

# The RF Line NPN Silicon High-Frequency Transistors

Designed for high current low power amplifiers up to 1.0 GHz.

- Low Noise (2.0 dB @ 500 MHz)
- Low Intermodulation Distortion
- High Gain
- State-of-the-Art Technology
  - Fine Line Geometry
  - Arsenic Emitters
  - Gold Top Metallization
  - Nichrome Thin-Film Ballasting Resistors
- Excellent Dynamic Range
- Fully Characterized
- High Current-Gain Bandwidth Product
- MRF5812 available in tape and reel packaging by adding suffix:
  - R1 suffix = 500 units per reel
  - R2 suffix = 2,500 units per reel

**MRF581**  
**MRF5812R1, R2**

**I<sub>C</sub> = 200 mA**  
**LOW NOISE**  
**HIGH-FREQUENCY**  
**TRANSISTORS**  
**NPN SILICON**



**CASE 317-01, STYLE 2**  
**MRF581**



**CASE 751-06, STYLE 1**  
**SORF (SO-8)**  
**MRF5812**

## MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	MRF581	MRF5812	Unit
Collector-Emitter Voltage	V <sub>CEO</sub>	18	15	Vdc
Collector-Base Voltage	V <sub>CB0</sub>	36	30	Vdc
Emitter-Base Voltage	V <sub>EBO</sub>	2.5		Vdc
Collector Current — Continuous	I <sub>C</sub>	200		mAdc
Thermal Resistance $\theta_{JC}$ (1)	R <sub><math>\theta_{JC}</math></sub>	MRF581	40	°C/W
Thermal Resistance $\theta_{JC}$ (1)	R <sub><math>\theta_{JC}</math></sub>	MRF5812	45	°C/W
Total Device Dissipation @ T <sub>C</sub> = 75°C (1) Derate above T <sub>C</sub> = 75°C	P <sub>D</sub>	MRF581	1.88 25	Watts mW/°C
Total Device Dissipation @ T <sub>C</sub> = 75°C (1) Derate above T <sub>C</sub> = 75°C	P <sub>D</sub>	MRF5812	1.67 22.2	Watts mW/°C
Storage Junction Temperature Range	T <sub>stg</sub>	- 55 to +150		°C
Maximum Junction Temperature	T <sub>Jmax</sub>	150		°C

## DEVICE MARKING

MRF5812 = 5812

### NOTE:

1. Case temperature measured on collector lead immediately adjacent to body of package.

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

Characteristic		Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>OFF CHARACTERISTICS</b>						
Collector–Emitter Breakdown Voltage ( $I_C = 1.0\text{ mA}$ , $I_B = 0$ )	MRF581	$V_{(BR)CEO}$	18 15	— —	— —	Vdc
Collector–Emitter Breakdown Voltage ( $I_C = 5.0\text{ mA}$ , $I_B = 0$ )	MRF5812	$V_{(BR)CEO}$	15	—	—	Vdc
Collector–Emitter Breakdown Voltage ( $I_C = 5.0\text{ mA}$ , $V_{BE} = 0$ )	MRF5812	$V_{(BR)CES}$	30	—	—	Vdc
Collector–Base Breakdown Voltage ( $I_C = 1.0\text{ mA}$ , $I_E = 0$ )	MRF581	$V_{(BR)CBO}$	36 30	— —	— —	Vdc
Emitter–Base Breakdown Voltage ( $I_E = 0.1\text{ mA}$ , $I_C = 0$ )	MRF581 MRF5812	$V_{(BR)EBO}$	2.5	—	—	Vdc
Emitter Cutoff Current ( $V_{EB} = 2.0\text{ Vdc}$ , $V_{BE} = 0$ )	MRF581	$I_{EBO}$	—	—	100	$\mu\text{Adc}$
Collector Cutoff Current ( $V_{CB} = 15\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_E = 0$ )	MRF581	$I_{CBO}$	—	—	100	$\mu\text{Adc}$
Collector Cutoff Current ( $V_{CB} = 15\text{ Vdc}$ , $V_{BE} = 0$ , $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$ )	MRF5812	$I_{CBO}$	—	—	0.1	mAdc

**ON CHARACTERISTICS**

DC Current Gain (1) ( $I_C = 50\text{ mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 5.0\text{ Vdc}$ )	MRF581	$h_{FE}$	50	—	200	—
DC Current Gain (1) ( $I_C = 50\text{ mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 5.0\text{ Vdc}$ )	MRF5812	$h_{FE}$	30	90	200	—

**DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Collector–Base Capacitance ( $V_{CB} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_E = 0$ , $f = 1.0\text{ MHz}$ )	MRF581	$C_{ob}$	—	1.4	2.0	pF
Collector–Base Capacitance ( $V_{CB} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $I_E = 0$ , $f = 1.0\text{ MHz}$ )	MRF5812	$C_{cb}$	—	1.2	2.0	pF
Current–Gain Bandwidth Product ( $I_C = 75\text{ mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $f = 1.0\text{ GHz}$ )	MRF581	$f_T$	—	5.0	—	GHz
Current–Gain — Bandwidth Product ( $I_C = 75\text{ mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $f = 1.0\text{ GHz}$ )	MRF5812	$f_T$	—	5.5	—	GHz

**FUNCTIONAL TESTS**

Noise Figure (Minimum) (Figure 11) ( $I_C = 50\text{ mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $f = 0.5\text{ GHz}$ )	MRF581	$N_{Fmin}$	—	2.0	3.0	dB
Noise Figure (Minimum) (Figure 11) ( $I_C = 50\text{ mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $f = 0.5\text{ GHz}$ )	MRF5812	$N_{Fmin}$	—	2.0	—	dB
Noise Figure (50 Ohm Insertion) ( $I_C = 50\text{ mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $f = 0.5\text{ GHz}$ )	MRF5812	$N_{F50\ \Omega}$	—	2.5	3.0	dB
Power Gain at Optimum Noise Figure ( $I_C = 50\text{ mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $f = 0.5\text{ GHz}$ )	MRF581	$G_{NF}$	13	15.5	—	dB
Insertion Gain ( $I_C = 50\text{ mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $f = 0.5\text{ GHz}$ )	MRF5812	$ S_{21} ^2$	13	15.5	—	dB
Maximum Unilateral Gain ( $I_C = 75\text{ mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 10\text{ Vdc}$ , $f = 0.5\text{ GHz}$ )		$G_{Umax(2)}$	—	17	—	dB
Intermodulation Distortion (3) ( $V_{CE} = 10\text{ V}$ , $I_C = 75\text{ mA}$ , $V_{out} = +50\text{ dBmV}$ )		IMD(d3)	—	–65	—	dB

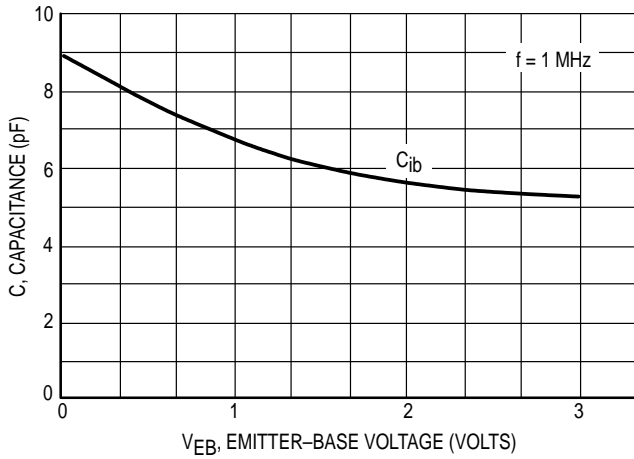
**NOTE:**

1. 300  $\mu\text{s}$  pulse on Tektronix 576 or equivalent.

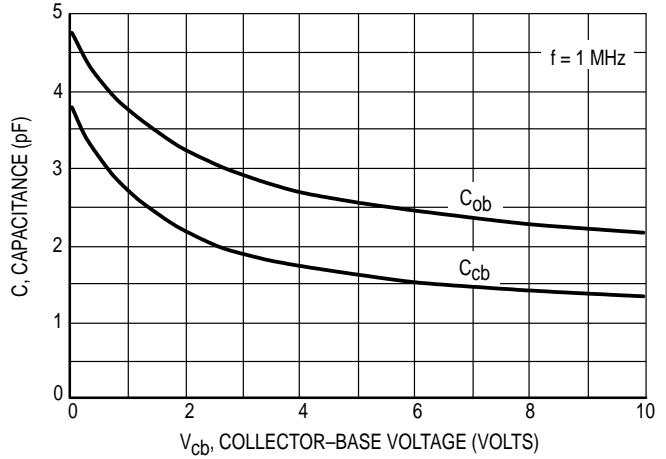
$$2. G_{Umax} = \frac{|S_{21}|^2}{(1 - |S_{11}|^2)(1 - |S_{22}|^2)}$$

3. 2 Tones,  $f_1 = 497\text{ MHz}$ ,  $f_2 = 503\text{ MHz}$ , 3rd Order Single Tone reference.

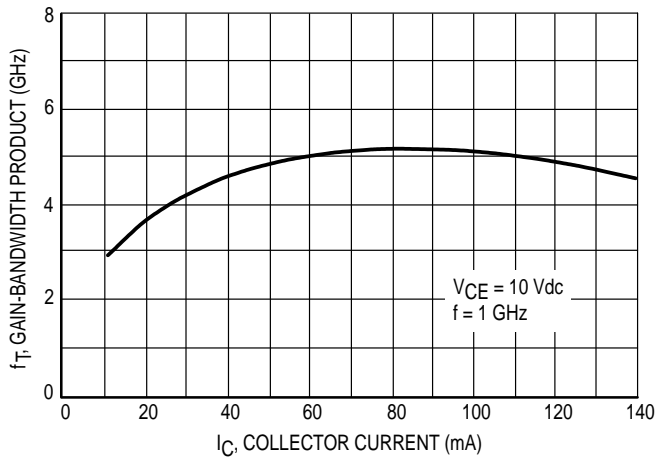
**TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS  
MRF581**



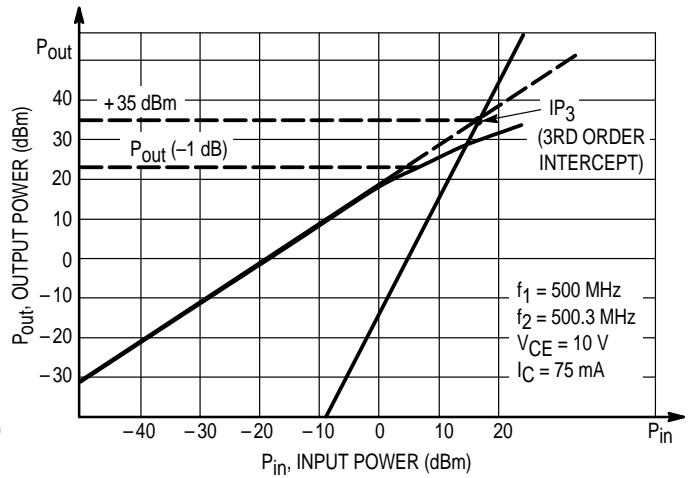
**Figure 1.  $C_{1b}$  Input Capacitance versus Voltage**



**Figure 2.  $C_{cb}$ ,  $C_{ob}$  Collector-Base Capacitance versus Voltage**

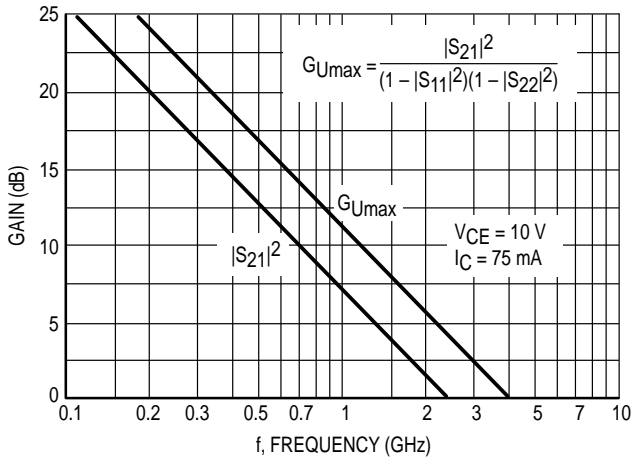


**Figure 3. Gain-Bandwidth Product versus Collector Current**

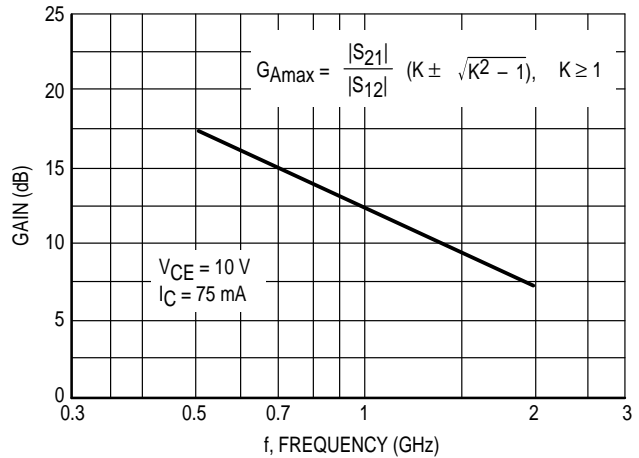


**Figure 4. 3rd Order Intercept Point**

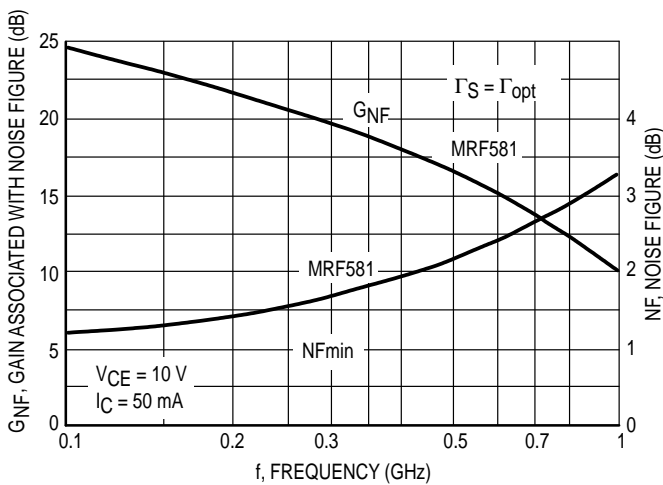
## TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS MRF581



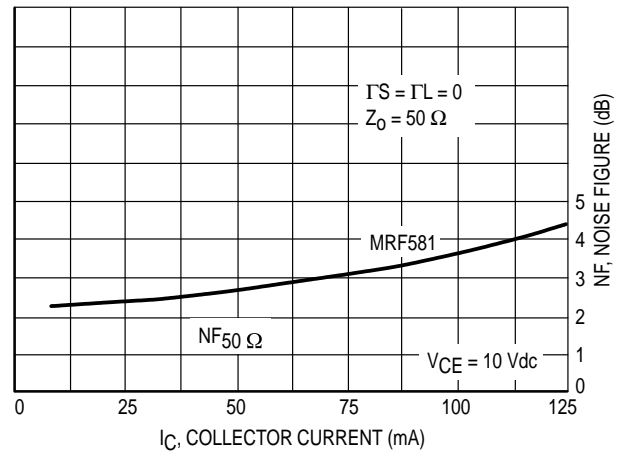
**Figure 5.  $G_{Umax}$  — Maximum Unilateral Gain,  $|S_{21}|^2$  versus Frequency**



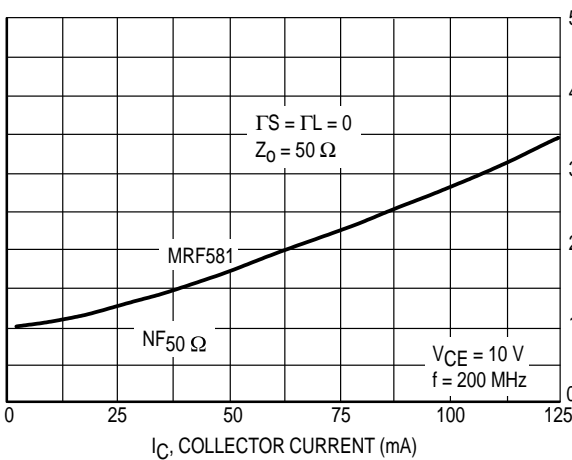
**Figure 6.  $G_{Amax}$ , Maximum Available Gain versus Frequency**



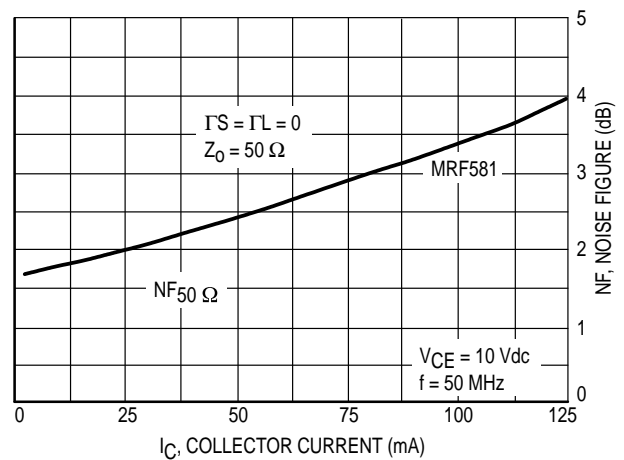
**Figure 7. Minimum Noise Figure and Gain Associated with Minimum Noise Figure versus Frequency**



**Figure 8. Noise Figure versus Collector Current  $f = 500\text{ MHz}$**



**Figure 9. Noise Figure versus Collector Current**



**Figure 10. Noise Figure and Gain Associated with Noise Figure versus Collector Current**

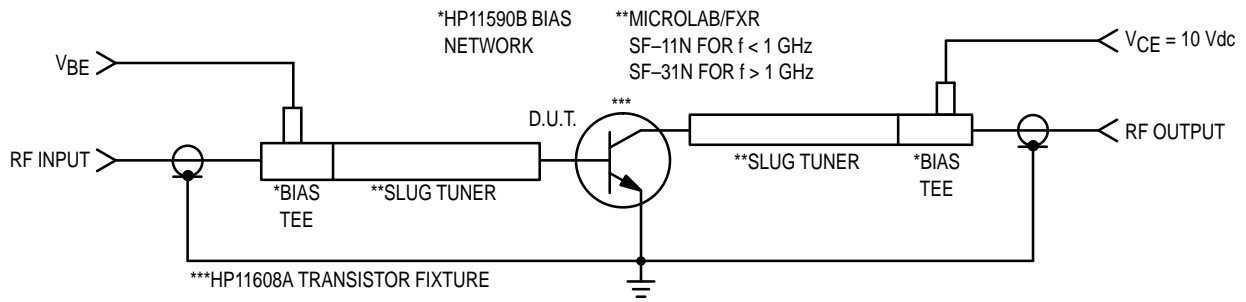


Figure 11. MRF581, MRF5812 Functional Circuit Schematic

### TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS MRF5812

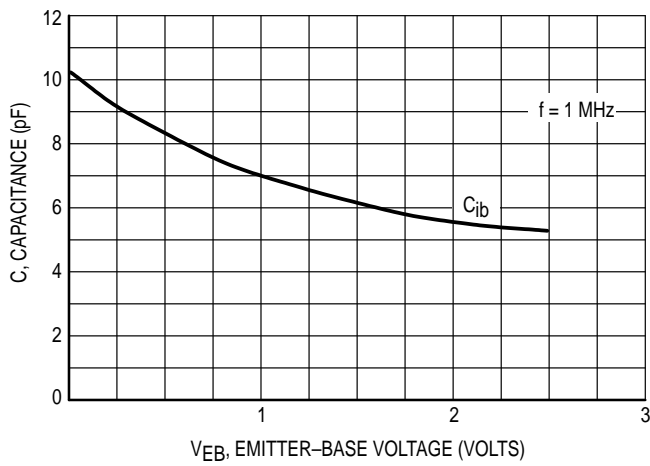


Figure 12.  $C_{1b}$  Input Capacitance versus Voltage

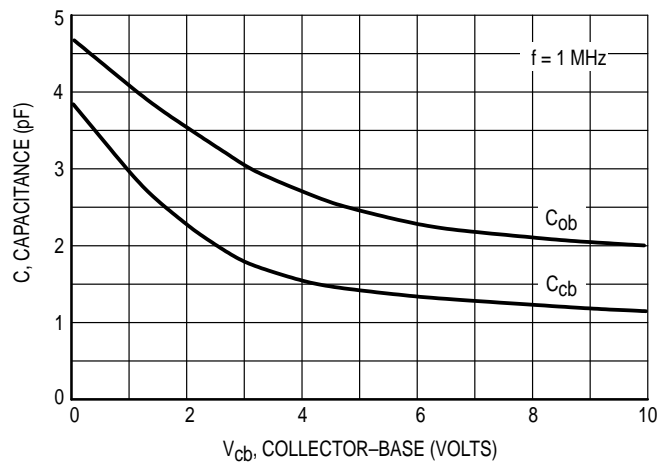
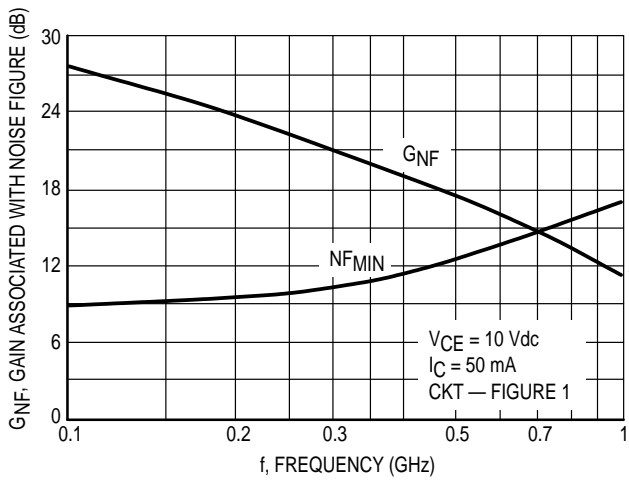
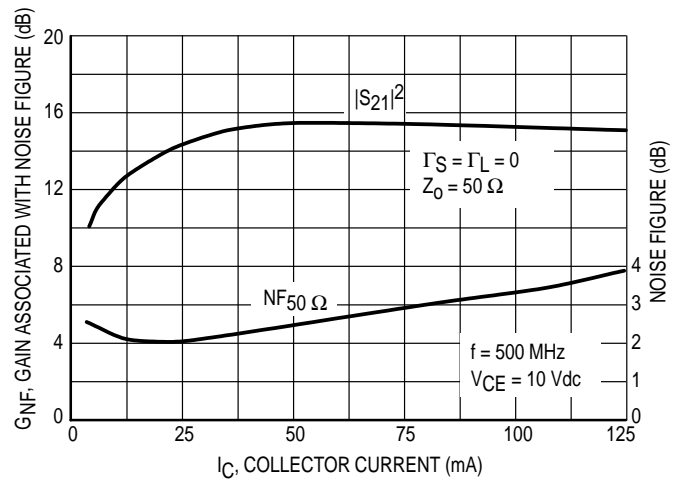


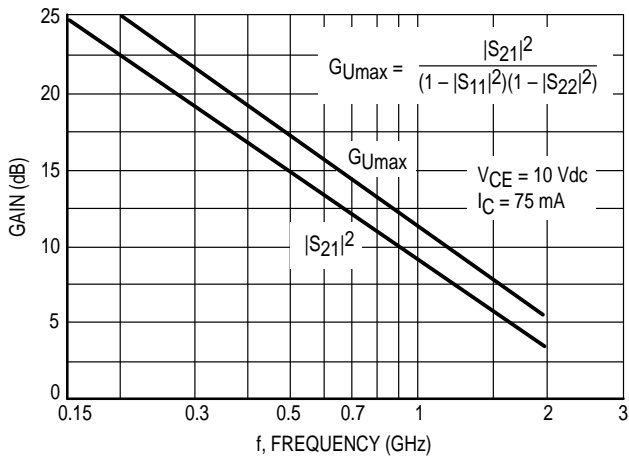
Figure 13.  $C_{cb}$ ,  $C_{ob}$  Collector-Base Capacitance versus Voltage



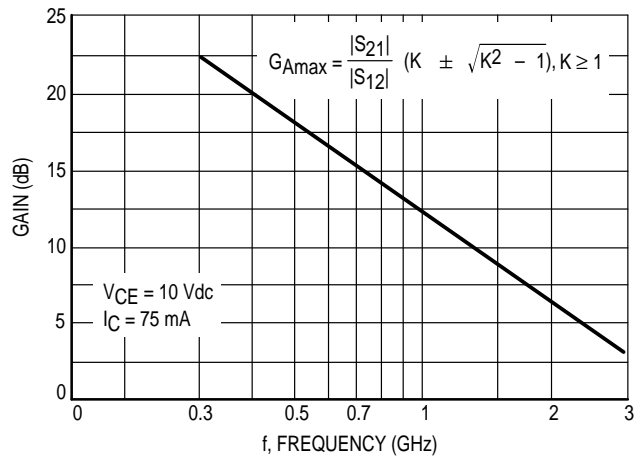
**Figure 14. Minimum Noise Figure and Gain Associated with Noise Figure versus Frequency**



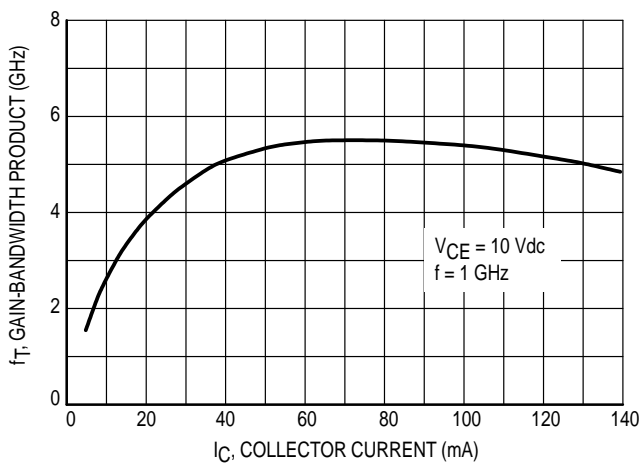
**Figure 15. Noise Figure and Insertion Gain versus Collector Current**



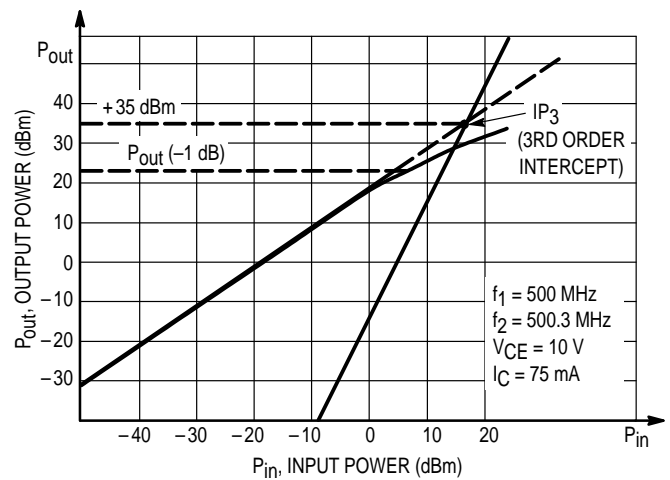
**Figure 16.  $G_{Umax}$  — Maximum Unilateral Gain,  $|S_{21}|^2$  versus Frequency**



**Figure 17.  $G_{Amix}$ , Maximum Available Gain versus Frequency**



**Figure 18. Gain-Bandwidth Product versus Collector Current**



**Figure 19. 3rd Order Intercept Point and 1.0 dB Compression Point**

VCE = 10 V IC = 50 mA

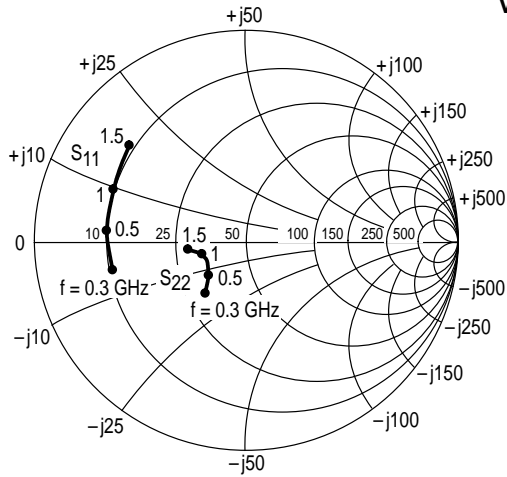


Figure 20. MRF581 Input/Output Reflection Coefficient versus Frequency

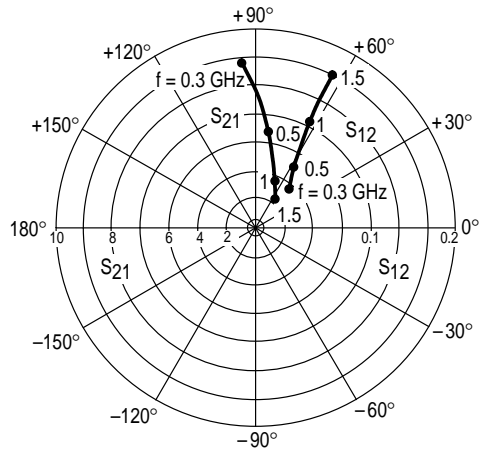


Figure 21. MRF581 Forward/Reverse Transmission Coefficients versus Frequency

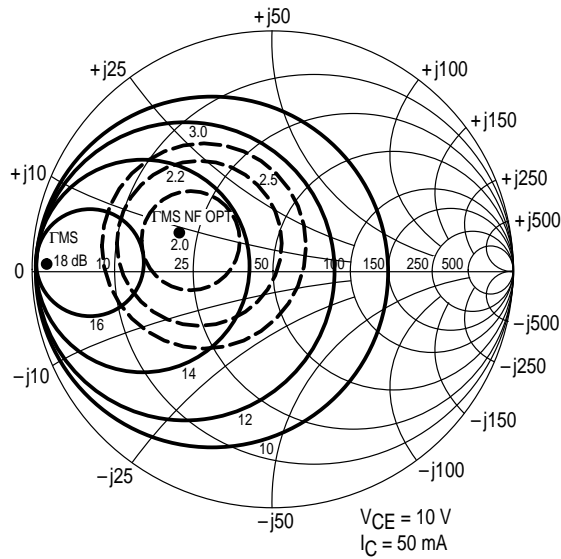
VCE (Volts)	IC (mA)	f (MHz)	S11		S21		S12		S22	
			S11	∠ φ	S21	∠ φ	S12	∠ φ	S22	∠ φ
5.0	25	300	0.69	-169	6.57	93	0.06	39	0.34	-129
		500	0.72	176	3.95	82	0.07	47	0.29	-142
		1000	0.73	157	2.10	62	0.12	60	0.27	-165
		1500	0.76	139	1.47	50	0.17	61	0.33	-172
	50	300	0.70	-173	7.14	93	0.05	45	0.38	-144
		500	0.72	173	4.27	82	0.07	53	0.34	-157
		1000	0.72	157	2.24	65	0.13	62	0.33	179
		1500	0.76	138	1.61	53	0.18	61	0.37	173
	75	300	0.70	-175	7.26	92	0.05	48	0.40	-148
		500	0.72	172	4.33	82	0.07	55	0.37	-161
		1000	0.72	155	2.28	65	0.13	63	0.30	176
		1500	0.76	138	1.64	53	0.19	61	0.39	170
100	300	0.70	-176	7.30	92	0.05	48	0.40	-151	
	500	0.72	172	4.34	82	0.07	56	0.37	-163	
	1000	0.72	155	2.28	65	0.13	63	0.36	175	
	1500	0.75	137	1.64	53	0.19	61	0.39	168	
10	25	300	0.66	-165	7.58	95	0.05	40	0.29	-106
		500	0.69	178	4.56	82	0.07	48	0.23	-116
		1000	0.70	159	2.39	64	0.11	61	0.19	-141
		1500	0.74	141	1.65	50	0.16	64	0.26	-153
	50	300	0.65	-169	8.25	94	0.05	46	0.30	-126
		500	0.68	175	4.96	82	0.07	54	0.24	-138
		1000	0.69	157	2.60	65	0.12	63	0.22	-164
		1500	0.72	139	1.82	52	0.17	63	0.27	-171
	75	300	0.66	-171	8.49	93	0.05	48	0.30	-132
		500	0.68	175	5.06	82	0.07	55	0.25	-145
		1000	0.69	157	2.64	65	0.12	64	0.23	-170
		1500	0.72	139	1.86	53	0.17	63	0.27	-176
100	300	0.66	-172	8.46	93	0.05	49	0.30	-134	
	500	0.68	174	5.06	82	0.07	56	0.25	-147	
	1000	0.68	157	2.64	65	0.12	64	0.23	-172	
	1500	0.72	139	1.86	52	0.17	63	0.27	-177	
15	25	300	0.65	-163	7.96	95	0.05	40	0.28	-92
		500	0.67	179	4.82	82	0.06	48	0.21	-98
		1000	0.68	160	2.51	63	0.11	62	0.17	-119
		1500	0.72	141	1.73	49	0.16	65	0.24	-137
	50	300	0.64	-167	8.76	94	0.0	46	0.26	-112
		500	0.66	177	5.37	82	0.06	54	0.20	-122
		1000	0.67	159	2.75	65	0.11	64	0.16	-148
		1500	0.71	141	1.91	51	0.16	64	0.22	-157
	75	300	0.64	-168	8.93	93	0.05	47	0.25	-117
		500	0.66	176	5.34	82	0.06	55	0.20	-128
		1000	0.69	158	2.78	65	0.11	65	0.16	-154
		1500	0.70	140	1.93	51	0.16	64	0.22	-162
100	300	0.64	-169	8.91	93	0.05	48	0.25	-117	
	500	0.66	176	5.33	82	0.06	56	0.19	-129	
	1000	0.67	158	2.78	64	0.11	65	0.16	-154	
	1500	0.70	140	1.93	51	0.16	64	0.21	-160	

Table 1. MRF581 Common Emitter S-Parameters

V <sub>CE</sub> (Volts)	I <sub>C</sub> (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
5.0	25	100	0.66	-123	18.3	118	0.04	43	0.53	-79
		300	0.66	-167	7.0	92	0.06	44	0.31	-120
		500	0.65	178	4.3	81	0.08	52	0.28	-133
		1000	0.62	154	2.2	63	0.13	61	0.28	-141
		2000	0.57	109	1.3	39	0.28	57	0.31	-148
		3000	0.55	68	1.0	23	0.41	41	0.34	-164
	50	100	0.64	-133	20.2	114	0.04	44	0.51	-93
		300	0.65	-171	7.6	91	0.06	50	0.34	-137
		500	0.65	175	4.6	81	0.08	56	0.31	-148
		1000	0.61	152	2.3	63	0.13	63	0.28	-149
		2000	0.56	109	1.3	39	0.28	57	0.30	-150
		3000	0.52	70	1.0	23	0.41	39	0.29	-169
	75	100	0.64	-137	20.8	113	0.04	44	0.50	-99
		300	0.66	-173	7.7	91	0.06	52	0.35	-142
		500	0.64	174	4.7	82	0.08	59	0.32	-154
		1000	0.61	151	2.4	65	0.14	64	0.30	-164
		2000	0.54	107	1.4	42	0.30	55	0.27	-167
		3000	0.52	69	1.1	24	0.42	37	0.25	-172
	100	100	0.64	-140	20.8	112	0.03	44	0.50	-103
		300	0.65	-174	7.6	90	0.06	53	0.36	-145
500		0.64	173	4.7	81	0.08	60	0.33	-156	
1000		0.61	151	2.4	65	0.15	64	0.31	-166	
2000		0.54	107	1.4	42	0.30	54	0.27	-169	
3000		0.52	65	1.1	24	0.42	37	0.25	-174	
10	25	100	0.65	-112	20.2	121	0.04	46	0.56	-62
		300	0.63	-162	8.0	93	0.05	46	0.29	-93
		500	0.62	-178	5.0	82	0.07	52	0.25	-102
		1000	0.60	157	2.5	63	0.11	63	0.26	-112
		2000	0.55	112	1.4	39	0.25	61	0.35	-125
		3000	0.55	69	1.0	23	0.39	47	0.40	-145
	50	100	0.63	-122	22.9	117	0.03	46	0.50	-74
		300	0.62	-167	8.8	92	0.05	51	0.28	-112
		500	0.60	178	5.3	82	0.07	58	0.24	-122
		1000	0.58	154	2.7	64	0.12	65	0.23	-129
		2000	0.51	111	1.5	40	0.26	59	0.28	-132
		3000	0.50	70	1.2	24	0.39	44	0.34	-144
	75	100	0.63	-126	23.8	116	0.03	45	0.49	-80
		300	0.63	-168	9.0	92	0.05	51	0.28	-120
		500	0.62	177	5.5	82	0.07	58	0.24	-130
		1000	0.58	154	2.8	65	0.12	65	0.23	-137
		2000	0.52	111	1.5	41	0.26	58	0.27	-135
		3000	0.50	70	1.2	24	0.39	42	0.32	-145
	100	100	0.62	-128	23.8	114	0.03	46	0.46	-82
		300	0.62	-169	8.9	91	0.05	54	0.26	-120
500		0.60	176	5.4	81	0.07	61	0.23	-130	
1000		0.57	152	2.8	64	0.12	66	0.21	-136	
2000		0.51	109	1.5	40	0.27	59	0.26	-134	
3000		0.50	68	1.2	24	0.39	43	0.32	-145	
15	25	100	0.66	-106	21	123	0.03	47	0.57	-54
		300	0.63	-159	8.5	94	0.05	46	0.30	-77
		500	0.61	-177	5.2	82	0.06	52	0.26	-84
		1000	0.58	156	2.6	62	0.11	64	0.28	-96
		2000	0.54	110	1.4	36	0.23	63	0.39	-115
		3000	0.56	68	1.0	22	0.37	49	0.46	-137
	50	100	0.62	-114	24	119	0.03	46	0.51	-64
		300	0.60	-163	9.2	93	0.05	51	0.26	-92
		500	0.58	-179	5.7	81	0.07	58	0.22	-100
		1000	0.56	154	2.9	63	0.12	66	0.23	-109
		2000	0.52	109	1.5	39	0.25	60	0.32	-118
		3000	0.52	67	1.1	22	0.37	46	0.39	-137
	75	100	0.62	-118	24.6	117	0.03	46	0.48	-67
		300	0.59	-165	9.4	92	0.05	53	0.24	-96
		500	0.58	179	5.7	81	0.07	60	0.21	-104
		1000	0.56	154	2.9	63	0.12	66	0.22	-111
		2000	0.50	109	1.5	38	0.25	60	0.31	-118
		3000	0.52	67	1.1	22	0.37	46	0.38	-136
	100	100	0.62	-121	24.8	116	0.03	46	0.46	-68
		300	0.60	-165	9.3	91	0.05	53	0.23	-96
500		0.58	179	5.7	81	0.07	61	0.20	-102	
1000		0.56	155	2.9	63	0.12	65	0.22	-109	
2000		0.50	111	1.5	39	0.25	62	0.32	-117	
3000		0.50	68	1.1	23	0.37	47	0.39	-136	

Table 2. MRF5812 Common Emitter S-Parameters

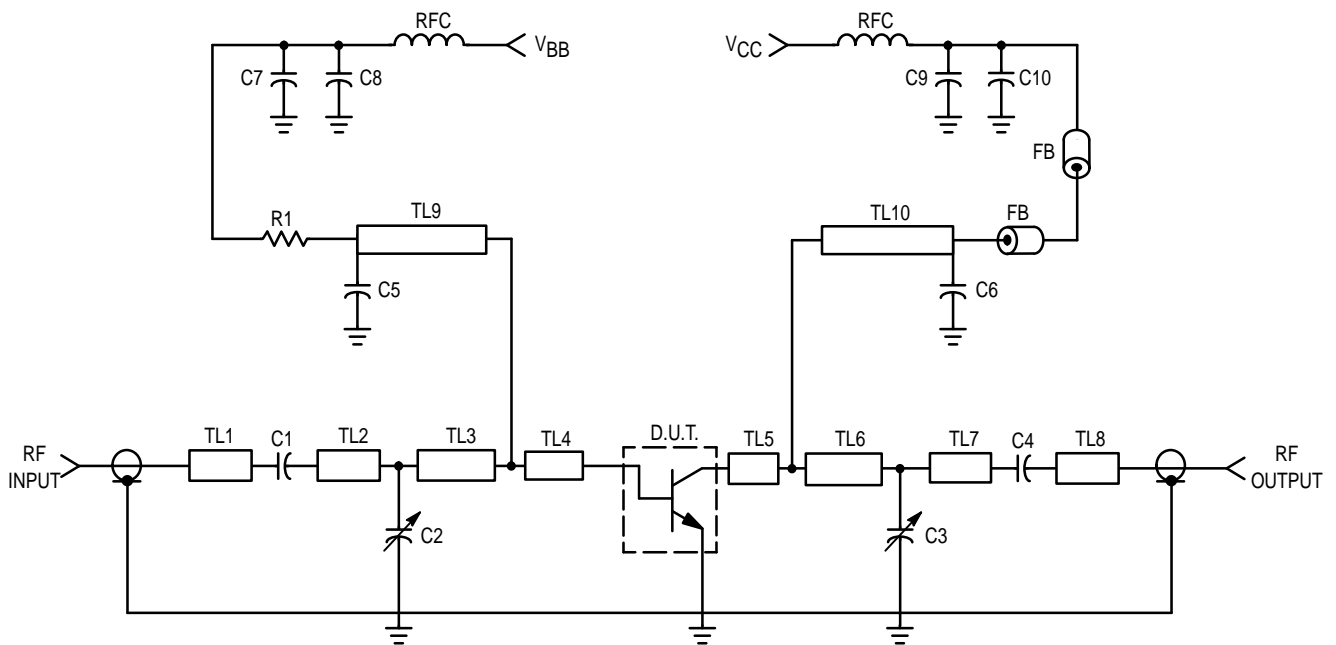




f (MHz)	$\Gamma_{MS}$	$\Gamma_{ML}$	$\Gamma_{MS}$ NF OPT	$G_{A\text{MAX}}$ (dB)	$R_n$ ( $\Omega$ )	NF OPT	NF (50 $\Omega$ )
500	$0.91 \angle 176^\circ$	$0.78 \angle 77^\circ$	$0.39 \angle 159^\circ$	18	10.5	2.0	2.5

Circuit Per Figure 14

Figure 22. MRF581 Constant Gain Contours Noise Figure Contours



C1, C4, C5, C6, C8, C9 — 1000 pF, Chip Capacitor

C2, C3 — 1.0–10 pF, Johanson Capacitor

C7, C10 — 10  $\mu$ F, Tantalum Capacitor

R1 — 1.0 k $\Omega$  Res.

RFC — VK-200, Ferroxcube

FB — Ferrite Bead, Ferroxcube, 56–590–65/3B

Board Material — 0.0625" Thick Glass Teflon  $\epsilon_r = 2.55$

TL1, TL7, TL8 — Microstrip 0.162" x 0.600"

TL2 — Microstrip 0.162" x 1.000"

TL3 — Microstrip 0.162" x 0.800"

TL4 — Microstrip 0.162" x 0.440"

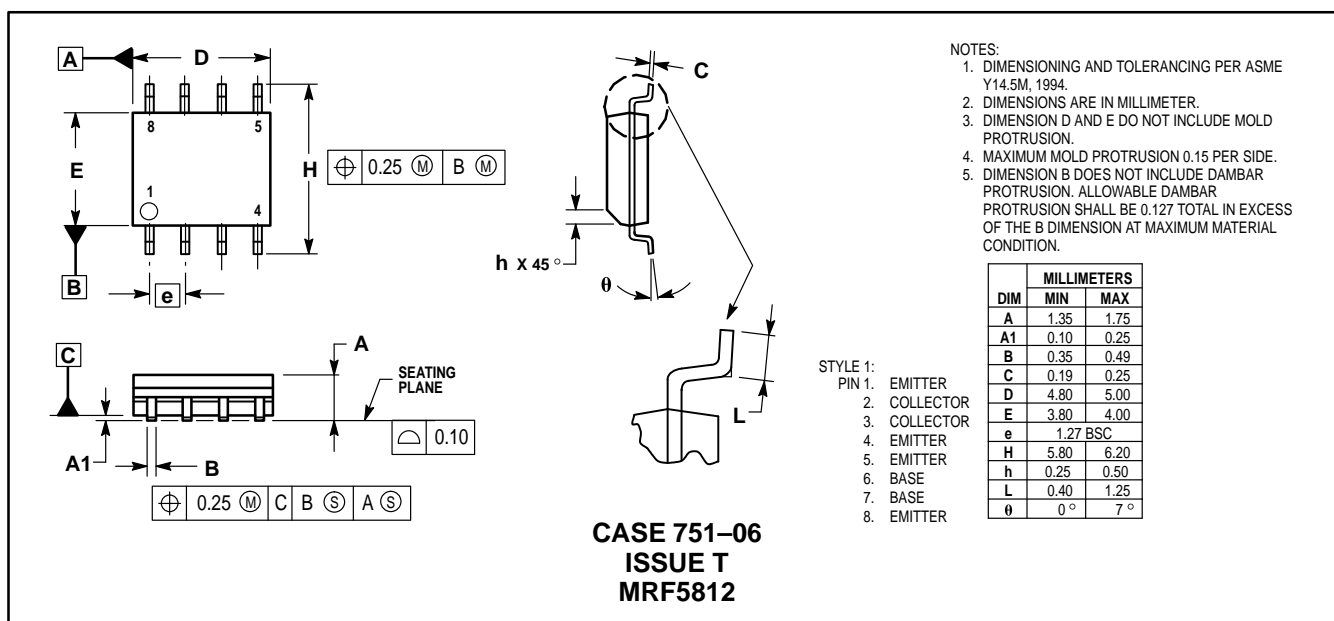
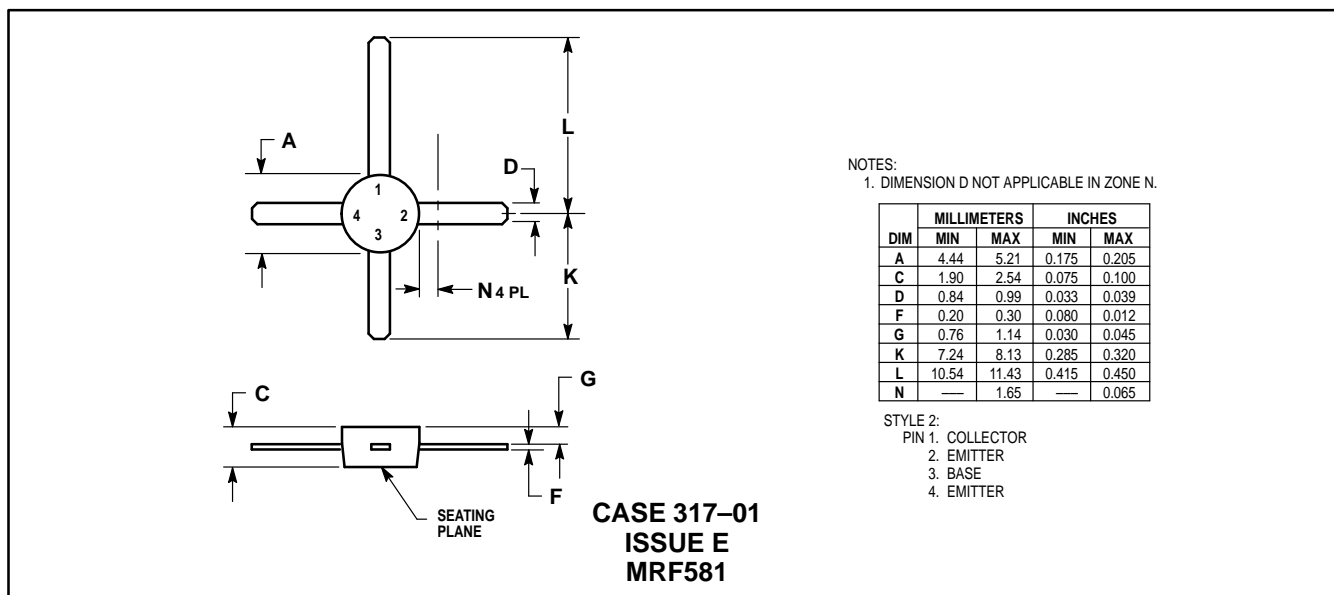
TL5 — Microstrip 0.120" x 0.440"

TL6 — Microstrip 0.120" x 1.160"

TL9, TL10 — Microstrip 0.025" x 4.250"

Figure 23. MRF581 Test Fixture Schematic

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