

BLF872

UHF power LDMOS transistor

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Product data sheet

1. Product profile

1.1 General description

A 300 W LDMOS RF power transistor for broadcast transmitter applications and industrial applications. The transistor can deliver 250 W broadband over the full UHF band from 470 MHz to 860 MHz. The excellent ruggedness and broadband performance of this device makes it ideal for digital transmitter applications.

CAUTION



This device is sensitive to ElectroStatic Discharge (ESD). Therefore care should be taken during transport and handling.

1.2 Features

- Typical 2-tone performance at 860 MHz, a drain-source voltage V_{DS} of 32 V and a quiescent drain current $I_{DQ} = 2 \times 0.9$ A:
 - ◆ Peak envelope power load power $P_{L(PEP)} = 300$ W
 - ◆ Gain $G_p = 15$ dB
 - ◆ Drain efficiency $\eta_D = 43$ %
 - ◆ Third order intermodulation distortion $IMD3 = -28$ dBc
- Typical DVB performance at 858 MHz, a drain-source voltage V_{DS} of 32 V and a quiescent drain current $I_{DQ} = 2 \times 0.9$ A:
 - ◆ Average output power $P_{L(AV)} = 70$ W
 - ◆ Gain $G_p = 15$ dB
 - ◆ Drain efficiency $\eta_D = 30$ %
 - ◆ Third order intermodulation distortion $IMD3 = -28$ dBc (4.3 MHz from center frequency)
- Advanced flange material for optimum thermal behavior and reliability
- Excellent ruggedness
- High power gain
- Designed for broadband operation (UHF band)
- Excellent reliability
- Internal input and output matching for high gain and optimum broadband operation
- Source on underside eliminates DC isolators, reducing common-mode inductance
- Easy power control

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1.3 Applications

- Communication transmitter applications in the UHF band
- Industrial applications in the UHF band

1.4 Quick reference data

Table 1: Quick reference data

Typical RF performance at $V_{DS} = 32\text{ V}$ and $T_h = 25\text{ °C}$ in a common-source narrowband 860 MHz test circuit. [1]

| Mode of operation | f (MHz) | P _L (W) | P _{L(PEP)} (W) | P _{L(AV)} (W) | G _p (dB) | η _D (%) | IMD3 (dBc) |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| CW, class AB | 860 | 300 | - | - | 14 | 55 | - |
| 2-tone, class AB | f ₁ = 860; f ₂ = 860.1 | - | 300 | - | 15 | 42 | -28 |
| PAL BG | 860 (ch69) | 300 (peak sync.) [2] | - | - | 15 | 42 | - |
| DVB-T (8K OFDM) | 858 | - | - | 70 | 15 | 30 | -28 [3] |

[1] T_h is the heatsink temperature.

[2] Black video signal, sync expansion: input sync = 33 %; output sync ≥ 27 %.

[3] Measured dBc at 4.3 MHz from center frequency.

2. Pinning information

Table 2: Pinning

| Description | Pin | Simplified outline |
|-------------|-----|--------------------|
| drain 1 | 1 | |
| drain 2 | 2 | |
| gate 1 | 3 | |
| gate 2 | 4 | |
| source | 5 | |

[1] Connected to flange.

3. Ordering information

Table 3: Ordering information

| Type number | Package | | |
|-------------|---------|---|----------|
| | Name | Description | Version |
| BLF872 | - | flanged LDMOST ceramic package; 2 mounting holes; 4 leads | SOT800-1 |

4. Limiting values

Table 4: Limiting values

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Max | Unit |
|-----------|----------------------|------------|-----|------|------|
| V_{DS} | drain-source voltage | | - | 65 | V |
| V_{GS} | gate-source voltage | | - | ±13 | V |
| T_{stg} | storage temperature | | -65 | +150 | °C |
| T_j | junction temperature | | - | 200 | °C |

5. Thermal characteristics

Table 5: Thermal characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Typ | Unit |
|---------------|--|----------------------|------------|------|
| $R_{th(j-c)}$ | thermal resistance from junction to case | $T_h = 25\text{ °C}$ | [1] 0.32 | K/W |
| $R_{th(j-h)}$ | thermal resistance from junction to heatsink | $T_h = 25\text{ °C}$ | [1][2] 0.4 | K/W |

[1] T_h is the heatsink temperature.

[2] $R_{th(j-h)}$ is dependent on the applied thermal compound and clamping/mounting of the device.

6. Characteristics

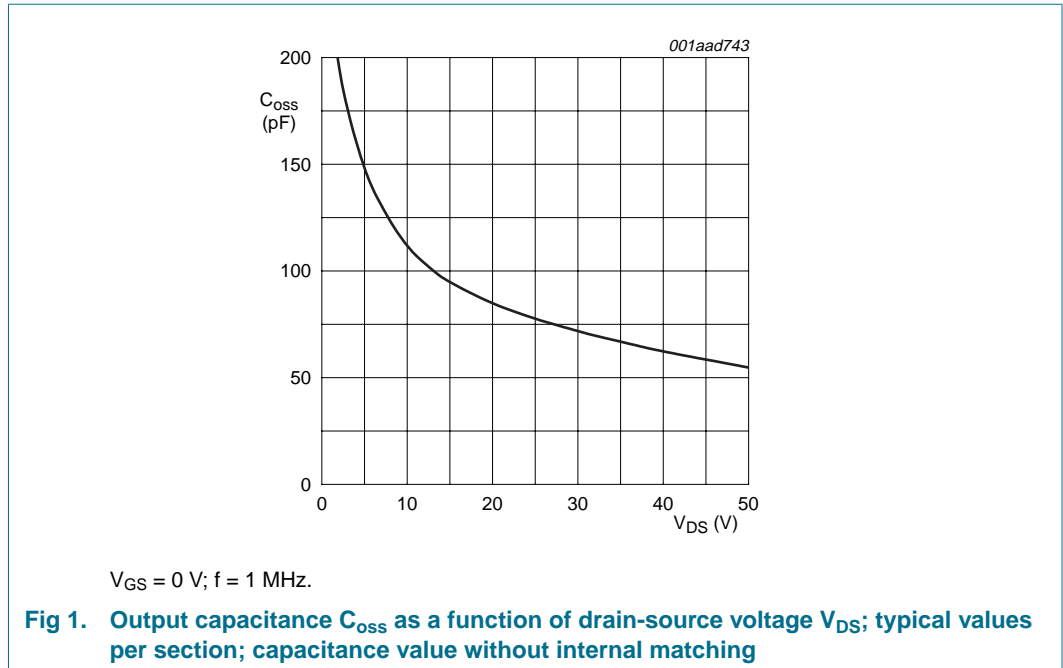
Table 6: Characteristics

$T_j = 25\text{ °C}$ unless otherwise specified.

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions [1] | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---|-------|-----|-----|------|
| $V_{(BR)DSS}$ | drain-source breakdown voltage | $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}; I_D = 5\text{ mA}$ | 65 | - | - | V |
| V_{GSth} | gate-source threshold voltage | $V_{DS} = 20\text{ V}; I_D = 250\text{ mA}$ | 5.2 | - | 6.2 | V |
| I_{DSS} | drain leakage current | $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}; V_{DS} = 32\text{ V}$ | - | - | 2.2 | µA |
| I_{DSX} | drain cut-off current | $V_{GS} = V_{GSth} + 6\text{ V}; V_{DS} = 10\text{ V}$ | - | 41 | - | A |
| I_{GSS} | gate leakage current | $V_{GS} = 10\text{ V}; V_{DS} = 0\text{ V}$ | - | - | 40 | nA |
| g_{fs} | forward transconductance | $V_{GS} = 20\text{ V}; I_D = 16\text{ A}$ | - | 10 | - | S |
| R_{DSon} | drain-source on-state resistance | $V_{GS} = V_{GSth} + 6\text{ V}; I_D = 9\text{ A}$ | - | 80 | - | mΩ |
| C_{iss} | input capacitance | $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}; V_{DS} = 32\text{ V}; f = 1\text{ MHz}$ | [2] - | 200 | - | pF |
| C_{oss} | output capacitance | $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}; V_{DS} = 32\text{ V}; f = 1\text{ MHz}$ | [2] - | 70 | - | pF |
| C_{rss} | reverse transfer capacitance | $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}; V_{DS} = 32\text{ V}; f = 1\text{ MHz}$ | [2] - | 2.5 | - | pF |

[1] I_D is the drain current.

[2] Capacitance values without internal matching.



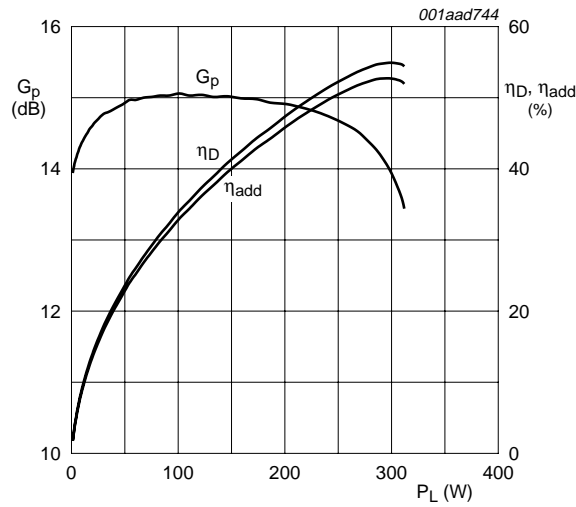
7. Application information

Table 7: RF performance in a common-source 860 MHz narrowband test circuit

$T_h = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise specified. [1]

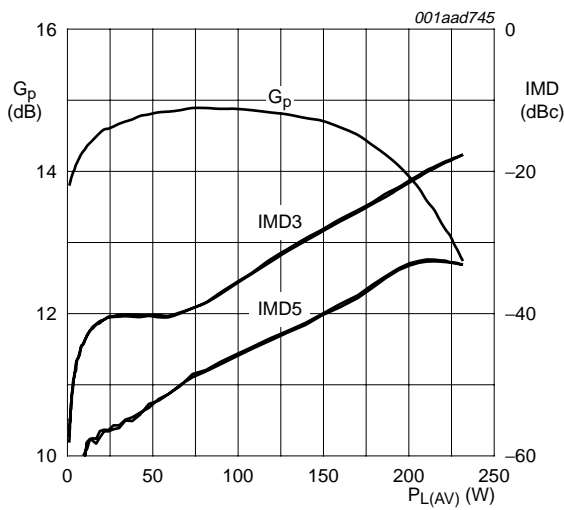
| Mode of operation | f (MHz) | V_{DS} (V) | I_{DQ} (A) | $P_{L(PEP)}$ (W) | $P_{L(AV)}$ (W) | G_p (dB) | η_D (%) | IMD3 (dBc) | ΔG_p (dB) |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|
| 2-tone, class AB | $f_1 = 860;$ $f_2 = 860.1$ | 32 | 2×0.9 | 300 | - | > 14 | > 40 | ≤ -25 | ≤ 1 |
| DVB-T (8K OFDM) | 858 | 32 | 2×0.9 | - | 70 | > 14 | > 26 | ≤ -25 | - |

[1] Sync. compression: input sync. $\geq 33\%$, output sync. 27%.



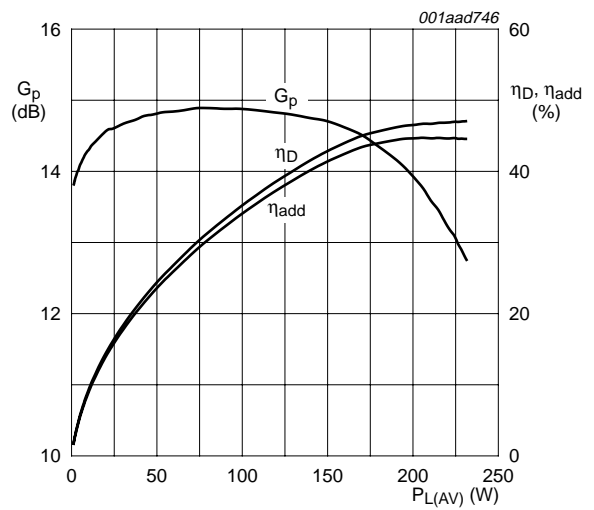
$V_{DS} = 32\text{ V}$; $f = 860\text{ MHz}$; $I_{Dq} = 2 \times 0.9\text{ A}$; $T_h = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

Fig 2. CW power gain G_p , drain efficiency η_D and power added efficiency η_{add} as a function of output power P_L ; typical values



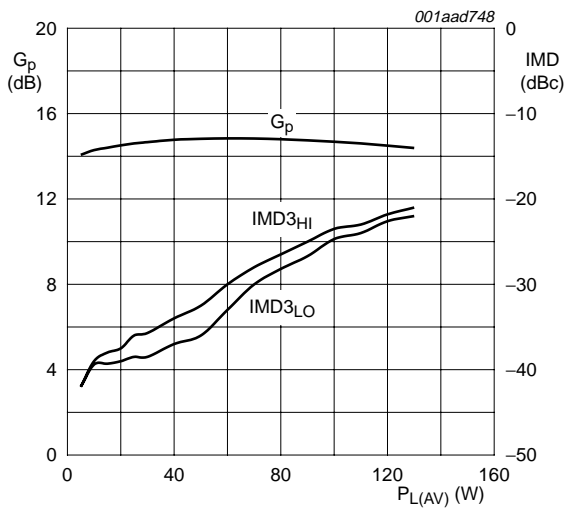
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Fig 3. 2-tone power gain G_p and intermodulation distortion IMD as a function of average output power $P_{L(AV)}$; typical values



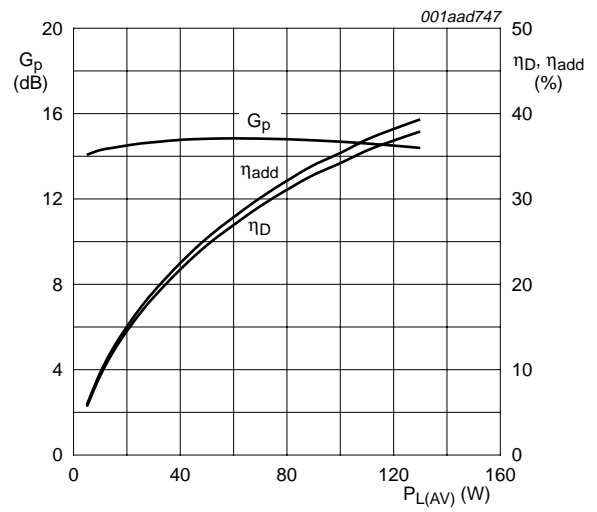
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 $I_{Dq} = 2 \times 0.9\text{ A}$; $T_h = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

Fig 4. 2-tone power gain G_p , drain efficiency η_D and power added efficiency η_{add} as a function of average output power $P_{L(AV)}$; typical values



IMD at ± 4.3 MHz from frequency center.

Fig 5. DVB-T (8K OFDM) power gain G_p and third order intermodulation distortion (high-frequency component IMD_{3HI} and low-frequency component IMD_{3LO}) as a function of average output power $P_{L(AV)}$; typical values

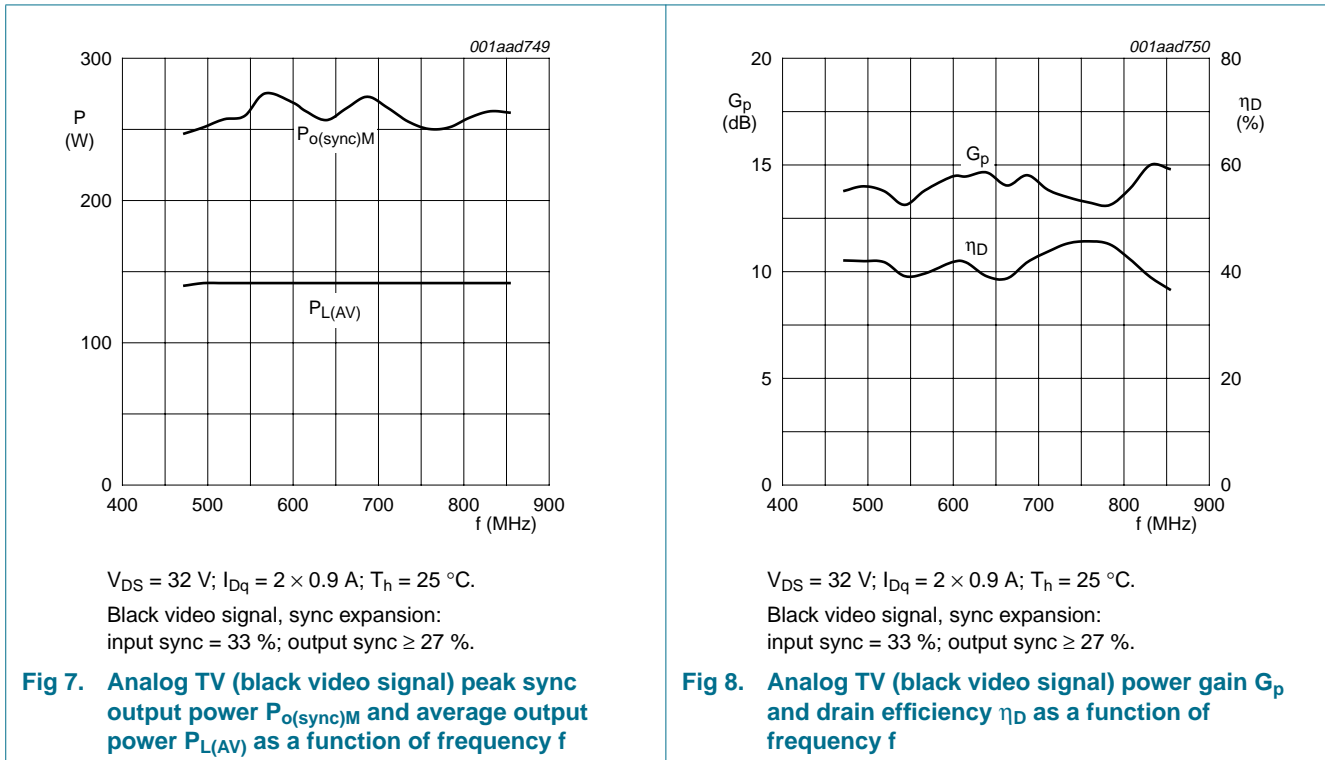


$V_{DS} = 32$ V; $f = 858$ MHz; $I_{Dq} = 2 \times 0.9$ A; $T_h = 25$ °C.

Fig 6. DVB-T (8K OFDM) power gain G_p , drain efficiency η_D and power added efficiency η_{add} as a function of average output power $P_{L(AV)}$; typical values

7.1 Broadband operation data

Measured in a common-source broadband (470 MHz to 860 MHz) test circuit.

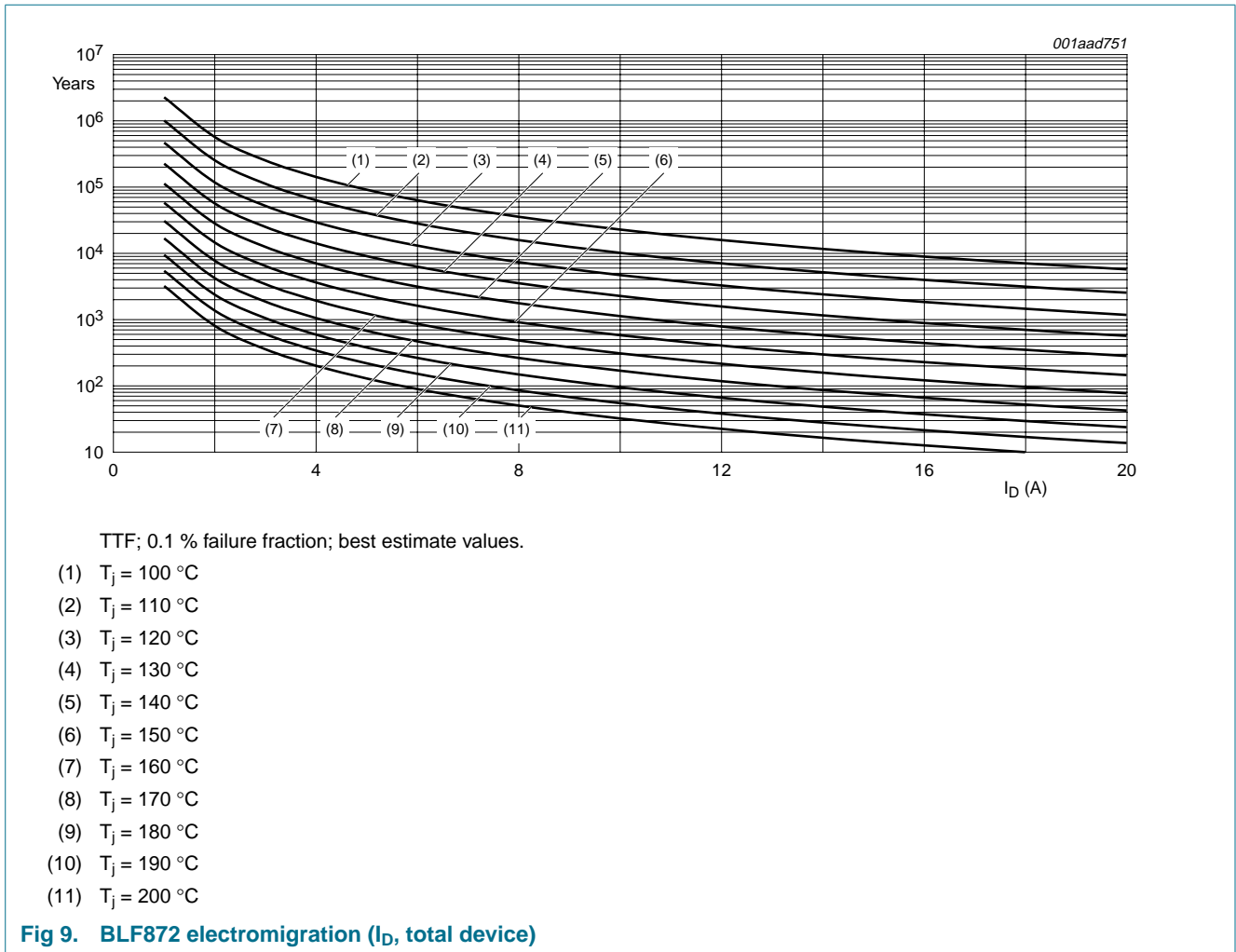


7.2 Ruggedness in class-AB operation

The BLF872 is capable of withstanding a load mismatch corresponding to $V_{SWR} = 10 : 1$ through all phases under the following conditions: $V_{DS} = 32\text{ V}; f = 860\text{ MHz}$ at rated power.

Measured in a common-source broadband (470 MHz to 860 MHz) test circuit.

7.3 Reliability



8. Test information

Table 8: List of components

For test circuit, see Figure 10, 11 and 12.

| Component | Description | Value | Remarks |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| B1, B2 balun | semi rigid coax | 25 Ω | EZ90-25-TP |
| C1 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 12 pF | [1] |
| C2 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 10 pF | [1] |
| C3, C5 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 5.6 pF | [1] |
| C4 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 6.8 pF | [1] |
| C6, C7 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 2.0 pF | [2] |
| C8 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 18 pF | [1] |
| C9, C10 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 0.5 pF | [2] |
| C11, C12 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 100 pF | [1] |
| C13, C14 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 100 pF | [2] |

Table 8: List of components ...continued
For test circuit, see [Figure 10](#), [11](#) and [12](#).

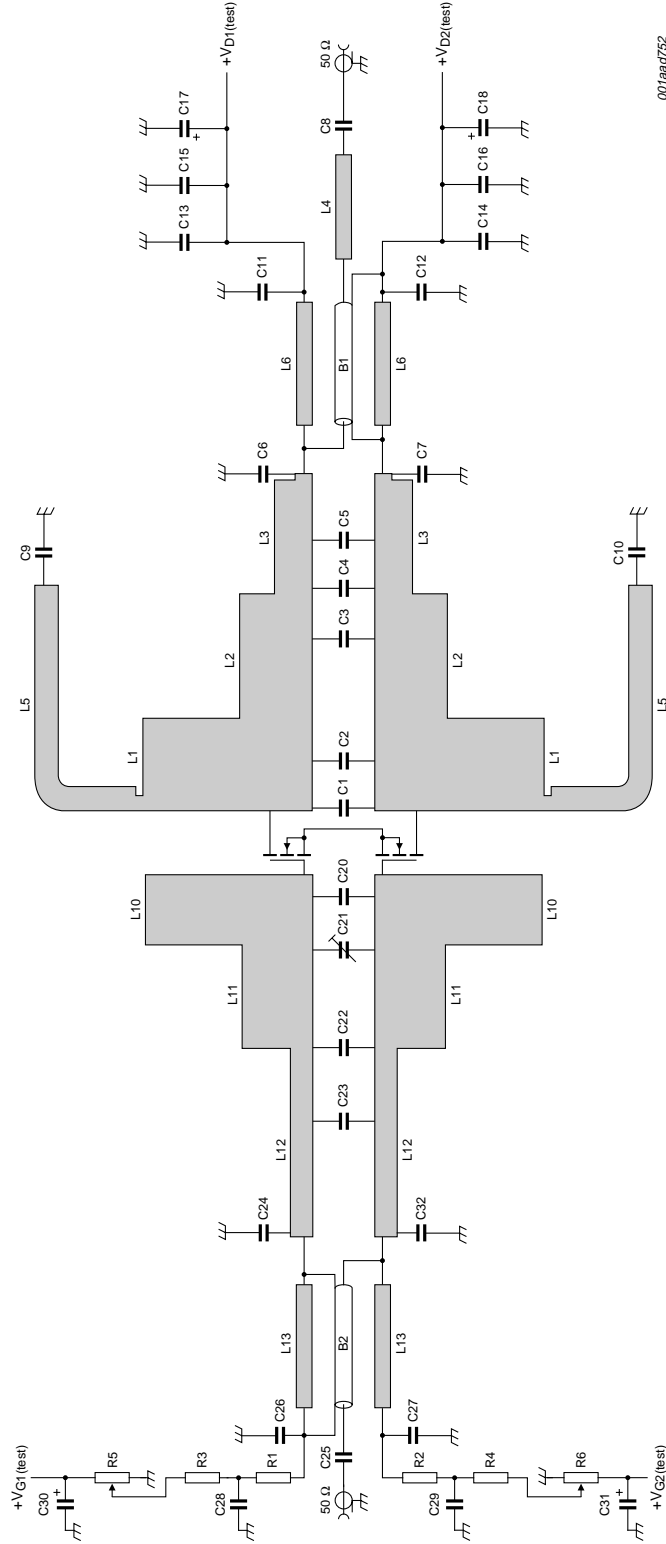
| Component | Description | Value | Remarks |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|
| C15, C16 | ceramic capacitor | 15 nF | |
| C17, C18 | electrolytic capacitor | 470 μ F | |
| C20 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 13 pF | [3] |
| C21 | tekelec trimmer | 0.6 pF to 4.5 pF | |
| C22 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 3.9 pF | [3] |
| C23 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 10 pF | [3] |
| C24, C32 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 3.0 pF | [3] |
| C25 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 30 pF | [3] |
| C26, C27 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 100 pF | [3] |
| C28, C29 | ceramic capacitor | 15 nF | |
| C30, C31 | electrolytic capacitor | 10 μ F | |
| L1 | stripline | | [4] (W \times L) 24 mm \times 13.1 mm |
| L2 | stripline | | [4] (W \times L) 10 mm \times 17.7 mm |
| L3 | stripline | | [4] (W \times L) 5 mm \times 16.5 mm |
| L4 | stripline | | [4] (W \times L) 2.4 mm \times 15 mm |
| L5 | stripline | | [4] (W \times L) 3.5 mm \times 43 mm |
| L6 | stripline | | [4] (W \times L) 2 mm \times 43.3 mm |
| L10 | stripline | | [4] (W \times L) 24 mm \times 10 mm |
| L11 | stripline | | [4] (W \times L) 10 mm \times 15 mm |
| L12 | stripline | | [4] (W \times L) 3 mm \times 31.5 mm |
| L13 | stripline | | [4] (W \times L) 2 mm \times 43.3 mm |
| R1 | resistor | 5.6 Ω | |
| R2 | resistor | 5.6 Ω | |
| R3 | resistor | 100 Ω | |
| R4 | resistor | 100 Ω | |
| R5 | potentiometer | 2 k Ω | |
| R6 | potentiometer | 2 k Ω | |

[1] American technical ceramics type 180R or capacitor of same quality.

[2] American technical ceramics type 100B or capacitor of same quality.

[3] American technical ceramics type 100A or capacitor of same quality.

[4] PCB: Rogers 5880; $\epsilon_r = 2.2$ F/m; height = 0.79 mm; Cu (top/bottom metallization); thickness copper plating = 35 μ m.



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Fig 10. Class-AB common-source broadband test circuit; $V_{D1(test)}$, $V_{D2(test)}$, $V_{G1(test)}$ and $V_{Gz(test)}$ are drain and gate test voltages

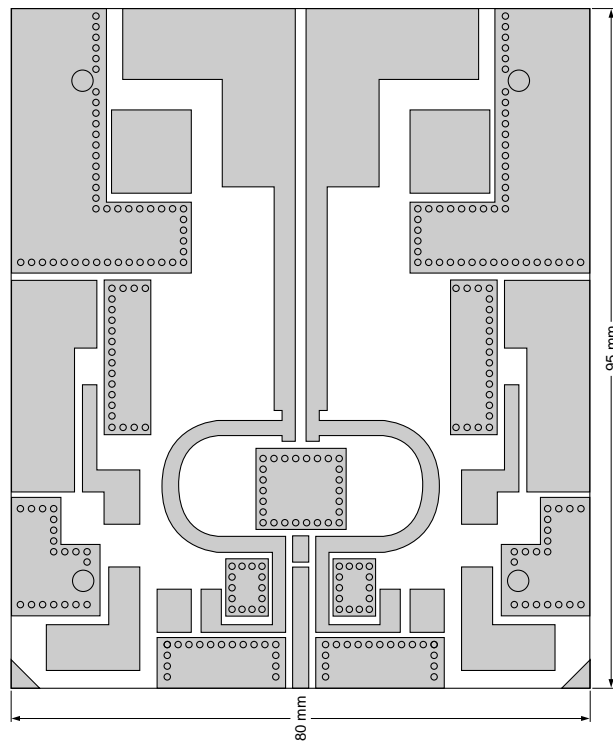
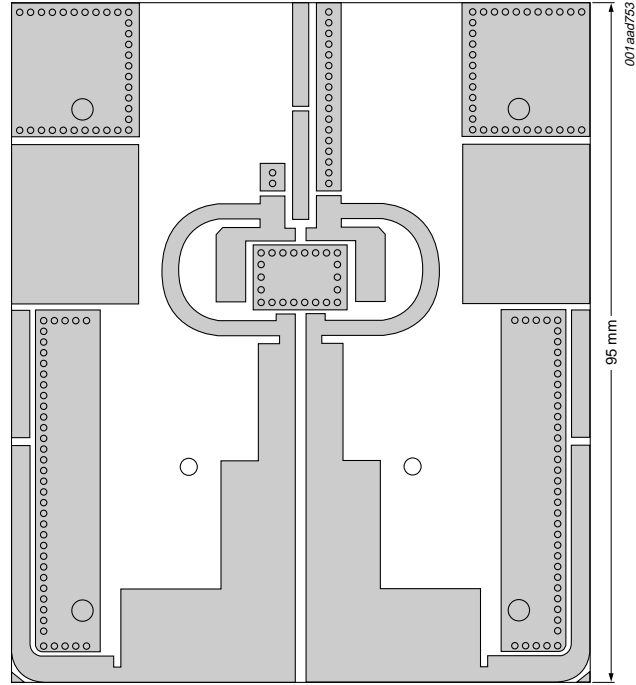
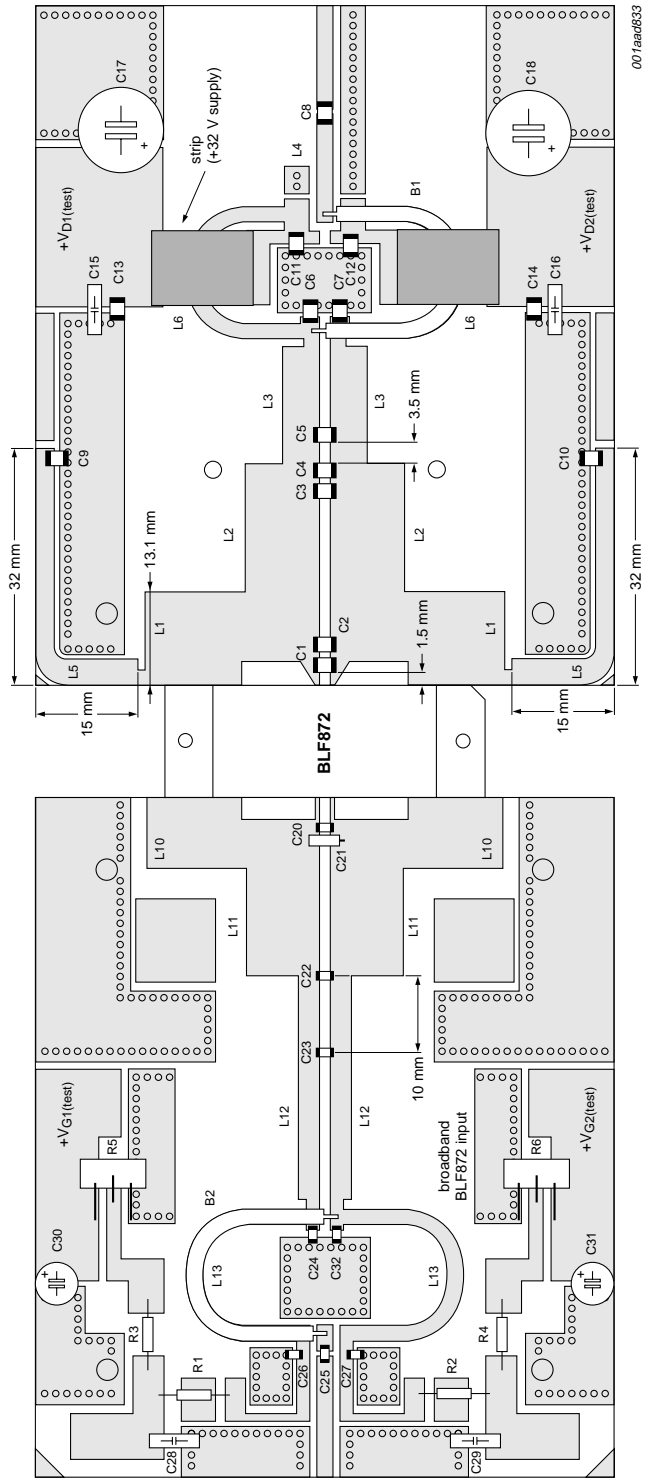


Fig 11. Printed-circuit board for class-AB broadband test circuit



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Fig 12. Component layout for class-AB broadband test circuit

9. Package outline

Flanged LDMOST ceramic package; 2 mounting holes; 4 leads

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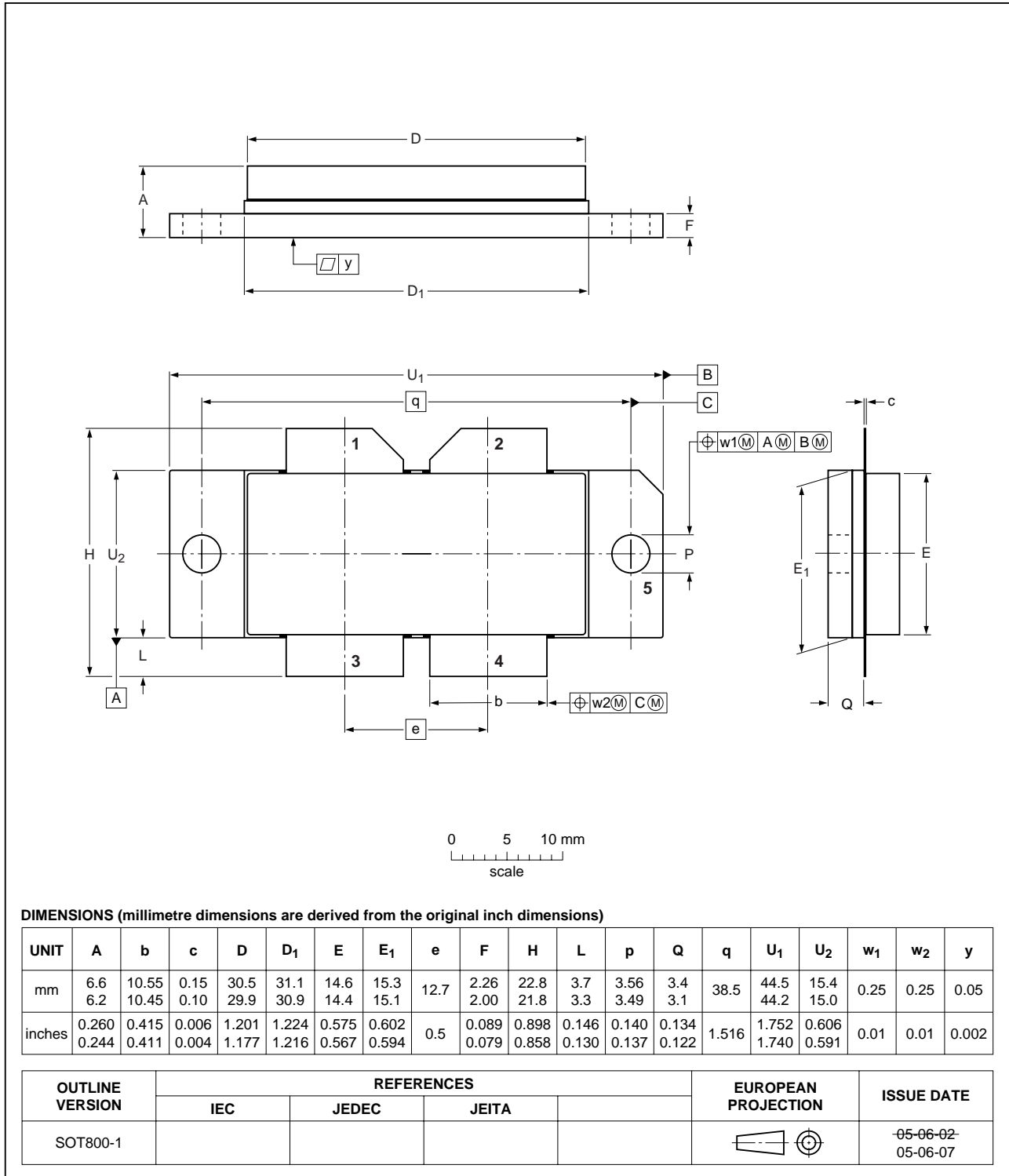


Fig 13. Package outline SOT800-1

10. Abbreviations

Table 9: Abbreviations

| Acronym | Description |
|---------|--|
| CDMA | Code Division Multiple Access |
| CW | Continuous Wave |
| DVB | Digital Video Broadcast |
| EDGE | Enhanced Data rates for GSM Evolution |
| ESR | Equivalent Series Resistance |
| EVM | Error Vector Magnitude |
| GSM | Global System for Mobile communications |
| IMD | InterModulation Distortion |
| LDMOS | Laterally Diffused Metal Oxide Semiconductor |
| OFDM | Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing |
| PCB | Printed-Circuit Board |
| PEP | Peak Envelope Power |
| RF | Radio Frequency |
| SMD | Surface Mount Device |
| TTF | Time To Failure |
| VSWR | Voltage Standing Wave Ratio |

11. Revision history

Table 10: Revision history

| Document ID | Release date | Data sheet status | Change notice | Doc. number | Supersedes |
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