

250 mA LED driver in SOT223 Rev. 1 — 4 February 2019

1. Product profile

1.1. General description

LED driver consisting of a resistor-equipped NPN transistor with two diodes on one chip in a medium power SOT223 (SC-73) Surface-Mounted Device (SMD) plastic package.

Table 1. Product overview

Type number	Package	
	Nexperia	JEITA
NCR320Z	SOT223	SC-73
NCR321Z	SOT223	SC-73

1.2. Features and benefits

- Stabilized output current of 10 mA without external resistor
- Stabilized output current adjustable up to 250 mA when an external resistor is used
- High current accuracy at supply voltage variation
- Low voltage overhead of 1.4 V
- · Reduces component count and board space
- High power dissipation of 1250 mW
- Supply voltage up to 16 V
- Digital PWM input up to 10 kHz frequency for NCR321Z
- AEC-Q101 qualified

1.3. Applications

- Constant current LED driver
- Generic constant current source
- Automotive applications (for example: interior lighting, dash board, instrumentation, number plate light)
- · Increase stabilized output current by paralleling drivers

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1.4. Quick reference data

Table	2.	Quick	reference	data
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Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit				
V _{EN}	enable voltage	enable voltage								
	NCR320Z		-	-	25	V				
	NCR321Z		-	-	4.5	V				
V _{out}	output voltage		-	-	16	V				
l _{out}	stabilized output current									
	NCR320Z	V _{out} = 1.4 V; V _{EN} = 12 V	[1] 9	10	11	mA				
	NCR321Z	V _{out} = 1.4 V; V _{EN} = 3.3 V	[1] 9	10	11	mA				

[1] Pulse test: $t_p \le 300 \ \mu s; \ \delta \le 0.02$

2. Pinning information

Pin	Symbol	Description	Simplified outline	Symbol
1	VEN	enable voltage	4	IOUT
2	REXT	external resistor		
3	GND	ground		
4	IOUT	output current	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3	VEN REXT GND aaa-029430

3. Ordering information

Type number	Package					
	Name	Description	Version			
NCR320Z	SC-73	plastic surface-mounted package with increased heatsink; 4 leads	SOT223			
NCR321Z	SC-73	plastic surface-mounted package with increased heatsink; 4 leads	SOT223			

4. Marking

Table 5. Marking codes	
Type number	Marking code
NCR320Z	CR320Z
NCR321Z	CR321Z

5. Limiting values

Table 6. Limiting values

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
l _{out}	stabilized output current if external resistor is used		-	300	mA
V _{EN}	enable voltage				
	NCR320Z		-	25	V
	NCR321Z		-	4.5	V
V _{out}	output voltage		-	16	V
V _R	reverse voltage		[1] -	0.5	V
P _{tot}	total power dissipation	T _{amb} ≤ 25 °C	[2] -	765	mW
			[3] -	1160	mW
			[4] -	1250	mW
			[5] -	1800	mW
Tj	junction temperature		-	150	°C
T _{amb}	ambient temperature		-55	150	°C
T _{stg}	storage temperature		-65	150	°C

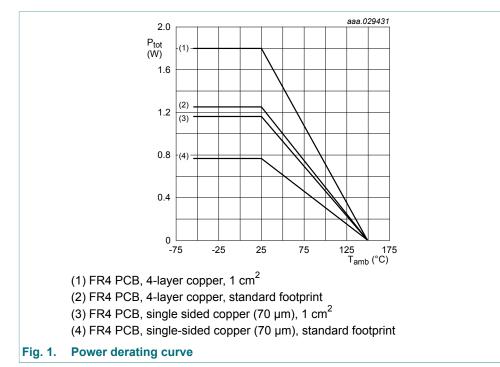
[1] Between all terminals.

[2] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit Board (PCB), single-side copper (70 μm), tin-plated and standard footprint.

[3] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit Board (PCB), single-side copper (70 μm), tin-plated; mounting pad for collector 1 cm².

[4] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit Board (PCB), 4-layer copper, tin-plated and standard footprint.

[5] Device mounted on an FR4 Printed-Circuit Board (PCB), 4-layer copper, tin-plated; mounting pad for collector 1 cm².



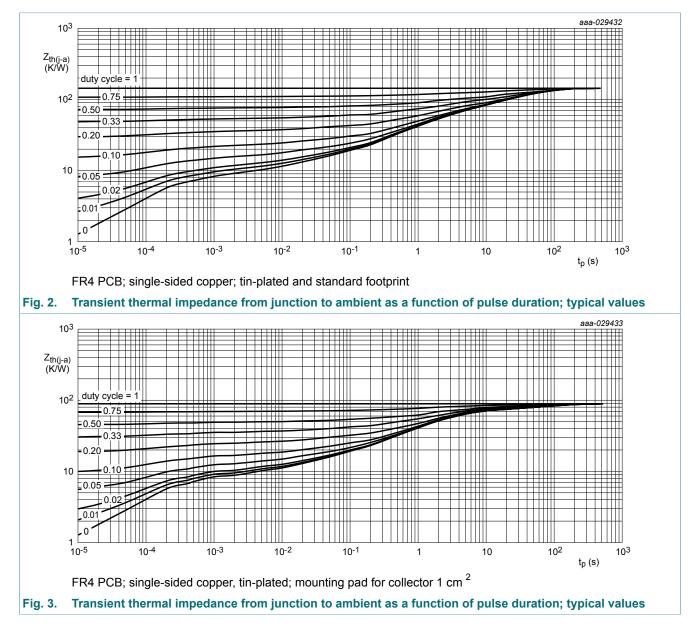
6. Thermal characteristics

Table 7. Thermal characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
R _{th(j-a)}	R _{th(j-a)} thermal resistance from junction to ambient		[1]	-	-	164	K/W
			[2]	-	-	108	K/W
			[3]	-	-	100	K/W
			[4]	-	-	70	K/W
R _{th(j-sp)}	thermal resistance from junction to solder point			-	-	27	K/W

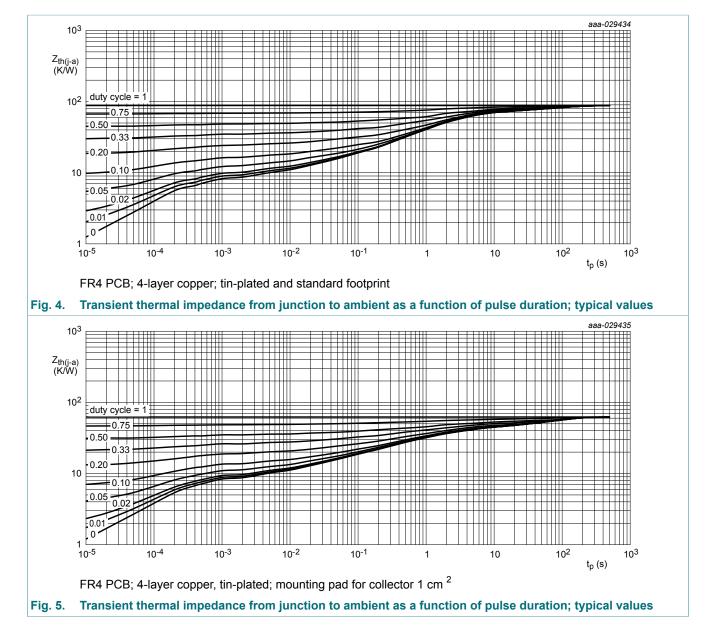
[1] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided copper (70 μ m), tin-plated and standard footprint.

- [2] Device mounted on an FR4 PCB, single-sided copper (70 μm), tin-plated; mounting pad for collector 1 cm².
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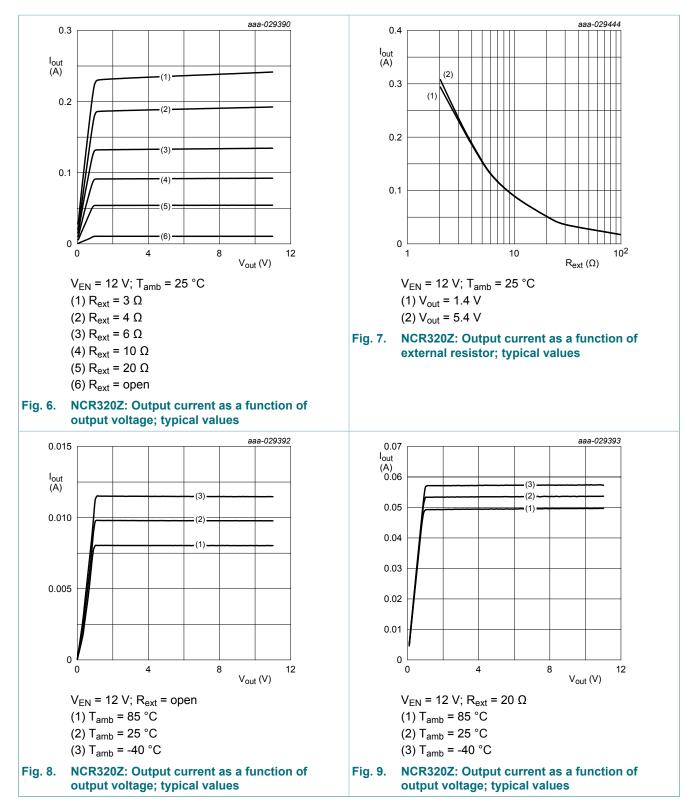
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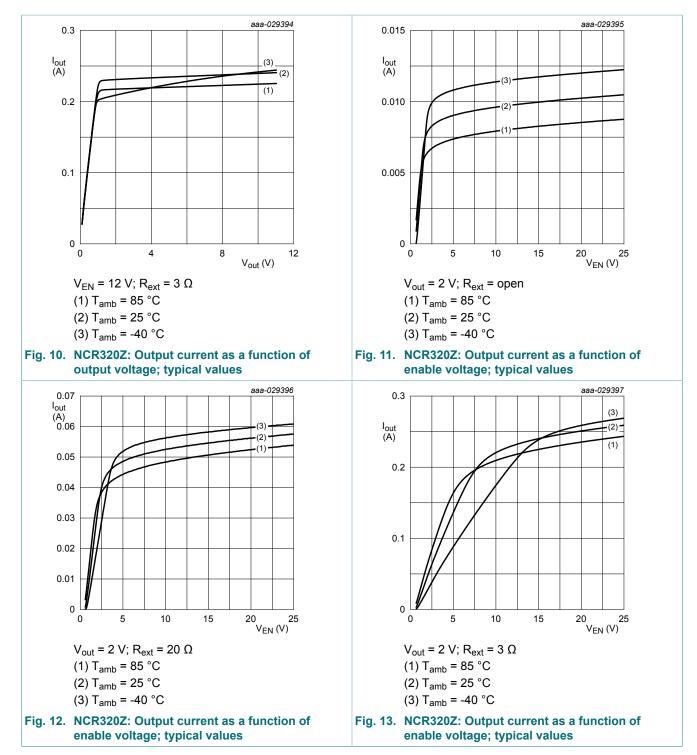
 T_{amb} = 25 °C unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit	
V _{(BR)CEO}	collector-emitter breakdown voltage	I _C = 1 mA; I _B = 0 A		16	-	-	V	
h _{FE}	DC current gain	V _{CE} =1 V; I _C = 50 mA	[1]	200	350	-		
R _{int}	internal resistor	I _{Rint} = 10 mA		85	95	105	Ω	
V _{Rint}	voltage drop at internal resistor R _{int}	I _{out} = 10 mA	[1]	0.85	0.95	1.05	V	
I _{EN}	enable current					-		
	NCR320Z	V _{EN} = 12 V	[1]	-	1.2	-	mA	
	NCR321Z	V _{EN} =3.3 V	[1]	-	1.2	-	mA	
R _B	bias resistor							
	NCR320Z			-	10	-	kΩ	
	NCR321Z			-	1.5	-	kΩ	
l _{out}	stabilized output current							
	NCR320Z	V _{EN} = 12 V; V _{out} = 1.4 V	[1]	9	10	11	mA	
	NCR321Z	V _{EN} = 3.3 V; V _{out} = 1.4 V	[1]	9	10	11	mA	
l _{out}	stabilized output current							
	NCR320Z at R _{ext} = 3 Ω	V _{EN} = 12 V; V _{out} > 1.4 V	[1]	-	250	-	mA	
	NCR321Z at R _{ext} = 3 Ω	V _{EN} = 3.3 V; V _{out} > 1.4 V	[1]	-	250	-	mA	
V _{out, min}	lowest sufficient output voltage overhead: V _{out} = V _{CC} - V _{LED}	I _{out} > 10 mA		-	1.4	-	V	
$\Delta I_{out}/(I_{out} \times \Delta T_{amb})$	stabilized output current change over ambient temperature							
	NCR320Z	V _{EN} = 12 V; V _{out} > 2 V	[1]	-	-0.27	-	%/K	
	NCR321Z	V _{EN} = 3.3 V; V _{out} > 2 V	[1]	-	-0.27	-	%/K	
$\Delta I_{out} / (I_{out} \times \Delta V_{CC})$	stabilized output current of	change over supply voltage						
	NCR320Z	V _{EN} = 12 V; V _{out} > 2 V	[1]	-	1	-	%/V	
	NCR321Z	V _{EN} = 3.3 V; V _{out} > 2 V	[1]	-	1	-	%/V	

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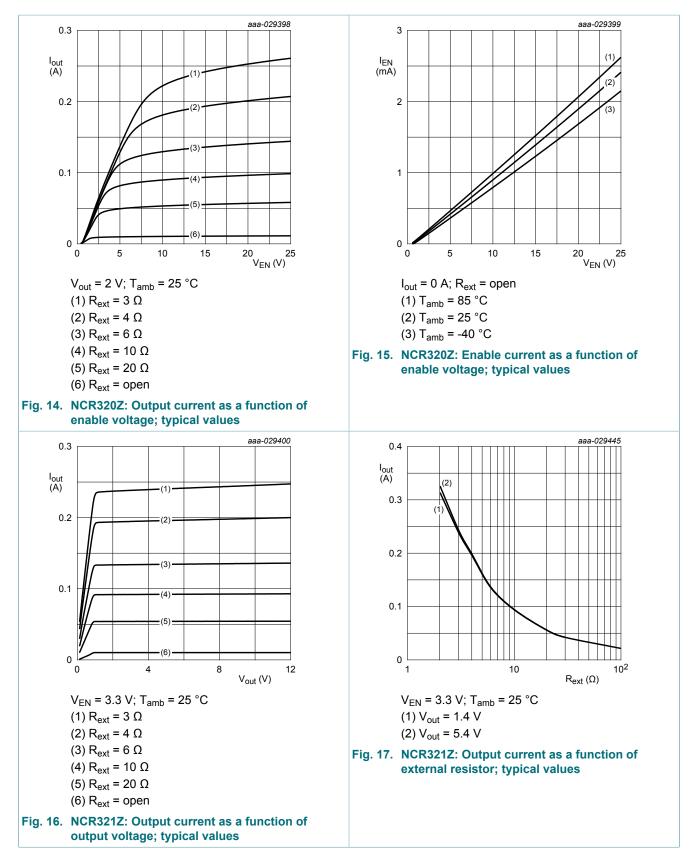
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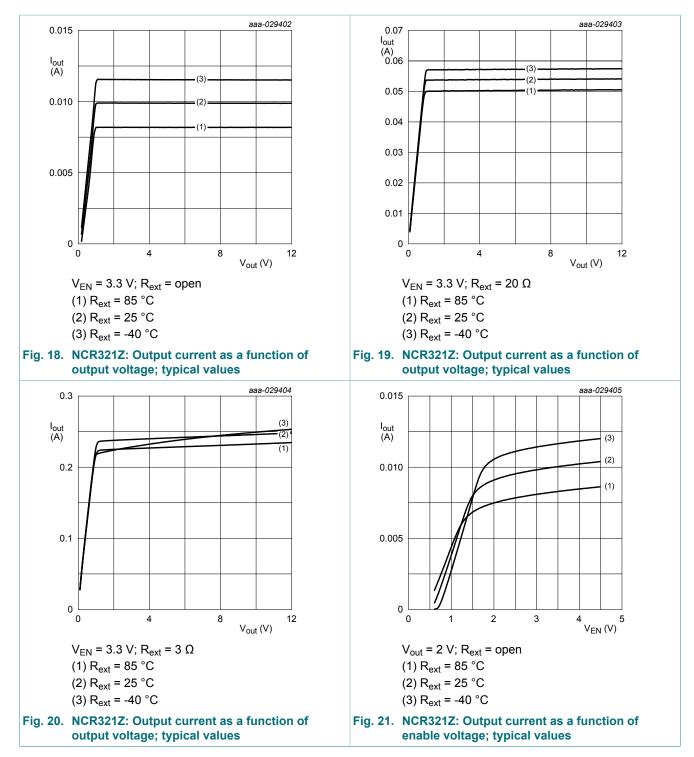
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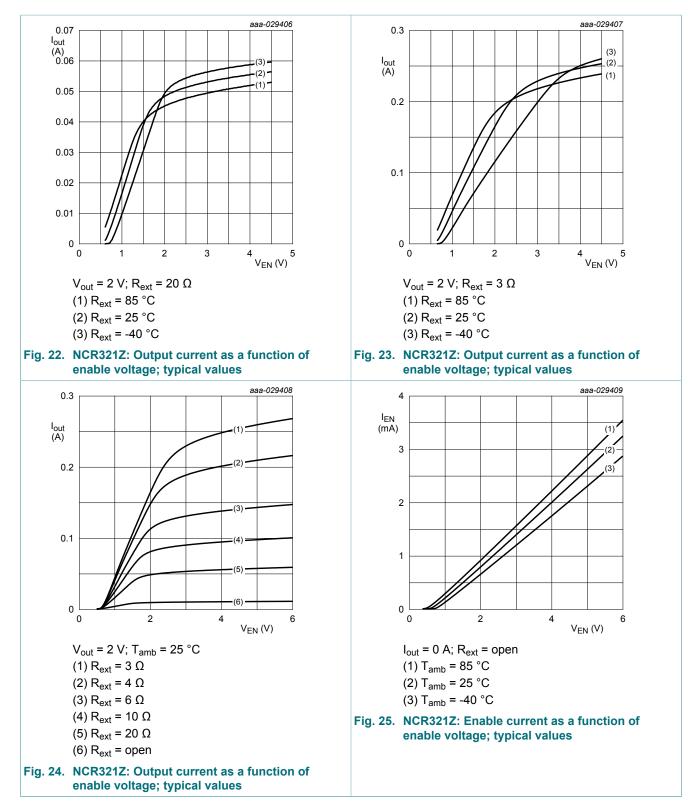


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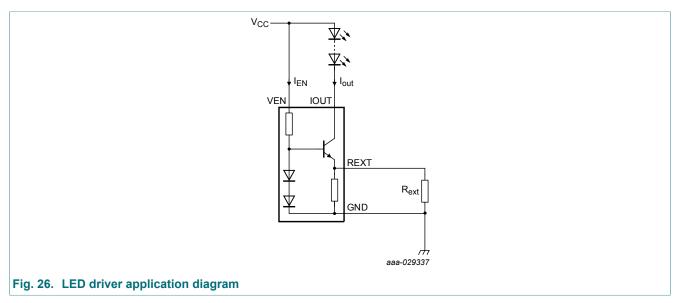
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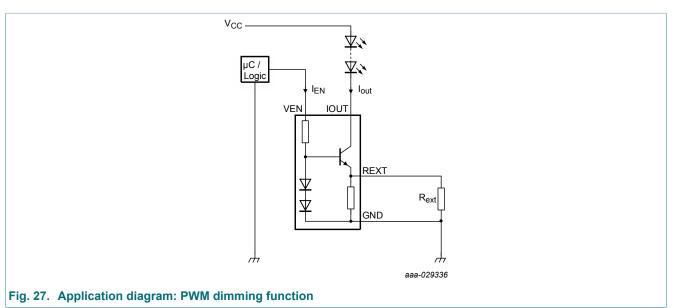
8. Application information

Figure 26 shows a typical application circuit for an LED driver. The constant current ensures a constant brightness in all LEDs. The output current can be adjusted between 10 mA and 250 mA by connecting resistor R_{ext} . Figures 7 and 17 give a first indication for choosing the external resitor R_{ext} . The minimum input voltage is given by voltage drop at the LED's V_{LED} and the maximum is governed by the maximum power dissipation

 $V_{LED} + V_{out, min} < V_{CC} < P_{tot} / I_{out} + V_{LED}$

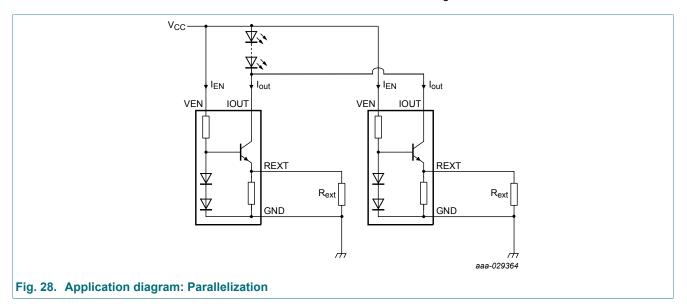


NCR321Z can be used for PWM dimming or on/off function by driving the VEN pin. The enable voltage depends on the drive current, see Figure 23. Figure 27 shows a typical application where VEN is driven via a micro directly. To control more than one NCR321Z devices by one microcontroller output, a shift register (for example 74AHC(T)594PW) can be used.



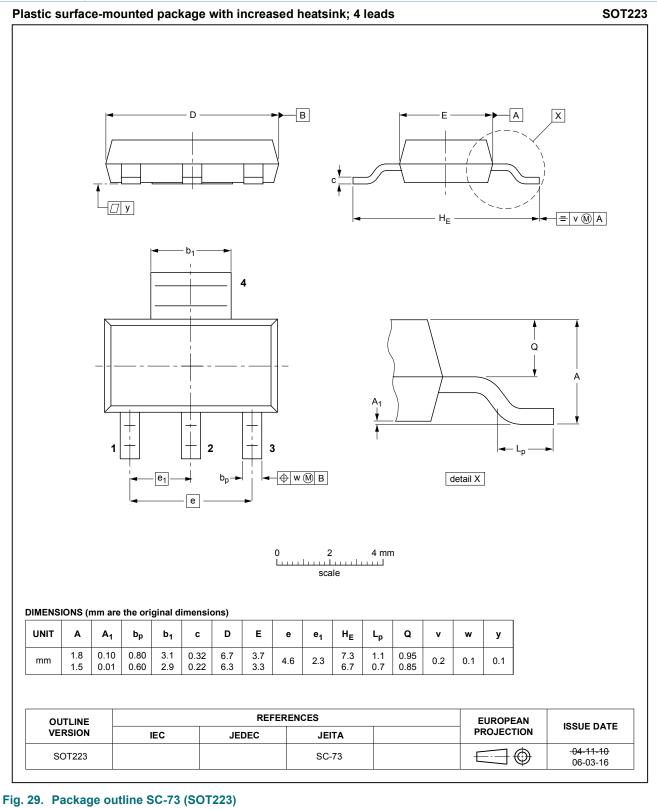
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To savely drive currents that are above the limits of the NCR32xZ, two or more devices can be parallel connected as illustrated in Figure 28. When choosing the same values for the external resistors, the drive current splits equally and the capability of handling excess power is doubled. Both, NCR320Z and NCR321Z can be used in this configuration.



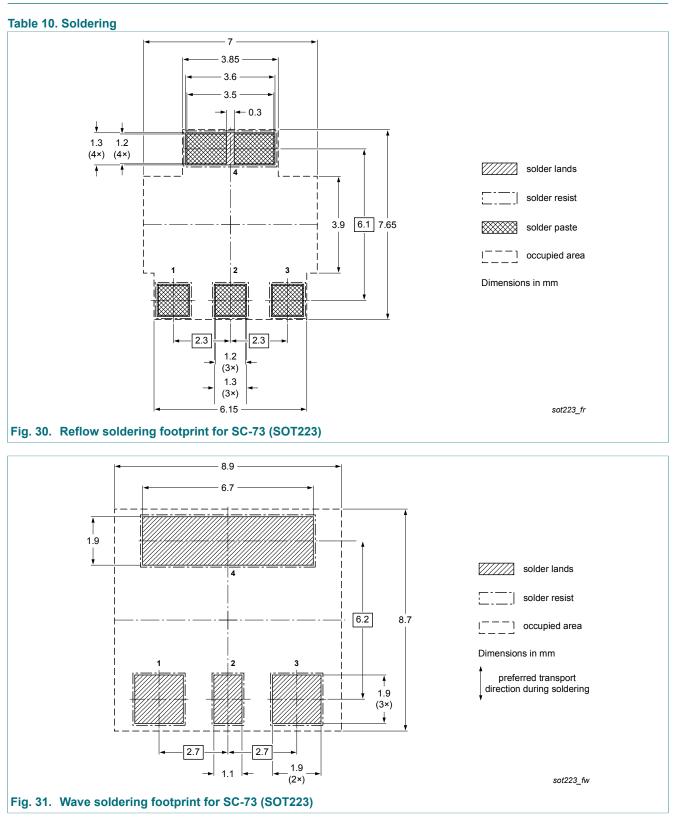
9. Package outline

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10. Soldering



11. Revision history

Table 11. Revision history				
Document ID	Release date	Data sheet status	Change notice	Supersedes
NCR320Z_NCR321Z v.1	20190204	Product data sheet	-	-

12. Legal information

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