BC856; BC857; BC858

65 V, 100 mA PNP general-purpose transistors

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1. General description

PNP general-purpose transistors in a small SOT23 (TO-236AB), Surface-Mounted Device (SMD) plastic package.

Table 1. Product overview

Type number	Package		NPN complement
	Nexperia	JEDEC	
BC856	SOT23	TO-236AB	BC846
BC856A			BC846A
BC856B			BC846B
BC857			BC847
BC857A			BC847A
BC857B			BC847B
BC857C			BC847C
BC858B			BC848B

2. Features and benefits

- Low current (max. 100 mA)
- Low voltage (max. 65 V)

3. Applications

- General-purpose switching and amplification

4. Quick reference data

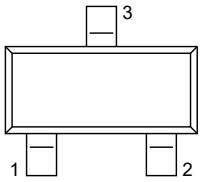
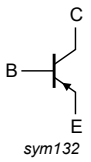
Table 2. Quick reference data

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

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V_{CEO}	collector-emitter voltage	open base				
	BC856; BC856A; BC856B		-	-	-65	V
	BC857; BC857A; BC857B; BC857C		-	-	-45	V
	BC858B		-	-	-30	V
I_C	collector current		-	-	-100	mA
I_{CM}	peak collector current		-	-	-200	mA
h_{FE}	DC current gain					
	BC856	V_{CE} = 5 V; I_C = 2 mA	125	-	475	
	BC857		125	-	800	
	BC856A; BC857A		125	-	250	
	BC856B; BC857B; BC858B		220	-	475	
	BC857C		420	-	800	

5. Pinning information

Table 3. Pinning information

Pin	Symbol	Descrition	Simlified outline	Graphic symbol
1	B	base		
2	E	emitter		
3	C	collector		

6. Ordering information

Table 4. Ordering information

Type number	Package		
	Name	Description	Version
BC856	TO-236AB	plastic surface-mounted package; 3 leads	SOT23
BC856A			
BC856B			
BC857			
BC857A			
BC857B			
BC857C			
BC858B			

7. Marking

Table 5. Marking codes

Type number		Marking code
BC856	[1]	3D%
BC856A	[1]	3A%
BC856B	[1]	3B%
BC857	[1]	3H%
BC857A	[1]	3E%
BC857B	[1]	3F%
BC857C	[1]	3G%
BC858B	[1]	3K%

[1] % = placeholder for manufacturing site code

8. 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				
	BC856; BC856A; BC856B			-	-80	V
	BC857; BC857A; BC857B; BC857C			-	-50	V
	BC858B			-	-30	V
V_{CEO}	collector-emitter voltage	open base				
	BC856; BC856A; BC856B			-	-65	V
	BC857; BC857A; BC857B; BC857C			-	-45	V
	BC858B			-	-30	V
V_{EBO}	emitter-base voltage	open collector		-	-5	V
I_C	collector current			-	-100	mA
I_{CM}	peak collector current			-	-200	mA
I_{BM}	peak base current			-	-200	mA
P_{tot}	total power dissipation	$T_{amb} \leq 25$ °C	[1]	-	250	mW
T_j	junction temperature			-	150	°C
T_{amb}	ambient temperature			-65	150	°C
T_{stg}	storage temperature			-65	150	°C

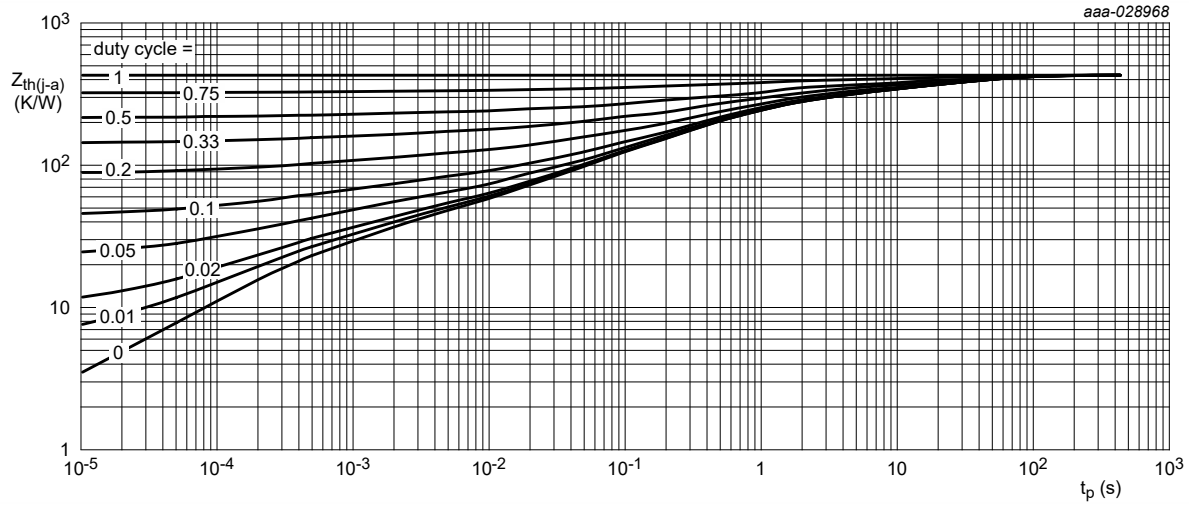
[1] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit Board (PCB), single-sided, 35 µm copper, tin-plated and standard footprint.

9. Thermal characteristics

Table 7. Thermal characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$R_{th(j-a)}$	thermal resistance from junction to ambient	in free air	[1]	-	-	500	K/W

[1] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB; single-sided, 35 µm copper; tin-plated and standard footprint.



FR4 PCB, single-sided, 35 µm copper, tin-plated and standard footprint

Fig. 1. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration; typical values

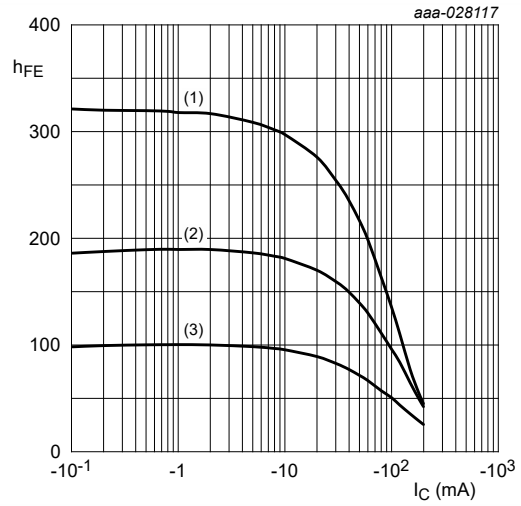
10. Characteristics

Table 8. Characteristics

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

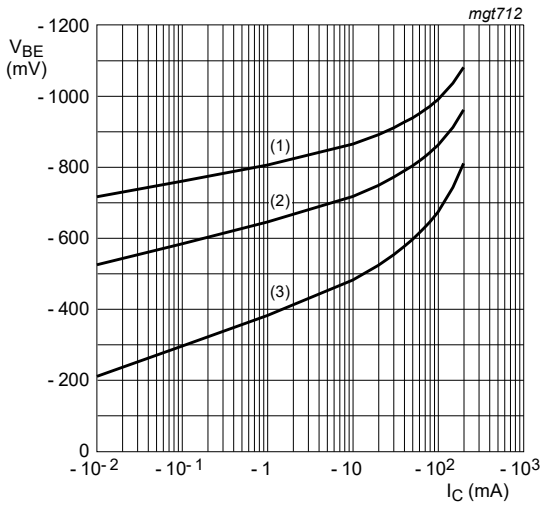
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$V_{(BR)CBO}$	collector-base breakdown voltage						
	BC856; BC856A; BC856B	I_C = -100 µA; I_E = 0 A		-80	-	-	V
	BC857; BC857A; BC857B; BC857C			-50	-	-	V
	BC858B			-30	-	-	V
$V_{(BR)CEO}$	collector-emitter breakdown voltage						
	BC856; BC856A; BC856B	I_C = -2 mA; I_B = 0 A		-65	-	-	V
	BC857; BC857A; BC857B; BC857C			-45	-	-	V
	BC858B			-30	-	-	V
$V_{(BR)EBO}$	emitter-base breakdown voltage	I_C = 0 A; I_E = -100 µA		-5	-	-	V
I_{CBO}	collector-base cut-off current	V_{CB} = -30 V; I_E = 0 A		-	-1	-15	nA
		V_{CB} = -30 V; I_E = 0 A; T_j = 150 °C		-	-	-4	µA
I_{EBO}	emitter-base cut-off current	V_{EB} = -5 V; I_C = 0 A		-	-	-100	nA
h_{FE}	DC current gain						
	BC856	V_{CE} = -5 V; I_C = -2 mA		125	-	475	
	BC857			125	-	800	
	BC856A; BC857A			125	-	250	
	BC856B; BC857B; BC858B			220	-	475	
	BC857C			420	-	800	
V_{CEsat}	collector-emitter saturation voltage	I_C = -10 mA; I_B = -0.5 mA		-	-75	-300	mV
		I_C = -100 mA; I_B = -5 mA	[1]	-	-250	-650	mV
V_{BEsat}	base-emitter saturation voltage	I_C = -10 mA; I_B = -0.5 mA	[1]	-	-700	-	mV
		I_C = -100 mA; I_B = -5 mA	[1]	-	-850	-	mV
V_{BE}	base-emitter voltage	V_{CE} = -5 V; I_C = -2 mA		-600	-650	-750	mV
		V_{CE} = -5 V; I_C = -10 mA		-	-	-820	mV
C_c	collector capacitance	V_{CB} = -10 V; I_E = i_e = 0 A; f = 1 MHz		-	4.5	-	pF
f_T	transition frequency	V_{CE} = -5 V; I_C = -10 mA; f = 100 MHz		100	-	-	MHz
NF	noise figure	I_C = -200 µA; V_{CE} = -5 V; R_S = 2 kΩ; f = 1 kHz; B = 200Hz		-	2	10	dB

[1] pulsed; $t_p \leq 300$ µs; $\delta \leq 0.02$



V_{CE} = -5 V
(1) T_{amb} = 150 °C
(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C
(3) T_{amb} = -55 °C

Fig. 2. BC856A; BC857A: DC current gain as a function of collector current; typical values



V_{CE} = -5 V
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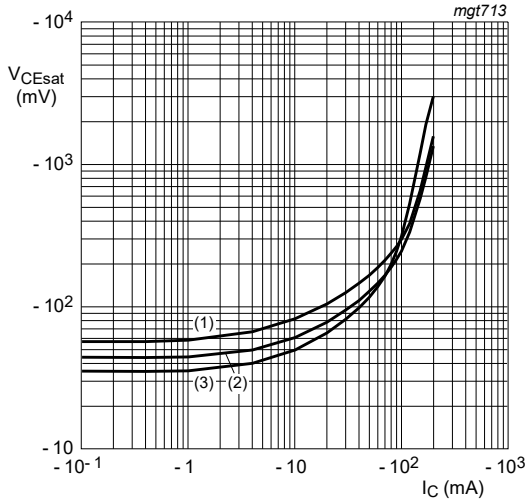
Fig. 3. BC856A; BC857A: Base-emitter voltage as a function of collector current; typical values



I_C/I_B = 20
(1) T_{amb} = 150 °C
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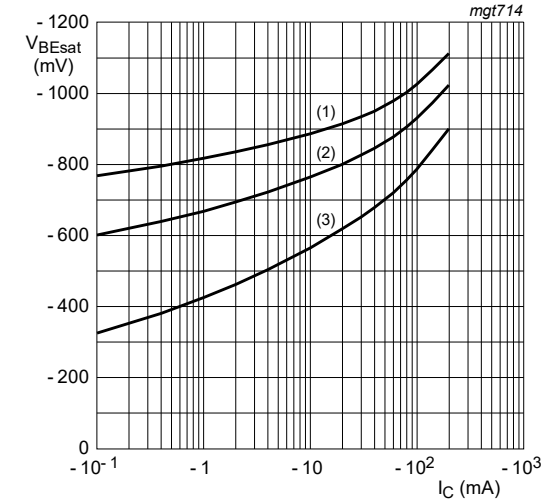
Fig. 4. BC856A; BC857A: Collector-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values



I_C/I_B = 20
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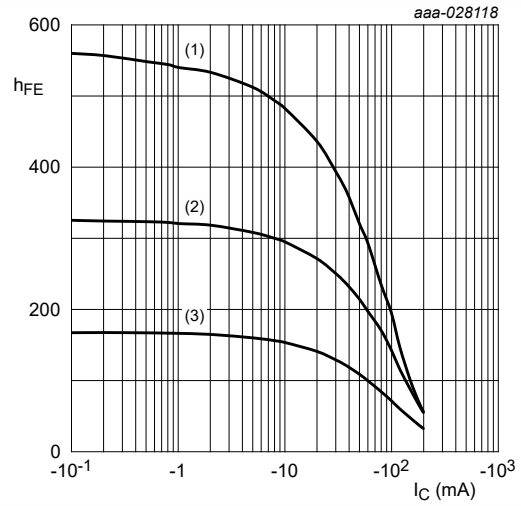
(3) T_{amb} = 150 °C

Fig. 5. BC856A; BC857A: Base-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values



V_{CE} = -5 V
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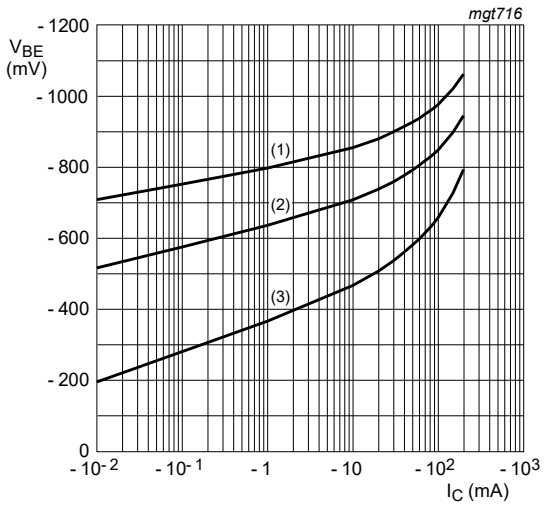
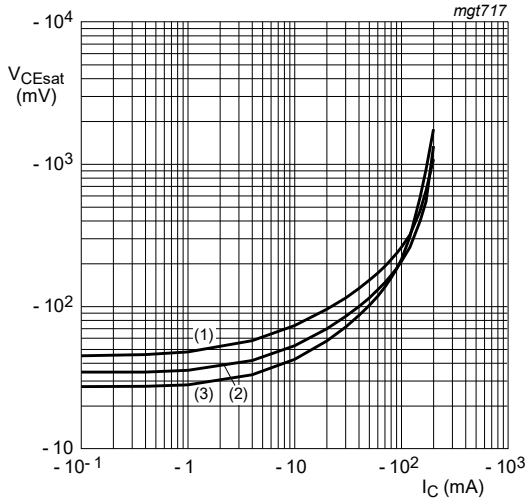
(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C
(3) T_{amb} = -55 °C

Fig. 6. BC856B; BC857B; BC858B: DC current gain as a function of collector current; typical values



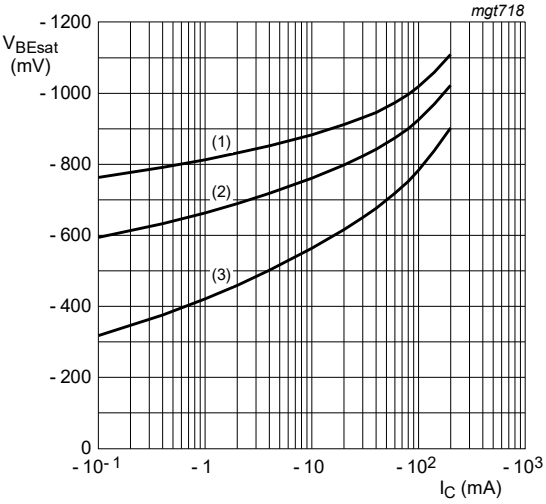
V_{CE} = -5 V
(1) T_{amb} = -55 °C
(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C
(3) T_{amb} = 150 °C

Fig. 7. BC856B; BC857B; BC858B: Base-emitter voltage as a function of collector current; typical values



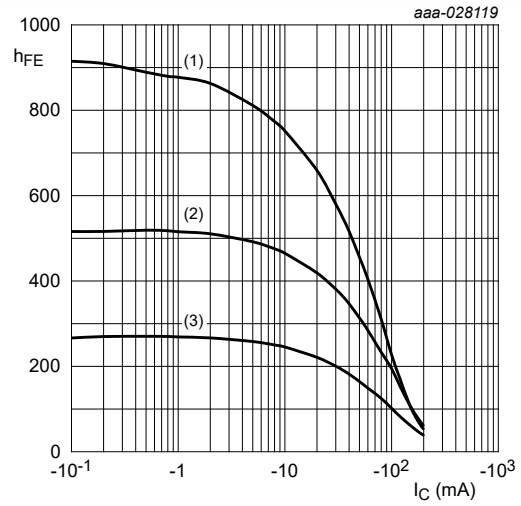
I_C/I_B = 20
(1) T_{amb} = 150 °C
(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C
(3) T_{amb} = -55 °C

Fig. 8. BC856B; BC857B; BC858B: Collector-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values



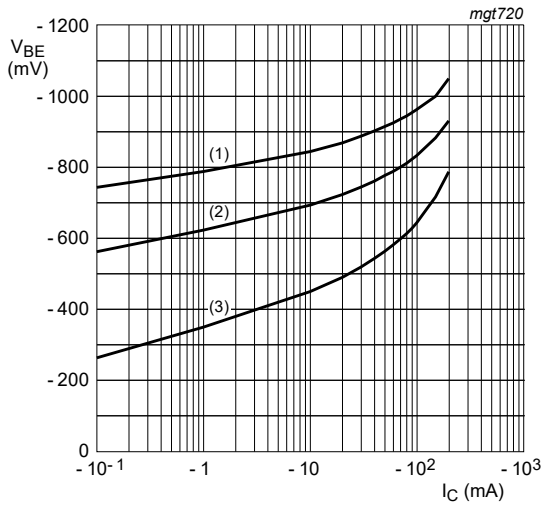
I_C/I_B = 20
(1) T_{amb} = -55 °C
(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C
(3) T_{amb} = 150 °C

Fig. 9. BC856B; BC857B; BC858B: Base-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values



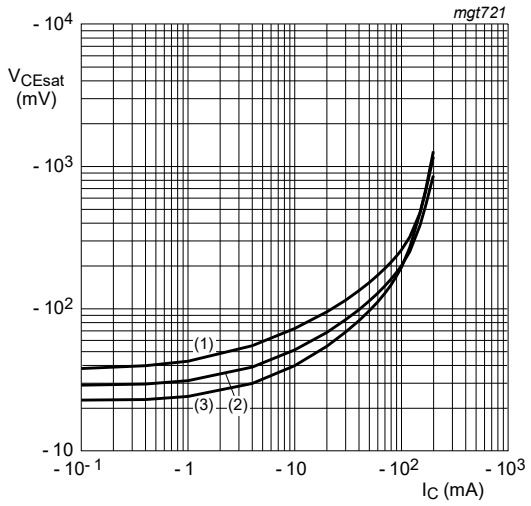
V_{CE} = -5 V
(1) T_{amb} = 150 °C
(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C
(3) T_{amb} = -55 °C

Fig. 10. BC857C: DC current gain as a function of collector current; typical values



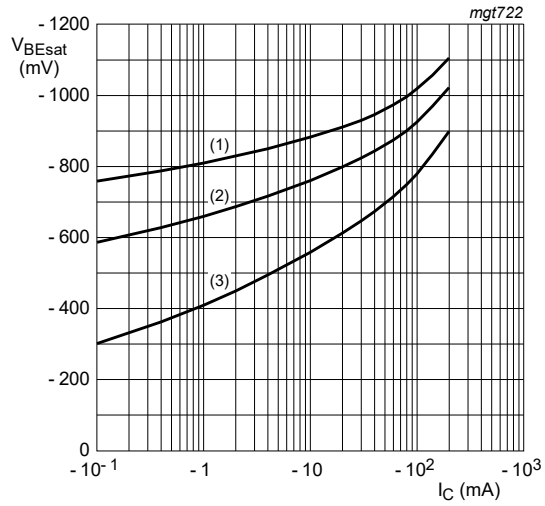
V_{CE} = -5 V
(1) T_{amb} = -55 °C
(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C
(3) T_{amb} = 150 °C

Fig. 11. BC857C: Base-emitter voltage as a function of collector current; typical values



I_C/I_B = 20
(1) T_{amb} = 150 °C
(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C
(3) T_{amb} = -55 °C

Fig. 12. BC857C: Collector-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values



I_C/I_B = 20
(1) T_{amb} = -55 °C
(2) T_{amb} = 25 °C
(3) T_{amb} = 150 °C

Fig. 13. BC857C: Base-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values

11. Package outline

Table 9. Package outline

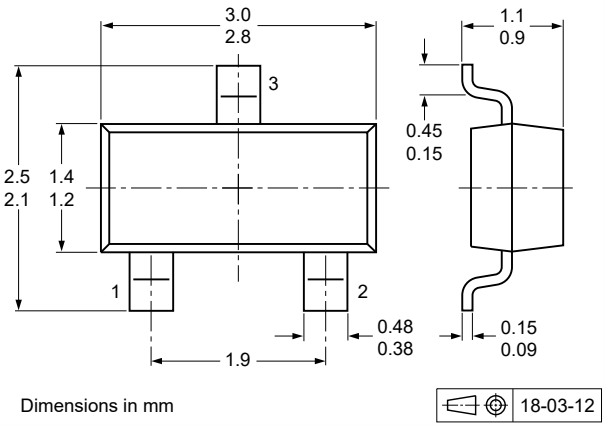


Fig. 14. Package outline SOT23 (TO-236AB)

12. Soldering

Table 10. Soldering

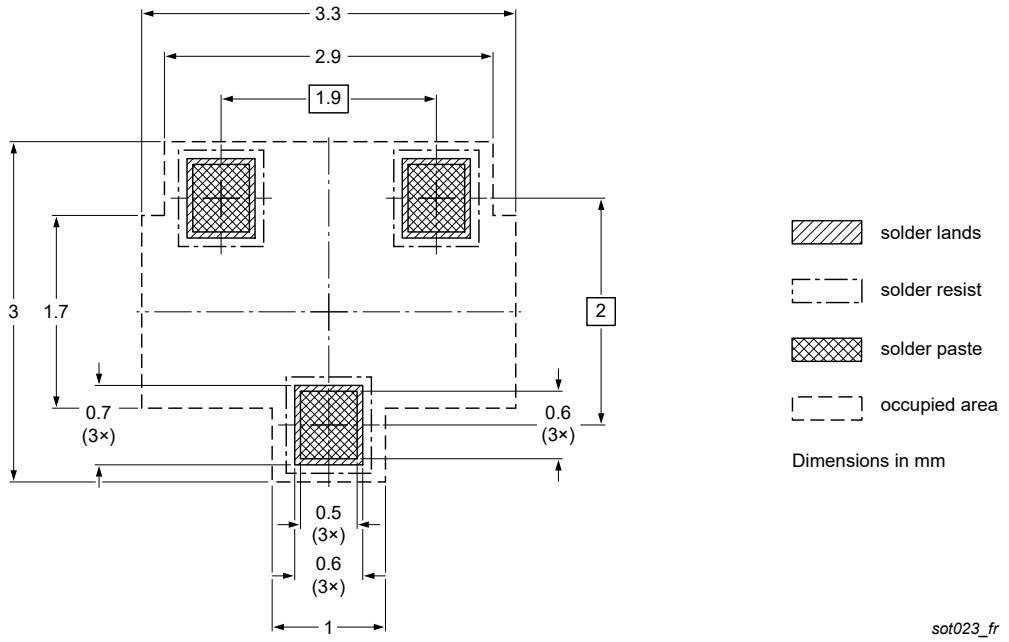


Fig. 15. Reflow soldering footprint SOT23 (TO-236AB)

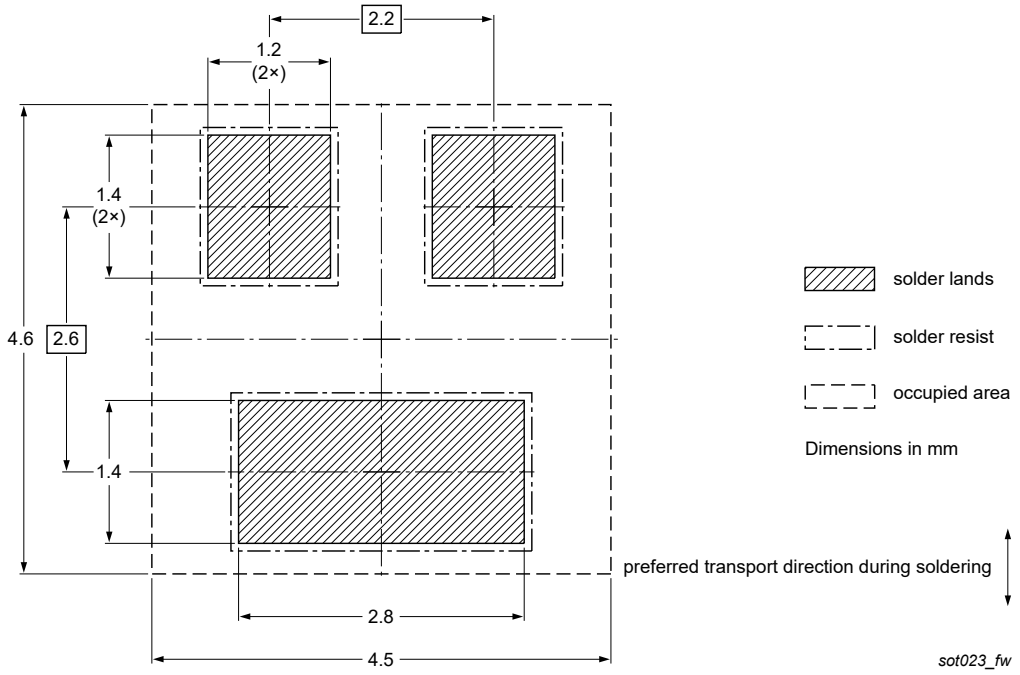


Fig. 16. Wave soldering footprint SOT23 (TO-236AB)

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Table 11. Revision history

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