

PNP Silicon Epitaxial Planar Transistor
for switching and AF amplifier applications.

These transistors are subdivided into three groups A, B and C according to their current gain. The type BC556 is available in groups A and B, however, the types BC557 and BC558 can be supplied in all three groups. The BC559 is a low-noise type available in all three groups. As complementary types, the NPN transistors BC546...BC549 are recommended.

On special request, these transistors can be manufactured in different pin configurations. Please refer to the "TO-92 TRANSISTOR PACKAGE OUTLINE" on page 80 for the available pin options.



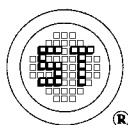
TO-92 Plastic Package
Weight approx. 0.18 g
Dimensions in mm

Absolute Maximum Ratings ($T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$)

| | | Symbol | Value | Unit |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Collector-Base Voltage | HN / BC556 | $-V_{CBO}$ | 80 | V |
| | HN / BC557 | $-V_{CBO}$ | 50 | V |
| | HN / BC558, HN / BC559 | $-V_{CBO}$ | 30 | V |
| Collector-Emitter Voltage | HN / BC556 | $-V_{CES}$ | 80 | V |
| | HN / BC557 | $-V_{CES}$ | 50 | V |
| | HN / BC558, HN / BC559 | $-V_{CES}$ | 30 | V |
| Collector-Emitter Voltage | HN / BC556 | $-V_{CEO}$ | 65 | V |
| | HN / BC557 | $-V_{CEO}$ | 45 | V |
| | HN / BC558, HN / BC559 | $-V_{CEO}$ | 30 | V |
| Emitter-Base Voltage | | $-V_{EBO}$ | 5 | V |
| Collector Current | | $-I_C$ | 100 | mA |
| Peak Collector Current | | $-I_{CM}$ | 200 | mA |
| Peak Base Current | | $-I_{BM}$ | 200 | mA |
| Peak Emitter Current | | I_{EM} | 200 | mA |
| Power Dissipation at $T_{amb} = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | | P_{tot} | 500 ¹⁾ | mW |
| Junction Temperature | | T_j | 150 | $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Storage Temperature Range | | T_s | -65 to + 150 | $^\circ\text{C}$ |

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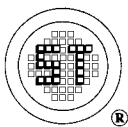
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Characteristics at $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

| | Symbol | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------|---------------------|------|
| h-Parameters | | | | | |
| at $-V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}$, $-I_C = 2\text{ mA}$, $f = 1\text{ kHz}$ | | | | | |
| Current Gain | Current Gain Group A | h_{fe} | - | 220 | - |
| | B | h_{fe} | - | 330 | - |
| | C | h_{fe} | - | 600 | - |
| Input Impedance | Current Gain Group A | h_{ie} | 1.6 | 2.7 | 4.5 |
| | B | h_{ie} | 3.2 | 4.5 | 8.5 |
| | C | h_{ie} | 6 | 8.7 | 15 |
| Output Admittance | Current Gain Group A | h_{oe} | - | 18 | 30 |
| | B | h_{oe} | - | 30 | 60 |
| | C | h_{oe} | - | 60 | 110 |
| Reverse Voltage Transfer Ratio | Current Gain Group A | h_{re} | - | $1.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | - |
| | B | h_{re} | - | $2 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | - |
| | C | h_{re} | - | $3 \cdot 10^{-4}$ | - |
| DC Current Gain. | | | | | |
| at $-V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}$, $-I_C = 10\text{ }\mu\text{A}$ | | | | | |
| | Current Gain Group A | h_{FE} | - | 90 | - |
| | B | h_{FE} | - | 150 | - |
| | C | h_{FE} | - | 270 | - |
| at $-V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}$, $-I_C = 2\text{ mA}$ | | | | | |
| | Current Gain Group A | h_{FE} | 110 | 180 | 220 |
| | B | h_{FE} | 200 | 290 | 450 |
| | C | h_{FE} | 420 | 500 | 800 |
| at $-V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}$, $-I_C = 100\text{ mA}$ | | | | | |
| | Current Gain Group A | h_{FE} | - | 120 | - |
| | B | h_{FE} | - | 200 | - |
| | C | h_{FE} | - | 400 | - |
| Thermal Resistance Junction to Ambient Air | R_{thA} | - | - | 250 ¹⁾ | K/W |
| Collector Saturation Voltage | | | | | |
| at $-I_C = 10\text{ mA}$, $-I_B = 0.5\text{ mA}$ | | | | | |
| | $-V_{CEsat}$ | - | 80 | 300 | mV |
| at $-I_C = 100\text{ mA}$, $-I_B = 5\text{ mA}$ | | | | | |
| | $-V_{CEsat}$ | - | 250 | 650 | mV |
| Base Saturation Voltage | | | | | |
| at $-I_C = 10\text{ mA}$, $-I_B = 0.5\text{ mA}$ | | | | | |
| | $-V_{BEsat}$ | - | 700 | - | mV |
| at $-I_C = 100\text{ mA}$, $-I_B = 5\text{ mA}$ | | | | | |
| | $-V_{BEsat}$ | - | 900 | - | mV |
| Base Emitter Voltage | | | | | |
| at $-V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}$, $-I_C = 2\text{ mA}$ | | | | | |
| | $-V_{BE}$ | 600 | 660 | 750 | mV |
| at $-V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}$, $-I_C = 10\text{ mA}$ | | | | | |
| | $-V_{BE}$ | - | - | 800 | mV |
| Collector Emitter Cutoff Current | | | | | |
| at $-V_{CE} = 80\text{ V}$ | HN / BC 556 | $-I_{CES}$ | - | 0.2 | 15 |
| at $-V_{CE} = 50\text{ V}$ | HN / BC 557 | $-I_{CES}$ | - | 0.2 | 15 |
| at $-V_{CE} = 30\text{ V}$ | HN / BC 558 | $-I_{CES}$ | - | 0.2 | 15 |
| at $-V_{CE} = 80\text{ V}$, $T_J = 125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ | HN / BC 556 | $-I_{CES}$ | - | - | 4 |
| at $-V_{CE} = 50\text{ V}$, $T_J = 125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ | HN / BC 557 | $-I_{CES}$ | - | - | 4 |
| at $-V_{CE} = 30\text{ V}$, $T_J = 125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ | HN / BC 558, HN / BC 559 | $-I_{CES}$ | - | - | 4 |

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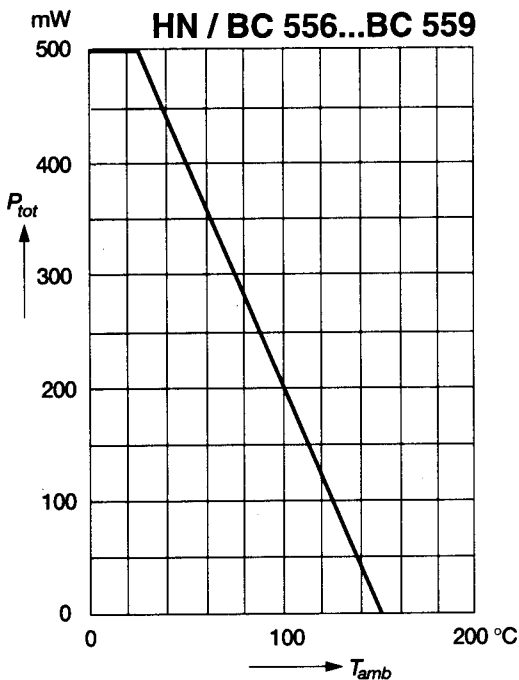


Characteristics, continuation

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| Gain-Bandwidth Product at $-V_{CE} = 5V, -I_C = 10\text{ mA}, f = 100\text{MHz}$ | f_T | - | 150 | - | MHz |
| Collector-Base Capacitance at $-V_{CB} = 10\text{ V}, f = 1\text{MHz}$ | C_{CBO} | - | - | 6 | pF |
| Noise Figure at $-V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, -I_C = 200\text{ }\mu\text{A}, R_G = 2\text{ k}\Omega,$ $f = 1\text{kHz}, \Delta f = 200\text{ Hz}$ HN / BC556, BC557, BC558 HN / BC559 | F | - | 2 | 10 | dB |
| | F | - | 1 | 4 | dB |

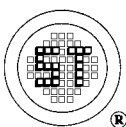
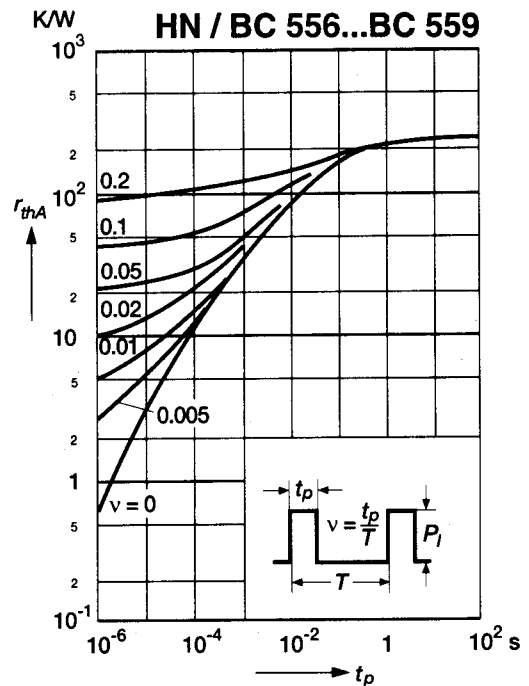
Admissible power dissipation versus temperature

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Pulse thermal resistance versus pulse duration

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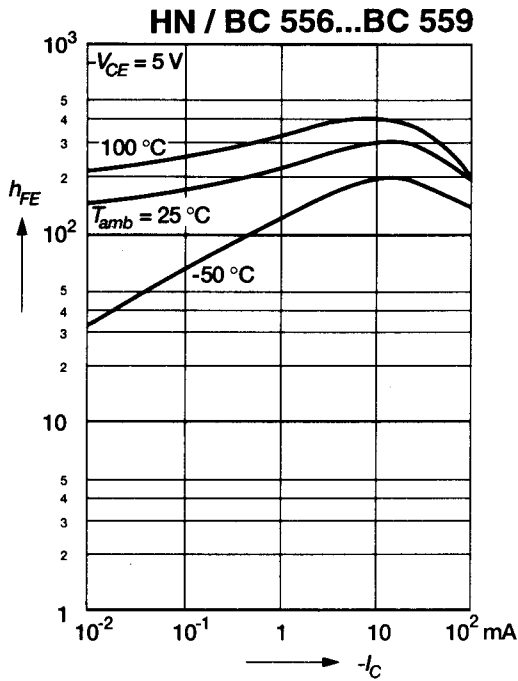


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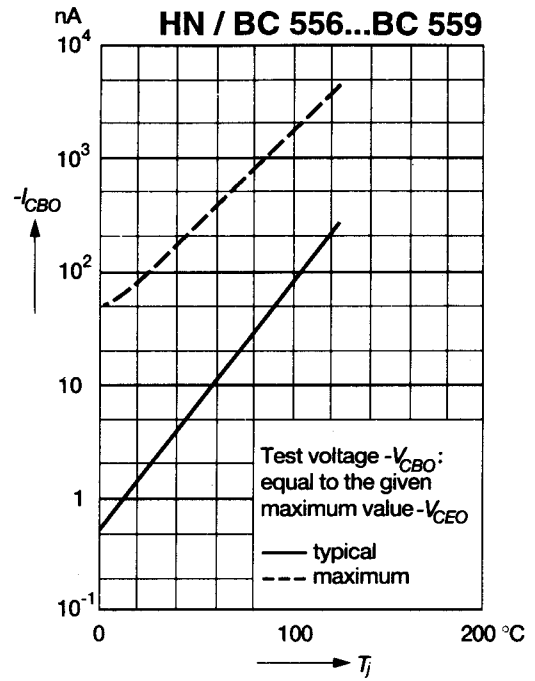
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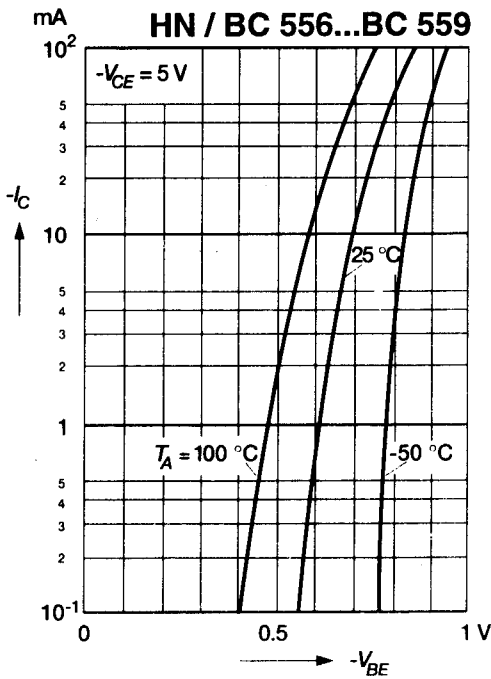
DC current gain versus collector current



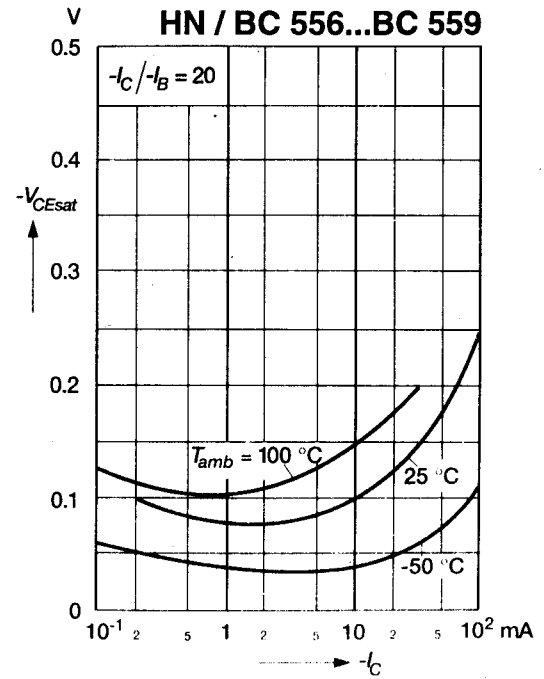
Collector-base cutoff current versus junction temperature



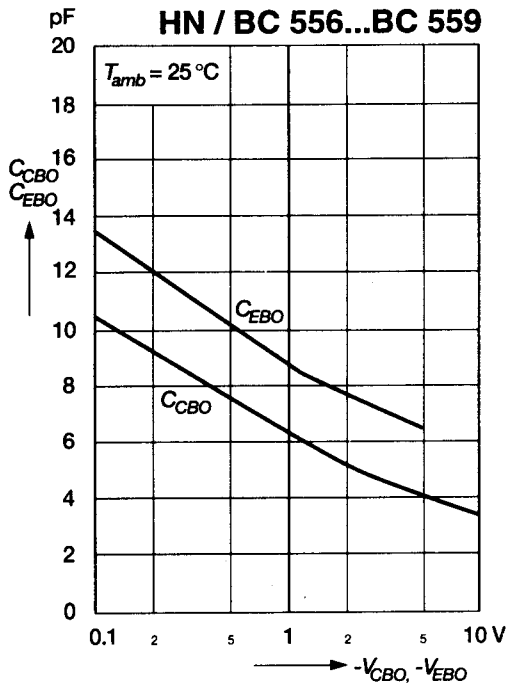
Collector current versus base-emitter voltage



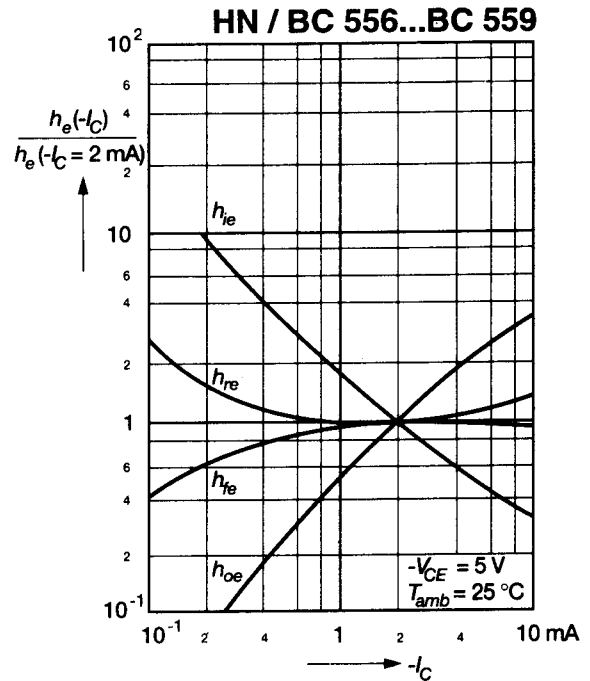
Collector saturation voltage versus collector current



Collector-base capacitance,
Emitter-base capacitance
versus reverse bias voltage



Relative h-parameters
versus collector current



Gain-bandwidth product
versus collector current

