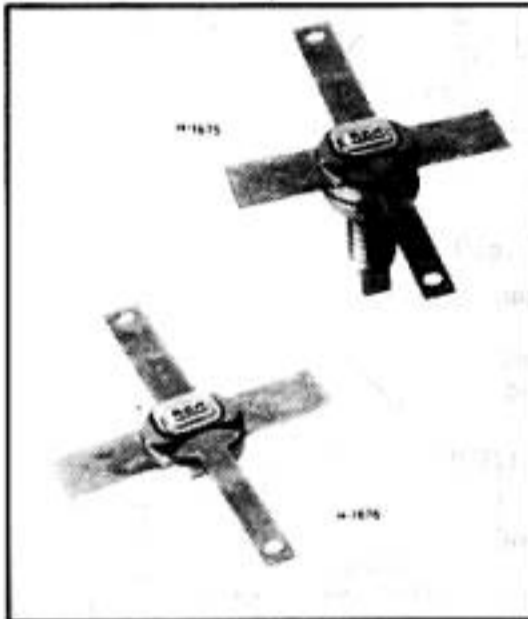


**RCA**  
Solid State  
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## RF Power Transistors

**2N5916    2N5917**



### High-Gain Silicon N-P-N Overlay Transistors

For VHF/UHF Communications Equipment

#### FEATURES

- Radial leads for microstripline circuits
- 2 watts (min.) output at 400 MHz (10-dB gain)
- 2 watts (typ.) output at 1 GHz (5-dB gain)
- Low-inductance, ceramic-metal hermetic packages
- All electrodes isolated from stud

#### MAXIMUM RATINGS, Absolute-Maximum Values:

	2N5916	2N5917
*COLLECTOR-TO-BASE VOLTAGE . . . . . $V_{CBO}$	55	V
*COLLECTOR-TO-EMITTER VOLTAGE With base open . . . . . $V_{CEO}$	24	V
*EMITTER-TO-BASE VOLTAGE . . . . . $V_{EBO}$	3.5	V
*CONTINUOUS COLLECTOR CURRENT . . . . . $I_C$	0.2	A
*TRANSISTOR DISSIPATION . . . . . $P_T$		
At case temperatures up to 100°C . . . . .	4	W
At case temperatures above 100°C . . . . .	Derate linearly at 0.04 W/°C	
*TEMPERATURE RANGE:		
Storage & Operating (Junction) . . . . .	-65 to +200	°C
* CASE TEMPERATURE (During soldering):		
For 10 s max . . . . .	230	°C

\*In accordance with JEDEC registration data format JS-6,  
RDF-3/JS-9 RDF-7

RCA 2N5916 and 2N5917<sup>▲</sup> are epitaxial silicon n-p-n planar transistors featuring "overlay" emitter electrode construction. They are intended for large-signal and small-signal high-gain rf amplifiers and driver applications for VHF/UHF communications equipment.

Type 2N5916 features a new hermetic, ceramic-metal package having terminals isolated from the mounting stud. These rugged, low-inductance, radial leads are designed for microstripline as well as lumped-constant circuits. 2N5917 is a 2N5916 without the mounting stud.

<sup>▲</sup>Formerly RCA Dev. Type Nos. TA7411 and TA7852, respectively.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS, Case Temperature ( $T_C$ ) = 25°C

## STATIC

CHARACTERISTIC	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS					LIMITS		UNITS
		DC Collector Voltage	DC Base Voltage	DC Current mA			MIN.	MAX.	
		$V_{CE}$	$V_{BE}$	$I_E$	$I_B$	$I_C$			
* Collector-to-Emitter Cutoff Current: Base-emitter junction shorted	$I_{CES}$	30 <sup>b</sup>	0				-	1	mA
* Collector-to-Emitter Breakdown Voltage:	$V_{(BR)CES}$		0			5 <sup>a</sup>	55	-	V
With base open	$V_{(BR)CEO}$					5 <sup>a</sup>	24	-	
* Emitter-to-Base Breakdown Voltage	$V_{(BR)EBO}$			0.1		0	3.5	-	V
Collector-to-Emitter Saturation Voltage	$V_{CE(sat)}$				10	100	-	0.5	V
Thermal Resistance: (Junction-to-Case)	$\theta_{J-C}$						-	25	°C/W

<sup>a</sup> Pulsed through a 25-mH inductor; duty factor = 50%

<sup>b</sup> Case temperature = 100°C

## DYNAMIC

CHARACTERISTIC	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS				LIMITS		UNITS
		DC Collector Supply ( $V_{CC}$ ) - V	Output Power ( $P_{OE}$ ) - W	Input Power ( $P_{IE}$ ) - W	Frequency (f) - MHz	MIN.	MAX.	
* Power Output (See Fig. 10)	$P_{OE}$	28		0.2	400	2.0	-	W
* Power Gain	$G_{PE}$	28	2		400	10	-	dB
* Collector Efficiency	$\eta_C$	28		0.2	400	50	-	%
* Collector - Base Capacitance	$C_{cb}$	30( $V_{CB}$ )			1	-	4.5	pF

\* In accordance with JEDEC registration data format JS-6 RDF-3/JS-9 RDF-7.

## TYPICAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

CIRCUIT	Output Power ( $P_{OE}$ ) - W	Input Power ( $P_{IE}$ ) - W	Collector Efficiency ( $\eta_C$ ) - %	Figure No.
400 - MHz Amplifier	2.2	0.2	60	10
50/450 - MHz Broadband Amplifier	0.1	0.01	-	11
1 - GHz Amplifier	2	0.6	45	12

PERFORMANCE DATA

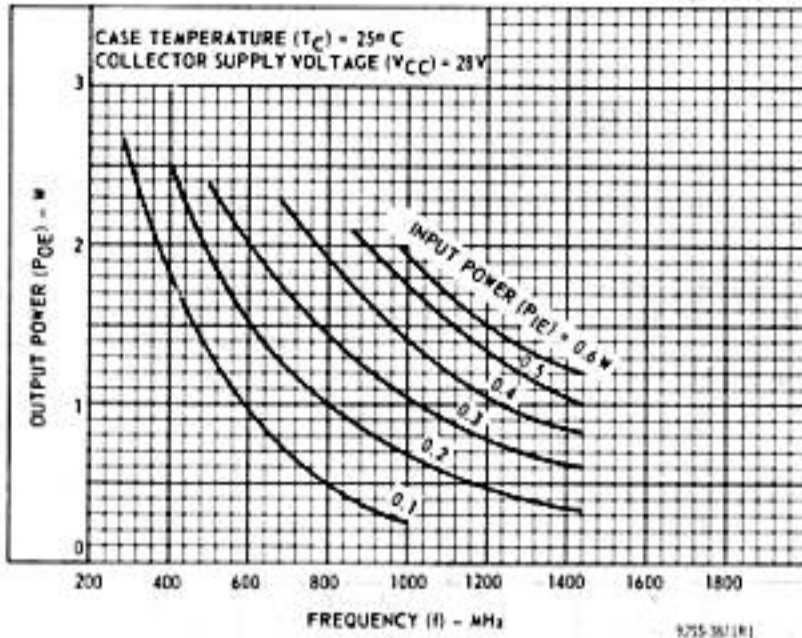


Fig. 1 - Typical power output vs. frequency (for both types).

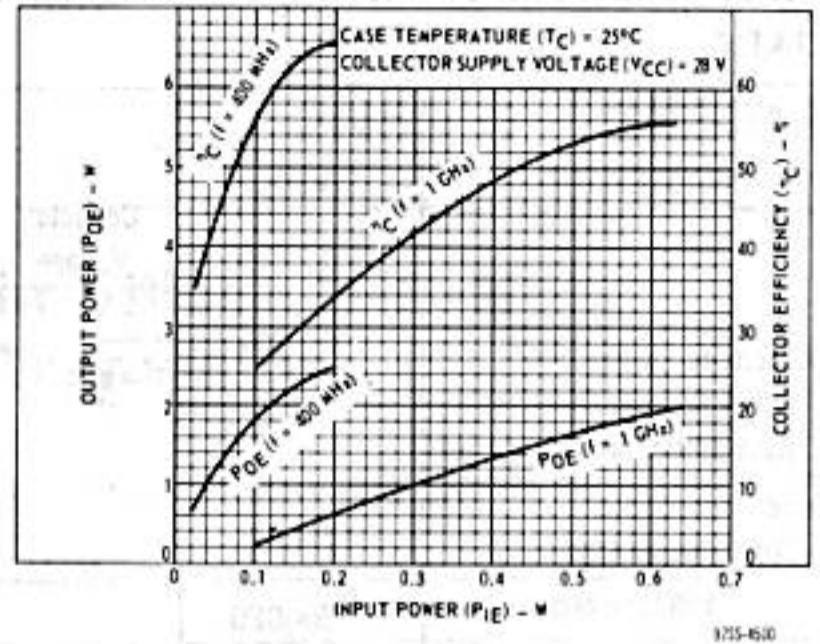


Fig. 2 - Typical power output and collector efficiency vs. power input (for both types).

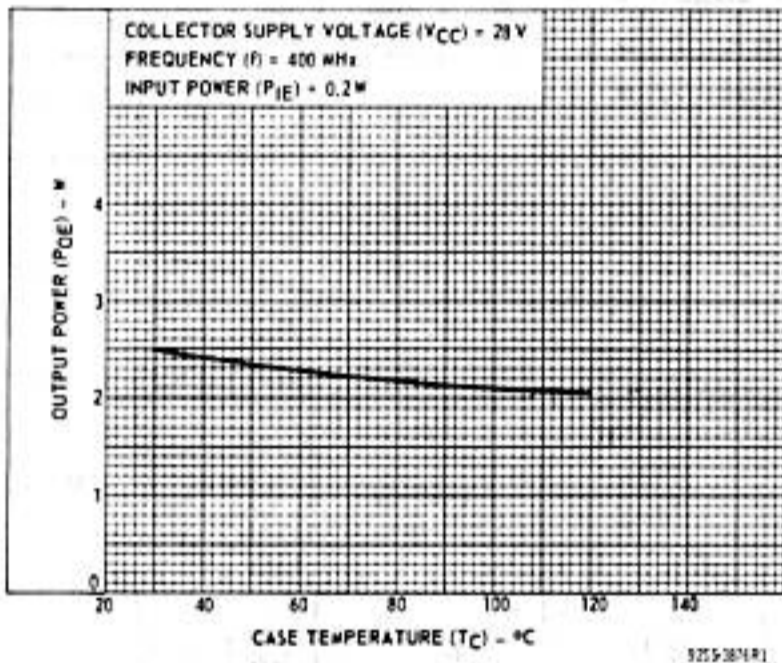


Fig. 3 - Typical power output vs. case temperature (for both types).

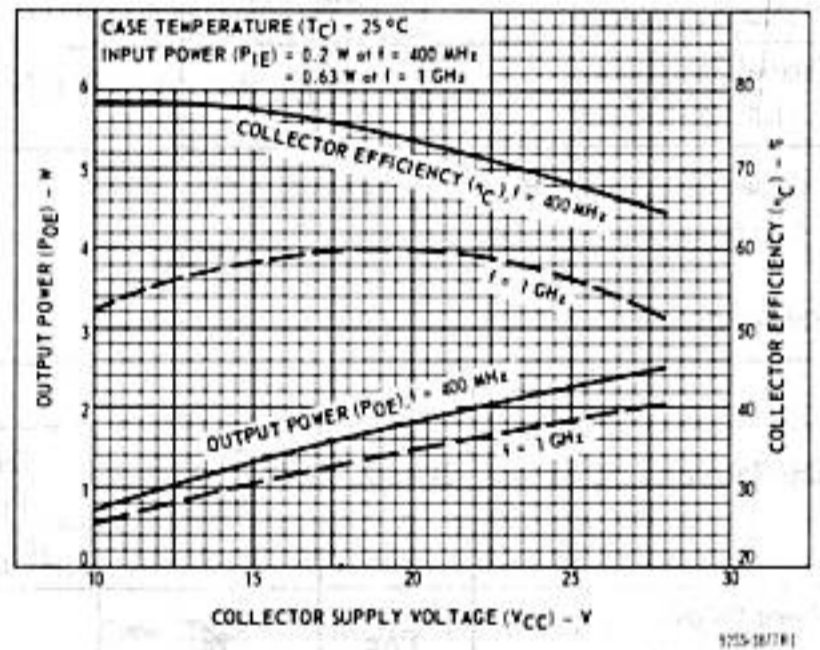


Fig. 4 - Typical power output or collector efficiency vs. collector supply voltage (for both types).

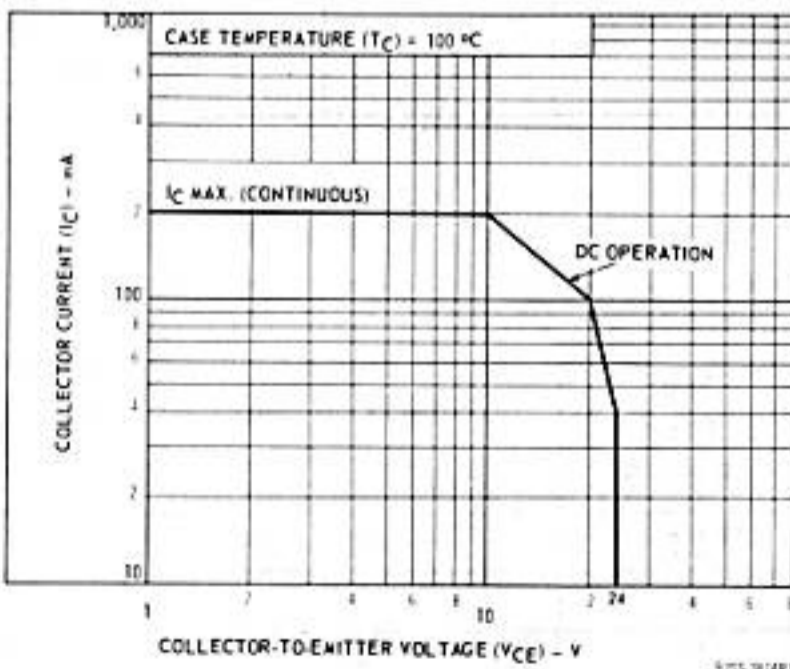


Fig. 5 - Safe operating area, for dc operation (for both types).

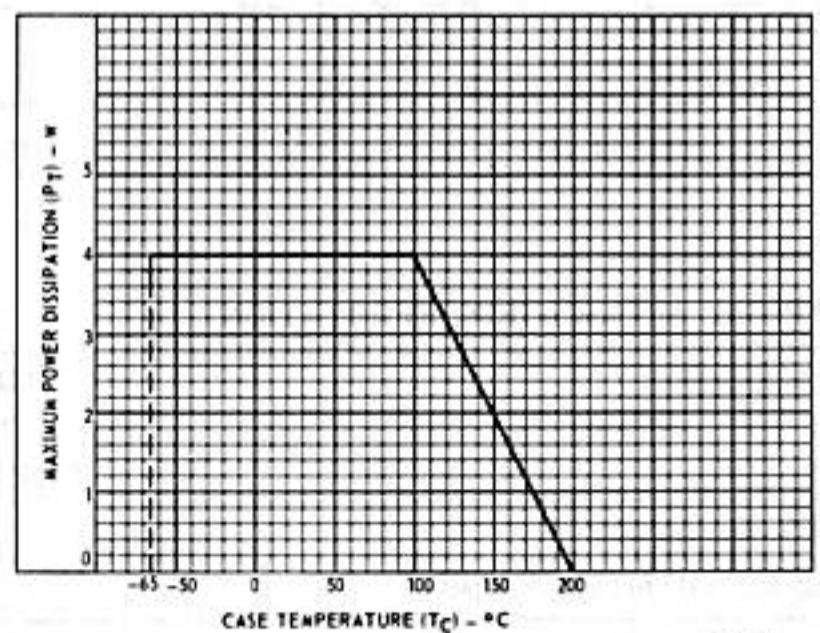
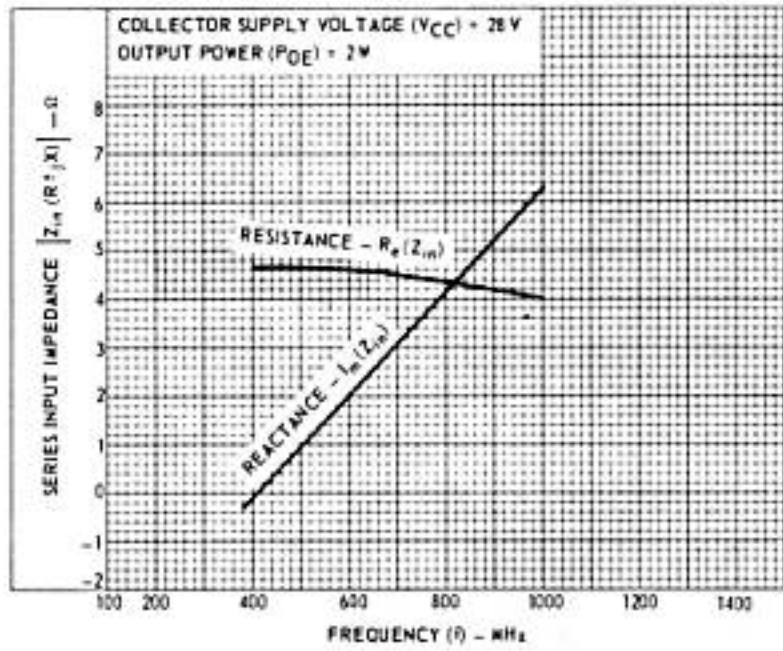
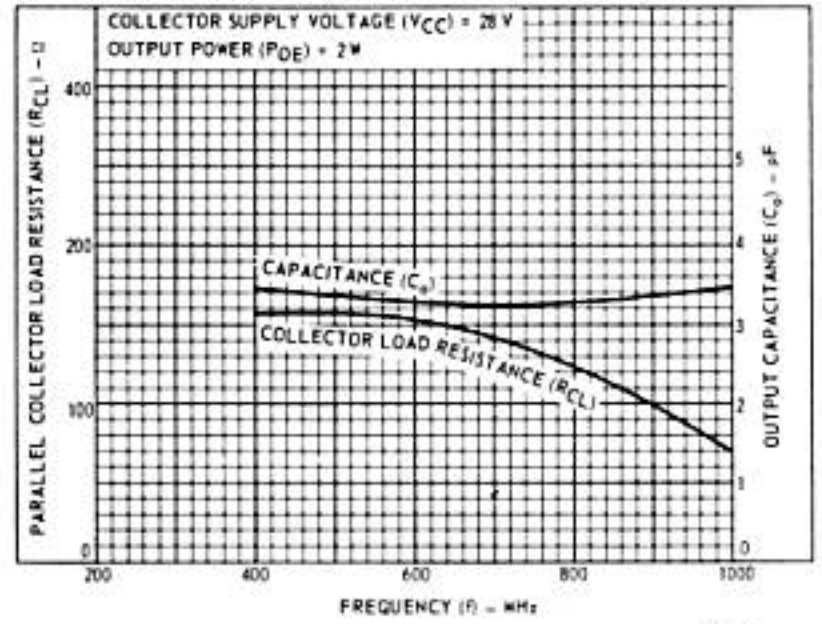


Fig. 6 - Derating curve (for both types).



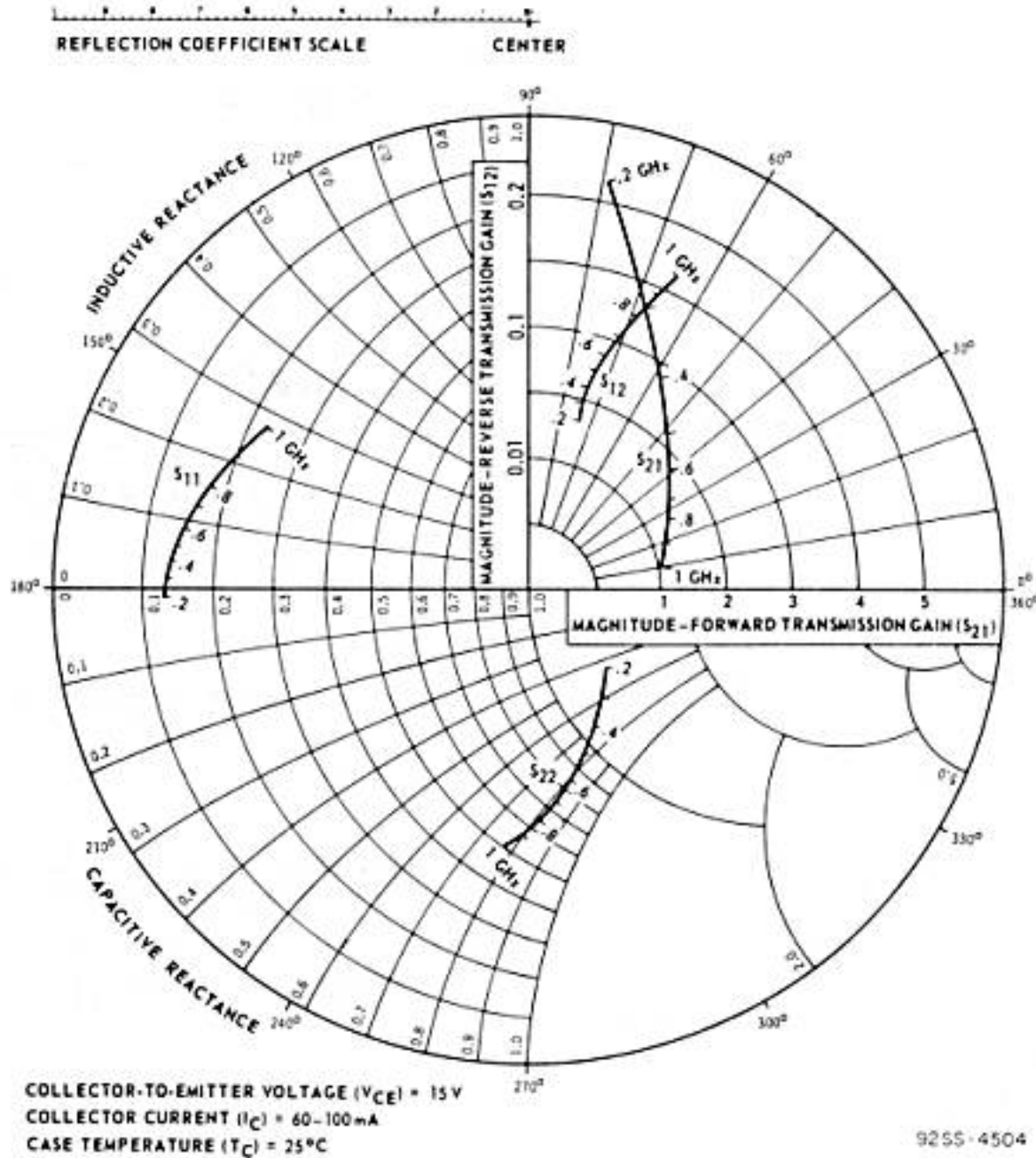
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Fig. 7 - Typical large-signal series input impedance vs. frequency (for both types).



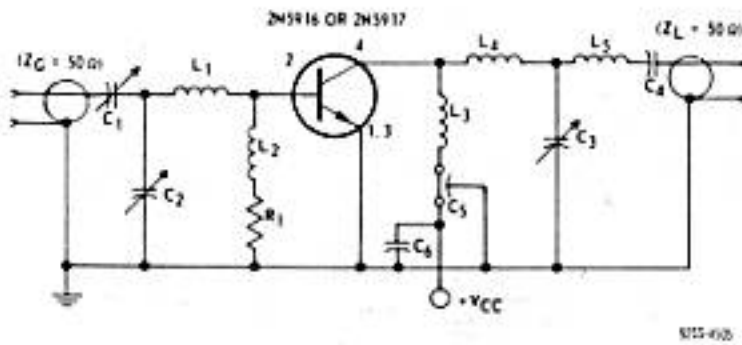
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Fig. 8 - Typical large-signal, parallel collector load and parallel output capacitance vs. frequency (for both types).



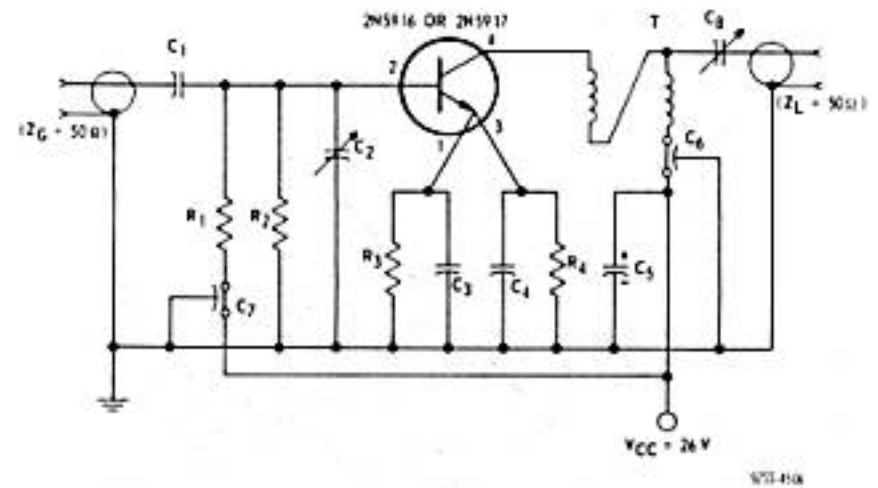
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Fig. 9 - Typical S parameters vs. frequency (for both types).



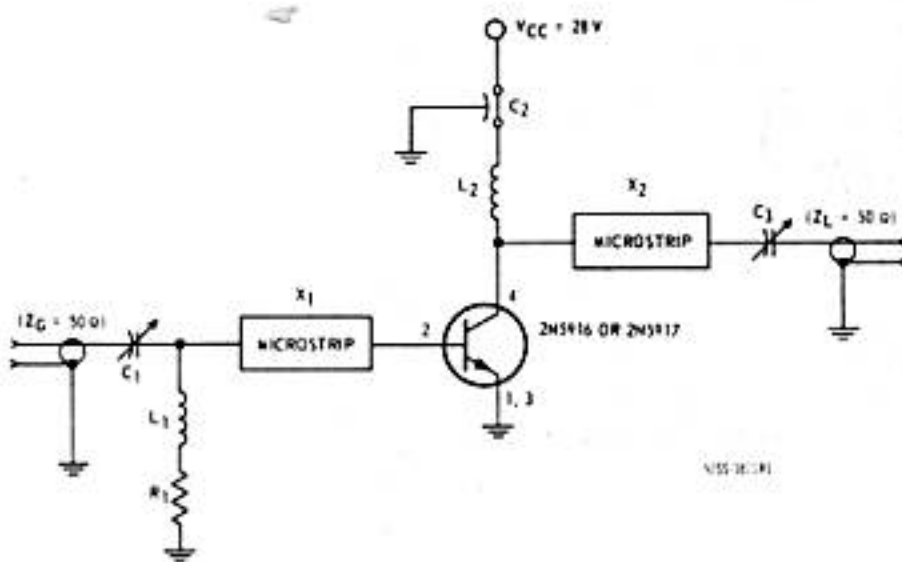
- C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>3</sub> - 0.9-7 pF, ARCO 400\*
  - C<sub>2</sub> - 1.5-20 pF, ARCO 402\*
  - C<sub>4</sub> - 0.0015 μF, disc ceramic
  - C<sub>5</sub> - 1,000 pF, feedthrough type, Allen-Bradley FA5C\*
  - C<sub>6</sub> - 1 μF, electrolytic
  - L<sub>1</sub>, L<sub>5</sub> - 1 turn ▲
  - L<sub>2</sub> - RFC, .1 μH
  - L<sub>3</sub> - 3 turns ▲
  - L<sub>4</sub> - 2 turns ▲
  - R<sub>1</sub> - 10 Ω, carbon
- \* Or equivalent  
 ▲ All coils 5/32 in. (3.96 mm) I.D. # 18 wire, 12 turns per inch

Fig. 10 - 400-MHz amplifier test circuit for measurement of power output.



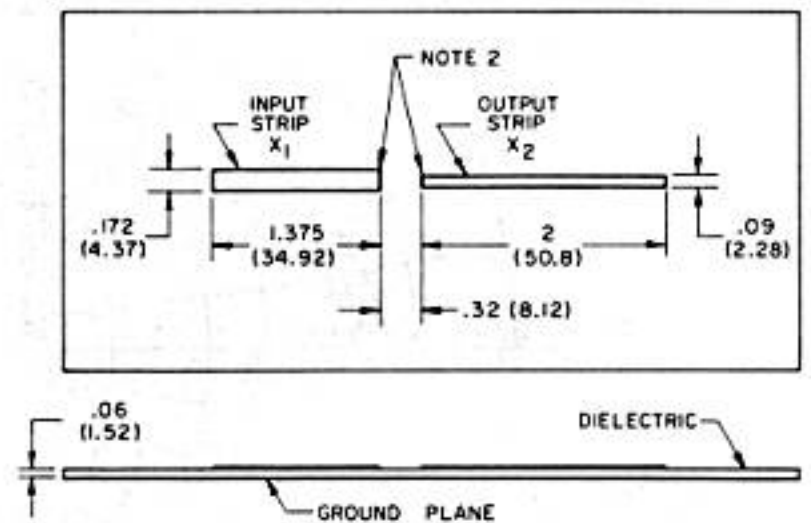
- C<sub>1</sub> - 0.0015 μF, disc ceramic
- C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>8</sub> - 2-18 pF, Amperex H.T. 10mA/218, or equivalent
- C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub> - 680 pF, chip cap., Allen-Bradley B166811, or equivalent
- C<sub>5</sub> - 1 μF, electrolytic
- C<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>7</sub> - 1,000 pF, feedthrough type
- R<sub>1</sub> - 2 kΩ, 1/2 W, carbon
- R<sub>2</sub> - 500 Ω, 1/2 W, carbon
- R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> - 250 Ω, 1/2 W, carbon
- T - Twisted pair of # 22 wire, 10 twists, 1 in. long

Fig. 11 - 50/450-MHz broadband amplifier using type 2N5916 or 2N5917.



- C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>: 0.35-3.5 pF, Johanson 4701, or equivalent
- C<sub>2</sub>: 470 pF, feed-through type, Allen Bradley FA5C, or equivalent
- L<sub>1</sub>: 3 turns No. 22 wire 5/32 in. (3.96 mm) ID, 3/8 in. (9.52 mm) long
- L<sub>2</sub>: 1 1/2 turns No. 22 wire 5/32 in. (3.96 mm) ID, 3/8 in. (9.52 mm) long
- R<sub>1</sub>: 10-Ω, 1/4-W carbon
- X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>: Microstrip details given in Fig. 13

Fig. 12 - 1-GHz amplifier using type 2N5916 or 2N5917.

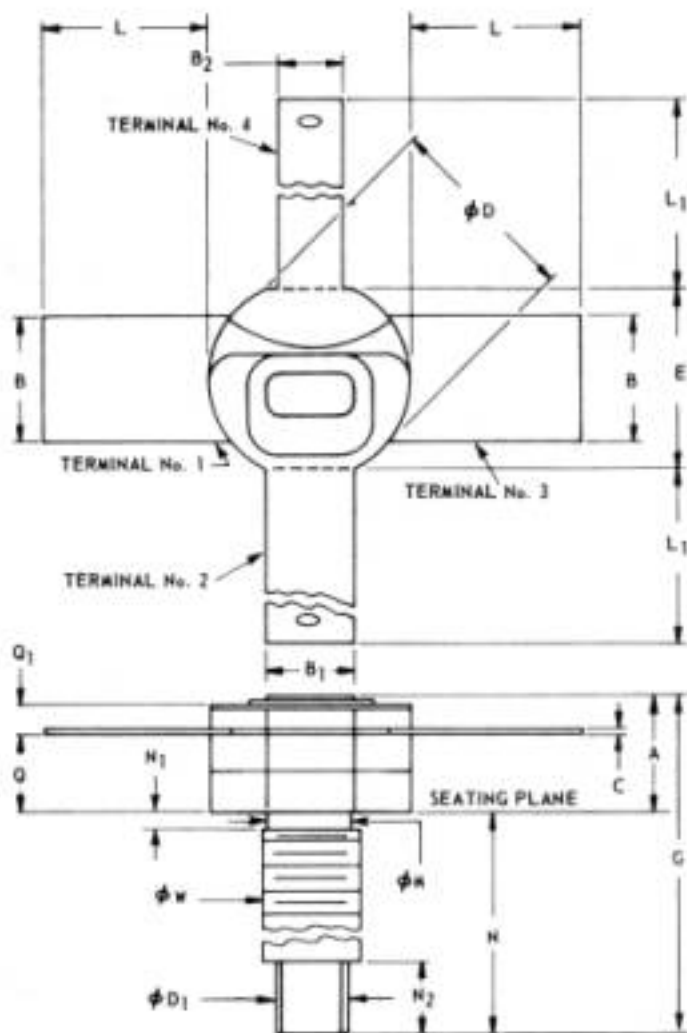


Note 1: Dimensions in parentheses are in millimeters and are derived from the basic inch dimensions as indicated.

Note 2: Produced by removing upper layer of double-clad, Teflon board, Budd Co. Polychem Div, Grade 108T, 1 oz. 1/16 in. (1.52 mm) thick, (ε = 2.6), or equivalent.

Fig. 13 - Typical microstrip layout for 1-GHz power amplifier circuit shown in Fig. 12.

DIMENSIONAL OUTLINE TYPE 2N5916



SYMBOL	INCHES		MILLIMETERS		NOTES
	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	
A	.150	.230	3.81	5.84	-
B	.195	.205	4.96	5.20	-
B <sub>1</sub>	.135	.145	3.43	3.68	-
B <sub>2</sub>	.095	.105	2.42	2.66	-
C	.004	.010	.11	.25	3
φD	.305	.320	7.68	8.12	-
φD <sub>1</sub>	.110	.130	2.80	3.30	1
E	.275	.300	6.99	7.62	-
G	.590	.705	14.99	17.90	-
L	.265	.290	6.74	7.36	-
L <sub>1</sub>	.455	.510	11.56	12.95	-
φH	.120	.163	3.05	4.14	-
H	.425	.470	10.80	11.93	-
N <sub>1</sub>	-	.078	-	1.98	4
N <sub>2</sub>	.110	.150	2.80	3.81	-
Q	.120	.170	3.05	4.31	-
Q <sub>1</sub>	.025	.045	.64	1.14	-
φW	.1399	.1437	3.531	3.632	2

MILLIMETER DIMENSIONS ARE DERIVED FROM ORIGINAL INCH DIMENSIONS

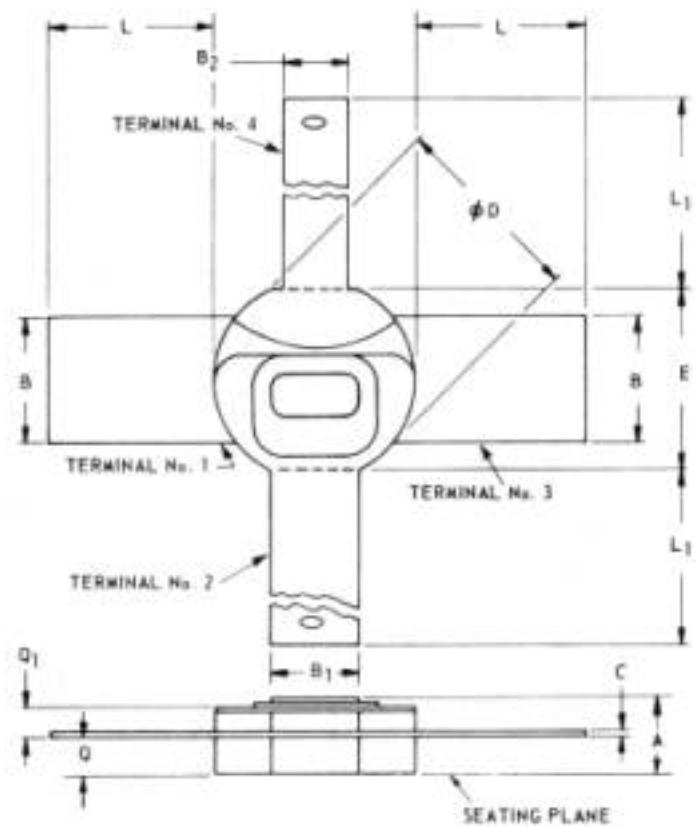
- NOTES: 1. .033 - .064 INCH (1.35 - 1.62 mm) WRENCH FLAT.  
 2. PITCH DIA. OF 8-32 UNC-2A COATED THREAD. (ASA B1. 1-1960).  
 3. TYPICAL FOR ALL LEADS  
 4. LENGTH OF INCOMPLETE OR UNDERCUT THREADS OF φW

(V12-1452R)

TERMINAL CONNECTIONS

- Terminals 1,3 - Emitter
- Terminal 2 - Base
- Terminal 4 - Collector

DIMENSIONAL OUTLINE TYPE 2N5917



SYMBOL	INCHES		MILLIMETERS		NOTES
	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	
A	.090	.135	2.29	3.42	-
B	.195	.205	4.96	5.20	-
B <sub>1</sub>	.135	.145	3.43	3.68	-
B <sub>2</sub>	.095	.105	2.42	2.66	-
C	.004	.010	.11	.25	1
φD	.305	.320	7.68	8.12	-
E	.275	.300	6.99	7.62	-
L	.265	.290	6.74	7.36	-
L <sub>1</sub>	.455	.510	11.56	12.95	-
Q	.055	.070	1.40	1.77	-
Q <sub>1</sub>	.025	.045	.64	1.14	-

MILLIMETER DIMENSIONS ARE DERIVED FROM ORIGINAL INCH DIMENSIONS

NOTE: 1. TYPICAL FOR ALL LEADS

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TERMINAL CONNECTIONS

- Terminals 1,3 - Emitter
- Terminal 2 - Base
- Terminal 4 - Collector

**“WARNING:** RCA types 2N5916 and 2N5917 should be handled with care. The ceramic portion of these transistors contains BERYLLIUM OXIDE as a major ingredient. Do not crush, grind, or abrade these portions of the transistors because the dust resulting from such action may be hazardous if inhaled.”