



BCP51 series

45 V, 1 A PNP medium power transistors

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Product data sheet

1. General description

PNP medium power transistors in a SOT223 (SC-73) Surface-Mounted Device (SMD) plastic package.

2. Features and benefits

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

3. Applications

- Linear voltage regulators
- High-side switches
- Battery-driven devices
- Power management
- MOSFET drivers
- Amplifiers

4. Quick reference data

Table 1. Quick reference data

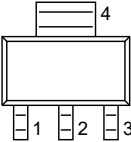
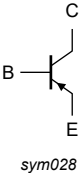
$T_{amb} = 25\text{ °C}$ unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V_{CEO}	collector-emitter voltage	open base		-	-	-45	V
I_C	collector current			-	-	-1	A
I_{CM}	peak collector current	single pulse; $t_p \leq 1\text{ ms}$		-	-	-2	A
h_{FE}	DC current gain						
	BCP51	$V_{CE} = -2\text{ V}$; $I_C = -150\text{ mA}$ $T_{amb} = 25\text{ °C}$	[1]	63	-	250	
	BCP51-10		[1]	63	-	160	
	BCP51-16		[1]	100	-	250	

[1] pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$; $\delta \leq 0.02$

5. Pinning information

Table 2. Pinning

Pin	Symbol	Description	Simplified outline	Graphic symbol
1	B	base		
2	C	collector		
3	E	emitter		
4	C	collector		

6. Ordering information

Table 3. Ordering information

Type number	Package		
	Name	Description	Version
BCP51	-	plastic, surface-mounted package with increased heatsink; 4 leads; 2.3 mm pitch; 6.5 mm x 3.5 mm x 1.65 mm body	SOT223
BCP51-10			
BCP51-16			

7. Marking

Table 4. Marking

Type number	Marking code
BCP51	BCP51
BCP51-10	BCP51/10
BCP51-16	BCP51/16

8. Limiting values

Table 5. Limiting values

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

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

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V_{CBO}	collector-base voltage	open emitter	-	-45	V
V_{CEO}	collector-emitter voltage	open base	-	-45	V
V_{EBO}	emitter-base voltage	open collector	-	-5	V
I_C	collector current		-	-1	A
I_{CM}	peak collector current	single pulse; $t_p \leq 1\text{ ms}$	-	-2	A
I_B	base current		-	-0.3	A
I_{BM}	peak base current	single pulse; $t_p \leq 1\text{ ms}$	-	-0.3	A
P_{tot}	total power dissipation	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$ [1]	-	0.65	W
		[2]	-	1.00	W
		[3]	-	1.35	W
T_j	junction temperature		-	150	°C
T_{amb}	ambient temperature		-55	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 cm².

[3] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB; single-sided copper; tin-plated; mounting pad for collector 6 cm².

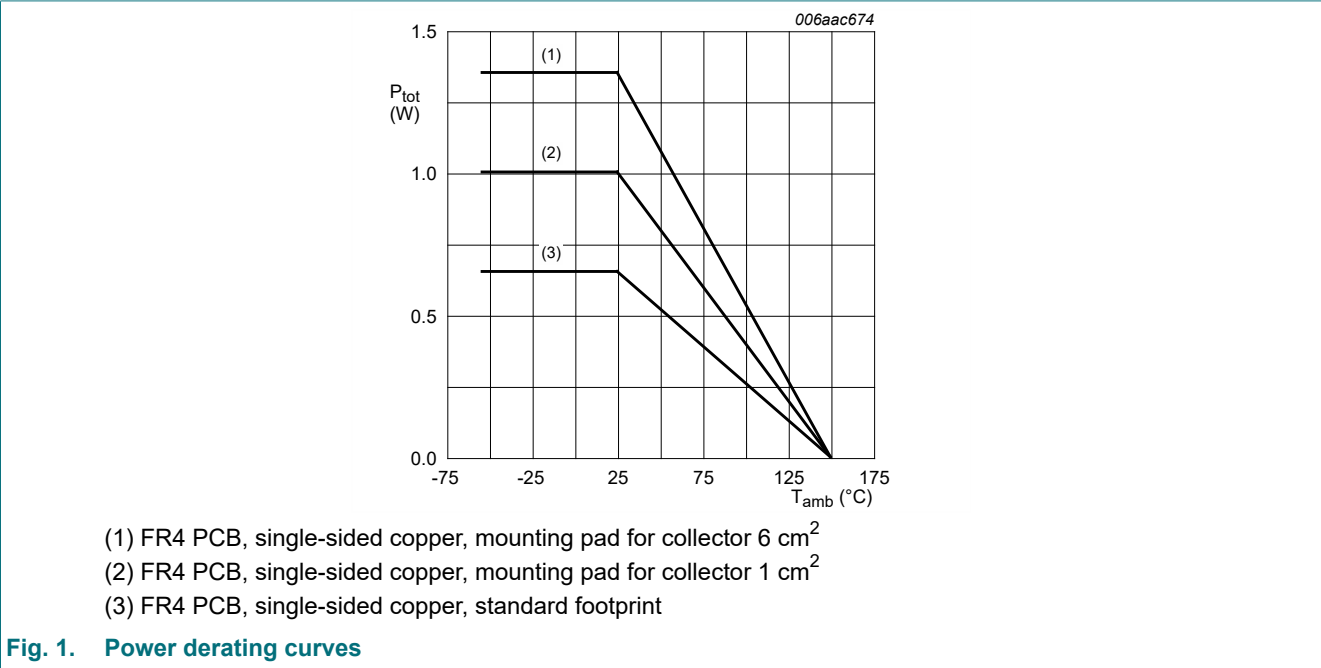


Fig. 1. Power derating curves

9. Thermal characteristics

Table 6. Thermal characteristics
 $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$R_{th(j-a)}$	thermal resistance from junction to ambient	in free air	[1]	-	-	192	K/W
			[2]	-	-	125	K/W
			[3]	-	-	93	K/W
$R_{(j-sp)}$	thermal resistance from junction to solder point			-	-	16	K/W

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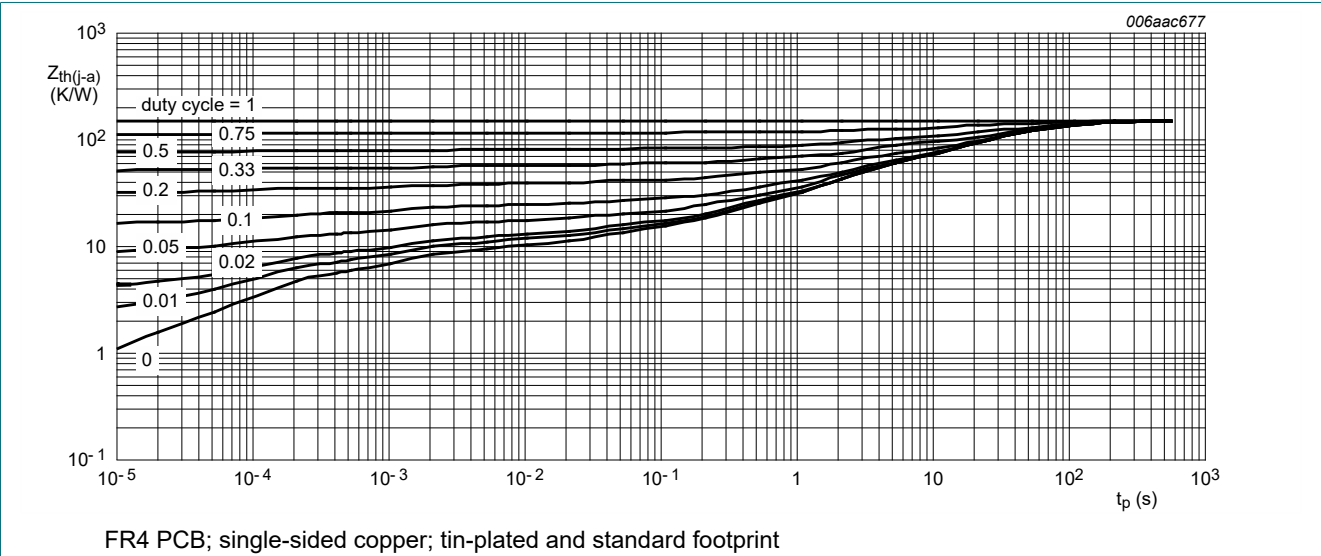


Fig. 2. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration; typical values

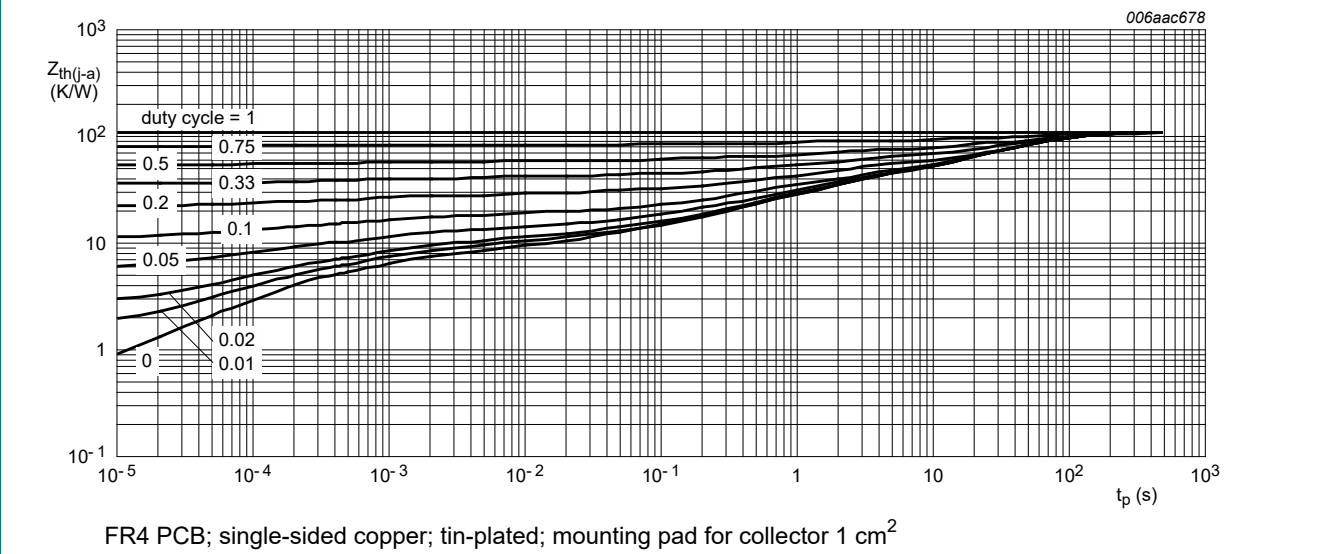
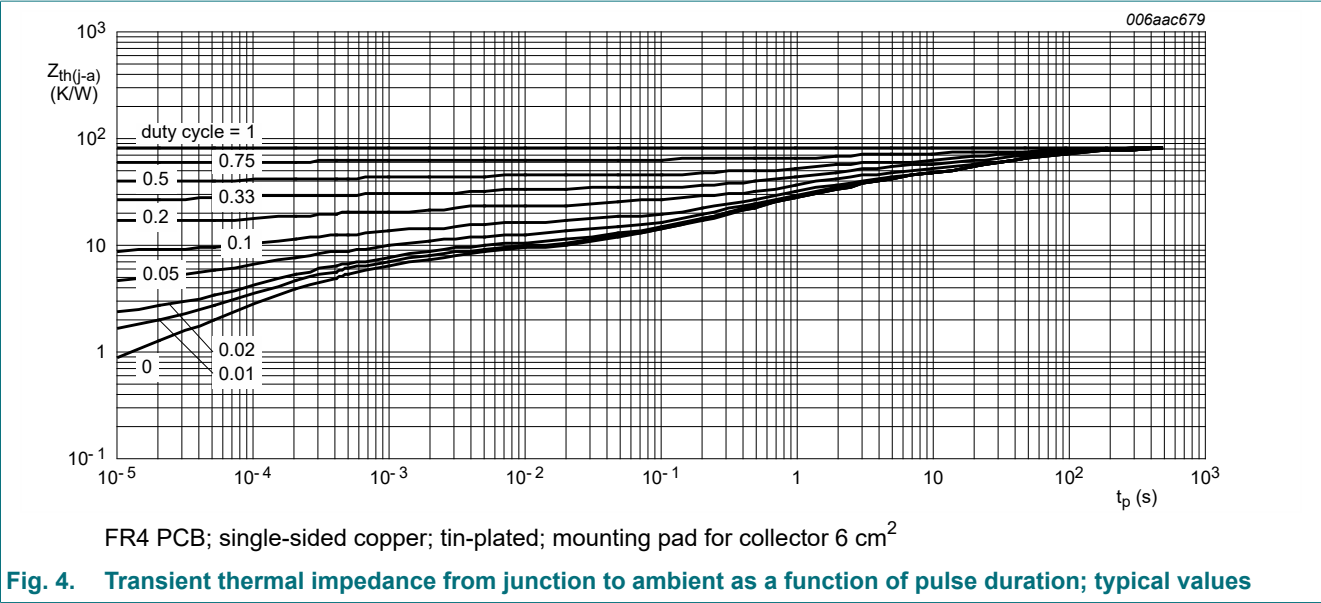


Fig. 3. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration; typical values



10. Characteristics

Table 7. Characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
I _{CBO}	collector-base cut-off current	V _{CB} = -30 V; I _E = 0 A T _{amb} = 25 °C		-	-	-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 T _{amb} = 25 °C		-	-	-100	nA
h _{FE}	DC current gain						
	BCP51	V _{CE} = -2 V; I _C = -5 mA T _{amb} = 25 °C	[1]	63	-	-	
		V _{CE} = -2 V; I _C = -150 mA T _{amb} = 25 °C		63	-	250	
		V _{CE} = -2 V; I _C = -500 mA T _{amb} = 25 °C		40	-	-	
	BCP51-10	V _{CE} = -2 V; I _C = -5 mA T _{amb} = 25 °C	[1]	63	-	-	
		V _{CE} = -2 V; I _C = -150 mA T _{amb} = 25 °C		63	-	160	
		V _{CE} = -2 V; I _C = -500 mA T _{amb} = 25 °C		40	-	-	
	BCP51-16	V _{CE} = -2 V; I _C = -5 mA T _{amb} = 25 °C	[1]	63	-	-	
		V _{CE} = -2 V; I _C = -150 mA T _{amb} = 25 °C		100	-	250	
		V _{CE} = -2 V; I _C = -500 mA T _{amb} = 25 °C		40	-	-	
V _{CEsat}	collector-emitter saturation voltage	I _C = -500 mA; I _B = -50 mA T _{amb} = 25 °C	[1]	-	-	-0.5	V
V _{BE}	base-emitter voltage	V _{CE} = -2 V; I _C = -500 mA T _{amb} = 25 °C	[1]	-	-	-1	V
C _c	collector capacitance	V _{CB} = -10 V; I _E = I _e = 0 A; f = 1 MHz T _{amb} = 25 °C		-	15	-	pF
f _T	transition frequency	V _{CE} = -5 V; I _C = -50 mA; f = 100 MHz T _{amb} = 25 °C		-	145	-	MHz

[1] pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02

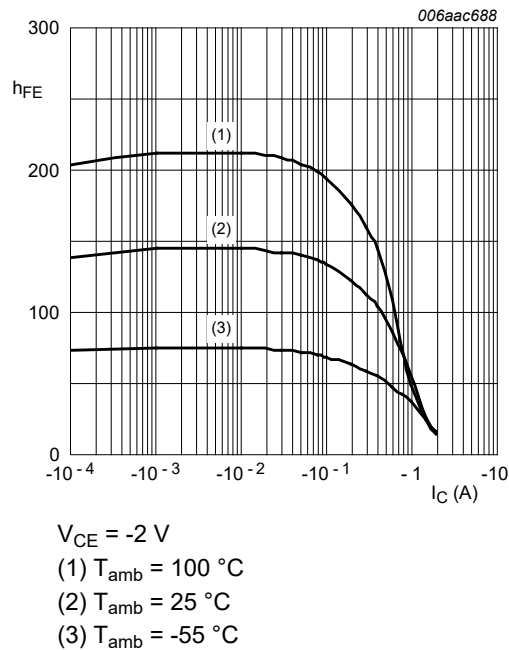


Fig. 5. DC current gain as a function of collector current; typical values

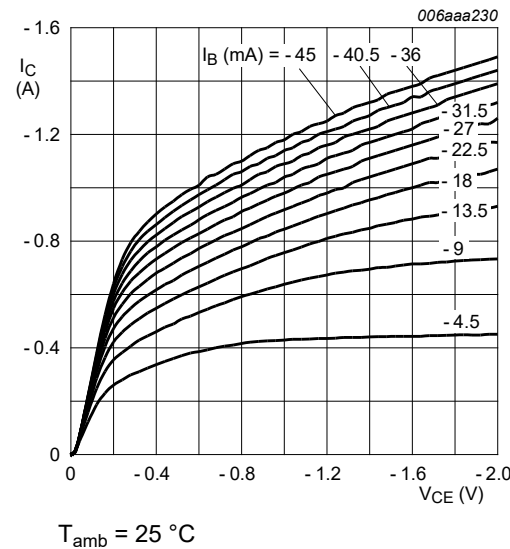


Fig. 6. Collector current as a function of collector-emitter voltage; typical values

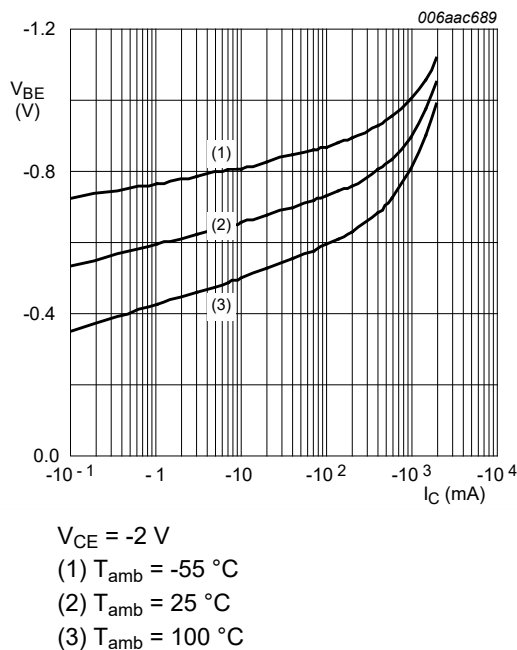


Fig. 7. Base-emitter voltage as a function of collector current; typical values

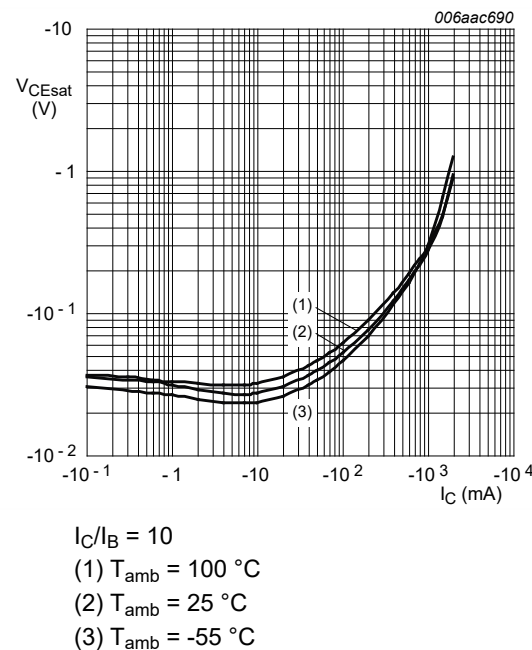


Fig. 8. Collector-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values

11. Package outline

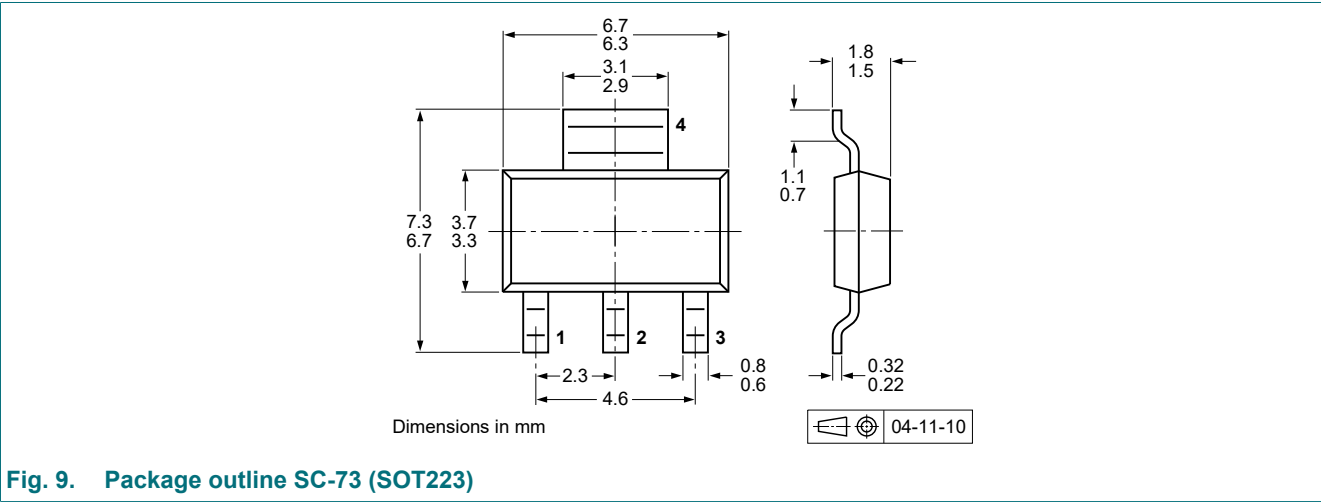


Fig. 9. Package outline SC-73 (SOT223)

12. Soldering

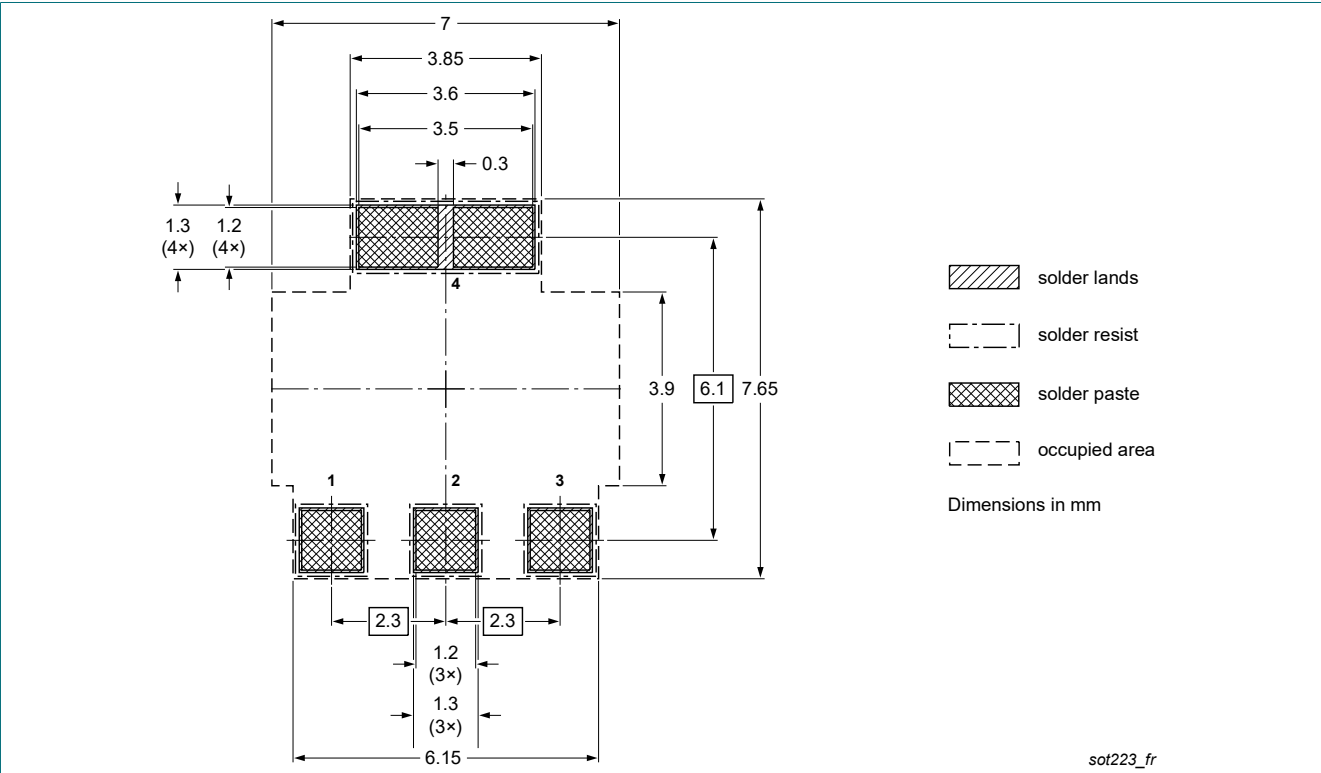


Fig. 10. Reflow soldering footprint for SC-73 (SOT223)

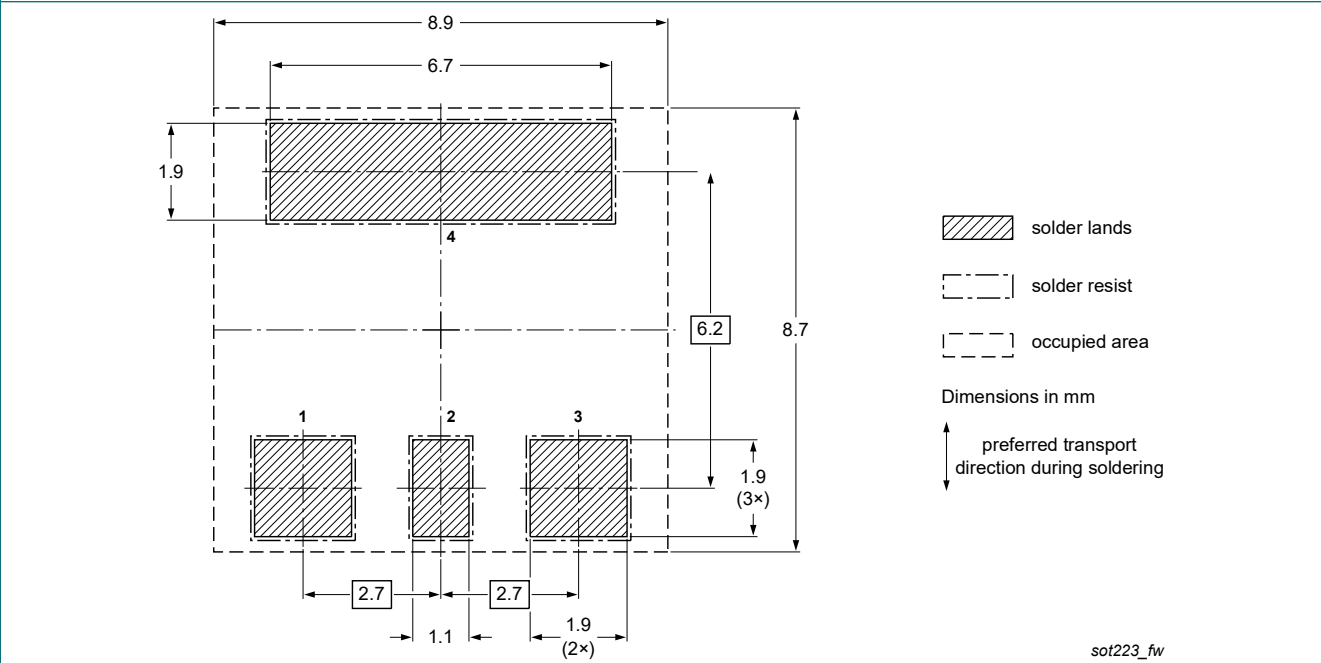


Fig. 11. Wave soldering footprint for SC-73 (SOT223)

13. Revision history

Table 8. Revision history

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BC636_BCP51_BCX51 v.7	20070629	Product data sheet	-	BC636_BCP51_BCX51 v.6
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