



ULTRALOW-NOISE, HIGH PSRR, FAST RF 500-mA LOW-DROPOUT LINEAR REGULATORS

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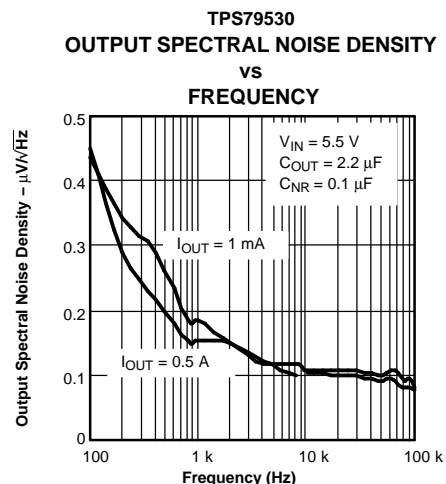
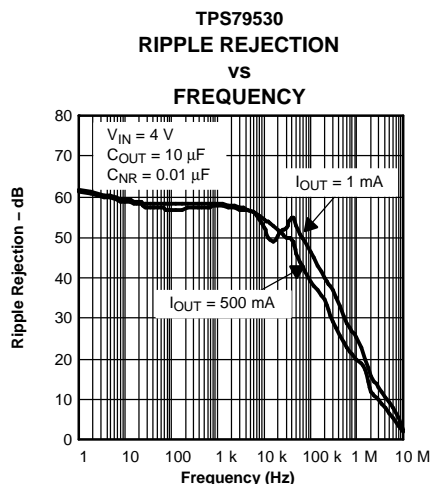
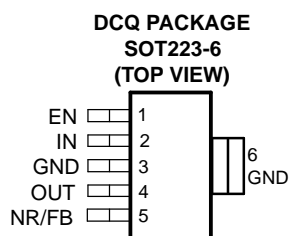
- 500-mA Low-Dropout Regulator With Enable
- Available in 1.6-V, 1.8-V, 2.5-V, 3-V, 3.3-V, and Adjustable (1.2-V to 5.5-V)
- High PSRR (50 dB at 10 kHz)
- Ultralow Noise (33 μV_{RMS} , TPS79530)
- Fast Start-Up Time (50 μs)
- Stable With a 1- μF Ceramic Capacitor
- Excellent Load/Line Transient Response
- Very Low Dropout Voltage (110 mV at Full Load, TPS79530)
- 6-Pin SOT223-6 Package

APPLICATIONS

- RF: VCOs, Receivers, ADCs
- Audio
- Bluetooth™, Wireless LAN
- Cellular and Cordless Telephones
- Handheld Organizers, PDAs

DESCRIPTION

The TPS795xx family of low-dropout (LDO) low-power linear voltage regulators features high power-supply rejection ratio (PSRR), ultralow noise, fast start-up, and excellent line and load transient responses in a small outline, SOT223-6, package. Each device in the family is stable with a small 1- μF ceramic capacitor on the output. The family uses an advanced, proprietary BiCMOS fabrication process to yield extremely low dropout voltages (for example, 110 mV at 500 mA). Each device achieves fast start-up times (approximately 50 μs with a 0.001- μF bypass capacitor) while consuming very low quiescent current (265 μA typical). Moreover, when the device is placed in standby mode, the supply current is reduced to less than 1 μA . The TPS79530 exhibits approximately 33 μV_{RMS} of output voltage noise at 3.0 V output with a 0.1- μF bypass capacitor. Applications with analog components that are noise sensitive, such as portable RF electronics, benefit from the high PSRR and low noise features, as well as the fast response time.



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AVAILABLE OPTIONS

PRODUCT	VOLTAGE	PACKAGE	T _J	SYMBOL	PART NUMBER	TRANSPORT MEDIA, QUANTITY
TPS79501	1.2 to 5.5 V	SOT223-6	-40°C to 125°C	PS79501	TPS79501DCQ	Tube, 78
					TPS79501DCQR	Tape and Reel, 2500
TPS79516	1.6 V			PS79516	TPS79516DCQ	Tube, 78
					TPS79516DCQR	Tape and Reel, 2500
TPS79518	1.8 V			PS79518	TPS79518DCQ	Tube, 78
					TPS79518DCQR	Tape and Reel, 2500
TPS79525	2.5 V			PS79525	TPS79525DCQ	Tube, 78
					TPS79525DCQR	Tape and Reel, 2500
TPS79530	3 V			PS79530	TPS79530DCQ	Tube, 78
					TPS79530DCQR	Tape and Reel, 2500
TPS79533	3.3 V			PS79533	TPS79533DCQ	Tube, 78
					TPS79533DCQR	Tape and Reel, 2500

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over operating temperature (unless otherwise noted)⁽¹⁾

	UNIT
V _{IN} range	-0.3 V to 6 V
V _{EN} range	-0.3 V to V _{IN} + 0.3 V
V _{OUT} range	6 V
Peak output current	Internally limited
ESD rating, HBM	2 kV
ESD rating, CDM	500 V
Continuous total power dissipation	See Dissipation Rating Table
Junction temperature range, T _J	-40°C to 150°C
Storage temperature range, T _{stg}	-65°C to 150°C

- (1) Stresses above these ratings may cause permanent damage. Exposure to absolute maximum conditions for extended periods may degrade device reliability. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those specified is not implied.

DISSIPATION RATING TABLE

PACKAGE	BOARD	R _{θJC}	R _{θJA}
SOT223	Low K ⁽¹⁾	15°C/W	53°C/W

- (1) The JEDEC low-K (1s) board design used to derive this data was a 3-inch × 3-inch (7.5 cm × 7.5cm), two-layer board with 2-ounce copper traces on top of the board.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Over recommended operating temperature range ($T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 125°C), $V_{EN} = V_{IN}$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} + 1\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 1\text{ mA}$, $C_{OUT} = 10\mu\text{F}$, $C_{NR} = 0.01\mu\text{F}$, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at 25°C .

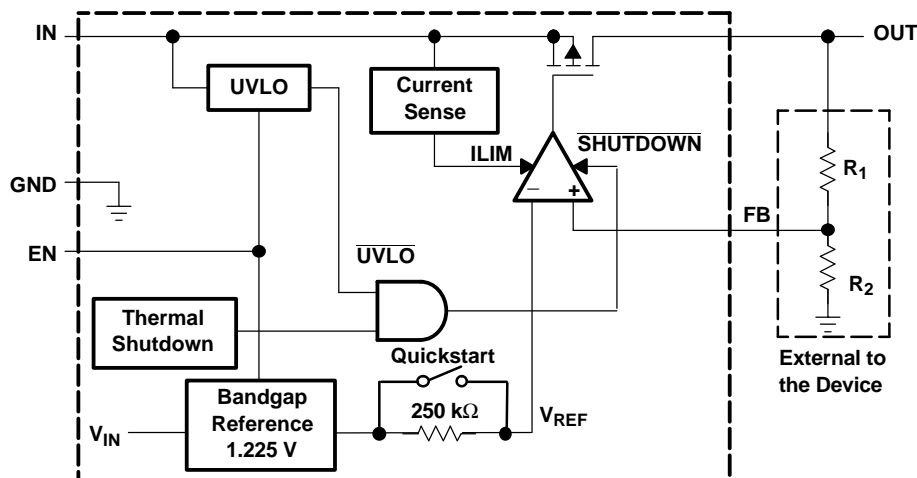
PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT	
Input voltage, V _{IN} ⁽¹⁾				2.7		5.5	V	
Continuous output current, I _{OUT}				0		500	mA	
Output voltage	TPS79516	0 μA< I _{OUT} < 500 mA,	2.6 V < V _{IN} < 5.5 V	1.568	1.6	1.632	V	
	TPS79518	0 μA< I _{OUT} < 500 mA,	2.8 V < V _{IN} < 5.5 V	1.764	1.8	1.836		
	TPS79525	0 μA< I _{OUT} < 500 mA,	3.5 V < V _{IN} < 5.5 V	2.45	2.5	2.55		
	TPS79530	0 μA< I _{OUT} < 500 mA,	4 V < V _{IN} < 5.5 V	2.94	3.0	3.06		
	TPS79533	0 μA< I _{OUT} < 500 mA,	4.3 V < V _{IN} < 5.5 V	3.234	3.3	3.366		
Output voltage line regulation (ΔV _{OUT} %/ΔV _{IN}) ⁽¹⁾		V _{OUT} + 1 V < V _{IN} ≤ 5.5 V			0.05	0.12	%/V	
Load regulation (ΔV _{OUT} %/ΔI _{OUT})		0 μA < I _{OUT} < 500 mA, T _J = 25°C			3		mV	
Dropout voltage ⁽²⁾ V _{IN} = V _{OUT(nom)} - 0.1 V	TPS79530	I _{OUT} = 500 mA			110	170	mV	
	TPS79533	I _{OUT} = 500 mA			105	160		
Output current limit		V _{OUT} = 0 V		2.4	2.8	4.2	A	
Ground pin current		0 μA< I _{OUT} < 500 mA			265	385	μA	
Shutdown current ⁽³⁾		V _{EN} = 0 V,		2.7 V < V _{IN} < 5.5 V		0.07	1	μA
FB pin current		V _{FB} = 1.8 V				1	μA	
Power supply ripple rejection	TPS79530	f = 100 Hz,	I _{OUT} = 10 mA		59		dB	
		f = 100 Hz,	I _{OUT} = 500 mA		58			
		f = 10 kHz,	I _{OUT} = 500 mA		50			
		f = 100 kHz,	I _{OUT} = 500 mA		39			
Output noise voltage (TPS79530)		BW = 100 Hz to 100 kHz, I _{OUT} = 500 mA	C _{NR} = 0.001 μF		46		μV _{RMS}	
			C _{NR} = 0.0047 μF		41			
			C _{NR} = 0.01 μF		35			
			C _{NR} = 0.1 μF		33			
Time, start-up (TPS79530)		R _L = 6 Ω, C _{OUT} = 1 μF	C _{NR} = 0.001 μF		50		μs	
			C _{NR} = 0.0047 μF		75			
			C _{NR} = 0.01 μF		110			
High-level enable input voltage		2.7 V < V _{IN} < 5.5 V		1.7		V _{IN}	V	
Low-level enable input voltage		2.7 V < V _{IN} < 5.5 V				0.7	V	
EN pin current		V _{EN} = 0 V		1		1	μA	
UVLO threshold		V _{CC} rising		2.25		2.65	V	
UVLO hysteresis					100		mV	

(1) Minimum V_{IN} is 2.7 V or $V_{OUT} + V_{DO}$, whichever is greater.

(2) Dropout is not measured for the TPS79501 and TPS79525 since minimum $V_{IN} = 2.7\text{ V}$.

(3) For adjustable version, this applies only after V_{IN} is applied; then V_{EN} transitions high to low.

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM—ADJUSTABLE VERSION



FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM—FIXED VERSION

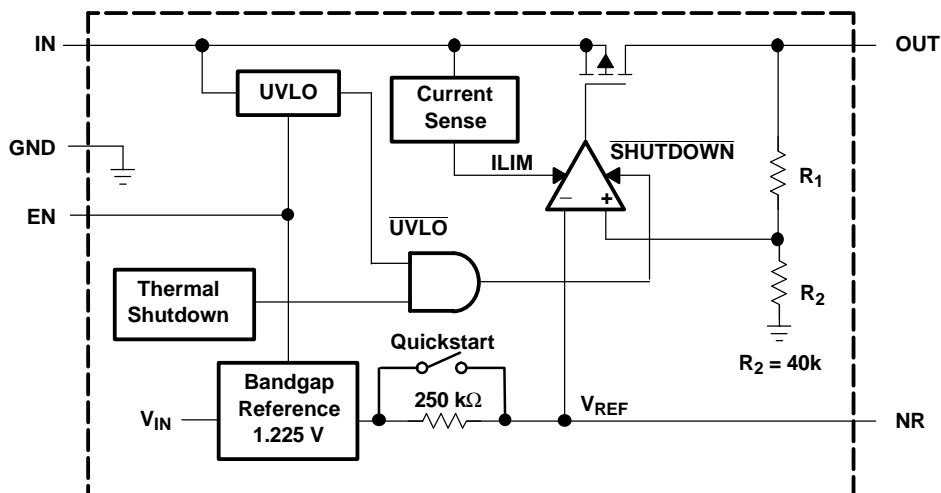


Table 1. Terminal Functions

TERMINAL			DESCRIPTION
NAME	ADJ	FIXED	
NR	N/A	5	Connecting an external capacitor to this pin bypasses noise generated by the internal bandgap. This improves power-supply rejection and reduces output noise.
EN	1	1	Driving the enable pin (EN) high turns on the regulator. Driving this pin low puts the regulator into shutdown mode. EN can be connected to IN if not used.
FB	5	N/A	This terminal is the feedback input voltage for the adjustable device.
GND	3, TAB	3, TAB	Regulator ground
IN	2	2	Unregulated input to the device.
OUT	4	4	Output of the regulator.

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

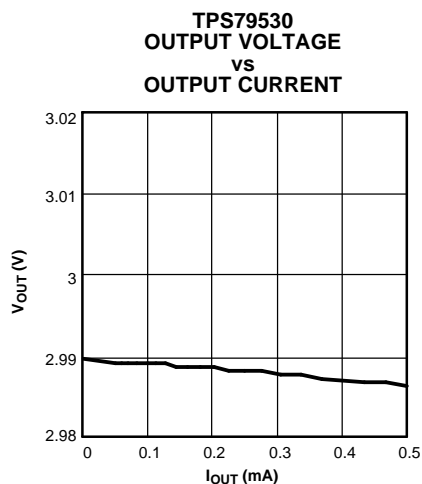


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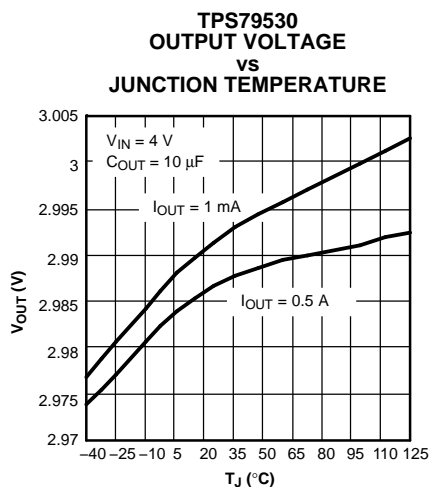


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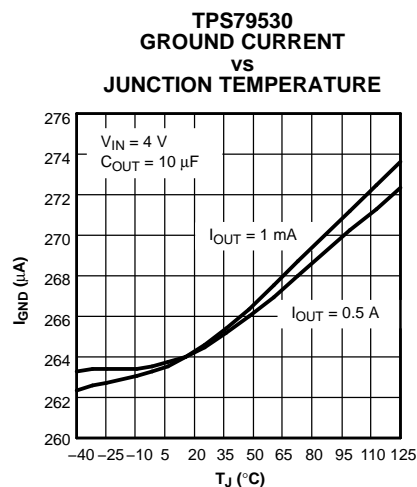


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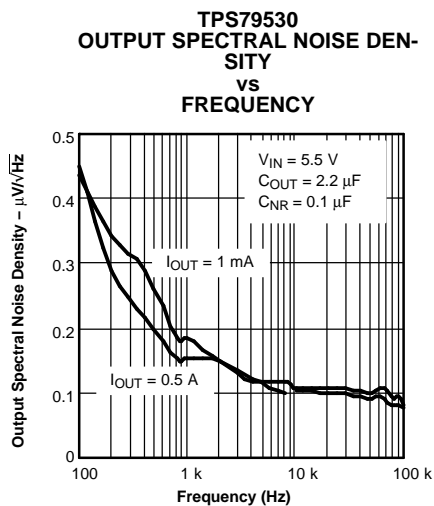


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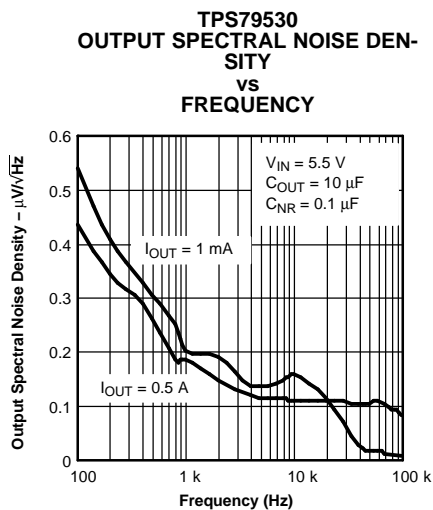


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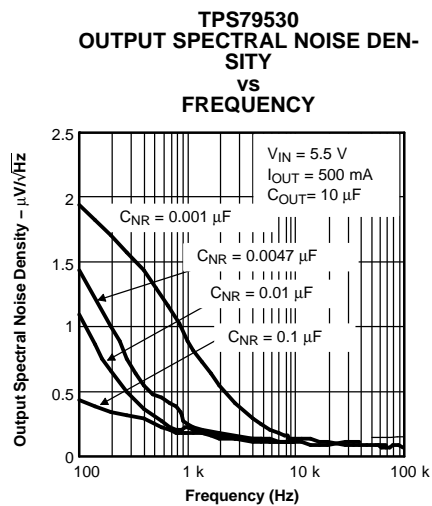


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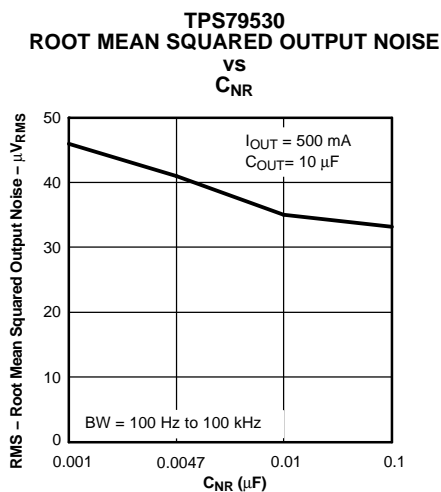


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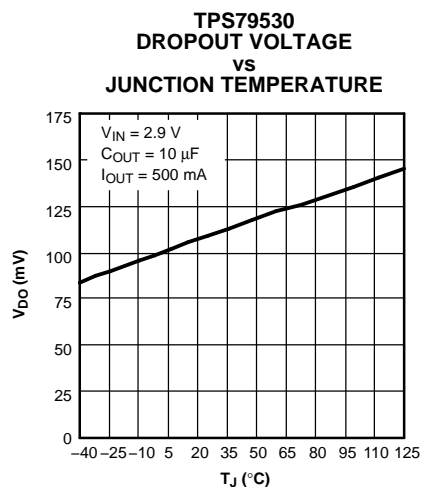


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TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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RIPPLE REJECTION
VS
FREQUENCY**

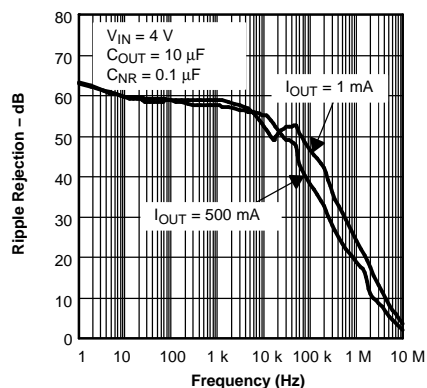


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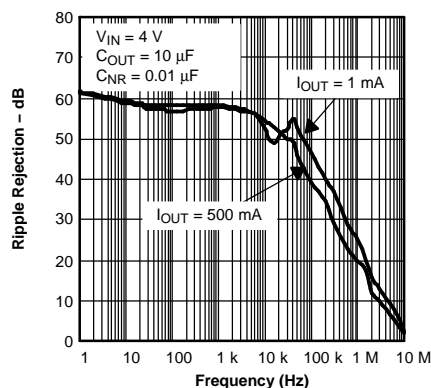


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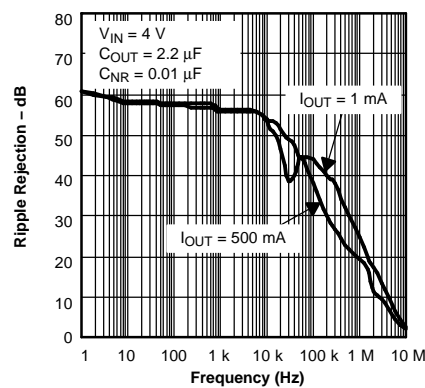


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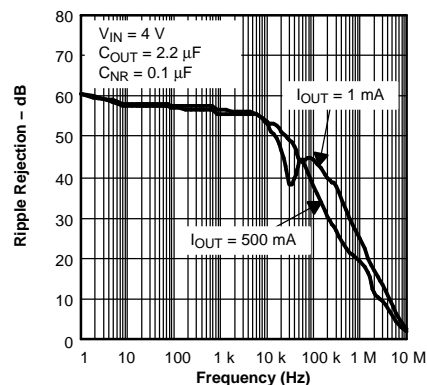


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START-UP TIME**

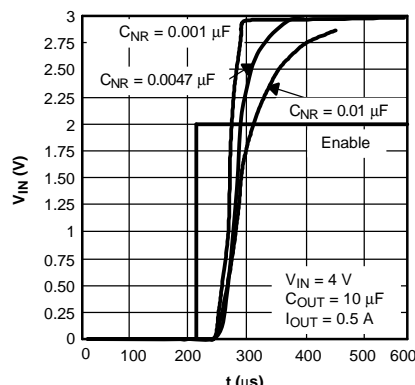


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**TPS79518
LINE TRANSIENT RESPONSE**

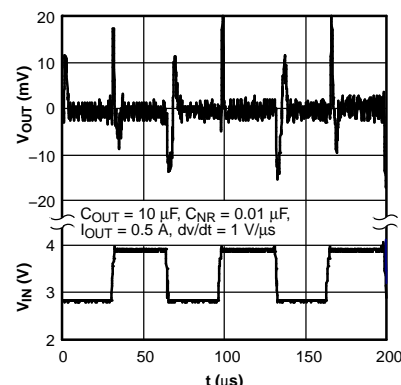


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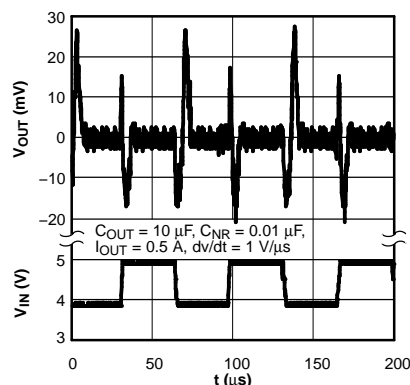


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**TPS79530
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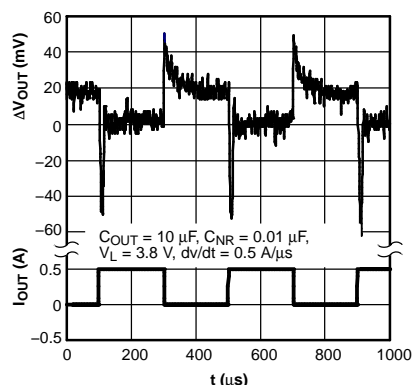


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**TPS79525
POWER UP/POWER DOWN**

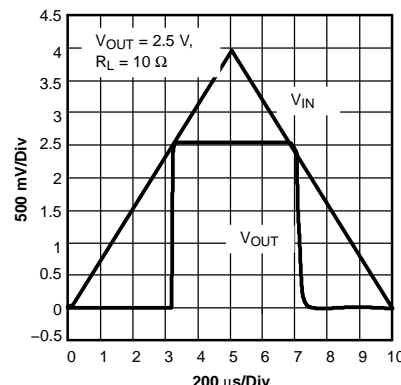


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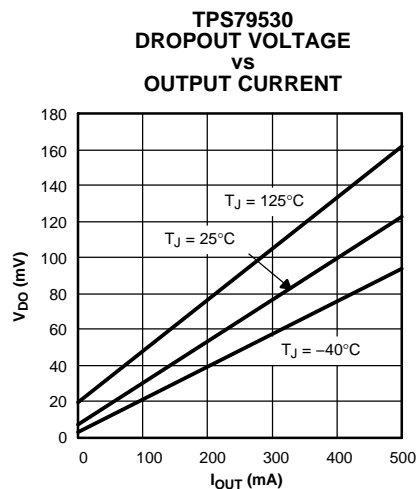


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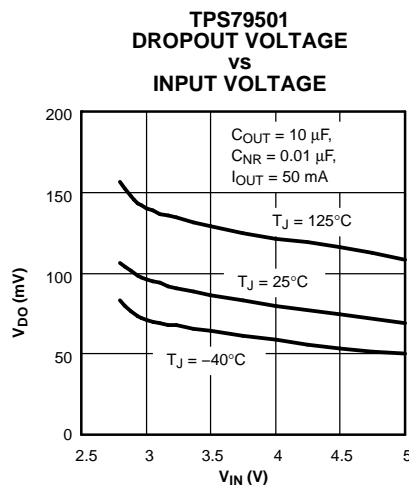


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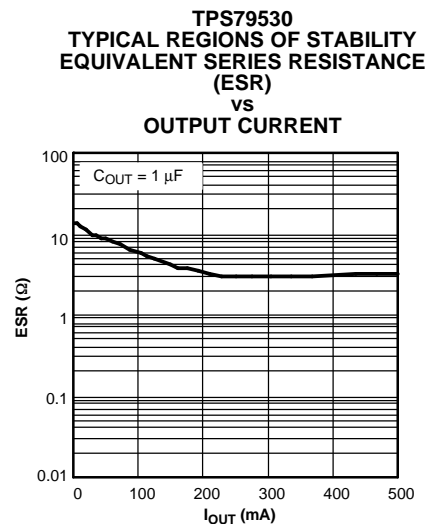


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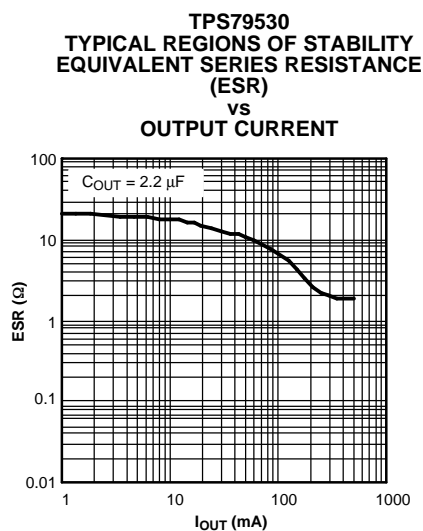


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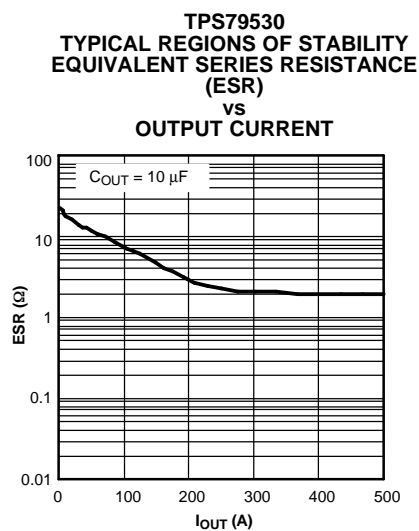


Figure 22.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

The TPS795xx family of low-dropout (LDO) regulators has been optimized for use in noise-sensitive equipment. The device features extremely low dropout voltages, high PSRR, ultralow output noise, low quiescent current (265 μ A typically), and enable input to reduce supply currents to less than 1 μ A when the regulator is turned off.

A typical application circuit is shown in Figure 23.

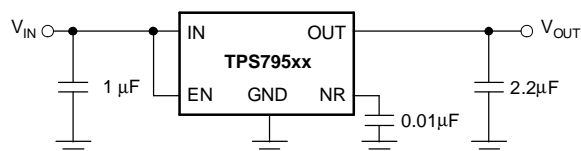


Figure 23. Typical Application Circuit

External Capacitor Requirements

A 1- μ F or larger ceramic input bypass capacitor, connected between IN and GND and located close to the TPS795xx, is required for stability and improves transient response, noise rejection, and ripple rejection. A higher-value input capacitor may be necessary if large, fast-rise-time load transients are anticipated and the device is located several inches from the power source.

Like most low dropout regulators, the TPS795xx requires an output capacitor connected between OUT and GND to stabilize the internal control loop. The minimum recommended capacitance is 1 μ F. Any 1 μ F or larger ceramic capacitor is suitable.

The internal voltage reference is a key source of noise in an LDO regulator. The TPS795xx has an NR pin which is connected to the voltage reference through a 250-k Ω internal resistor. The 250-k Ω internal resistor, in conjunction with an external bypass capacitor connected to the NR pin, creates a low pass filter to reduce the voltage reference noise and, therefore, the noise at the regulator output. In order for the regulator to operate properly, the current flow out of the NR pin must be at a minimum,

because any leakage current creates an IR drop across the internal resistor thus creating an output error. Therefore, the bypass capacitor must have minimal leakage current. The bypass capacitor should be no more than 0.1- μ F in order to ensure that it is fully charged during the quickstart time provided by the internal switch shown in the functional block diagram.

For example, the TPS79530 exhibits only 33 μ V_{RMS} of output voltage noise using a 0.1- μ F ceramic bypass capacitor and a 10- μ F ceramic output capacitor. Note that the output starts up slower as the bypass capacitance increases due to the RC time constant at the bypass pin that is created by the internal 250-k Ω resistor and external capacitor.

Board Layout Recommendation to Improve PSRR and Noise Performance

To improve ac measurements like PSRR, output noise, and transient response, it is recommended that the board be designed with separate ground planes for V_{IN} and V_{OUT}, with each ground plane connected only at the ground pin of the device. In addition, the ground connection for the bypass capacitor should connect directly to the ground pin of the device.

Regulator Mounting

The tab of the SOT223-6 package is electrically connected to ground. For best thermal performance, the tab of the surface-mount version should be soldered directly to a circuit-board copper area. Increasing the copper area improves heat dissipation.

Solder pad footprint recommendations for the devices are presented in an application bulletin *Solder Pad Recommendations for Surface-Mount Devices*, literature number AB-132, available from the TI web site (www.ti.com).

Programming the TPS79501 Adjustable LDO Regulator

The output voltage of the TPS79501 adjustable regulator is programmed using an external resistor divider as shown in Figure 24. The output voltage is calculated using Equation 1:

$$V_{OUT} = V_{REF} \times \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2}\right) \quad (1)$$

where:

- $V_{REF} = 1.2246 \text{ V typ}$ (the internal reference voltage)

Resistors R1 and R2 should be chosen for approximately 40-μA divider current. Lower value resistors can be used for improved noise performance, but the device wastes more power. Higher values should be avoided, as leakage current at FB increases the output voltage error. The recommended design procedure is to choose $R2 = 30.1 \text{ k}\Omega$ to set the divider current at 40 μA, $C1 = 15 \text{ pF}$ for stability, and then calculate R1 using Equation 2:

$$R1 = \left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{REF}} - 1\right) \times R2 \quad (2)$$

In order to improve the stability of the adjustable version, it is suggested that a small compensation capacitor be placed between OUT and FB. The approximate value of this capacitor can be calculated as Equation 3:

$$C1 = \frac{(3 \times 10^{-7}) \times (R1 + R2)}{(R1 \times R2)} \quad (3)$$

The suggested value of this capacitor for several resistor ratios is shown in the table below. If this capacitor is not used (such as in a unity-gain configuration) then the minimum recommended output capacitor is 2.2 μF instead of 1 μF.

Regulator Protection

The TPS795xx PMOS-pass transistor has a built-in back diode that conducts reverse current when the input voltage drops below the output voltage (e.g., during power down). Current is conducted from the output to the input and is not internally limited. If extended reverse voltage operation is anticipated, external limiting might be appropriate.

The TPS795xx features internal current limiting and thermal protection. During normal operation, the TPS795xx limits output current to approximately 2.8 A. When current limiting engages, the output voltage scales back linearly until the overcurrent condition ends. While current limiting is designed to prevent gross device failure, care should be taken not to exceed the power dissipation ratings of the package. If the temperature of the device exceeds approximately 165°C, thermal-protection circuitry shuts it down. Once the device has cooled down to below approximately 140°C, regulator operation resumes.

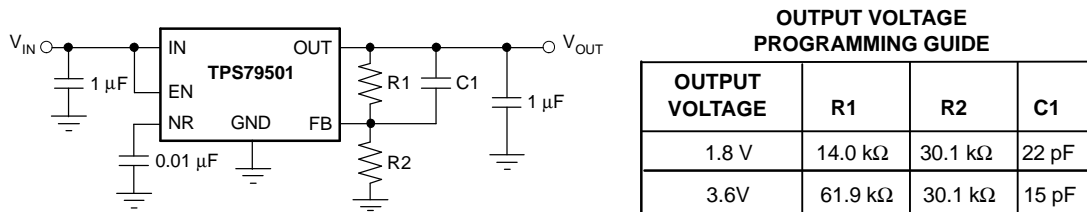


Figure 24. TPS79501 Adjustable LDO Regulator Programming

THERMAL INFORMATION

The amount of heat that an LDO linear regulator generates is directly proportional to the amount of power it dissipates during operation. All integrated circuits have a maximum allowable junction temperature ($T_{J(max)}$) above which normal operation is not assured. A system designer must design the operating environment so that the operating junction temperature (T_J) does not exceed the maximum junction temperature ($T_{J(max)}$). The two main environmental variables that a designer can use to improve thermal performance are air flow and external heatsinks. The purpose of this information is to aid the designer in determining the proper operating environment for a linear regulator that is operating at a specific power level.

In general, the maximum expected power ($P_{D(max)}$) consumed by a linear regulator is computed as Equation 4:

$$P_{D \max} = (V_{IN(avg)} - V_{OUT(avg)}) \times I_{OUT(avg)} + V_{I(avg)} \times I_{(Q)} \quad (4)$$

where:

- $V_{IN(avg)}$ is the average input voltage
- $V_{OUT(avg)}$ is the average output voltage
- $I_{OUT(avg)}$ is the average output current
- $I_{(Q)}$ is the quiescent current

For most TI LDO regulators, the quiescent current is insignificant compared to the average output current; therefore, the term $V_{IN(avg)} \times I_{(Q)}$ can be neglected. The operating junction temperature is computed by adding the ambient temperature (T_A) and the increase in temperature due to the regulator's power dissipation. The temperature rise is computed by multiplying the maximum expected power dissipation by the sum of the thermal resistances between the junction and the case ($R_{\theta JC}$), the case to heatsink ($R_{\theta CS}$), and the heatsink to ambient ($R_{\theta SA}$). Thermal resistances are measures of how effectively an object dissipates heat. Typically, the larger the device, the more surface area available for power dissipation and the lower the object's thermal resistance.

Figure 25 illustrates these thermal resistances for (a) a SOT223 package mounted in a JEDEC low-K board.

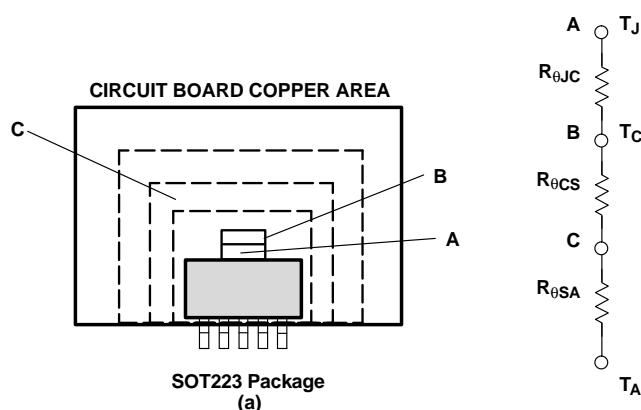


Figure 25. Thermal Resistances

Equation 5 summarizes the computation:

$$T_J = T_A + P_{D \max} \times (R_{\theta JC} + R_{\theta CS} + R_{\theta SA}) \quad (5)$$

The $R_{\theta JC}$ is specific to each regulator as determined by its package, lead frame, and die size provided in the regulator's data sheet. The $R_{\theta SA}$ is a function of the type and size of heatsink. For example, *black body radiator* type heatsinks can have $R_{\theta CS}$ values ranging from 5°C/W for very large heatsinks to 50°C/W for very small heatsinks. The $R_{\theta CS}$ is a function of how the package is attached to the heatsink. For example, if a thermal compound is used to attach a heatsink to a SOT223 package, $R_{\theta CS}$ of 1°C/W is reasonable.

Even if no external *black body radiator* type heatsink is attached to the package, the board on which the regulator is mounted provides some heatsinking through the pin solder connections. Some packages, like the DPAK and SOT223 packages, use a copper plane underneath the package or the circuit board's ground plane for additional heatsinking to improve their thermal performance. Computer aided thermal modeling can be used to compute very accurate approximations of an integrated circuit's thermal performance in different operating environments (e.g., different types of circuit boards, different types and sizes of heatsinks, and different air flows, etc.). Using these models, the three thermal resistances can be combined into one thermal resistance between junction and ambient ($R_{\theta JA}$). This $R_{\theta JA}$ is valid only for the specific operating environment used in the computer model.

Equation 5 simplifies into Equation 6:

$$T_J = T_A + P_{D \max} \times R_{\theta JA} \quad (6)$$

Rearranging Equation 6 gives Equation 7:

$$R_{\theta JA} = \frac{T_J - T_A}{P_{D \max}} \quad (7)$$

Using Equation 6 and the computer model generated curves shown in Figure 26, a designer can quickly compute the required heatsink thermal resistance/board area for a given ambient temperature, power dissipation, and operating environment.

SOT223 Power Dissipation

The SOT223 package provides an effective means of managing power dissipation in surface mount applications. The SOT223 package dimensions are provided in the *Mechanical Data* section at the end of the data sheet. The addition of a copper plane directly underneath the SOT223 package enhances the thermal performance of the package.

To illustrate, the TPS79525 in a SOT223 package was chosen. For this example, the average input voltage is 3.3 V, the output voltage is 2.5 V, the average output current is 1 A, the ambient temperature 55°C, no air flow is present, and the operating environment is the same as documented below. Neglecting the quiescent current, the maximum average power is Equation 8:

$$P_{D \max} = (3.3 - 2.5)V \times 1A = 800mW \quad (8)$$

Substituting $T_{J \max}$ for T_J into Equation 4 gives Equation 9:

$$R_{\theta JA \max} = (125 - 55)^\circ\text{C}/800mW = 87.5^\circ\text{C}/W \quad (9)$$

From Figure 26, $R_{\theta JA}$ vs PCB Copper Area, the ground plane needs to be 0.55 in² for the part to dissipate 800 mW. The operating environment used to construct Figure 26 consisted of a board with 1 oz. copper planes. The package is soldered to a 1 oz. copper pad on the top of the board. The pad is tied through thermal vias to the 1 oz. ground plane.

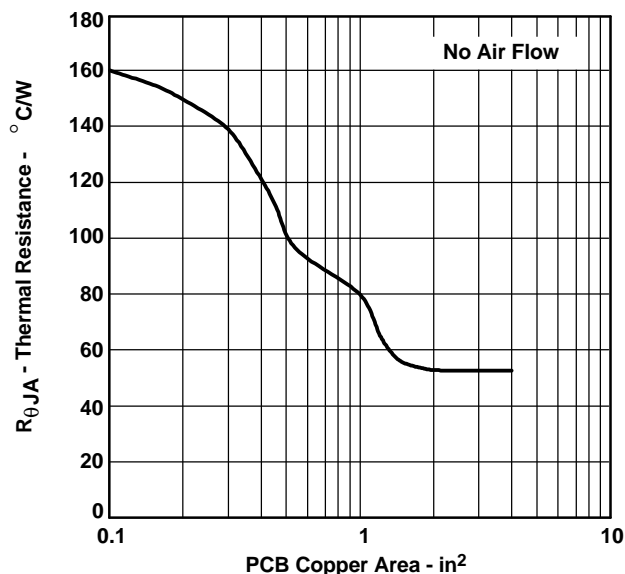


Figure 26. SOT223 Thermal Resistance vs PCB Copper Area

From the data in Figure 26 and rearranging equation 6, the maximum power dissipation for a different ground plane area and a specific ambient temperature can be computed (see Figure 27).

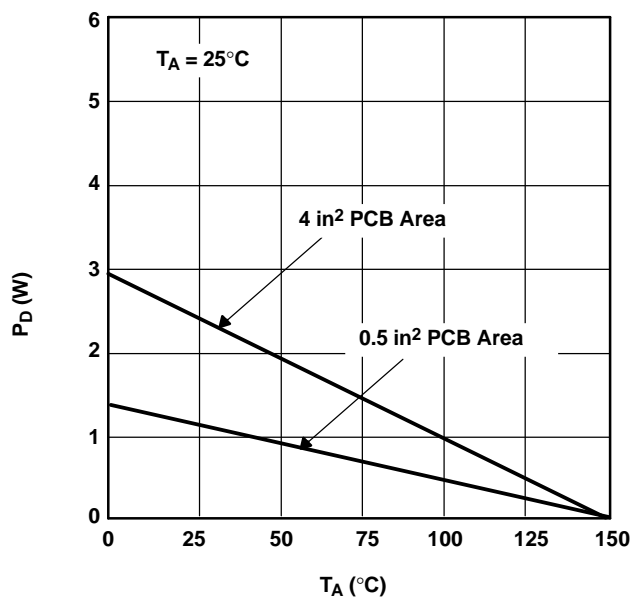


Figure 27. SOT223 Maximum Power Dissipation vs Ambient Temperature

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