



# BFR520

NPN 9 GHz wideband transistor

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Product data sheet

## 1. Product profile

### 1.1 General description

The BFR520 is an NPN silicon planar epitaxial transistor in a SOT23 plastic package.

### 1.2 Features

- High power gain
- Low noise figure
- High transition frequency
- Gold metallization ensures excellent reliability.

### 1.3 Applications

- RF front end wideband applications in the GHz range
  - ◆ Analog and digital cellular telephones
  - ◆ Cordless telephones (CT1, CT2, DECT, etc.)
  - ◆ Radar detectors
  - ◆ Pagers and satellite TV tuners (SATV)
  - ◆ Repeater amplifiers in fiber-optic systems.

### 1.4 Quick reference data

Table 1: Quick reference data

| Symbol    | Parameter                     | Conditions                                                         | Min                 | Typ | Max | Unit |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|------|
| $V_{CBO}$ | collector-base voltage        |                                                                    | -                   | -   | 20  | V    |
| $V_{CES}$ | collector-emitter voltage     | $R_{BE} = 0 \Omega$                                                | -                   | -   | 15  | V    |
| $I_C$     | collector current (DC)        |                                                                    | -                   | -   | 70  | mA   |
| $P_{tot}$ | total power dissipation       | up to $T_{sp} = 97^\circ C$                                        | <a href="#">1</a> - | -   | 300 | mW   |
| $h_{FE}$  | DC current gain               | $I_C = 20 \text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 6 \text{ V}$                        | 60                  | 120 | 250 |      |
| $C_{re}$  | feedback capacitance          | $I_C = I_c = 0 \text{ A}; V_{CB} = 6 \text{ V}; f = 1 \text{ MHz}$ | -                   | 0.4 | -   | pF   |
| $f_T$     | transition frequency          | $I_C = 20 \text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 6 \text{ V}; f = 1 \text{ GHz}$     | -                   | 9   | -   | GHz  |
| $G_{UM}$  | maximum unilateral power gain | $I_C = 20 \text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 6 \text{ V}; T_{amb} = 25^\circ C$  |                     |     |     |      |
|           |                               | $f = 900 \text{ MHz}$                                              | -                   | 15  | -   | dB   |
|           |                               | $f = 2 \text{ GHz}$                                                | -                   | 9   | -   | dB   |

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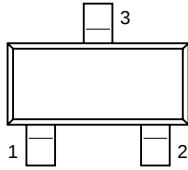
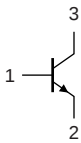
Table 1: Quick reference data ...continued

| Symbol   | Parameter            | Conditions                                                                                           | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|----------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| $S_{21}$ | insertion power gain | $I_C = 20\text{ mA}$ ; $V_{CE} = 6\text{ V}$ ;<br>$T_{amb} = 25\text{ °C}$ ;<br>$f = 900\text{ MHz}$ | 13  | 14  | -   | dB   |
| NF       | noise figure         | $\Gamma_s = \Gamma_{opt}$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ °C}$                                                 |     |     |     |      |
|          |                      | $I_C = 5\text{ mA}$ ; $V_{CE} = 6\text{ V}$ ;<br>$f = 900\text{ MHz}$                                | -   | 1.1 | 1.6 | dB   |
|          |                      | $I_C = 20\text{ mA}$ ; $V_{CE} = 6\text{ V}$ ;<br>$f = 900\text{ MHz}$                               | -   | 1.6 | 2.1 | dB   |
|          |                      | $I_C = 5\text{ mA}$ ; $V_{CE} = 8\text{ V}$ ;<br>$f = 2\text{ GHz}$                                  | -   | 1.9 | -   | dB   |

[1]  $T_{sp}$  is the temperature at the soldering point of the collector tab.

2. Pinning information

Table 2: Pinning

| Pin | Description | Simplified outline                                                                    | Symbol                                                                                |
|-----|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | base        |  |  |
| 2   | emitter     |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
| 3   | collector   |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |

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3. Ordering information

Table 3: Ordering information

| Type number | Package |                                          |         |
|-------------|---------|------------------------------------------|---------|
|             | Name    | Description                              | Version |
| BFR520      | -       | plastic surface mounted package; 3 leads | SOT23   |

4. Marking

Table 4: Marking

| Type number | Marking code [1] |
|-------------|------------------|
| BFR520      | 32*              |

[1] \* = p: Made in Hong Kong  
\* = t: Made in Malaysia  
\* = W: Made in China.

## 5. Limiting values

**Table 5: Limiting values**

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

| Symbol    | Parameter                 | Conditions                            | Min | Max | Unit             |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------|
| $V_{CBO}$ | collector-base voltage    | open emitter                          | -   | 20  | V                |
| $V_{CES}$ | collector-emitter voltage | $R_{BE} = 0 \Omega$                   | -   | 15  | V                |
| $V_{EBO}$ | emitter-base voltage      | open collector                        | -   | 2.5 | V                |
| $I_C$     | collector current (DC)    |                                       | -   | 70  | mA               |
| $P_{tot}$ | total power dissipation   | up to $T_{sp} = 97^\circ\text{C}$ [1] | -   | 300 | mW               |
| $T_{stg}$ | storage temperature       |                                       | -65 | 150 | $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| $T_j$     | junction temperature      |                                       | -   | 175 | $^\circ\text{C}$ |

[1]  $T_{sp}$  is the temperature at the soldering point of the collector tab.

## 6. Thermal characteristics

**Table 6: Thermal characteristics**

| Symbol        | Parameter                                           | Conditions | Typ     | Unit |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|------|
| $R_{th(j-s)}$ | thermal resistance from junction to soldering point |            | [1] 260 | K/W  |

[1]  $T_{sp}$  is the temperature at the soldering point of the collector tab.

## 7. Characteristics

**Table 7: Characteristics**

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

| Symbol       | Parameter                     | Conditions                                                                                     | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| $I_{CBO}$    | collector cut-off current     | $I_E = 0\text{ A}; V_{CB} = 6\text{ V}$                                                        | -   | -   | 50  | nA   |
| $h_{FE}$     | DC current gain               | $I_C = 20\text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 6\text{ V}$                                                      | 60  | 120 | 250 |      |
| $C_e$        | emitter capacitance           | $I_C = i_c = 0\text{ A}; V_{EB} = 0.5\text{ V};$<br>$f = 1\text{ MHz}$                         | -   | 1   | -   | pF   |
| $C_c$        | collector capacitance         | $I_E = i_e = 0\text{ A}; V_{CB} = 6\text{ V};$<br>$f = 1\text{ MHz}$                           | -   | 0.5 | -   | pF   |
| $C_{re}$     | feedback capacitance          | $I_C = 0\text{ A}; V_{CB} = 6\text{ V};$<br>$f = 1\text{ MHz}$                                 | -   | 0.4 | -   | pF   |
| $f_T$        | transition frequency          | $I_C = 20\text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 6\text{ V};$<br>$f = 1\text{ GHz}$                               | -   | 9   | -   | GHz  |
| $G_{UM}$     | maximum unilateral power gain | $I_C = 20\text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 6\text{ V};$<br>$T_{amb} = 25^\circ\text{C}$                     | [1] |     |     |      |
|              |                               | $f = 900\text{ MHz}$                                                                           | -   | 15  | -   | dB   |
|              |                               | $f = 2\text{ GHz}$                                                                             | -   | 9   | -   | dB   |
| $ s_{21} ^2$ | insertion power gain          | $I_C = 20\text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 6\text{ V};$<br>$T_{amb} = 25^\circ\text{C}; f = 900\text{ MHz}$ | 13  | 14  | -   | dB   |



Table 7: Characteristics ...continued  
*T<sub>j</sub> = 25 °C unless otherwise specified.*

| Symbol       | Parameter                                   | Conditions                                                                                                                      | Min   | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|------|
| NF           | noise figure                                | $\Gamma_s = \Gamma_{opt}$ ; $V_{CE} = 6\text{ V}$ ;<br>$T_{amb} = 25\text{ °C}$                                                 |       |     |     |      |
|              |                                             | $I_C = 5\text{ mA}$ ; $f = 900\text{ MHz}$                                                                                      | -     | 1.1 | 1.6 | dB   |
|              |                                             | $I_C = 20\text{ mA}$ ; $f = 900\text{ MHz}$                                                                                     | -     | 1.6 | 2.1 | dB   |
|              |                                             | $I_C = 5\text{ mA}$ ; $f = 2\text{ GHz}$                                                                                        | -     | 1.9 | -   | dB   |
| $P_{L(1dB)}$ | output power at<br>1 dB gain<br>compression | $I_C = 20\text{ mA}$ ; $V_{CE} = 6\text{ V}$ ;<br>$R_L = 50\text{ }\Omega$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ °C}$ ;<br>$f = 900\text{ MHz}$ | -     | 17  | -   | dBm  |
| ITO          | third order<br>intercept point              |                                                                                                                                 | [2] - | 26  | -   | dBm  |

[1]  $G_{UM}$  is the maximum unilateral power gain, assuming  $s_{12}$  is zero and

$$G_{UM} = 10 \log \frac{|s_{21}|^2}{(1 - |s_{11}|^2)(1 - |s_{22}|^2)} \text{ dB}.$$

[2]  $I_C = 20\text{ mA}$ ;  $V_{CE} = 6\text{ V}$ ;  $R_L = 50\text{ }\Omega$ ;  $T_{amb} = 25\text{ °C}$ ;  $f_p = 900\text{ MHz}$ ;  $f_q = 902\text{ MHz}$   
Measured at  $f_{(2p-q)} = 898\text{ MHz}$  and  $f_{(2q-p)} = 904\text{ MHz}$ .

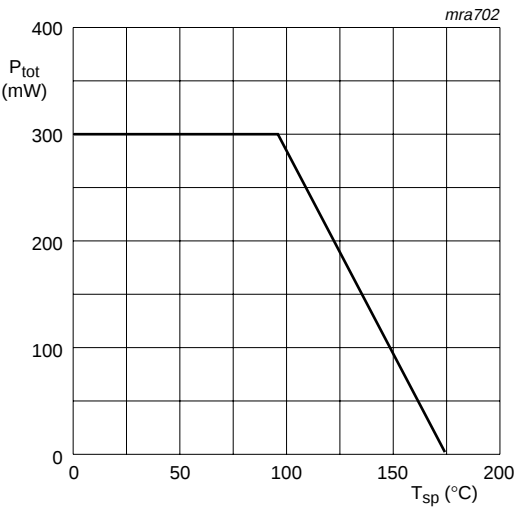
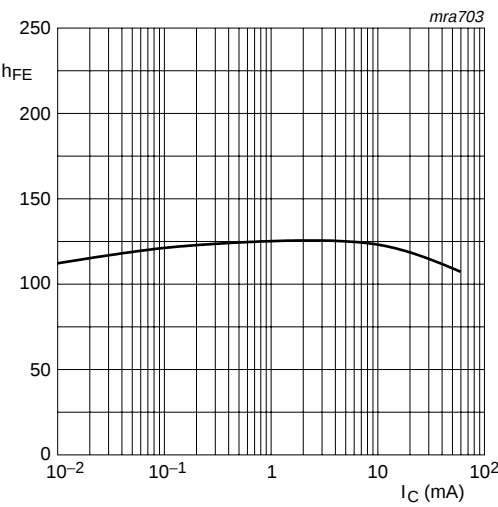
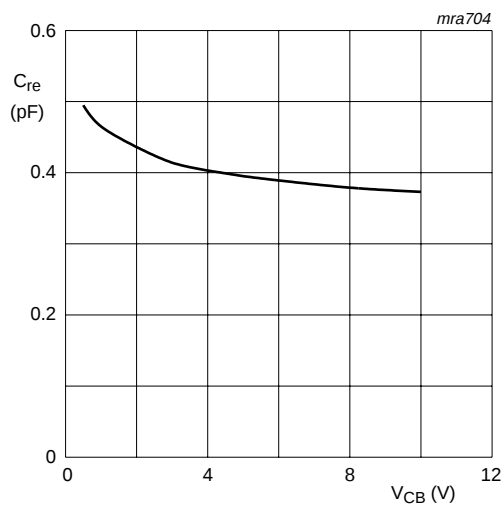


Fig 1. Power derating curve.



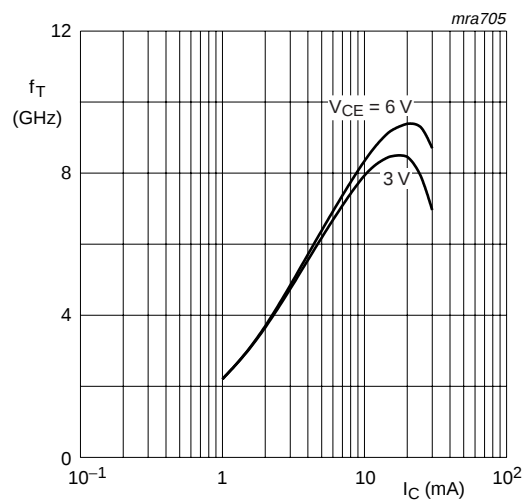
$V_{CE} = 6\text{ V}$ .

Fig 2. DC current gain as a function of collector current.



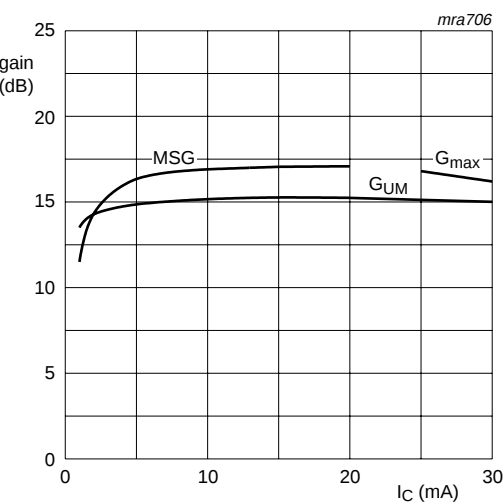
$I_C = 0$  A;  $f = 1$  MHz.

Fig 3. Feedback capacitance as a function of collector-base voltage.



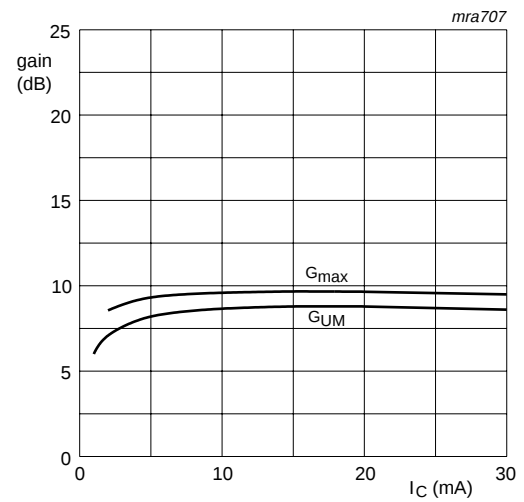
$T_{amb} = 25$  °C;  $f = 1$  GHz.

Fig 4. Transition frequency as a function of collector current.



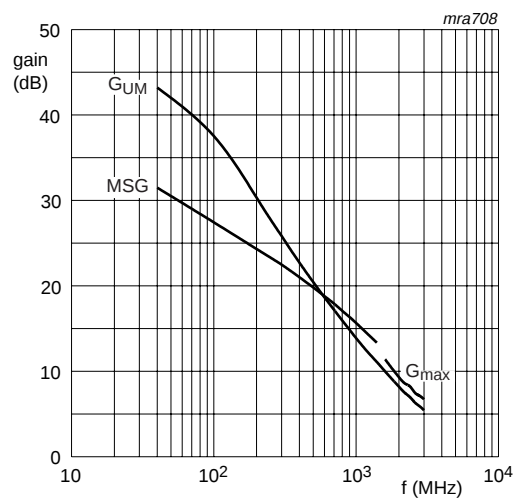
$V_{CE} = 6$  V;  $f = 900$  MHz.

Fig 5. Gain as a function of collector current;  $f = 900$  MHz.



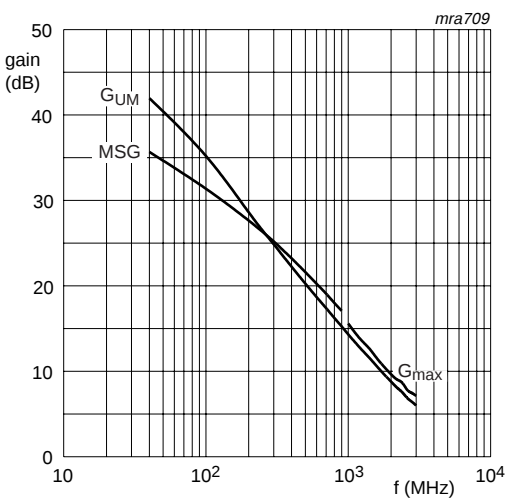
$V_{CE} = 6$  V;  $f = 2$  GHz.

Fig 6. Gain as a function of collector current;  $f = 2$  GHz.



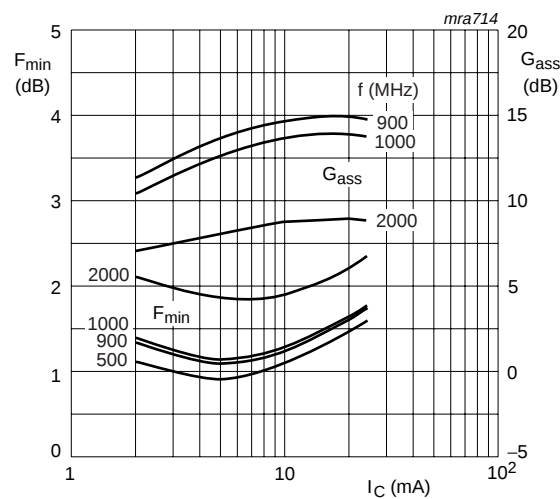
$V_{CE} = 6\text{ V}$ ;  $I_C = 5\text{ mA}$ .

Fig 7. Gain as a function of frequency;  $I_C = 5\text{ mA}$ .



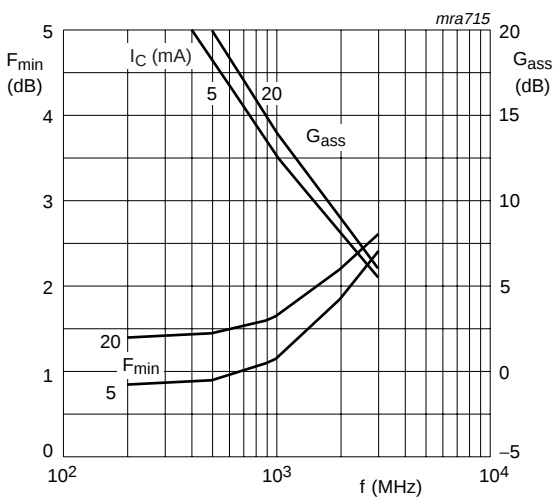
$V_{CE} = 6\text{ V}$ ;  $I_C = 20\text{ mA}$ .

Fig 8. Gain as a function of frequency;  $I_C = 20\text{ mA}$ .



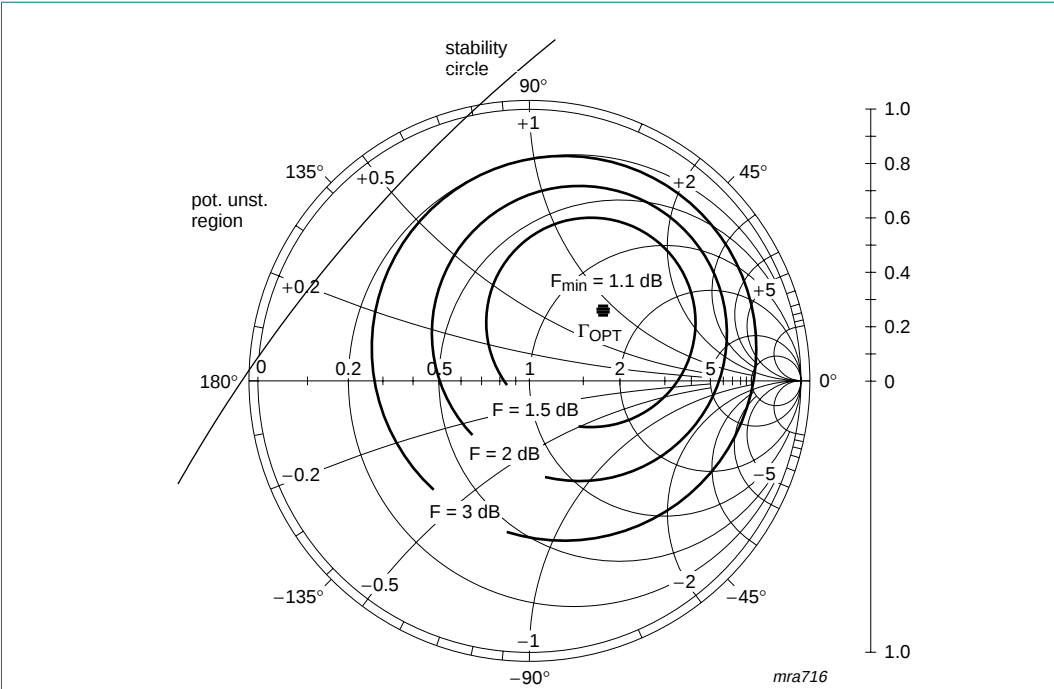
$V_{CE} = 6\text{ V}$ .

Fig 9. Minimum noise figure and associated available gain as functions of collector current.



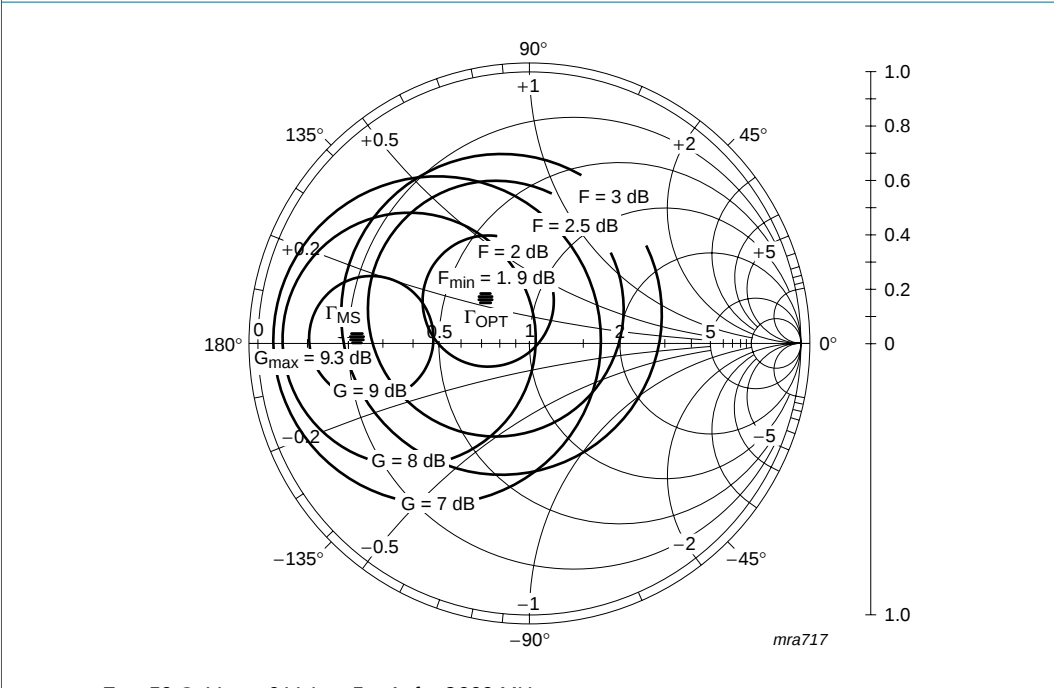
$V_{CE} = 6\text{ V}$ .

Fig 10. Minimum noise figure and associated available gain as functions of frequency.



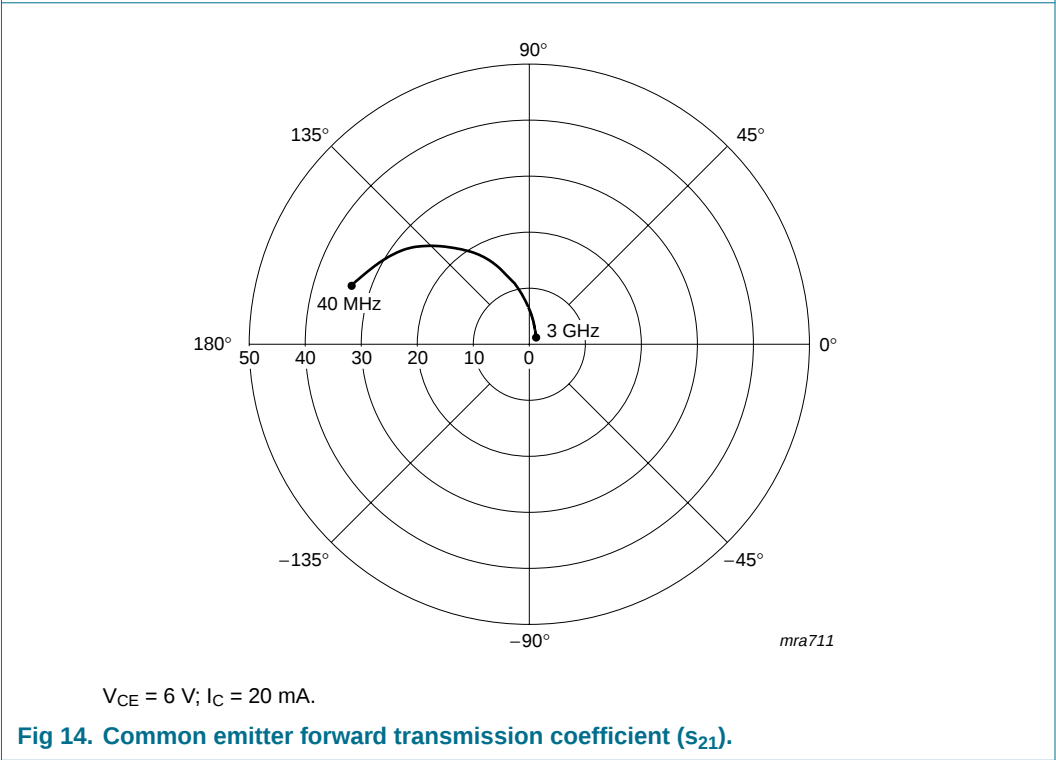
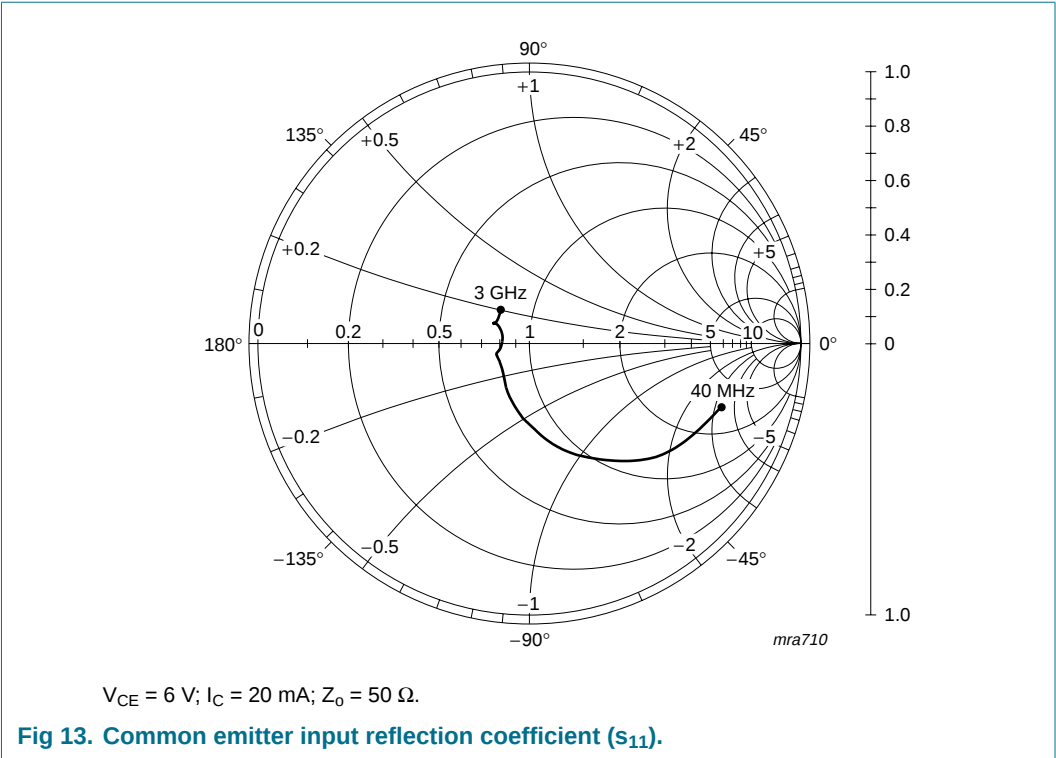
$Z_0 = 50 \Omega$ ;  $V_{CE} = 6$  V;  $I_C = 5$  mA;  $f = 900$  MHz.

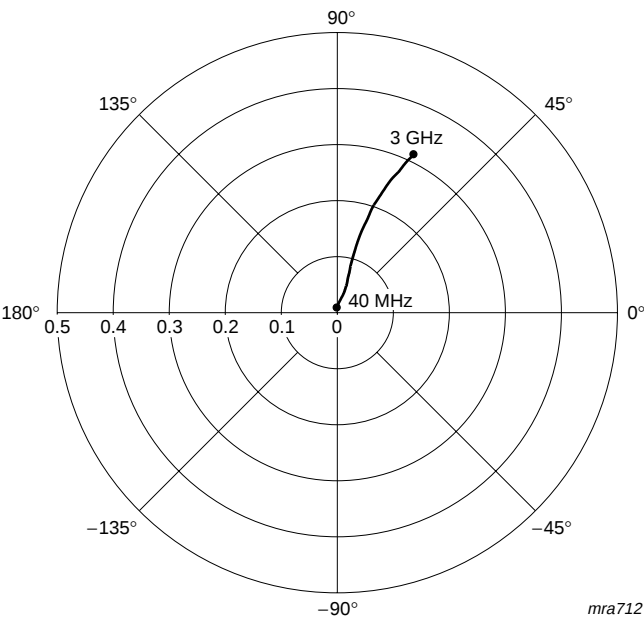
Fig 11. Noise circle figure;  $f = 900$  MHz.



$Z_0 = 50 \Omega$ ;  $V_{CE} = 6$  V;  $I_C = 5$  mA;  $f = 2000$  MHz.

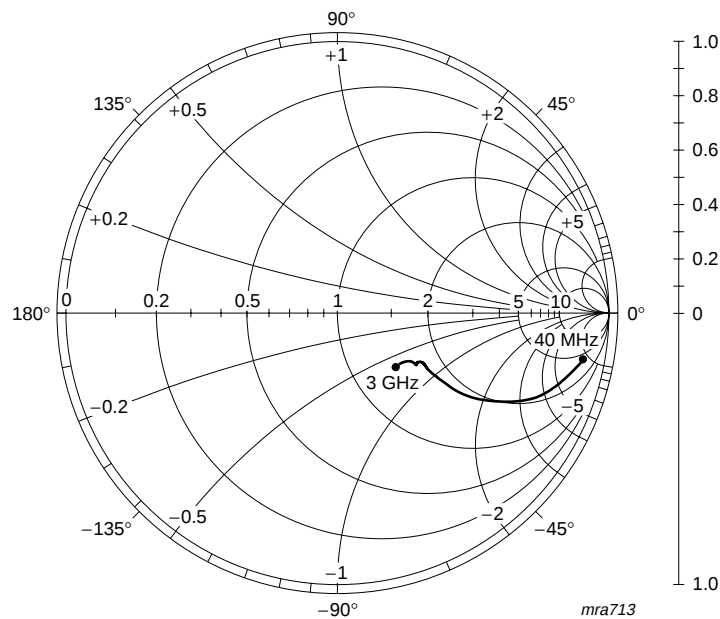
Fig 12. Noise circle figure;  $f = 2000$  MHz.





$V_{CE} = 6\text{ V}; I_C = 20\text{ mA}.$

Fig 15. Common emitter reverse transmission coefficient ( $s_{12}$ ).



$V_{CE} = 6\text{ V}; I_C = 20\text{ mA}; Z_0 = 50\text{ }\Omega.$

Fig 16. Common emitter output reflection coefficient ( $s_{22}$ ).

8. Package outline

Plastic surface mounted package; 3 leads

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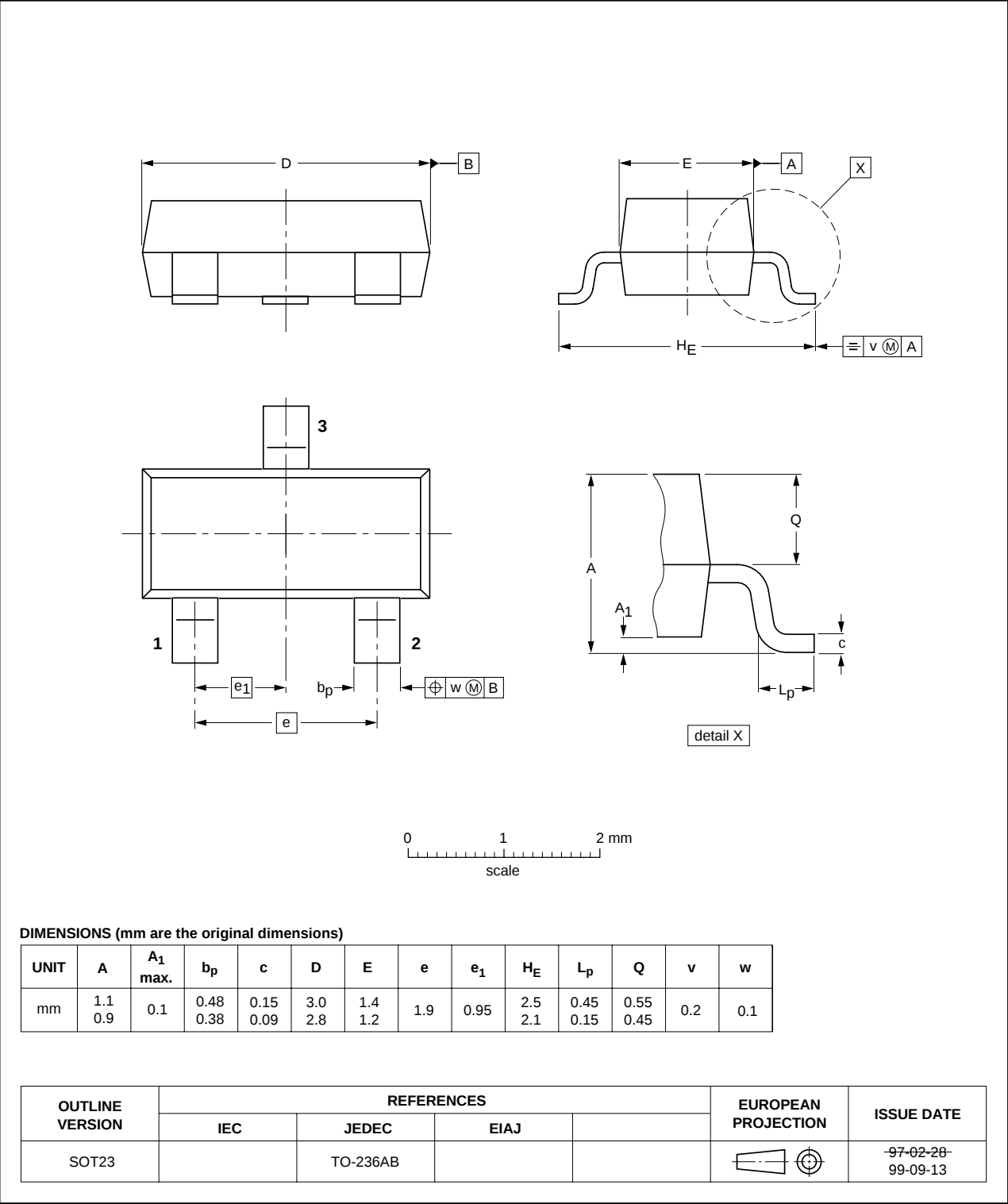


Fig 17. Package outline SOT23 (TO-236AB).

9. Revision history

Table 8: Revision history

| Document ID    | Release date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Data sheet status     | Change notice | Doc. number    | Supersedes   |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| BFR520_3       | 20040901                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Product data sheet    | -             | 9397 750 13397 | BFR520_CNV_2 |
| Modifications: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The format of this data sheet has been redesigned to comply with the new presentation and information standard of Philips Semiconductors.</li><li><a href="#">Table 4 “Marking”</a>: Format of marking code changed.</li></ul> |                       |               |                |              |
| BFR520_CNV_2   | 19971204                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Product specification | -             | not applicable | -            |

## 10. Data sheet status

| Level | Data sheet status <sup>[1]</sup> | Product status <sup>[2] [3]</sup> | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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