



# BCX56 series

80 V, 1 A NPN medium power transistors

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Product data sheet

## 1. General description

NPN medium power transistors in a SOT89 (SC-62) flat lead Surface-Mounted Device (SMD) plastic package

## 2. Features and benefits

- High collector current capability  $I_C$  and  $I_{CM}$
- Three current gain selections
- High power dissipation capability

## 3. Applications

- Linear voltage regulators
- MOSFET drivers
- Low-side switches
- Battery-driven devices
- Power management
- Amplifiers

## 4. Quick reference data

Table 1. Quick reference data

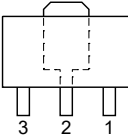
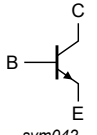
$T_{amb} = 25\text{ °C}$  unless otherwise specified.

| Symbol    | Parameter                 | Conditions                                 |     | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| $V_{CEO}$ | collector-emitter voltage | open base                                  |     | -   | -   | 80  | V    |
| $I_C$     | collector current         |                                            |     | -   | -   | 1   | A    |
| $I_{CM}$  | peak collector current    | single pulse; $t_p \leq 1\text{ ms}$       |     | -   | -   | 2   | A    |
| $h_{FE}$  | DC current gain           |                                            |     |     |     |     |      |
|           | BCX56                     | $V_{CE} = 2\text{ V}; I_C = 150\text{ mA}$ | [1] | 63  | -   | 250 |      |
|           | BCX56-10                  |                                            | [1] | 63  | -   | 160 |      |
|           | BCX56-16                  |                                            | [1] | 100 | -   | 250 |      |

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

5. Pinning information

Table 2. Pinning

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

6. Ordering information

Table 3. Ordering information

| Type number              | Package |                                                                                           |                       |
|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                          | Name    | Description                                                                               | Version               |
| <a href="#">BCX56</a>    | SC-62   | plastic, surface-mounted package; 3 leads;<br>1.5 mm pitch; 4.5 mm x 2.5 mm x 1.5 mm body | <a href="#">SOT89</a> |
| <a href="#">BCX56-10</a> |         |                                                                                           |                       |
| <a href="#">BCX56-16</a> |         |                                                                                           |                       |

7. Marking

Table 4. Marking

| Type number | Marking code |
|-------------|--------------|
| BCX56       | BH           |
| BCX56-10    | BK           |
| BCX56-16    | BL           |

8. Limiting values

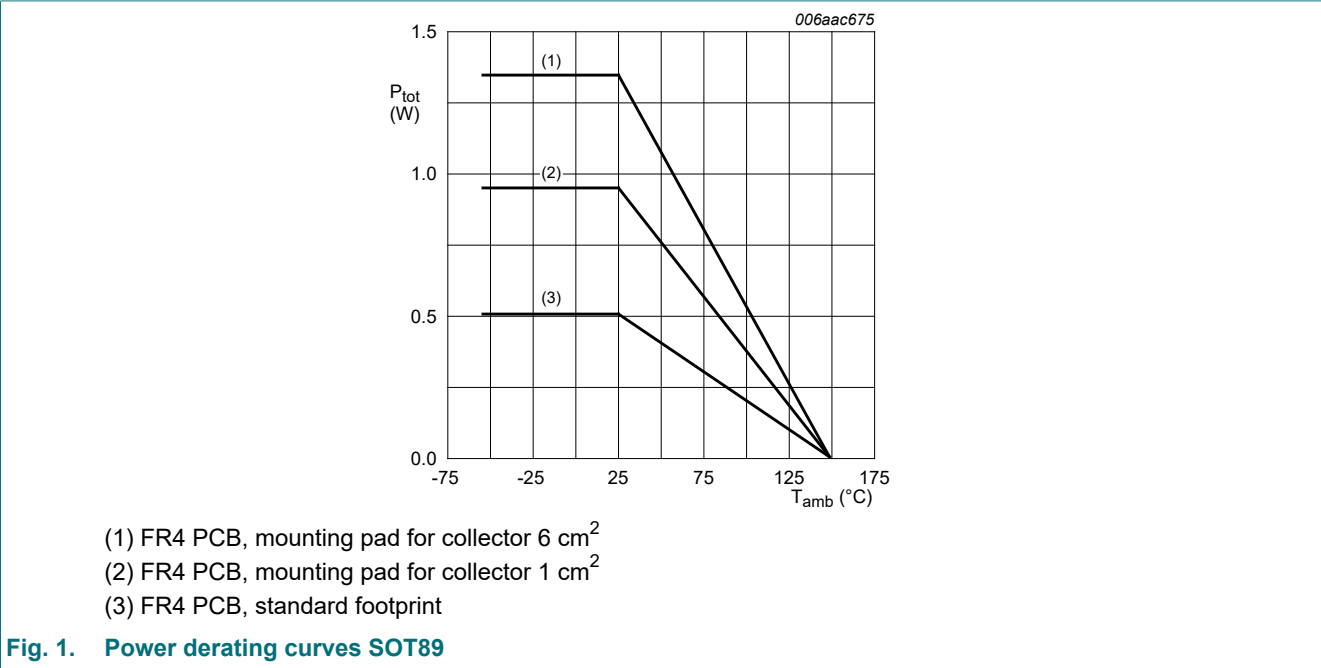
Table 5. Limiting values

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

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

| Symbol    | Parameter                 | Conditions                                    | Min | Max  | Unit               |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|------|--------------------|
| $V_{CBO}$ | collector-base voltage    | open emitter                                  | -   | 100  | V                  |
| $V_{CEO}$ | collector-emitter voltage | open base                                     | -   | 80   | V                  |
| $V_{EBO}$ | emitter-base voltage      | open collector                                | -   | 5    | V                  |
| $I_C$     | collector current         |                                               | -   | 1    | A                  |
| $I_{CM}$  | peak collector current    | single pulse; $t_p \leq 1\text{ ms}$          | -   | 2    | A                  |
| $I_B$     | base current              |                                               | -   | 0.3  | A                  |
| $I_{BM}$  | peak base current         | single pulse; $t_p \leq 1\text{ ms}$          | -   | 0.3  | A                  |
| $P_{tot}$ | total power dissipation   | $T_{amb} \leq 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ [1] | -   | 0.50 | W                  |
|           |                           | [2]                                           | -   | 0.95 | W                  |
|           |                           | [3]                                           | -   | 1.35 | W                  |
| $T_j$     | junction temperature      |                                               | -   | 150  | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| $T_{amb}$ | ambient temperature       |                                               | -55 | 150  | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| $T_{stg}$ | storage temperature       |                                               | -65 | 150  | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |

- [1] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit-Board (PCB); single-sided copper; tin-plated and standard footprint.
- [2] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit-Board (PCB); single-sided copper; tin-plated; mounting pad for collector 1 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- [3] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit-Board (PCB); single-sided copper; tin-plated; mounting pad for collector 6 cm<sup>2</sup>.



9. Thermal characteristics

Table 6. Thermal characteristics

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

| Symbol        | Parameter                                        | Conditions  |     | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| $R_{th(j-a)}$ | thermal resistance from junction to ambient      | in free air | [1] | -   | -   | 250 | K/W  |
|               |                                                  |             | [2] |     |     | 132 | K/W  |
|               |                                                  |             | [3] |     |     | 93  | K/W  |
| $R_{(j-sp)}$  | thermal resistance from junction to solder point |             |     | -   | -   | 16  | K/W  |

- [1] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB; single-sided copper; tin-plated and standard footprint.  
[2] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB; single-sided copper; tin-plated; mounting pad for collector 1 cm<sup>2</sup>.  
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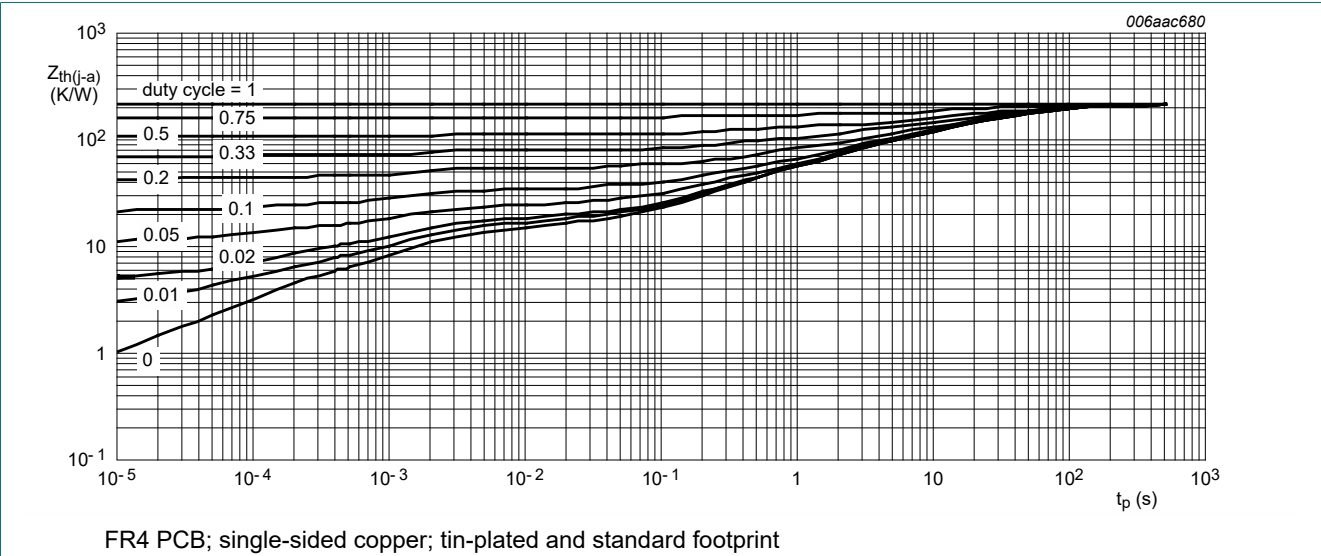


Fig. 2. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration; typical values

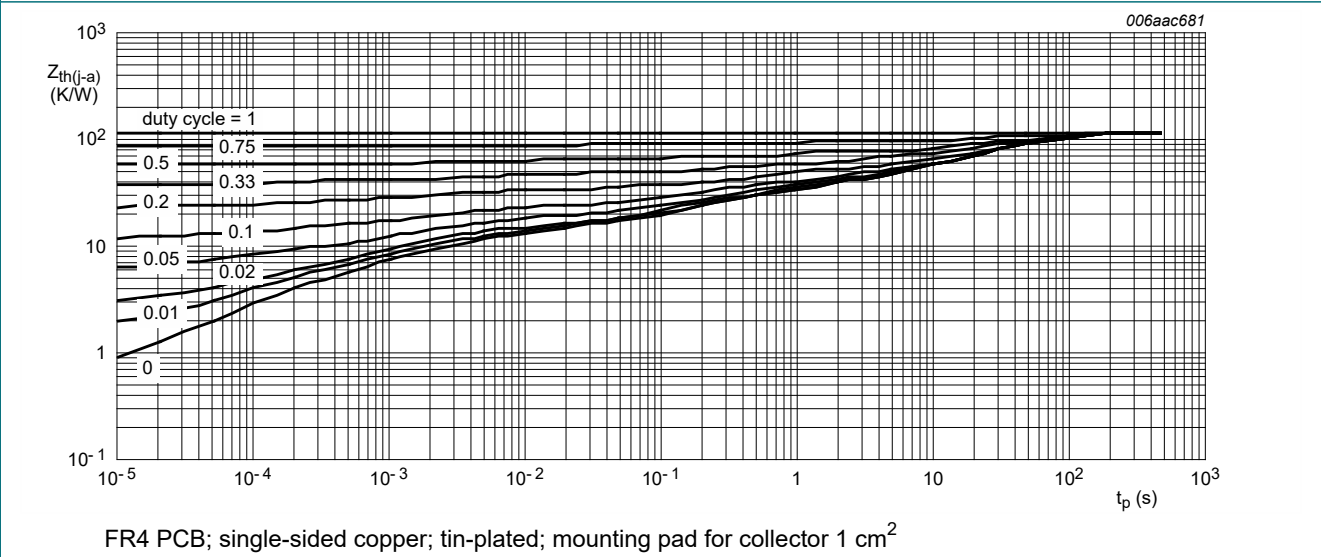
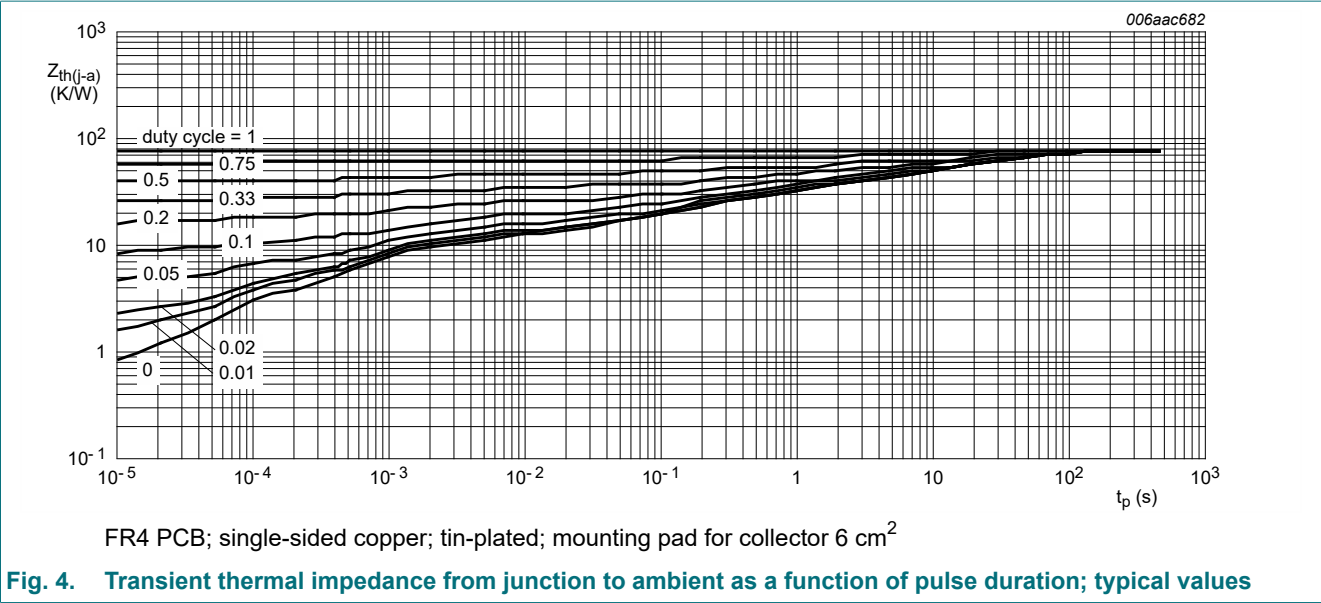


Fig. 3. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration; typical values



10. Characteristics

Table 7. Characteristics  
*T<sub>amb</sub> = 25 °C unless otherwise specified.*

| Symbol               | Parameter                            | Conditions                                                               |     | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| V <sub>(BR)CBO</sub> | collector-base breakdown voltage     | I <sub>C</sub> = 100 µA; I <sub>E</sub> = 0 A                            |     | 100 | -   | -   | V    |
| V <sub>(BR)CEO</sub> | collector-emitter breakdown voltage  | I <sub>C</sub> = 2 mA; I <sub>B</sub> = 0 A                              |     | 80  | -   | -   | V    |
| V <sub>(BR)EBO</sub> | emitter-base breakdown voltage       | I <sub>E</sub> = 100 µA; I <sub>C</sub> = 0 A                            |     | 5   | -   | -   | V    |
| I <sub>CBO</sub>     | collector-base cut-off current       | V <sub>CB</sub> = 30 V; I <sub>E</sub> = 0 A                             |     | -   | -   | 100 | nA   |
|                      |                                      | V <sub>CB</sub> = 30 V; I <sub>E</sub> = 0 A; T <sub>J</sub> = 150 °C    |     | -   | -   | 10  | µA   |
| I <sub>EBO</sub>     | emitter-base cut-off current         | V <sub>EB</sub> = 5 V; I <sub>C</sub> = 0 A                              |     | -   | -   | 100 | nA   |
| h <sub>FE</sub>      | DC current gain                      |                                                                          |     |     |     |     |      |
|                      | BCX56                                | V <sub>CE</sub> = 2 V; I <sub>C</sub> = 5 mA                             | [1] | 63  | -   | -   |      |
|                      |                                      | V <sub>CE</sub> = 2 V; I <sub>C</sub> = 150 mA                           |     | 63  | -   | 250 |      |
|                      |                                      | V <sub>CE</sub> = 2 V; I <sub>C</sub> = 500 mA                           |     | 40  | -   | -   |      |
|                      | BCX56-10                             | V <sub>CE</sub> = 2 V; I <sub>C</sub> = 5 mA                             | [1] | 63  | -   | -   |      |
|                      |                                      | V <sub>CE</sub> = 2 V; I <sub>C</sub> = 150 mA                           |     | 63  | -   | 160 |      |
|                      |                                      | V <sub>CE</sub> = 2 V; I <sub>C</sub> = 500 mA                           |     | 40  | -   | -   |      |
|                      | BCX56-16                             | V <sub>CE</sub> = 2 V; I <sub>C</sub> = 5 mA                             | [1] | 63  | -   | -   |      |
|                      |                                      | V <sub>CE</sub> = 2 V; I <sub>C</sub> = 150 mA                           |     | 100 | -   | 250 |      |
|                      |                                      | V <sub>CE</sub> = 2 V; I <sub>C</sub> = 500 mA                           |     | 40  | -   | -   |      |
| V <sub>CEsat</sub>   | collector-emitter saturation voltage | I <sub>C</sub> = 500 mA; I <sub>B</sub> = 50 mA                          | [1] | -   | -   | 0.5 | V    |
| V <sub>BE</sub>      | base-emitter voltage                 | V <sub>CE</sub> = 2 V; I <sub>C</sub> = 500 mA                           | [1] | -   | -   | 1   | V    |
| C <sub>c</sub>       | collector capacitance                | V <sub>CB</sub> = 10 V; I <sub>E</sub> = i <sub>e</sub> = 0 A; f = 1 MHz |     | -   | 6   | -   | pF   |
| f <sub>T</sub>       | transition frequency                 | V <sub>CE</sub> = 5 V; I <sub>C</sub> = 50 mA; f = 100 MHz               |     | 100 | 180 | -   | MHz  |

[1] pulsed; t<sub>p</sub> ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02

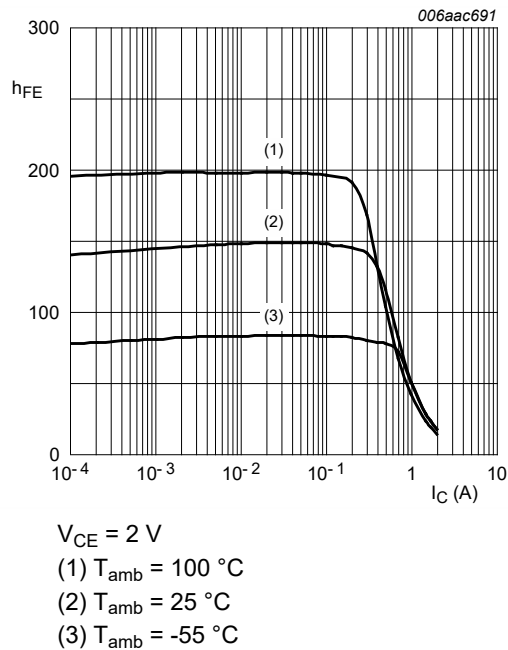


Fig. 5. DC current gain as a function of collector current; typical values

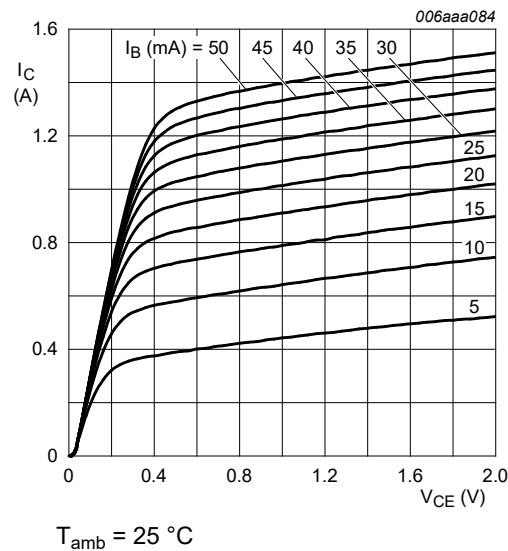


Fig. 6. Collector current as a function of collector-emitter voltage; typical values

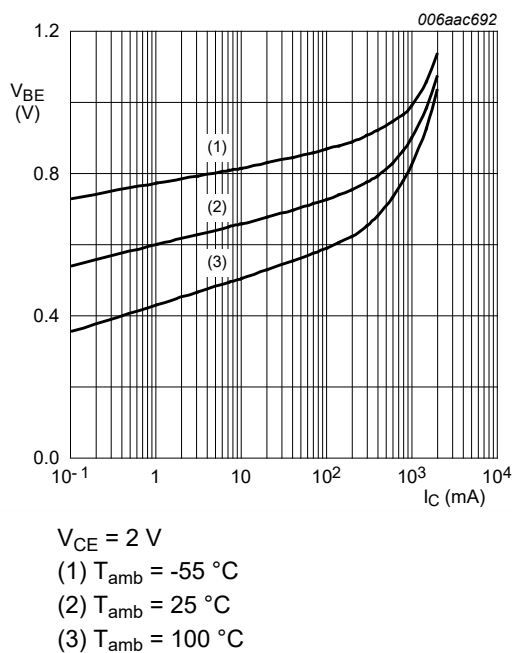


Fig. 7. Base-emitter voltage as a function of collector current; typical values

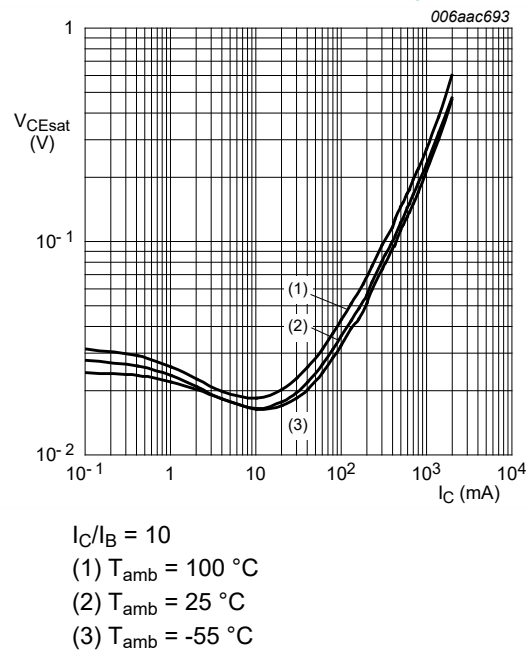


Fig. 9.

11. Package outline

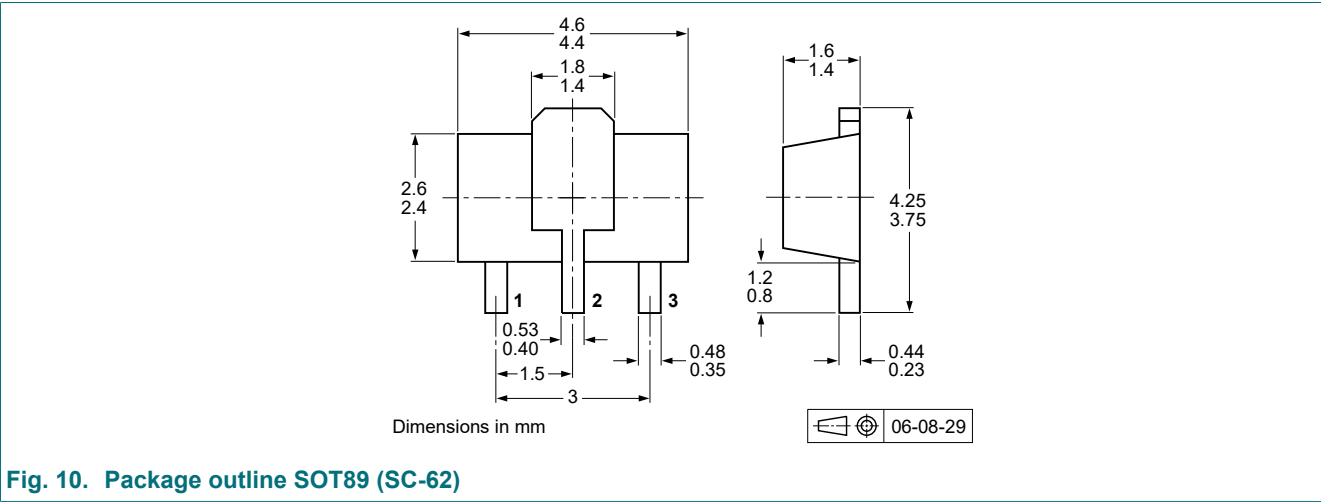


Fig. 10. Package outline SOT89 (SC-62)

12. Soldering

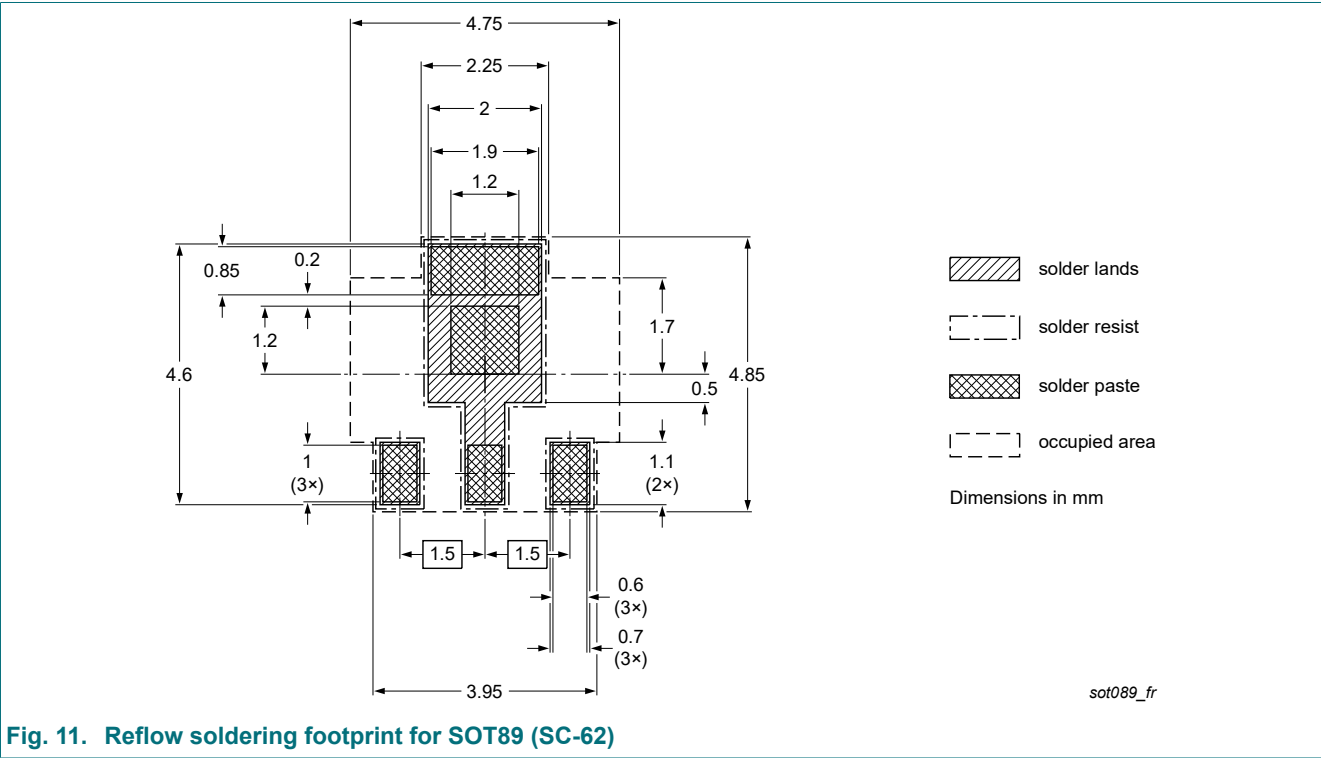


Fig. 11. Reflow soldering footprint for SOT89 (SC-62)

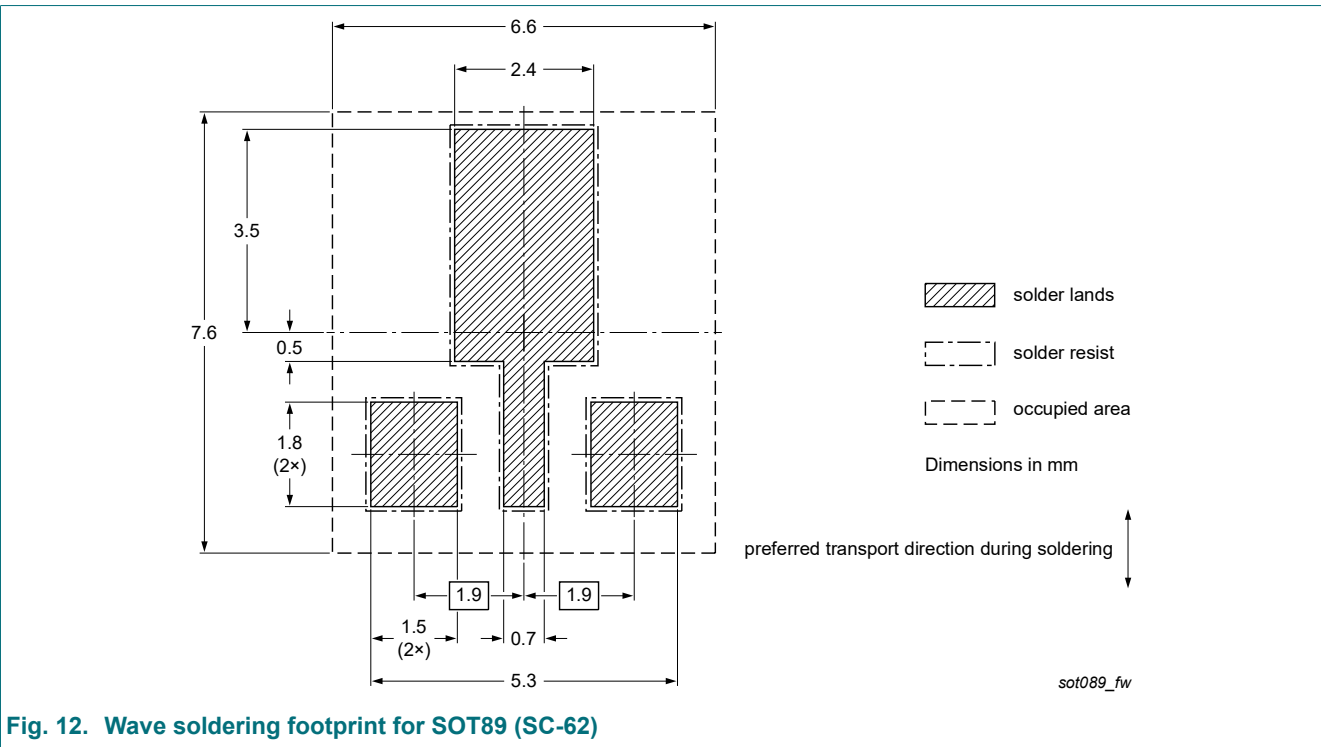


Fig. 12. Wave soldering footprint for SOT89 (SC-62)

## 13. Revision history

Table 8. Revision history

| Document ID            | Release date                                                   | Data sheet status     | Change notice | Supersedes                                              |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| BCX56_SER v.13         | 20231026                                                       | Product data sheet    | -             | BCX56_SER v.12                                          |
| Modifications:         | • Typos corrected in "Applications" and "Ordering information" |                       |               |                                                         |
| BCX56_SER v.12         | 20230623                                                       | Product data sheet    | -             | BCX56_SER v.11                                          |
| BCX56_SER v.11         | 20230401                                                       | Product data sheet    | -             | BCX56_SER v.10                                          |
| BCX56_SER v.10         | 20220624                                                       | Product data sheet    | -             | BCP56_BCX56_BC56PA v.9                                  |
| BCP56_BCX56_BC56PA v.9 | 20111025                                                       | Product data sheet    | -             | BC639_BCP56_BCX56 v.8                                   |
| BC639_BCP56_BCX56 v.8  | 20070622                                                       | Product data sheet    | -             | BC639_BCP56_BCX56 v.7                                   |
| BC639_BCP56_BCX56 v.7  | 20050308                                                       | Product data sheet    |               | BC639_BCP56_BCX56 v.6                                   |
| BC639_BCP56_BCX56 v.6  | 20050303                                                       | Product data sheet    | CPCN200405029 | BC635_637_639 v.4<br>BCP54_55_56 v.5<br>BCX54_55_56 v.4 |
| BC635_637_639 v.4      | 20011010                                                       | Product specification | -             | BC635_637_639 v.3                                       |
| BCX54_55_56 v.5        | 20030206                                                       | Product specification | -             | BCX54_55_56 v.4                                         |
| BCX54_55_56 v.4        | 20011010                                                       | Product specification | -             | BCX54_55_56 v.3                                         |

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