

BC637; BCP55; BCX55

60 V, 1 A NPN medium power transistor series

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Product data sheet

1. Product profile

1.1 General description

NPN medium power transistor series.

Table 1: Product overview

Type number [1]	Package		PNP complement
	Philips	JEITA	
BC637 [2]	SOT54	SC-43A	BC638
BCP55	SOT223	SC-73	BCP52
BCX55	SOT89	SC-62	BCX52

[1] Valid for all available selection groups.

[2] Also available in SOT54A and SOT54 variant packages (see [Section 2](#)).

1.2 Features

- High current
- Three current gain selections

1.3 Applications

- Linear voltage regulators
- Low side switches
- Supply line switches
- MOSFET drivers

1.4 Quick reference data

Table 2: Quick reference data

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V_{CE0}	collector-emitter voltage	open base	-	-	60	V
I_C	collector current (DC)		-	-	1	A
I_{CM}	peak collector current		-	-	1.5	A
h_{FE}	DC current gain	$V_{CE} = 2 \text{ V}; I_C = 150 \text{ mA}$	63	-	250	
	h_{FE} selection -10	$V_{CE} = 2 \text{ V}; I_C = 150 \text{ mA}$	63	-	160	
	h_{FE} selection -16	$V_{CE} = 2 \text{ V}; I_C = 150 \text{ mA}$	100	-	250	

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2. Pinning information

Table 3: Pinning

Pin	Description	Simplified outline	Symbol
SOT54			
1	base		
2	collector		
3	emitter		
SOT54A			
1	base		
2	collector		
3	emitter		
SOT54 variant			
1	base		
2	collector		
3	emitter		
SOT223			
1	base		
2	collector		
3	emitter		
4	collector		
SOT89			
1	emitter		
2	collector		
3	base		

3. Ordering information

Table 4: Ordering information

Type number ^[1]	Package		Version
	Name	Description	
BC637 ^[2]	SC-43A	plastic single-ended leaded (through hole) package; 3 leads	SOT54
BCP55	SC-73	plastic surface mounted package with increased heatsink; 4 leads	SOT223
BCX55	SC-62	plastic surface mounted package; collector pad for good heat transfer; 3 leads	SOT89

[1] Valid for all available selection groups.

[2] Also available in SOT54A and SOT54 variant packages (see [Section 2](#) and [Section 9](#)).

4. Marking

Table 5: Marking codes

Type number	Marking code
BC637	C637
BC637-16	C63716
BCP55	BCP55
BCP55-10	BCP55/10
BCP55-16	BCP55/16
BCX55	BE
BCX55-10	BG
BCX55-16	BM

5. Limiting values

Table 6: Limiting values

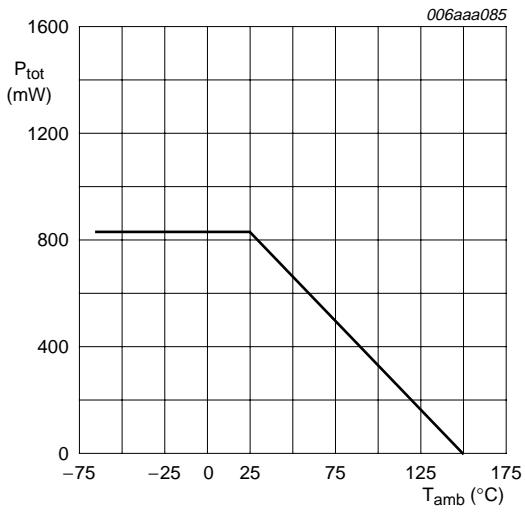
In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
V_{CBO}	collector-base voltage	open emitter	-	60	V
V_{CEO}	collector-emitter voltage	open base	-	60	V
V_{EBO}	emitter-base voltage	open collector	-	5	V
I_C	collector current (DC)		-	1	A
I_{CM}	peak collector current		-	1.5	A
I_{BM}	peak base current		-	0.2	A
P_{tot}	total power dissipation				
	BC637	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	[1] -	0.83	W
	BCP55	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	[1] -	0.65	W
	BCP55	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	[2] -	1	W
	BCP55	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	[3] -	1.4	W
	BCX55	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	[1] -	0.5	W
	BCX55	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	[2] -	0.85	W
	BCX55	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	[3] -	1.2	W
T_{stg}	storage temperature		-65	+150	°C
T_j	junction temperature		-	150	°C
T_{amb}	ambient temperature		-65	+150	°C

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

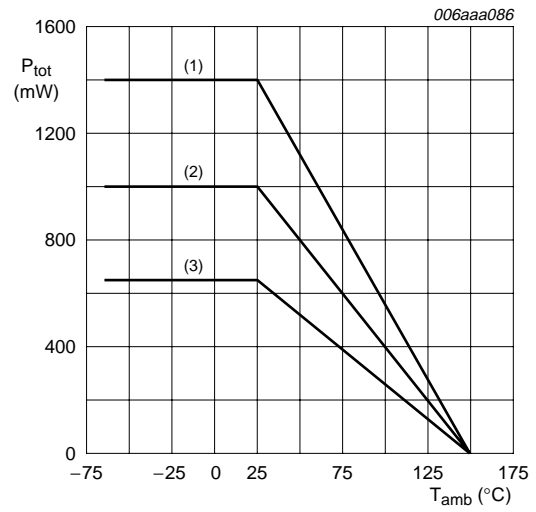
[2] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided copper, tin-plated, mounting pad for collector 1 cm².

[3] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided copper, tin-plated, mounting pad for collector 6 cm².



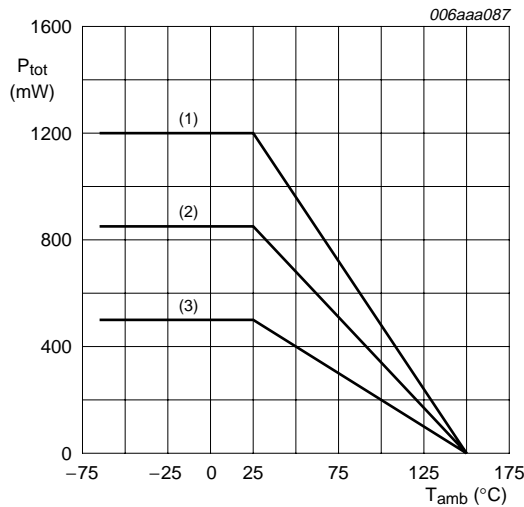
FR4 PCB; standard footprint

Fig 1. Power derating curve; SOT54



- (1) FR4 PCB; 6 cm² mounting pad for collector
- (2) FR4 PCB; 1 cm² mounting pad for collector
- (3) FR4 PCB; standard footprint

Fig 2. Power derating curves; SOT223



- (1) FR4 PCB; 6 cm² mounting pad for collector
- (2) FR4 PCB; 1 cm² mounting pad for collector
- (3) FR4 PCB; standard footprint

Fig 3. Power derating curves; SOT89

6. Thermal characteristics

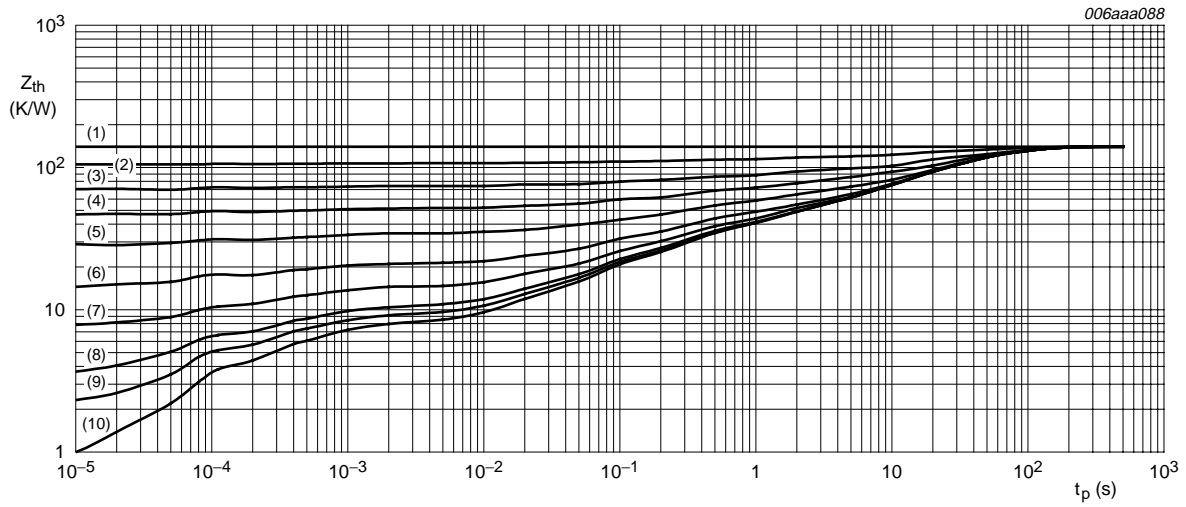
Table 7: Thermal characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$R_{th(j-a)}$	thermal resistance from junction to ambient					
	BC637	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	[1] -	-	150	K/W
	BCP55	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	[1] -	-	192	K/W
	BCP55	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	[2] -	-	125	K/W
	BCP55	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	[3] -	-	89	K/W
	BCX55	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	[1] -	-	250	K/W
	BCX55	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	[2] -	-	147	K/W
	BCX55	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	[3] -	-	104	K/W
$R_{th(j-sp)}$	thermal resistance from junction to soldering point					
	BC639	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	-	-	40	K/W
	BCP55	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	-	-	17	K/W
	BCX55	$T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ °C}$	-	-	30	K/W

[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 1 cm².

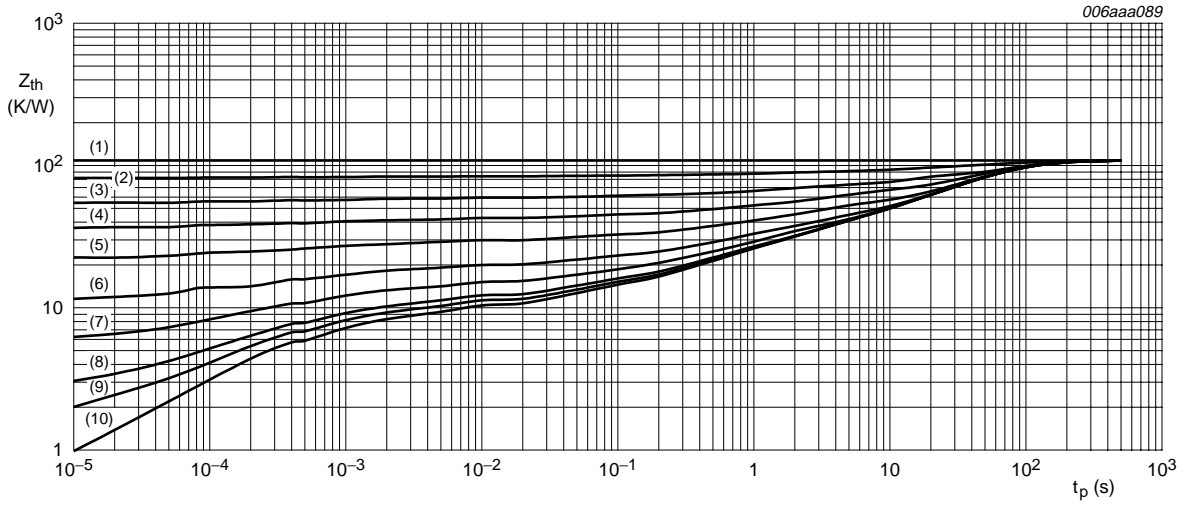
[3] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided copper, tin-plated, mounting pad for collector 6 cm².



Mounted on FR4 PCB; standard footprint

- (1) $\delta = 1$
- (2) $\delta = 0.75$
- (3) $\delta = 0.5$
- (4) $\delta = 0.33$
- (5) $\delta = 0.2$
- (6) $\delta = 0.1$
- (7) $\delta = 0.05$
- (8) $\delta = 0.02$
- (9) $\delta = 0.01$
- (10) $\delta = 0$

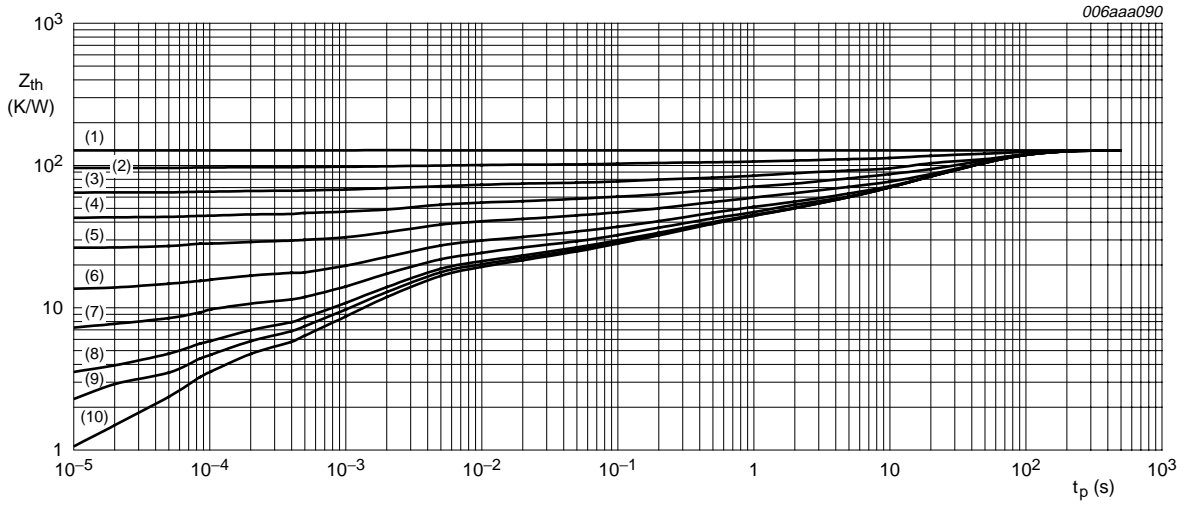
Fig 4. Transient thermal impedance as a function of pulse time for SOT54; typical values



Mounted on FR4 PCB; 1 cm² collector mounting pad

- (1) $\delta = 1$
- (2) $\delta = 0.75$
- (3) $\delta = 0.5$
- (4) $\delta = 0.33$
- (5) $\delta = 0.2$
- (6) $\delta = 0.1$
- (7) $\delta = 0.05$
- (8) $\delta = 0.02$
- (9) $\delta = 0.01$
- (10) $\delta = 0$

Fig 5. Transient thermal impedance as a function of pulse time for SOT223; typical values



Mounted on FR4 PCB; 1 cm² collector mounting pad

- (1) $\delta = 1$
- (2) $\delta = 0.75$
- (3) $\delta = 0.5$
- (4) $\delta = 0.33$
- (5) $\delta = 0.2$
- (6) $\delta = 0.1$
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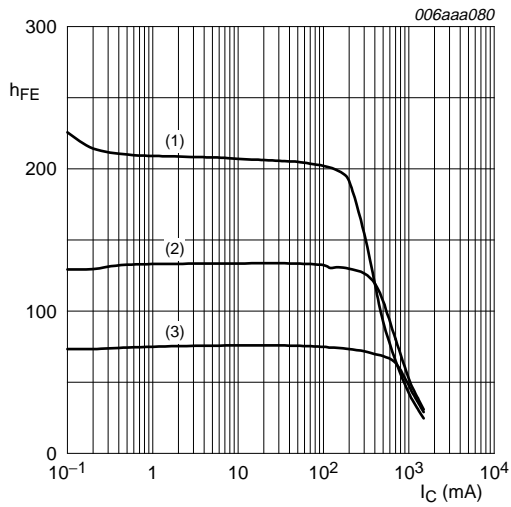
Fig 6. Transient thermal impedance as a function of pulse time for SOT89; typical values

7. Characteristics

Table 8: Characteristics

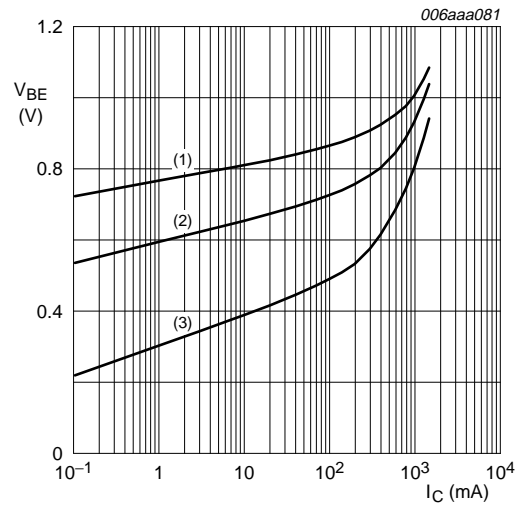
$T_{amb} = 25\text{ °C}$ unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
I_{CBO}	collector-base cut-off current	$I_E = 0\text{ A}; V_{CB} = 30\text{ V}$	-	-	100	nA
		$I_E = 0\text{ A}; V_{CB} = 30\text{ V}; T_j = 150\text{ °C}$	-	-	10	μA
I_{EBO}	emitter-base cut-off current	$I_C = 0\text{ A}; V_{EB} = 5\text{ V}$	-	-	100	nA
h_{FE}	DC current gain	$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}$				
		$I_C = 5\text{ mA}$	63	-	-	
		$I_C = 150\text{ mA}$	63	-	250	
		$I_C = 500\text{ mA}$	40	-	-	
	DC current gain	$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}$				
		h_{FE} selection -10	$I_C = 150\text{ mA}$	63	-	160
	h_{FE} selection -16	$I_C = 150\text{ mA}$	100	-	250	
V_{CEsat}	collector-emitter saturation voltage	$I_C = 500\text{ mA}; I_B = 50\text{ mA}$	-	-	500	mV
V_{BE}	base-emitter voltage	$I_C = 500\text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}$	-	-	1	V
C_c	collector capacitance	$I_E = i_e = 0\text{ A}; V_{CB} = 10\text{ V}; f = 1\text{ MHz}$	-	6	-	pF
f_T	transition frequency	$I_C = 50\text{ mA}; V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}; f = 100\text{ MHz}$	100	180	-	MHz



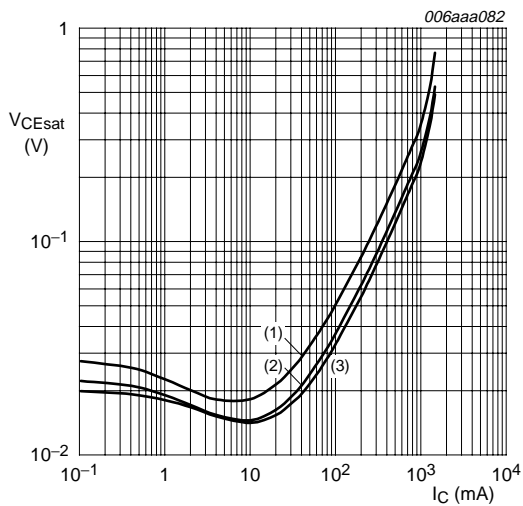
$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}$
 (1) $T_{amb} = 150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 (2) $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 (3) $T_{amb} = -55\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Fig 7. DC current gain as a function of collector current; typical values



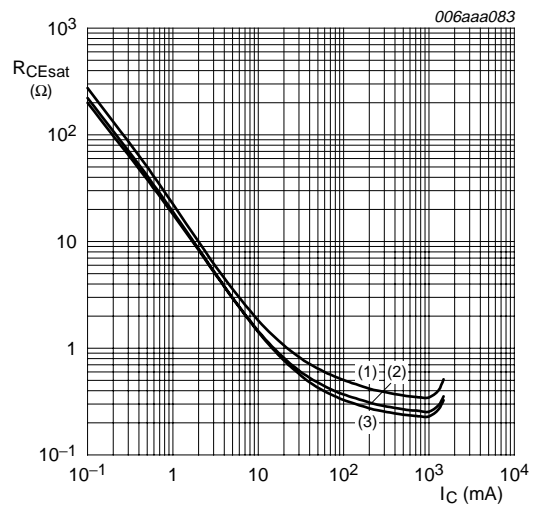
$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}$
 (1) $T_{amb} = -55\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 (2) $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 (3) $T_{amb} = 150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

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



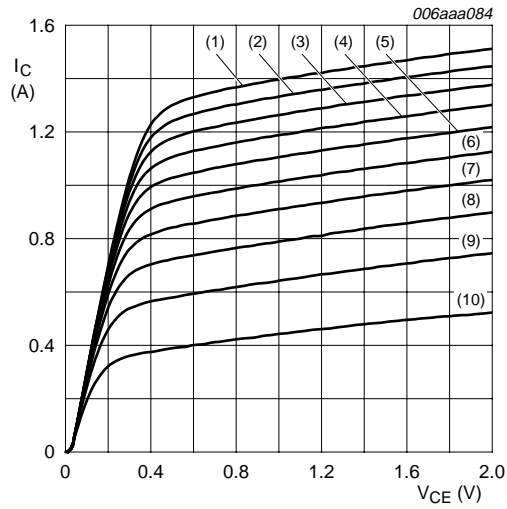
$I_C/I_B = 10$
 (1) $T_{amb} = 150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 (2) $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 (3) $T_{amb} = -55\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

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



$I_C/I_B = 10$
 (1) $T_{amb} = 150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 (2) $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 (3) $T_{amb} = -55\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Fig 10. Equivalent on-resistance as a function of collector current; typical values



- (1) I_B = 50 mA
- (2) I_B = 45 mA
- (3) I_B = 40 mA
- (4) I_B = 35 mA
- (5) I_B = 30 mA
- (6) I_B = 25 mA
- (7) I_B = 20 mA
- (8) I_B = 15 mA
- (9) I_B = 10 mA
- (10) I_B = 5 mA

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

8. Package outline

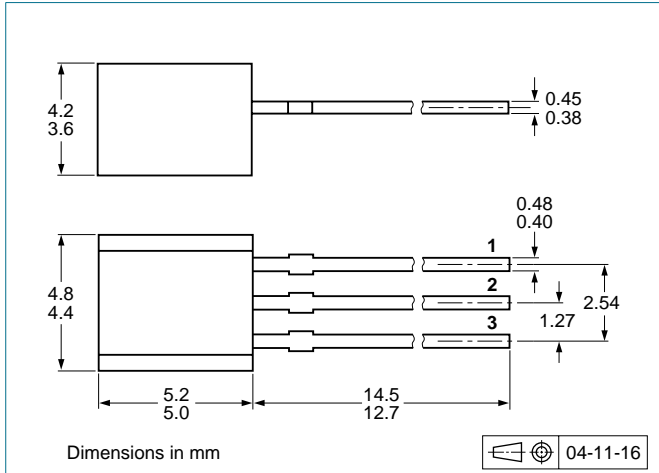


Fig 12. Package outline SOT54 (SC-43A/TO-92)

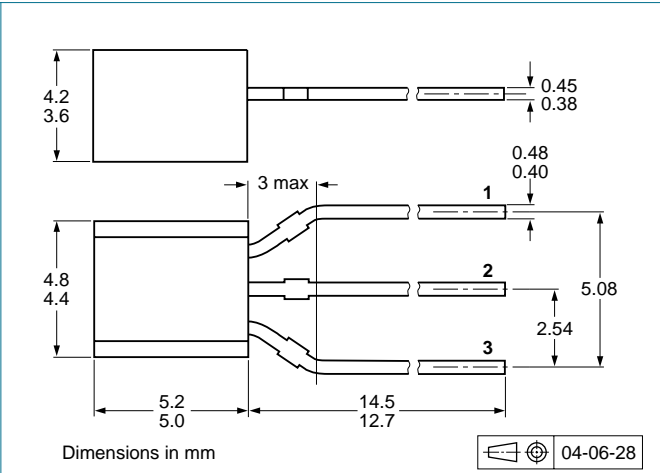


Fig 13. Package outline SOT54A

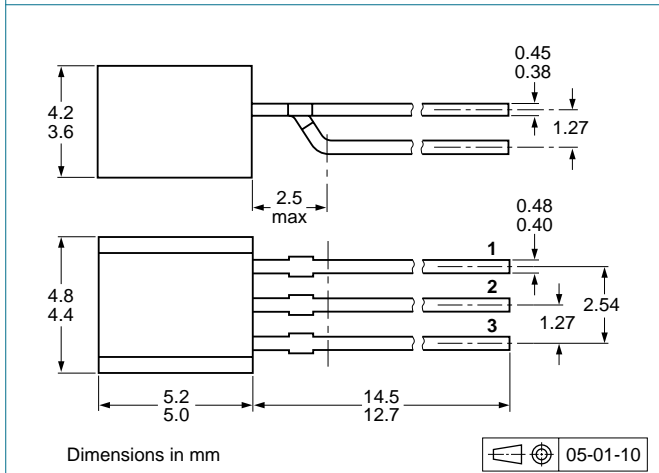


Fig 14. Package outline SOT54 variant

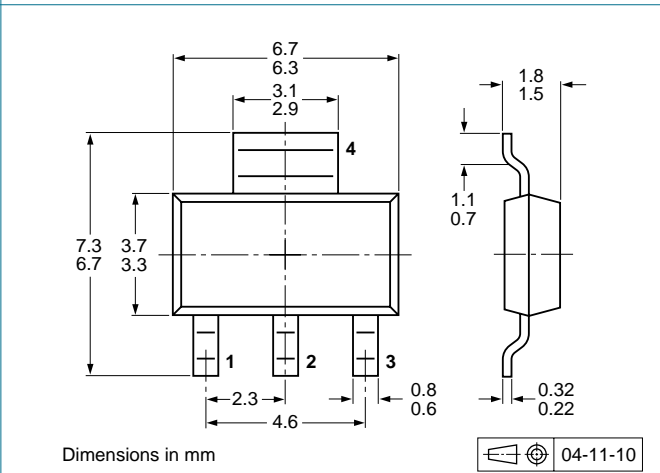


Fig 15. Package outline SOT223 (SC-73)

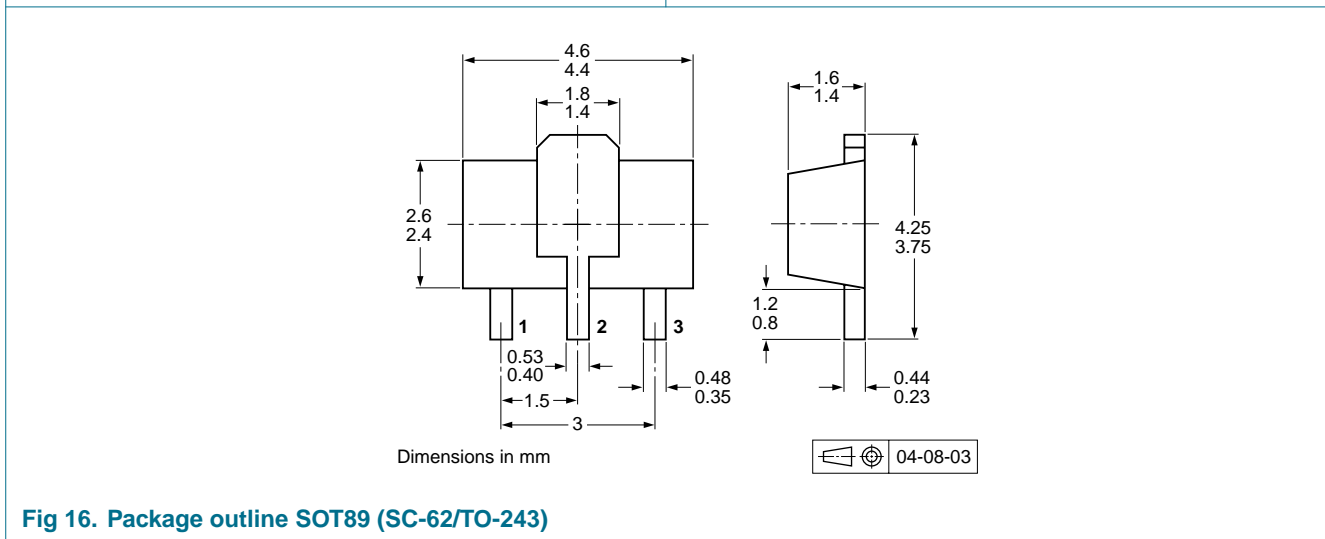


Fig 16. Package outline SOT89 (SC-62/TO-243)

9. Packing information

Table 9: Packing methods

The indicated -xxx are the last three digits of the 12NC ordering code. [\[1\]](#)

Type number	Package	Description	Packing quantity			
			1000	4000	5000	10000
BC637	SOT54	bulk, straight leads	-	-	-412	-
	SOT54A	tape and reel, wide pitch	-	-	-	-116
		tape ammopack, wide pitch	-	-	-	-126
	SOT54 variant	bulk, delta pinning (on-circle)	-	-	-112	-
BCP55	SOT223	8 mm pitch, 12 mm tape and reel	-115	-135	-	-
BCX55	SOT89	8 mm pitch, 12 mm tape and reel	-115	-135	-	-

[1] For further information and the availability of packing methods, see [Section 14](#).

10. Revision history

Table 10: Revision history

Document ID	Release date	Data sheet status	Change notice	Doc. number	Supersedes
BC637_BCP55_ BCX55_6	20050218	Product data sheet	CPCN200405029	9397 750 14041	BC635_BC637_ BC639_4; BCP54_BCP55_ BCP56_5; BCX54_BCX55_ BCX56_4
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BCP54_BCP55_ BCP56_5	20030206	Product specification	-	9397 750 10763	BCP54_BCP55_ BCP56_4
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