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Darlington Power Transistors

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TIP120, TIP121, TIP122

File Number 998

**8-Ampere N-P-N Darlington  
Power Transistors**

60, 80, and 100 Volts, 65 Watts

Gain of 1000 at 0.5 A

Gain of 1000 at 3 A

**Features:**

- Operates from IC without predriver
- Low leakage at high temperature

**Applications:**

- Power switching
- Audio amplifiers
- Hammer drivers
- Series and shunt regulators

The RCA-TIP120, TIP121 and TIP122 are monolithic n-p-n silicon Darlington transistors designed for low- and medium-frequency power applications. The construction of these devices provides good forward second-breakdown capability; their high gain makes it possible for them to be driven directly from integrated circuits.

These devices are supplied in the JEDEC TO-220AB (VER-SAWATT) plastic package.

The TIP120, TIP121 and TIP122 are n-p-n complements of the TIP125, TIP126 and TIP127 described in RCA data bulletin File 997.

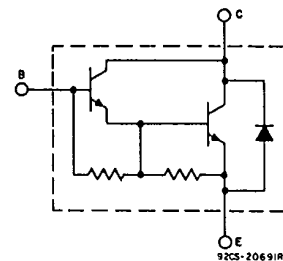
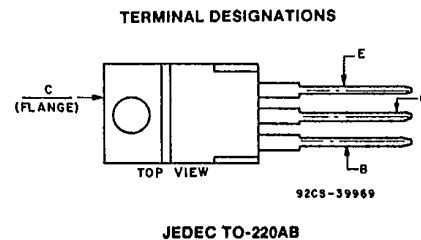


Fig. 1 - Schematic diagram for all types.

**MAXIMUM RATINGS, Absolute-Maximum Values:**

|                                                                    | TIP120                  | TIP121 | TIP122 |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|------|
| $V_{CBO}$ .....                                                    | 60                      | 80     | 100    | V    |
| $V_{CER(SUS)}$                                                     |                         |        |        |      |
| $R_{RE} = 100 \Omega$ .....                                        | 60                      | 80     | 100    | V    |
| $V_{CEO(SUS)}$ .....                                               | 60                      | 80     | 100    | V    |
| $V_{CEV(SUS)}$                                                     |                         |        |        |      |
| $V_{BE} = -1.5 V$ .....                                            | 60                      | 80     | 100    | V    |
| $V_{EBO}$ .....                                                    | 5                       | 5      | 5      | V    |
| $I_C$ .....                                                        | 8                       | 8      | 8      | A    |
| $I_{CU}$ .....                                                     | 10                      | 10     | 10     | A    |
| $I_B$ .....                                                        | 0.25                    | 0.25   | 0.25   | A    |
| $P_T$                                                              |                         |        |        |      |
| $T_C$ up to 25°C .....                                             | 65                      | 65     | 65     | W    |
| $T_C$ above 25°C .....                                             | Derate linearly at 0.52 |        |        | W/°C |
| $T_{stg} T_J$ .....                                                | -65 to 150              |        |        | °C   |
| $T_L$                                                              |                         |        |        |      |
| At distances $\geq 1/8$ in. (3.17 mm) from case for 10 s max. .... | 235                     |        |        | °C   |

## TIP120, TIP121, TIP122

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS, At Case Temperature ( $T_C$ ) = 25°C

| CHARAC-<br>TERISTIC                                  | TEST CONDITIONS |                 |                                    |                | LIMITS       |               |              |               |              |               | UNITS |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------|
|                                                      | Voltage<br>V dc |                 | Current<br>A dc                    |                | TIP120       |               | TIP121       |               | TIP122       |               |       |
|                                                      | V <sub>CE</sub> | V <sub>BE</sub> | I <sub>C</sub>                     | I <sub>B</sub> | Min.         | Max.          | Min.         | Max.          | Min.         | Max.          |       |
| I <sub>CBO</sub><br>I <sub>E</sub> =0                | 60<br>80<br>100 |                 |                                    |                | —            | 0.2           | —            | —             | —            | —             | mA    |
| I <sub>CEO</sub>                                     | 30<br>40<br>50  |                 |                                    | 0<br>0<br>0    | —<br>—<br>—  | 0.5<br>—<br>— | —<br>—<br>—  | —<br>0.5<br>— | —<br>—<br>—  | —<br>—<br>0.5 |       |
| I <sub>EBO</sub>                                     |                 | —5              | 0                                  |                | —            | 2             | —            | 2             | —            | 2             |       |
| V <sub>CEO(sus)</sub>                                |                 |                 | 0.2 <sup>a</sup>                   | 0              | 60           | —             | 80           | —             | 100          | —             | V     |
| h <sub>FE</sub>                                      | 3<br>3          |                 | 3 <sup>a</sup><br>0.5 <sup>a</sup> |                | 1000<br>1000 | —<br>—        | 1000<br>1000 | —<br>—        | 1000<br>1000 | —<br>—        |       |
| V <sub>BE</sub>                                      | 3               |                 | 3 <sup>a</sup>                     |                | —            | 2.5           | —            | 2.5           | —            | 2.5           | V     |
| V <sub>CE(sat)</sub>                                 |                 |                 | 3 <sup>a</sup><br>5 <sup>a</sup>   | 0.012<br>0.02  | —<br>—       | 2<br>3        | —<br>—       | 2<br>3        | —<br>—       | 2<br>3        | V     |
| h <sub>fe</sub><br>f=1 kHz                           | 5               |                 | 1                                  |                | 1000         | —             | 1000         | —             | 1000         | —             |       |
| h <sub>fe</sub>  <br>f=1 MHz                         | 5               |                 | 1                                  |                | 20           | —             | 20           | —             | 20           | —             |       |
| C <sub>obo</sub><br>V <sub>CB</sub> =10 V<br>f=1 MHz |                 |                 |                                    |                | —            | 200           | —            | 200           | —            | 200           | pF    |
| I <sub>S/b</sub><br>t=0.5 s non-<br>rep. pulse       | 25              |                 |                                    |                | 2.6          | —             | 2.6          | —             | 2.6          | —             | A     |
| R <sub>θJC</sub>                                     |                 |                 |                                    |                | —            | 1.92          | —            | 1.92          | —            | 1.92          | °C/W  |

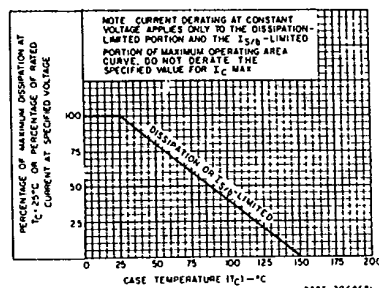
<sup>a</sup> Pulsed, pulse duration = 300  $\mu$ s, duty factor  $\leq$  2%.

Fig. 2 — Derating curve for all types.

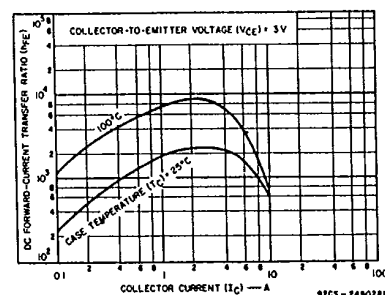


Fig. 3 — Typical dc beta characteristics for all types.

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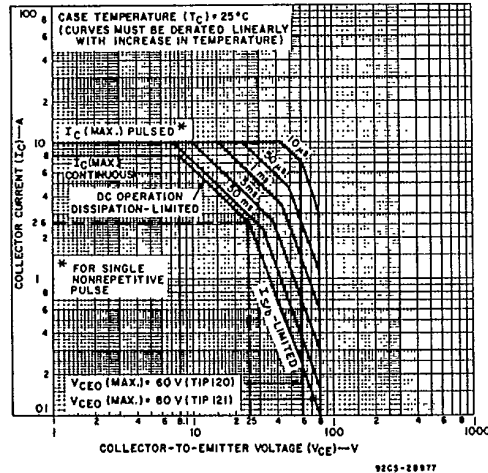


Fig. 4 - Maximum operating areas for TIP120 and TIP121.

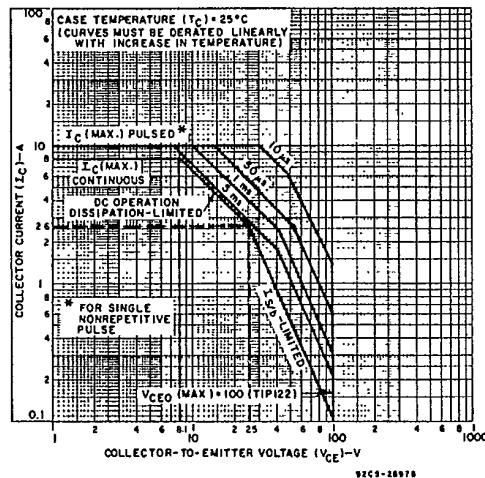


Fig. 5 - Maximum operating areas for TIP122.

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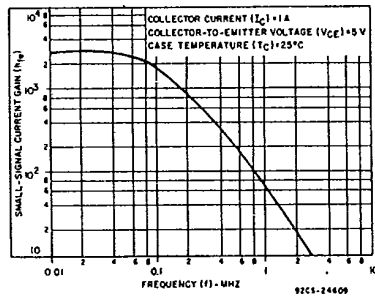


Fig. 6 — Typical small-signal current gain for all types.

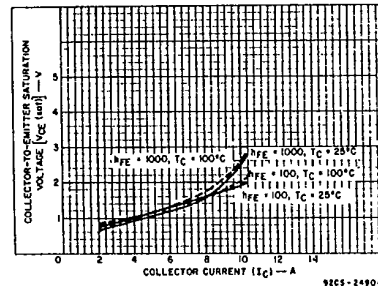


Fig. 7 — Typical saturation characteristics for all types.

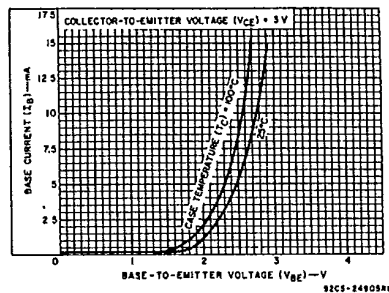


Fig. 8 — Typical input characteristics for all types.

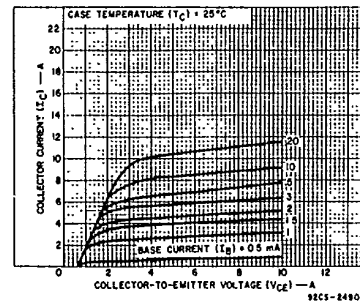


Fig. 9 — Typical output characteristics for all types.

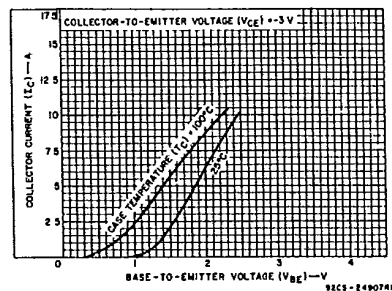


Fig. 10 — Typical transfer characteristics for all types.

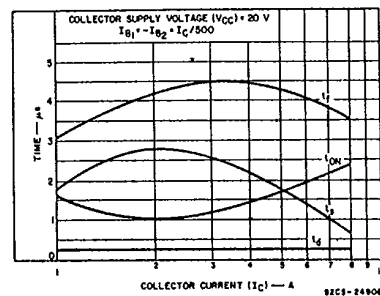


Fig. 11 — Typical saturated switching characteristics for all types.