



NTE278 Silicon NPN Transistor Broadband RF Amp

Description:

The NTE278 is a silicon NPN transistor in a TO39 type package designed specifically for broadband applications requiring good linearity. Usable as a high frequency current mode switch to 200mA.

Features:

- Low Noise Figure: NF = 3.0dB Typ @ f = 200MHz
- High Current-Gain Bandwidth Product: $f_T = 1200\text{MHz}$ Min @ $I_C = 50\text{mA}$

Absolute Maximum Ratings:

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|---|--------------------------------|
| Collector-Emitter Voltage, V_{CEO} | 20V |
| Collector-Base Voltage, V_{CBO} | 40V |
| Emitter-Base Voltage, V_{EBO} | 3V |
| Continuous Collector Current, I_C | 400mA |
| Continuous Base Current, I_B | 400mA |
| Total Device Dissipation ($T_C = +75^\circ\text{C}$, Note 1), P_D | 2.5W |
| Derate Above 25°C | 20mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Storage Temperature Range, T_{stg} | -65° to +200° $^\circ\text{C}$ |

Note 1. Total Device Dissipation at $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ is 1 Watt.

Electrical Characteristics: ($T_C = +25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise specified)

| Parameter | Symbol | Test Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|---------------|
| OFF Characteristics | | | | | | |
| Collector-Emitter Sustaining Voltage | $V_{CEO(\text{sus})}$ | $I_C = 5\text{mA}, I_B = 0$ | 20 | - | - | V |
| | $V_{CER(\text{sus})}$ | $I_C = 5\text{mA}, R_{BE} = 10\Omega$, Note 2 | 40 | - | - | V |
| Collector Cutoff Current | I_{CEO} | $V_{CE} = 15\text{V}, I_B = 0$ | - | - | 20 | μA |
| | I_{CEX} | $V_{CE} = 15\text{V}, V_{BE} = -1.5\text{V}, T_C = +150^\circ\text{C}$ | - | - | 5 | mA |
| | | $V_{CE} = 35\text{V}, V_{BE} = -1.5\text{V}$ | - | - | 5 | mA |
| Emitter Cutoff Current | I_{EBO} | $V_{BE} = 3\text{V}, I_C = 0$ | - | - | 100 | μA |

Note 2. Pulsed through a 25mH inductor; 50% Duty Cycle.

Electrical Characteristics (Cont'd): ($T_C = +25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise specified)

| Parameter | Symbol | Test Conditions | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
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| ON Characteristics | | | | | | |
| DC Current Gain | h_{FE} | $I_C = 360\text{mA}, V_{CE} = 5\text{V}$ | 5 | - | - | |
| | | $I_C = 50\text{mA}, V_{CE} = 15\text{V}$ | 40 | - | 120 | |
| Dynamic Characteristics | | | | | | |
| Current-Gain Bandwidth Product | f_T | $I_C = 50\text{mA}, V_{CE} = 15\text{V}, f = 200\text{MHz}$ | 1200 | - | - | MHz |
| Collector-Base Capacitance | C_{cb} | $V_{CB} = 15\text{V}, I_E = 0, f = 1\text{MHz}$ | - | 1.8 | 3.5 | pF |
| Noise Figure | NF | $I_C = 10\text{mA}, V_{CE} = 15\text{V}, f = 200\text{MHz}$ | - | 3 | - | dB |
| Functional Test | | | | | | |
| Common-Emitter Amplifier Voltage Gain | G_{ve} | $I_C = 50\text{mA}, V_{CC} = 15\text{V}, f = 50 \text{ to } 216\text{MHz}$ | 11 | - | - | dB |
| Power Input | P_{in} | $I_C = 50\text{mA}, V_{CC} = 15\text{V}, R_S = 50\Omega, P_{out} = 1.26\text{mW}, f = 200\text{MHz}$ | - | - | 0.1 | mW |

