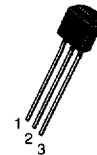
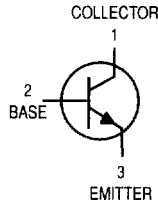


# Amplifier Transistors

## NPN Silicon

**BC546, B**  
**BC547, A, B, C**  
**BC548, A, B, C**



CASE 29-04, STYLE 17  
TO-92 (TO-226AA)

### MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	BC546	BC547	BC548	Unit
Collector-Emitter Voltage	$V_{CEO}$	65	45	30	Vdc
Collector-Base Voltage	$V_{CBO}$	80	50	30	Vdc
Emitter-Base Voltage	$V_{EBO}$	6.0			Vdc
Collector Current — Continuous	$I_C$	100			mA <sub>dc</sub>
Total Device Dissipation @ $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ Derate above $25^\circ\text{C}$	$P_D$	625			mW
		5.0			mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$
Total Device Dissipation @ $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$ Derate above $25^\circ\text{C}$	$P_D$	1.5			Watt
		12			mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$
Operating and Storage Junction Temperature Range	$T_J, T_{stg}$	-55 to +150			$^\circ\text{C}$

### THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Symbol	Max	Unit
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Ambient	$R_{\theta JA}$	200	$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case	$R_{\theta JC}$	83.3	$^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$

### ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
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### OFF CHARACTERISTICS

Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage ( $I_C = 1.0\text{ mA}, I_B = 0$ )	BC546	$V_{(BR)CEO}$	65	—	—	V
	BC547		45	—	—	
	BC548		30	—	—	
Collector-Base Breakdown Voltage ( $I_C = 100\ \mu\text{A}_{dc}$ )	BC546	$V_{(BR)CBO}$	80	—	—	V
	BC547		50	—	—	
	BC548		30	—	—	
Emitter-Base Breakdown Voltage ( $I_E = 10\ \mu\text{A}, I_C = 0$ )	BC546	$V_{(BR)EBO}$	6.0	—	—	V
	BC547		6.0	—	—	
	BC548		6.0	—	—	
Collector Cutoff Current ( $V_{CE} = 70\text{ V}, V_{BE} = 0$ ) ( $V_{CE} = 50\text{ V}, V_{BE} = 0$ ) ( $V_{CE} = 35\text{ V}, V_{BE} = 0$ ) ( $V_{CE} = 30\text{ V}, T_A = 125^\circ\text{C}$ )	BC546	$I_{CES}$	—	0.2	15	nA
	BC547		—	0.2	15	
	BC548		—	0.2	15	
	BC546/547/548		—	—	4.0	
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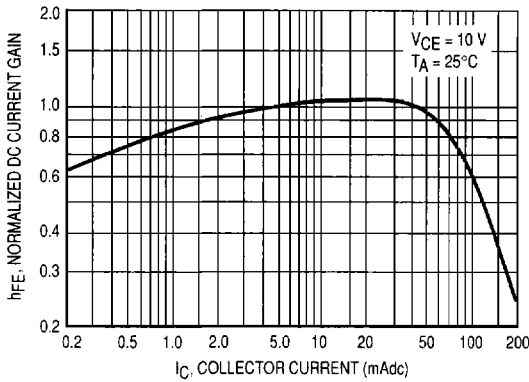
Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>ON CHARACTERISTICS</b>					
DC Current Gain ( $I_C = 10\ \mu\text{A}$ , $V_{CE} = 5.0\ \text{V}$ )	BC547A/548A	—	90	—	—
	BC546B/547B/548B	—	150	—	—
	BC548C	—	270	—	—
( $I_C = 2.0\ \text{mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 5.0\ \text{V}$ )	BC546	110	—	450	—
	BC547	110	—	800	—
	BC548	110	—	800	—
	BC547A/548A	110	180	220	—
	BC546B/547B/548B	200	290	450	—
	BC547C/BC548C	420	520	800	—
( $I_C = 100\ \text{mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 5.0\ \text{V}$ )	BC547A/548A	—	120	—	—
	BC546B/547B/548B	—	180	—	—
	BC548C	—	300	—	—
Collector–Emitter Saturation Voltage ( $I_C = 10\ \text{mA}$ , $I_B = 0.5\ \text{mA}$ ) ( $I_C = 100\ \text{mA}$ , $I_B = 5.0\ \text{mA}$ ) ( $I_C = 10\ \text{mA}$ , $I_B = \text{See Note 1}$ )	$V_{CE(\text{sat})}$	—	0.09	0.25	V
		—	0.2	0.6	
		—	0.3	0.6	
Base–Emitter Saturation Voltage ( $I_C = 10\ \text{mA}$ , $I_B = 0.5\ \text{mA}$ )	$V_{BE(\text{sat})}$	—	0.7	—	V
Base–Emitter On Voltage ( $I_C = 2.0\ \text{mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 5.0\ \text{V}$ ) ( $I_C = 10\ \text{mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 5.0\ \text{V}$ )	$V_{BE(\text{on})}$	0.55	—	0.7	V
		—	—	0.77	

**SMALL–SIGNAL CHARACTERISTICS**

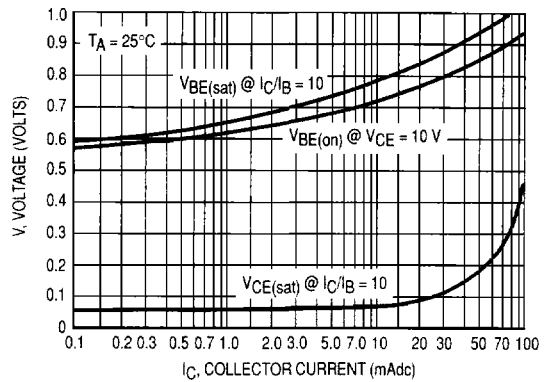
Current–Gain — Bandwidth Product ( $I_C = 10\ \text{mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 5.0\ \text{V}$ , $f = 100\ \text{MHz}$ )	BC546 BC547 BC548	$f_T$	150 150 150	300 300 300	— — —	MHz
Output Capacitance ( $V_{CB} = 10\ \text{V}$ , $I_C = 0$ , $f = 1.0\ \text{MHz}$ )		$C_{obo}$	—	1.7	4.5	pF
Input Capacitance ( $V_{EB} = 0.5\ \text{V}$ , $I_C = 0$ , $f = 1.0\ \text{MHz}$ )		$C_{ibo}$	—	10	—	pF
Small–Signal Current Gain ( $I_C = 2.0\ \text{mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 5.0\ \text{V}$ , $f = 1.0\ \text{kHz}$ )	BC546 BC547/548 BC547A/548A BC546B/547B/548B BC547C/548C	$h_{fe}$	125 125 125 240 450	— — 220 330 600	500 900 260 500 900	—
Noise Figure ( $I_C = 0.2\ \text{mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 5.0\ \text{V}$ , $R_S = 2\ \text{k}\Omega$ , $f = 1.0\ \text{kHz}$ , $\Delta f = 200\ \text{Hz}$ )	BC546 BC547 BC548	NF	— — —	2.0 2.0 2.0	10 10 10	dB

Note 1:  $I_B$  is value for which  $I_C = 11\ \text{mA}$  at  $V_{CE} = 1.0\ \text{V}$ .

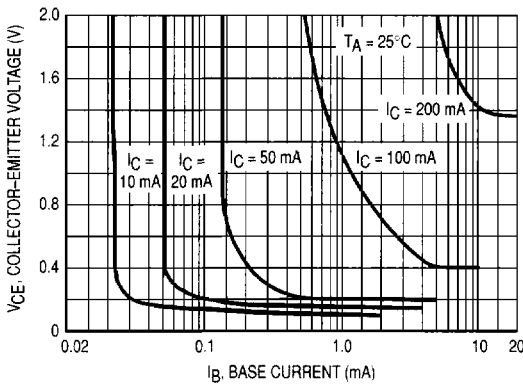
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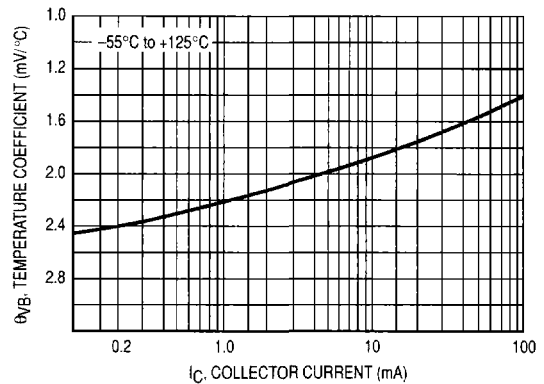
**Figure 1. Normalized DC Current Gain**



**Figure 2. "Saturation" and "On" Voltages**

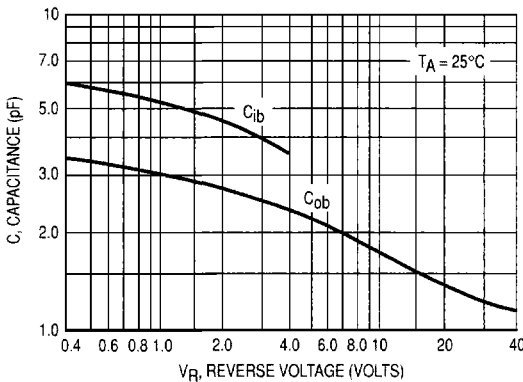


**Figure 3. Collector Saturation Region**

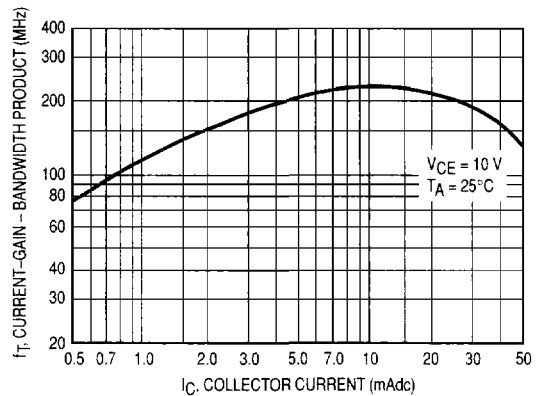


**Figure 4. Base-Emitter Temperature Coefficient**

**BC547/BC548**



**Figure 5. Capacitances**



**Figure 6. Current-Gain - Bandwidth Product**

BC547/BC548

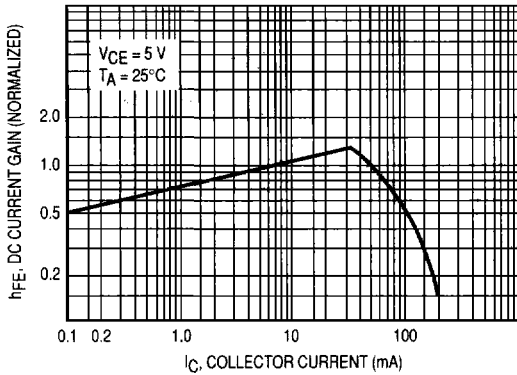


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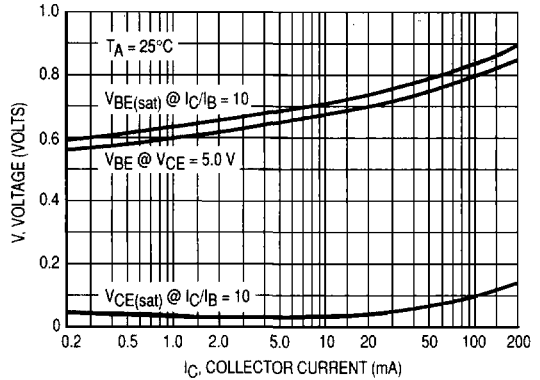


Figure 8. "On" Voltage

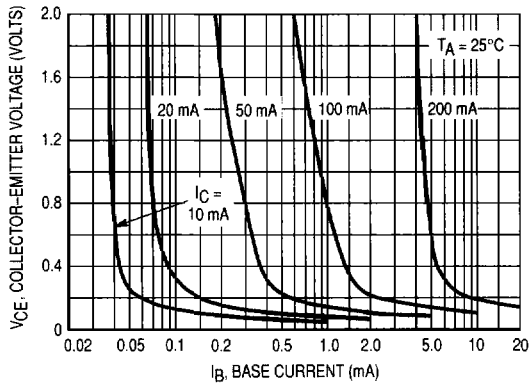


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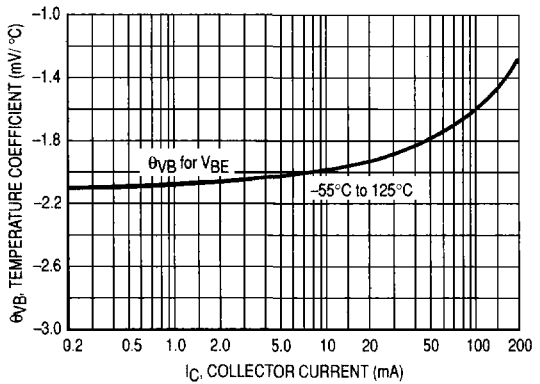


Figure 10. Base-Emitter Temperature Coefficient

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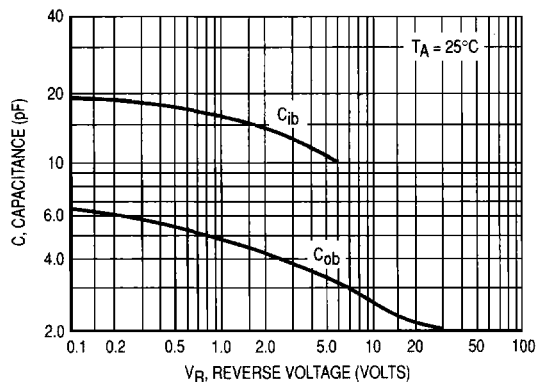


Figure 11. Capacitance

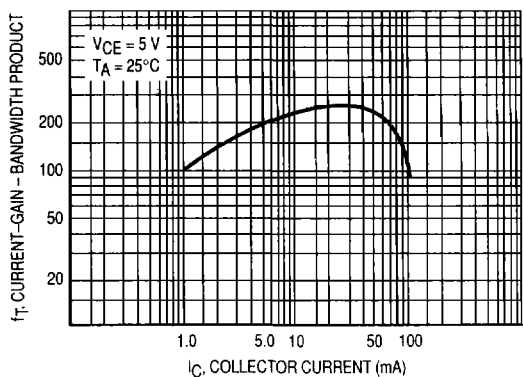


Figure 12. Current-Gain - Bandwidth Product