



# STN878

Medium current, high performance, low voltage  
NPN transistor

## Features

- Very low Collector to Emitter saturation voltage
- D.C. Current gain,  $h_{FE} > 100$
- 5A continuous collector current
- SOT-223 plastic package for surface mounting circuits
- Available in tape & reel packing

## Applications

- Power management in portable equipment
- Voltage regulation in bias supply circuits
- Switching regulator in battery charger applications
- Heavy load driver

## Description

The device is manufactured in low voltage PNP planar technology with "base island" layout. the resulting transistor shows exceptional high gain performance coupled with very low saturation voltage.

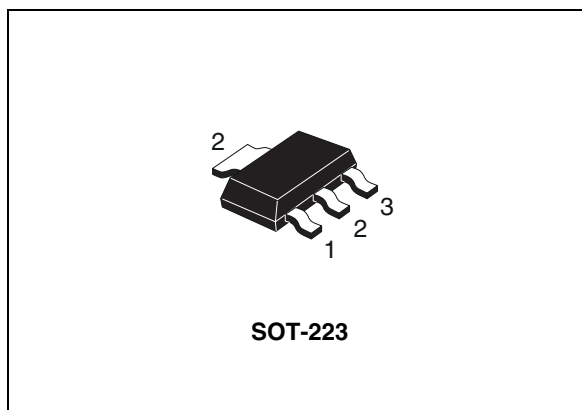


Figure 1. Internal schematic diagram

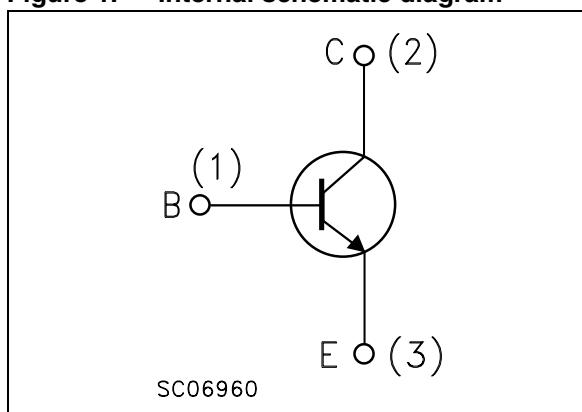


Table 1. Device summary

| Order code | Marking | Package | Packaging   |
|------------|---------|---------|-------------|
| STN878     | N878    | SOT-223 | Tape & reel |

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# 1 Electrical ratings

**Table 2. Absolute maximum rating**

| Symbol    | Parameter   | Value      | Unit             |
|-----------|---|------------|------------------|
| $V_{CBO}$ | Collector-base voltage ( $I_E = 0$ )              | 45         | V                |
| $V_{CEO}$ | Collector-emitter voltage ( $I_B = 0$ )           | 30         | V                |
| $V_{EBO}$ | Emitter-base voltage ( $I_C = 0$ )                | 6          | V                |
| $I_C$     | Collector current                                 | 5          | A                |
| $I_{CM}$  | Collector peak current ( $t_P < 5\text{ms}$ )     | 10         | A                |
| $P_{tot}$ | Total dissipation at $T_{amb} = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 1.6        | W                |
| $T_{stg}$ | Storage temperature                               | -65 to 150 | $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| $T_J$     | Max. operating junction temperature               | 150        | $^\circ\text{C}$ |

**Table 3. Thermal data**

| Symbol        | Parameter  | Value | Unit               |
|---------------|--|-------|--------------------|
| $R_{thj-amb}$ | Thermal resistance junction-amb <sup>(1)</sup> max | 78    | $^\circ\text{C/W}$ |

1. Device mounted on PCB area of  $1\text{ cm}^2$ .

## 2 Electrical characteristics

( $T_{\text{case}} = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$  unless otherwise specified)

**Table 4. Electrical characteristics**

| Symbol   | Parameter  | Test conditions  | Min. | Typ. | Max.      | Unit                           |
|--|--|--|------|------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| $I_{\text{CBO}}$   | Collector cut-off current<br>( $I_{\text{E}} = 0$ )                    | $V_{\text{CB}} = 30 \text{ V}$<br>$V_{\text{CB}} = 30 \text{ V}; T_{\text{C}} = 100^{\circ}\text{C}$ |      |      | 10<br>100 | $\mu\text{A}$<br>$\mu\text{A}$ |
| $I_{\text{EBO}}$   | Emitter cut-off current<br>( $I_{\text{C}} = 0$ )                      | $V_{\text{EB}} = 6 \text{ V}$  |      |      | 10        | $\mu\text{A}$                  |
| $V_{(\text{BR})\text{CEO}}^{(1)}$                                    | Collector-emitter<br>breakdown voltage<br>( $I_{\text{B}} = 0$ )       | $I_{\text{C}} = 10 \text{ mA}$   | 30   |      |           | V                              |
| $V_{(\text{BR})\text{CBO}}$  | Collector-base<br>breakdown voltage<br>( $I_{\text{E}} = 0$ )          | $I_{\text{C}} = 100 \mu\text{A}$   | 45   |      |           | V                              |
| $V_{(\text{BR})\text{EBO}}$  | Emitter-base breakdown<br>voltage ( $I_{\text{C}} = 0$ )               | $I_{\text{E}} = 100 \mu\text{A}$   | 6    |      |           | V                              |
| $V_{\text{CE(sat)}}^{(1)}$   | Collector-emitter<br>saturation voltage                                | $I_{\text{C}} = 0.5 \text{ A}$ $I_{\text{B}} = 5 \text{ mA}$   |      |      | 0.15      | V                              |
|  |  | $I_{\text{C}} = 2 \text{ A}$ $I_{\text{B}} = 50 \text{ mA}$  |      |      | 0.35      | V                              |
|  |  | $I_{\text{C}} = 5 \text{ A}$ $I_{\text{B}} = 0.25 \text{ A}$   |      |      | 0.7       | V                              |
|  |  | $I_{\text{C}} = 6 \text{ A}$ $I_{\text{B}} = 0.25 \text{ A}$   |      | 0.7  |           | V                              |
|  |  | $I_{\text{C}} = 8 \text{ A}$ $I_{\text{B}} = 0.4 \text{ A}$  |      | 1    |           | V                              |
|  |  | $I_{\text{C}} = 10 \text{ A}$ $I_{\text{B}} = 0.5 \text{ A}$   |      | 1.2  |           | V                              |
| $V_{\text{BE(sat)}}^{(1)}$   | Base-emitter saturation<br>voltage                                     | $I_{\text{C}} = 2 \text{ A}$ $I_{\text{B}} = 50 \text{ mA}$  |      |      | 1.1       | V                              |
|  |  | $I_{\text{C}} = 6 \text{ A}$ $I_{\text{B}} = 0.25 \text{ A}$   |      | 1.2  |           | V                              |
| $h_{\text{FE}}^{(1)}$  | DC current gain  | $I_{\text{C}} = 10 \text{ mA}$ $V_{\text{CE}} = 1 \text{ V}$   | 120  | 200  | 300       |                                |
|  |  | $I_{\text{C}} = 500 \text{ mA}$ $V_{\text{CE}} = 1 \text{ V}$  | 100  | 200  |           |                                |
|  |  | $I_{\text{C}} = 5 \text{ A}$ $V_{\text{CE}} = 1 \text{ V}$   | 70   | 100  |           |                                |
|  |  | $I_{\text{C}} = 5 \text{ A}$ $V_{\text{CE}} = 1 \text{ V}$   |      | 100  |           |                                |
|  |  | $T_{\text{C}} = 100^{\circ}\text{C}$   |      |      |           |                                |
|  |  | $I_{\text{C}} = 8 \text{ A}$ $V_{\text{CE}} = 1 \text{ V}$   |      | 55   |           |                                |
| $t_{\text{d}}$<br>$t_{\text{r}}$<br>$t_{\text{s}}$<br>$t_{\text{f}}$ | Resistive load<br>Delay time<br>Rise time<br>Storage time<br>Fall time | $I_{\text{C}} = 3 \text{ A}$ $V_{\text{CC}} = 20 \text{ V}$  |      | 180  | 220       | ns                             |
|  |  | $I_{\text{B1}} = -I_{\text{B2}} = 60 \text{ mA}$   |      | 160  | 210       | ns                             |
|  |  | see <a href="#">Figure 8</a>   |      | 250  | 300       | ns                             |
|  |  |  |      | 80   | 100       | ns                             |

1. Pulsed duration = 300 ms, duty cycle  $\leq 1.5\%$

2.1 Electrical characteristics (curves)

Figure 2. DC current gain

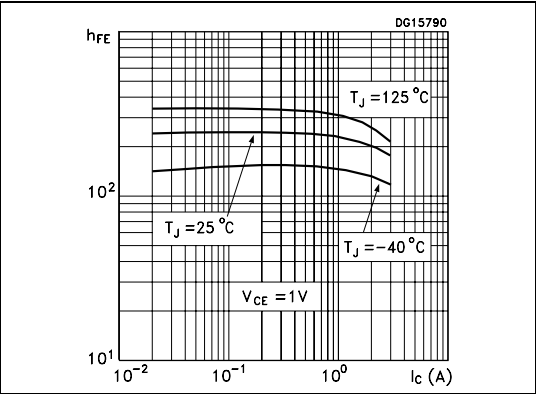


Figure 3. DC current gain

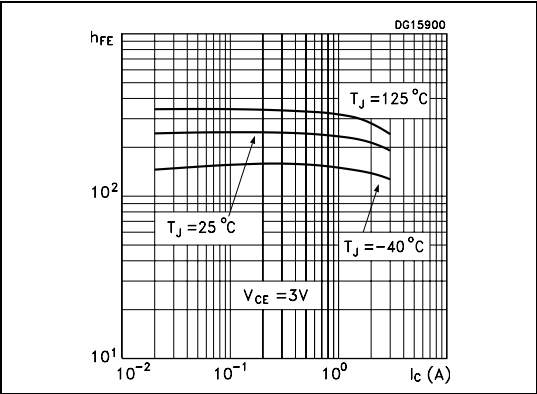


Figure 4. Collector-emitter saturation voltage

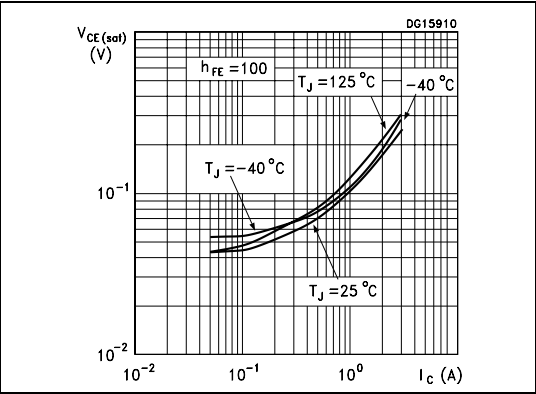


Figure 5. Base-emitter saturation voltage

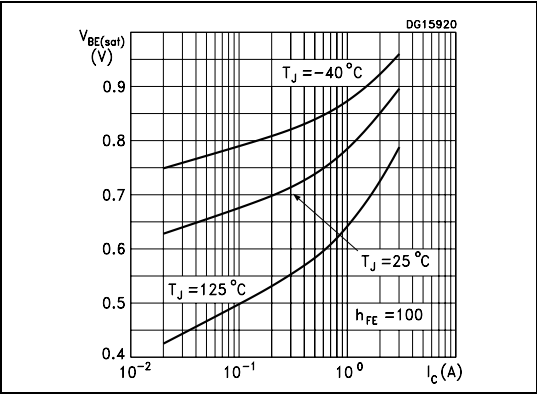


Figure 6. Switching time resistive load

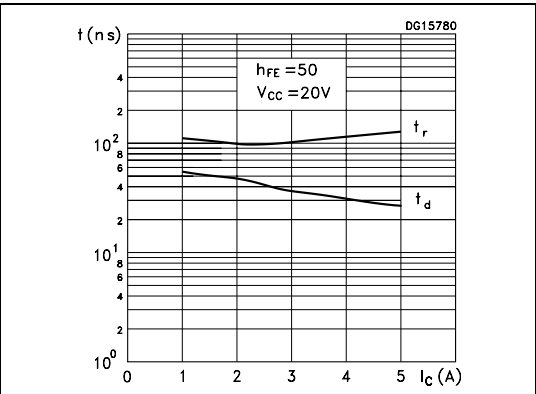
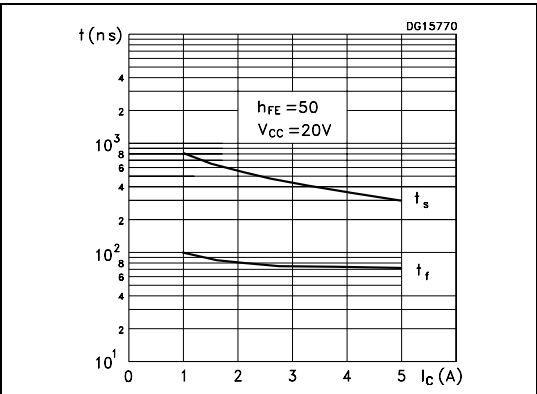
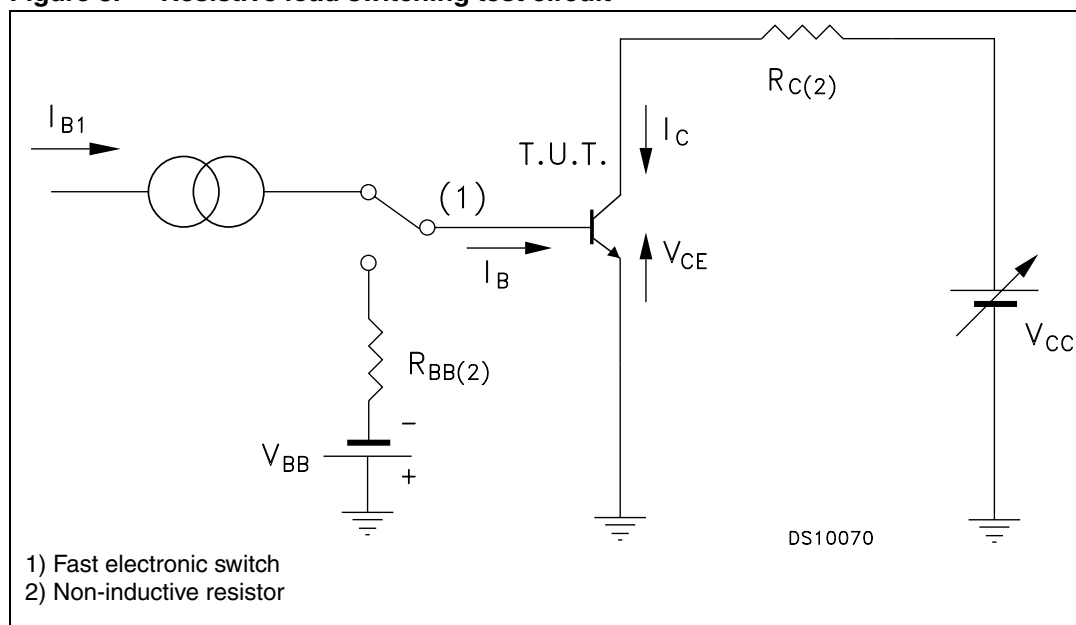


Figure 7. Switching time resistive load



## 2.2 Test circuits

Figure 8. Resistive load switching test circuit

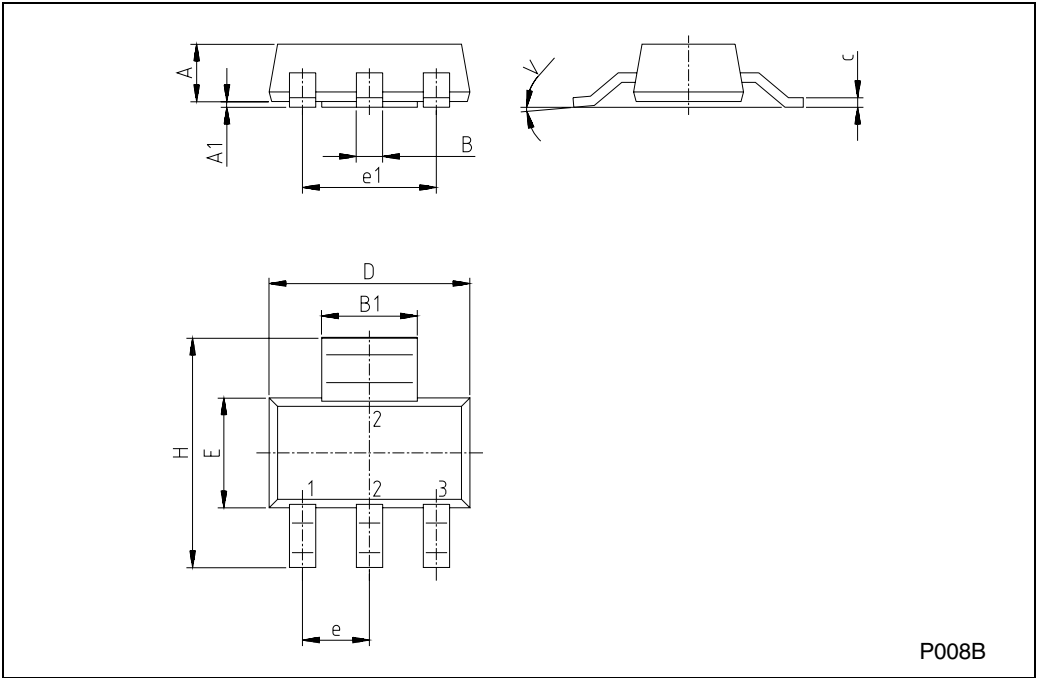


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SOT-223 MECHANICAL DATA

| DIM. | mm   |      |      | inch  |       |       |
|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
|      | MIN. | TYP. | MAX. | MIN.  | TYP.  | MAX.  |
| A    |      |      | 1.80 |       |       | 0.071 |
| B    | 0.60 | 0.70 | 0.80 | 0.024 | 0.027 | 0.031 |
| B1   | 2.90 | 3.00 | 3.10 | 0.114 | 0.118 | 0.122 |
| c    | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.32 | 0.009 | 0.010 | 0.013 |
| D    | 6.30 | 6.50 | 6.70 | 0.248 | 0.256 | 0.264 |
| e    |      | 2.30 |      |       | 0.090 |       |
| e1   |      | 4.60 |      |       | 0.181 |       |
| E    | 3.30 | 3.50 | 3.70 | 0.130 | 0.138 | 0.146 |
| H    | 6.70 | 7.00 | 7.30 | 0.264 | 0.276 | 0.287 |
| V    |      |      | 10°  |       |       | 10°   |
| A1   |      | 0.02 |      |       |       |       |





## 4 Revision history

**Table 5. Document revision history**

| Date        | Revision | Changes          |
|-------------|----------|------------------|
| 21-Aug-2007 | 1        | Initial release. |

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