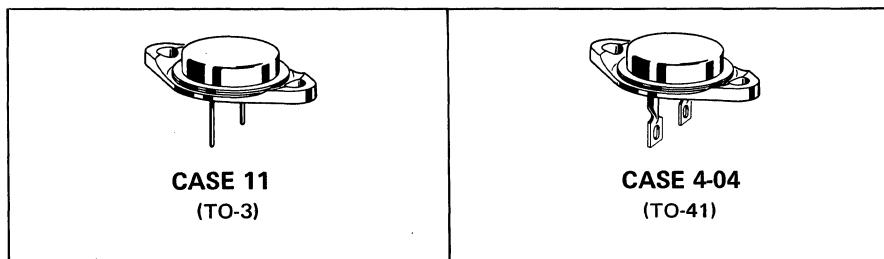


**2N1539 thru 2N1548 (GERMANIUM)**  
**2N1539A thru 2N1542A, 2N1544A thru 2N1547A**

PNP germanium power transistors for switching and amplifier applications in high-reliability equipment.



For units with solder lugs attached, specify  
 devices MP1539, A etc. (TO-41 package)

**MAXIMUM RATINGS**

Rating	Symbol	2N1539 2N1544	2N1540 2N1545	2N1541 2N1546	2N1542 2N1547	2N1543 2N1548	Unit
Collector-Emitter Voltage	$V_{CEO}$	20	30	40	50	60	Vdc
Collector-Emitter Voltage	$V_{CES}$	30	45	60	75	90	Vdc
Collector-Emitter Voltage	$V_{CEX}$	40	60	80	100	120	Vdc
Collector-Base Voltage	$V_{CB}$	40	60	80	100	120	Vdc
Emitter-Base Voltage	$V_{EB}$	20	30	40	50	60	Vdc
Collector Current-Continuous Peak	$I_C$	5.0				Adc	
	$I_C$	10				Adc	
Total Device Dissipation @ $T_C = 25^\circ C$	$P_D$	106				Watts	
Operating Junction Temperature Range	$T_J$	-65 to +110				$^\circ C$	

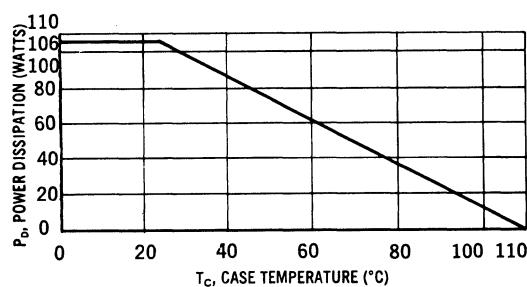
**THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Characteristic	Symbol	Max	Unit
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case	$\theta_{JC}$	0.8	$^\circ C/W$

The maximum continuous power is related to maximum junction temperature, by the thermal resistance factor. For d.c. or frequencies below 25 cps the transistor must be operated within the constant  $P_D = V_c \times I_c$  hyperbolic curve. This curve has a value of 106 Watts at case temperatures of  $25^\circ C$  and is 0 Watts at  $110^\circ C$  with a linear relation between the two temperatures such that

$$P_D \text{ allowable} = \frac{110^\circ - T_c}{0.8}$$

**POWER-TEMPERATURE DERATING CURVE**



## 2N1539 thru 2N1548 (continued)

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

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
<b>OFF CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage‡ ( $I_C = 500 \text{ mA DC}, I_B = 0$ ) 2N1539, 2N1544 2N1540, 2N1545 2N1541, 2N1546 2N1542, 2N1547 2N1543, 2N1548	$BV_{CEO}^{\ddagger}$	20 30 40 50 60	-	volts
Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage‡ ( $I_C = 500 \text{ mA DC}, V_{BE} = 0$ ) 2N1539, 2N1544 2N1540, 2N1545 2N1541, 2N1546 2N1542, 2N1547 2N1543, 2N1548	$BV_{CES}^{\ddagger}$	30 45 60 75 90	-	volts
Collector-Base Breakdown Voltage ( $I_C = 20 \text{ mA DC}, I_E = 0$ ) 2N1539, 2N1544 2N1540, 2N1545 2N1541, 2N1546 2N1542, 2N1547 2N1543, 2N1548	$BV_{CBO}$	40 60 80 100 120	-	volts
Collector Cutoff Current ( $V_{CE} @ \text{rated } V_{CB}, V_{BE} = 1.0 \text{ V DC}$ )	$I_{CEX}$	-	20	mA
Collector Cutoff Current ( $V_{CB} = 2.0 \text{ V DC}, I_E = 0$ ) ( $V_{CB} = 1/2 V_{CES} \text{ rating}, T_C = 90^\circ\text{C}$ )	$I_{CBO}$	- -	0.2 20	mA
Collector Cutoff Current ( $V_{CB} = 25 \text{ V DC}, I_E = 0$ ) 2N1539, 2N1544 ( $V_{CB} = 40 \text{ V DC}, I_E = 0$ ) 2N1540, 2N1545 ( $V_{CB} = 55 \text{ V DC}, I_E = 0$ ) 2N1541, 2N1546 ( $V_{CB} = 65 \text{ V DC}, I_E = 0$ ) 2N1542, 2N1547 ( $V_{CB} = 80 \text{ V DC}, I_E = 0$ ) 2N1543, 2N1548	$I_{CBO1}$	- - - - - -	2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0	mA

### ON CHARACTERISTICS

DC Current Gain ( $I_C = 3.0 \text{ Adc}, V_{CE} = 2.0 \text{ Vdc}$ ) 2N1539-2N1543 2N1544-2N1548	$h_{FE1}$	50 75	100 150	-
DC Transconductance ( $I_C = 3.0 \text{ Adc}, V_{CE} = 2.0 \text{ Vdc}$ ) 2N1539-2N1543 2N1544-2N1548	$g_{FE}$	3.0 5.0	- -	mhos
Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage ( $I_C = 3.0 \text{ Adc}, I_B = 300 \text{ mA DC}$ ) 2N1539-2N1543 2N1544-2N1548	$V_{CE(\text{sat})}$	- -	0.3 0.2	volts
Base-Emitter Saturation Voltage ( $I_C = 3.0 \text{ Adc}, I_B = 300 \text{ mA DC}$ ) 2N1539-2N1543 2N1544-2N1548	$V_{BE(\text{sat})}$	- -	0.7 0.5	volts

### DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS

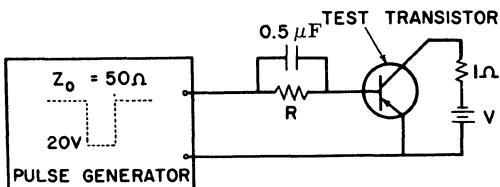
Common-Emitter Cutoff Frequency ( $I_C = 3.0 \text{ Adc}, V_{CE} = 2.0 \text{ Vdc}$ )	$f_{\alpha e}$	Typ 4.0	kHz
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Characteristics apply to corresponding A type numbers also.

†To avoid excessive heating of collector junction, perform this test with a sweep method.

## 2N1539 thru 2N1548 (continued)

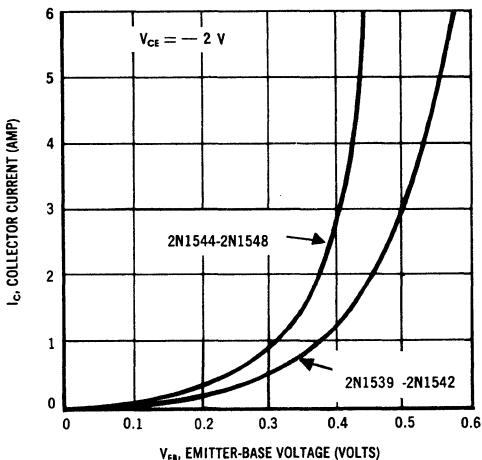
### SWITCHING TIME MEASURING UNIT



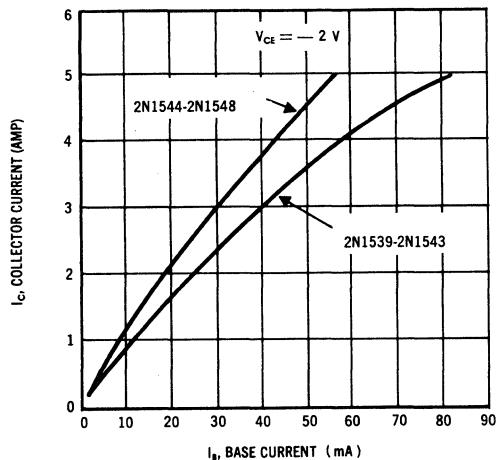
Devices	Conditions*			Typical Switching Times		
	$I_C$ (Amp.)	V (Volts)	R (ohms)	$t_{\text{on}} + t_{\text{off}}$ (μs)	$t_{\text{on}}$ (μs)	$t_{\text{off}}$ (μs)
2N1539-43	3	3	165	5	3	5
2N1544-48	3	3	250	5	3	8

\*Input Pulse Repetition Rate = 2 kHz,  
Pulse Width = 50 μs

#### COLLECTOR CURRENT versus Emitter Base Voltage



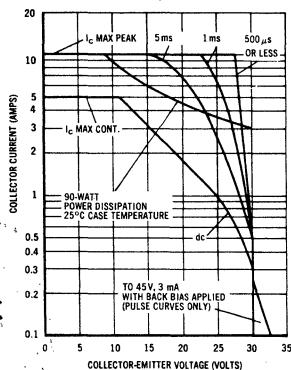
#### COLLECTOR CURRENT versus BASE CURRENT



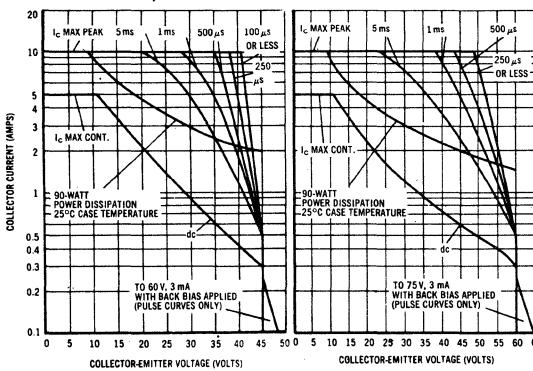
#### SAFE OPERATING AREAS

The Safe Operating Area Curves indicate  $I_C - V_{CE}$  limits below which the device will not go into secondary breakdown. Collector load lines for specific circuits must fall within the applicable Safe Area to avoid causing a collector-emitter short. (Case temperature and duty cycle of the excursions make no significant change in these safe areas.) To insure operation below the maximum  $T_J$ , the power-temperature de-rating curve must be observed for both steady state and pulse power conditions.

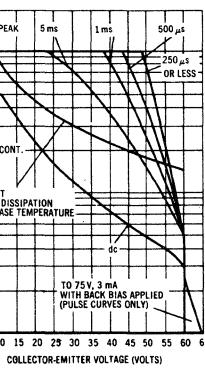
#### 2N1539, 2N1544



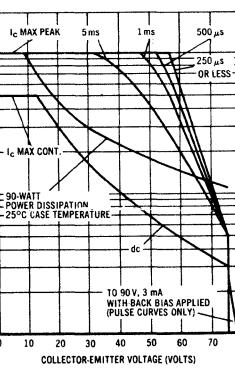
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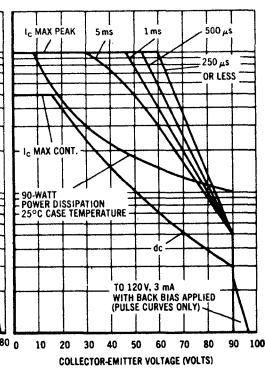
#### 2N1541, 2N1546



#### 2N1542, 2N1547

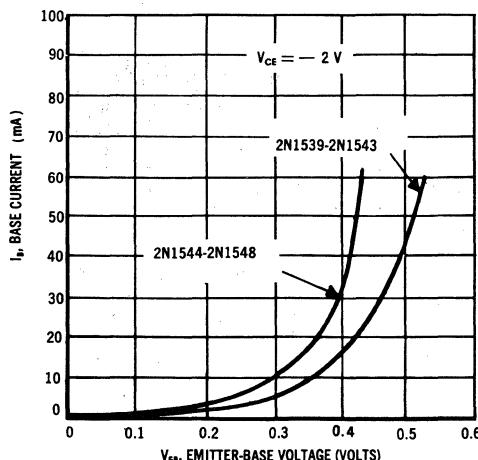


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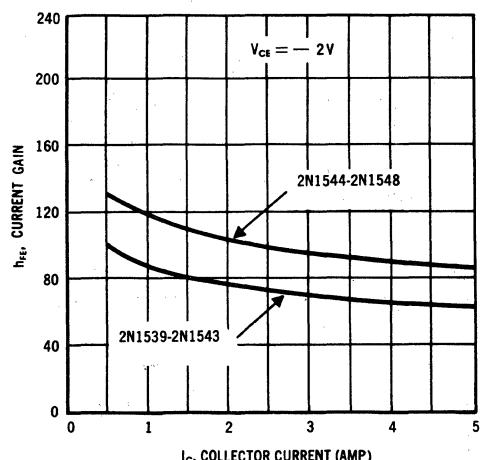


## 2N1539 thru 2N1548 (continued)

BASE CURRENT versus Emitter Base Voltage

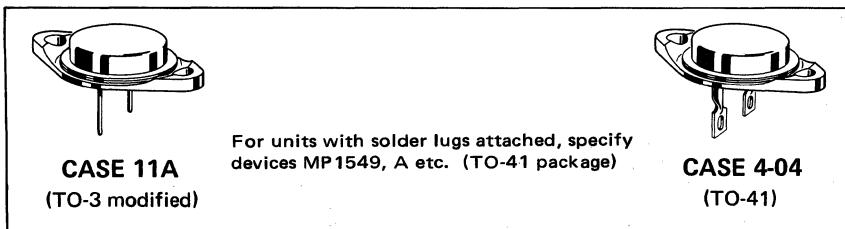


DC CURRENT GAIN versus COLLECTOR CURRENT



## 2N1549, A thru 2N1560, A (GERMANIUM)

PNP germanium power transistors for switching and amplifier applications in high-reliability equipment.



**MAXIMUM RATINGS** Apply to corresponding "Hi-Rel" Series also

Rating	Symbol	2N1549 2N1553 2N1557	2N1550 2N1554 2N1558	2N1551 2N1555 2N1559	2N1552 2N1556 2N1560	Units
Collector-Emitter Voltage	$V_{CEX}$	40	60	80	100	Vdc
Collector-Emitter Voltage	$V_{CES}$ *	30	45	60	75	Vdc
Collector-Emitter Voltage	$V_{CEO}$ *	20	30	40	50	Vdc
Collector-Base Voltage	$V_{CB}$	40	60	80	100	Vdc
Emitter-Base Voltage	$V_{EB}$	20	30	40	50	Vdc
Collector Current (Continuous)	$I_C$			15		Amp
Collector Current (Peak)	$I_C$			20		Amp
Collector Junction Temperature	$T_J$			-65 to +110		°C
Collector Dissipation (25°C Case Temp.)	$P_D$			106		Watts
Thermal Resistance	$\theta_{JC}$			0.8		°C/W

\*To avoid excessive heating of collector junction, perform this test with a sweep method.