



## Optocoupler with Phototransistor Output

### Description

The 4N25/ 4N26/ 4N27/ 4N28 consist of a phototransistor optically coupled to a gallium arsenide infrared-emitting diode in a 6-lead plastic dual-inline package.

The elements are mounted on one leadframe using a **coplanar technique**, providing a fixed distance between input and output for highest safety requirements.



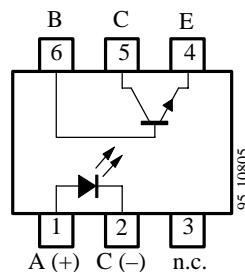
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### Applications

Galvanically separated circuits for general purposes

### Features

- Isolation test voltage (RMS) 3.75 kV
- Underwriters Laboratory (UL) 1577 recognized, file number E-76222
- Low coupling capacity of typical 1 pF
- Current Transfer Ratio (CTR) of typical 100%
- Low temperature coefficient of CTR



### Order Instruction

Ordering Code	CTR Ranking	Remarks
4N25/ 4N26	>20%	
4N27/ 4N28	>10%	

## Absolute Maximum Ratings

### Input (Emitter)

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Value	Unit
Reverse voltage		V <sub>R</sub>	5	V
Forward current		I <sub>F</sub>	60	mA
Forward surge current	t <sub>p</sub> ≤ 10 µs	I <sub>FSM</sub>	3	A
Power dissipation	T <sub>amb</sub> ≤ 25 °C	P <sub>V</sub>	100	mW
Junction temperature		T <sub>j</sub>	125	°C

### Output (Detector)

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Value	Unit
Collector base voltage		V <sub>CBO</sub>	70	V
Collector emitter voltage		V <sub>CEO</sub>	30	V
Emitter collector voltage		V <sub>ECO</sub>	7	V
Collector current		I <sub>C</sub>	50	mA
Peak collector current	t <sub>p</sub> /T = 0.5, t <sub>p</sub> ≤ 10 ms	I <sub>CM</sub>	100	mA
Power dissipation	T <sub>amb</sub> ≤ 25 °C	P <sub>V</sub>	150	mW
Junction temperature		T <sub>j</sub>	125	°C

### Coupler

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Value	Unit
Isolation test voltage (RMS)		V <sub>IO</sub> <sup>1)</sup>	3.75	kV
Total power dissipation	T <sub>amb</sub> ≤ 25 °C	P <sub>tot</sub>	250	mW
Ambient temperature range		T <sub>amb</sub>	-55 to +100	°C
Storage temperature range		T <sub>stg</sub>	-55 to +125	°C
Soldering temperature	2 mm from case, t ≤ 10 s	T <sub>sd</sub>	260	°C

<sup>1)</sup> Related to standard climate 23/50 DIN 50014

**Electrical Characteristics** ( $T_{amb} = 25^\circ\text{C}$ )**Input (Emitter)**

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Forward voltage	$I_F = 50 \text{ mA}$	$V_F$		1.25	1.5	V
Junction capacitance	$V_R = 0, f = 1 \text{ MHz}$	$C_j$		50		pF

**Output (Detector)**

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Collector base voltage	$I_C = 100 \mu\text{A}$	$V_{CBO}$	70			V
Collector emitter voltage	$I_E = 1 \text{ mA}$	$V_{CEO}$	30			V
Emitter collector voltage	$I_E = 100 \mu\text{A}$	$V_{ECO}$	7			V
Collector dark current	$V_{CB} = 10 \text{ V}$	$I_{CBO}$		0.1	20	nA
Collector dark current	$V_{CE} = 10 \text{ V}$	$I_{CEO}$		3.5	50	nA

**Coupler**

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Isolation test voltage (RMS)	$f = 50 \text{ Hz}, t = 2 \text{ s}$	$V_{IO}^{1)}$	3.75			kV
Isolation resistance	$V_{IO} = 1 \text{ kV},$ 40% relative humidity	$R_{IO}^{1)}$		$10^{12}$		$\Omega$
Collector emitter saturation voltage	$I_F = 50 \text{ mA}, I_C = 2 \text{ mA}$	$V_{CESat}$			0.5	V
Cut-off frequency	$V_{CE} = 5 \text{ V}, I_F = 10 \text{ mA},$ $R_L = 100 \Omega$	$f_c$		110		kHz
Coupling capacitance	$f = 1 \text{ MHz}$	$C_k$		1		pF

1) Related to standard climate 23/50 DIN 50014

**Current Transfer Ratio (CTR)**

Parameter	Test Conditions	Type	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$I_C/I_F$	$V_{CE} = 10 \text{ V}, I_F = 10 \text{ mA}$	4N25, 4N26	CTR	0.2	1		
		4N27, 4N28	CTR	0.1	1		

### Switching Characteristics

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Typ.	Unit
Turn-on time	$V_{CE} = 10 \text{ V}$ , $I_C = 10 \text{ mA}$ , $R_L = 100 \Omega$ (see figure 1)	$t_{on}$	4.0	$\mu\text{s}$
Turn-off time		$t_{off}$	3.0	$\mu\text{s}$
Turn-on time	$V_{CE} = 5 \text{ V}$ , $I_F = 10 \text{ mA}$ , $R_L = 1 \text{k}\Omega$ (see figure 2)	$t_{on}$	9.0	$\mu\text{s}$
Turn-off time		$t_{off}$	18.0	$\mu\text{s}$

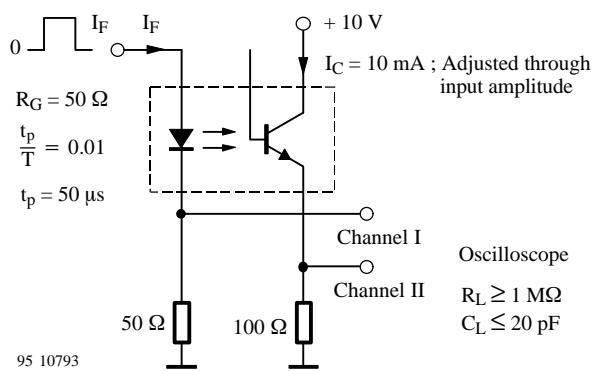


Figure 1. Test circuit, non-saturated operation

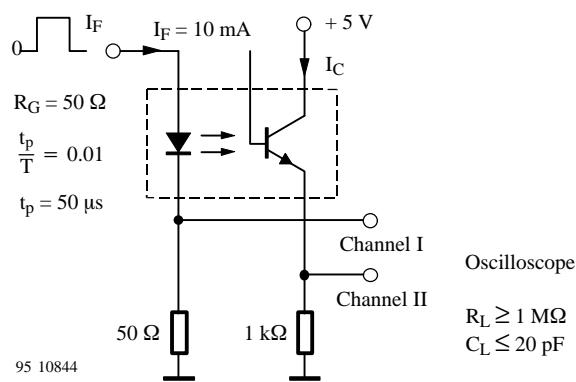


Figure 2. Test circuit, saturated operation

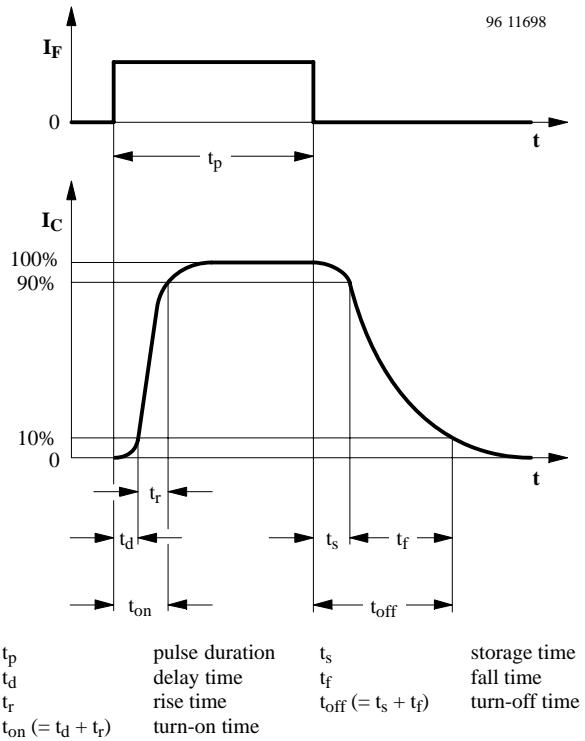


Figure 3. Switching times

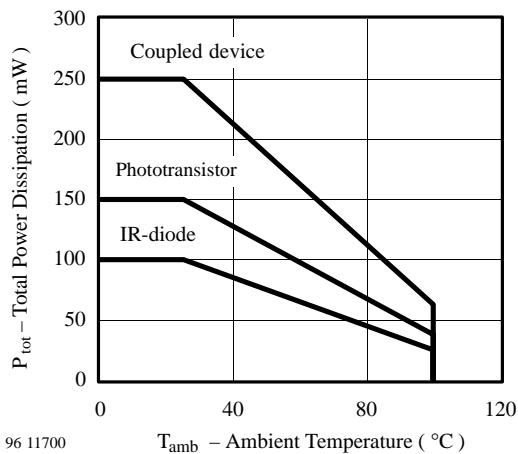
**Typical Characteristics** ( $T_{amb} = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise specified)


Figure 4. Total Power Dissipation vs.  
Ambient Temperature

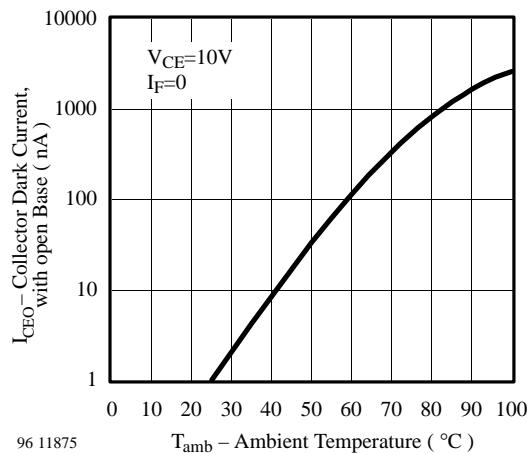


Figure 7. Collector Dark Current vs.  
Ambient Temperature

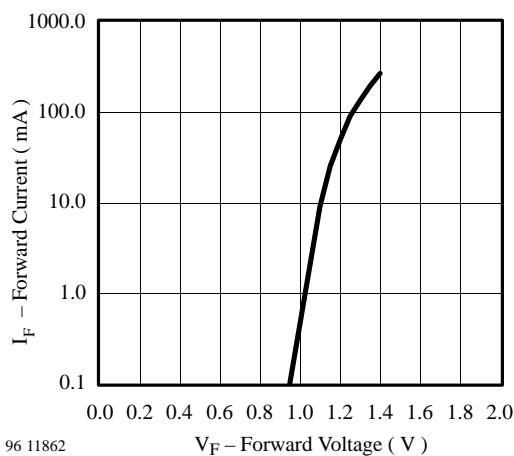


Figure 5. Forward Current vs. Forward Voltage

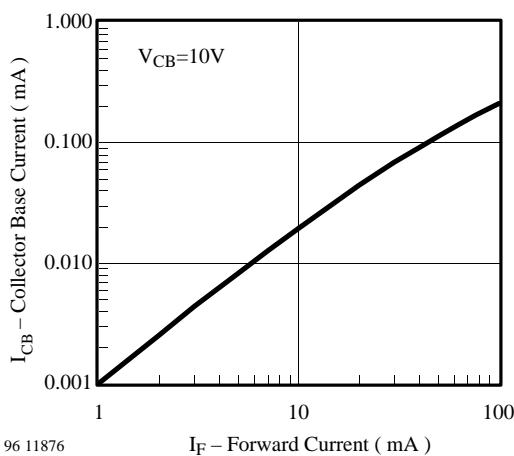


Figure 8. Collector Base Current vs. Forward Current

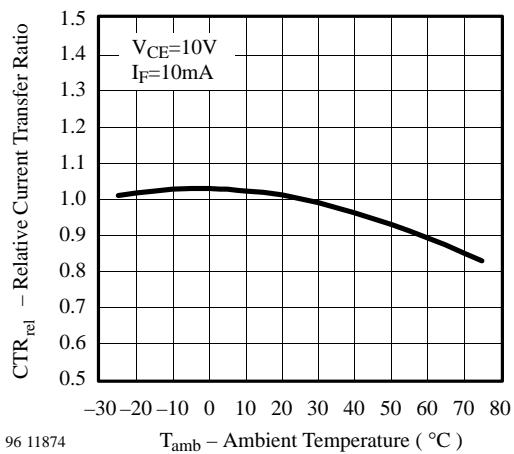


Figure 6. Relative Current Transfer Ratio vs.  
Ambient Temperature

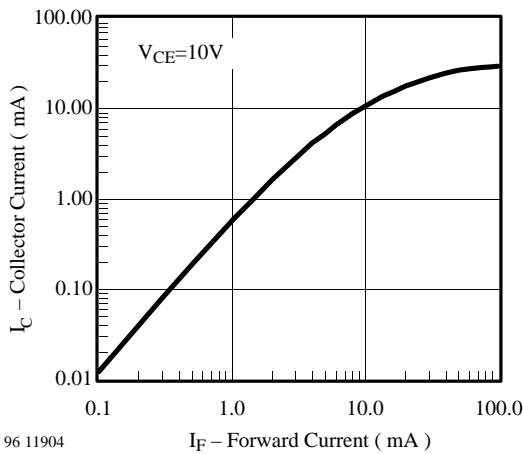
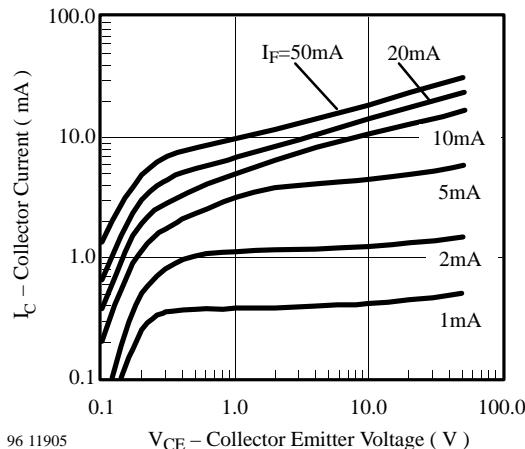


Figure 9. Collector Current vs. Forward Current

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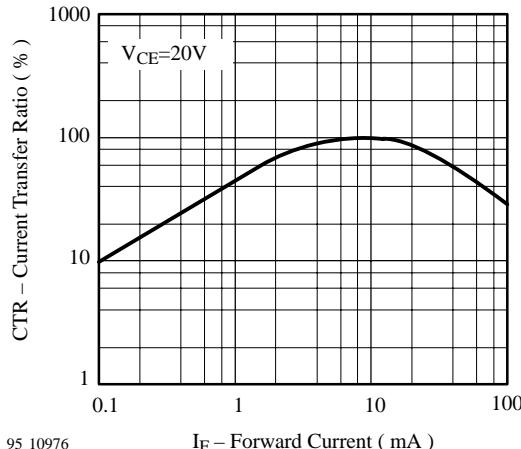
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$V_{CE}$  – Collector Emitter Voltage ( V )

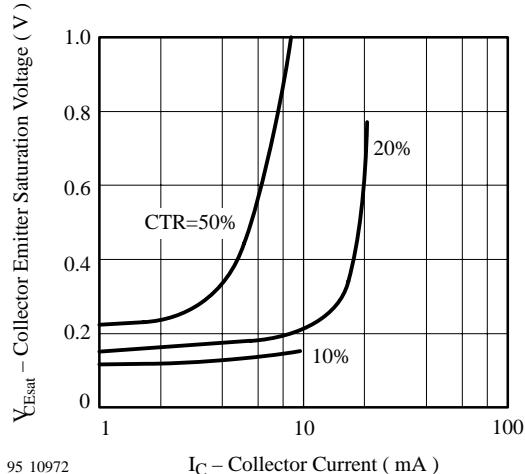
Figure 10. Collector Current vs. Collector Emitter Voltage



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$I_F$  – Forward Current ( mA )

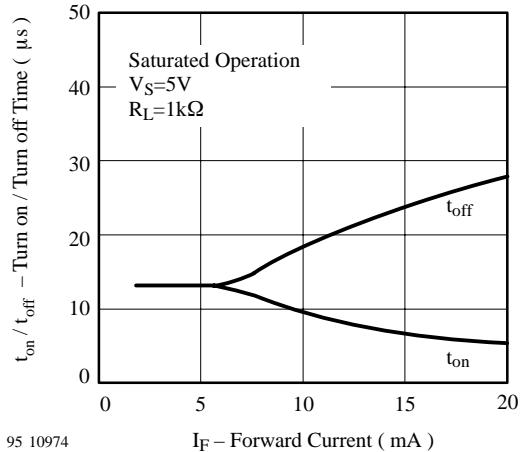
Figure 13. Current Transfer Ratio vs. Forward Current



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$I_C$  – Collector Current ( mA )

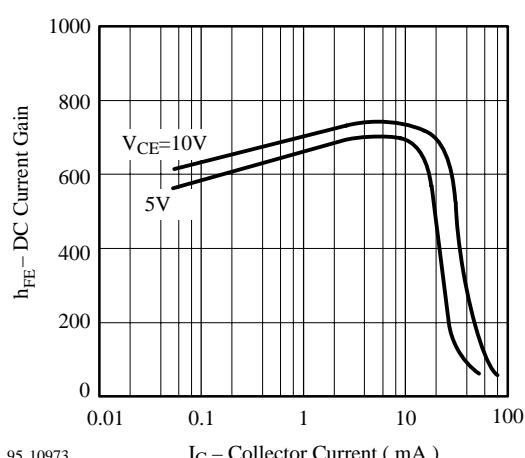
Figure 11. Collector Emitter Saturation Voltage vs. Collector Current



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$I_F$  – Forward Current ( mA )

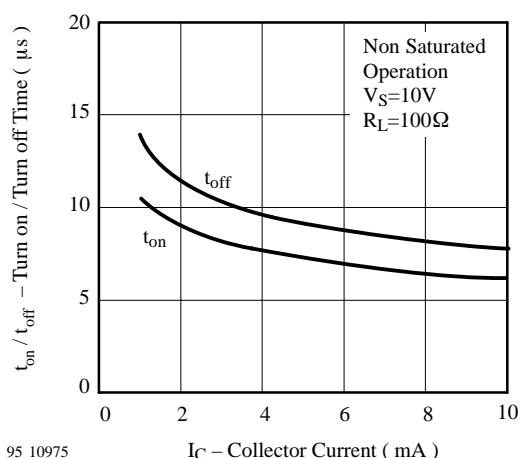
Figure 14. Turn on / off Time vs. Forward Current



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$I_C$  – Collector Current ( mA )

Figure 12. DC Current Gain vs. Collector Current



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$I_C$  – Collector Current ( mA )

Figure 15. Turn on / off Time vs. Collector Current

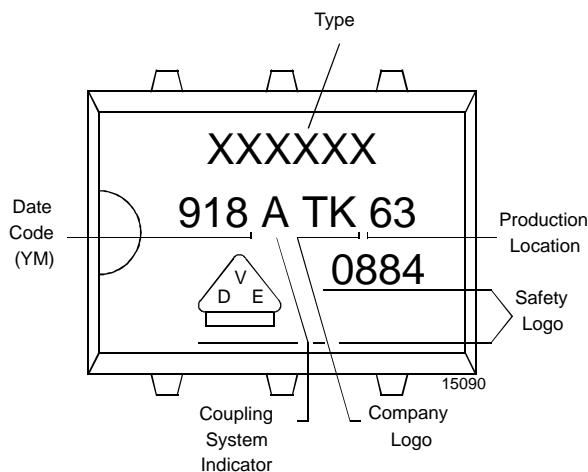
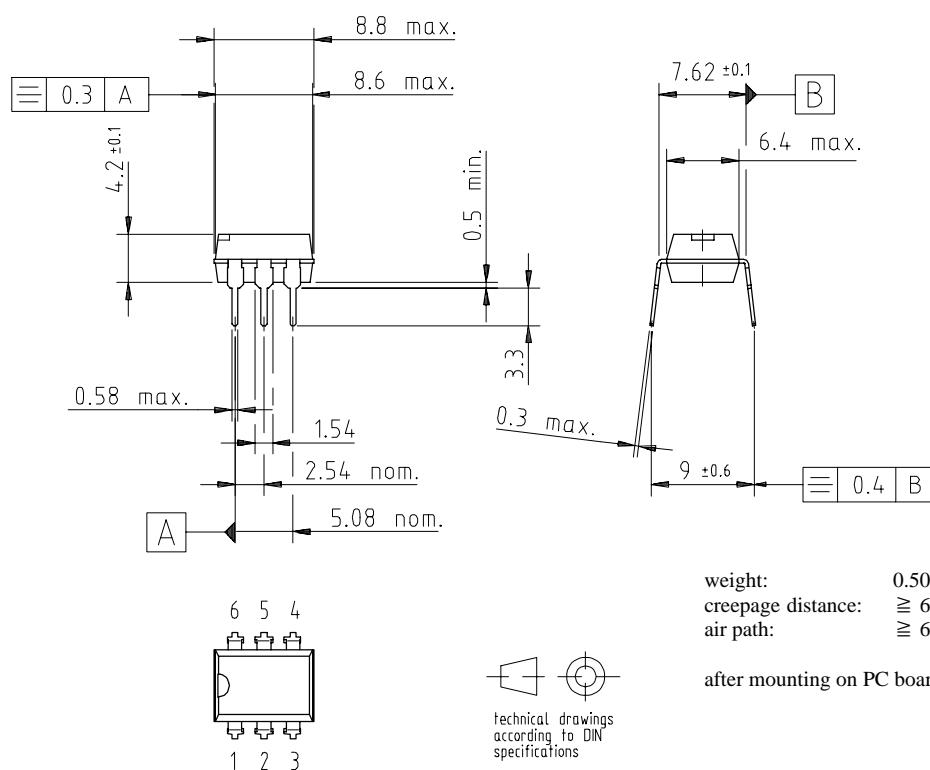


Figure 16. Marking example

## Dimensions in mm



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