

## 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.

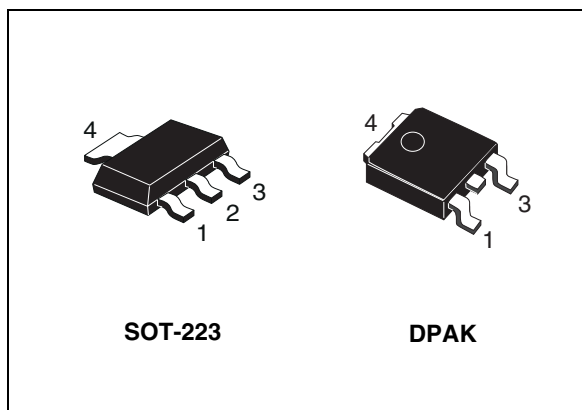


Figure 1. Internal schematic diagram

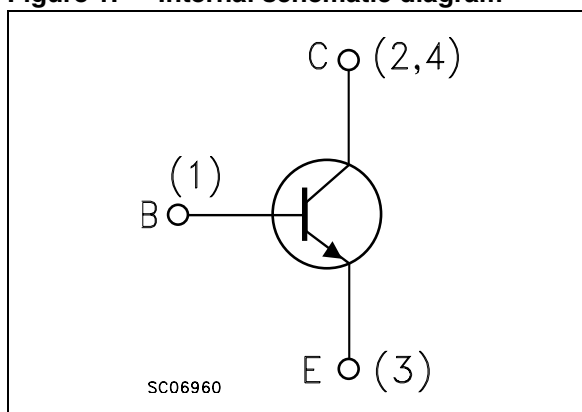


Table 1. Device summary

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

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

## 2.1 Electrical characteristics (curves)

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

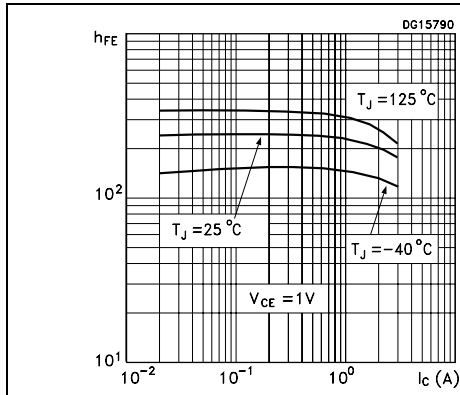


Figure 3. DC current gain ( $V_{CE} = 3\text{ V}$ )

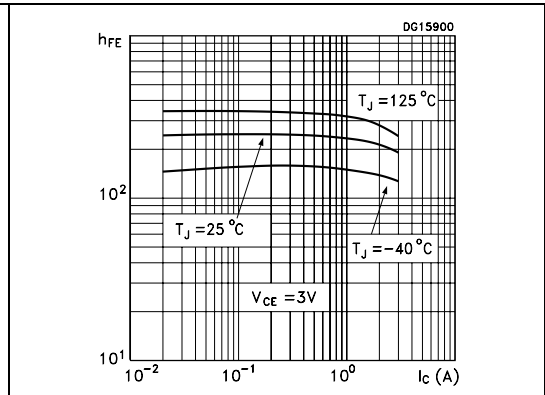


Figure 4. Collector-emitter saturation voltage

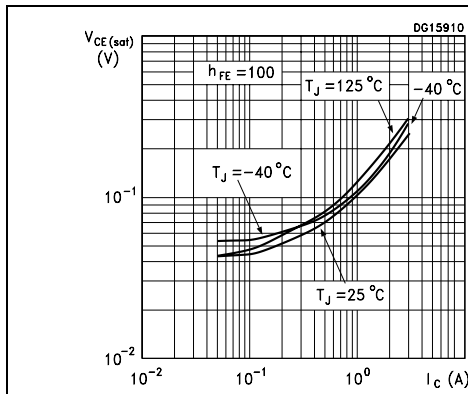


Figure 5. Base-emitter saturation voltage

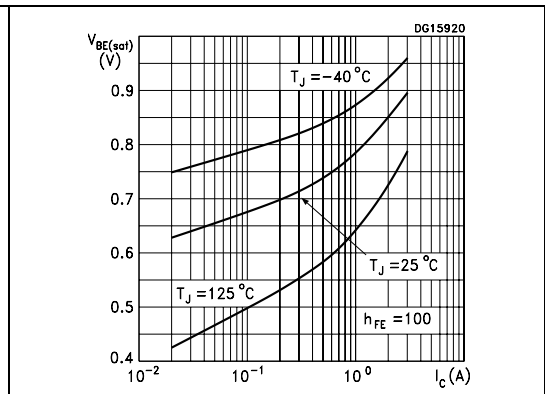


Figure 6. Resistive load switching time (ON)

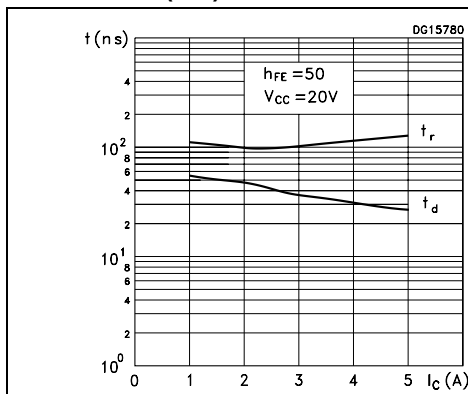
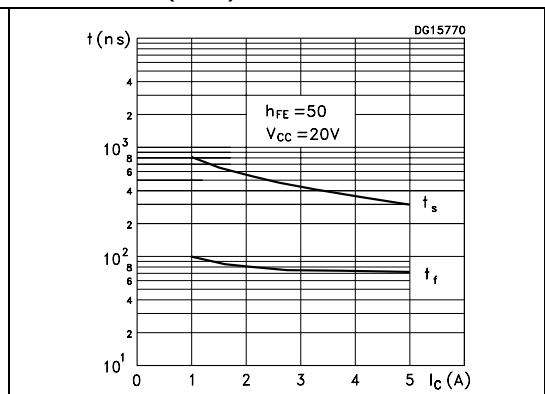
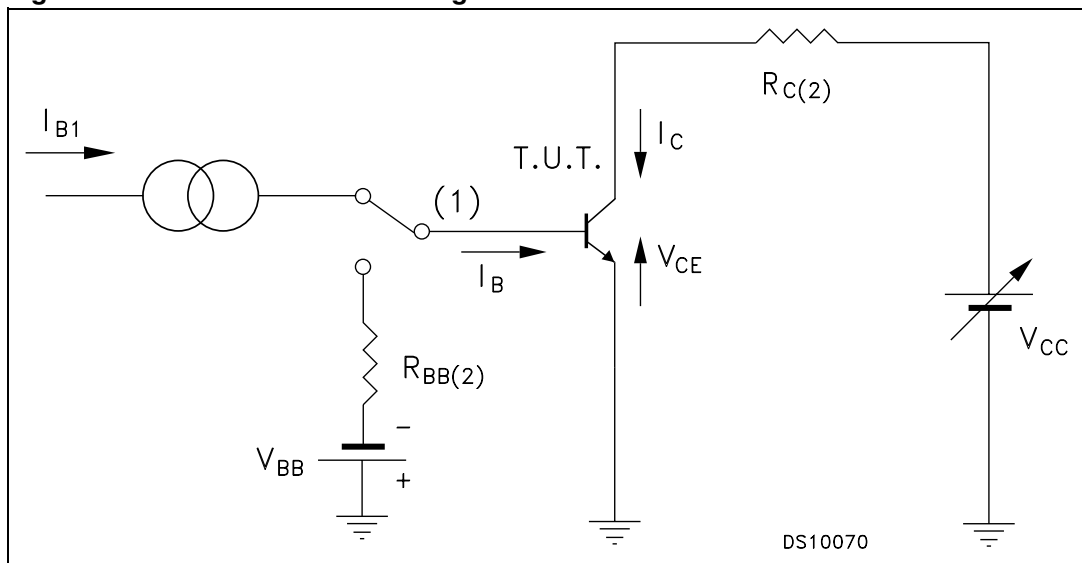


Figure 7. Resistive load switching time (OFF)



## 2.2 Test circuits

Figure 8. Resistive load switching test circuit



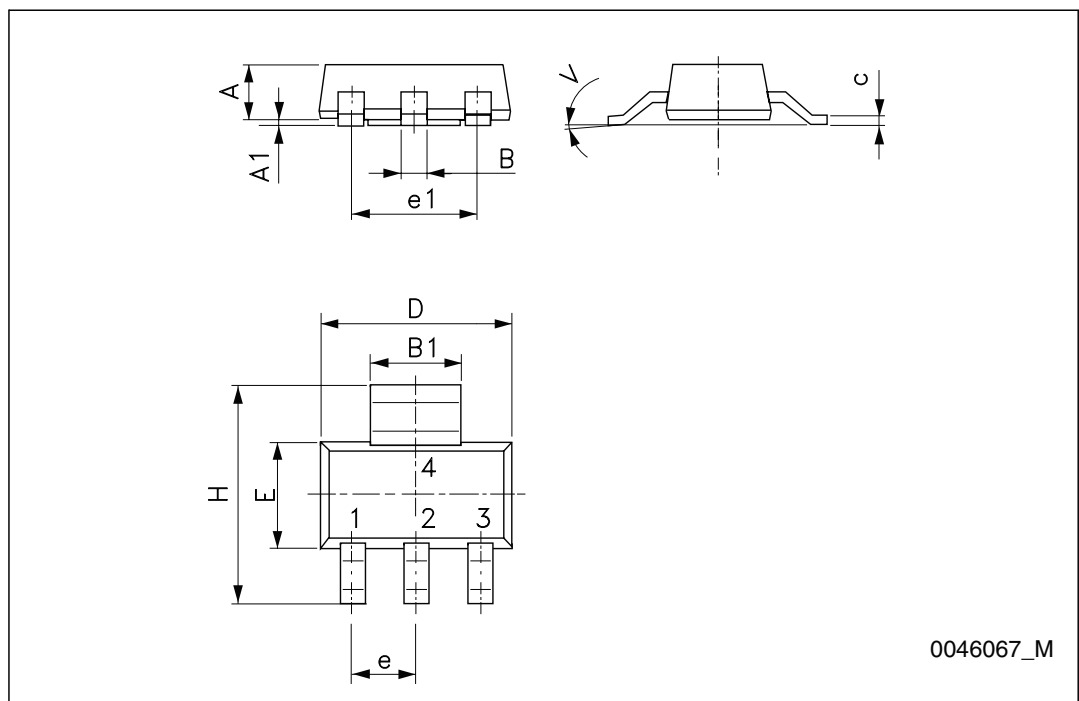
1. Fast electronic switch
2. Non-inductive resistor

### 3 Package mechanical data

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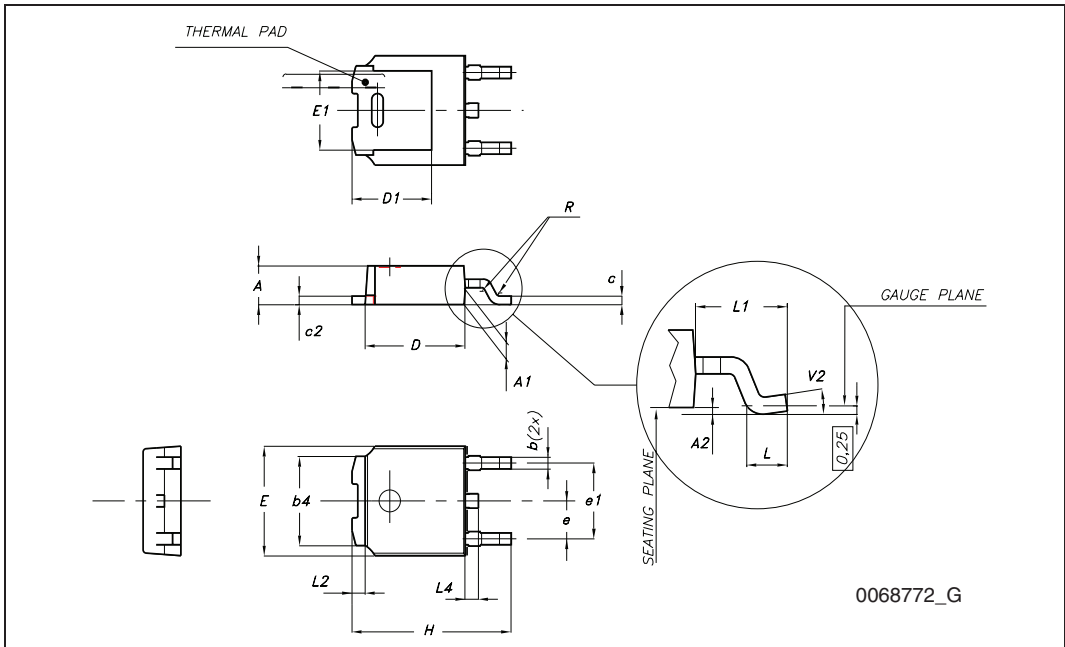
**SOT-223 mechanical data**

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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