1 Product profile

1.1 General description

NPN silicon RF transistor for high speed, low noise applications in a plastic, 4-pin dual-emitter SOT143B package.

The BFU550X is part of the BFU5 family of transistors, suitable for small signal to medium power applications up to 2 GHz.

1.2 Features and benefits

- · Low noise, high breakdown RF transistor
- AEC-Q101 qualified
- Minimum noise figure (NF_{min}) = 0.75 dB at 900 MHz
- Maximum stable gain 21.5 dB at 900 MHz
- 11 GHz f_T silicon technology

1.3 Applications

- Applications requiring high supply voltages and high breakdown voltages
- · Broadband amplifiers up to 2 GHz
- Low noise amplifiers for ISM applications
- ISM band oscillators

1.4 Quick reference data

Table 1. Quick reference data

T_{amb} = 25 °C unless otherwise specified

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
V_{CB}	collector-base voltage	open emitter		-	-	24	V
V_{CE}	collector-emitter voltage	open base		-	-	12	V
		shorted base		-	-	24	V
V _{EB}	emitter-base voltage	open collector		-	-	2	V
I _C	collector current			-	15	50	mA
P _{tot}	total power dissipation	T _{sp} ≤ 87 °C	[1]	-	-	450	mW
h _{FE}	DC current gain	I _C = 15 mA; V _{CE} = 8 V		60	95	200	
C _c	collector capacitance	V _{CB} = 8 V; f = 1 MHz		-	0.72	-	pF
f _T	transition frequency	I _C = 25 mA; V _{CE} = 8 V; f = 900 MHz		-	11	-	GHz



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Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
G _{p(max)}	maximum power gain	I_C = 15 mA; V_{CE} = 8 V; f = 900 MHz	[2]	-	21.5	-	dB
NF _{min}	minimum noise figure	I_C = 1 mA; V_{CE} = 8 V; f = 900 MHz; Γ_S = Γ_{opt}		-	0.75	-	dB
P _{L(1dB)}	output power at 1 dB gain compression	I_{C} = 25 mA; V_{CE} = 8 V; Z_{S} = Z_{L} = 50 Ω ; f = 900 MHz		-	13.5	-	dBm

- T_{sp} is the temperature at the solder point of the collector lead. If K > 1 then $G_{p(max)}$ is the maximum power gain. If K < 1 then $G_{p(max)}$ = MSG.

Pinning information

Table 2. Discrete pinning

Pin	Description	Simplified outline	Graphic symbol
1	collector		
2	emitter	4 3]
3	base		3—
4	emitter	1 2	2, 4
			aaa-010457

Ordering information

Table 3. Ordering information

Type number	Package		
	Name	Description	Version
BFU550X	-	plastic surface-mounted package; 4 leads	SOT143B
OM7963	-	Customer evaluation kit for BFU520X, BFU530X and BFU550X [1]	-

- [1] The customer evaluation kit contains the following:
 - Unpopulated RF amplifier Printed-Circuit Board (PCB)
 - Unpopulated RF amplifier Printed-Circuit Board (PCB) with emitter degeneration
 - Four SMA connectors for fitting unpopulated Printed-Circuit Board (PCB)
 - BFU520X, BFU530X and BFU550X samples
 - USB stick with data sheets, application notes, models, S-parameter and noise files

Marking

Table 4. Marking

Type number	Marking	Description
BFU550X *TG		* = t : made in Malaysia
		* = w : made in China

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5 Design support

Table 5. Available design support

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Support item	Available	Remarks
Device models for Agilent EEsof EDA ADS	yes	Based on Mextram device model.
SPICE model	yes	Based on Gummel-Poon device model.
S-parameters	yes	
Noise parameters	yes	
Customer evaluation kit	yes	See Section 3 and Section 10.
Solder pattern	yes	
Application notes	yes	See <u>Section 10.1</u> and <u>Section 10.2</u> .

6 Limiting values

Table 6. Limiting values

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

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V_{CB}	collector-base voltage	open emitter	-	30	V
V_{CE}	collector-emitter voltage	open base	-	16	V
		shorted base	-	30	V
V _{EB}	emitter-base voltage	open collector	-	3	V
I _C	collector current		-	80	mA
T _{stg}	storage temperature		-65	+150	°C
V_{ESD}	electrostatic discharge voltage	Human Body Model (HBM) According to JEDEC standard 22-A114E	-	±150	V
		Charged Device Model (CDM) According to JEDEC standard 22-C101B	-	±2	kV

7 Recommended operating conditions

Table 7. Characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
V _{CB}	collector-base voltage	open emitter	-	-	24	V
V_{CE}	collector-emitter voltage	open base	-	-	12	V
		shorted base	-	-	24	V
V _{EB}	emitter-base voltage	open collector	-	-	2	V
I _C	collector current		-	-	50	mA
Pi	input power	Z _S = 50 Ω	-	-	10	dBm
Tj	junction temperature		-40	-	+150	°C

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Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
P _{tot}	total power dissipation	T _{sp} ≤ 87 °C	[1]	-	-	450	mW

[1] T_{sp} is the temperature at the solder point of the controller lead.

8 Thermal characteristics

Table 8. Thermal characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Тур	Unit
$R_{th(j-sp)}$	thermal resistance from junction to solder point		[1]	140	K/W

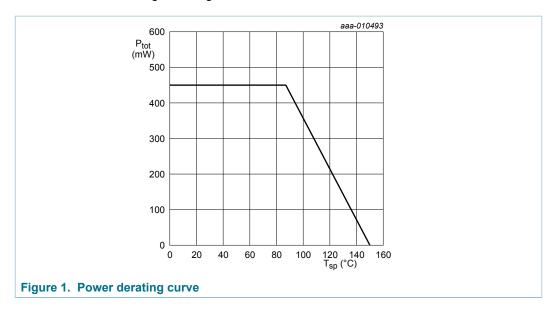
[1] T_{sp} is the temperature at the solder point of the collector lead.

 T_{sp} has the following relation to the ambient temperature T_{amb} :

$$T_{sp} = T_{amb} + P \times R_{th(sp-a)}$$

With P being the power dissipation and $R_{th(sp-a)}$ being the thermal resistance between the solder point and ambient. $R_{th(sp-a)}$ is determined by the heat transfer properties in the application.

The heat transfer properties are set by the application board materials, the board layout and the environment e.g. housing.



9 Characteristics

Table 9. Characteristics

T_{amb} = 25 °C unless otherwise specified

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	ı	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
$V_{(BR)CBO}$	collector-base breakdown voltage	I _C = 100 nA; I _E = 0 mA	2	24	-	-	V
$V_{(BR)CEO}$	collector-emitter breakdown voltage	I _C = 150 nA; I _B = 0 mA	•	12	-	-	V
I _C	collector current		-	-	15	50	mA
I _{CBO}	collector-base cut-off current	I _E = 0 mA; V _{CB} = 8 V	-	-	<1	-	nA

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Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
h _{FE}	DC current gain	$I_C = 15 \text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}$		60	95	200	
C _e	emitter capacitance	V _{EB} = 0.5 V; f = 1 MHz		-	1.11	-	pF
C _{re}	feedback capacitance	V _{CE} = 8 V; f = 1 MHz		-	0.41	-	pF
C _c	collector capacitance	V _{CB} = 8 V; f = 1 MHz		-	0.72	-	pF
f _T	transition frequency	I _C = 25 mA; V _{CE} = 8 V; f = 900 MHz		-	11	-	GHz
G _{p(max)}	maximum power gain	f = 433 MHz; V _{CE} = 8 V	[1]				
		I _C = 1 mA		-	15	-	dB
		I _C = 15 mA		-	25.5	-	dB
		I _C = 25 mA		-	26.5	-	dB
		f = 900 MHz; V _{CE} = 8 V	[1]				
		I _C = 1 mA		-	12	-	dB
		I _C = 15 mA		-	21.5	-	dB
		I _C = 25 mA		-	22	-	dB
		f = 1800 MHz; V _{CE} = 8 V	[1]				
		I _C = 1 mA		-	10	-	dB
		I _C = 15 mA		-	16	-	dB
		I _C = 25 mA		-	15.5	-	dB
s ₂₁ ²	insertion power gain	f = 433 MHz; V _{CE} = 8 V					
		I _C = 1 mA		-	10	-	dB
		I _C = 15 mA		-	23.5	-	dB
		I _C = 25 mA		-	24	-	dB
		f = 900 MHz; V _{CE} = 8 V					
		I _C = 1 mA		-	8	-	dB
		I _C = 15 mA		-	17.5	-	dB
		I _C = 25 mA		-	18	-	dB
		f = 1800 MHz; V _{CE} = 8 V					
		I _C = 1 mA		-	4.5	-	dB
		I _C = 15 mA		-	12	-	dB
		I _C = 25 mA		-	12	-	dB
NF _{min}	minimum noise figure	f = 433 MHz; V_{CE} = 8 V; Γ_{S} = Γ_{opt}					
		I _C = 1 mA		-	0.6	-	dB
		I _C = 15 mA		-	0.9	-	dB
		I _C = 25 mA		-	1.1	-	dB
		f = 900 MHz; V_{CE} = 8 V; Γ_{S} = Γ_{opt}					
		I _C = 1 mA		-	0.75	-	dB
		I _C = 15 mA		-	1	-	dB
		I _C = 25 mA		-	1.2	-	dB

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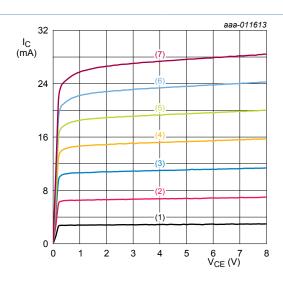
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
		f = 1800 MHz; V_{CE} = 8 V; Γ_{S} = Γ_{opt}				
		I _C = 1 mA	-	1	-	dB
		I _C = 15 mA	-	1.1	-	dB
		I _C = 25 mA	-	1.3	-	dB
G _{ass}	associated gain	$f = 433 \text{ MHz}; V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}; \Gamma_{S} = \Gamma_{opt}$				
		I _C = 1 mA	-	22.5	-	dB
		I _C = 15 mA	-	25	-	dB
		I _C = 25 mA	-	- 25.5 -	-	dB
		f = 900 MHz; V_{CE} = 8 V; Γ_{S} = Γ_{opt}				
		I _C = 1 mA	-	15	-	dB
		I _C = 15 mA	-	19	-	dB
		I _C = 25 mA	-	19.5	-	dB
		f = 1800 MHz; V_{CE} = 8 V; Γ_{S} = Γ_{opt}				
		I _C = 1 mA	-	9.5	-	dB
		I _C = 15 mA	-	13.5	-	dB
		I _C = 25 mA	-	14	-	dB
L(1dB)	output power at 1 dB gain compression	$f = 433$ MHz; $V_{CE} = 8$ V; $Z_{S} = Z_{L} = 50$ Ω				
		I _C = 15 mA	-	9.5	-	dBm
		I _C = 25 mA	-	13	-	dBm
		$f = 900 \text{ MHz}$; $V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}$; $Z_{S} = Z_{L} = 50 \Omega$				
		I _C = 15 mA	-	10	-	dBm
		I _C = 25 mA	-	13.5	-	dBm
		f = 1800 MHz; V_{CE} = 8 V; Z_{S} = Z_{L} = 50 Ω				
		I _C = 15 mA	-	10	-	dBm
		I _C = 25 mA	-	13.5	-	dBm
IP3 _o	output third-order intercept point	f_1 = 433 MHz; f_2 = 434 MHz; V_{CE} = 8 V; Z_S = Z_L = 50 Ω				
		I _C = 15 mA	-	19	_	dBm
		I _C = 25 mA	-	22.5	_	dBm
		f_1 = 900 MHz; f_2 = 901 MHz; V_{CE} = 8 V; Z_S = Z_L = 50 Ω				
		I _C = 15 mA	-	20	-	dBm
		I _C = 25 mA	-	23	-	dBm
		f_1 = 1800 MHz; f_2 = 1801 MHz; V_{CE} = 8 V; Z_S = Z_L = 50 Ω				
		I _C = 15 mA	-	19.5	-	dBm
		I _C = 25 mA	-	23	_	dBm

^[1] If K > 1 then $G_{p(max)}$ is the maximum power gain. If K < 1 then $G_{p(max)}$ = MSG.

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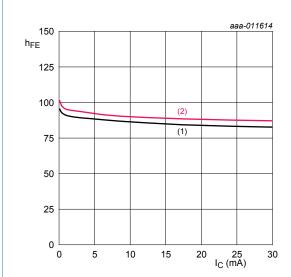
9.1 Graphs



 T_{amb} = 25 °C.

- 1. $I_B = 25 \mu A$
- 2. $I_B = 75 \mu A$
- 3. $I_B = 125 \mu A$
- 4. $I_B = 175 \mu A$
- 5. $I_B = 225 \mu A$
- 6. $I_B = 275 \mu A$
- 7. $I_B = 325 \mu A$

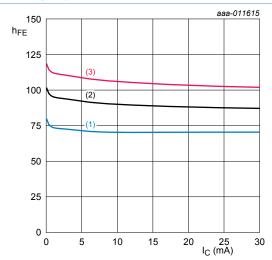
Figure 2. Collector current as a function of collector-emitter voltage; typical values



 T_{amb} = 25 °C.

- 1. $V_{CE} = 3.0 \text{ V}$
- 2. $V_{CE} = 8.0 \text{ V}$

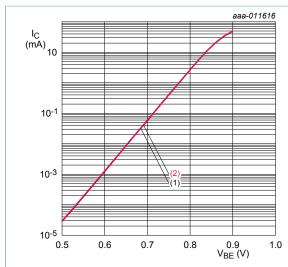
Figure 3. DC current gain as function of collector current; typical values



 V_{CE} = 8 V.

- 1. $T_{amb} = -40 \, ^{\circ}C$
- 2. $T_{amb} = +25 \, ^{\circ}C$
- 3. $T_{amb} = +125 \,^{\circ}C$

Figure 4. DC current gain as function of collector current; typical values

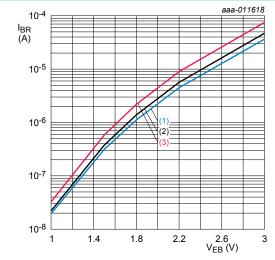


$$T_{amb}$$
 = 25 °C.

1.
$$V_{CE} = 3.0 \text{ V}$$

2.
$$V_{CE} = 8.0 \text{ V}$$

Figure 5. Collector current as a function of base-emitter voltage; typical values



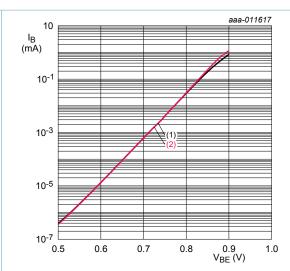
 V_{CE} = 3 V.

1.
$$T_{amb} = -40 \, ^{\circ}C$$

2.
$$T_{amb} = +25 \, ^{\circ}C$$

3.
$$T_{amb} = +125 \, ^{\circ}C$$

Figure 7. Reverse base current as a function of emitterbase voltage; typical values

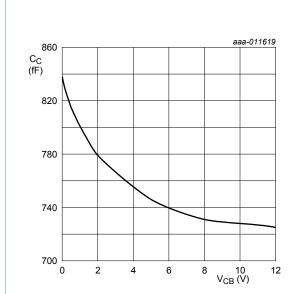


$$T_{amb}$$
 = 25 °C.

1.
$$V_{CE} = 3.0 \text{ V}$$

2.
$$V_{CE} = 8.0 \text{ V}$$

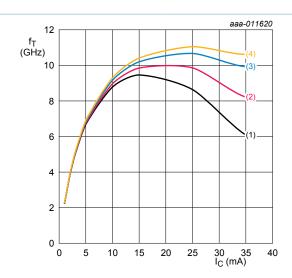
Figure 6. Base current as a function of base-emitter voltage; typical values



 $I_C = 0$ mA; f = 1 MHz; $T_{amb} = 25$ °C.

Figure 8. Collector capacitance as a function of collector-base voltage; typical values

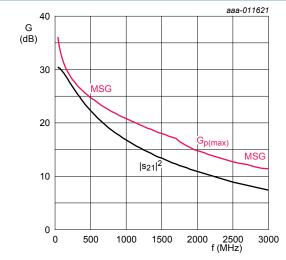
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 T_{amb} = 25 °C.

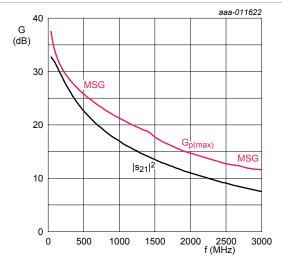
- 1. $V_{CE} = 3.3 \text{ V}$
- 2. $V_{CE} = 5.0 \text{ V}$
- 3. $V_{CE} = 8.0 \text{ V}$
- 4. V_{CE} = 12.0 V

Figure 9. Transition frequency as a function of collector current; typical values



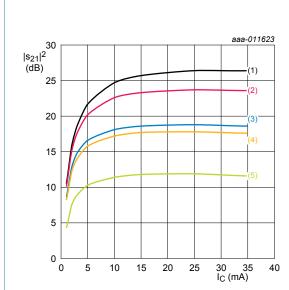
 I_C = 15 mA; V_{CE} = 8 V; T_{amb} = 25 °C.

Figure 10. Gain as a function of frequency; typical values



 I_C = 25 mA; V_{CE} = 8 V; T_{amb} = 25 °C.

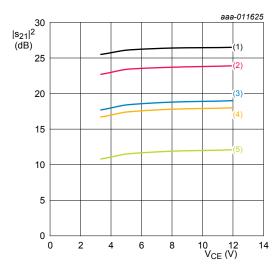
Figure 11. Gain as a function of frequency; typical values



 V_{CE} = 8 V; T_{amb} = 25 °C.

- 1. f = 300 MHz
- 2. f = 433 MHz
- 3. f = 800 MHz
- 4. f = 900 MHz
- 5. f = 1800 MHz

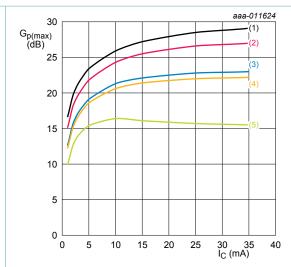
Figure 12. Insertion power gain as a function of collector current; typical values



 $I_C = 25 \text{ mA}$; $T_{amb} = 25 ^{\circ}\text{C}$.

- 1. f = 300 MHz
- 2. f = 433 MHz
- 3. f = 800 MHz
- 4. f = 900 MHz
- 5. f = 1800 MHz

Figure 14. Insertion power gain as a function of collector-emitter voltage; typical values

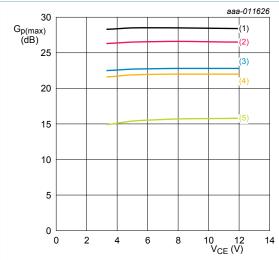


 V_{CE} = 8 V; T_{amb} = 25 °C.

If K >1 then $G_{p(max)}$ = maximum power gain. If K < 1 then $G_{p(max)}$ = MSG.

- 1. f = 300 MHz
- 2. f = 433 MHz
- 3. f = 800 MHz
- 4. f = 900 MHz
- 5. f = 1800 MHz

Figure 13. Maximum power gain as a function of collector current; typical values



 I_C = 25 mA; T_{amb} = 25 °C.

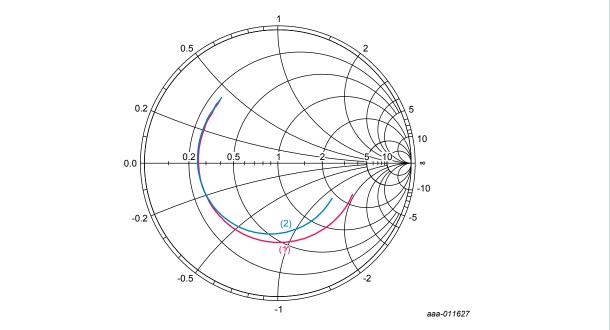
If K >1 then $G_{p(max)}$ = maximum power gain. If K < 1 then $G_{p(max)}$ = MSG.

- 1. f = 300 MHz
- 2. f = 433 MHz
- 3. f = 800 MHz
- 4. f = 900 MHz
- 5. f = 1800 MHz

Figure 15. Maximum power gain as a function of collector-emitter voltage; typical values

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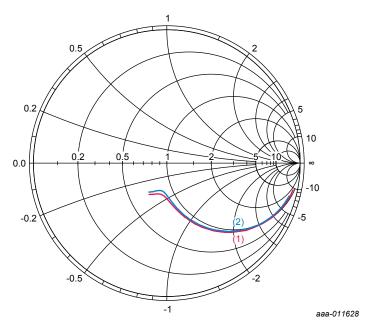
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 V_{CE} = 8 V; 40 MHz \leq f \leq 3 GHz.

- 1. $I_C = 15 \text{ mA}$
- 2. $I_C = 25 \text{ mA}$

Figure 16. Input reflection coefficient (s₁₁); typical values

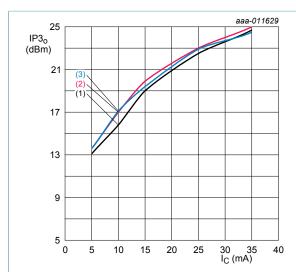


 V_{CE} = 8 V; 40 MHz \leq f \leq 3 GHz.

- 1. I_C = 15 mA
- 2. $I_C = 25 \text{ mA}$

Figure 17. Output reflection coefficient (s_{22}) ; typical values

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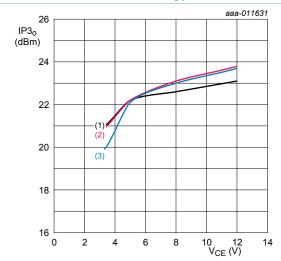
$$V_{CE}$$
 = 8 V; T_{amb} = 25 °C.

1.
$$f_1 = 433 \text{ MHz}$$
; $f_2 = 434 \text{ MHz}$

2.
$$f_1 = 900 \text{ MHz}$$
; $f_2 = 901 \text{ MHz}$

3.
$$f_1 = 1800 \text{ MHz}$$
; $f_2 = 1801 \text{ MHz}$

Figure 18. Output third-order intercept point as a function of collector current; typical values



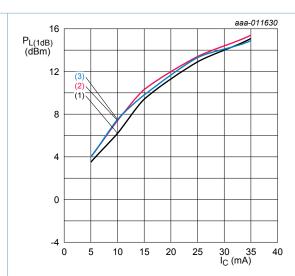
 I_C = 25 mA; T_{amb} = 25 °C.

1.
$$f_1 = 433 \text{ MHz}$$
; $f_2 = 434 \text{ MHz}$

2.
$$f_1 = 900 \text{ MHz}$$
; $f_2 = 901 \text{ MHz}$

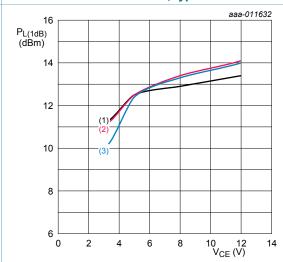
3.
$$f_1 = 1800 \text{ MHz}$$
; $f_2 = 1801 \text{ MHz}$

Figure 20. Output third-order intercept point as a function of collector-emitter voltage; typical values



$$V_{CE} = 8 \text{ V}; T_{amb} = 25 ^{\circ}\text{C}.$$

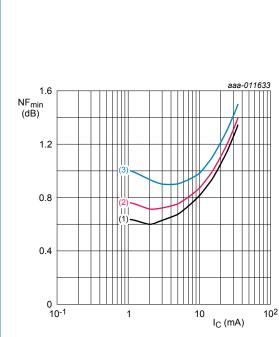
Figure 19. Output power at 1 dB gain compression as a function of collector current; typical values



$$I_C$$
 = 25 mA; T_{amb} = 25 °C.

Figure 21. Output power at 1 dB gain compression as a function of collector-emitter voltage; typical values

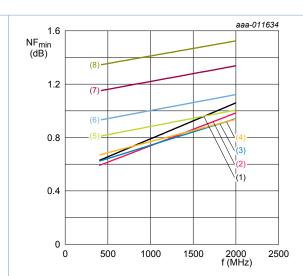
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 V_{CE} = 8 V; T_{amb} = 25 °C; Γ_{S} = Γ_{opt} .

- 1. f = 433 MHz
- 2. f = 900 MHz
- 3. f = 1800 MHz

Figure 22. Minimum noise figure as a function of collector current; typical values

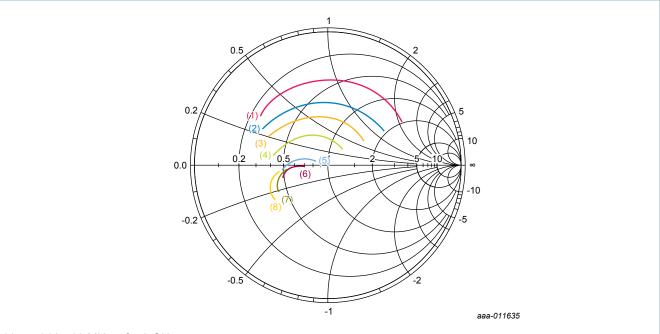


 V_{CE} = 8 V; T_{amb} = 25 °C; Γ_{S} = Γ_{opt} .

- 1. $I_C = 1 \text{ mA}$
- 2. $I_C = 2 \text{ mA}$
- 3. $I_C = 3 \text{ mA}$
- 4. $I_C = 5 \text{ mA}$
- 5. $I_C = 10 \text{ mA}$
- 6. $I_C = 15 \text{ mA}$
- 7. $I_C = 25 \text{ mA}$
- 8. $I_C = 35 \text{ mA}$

Figure 23. Minimum noise figure as a function of frequency; typical values

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 V_{CE} = 8 V; 400 MHz \leq f \leq 2 GHz.

- 1. $I_C = 1 \text{ mA}$
- 2. $I_C = 2 \text{ mA}$
- 3. $I_C = 3 \text{ mA}$
- 4. I_C = 5 mA
- 5. $I_C = 10 \text{ mA}$
- 6. $I_C = 15 \text{ mA}$
- 7. $I_C = 25 \text{ mA}$
- 8. $I_C = 35 \text{ mA}$

Figure 24. Optimum reflection coefficient (Γ_{opt}); typical values

10 Application information

More information about the following application example can be found in the application notes. See Section 5 "Design support".

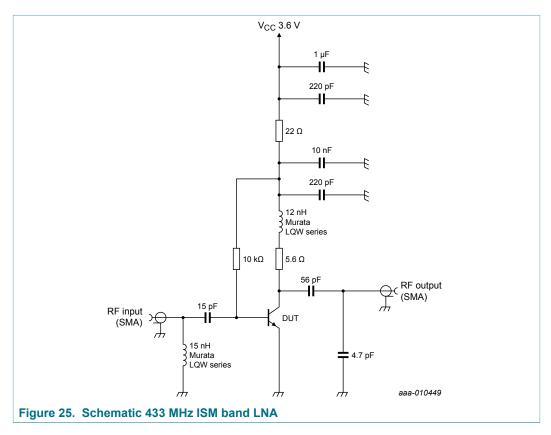
The following application example can be implemented using the evaluation kit. See <u>Section 3 "Ordering information"</u> for the order type number.

The following application example can be simulated using the simulation package. See Section 5 "Design support".

10.1 Application example: 433 ISM band LNA

433 ISM band LNA, optimized for low noise.

More detailed information of the application example can be found in the application note: *AN11437*.



Remark: fine tuning of components maybe required depending on PCB parasitics.

Table 10. Application performance data at 433 MHz

 $I_{CC} = 20 \text{ mA}; V_{CC} = 3.6 \text{ V}$

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
s ₂₁ ²	insertion power gain		-	21	-	dB
NF	noise figure		-	1.3	-	dB
IP3 _o	output third-order intercept point	$f_1 = 433.1 \text{ MHz}; f_2 = 433.2 \text{ MHz};$ $P_i = -30 \text{ dBm per carrier}$	-	19	-	dBm

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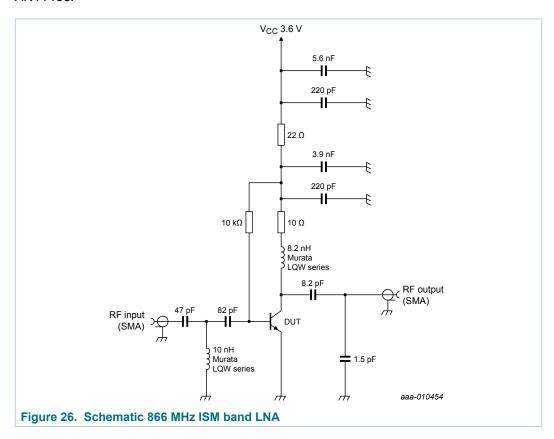
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10.2 Application example: 866 ISM band LNA

866 ISM band LNA, optimized for low noise.

More detailed information of the application example can be found in the application note: *AN11438*.



Remark: fine tuning of components maybe required depending on PCB parasitics.

Table 11. Application performance data at 866 MHz

 $I_{CC} = 20 \text{ mA}; V_{CC} = 3.6 \text{ V}$

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
s ₂₁ ²	insertion power gain		-	15	-	dB
NF	noise figure		-	1.4	-	dB
IP3 _o	output third-order intercept point	f_1 = 866.1 MHz; f_2 = 866.2 MHz; P_i = -30 dBm per carrier	-	19	-	dBm

11 Package outline

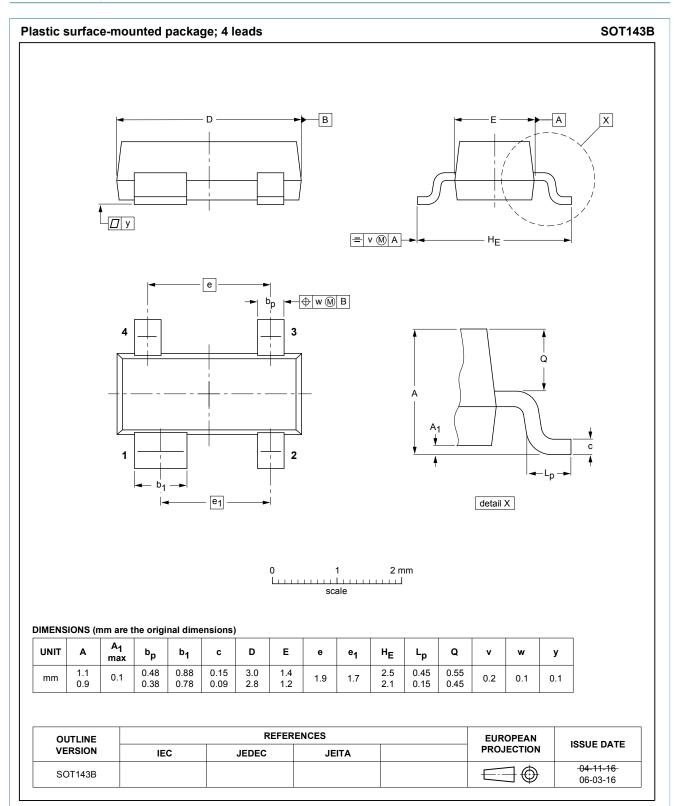


Figure 27. Package outline SOT143B

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12 Handling information

CAUTION



This device is sensitive to ElectroStatic Discharge (ESD). Observe precautions for handling electrostatic sensitive devices. Such precautions are described in the ANSI/ESD S20.20, IEC/ST 61340-5, JESD625-A or equivalent standards.

13 Abbreviations

Table 12. Abbreviations

Acronym	Description
AEC	automotive electronics council
ISM	industrial, scientific, and medical
LNA	low-noise amplifier
MSG	maximum stable gain
NPN	negative-positive-negative
SMA	SubMiniature version A

14 Revision history

Table 13. Revision history

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Document ID	Release date	Data sheet status	Change notice	Supersedes				
BFU550X v.2	20190412	Product data sheet	-	BFU550X v.1				
modification	· ·	Adapted Schematic 866 MHz ISM band LNA. Biasing on the schematic is adapted according the EVB to do the RF/DC. Connection of 10 K resistor moved to the other side of the 82 pF capacitor						
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