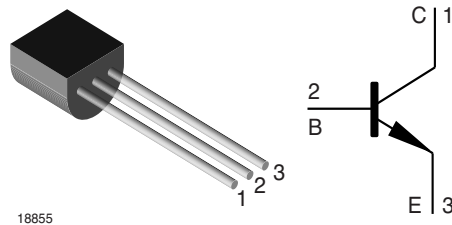


Small Signal Transistors (NPN)

Features

- NPN Silicon Epitaxial Planar Transistors
- These transistors are subdivided into three groups A, B, and C according to their current gain. The type BC546 is available in groups A and B, however, the types BC547 and BC548 can be supplied in all three groups. As complementary types the PNP transistors BC556...BC558 are recommended.
- On special request, these transistors are also manufactured in the pin configuration TO-18.



Mechanical Data

Case: TO-92 Plastic Package

Weight: approx. 180 mg

Packaging Codes/Options:

BULK / 5 k per container 20 k/box

TAP / 4 k per Ammopack 20 k/box

Parts Table

| Part | Ordering code | Remarks |
|--------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| BC546A | BC546A-BULK or BC546A-TAP | Bulk / Ammopack |
| BC546B | BC546B-BULK or BC546B-TAP | Bulk / Ammopack |
| BC547A | BC547A-BULK or BC547A-TAP | Bulk / Ammopack |
| BC547B | BC547B-BULK or BC547B-TAP | Bulk / Ammopack |
| BC547C | BC547C-BULK or BC547C-TAP | Bulk / Ammopack |
| BC548A | BC548A-BULK or BC548A-TAP | Bulk / Ammopack |
| BC548B | BC548B-BULK or BC548B-TAP | Bulk / Ammopack |
| BC548C | BC548C-BULK or BC548C-TAP | Bulk / Ammopack |

Absolute Maximum Ratings

T_{amb} = 25 °C, unless otherwise specified

| Parameter | Test condition | Part | Symbol | Value | Unit |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|------|
| Collector - base voltage | | BC546 | V _{CBO} | 80 | V |
| | | BC547 | V _{CBO} | 50 | V |
| | | BC548 | V _{CBO} | 30 | V |
| Collector - emitter voltage | | BC546 | V _{CES} | 80 | V |
| | | BC547 | V _{CES} | 50 | V |
| | | BC548 | V _{CES} | 30 | V |
| | | BC546 | V _{CEO} | 65 | V |
| | | BC547 | V _{CEO} | 45 | V |
| | | BC548 | V _{CEO} | 30 | V |
| Emitter - base voltage | | BC546 | V _{EBO} | 6 | V |
| | | BC547 | V _{EBO} | 6 | V |
| | | BC548 | V _{EBO} | 5 | V |
| Collector current | | | I _C | 100 | mA |
| Collector peak current | | | I _{CM} | 200 | mA |
| Peak base current | | | I _{BM} | 200 | mA |
| Peak emitter current | | | - I _{EM} | 200 | mA |
| Power dissipation | T _{amb} = 25 °C | | P _{tot} | 500 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 _{θJA} | 250 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 |
|--|---|------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Small signal current gain (current gain group A) | V _{CE} = 5 V, I _C = 2 mA, f = 1 kHz | | h _{fe} | | 220 | | |
| Small signal current gain (current gain group B) | V _{CE} = 5 V, I _C = 2 mA, f = 1 kHz | | h _{fe} | | 330 | | |
| Small signal current gain (current gain group C) | V _{CE} = 5 V, I _C = 2 mA, f = 1 kHz | | h _{fe} | | 600 | | |
| Input impedance (current gain group A) | V _{CE} = 5 V, I _C = 2 mA, f = 1 kHz | | h _{ie} | 1.6 | 2.7 | 4.5 | kΩ |
| Input impedance (current gain group B) | V _{CE} = 5 V, I _C = 2 mA, f = 1 kHz | | h _{ie} | 3.2 | 4.5 | 8.5 | kΩ |
| Input impedance (current gain group C) | V _{CE} = 5 V, I _C = 2 mA, f = 1 kHz | | h _{ie} | 6 | 8.7 | 15 | kΩ |
| Output admittance (current gain group A) | V _{CE} = 5 V, I _C = 2 mA, f = 1 kHz | | h _{oe} | | 18 | 30 | μS |
| Output admittance (current gain group B) | V _{CE} = 5 V, I _C = 2 mA, f = 1 kHz | | h _{oe} | | 30 | 60 | μS |
| Output admittance (current gain group C) | V _{CE} = 5 V, I _C = 2 mA, f = 1 kHz | | h _{oe} | | 60 | 110 | μS |



| Parameter | Test condition | Part | Symbol | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|---|--|-------|-------------|-----|----------------------|-----|---------------|
| Reverse voltage transfer ratio (current gain group A) | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 2\text{ mA}, f = 1\text{ kHz}$ | | h_{re} | | 1.5×10^{-4} | | |
| Reverse voltage transfer ratio (current gain group B) | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 2\text{ mA}, f = 1\text{ kHz}$ | | h_{re} | | 2×10^{-4} | | |
| Reverse voltage transfer ratio (current gain group C) | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 2\text{ mA}, f = 1\text{ kHz}$ | | h_{re} | | 3×10^{-4} | | |
| DC current gain (current gain group A) | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 10\text{ }\mu\text{A}$ | | h_{FE} | | 90 | | |
| DC current gain (current gain group B) | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 10\text{ }\mu\text{A}$ | | h_{FE} | | 150 | | |
| DC current gain (current gain group C) | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 10\text{ }\mu\text{A}$ | | h_{FE} | | 270 | | |
| DC current gain (current gain group A) | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 2\text{ mA}$ | | h_{FE} | 110 | 180 | 220 | |
| DC current gain (current gain group B) | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 2\text{ mA}$ | | h_{FE} | 200 | 290 | 450 | |
| DC current gain (current gain group C) | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 2\text{ mA}$ | | h_{FE} | 420 | 500 | 800 | |
| DC current gain (current gain group A) | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 100\text{ mA}$ | | h_{FE} | | 120 | | |
| DC current gain (current gain group B) | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 100\text{ mA}$ | | h_{FE} | | 200 | | |
| DC current gain (current gain group C) | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 100\text{ mA}$ | | h_{FE} | | 400 | | |
| Collector saturation voltage | $I_C = 10\text{ mA}, I_B = 0.5\text{ mA}$ | | V_{CEsat} | | 80 | 200 | mV |
| | $I_C = 100\text{ mA}, I_B = 5\text{ mA}$ | | V_{CEsat} | | 200 | 600 | mV |
| Base saturation voltage | $I_C = 10\text{ mA}, I_B = 0.5\text{ mA}$ | | V_{BEsat} | | 700 | | mV |
| | $I_C = 100\text{ mA}, I_B = 5\text{ mA}$ | | V_{BEsat} | | 900 | | mV |
| Base - emitter voltage | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 2\text{ mA}$ | | V_{BE} | 580 | 660 | 700 | mV |
| | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 10\text{ mA}$ | | V_{BE} | | | 720 | mV |
| Collector-emitter cut-off current | $V_{CE} = 80\text{ V}$ | BC546 | I_{CES} | | 0.2 | 15 | nA |
| | $V_{CE} = 50\text{ V}$ | BC547 | I_{CES} | | 0.2 | 15 | nA |
| | $V_{CE} = 30\text{ V}$ | BC548 | I_{CES} | | 0.2 | 15 | nA |
| | $V_{CE} = 80\text{ V}, T_j = 125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ | BC546 | I_{CES} | | | 4 | μA |
| | $V_{CE} = 50\text{ V}, T_j = 125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ | BC547 | I_{CES} | | | 4 | μA |
| | $V_{CE} = 30\text{ V}, T_j = 125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ | BC548 | I_{CES} | | | 4 | μA |

Electrical AC Characteristics

| Parameter | Test condition | Part | Symbol | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|------------------------------|---|-------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Gain - bandwidth product | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 10\text{ mA}, f = 100\text{ MHz}$ | | f_T | | 300 | | MHz |
| Collector - base capacitance | $V_{CB} = 10\text{ V}, f = 1\text{ MHz}$ | | C_{CBO} | | 3.5 | 6 | pF |
| Emitter - base capacitance | $V_{EB} = 0.5\text{ V}, f = 1\text{ MHz}$ | | C_{EBO} | | 9 | | pF |
| Noise figure | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 200\text{ }\mu\text{A}, R_G = 2\text{ k}\Omega, f = 1\text{ kHz}, \Delta f = 200\text{ Hz}$ | BC546 | F | | 2 | 10 | dB |
| | | BC547 | F | | 2 | 10 | dB |
| | | BC548 | F | | 2 | 10 | dB |

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

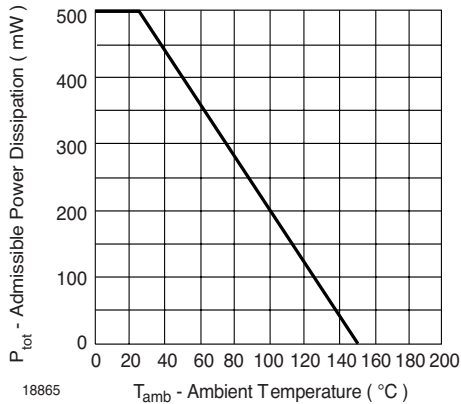


Fig. 1 Admissible Power Dissipation vs. Ambient Temperature

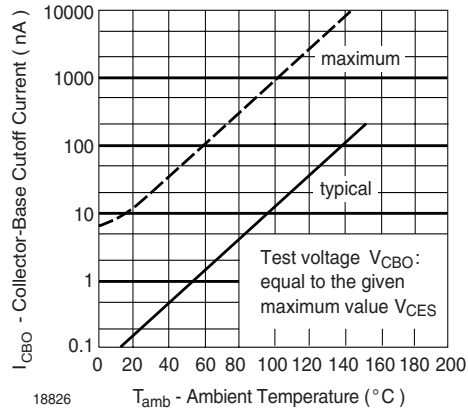


Fig. 4 Collector-Base Cutoff Current vs. Ambient Temperature

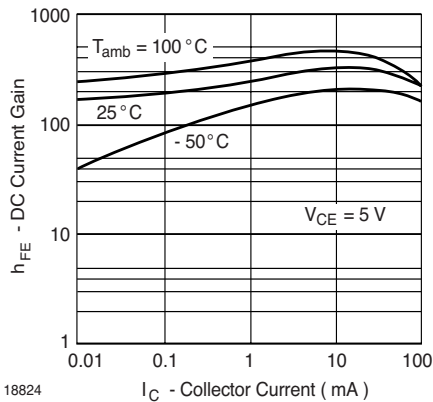


Fig. 2 DC Current Gain vs. Collector Current

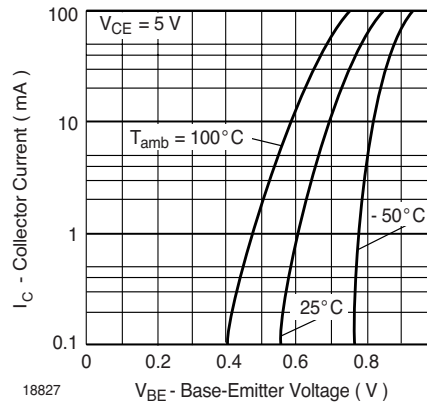


Fig. 5 Collector Current vs. Base-Emitter Voltage

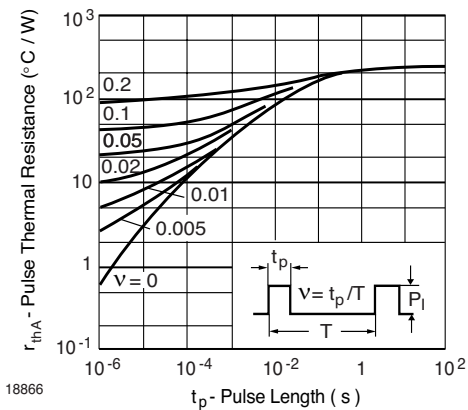


Fig. 3 Pulse Thermal Resistance vs. Pulse Duration

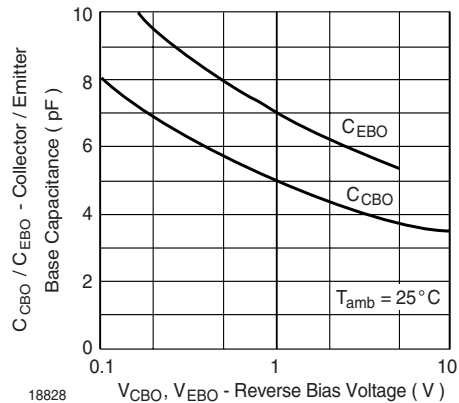


Fig. 6 Collector Base Capacitance, Emitter base Capacitance vs. Bias Voltage

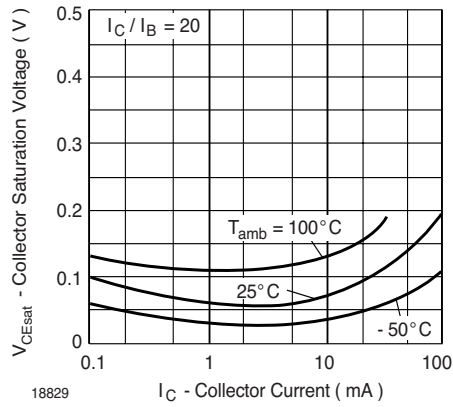


Fig. 7 Collector Saturation Voltage vs. Collector Current

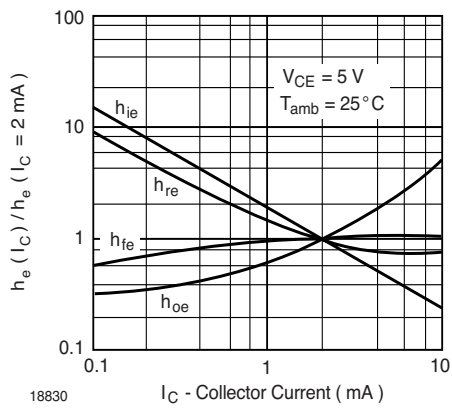


Fig. 8 Relative h-Parameters vs. Collector Current

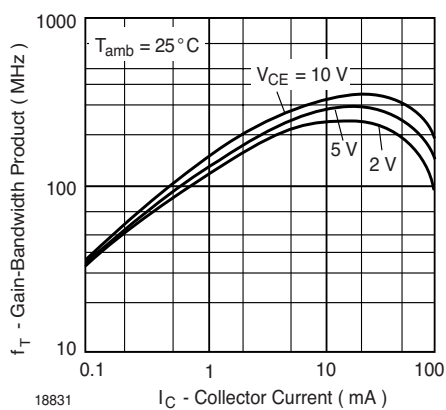


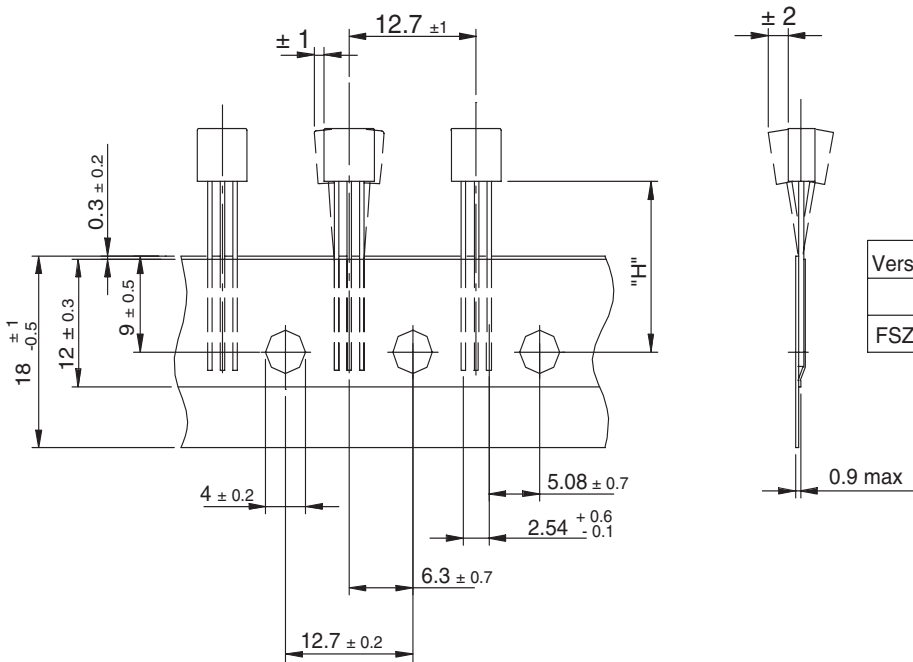
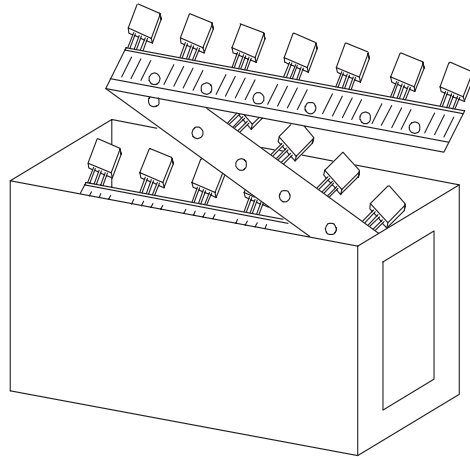
Fig. 9 Gain-Bandwidth Product vs. Collector Current

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Packaging for Radial Taping

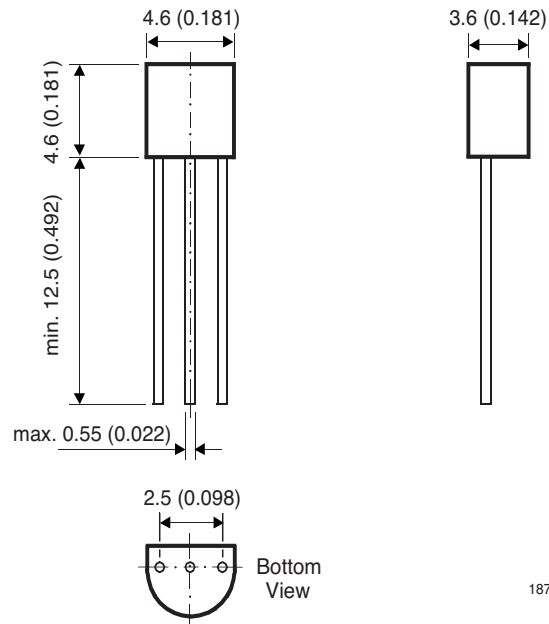


| Vers. | Dim. "H" |
|-------|--------------|
| FSZ | 27 ± 0.5 |

Measure limit over 20 index - holes: ± 1

18787

Package Dimensions in mm (Inches)



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