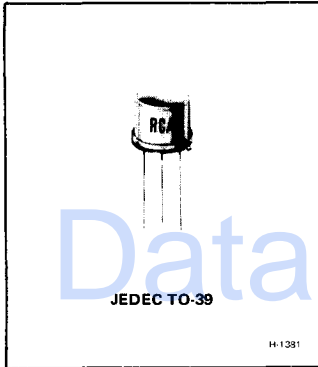




# RF Power Transistors

2N4427



## Silicon N-P-N Overlay Transistor

High-Gain Driver for VHF-UHF

*Features:*

- 1 W output with 10 dB gain (min.) at 175 MHz  
VCC = 12 V
- 0.4 W output with 5 dB gain (typ.) at 470 MHz  
VCC = 12 V

RCA-2N4427 is an epitaxial silicon n-p-n planar transistor of the "overlay" emitter electrode construction. It is intended for class A, B, or C amplifier, frequency-multiplier, or oscillator circuits; it may be used in output, driver, or pre-driver stages in vhf and uhf equipment.

In the overlay structure, a number of individual emitter sites are connected in parallel and used in conjunction with a

single base and collector region. When compared with other structures, this arrangement provides a substantial increase in emitter periphery for higher current or power, and a corresponding decrease in emitter and collector areas for lower input and output capacitances. The overlay structure thus offers greater power output, gain, efficiency, and frequency capability.

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

* COLLECTOR-TO-BASE VOLTAGE .....	V <sub>CB0</sub>	40	V
* COLLECTOR-TO-EMITTER VOLTAGE:			
With base open .....	V <sub>CEO</sub>	20	V
* EMITTER-TO-BASE VOLTAGE .....	V <sub>EBO</sub>	2	V
* CONTINUOUS COLLECTOR CURRENT .....	I <sub>C</sub>	0.4	A
* CONTINUOUS BASE CURRENT .....	I <sub>B</sub>	0.4	A
* TRANSISTOR DISSIPATION:	P <sub>T</sub>		
At case temperatures up to 100°C .....		2	W
At case temperatures above 100°C .....		<i>See Fig. 14</i>	
* TEMPERATURE RANGE:			
Storage & Operating (Junction) .....		-65 to 200	°C
* LEAD TEMPERATURE (During soldering):			
At distances $\geq$ 1/32 in. (0.8 mm) from insulating wafer for 10 s max. ....		230	°C

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

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

Characteristic	Symbol	TEST CONDITIONS						Limits		Units	
		DC Voltage (V)				DC Current (mA)					
		$V_{BE}$	$V_{EB}$	$V_{CB}$	$V_{CE}$	$I_E$	$I_B$	$I_C$	Min.		Max.
* Collector-Cutoff Current: With base open	$I_{CEO}$				12		0		—	0.02	mA
With base-emitter junction reverse-biased	$I_{CEV}$	-1.5			40				—	0.1	
$T_C = 150^\circ\text{C}$		-1.5			12				—	5	
* Emitter-Cutoff Current	$I_{EBO}$		2						—	0.1	mA
* Collector-to-Base Breakdown Voltage	$V_{(BR)CBO}$					0		0.1	40	—	V
* Collector-to-Emitter Sustaining Voltage: With base open	$V_{CEO(sus)}$						0	5	20	—	V
With external base-to-emitter resistance ( $R_{BE}$ ) = 10 $\Omega$	$V_{CER(sus)}$							5	40	—	
* Emitter-to-Base Breakdown Voltage	$V_{(BR)EBO}$					0.1		0	2	—	V
* Collector-to-Emitter Saturation Voltage	$V_{CE(sat)}$						20	100	—	0.5	V
* DC Forward Current Transfer Ratio	$h_{FE}$				5 5			360 100	5 10	— 200	
* Magnitude of Common-Emitter, Small-Signal, Short-Circuit Forward Current Transfer Ratio ( $f = 200$ MHz)	$ h_{fe} $				15			50	2.5	—	
* Collector-to-Base Capacitance ( $f = 1$ MHz)	$C_{ob}$			12		0			—	4	pF
* RF Power Output Class C Amplifier, Unneutralized ( $f = 175$ MHz, $P_{IE} = 0.1$ W, $\eta_C \geq 50\%$ ) See Fig. 2	$P_{OE}$			12 ( $V_{CC}$ )					1	—	W
* Available Amplifier Signal Input Power ( $f = 175$ MHz, $P_{OE} = 1$ W, $Z_{IN} = 50$ $\Omega$ ) See Fig. 2	$P_i$			12 ( $V_{CC}$ )					—	0.1	W
* Collector Efficiency ( $f = 175$ MHz, $P_{OE} = 1$ W, $Z_{IN} = 50$ $\Omega$ ) See Fig. 2	$\eta_C$			12 ( $V_{CC}$ )					50	—	%
* Thermal Resistance Junction-to-Case	$R_{\theta JC}$								—	50	$^\circ\text{C/W}$

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175 MHz OPERATION

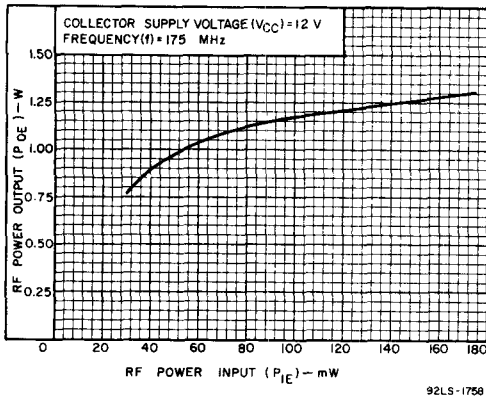
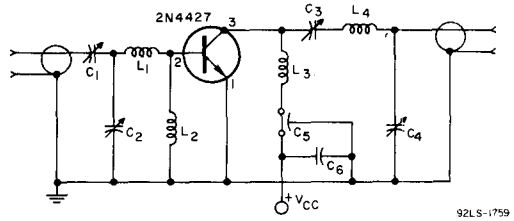


Fig.1—Power output vs. power input.



- C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>, & C<sub>4</sub>: 3-15 pF trimmer, ARCO 403 or equivalent
- C<sub>5</sub>: 1,000 pF feedthrough
- C<sub>6</sub>: 0.01 μF disc.
- L<sub>1</sub>: 2 turns No.16 wire, 3/16 in. (4.76 mm) ID, 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) long
- L<sub>2</sub>: Ferrite choke, Z = 450 Ω
- L<sub>3</sub>: 2 turns No.16 wire, 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) ID, 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) long
- L<sub>4</sub>: 4 turns No.16 wire, 3/8-in. (9.52 mm) ID, 3/8 in. (9.52 mm) long

Fig.2—175-MHz rf amplifier circuit for power-output test.

470 MHz OPERATION

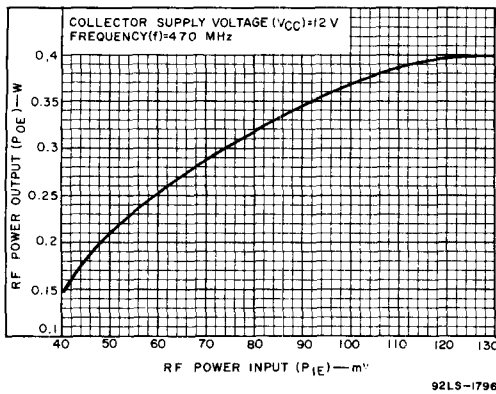
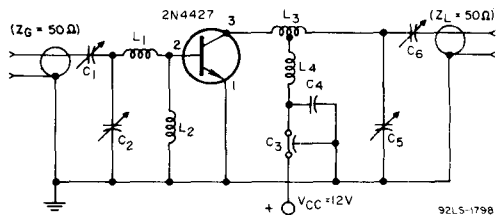


Fig.3—Power output vs. power input.



- C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>, & C<sub>6</sub>: 0.9–7 pF trimmer, ARCO 400, or equivalent
- C<sub>3</sub>: 1000 pF feedthrough
- C<sub>4</sub>: 0.02 μF disc.
- L<sub>1</sub>: 1 turn No.20 wire, 3/16 in. (4.76 mm) ID, Space wire diameter
- L<sub>2</sub>: 0.47 μH Nytronics Corp., or equivalent
- L<sub>3</sub>: 2 turns No.18 wire, 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) ID, Space wire diameter C.T.
- L<sub>4</sub>: 2 turns No.20 wire, 3/16 in. (4.76 mm) ID, Space wire diameter

Fig.4—470-MHz rf amplifier circuit.

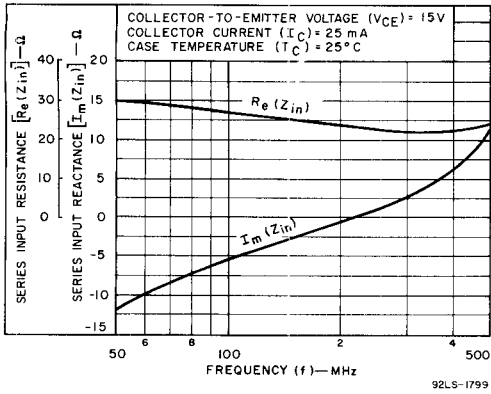


Fig. 5—Series input impedance vs. frequency.

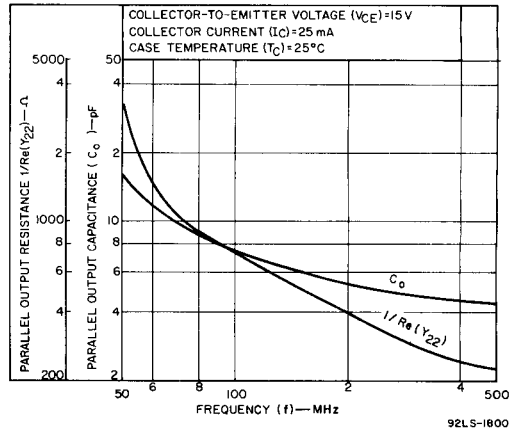


Fig. 6—Parallel output resistance & capacitance vs. frequency.

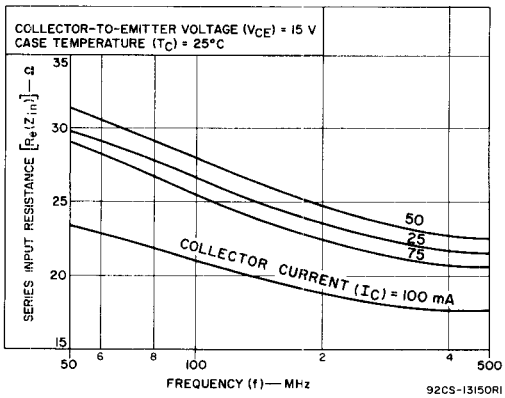


Fig. 7—Series input resistance vs. frequency.

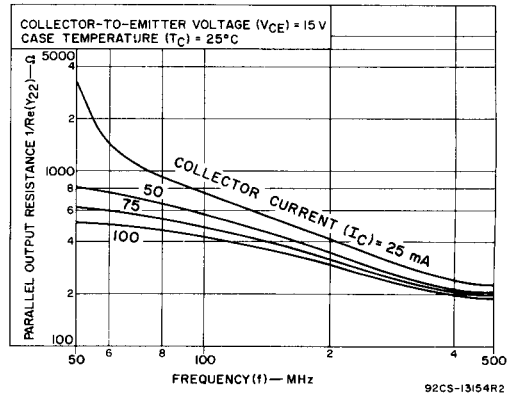


Fig. 8—Parallel output resistance vs. frequency.

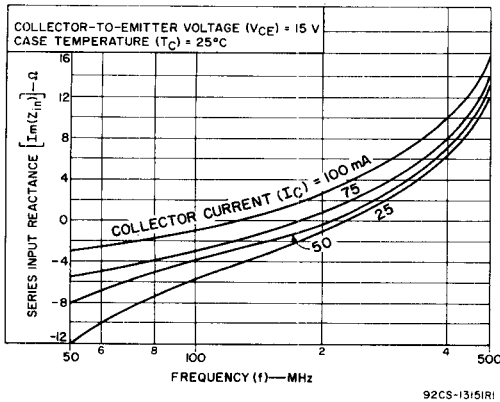


Fig. 9—Series input reactance vs. frequency.

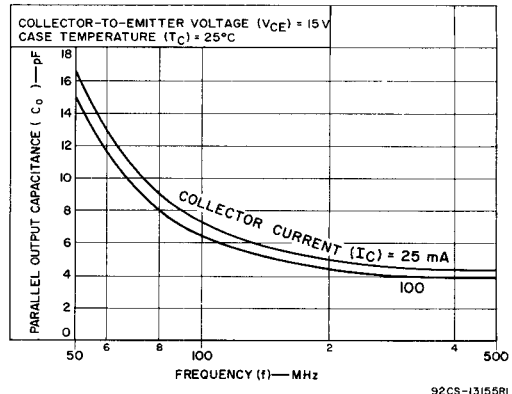


Fig. 10—Parallel output capacitance vs. frequency.

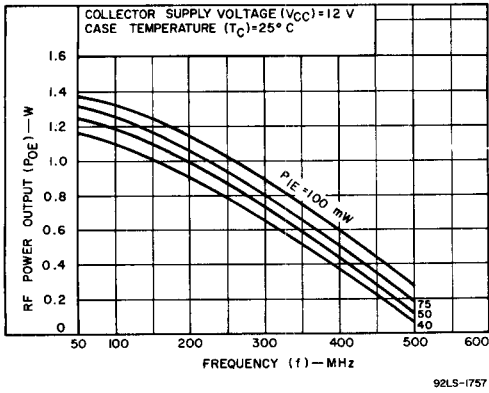


Fig.11— Power output vs. frequency.

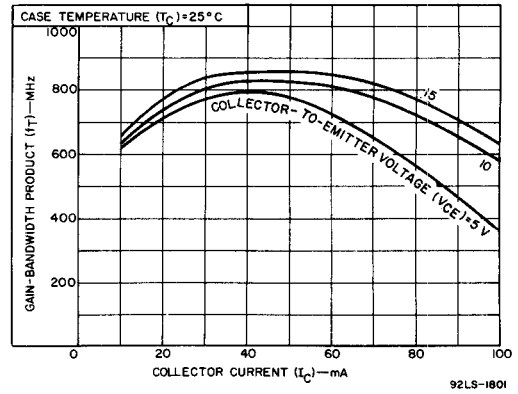


Fig.12— Gain-bandwidth product vs. collector current.

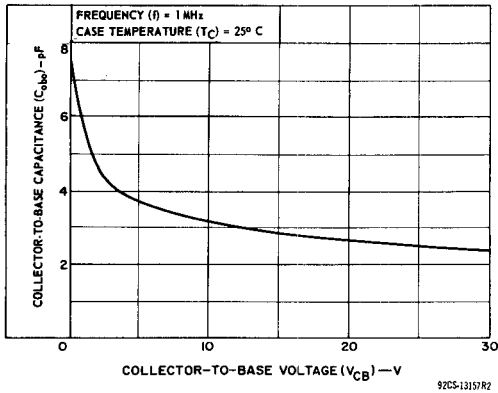


Fig.13— Variation of collector-to-base capacitance.

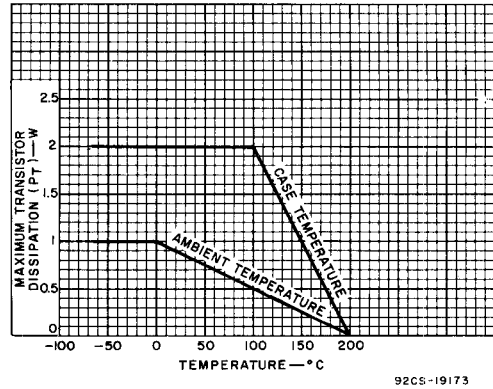
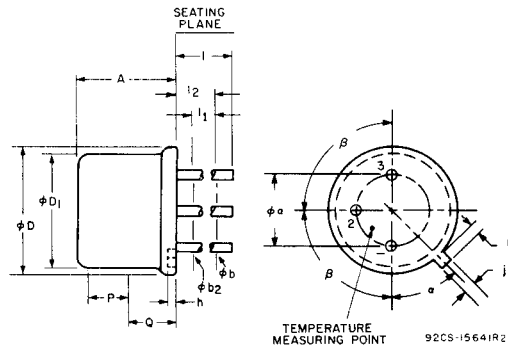


Fig.14— Dissipation derating curve.

**DIMENSIONAL OUTLINE**  
**JEDEC No. TO-39**



SYMBOL	INCHES		MILLIMETERS		NOTES
	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	
$\phi a$	0.190	0.210	4.83	5.33	
A	0.240	0.260	6.10	6.60	
$\phi b$	0.016	0.021	0.406	0.533	2
$\phi b_2$	0.016	0.019	0.406	0.483	2
$\phi D$	0.350	0.370	8.89	9.40	
$\phi D_1$	0.315	0.335	8.00	8.51	
h	0.009	0.041	0.229	1.04	
j	0.028	0.034	0.711	0.864	
k	0.029	0.040	0.737	1.02	3
l	0.500		12.70		2
l <sub>1</sub>		0.050		1.27	2
l <sub>2</sub>	0.250		6.35		2
P	0.100		2.54		1
Q					4
$\alpha$	45° NOMINAL				
$\beta$	90° NOMINAL				

**Note 1:** This zone is controlled for automatic handling. The variation in actual diameter within this zone shall not exceed 0.010 in (0.254 mm).

**Note 2:** (Three leads)  $\phi b_2$  applies between  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ .  $\phi b$  applies between  $l_2$  and 0.5 in (12.70 mm) from seating plane. Diameter is uncontrolled in  $l_1$  and beyond 0.5 in (12.70 mm) from seating plane.

**Note 3:** Measured from maximum diameter of the actual device.

**Note 4:** Details of outline in this zone optional.

**TERMINAL CONNECTIONS**

LEAD 1 – EMITTER  
LEAD 2 – BASE  
LEAD 3 – COLLECTOR, CASE