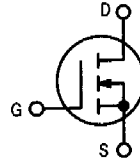


**The RF MOSFET Line**  
**RF Power**  
**Field Effect Transistors**  
**N-Channel Enhancement Mode MOSFETs**

Designed for broadband commercial and military applications up to 200 MHz frequency range. The high-power, high-gain and broadband performance of these devices make possible solid state transmitters for FM broadcast or TV channel frequency bands.

- Guaranteed Performance at 150 MHz, 28 V:  
Output Power = 80 W  
Gain = 11 dB (13 dB Typ)  
Efficiency = 55% Min. (60% Typ)
- Low Thermal Resistance
- Ruggedness Tested at Rated Output Power
- Nitride Passivated Die for Enhanced Reliability
- Low Noise Figure — 1.5 dB Typ at 2.0 A, 150 MHz
- Excellent Thermal Stability; Suited for Class A Operation



**MAXIMUM RATINGS**

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Drain-Source Voltage	$V_{DSS}$	65	Vdc
Drain-Gate Voltage	$V_{DGO}$	65	Vdc
Gate-Source Voltage	$V_{GS}$	$\pm 40$	Vdc
Drain Current — Continuous	$I_D$	9.0	Adc
Total Device Dissipation @ $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$ Derate above $25^\circ\text{C}$	$P_D$	220 1.26	Watts W/ $^\circ\text{C}$
Storage Temperature Range	$T_{stg}$	-65 to +150	$^\circ\text{C}$
Operating Temperature Range	$T_J$	200	$^\circ\text{C}$

**THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Characteristic	Symbol	Max	Unit
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case	$R_{\theta JC}$	0.8	$^\circ\text{C/W}$

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

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
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**OFF CHARACTERISTICS**

Drain-Source Breakdown Voltage ( $V_{DS} = 0\text{ V}, V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$ ) $I_D = 50\text{ mA}$	$V_{(BR)DSS}$	65	—	—	V
Zero Gate Voltage Drain Current ( $V_{DS} = 28\text{ V}, V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$ )	$I_{DSS}$	—	—	2.0	mA
Gate-Source Leakage Current ( $V_{GS} = 40\text{ V}, V_{DS} = 0\text{ V}$ )	$I_{GSS}$	—	—	1.0	$\mu\text{A}$

**ON CHARACTERISTICS**

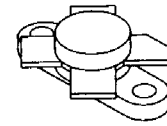
Gate Threshold Voltage ( $V_{DS} = 10\text{ V}, I_D = 50\text{ mA}$ )	$V_{GS(th)}$	1.0	3.0	6.0	V
Drain-Source On-Voltage ( $V_{DS(on)}, V_{GS} = 10\text{ V}, I_D = 3.0\text{ A}$ )	$V_{DS(on)}$	—	—	1.4	V
Forward Transconductance ( $V_{DS} = 10\text{ V}, I_D = 2.0\text{ A}$ )	$g_{fs}$	1.8	2.2	—	mhos

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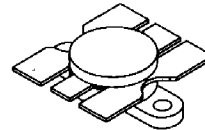
NOTE — **CAUTION** — MOS devices are susceptible to damage from electrostatic charge. Reasonable precautions in handling and packaging MOS devices should be observed.

**MRF173**  
**MRF173CQ**

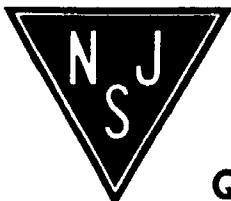
80 W, 28 V, 175 MHz  
N-CHANNEL  
BROADBAND  
RF POWER MOSFETs



CASE 211-11, STYLE 2  
(MRF173)



CASE 316-01,  
(MRF173CQ)



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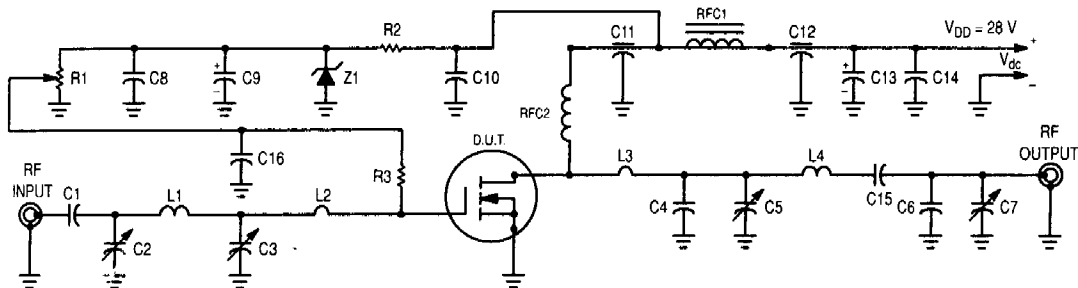
Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
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**DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Input Capacitance ( $V_{DS} = 28\text{ V}$ , $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$ , $f = 1.0\text{ MHz}$ )	$C_{iss}$	—	110	—	pF
Output Capacitance ( $V_{DS} = 28\text{ V}$ , $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$ , $f = 1.0\text{ MHz}$ )	$C_{oss}$	—	105	—	pF
Reverse Transfer Capacitance ( $V_{DS} = 28\text{ V}$ , $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$ , $f = 1.0\text{ MHz}$ )	$C_{rss}$	—	10	—	pF

**FUNCTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Noise Figure ( $V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}$ , $f = 150\text{ MHz}$ , $I_{DQ} = 50\text{ mA}$ )	NF	—	1.5	—	dB
Common Source Power Gain ( $V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}$ , $P_{out} = 80\text{ W}$ , $f = 150\text{ MHz}$ , $I_{DQ} = 50\text{ mA}$ )	$G_{ps}$	11	13	—	dB
Drain Efficiency ( $V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}$ , $P_{out} = 80\text{ W}$ , $f = 150\text{ MHz}$ , $I_{DQ} = 50\text{ mA}$ )	$\eta$	55	60	—	%
Electrical Ruggedness ( $V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}$ , $P_{out} = 80\text{ W}$ , $f = 150\text{ MHz}$ , $I_{DQ} = 50\text{ mA}$ ) Load VSWR 30:1 at all phase angles	$\psi$	No Degradation in Output Power			
Series Equivalent Input Impedance ( $V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}$ , $P_{out} = 80\text{ W}$ , $f = 150\text{ MHz}$ , $I_{DQ} = 50\text{ mA}$ )	MRF173 $Z_{in}$	—	$2.99 - j4.5$	—	Ohms
Series Equivalent Output Impedance ( $V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}$ , $P_{out} = 80\text{ W}$ , $f = 150\text{ MHz}$ , $I_{DQ} = 50\text{ mA}$ )	MRF173 $Z_{out}$	—	$2.68 - j1.3$	—	Ohms
Series Equivalent Input Impedance ( $V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}$ , $P_{out} = 80\text{ W}$ , $f = 150\text{ MHz}$ , $I_{DQ} = 50\text{ mA}$ )	MRF173CQ $Z_{in}$	—	$1.35 - j5.15$	—	Ohms
Series Equivalent Output Impedance ( $V_{DD} = 28\text{ V}$ , $P_{out} = 80\text{ W}$ , $f = 150\text{ MHz}$ , $I_{DQ} = 50\text{ mA}$ )	MRF173CQ $Z_{out}$	—	$2.72 - j149$	—	Ohms



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|---------------------------------------|---|
| C1, C15 — 470 pF Unelco               | L3 — #14 AWG Hairpin 0.8" long            |
| C2, C3, C5 — 9-180 pF, Arco 463       | L4 — #14 AWG Hairpin 1.1" long            |
| C4, C6 — 15 pF, Unelco                | RFC1 — Ferroxcube VK200-19/4B             |
| C7 — 5-80 pF, Arco 462                | RFC2 — 18 Turns #18 AWG Enameled, 0.3" ID |
| C8, C10, C14, C16 — 0.1 $\mu\text{F}$ | R1 — 10 k $\Omega$ , 10 Turns Bourns      |
| C9, C13 — 50 $\mu\text{F}$ , 50 Vdc   | R2 — 1.8 k $\Omega$ , 1/4 W               |
| C11, C12 — 680 pF, Feed Through       | R3 — 10 k $\Omega$ , 1/2 W                |
| L1 — #16 AWG, 1-1/4 Turns, 0.3" ID    | Z1 — 1N5925A Motorola Zener               |
| L2 — #16 AWG Hairpin 1" long          |   |

Figure 1. 150 MHz Test Circuit

