



## NTE172A Silicon NPN Transistor Darlington Preamp, Medium Speed Switch

### Description:

The NTE172A is a silicon NPN Darlington transistor in a TO92 type case designed for preamplifier input stages requiring input impedances of several megohms or extremely low level, high gain, low noise amplifier applications.

### Absolute Maximum Ratings: ( $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise specified)

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|--|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Collector–Base Voltage, $V_{\text{CBO}}$   | ..... | 40V                                 |
| Collector–Emitter Voltage, $V_{\text{CEO}}$  | ..... | 40V                                 |
| Emitter–Base Voltage, $V_{\text{EBO}}$   | ..... | 12V                                 |
| Collector Current, $I_C$   |       |                                     |
| Continuous .....   | ..... | 300mA                               |
| Pulsed (Note 1) .....  | ..... | 500mA                               |
| Base Current, $I_B$  | ..... | 50mA                                |
| Total Power Dissipation ( $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ ), $P_D$                             | ..... | 400mW                               |
| Derate Above $25^\circ\text{C}$ .....  | ..... | 4mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$               |
| Operating Junction Temperature Range, $T_J$  | ..... | $-65^\circ$ to $+125^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Storage Temperature Range, $T_{\text{stg}}$  | ..... | $-65^\circ$ to $+150^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Lead Temperature (During Soldering, $1/16'' \pm 1/32''$ from case for 10sec max.), $T_L$ | ..... | $+260^\circ\text{C}$                |

Note 1. Pulse Test: Pulse Width  $\leq 300\mu\text{s}$ , Duty Cycle  $\leq 2\%$

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

| Parameter                           | Symbol                      | Test Conditions   | Min   | Typ | Max   | Unit          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------|-----|-------|---------------|
| <b>Static Characteristics</b>       |                             |   |       |     |       |               |
| Collector–Base Breakdown Voltage    | $V_{(\text{BR})\text{CBO}}$ | $I_C = 0.1\mu\text{A}, I_E = 0$                                 | 40    | –   | –     | V             |
| Collector–Emitter Breakdown Voltage | $V_{(\text{BR})\text{CEO}}$ | $I_C = 10\text{mA}, I_B = 0$                                    | 40    | –   | –     | V             |
| Emitter–Base Breakdown Voltage      | $V_{(\text{BR})\text{EBO}}$ | $I_E = 0.1\mu\text{A}, I_E = 0$                                 | 12    | –   | –     | V             |
| DC Current Gain                     | $h_{\text{FE}}$             | $V_{\text{CE}} = 5\text{V}, I_C = 2\text{mA}$                   | 7000  | –   | 70000 |               |
|                                     |                             | $V_{\text{CE}} = 5\text{V}, I_C = 100\text{mA}$                 | 20000 | –   | –     |               |
| Collector Cutoff Current            | $I_{\text{CBO}}$            | $V_{\text{CB}} = 40\text{V}, I_E = 0$                           | –     | –   | 100   | nA            |
|                                     |                             | $V_{\text{CB}} = 40\text{V}, I_E = 0, T_A = +100^\circ\text{C}$ | –     | –   | 20    | $\mu\text{A}$ |

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

| Parameter                              | Symbol               | Test Conditions   | Min  | Typ  | Max  | Unit                   |
|--|----------------------|---|------|------|------|------------------------|
| <b>Static Characteristics (Cont'd)</b> |                      |   |      |      |      |                        |
| Emitter Cutoff Current                 | $I_{EBO}$            | $V_{EB} = 12\text{V}$ , $I_C = 0$   | —    | —    | 100  | nA                     |
| Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage   | $V_{CE(\text{sat})}$ | $I_C = 200\text{mA}$ , $I_B = 0.2\text{mA}$   | —    | —    | 1.4  | V                      |
| Base-Emitter Saturation Voltage        | $V_{BE(\text{sat})}$ | $I_C = 200\text{mA}$ , $I_B = 0.2\text{mA}$   | —    | —    | 1.6  | V                      |
| Base-Emitter Voltage                   | $V_{BE}$             | $V_{CE} = 5\text{V}$ , $I_C = 200\text{mA}$   | —    | —    | 1.5  | V                      |
| <b>Dynamic Characteristics</b>         |                      |   |      |      |      |                        |
| Small-Signal Current Gain              | $h_{fe}$             | $V_{CE} = 5\text{V}$ , $I_C = 2\text{mA}$ , $f = 1\text{kHz}$   | 7000 | —    | —    |                        |
| Current Gain-High Frequency            | $ h_{f\text{el}}$    | $V_{CE} = 5\text{V}$ , $I_C = 2\text{mA}$ , $f = 1\text{kHz}$   | 15.6 | —    | —    | dB                     |
| Current Gain-Bandwidth Product         | $f_T$                | $V_{CE} = 5\text{V}$ , $I_C = 2\text{mA}$ , $f = 10\text{MHz}$  | 60   | —    | —    | MHz                    |
| Input Impedance                        | $h_{ie}$             | $V_{CE} = 5\text{V}$ , $I_C = 2\text{mA}$ , $f = 1\text{kHz}$   | —    | 650  | —    | k $\Omega$             |
| Collector-Base Capacitance             | $C_{cb}$             | $V_{CB} = 10\text{V}$ , $f = 1\text{MHz}$   | —    | 7.6  | 10.0 | pF                     |
| Emitter Capacitance                    | $C_{eb}$             | $V_{EB} = 0.5\text{V}$ , $f = 1\text{MHz}$  | —    | 10.5 | —    | pF                     |
| Noise Voltage                          | $e_n^-$              | $I_C = 0.6\text{mA}$ , $V_{CE} = 5\text{V}$ ,<br>$R_G = 160\text{k}\Omega$ , $f = 10\text{Hz}$ to $10\text{kHz}$ ,<br>B.W. = $15.7\text{kHz}$ | —    | 195  | 230  | nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ |

