



# BC856; BC857; BC858

65 V, 100 mA PNP general-purpose transistors

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Product data sheet

## 1 Product profile

### 1.1 General description

PNP general-purpose transistors in a small SOT23 (TO-236AB) Surface-Mounted Device (SMD) plastic package.

Table 1. Product overview

| Type number | Package  |          | NPN complement |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------------|
|             | Nexperia | JEDEC    |                |
| BC856       | SOT23    | TO-236AB | BC846          |
| BC856A      |          |          | BC846A         |
| BC856B      |          |          | BC846B         |
| BC857       |          |          | BC847          |
| BC857A      |          |          | BC847A         |
| BC857B      |          |          | BC847B         |
| BC857C      |          |          | BC847C         |
| BC858B      |          |          | BC848B         |

### 1.2 Features and benefits

- Low current (max. 100 mA)
- Low voltage (max. 65 V)
- AEC-Q101 qualified

### 1.3 Applications

- General-purpose switching and amplification

1.4 Quick reference data

Table 2. Quick reference data  
*T<sub>amb</sub> = 25 °C unless otherwise specified.*

| Symbol           | Parameter                 | Conditions                                     |  | Min | Typ | Max  | Unit |
|------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--|-----|-----|------|------|
| V <sub>CEO</sub> | collector-emitter voltage | open base                                      |  |     |     |      |      |
|                  | BC856                     |                                                |  | -   | -   | -65  | V    |
|                  | BC857                     |                                                |  | -   | -   | -45  | V    |
|                  | BC858B                    |                                                |  | -   | -   | -30  | V    |
| I <sub>C</sub>   | collector current         |                                                |  | -   | -   | -100 | mA   |
| I <sub>CM</sub>  | peak collector current    |                                                |  | -   | -   | -200 | mA   |
| h <sub>FE</sub>  | DC current gain           | V <sub>CE</sub> = -5 V; I <sub>C</sub> = -2 mA |  |     |     |      |      |
|                  | BC856                     |                                                |  | 125 | -   | 475  | -    |
|                  | BC857                     |                                                |  | 125 | -   | 800  | -    |
|                  | BC856A; BC857A            |                                                |  | 125 | -   | 250  | -    |
|                  | BC856; BC857B; BC858B     |                                                |  | 220 | -   | 475  | -    |
|                  | BC857C                    |                                                |  | 420 | -   | 800  | -    |

2 Pinning information

Table 3. Pinning information

| Pin | Symbol | Description | Simplified outline                                                                   | Graphic symbol                                                                        |
|-----|--------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | B      | base        |  |  |
| 2   | E      | emitter     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |
| 3   | C      | collector   |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |

### 3 Ordering information

Table 4. Ordering information

| Type number | Package  |                                          |         |
|-------------|----------|------------------------------------------|---------|
|             | Name     | Description                              | Version |
| BC856       | TO-236AB | Plastic surface-mounted package; 3 leads | SOT23   |
| BC856A      |          |                                          |         |
| BC856B      |          |                                          |         |
| BC857       |          |                                          |         |
| BC857A      |          |                                          |         |
| BC857B      |          |                                          |         |
| BC857C      |          |                                          |         |
| BC858B      |          |                                          |         |

### 4 Marking

Table 5. Marking codes

| Type number | Marking code |     |
|-------------|--------------|-----|
| BC856       | [1]          | 3D% |
| BC856A      | [1]          | 3A% |
| BC856B      | [1]          | 3B% |
| BC857       | [1]          | 3H% |
| BC857A      | [1]          | 3E% |
| BC857B      | [1]          | 3F% |
| BC857C      | [1]          | 3G% |
| BC858B      | [1]          | 3K% |

[1] % = placeholder for manufacturing site code

## 5 Limiting values

**Table 6. Limiting values**

*In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).*

| Symbol           | Parameter                 | Conditions               |     | Min | Max  | Unit |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----|-----|------|------|
| V <sub>CBO</sub> | collector-base voltage    | open emitter             |     |     |      |      |
|                  | BC856                     |                          |     | -   | -80  | V    |
|                  | BC857                     |                          |     | -   | -50  | V    |
|                  | BC858B                    |                          |     | -   | -30  | V    |
| V <sub>CEO</sub> | collector-emitter voltage | open base                |     |     |      |      |
|                  | BC856                     |                          |     | -   | -65  | V    |
|                  | BC857                     |                          |     | -   | -45  | V    |
|                  | BC858B                    |                          |     | -   | -30  | V    |
| V <sub>EBO</sub> | emitter-base voltage      | open collector           |     | -   | -5   | V    |
| I <sub>C</sub>   | collector current         |                          |     | -   | -100 | mA   |
| I <sub>CM</sub>  | peak collector current    |                          |     | -   | -200 | mA   |
| I <sub>BM</sub>  | peak base current         |                          |     | -   | -200 | mA   |
| P <sub>tot</sub> | total power dissipation   | T <sub>amb</sub> ≤ 25 °C | [1] | -   | 250  | mW   |
| T <sub>j</sub>   | junction temperature      |                          |     | -   | 150  | °C   |
| T <sub>amb</sub> | ambient temperature       |                          |     | -65 | 150  | °C   |
| T <sub>stg</sub> | storage temperature       |                          |     | -65 | 150  | °C   |

[1] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit-Board (PCB); single-sided copper; tin-plated and standard footprint.

## 6 Thermal characteristics

**Table 7. Thermal characteristics**

| Symbol               | Parameter                                   | Conditions  |     | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| R <sub>th(j-a)</sub> | thermal resistance from junction to ambient | in free air | [1] | -   | -   | 500 | K/W  |

[1] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB; single-sided copper; tin-plated and standard footprint.

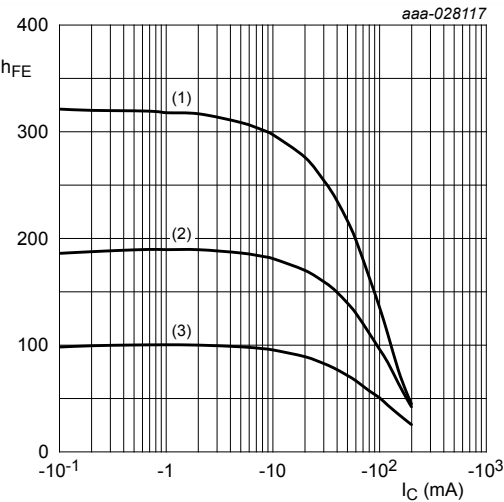
## 7 Characteristics

**Table 8. Characteristics**

$T_{amb} = 25\text{ °C}$  unless otherwise specified.

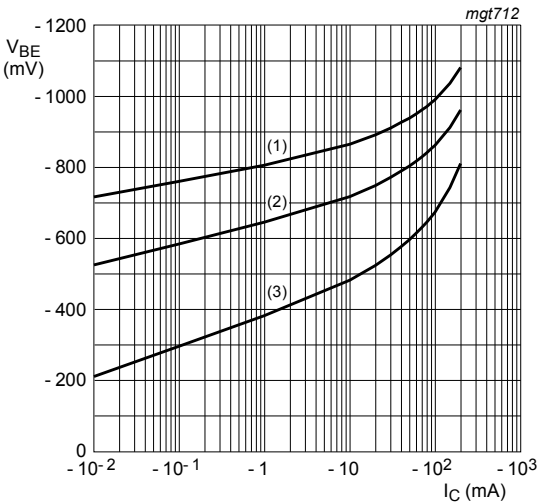
| Symbol      | Parameter                            | Conditions                                                                                                | Min  | Typ  | Max  | Unit |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| $I_{CBO}$   | collector-base cut-off current       | $V_{CB} = -30\text{ V}; I_E = 0$                                                                          | -    | -1   | -15  | nA   |
|             |                                      | $V_{CB} = -30\text{ V}; I_E = 0; T_J = 150\text{ °C}$                                                     | -    | -    | -4   | μA   |
| $I_{EBO}$   | emitter-base cut-off current         | $V_{EB} = -5\text{ V}; I_C = 0$                                                                           | -    | -    | -100 | nA   |
| $h_{FE}$    | DC current gain                      |                                                                                                           |      |      |      |      |
|             | BC856                                | $V_{CE} = -5\text{ V}; I_C = -2\text{ mA}$                                                                | 125  | -    | 475  |      |
|             | BC857                                |                                                                                                           | 125  | -    | 800  |      |
|             | BC856A; BC857A                       |                                                                                                           | 125  | -    | 250  |      |
|             | BC856B; BC857B;<br>BC858B            |                                                                                                           | 220  | -    | 475  |      |
|             | BC857C                               |                                                                                                           | 420  | -    | 800  |      |
| $V_{CEsat}$ | collector-emitter saturation voltage | $I_C = -10\text{ mA}; I_B = -0.5\text{ mA}$                                                               | -    | -75  | -300 | mV   |
|             |                                      | $I_C = -100\text{ mA}; I_B = -5\text{ mA}$ [1]                                                            | -    | -250 | -650 | mV   |
| $V_{BEsat}$ | base-emitter saturation voltage      | $I_C = -10\text{ mA}; I_B = -0.5\text{ mA}$                                                               | -    | -700 | -    | mV   |
|             |                                      | $I_C = -100\text{ mA}; I_B = -5\text{ mA}$ [1]                                                            | -    | -850 | -    | mV   |
| $V_{BE}$    | base-emitter voltage                 | $V_{CE} = -5\text{ V}; I_C = -2\text{ mA}$                                                                | -600 | -650 | -750 | mV   |
|             |                                      | $V_{CE} = -5\text{ V}; I_C = -10\text{ mA}$                                                               | -    | -    | -820 | mV   |
| $f_T$       | transition frequency                 | $V_{CE} = -5\text{ V}; I_C = -10\text{ mA}; f = 100\text{ MHz}$                                           | 100  | -    | -    | MHz  |
| $C_c$       | collector capacitance                | $V_{CB} = -10\text{ V}; I_E = I_B = 0\text{ A}; f = 1\text{ MHz}$                                         | -    | 4.5  | -    | pF   |
| F           | noise figure                         | $I_C = -200\text{ μA}; V_{CE} = -5\text{ V}; R_S = 2\text{ k}\Omega; f = 1\text{ kHz}; B = 200\text{ Hz}$ | -    | 2    | 10   | dB   |

[1] pulsed;  $t_p \leq 300\text{ μs}$ ;  $\delta \leq 0.02$



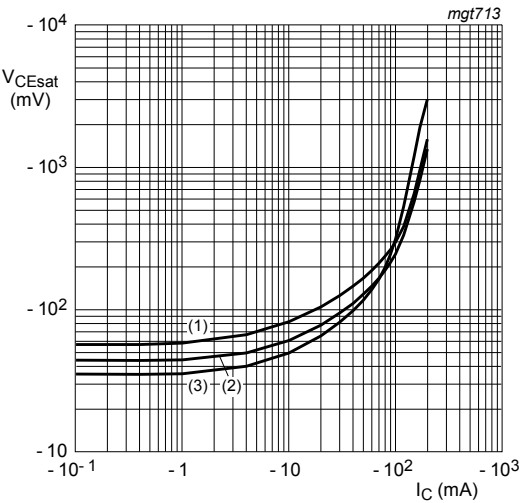
$V_{CE} = -5\text{ V}$   
(1)  $T_{amb} = 150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$   
(2)  $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$   
(3)  $T_{amb} = -55\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Figure 1. BC856A; BC857A: DC current gain as a function of collector current; typical values



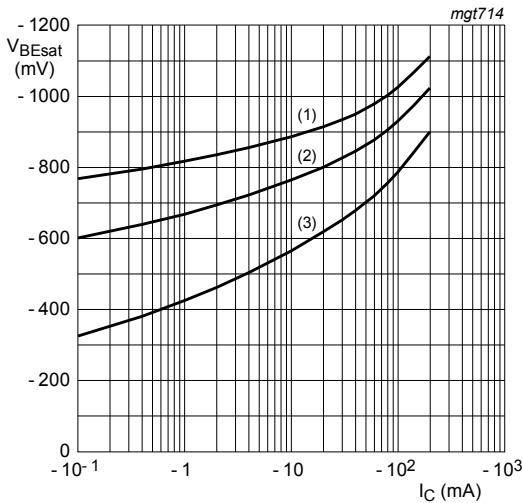
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Figure 2. BC856A; BC857A: Base-emitter voltage as a function of collector current; typical values



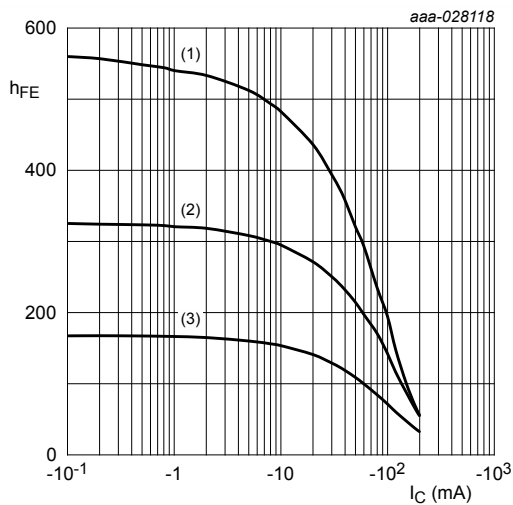
$I_C/I_B = 20$   
(1)  $T_{amb} = 150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$   
(2)  $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$   
(3)  $T_{amb} = -55\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Figure 3. BC856A; BC857A: Collector-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values



$I_C/I_B = 20$   
(1)  $T_{amb} = -55\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$   
(2)  $T_{amb} = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$   
(3)  $T_{amb} = 150\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Figure 4. BC856A; BC857A: Base-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values



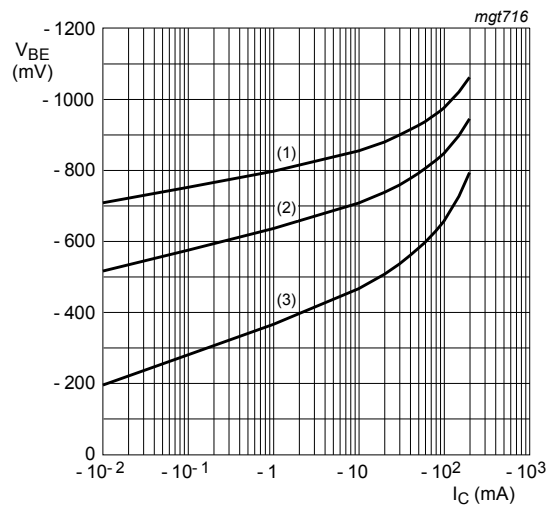
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(1)  $T_{amb} = 150 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(2)  $T_{amb} = 25 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(3)  $T_{amb} = -55 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Figure 5. BC856B; BC857B; BC858B: DC current gain as a function of collector current; typical values**



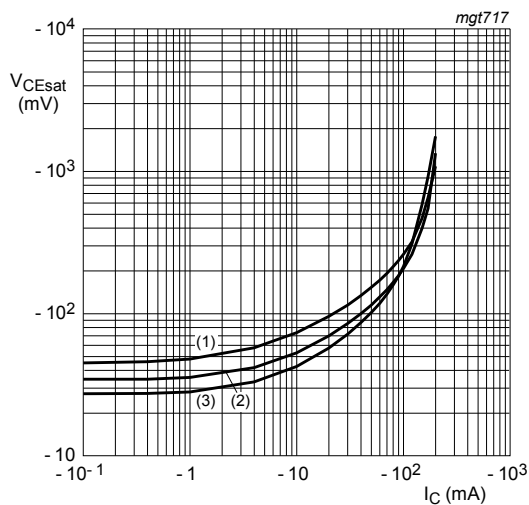
$V_{CE} = -5 \text{ V}$

(1)  $T_{amb} = -55 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(2)  $T_{amb} = 25 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(3)  $T_{amb} = 150 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Figure 6. BC856B; BC857B; BC858B: Base-emitter voltage as a function of collector current; typical values**



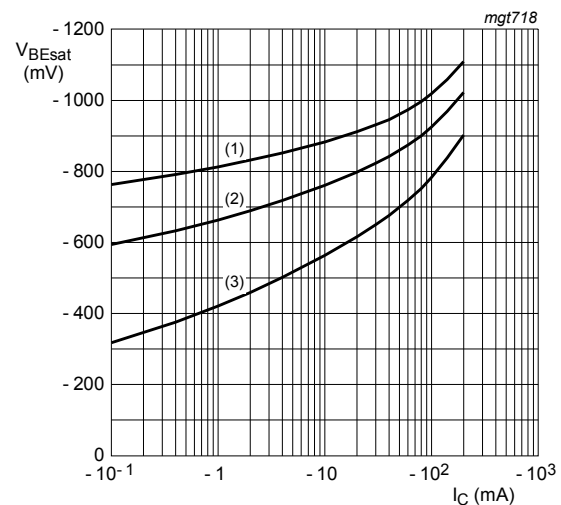
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(2)  $T_{amb} = 25 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(3)  $T_{amb} = -55 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Figure 7. BC856B; BC857B; BC858B: Collector-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values**



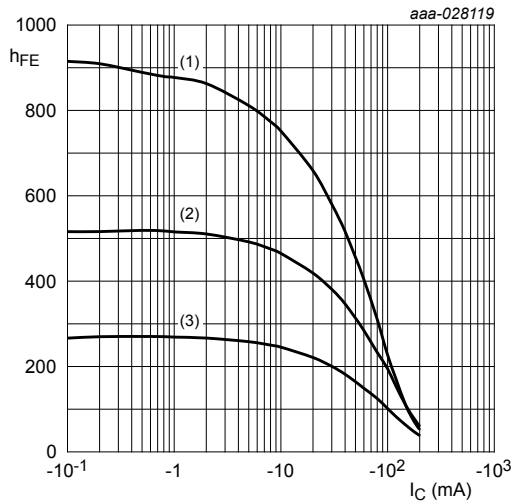
$I_C/I_B = 20$

(1)  $T_{amb} = -55 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(2)  $T_{amb} = 25 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(3)  $T_{amb} = 150 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Figure 8. BC856B; BC857B; BC858B: Base-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values**



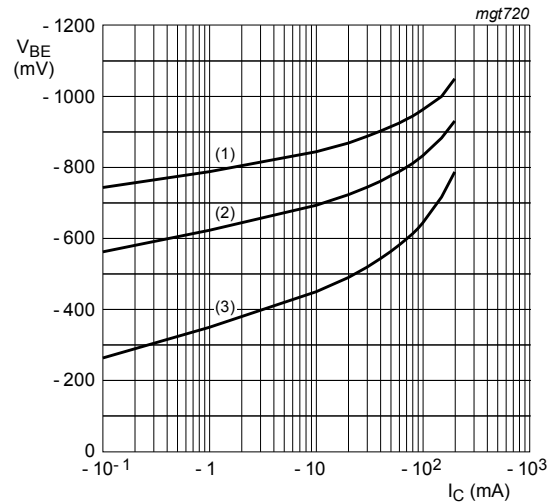
$V_{CE} = -5 \text{ V}$

(1)  $T_{amb} = 150 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(2)  $T_{amb} = 25 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(3)  $T_{amb} = -55 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Figure 9. BC857C: DC current gain as a function of collector current; typical values**



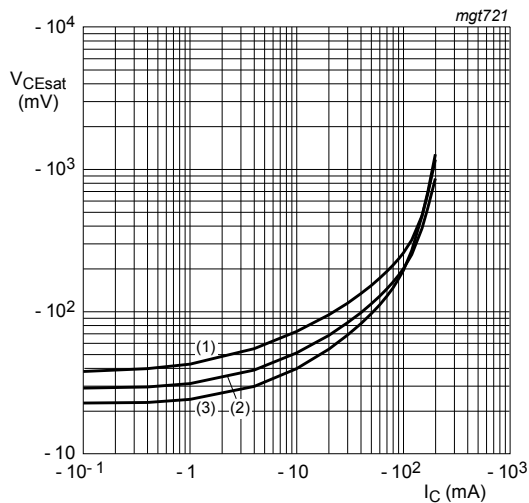
$V_{CE} = -5 \text{ V}$

(1)  $T_{amb} = -55 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(2)  $T_{amb} = 25 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(3)  $T_{amb} = 150 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Figure 10. BC857C: Base-emitter voltage as a function of collector current; typical values**



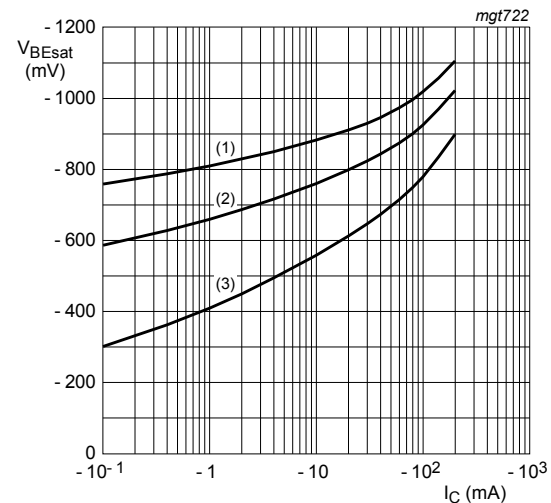
$I_C/I_B = 20$

(1)  $T_{amb} = 150 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(2)  $T_{amb} = 25 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(3)  $T_{amb} = -55 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Figure 11. BC857C: Collector-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values**



$I_C/I_B = 20$

(1)  $T_{amb} = -55 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(2)  $T_{amb} = 25 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

(3)  $T_{amb} = 150 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

**Figure 12. BC857C: Base-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values**

8 Test information

8.1 Quality information

This product has been qualified in accordance with the Automotive Electronics Council (AEC) standard Q101 - Stress test qualification for discrete semiconductors, and is suitable for use in automotive applications.

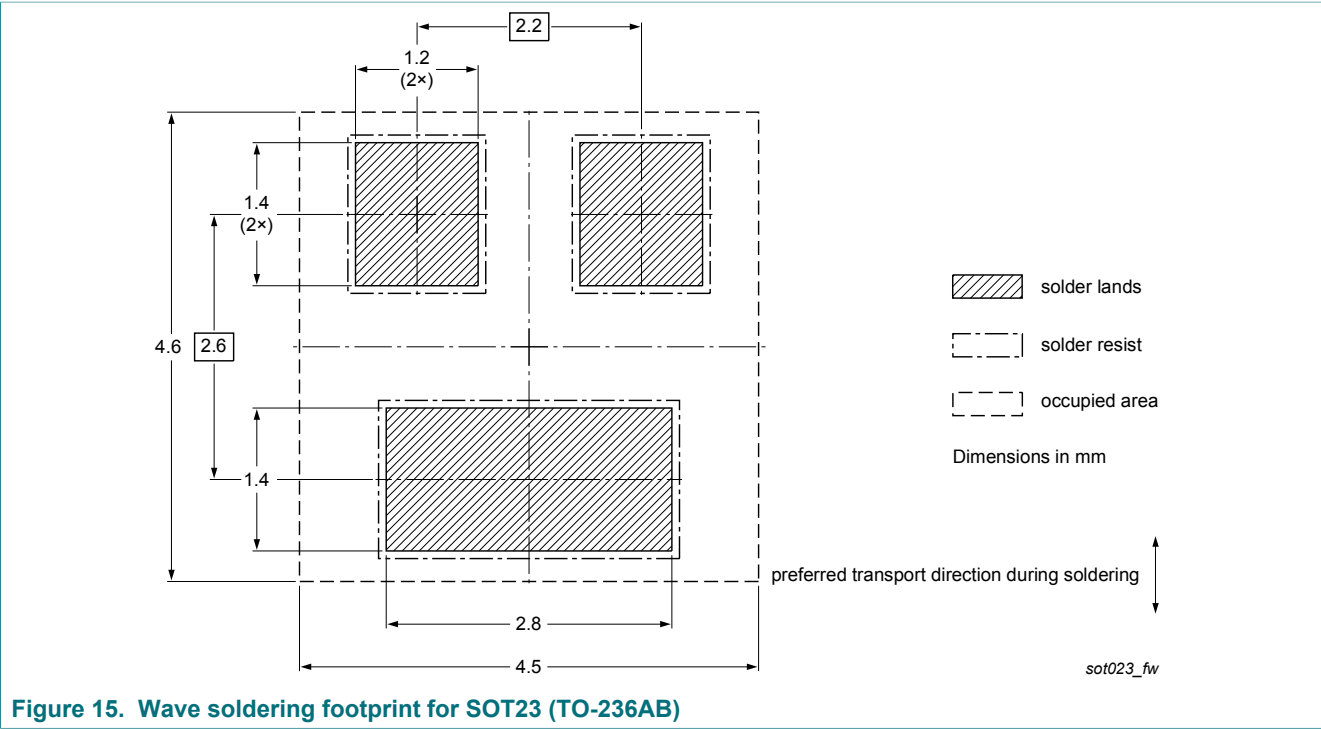
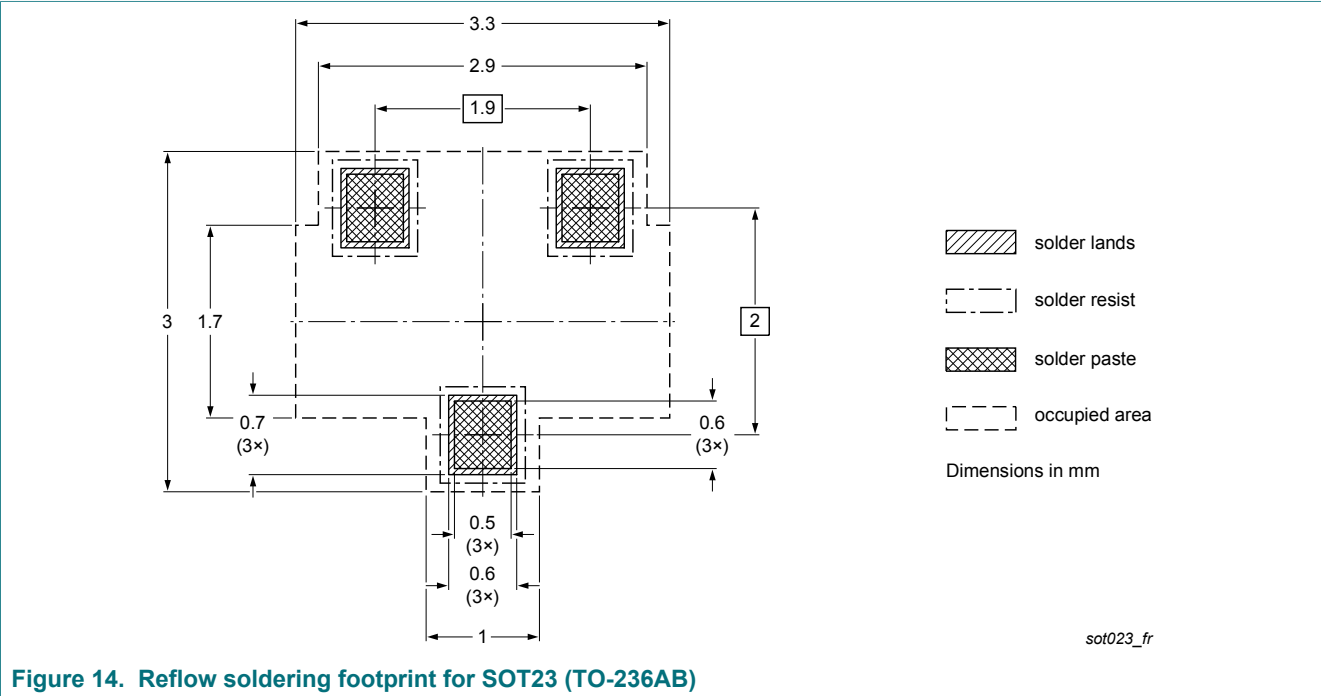
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Table 9. Package outline



10 Soldering

Table 10. Soldering



## 11 Revision history

**Table 11. Revision history**

| Document ID           | Release date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Data sheet status  | Change notice | Supersedes            |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| BC856_BC857_BC858 v.7 | 20180416                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Product data sheet | -             | BC856_BC857_BC858 v.6 |
| Modifications:        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The products are AEC-Q101 qualified.</li><li>• The format of this data sheet has been redesigned to comply with the identity guidelines of Nexperia.</li><li>• Legal texts have been adapted to the new company name where appropriate.</li><li>• General description, pinning information, ordering information, marking and characteristics are corrected.</li><li>• Quick reference data added.</li></ul> |                    |               |                       |
| BC856_BC857_BC858 v.6 | 20040106                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Product data sheet | -             | BC856_BC857_BC858 v.5 |

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