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**2N3959 (SILICON)**  
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NPN silicon annular transistors particularly well suited for high-speed current-mode logic switching applications.

**MAXIMUM RATINGS** ( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise noted)

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Collector-Base Voltage	$V_{CB}$	20	Vdc
Collector-Emitter Voltage (I to 30 mA)	$V_{CEO}$	12	Vdc
Emitter-Base Voltage	$V_{EB}$	4.5	Vdc
Total Device Dissipation @ $T_C = 25^\circ\text{C}$ Derate above $25^\circ\text{C}$	$P_D$	750 4.3	mW mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$
Total Device Dissipation @ $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ Derate above $25^\circ\text{C}$	$P_D$	400 2.3	mW mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$
Thermal Resistance Junction to Case Junction to Ambient	$\theta_{JC}$ $\theta_{JA}$	0.233 0.436	$^\circ\text{C}/\text{mW}$
Junction Operating Temperature Range	$T_J$	200	$^\circ\text{C}$
Storage Temperature Range	$T_{stg}$	-65 to +200	$^\circ\text{C}$

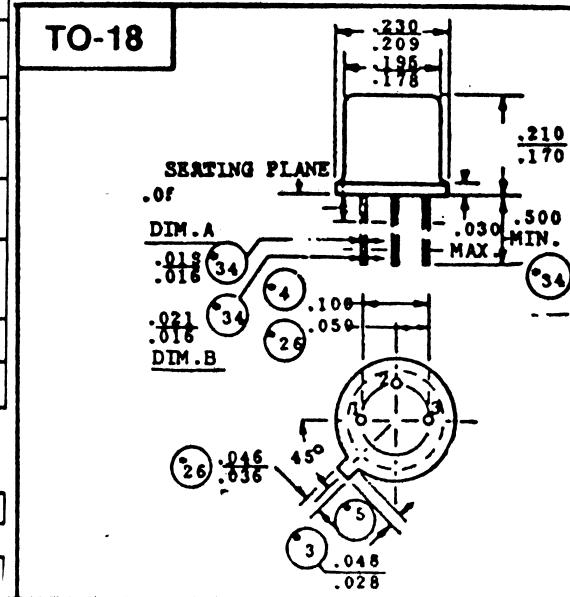
**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** ( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Fig. No.	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
<b>OFF CHARACTERISTICS</b>					
Collector-Base Breakdown Voltage ( $I_C = 10 \mu\text{Adc}$ , $I_B = 0$ )		$BV_{CBO}$	20	—	Vdc
Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage ( $I_C = 10 \text{ mAdc}$ , $I_B = 0$ )		$BV_{CEO}$	12	—	Vdc
Emitter-Base Breakdown Voltage ( $I_E = 10 \mu\text{Adc}$ , $I_C = 0$ )		$BV_{EBO}$	4.5	—	Vdc
Collector Reverse Current ( $V_{CG} = 10 \text{ Vdc}$ , $V_{EB} = 3 \text{ Vdc}$ ) ( $V_{CE} = 10 \text{ Vdc}$ , $V_{EB} = 3 \text{ Vdc}$ , $T_A = 150^\circ\text{C}$ )	9	$I_{CEx}$	—	.008	$\mu\text{Ade}$
Base Cutoff Current ( $V_{CE} = 10 \text{ Vdc}$ , $V_{EB} = 3 \text{ Vdc}$ )	9	$I_{BL}$	—	.008	$\mu\text{Ade}$
Collector Forward Current ( $V_{CG} = 3 \text{ Vdc}$ , $V_{EB} = 0.4 \text{ Vdc}$ )	9	$I_{CEx}$	—	0.10	$\mu\text{Ade}$

Characteristic	Fig. No.	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
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## **ON CHARACTERISTICS**

DC Current Gain ( $I_C = 1.0 \text{ mAdc}$ , $V_{CE} = 1 \text{ Vdc}$ ) ( $I_C = 10 \text{ mAdc}$ , $V_{CE} = 1 \text{ Vdc}$ ) ( $I_C = 30 \text{ mAdc}$ , $V_{CE} = 1 \text{ Vdc}$ )	1	$h_{FE}$	25 40 25	— 200 —	—
Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage ( $I_C = 1.0 \text{ mAdc}$ , $I_B = 0.1 \text{ mAdc}$ ) ( $I_C = 30 \text{ mAdc}$ , $I_B = 3 \text{ mAdc}$ )	2.3.4	$V_{CE(\text{sat})}$	— —	0.2 0.3	$\text{Vdc}$
Base-Emitter "ON" Voltage ( $I_C = 1.0 \text{ mAdc}$ , $V_{CE} = 1.0 \text{ Vdc}$ ) ( $I_C = 30 \text{ mAdc}$ , $V_{CE} = 1.0 \text{ Vdc}$ )	3.4	$V_{BE(\text{ON})}$	— —	0.8 1.0	$\text{Vdc}$



### TRANSIENT CHARACTERISTICS

Output Capacitance ( $V_{CB} = 4$ Vdc, $I_E = 0$ , $f = 1$ kHz)	8	$C_{ob}$	—	2.5	pF
Input Capacitance ( $V_{BE} = 0.5$ Vdc, $I_C = 0$ , $f = 100$ kHz)	8	$C_{ib}$	—	2.5	pF
High-Frequency Current Gain ( $I_C = 10$ mAdc, $V_{CE} = 10$ Vdc, $f = 100$ MHz)	2N3959 2N3960	$h_{fe}$	13 16	—	—
Current-Gain - Bandwidth Product ( $I_C = 5$ mAdc, $V_{CE} = 4$ Vdc, $f = 100$ MHz)	2N3959 2N3960	$f_T$	1000 1300	—	MHz
( $I_C = 10$ mAdc, $V_{CE} = 10$ Vdc, $f = 100$ MHz)	2N3959 2N3960		1300 1600	—	
( $I_C = 30$ mAdc, $V_{CE} = 4$ Vdc, $f = 100$ MHz)	2N3959 2N3960		1000 1200	—	
Collector-Base Time Constant ( $I_C = 5$ mAdc, $V_{CE} = 4$ Vdc)	2N3959 2N3960	$r_b' C_c$	— —	30 30	ps
( $I_C = 10$ mAdc, $V_{CE} = 10$ Vdc)	2N3959 2N3960		— —	25 40	
( $I_C = 30$ mAdc, $V_{CE} = 4$ Vdc)	2N3959 2N3960		— —	30 50	

### TYPICAL SWITCHING TIMES

	7	$t_{on(delay)}$	Typical Performance ( $V_{out} = 1$ V)		ns
			@ 10 mA	@ 30 mA	
Turn-On Delay Time			2.4	2	ns
Rise Time	2N3959 2N3960	$t_r$	3 3	2.2 1.7	ns
Turn-Off Delay Time			1.6	1.6	ns
Fall-Time	2N3959 2N3960	$t_{off(delay)}$	3.3 3.3	2.3 1.9	ns