

## PNP general purpose transistors

BC559; BC560

## FEATURES

- Low current (max. 100 mA)
- Low voltage (max. 45 V).

## APPLICATIONS

- General purpose switching and amplification.

## DESCRIPTION

PNP transistor in a TO-92; SOT54 plastic package.  
NPN complements: BC549 and BC550.

## PINNING

PIN	DESCRIPTION
1	emitter
2	base
3	collector

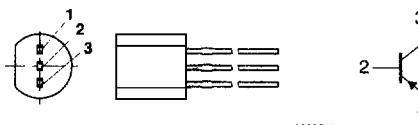


Fig.1 Simplified outline (TO-92; SOT54)  
and symbol.

## QUICK REFERENCE DATA

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN.	MAX.	UNIT
$V_{CBE}$	collector-base voltage BC559 BC560	open emitter	—	-30	V
			—	-50	V
$V_{CEO}$	collector-emitter voltage BC559 BC560	open base	—	-30	V
			—	-45	V
$I_{CM}$	peak collector current		—	-200	mA
$P_{tot}$	total power dissipation	$T_{amb} \leq 25^\circ C$	—	500	mW
$h_{FE}$	DC current gain	$I_C = -2 \text{ mA}; V_{CE} = -5 \text{ V}$	125	800	
$f_T$	transition frequency	$I_C = -10 \text{ mA}; V_{CE} = -5 \text{ V}; f = 100 \text{ MHz}$	100	—	MHz

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**LIMITING VALUES**

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 134).

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$V_{CBO}$	collector-base voltage BC559	open emitter	–	–30	V
	BC560			–50	V
$V_{CEO}$	collector-emitter voltage BC559	open base	–	–30	V
	BC560			–45	V
$V_{EBO}$	emitter-base voltage	open collector	–	–5	V
$I_C$	collector current (DC)		–	–100	mA
$I_{CM}$	peak collector current		–	–200	mA
$I_{BM}$	peak base current		–	–200	mA
$P_{tot}$	total power dissipation	$T_{amb} \leq 25^\circ\text{C}$	–	500	mW
$T_{stg}$	storage temperature		–65	+150	°C
$T_J$	junction temperature		–	150	°C
$T_{amb}$	operating ambient temperature		–65	+150	°C

**THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS**

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	VALUE	UNIT
$R_{th\ j-a}$	thermal resistance from junction to ambient	note 1	250	K/W

**Note**

- Transistor mounted on an FR4 printed-circuit board.

**CHARACTERISTICS** $T_j = 25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise specified.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNIT
$I_{CBO}$	collector cut-off current	$I_E = 0; V_{CB} = -30\text{ V}$	–	–1	–15	nA
		$I_E = 0; V_{CB} = -30\text{ V}; T_j = 150^\circ\text{C}$	–	–	–4	μA
$I_{EBO}$	emitter cut-off current	$I_C = 0; V_{EB} = -5\text{ V}$	–	–	–100	nA
$h_{FE}$	DC current gain	$I_C = -2\text{ mA}; V_{CE} = -5\text{ V};$ see Figs 2, 3 and 4	125	–	800	
$h_{FE}$	DC current gain	$I_C = -2\text{ mA}; V_{CE} = -5\text{ V};$ see Figs 2, 3 and 4	125	–	250	
	BC559A		220	–	475	
	BC559B; BC560B		420	–	800	
$V_{CEsat}$	collector-emitter saturation voltage	$I_C = -10\text{ mA}; I_B = -0.5\text{ mA}$	–	–60	–300	mV
		$I_C = -100\text{ mA}; I_B = -5\text{ mA}$	–	–180	–650	mV
$V_{BEsat}$	base-emitter saturation voltage	$I_C = -10\text{ mA}; I_B = -0.5\text{ mA};$ note 1	–	–750	–	mV
		$I_C = -100\text{ mA}; I_B = -5\text{ mA};$ note 1	–	–930	–	mV

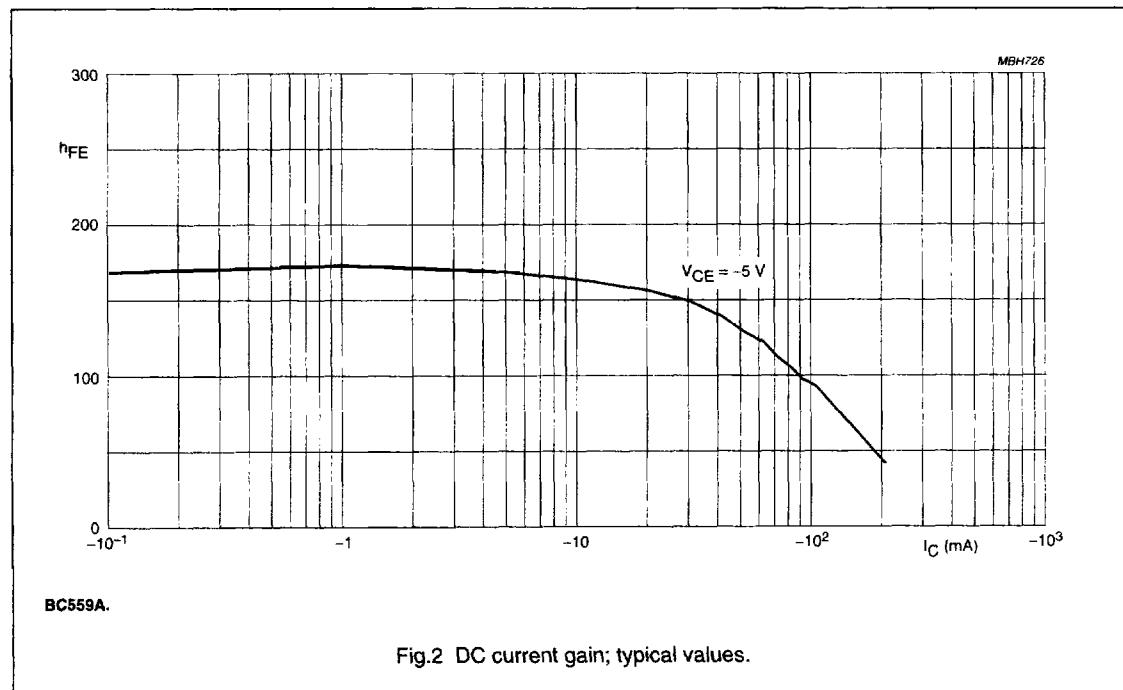
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$V_{BE}$	base-emitter voltage	$I_C = -2 \text{ mA}; V_{CE} = -5 \text{ V};$ note 2	-600	-650	-750	mV
		$I_C = -10 \text{ mA}; V_{CE} = -5 \text{ V};$ note 2	-	-	-820	mV
$C_c$	collector capacitance	$I_E = i_e = 0; V_{CB} = -10 \text{ V}; f = 1 \text{ MHz}$	-	4	-	pF
$f_T$	transition frequency	$I_E = -10 \text{ mA}; V_{CB} = -5 \text{ V}; f = 100 \text{ MHz}$	100	-	-	MHz
F	noise figure BC559A; BC560A BC559B; BC560B; BC559C; BC560C	$I_C = -200 \mu\text{A}; V_{CE} = -5 \text{ V}; R_S = 2 \text{ k}\Omega;$ $f = 30 \text{ Hz to } 15.7 \text{ kHz}$	-	-	10	dB
		-	-	-	4	dB
F	noise figure BC559A; BC560A BC559B; BC560B; BC559C; BC560C	$I_C = -200 \mu\text{A}; V_{CE} = -5 \text{ V}; R_S = 2 \text{ k}\Omega;$ $f = 1 \text{ kHz}; B = 200 \text{ Hz}$	-	-	10	dB
		-	-	-	4	dB

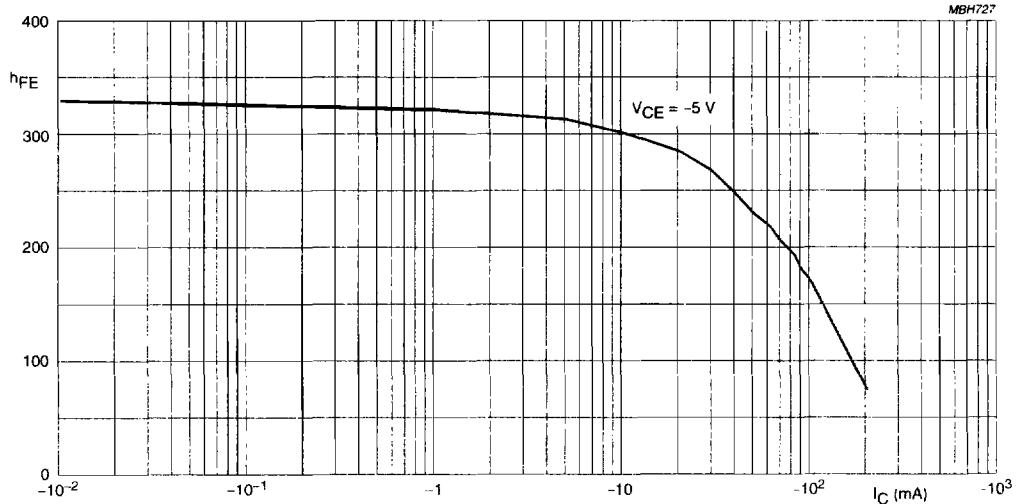
## Notes

1.  $V_{BEsat}$  decreases by about  $-1.7 \text{ mV/K}$  with increasing temperature.
2.  $V_{BE}$  decreases by about  $-2 \text{ mV/K}$  with increasing temperature.



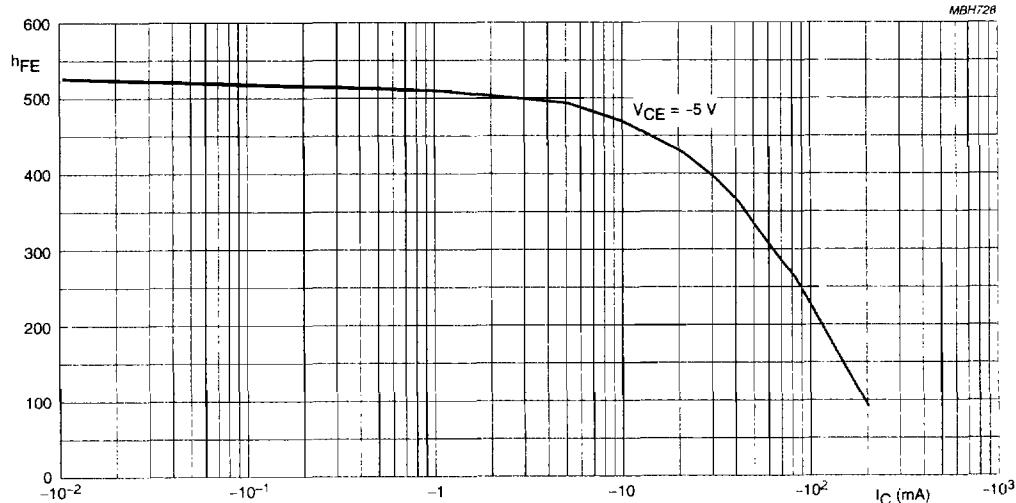
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BC559B; BC560B.

Fig.3 DC current gain; typical values.



BC559C; BC560C.

Fig.4 DC current gain; typical values.