

Medium-Power Plastic NPN Silicon Transistors

. . . designed for driver circuits, switching, and amplifier applications. These high-performance plastic devices feature:

- Low Saturation Voltage —
 $V_{CE(sat)} = 0.6 \text{ Vdc (Max) } @ I_C = 1.0 \text{ Amp}$
- Excellent Power Dissipation Due to Thermopad Construction —
 $P_D = 30 \text{ W } @ T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$
- Excellent Safe Operating Area
- Gain Specified to $I_C = 1.0 \text{ Amp}$
- Complement to PNP 2N4918, 2N4919, 2N4920

*MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	2N4921	2N4922	2N4923	Unit
Collector-Emitter Voltage	V_{CEO}	40	60	80	Vdc
Collector-Base Voltage	V_{CB}	40	60	80	Vdc
Emitter-Base Voltage	V_{EB}		5.0		Vdc
Collector Current — Continuous (1)	I_C		1.0		Adc
			3.0		
Base Current — Continuous	I_B		1.0		Adc
Total Power Dissipation @ $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$ Derate above 25°C	P_D		30		Watts
			0.24		$\text{W}/^\circ\text{C}$
Operating & Storage Junction Temperature Range	T_J, T_{stg}	−65 to +150			°C

THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS (2)

Characteristic	Symbol	Max	Unit
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case	θ_{JC}	4.16	°C/W

(1) The 1.0 Amp maximum I_C value is based upon JEDEC current gain requirements.

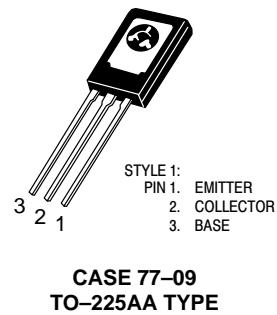
The 3.0 Amp maximum value is based upon actual current handling capability of the device (see Figures 5 and 6).

(2) Recommend use of thermal compound for lowest thermal resistance.

*Indicates JEDEC Registered Data.

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**1 AMPERE
GENERAL-PURPOSE
POWER TRANSISTORS
40–80 VOLTS
30 WATTS**



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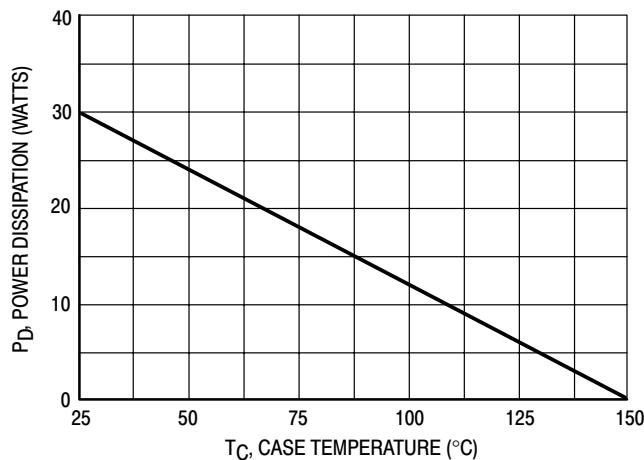


Figure 1. Power Derating

Safe Area Curves are indicated by Figure 5. All limits are applicable and must be observed.

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ($T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
OFF CHARACTERISTICS				
Collector-Emitter Sustaining Voltage (3) ($I_C = 0.1 \text{ Adc}, I_B = 0$)	$V_{CEO(\text{sus})}$	2N4921 2N4922 2N4923	40 60 80	— — —
Collector Cutoff Current ($V_{CE} = 20 \text{ Vdc}, I_B = 0$) ($V_{CE} = 30 \text{ Vdc}, I_B = 0$) ($V_{CE} = 40 \text{ Vdc}, I_B = 0$)	I_{CEO}	2N4921 2N4922 2N4923	— — —	0.5 0.5 0.5
Collector Cutoff Current ($V_{CE} = \text{Rated } V_{CEO}, V_{EB(\text{off})} = 1.5 \text{ Vdc}$) ($V_{CE} = \text{Rated } V_{CEO}, V_{EB(\text{off})} = 1.5 \text{ Vdc}, T_C = 125^\circ\text{C}$)	I_{CEX}	— —	0.1 0.5	mAdc
Collector Cutoff Current ($V_{CB} = \text{Rated } V_{CB}, I_E = 0$)	I_{CBO}	—	0.1	mAdc
Emitter Cutoff Current ($V_{EB} = 5.0 \text{ Vdc}, I_C = 0$)	I_{EBO}	—	1.0	mAdc

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DC Current Gain (3) ($I_C = 50 \text{ mAdc}, V_{CE} = 1.0 \text{ Vdc}$) ($I_C = 500 \text{ mAdc}, V_{CE} = 1.0 \text{ Vdc}$) ($I_C = 1.0 \text{ Adc}, V_{CE} = 1.0 \text{ Vdc}$)	h_{FE}	40 30 10	— 150 —	—
Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage (3) ($I_C = 1.0 \text{ Adc}, I_B = 0.1 \text{ Adc}$)	$V_{CE(\text{sat})}$	—	0.6	Vdc
Base-Emitter Saturation Voltage (3) ($I_C = 1.0 \text{ Adc}, I_B = 0.1 \text{ Adc}$)	$V_{BE(\text{sat})}$	—	1.3	Vdc
Base-Emitter On Voltage (3) ($I_C = 1.0 \text{ Adc}, V_{CE} = 1.0 \text{ Vdc}$)	$V_{BE(\text{on})}$	—	1.3	Vdc

SMALL-SIGNAL CHARACTERISTICS

Current-Gain — Bandwidth Product ($I_C = 250 \text{ mAdc}, V_{CE} = 10 \text{ Vdc}, f = 1.0 \text{ MHz}$)	f_T	3.0	—	MHz
Output Capacitance ($V_{CB} = 10 \text{ Vdc}, I_E = 0, f = 100 \text{ kHz}$)	C_{ob}	—	100	pF
Small-Signal Current Gain ($I_C = 250 \text{ mAdc}, V_{CE} = 10 \text{ Vdc}, f = 1.0 \text{ kHz}$)	h_{fe}	25	—	—

(3) Pulse Test: PW $\approx 300 \mu\text{s}$, Duty Cycle $\approx 2.0\%$.

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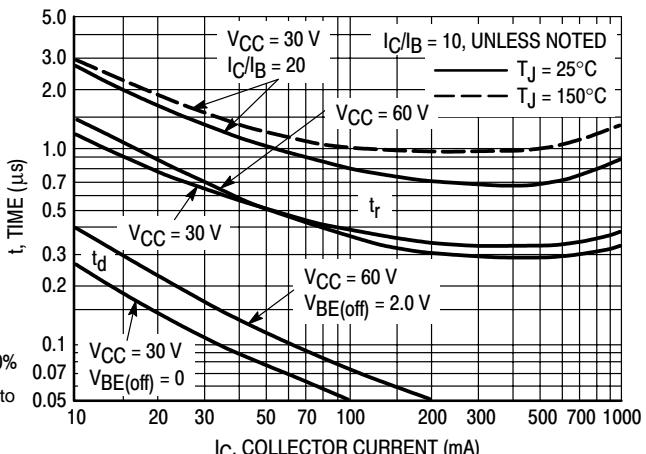
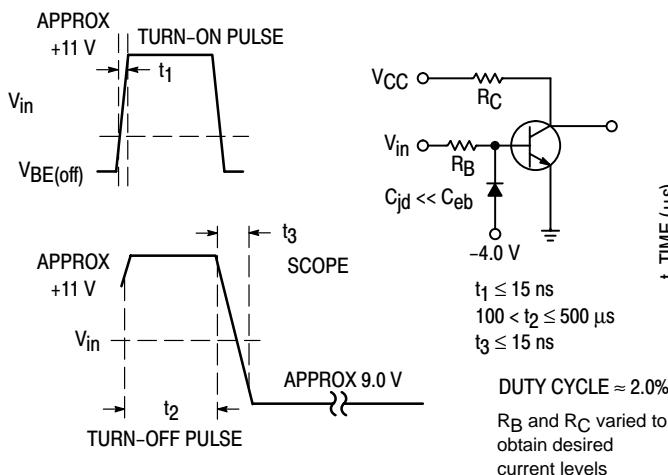


Figure 2. Switching Time Equivalent Circuit

Figure 3. Turn-On Time

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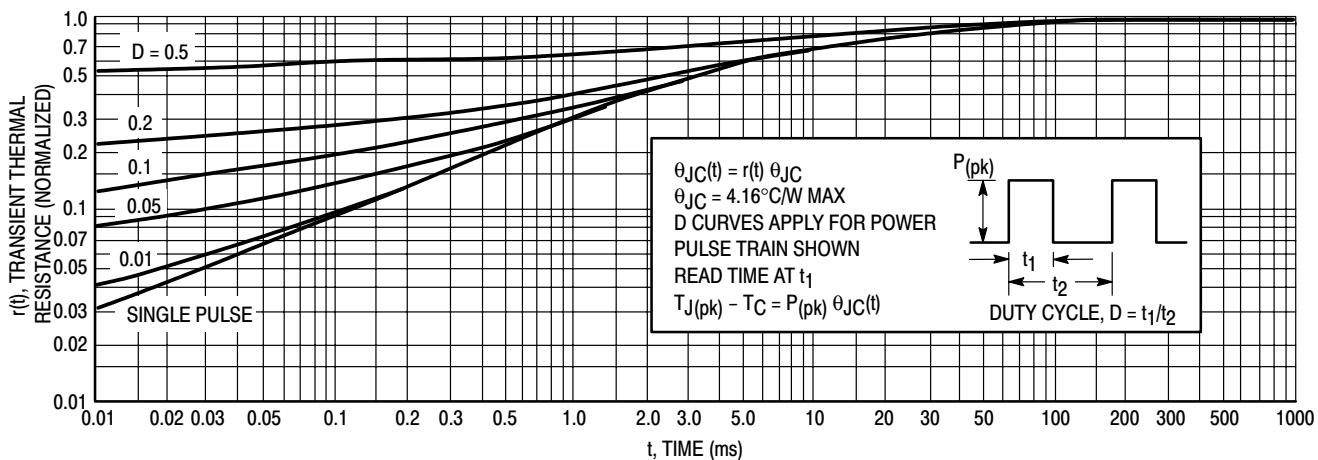


Figure 4. Thermal Response

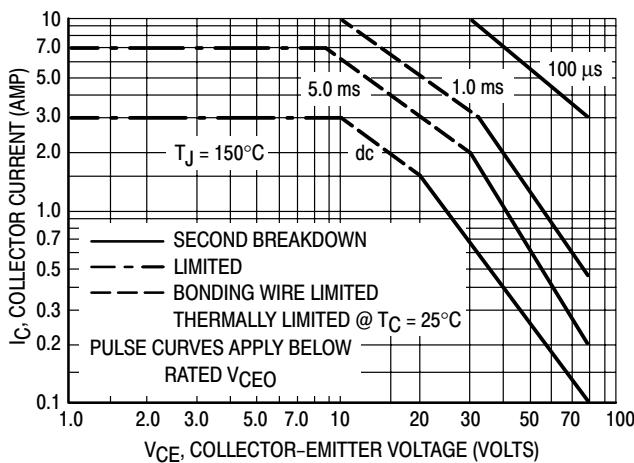


Figure 5. Active-Region Safe Operating Area

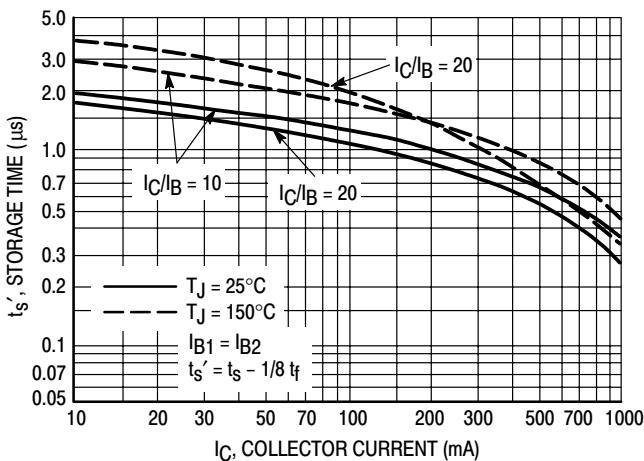


Figure 6. Storage Time

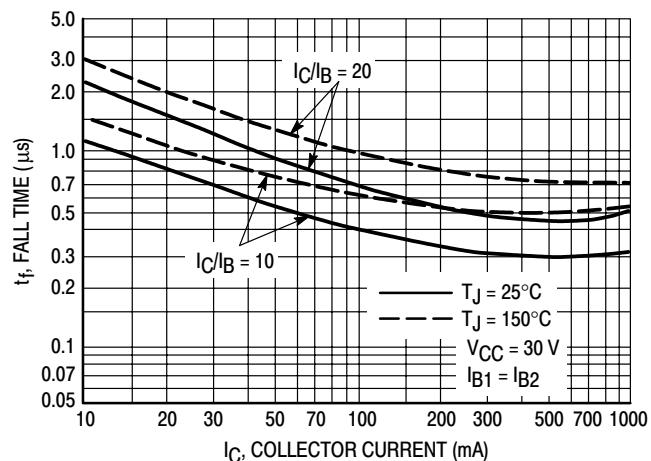


Figure 7. Fall Time

There are two limitations on the power handling ability of a transistor: average junction temperature and second breakdown. Safe operating area curves indicate $I_C - V_{CE}$ operation i.e., the transistor must not be subjected to greater dissipation than the curves indicate.

The data of Figure 5 is based on $T_{J(pk)} = 150^\circ\text{C}$; T_C is variable depending on conditions. Second breakdown pulse limits are valid for duty cycles to 10% provided $T_{J(pk)} \leq 150^\circ\text{C}$. At high case temperatures, thermal limitations will reduce the power that can be handled to values less than the limitations imposed by second breakdown.

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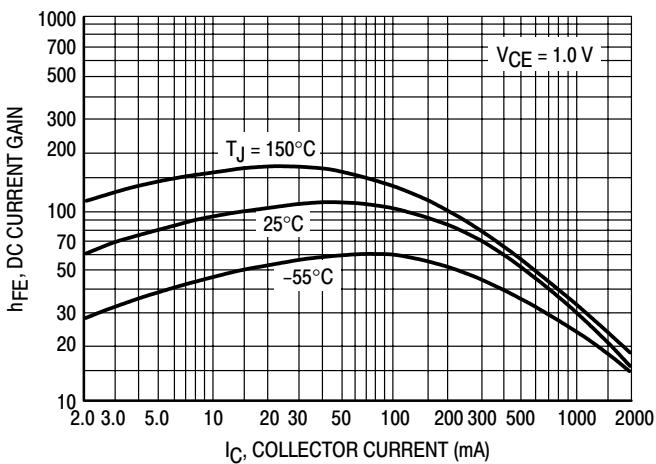


Figure 8. Current Gain

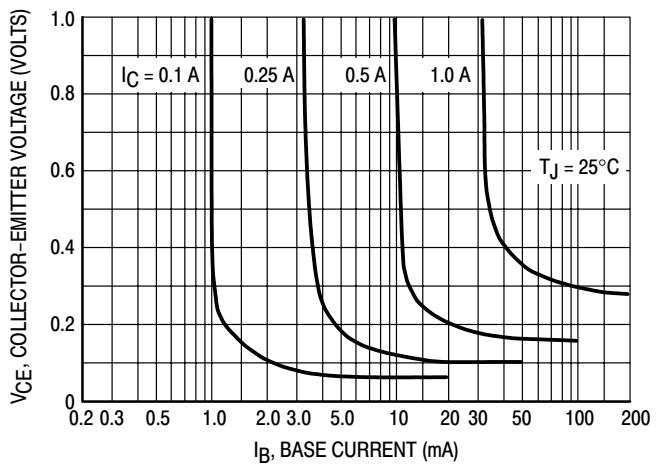


Figure 9. Collector Saturation Region

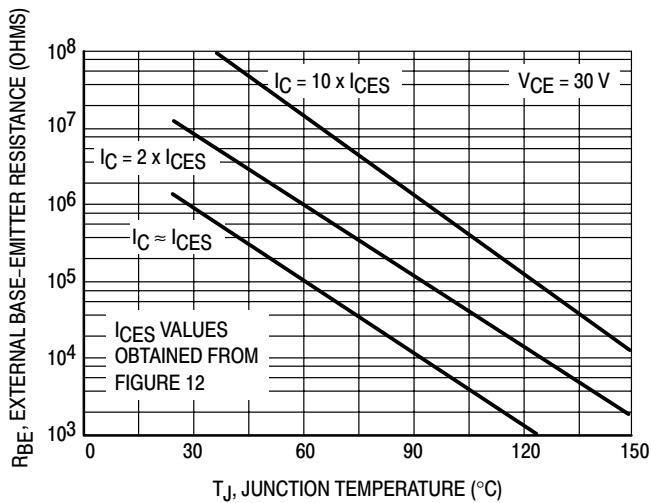


Figure 10. Effects of Base-Emitter Resistance

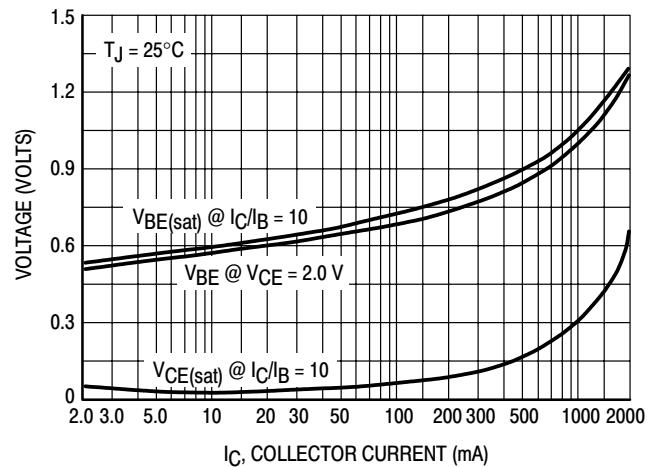


Figure 11. "On" Voltage

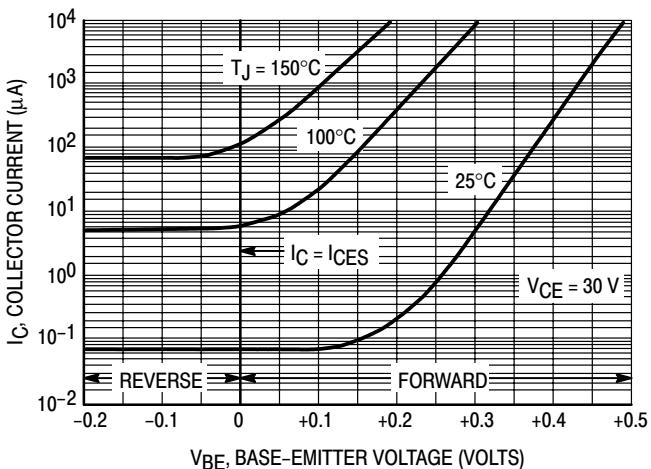


Figure 12. Collector Cut-Off Region

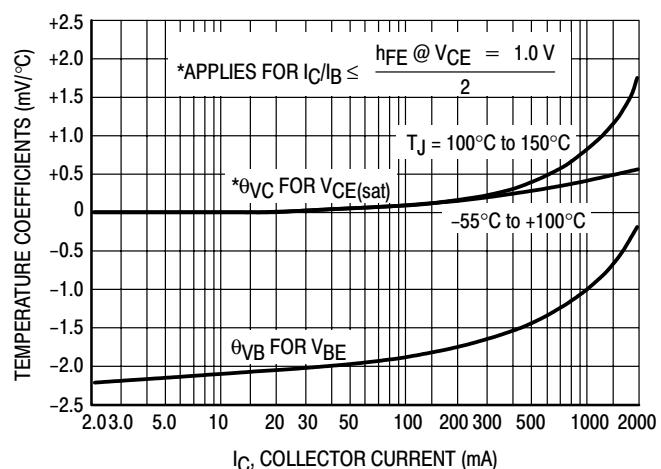


Figure 13. Temperature Coefficients