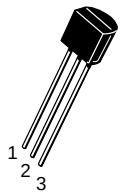
Amplifier Transistors
NPN Silicon

BC237,A,B,C
BC238B,C
BC239C



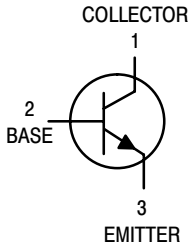
CASE 29–11, STYLE 17
TO–92 (TO–226AA)

MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	BC237	BC238	BC239	Unit
Collector–Emitter Voltage	V_{CEO}	45	25	25	Vdc
Collector–Emitter Voltage	V_{CES}	50	30	30	Vdc
Emitter–Base Voltage	V_{EBO}	6.0	5.0	5.0	Vdc
Collector Current — Continuous	I_C	100			mAdc
Total Device Dissipation @ T_A = 25°C Derate above 25°C	P_D	350 2.8			mW mW/°C
Total Device Dissipation @ T_C = 25°C Derate above 25°C	P_D	1.0 8.0			Watts mW/°C
Operating and Storage Junction Temperature Range	T_J, T_{stg}	–55 to +150			°C

THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Symbol	Max	Unit
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Ambient	$R_{\theta JA}$	357	°C/W
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case	$R_{\theta JC}$	125	°C/W



ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (T_A = 25°C unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic		Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
OFF CHARACTERISTICS						
Collector–Emitter Breakdown Voltage (I_C = 2.0 mA, I_B = 0)	BC237 BC238 BC239	$V_{(BR)CEO}$	45 25 25	— — —	— — —	V
Emitter–Base Breakdown Voltage (I_E = 100 μA, I_C = 0)	BC237 BC238 BC239	$V_{(BR)EBO}$	6.0 5.0 5.0	— — —	— — —	V
Collector Cutoff Current		I_{CES}				
(V_{CE} = 30 V, V_{BE} = 0)	BC238 BC239		— —	0.2 0.2	15 15	nA
(V_{CE} = 50 V, V_{BE} = 0)	BC237		—	0.2	15	
(V_{CE} = 30 V, V_{BE} = 0) T_A = 125°C	BC238 BC239		— —	0.2 0.2	4.0 4.0	μA
(V_{CE} = 50 V, V_{BE} = 0) T_A = 125°C	BC237		—	0.2	4.0	

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Characteristic		Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
ON CHARACTERISTICS						
DC Current Gain		h_{FE}				—
(I_C = 10 μA, V_{CE} = 5.0 V)	BC237A		—	90	—	
	BC237B/238B		—	150	—	
	BC237C/238C/239C		—	270	—	
(I_C = 2.0 mA, V_{CE} = 5.0 V)	BC237		120	—	800	
	BC237A		120	170	220	
	BC237B/238B		200	290	460	
	BC237C/238C/239C		380	500	800	
(I_C = 100 mA, V_{CE} = 5.0 V)	BC237A		—	120	—	
	BC237B/238B		—	180	—	
	BC237C/238C/239C		—	300	—	
Collector–Emitter On Voltage		$V_{CE(sat)}$				V
(I_C = 10 mA, I_B = 0.5 mA)	BC237/BC238/BC239		—	0.07	0.2	
(I_C = 100 mA, I_B = 5.0 mA)	BC237/BC239		—	0.2	0.6	
	BC238				0.8	
Base–Emitter Saturation Voltage		$V_{BE(sat)}$				V
(I_C = 10 mA, I_B = 0.5 mA)			—	0.6	0.83	
(I_C = 100 mA, I_B = 5.0 mA)			—	—	1.05	
Base–Emitter On Voltage		$V_{BE(on)}$				V
(I_C = 100 μA, V_{CE} = 5.0 V)			—	0.5	—	
(I_C = 2.0 mA, V_{CE} = 5.0 V)			0.55	0.62	0.7	
(I_C = 100 mA, V_{CE} = 5.0 V)			—	0.83	—	
DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS						
Current–Gain — Bandwidth Product		f_T				MHz
(I_C = 0.5 mA, V_{CE} = 3.0 V, f = 100 MHz)	BC237		—	100	—	
	BC238		—	120	—	
	BC239		—	140	—	
(I_C = 10 mA, V_{CE} = 5.0 V, f = 100 MHz)	BC237		150	200	—	
	BC238		150	240	—	
	BC239		150	280	—	
Collector–Base Capacitance (V_{CB} = 10 V, I_C = 0, f = 1.0 MHz)		C_{obo}	—	—	4.5	pF
Emitter–Base Capacitance (V_{EB} = 0.5 V, I_C = 0, f = 1.0 MHz)		C_{ibo}	—	8.0	—	pF
Noise Figure		NF				dB
(I_C = 0.2 mA, V_{CE} = 5.0 V, R_S = 2.0 kΩ, f = 1.0 kHz)	BC239		—	2.0	4.0	
(I_C = 0.2 mA, V_{CE} = 5.0 V, R_S = 2.0 kΩ, f = 1.0 kHz, Δf = 200 Hz)	BC237		—	2.0	10	
	BC238		—	2.0	10	
	BC239		—	2.0	4.0	

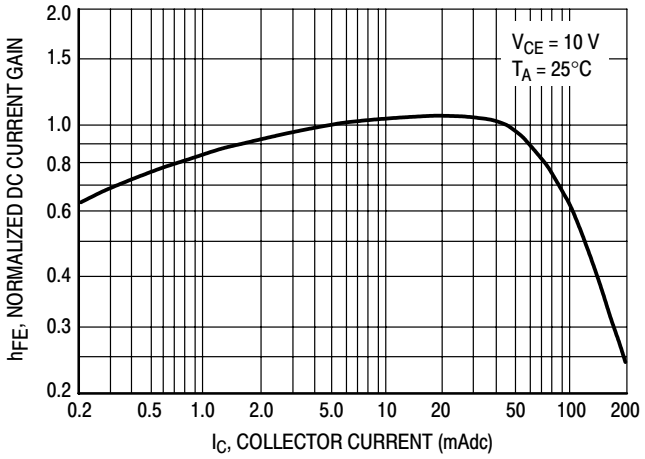

Figure 1. Normalized DC Current Gain

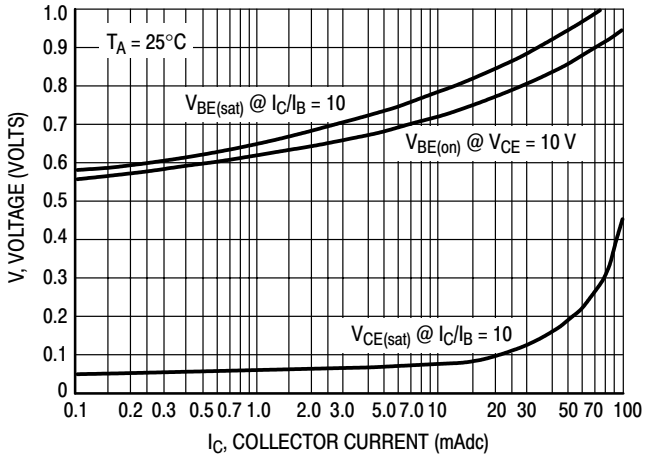

Figure 2. “Saturation” and “On” Voltages

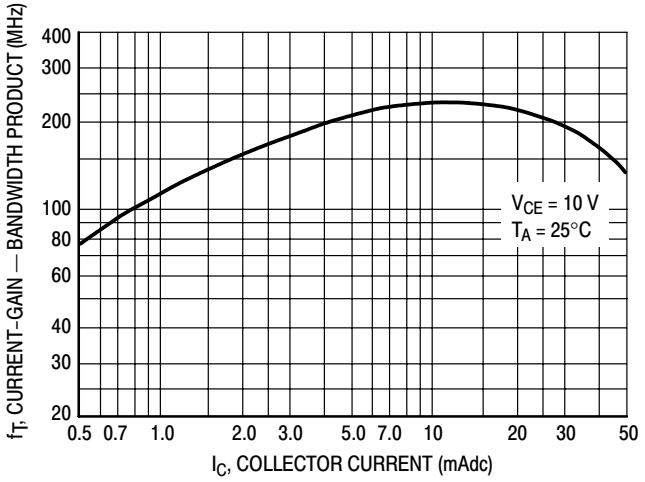

Figure 3. Current–Gain — Bandwidth Product

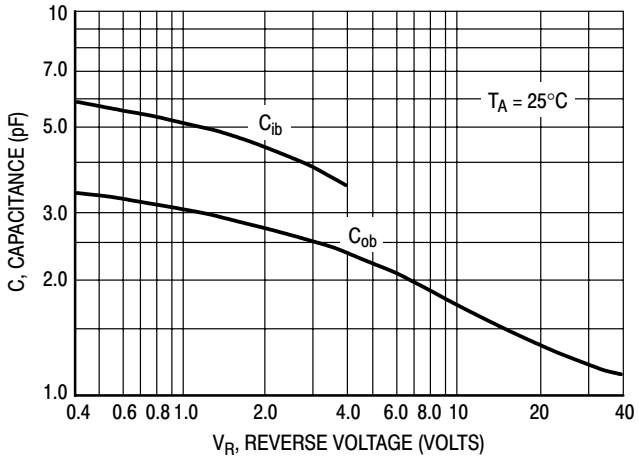

Figure 4. Capacitances

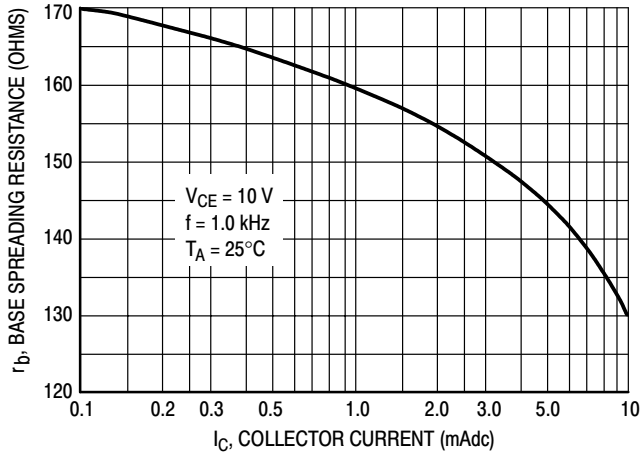

Figure 5. Base Spreading Resistance