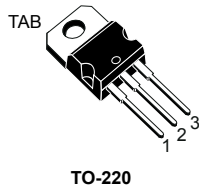


## Low voltage complementary power Darlington transistors



### Features

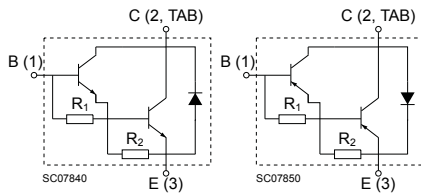
- Low collector-emitter saturation voltage
- Complementary NPN - PNP transistors

### Application

- General purpose linear and switching

### Description

The devices are manufactured in planar technology with “base island” layout and monolithic Darlington configuration. The resulting transistors show exceptional high gain performance coupled with very low saturation voltage.



NPN:  $R_1 = 7 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 70 \Omega$     PNP:  $R_1 = 16 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 60 \Omega$



#### Product status links

<a href="#">TIP120</a>
<a href="#">TIP121</a>
<a href="#">TIP122</a>
<a href="#">TIP125</a>
<a href="#">TIP127</a>

# 1 Electrical ratings

**Table 1. Absolute maximum ratings**

Symbol	Parameter	Value				Unit
		NPN	TIP120	TIP121	TIP122	
		PNP	TIP125		TIP127	
$V_{CBO}$	Collector-base voltage ( $I_E = 0$ A)		60	80	100	V
$V_{CEO}$	Collector-emitter voltage ( $I_B = 0$ A)		60	80	100	V
$V_{EBO}$	Collector-base voltage ( $I_C = 0$ A)		5			V
$I_C$	Collector current		5			A
$I_{CM}$	Collector peak current		8			A
$I_B$	Base current		0.12			A
$P_{TOT}$	Total power dissipation at $T_C \leq 25^\circ\text{C}$		65			W
	Total power dissipation at $T_A \leq 25^\circ\text{C}$		2			
$T_{stg}$	Storage temperature range		-65 to 150			$^\circ\text{C}$
$T_J$	Maximum operating junction temperature		150			$^\circ\text{C}$

*Note:* For PNP types voltage and current values are negative.

**Table 2. Thermal data**

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
$R_{thJC}$	Thermal resistance, junction-to-case	1.92	$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$
$R_{thJA}$	Thermal resistance, junction-to-ambient	62.5	$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$

## 2 Electrical characteristics

$T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise specified.

**Table 3. Electrical characteristics**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$I_{CEO}$	Collector cut-off current	$I_B = 0\text{ A}$ , $V_{CE} = 30\text{ V}$ for TIP120/125		-	0.5	mA
		$I_B = 0\text{ A}$ , $V_{CE} = 40\text{ V}$ for TIP121		-	0.5	
		$I_B = 0\text{ A}$ , $V_{CE} = 50\text{ V}$ for TIP122/127		-	0.5	
$I_{CBO}$	Collector cut-off current	$I_B = 0\text{ A}$ , $V_{CE} = 60\text{ V}$ for TIP120/125		-	0.2	mA
		$I_B = 0\text{ A}$ , $V_{CE} = 80\text{ V}$ for TIP121		-	0.2	
		$I_B = 0\text{ A}$ , $V_{CE} = 100\text{ V}$ for TIP122/127		-	0.2	
$I_{EBO}$	Emitter cut-off current	$I_C = 0\text{ A}$ , $V_{EB} = 5\text{ V}$		-	2	mA
$V_{CEO(sus)}^{(1)}$	Collector-emitter sustaining voltage	$I_B = 0\text{ A}$ , $I_C = 30\text{ mA}$ for TIP120/125	60	-		V
		$I_B = 0\text{ A}$ , $I_C = 30\text{ mA}$ for TIP121	80	-		
		$I_B = 0\text{ A}$ , $I_C = 30\text{ mA}$ for TIP122/127	100	-		
$V_{CE(sat)}^{(1)}$	Collector-emitter saturation voltage	$I_C = 3\text{ A}$ , $I_B = 12\text{ mA}$		-	2	V
		$I_C = 5\text{ A}$ , $I_B = 20\text{ mA}$		-	4	
$V_{BE(on)}^{(1)}$	Base-emitter on voltage	$I_C = 3\text{ A}$ , $V_{CE} = 3\text{ V}$		-	2.5	V
$h_{FE}^{(1)}$	DC current gain	$I_C = 0.5\text{ A}$ , $V_{CE} = 3\text{ V}$	1000	-		
		$I_C = 3\text{ A}$ , $V_{CE} = 3\text{ V}$	1000	-		

1. Pulsed: Pulse duration  $\leq 300\ \mu\text{s}$ , duty cycle  $\leq 2\%$ .

**Note:** For PNP types voltage and current values are negative.

## 2.1 Electrical characteristics (curves)

Figure 1. Safe operating area

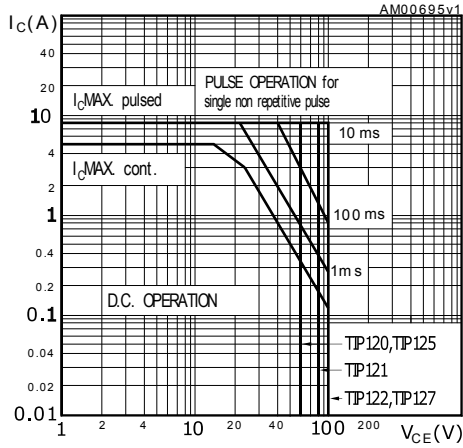


Figure 2. Derating curve

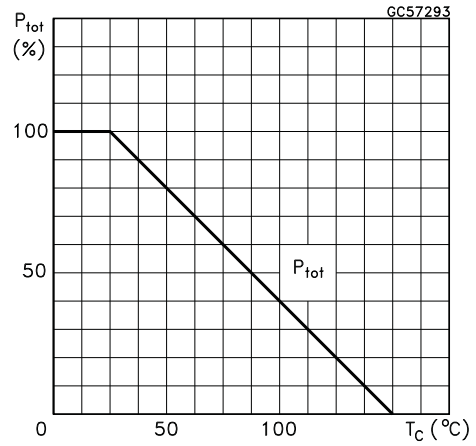


Figure 3. DC current gain (NPN)

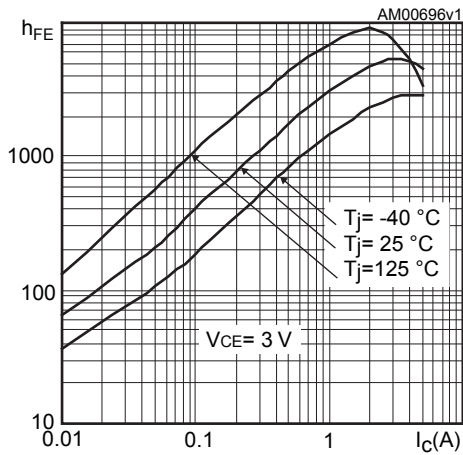


Figure 4. DC current gain (PNP)

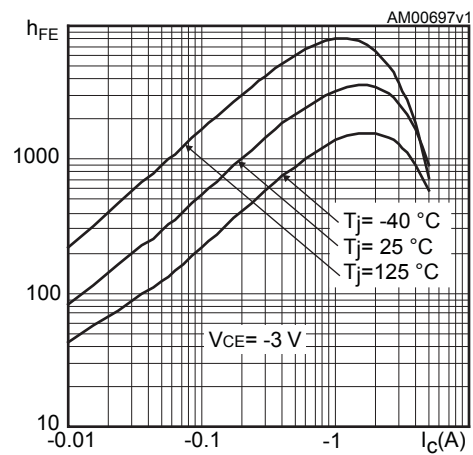


Figure 5. Collector-emitter saturation voltage (NPN)

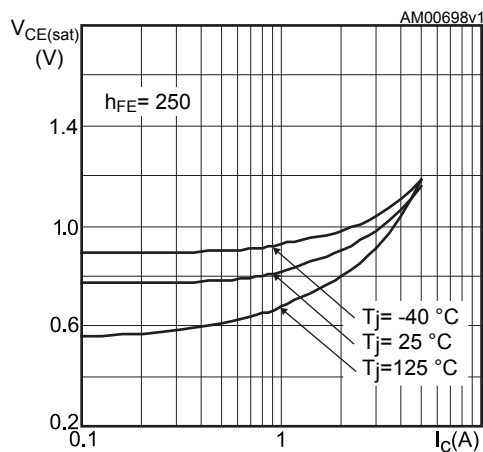


Figure 6. Collector-emitter saturation voltage (PNP)

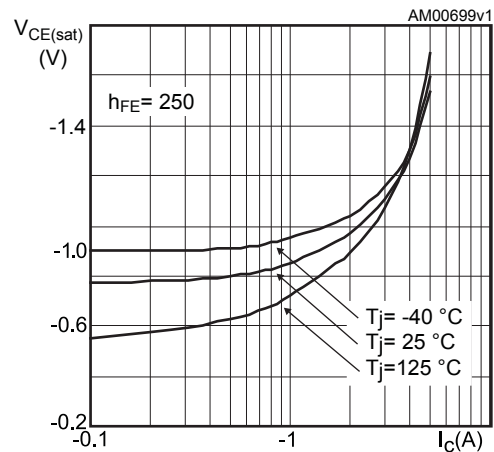


Figure 7. Base-emitter saturation voltage (NPN)

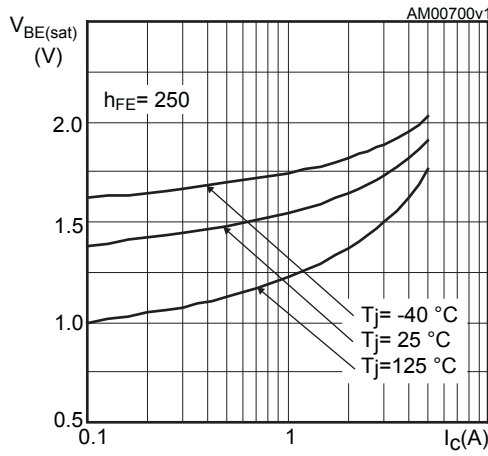


Figure 8. Base-emitter saturation voltage (PNP)

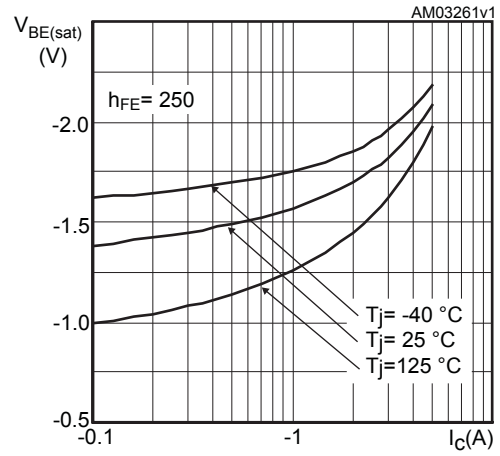


Figure 9. Base-emitter on voltage (NPN)

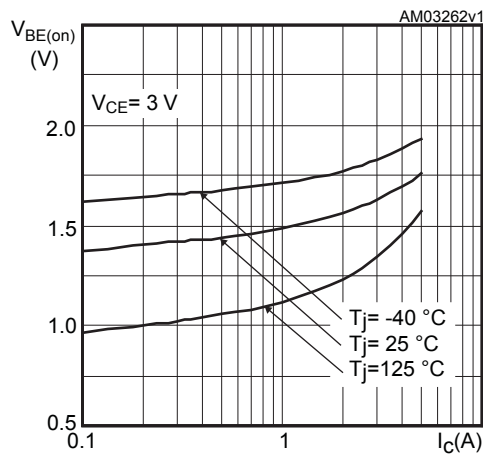


Figure 10. Base-emitter on voltage (PNP)

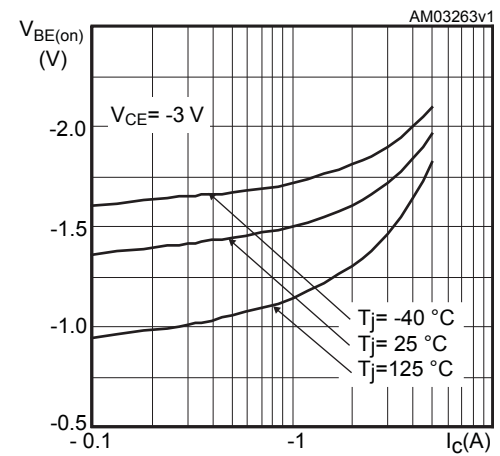


Figure 11. Resistive load switching time (NPN, on)

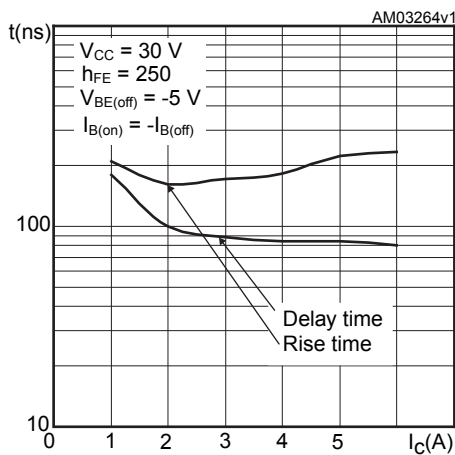


Figure 12. Resistive load switching time (PNP, on)

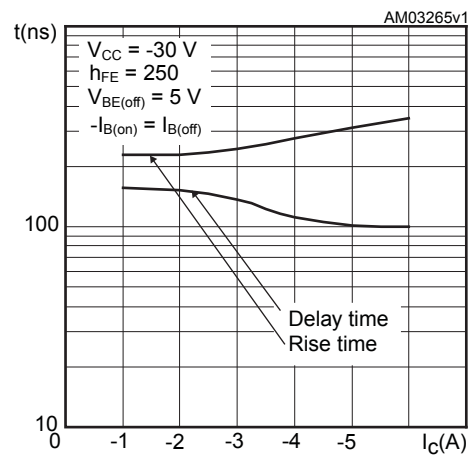


Figure 13. Resistive load switching time (NPN, off)

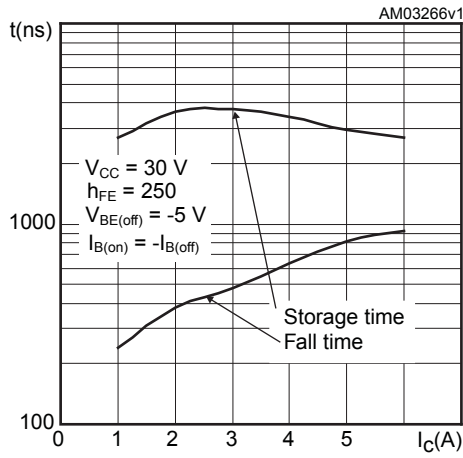


Figure 14. Resistive load switching time (PNP, off)

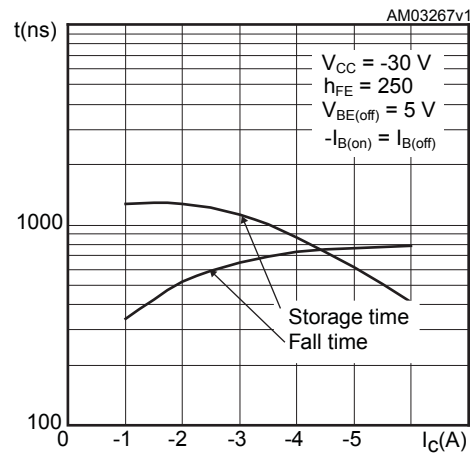


Figure 15. Capacitance characteristics (NPN)

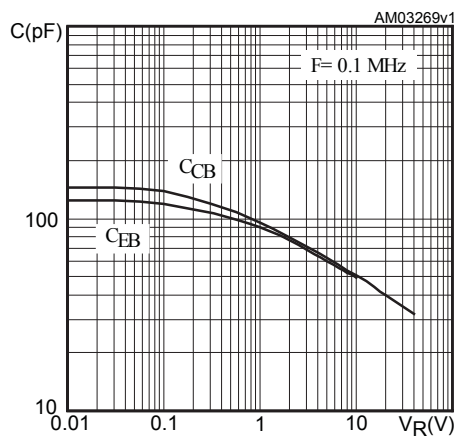
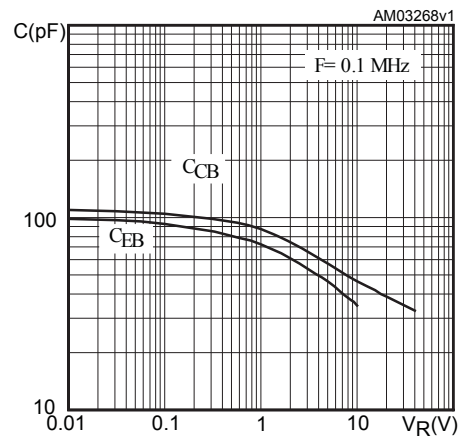
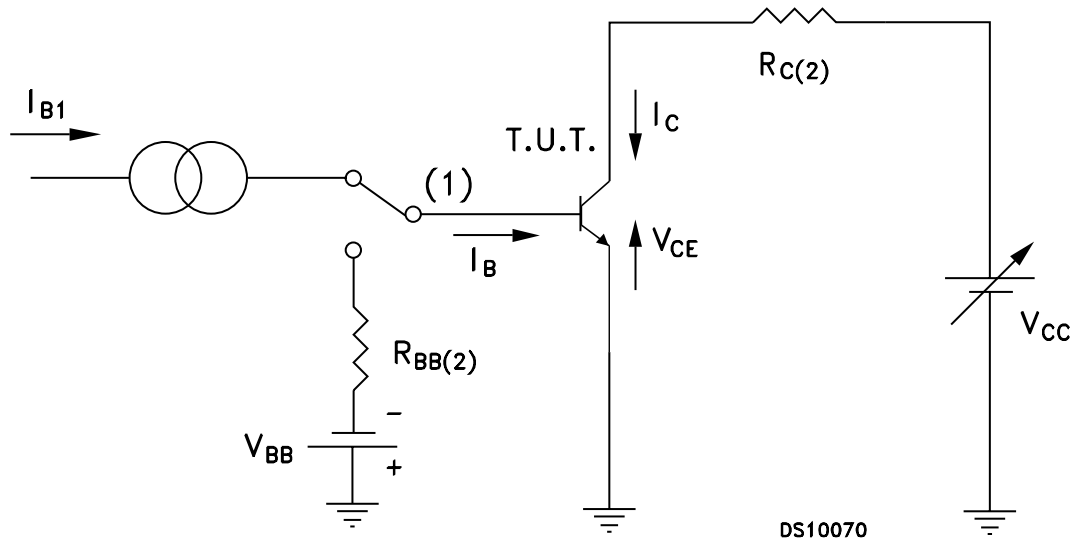


Figure 16. Capacitance characteristics (PNP)



### 3 Test circuits

Figure 17. Resistive load switching for NPN type

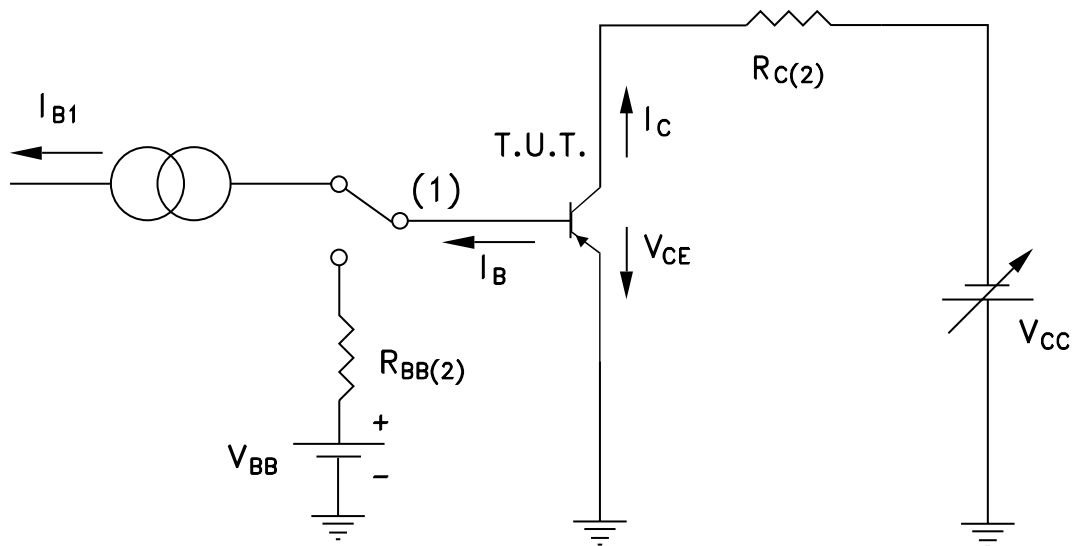


DS10070

Note: (1) Fast electronic switch.

Note: (2) Non-inductive resistor.

Figure 18. Resistive load switching for PNP type



DS10090

Note: (1) Fast electronic switch.

Note: (2) Non-inductive resistor.

## 4 Package information

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### 4.1 TO-220 type H package information

Figure 19. TO-220 type H package outline

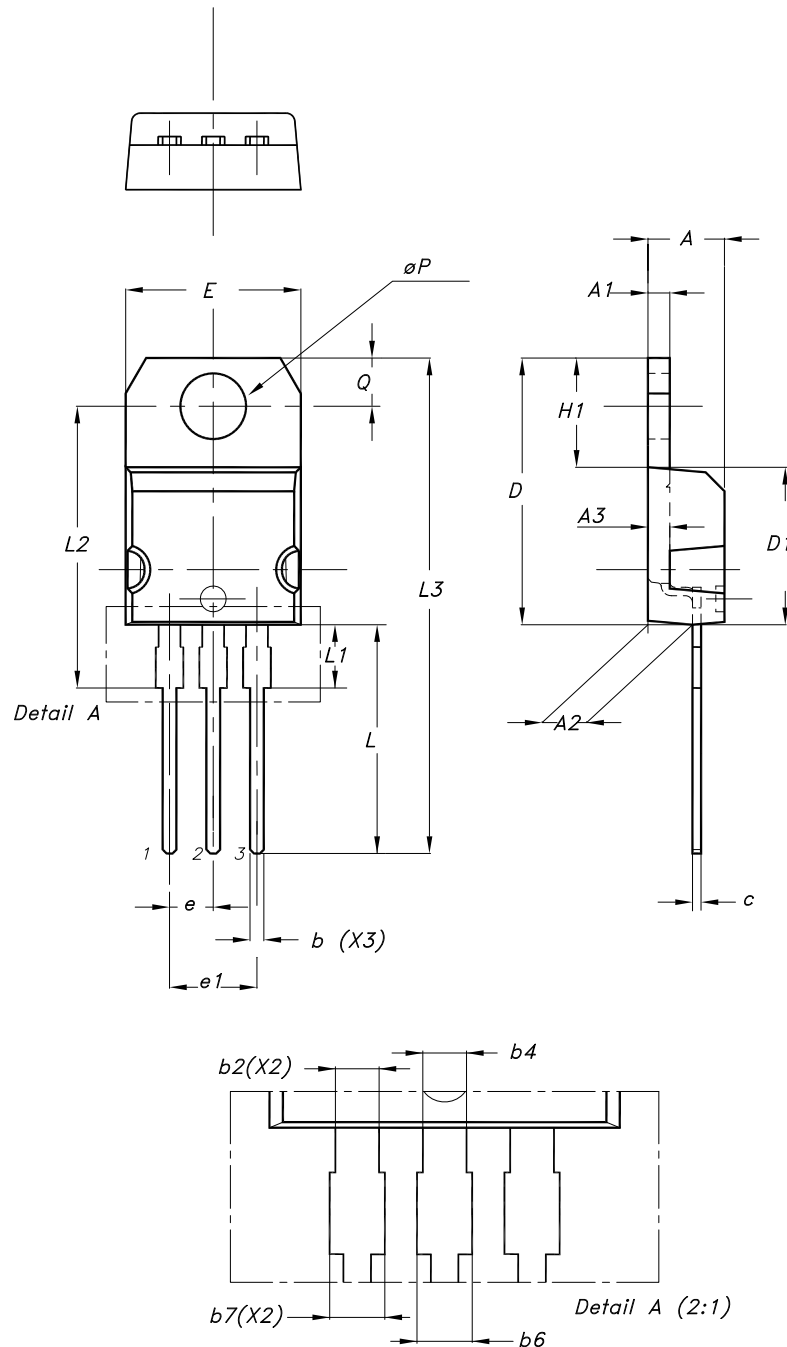




Table 4. TO-220 type H package mechanical data

Dim.	mm		
	Min.	Typ.	Max.
A	4.40	4.45	4.50
A1	1.22		1.32
A2	2.49	2.59	2.69
A3	1.17	1.27	1.37
b	0.78		0.87
b2	1.25		1.34
b4	1.20		1.29
b6			1.50
b7			1.45
c	0.49		0.56
D	15.40	15.50	15.60
D1	9.05	9.15	9.25
E	10.08	10.18	10.28
e	2.44	2.54	2.64
e1	4.98	5.08	5.18
H1	6.25	6.35	6.45
L	13.20	13.40	13.60
L1	3.50	3.70	3.90
L2	16.30	16.40	16.50
L3	28.70	28.90	29.10
∅P	3.75	3.80	3.85
Q	2.70	2.80	2.90
Slug flatness		0.03	0.10

## 5 Ordering information

Table 5. Order codes

Order codes	Marking	Polarity	Package	Packing
TIP120	TIP120	NPN	TO-220	Tube
TIP121	TIP121			
TIP122	TIP122			
TIP125	TIP125	PNP		
TIP127	TIP127			

## Revision history

**Table 6. Document revision history**

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