

## 2N3773, 2N4348, 2N6259 Hometaxial-Base, High-Current Silicon N-P-N Transistors

Rugged High Voltage Devices for Applications  
 in Industrial and Commercial Equipment

These types are hometaxial-base silicon n-p-n transistors intended for a wide variety of high-voltage high-current applications. Typical applications for these transistors include power-switching circuits, audio amplifiers, series- and shunt-regulator driver and output stages, dc-to-dc

converters, inverters, and solenoid (hammer)/relay driver service.

These devices employ the popular JEDEC TO-3 package; they differ in maximum ratings for voltage, current, and power.

**Features:**

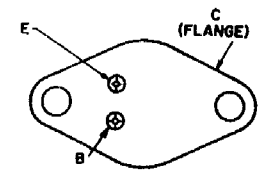
- High dissipation capability –  
 120 W (2N4348), 150 W (2N3773), 250 W (2N6259)
- 5-A specification for  $h_{FE}$ ,  $V_{BE}$ , &  $V_{CE(sat)}$  (2N4348)
- 8-A specification for  $h_{FE}$ ,  $V_{BE}$ , &  $V_{CE(sat)}$  (2N3773, 2N6259)
- $V_{CEX}$  –  
 140 V min (2N4348), 160 V min (2N3773)  
 170 V min (2N6259)
- Low saturation voltage with high beta

**MAXIMUM RATINGS, Absolute Maximum Values:**

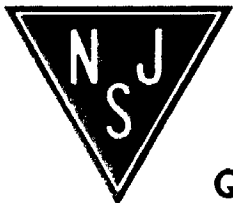
	2N4348	2N3773	2N6259	
*COLLECTOR-TO-BASE VOLTAGE ..... $V_{CBO}$	140	160	170	V
COLLECTOR-TO-EMITTER VOLTAGE				
* With base open ..... $V_{CEO}$	120	140	150	V
With reverse bias ( $V_{BE}$ ) of -1.5 V ..... $V_{CEX}$	140	160	170	V
*EMITTER-TO-BASE VOLTAGE ..... $V_{EBO}$	7	7	7	V
*COLLECTOR CURRENT:				
Continuous ..... $I_C$	10	16	16	A
Peak ..... $I_{CP}$	30	30	30	A
*BASE CURRENT:				
Continuous ..... $I_B$	4	4	4	A
Peak ..... $I_{BP}$	15	15	15	A
*TRANSISTOR DISSIPATION:				
At case temperatures up to 25°C ..... $P_T$	120	150	250	W
At case temperatures above 25°C	Derate linearly to 200°C			
*TEMPERATURE RANGE:				
Storage & Operating (Junction) ..... °C	← -65 to +200 →			
*PIN TEMPERATURE (During Soldering):				
At distances $\geq 1/32$ in. (0.8 mm) from case for 10 s max. .... °C	← 230 →			

\* In accordance with JEDEC registration data format (JES 6, RDF 2).

**TERMINAL DESIGNATIONS**



JEDEC TO-3



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**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS, At Case Temperature ( $T_C$ ) = 25°C Unless Otherwise Specified**

CHARACTERISTIC	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS				LIMITS						UNITS
		VOLTAGE V dc		CURRENT A dc		2N4348		2N3773		2N6259		
		VCE	VBE	IC	IB	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
Collector-Cutoff Current: With emitter open, $V_{CB} = 140$ V	$I_{CBO}$							2				mA
With base-emitter junction reverse-biased	$I_{CEX}$	120	-1.5			2						mA
		140	-1.5					2				
		150	-1.5								0.2	
With base-emitter junction reverse-biased and $T_C = 150^\circ\text{C}$	$I_{CEX}$	120	-1.5			10						mA
		140	-1.5					10				
		150	-1.5								4	
With base open	$I_{CEO}$	100				20						mA
		120						10			2	
Emitter-Cutoff Current	$I_{EBO}$		-7	0		5		5			2	mA
DC Forward Current Transfer Ratio	$h_{FE}$	4		5 <sup>a</sup>		15	60					
		4		8 <sup>a</sup>				15	60			
		2		8 <sup>a</sup>		10				15	60	
		4		10 <sup>a</sup>				5			10	
		4		16 <sup>a</sup>								
Collector-to-Emitter Sustaining Voltage: With base-emitter junction reverse-biased ( $R_{BE} = 100\Omega$ )	$V_{CEX(sus)}$		-1.5	0.1		140		160		170		V
With external base-to-emitter resistance ( $R_{BE} = 100\Omega$ )	$V_{CER(sus)}$			0.2 <sup>a</sup>		140		150		160		V
With base open	$V_{CEO(sus)}$			0.2 <sup>a</sup>	0	120		140		150		V
Base-to-Emitter Voltage	$V_{BE}$	4		5 <sup>a</sup>			2		2			V
		4		8 <sup>a</sup>					2			
		2		8 <sup>a</sup>							2	
		4		10 <sup>a</sup>				3				
Collector-to-Emitter Saturation Voltage	$V_{CE(sat)}$			5 <sup>a</sup>	0.5		1		1.4		1	V
				8 <sup>a</sup>	0.8							
				10 <sup>a</sup>	1.25		2		4		2.5	
				16 <sup>a</sup>	3.2							
Second Breakdown Collector Current With base forward-biased and 1- $\mu$ s nonrepetitive pulse	$I_{S/b}^b$	80				1.5		1.5		2.5		A
		100										
Second Breakdown Energy With base reverse-biased and $L = 40$ mH, $R_{BE} = 100\Omega$	$E_{S/b}^c$		-1.5	2.5		0.125		0.125		0.125		J
Magnitude of Common-Emitter, Small-Signal, Short-Circuit, Forward Current Transfer Ratio ( $f = 50$ kHz)	$ h_{fe} $	4		1		4		4		4		
Common-Emitter, Small- Signal, Short-Circuit, Forward Current Transfer Ratio ( $f = 1$ kHz)	$h_{fe}$	4		1		40		40		40		
Thermal Resistance Junction-to-Case	$R_{\theta JC}$					1.46		1.17		0.7		$^\circ\text{C/W}$

<sup>a</sup> In accordance with JEDEC registration data format JS-6 RDF-2.

<sup>b</sup> Pulsed; pulse duration = 300 $\mu$ s, rep. rate = 60 Hz.

<sup>c</sup>  $I_{S/b}$  is defined as the current at which second breakdown occurs at a specified collector voltage with the emitter-base junction forward biased for transistor operation in the active region.

<sup>d</sup>  $E_{S/b}$  is defined as the energy at which second breakdown occurs under specified reverse bias conditions:  $E_{S/b} = 1/2LI^2$  where L is a series load or leakage inductance and I is the peak collector current.