



BC868 series

20 V, 2 A NPN medium power transistors

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Product data sheet

1. General description

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

2. Features and benefits

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

3. Applications

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

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 | - | - | 20 | V |
| I_C | collector current | | - | - | 2 | A |
| I_{CM} | peak collector current | single pulse; $t_p \leq 1\text{ ms}$ | - | - | 3 | A |
| h_{FE} | DC current gain | | | | | |
| | BC868 | $V_{CE} = 1\text{ V}; I_C = 500\text{ mA}$ | [1] | 85 | - | 375 |
| | BC868-25 | | [1] | 160 | - | 375 |

[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 | | |

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6. Ordering information

Table 3. Ordering information

| Type number | Package | | |
|--------------------------|---------|--|-----------------------|
| | Name | Description | Version |
| BC868 | SC-62 | plastic, surface-mounted package; 3 leads; 1.5 mm pitch; 4.5 mm x 2.5 mm x 1.5 mm body | SOT89 |
| BC868-25 | | | |

7. Marking

Table 4. Marking

| Type number | Marking code |
|-------------|--------------|
| BC868 | CAC |
| BC868-25 | CDC |

8. Limiting values

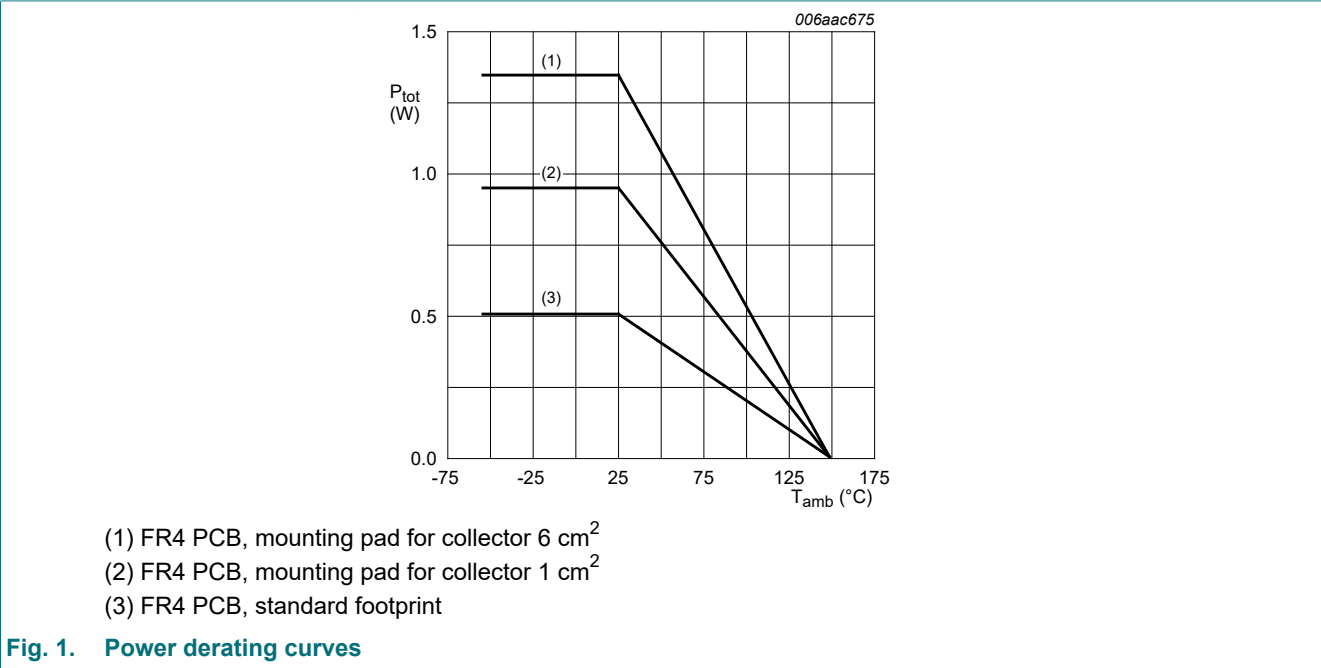
Table 5. Limiting values

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 | - | 32 | V |
| V_{CEO} | collector-emitter voltage | open base | - | 20 | V |
| V_{EBO} | emitter-base voltage | open collector | - | 5 | V |
| I_C | collector current | | - | 2 | A |
| I_{CM} | peak collector current | single pulse; $t_p \leq 1\text{ ms}$ | - | 3 | A |
| I_B | base current | | - | 0.4 | A |
| I_{BM} | peak base current | single pulse; $t_p \leq 1\text{ ms}$ | - | 0.4 | 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^2 .
[3] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit-Board (PCB); single-sided copper; tin-plated; mounting pad for collector 6 cm^2 .



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 |

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[3] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit-Board (PCB); single-sided copper; tin-plated; mounting pad for collector 6 cm².

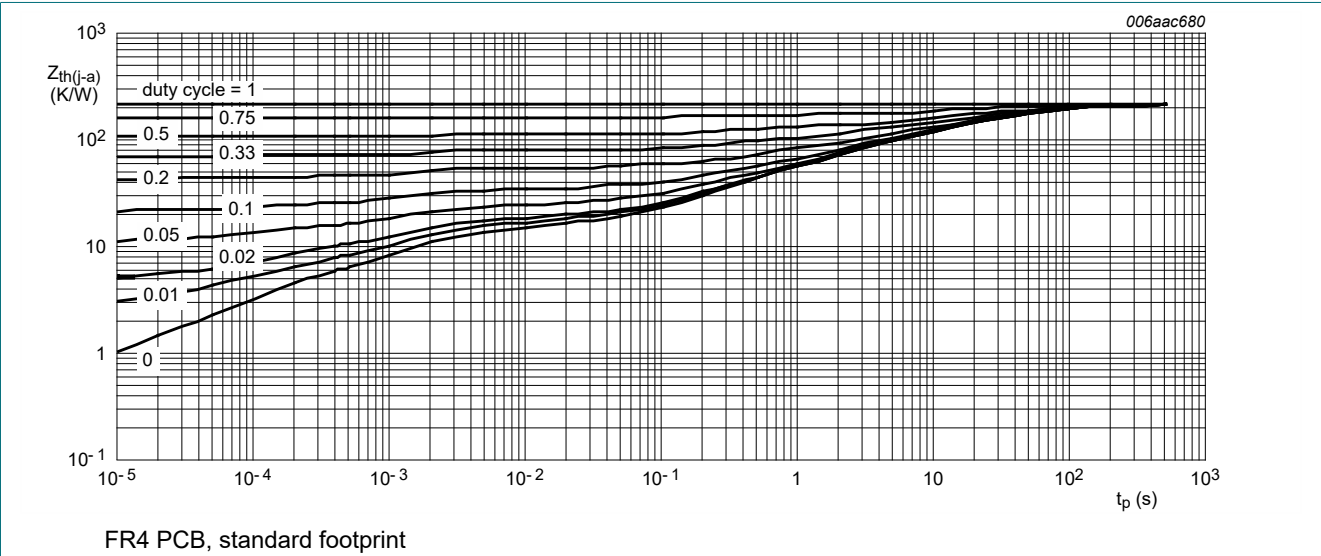


Fig. 2. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration; typical values

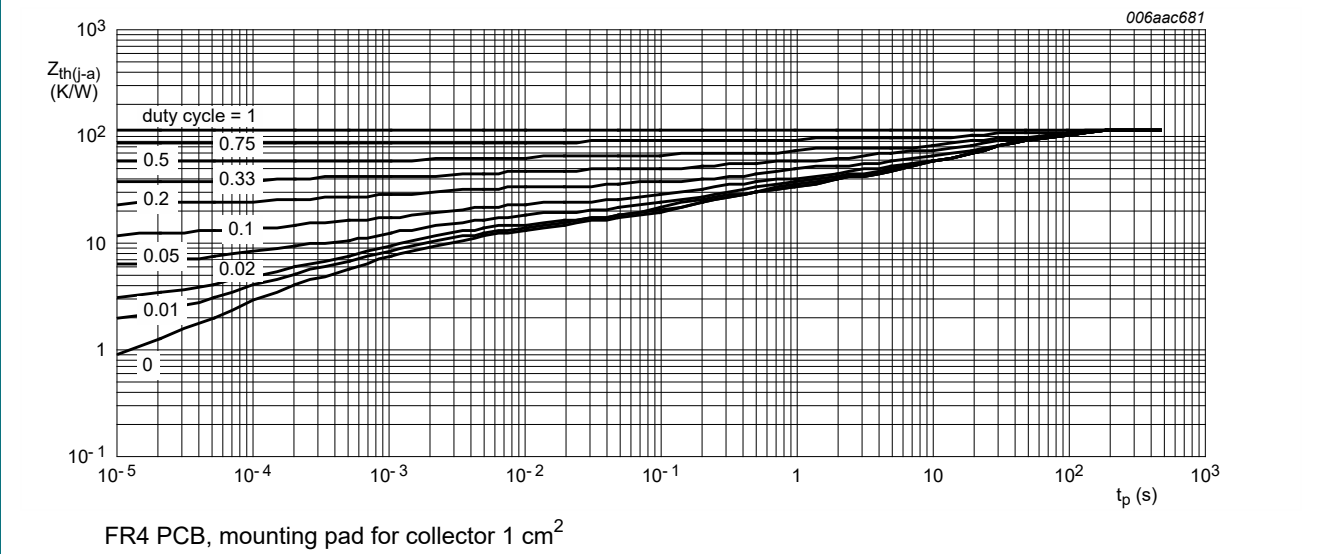
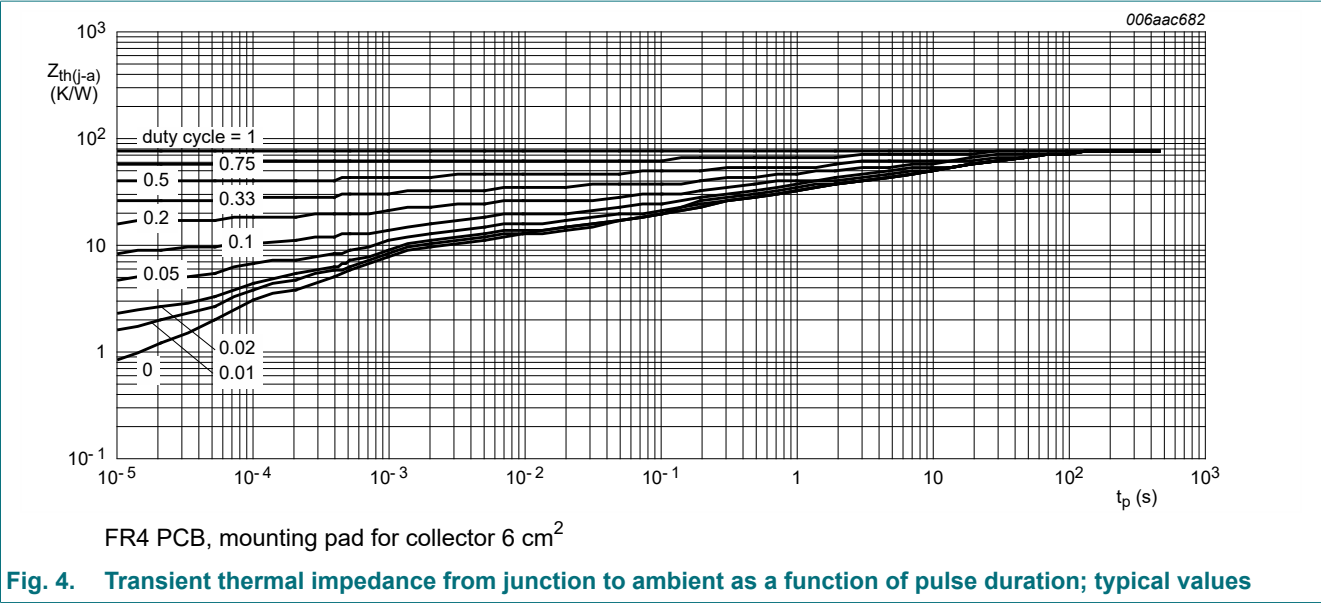


Fig. 3. Transient thermal impedance from junction to ambient as a function of pulse duration; typical values



10. Characteristics

Table 7. Characteristics
T_{amb} = 25 °C unless otherwise specified.

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| V _{(BR)CBO} | collector-base breakdown voltage | I _C = 100 µA; I _E = 0 A | | 32 | - | - | V |
| V _{(BR)CEO} | collector-emitter breakdown voltage | I _C = 30 mA; I _B = 0 A | | 20 | - | - | V |
| V _{(BR)EBO} | emitter-base breakdown voltage | I _E = 100 µA; I _C = 0 A | | 5 | - | - | V |
| I _{CBO} | collector-base cut-off current | V _{CB} = 25 V; I _E = 0 A | | - | - | 100 | nA |
| | | V _{CB} = 25 V; I _E = 0 A; T _J = 150 °C | | - | - | 10 | µA |
| I _{EBO} | emitter-base cut-off current | V _{EB} = 5 V; I _C = 0 A | | - | - | 100 | nA |
| h _{FE} | DC current gain | | | | | | |
| | BC868 | V _{CE} = 10 V; I _C = 5 mA | [1] | 50 | - | - | |
| | | V _{CE} = 1 V; I _C = 500 mA | [1] | 85 | - | 375 | |
| | | V _{CE} = 1 V; I _C = 1 A | [1] | 60 | - | - | |
| | | V _{CE} = 1 V; I _C = 2 A | [1] | 40 | - | - | |
| | BC868-25 | V _{CE} = 10 V; I _C = 5 mA | [1] | 50 | - | - | |
| | | V _{CE} = 1 V; I _C = 500 mA | [1] | 160 | - | 375 | |
| | | V _{CE} = 1 V; I _C = 1 A | [1] | 60 | - | - | |
| | | V _{CE} = 1 V; I _C = 2 A | [1] | 40 | - | - | |
| V _{CEsat} | collector-emitter saturation voltage | I _C = 1 A; I _B = 100 mA | [1] | - | - | 0.5 | V |
| | | I _C = 2 A; I _B = 200 mA | [1] | - | - | 0.6 | V |
| V _{BE} | base-emitter voltage | V _{CE} = 10 V; I _C = 5 mA | [1] | - | - | 0.7 | V |
| | | V _{CE} = 1 V; I _C = 1 A | [1] | - | - | 1 | V |
| C _c | collector capacitance | V _{CB} = 10 V; I _E = I _e = 0 A; f = 1 MHz | | - | 22 | - | pF |
| f _T | transition frequency | V _{CE} = 5 V; I _C = 50 mA; f = 100 MHz | | 40 | 170 | - | MHz |

[1] pulsed; t_p ≤ 300 µs; δ ≤ 0.02

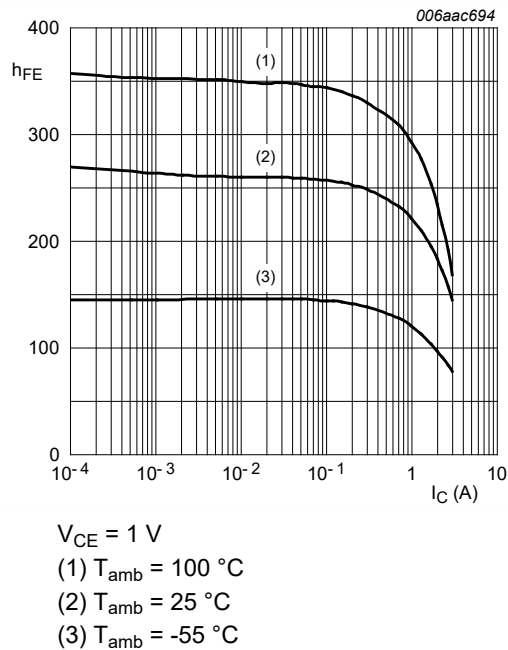


Fig. 5. DC current gain as a function of collector current; typical values

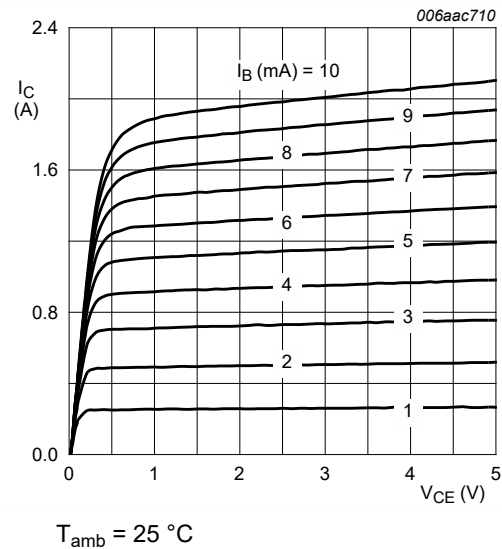


Fig. 6. Collector current as a function of collector-emitter voltage; typical values

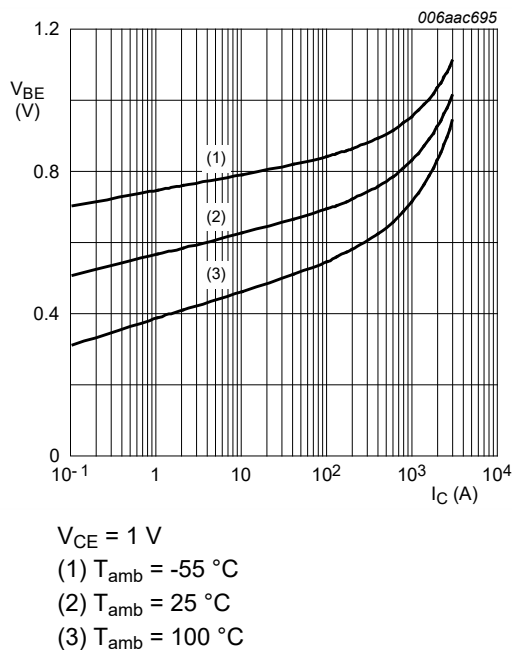


Fig. 7. Base-emitter voltage as a function of collector current; typical values

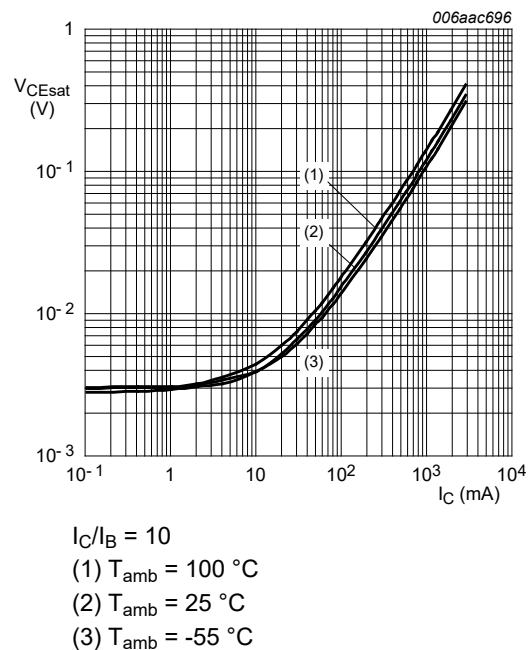


Fig. 8. Collector-emitter saturation voltage as a function of collector current; typical values

11. Package outline

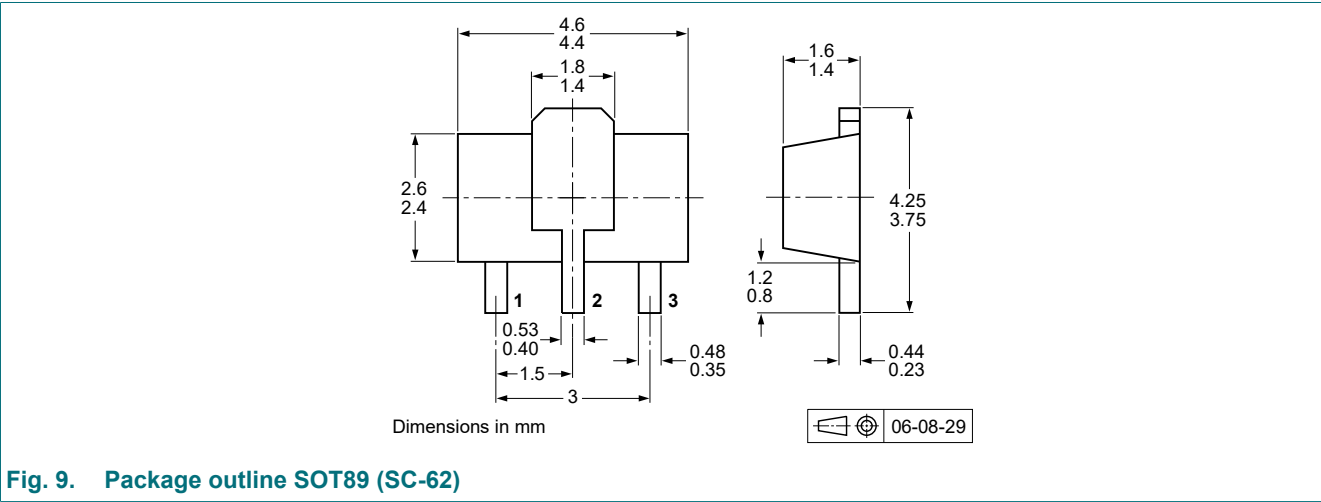
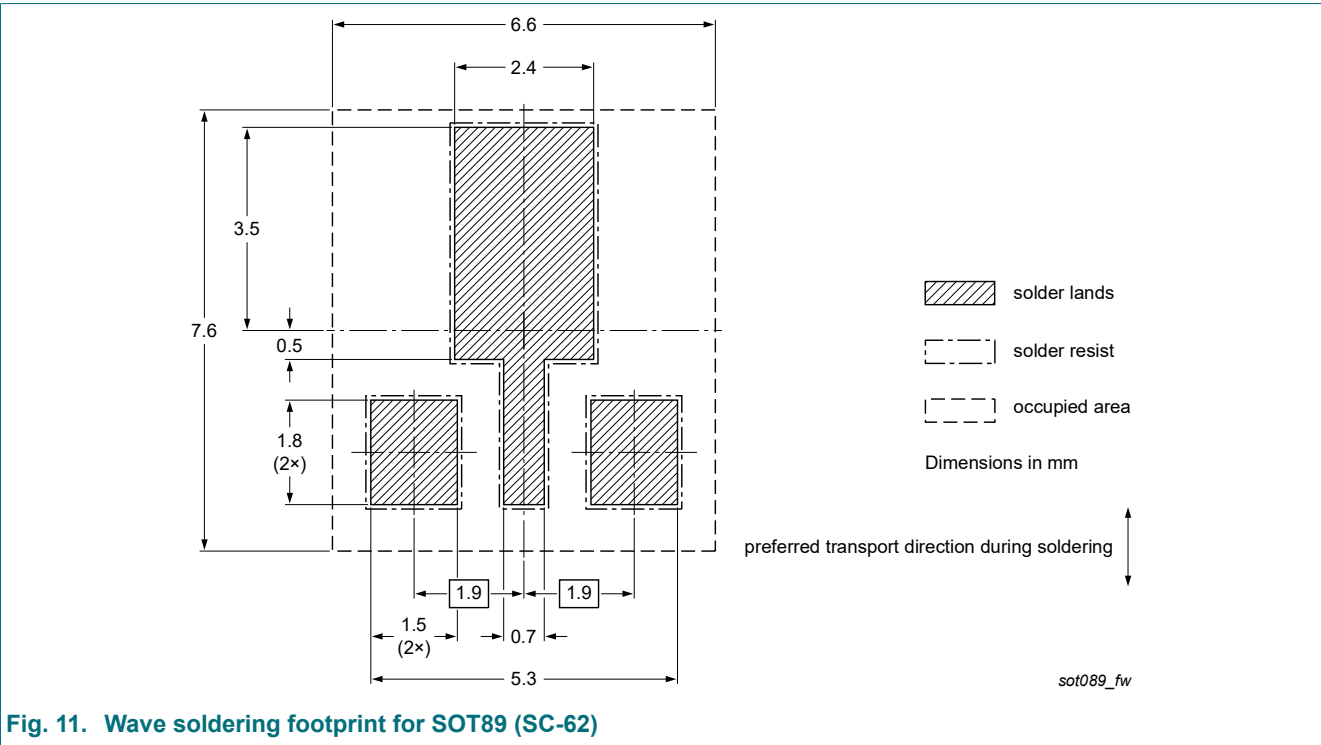
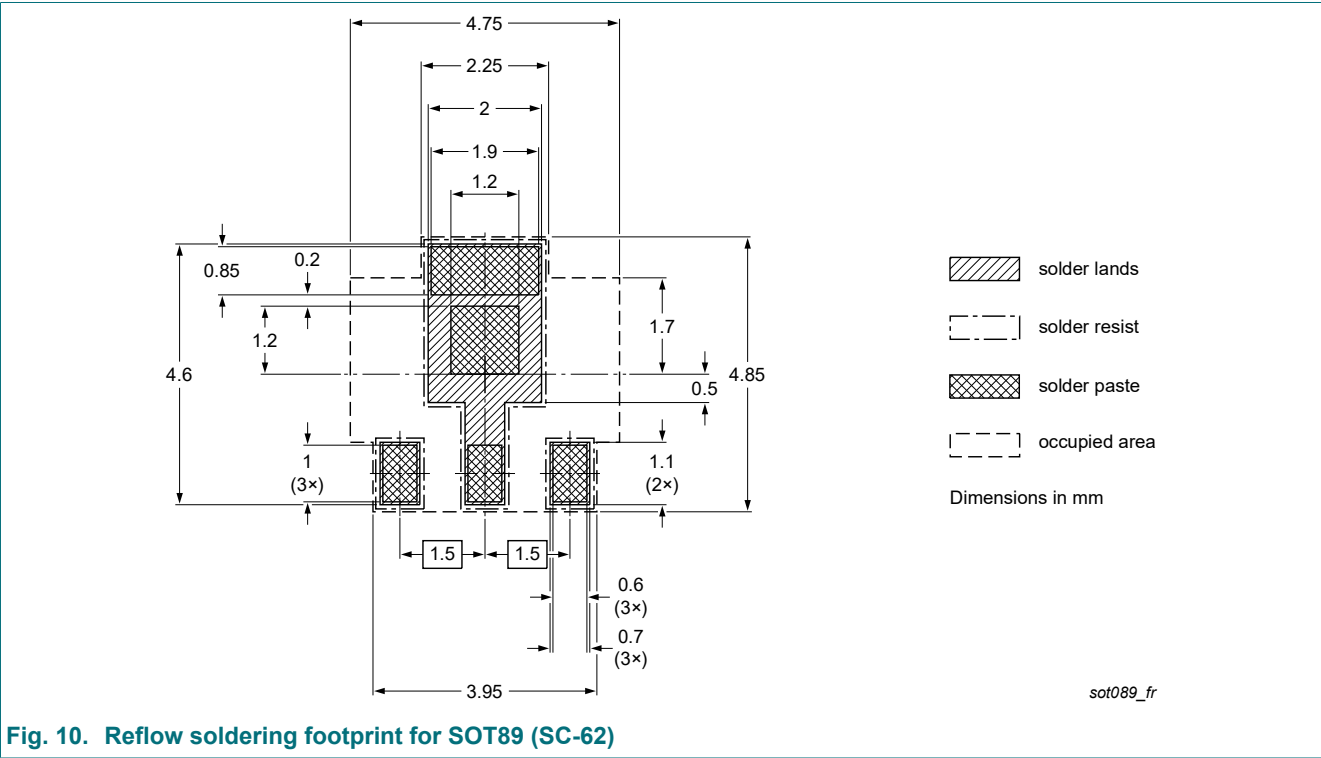


Fig. 9. Package outline SOT89 (SC-62)

12. Soldering



13. Revision history

Table 8. Revision history

| Document ID | Release date | Data sheet status | Change notice | Supersedes |
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| BC868_CNV v.3 | 19970319 | Product specification | - | BC868_CNV v.2 |
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| BCP68 v.4 | 20031125 | Product specification | - | BCP68 v.3 |
| BCP68 v.3 | 19990408 | Product specification | - | BCP68_CNV v.2 |
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