# **MRF157**



## Linear RF Power MOSFET 600W, to 80MHz

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Designed primarily for linear large signal output stages to 80 MHz.

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 Specified 50 volts, 30 MHz characteristics Output power = 600 watts Power gain = 21 dB (typ.) Efficiency = 45% (typ.)

#### **Product Image**



#### MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Drain–Source Voltage	V <sub>DSS</sub>	125	Vdc
Drain–Gate Voltage	V <sub>DGO</sub>	125	Vdc
Gate-Source Voltage	V <sub>GS</sub>	±40	Vdc
Drain Current — Continuous	ID	60	Adc
Total Device Dissipation @ T <sub>C</sub> = 25°C Derate above 25°C	PD	1350 7.7	Watts W/°C
Storage Temperature Range	T <sub>stg</sub>	-65 to +150	°C
Operating Junction Temperature	TJ	200	°C
THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS			

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Characteristic	Symbol	Мах	Unit
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case	R <sub>eJC</sub>	0.13	°C/W

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

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DFF CHARACTERISTICS					
Drain–Source Breakdown Voltage ( $V_{GS}$ = 0, $I_D$ = 100 mA)	V <sub>(BR)DSS</sub>	125	_	_	Vdc
Zero Gate Voltage Drain Current (V_DS = 50 V, V_GS = 0)	IDSS	_	_	20	mAdc
Gate–Body Leakage Current ( $V_{GS}$ = 20 V, $V_{DS}$ = 0)	I <sub>GSS</sub>	_	_	5.0	μAdc
ON CHARACTERISTICS					
Gate Threshold Voltage (V <sub>DS</sub> = 10 V, $I_D$ = 100 mA)	V <sub>GS(th)</sub>	1.0	3.0	5.0	Vdc
Drain–Source On–Voltage (V <sub>GS</sub> = 10 V, I <sub>D</sub> = 40 A)	V <sub>DS(on)</sub>	1.0	3.0	5.0	Vdc
Forward Transconductance (V <sub>DS</sub> = 10 V, I <sub>D</sub> = 20 A)	gfs	16	24	_	mhos
DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS			•		•
Input Capacitance ( $V_{DS}$ = 50 V, $V_{GS}$ = 0 V, f = 1.0 MHz)	C <sub>iss</sub>	_	1800	_	pF
Output Capacitance ( $V_{DS}$ = 50 V, $V_{GS}$ = 0, f = 1.0 MHz)	C <sub>oss</sub>	_	750	_	pF
Reverse Transfer Capacitance $(V_{DS} = 50 \text{ V}, V_{GS} = 0, f = 1.0 \text{ MHz})$	C <sub>rss</sub>	—	75	—	pF
FUNCTIONAL TESTS			•		
Common Source Amplifier Power Gain (V <sub>DD</sub> = 50 V, P <sub>out</sub> = 600 W, I <sub>DQ</sub> = 800 mA, f = 30 MHz)	G <sub>ps</sub>	15	21	_	dB
Drain Efficiency (V <sub>DD</sub> = 50 V, P <sub>out</sub> = 600 W, f = 30 MHz, I <sub>DQ</sub> = 800 mA)	h	40	45	—	%
Intermodulation Distortion $(V_{DD} = 50 \text{ V}, P_{out} = 600 \text{ W}(\text{PEP}), f1 = 30 \text{ MHz},$ $f2 = 30.001 \text{ MHz}, I_{DQ} = 800 \text{ mA})$	IMD <sub>(d3)</sub>	_	-25	_	dB

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All capacitors ATC type 100/200 chips or equivalent unless otherwise noted.





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Figure 10. Series Equivalent Impedance

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Unless otherwise noted, all resistors are 1/2 watt metal film type. All chip capacitors except C13 are ATC type 100/200B or Dielectric Laboratories type C17.

Figure 11. 2.0 to 50 MHz, 1.0 kW Wideband Amplifier

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#### **RF POWER MOSFET CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **MOSFET CAPACITANCES**

The physical structure of a MOSFET results in capacitors between the terminals. The metal oxide gate structure determines the capacitors from gate-to-drain (Cgd), and gate -to-source (Cqs). The PN junction formed during the fabrication of the RF MOSFET results in a junction capacitance from drain-to-source (Cds).

These capacitances are characterized as input (Ciss), output (Coss) and reverse transfer (Crss) capacitances on data sheets. The relationships between the inter-terminal capacitances and those given on data sheets are shown below. The

Ciss can be specified in two ways:

- Drain shorted to source and positive voltage at the 1. gate.
- 2. Positive voltage of the drain in respect to source and zero volts at the gate. In the latter case the numbers are lower. However, neither method represents the actual operating conditions in RF applications.



#### LINEARITY AND GAIN CHARACTERISTICS

In addition to the typical IMD and power gain data presented, Figure 5 may give the designer additional information on the capabilities of this device. The graph represents the small signal unity current gain frequency at a given drain current level. This is equivalent to fT for bipolar transistors. Since this test is performed at a fast sweep speed, heating of the device does not occur. Thus, in normal use, the higher temperatures may degrade these characteristics to some extent.

#### **DRAIN CHARACTERISTICS**

One figure of merit for a FET is its static resistance in the full-on condition. This on-resistance, VDS(on), occurs in the linear region of the output characteristic and is specified under specific test conditions for gate-source voltage and drain current. For MOSFETs, VDS(on) has a positive temperature coefficient and constitutes an important design consideration at high temperatures, because it contributes to the power dissipation within the device.

#### **GATE CHARACTERISTICS**

The gate of the RF MOSFET is a polysilicon material, and is electrically isolated from the source by a layer of oxide. The input resistance is very high — on the order of 109 ohms

- resulting in a leakage current of a few nanoamperes. Gate control is achieved by applying a positive voltage slightly in excess of the gate-to-source threshold voltage, VGS(th).

Gate Voltage Rating — Never exceed the gate voltage rating. Exceeding the rated VGS can result in permanent damage to the oxide layer in the gate region.

Gate Termination — The gates of these devices are essentially capacitors. Circuits that leave the gate opencircuited or floating should be avoided. These conditions can result in turn-on of the devices due to voltage build-up on the input capacitor due to leakage currents or pickup.

Gate Protection — These devices do not have an internal monolithic zener diode from gate-to-source. If gate protection is required, an external zener diode is recommended.

#### IMPEDANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Device input and output impedances are normally obtained by measuring their conjugates in an optimized narrow band test circuit. These test circuits are designed and constructed for a number of frequency points depending on the frequency coverage of characterization. For low frequencies the circuits consist of standard LC matching networks including variable capacitors for peak tuning. At increasing power levels the output impedance decreases, resulting in higher RF currents in the matching network. This makes the practicality of output impedance measurements in the manner described questionable at power levels higher than 200-300 W for devices operated at 50 V and 150-200 W for devices operated at 28 V. The physical sizes and values required for the components to withstand the RF currents increase to a point where physical construction of the output matching network gets difficult if not impossible. For this reason the output impedances are not given for high power devices such as the MRF154 and MRF157.

However, formulas like  $\frac{(V_{DS} - V_{sat})^2}{2P_{out}}$  for a single ended

design  $\frac{2((V_{DS} - V_{sat})^2)}{2}$  or for a push-pull design can be Pout

used to obtain reasonably close approximations to actual values.

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#### MOUNTING OF HIGH POWER RF POWER TRANSISTORS

The package of this device is designed for conduction cooling. It is extremely important to minimize the thermal resistance between the device flange and the heat dissipator.

Since the device mounting flange is made of soft copper, itmay be deformed during various stages of handling or during transportation. It is recommended that the user makes a final inspection on this before the device installation.  $\pm 0.0005$ , is considered sufficient for the flange bottom.

The same applies to the heat dissipator in the device mounting area. If copper heat sink is not used, a copper head spreader is strongly recommended between the device mounting surfaces and the main heat sink. It should be at least 1/4, thick and extend at least one inch from the flange edges. A thin layer of thermal compound in all interfaces is, of course, essential. The recommended torque on the 4–40 mounting screws should be in the area of 4–5 lbs. –inch, and spring type lock washers along with flat washers are recommended.

For die temperature calculations, the  $\Delta$  temperature from a corner mounting screw area to the bottom center of the flange is approximately 5°C and 10°C under normal operating conditions (dissipation 150 W and 300 W respectively).

The main heat dissipater must be sufficiently large and have low  $R\theta$  for moderate air velocity, unless liquid cooling is employed.

#### **CIRCUIT CONSIDERATIONS**

At high power levels (500 W and up), the circuit layout becomes critical due to the low impedance levels and high RF currents associated with the output matching. Some of the components, such as capacitors and inductors must also withstand these currents. The component losses are directly proportional to the operating frequency. The manufacturers

specifications on capacitor ratings should be consulted on these aspects prior to design.

Push–pull circuits are less critical in general, since the ground referenced RF loops are practically eliminated, and the impedance levels are higher for a given power output. High power broadband transformers are also easier to design than comparable LC matching networks.

#### EQUIVALENT TRANSISTOR PARAMETER TERMINOLOGY

Collector	Source
Emitter	Gate
Base	V(BR)DSS
V(BR)CES	VDGO
VCBO	ID
IC	IDSS
ICES	IGSS
IEBO	VGS(th)
VBE(on)	VDS(on)
VCE(sat)	C <sub>iss</sub>
Cob	C <sub>oss</sub>
h <sub>fe</sub> R <sub>CE(sat)</sub> = $\frac{V_{CE(sat)}}{I_C}$	VDS(on)

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