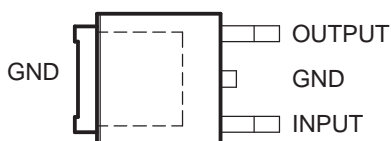


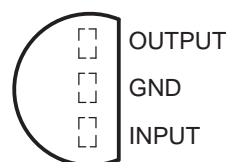
## FEATURES

- Wide Input Range...up to 30 V
- Rated Output Current of 100 mA
- Low Dropout...380 mV (Typ) at 100 mA
- Low Quiescent Current...75  $\mu$ A (Typ)
- Tight Line Regulation...0.03% (Typ)
- Tight Load Regulation...0.04% (Typ)
- High  $V_O$  Accuracy
  - 1% at 25°C
  - 2% Over Temperature
- Can Be Used as a Regulator or Reference
- Stable With Low ESR (>12 m $\Omega$ ) Capacitors
- Current- and Thermal-Limiting Features
- LP2950 Only (3-Pin Packages)
  - Fixed-Output Voltages of 5 V, 3.3 V, and 3 V
- LP2951 Only (8-Pin Packages)
  - Fixed- or Adjustable-Output Voltages: 5 V/ADJ, 3.3 V/ADJ, and 3 V/ADJ
  - Low-Voltage Error Signal on Falling Output
  - Shutdown Capability
  - Remote Sense Capability for Optimal Output Regulation and Accuracy

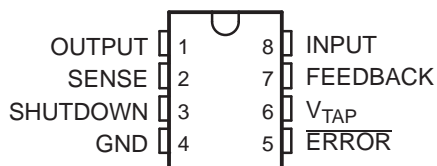
LP2950 . . . KVVU (PowerFLEX™) PACKAGE  
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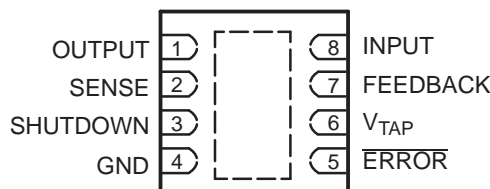
LP2950 . . . LP (TO-226/TO-92) PACKAGE  
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LP2951 . . . D (SOIC) OR DGK (MSOP) PACKAGE  
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LP2951 . . . DRJ (QFN) PACKAGE  
(TOP VIEW)



## DESCRIPTION/ORDERING INFORMATION

The LP2950 and LP2951 devices are bipolar, low-dropout voltage regulators that can accommodate a wide input supply-voltage range of up to 30 V. The easy-to-use, 3-pin LP2950 is available in fixed-output voltages of 5 V, 3.3 V, and 3 V. However, the 8-pin LP2951 is able to output either a fixed or adjustable output from the same device. By tying the OUTPUT and SENSE pins together, and the FEEDBACK and  $V_{TAP}$  pins together, the LP2951 outputs a fixed 5 V, 3.3 V, or 3 V (depending on the version). Alternatively, by leaving the SENSE and  $V_{TAP}$  pins open and connecting FEEDBACK to an external resistor divider, the output can be set to any value between 1.235 V to 30 V.

The 8-pin LP2951 also offers additional functionality that makes it particularly suitable for battery-powered applications. For example, a logic-compatible shutdown feature allows the regulator to be put in standby mode for power savings. In addition, there is a built-in supervisor reset function in which the  $\overline{ERROR}$  output goes low when  $V_{OUT}$  drops by 6% of its nominal value for whatever reasons – due to a drop in  $V_{IN}$ , current limiting, or thermal shutdown.

The LP2950 and LP2951 are designed to minimize all error contributions to the output voltage. With a tight output tolerance (0.5% at 25°C), a very low output voltage temperature coefficient (20 ppm typical), extremely good line and load regulation (0.3% and 0.4% typical), and remote sensing capability, the parts can be used as either low-power voltage references or 100-mA regulators.



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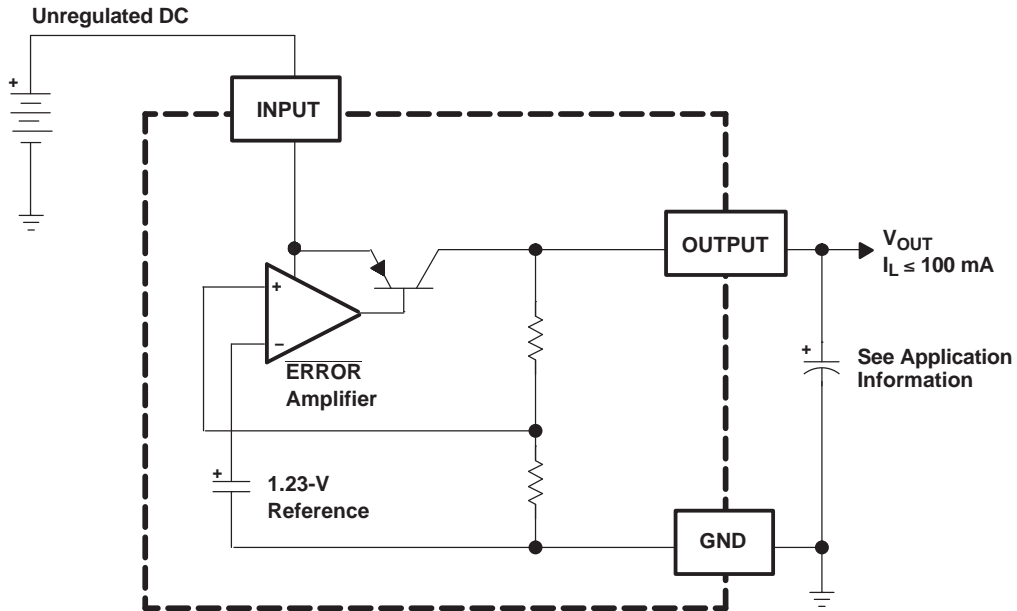
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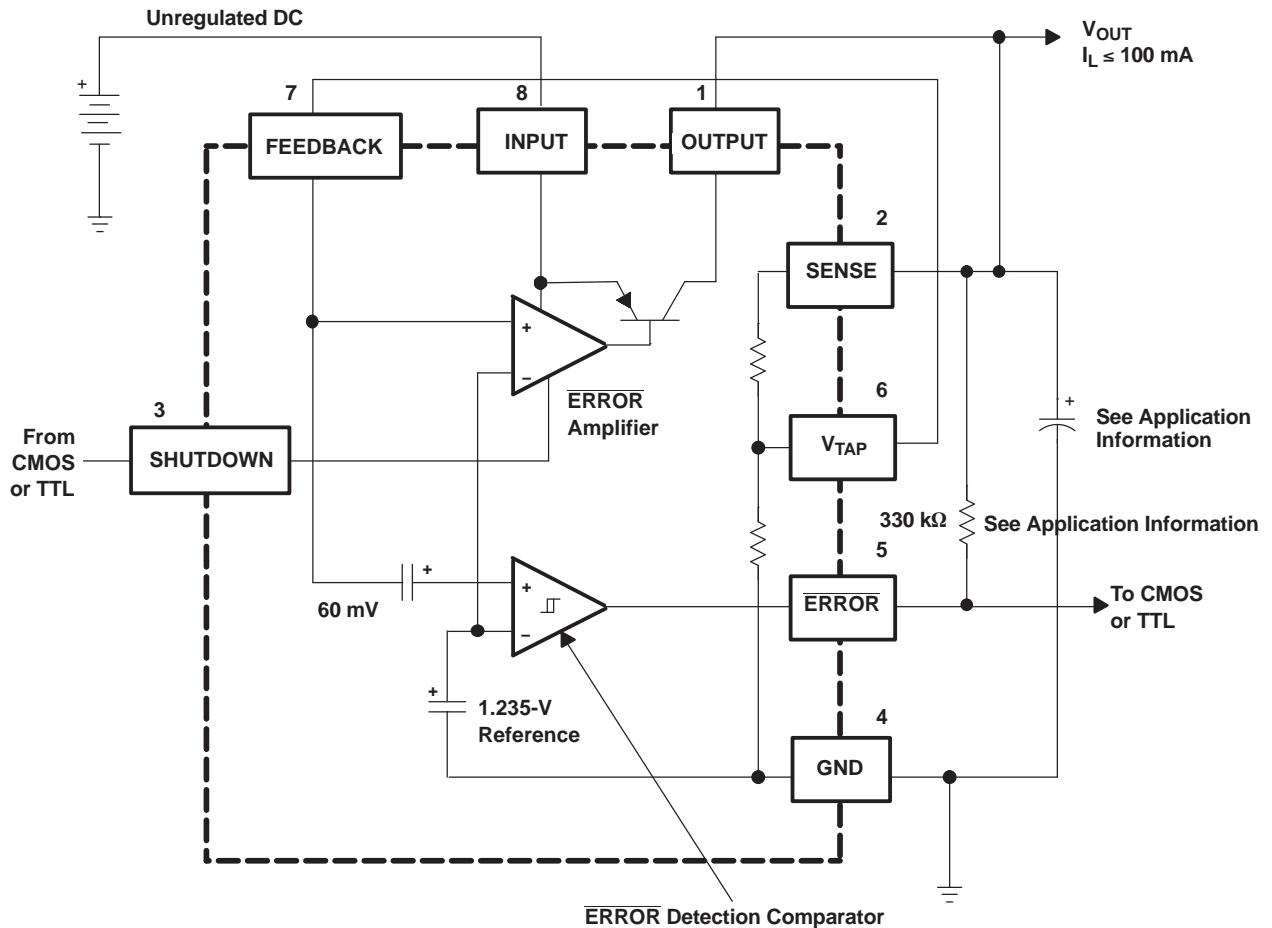
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-40°C to 125°C	3 V	TO-226/TO-92 – LP	Bulk of 1000	LP2950-30LP	KY5030
			Reel of 2000	LP2950-30LPR	
		PowerFLEX™/TO-252 – KVU	Reel of 3000	LP2950-30KVUR	PREVIEW
		QFN – DRJ	Reel of 1000	LP2951-30DRJR	PREVIEW
		SOIC – D	Tube of 75	LP2951-30D	KY5130
			Reel of 2500	LP2951-30DR	
	VSSOP – DGK	Reel of 2500	LP2951-30DGKR	PREVIEW	
		Reel of 250	LP2951-30DGKT		
	3.3 V	TO-226/TO-92 – LP	Bulk of 1000	LP2950-33LP	KY5033
			Reel of 2000	LP2950-33LPR	
		PowerFLEX/TO-252 – KVU	Reel of 3000	LP2950-33KVUR	PREVIEW
		QFN – DRJ	Reel of 1000	LP2951-33DRJR	PREVIEW
		SOIC – D	Tube of 75	LP2951-33D	KY5133
			Reel of 2500	LP2951-33DR	
	VSSOP – DGK	Reel of 2500	LP2951-33DGKR	PREVIEW	
		Reel of 250	LP2951-33DGKT		
	5 V	TO-226/TO-92 – LP	Bulk of 1000	LP2950-50LP	PREVIEW
			Reel of 2000	LP2950-50LPR	KY5050
		PowerFLEX/TO-252 – KVU	Reel of 3000	LP2950-50KVUR	PREVIEW
		QFN – DRJ	Reel of 1000	LP2951-50DRJR	PREVIEW
		SOIC – D	Tube of 75	LP2951-50D	KY5150
			Reel of 2500	LP2951-50DR	
	VSSOP – DGK	Reel of 2500	LP2951-50DGKR	PREVIEW	
		Reel of 250	LP2951-50DGKT		
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		Reel of 2500	LP2951DR		
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Reel of 250		LP2951DGKT			

(1) Package drawings, standard packing quantities, thermal data, symbolization, and PCB design guidelines are available at [www.ti.com/sc/package](http://www.ti.com/sc/package).

**LP2950 FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM**



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## Absolute Maximum Ratings<sup>(1)</sup>

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
V <sub>IN</sub>	Continuous input voltage range	–0.3	30	V
V <sub>SHDN</sub>	SHUTDOWN input voltage range	–1.5	30	V
	ERROR comparator output voltage range <sup>(2)</sup>	–1.5	30	V
V <sub>FDBK</sub>	FEEDBACK input voltage range <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	–1.5	30	V
θ <sub>JA</sub>	Package thermal impedance	D package <sup>(4)(5)</sup>		°C/W
		DGK package <sup>(4)(5)</sup>		
		DRJ package <sup>(4)(6)</sup>		
		KVU package <sup>(4)(6)</sup>		
		LP package <sup>(4)(5)</sup>		
T <sub>J</sub>	Operating virtual junction temperature		150	°C
T <sub>stg</sub>	Storage temperature range	–65	150	°C

- (1) Stresses beyond those listed under "absolute maximum ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under "recommended operating conditions" is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.
- (2) May exceed input supply voltage
- (3) If load is returned to a negative power supply, the output must be diode clamped to GND.
- (4) Maximum power dissipation is a function of T<sub>J(max)</sub>, θ<sub>JA</sub>, and T<sub>A</sub>. The maximum allowable power dissipation at any allowable ambient temperature is P<sub>D</sub> = (T<sub>J(max)</sub> – T<sub>A</sub>)/θ<sub>JA</sub>. Operating at the absolute maximum T<sub>J</sub> of 150°C can affect reliability.
- (5) The package thermal impedance is calculated in accordance with JESD 51-7.
- (6) The package thermal impedance is calculated in accordance with JESD 51-5.

## Recommended Operating Conditions

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
V <sub>IN</sub>	Supply input voltage	(1)	30	V
T <sub>J</sub>	Operating virtual junction temperature	–40	125	°C

- (1) Minimum V<sub>IN</sub> is the greater of:
  - a. 2 V (25°C), 2.3 V (over temperature), or
  - b. V<sub>OUT(MAX)</sub> + Dropout (Max) at rated I<sub>L</sub>

## Electrical Characteristics

$V_{IN} = V_{OUT}$  (nominal) + 1 V,  $I_L = 100 \mu\text{A}$ ,  $C_L = 1 \mu\text{F}$  (5-V versions) or  $C_L = 2.2 \mu\text{F}$  (3-V and 3.3-V versions),  
8-pin version: FEEDBACK tied to  $V_{TAP}$ , OUTPUT tied to SENSE,  $V_{SHUTDOWN} \leq 0.7 \text{ V}$

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	$T_J$	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
<b>3-V VERSION (LP295x-30)</b>							
$V_{OUT}$	Output voltage	$I_L = 100 \mu\text{A}$	25°C	2.970	3	3.030	V
			–40°C to 125°C	2.940	3	3.060	
<b>3.3-V VERSION (LP295x-33)</b>							
$V_{OUT}$	Output voltage	$I_L = 100 \mu\text{A}$	25°C	3.267	3.3	3.333	V
			–40°C to 125°C	3.234	3.3	3.366	
<b>5-V VERSION (LP295x-50)</b>							
$V_{OUT}$	Output voltage	$I_L = 100 \mu\text{A}$	25°C	4.950	5	5.050	V
			–40°C to 125°C	4.900	5	5.100	
<b>ALL VOLTAGE OPTIONS</b>							
	Output voltage temperature coefficient <sup>(1)</sup>	$I_L = 100 \mu\text{A}$	–40°C to 125°C		20	100	ppm/°C
	Line regulation <sup>(2)</sup>	$V_{IN} = [V_{OUT(NOM)} + 1 \text{ V}] \text{ to } 30 \text{ V}$	25°C		0.03	0.2	%V
			–40°C to 125°C				
	Load regulation <sup>(2)</sup>	$I_L = 100 \mu\text{A} \text{ to } 100 \text{ mA}$	25°C		0.04	0.2	%
			–40°C to 125°C				
$V_{IN} - V_{OUT}$	Dropout voltage <sup>(3)</sup>	$I_L = 100 \mu\text{A}$	25°C		50	80	mV
			–40°C to 125°C				
		$I_L = 100 \text{ mA}$	25°C		380	450	
			–40°C to 125°C				
$I_{GND}$	GND current	$I_L = 100 \mu\text{A}$	25°C		75	120	$\mu\text{A}$
			–40°C to 125°C				
		$I_L = 100 \text{ mA}$	25°C		8	12	mA
			–40°C to 125°C				
	Dropout ground current	$V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOM)} - 0.5 \text{ V},$ $I_L = 100 \mu\text{A}$	25°C		110	170	$\mu\text{A}$
			–40°C to 125°C				
	Current limit	$V_{OUT} = 0 \text{ V}$	25°C		160	200	mA
			–40°C to 125°C				
	Thermal regulation <sup>(4)</sup>	$I_L = 100 \mu\text{A}$	25°C		0.05	0.2	%/W
	Output noise (RMS), 10 Hz to 100 kHz	$C_L = 1 \mu\text{F}$ (5 V only)	25°C		430		$\mu\text{V}$
		$C_L = 200 \mu\text{F}$			160		
		LP2951-50: $C_L = 3.3 \mu\text{F},$ $C_{Bypass} = 0.01 \mu\text{F}$ between pins 1 and 7			100		
<b>(LP2951-xx) 8-PIN VERSION ONLY ADJ</b>							
	Reference voltage		25°C	1.222	1.235	1.247	V
			–40°C to 125°C	1.212		1.257	
			–40°C to 125°C	1.200		1.272	
	Reference voltage temperature coefficient <sup>(1)</sup>		25°C		20		ppm/°C

- (1) Output or reference voltage temperature coefficient is defined as the worst-case voltage change divided by the total temperature range.
- (2) Regulation is measured at constant junction temperature, using pulse testing with a low duty cycle. Changes in output voltage due to heating effects are covered under the specification for thermal regulation.
- (3) Dropout voltage is defined as the input-to-output differential at which the output voltage drops 100 mV, below the value measured at 1-V differential. The minimum input supply voltage of 2 V (2.3 V over temperature) must be observed.
- (4) Thermal regulation is defined as the change in output voltage at a time (T) after a change in power dissipation is applied, excluding load or line regulation effects. Specifications are for a 50-mA load pulse at  $V_{IN} = 30 \text{ V}$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5 \text{ V}$  (1.25-W pulse) for  $t = 10 \text{ ms}$ .

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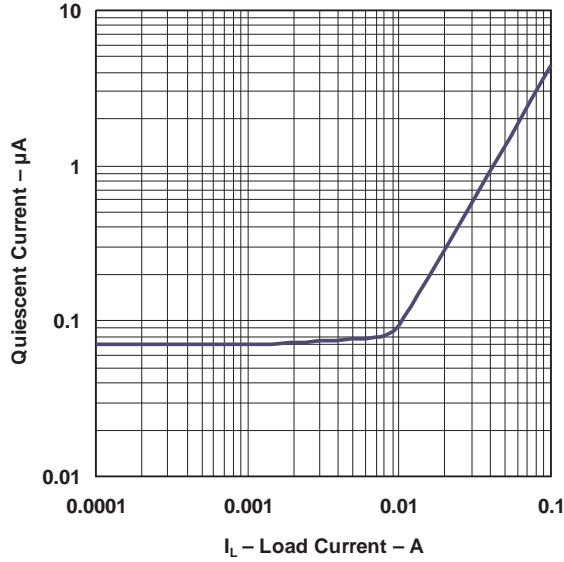
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8-pin version: FEEDBACK tied to  $V_{TAP}$ , OUTPUT tied to SENSE,  $V_{SHUTDOWN} \leq 0.7 \text{ V}$

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	$T_J$	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
FEEDBACK bias current		25°C		20	40	nA
		–40°C to 125°C			60	
FEEDBACK bias current temperature coefficient		25°C		0.1		nA/°C
<b>ERROR COMPARATOR</b>						
Output leakage current	$V_{OUT} = 30 \text{ V}$	25°C		0.01	1	$\mu\text{A}$
		–40°C to 125°C			2	
Output low voltage	$V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOM)} - 0.5 \text{ V}$ , $I_{OL} = 400 \mu\text{A}$	25°C		150	250	mV
		–40°C to 125°C			400	
Upper threshold voltage (ERROR output high) <sup>(5)</sup>		25°C	40	60		mV
		–40°C to 125°C	25			
Lower threshold voltage (ERROR output low) <sup>(5)</sup>		25°C		75	95	mV
		–40°C to 125°C			140	
Hysteresis <sup>(6)</sup>		25°C		15		mV
<b>SHUTDOWN INPUT</b>						
Input logic voltage	Low (regulator ON)	–40°C to 125°C			0.7	V
	High (regulator OFF)			2		
SHUTDOWN input current	$V_{TAP} = 2.4 \text{ V}$	25°C		30	50	$\mu\text{A}$
		–40°C to 125°C			100	
	$V_{TAP} = 30 \text{ V}$	25°C		450	600	
		–40°C to 125°C			750	
Regulator output current in shutdown	$V_{SHUTDOWN} \geq 2 \text{ V}$ , $V_{IN} \leq 30 \text{ V}$ , $V_{OUT} = 0$ , FEEDBACK tied to $V_{TAP}$	25°C		3	10	$\mu\text{A}$
		–40°C to 125°C			20	

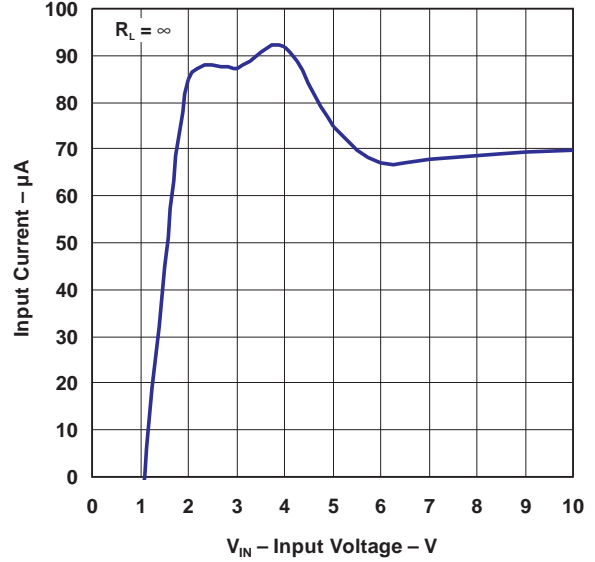
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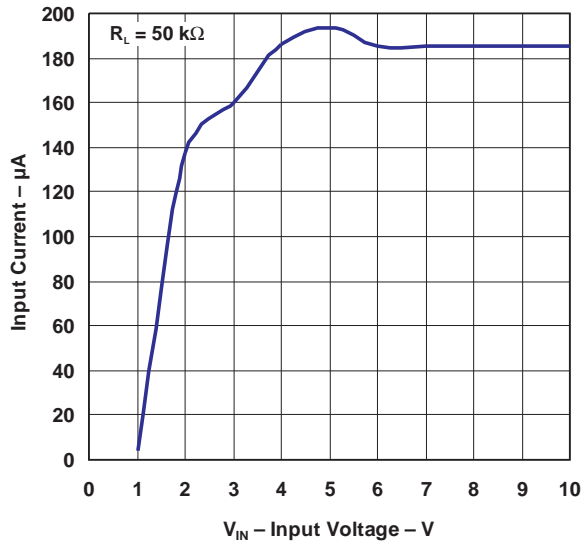
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VS  
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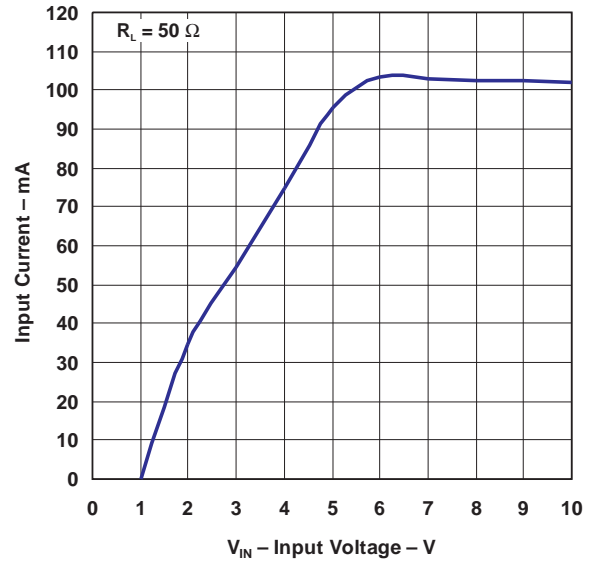
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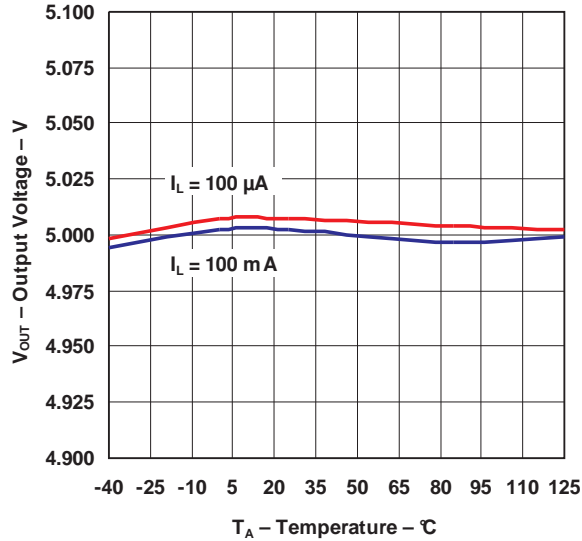


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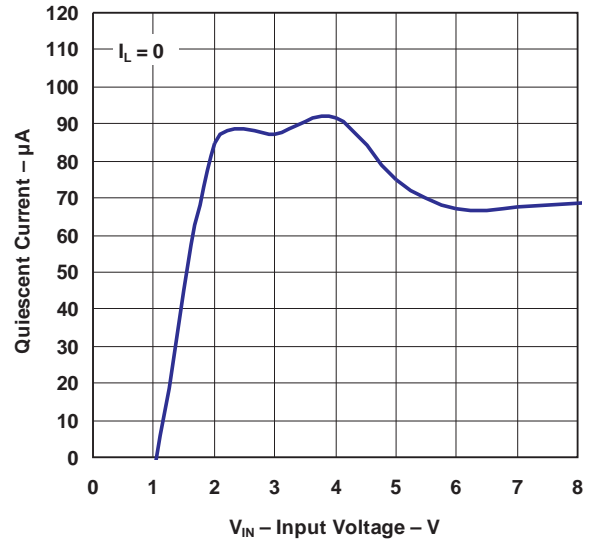


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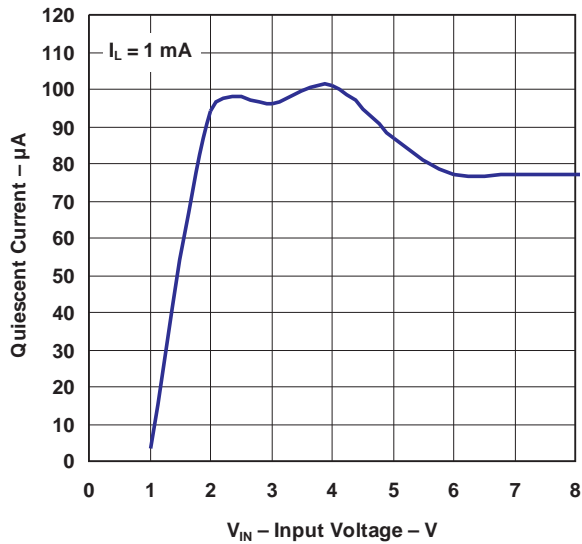
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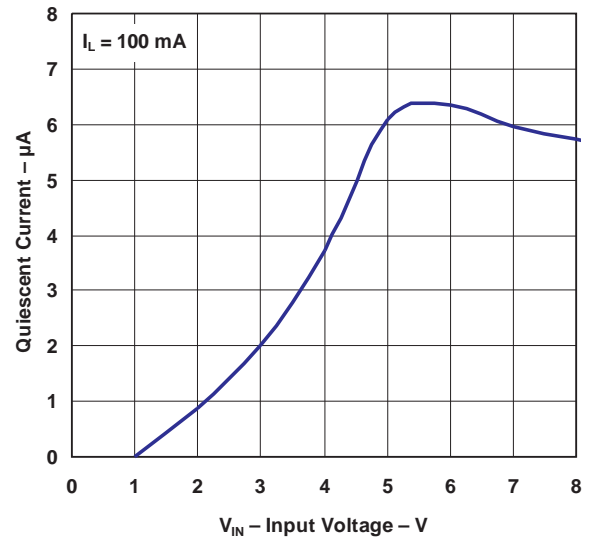
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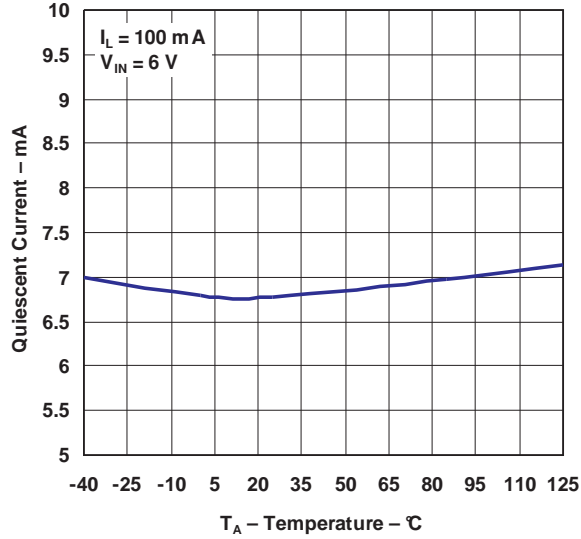
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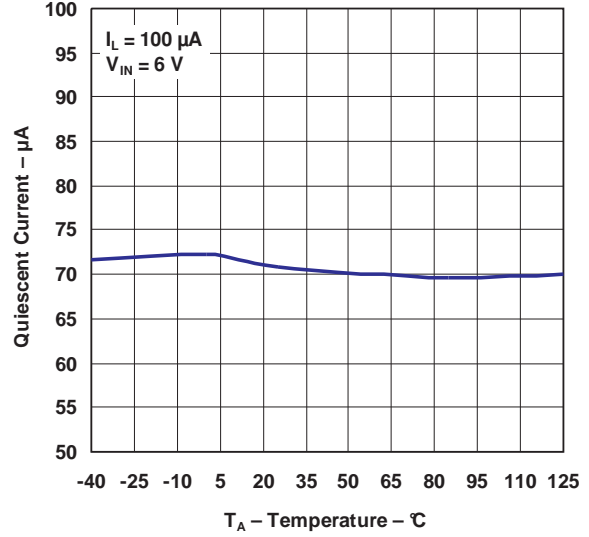


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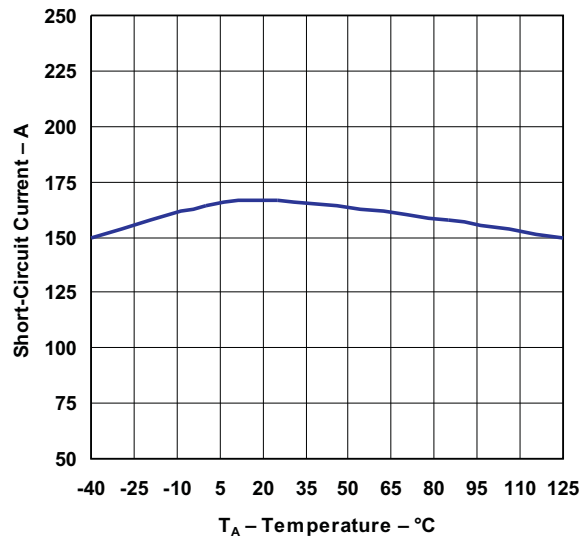
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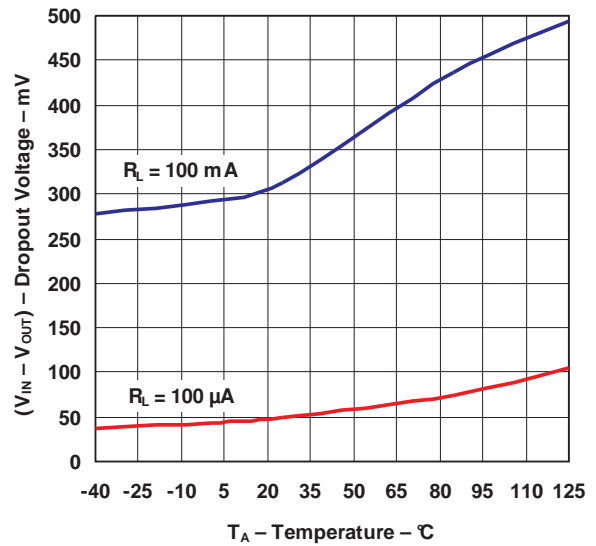
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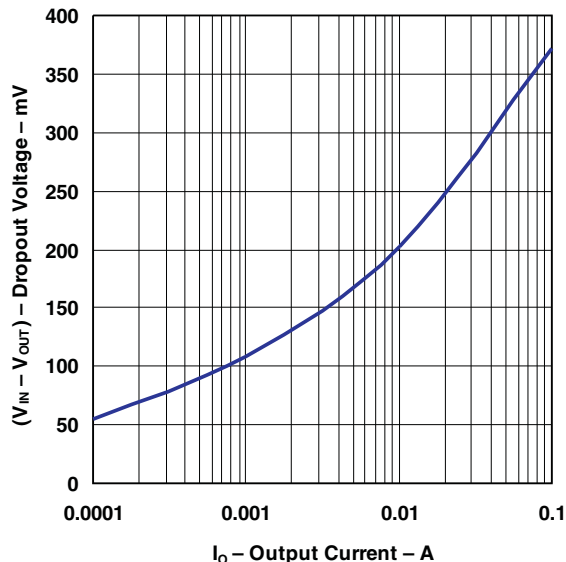


**DROPOUT VOLTAGE  
VS  
TEMPERATURE**

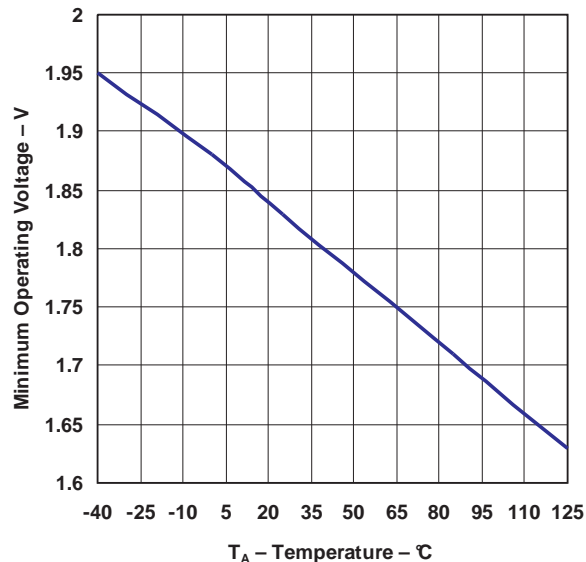


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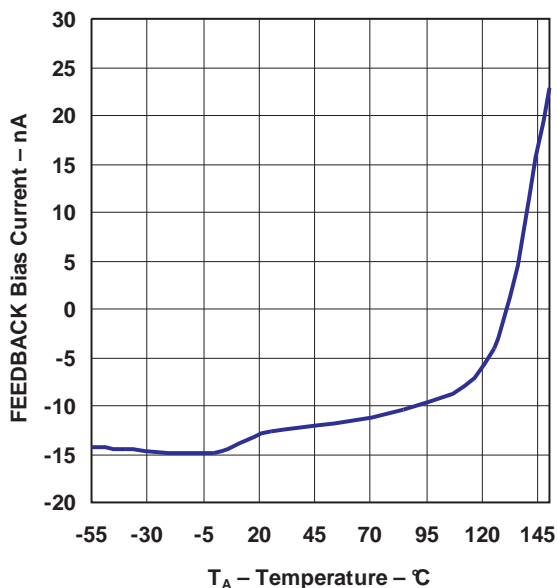
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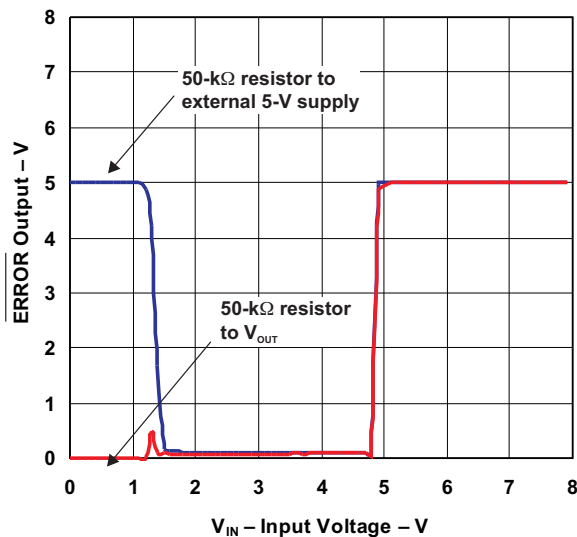
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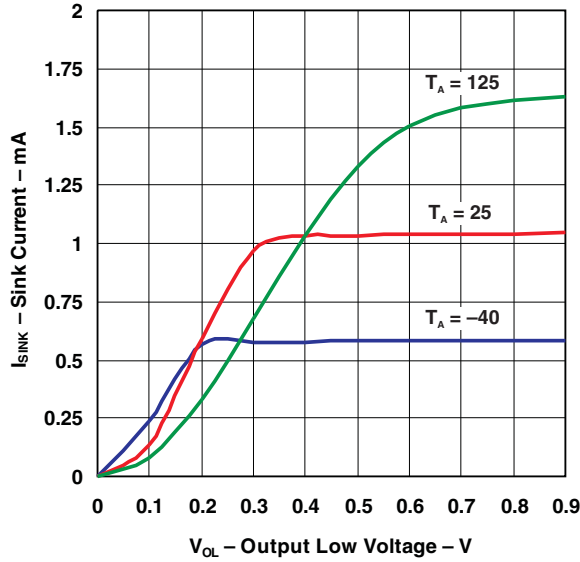


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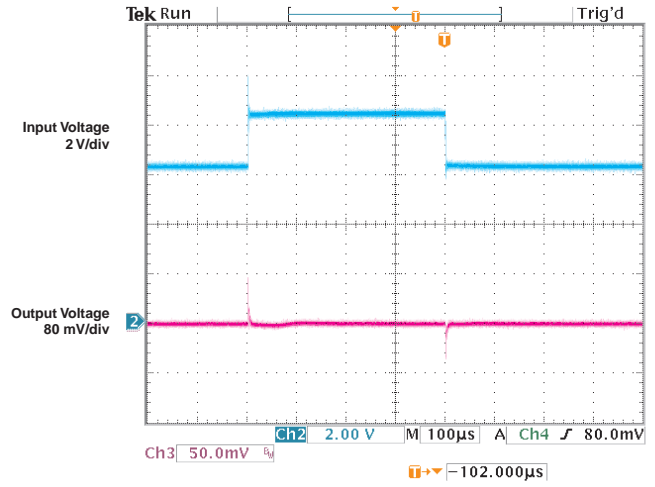


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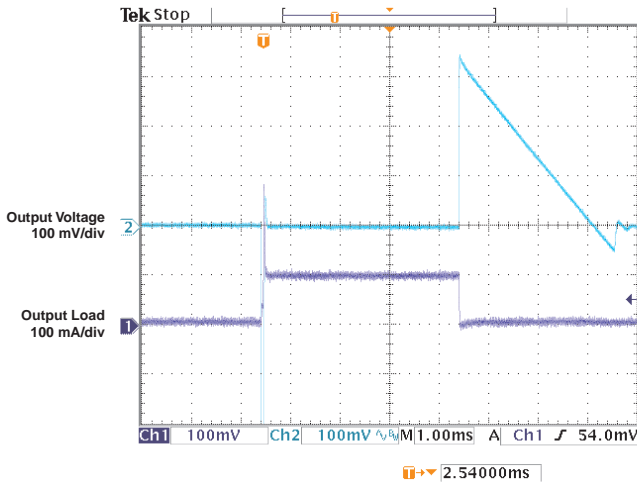
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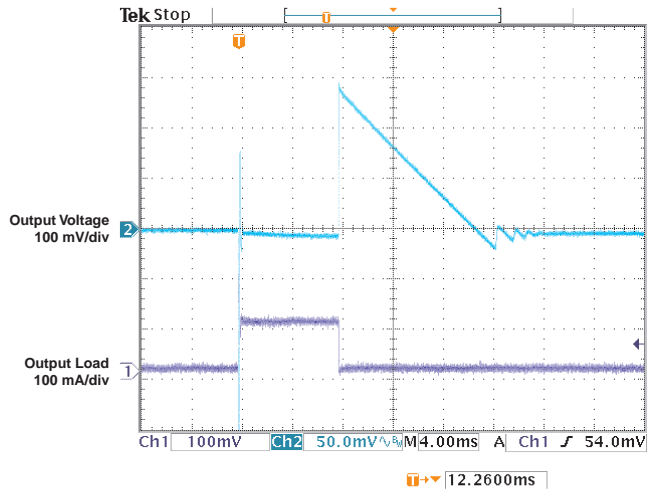
**LINE TRANSIENT RESPONSE  
 VS  
 TIME**



**LOAD TRANSIENT RESPONSE  
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 ( $V_{OUT} = 5$  V,  $C_L = 1$  µF)**

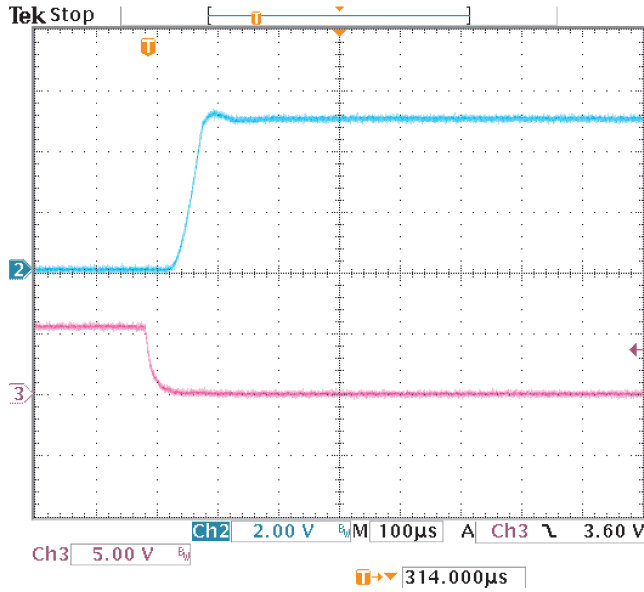


**LOAD TRANSIENT RESPONSE  
 VS  
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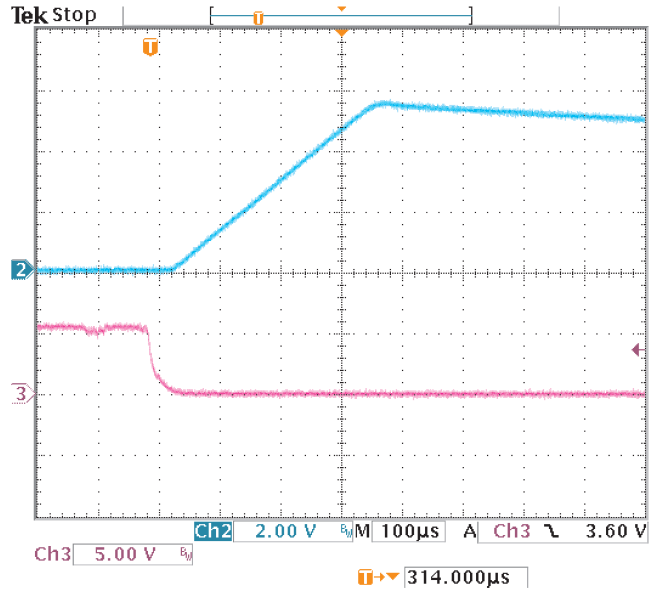


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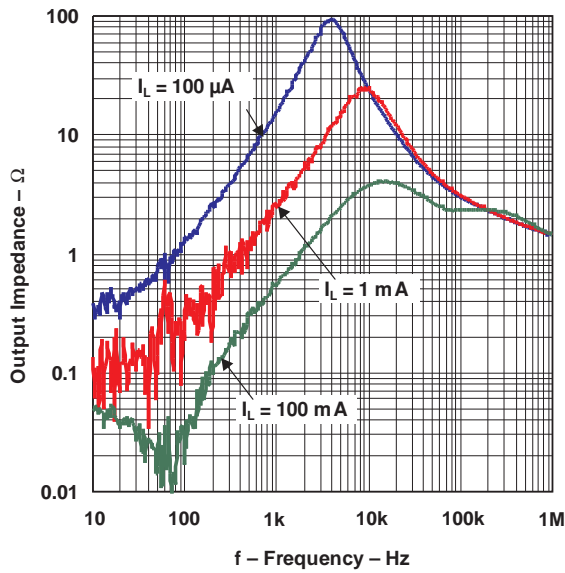
ENABLE TRANSIENT RESPONSE  
 VS  
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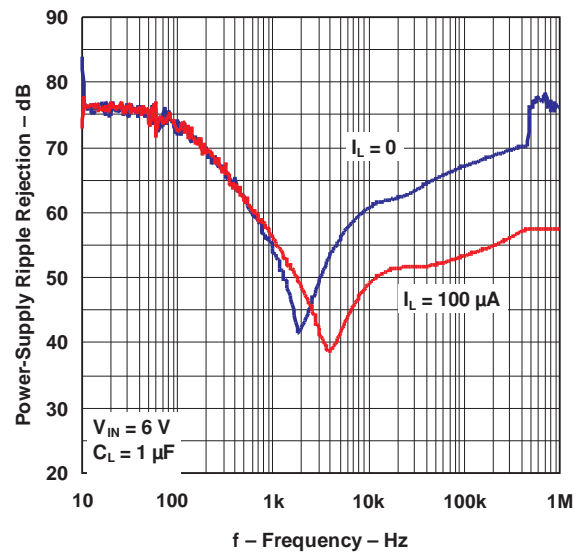
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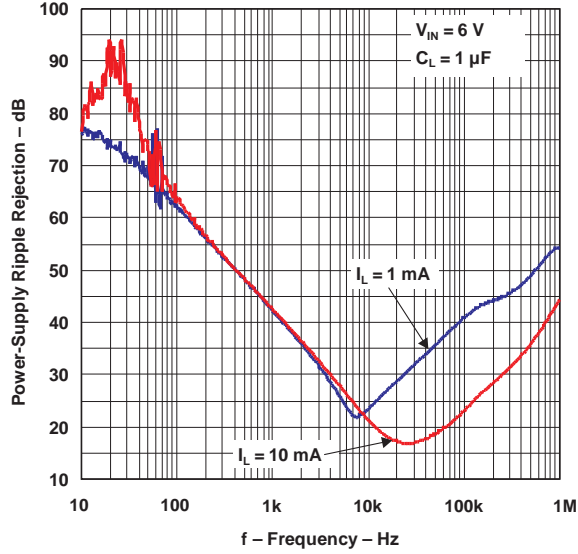


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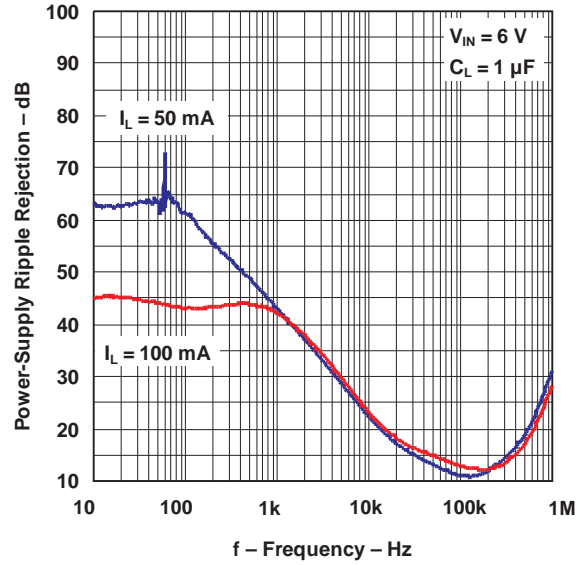


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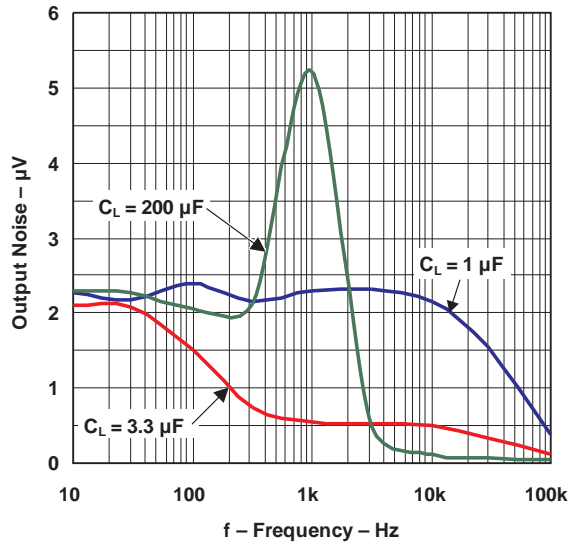
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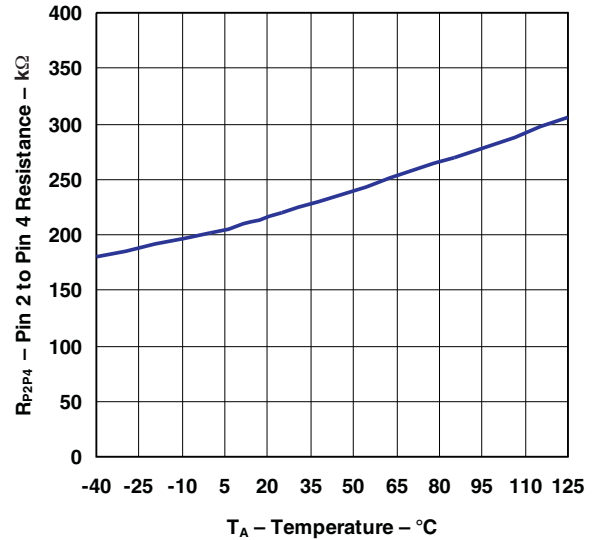
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**LP2951 OUTPUT NOISE**  
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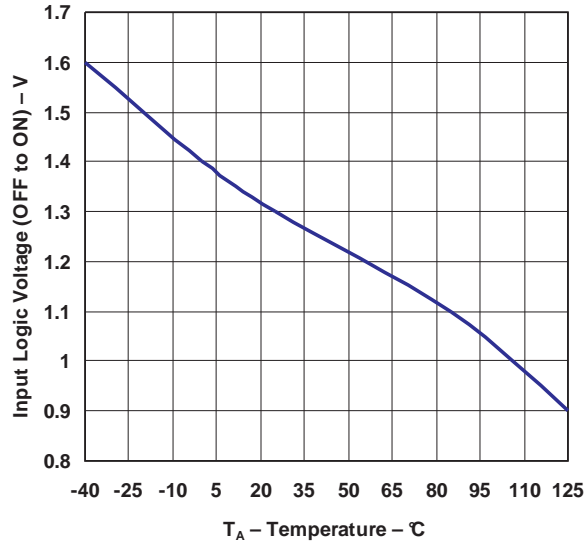


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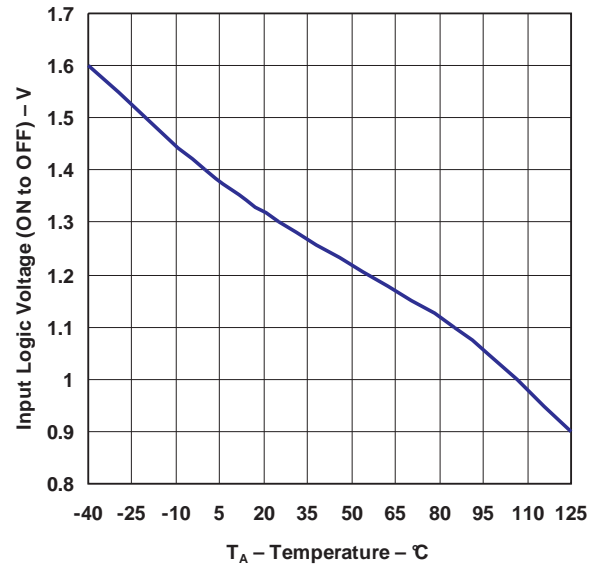


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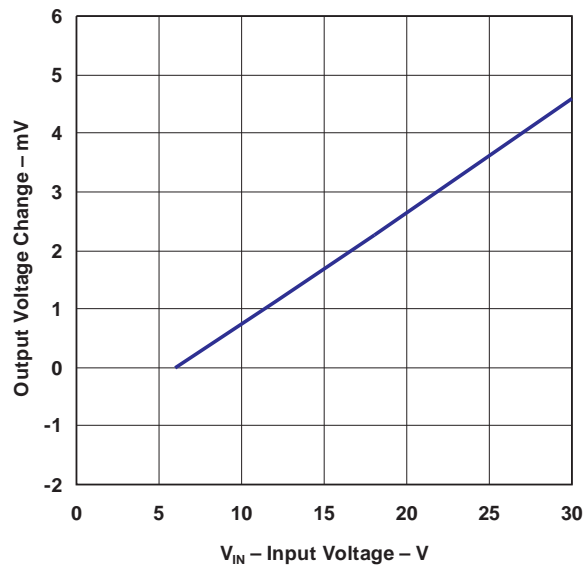
SHUTDOWN THRESHOLD VOLTAGE (OFF TO ON)  
 VS  
 TEMPERATURE



SHUTDOWN THRESHOLD VOLTAGE (ON TO OFF)  
 VS  
 TEMPERATURE



LINE REGULATION  
 VS  
 INPUT VOLTAGE



## APPLICATION INFORMATION

### Input Capacitor ( $C_{IN}$ )

A 1- $\mu$ F (tantalum, ceramic, or aluminum) electrolytic capacitor should be placed locally at the input of the LP2950 or LP2951 if there is, or will be, significant impedance between the ac filter capacitor and the input; for example, if a battery is used as the input or if the ac filter capacitor is located more than 10 in away. There are no ESR requirements for this capacitor, and the capacitance can be increased without limit.

### Output Capacitor ( $C_{OUT}$ )

As with most PNP LDOs, stability conditions require the output capacitor to have a minimum capacitance and an ESR that falls within a certain range.

### Capacitance Value

For  $V_{OUT} \geq 5$  V, a minimum of 1  $\mu$ F is required. For lower  $V_{OUT}$ , the regulator's loop gain is running closer to unity gain and, thus, has lower phase margins. Consequently, a larger capacitance is needed for stability. For  $V_{OUT} = 3$  V or 3.3 V, a minimum of 2.2  $\mu$ F is recommended. For worst case,  $V_{OUT} = 1.23$  V (using the ADJ version), a minimum of 3.3  $\mu$ F is recommended.  $C_{OUT}$  can be increased without limit and only improves the regulator stability and transient response. Regardless of its value, the output capacitor should have a resonant frequency less than 500 kHz.

The minimum capacitance values given above are for maximum load current of 100 mA. If the maximum expected load current is less than 100 mA, then lower values of  $C_{OUT}$  can be used. For instance, if  $I_{OUT} < 10$  mA, then only 0.33  $\mu$ F is required for  $C_{OUT}$ . For  $I_{OUT} < 1$  mA, 0.1  $\mu$ F is sufficient for stability requirements. Thus, for a worst-case condition of 100-mA load and  $V_{OUT} = V_{REF} = 1.235$  V (representing the highest load current and lowest loop gain), a minimum  $C_{OUT}$  of 3.3  $\mu$ F is recommended.

For the LP2950, no load stability is inherent in the design — a desirable feature in CMOS circuits that are put in standby (such as RAM keep-alive applications). If the LP2951 is used with external resistors to set the output voltage, a minimum load current of 1  $\mu$ A is recommended through the resistor divider.

### ESR Range

The regulator control loop relies on the ESR of the output capacitor to provide a zero to add sufficient phase margin to ensure unconditional regulator stability; this requires the closed-loop gain to intersect the open-loop response in a region where the open-loop gain rolls off at 20 dB/decade. This ensures that the phase always is less than 180 degrees (phase margin greater than 0 degrees) at unity gain. Thus, a minimum-maximum range for the ESR must be observed.

The upper limit of this ESR range is established by the fact that too high an ESR could result in the zero occurring too soon, causing the gain to roll off too slowly, which, in turn allows a third pole to appear before unity gain and introduce enough phase shift to cause instability. This typically limits the max ESR to approximately 5  $\Omega$ .

Conversely, the lower limit of the ESR is tied to the fact that too low an ESR shifts the zero too far out (past unity gain) and, thus, allows the gain to roll off at 40 dB/decade at unity gain, with a resulting phase shift of greater than 180 degrees. Typically, this limits the minimum ESR to approximately 20 m $\Omega$  to 30 m $\Omega$ .

For specific ESR requirements, see *Typical Characteristics*.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION (continued)

### Capacitor Types

Most tantalum or aluminum electrolytics are suitable for use at the input. Film-type capacitors also work, but at higher cost. When operating at low temperature, care should be taken with aluminum electrolytics, as their electrolytes often freeze at  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ . For this reason, solid tantalum capacitors should be used at temperatures below  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Ceramic capacitors can be used, but due to their low ESR (as low as  $5\text{ m}\Omega$  to  $10\text{ m}\Omega$ ), they may not meet the minimum ESR requirement previously discussed. If a ceramic capacitor is used, a series resistor between  $0.1\ \Omega$  to  $2\ \Omega$  must be added to meet the minimum ESR requirement. In addition, ceramic capacitors have one glaring disadvantage that must be taken into account — a poor temperature coefficient, where the capacitance can vary significantly with temperature. For instance, a large-value ceramic capacitor ( $\geq 2.2\ \mu\text{F}$ ) can lose more than half of its capacitance as temperature rises from  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $85^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Thus, a  $2.2\text{-}\mu\text{F}$  capacitor at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$  drops well below the minimum  $C_{\text{OUT}}$  required for stability as ambient temperature rises. For this reason, select an output capacitor that maintains the minimum  $2.2\text{-}\mu\text{F}$  required for stability for the entire operating temperature range.

### $C_{\text{BYPASS}}$ : Noise and Stability Improvement

In the LP2951, an external FEEDBACK pin directly connected to the error amplifier noninverting input can allow stray capacitance to cause instability by shunting the error amplifier feedback to GND, especially at high frequencies. This is worsened if high-value external resistors are used to set the output voltage, because a high resistance allows the stray capacitance to play a more significant role; i.e., a larger RC time delay is introduced between the output of the error amplifier and its FEEDBACK input, leading to more phase shift and lower phase margin. A solution is to add a  $100\text{-pF}$  bypass capacitor ( $C_{\text{BYPASS}}$ ) between OUTPUT and FEEDBACK; because  $C_{\text{BYPASS}}$  is in parallel with R1, it lowers the impedance seen at FEEDBACK at high frequencies, in effect offsetting the effect of the parasitic capacitance by providing more feedback at higher frequencies. More feedback forces the error amplifier to work at a lower loop gain, so  $C_{\text{OUT}}$  should be increased to a minimum of  $3.3\ \mu\text{F}$  to improve the regulator's phase margin.

$C_{\text{BYPASS}}$  can be also used to reduce output noise in the LP2951. This bypass capacitor reduces the closed loop gain of the error amplifier at the high frequency, so noise no longer scales with the output voltage. This improvement is more noticeable with higher output voltages, because loop gain reduction is greatest. A suitable  $C_{\text{BYPASS}}$  is calculated as shown in Equation 1:

$$f_{(\text{CBYPASS})} \approx 200\text{ Hz} \rightarrow C_{\text{BYPASS}} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times R1 \times 200\text{ Hz}} \quad (1)$$

On the 3-pin LP2950, noise reduction can be achieved by increasing the output capacitor, which causes the regulator bandwidth to be reduced, therefore, eliminating high-frequency noise. However, this method is relatively inefficient, as increasing  $C_{\text{OUT}}$  from  $1\ \mu\text{F}$  to  $220\ \mu\text{F}$  only reduces the regulator's output noise from  $430\ \mu\text{V}$  to  $160\ \mu\text{V}$  (over a  $100\text{-kHz}$  bandwidth).

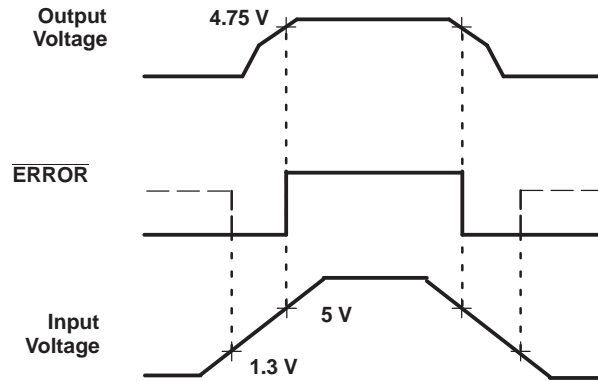
### $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ Function (LP2951 Only)

The LP2951 has a low-voltage detection comparator that outputs a logic low when the output voltage drops by  $\approx 6\%$  from its nominal value, and outputs a logic high when  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  has reached  $\approx 95\%$  of its nominal value. This  $95\%$  of nominal figure is obtained by dividing the built-in offset of  $\approx 60\text{ mV}$  by the  $1.235\text{-V}$  bandgap reference, and remains independent of the programmed output voltage. For example, the trip-point threshold ( $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  output goes high) typically is  $4.75\text{ V}$  for a  $5\text{-V}$  output and  $11.4\text{ V}$  for a  $12\text{-V}$  output. Typically, there is a hysteresis of  $15\text{ mV}$  between the thresholds for high and low  $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  output.

A timing diagram is shown in Figure 1 for  $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  vs  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  ( $5\text{ V}$ ), as  $V_{\text{IN}}$  is ramped up and down.  $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  becomes valid (low) when  $V_{\text{IN}} \approx 1.3\text{ V}$ . When  $V_{\text{IN}} \approx 5\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{\text{OUT}} = 4.75\text{ V}$ , causing  $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  to go high. Because the dropout voltage is load dependent, the output trip-point threshold is reached at different values of  $V_{\text{IN}}$ , depending on the load current. For instance, at higher load current,  $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  goes high at a slightly higher value of  $V_{\text{IN}}$ , and vice versa for lower load current. The output-voltage trip point remains at  $\approx 4.75\text{ V}$ , regardless of the load. Note that when  $V_{\text{IN}} \leq 1.3\text{ V}$ , the  $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  comparator output is turned off and pulled high to its pullup voltage. If  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  is used as the pullup voltage, rather than an external  $5\text{-V}$  source,  $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  typically is  $\approx 1.2\text{ V}$ . In this condition, an equal resistor divider ( $10\text{ k}\Omega$  is suitable) can be tied to  $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  to divide down the voltage to a valid logic low during any fault condition, while still enabling a logic high during normal operation.



### APPLICATION INFORMATION (continued)



**Figure 1.  $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  Output Timing**

Because the  $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  comparator has an open-collector output, an external pullup resistor is required to pull the output up to  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  or another supply voltage (up to 30 V). The output of the comparator is rated to sink up to 400  $\mu\text{A}$ . A suitable range of values for the pullup resistor is from 100 k $\Omega$  to 1 M $\Omega$ . If  $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$  is not used, it can be left open.

#### Programming Output Voltage (LP2951 Only)

A unique feature of the LP2951 is its ability to output either a fixed voltage or an adjustable voltage, depending on the external pin connections. To output the internally programmed fixed voltage, tie the SENSE pin to the OUTPUT pin and the FEEDBACK pin to the  $V_{\text{TAP}}$  pin. Alternatively, a user-programmable voltage ranging from the internal 1.235-V reference to a 30-V max can be set by using an external resistor divider pair. The resistor divider is tied to  $V_{\text{OUT}}$ , and the divided-down voltage is tied directly to FEEDBACK for comparison against the internal 1.235-V reference. To satisfy the steady-state condition in which its two inputs are equal, the error amplifier drives the output to equal [Equation 2](#):

$$V_{\text{OUT}} = V_{\text{REF}} \times \left( 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right) - I_{\text{FB}} R_1 \quad (2)$$

Where:

$V_{\text{REF}} = 1.235 \text{ V}$  applied across R2

$I_{\text{FB}} = \text{FEEDBACK bias current, typically } 20 \text{ nA}$

A minimum regulator output current of 1  $\mu\text{A}$  must be maintained. Thus, in an application where a no-load condition is expected (for example, CMOS circuits in standby), this 1- $\mu\text{A}$  minimum current must be provided by the resistor pair, effectively imposing a maximum value of  $R_2 = 1.2 \text{ M}\Omega$  ( $1.235 \text{ V}/1.2 \text{ M}\Omega \approx 1 \mu\text{A}$ ).

$I_{\text{FB}} = 20 \text{ nA}$  introduces an error of  $\approx 0.02\%$  in  $V_{\text{OUT}}$ . This can be offset by trimming R1. Alternatively, increasing the divider current makes  $I_{\text{FB}}$  less significant, thus, reducing its error contribution. For instance, using  $R_2 = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$  reduces the error contribution of  $I_{\text{FB}}$  to 0.17% by increasing the divider current to  $\approx 12 \mu\text{A}$ . This increase in the divider current still is small compared to the 600- $\mu\text{A}$  typical quiescent current of the LP2951 under no load.

**PACKAGING INFORMATION**

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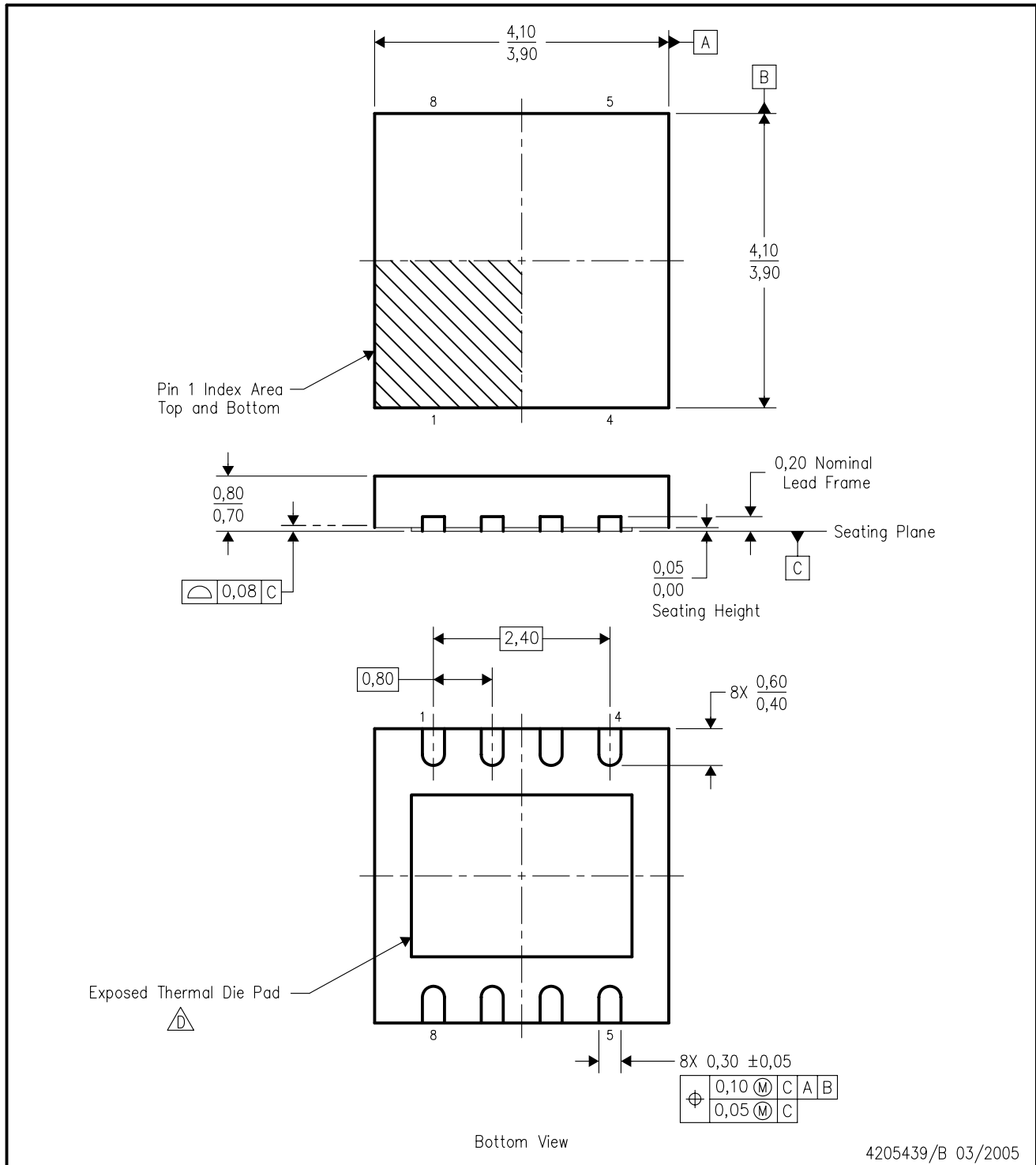
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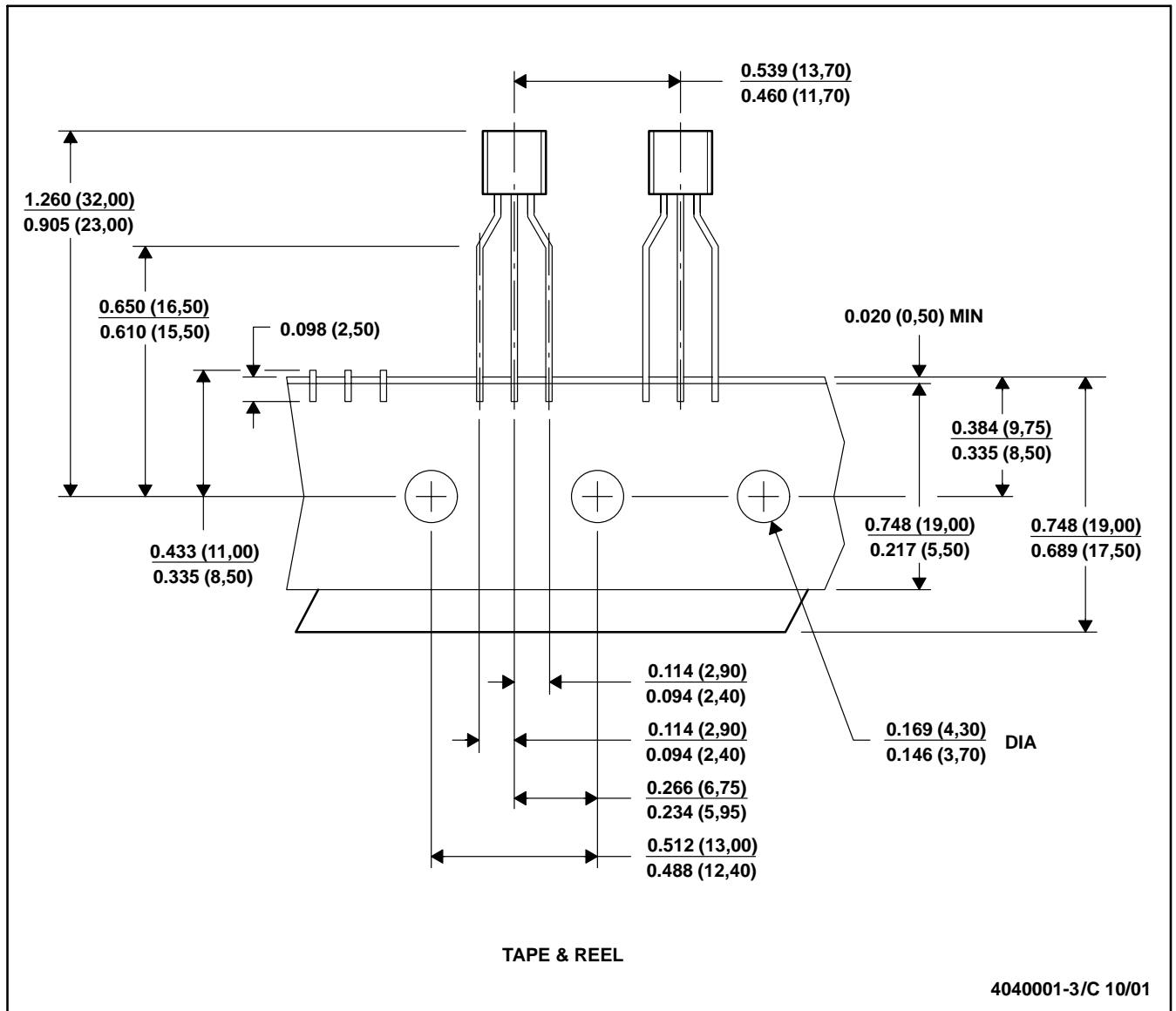
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