

# RCA RF TRANSISTORS



# 2N2857

RCA-2N2857\* is a double-diffused epitaxial planar transistor of the silicon n-p-n type. It is extremely useful in low-noise-amplifier, oscillator, and converter applications at frequencies up to 500 Mc with the common-emitter configuration, and up to 1200 Mc with the common-base configuration.

The 2N2857 utilizes a four-lead package which has the same case dimensions as the JEDEC TO-18 package. All active elements of the transistor are insulated from the case, which may be grounded by means of the fourth lead in applications requiring shielding of the device.

### Maximum Ratings, Absolute-Maximum Values:

COLLECTOR-TO-BASE VOLTAGE, $V_{CB0}$ . . .	30 max.	volts
COLLECTOR-TO-EMITTER VOLTAGE, $V_{CE0}$ . . .	15 max.	volts
EMITTER-TO-BASE VOLTAGE, $V_{EB0}$ . . . . .	2.5 max.	volts
COLLECTOR CURRENT, $I_C$ . . . . .	20 max.	ma

### TRANSISTOR DISSIPATION, $P_T$ :

For operation with heat sink:

At case temperatures**	up to 25° C . . . . .	300 max.	mw
	above 25° C . . . . .	Derate at 1.72 mw/°C	

For operation in free air:

At free-air temperatures	up to 25° C . . . . .	200 max.	mw
	above 25° C . . . . .	Derate at 1.14 mw/°C	

### TEMPERATURE RANGE:

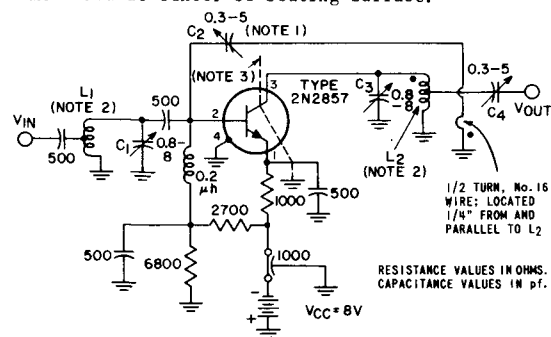
Storage and Operating (Junction) . . . -65 to +200 °C

### LEAD TEMPERATURE (During soldering):

At distances  $\leq$  1/32 inch from seating surface for 10 seconds max. . . . . 230 max. °C

\* Formerly Dev. No. TA-2333

\*\* Measured at center of seating surface.



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**NOTE 1:** (NEUTRALIZATION PROCEDURE): (A) CONNECT A 450-Mc SIGNAL GENERATOR (WITH  $Z_{out} = 50$  OHMS) TO THE INPUT TERMINALS OF THE AMPLIFIER. (B) CONNECT A 50-OHM R-F VOLTMETER ACROSS THE OUTPUT TERMINALS OF THE AMPLIFIER. (C) APPLY  $V_{EE}$  AND  $V_{CC}$ , AND WITH THE SIGNAL GENERATOR ADJUSTED FOR 10 mv OUTPUT, TUNE  $C_1$ ,  $C_3$ , AND  $C_4$  FOR MAXIMUM OUTPUT. (D) INTERCHANGE THE CONNECTIONS TO THE SIGNAL GENERATOR AND THE OUTPUT INDICATOR. (E) WITH SUFFICIENT SIGNAL APPLIED TO THE OUTPUT TERMINALS OF THE AMPLIFIER, ADJUST  $C_2$  FOR A MINIMUM INDICATION AT THE INPUT. (F) REPEAT STEPS (A), (B), AND (C) TO DETERMINE IF RETUNING IS NECESSARY.

**NOTE 2:**  $L_1$  &  $L_2$  — SILVER-PLATED BRASS ROD, 1-1/2" LONG  $\times$  1/4" DIA. INSTALL AT LEAST 1/2" FROM NEAREST VERTICAL CHASSIS SURFACE. TAP 1-1/4" FROM CHASSIS END.

**NOTE 3:** EXTERNAL INTERLEAD SHIELD TO ISOLATE THE COLLECTOR LEAD FROM THE EMITTER AND BASE LEADS.

Fig. 1—Neutralized Amplifier Circuit Used to Measure 450-Mc Power Gain for Type 2N2857.

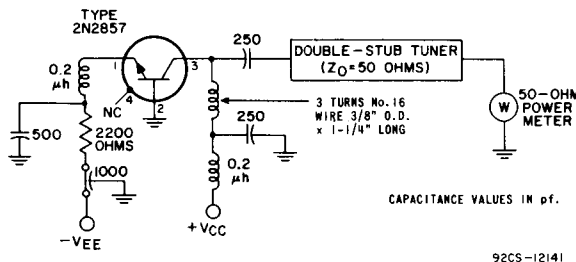
## SILICON N-P-N EPITAXIAL PLANAR TRANSISTOR



### For UHF Applications in Industrial and Military Equipment

#### Features:

- High Gain-Bandwidth Product—  
 $f_T = 1000$  Mc min.
- High Converter (450-to-30 Mc) Gain—  
 $G_c = 15$  db typ. for circuit bandwidth of approximately 2 Mc
- High Power Gain as Neutralized Amplifier—  
 $G_{pe} = 12.5$  db min. at 450 Mc for circuit bandwidth of 20 Mc
- High Power Output as UHF Oscillator—  
 $P_o = 30$  mw min., 40 mw typ. at 500 Mc  
 $= 20$  mw typ. at 1 Gc  
will oscillate at frequencies up to 2 Gc
- Low Device Noise Figure—  
 $NF = 4.5$  db max. as 450-Mc Amplifier  
 $= 7$  db typ. as 450-to-30 Mc Converter
- Low Collector-to-Base Time Constant—  
 $r_b C_c = 15$  psec max.



CAPACITANCE VALUES IN pf.

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Fig. 2—Oscillator Circuit Used to Measure 500-Mc Power Output for Type 2N2857.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS, At a Free-Air Temperature,  $T_{FA}$ , of  $25^{\circ}C$ :

Characteristic	Symbol	TEST CONDITIONS							LIMITS			Units
		Frequency f	DC Collector-to-Base Voltage $V_{CB}$	DC Collector-to-Emitter Voltage $V_{CE}$	DC Base-to-Emitter Voltage $V_{BE}$	DC Emitter Current $I_E$	DC Base Current $I_B$	DC Collector Current $I_C$	Type 2N2857			
									Mc	volts	volts	
Collector-Cutoff Current	$I_{CBO}$		15			0			-	-	0.01	$\mu a$
Collector-to-Base Breakdown Voltage	$BV_{CBO}$					0		0.001	30	-	-	volts
Collector-to-Emitter Breakdown Voltage	$BV_{CEO}$						0	3	15	-	-	volts
Emitter-to-Base Breakdown Voltage	$BV_{EBO}$					0.01		0	2.5	-	-	volts
DC Forward-Current Transfer Ratio	$h_{FE}$			1				3	30	-	150	
Small-Signal Forward-Current Transfer Ratio	$h_{fe}$	0.001 <sup>a</sup> 100 <sup>b</sup>		6 6				2 5	50 10	- -	220 19	
Output Capacitance	$C_{ob}$	0.140 <sup>a</sup> 0.140 <sup>b</sup>	10 10			0 0			- -	- -	1.8 1.3	pf pf
Input Capacitance	$C_{ib}$	0.140 <sup>a</sup>			0.5			0	-	1.4	-	pf
Collector-to-Base Time Constant	$r_{b1}C_c$	31.9 <sup>b</sup>	6					2	4	-	15	psec
Small-Signal, Common-Emitter Power Gain in Neutralized Amplifier Circuit (See Fig. 10)	$G_{pe}$	450 <sup>b</sup>		6				1.5	12.5	-	19	db
Power Output as Oscillator (See Fig. 11)	$P_o$	500 <sup>b</sup>	10			-12			30	-	-	mw
UHF Noise Figure	NF	450 <sup>b,c</sup>		6				1.5	-	4	4.5	db

<sup>a</sup> Fourth lead (case) not connected.

<sup>b</sup> Fourth lead (case) grounded.

<sup>c</sup> Source Resistance,  $R_g = 50$  ohms.

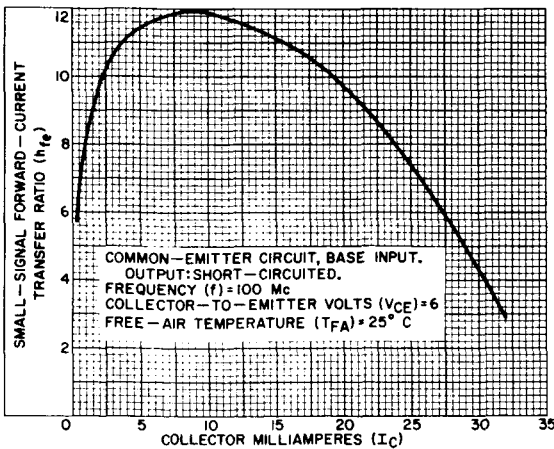
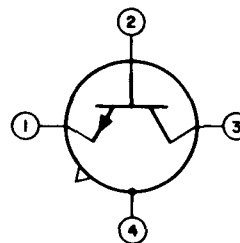


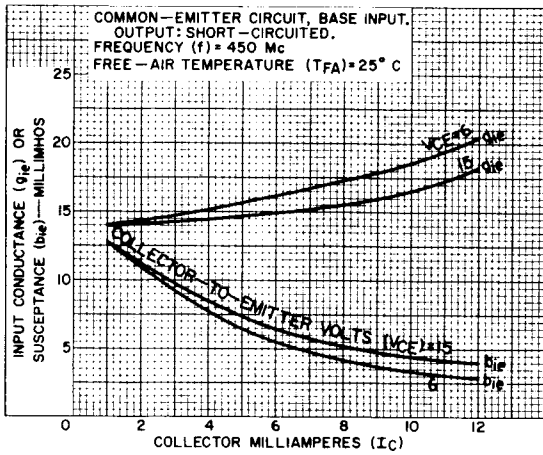
Fig. 3 - Small-Signal Beta Characteristic for Type 2N2857.

TERMINAL DIAGRAM  
Bottom View



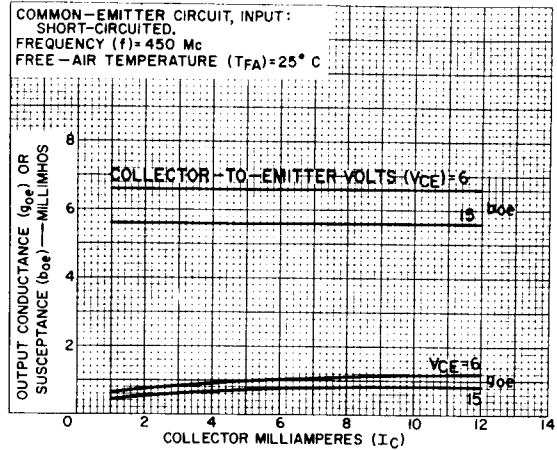
- LEAD 1 - EMITTER
- LEAD 2 - BASE
- LEAD 3 - COLLECTOR
- LEAD 4 - CONNECTED TO CASE

## Two-Port Admittance ( $y$ ) Parameters as Functions of Collector Current ( $I_C$ ) for Type 2N2857



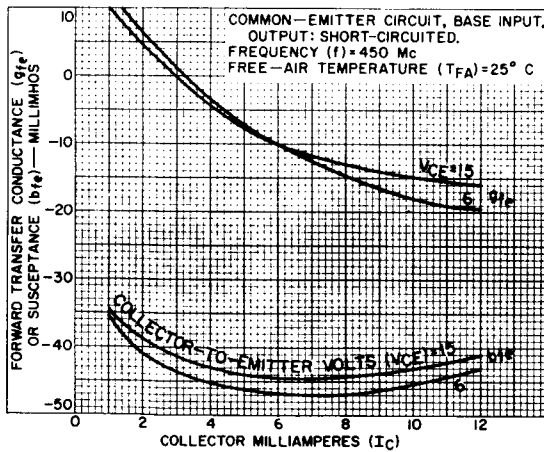
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Fig. 4 - Input Admittance ( $y_{ie}$ )



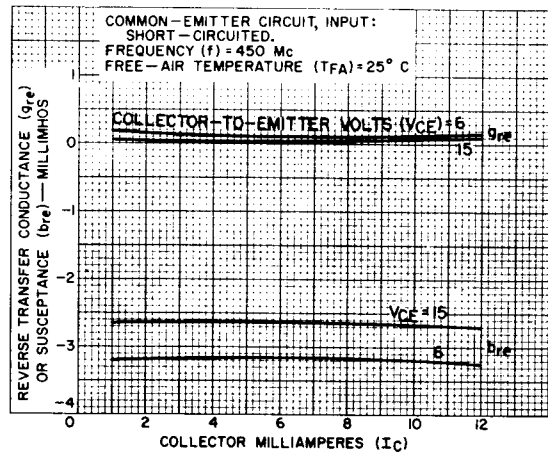
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Fig. 6 - Output Admittance ( $y_{oe}$ )



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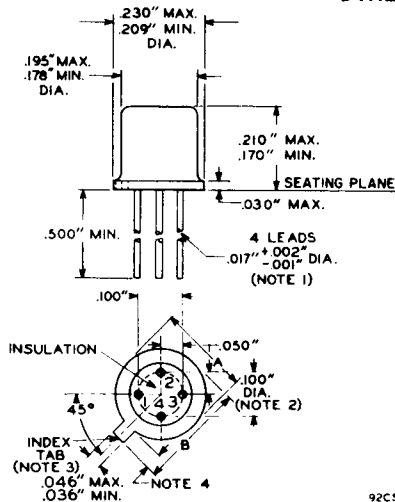
Fig. 5 - Forward Transadmittance ( $y_{fe}$ )



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Fig. 7 - Reverse Transadmittance ( $y_{re}$ )

### DIMENSIONAL OUTLINE



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**NOTE 1:** THE SPECIFIED LEAD DIAMETER APPLIES IN THE ZONE BETWEEN 0.050" AND 0.250" FROM THE SEATING PLANE. FROM 0.250" TO THE END OF THE LEAD A MAXIMUM DIAMETER OF 0.021" IS HELD. OUTSIDE OF THESE ZONES, THE LEAD DIAMETER IS NOT CONTROLLED.

**NOTE 2:** MAXIMUM DIAMETER LEADS AT A GAUGING PLANE 0.054" + 0.001" - 0.000" BELOW SEATING PLANE TO BE WITHIN 0.007" OF THEIR TRUE LOCATION RELATIVE TO MAX. WIDTH TAB AND TO THE MAXIMUM 0.230" DIAMETER MEASURED WITH A SUITABLE GAUGE. WHEN GAUGE IS NOT USED, MEASUREMENT WILL BE MADE AT SEATING PLANE.

**NOTE 3:** FOR VISUAL ORIENTATION ONLY.

**NOTE 4:** TAB LENGTH TO BE 0.028" MINIMUM - 0.048" MAXIMUM, AND WILL BE DETERMINED BY SUBTRACTING DIAMETER A FROM DIMENSION B.

Two-Port Admittance ( $y$ ) Parameters as Functions of Frequency ( $f$ ) for Type 2N2857

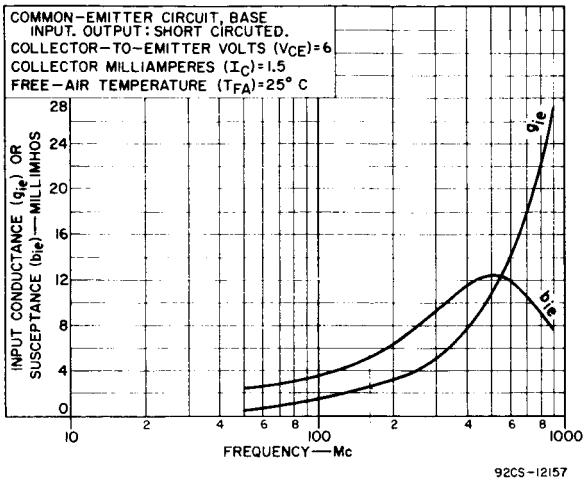


Fig. 8 - Input Admittance ( $y_{ie}$ )

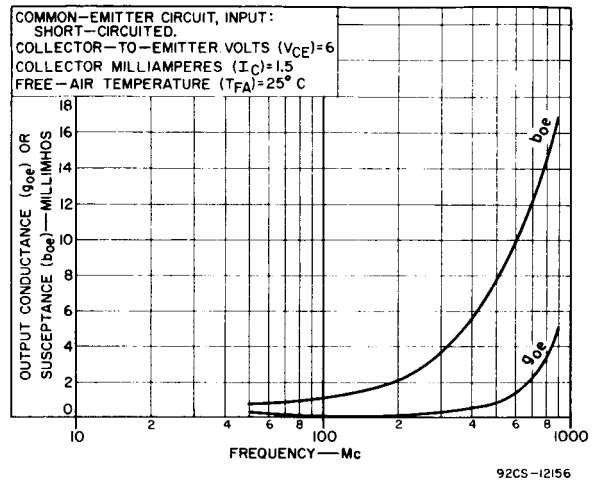


Fig. 10 - Output Admittance ( $y_{oe}$ )

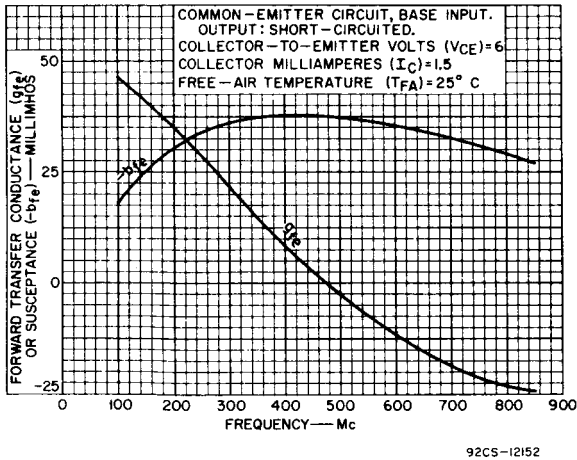


Fig. 9 - Forward Transadmittance ( $y_{fe}$ )

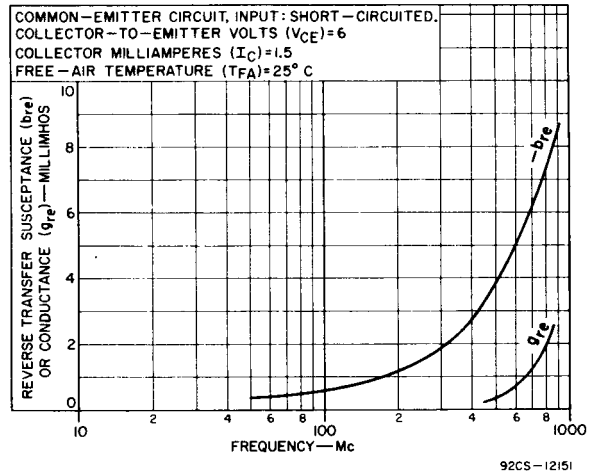


Fig. 11 - Reverse Transadmittance ( $y_{re}$ )

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