

DATA SHEET



BC237; BC237B NPN general purpose transistors

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FEATURES

- Low current (max. 100 mA)
- Low voltage (max. 45 V).

APPLICATIONS

- General purpose switching and amplification.

DESCRIPTION

NPN transistor in a TO-92; SOT54 plastic package.
 PNP complements: BC307; BC307B.

PINNING

PIN	DESCRIPTION
1	emitter
2	base
3	collector

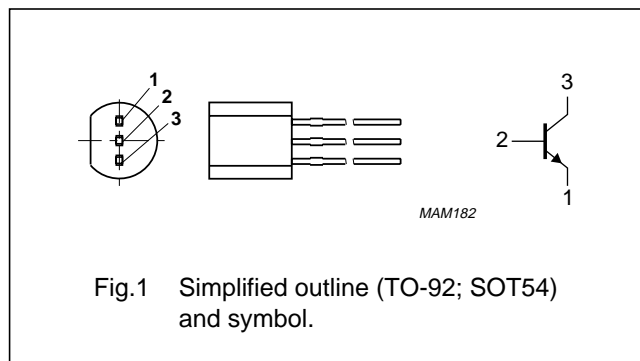


Fig.1 Simplified outline (TO-92; SOT54) and symbol.

QUICK REFERENCE DATA

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN.	MAX.	UNIT
V_{CBO}	collector-base voltage	open emitter	–	50	V
V_{CEO}	collector-emitter voltage	open base	–	45	V
I_{CM}	peak collector current		–	200	mA
P_{tot}	total power dissipation	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	–	500	mW
h_{FE}	DC current gain	$I_C = 2\text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}$			
	BC237		120	460	
	BC237B		200	460	
f_T	transition frequency	$I_C = 10\text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}; f = 100\text{ MHz}$	100	–	MHz

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LIMITING VALUES

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 134).

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V_{CBO}	collector-base voltage	open emitter	–	50	V
V_{CEO}	collector-emitter voltage	open base	–	45	V
V_{EBO}	emitter-base voltage	open collector	–	6	V
I_C	collector current (DC)		–	100	mA
I_{CM}	peak collector current		–	200	mA
I_{BM}	peak base current		–	200	mA
P_{tot}	total power dissipation	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$; note 1	–	500	mW
T_{stg}	storage temperature		–65	+150	°C
T_j	junction temperature		–	150	°C
T_{amb}	operating ambient temperature		–65	+150	°C

Note

1. Transistor mounted on an FR4 printed-circuit board.

THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	VALUE	UNIT
$R_{th\ j-a}$	thermal resistance from junction to ambient	note 1	250	K/W

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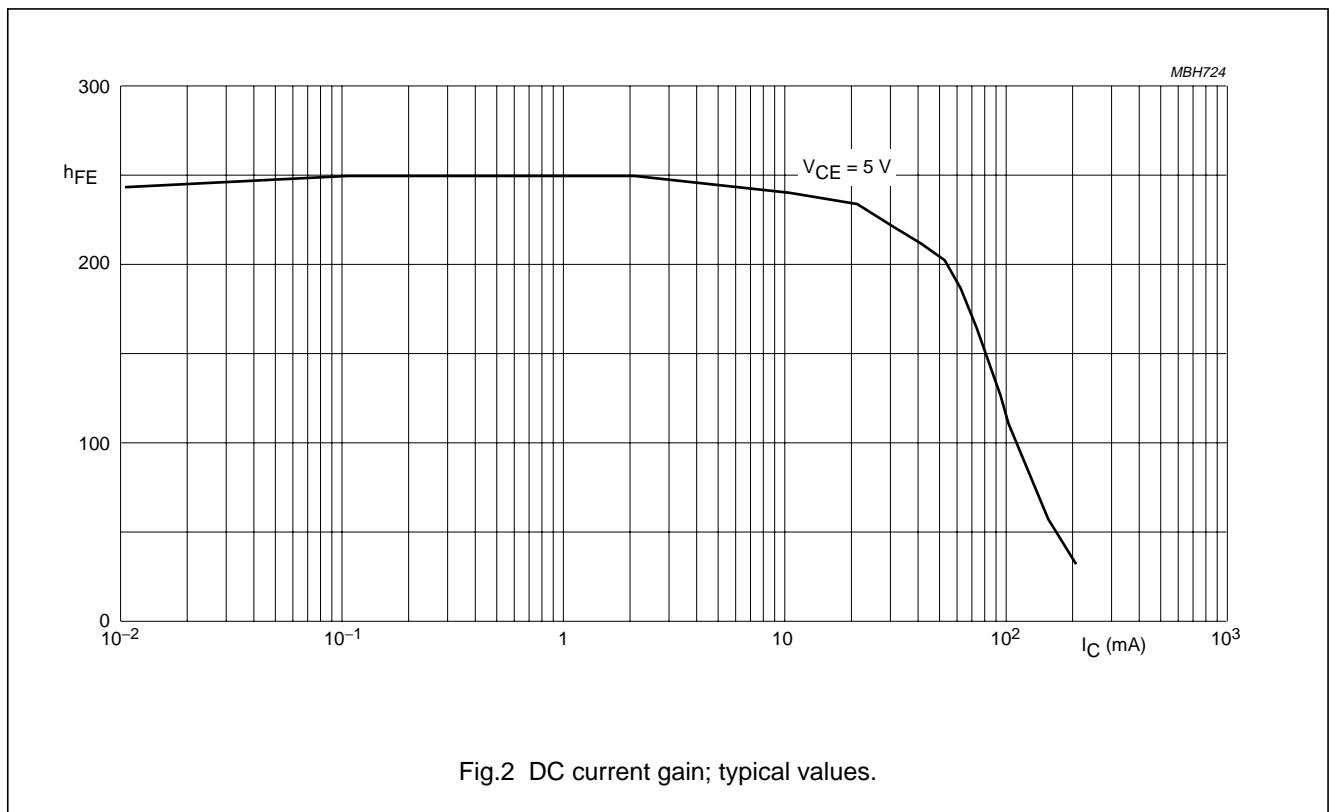
CHARACTERISTICS

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

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNIT
I_{CBO}	collector cut-off current	$I_E = 0; V_{CB} = 30\text{ V}$	–	–	15	nA
		$I_E = 0; V_{CB} = 30\text{ V}; T_j = 150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	–	–	5	μA
I_{EBO}	emitter cut-off current	$I_C = 0; V_{EB} = 5\text{ V}$	–	–	100	nA
h_{FE}	DC current gain	$I_C = 0.1\text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 5\text{ V};$ see Fig.2	–	250	–	
h_{FE}	DC current gain BC237 BC237B	$I_C = 2\text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 5\text{ V};$ see Fig.2	120	–	460	
			200	–	460	
V_{CEsat}	collector-emitter saturation voltage	$I_C = 100\text{ mA}; I_B = 5\text{ mA};$ note 1	–	–	600	mV
V_{BEsat}	base-emitter saturation voltage	$I_C = 100\text{ mA}; I_B = 5\text{ mA}$	–	–	1200	mV
V_{BE}	base-emitter voltage	$I_C = 2\text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}$	580	–	700	mV
C_c	collector capacitance	$I_E = i_e = 0; V_{CB} = 10\text{ V}; f = 1\text{ MHz}$	–	11	–	pF
C_e	emitter capacitance	$I_C = i_c = 0; V_{EB} = 0.5\text{ V}; f = 1\text{ MHz}$	–	1.5	–	pF
f_T	transition frequency	$I_C = 10\text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}; f = 100\text{ MHz}$	100	–	–	MHz
F	noise figure	$I_C = 200\text{ }\mu\text{A}; V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}; R_S = 2\text{ k}\Omega;$ $f = 1\text{ kHz}; B = 200\text{ Hz}$	–	–	10	dB

Note

1. Pulse test: $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}; \delta \leq 0.02.$



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PACKAGE OUTLINE

Plastic single-ended leaded (through hole) package; 3 leads

SOT54



DIMENSIONS (mm are the original dimensions)

UNIT	A	b	b ₁	c	D	d	E	e	e ₁	L	L ₁ ⁽¹⁾
mm	5.2 5.0	0.48 0.40	0.66 0.56	0.45 0.40	4.8 4.4	1.7 1.4	4.2 3.6	2.54	1.27	14.5 12.7	2.5

Note

1. Terminal dimensions within this zone are uncontrolled to allow for flow of plastic and terminal irregularities.

OUTLINE VERSION	REFERENCES			EUROPEAN PROJECTION	ISSUE DATE
	IEC	JEDEC	EIAJ		
SOT54		TO-92	SC-43		97-02-28

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