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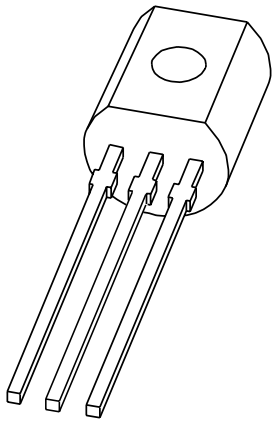

BC556; BC557
PNP general purpose transistors

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FEATURES

- Low current (max. 100 mA)
- Low voltage (max. 65 V).

APPLICATIONS

- General purpose switching and amplification.

DESCRIPTION

PNP transistor in a TO-92; SOT54 plastic package.
NPN complements: BC546 and BC547.

PINNING

PIN	DESCRIPTION
1	emitter
2	base
3	collector

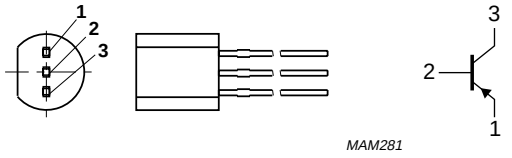


Fig.1 Simplified outline (TO-92; SOT54) and symbol.

LIMITING VALUES

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

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN.	MAX.	UNIT
V_{CBO}	collector-base voltage	open emitter			
	BC556		–	–80	V
	BC557		–	–50	V
V_{CEO}	collector-emitter voltage	open base			
	BC556		–	–65	V
	BC557		–	–45	V
V_{EBO}	emitter-base voltage	open collector	–	–5	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	$T_{amb} \leq 25$ °C	–	500	mW
T_{stg}	storage temperature		–65	+150	°C
T_j	junction temperature		–	150	°C
T_{amb}	operating ambient temperature		–65	+150	°C

THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

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

Note

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

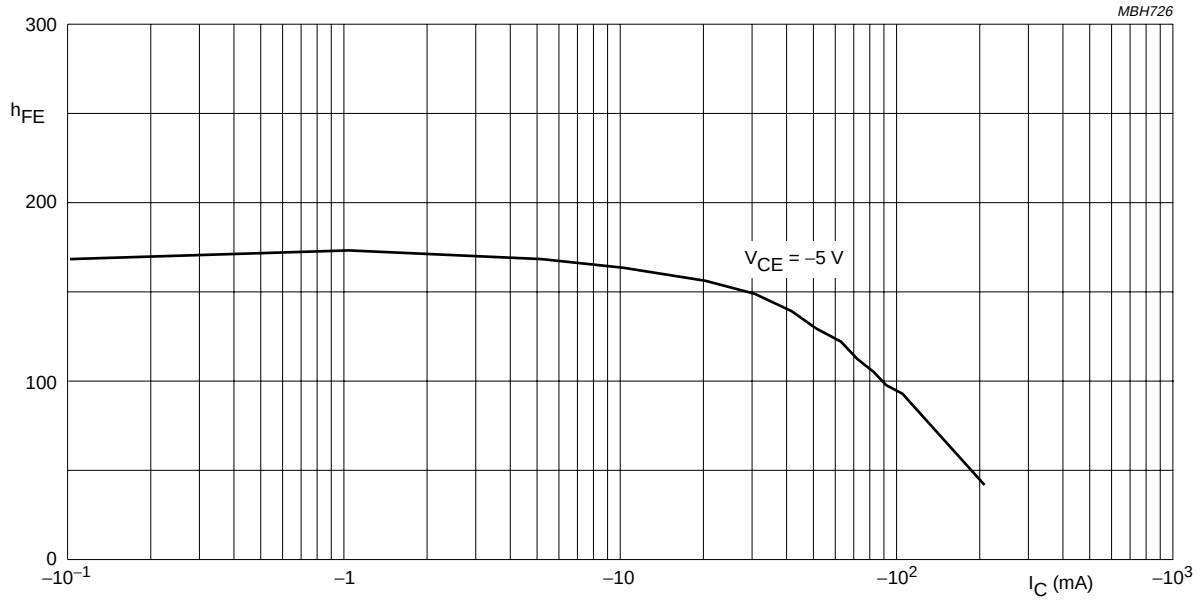
CHARACTERISTICS

T_j = 25 °C unless otherwise specified.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNIT
I_{CBO}	collector cut-off current	I_E = 0; V_{CB} = –30 V	–	–1	–15	nA
		I_E = 0; V_{CB} = –30 V; T_j = 150 °C	–	–	–4	µA
I_{EBO}	emitter cut-off current	I_C = 0; V_{EB} = –5 V	–	–	–100	nA
h_{FE}	DC current gain	I_C = –2 mA; V_{CE} = –5 V; see Figs 2, 3 and 4				
	BC556		125	–	475	
	BC557		125	–	800	
	BC556A		125	–	250	
	BC556B; BC557B		220	–	475	
	BC557C		420	–	800	
V_{CEsat}	collector-emitter saturation voltage	I_C = –10 mA; I_B = –0.5 mA	–	–60	–300	mV
		I_C = –100 mA; I_B = –5 mA	–	–180	–650	mV
V_{BEsat}	base-emitter saturation voltage	I_C = –10 mA; I_B = –0.5 mA; note 1	–	–750	–	mV
		I_C = –100 mA; I_B = –5 mA; note 1	–	–930	–	mV
V_{BE}	base-emitter voltage	I_C = –2 mA; V_{CE} = –5 V; note 2	–600	–650	–750	mV
		I_C = –10 mA; V_{CE} = –5 V; note 2	–	–	–820	mV
C_c	collector capacitance	$I_E = i_e$ = 0; V_{CB} = –10 V; f = 1 MHz	–	3	–	pF
C_e	emitter capacitance	$I_C = i_c$ = 0; V_{EB} = –0.5 V; f = 1 MHz	–	10	–	pF
f_T	transition frequency	I_C = –10 mA; V_{CE} = –5 V; f = 100 MHz	100	–	–	MHz
F	noise figure	I_C = –200 µA; V_{CE} = –5 V; R_S = 2 kΩ; f = 1 kHz; B = 200 Hz	–	2	10	dB

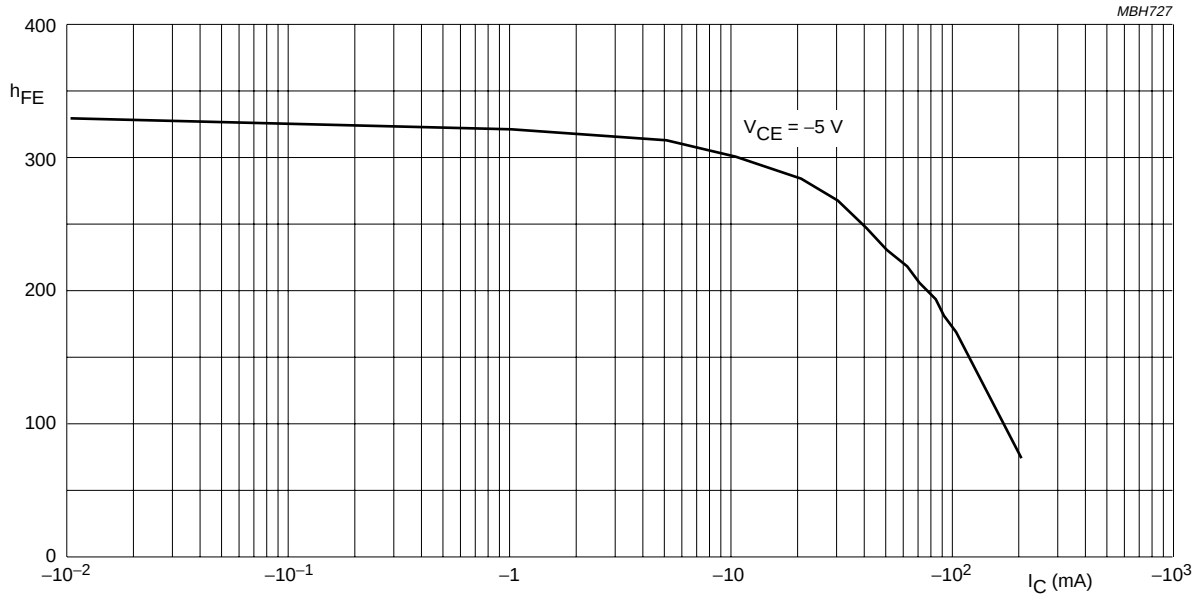
Notes

1. V_{BEsat} decreases by about –1.7 mV/K with increasing temperature.
2. V_{BE} decreases by about –2 mV/K with increasing temperature.



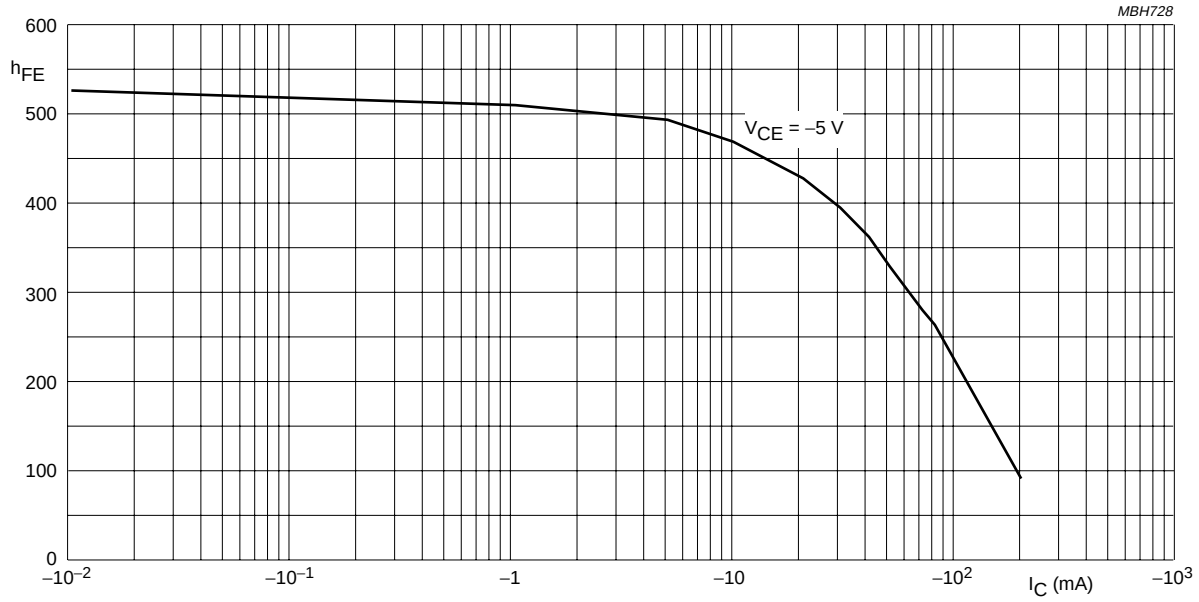
BC556A.

Fig.2 DC current gain; typical values.



BC556B; BC557B.

Fig.3 DC current gain; typical values.

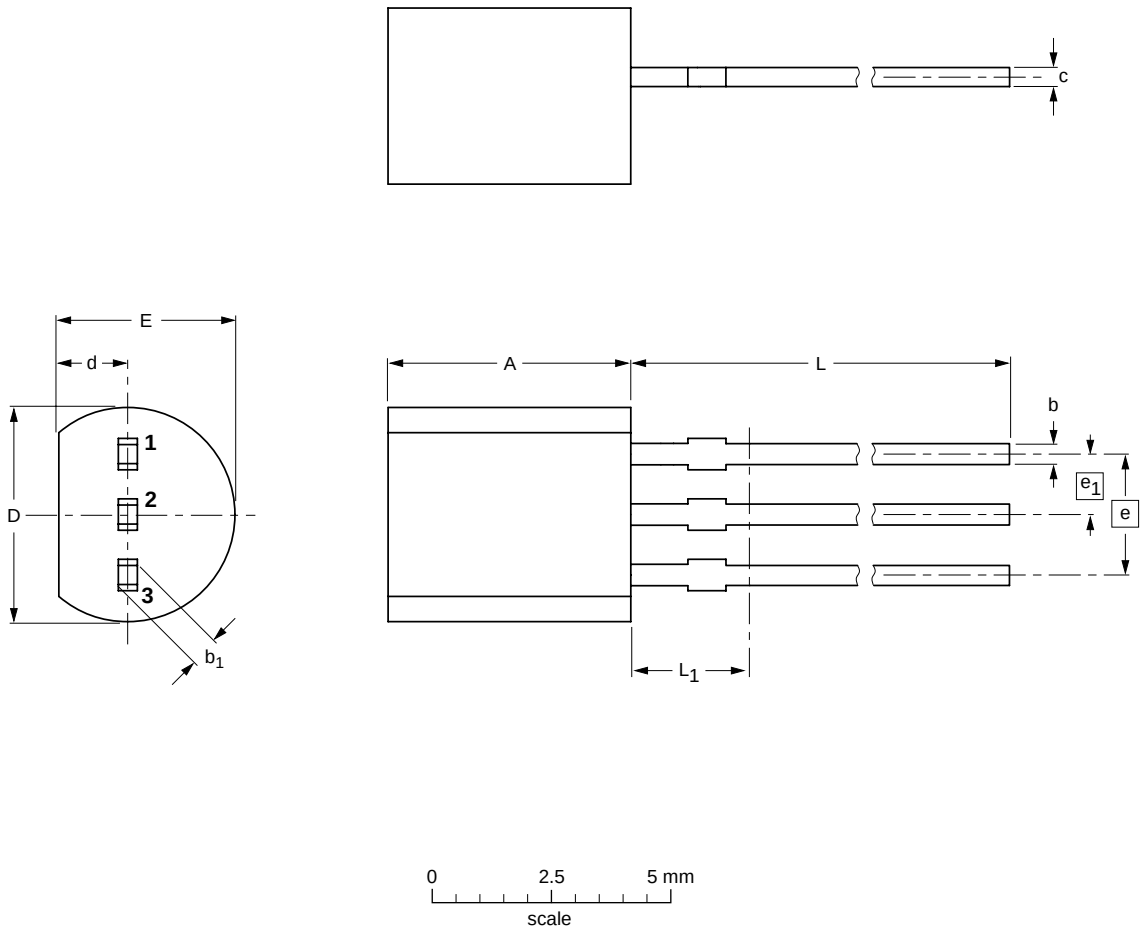


BC557C.

Fig.4 DC current gain; typical values.

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
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