

Pro Electron Type Numbering System

General

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Basic type number

This type designation code applies to discrete semiconductor devices (not integrated circuits), multiples of such devices, semiconductor chips and Darlington transistors.

FIRST LETTER

The first letter gives information about the material for the active part of the device.

- A germanium or other material with a band gap of 0.6 to 1 eV
- B silicon or other material with a band gap of 1 to 1.3 eV
- C gallium arsenide (GaAs) or other material with a band gap of 1.3 eV or more
- R compound materials, e.g. cadmium sulphide

SECOND LETTER

The second letter indicates the function for which the device is primarily designed. The same letter can be used for multi-chip devices with similar elements.

In the following list low power types are defined by $R_{th\ j-mb} > 15\ K/W$ and power types by $R_{th\ j-mb} \leq 15\ K/W$.

- A diode; signal, low power
- B diode; variable capacitance
- C transistor; low power, audio frequency
- D transistor; power, audio frequency
- E diode; tunnel
- F transistor; low power, high frequency
- G multiple of dissimilar devices/miscellaneous devices; e.g. oscillators. Also with special third letter; see under Section "Serial number".
- H diode; magnetic sensitive
- L transistor; power, high frequency
- N photocoupler
- P radiation detector; e.g. high sensitivity photo-transistor; with special third letter
- Q radiation generator; e.g. LED, laser; with special third letter
- R control or switching device; e.g. thyristor, low power; with special third letter
- S transistor; low power, switching
- T control or switching device; e.g. thyristor, low power; with special third letter

- U transistor; power, switching
- W surface acoustic wave device
- X diode; multiplier, e.g. varactor, step recovery
- Y diode; rectifying, booster
- Z diode; voltage reference or regulator, transient suppressor diode; with special third letter.

SERIAL NUMBER

The number comprises three figures running from 100 to 999 for devices primarily intended for consumer equipment, or one letter (Z, Y, X, etc.) and two figures running from 10 to 99 for devices primarily intended for industrial or professional equipment.⁽¹⁾

Version letter

A letter may be added to the basic type number to indicate minor electrical or mechanical variants of the basic type.

(1) When the supply of these serial numbers is exhausted, the serial number may be expanded to three figures for industrial types and four figures for consumer types.