

## High current, high performance, low voltage NPN transistors

### Features

- Very low collector to emitter saturation voltage
- DC current gain,  $h_{FE} > 100$
- 5 A continuous collector current

### Applications

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

### Description

The devices are manufactured in low voltage NPN planar technology with “base island” layout, the resulting transistor shows exceptional high gain performance coupled with very low saturation voltage.

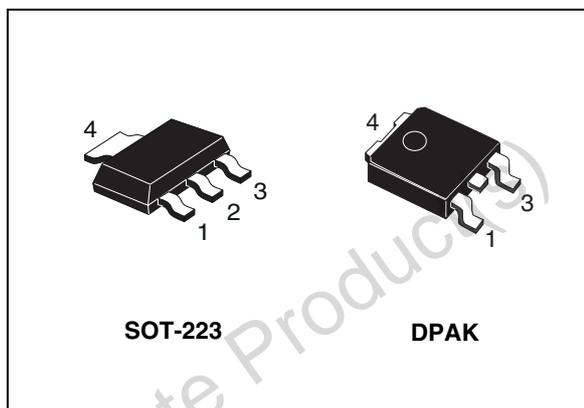


Figure 1. Internal schematic diagram

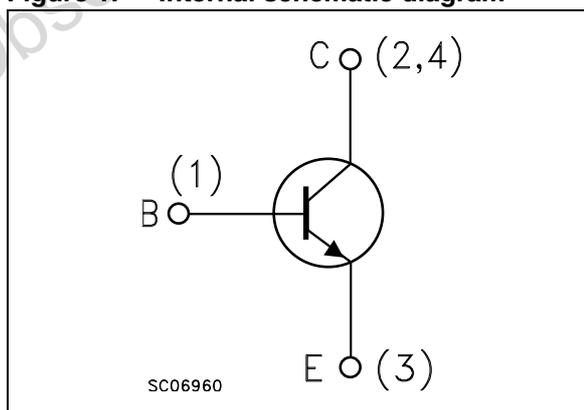


Table 1. Device summary

| Order codes | Markings | Packages | Packaging     |
|-------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| STD878T4    | D878     | DPAK     | Tape and reel |
| STN878      | N878     | SOT-223  | Tape and reel |

# 1 Electrical ratings

**Table 2. Absolute maximum ratings**

| 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 ( $t_P < 5$ ms)            | 10         | A    |
| $P_{TOT}$ | Total dissipation at $T_C = 25$ °C for STD878     | 15         | W    |
|           | Total dissipation at $T_{amb} = 25$ °C for STN878 | 1.6        |      |
| $T_{STG}$ | Storage temperature                               | -65 to 150 | °C   |
| $T_J$     | Max. operating junction temperature               | 150        | °C   |

**Table 3. Thermal data**

| Symbol     | Parameter   | Value | Unit |
|------------|---|-------|------|
| $R_{thJC}$ | Thermal resistance junction-case for STD878 max                   | 8.3   | °C/W |
| $R_{thJA}$ | Thermal resistance junction-ambient for STN878 <sup>(1)</sup> max | 78    | °C/W |

1. Device mounted on PCB area of 1 cm<sup>2</sup>.

## 2 Electrical characteristics

T<sub>case</sub> = 25 °C unless otherwise specified.

**Table 4. Electrical characteristics**

| Symbol   | Parameter  | Test conditions   | Min.             | Typ.                                 | Max.                     | Unit                  |
|--|--|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| I <sub>CBO</sub>   | Collector cut-off current<br>(I <sub>E</sub> = 0)                      | V <sub>CB</sub> = 30 V<br>V <sub>CB</sub> = 30 V; T <sub>C</sub> = 100 °C   |                  |                                      | 10<br>100                | μA<br>μA              |
| I <sub>EBO</sub>   | Emitter cut-off current<br>(I <sub>C</sub> = 0)                        | V <sub>EB</sub> = 6 V   |                  |                                      | 10                       | μA                    |
| V <sub>(BR)CEO</sub> <sup>(1)</sup>                                  | Collector-emitter<br>breakdown voltage<br>(I <sub>B</sub> = 0)         | I <sub>C</sub> = 10 mA  | 30               |                                      |                          | V                     |
| V <sub>(BR)CBO</sub>   | Collector-base<br>breakdown voltage<br>(I <sub>E</sub> = 0)            | I <sub>C</sub> = 100 μA   | 45               |                                      |                          | V                     |
| V <sub>(BR)EBO</sub>   | Emitter-base breakdown<br>voltage (I <sub>C</sub> = 0)                 | I <sub>E</sub> = 100 μA   | 6                |                                      |                          | V                     |
| V <sub>CE(sat)</sub> <sup>(1)</sup>                                  | Collector-emitter<br>saturation voltage                                | I <sub>C</sub> = 0.5 A I <sub>B</sub> = 5 mA<br>I <sub>C</sub> = 2 A I <sub>B</sub> = 50 mA<br>I <sub>C</sub> = 5 A I <sub>B</sub> = 0.25 A<br>I <sub>C</sub> = 6 A I <sub>B</sub> = 0.25 A<br>I <sub>C</sub> = 8 A I <sub>B</sub> = 0.4 A<br>I <sub>C</sub> = 10 A I <sub>B</sub> = 0.5 A                        |                  | 0.7<br>1<br>1.2                      | 0.15<br>0.35<br>0.7      | V<br>V<br>V<br>V<br>V |
| V <sub>BE(sat)</sub> <sup>(1)</sup>                                  | Base-emitter saturation<br>voltage                                     | I <sub>C</sub> = 2 A I <sub>B</sub> = 50 mA<br>I <sub>C</sub> = 6 A I <sub>B</sub> = 0.25 A   |                  | 1.2                                  | 1.1                      | V<br>V                |
| h <sub>FE</sub> <sup>(1)</sup>                                       | DC current gain  | I <sub>C</sub> = 10 mA V <sub>CE</sub> = 1 V<br>I <sub>C</sub> = 500 mA V <sub>CE</sub> = 1 V<br>I <sub>C</sub> = 5 A V <sub>CE</sub> = 1 V<br>I <sub>C</sub> = 5 A V <sub>CE</sub> = 1 V<br>T <sub>C</sub> = 100 °C<br>I <sub>C</sub> = 8 A V <sub>CE</sub> = 1 V<br>I <sub>C</sub> = 10 A V <sub>CE</sub> = 1 V | 120<br>100<br>70 | 200<br>200<br>100<br>100<br>55<br>35 | 300                      |                       |
| t <sub>d</sub><br>t <sub>r</sub><br>t <sub>s</sub><br>t <sub>f</sub> | Resistive load<br>Delay time<br>Rise time<br>Storage time<br>Fall time | I <sub>C</sub> = 3 A V <sub>CC</sub> = 20 V<br>I <sub>B1</sub> = - I <sub>B2</sub> = 60 mA<br>see <a href="#">Figure 8</a>  |                  | 180<br>160<br>250<br>80              | 220<br>210<br>300<br>100 | ns<br>ns<br>ns<br>ns  |

1. Pulse test: pulse duration ≤ 300 μs, duty cycle ≤ 2 %

## 2.1 Electrical characteristics (curves)

Figure 2. DC current gain ( $V_{CE} = 1\text{ V}$ )

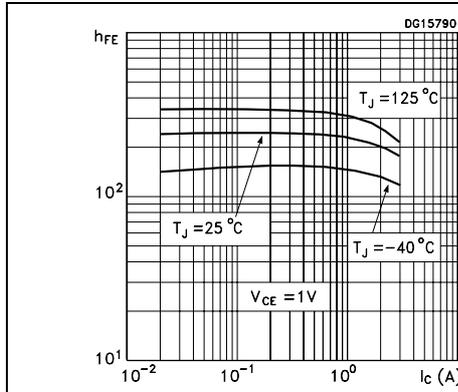


Figure 3. DC current gain ( $V_{CE} = 3\text{ V}$ )

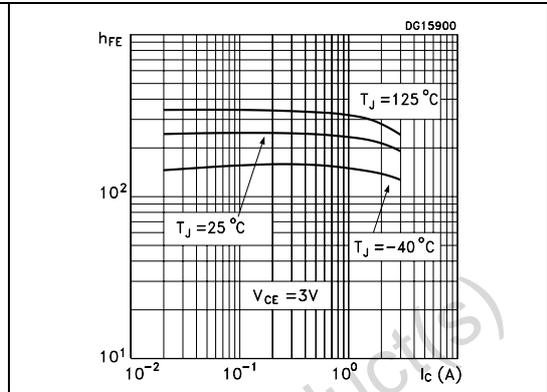


Figure 4. Collector-emitter saturation voltage

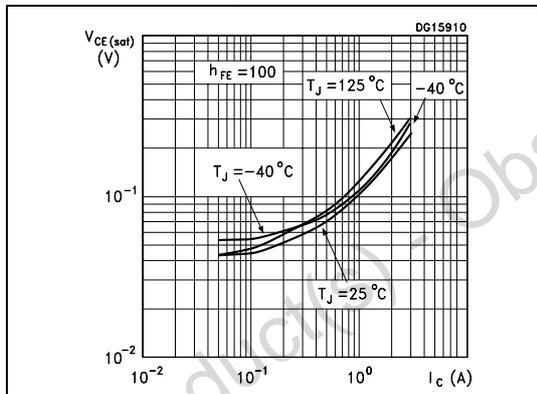


Figure 5. Base-emitter saturation voltage

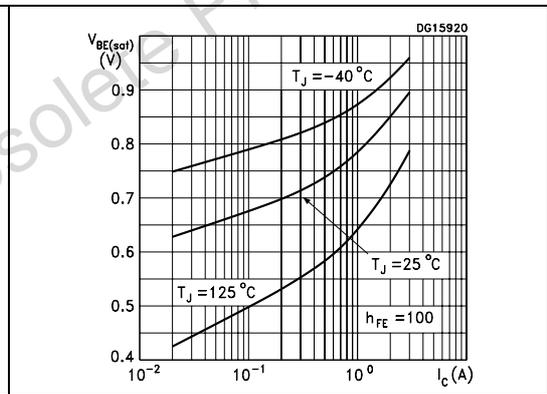


Figure 6. Resistive load switching time (ON)

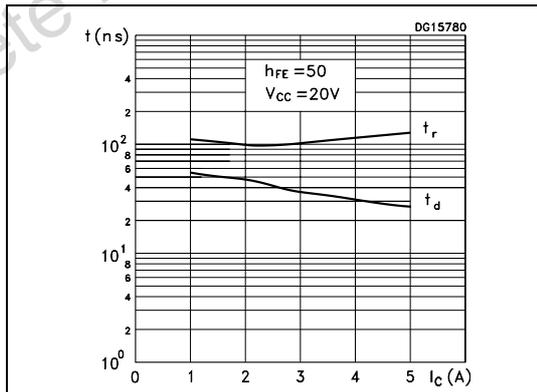
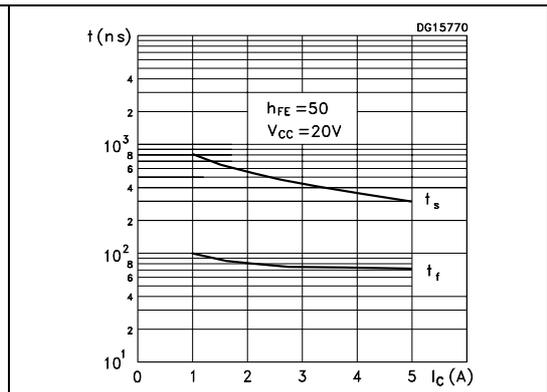
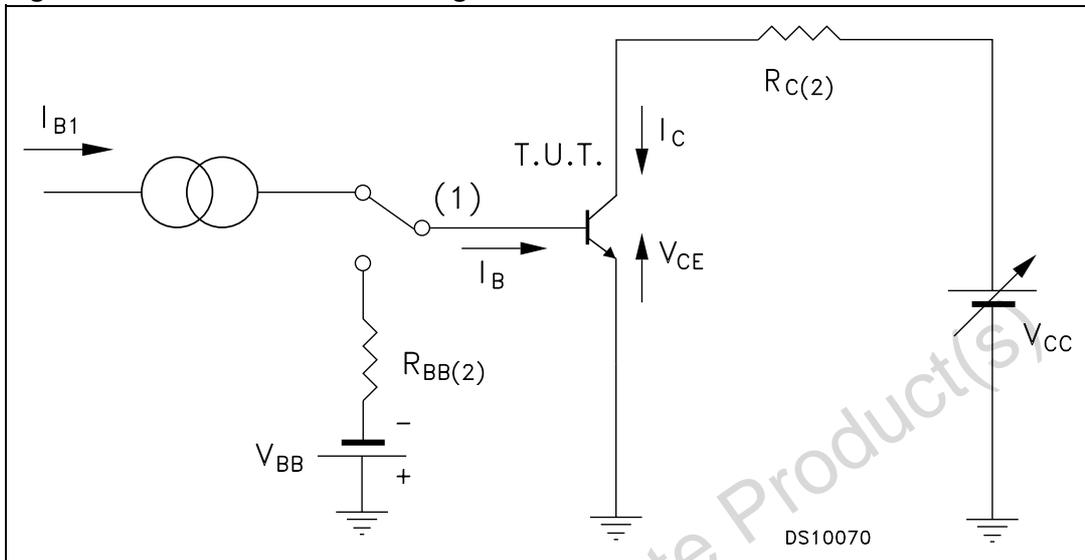


Figure 7. Resistive load switching time (OFF)



## 2.2 Test circuits

Figure 8. Resistive load switching test circuit



1. Fast electronic switch
2. Non-inductive resistor

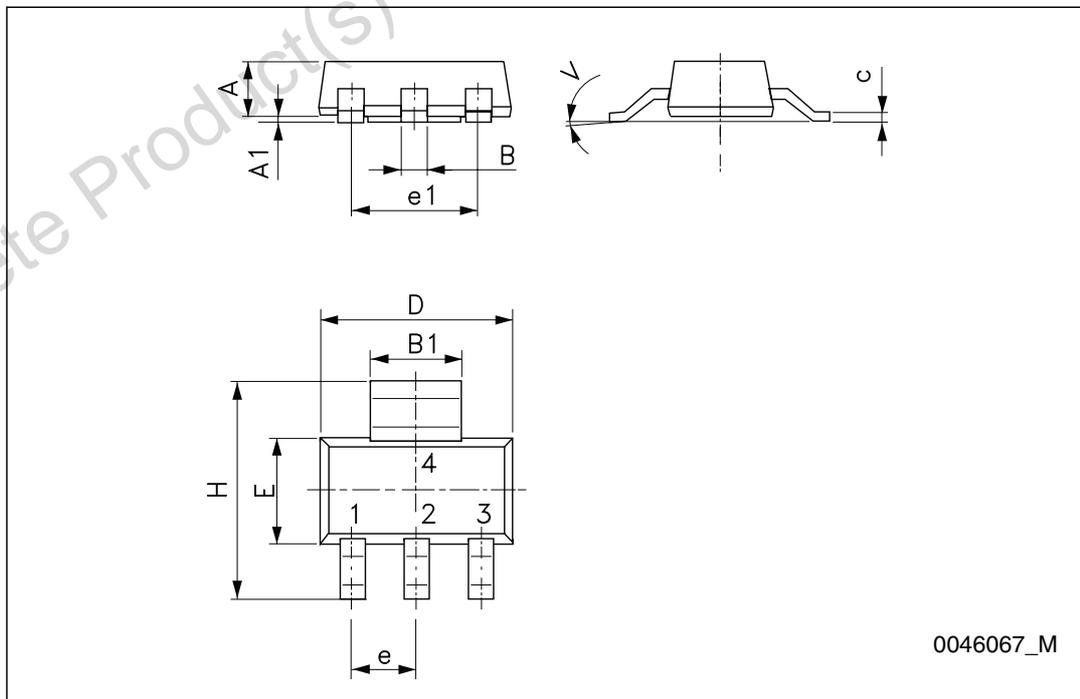
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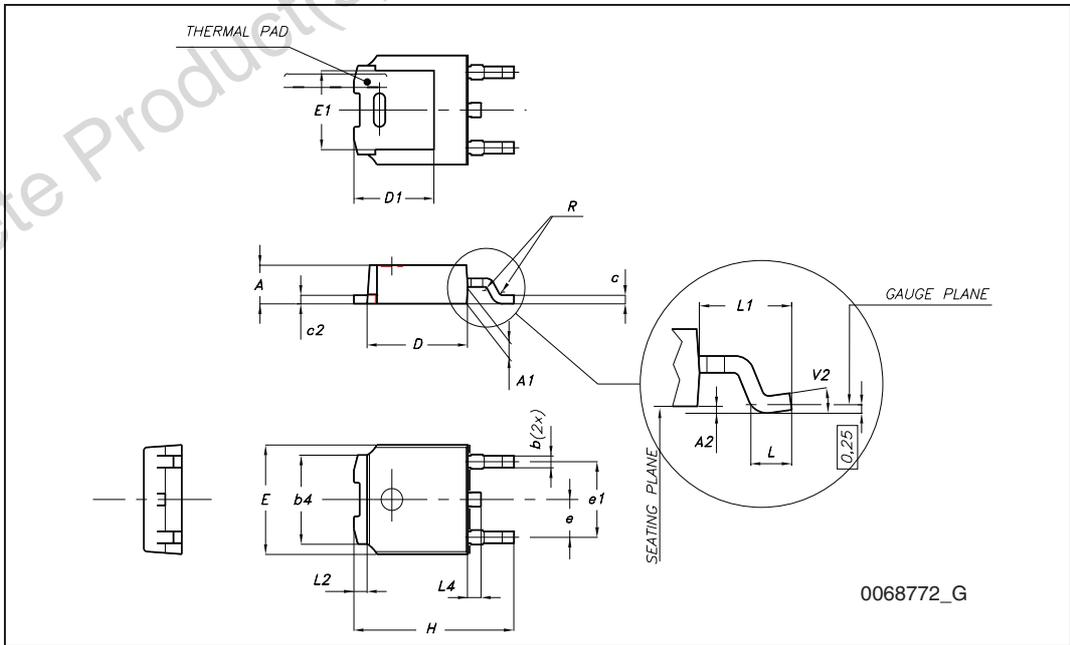
**SOT-223 mechanical data**

| Dim. | mm.  |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|
|      | Min. | Typ. | Max. |
| A    |      |      | 1.80 |
| A1   | 0.02 |      | 0.1  |
| B    | 0.60 | 0.70 | 0.85 |
| B1   | 2.90 | 3.00 | 3.15 |
| c    | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.35 |
| D    | 6.30 | 6.50 | 6.70 |
| e    |      | 2.30 |      |
| e1   |      | 4.60 |      |
| E    | 3.30 | 3.50 | 3.70 |
| H    | 6.70 | 7.00 | 7.30 |
| V    |      |      | 10 ° |



TO-252 (DPAK) mechanical data

| DIM. | mm.  |      |       |
|------|------|------|-------|
|      | min. | typ  | max.  |
| A    | 2.20 |      | 2.40  |
| A1   | 0.90 |      | 1.10  |
| A2   | 0.03 |      | 0.23  |
| b    | 0.64 |      | 0.90  |
| b4   | 5.20 |      | 5.40  |
| c    | 0.45 |      | 0.60  |
| c2   | 0.48 |      | 0.60  |
| D    | 6.00 |      | 6.20  |
| D1   |      | 5.10 |       |
| E    | 6.40 |      | 6.60  |
| E1   |      | 4.70 |       |
| e    |      | 2.28 |       |
| e1   | 4.40 |      | 4.60  |
| H    | 9.35 |      | 10.10 |
| L    | 1    |      |       |
| L1   |      | 2.80 |       |
| L2   |      | 0.80 |       |
| L4   | 0.60 |      | 1     |
| R    |      | 0.20 |       |
| V2   | 0°   |      | 8°    |



## 4 Revision history

**Table 5. Document revision history**

| Date        | Revision | Changes  |
|-------------|----------|--|
| 21-Aug-2007 | 1        | Initial release.   |
| 30-Aug-2010 | 2        | Inserted STD878T4 order code <a href="#">Table 1 on page 1</a> . |

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