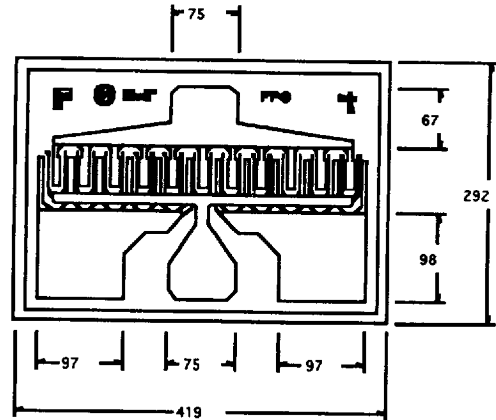
MICROWAVE TECHNOLOGY

MwT-A9

18 GHz High Gain, Low Noise GaAs FET



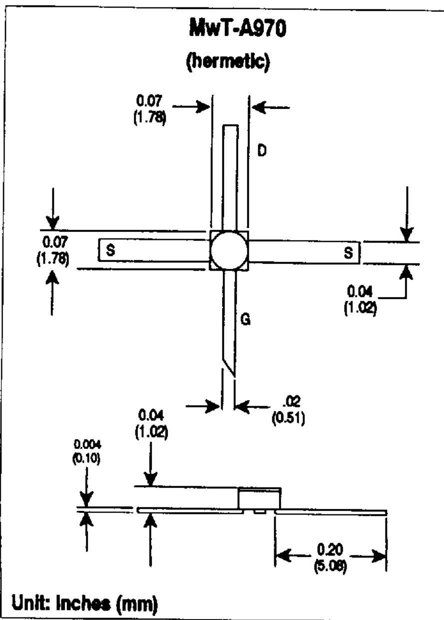
- +24.5 dBm OUTPUT POWER AT 12 GHz
- 9 dB SMALL SIGNAL GAIN AT 12 GHz
- 1.6 dB NOISE FIGURE AT 12 GHz
- 0.3 MICRON REFRACTORY METAL/GOLD GATE
- 750 MICRON GATE WIDTH
- CHOICE OF CHIP AND THREE PACKAGE TYPES

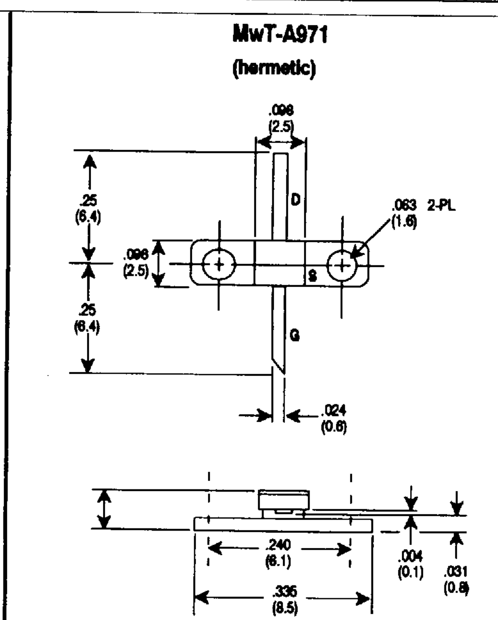
DESCRIPTION

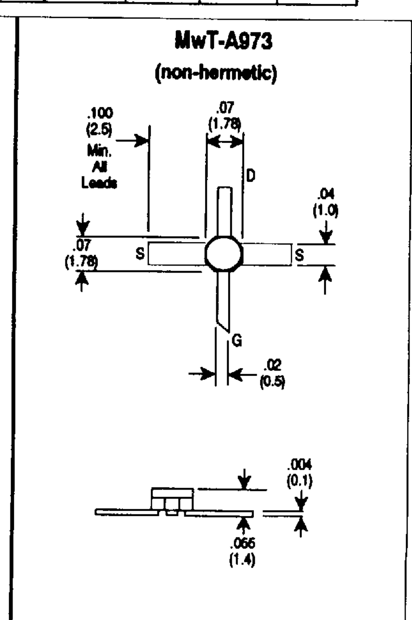
The MwT-A9 is a GaAs MESFET device whose nominal quarter-micron gate length and 750 micron gate width make it ideally suited to applications requiring high-gain in the 500 MHz to 18 GHz frequency range with moderate power output while exhibiting low noise figure. The chip is produced using MwT's reliable metal system and all devices are screened to insure reliability. All chips are passivated using MwT's patented "Diamond-Like Carbon" process for durability with no degradation in performance. Designers can use MwT's unique BIN selection feature to choose devices from narrow Idss ranges, insuring consistent circuit operation.

RF SPECIFICATIONS AT Ta = 25°C

				MwT-A9 SN MwT-A970 SN MwT-A970 SN MwT-A973 SN			MwT-A9 LN MwT-A970 LN MwT-A971 LN MwT-A973 LN		
SYMBOL	PARAMETERS AND CONDITIONS	FREQ	UNITS	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX
NFopt	Optimum Noise Figure VDS=3.0 V IDS=30mA	12GHZ	dB		2.0	2.4		1.8	2.1
GA	Gain at Optimum Noise Figure VDS=3.0 V IDS=30mA	12GHZ	dB	6.0	6.5		6.0	6.5	
P1dB	Output Power at 1dB Compression VDS=5.0 V IDS=0.6 IDSS= 120 mA	12GHZ	dBm	21.0	23.0		23.0	24.5	
SSG	Small Signal Gain VDS=5.0 V IDS=0.6 IDSS= 120 mA	12GHZ	dB	8.5	9.0		8.5	9.0	
Idss	Recommended IDSS Range for Optimum P1dB		mA		102-258			102-210	







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DC SPECIFICATIONS AT Ta = 25 °C

SYMBOL	PARAMETERS AND CONDITIONS	UNITS	MIN	TYP	MAX
Idss	Saturated Drain Current Vds=4.0 V VGS=0.0 V	mA	78		282
Gm	Transconductance Vds=2.0 V VGS=0.0 V	mS	95	120	
Vp	Pinch-off Voltage Vds=3.0 V IDS=5.0 mA	V		-2.0	-5.0
BVGSO	Gate-to-Source Breakdown Voltage Igs=-1.0 mA	V	-5.0	-10.0	
BVGDO	Gate-to-Drain Breakdown Voltage Igd=-1.0 mA	V	-6.0	-10.0	
Rth	Thermal Resistance* MwT-A9 Chip,A971 MwT-A970,A973	°C/W		70 175*	

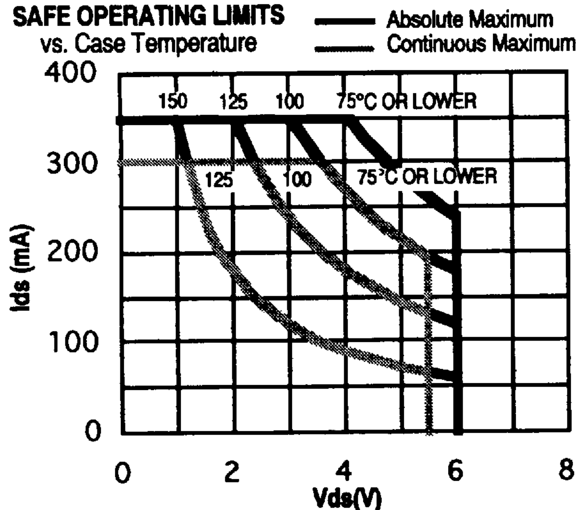
* Overall Rth depends on case mounting

MAXIMUM RATINGS AT Ta = 25 ° C

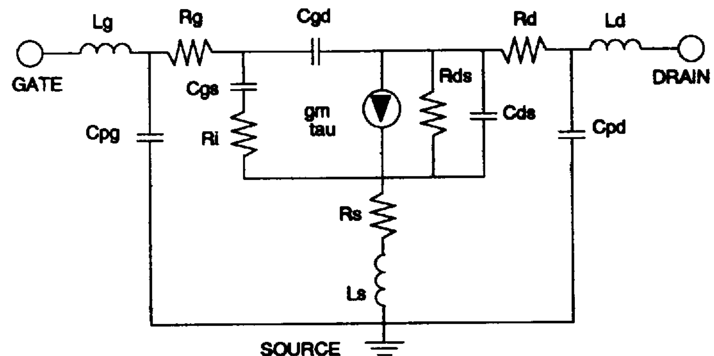
SYMBOL	PARAMETER	UNITS	CONT MAX[1]	ABSOLUTE MAX[2]
VDS	Drain to Source Voltage	V	See Safe Operating Limits	
Tch	Channel Temperature	°C	+150	+175
Tst	Storage Temperature	°C	-65 to +150	+175
Pin	RF Input Power	mW	240	360

NOTES: 1. Exceeding any one of these limits in continuous operation may reduce the mean-time-to-failure below the design goals.
2. Exceeding any one of these limits may cause permanent damage.

SAFE OPERATING LIMITS vs. Case Temperature



DEVICE EQUIVALENT CIRCUIT MODEL



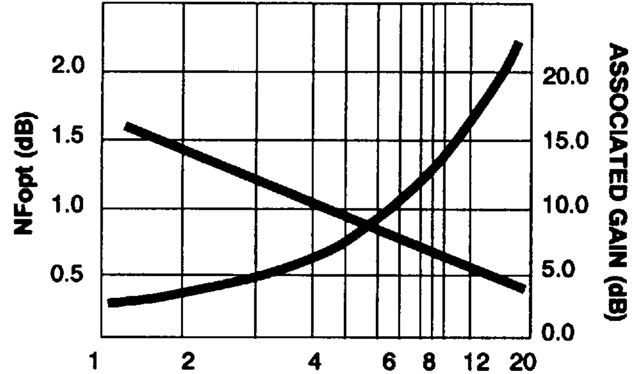
PARAMETER		VALUE
Gate Bond Wire Inductance	Lg	.10 nH
Gate Pad Capacitance	Cpg	.03 pF
Gate Resistance	Rg	.5 Ω
Gate-Source Capacitance	Cgs	.78 pF
Channel Resistance	Ri	.8 Ω
Gate-Drain Capacitance	Cgd	.10 pF
Transconductance	gm	120 mS
Transit time	tau	1.0 psec

PARAMETER		VALUE
Source Resistance	Rs	.8 Ω
Source Inductance	Ls	.04 nH
Drain-Source Resistance	Rds	100 Ω
Drain-Source Capacitance	Cds	.08 pF
Drain Resistance	Rd	1.0 Ω
Drain Pad Capacitance	Cpd	.10 pF
Drain Inductance	Ld	.28 nH

TYPICAL NOISE PARAMETERS

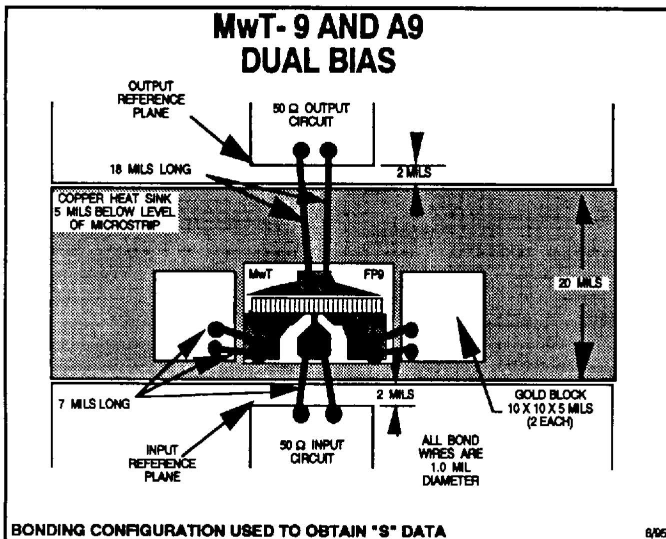
MwT-A9LN Chip: VDS = 3.0 V, IDS = 35 mA

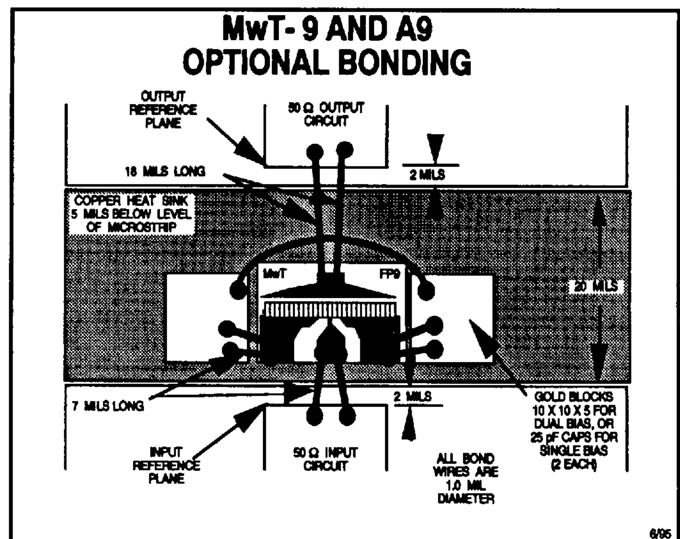
FREQUENCY GHz	NF MIN dB	GAMMA OPT MAG	GAMMA OPT ANGLE	Rn/50
1.00	0.30	0.85	4.5	0.19
2.00	0.33	0.69	36.8	0.18
4.00	0.62	0.56	73.4	0.19
6.00	0.93	0.52	106.3	0.19
10.00	1.48	0.57	152.0	0.17
12.00	1.73	0.61	167.3	0.17
16.00	2.19	0.68	-169.8	0.16
18.00	2.40	0.71	-160.8	0.15



RECOMMENDED ASSEMBLY CONFIGURATION

Shown below is the assembly and bonding configuration used for S-Parameter measurements of the MwT-A9 chip. This configuration is recommended for optimum performance. For single-bias applications the gold blocks may be replaced by capacitors. An additional interconnecting bond would then be required. Contact MwT for additional applications information.





BIN SELECTION

Every MwT-A9 wafer has been probed for Idss and the data stored on computer disk. Customers may select from Idss values in any of 18 current bins, as shown below, to insure consistent performance in their circuit. The shaded bins are typically available in smaller quantity and caution is advised before designing these bins into high production applications. MwT's "Smart Wafer Picker" reads the stored Idss Data from the disk and devices from customer selected bins are quickly and automatically picked from the wafer and loaded into shipping containers.

BIN#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
IDSS (mA)	78-90	90-102	102-114	114-126	126-138	138-150	150-162	162-174	174-186	186-198	198-210	210-222	222-234	234-246	246-258	258-270	270-282	282-294

BIN ACCURACY

Due to the effects of temperature, dc loading and probe tip varnishing, the IDSS from the "on wafer" probing of any MwT device may differ after it has been attached to a proper heat sink and tested in an RF or DC circuit.

Because of the aforementioned effects, the IDSS distribution may deviate as much as +/- 1 bin within the range identified on the label of each die shipping container, and +/- 2 bins within the selected range.

TYPICAL COMMON SOURCE SCATTERING PARAMETERS

MwT-A9 CHIP BIASED FOR LOW NOISE FIGURE: VDS = 3.0 V, IDS = 30 mA

FREQUENCY (GHz)	S11 MAG	S11 ANG	S21 MAG	S21 ANG	S12 MAG	S12 ANG	S22 MAG	S22 ANG
1.00	.95	-40.1	6.19	152.4	.04	66.4	.30	-33.5
2.00	.90	-72.0	5.27	132.3	.08	50.7	.27	-63.4
3.00	.86	-97.5	4.41	115.0	.09	38.6	.25	-87.9
4.00	.83	-116.1	3.66	102.0	.10	29.6	.23	-108.0
5.00	.82	-130.5	3.12	91.2	.11	23.8	.23	-124.6
6.00	.82	-141.4	2.72	81.8	.11	18.5	.23	-137.3
7.00	.81	-150.5	2.39	73.4	.11	14.4	.23	-148.3
8.00	.81	-157.8	2.12	66.0	.11	11.1	.24	-158.1
9.00	.81	-163.3	1.92	59.6	.11	7.7	.25	-166.7
10.00	.83	-170.3	1.77	52.6	.11	4.8	.27	-174.8
12.00	.82	-179.4	1.48	40.3	.10	2.7	.30	173.2
14.00	.82	174.2	1.28	29.3	.10	2.8	.33	164.2
16.00	.84	169.2	1.14	19.4	.10	-1.4	.38	156.7
18.00	.86	163.4	1.02	8.2	.10	-3.9	.43	149.4
20.00	.86	157.4	.91	-2.3	.10	-5.2	.48	142.7
22.00	.83	155.4	.81	-9.6	.10	-8.7	.52	138.3
24.00	.83	153.6	.74	-18.2	.10	-11.2	.56	135.1
26.00	.82	148.7	.69	-30.1	.10	-11.0	.64	136.6

MwT-A9 CHIP BIASED FOR GAIN & POWER: VDS = 5.0 V, IDS =0.6 IDSS =120 mA

FREQUENCY (GHz)	S11 MAG	S11 ANG	S21 MAG	S21 ANG	S12 MAG	S12 ANG	S22 MAG	S22 ANG
1.00	.94	-45.4	7.85	149.6	.03	64.6	.39	-25.6
2.00	.89	-79.7	6.47	128.5	.06	49.1	.33	-46.1
3.00	.86	-105.6	5.26	111.1	.07	37.9	.28	-62.0
4.00	.83	-123.7	4.30	98.4	.07	30.3	.24	-74.6
5.00	.82	-137.1	3.63	87.9	.07	26.7	.21	-85.9
6.00	.82	-147.4	3.15	78.8	.08	22.9	.20	-95.9
7.00	.82	-155.7	2.75	70.6	.08	20.2	.19	-105.9
8.00	.82	-162.3	2.44	63.3	.08	18.4	.19	-116.2
9.00	.83	-167.5	2.20	56.8	.08	16.6	.19	-127.0
10.00	.85	-173.8	2.02	50.0	.07	14.9	.20	-137.3
12.00	.84	177.7	1.70	37.5	.07	18.1	.23	-153.4
14.00	.84	171.8	1.47	26.0	.08	21.3	.27	-167.1
16.00	.87	167.2	1.31	15.3	.08	18.4	.33	-179.1
18.00	.89	161.4	1.17	3.3	.08	17.9	.38	170.4
20.00	.88	155.4	1.03	-7.7	.08	18.6	.45	160.5
22.00	.86	153.5	.92	-15.8	.09	15.2	.52	154.3
24.00	.86	151.6	.82	-25.7	.09	10.5	.55	148.1
26.00	.85	146.6	.76	-38.0	.09	10.0	.64	148.0

TYPICAL COMMON SOURCE SCATTERING PARAMETERS

MwT-A970 BIASED FOR LOW NOISE FIGURE: VDS = 3.0 V, IDS = 30 mA

FREQUENCY (GHz)	S11 MAG	S11 ANG	S21 MAG	S21 ANG	S12 MAG	S12 ANG	S22 MAG	S22 ANG
1.00	.94	-40.8	4.29	148.5	.04	69.2	.23	-39.7
2.00	.85	-72.3	3.60	123.9	.06	53.9	.24	-61.6
3.00	.77	-95.4	3.06	105.0	.08	46.5	.23	-69.7
4.00	.69	-117.2	2.71	87.7	.09	38.2	.19	-76.5
5.00	.63	-138.6	2.48	72.8	.10	32.5	.14	-82.3
6.00	.66	-164.6	2.37	55.0	.18	26.5	.11	-121.2
8.00	.72	143.2	1.90	19.1	.13	-3.0	.23	147.7
10.00	.77	111.8	1.49	-12.2	.13	-21.9	.31	135.9
12.00	.86	88.3	1.34	-39.3	.12	-37.0	.34	121.0
14.00	.81	65.6	1.24	-71.8	.15	-58.7	.37	98.7
16.00	.64	33.5	1.02	-107.0	.15	-84.5	.34	77.5
18.00	.52	5.9	.90	-128.0	.18	-86.9	.29	79.8
20.00	.41	-23.1	.96	-166.6	.26	-137.4	.25	69.8

MwT-A970 BIASED FOR GAIN & POWER: VDS = 5.0 V, IDS = 0.6 IDSS = 120 mA

FREQUENCY (GHz)	S11 MAG	S11 ANG	S21 MAG	S21 ANG	S12 MAG	S12 ANG	S22 MAG	S22 ANG
1.00	.91	-48.0	6.59	143.4	.03	65.8	.39	-30.6
2.00	.79	-82.8	5.18	117.0	.05	51.9	.37	-48.4
3.00	.70	-106.9	4.18	98.0	.06	48.3	.36	-55.6
4.00	.62	-129.7	3.58	81.2	.07	42.6	.32	-60.4
5.00	.57	-151.5	3.20	67.1	.07	42.2	.28	-62.1
6.00	.61	-176.4	3.04	49.8	.09	41.5	.25	-80.4
8.00	.70	134.5	2.41	14.7	.11	12.3	.20	-161.0
10.00	.76	106.6	1.88	-17.2	.11	-6.2	.32	170.1
12.00	.85	83.8	1.66	-44.0	.11	-14.4	.39	150.5
14.00	.79	61.1	1.50	-76.9	.14	-38.6	.46	123.8
16.00	.62	27.8	1.23	-113.7	.15	-66.0	.47	96.5
18.00	.50	-0.8	.99	-135.1	.18	-69.8	.45	89.8
20.00	.38	-31.3	1.05	-171.5	.25	-120.9	.44	71.6

MwT-A971 BIASED FOR LOW NOISE: VDS = 3.0 V, IDS = 30 mA

FREQUENCY (GHz)	S11 MAG	S11 ANG	S21 MAG	S21 ANG	S12 MAG	S12 ANG	S22 MAG	S22 ANG
1.00	.94	-51.9	5.80	142.6	.04	57.8	.32	-47.0
2.00	.86	-88.1	4.49	115.6	.06	35.9	.29	-81.0
3.00	.81	-110.9	3.54	96.8	.08	22.3	.29	-102.1
4.00	.78	-126.7	2.96	81.6	.08	11.5	.31	-114.8
5.00	.76	-139.5	2.61	68.0	.09	2.5	.33	-122.8
6.00	.74	-153.1	2.42	53.6	.10	-7.1	.34	-131.0
8.00	.72	171.0	2.24	21.4	.12	-32.1	.27	-156.2
10.00	.76	131.4	2.00	-12.4	.12	-53.8	.19	155.3
12.00	.82	104.1	1.76	-43.5	.14	-73.2	.26	121.6
14.00	.79	84.8	1.60	-72.4	.15	-92.2	.29	113.6
16.00	.66	54.2	1.47	-110.0	.18	-114.8	.17	103.8
18.00	.60	11.1	1.28	-147.4	.20	-130.4	.11	89.3
20.00	.59	-28.3	1.09	170.6	.30	-168.1	.14	144.1

TYPICAL COMMON SOURCE SCATTERING PARAMETERS

MwT-A971 BIASED FOR GAIN & POWER: VDS = 5.0 V, IDS = 0.6 IDSS = 120 mA

FREQUENCY (GHz)	S11 MAG	S11 ANG	S21 MAG	S21 ANG	S12 MAG	S12 ANG	S22 MAG	S22 ANG
1.00	.93	-58.2	7.30	141.9	.03	55.3	.36	-36.0
2.00	.85	-96.3	5.52	112.9	.05	34.3	.33	-65.8
3.00	.80	-119.2	4.26	93.5	.05	22.4	.32	-85.5
4.00	.77	-135.0	3.51	78.1	.06	12.5	.34	-98.6
5.00	.75	-147.8	3.07	64.2	.06	5.8	.37	-107.4
6.00	.74	-161.7	2.82	49.6	.06	-2.1	.39	-115.8
8.00	.73	161.9	2.56	17.1	.08	-23.3	.34	-136.2
10.00	.78	123.9	2.25	-16.2	.08	-41.0	.26	-172.2
12.00	.84	97.9	1.98	-46.9	.10	-57.8	.32	147.6
14.00	.79	77.9	1.74	-76.1	.11	-75.3	.39	130.8
16.00	.65	46.6	1.58	-112.6	.15	-96.9	.31	113.8
18.00	.59	4.8	1.33	-148.2	.18	-112.8	.26	83.6
20.00	.58	-30.4	1.19	171.2	.29	-152.5	.18	83.4

MwT-A973 BIASED FOR LOW NOISE FIGURE: VDS = 3.0 V, IDS = 30 mA

FREQUENCY (GHz)	S11 MAG	S11 ANG	S21 MAG	S21 ANG	S12 MAG	S12 ANG	S22 MAG	S22 ANG
1.00	.94	-40.5	4.55	149.1	.04	69.7	.23	-35.9
2.00	.85	-72.6	3.86	124.5	.07	54.6	.22	-60.9
3.00	.75	-97.0	3.29	105.2	.09	46.4	.20	-75.3
4.00	.66	-121.3	2.92	87.4	.10	37.4	.18	-89.1
5.00	.60	-146.7	2.65	71.5	.11	30.6	.15	-101.5
6.00	.62	-176.4	2.47	53.5	.13	22.5	.14	-133.1
8.00	.75	133.0	1.90	18.4	.14	-3.6	.20	139.4
10.00	.83	106.4	1.43	-9.7	.14	-19.5	.30	110.4
12.00	.92	86.8	1.23	-33.6	.13	-29.9	.39	98.1
14.00	.86	65.5	1.14	-60.1	.16	-45.8	.43	88.1
16.00	.73	36.9	.91	-89.7	.15	-62.7	.39	66.6
18.00	.67	13.7	.78	-101.5	.18	-57.6	.34	45.8
20.00	.62	-6.3	.80	-129.9	.21	-91.6	.36	29.5

MwT-A973 BIASED FOR GAIN & POWER: VDS = 5.0 V, IDS = 120 mA

FREQUENCY (GHz)	S11 MAG	S11 ANG	S21 MAG	S21 ANG	S12 MAG	S12 ANG	S22 MAG	S22 ANG
1.00	.91	-47.7	6.79	144.2	.03	66.1	.38	-27.6
2.00	.79	-83.4	5.40	117.8	.05	52.6	.34	-46.2
3.00	.68	-109.1	4.40	98.4	.06	47.8	.32	-56.5
4.00	.60	-135.0	3.75	80.8	.07	41.0	.29	-65.2
5.00	.54	-161.3	3.31	65.6	.08	38.2	.26	-70.3
6.00	.59	170.8	3.05	48.6	.09	34.8	.24	-86.2
8.00	.74	125.6	2.34	15.4	.11	11.5	.14	-153.7
10.00	.82	102.7	1.79	-12.7	.11	-4.1	.21	151.1
12.00	.92	83.8	1.54	-37.2	.12	-9.6	.34	127.4
14.00	.86	62.1	1.37	-65.0	.15	-28.1	.43	113.5
16.00	.73	32.9	1.10	-95.9	.16	-46.4	.43	90.4
18.00	.68	9.8	.88	-109.9	.19	-43.9	.39	70.3
20.00	.62	-11.8	.90	-138.2	.23	-78.6	.44	51.0

DEVICE HANDLING PROCEDURE

1) Open package in clean room environment only.
2) GaAs FETs are sensitive to electrostatic discharge. Precautions should be taken in handling, die attachment, and bonding to assure that Maximum Ratings are not exceeded as a result of electrical discharge.
3) Chips have been cleaned and are ready for die attachment. DO NOT attempt to re-clean.
4) Assembly should be performed with parts no hotter than 300° C. All circuit components (such as resistors and capacitors) should be assembled completely before the FET is die attached. Assembly should be performed as quickly as possible. In general, no chip should be left at 300°C for over 2 minutes.
5) Die attach with clean AuSn alloy under forming gas at 280 to 300° C. Scrub chip down with tweezers. Thermal resistance is critically dependent on this operation.
6) Thermasonic wedge bonding is recommended. A .0015 in. bond flat wedge at 125 to 150° C should be used with a heater stage temperature of 200 to 225° C. Apply 15 to 20 grams of bond force to .001 in. diameter gold wire with an elongation of 2 to 5%.
7) Store in a clean, dry, inert environment such as nitrogen at room temperature.
8) CAUTION: Handling of chips other than as specified above may cause permanent damage.