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**NPN SILICON  
HIGH-POWER  
TRANSISTORS**

**DIFFUSED SILICON EPITAXIAL PASSIVATED TRANSISTOR**

These devices are designed for use in power amplifiers and switching applications. The latest technologies are used to offer the highest degree of reliability.

**FEATURES**

- Low Saturation Voltage
- High Frequency Response
- Fast Switching
- Low Leakage Current
- Low Drive Requirement

**APPLICATIONS**

- High Frequency Inverters
- Converters
- Linear Amplifiers
- High Speed Switching Regulated Power Supplies
- RF Power Amplifiers

**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

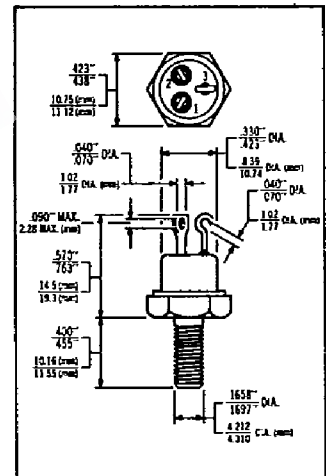
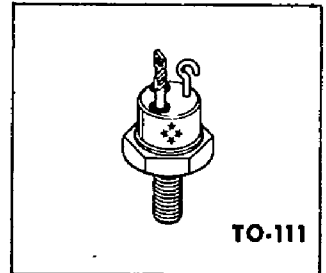
Maximum Temperatures	
Storage Temperatures	-65°C to +200°C
Operating Junction Temperature	+200°C
Lead Temperature (soldering, 60 second time limit)	+300°C

Maximum Power Dissipation	
Total Dissipation at 100°C Case Temperature	30 Watts
(1) See Safe Operating Curves for derating	
Linear derating factor	.3W/°C

Maximum Voltages and Current		
V <sub>CE0</sub> Collector to Emitter Voltage	60 Volts	80 Volts
V <sub>CB0</sub> Collector to Base Voltage	80 Volts	100 Volts
V <sub>EB0</sub> Emitter to Base Voltage	8 Volts	8 Volts
I <sub>C</sub> Collector Current	5 Amps	5 Amps

**MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Case: TO-111 Package  
 Weight: 6.5 grams (Maximum)  
 Leads: Tin Plated Kovar  
 1. Emitter 2. Base 3. Collector  
 Body marked with Logo and type number



**\*ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (T<sub>C</sub> = 25°C unless otherwise noted)**

CHARACTERISTIC	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS	2N2877		2N2878		2N2879		2N2880		UNITS
			MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
Collector to Base Breakdown Voltage	BV <sub>CB0</sub>	I <sub>C</sub> = 10μA, I <sub>E</sub> = 0	80	80	80	100	100	100	100	Volts	
Collector to Emitter Sustaining Voltage	V <sub>CE0 (sust)</sub>	I <sub>C</sub> = 100mA, I <sub>B</sub> = 0	50	50	50	70	70	70	70	Volts	
Collector to Emitter Breakdown Voltage	BV <sub>CE0</sub>	I <sub>C</sub> = 10mA, I <sub>B</sub> = 0	60	60	60	80	80	80	80	Volts	
Emitter to Base Breakdown Voltage	BV <sub>EB0</sub>	I <sub>E</sub> = 10μA, I <sub>C</sub> = 0	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	Volts	
† DC Pulse Current Gain	h <sub>FE</sub>	I <sub>C</sub> = 1A, V <sub>CE</sub> = 2V	20	60	40	120	20	60	40	120	
† DC Pulse Current Gain	h <sub>FE</sub>	I <sub>C</sub> = 5A, V <sub>CE</sub> = 5V	10	15	15	15	10	10	15		
† DC Pulse Current Gain	h <sub>FE</sub>	I <sub>C</sub> = 1A, V <sub>CE</sub> = 2V @ T <sub>C</sub> = -55°C	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		
† Pulsed Collector Saturation	V <sub>CE (sat)</sub>	I <sub>C</sub> = 1A, I <sub>B</sub> = 0.1A		0.25		0.25		0.25		0.25	Volts
		I <sub>C</sub> = 5A, I <sub>B</sub> = 0.5A		2.0		2.0		2.0		2.0	Volts
† Pulsed Base Emitter Voltage	V <sub>BE</sub>	I <sub>C</sub> = 1A, V <sub>CE</sub> = 2V		1.2		1.2		1.2		1.2	Volts
† Pulsed Base Saturation Voltage	V <sub>BE (sat)</sub>	I <sub>C</sub> = 1A, I <sub>B</sub> = 0.1A		1.2		1.2		1.2		1.2	Volts
Collector Cutoff Current	I <sub>CB0</sub>	V <sub>CB</sub> = 60V, I <sub>E</sub> = 0		0.1		0.1		0.1		0.1	μAmp
Collector Cutoff Current	I <sub>CE0</sub>	V <sub>CE</sub> = 50V, I <sub>B</sub> = 0		100		100		100		100	μAmp
Collector Cutoff Current	I <sub>EB0</sub>	V <sub>EB</sub> = 5V, I <sub>C</sub> = 0		0.1		0.1		0.1		0.1	μAmp
Collector Cutoff Current	I <sub>EB0</sub>	V <sub>EB</sub> = 8V, I <sub>C</sub> = 0		10		10		10		10	μAmp
Collector Cutoff Current	I <sub>CEx</sub>	V <sub>EB</sub> = 0.5V, V <sub>CE</sub> = 60V @ T <sub>C</sub> = 150°C		50		50		50		50	μAmp

\*JEDEC registered data. † Pulse Conditions: Width = 10μs; Duty Cycle ≤ 2% (measured using Kelvin connections).

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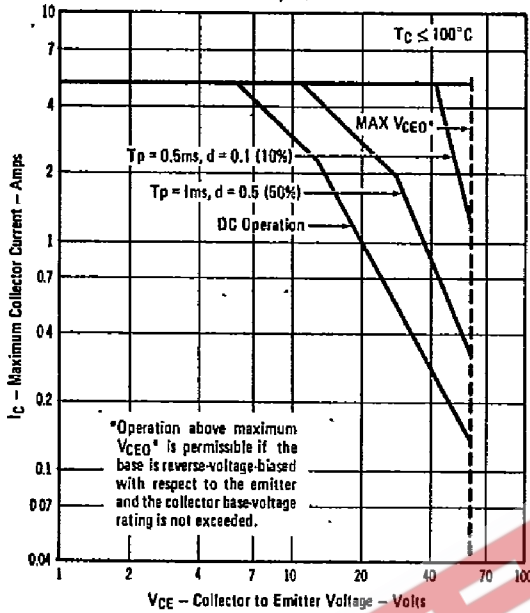
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\*DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS

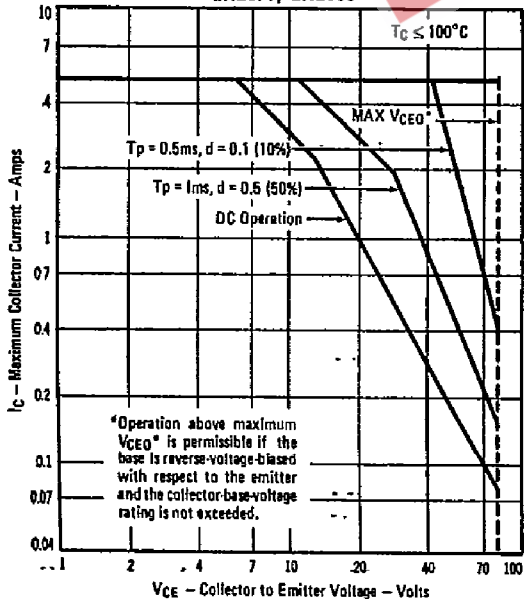
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			MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
Pulse Rise Time	$t_r$	See Circuit #1		120		80	nsec
Pulse Storage Time	$t_s$	See Circuit #1		60		60	nsec
Pulse Fall Time	$t_f$	See Circuit #1		80		80	nsec
Collector Base Capacitance (f = 1.0 MHz)	$C_{CB}$	$V_{CB} = 10V, I_C = 0, f = 1 \text{ MHz}$		150		150	pF
High Frequency Current Gain (f = 10 MHz)	$ h_{fe} $	$V_{CE} = 10V, I_C = 1A, f = 10 \text{ MHz}$	3		5		
High Frequency Small Signal (f = 1kHz)	$ h_{fe} $	$V_{CE} = 5V, I_C = 50\text{mA}, f = 1 \text{ KHz}$	20	70	40	140	

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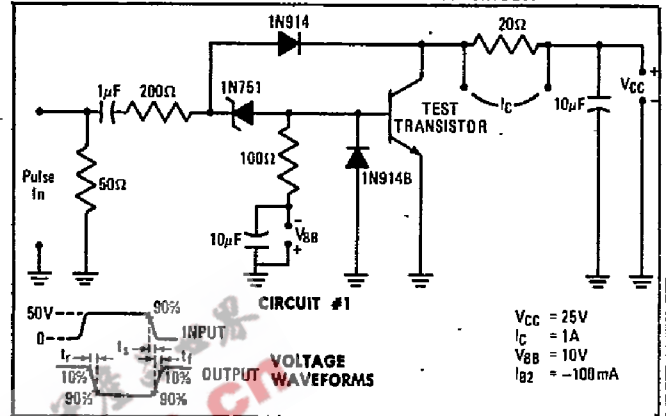
MAXIMUM SAFE OPERATION REGION  
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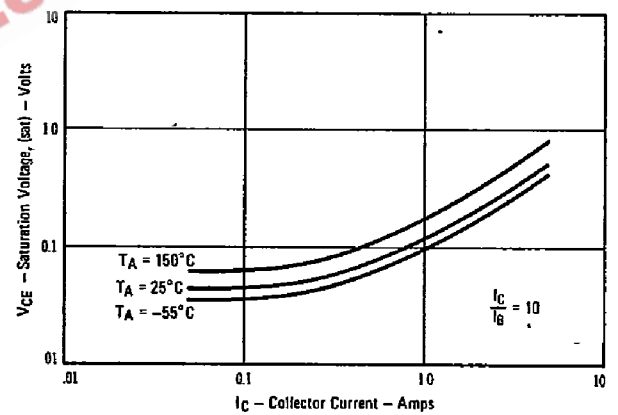
MAXIMUM SAFE OPERATION REGION  
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PULSE RESPONSE MEASUREMENT CIRCUIT



COLLECTOR TO EMITTER VOLTAGE VS. COLLECTOR CURRENT



NORMALIZED CURRENT GAIN VS. COLLECTOR CURRENT

