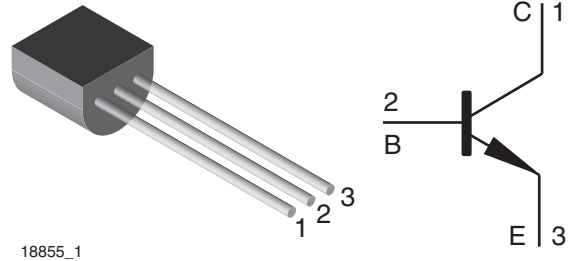


Small Signal Transistors (NPN)

Features

- NPN Silicon Epitaxial Planar Transistors for switching and amplifier applications. Especially suited for AF-driver stages and low power output stages.
- These types are also available subdivided into three groups - 16, - 25, and - 40, according to their DC current gain. As complementary types, the PNP transistors BC327 and BC328 are recommended.



Mechanical Data

Case: TO-92 Plastic case

Weight: approx. 177 mg

Packaging Codes/Options:

BULK / 5 k per container 20 k/box

TAP / 4 k per Ammopack 20 k/box

Parts Table

| Part | Type differentiation | Ordering code | Remarks |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| BC337-16 | h_{FE} , 160 @ 100 mA | BC337-16-BULK or BC337-16-TAP | Bulk / Ammopack |
| BC337-25 | h_{FE} , 250 @ 100 mA | BC337-25-BULK or BC337-25-TAP | Bulk / Ammopack |
| BC337-40 | h_{FE} , 400 @ 100 mA | BC337-40-BULK or BC337-40-TAP | Bulk / Ammopack |
| BC338-16 | h_{FE} , 130 @ 300 mA | BC338-16-BULK or BC338-16-TAP | Bulk / Ammopack |
| BC338-25 | h_{FE} , 200 @ 300 mA | BC338-25-BULK or BC338-25-TAP | Bulk / Ammopack |
| BC338-40 | h_{FE} , 320 @ 300 mA | BC338-40-BULK or BC338-40-TAP | Bulk / Ammopack |

Absolute Maximum Ratings

$T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, unless otherwise specified

| Parameter | Test condition | Part | Symbol | Value | Unit |
|-----------------------------|--|-------|-----------|-------------------|------|
| Collector - emitter voltage | | BC337 | V_{CES} | 50 | V |
| | | BC338 | V_{CES} | 30 | V |
| | | BC337 | V_{CEO} | 45 | V |
| | | BC338 | V_{CEO} | 25 | V |
| Emitter - base voltage | | | V_{EBO} | 5 | V |
| Collector current | | | I_C | 800 | mA |
| Collector peak current | | | I_{CM} | 1 | A |
| Base current | | | I_B | 100 | mA |
| Power dissipation | $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ | | P_{tot} | 625 ¹⁾ | mW |

¹⁾ Valid provided that leads are kept at ambient temperature at distance of 2 mm from case.

Maximum Thermal Resistance

| Parameter | Test condition | Symbol | Value | Unit |
|--|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------|
| Thermal resistance junction to ambient air | | $R_{\theta JA}$ | 200 ¹⁾ | °C/W |
| Junction temperature | | T_j | 150 | °C |
| Storage temperature range | | T_S | - 65 to + 150 | °C |

¹⁾ Valid provided that leads are kept at ambient temperature at distance of 2 mm from case.

Electrical DC Characteristics

| Parameter | Test condition | Part | Symbol | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|---|---|----------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| DC current gain (current gain group - 16) | $V_{CE} = 1\text{ V}, I_C = 100\text{ mA}$ | BC337-16 | h_{FE} | 100 | 160 | 250 | |
| DC current gain (current gain group - 25) | $V_{CE} = 1\text{ V}, I_C = 100\text{ mA}$ | BC337-25 | h_{FE} | 160 | 250 | 400 | |
| DC current gain (current gain group - 40) | $V_{CE} = 1\text{ V}, I_C = 100\text{ mA}$ | BC337-40 | h_{FE} | 250 | 400 | 630 | |
| DC current gain (current gain group - 16) | $V_{CE} = 1\text{ V}, I_C = 300\text{ mA}$ | BC338-16 | h_{FE} | 60 | 130 | | |
| DC current gain (current gain group - 25) | $V_{CE} = 1\text{ V}, I_C = 300\text{ mA}$ | BC338-25 | h_{FE} | 100 | 200 | | |
| DC current gain (current gain group - 40) | $V_{CE} = 1\text{ V}, I_C = 300\text{ mA}$ | BC338-40 | h_{FE} | 170 | 320 | | |
| Collector-emitter cut-off current | $V_{CE} = 45\text{ V}$ | BC337 | I_{CES} | | 2 | 100 | nA |
| | $V_{CE} = 25\text{ V}$ | BC338 | I_{CES} | | 2 | 100 | nA |
| | $V_{CE} = 45\text{ V}, T_{amb} = 125\text{ °C}$ | BC337 | I_{CES} | | | 10 | μA |
| | $V_{CE} = 25\text{ V}, T_{amb} = 125\text{ °C}$ | BC338 | I_{CES} | | | 10 | μA |
| Collector - emitter breakdown voltage | $I_C = 10\text{ mA}$ | BC337 | $V_{(BR)CEO}$ | 45 | | | V |
| | | BC338 | $V_{(BR)CEO}$ | 20 | | | V |
| | $I_C = 0.1\text{ mA}$ | BC337 | $V_{(BR)CES}$ | 50 | | | V |
| | | BC338 | $V_{(BR)CES}$ | 30 | | | V |
| Emitter - base breakdown voltage | $I_E = 0.1\text{ mA}$ | | $V_{(BR)EBO}$ | 5 | | | V |
| Collector saturation voltage | $I_C = 500\text{ mA}, I_B = 50\text{ mA}$ | | V_{CEsat} | | | 0.7 | V |
| Base - emitter voltage | $V_{CE} = 1\text{ V}, I_C = 300\text{ mA}$ | | V_{BE} | | | 1.2 | V |

Electrical AC Characteristics

| Parameter | Test condition | Symbol | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Gain - bandwidth product | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 10\text{ mA}, f = 50\text{ MHz}$ | f_T | | 100 | | MHz |
| Collector - base capacitance | $V_{CB} = 10\text{ V}, f = 1\text{ MHz}$ | C_{CBO} | | 12 | | pF |

Typical Characteristics ($T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ unless otherwise specified)

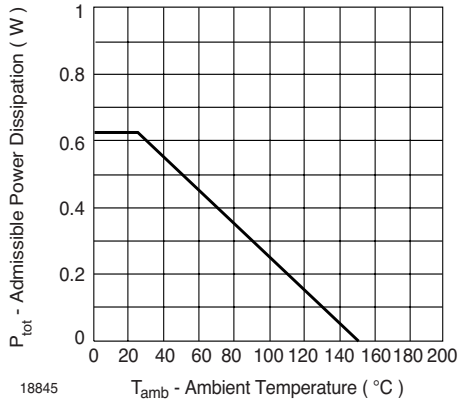


Figure 1. Admissible Power Dissipation vs. Ambient Temperature

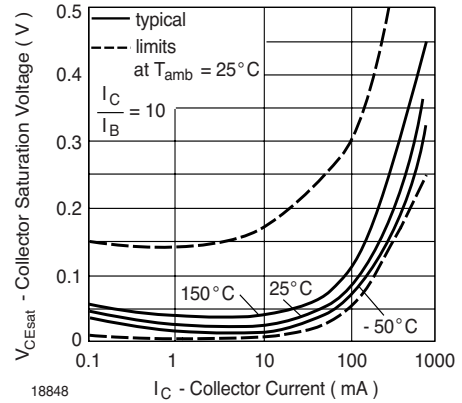


Figure 4. Collector Saturation Voltage vs. Collector Current

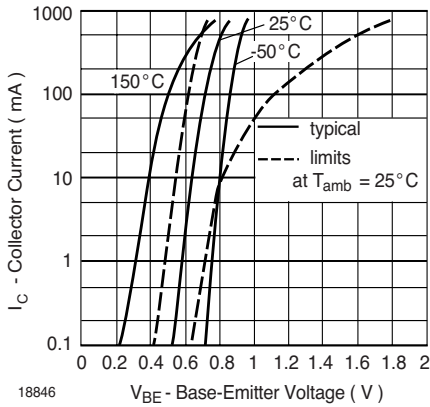


Figure 2. Collector Current vs. Base-Emitter Voltage

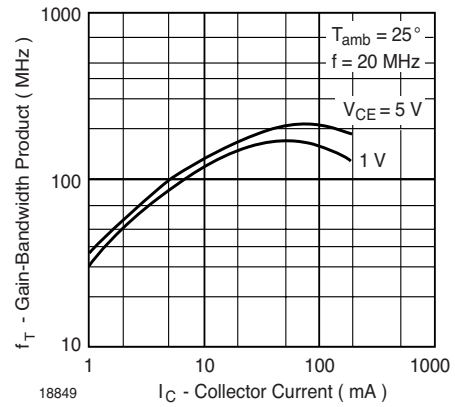


Figure 5. Gain-Bandwidth Product vs. Collector Current

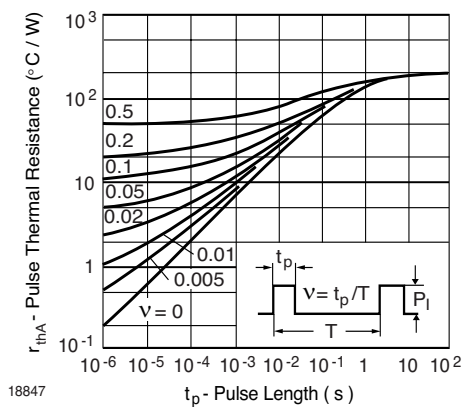


Figure 3. Pulse Thermal Resistance vs. Pulse Duration

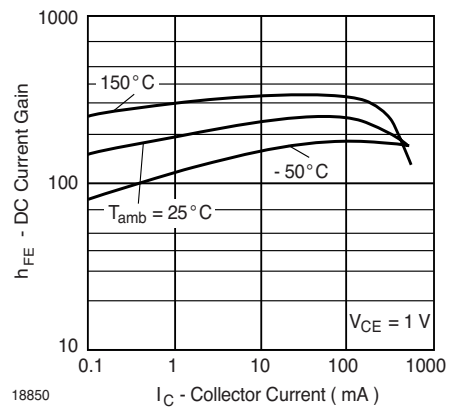


Figure 6. DC Current Gain vs. Collector Current

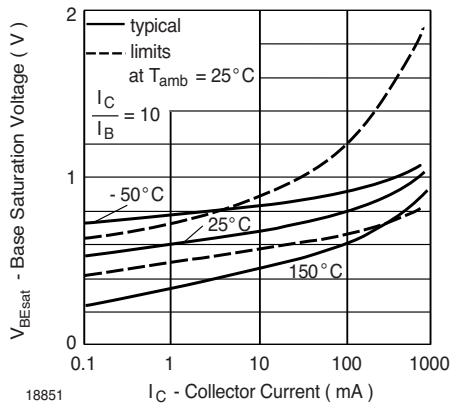


Figure 7. Base Saturation Voltage vs. Collector Current

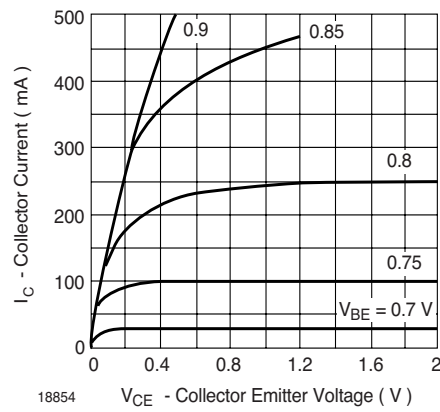


Figure 10. Collector Current vs. Collector Emitter Voltage

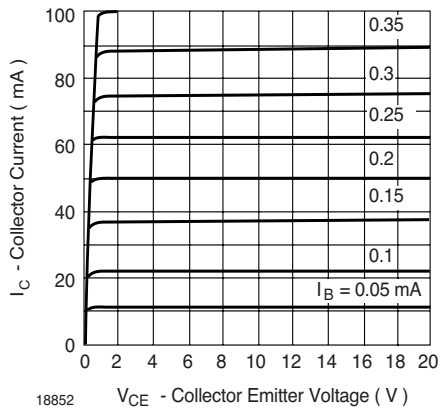


Figure 8. Collector Current vs. Collector Emitter Voltage

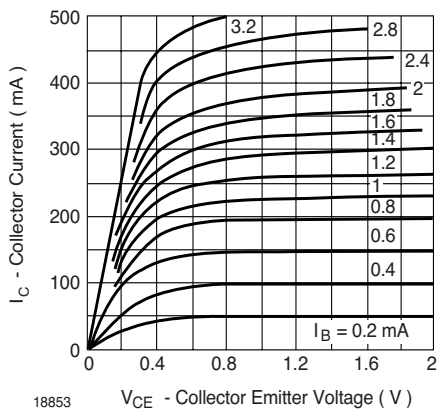
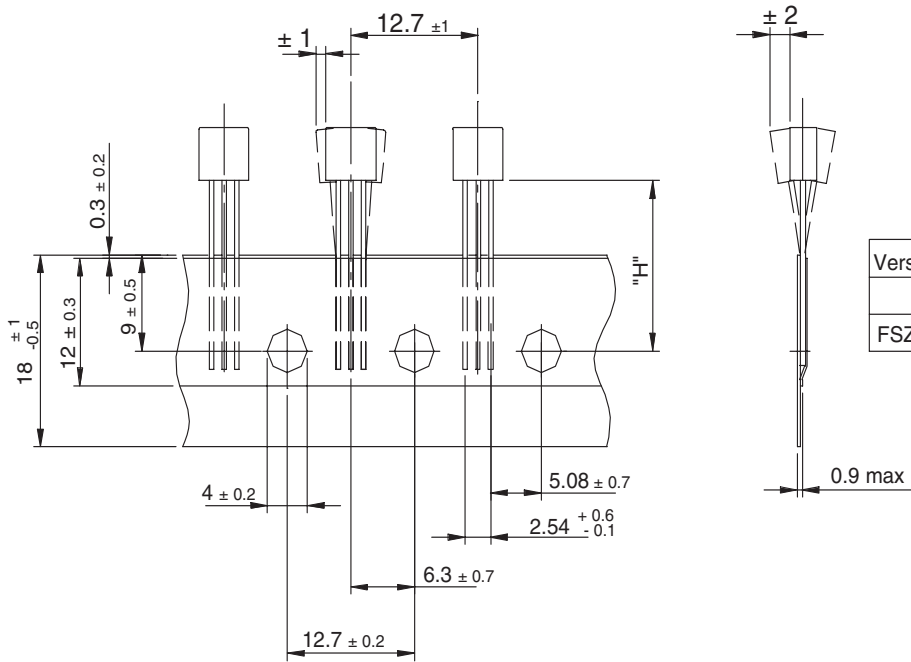
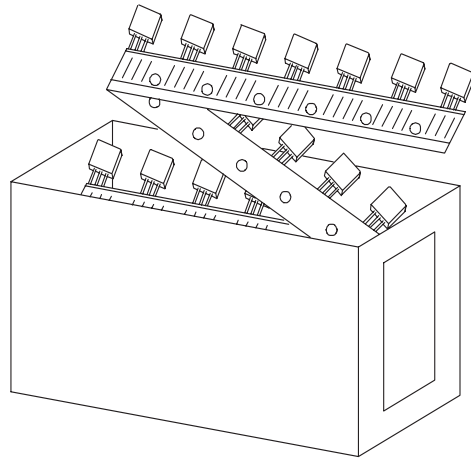


Figure 9. Collector Current vs. Collector Emitter Voltage

Packaging for Radial Taping

Dimensions in mm

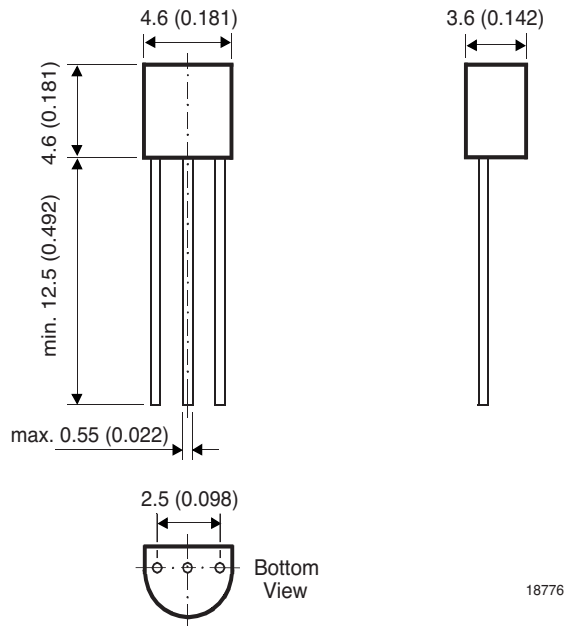


| Vers. | Dim. "H" |
|-------|----------|
| FSZ | 27 ± 0.5 |

Measure limit over 20 index - holes: ± 1

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Package Dimensions in mm (Inches)



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