



PBSS303NX

30 V, 5.1 A NPN low V_{CEsat} transistor

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Product data sheet

1. General description

NPN low V_{CEsat} transistor in a SOT89 (SC-62/TO-243) small and flat lead Surface-Mounted Device (SMD) plastic package.

PNP complement: PBSS303PX.

2. Features and benefits

- Low collector-emitter saturation voltage V_{CEsat}
- High collector current capability I_C and I_{CM}
- High collector current gain (h_{FE}) at high I_C
- High efficiency due to less heat generation
- Smaller required Printed-Circuit Board (PCB) area than for conventional transistors

3. Applications

- DC-to-DC conversion
- MOSFET gate driving
- Motor control
- Charging circuits
- Power switches (e.g. motors, fans)

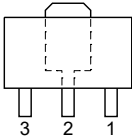
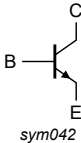
4. Quick reference data

Table 1. Quick reference data

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V _{CEO}	collector-emitter voltage	open base	-	-	30	V
I _C	collector current		-	-	5.1	A
I _{CM}	peak collector current	single pulse; t _p ≤ 1 ms	-	-	10.2	A
R _{CEsat}	collector-emitter saturation resistance	I _C = 4 A; I _B = 200 mA; pulsed; t _p ≤ 300 μs; δ ≤ 0.02; T _{amb} = 25 °C	-	31	44	mΩ

5. Pinning information

Table 2. Pinning information

Pin	Symbol	Description	Simplified outline	Graphic symbol
1	E	emitter	 SOT89	 sym042
2	C	collector		
3	B	base		

6. Ordering information

Table 3. Ordering information

Type number	Package		
	Name	Description	Version
PBSS303NX	SOT89	plastic, surface-mounted package; 3 leads; 1.5 mm pitch; 4.5 mm x 2.5 mm x 1.5 mm body	SOT89

7. Marking

Table 4. Marking codes

Type number	Marking code[1]
PBSS303NX	%5D

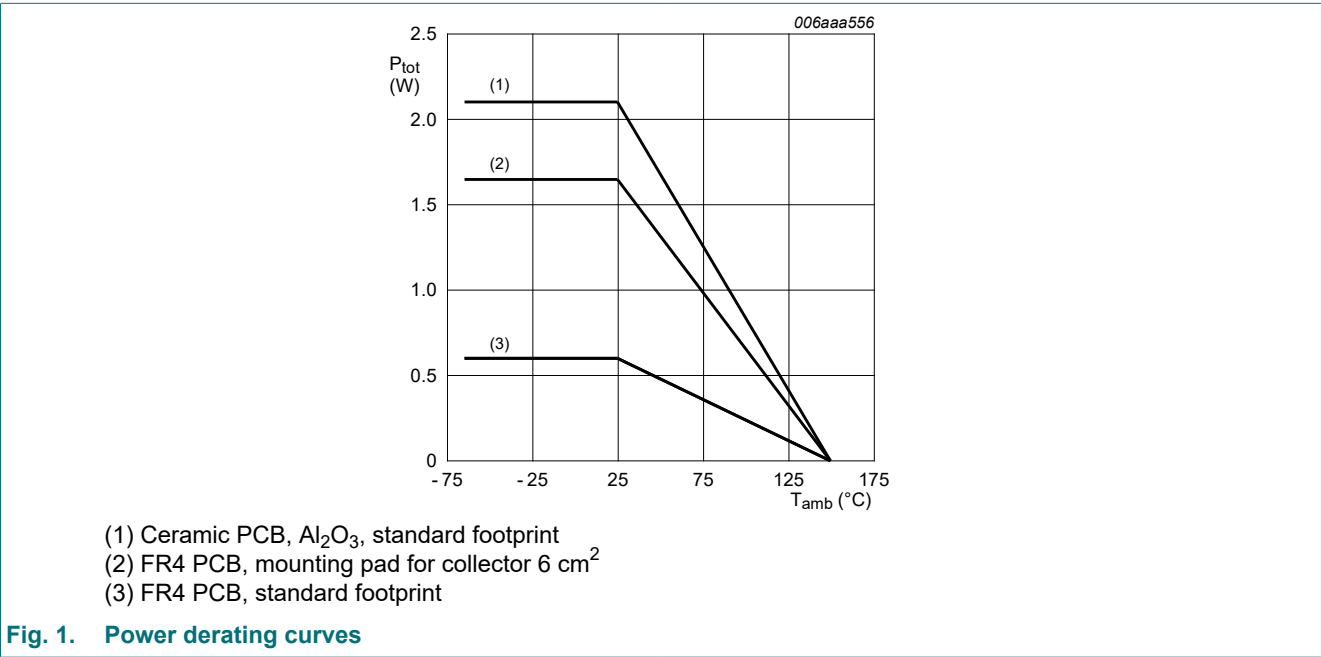
[1] % = placeholder for manufacturing site code

8. Limiting values

Table 5. 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		-	30	V
V _{CEO}	collector-emitter voltage	open base		-	30	V
V _{EBO}	emitter-base voltage	open collector		-	5	V
I _C	collector current			-	5.1	A
I _{CM}	peak collector current	single pulse; t _p ≤ 1 ms		-	10.2	A
P _{tot}	total power dissipation	T _{amb} ≤ 25 °C	[1]	-	0.6	W
			[2]	-	1.65	W
			[3]	-	2.1	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 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 6 cm².
[3] Device mounted on a ceramic PCB, Al₂O₃, standard footprint.



9. Thermal characteristics

Table 6. Thermal characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$R_{th(j-a)}$	thermal resistance from junction to ambient	in free air	[1]	-	-	208	K/W
			[2]	-	-	76	K/W
			[3]	-	-	60	K/W
$R_{th(j-sp)}$	thermal resistance from junction to solder point			-	-	20	K/W

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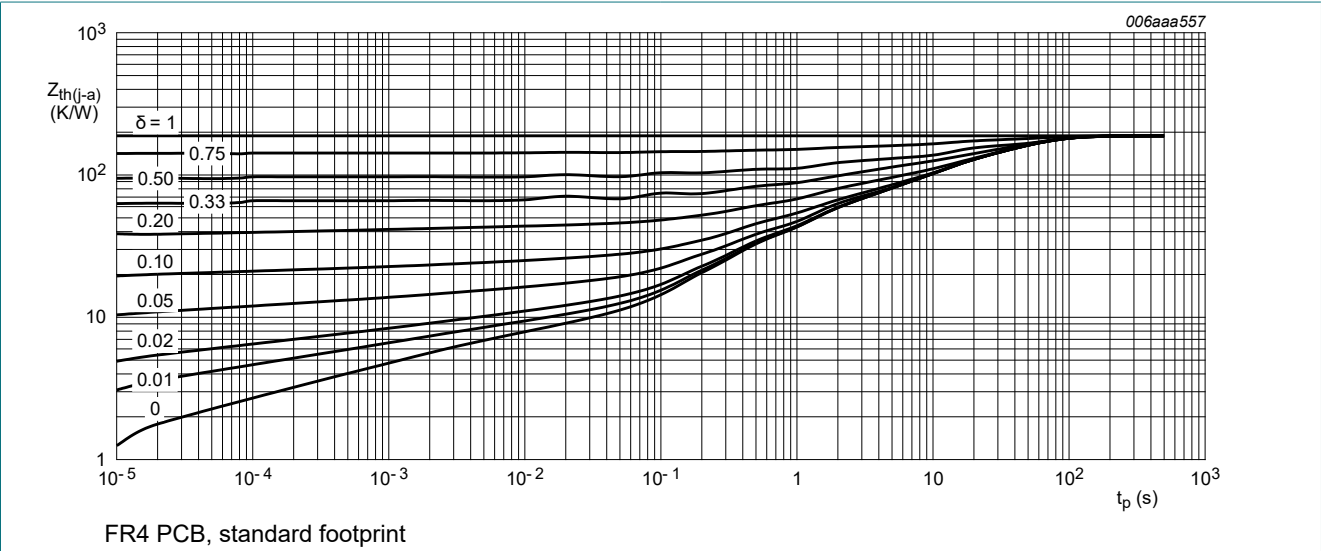


Fig. 2. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration; typical values

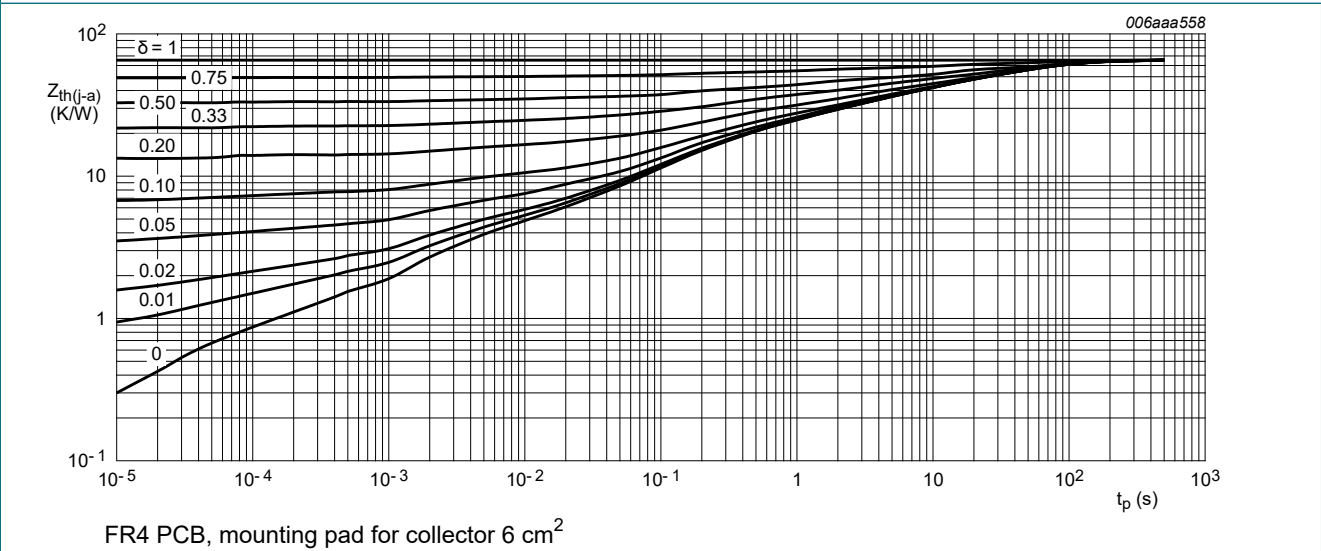
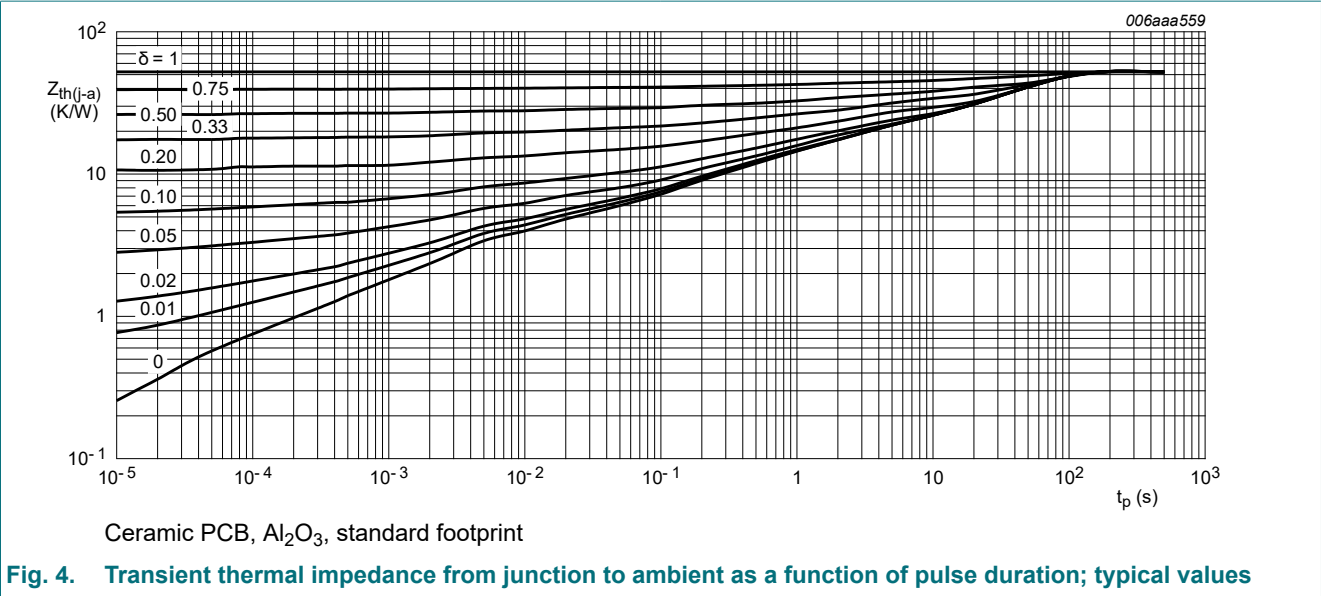


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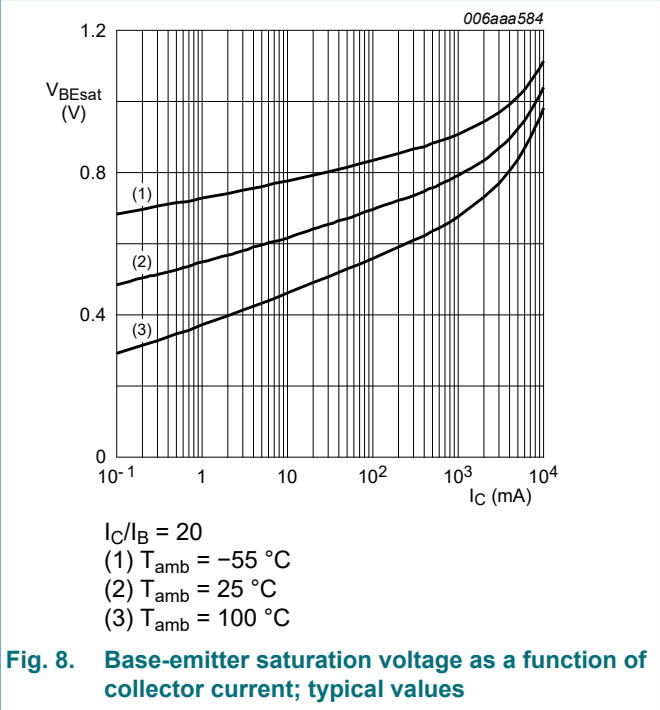
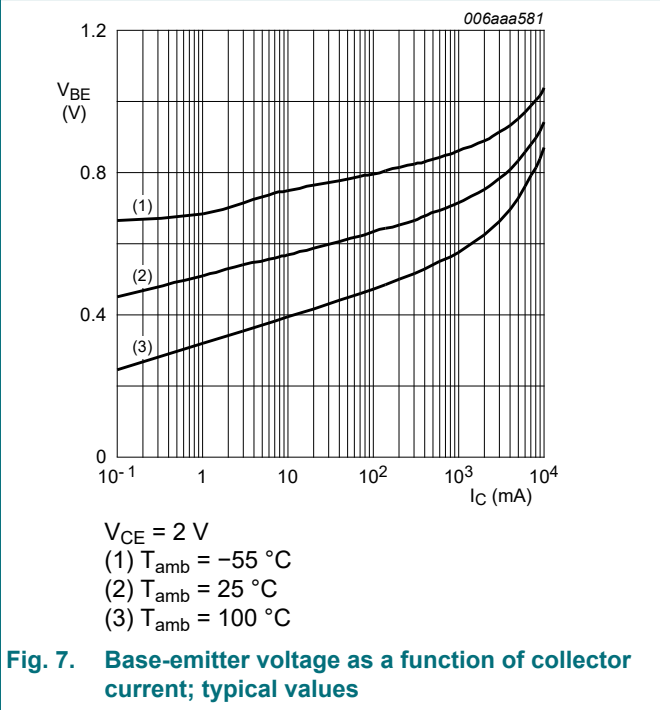
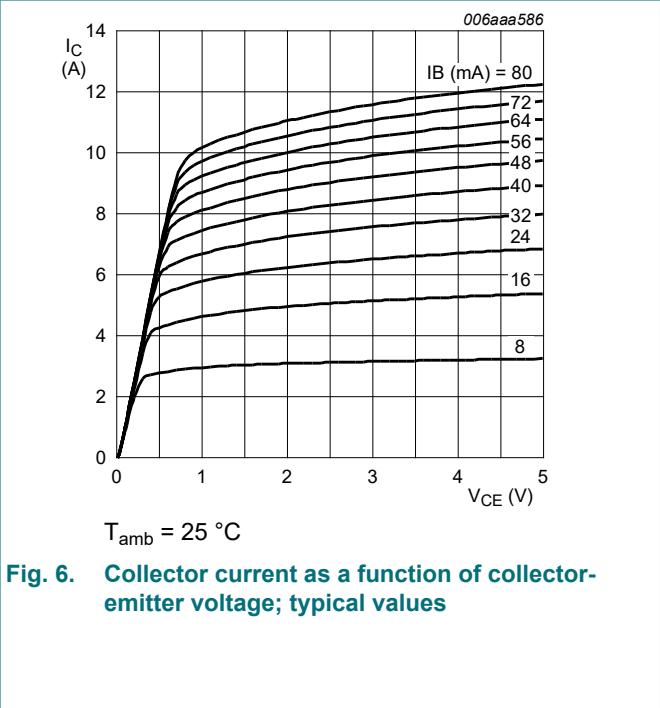
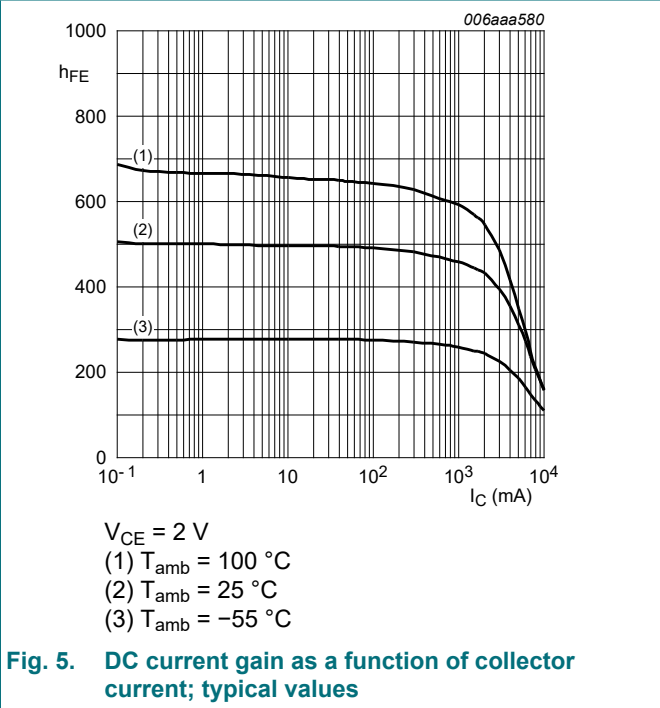


10. Characteristics

Table 7. Characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
I_{CBO}	collector-base cut-off current	$V_{CB} = 30\text{ V}; I_E = 0\text{ A}; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	-	100	nA
		$V_{CB} = 30\text{ V}; I_E = 0\text{ A}; T_J = 150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	-	50	μA
I_{EBO}	emitter-base cut-off current	$V_{EB} = 5\text{ V}; I_C = 0\text{ A}; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	-	100	nA
h_{FE}	DC current gain	$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}; I_C = 0.5\text{ A}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	300	480	-	
		$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}; I_C = 1\text{ A}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	300	460	-	
		$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}; I_C = 2\text{ A}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	250	430	-	
		$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}; I_C = 4\text{ A}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	200	360	-	
		$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}; I_C = 6\text{ A}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	180	270	-	
V_{CEsat}	collector-emitter saturation voltage	$I_C = 0.5\text{ A}; I_B = 50\text{ mA}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	20	30	mV
		$I_C = 1\text{ A}; I_B = 50\text{ mA}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	40	60	mV
		$I_C = 1\text{ A}; I_B = 10\text{ mA}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	60	90	mV
		$I_C = 2\text{ A}; I_B = 40\text{ mA}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	80	110	mV
		$I_C = 4\text{ A}; I_B = 200\text{ mA}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	125	175	mV
		$I_C = 4\text{ A}; I_B = 400\text{ mA}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	120	170	mV
		$I_C = 4\text{ A}; I_B = 40\text{ mA}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	160	250	mV
		$I_C = 5.1\text{ A}; I_B = 255\text{ mA}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	150	220	mV
R_{CEsat}	collector-emitter saturation resistance	$I_C = 4\text{ A}; I_B = 200\text{ mA}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	31	44	m Ω
		$I_C = 4\text{ A}; I_B = 40\text{ mA}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	40	63	m Ω
V_{BEsat}	base-emitter saturation voltage	$I_C = 1\text{ A}; I_B = 100\text{ mA}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	0.81	0.9	V
		$I_C = 4\text{ A}; I_B = 400\text{ mA}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	0.95	1.05	V
V_{BEon}	base-emitter turn-on voltage	$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}; I_C = 2\text{ A}; \text{pulsed}; t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	0.75	0.85	V
t_d	delay time	$V_{CC} = 12.5\text{ V}; I_C = 3\text{ A}; I_{Bon} = 0.15\text{ A}; I_{Boff} = -0.15\text{ A}; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	15	-	ns
t_r	rise time		-	50	-	ns
t_{on}	turn-on time		-	65	-	ns
t_s	storage time		-	305	-	ns
t_f	fall time		-	70	-	ns
t_{off}	turn-off time		-	375	-	ns

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
f_T	transition frequency	$V_{CE} = 10\text{ V}$; $I_C = 0.1\text{ A}$; $f = 100\text{ MHz}$; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	130	-	MHz
C_c	collector capacitance	$V_{CB} = 10\text{ V}$; $I_E = 0\text{ A}$; $i_e = 0\text{ A}$; $f = 1\text{ MHz}$; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	60	100	pF



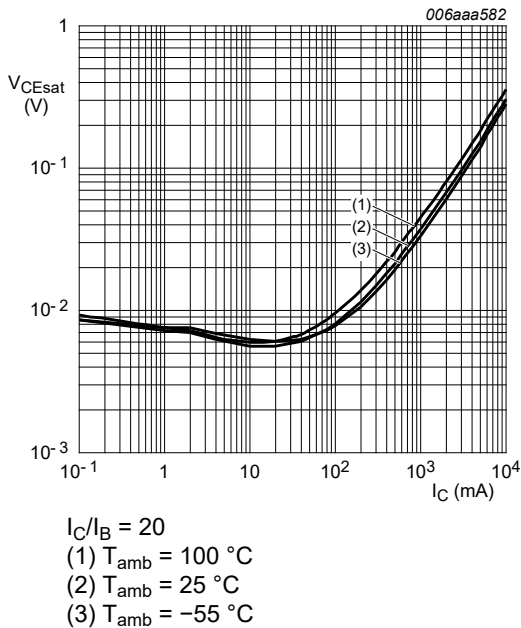


Fig. 9. Collector-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values

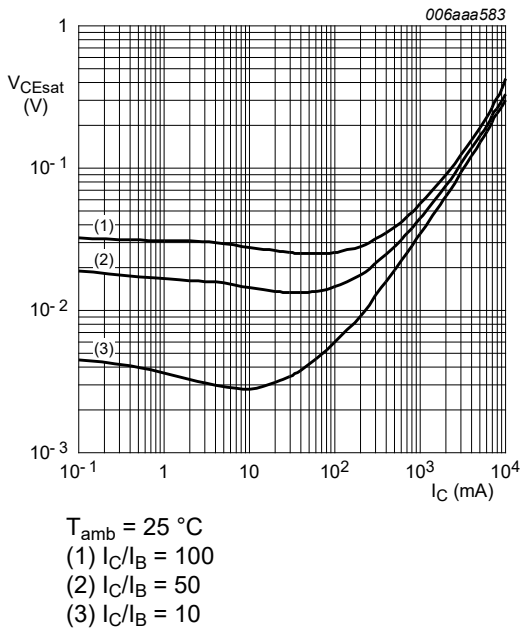


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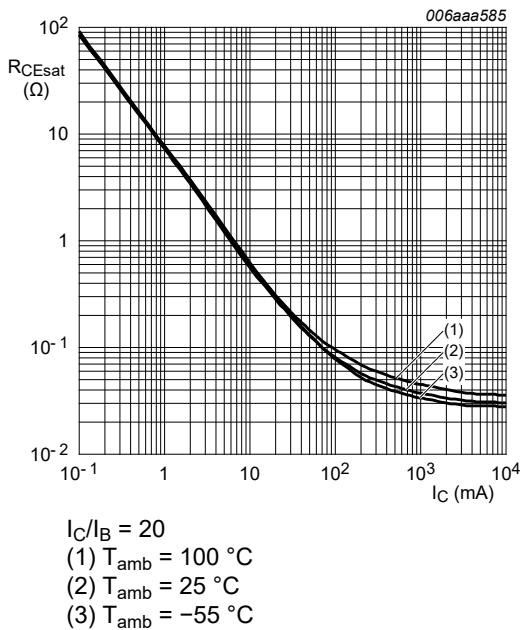


Fig. 11. Collector-emitter saturation resistance as a function of collector current; typical values

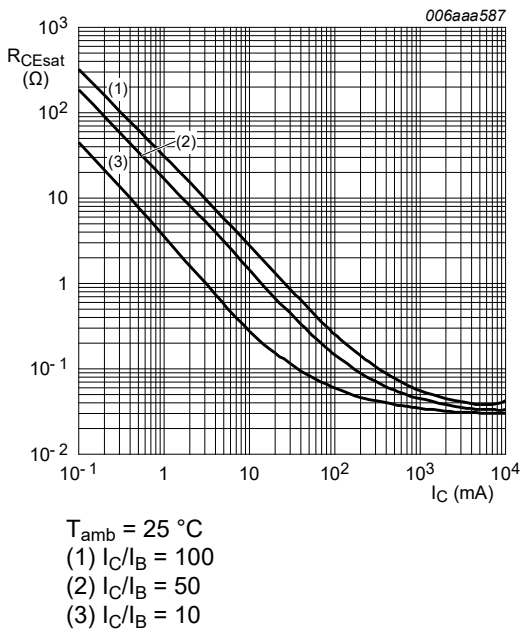


Fig. 12. Collector-emitter saturation resistance as a function of collector current; typical values

11. Test information



Fig. 13. Switching time definition

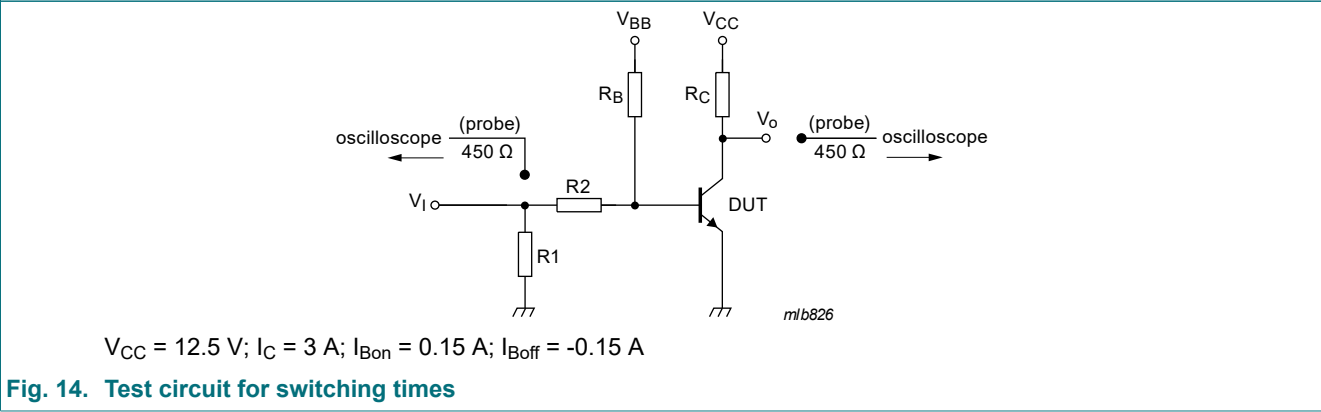
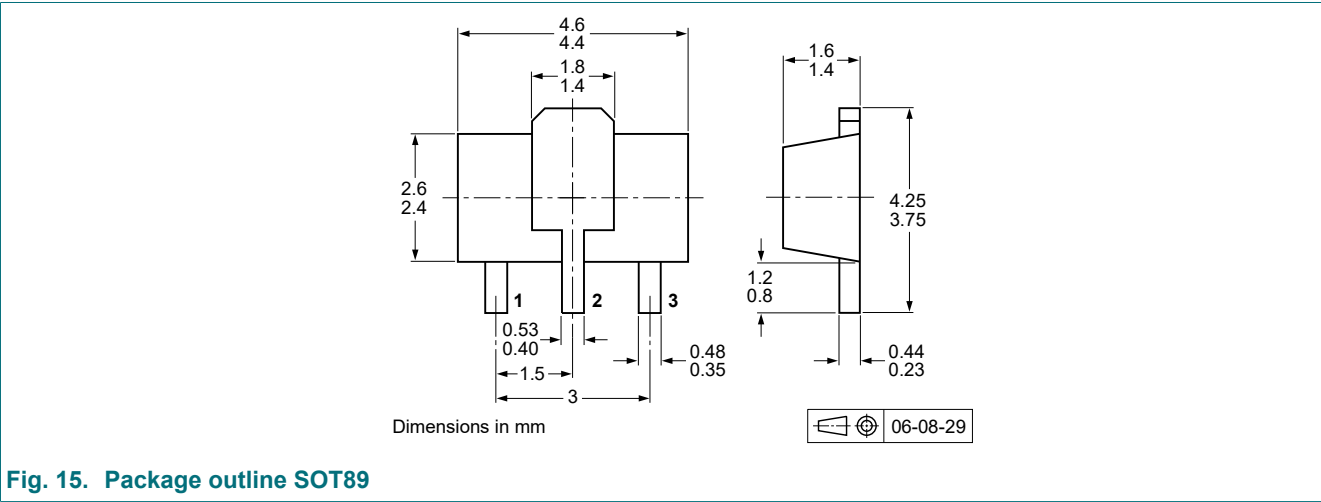
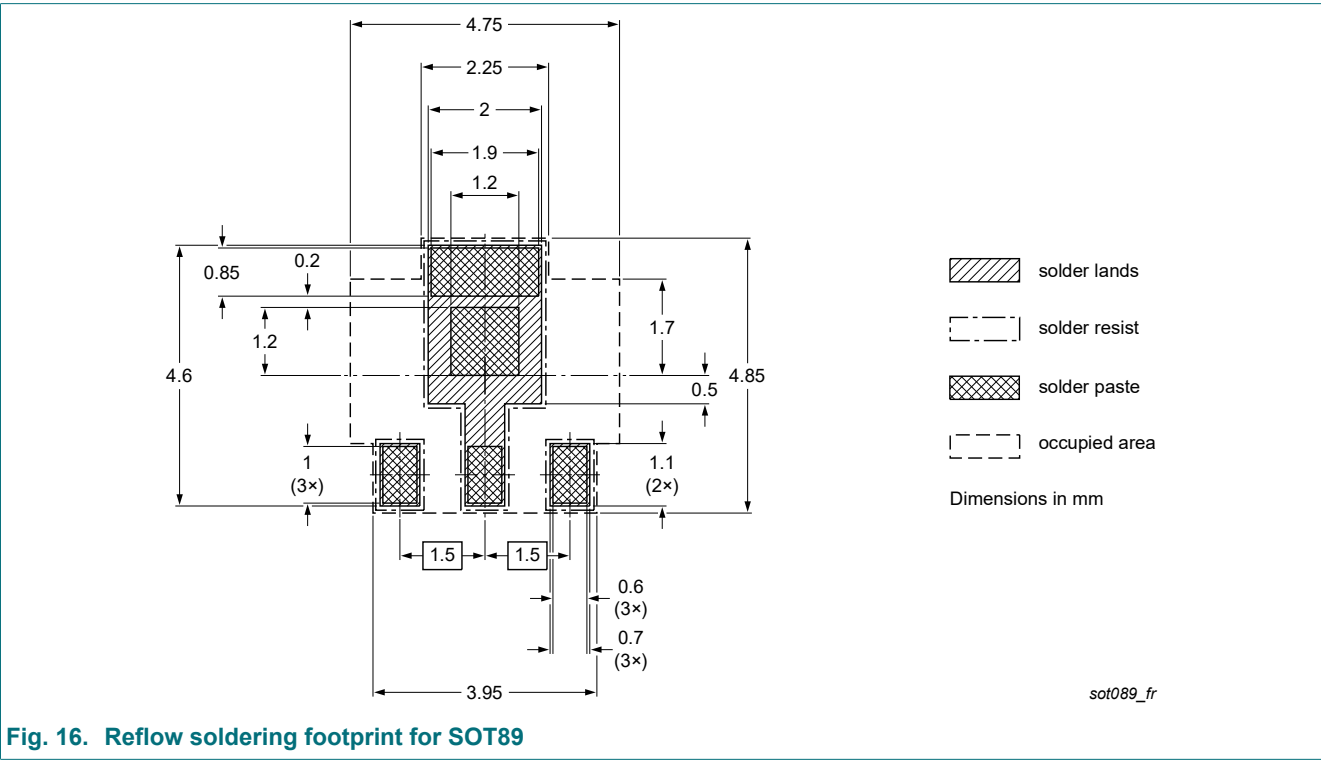


Fig. 14. Test circuit for switching times

12. Package outline



13. Soldering



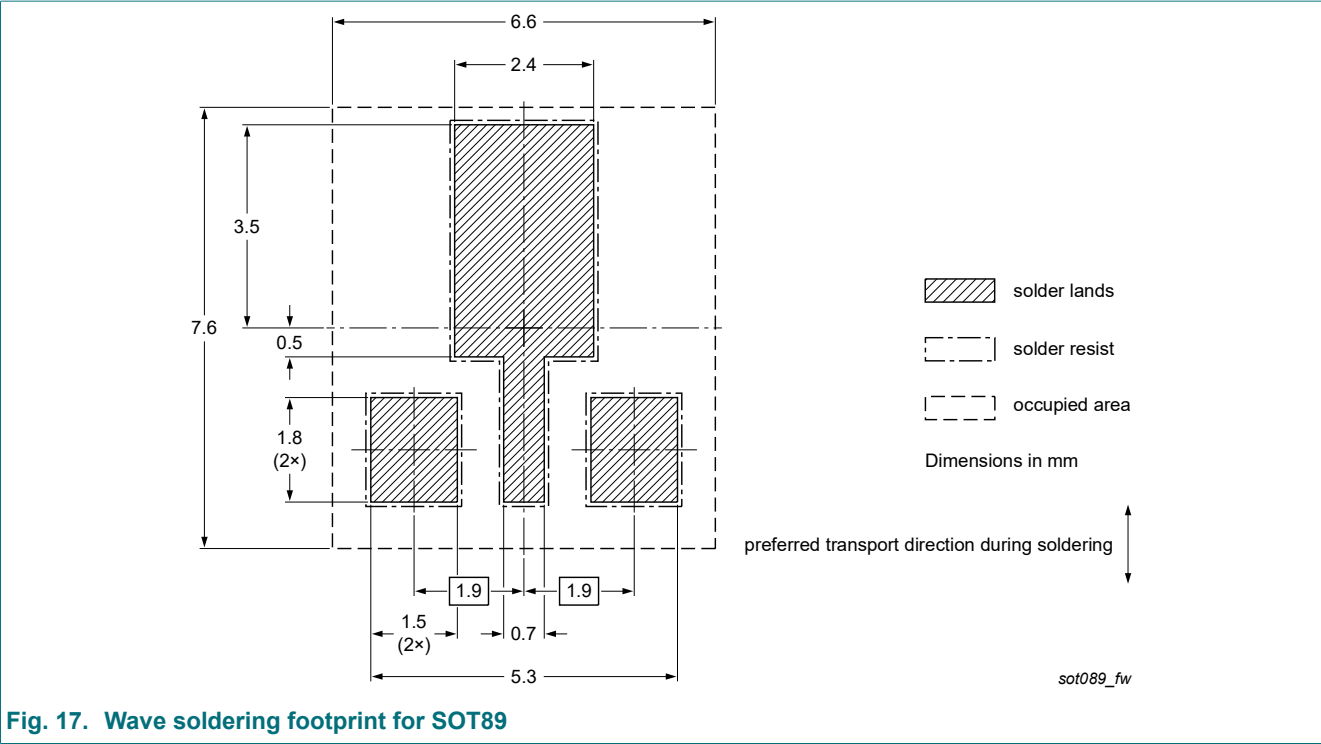


Fig. 17. Wave soldering footprint for SOT89

14. Revision history

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15. Legal information

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