BC637; BCP55; BCX55

60 V, 1 A NPN medium power transistors

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1. Product profile

1.1 General description

NPN medium power transistor series.

Table 1. Product overview

Type number[1]	Package			PNP complement
	NXP	JEITA	JEDEC	
BC637[2]	SOT54	SC-43A	TO-92	BC638
BCP55	SOT223	SC-73	-	BCP52
BCX55	SOT89	SC-62	TO-243	BCX52

[1] Valid for all available selection groups.

[2] Also available in SOT54A and SOT54 variant packages (see Section 2).

1.2 Features

- High current
- Two current gain selections
- High power dissipation capability

1.3 Applications

- Linear voltage regulators
- Low-side switches
- MOSFET drivers
- Amplifiers

1.4 Quick reference data

Table 2. Quick reference data

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V_{CEO}	collector-emitter voltage	open base	-	-	60	V
I_C	collector current		-	-	1	A
I_{CM}	peak collector current	single pulse; $t_p \leq 1$ ms	-	-	1.5	A
h_{FE}	DC current gain	$V_{CE} = 2$ V; $I_C = 150$ mA	63	-	250	
	h_{FE} selection -10	$V_{CE} = 2$ V; $I_C = 150$ mA	63	-	160	
	h_{FE} selection -16	$V_{CE} = 2$ V; $I_C = 150$ mA	100	-	250	

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2. Pinning information

Table 3. Pinning

Pin	Description	Simplified outline	Symbol
SOT54			
1	base	001aab347	sym056
2	collector		
3	emitter		
SOT54A			
1	base	001aab348	sym056
2	collector		
3	emitter		
SOT54 variant			
1	base	001aab447	sym056
2	collector		
3	emitter		
SOT223			
1	base		sym016
2	collector		
3	emitter		
4	collector		
SOT89			
1	emitter		sym042
2	collector		
3	base		

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3. Ordering information

Table 4. Ordering information

Type number[1]	Package		
	Name	Description	Version
BC637[2]	SC-43A	plastic single-ended leaded (through hole) package; 3 leads	SOT54
BCP55	SC-73	plastic surface-mounted package with increased heatsink; 4 leads	SOT223
BCX55	SC-62	plastic surface-mounted package; collector pad for good heat transfer; 3 leads	SOT89

[1] Valid for all available selection groups.

[2] Also available in SOT54A and SOT54 variant packages (see Section 2 and Section 9).

4. Marking

Table 5. Marking codes

Type number	Marking code
BC637	C637
BC637-16	C63716
BCP55	BCP55
BCP55-10	BCP55/10
BCP55-16	BCP55/16
BCX55	BE
BCX55-10	BG
BCX55-16	BM

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5. Limiting values

Table 6. Limiting values
In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Max	Unit
V_{CBO}	collector-base voltage	open emitter		-	60	V
V_{CEO}	collector-emitter voltage	open base		-	60	V
V_{EBO}	emitter-base voltage	open collector		-	5	V
I_C	collector current			-	1	A
I_{CM}	peak collector current	single pulse; $t_p \leq 1$ ms		-	1.5	A
I_{BM}	peak base current	single pulse; $t_p \leq 1$ ms		-	0.2	A
P_{tot}	total power dissipation	$T_{amb} \leq 25$ °C				
	BC637		[1]	-	0.83	W
	BCP55		[1]	-	0.64	W
			[2]	-	0.96	W
	BCX55		[1]	-	0.5	W
			[2]	-	0.85	W
			[3]	-	1.25	W
T_j	junction temperature			-	150	°C
T_{amb}	ambient temperature			–65	+150	°C
T_{stg}	storage temperature			–65	+150	°C

[1] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit Board (PCB), single-sided copper, tin-plated and standard footprint.

[2] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided copper, tin-plated, mounting pad for collector 1 cm^2.

[3] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided copper, tin-plated, mounting pad for collector 6 cm^2.

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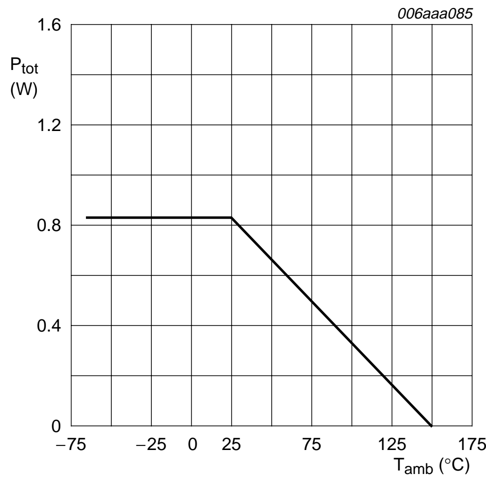
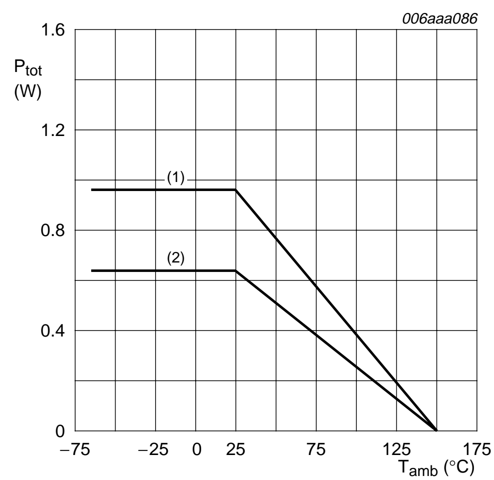


FR4 PCB, standard footprint

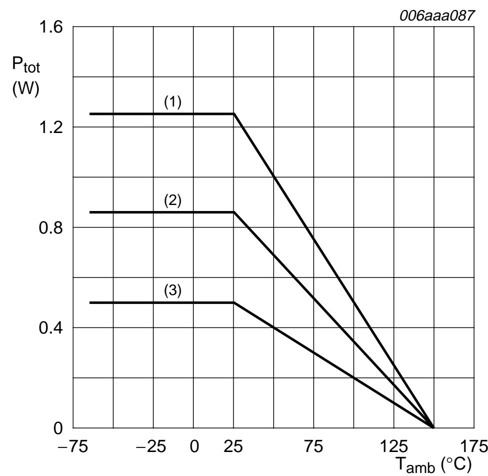
Fig 1. Power derating curve SOT54



(1) FR4 PCB, mounting pad for collector 1 cm^2

(2) FR4 PCB, standard footprint

Fig 2. Power derating curves SOT223



(1) FR4 PCB, mounting pad for collector 6 cm^2

(2) FR4 PCB, mounting pad for collector 1 cm^2

(3) FR4 PCB, standard footprint

Fig 3. Power derating curves SOT89

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6. Thermal characteristics

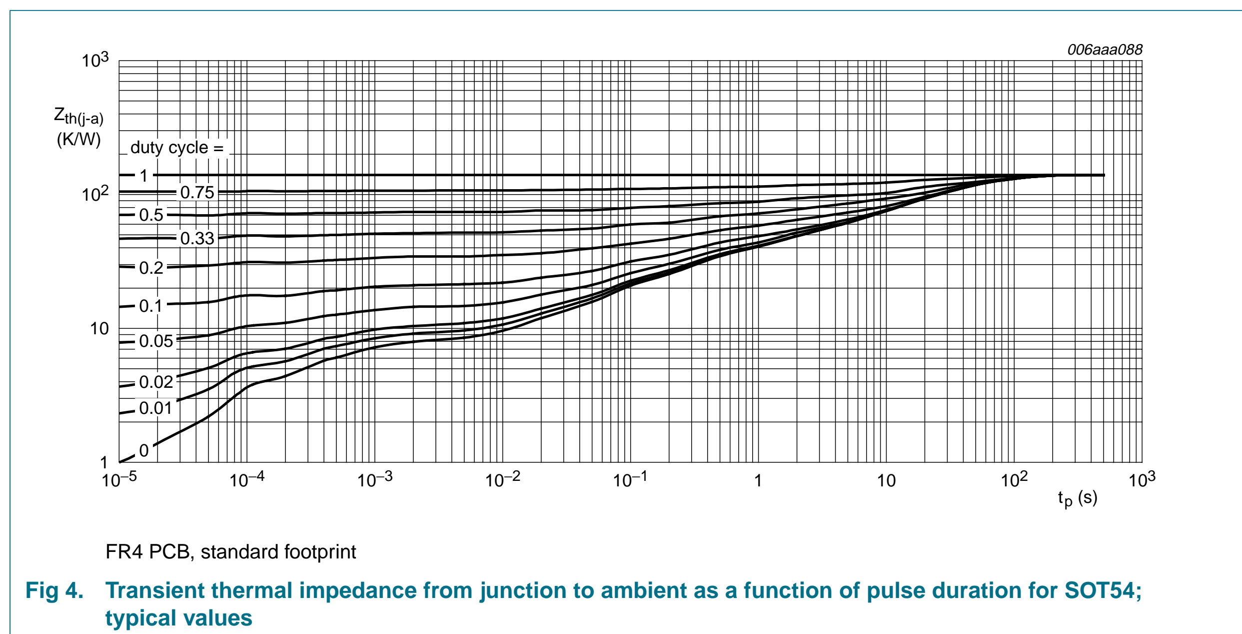
Table 7. Thermal characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$R_{th(j-a)}$	thermal resistance from junction to ambient	in free air					
	BC637		[1]	-	-	150	K/W
	BCP55		[1]	-	-	195	K/W
			[2]	-	-	130	K/W
	BCX55		[1]	-	-	250	K/W
			[2]	-	-	145	K/W
			[3]	-	-	100	K/W
$R_{th(j-sp)}$	thermal resistance from junction to solder point						
	BC637			-	-	40	K/W
	BCP55			-	-	17	K/W
	BCX55			-	-	30	K/W

[1] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided copper, tin-plated and standard footprint.

[2] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided copper, tin-plated, mounting pad for collector 1 cm^2.

[3] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided copper, tin-plated, mounting pad for collector 6 cm^2.



FR4 PCB, standard footprint

Fig 4. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration for SOT54; typical values

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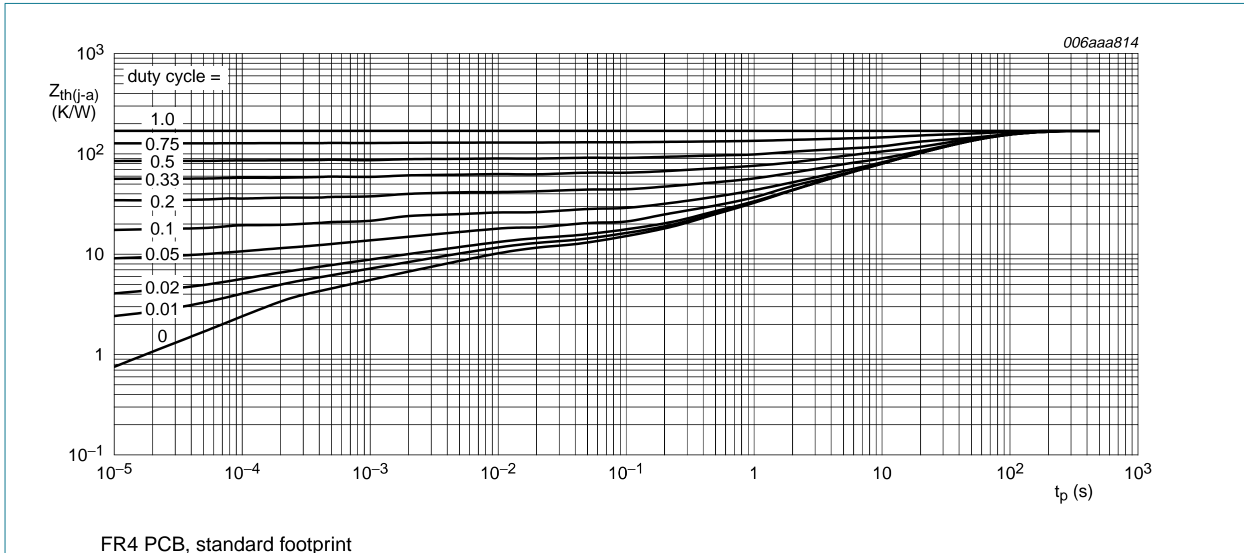
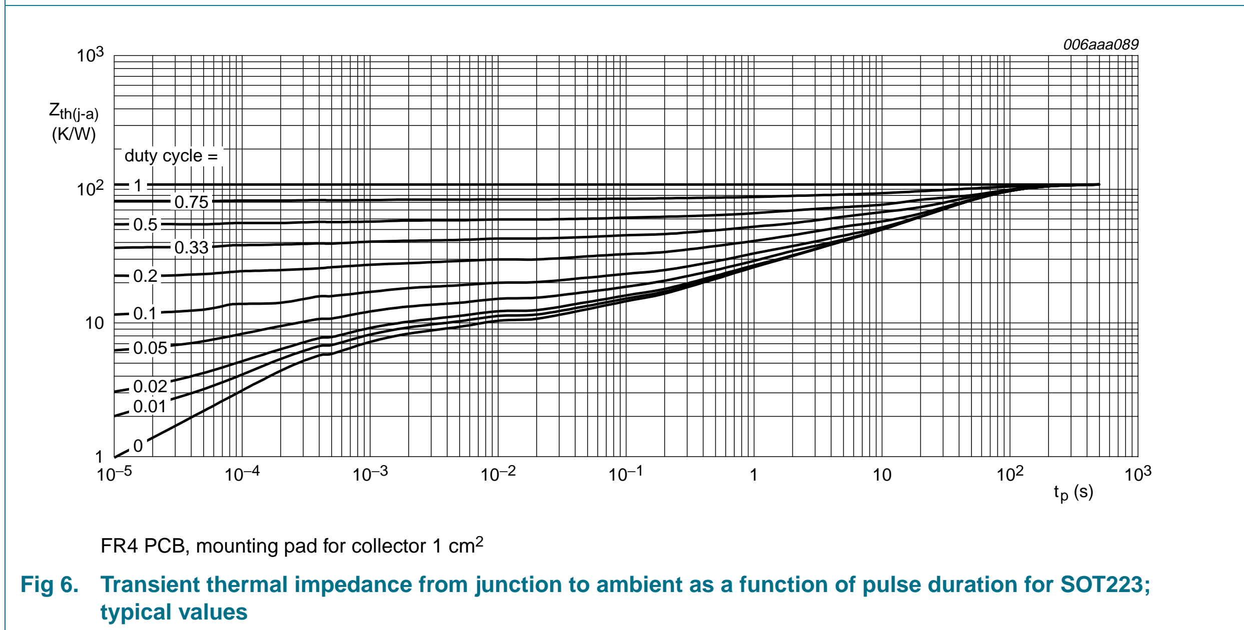


FR4 PCB, standard footprint

Fig 5. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration for SOT223; typical values



FR4 PCB, mounting pad for collector 1 cm^2

Fig 6. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration for SOT223; typical values

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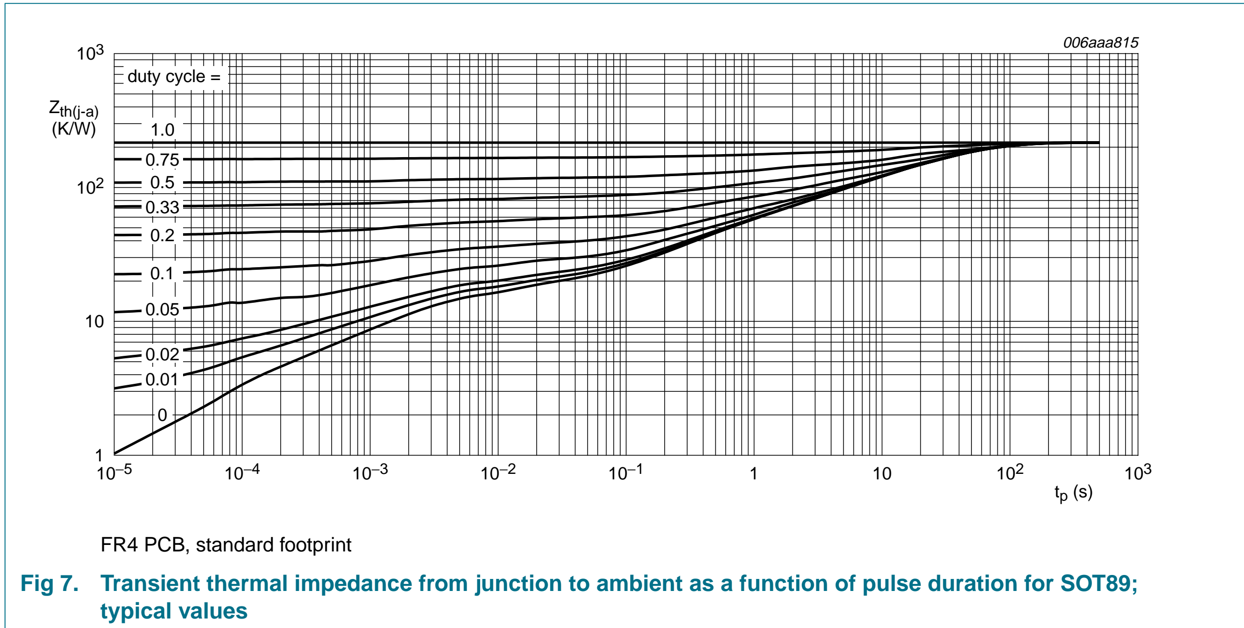
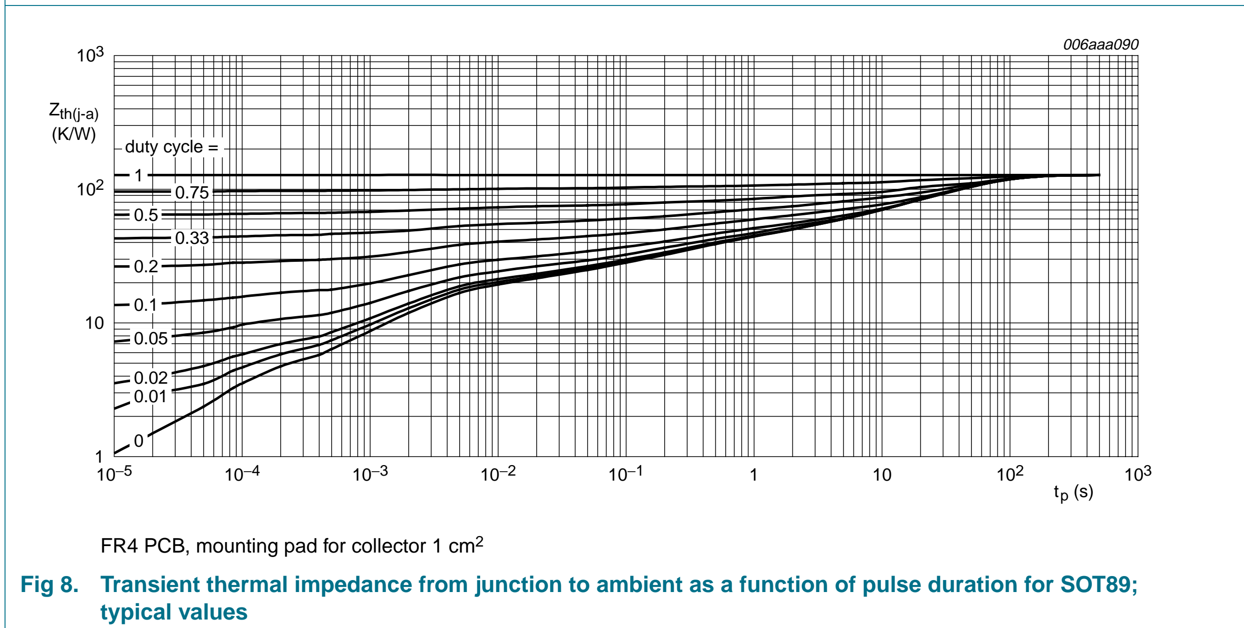


FR4 PCB, standard footprint

Fig 7. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration for SOT89; typical values



FR4 PCB, mounting pad for collector 1 cm^2

Fig 8. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration for SOT89; typical values

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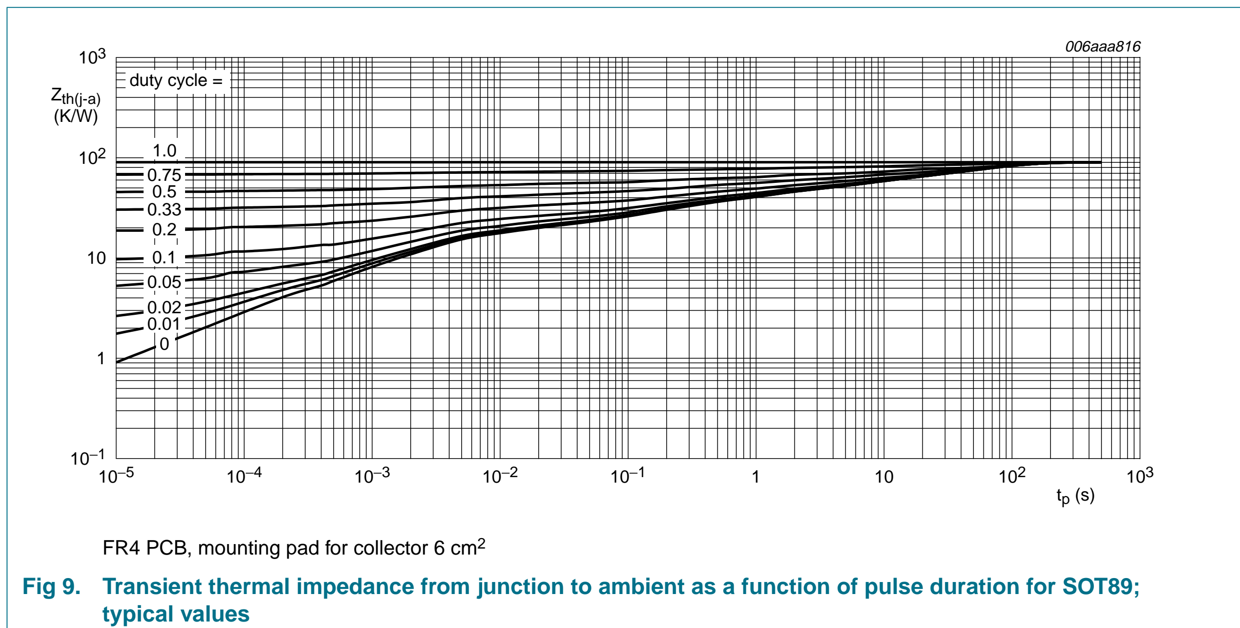

FR4 PCB, mounting pad for collector 6 cm^2

Fig 9. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration for SOT89; typical values

7. Characteristics

Table 8. Characteristics

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

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
I_{CBO}	collector-base cut-off current	V_{CB} = 30 V; I_E = 0 A		-	-	100	nA
		V_{CB} = 30 V; I_E = 0 A; T_j = 150 °C		-	-	10	µA
I_{EBO}	emitter-base cut-off current	V_{EB} = 5 V; I_C = 0 A		-	-	100	nA
h_{FE}	DC current gain	V_{CE} = 2 V					
		I_C = 5 mA		63	-	-	
		I_C = 150 mA		63	-	250	
		I_C = 500 mA	[1]	40	-	-	
	DC current gain	V_{CE} = 2 V					
	h_{FE} selection -10	I_C = 150 mA		63	-	160	
	h_{FE} selection -16	I_C = 150 mA		100	-	250	
V_{CEsat}	collector-emitter saturation voltage	I_C = 500 mA; I_B = 50 mA	[1]	-	-	500	mV
V_{BE}	base-emitter voltage	V_{CE} = 2 V; I_C = 500 mA	[1]	-	-	1	V
C_c	collector capacitance	V_{CB} = 10 V; I_E = i_e = 0 A; f = 1 MHz		-	6	-	pF
f_T	transition frequency	V_{CE} = 5 V; I_C = 50 mA; f = 100 MHz		100	180	-	MHz

[1] Pulse test: $t_p \leq 300$ µs; $\delta = 0.02$.

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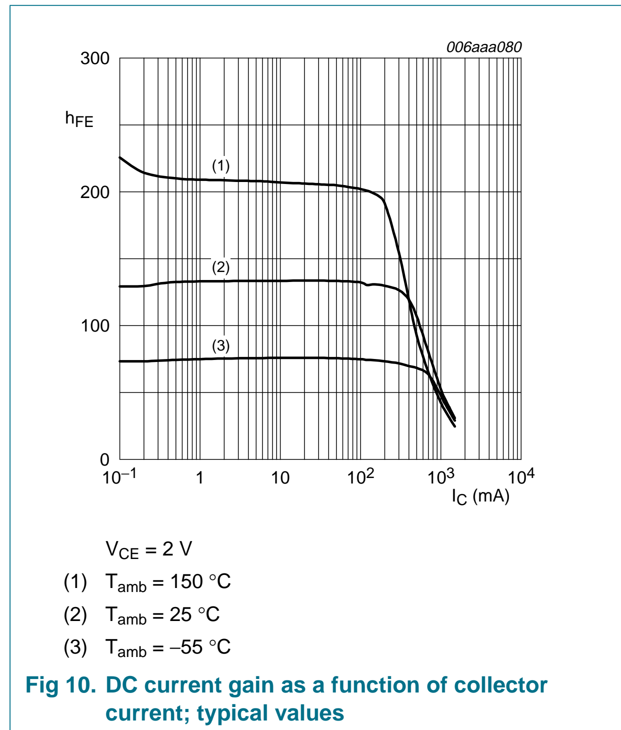


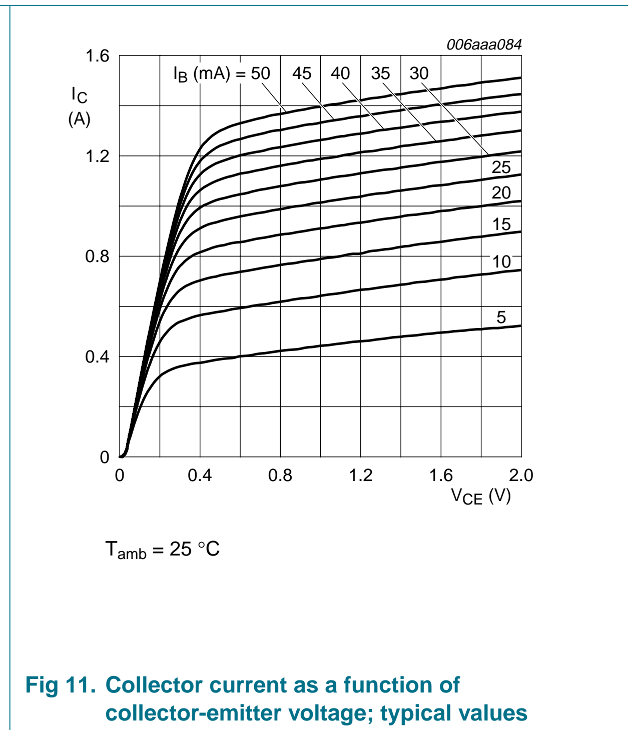
V_{CE} = 2 V

(1) T_{amb} = 150 °C

(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C

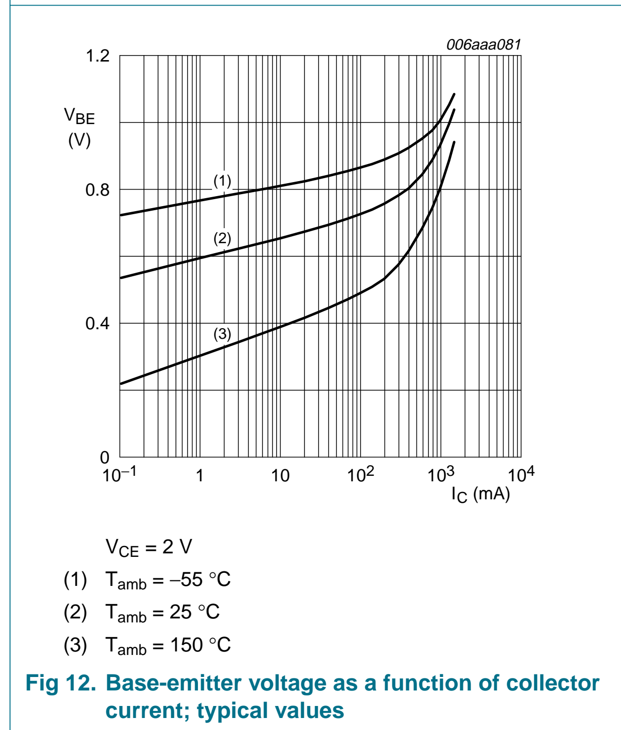
(3) T_{amb} = −55 °C

Fig 10. DC current gain as a function of collector current; typical values



T_{amb} = 25 °C

Fig 11. Collector current as a function of collector-emitter voltage; typical values



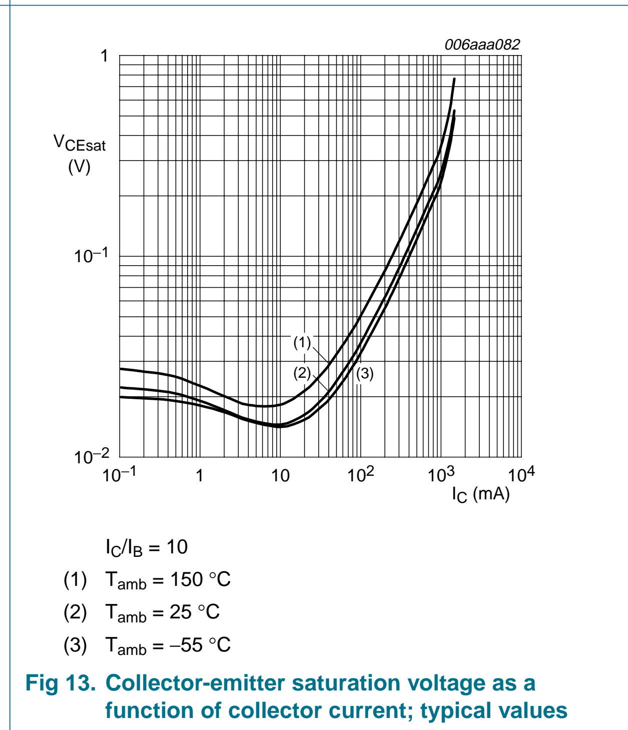
V_{CE} = 2 V

(1) T_{amb} = −55 °C

(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C

(3) T_{amb} = 150 °C

Fig 12. Base-emitter voltage as a function of collector current; typical values



I_C/I_B = 10

(1) T_{amb} = 150 °C

(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C

(3) T_{amb} = −55 °C

Fig 13. Collector-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values

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8. Package outline

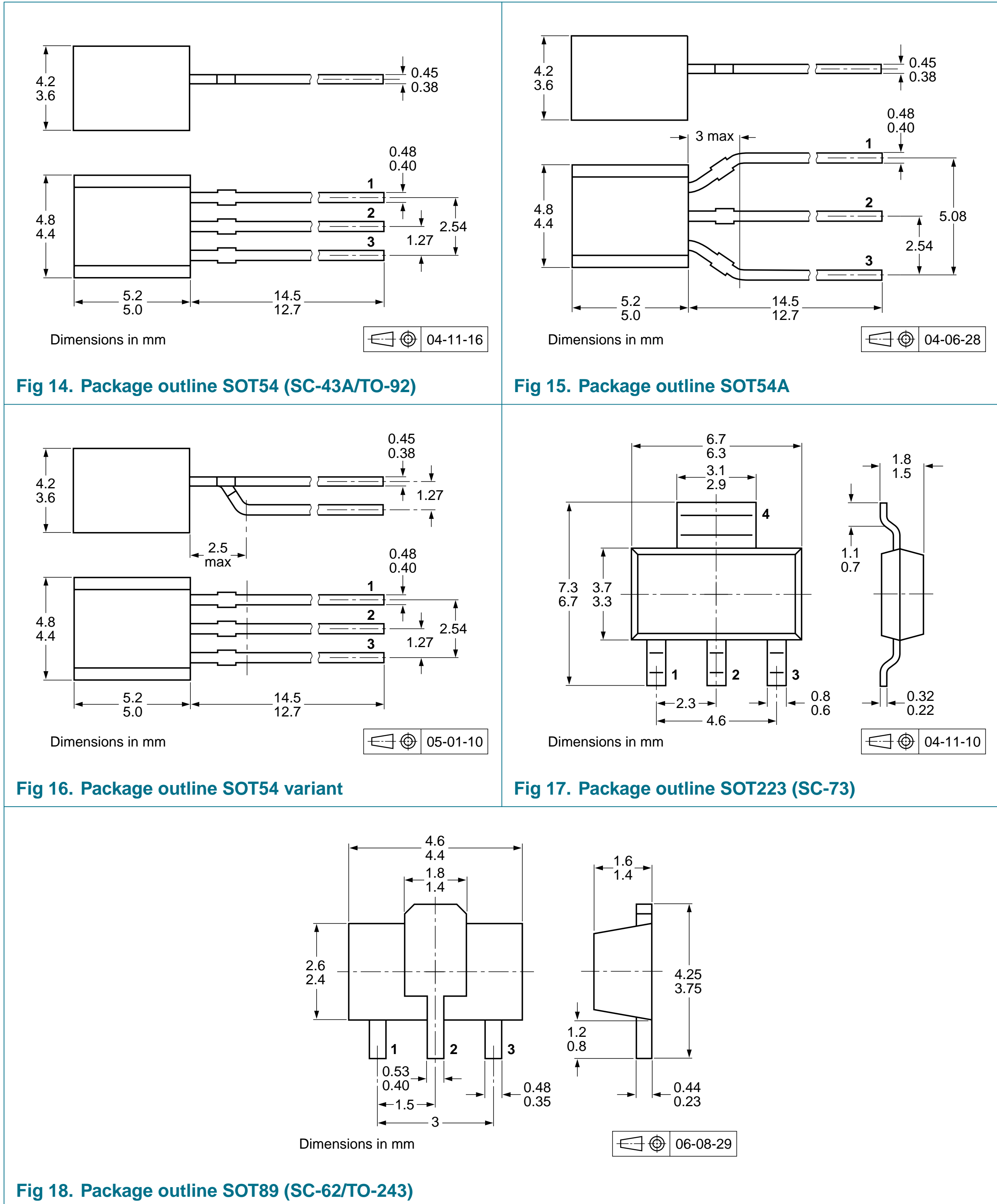

Fig 14. Package outline SOT54 (SC-43A/TO-92)

Fig 15. Package outline SOT54A

Fig 16. Package outline SOT54 variant

Fig 17. Package outline SOT223 (SC-73)

Fig 18. Package outline SOT89 (SC-62/TO-243)

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9. Packing information

Table 9. Packing methods

The indicated -xxx are the last three digits of the 12NC ordering code.[1]

Type number[2]	Package	Description		Packing quantity			
				1000	4000	5000	10000
BC637	SOT54	bulk, straight leads		-	-	-412	-
	SOT54A	tape and reel, wide pitch		-	-	-	-116
		tape ammopack, wide pitch		-	-	-	-126
	SOT54 variant	bulk, delta pinning		-	-	-112	-
BCP55	SOT223	8 mm pitch, 12 mm tape and reel		-115	-135	-	-
BCX55	SOT89	8 mm pitch, 12 mm tape and reel; T1	[3]	-115	-135	-	-
		8 mm pitch, 12 mm tape and reel; T3	[4]	-120	-	-	-

[1] For further information and the availability of packing methods, see Section 12.

[2] Valid for all available selection groups.

[3] T1: normal taping

[4] T3: 90° rotated taping

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10. Revision history

Table 10. Revision history

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