | NPN  | 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) | Ccb(pF) | BVCEO | IC max (mA) |    |
|---------|-----------------|------|------------|---------|------------|--------|---------|-------------|------------|---------|-------|-------------|----|
| TO-39   | 2N5109          | NPN  | 200        | 3       | 10         | 15     |         |             |            |         |       |             |    |
| TO-39   | MRF5943C        | NPN  | 200        | 3.4     | 30         | 15     |         | 11.4        | 1000       | 3.5     | 20    | 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         |    |

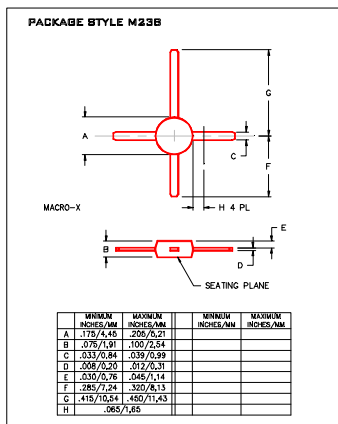
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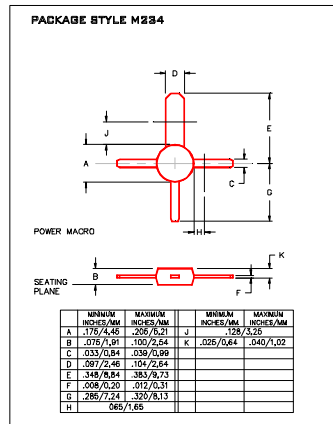
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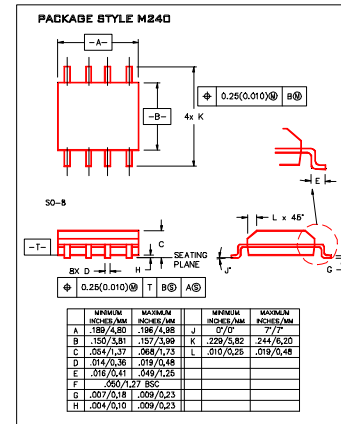
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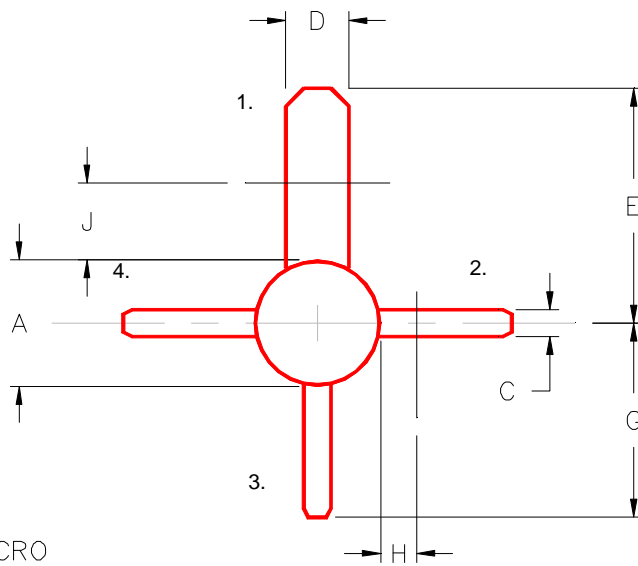
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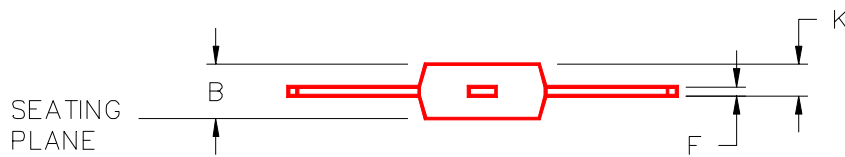
SO-8

PACKAGE STYLE M234

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



POWER MACRO



|   | MINIMUM<br>INCHES/MM | MAXIMUM<br>INCHES/MM |   | MINIMUM<br>INCHES/MM | MAXIMUM<br>INCHES/MM |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| A | .175/4,45            | .205/5,21            | J | .128/3,25            |                      |
| B | .075/1,91            | .100/2,54            | K | .025/0,64            | .040/1,02            |
| C | .033/0,84            | .039/0,99            |   |                      |                      |
| D | .097/2,46            | .104/2,64            |   |                      |                      |
| E | .348/8,84            | .383/9,73            |   |                      |                      |
| F | .008/0,20            | .012/0,31            |   |                      |                      |
| G | .285/7,24            | .320/8,13            |   |                      |                      |
| H | .065/1,65            |                      |   |                      |                      |