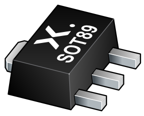

PBSS303NX

30 V, 5.1 A NPN low VCEsat transistor

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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; $t_p \leq$ 1 ms		-	-	10.2	A
R_{CEsat}	collector-emitter saturation resistance	I_C = 4 A; I_B = 200 mA; pulsed; $t_p \leq$ 300 µs; $\delta \leq$ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	31	44	mΩ

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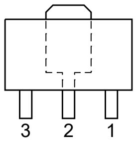
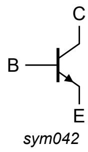
5. Pinning information

Table 2. Pinning information

Pin	Symbol	Description	Simplified outline	Graphic symbol
1	E	emitter	 SOT89	
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

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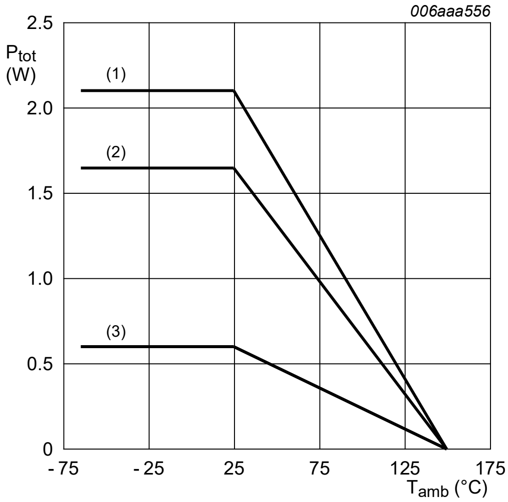
8. Limiting values

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; $t_p \leq 1$ ms		-	10.2	A
P_{tot}	total power dissipation	$T_{amb} \leq 25$ °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 cm^2.
[3] Device mounted on a ceramic PCB, Al_2O_3, standard footprint.



(1) Ceramic PCB, Al_2O_3, standard footprint
(2) FR4 PCB, mounting pad for collector 6 cm^2
(3) FR4 PCB, standard footprint

Fig. 1. Power derating curves

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

[1] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided copper, tin-plated and standard footprint.
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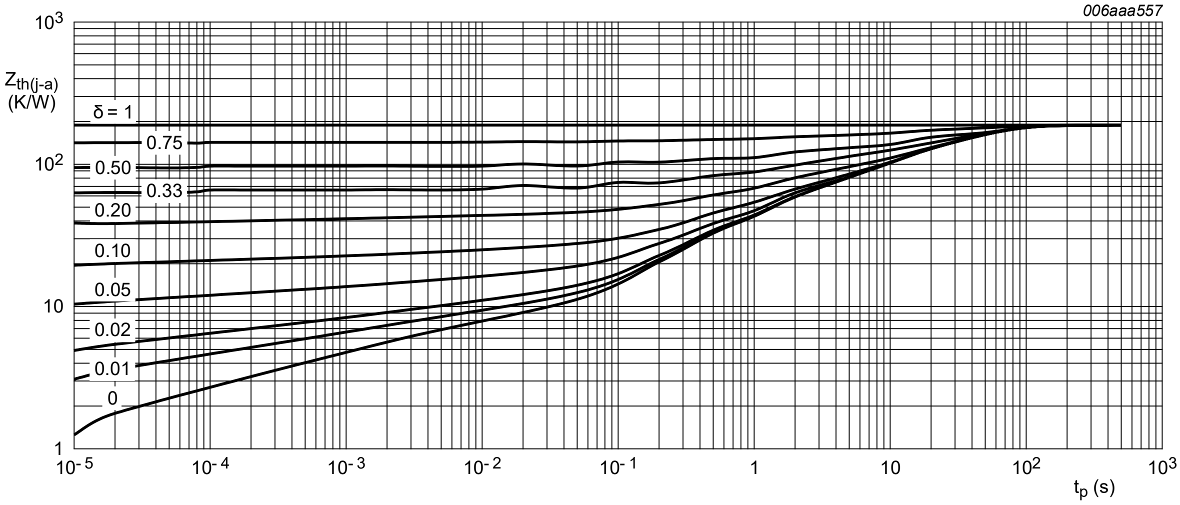
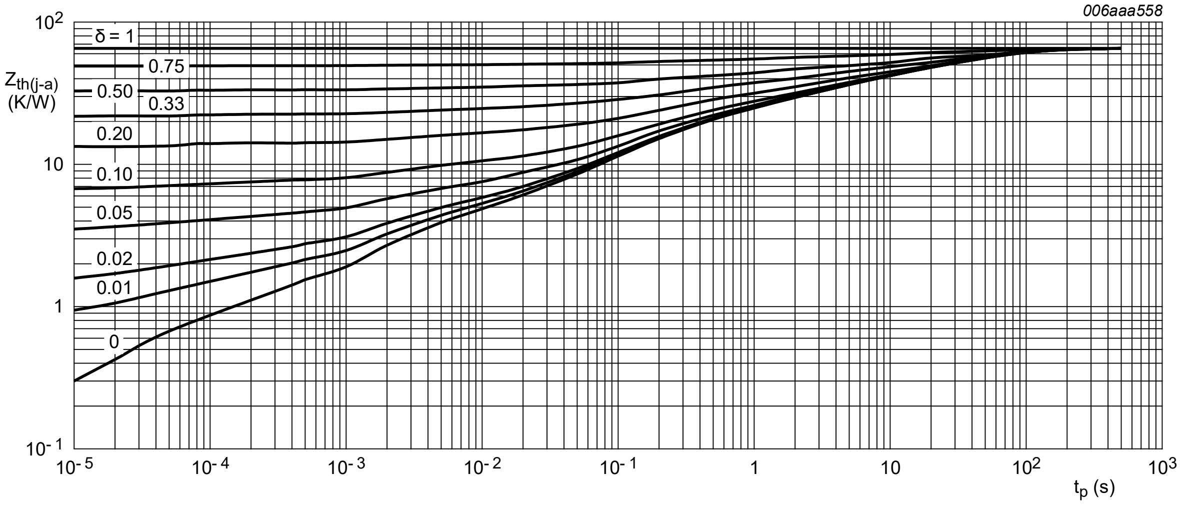


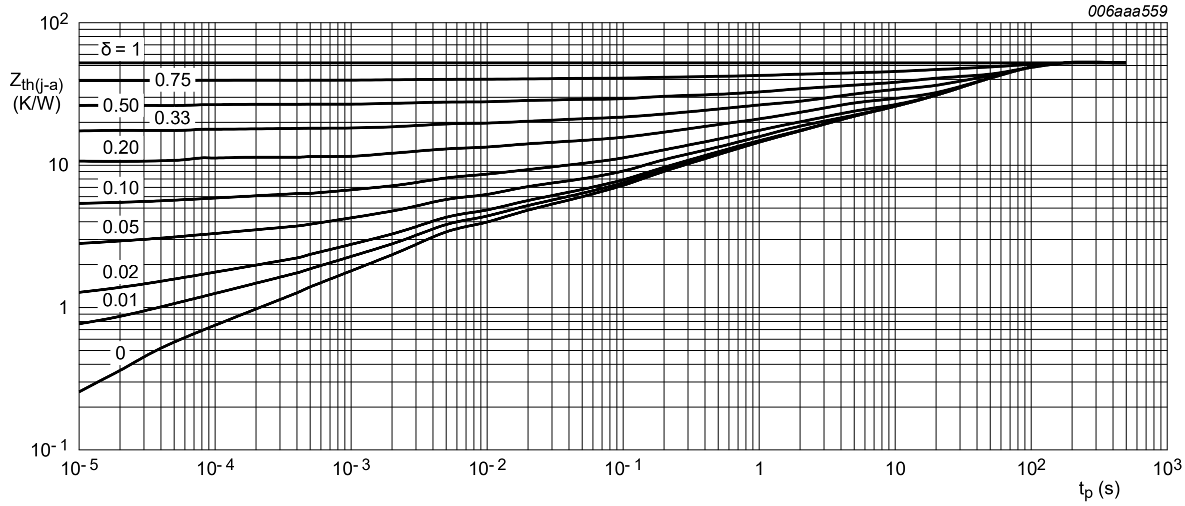
FR4 PCB, standard footprint

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



FR4 PCB, mounting pad for collector 6 cm^2

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



Ceramic PCB, Al_2O_3, standard footprint

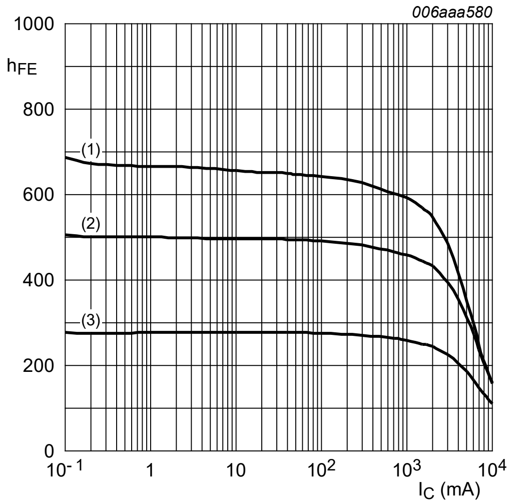
Fig. 4. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration; typical values

10. Characteristics

Table 7. Characteristics

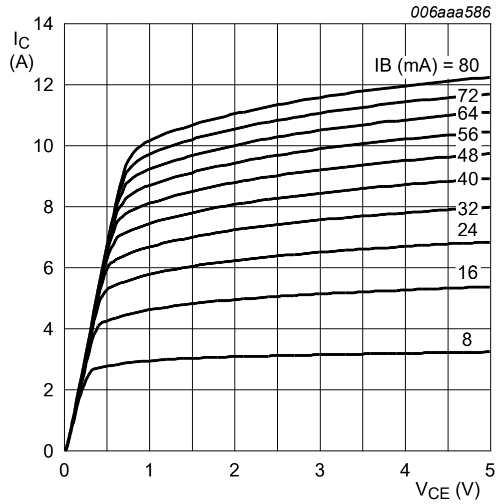
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
I_{CBO}	collector-base cut-off current	V_{CB} = 30 V; I_E = 0 A; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	-	100	nA
		V_{CB} = 30 V; I_E = 0 A; T_j = 150 °C		-	-	50	µA
I_{EBO}	emitter-base cut-off current	V_{EB} = 5 V; I_C = 0 A; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	-	100	nA
h_{FE}	DC current gain	V_{CE} = 2 V; I_C = 0.5 A; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		300	480	-	
		V_{CE} = 2 V; I_C = 1 A; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		300	460	-	
		V_{CE} = 2 V; I_C = 2 A; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		250	430	-	
		V_{CE} = 2 V; I_C = 4 A; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		200	360	-	
		V_{CE} = 2 V; I_C = 6 A; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		180	270	-	
V_{CEsat}	collector-emitter saturation voltage	I_C = 0.5 A; I_B = 50 mA; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	20	30	mV
		I_C = 1 A; I_B = 50 mA; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	40	60	mV
		I_C = 1 A; I_B = 10 mA; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	60	90	mV
		I_C = 2 A; I_B = 40 mA; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	80	110	mV
		I_C = 4 A; I_B = 200 mA; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	125	175	mV
		I_C = 4 A; I_B = 400 mA; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	120	170	mV
		I_C = 4 A; I_B = 40 mA; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	160	250	mV
		I_C = 5.1 A; I_B = 255 mA; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	150	220	mV
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
		I_C = 4 A; I_B = 40 mA; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	40	63	mΩ
V_{BEsat}	base-emitter saturation voltage	I_C = 1 A; I_B = 100 mA; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	0.81	0.9	V
		I_C = 4 A; I_B = 400 mA; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	0.95	1.05	V
V_{BEon}	base-emitter turn-on voltage	V_{CE} = 2 V; I_C = 2 A; pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	0.75	0.85	V
t_d	delay time	V_{CC} = 12.5 V; I_C = 3 A; I_{Bon} = 0.15 A; I_{Boff} = -0.15 A; T_{amb} = 25 °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 V; I_C = 0.1 A; f = 100 MHz; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	130	-	MHz
C_c	collector capacitance	V_{CB} = 10 V; I_E = 0 A; i_e = 0 A; f = 1 MHz; T_{amb} = 25 °C		-	60	100	pF



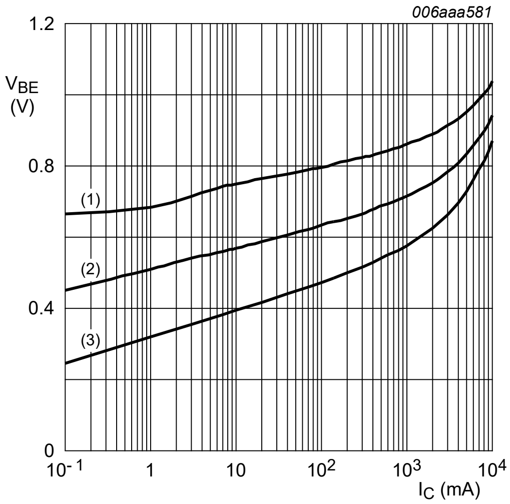
V_{CE} = 2 V
(1) T_{amb} = 100 °C
(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C
(3) T_{amb} = −55 °C

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



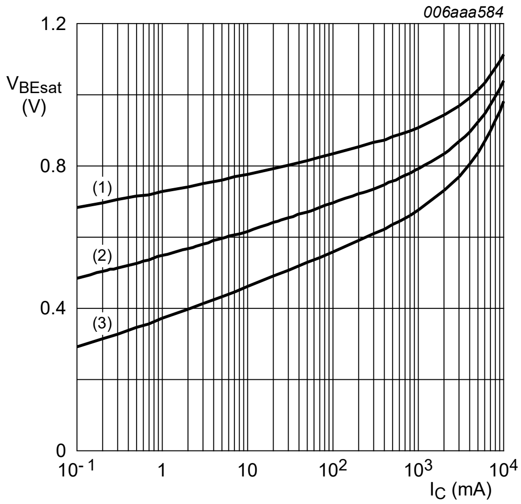
T_{amb} = 25 °C

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



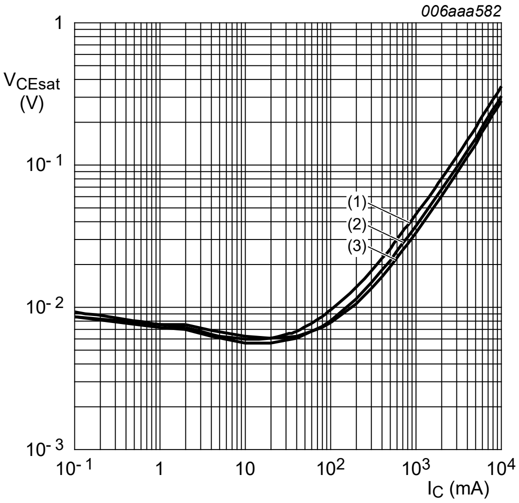
V_{CE} = 2 V
(1) T_{amb} = −55 °C
(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C
(3) T_{amb} = 100 °C

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



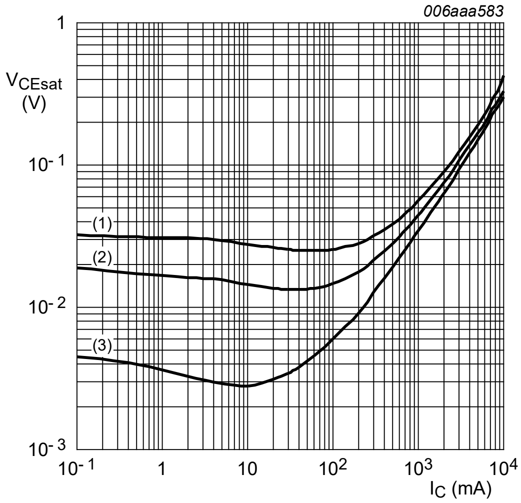
I_C/I_B = 20
(1) T_{amb} = −55 °C
(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C
(3) T_{amb} = 100 °C

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



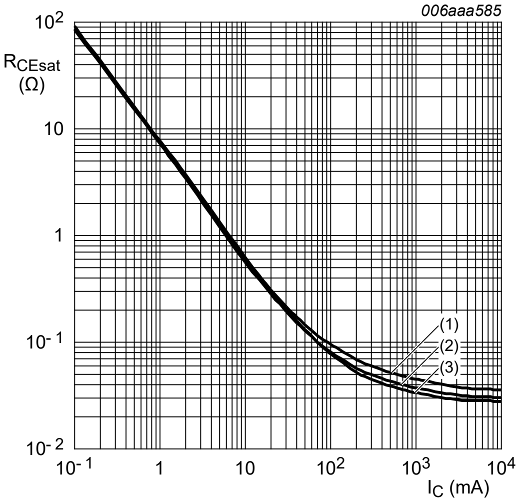
$I_C/I_B = 20$
(1) $T_{amb} = 100$ °C
(2) $T_{amb} = 25$ °C
(3) $T_{amb} = -55$ °C

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



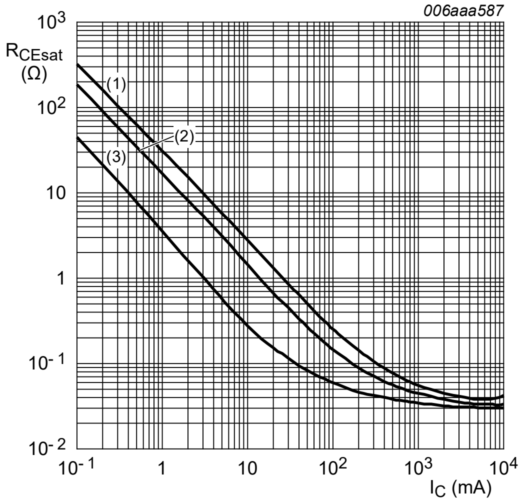
$T_{amb} = 25$ °C
(1) $I_C/I_B = 100$
(2) $I_C/I_B = 50$
(3) $I_C/I_B = 10$

Fig. 10. Collector-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values



$I_C/I_B = 20$
(1) $T_{amb} = 100$ °C
(2) $T_{amb} = 25$ °C
(3) $T_{amb} = -55$ °C

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



$T_{amb} = 25$ °C
(1) $I_C/I_B = 100$
(2) $I_C/I_B = 50$
(3) $I_C/I_B = 10$

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

11. Test information

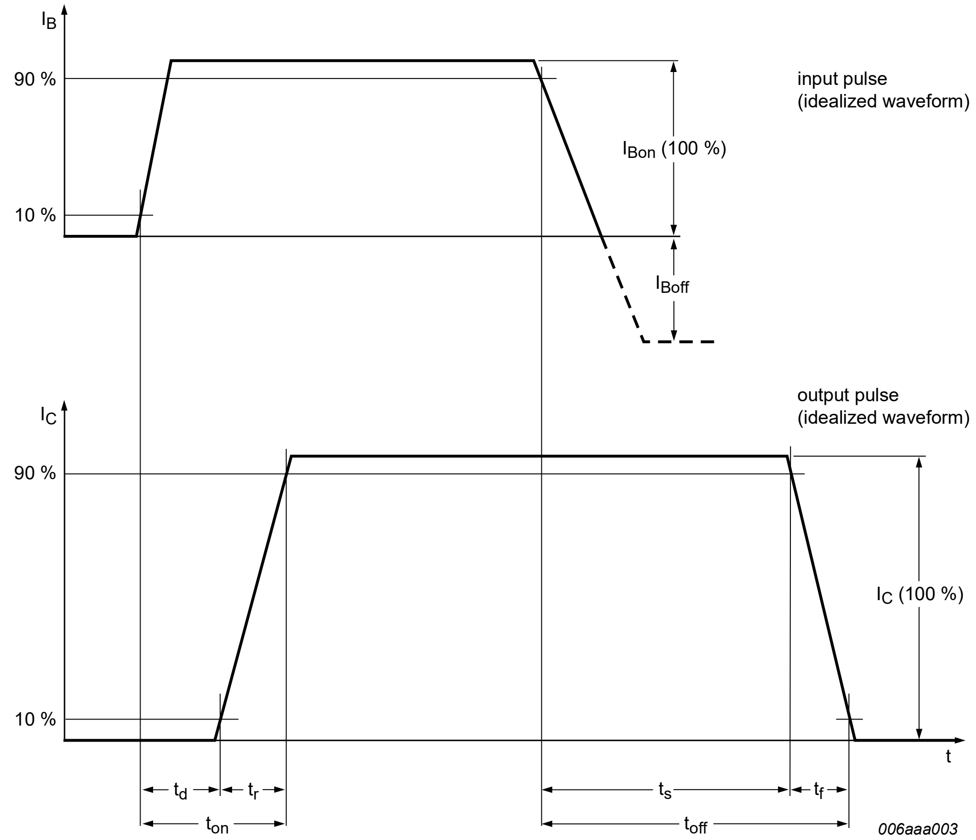
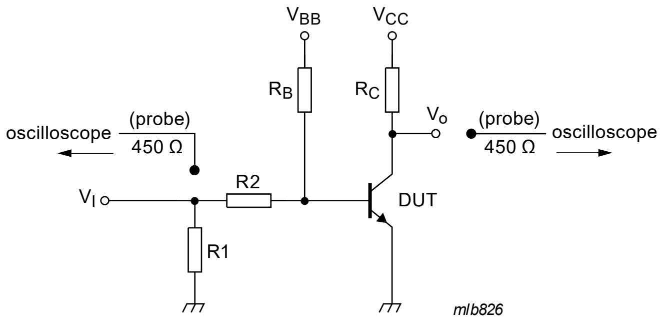


Fig. 13. Switching time definition



V_{CC} = 12.5 V; I_C = 3 A; I_{Bon} = 0.15 A; I_{Boff} = -0.15 A

Fig. 14. Test circuit for switching times

12. Package outline

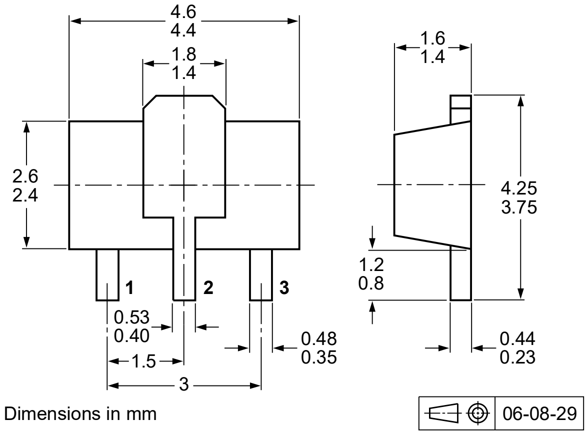


Fig. 15. Package outline SOT89

13. Soldering

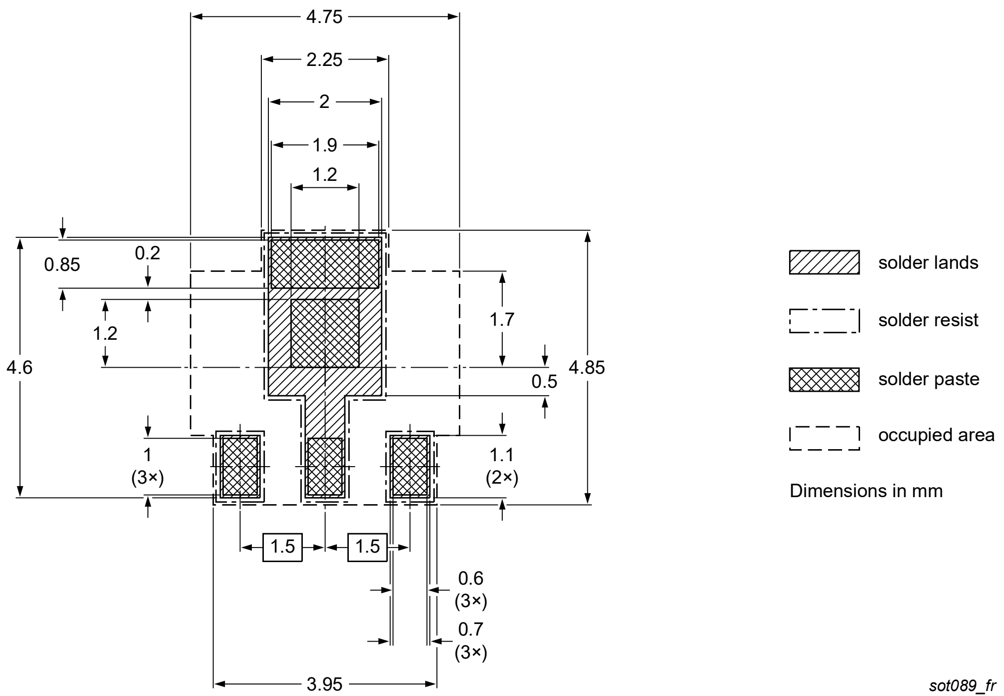


Fig. 16. Reflow soldering footprint for SOT89

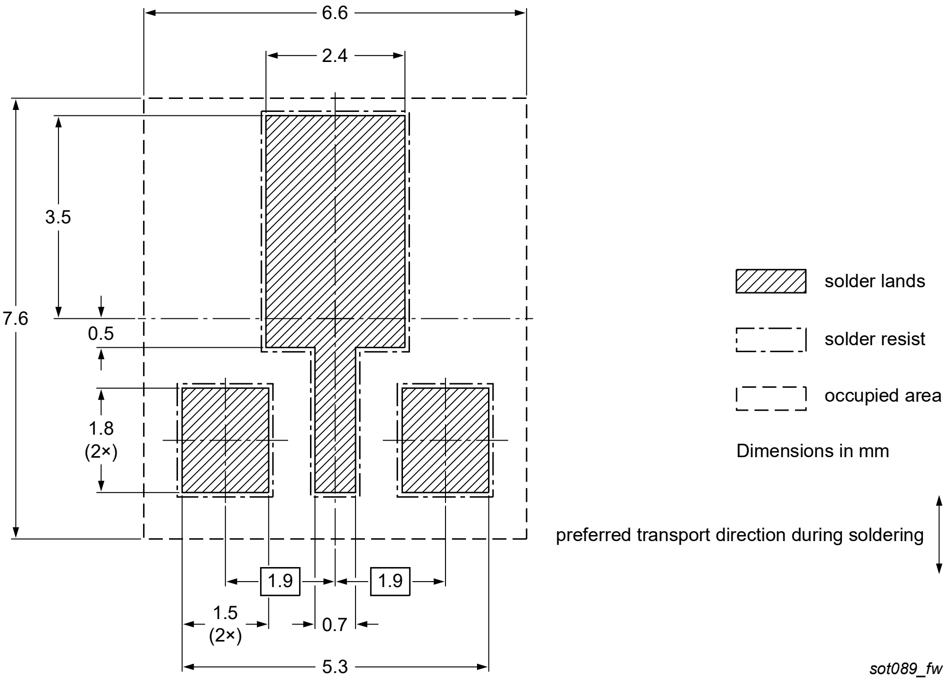


Fig. 17. Wave soldering footprint for SOT89

14. Revision history

Table 8. Revision history

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