

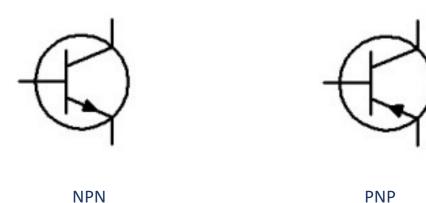
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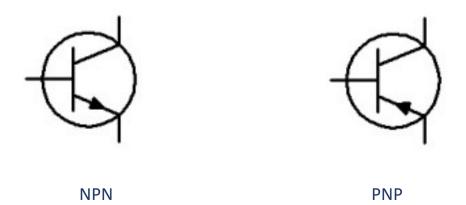
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BJT Transistor symbols are drawn as follows:



There are two types. The NPN and the PNP types.



To easily distinguish each the following rule can be used to remember each. The rule explains the direction of the arrow.

The NPN type: Not Pointing iN
The PNP type: Pointing iN







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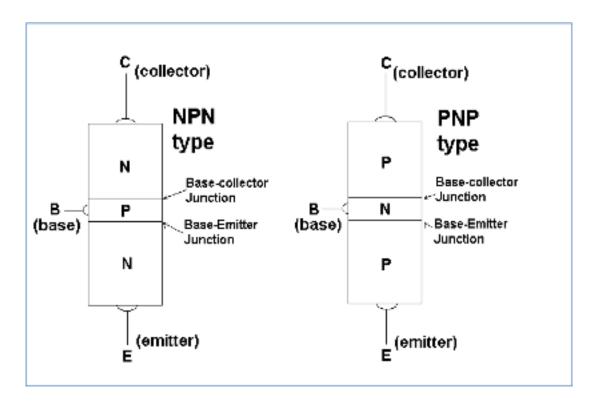
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Both types of transistors are made up of two PN junctions.

Each section of the transistor has an electrical connection attached to it called a leg.



The legs are given the names: Emitter Base Collector as shown in the drawing.







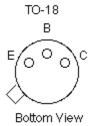
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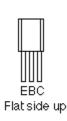
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Different configurations for NPN BJT Transistor pin arrangements.



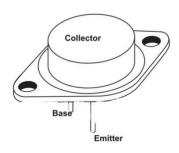




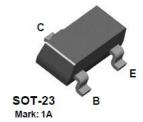
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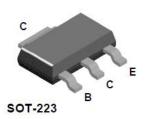


















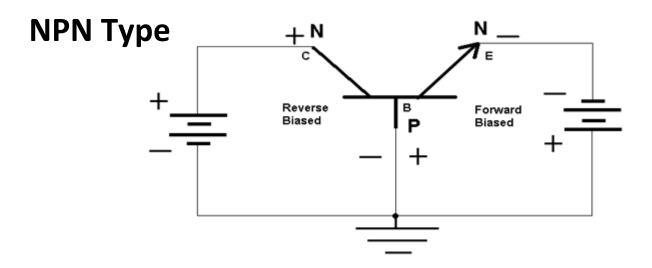
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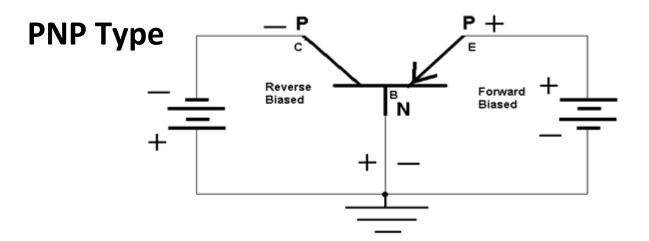
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A transistor, just like a diode, must be biased correctly to operate. This means the base emitter junction must be forward biased and the base-collector junction must be reverse biased.





When a transistor is connected correctly, there are three different currents flowing in the transistor.







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