

BLF881; BLF881S

UHF power LDMOS transistor

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Product data sheet

1. Product profile

1.1 General description

A 140 W LDMOS RF power transistor for broadcast transmitter applications and industrial applications. The transistor can deliver 140 W from HF to 1 GHz. The excellent ruggedness and broadband performance of this device makes it ideal for digital transmitter applications.

Table 1. Typical performance

RF performance at $V_{DS} = 50$ V in a common-source 860 MHz test circuit.

| Mode of operation | f (MHz) | P_L (W) | $P_{L(PEP)}$ (W) | $P_{L(AV)}$ (W) | G_p (dB) | η_D (%) | IMD3 (dBc) | IMD _{shldr} (dBc) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 2-tone, class AB | $f_1 = 860$; $f_2 = 860.1$ | - | 140 | - | 21 | 49 | -34 | - |
| DVB-T (8k OFDM) | 858 | - | - | 33 | 21 | 34 | - | -33 ^[1] |

[1] Measured [dBc] with delta marker at 4.3 MHz from center frequency.

CAUTION



This device is sensitive to ElectroStatic Discharge (ESD). Therefore care should be taken during transport and handling.

1.2 Features and benefits

- 2-Tone performance at 860 MHz, a drain-source voltage V_{DS} of 50 V and a quiescent drain current $I_{Dq} = 0.5$ A:
 - ◆ Peak envelope power load power = 140 W
 - ◆ Power gain = 21 dB
 - ◆ Drain efficiency = 49 %
 - ◆ Third order intermodulation distortion = -34 dBc
- DVB performance at 858 MHz, a drain-source voltage V_{DS} of 50 V and a quiescent drain current $I_{Dq} = 0.5$ A:
 - ◆ Average output power = 33 W
 - ◆ Power gain = 21 dB
 - ◆ Drain efficiency = 34 %
 - ◆ Shoulder distance = -33 dBc (4.3 MHz from center frequency)
- Integrated ESD protection
- Excellent ruggedness
- High power gain

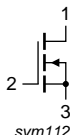
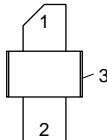
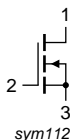
- High efficiency
- Excellent reliability
- Easy power control
- Compliant to Directive 2002/95/EC, regarding Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)

1.3 Applications

- Communication transmitter applications in the UHF band
- Industrial applications in the UHF band

2. Pinning information

Table 2. Pinning

| Pin | Description | Simplified outline | Graphic symbol |
|-------------------|-------------|---|---|
| BLF881 (SOT467C) | | | |
| 1 | drain | |  |
| 2 | gate | | |
| 3 | source | | |
| BLF881S (SOT467B) | | | |
| 1 | drain |  |  |
| 2 | gate | | |
| 3 | source | | |

[1] Connected to flange.

3. Ordering information

Table 3. Ordering information

| Type number | Package | | |
|-------------|---------|---|---------|
| | Name | Description | Version |
| BLF881 | - | flanged LDMOST ceramic package; 2 mounting holes; 2 leads | SOT467C |
| BLF881S | - | earless LDMOST ceramic package; 2 leads | SOT467B |

4. Limiting values

Table 4. Limiting values

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

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Max | Unit |
|-----------|----------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| V_{DS} | drain-source voltage | | - | 104 | V |
| V_{GS} | gate-source voltage | | -0.5 | +13 | V |
| T_{stg} | storage temperature | | -65 | +150 | °C |
| T_j | junction temperature | | - | 200 | °C |

5. Thermal characteristics

Table 5. Thermal characteristics

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Typ | Unit |
|---------------|--|--|-----|----------|
| $R_{th(j-c)}$ | thermal resistance from junction to case | $T_{case} = 80\text{ °C}$; $P_{L(AV)} = 70\text{ W}$ | [1] | 0.95 K/W |

[1] $R_{th(j-c)}$ is measured under RF conditions.

6. Characteristics

Table 6. DC characteristics

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

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---|-----|------|-----|------|
| $V_{(BR)DSS}$ | drain-source breakdown voltage | $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$; $I_D = 1.35\text{ mA}$ | [1] | 104 | - | V |
| $V_{GS(th)}$ | gate-source threshold voltage | $V_{DS} = 10\text{ V}$; $I_D = 135\text{ mA}$ | [1] | 1.4 | - | V |
| I_{DSS} | drain leakage current | $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$; $V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}$ | - | - | 1.4 | μA |
| I_{DSX} | drain cut-off current | $V_{GS} = V_{GSth} + 3.75\text{ V}$; $V_{DS} = 10\text{ V}$ | 19 | 21 | - | A |
| I_{GSS} | gate leakage current | $V_{GS} = 10\text{ V}$; $V_{DS} = 0\text{ V}$ | - | - | 140 | nA |
| $R_{DS(on)}$ | drain-source on-state resistance | $V_{GS} = V_{GSth} + 3.75\text{ V}$; $I_D = 4.5\text{ A}$ | [1] | - | 210 | mΩ |
| C_{iss} | input capacitance | $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$; $V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}$; $f = 1\text{ MHz}$ | - | 100 | - | pF |
| C_{oss} | output capacitance | $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$; $V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}$; $f = 1\text{ MHz}$ | - | 33.5 | - | pF |
| C_{rss} | reverse transfer capacitance | $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$; $V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}$; $f = 1\text{ MHz}$ | - | 1 | - | pF |

[1] I_D is the drain current.

Table 7. RF characteristics

$T_h = 25\text{ °C}$ unless otherwise specified.

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|-------------------------|--|------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 2-Tone, class AB | | | | | | |
| V_{DS} | drain-source voltage | | - | 50 | - | V |
| I_{Dq} | quiescent drain current | | - | 0.5 | - | A |
| $P_{L(PEP)}$ | peak envelope power load power | | - | 140 | - | W |
| G_p | power gain | | 20 | 21 | - | dB |
| η_D | drain efficiency | | 45 | 49 | - | % |
| IMD3 | third-order intermodulation distortion | | - | -34 | -30 | dBc |

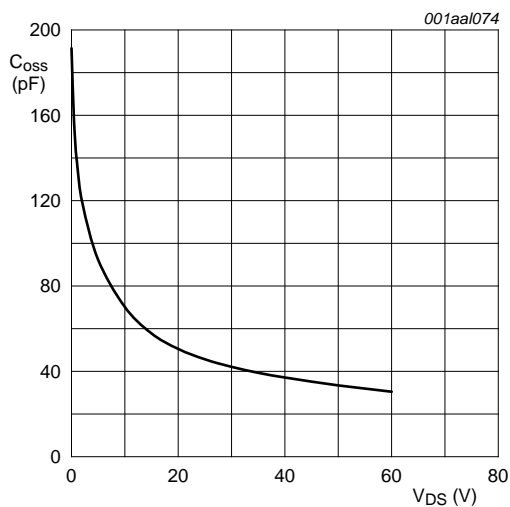
Table 7. RF characteristics ...continued

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

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| DVB-T (8k OFDM) | | | | | | |
| V_{DS} | drain-source voltage | | - | 50 | - | V |
| I_{DQ} | quiescent drain current | | - | 0.5 | - | A |
| $P_{L(AV)}$ | average output power | | - | 33 | - | W |
| G_p | power gain | | 20 | 21 | - | dB |
| η_D | drain efficiency | | 30 | 34 | - | % |
| IMD_{shldr} | intermodulation distortion shoulder | [1] | - | -33 | -30 | dBc |
| PAR | peak-to-average ratio | [2] | - | 8.3 | - | dB |

[1] Measured [dBc] with delta marker at 4.3 MHz from center frequency.

[2] PAR (of output signal) at 0.01 % probability on CCDF; PAR of input signal = 9.5 dB at 0.01 % probability on CCDF.



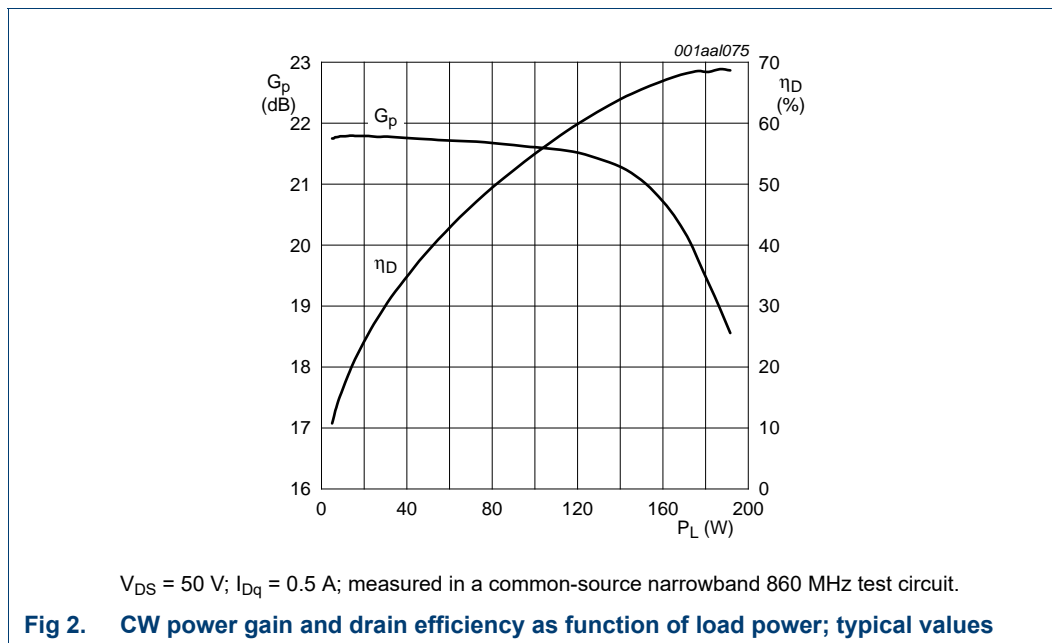
$V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$; $f = 1\text{ MHz}$.

Fig 1. Output capacitance as a function of drain-source voltage; typical values

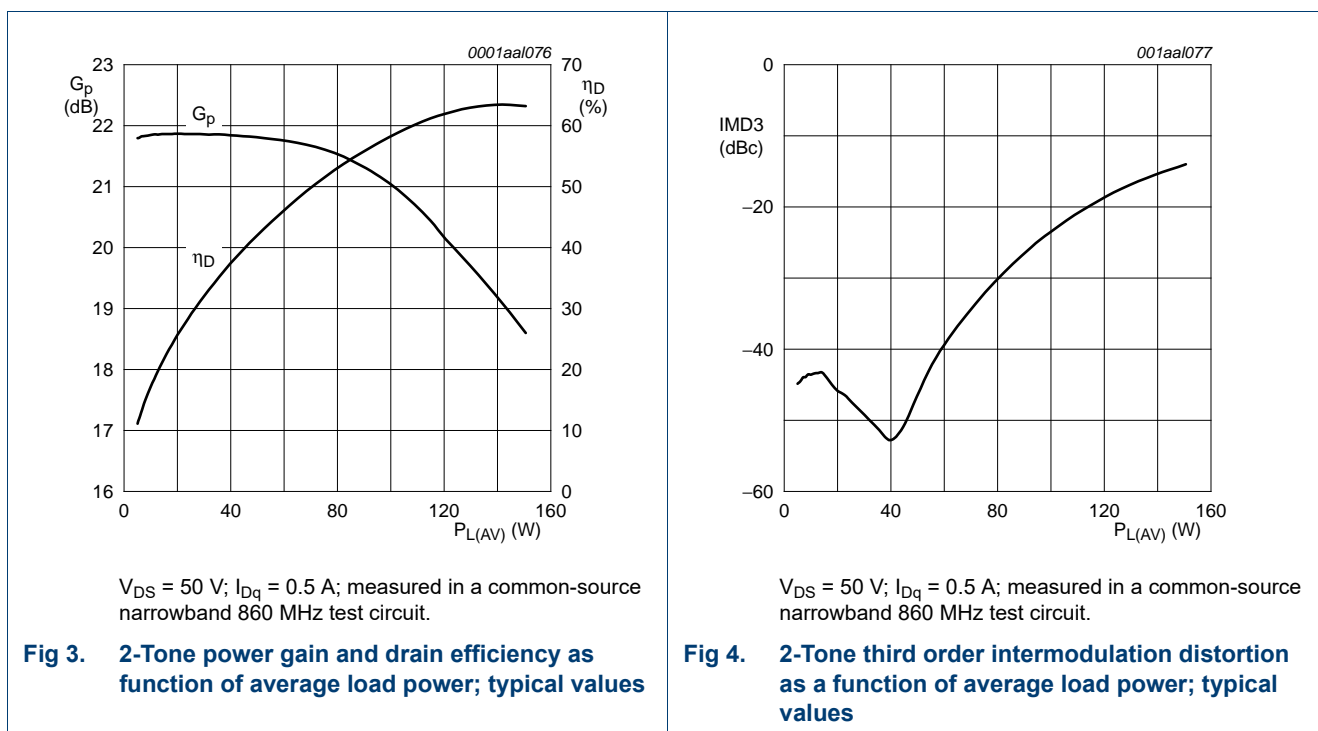
7. Application information

7.1 Narrowband RF figures

7.1.1 CW



7.1.2 2-Tone



7.1.3 DVB-T

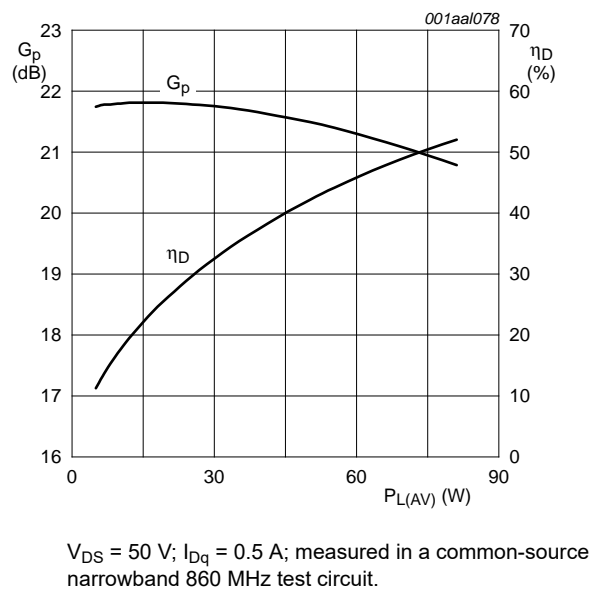


Fig 5. DVB-T power gain and drain efficiency as function of average load power; typical values

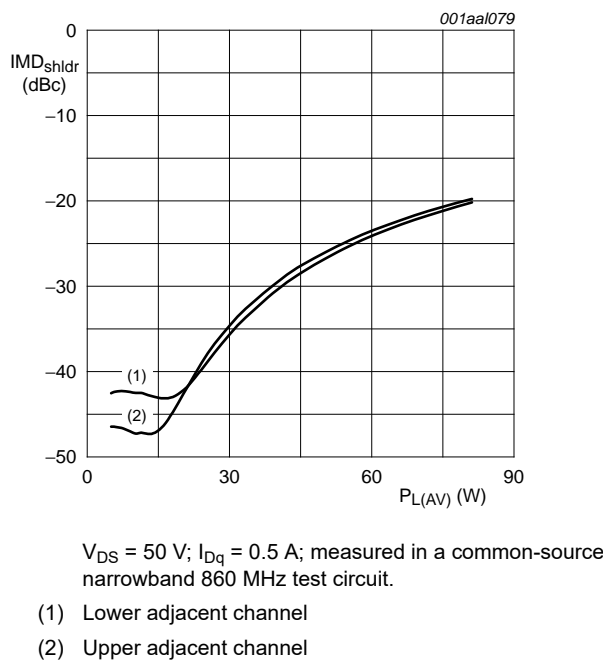
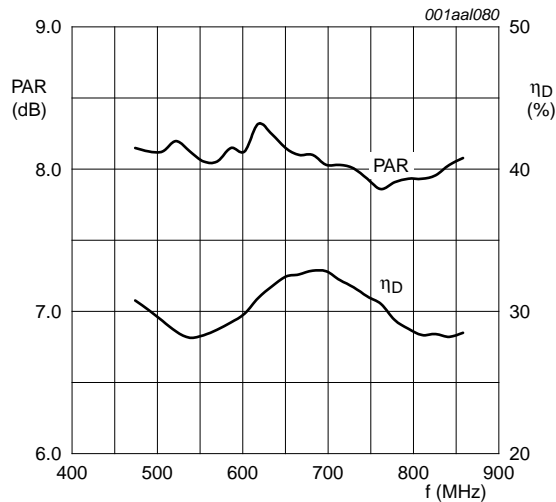


Fig 6. DVB-T shoulder distance as a function of average load power; typical values

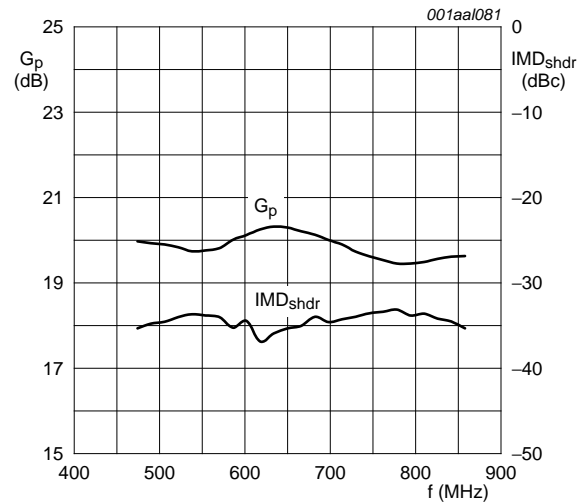
7.2 Broadband RF figures

7.2.1 DVB-T



$V_{DS} = 50$ V; $I_{DQ} = 0.35$ A; $P_{L(AV)} = 33$ W; measured in a common-source broadband test circuit as described in [Section 8](#).

Fig 7. DVB-T PAR at 0.01 % probability on the CCDF and drain efficiency as function of frequency; typical values



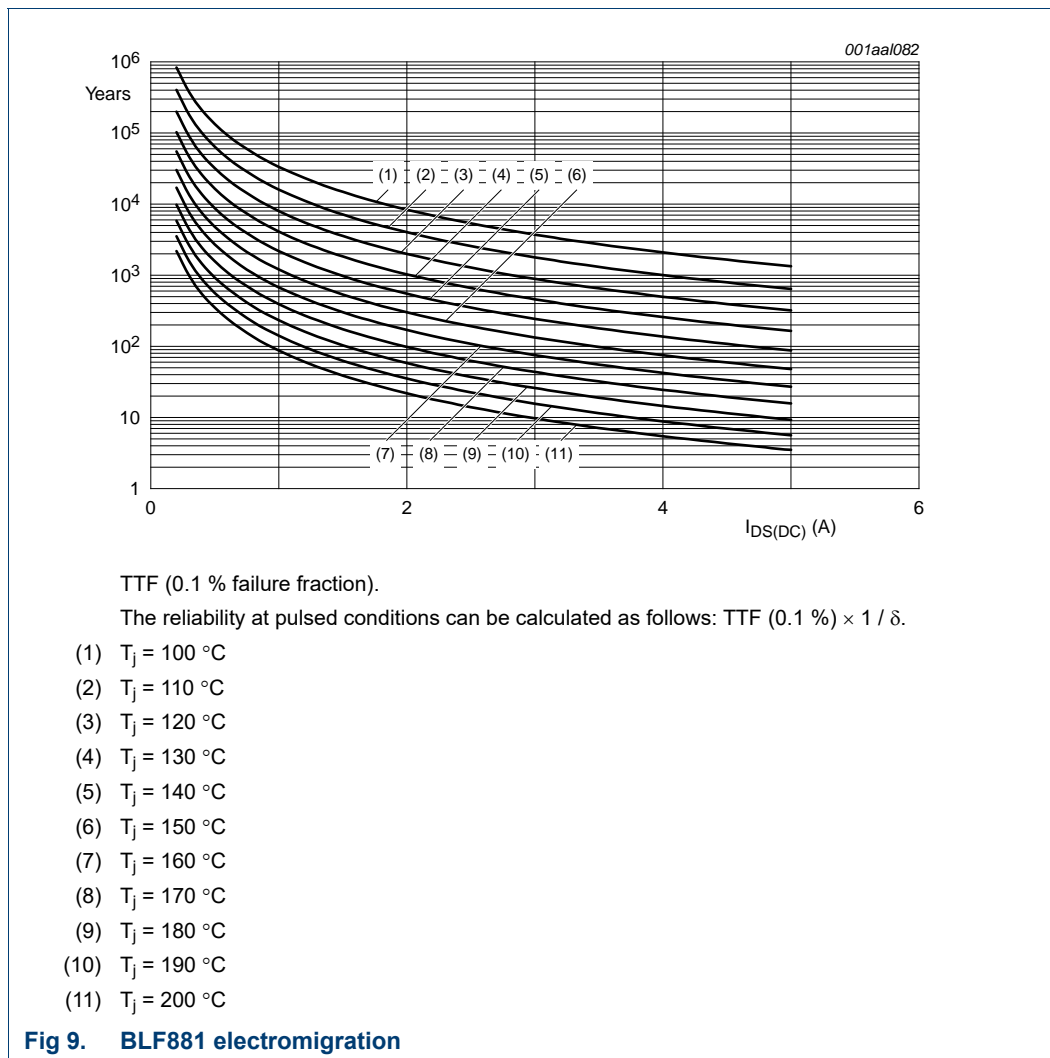
$V_{DS} = 50$ V; $I_{DQ} = 0.35$ A; $P_{L(AV)} = 33$ W; measured in a common-source broadband test circuit as described in [Section 8](#).

Fig 8. DVB-T power gain and shoulder distance as function of frequency; typical values

7.3 Ruggedness in class-AB operation

The BLF881 and BLF881S are capable of withstanding a load mismatch corresponding to $VSWR = 10 : 1$ through all phases under the following conditions: $V_{DS} = 50$ V; $f = 860$ MHz at rated power. Ruggedness is measured in the application circuit as described in [Section 8](#).

7.4 Reliability



8. Test information

Table 8. List of components

For test circuit, see [Figure 10](#), [Figure 11](#) and [Figure 12](#).

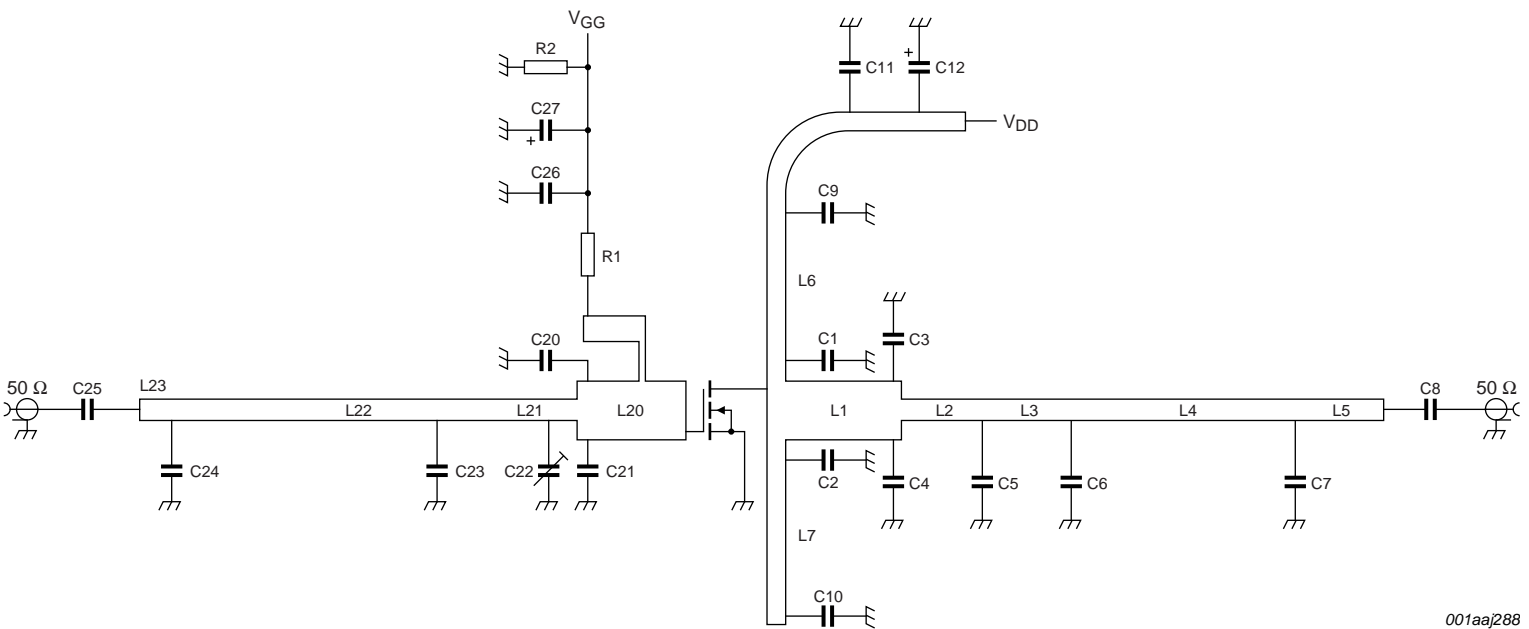
| Component | Description | Value | Remarks |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| C1, C2 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 5.1 pF | [1] |
| C3, C4 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 10 pF | [2] |
| C5 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 6.8 pF | [1] |
| C6 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 4.7 pF | [1] |
| C7 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 2.7 pF | [1] |
| C8, C9, C10, C25, C26 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 100 pF | [1] |
| C11, C27 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 10 μ F | TDK C570X7R1H106KT000N or capacitor of same quality. |
| C12 | electrolytic capacitor | 470 μ F; 63 V | |
| C20 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 10 pF | [3] |
| C21 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 8.2 pF | [3] |
| C22 | trimmer | 0.6 pF to 4.5 pF | Tekelec |
| C23 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 6.8 pF | [3] |
| C24 | multilayer ceramic chip capacitor | 3.9 pF | [3] |
| L1 | stripline | - | [4] (W \times L) 7 mm \times 15 mm |
| L2 | stripline | - | [4] (W \times L) 2.4 mm \times 9 mm |
| L3 | stripline | - | [4] (W \times L) 2.4 mm \times 10 mm |
| L4 | stripline | - | [4] (W \times L) 2.4 mm \times 25 mm |
| L5 | stripline | - | [4] (W \times L) 2.4 mm \times 10 mm |
| L6 | stripline | - | [4] (W \times L) 2.0 mm \times 20 mm |
| L7 | stripline | - | [4] (W \times L) 2.0 mm \times 21 mm |
| L20 | stripline | - | [4] (W \times L) 7 mm \times 12 mm |
| L21 | stripline | - | [4] (W \times L) 2.4 mm \times 13 mm |
| L22 | stripline | - | [4] (W \times L) 2.4 mm \times 31 mm |
| L23 | stripline | - | [4] (W \times L) 2.4 mm \times 5 mm |
| R1 | resistor | 100 Ω | |
| R2 | resistor | 10 k Ω | |

[1] American technical ceramics type 100B or capacitor of same quality.

[2] American technical ceramics type 180R or capacitor of same quality.

[3] American technical ceramics type 100A or capacitor of same quality.

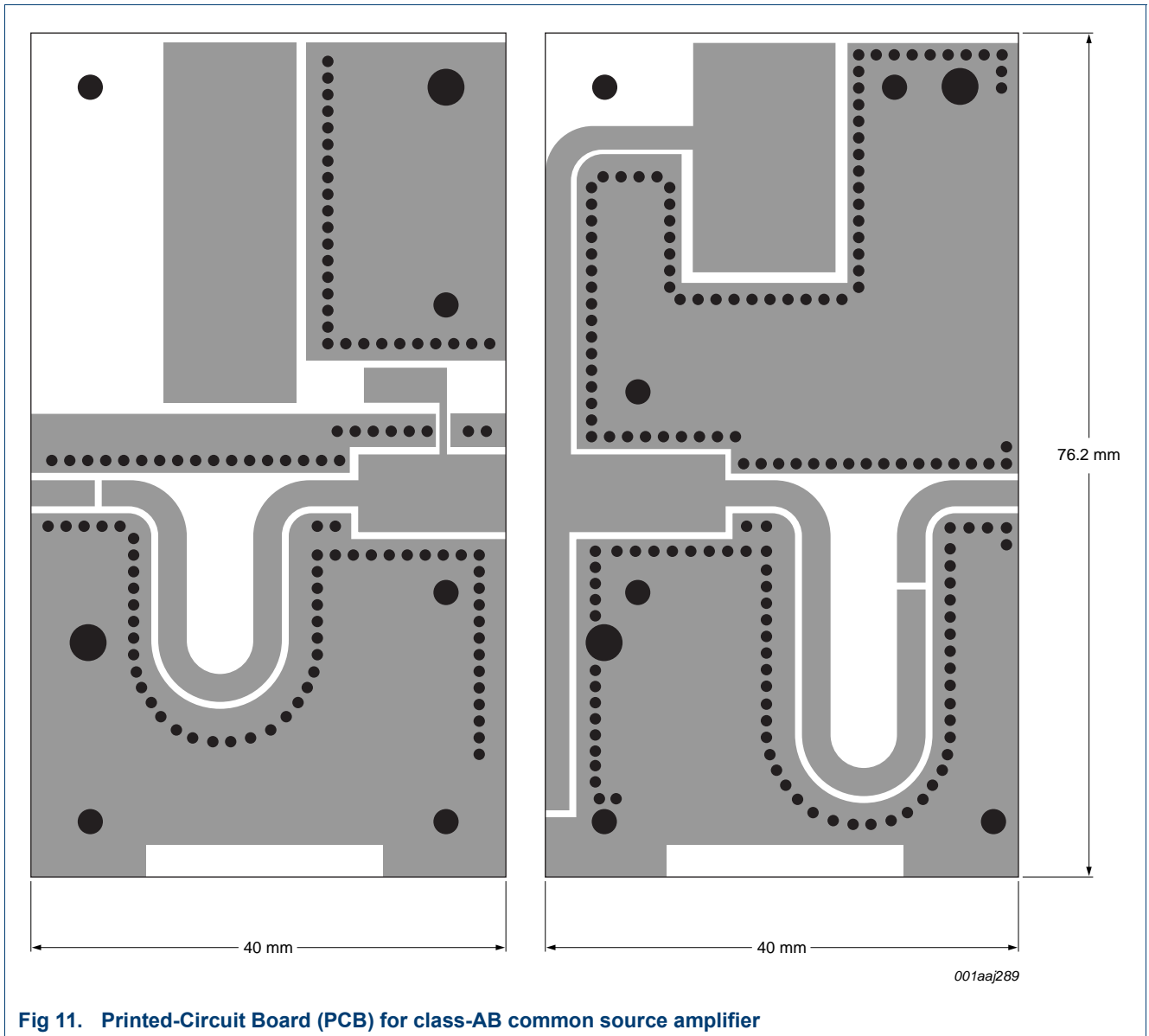
[4] Printed-Circuit Board (PCB): Rogers 5880; $\epsilon_r = 2.2$ F/m; height = 0.79 mm; Cu (top/bottom metallization); thickness copper plating = 35 μ m.

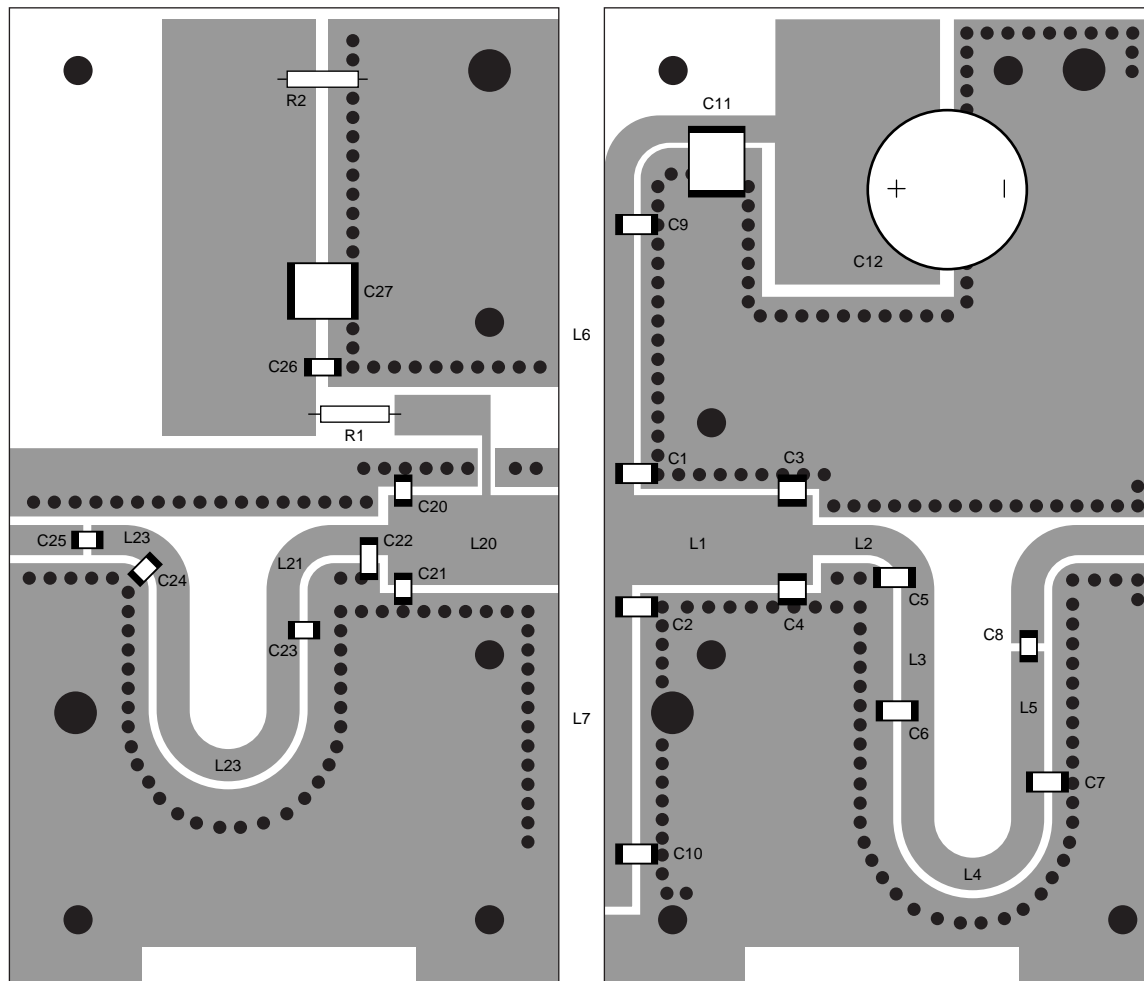


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See [Table 8](#) for a list of components.

Fig 10. Class-AB common-source broadband amplifier





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See [Table 8](#) for a list of components.

Fig 12. Component layout for class-AB common source amplifier

9. Package outline

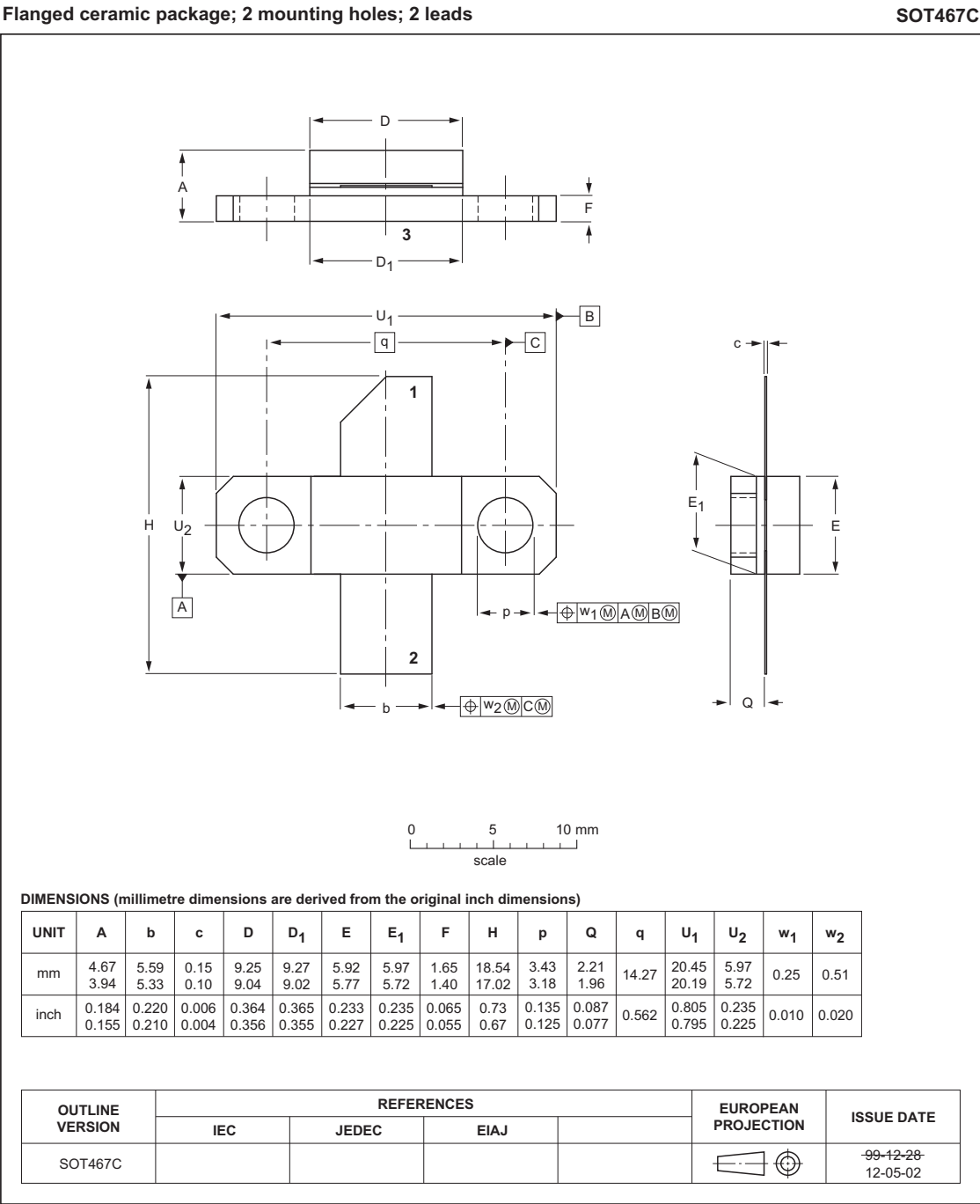


Fig 13. Package outline SOT467C

Earless ceramic package; 2 leads

SOT467B

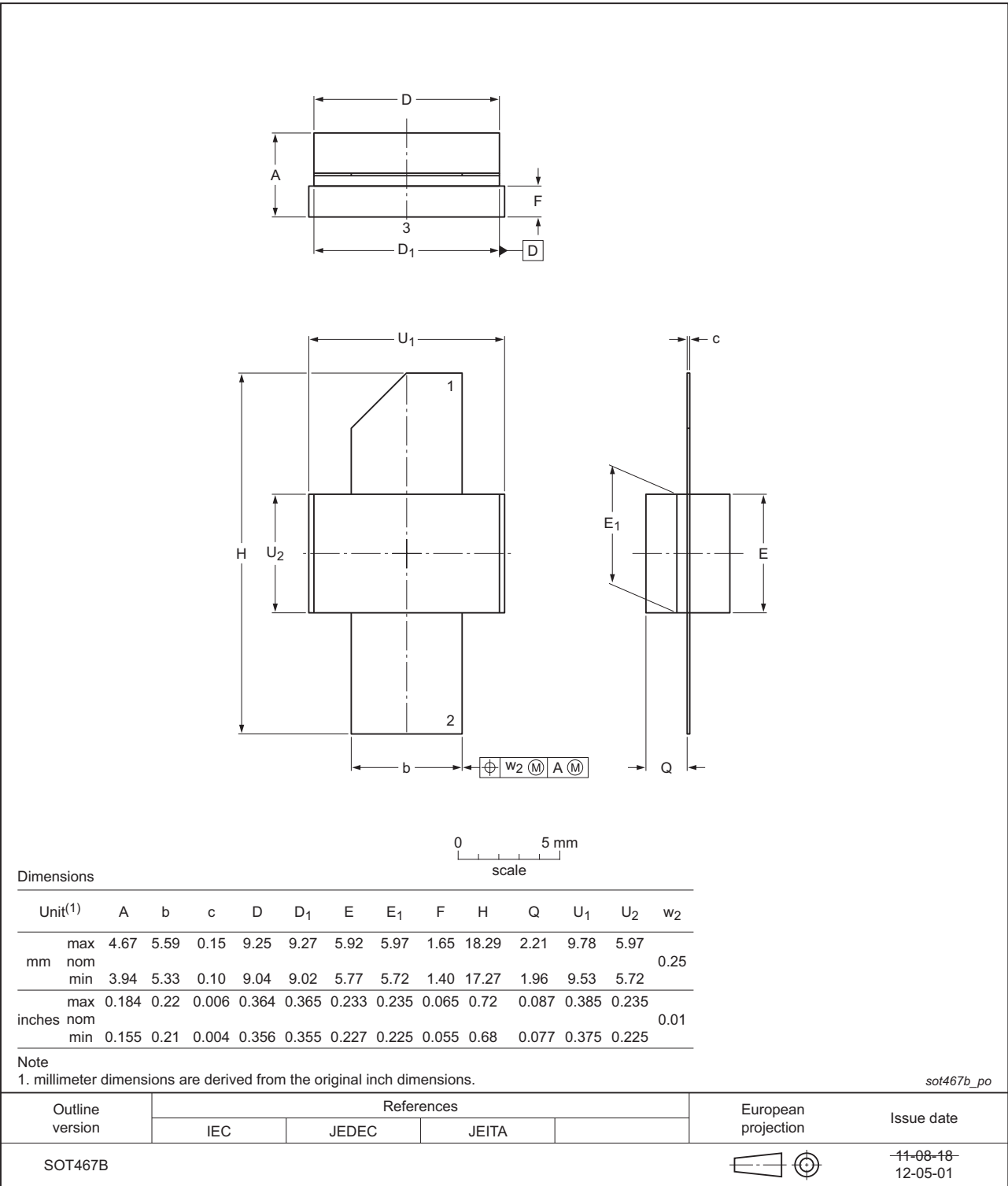


Fig 14. Package outline SOT467B

10. Abbreviations

Table 9. Abbreviations

| Acronym | Description |
|---------|---|
| CW | Continuous Wave |
| CCDF | Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function |
| DVB | Digital Video Broadcast |
| DVB-T | Digital Video Broadcast - Terrestrial |
| ESD | ElectroStatic Discharge |
| HF | High Frequency |
| IMD3 | Third order InterModulation Distortion |
| LDMOS | Laterally Diffused Metal-Oxide Semiconductor |
| LDMOST | Laterally Diffused Metal-Oxide Semiconductor Transistor |
| OFDM | Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing |
| PAR | Peak-to-Average power Ratio |
| PEP | Peak Envelope Power |
| RF | Radio Frequency |
| TTF | Time To Failure |
| UHF | Ultra High Frequency |
| VSWR | Voltage Standing-Wave Ratio |

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Table 10. Revision history

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