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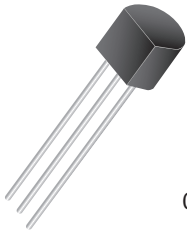


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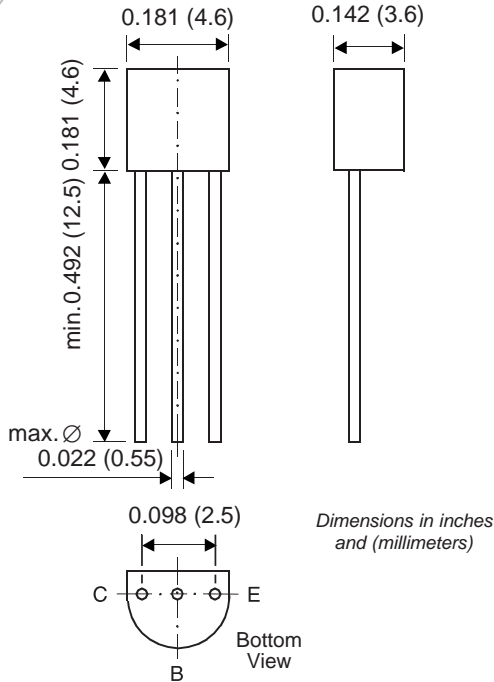
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**Small Signal Transistors (NPN)**



**TO-226AA (TO-92)**



**Features**

- NPN Silicon Epitaxial Planar Transistors
- These transistors are subdivided into three groups A, B, and C according to their current gain. The type BC546 is available in groups A and B, however, the types BC547 and BC548 can be supplied in all three groups. As complementary types the PNP transistors BC556...BC558 are recommended.
- On special request, these transistors are also manufactured in the pin configuration TO-18.

**Mechanical Data**

**Case:** TO-92 Plastic Package

**Weight:** approx. 0.18g

**Packaging Codes/Options:**

E6/Bulk – 5K per container, 20K/box

E7/4K per Ammo mag., 20K/box

**Maximum Ratings & Thermal Characteristics** Ratings at 25°C ambient temperature unless otherwise specified.

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit
Collector-Base Voltage	BC546	80	V
	BC547	50	
	BC548	30	
Collector-Emitter Voltage	BC546	80	V
	BC547	50	
	BC548	30	
Collector-Emitter Voltage	BC546	65	V
	BC547	45	
	BC548	30	
Emitter-Base Voltage	BC546, BC547, BC548	6 5	V
Collector Current	I <sub>C</sub>	100	mA
Peak Collector Current	I <sub>CM</sub>	200	mA
Peak Base Current	I <sub>BM</sub>	200	mA
Peak Emitter Current	-I <sub>EM</sub>	200	mA
Power Dissipation at T <sub>amb</sub> = 25°C	P <sub>tot</sub>	500 <sup>(1)</sup>	mW
Thermal Resistance Junction to Ambient Air	R <sub>θJA</sub>	250 <sup>(1)</sup>	°C/W
Junction Temperature	T <sub>j</sub>	150	°C
Storage Temperature Range	T <sub>S</sub>	-65 to +150	°C

**Note:** (1) Valid provided that leads are kept at ambient temperature at a distance of 2 mm from case.

# BC546 thru BC548

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formerly General Semiconductor



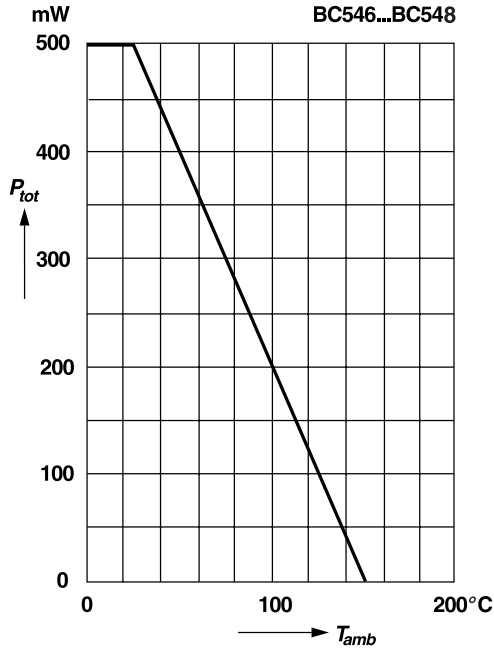
## Electrical Characteristics (T<sub>J</sub> = 25°C unless otherwise noted)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Unit	
Small Signal Current Gain	Current gain group A	$V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 2\text{ mA},$ $f = 1\text{ kHz}$	—	220	—	—	
	B		—	330	—		
	C		—	600	—		
Input Impedance	Current gain group A	$V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 2\text{ mA},$ $f = 1\text{ kHz}$	1.6	2.7	4.5	k $\Omega$	
	B		3.2	4.5	8.5		
	C		6	8.7	15		
Output Admittance	Current gain group A	$V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 2\text{ mA},$ $f = 1\text{ kHz}$	—	18	30	$\mu\text{S}$	
	B		—	30	60		
	C		—	60	110		
Reverse Voltage Transfer Ratio	Current gain group A	$V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 2\text{ mA},$ $f = 1\text{ kHz}$	—	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	—	—	
	B		—	$2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	—		
	C		—	$3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	—		
DC Current Gain	Current gain group A	$V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 10\text{ }\mu\text{A}$	—	90	—	—	
	B		—	150	—		
	C		—	270	—		
	Current gain group A	$V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 2\text{ mA}$	110	180	220		
	B		200	290	450		
	C		420	500	800		
Current gain group A	$V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 100\text{ mA}$	—	120	—			
B		—	200	—			
C		—	400	—			
Collector Saturation Voltage	$V_{CEsat}$	$I_C = 10\text{ mA}, I_B = 0.5\text{ mA}$ $I_C = 100\text{ mA}, I_B = 5\text{ mA}$	— —	80 200	200 600	mV	
Base Saturation Voltage	$V_{BEsat}$	$I_C = 10\text{ mA}, I_B = 0.5\text{ mA}$ $I_C = 100\text{ mA}, I_B = 5\text{ mA}$	— —	700 900	— —	mV	
Base-Emitter Voltage	$V_{BE}$	$V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 2\text{ mA}$ $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 10\text{ mA}$	580 —	660 —	700 720	mV	
Collector-Emitter Cutoff Current	BC546 BC547 BC548 BC546 BC547 BC548	$I_{CES}$	$V_{CE} = 80\text{ V}$	—	0.2	15	nA
			$V_{CE} = 50\text{ V}$	—	0.2	15	nA
			$V_{CE} = 30\text{ V}$	—	0.2	15	nA
			$V_{CE} = 80\text{ V}, T_J = 125^\circ\text{C}$	—	—	4	$\mu\text{A}$
			$V_{CE} = 50\text{ V}, T_J = 125^\circ\text{C}$	—	—	4	$\mu\text{A}$
			$V_{CE} = 30\text{ V}, T_J = 125^\circ\text{C}$	—	—	4	$\mu\text{A}$
Gain-Bandwidth Product	$f_T$	$V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 10\text{ mA},$ $f = 100\text{ MHz}$	—	300	—	MHz	
Collector-Base Capacitance	$C_{CBO}$	$V_{CB} = 10\text{ V}, f = 1\text{ MHz}$	—	3.5	6	pF	
Emitter-Base Capacitance	$C_{EBO}$	$V_{EB} = 0.5\text{ V}, f = 1\text{ MHz}$	—	9	—	pF	
Noise Figure	BC546, BC547, BC548	$V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}, I_C = 200\text{ }\mu\text{A},$ $R_G = 2\text{ k}\Omega, f = 1\text{ kHz},$ $\Delta f = 200\text{ Hz}$	—	2	10	dB	

## Ratings and Characteristic Curves ( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted)

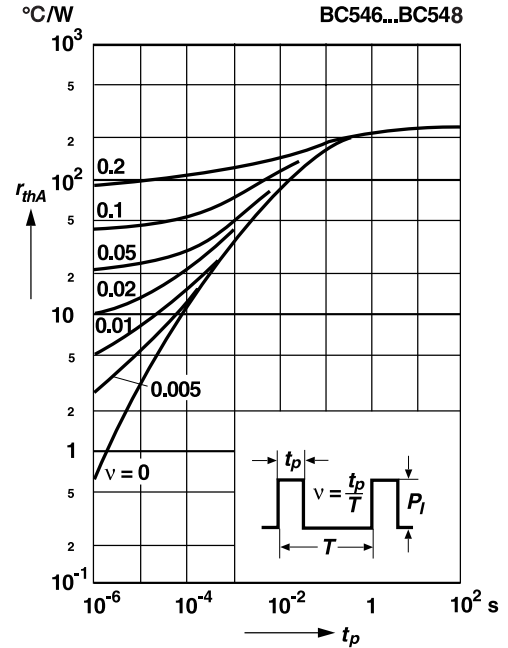
### Admissible power dissipation versus temperature

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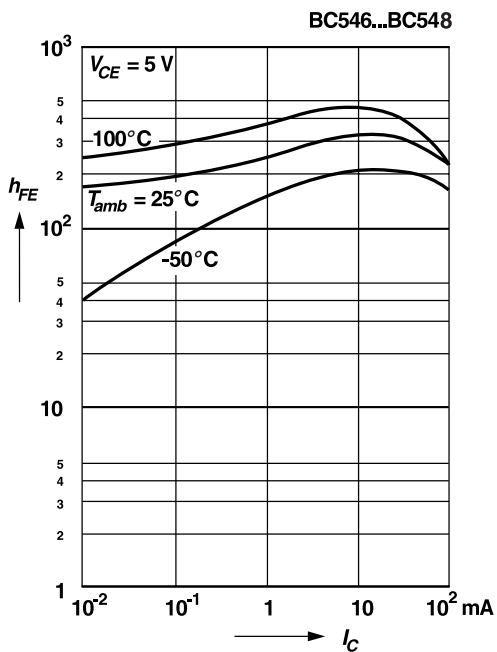


### Pulse thermal resistance versus pulse duration

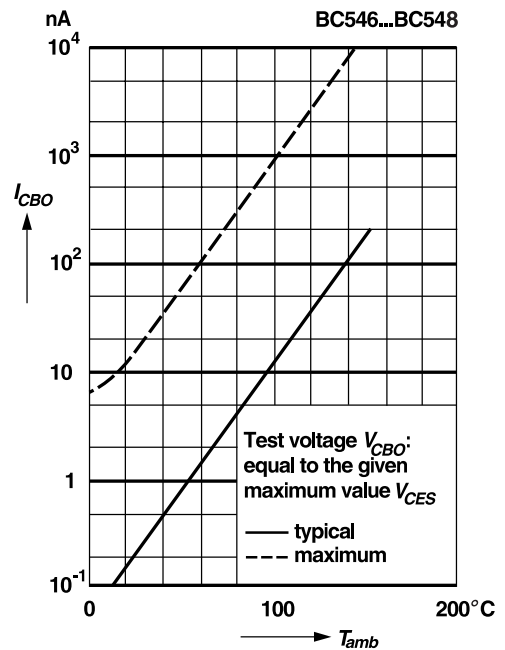
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### DC current gain versus collector current



### Collector-base cutoff current versus ambient temperature



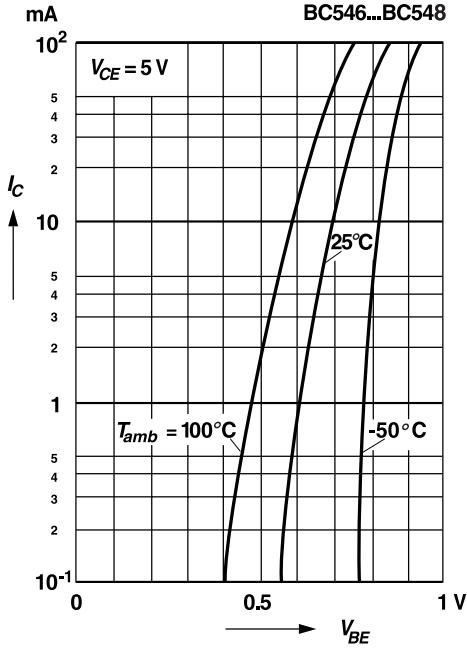
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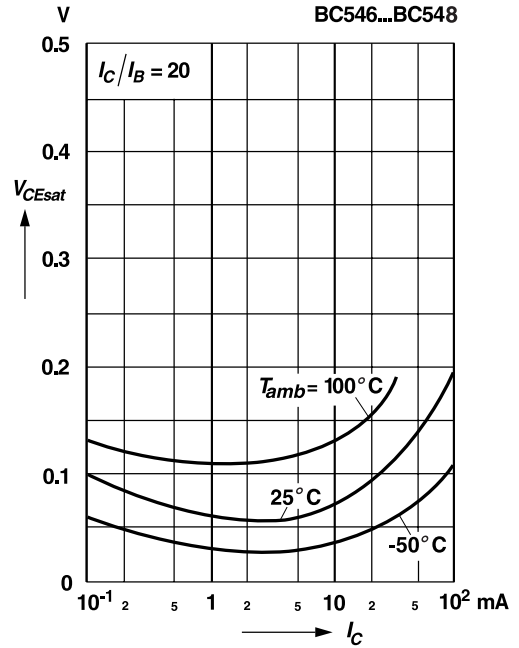


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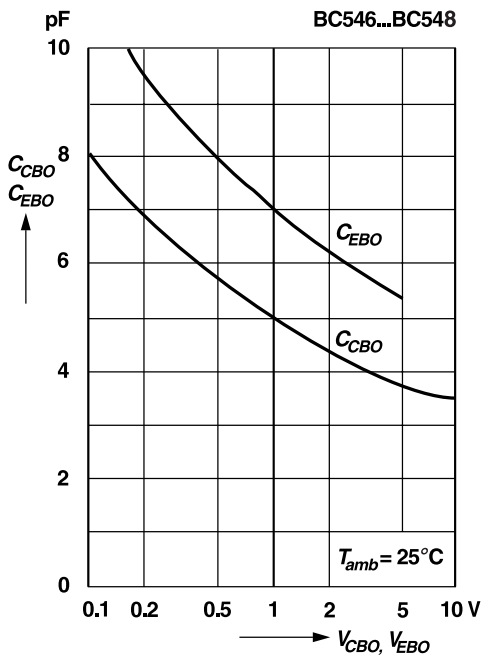
Collector current versus base-emitter voltage



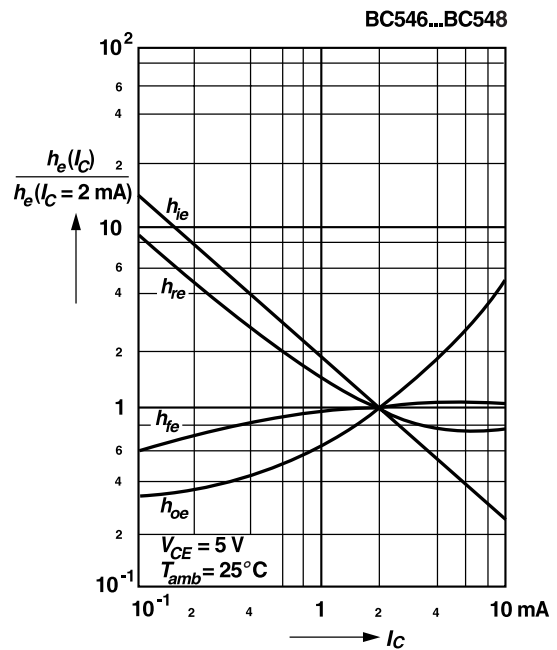
Collector saturation voltage versus collector current



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



Relative h-parameters versus collector current





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**Gain-bandwidth product  
versus collector current**

