



# PBSS4021NT

20 V, 4.3 A NPN low V<sub>CEsat</sub> transistor

20 September 2024

Product data sheet

## 1. General description

NPN low V<sub>CEsat</sub> transistor in a SOT23 small Surface-Mounted Device (SMD) plastic package.

PNP complement: PBSS4021PT

## 2. Features and benefits

- Very low collector-emitter saturation voltage V<sub>CEsat</sub>
- High collector current capability I<sub>C</sub> and I<sub>CM</sub>
- High collector current gain (h<sub>FE</sub>) at high I<sub>C</sub>
- High energy efficiency due to less heat generation
- Smaller required Printed-Circuit Board (PCB) area than for conventional transistors
- AEC-Q101 qualified

## 3. Applications

- Loadswitch
- Battery-driven devices
- Power management
- Charging circuits
- Power switches (e.g. motors, fans)

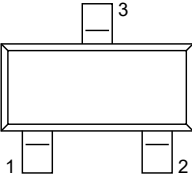
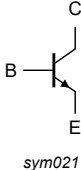
## 4. Quick reference data

Table 1. Quick reference data

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V <sub>CEO</sub>	collector-emitter voltage	open base	-	-	20	V
I <sub>C</sub>	collector current		-	-	4.3	A
I <sub>CM</sub>	peak collector current	single pulse; t <sub>p</sub> ≤ 1 ms	-	-	8	A
R <sub>CEsat</sub>	collector-emitter saturation resistance	I <sub>C</sub> = 4 A; I <sub>B</sub> = 400 mA; pulsed; t <sub>p</sub> ≤ 300 μs; δ ≤ 0.02; T <sub>amb</sub> = 25 °C	-	32.5	50	mΩ

5. Pinning information

Table 2. Pinning information

Pin	Symbol	Description	Simplified outline	Graphic symbol
1	B	base	 SOT23	 sym021
2	E	emitter		
3	C	collector		

6. Ordering information

Table 3. Ordering information

Type number	Package		
	Name	Description	Version
<a href="#">PBSS4021NT</a>	SOT23	plastic, surface-mounted package; 3 terminals; 1.9 mm pitch; 2.9 mm x 1.3 mm x 1 mm body	<a href="#">SOT23</a>

7. Marking

Table 4. Marking codes

Type number	Marking code <sup>[1]</sup>
PBSS4021NT	%BH

[1] % = placeholder for manufacturing site code

8. Limiting values

Table 5. Limiting values  
In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Max	Unit
V <sub>CBO</sub>	collector-base voltage	open emitter		-	20	V
V <sub>CEO</sub>	collector-emitter voltage	open base		-	20	V
V <sub>EBO</sub>	emitter-base voltage	open collector		-	5	V
I <sub>C</sub>	collector current			-	4.3	A
I <sub>CM</sub>	peak collector current	single pulse; t <sub>p</sub> ≤ 1 ms		-	8	A
I <sub>B</sub>	base current			-	1	A
P <sub>tot</sub>	total power dissipation	T <sub>amb</sub> ≤ 25 °C	[1]	-	0.39	W
			[2]	-	0.66	W
			[3]	-	0.7	W
			[4]	-	1	W
			[5]	-	1.1	W
T <sub>j</sub>	junction temperature			-	150	°C
T <sub>amb</sub>	ambient temperature			-55	150	°C
T <sub>stg</sub>	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.
- [2] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided, 35 µm copper, tin-plated, mounting pad for collector 1 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- [3] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, 4-layer, tin-plated and standard footprint.
- [4] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, 4-layer, tin-plated, mounting pad for collector 1 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- [5] Device mounted on a ceramic PCB, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, single-sided, 35 µm copper, tin-plated and standard footprint.

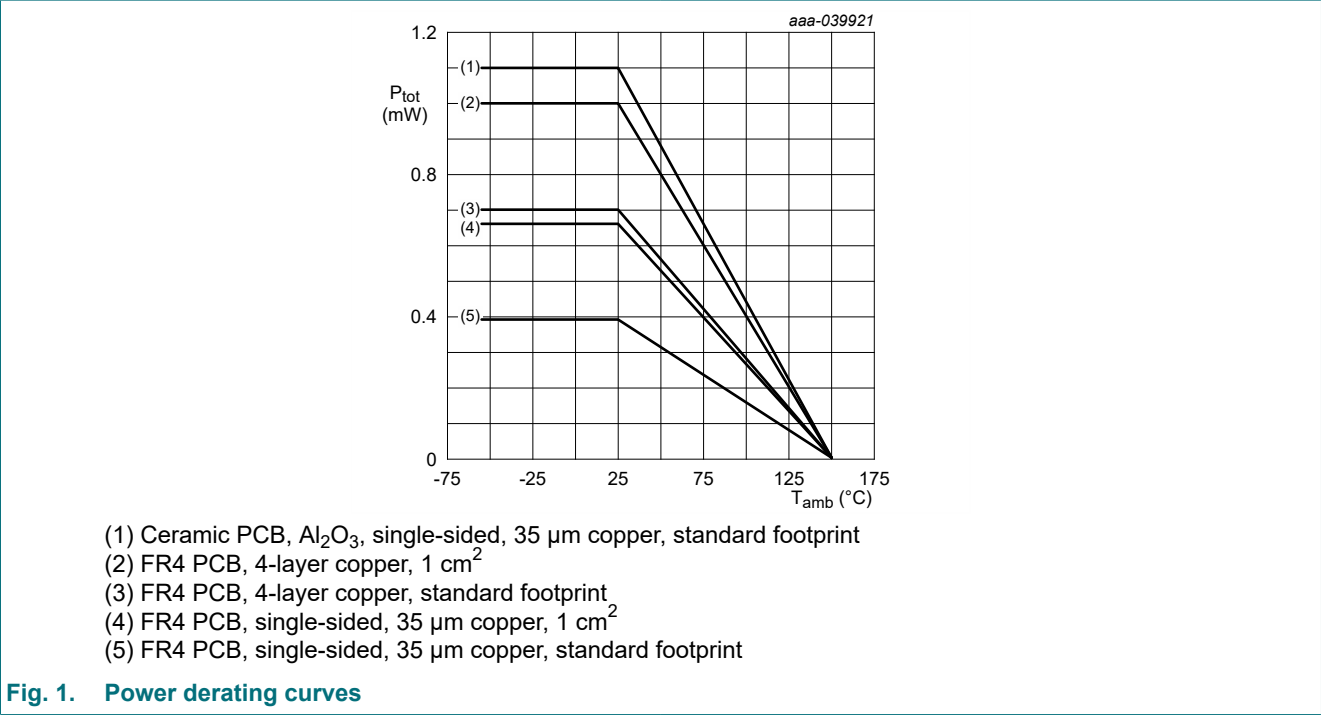


Fig. 1. Power derating curves

9. Thermal characteristics

Table 6. Thermal characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$R_{th(j-a)}$	thermal resistance from junction to ambient	in free air	[1]	-	-	320	K/W
			[2]	-	-	190	K/W
			[3]	-	-	180	K/W
			[4]	-	-	125	K/W
			[5]	-	-	115	K/W
$R_{th(j-sp)}$	thermal resistance from junction to solder point			-	-	62	K/W

- [1] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided, 35  $\mu$ m copper, tin-plated and standard footprint  
[2] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided, 35  $\mu$ m copper, tin-plated, mounting pad for collector 1 cm<sup>2</sup>  
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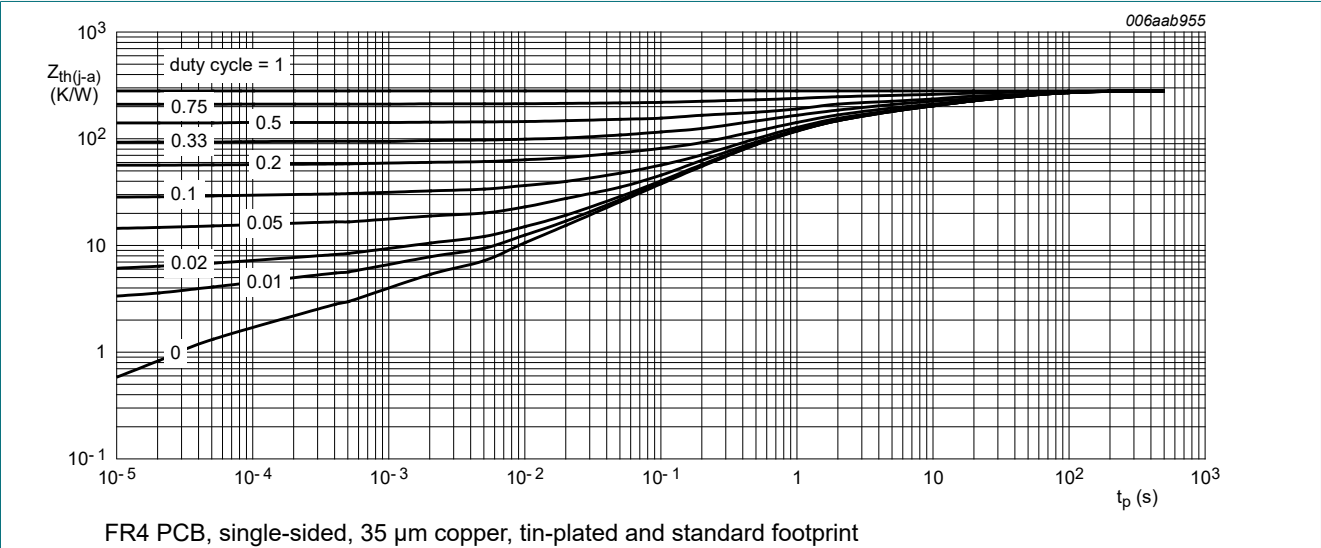


Fig. 2. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration; typical values

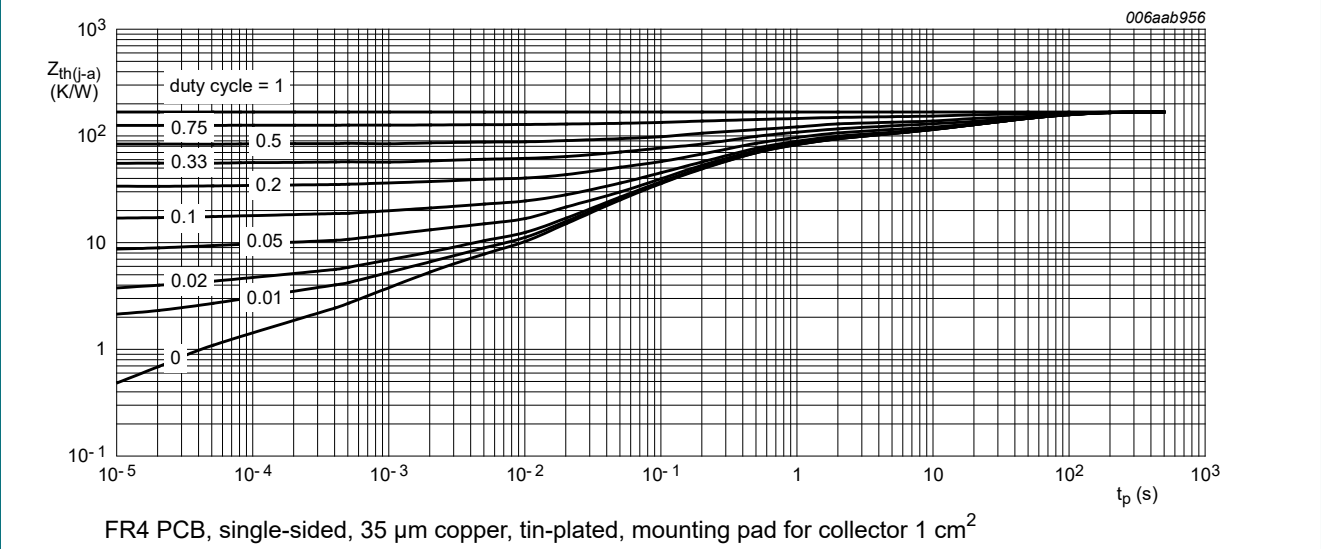


Fig. 3. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration; typical values

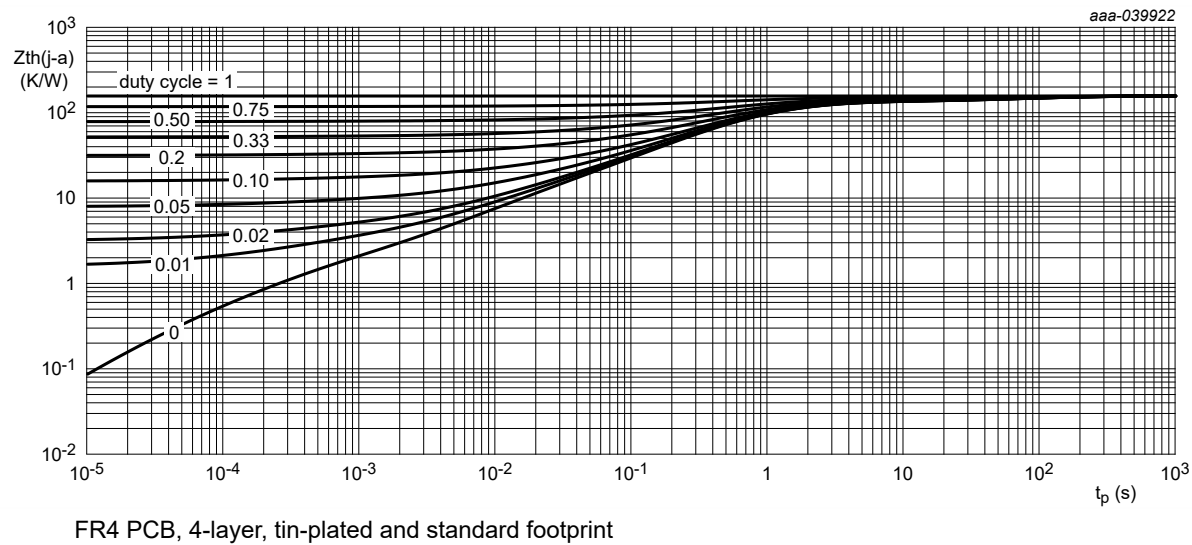


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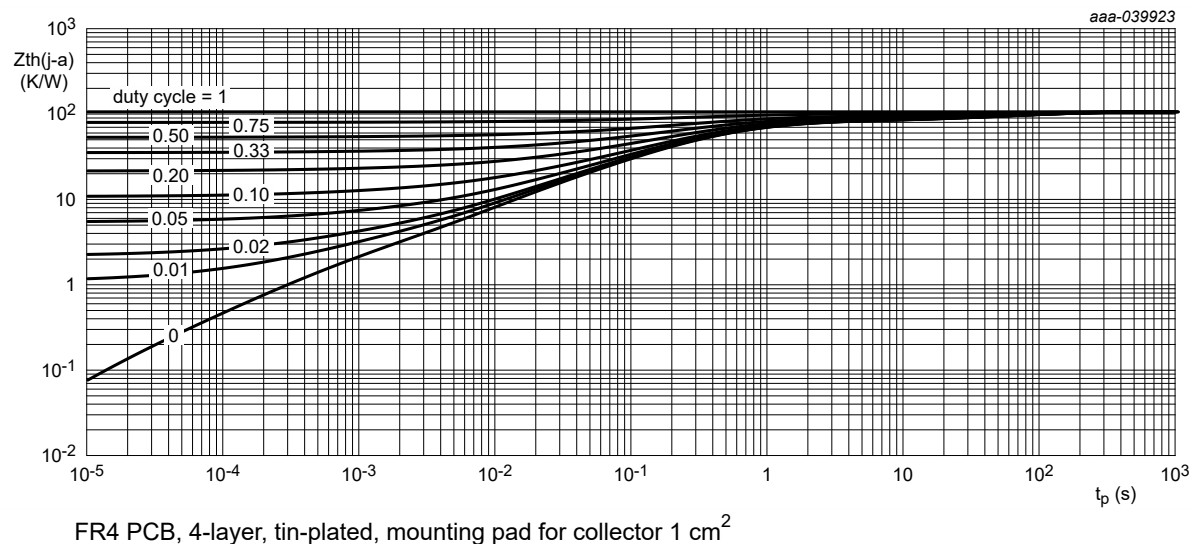


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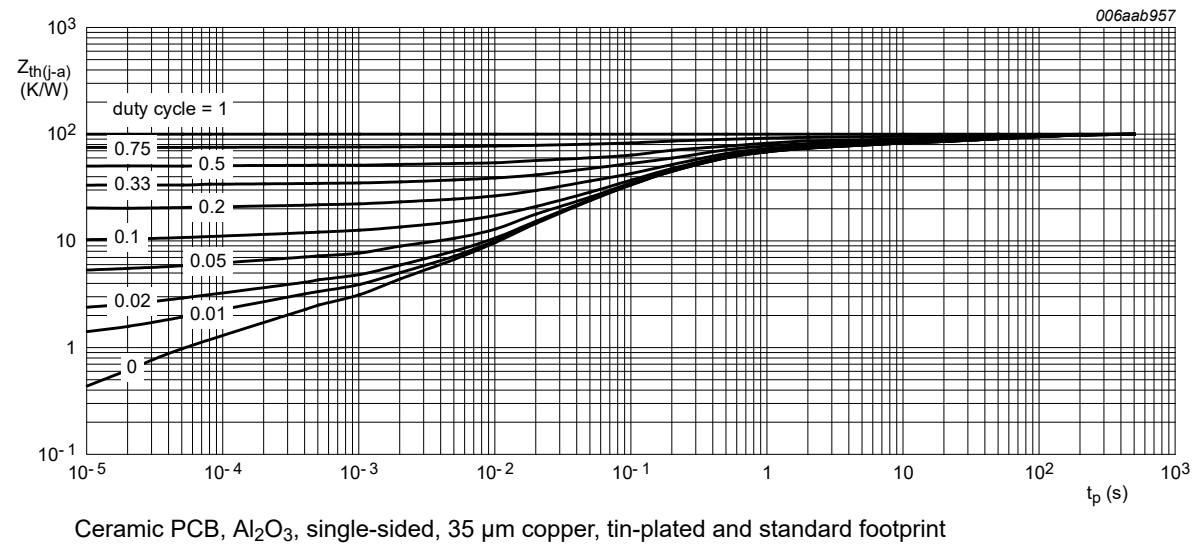


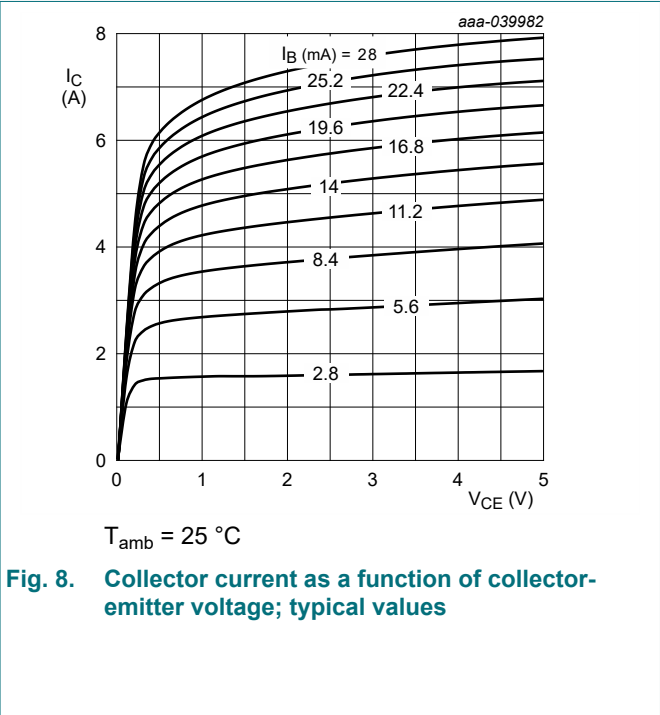
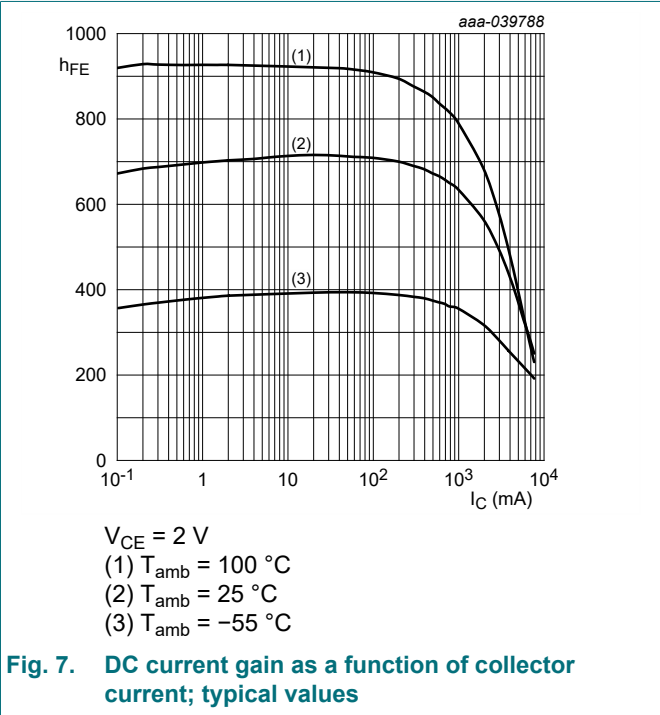
Fig. 6. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration; typical values

10. Characteristics

Table 7. Characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$V_{(BR)CBO}$	collector-base breakdown voltage	$I_C = 100\text{ }\mu\text{A}$ ; $I_E = 0\text{ A}$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		20	-	-	V
$V_{(BR)CEO}$	collector-emitter breakdown voltage	$I_C = 10\text{ mA}$ ; $I_B = 0\text{ A}$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		20	-	-	V
$V_{(BR)EBO}$	emitter-base breakdown voltage	$I_E = 100\text{ }\mu\text{A}$ ; $I_C = 0\text{ A}$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		5	-	-	V
$I_{CBO}$	collector-base cut-off current	$V_{CB} = 20\text{ V}$ ; $I_E = 0\text{ A}$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	-	100	nA
		$V_{CB} = 20\text{ V}$ ; $I_E = 0\text{ A}$ ; $T_J = 150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	-	50	$\mu\text{A}$
$I_{CES}$	collector-emitter cut-off current	$V_{CE} = 16\text{ V}$ ; $V_{BE} = 0\text{ V}$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	-	100	nA
$I_{EBO}$	emitter-base cut-off current	$V_{EB} = 5\text{ V}$ ; $I_C = 0\text{ A}$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	-	100	nA
$h_{FE}$	DC current gain	$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}$ ; $I_C = 500\text{ mA}$ ; pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ; $\delta \leq 0.02$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		300	600	-	
		$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}$ ; $I_C = 1\text{ A}$ ; pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ; $\delta \leq 0.02$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		300	550	-	
		$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}$ ; $I_C = 2\text{ A}$ ; pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ; $\delta \leq 0.02$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		300	500	-	
		$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}$ ; $I_C = 4\text{ A}$ ; pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ; $\delta \leq 0.02$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		150	400	-	
		$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}$ ; $I_C = 6\text{ A}$ ; pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ; $\delta \leq 0.02$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		100	300	-	
$V_{CEsat}$	collector-emitter saturation voltage	$I_C = 1\text{ A}$ ; $I_B = 10\text{ mA}$ ; pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ; $\delta \leq 0.02$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	55	75	mV
		$I_C = 1\text{ A}$ ; $I_B = 50\text{ mA}$ ; pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ; $\delta \leq 0.02$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	40	60	mV
		$I_C = 2\text{ A}$ ; $I_B = 40\text{ mA}$ ; pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ; $\delta \leq 0.02$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	80	120	mV
		$I_C = 4\text{ A}$ ; $I_B = 40\text{ mA}$ ; pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ; $\delta \leq 0.02$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	160	265	mV
		$I_C = 4\text{ A}$ ; $I_B = 200\text{ mA}$ ; pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ; $\delta \leq 0.02$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	135	220	mV
		$I_C = 4\text{ A}$ ; $I_B = 400\text{ mA}$ ; pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ; $\delta \leq 0.02$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	130	200	mV
$R_{CEsat}$	collector-emitter saturation resistance			-	32.5	50	m $\Omega$
$V_{BEsat}$	base-emitter saturation voltage	$I_C = 1\text{ A}$ ; $I_B = 100\text{ mA}$ ; pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ; $\delta \leq 0.02$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	0.87	1.05	V
		$I_C = 4\text{ A}$ ; $I_B = 400\text{ mA}$ ; pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ; $\delta \leq 0.02$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	1.08	1.25	V
$V_{BE}$	base-emitter voltage	$V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}$ ; $I_C = 2\text{ A}$ ; pulsed; $t_p \leq 300\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ ; $\delta \leq 0.02$ ; $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$		-	0.76	0.9	V

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$t_d$	delay time	$V_{CC} = 12.5\text{ V}; I_C = 1\text{ A}; I_{B(on)} = 50\text{ mA};$ $I_{B(off)} = -50\text{ mA}; T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	20	-	ns
$t_r$	rise time		-	30	-	ns
$t_{on}$	turn-on time		-	50	-	ns
$t_s$	storage time		-	355	-	ns
$t_f$	fall time		-	70	-	ns
$t_{off}$	turn-off time		-	425	-	ns
$f_T$	transition frequency	$V_{CE} = 10\text{ V}; I_C = 100\text{ mA}; f = 100\text{ MHz};$ $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	150	-	MHz
$C_c$	collector capacitance	$V_{CB} = 10\text{ V}; I_E = 0\text{ A}; i_e = 0\text{ A}; f = 1\text{ MHz};$ $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	36	-	pF



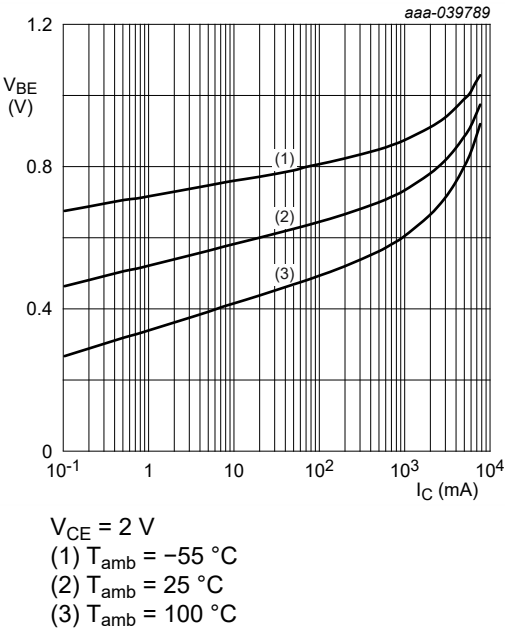


Fig. 9. Base-emitter voltage as a function of collector current; typical values

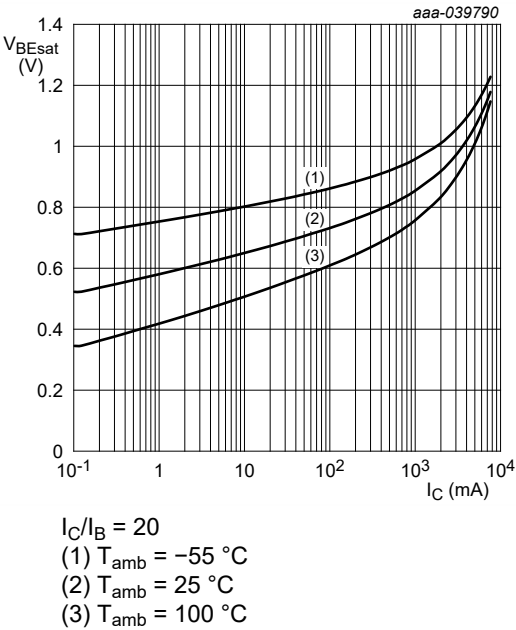


Fig. 10. Base-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values

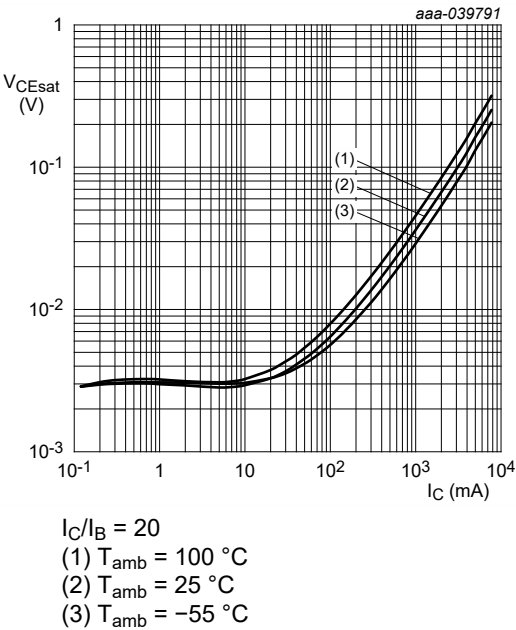


Fig. 11. Collector-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values

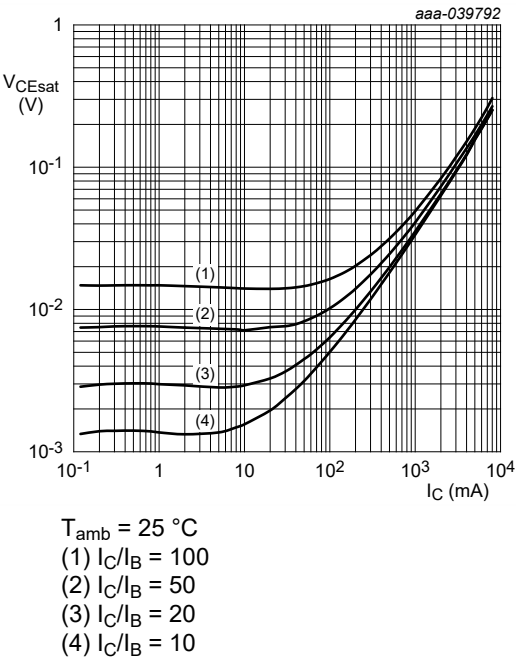


Fig. 12. Collector-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values



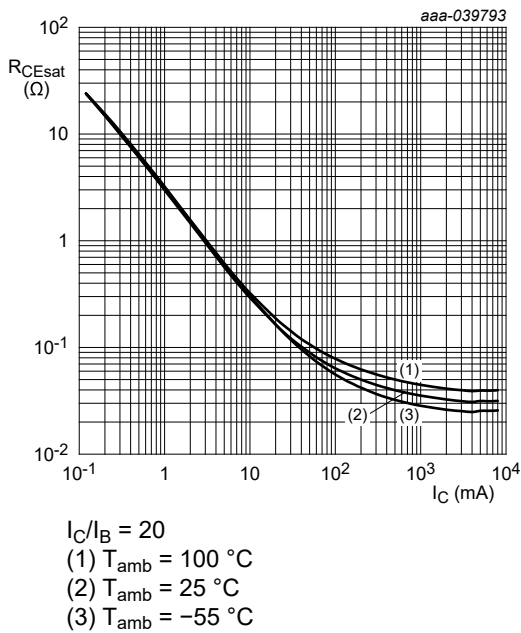


Fig. 13. Collector-emitter saturation resistance as a function of collector current; typical values

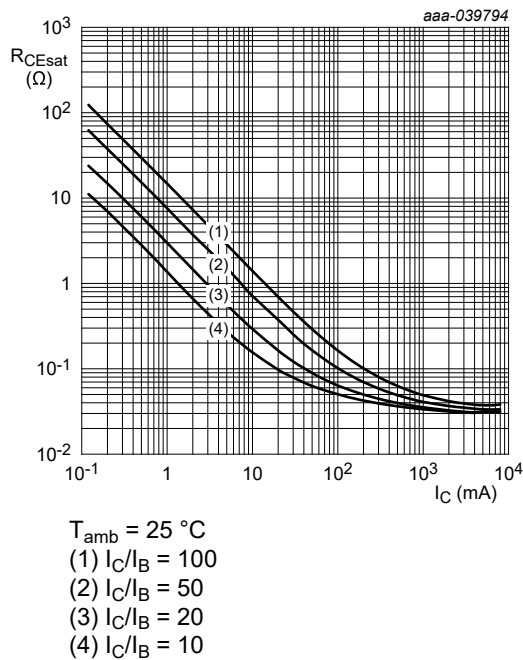


Fig. 14. Collector-emitter saturation resistance as a function of collector current; typical values

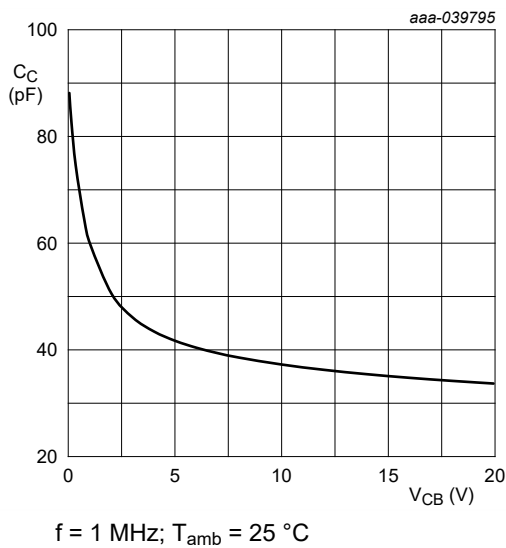


Fig. 15. Collector capacitance as a function of collector-base voltage; typical values

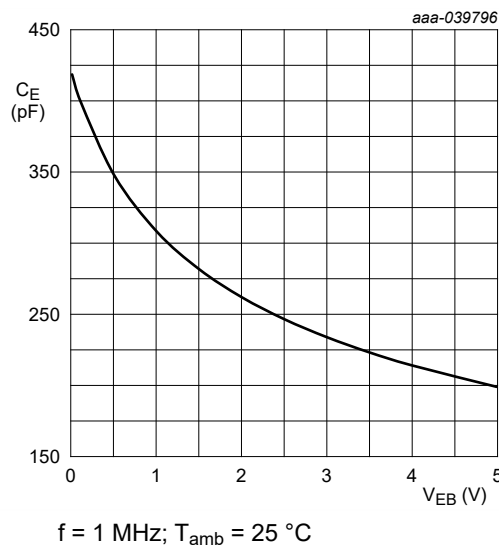


Fig. 16. Emitter capacitance as a function of emitter-base voltage; typical values

11. Test information

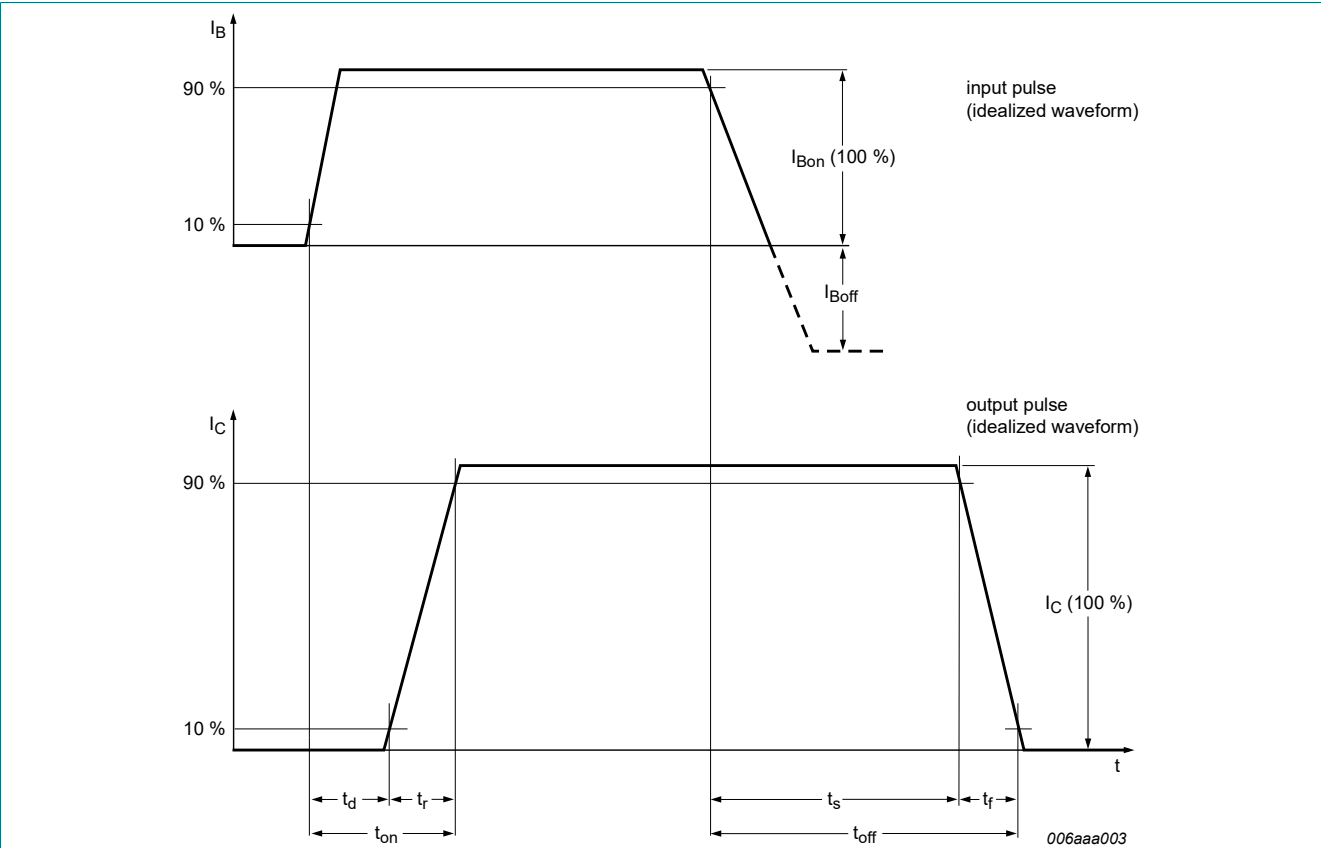


Fig. 17. Switching time definition

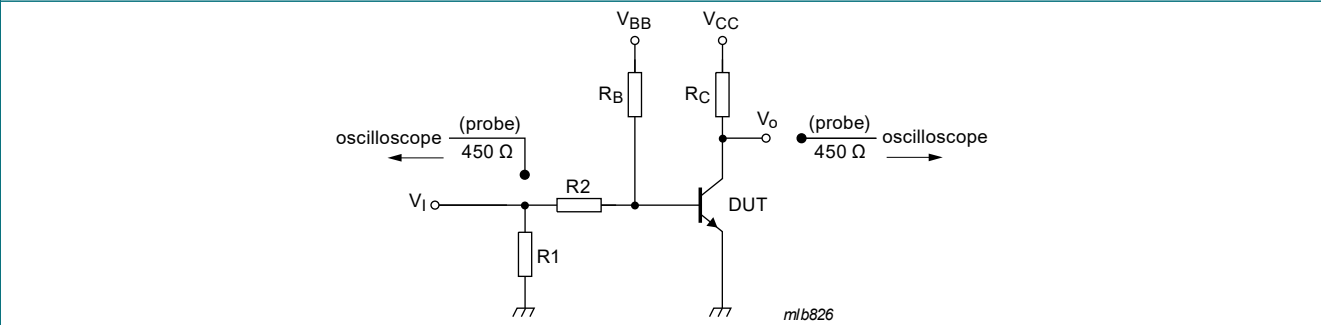
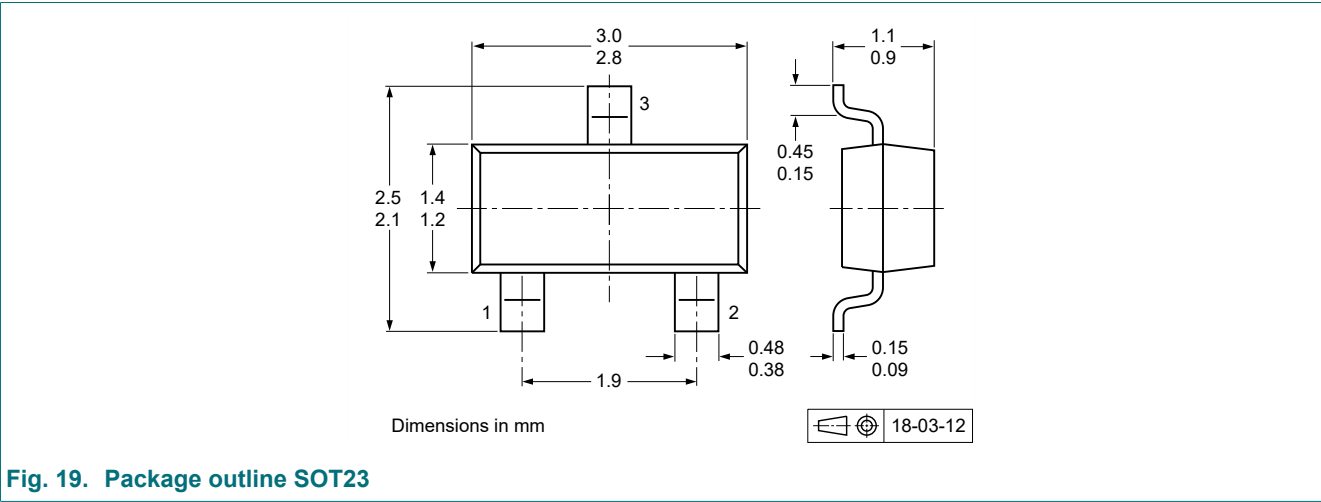


Fig. 18. Test circuit for switching times

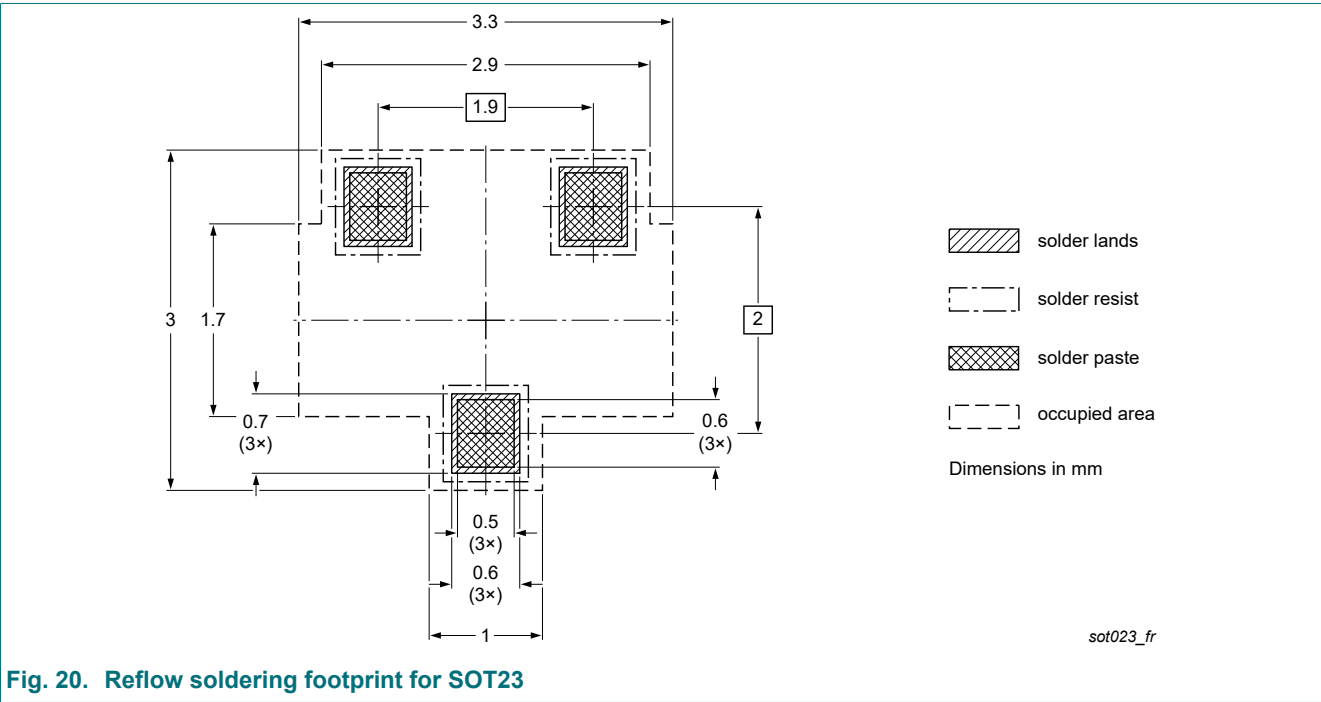
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12. Package outline



13. Soldering



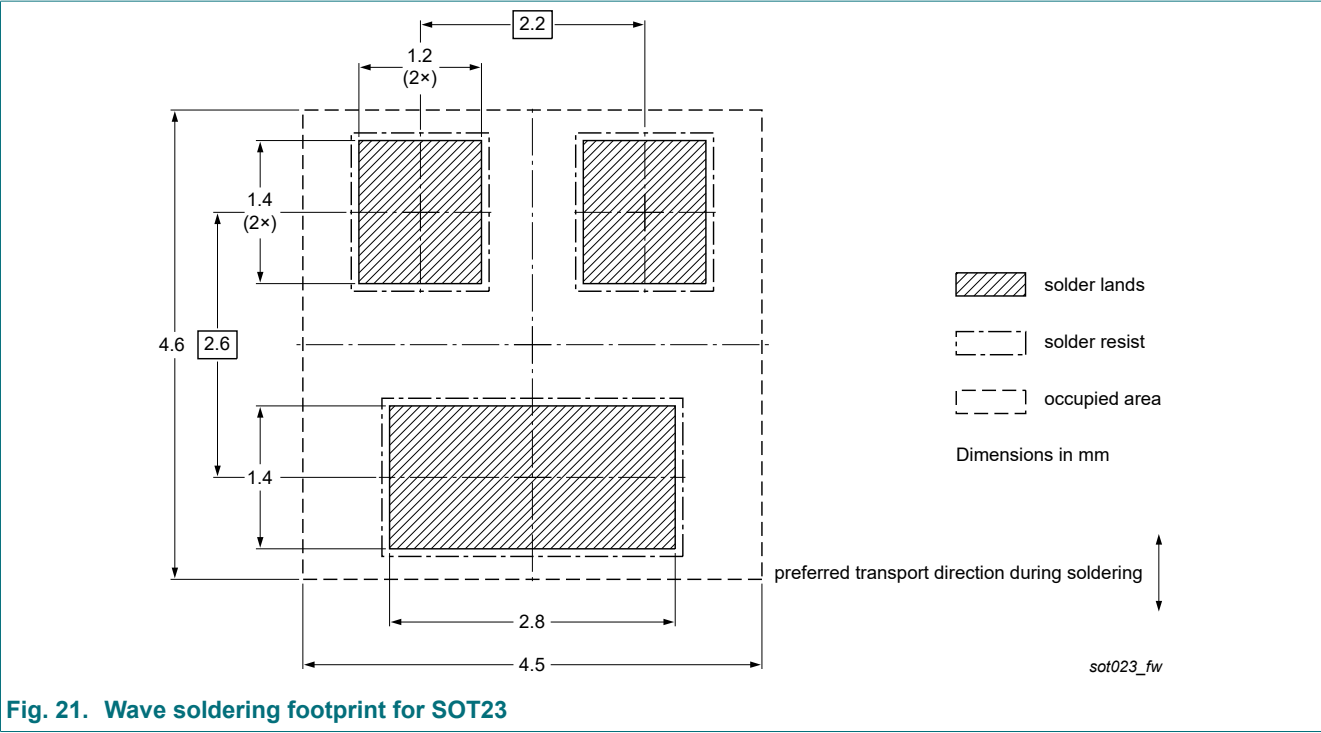


Fig. 21. Wave soldering footprint for SOT23

14. Revision history

Table 8. Revision history

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PBSS4021NT v.1	20100131	Product data sheet	-	-

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