BD237 (NPN), BD238 (PNP)

Preferred Devices

Plastic Medium Power Silicon NPN Transistor

Designed for use in 5.0 to 10 W audio amplifiers and drivers utilizing complementary or quasi complementary circuits.

- DC Current Gain −
  h_{FE} = 40 (Min) @ I_C = 0.15 Adc
- Epoxy Meets UL94, VO @ 1/8″
- ESD Ratings: Human Body Model, 3B; >8000 V
  Machine Model, C; >400 V

MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Collector−Emitter Voltage	V_{CEO}	80	Vdc
Collector−Base Voltage	V_{CBO}	100	Vdc
Emitter−Base Voltage	V_{EBO}	5.0	Vdc
Collector Current	I_C	2.0	Adc
Base Current	I_B	1.0	Adc
Total Device Dissipation @ T_C = 25°C	P_D	25	Watts
Operating and Storage Junction Temperature Range	T_J, T_{stg}	−55 to +150	°C

THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Symbol	Max	Unit
Thermal Resistance, Junction−to−Case	$R_{\theta JC}$	5.0	°C/W

Maximum ratings are those values beyond which device damage can occur. Maximum ratings applied to the device are individual stress limit values (not normal operating conditions) and are not valid simultaneously. If these limits are exceeded, device functional operation is not implied, damage may occur and reliability may be affected.

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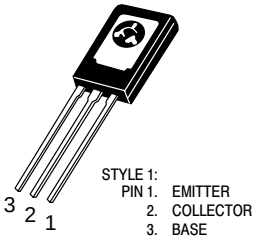
2.0 AMPERES
POWER TRANSISTORS
NPN SILICON
80 VOLTS
25 WATTS



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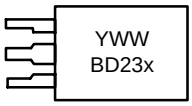
MARKING DIAGRAM



x = 7 or 8
Y = Year
WW = Work Week

ORDERING INFORMATION

Device	Package	Shipping
BD237	TO−225	500 Units/Box
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Preferred devices are recommended choices for future use and best overall value.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (T_C = 25°C unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
Collector−Emitter Sustaining Voltage* (I_C = 0.1 Adc, I_B = 0)	$V_{(BR)CEO}$	80	−	Vdc
Collector Cutoff Current (V_{CB} = 100 Vdc, I_E = 0)	I_{CBO}	−	0.1	mAdc
Emitter Cutoff Current (V_{BE} = 5.0 Vdc, I_C = 0)	I_{EBO}	−	1.0	mAdc
DC Current Gain (I_C = 0.15 A, V_{CE} = 2.0 V) (I_C = 1.0 A, V_{CE} = 2.0 V)	h_{FE1} h_{FE2}	40 25	− −	−
Collector−Emitter Saturation Voltage* (I_C = 1.0 Adc, I_B = 0.1 Adc)	$V_{CE(sat)}$	−	0.6	Vdc
Base−Emitter On Voltage* (I_C = 1.0 Adc, V_{CE} = 2.0 Vdc)	$V_{BE(on)}$	−	1.3	Vdc
Current−Gain − Bandwidth Product (I_C = 250 mAdc, V_{CE} = 10 Vdc, f = 1.0 MHz)	f_T	3.0	−	MHz

*Pulse Test: Pulse Width ≦ 300 μs, Duty Cycle ≦ 2.0%.

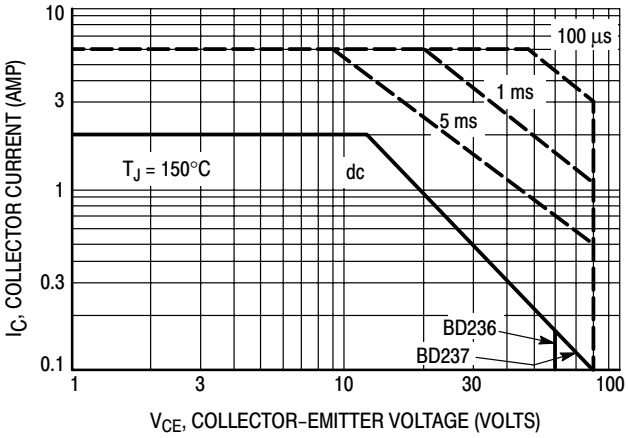

Figure 1. Active Region Safe Operating Area

The Safe Operating Area Curves indicate I_C–V_{CE} limits below which the device will not enter secondary breakdown. Collector load lines for specific circuits must fall within the applicable Safe Area to avoid causing a catastrophic failure. To insure operation below the maximum T_J, power−temperature derating must be observed for both steady state and pulse power conditions.

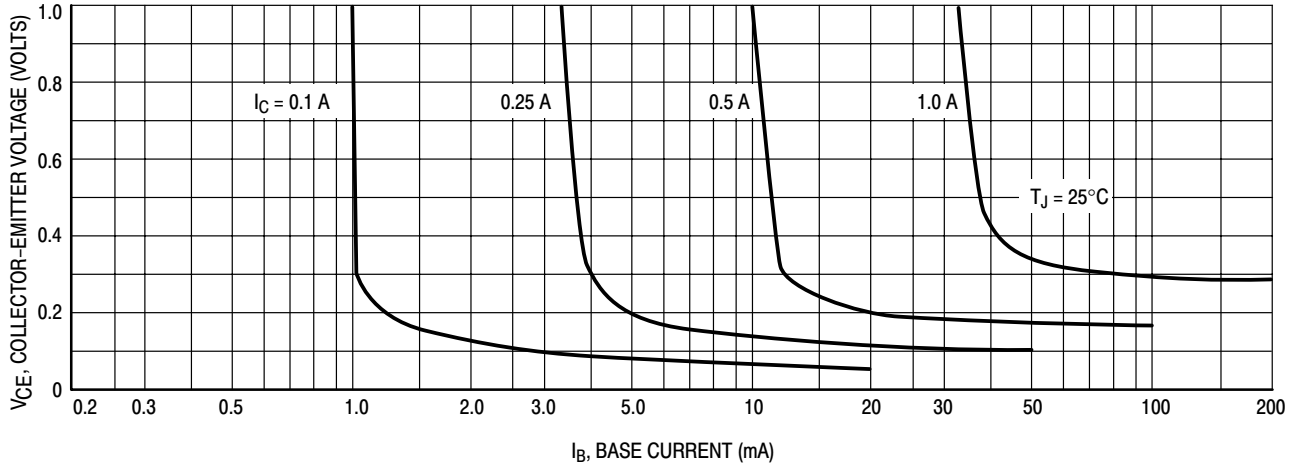

Figure 2. Collector Saturation Region

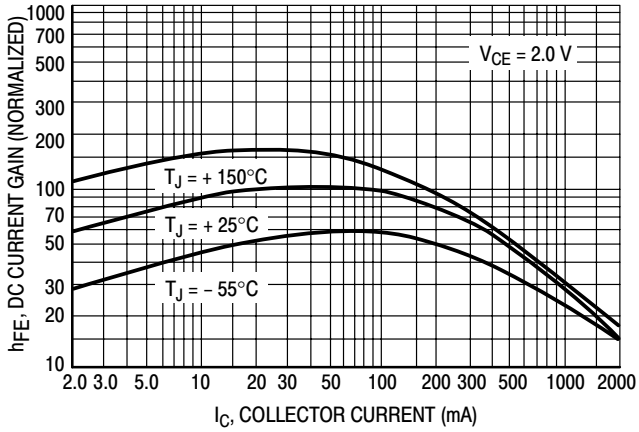

Figure 3. Current Gain

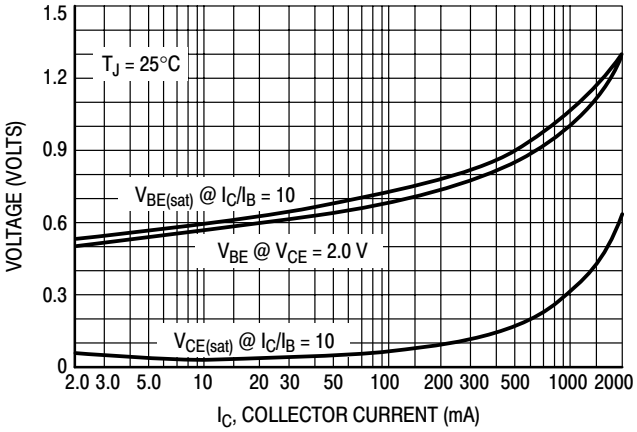

Figure 4. “On” Voltages

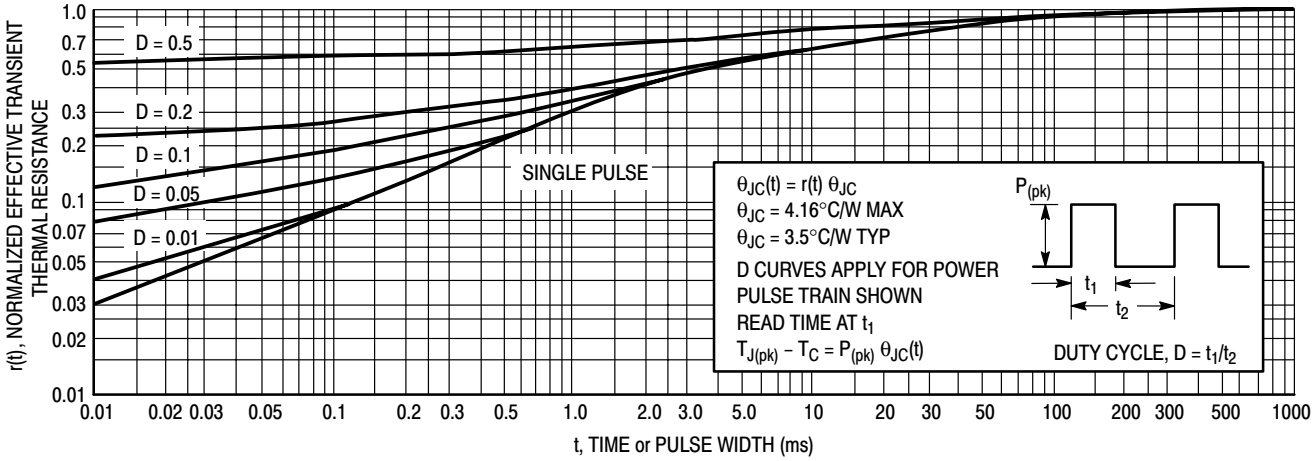

Figure 5. Thermal Response

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PACKAGE DIMENSIONS

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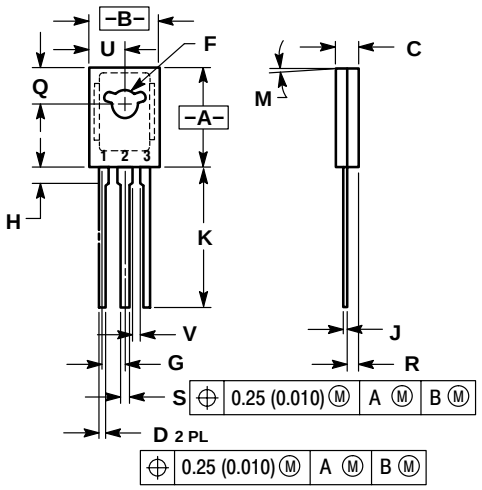

NOTES:
1. DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING PER ANSI Y14.5M, 1982.
2. CONTROLLING DIMENSION: INCH.
3. 077−01 THRU −08 OBSOLETE, NEW STANDARD 077−09.

	INCHES		MILLIMETERS	
DIM	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
A	0.425	0.435	10.80	11.04
B	0.295	0.305	7.50	7.74
C	0.095	0.105	2.42	2.66
D	0.020	0.026	0.51	0.66
F	0.115	0.130	2.93	3.30
G	0.094 BSC		2.39 BSC	
H	0.050	0.095	1.27	2.41
J	0.015	0.025	0.39	0.63
K	0.575	0.655	14.61	16.63
M	5° TYP		5° TYP	
Q	0.148	0.158	3.76	4.01
R	0.045	0.065	1.15	1.65
S	0.025	0.035	0.64	0.88
U	0.145	0.155	3.69	3.93
V	0.040	---	1.02	---

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2. COLLECTOR
3. BASE

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