# STW20NK50Z

## N-channel 500 V, 0.23 Ω 20 A SuperMESH™ Power MOSFET Zener-protected in TO-247 package

**Datasheet — production data**

## Features

| Order code | $V_{DSS}$ | $R_{DS(on)}$ max | $I_D$ | $P_W$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| STW20NK50Z | 500 V | < 0.27 Ω | 20 A | 190 W |

- Extremely high dv/dt capability
- 100% avalanche tested
- Gate charge minimized
- Very low intrinsic capacitance

## Application

Switching applications

## Description

This device is an N-channel Zener-protected Power MOSFET developed using STMicroelectronics' SuperMESH™ technology, achieved through optimization of ST's well established strip-based PowerMESH™ layout. In addition to a significant reduction in on-resistance, this device is designed to ensure a high level of dv/dt capability for the most demanding applications.
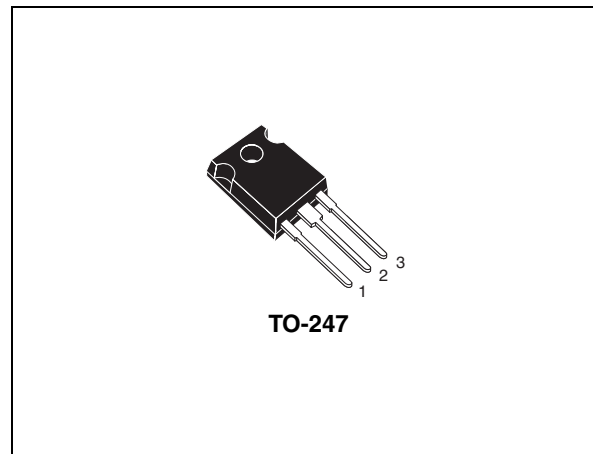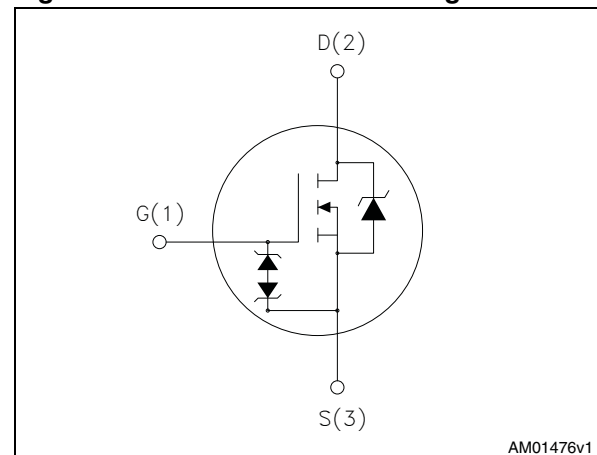


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**Figure 1. Internal schematic diagram**



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**Table 1. Device summary**

| Order code | Marking | Package | Packaging |
|---|---|---|---|
| STW20NK50Z | W20NK50Z | TO-247 | Tube |

# Contents

# 1 Electrical ratings

**Table 2.     Absolute maximum ratings**

| Symbol | Parameter | Value | Unit |
|--------|-----------|-------|------|
| $V_{DS}$ | Drain-source voltage | 500 | V |
| $V_{GS}$ | Gate-source voltage | ± 30 | V |
| $I_D$ | Drain current (continuous) at $T_C$ = 25 °C | 20 | A |
| $I_D$ | Drain current (continuous) at $T_C$ = 100 °C | 12.6 | A |
| $I_{DM}$ [1] | Drain current (pulsed) | 68 | A |
| $P_{TOT}$ | Total dissipation at $T_C$ = 25 °C | 190 | W |
|  | Derating factor | 1.52 | W/°C |
| ESD | Gate-source human body model (R=1.5 kΩ, C=100 pF) | 6 | kV |
| dv/dt [2] | Peak diode recovery voltage slope | 4.5 | V/ns |
| $T_{stg}$ | Storage temperature | -55 to 150 | °C |
| $T_j$ | Max operating junction temperature | 150 | °C |

1. Pulse width limited by safe operating area.

2. $I_{SD}$ ≤17 A, di/dt ≤ 200 A/µs, $V_{DS}$ peak ≤ $V_{(BR)DSS}$, $V_{DD}$ ≤ $V_{(BR)DSS}$, $T_j$ ≤ $T_{JMAX}$.

**Table 3.     Thermal data**

| Symbol | Parameter | Value | Unit |
|--------|-----------|-------|------|
| $R_{thj-case}$ | Thermal resistance junction-case max | 0.66 | °C/W |
| $R_{thj-amb}$ | Thermal resistance junction-ambient max | 50 | °C/W |

**Table 4.     Avalanche characteristics**

| Symbol | Parameter | Value | Unit |
|--------|-----------|-------|------|
| $I_{AR}$ | Avalanche current, repetitive or not-repetitive (pulse width limited by Tj Max) | 17 | A |
| $E_{AS}$ | Single pulse avalanche energy (starting $T_J$=25 °C, $I_D$=$I_{AR}$, $V_{DD}$=50 V) | 850 | mJ |

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($T_{CASE}$ = 25 °C unless otherwise specified)

**Table 5. On/off states**

| Symbol | Parameter | Test conditions | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $V_{(BR)DSS}$ | Drain-source breakdown voltage | $I_D$ =1 mA, $V_{GS}$ = 0 | 500 | | | V |
| $I_{DSS}$ | Zero gate voltage drain current ($V_{GS}$ = 0) | $V_{DS}$ = 500 V <br> $V_{DS}$ = 500 V, $T_C$ = 125 °C | | | 1 <br> 50 | µA <br> µA |
| $I_{GSS}$ | Gate-body leakage current ($V_{DS}$ = 0) | $V_{GS}$ = ± 20 V | | | ± 10 | µA |
| $V_{GS(th)}$ | Gate threshold voltage | $V_{DS}$ = $V_{GS}$, $I_D$ = 100 µA | 3 | 3.75 | 4.5 | V |
| $R_{DS(on)}$ | Static drain-source on-resistance | $V_{GS}$ = 10 V, $I_D$ = 8.5 A | | 0.23 | 0.27 | Ω |

**Table 6. Dynamic**

| Symbol | Parameter | Test conditions | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $C_{iss}$ <br> $C_{oss}$ <br> $C_{rss}$ | Input capacitance <br> Output capacitance <br> Reverse transfer capacitance | $V_{DS}$ = 25 V, f = 1 MHz, <br> $V_{GS}$ = 0 | - | 2600 <br> 328 <br> 72 | | pF <br> pF <br> pF |
| $C_{oss\ eq.}$ [(1)] | Equivalent output capacitance | $V_{DS}$ =0, $V_{DS}$ = 0 to 640 V | - | 187 | | pF |
| $t_{d(on)}$ <br> $t_r$ <br> $t_{d(off)}$ <br> $t_f$ | Turn-on delay time <br> Rise time <br> Turn-off delay time <br> Fall time | $V_{DD}$ = 250 V, $I_D$ = 8.5 A, <br> $R_G$ = 4.7 Ω, $V_{GS}$ = 10 V <br> (see *Figure 14*) | - | 28 <br> 20 <br> 70 <br> 15 | | ns <br> ns <br> ns <br> ns |
| $Q_g$ <br> $Q_{gs}$ <br> $Q_{gd}$ | Total gate charge <br> Gate-source charge <br> Gate-drain charge | $V_{DD}$ = 400 V, $I_D$ = 17 A, <br> $V_{GS}$ = 10 V <br> (see *Figure 15*) | - | 85 <br> 15.5 <br> 42 | 119 | nC <br> nC <br> nC |

1. $C_{oss\ eq.}$ is defined as a constant equivalent capacitance giving the same charging time as $C_{oss}$ when $V_{DS}$ increases from 0 to 80% $V_{DSS}$.

**Table 7.    Source drain diode**

| Symbol | Parameter | Test conditions | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $I_{SD}$ $I_{SDM}$[1] | Source-drain current Source-drain current (pulsed) | | - | | 20 68 | A A |
| $V_{SD}$[2] | Forward on voltage | $I_{SD}$ = 17 A, $V_{GS}$ = 0 | - | | 1.6 | V |
| $t_{rr}$ $Q_{rr}$ $I_{RRM}$ | Reverse recovery time Reverse recovery charge Reverse recovery current | $I_{SD}$ = 17 A, di/dt = 100 A/µs $V_R$ = 100 V (see *Figure 16*) | - | 355 3.90 22 | | ns µC A |
| $t_{rr}$ $Q_{rr}$ $I_{RRM}$ | Reverse recovery time Reverse recovery charge Reverse recovery current | $I_{SD}$ = 17 A, di/dt = 100 A/µs $V_R$ = 100 V, Tj = 150 °C (see *Figure 16*) | - | 440 5.72 26 | | ns µC A |

1.  Pulsed: pulse duration = 300 µs, duty cycle 1.5%

2.  Pulse width limited by safe operating area.

**Table 8.    Gate-source Zener diode**

| Symbol | Parameter | Test conditions | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $BV_{GSO}$ | Gate-source breakdown voltage | Igs=± 1mA (open drain) | 30 | - | | V |

The built-in back-to-back Zener diodes have specifically been designed to enhance not only the device's ESD capability, but also to make them safely absorb possible voltage transients that may occasionally be applied from gate to source. In this respect the Zener voltage is appropriate to achieve an efficient and cost-effective intervention to protect the device's integrity. These integrated Zener diodes thus avoid the usage of external components.

## 2.1 Electrical characteristics (curves)

**Figure 2. Safe operating area**
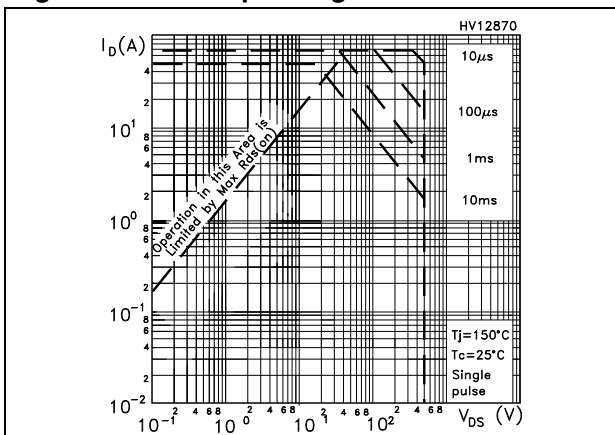


**Figure 3. Thermal impedance**
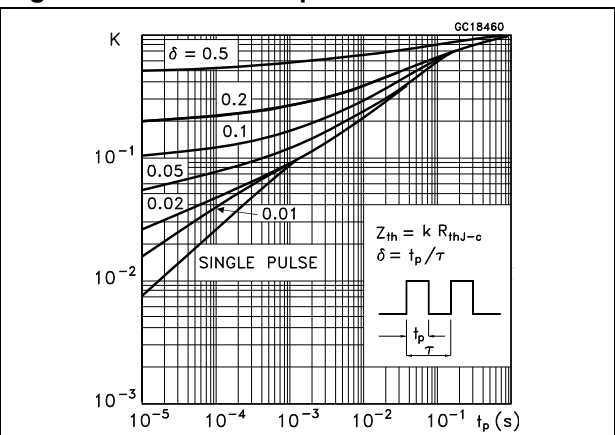


**Figure 4. Output characteristics**
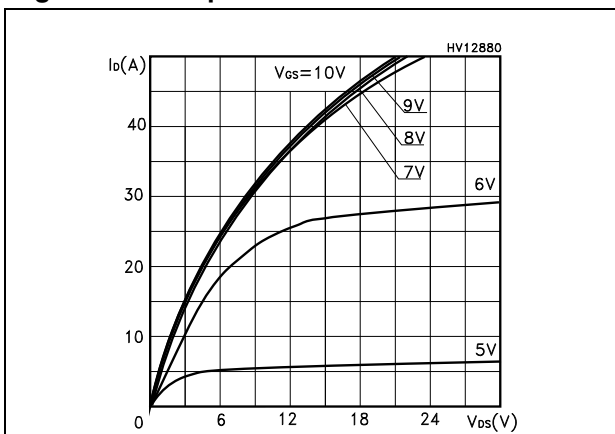


**Figure 5. Transfer characteristics**
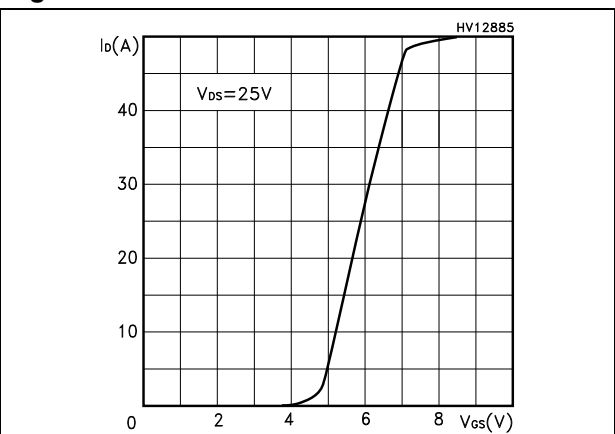


**Figure 6. Normalized $B_{VDSS}$ vs temperature**
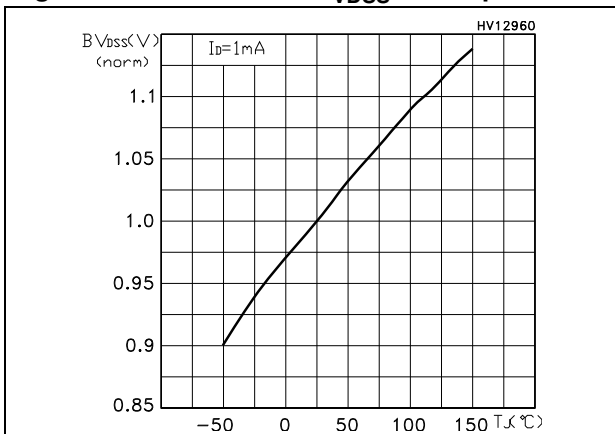


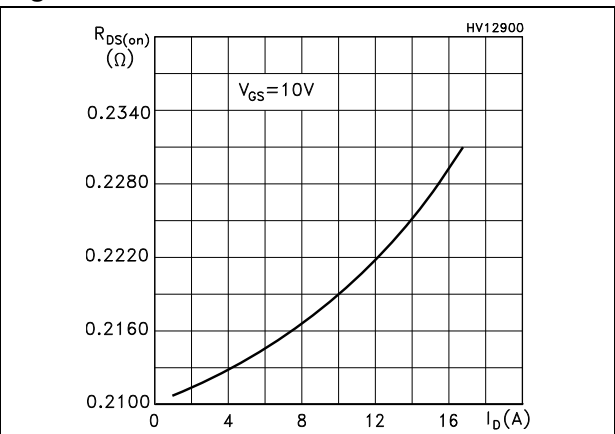**Figure 7. Static drain-source on-resistance**

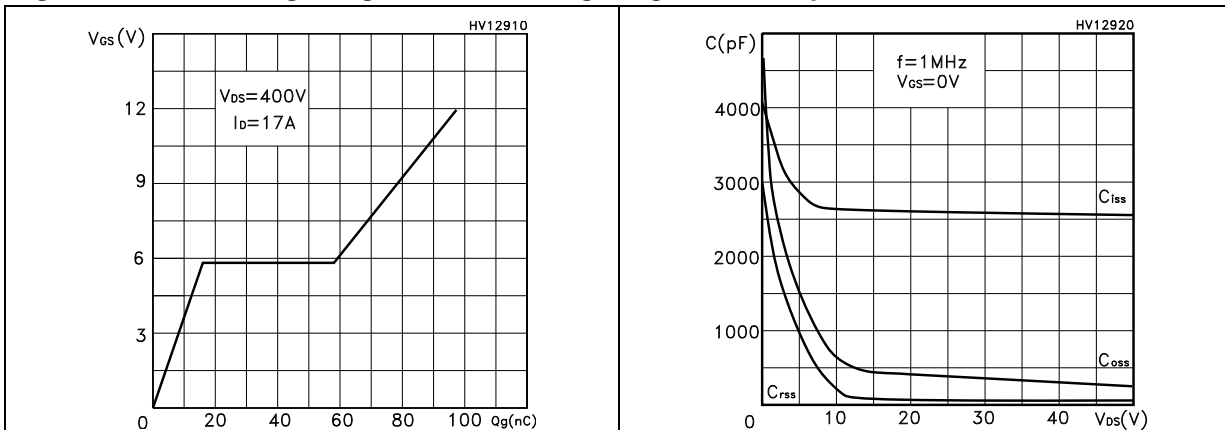**Figure 8.    Gate charge vs gate-source voltage**



**Figure 9.    Capacitance variations**



**Figure 10.    Normalized gate threshold voltage vs temperature**



**Figure 11.    Normalized on-resistance vs temperature**
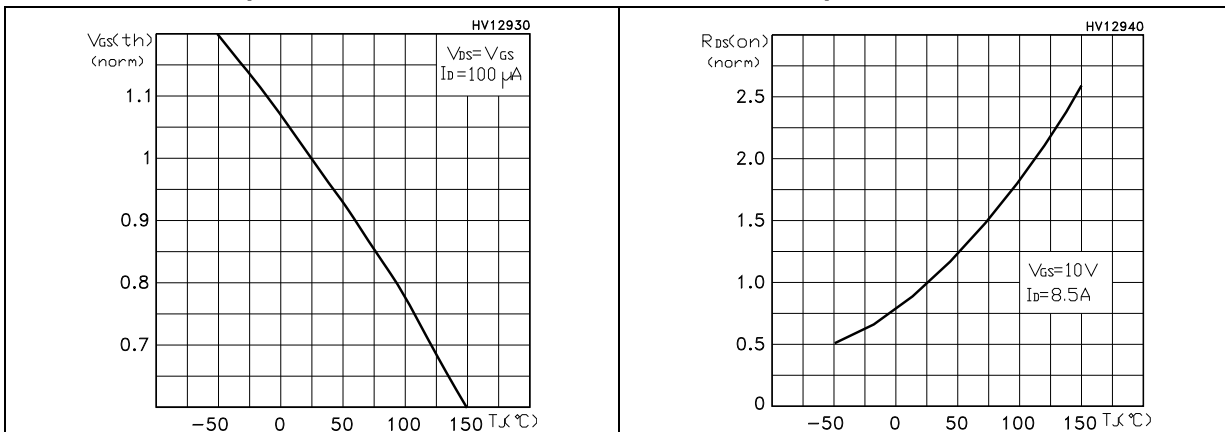


**Figure 12.    Maximum avalanche energy vs temperature**



**Figure 13.    Source-drain diode forward characteristic**
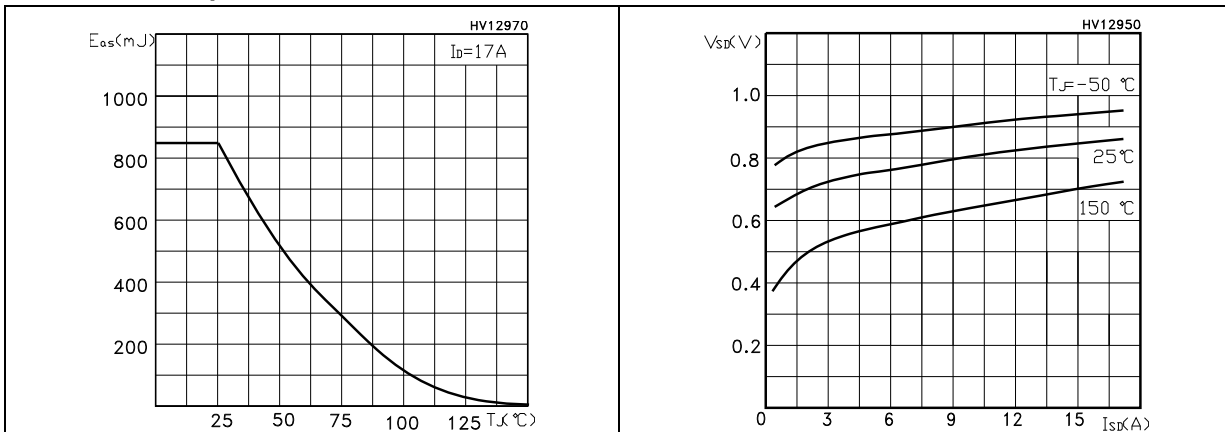
# 3    Test circuits

**Figure 14.    Switching times test circuit for resistive load**



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**Figure 15.    Gate charge test circuit**



$I_G$=CONST

$V_i$=20V=$V_{GMAX}$

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**Figure 16.    Test circuit for inductive load switching and diode recovery times**



L=100µH

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**Figure 17.    Unclamped inductive load test circuit**



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**Figure 18.    Unclamped inductive waveform**



$V_{(BR)DSS}$

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**Figure 19.    Switching time waveform**
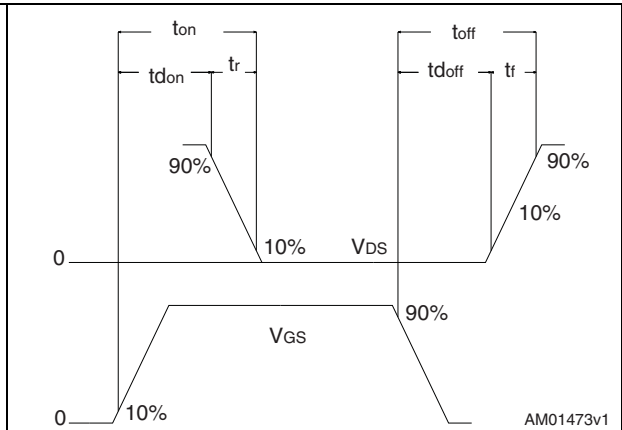


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# 4      Package mechanical data

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**Table 9.      TO-247 mechanical data**

| Dim. | mm | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Min.** | **Typ.** | **Max.** |
| A | 4.85 | | 5.15 |
| A1 | 2.20 | | 2.60 |
| b | 1.0 | | 1.40 |
| b1 | 2.0 | | 2.40 |
| b2 | 3.0 | | 3.40 |
| c | 0.40 | | 0.80 |
| D | 19.85 | | 20.15 |
| E | 15.45 | | 15.75 |
| e | | 5.45 | |
| L | 14.20 | | 14.80 |
| L1 | 3.70 | | 4.30 |
| L2 | | 18.50 | |
| ∅P | 3.55 | | 3.65 |
| ∅R | 4.50 | | 5.50 |
| S | | 5.50 | |

**Figure 20. TO-247 drawing**
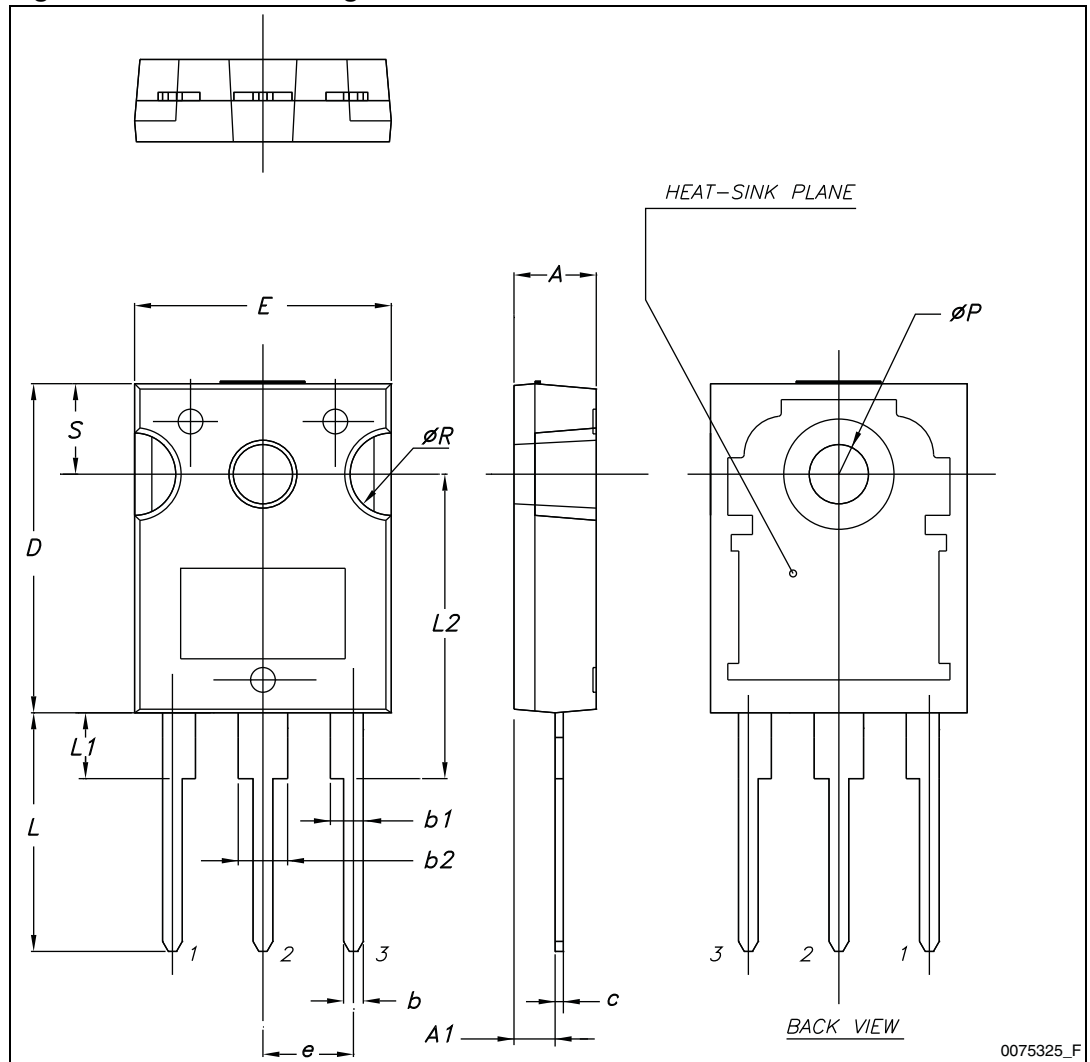
# 5    Revision history

**Table 10.    Document revision history**

| Date | Revision | Changes |
|------|----------|---------|
| 05-Apr-2012 | 1 | First release. |

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