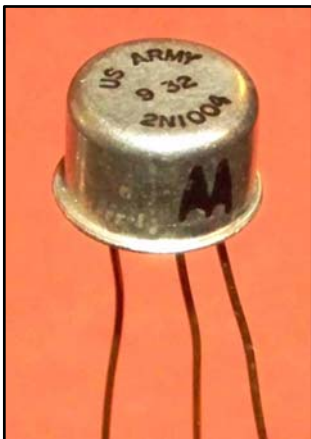
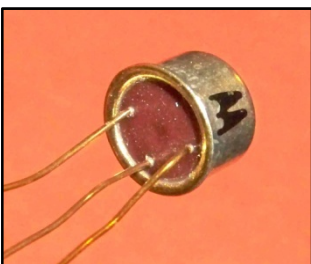


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Transistor Size (1/4" OD X 1/4" H)
Date Code 9 32 (1959 Week 32)



Bottom View Showing Glass Header

MOTOROLA 2N1004

TYPE

Germanium PNP Drift Transistor

USAGE

6 MC Video Amplifier

LISTING DATES

Sig C: FY 1956

U.S. ARMY: 1959

JEDEC Registration: 1963

CASE STYLES

Standard TO-5

Silver Metal with Glass Header

AVAILABILITY

Rare (Limited Production)

HISTORIC NOTES

Motorola was one of nine companies participating in the Signal Corps FY-1956 transistor Production Engineering Measures program. Although Motorola was known primarily as a pioneer in developing early germanium power transistors, such as the 2N176, for use in automobile radios, the company was also developing expertise in the manufacture of high speed germanium transistor technology such as "drift" and "diffused base". This approach well met the Signal Corps PEM initiative for FY-1956, which was aimed at supporting the development of the next breakthroughs in transistor technology that could achieve better high frequency performance than the existing alloy junction and surface barrier devices from the mid 1950s. The 2N1004 type was developed initially with support from the Sig C PEM program, and based on contract success, was further qualified to meet U.S. Army specifications. The glass header used for the lead seal, as shown above, represents a fairly early and somewhat primitive approach for transistor packaging technology - this technique was soon abandoned due to structural and performance degradation issues. The 2N1004 was likely never sold commercially, with only limited production for the Signal Corps and the U.S. Army.

