

GaN on SiC HEMT Pulsed Power Transistor 125 W Peak, 960-1215 MHz, 128 μ s Pulse, 10% Duty

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Features

- GaN on SiC Depletion-Mode Transistor Technology
- Internally Matched
- Common-Source Configuration
- Broadband Class AB Operation
- RoHS* Compliant and 260 °C Reflow Compatible
- +50 V Typical Operation
- MTTF = 600 years ($T_J < 200$ °C)



Applications

- Civilian Air Traffic Control (ATC), L-Band
Secondary Radar for IFF and Mode-S Avionics.
- Military radar for IFF and Data Links.

Description

The MAGX-000912-500L00 is a gold metalized matched Gallium Nitride (GaN) on Silicon Carbide RF power transistor optimized for civilian and military pulsed avionics amplifier applications for the 960 MHz to 1215 MHz range such as Mode-S, TCAS, JTIDS, DME and TACAN. Using state of the art wafer fabrication processes, these high performance transistors provide high gain, efficiency, bandwidth, ruggedness over a wide bandwidth for today's demanding application needs. High breakdown voltages allow for reliable and stable operation in extreme mismatched load conditions unparalleled with older semiconductor technologies.

Ordering Information

Part Number	Description
MAGX-000912-125L00	125W GaN Power Transistor
MAGX-000912-SB0PPR	Evaluation Test Fixture

Typical RF Performance under Standard Operating Conditions, $P_{OUT} = 125$ W (Peak)

Freq (MHz)	P_{IN} (W)	Gain (dB)	I_D (A)	Eff. (%)	R_L (dB)	Droop (dB)	VSWR-S (5:1)	VSWR-T (10:1)
960	1.4	19.7	3.9	64.4	-6.1	0.3	S	P
1030	1.3	19.8	4.0	61.6	-11.9	0.3	S	P
1090	1.6	18.9	4.1	60.4	-9.6	0.3	S	P
1150	1.7	18.6	4.1	61.4	-9.3	0.3	S	P
1215	1.6	18.9	4.0	61.9	-12.0	0.3	S	P

* Restrictions on Hazardous Substances, European Union Directive 2002/95/EC.

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Electrical Specifications: Freq. = 960 - 1215 MHz, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
RF Functional Tests						
Peak Input Power	$V_{DD} = 50\text{ V}$, $I_{DQ} = 100\text{ mA}$, Pulse Width = 128 μ s, Duty Cycle = 10%, $P_{OUT} = 125\text{ W Peak (12.5 W avg.)}$	P_{IN}	-	1.2	2.2	W
Power Gain		G_P	17.5	19.2	-	dB
Drain Efficiency		η_D	57	62	-	%
Load Mismatch Stability		VSWR-S	-	5:1	-	-
Load Mismatch Tolerance		VSWR-T	-	10:1	-	-

Electrical Characteristics: $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
DC Characteristics						
Drain-Source Leakage Current	$V_{GS} = -8\text{ V}$, $V_{DS} = 175\text{ V}$	I_{DS}	-	0.2	6	mA
Gate Threshold Voltage	$V_{DS} = 5\text{ V}$, $I_D = 15\text{ mA}$	$V_{GS(TH)}$	-5	-3.8	-2	V
Forward Transconductance	$V_{DS} = 5\text{ V}$, $I_D = 3.5\text{ mA}$	G_M	2.5	3.6	-	S
Dynamic Characteristics						
Input Capacitance	Not applicable - Input matched	C_{ISS}	N/A	N/A	N/A	pF
Output Capacitance	$V_{DS} = 50\text{ V}$, $V_{GS} = -8\text{ V}$, Freq. = 1 MHz	C_{OSS}	-	11	-	pF
Reverse Transfer Capacitance		C_{RSS}	-	1.1	-	pF

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Absolute Maximum Ratings^{1,2,3}

Parameter	Limit
Drain Voltage (V_{DD})	+65 V
Gate Voltage (V_{GG})	-8 to -2 V
Drain Current (I_{DD})	9.5 A
Input Power ⁴ (P_{IN})	P_{IN} (nominal) + 3 dB
Operating Junction Temperature ⁵	250 °C
Peak Pulsed Power Dissipation at 85 °C	350 W
Operating Temperature Range	-40 to +95 °C
Storage Temperature Range	-65 to +150 °C
ESD Maximum - Machine Model (MM)	50 V
ESD Maximum - Human Body Model (HBM)	250 V

- Exceeding any one or combination of these limits may cause permanent damage to this device.
- MACOM does not recommend sustained operation near these survivability limits.
- For saturated performance it is recommended that the sum of $(3 * V_{DD} + |V_{GG}|) < 175$ V.
- Input Power Limit is +3 dB over nominal drive required to achieve $P_{OUT} = 125$ W.
- Operating junction temperature is measured with infrared (IR) microscope. Junction temperature directly affects a device's MTTF and should be kept as low as possible to maximize lifetime.
 - MTTF = 5.3×10^6 hours ($T_J < 200$ °C)
 - MTTF = 6.8×10^4 hours ($T_J < 250$ °C)

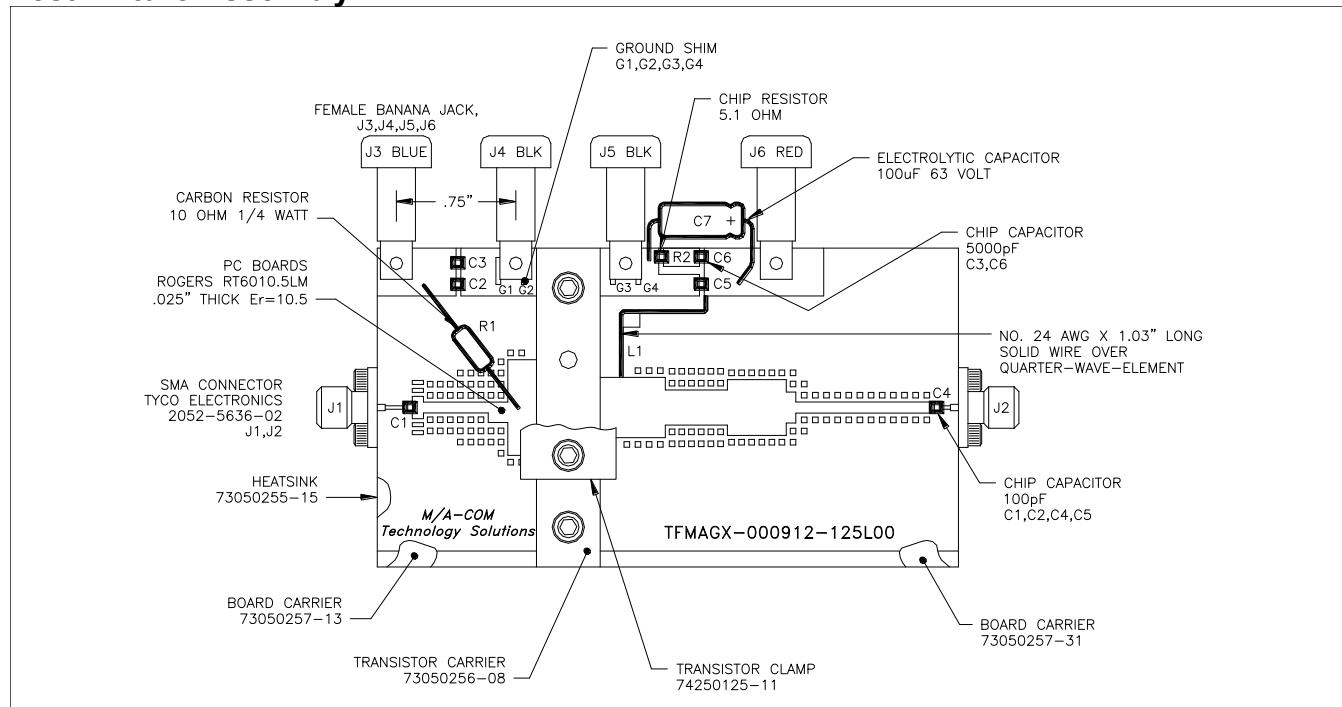
Thermal Characteristics

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Typical	Units
Thermal Resistance	$T_C = 70$ °C, $V_{DD} = 50$ V, $I_{DQ} = 100$ mA, $P_{OUT} = 125$ W, Pulse Width = 128 μ s, Duty Cycle = 10%	Θ_{JC}	0.5	°C/W

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Test Fixture Assembly



Contact MACOM for additional circuit information.

Test Fixture Impedances

Freq. (MHz)	Z_{IF} (Ω)	Z_{OF} (Ω)
960	3.9 - j7.5	7.6 + j2.6
1030	3.7 - j6.6	8.3 + j1.5
1090	3.6 - j5.6	8.2 + j0.8
1150	4.7 - j6.0	8.0 + j0.6
1215	4.1 - j5.5	8.2 + j0.9

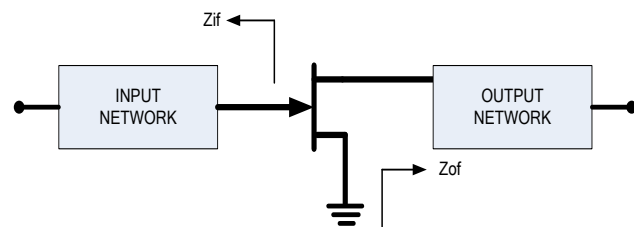
Correct Device Sequencing

Turning the device ON

1. Set V_{GS} to the pinch-off (V_P), typically -5 V.
2. Turn on V_{DS} to nominal voltage (50 V).
3. Increase V_{GS} until the I_{DS} current is reached.
4. Apply RF power to desired level.

Turning the device OFF

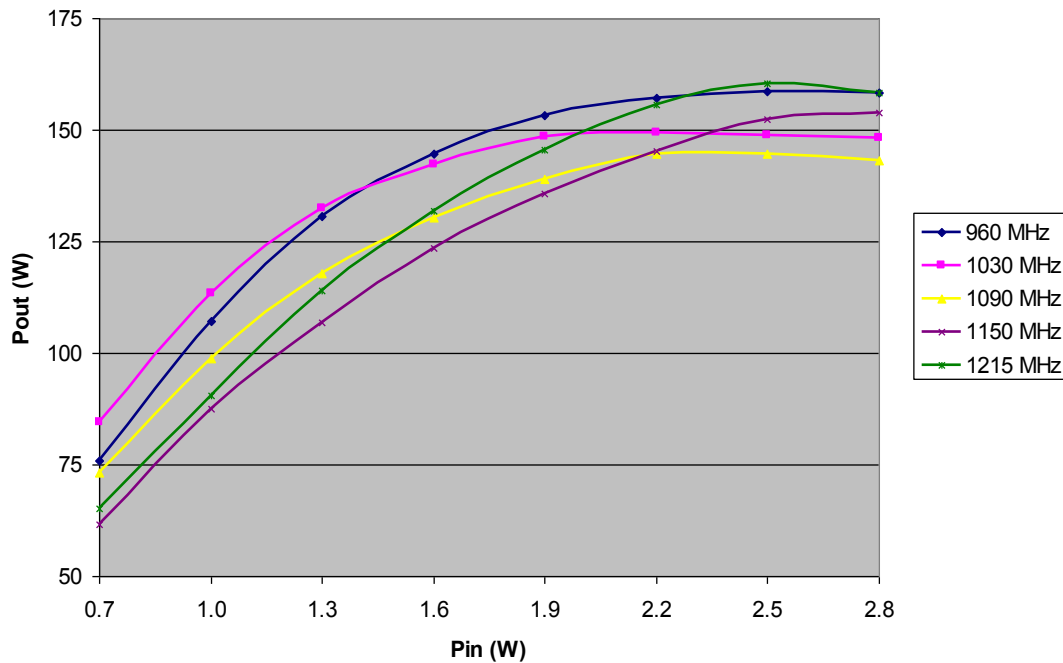
1. Turn the RF power off.
2. Decrease V_{GS} down to V_P .
3. Decrease V_{DS} down to 0 V.
4. Turn off V_{GS} .



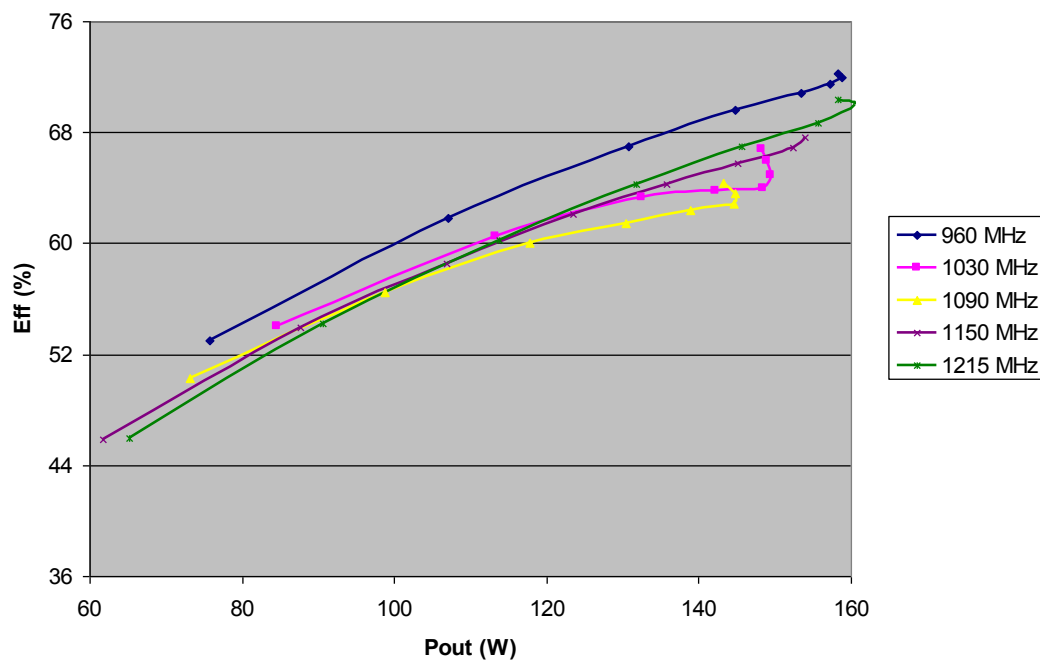
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RF Power Transfer Curve (Output Power Vs. Input Power)



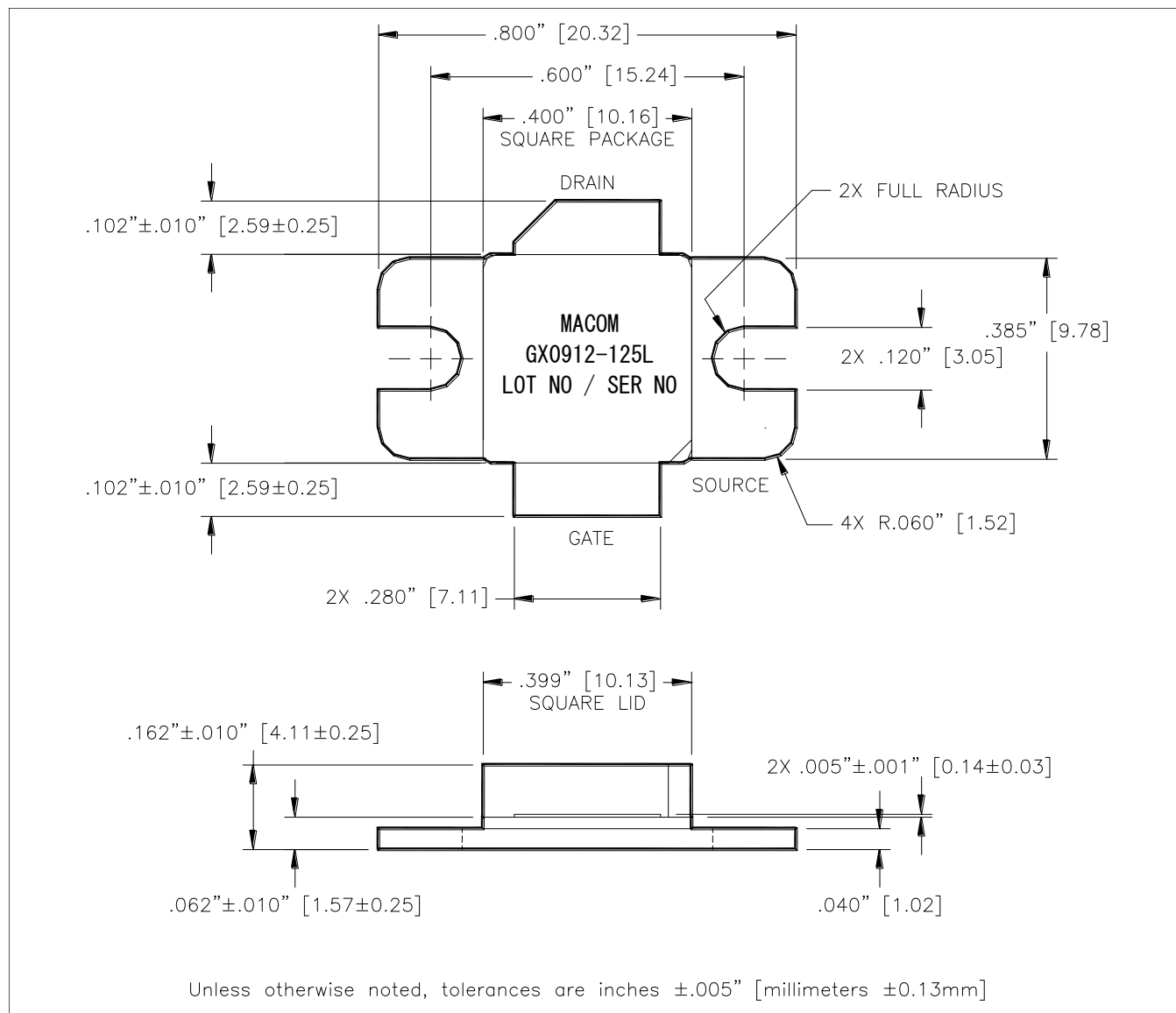
RF Power Transfer Curve (Drain Efficiency Vs. Output Power)



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Outline Drawing†



† Reference Application Note AN3025 for mounting/soldering recommendations.
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