

**NOT RECOMMENDED  
FOR NEW DESIGNS**

## LOW DROPOUT REGULATOR

### APPLICATIONS

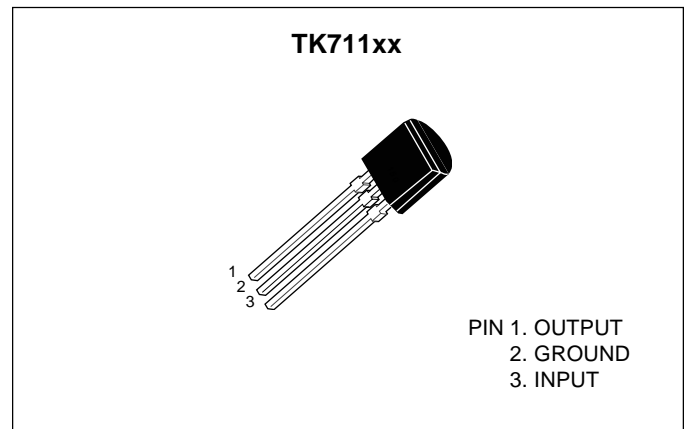
- Battery Powered Systems
- Portable Consumer Equipment
- Cordless Telephones
- Personal Communications Equipment
- Radio Control Systems
- Toys
- Low Voltage Systems

### FEATURES

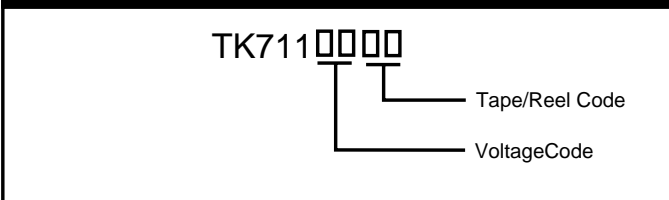
- Low Dropout Voltage
- Low Quiescent Current
- Very Stable Output
- Short Circuit Protected
- Thermal Overload Protected
- Standard TO-92 Package

### DESCRIPTION

The TK711xx is a low dropout, linear regulator housed in a standard TO-92 package, rated at 500 mW. An internal PNP transistor is used to achieve a low dropout voltage of 100 mV (typ.) at 30 mA load current. The TK711xx has a low quiescent current of 130  $\mu$ A (typ.) at no load. The low quiescent current and dropout voltage make this part ideal for battery powered applications.



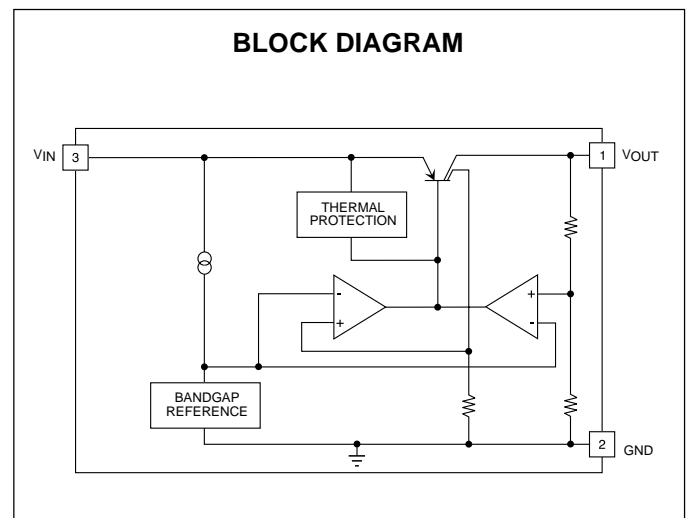
### ORDERING INFORMATION



**VOLTAGE CODE**

20 = 2.0 V	35 = 3.5 V
25 = 2.5 V	40 = 4.0 V
30 = 3.0 V	45 = 4.5 V
33 = 3.3 V	50 = 5.0 V

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# TK711xx

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Input Voltage ..... 15 V  
Power Dissipation (Note 1) ..... 500 mW  
Operating Voltage Range ..... 1.4 to 14 V  
Junction Temperature ..... 150 °C  
Storage Temperature Range ..... -55 to +150 °C  
Operating Temperature Range ..... -20 to +75 °C  
Lead Soldering Temperature (10 s) ..... 235 °C

## TK71120 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Test Conditions:  $V_{IN} = 3\text{ V}$ ,  $T_A = 25\text{ °C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
$I_Q$	Quiescent Current	$V_{IN} = 3.0\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$		130	300	$\mu\text{A}$
		$V_{IN} = 1.9\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$		1.4	3.0	mA
$V_{OUT}$	Regulated Output Voltage	$V_{IN} = 3.0\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$	1.9	2.0	2.1	V
$V_{DROP}$	Dropout Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 30\text{ mA}$		100	200	mV
$I_{OUT}$	Output Current		100	160		mA
$I_{GND}$	Ground Current	$V_{IN} = 3.0\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 30\text{ mA}$		1.5	3.5	mA
Line Reg	Line Regulation	$V_{IN} = 3.0\text{ to }13.0\text{ V}$		10	30	mV
Line Reg	Load Regulation	$I_{OUT} = 1\text{ to }60\text{ mA}$		20	40	mV
RR	Ripple Rejection	$C_L = 3.3\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ , $f = 400\text{ Hz}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$		63		dB
$\Delta V_{OUT}/\Delta T$	Temperature Coefficient			0.15		mV/°C

Note 1: Power dissipation is 500 mW when mounted. Derate at 4 mW/°C for operation above 25 °C.

**TK71125 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**Test Conditions:  $V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$ ,  $T_A = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
$I_Q$	Quiescent Current	$V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$		130	300	$\mu\text{A}$
		$V_{IN} = 2.0\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$		1.4	3.0	mA
$V_{OUT}$	Regulated Output Voltage	$V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$	2.4	2.5	2.6	V
$V_{DROD}$	Dropout Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 30\text{ mA}$		100	200	mV
$I_{OUT}$	Output Current		100	160		mA
$I_{GND}$	Ground Current	$V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 30\text{ mA}$		1.5	3.5	mA
Line Reg	Line Regulation	$V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ to }13.5\text{ V}$		10	30	mV
Line Reg	Load Regulation	$I_{OUT} = 1\text{ to }60\text{ mA}$		20	40	mV
RR	Ripple Rejection	$C_L = 3.3\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ , $f = 400\text{ Hz}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$		63		dB
$\Delta V_{OUT}/\Delta T$	Temperature Coefficient			0.15		mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$

**TK71130 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**Test Conditions:  $V_{IN} = 4.0\text{ V}$ ,  $T_A = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
$I_Q$	Quiescent Current	$V_{IN} = 4.0\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$		130	300	$\mu\text{A}$
		$V_{IN} = 2.5\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$		1.4	3.0	mA
$V_{OUT}$	Regulated Output Voltage	$V_{IN} = 4.0\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$	2.9	3.0	3.1	V
$V_{DROD}$	Dropout Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 30\text{ mA}$		100	200	mV
$I_{OUT}$	Output Current		100	160		mA
$I_{GND}$	Ground Current	$V_{IN} = 4.0\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 30\text{ mA}$		1.5	3.5	mA
Line Reg	Line Regulation	$V_{IN} = 4.0\text{ to }14.0\text{ V}$		10	30	mV
Line Reg	Load Regulation	$I_{OUT} = 1\text{ to }60\text{ mA}$		20	40	mV
RR	Ripple Rejection	$C_L = 3.3\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ , $f = 400\text{ Hz}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$		63		dB
$\Delta V_{OUT}/\Delta T$	Temperature Coefficient			0.18		mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$

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## TK71133 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Test Conditions:  $V_{IN} = 3.9\text{ V}$ ,  $T_A = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
$I_Q$	Quiescent Current	$V_{IN} = 3.9\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$		130	300	$\mu\text{A}$
		$V_{IN} = 2.8\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$		1.4	3.0	mA
$V_{OUT}$	Regulated Output Voltage	$V_{IN} = 3.9\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$	3.2	3.3	3.4	V
$V_{DROD}$	Dropout Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 30\text{ mA}$		100	200	mV
$I_{OUT}$	Output Current		100	160		mA
$I_{GND}$	Ground Current	$V_{IN} = 3.9\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 30\text{ mA}$		1.5	3.5	mA
Line Reg	Line Regulation	$V_{IN} = 3.9\text{ to }13.9\text{ V}$		10	30	mV
Line Reg	Load Regulation	$I_{OUT} = 1\text{ to }60\text{ mA}$		20	40	mV
RR	Ripple Rejection	$C_L = 3.3\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ , $f = 400\text{ Hz}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$		63		dB
$\Delta V_{OUT}/\Delta T$	Temperature Coefficient			0.18		mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$

## TK71135 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Test Conditions:  $V_{IN} = 4.1\text{ V}$ ,  $T_A = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
$I_Q$	Quiescent Current	$V_{IN} = 4.1\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$		130	300	$\mu\text{A}$
		$V_{IN} = 3.0\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$		1.4	3.0	mA
$V_{OUT}$	Regulated Output Voltage	$V_{IN} = 4.1\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$	3.39	3.50	3.61	V
$V_{DROD}$	Dropout Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 30\text{ mA}$		100	200	mV
$I_{OUT}$	Output Current		100	160		mA
$I_{GND}$	Ground Current	$V_{IN} = 4.1\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 30\text{ mA}$		1.5	3.5	mA
Line Reg	Line Regulation	$V_{IN} = 4.1\text{ to }14.0\text{ V}$		10	30	mV
Line Reg	Load Regulation	$I_{OUT} = 1\text{ to }60\text{ mA}$		20	40	mV
RR	Ripple Rejection	$C_L = 3.3\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ , $f = 400\text{ Hz}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$		63		dB
$\Delta V_{OUT}/\Delta T$	Temperature Coefficient			0.2		mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$

**TK71140 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**Test Conditions:  $V_{IN} = 4.6\text{ V}$ ,  $T_A = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
$I_Q$	Quiescent Current	$V_{IN} = 4.6\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$		130	300	$\mu\text{A}$
		$V_{IN} = 3.5\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$		1.4	3.0	mA
$V_{OUT}$	Regulated Output Voltage	$V_{IN} = 4.6\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$	3.88	4.00	4.12	V
$V_{DROD}$	Dropout Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 30\text{ mA}$		100	200	mV
$I_{OUT}$	Output Current		100	160		mA
$I_{GND}$	Ground Current	$V_{IN} = 4.6\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 30\text{ mA}$		1.5	3.5	mA
Line Reg	Line Regulation	$V_{IN} = 4.6\text{ to }14.0\text{ V}$		10	30	mV
Line Reg	Load Regulation	$I_{OUT} = 1\text{ to }60\text{ mA}$		20	40	mV
RR	Ripple Rejection	$C_L = 3.3\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ , $f = 400\text{ Hz}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$		63		dB
$\Delta V_{OUT}/\Delta T$	Temperature Coefficient			0.2		mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$

**TK71145 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**Test Conditions:  $V_{IN} = 5.1\text{ V}$ ,  $T_A = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
$I_Q$	Quiescent Current	$V_{IN} = 5.1\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$		130	300	$\mu\text{A}$
		$V_{IN} = 4.0\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$		1.4	3.0	mA
$V_{OUT}$	Regulated Output Voltage	$V_{IN} = 5.1\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$	4.36	4.50	4.64	V
$V_{DROD}$	Dropout Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 30\text{ mA}$		100	200	mV
$I_{OUT}$	Output Current		100	160		mA
$I_{GND}$	Ground Current	$V_{IN} = 5.1\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 30\text{ mA}$		1.5	3.5	mA
Line Reg	Line Regulation	$V_{IN} = 5.1\text{ to }14.0\text{ V}$		10	30	mV
Line Reg	Load Regulation	$I_{OUT} = 1\text{ to }60\text{ mA}$		20	40	mV
RR	Ripple Rejection	$C_L = 3.3\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ , $f = 400\text{ Hz}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$		63		dB
$\Delta V_{OUT}/\Delta T$	Temperature Coefficient			0.25		mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$

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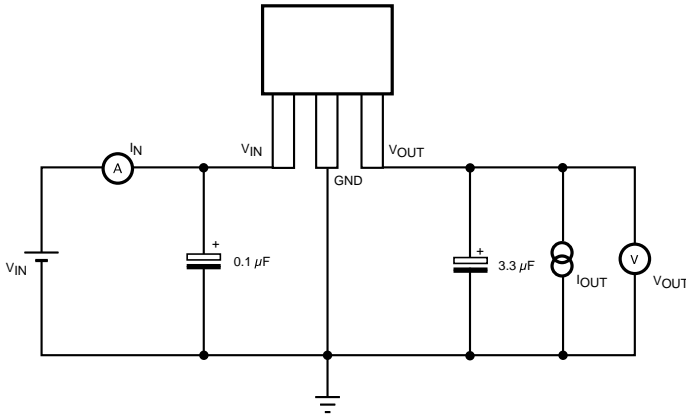
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$I_Q$	Quiescent Current	$V_{IN} = 5.6 \text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0 \text{ mA}$		130	300	$\mu\text{A}$
		$V_{IN} = 4.0 \text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0 \text{ mA}$		1.4	3.0	mA
$V_{OUT}$	Regulated Output Voltage	$V_{IN} = 5.6 \text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10 \text{ mA}$	4.85	5.00	5.15	V
$V_{DROP}$	Dropout Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 30 \text{ mA}$		100	200	mV
$I_{OUT}$	Output Current		100	160		mA
$I_{GND}$	Ground Current	$V_{IN} = 5.6 \text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 30 \text{ mA}$		1.5	3.5	mA
Line Reg	Line Regulation	$V_{IN} = 5.6 \text{ to } 14.0 \text{ V}$		10	30	mV
Line Reg	Load Regulation	$I_{OUT} = 1 \text{ to } 60 \text{ mA}$		20	40	mV
RR	Ripple Rejection	$C_L = 3.3 \mu\text{F}$ , $f = 400 \text{ Hz}$ , $I_{OUT} = 10 \text{ mA}$		63		dB
$\Delta V_{OUT}/\Delta T$	Temperature Coefficient			0.25		mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$

Gen Note: Parameters with min. or max. values are 100% tested at  $T_A = 25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

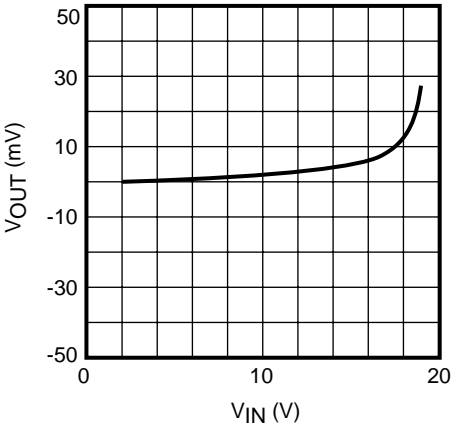
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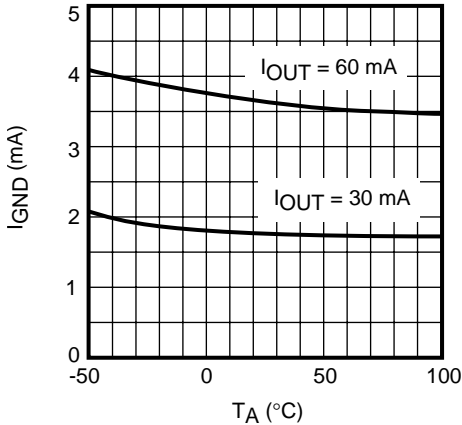
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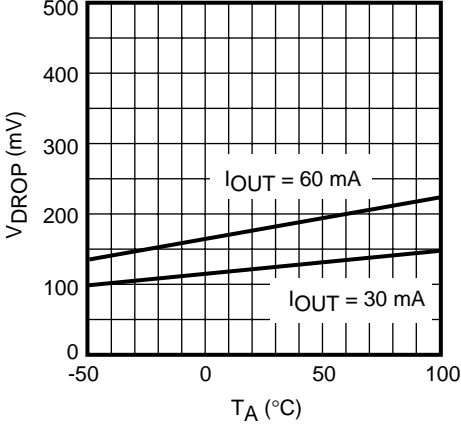
OUTPUT VOLTAGE vs. INPUT VOLTAGE



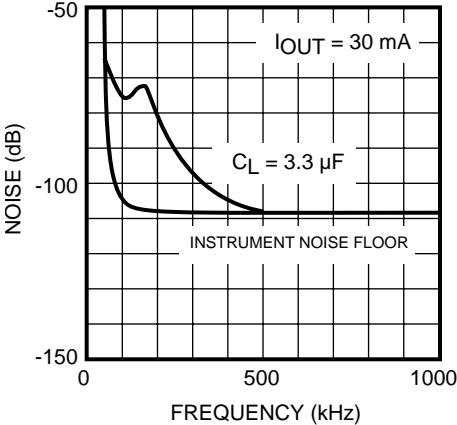
GROUND CURRENT vs. AMBIENT TEMPERATURE



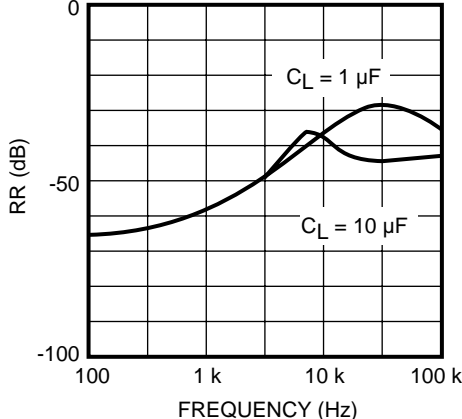
DROPOUT VOLTAGE vs. AMBIENT TEMPERATURE



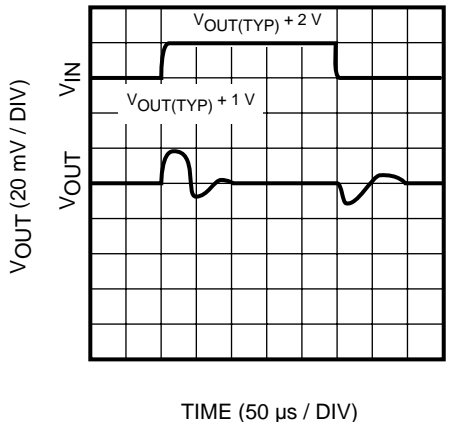
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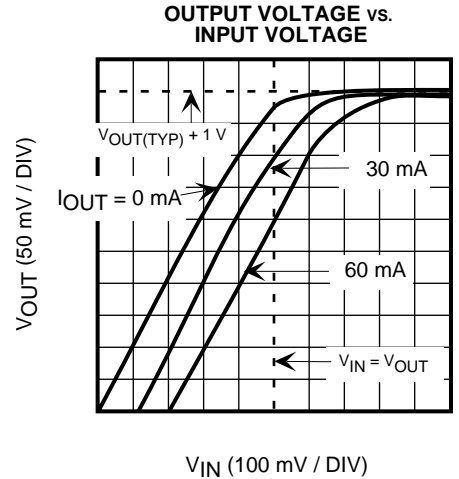
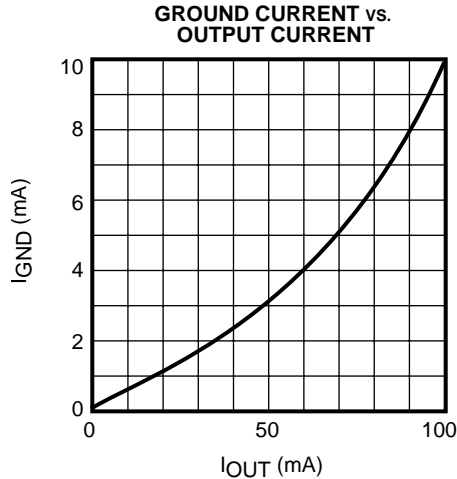
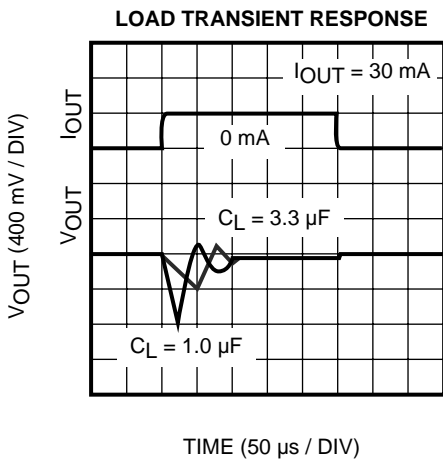


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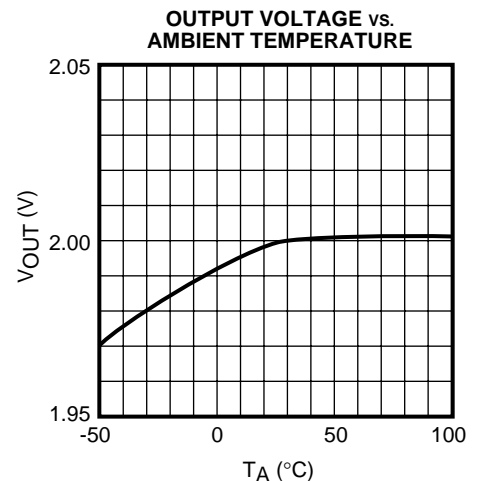
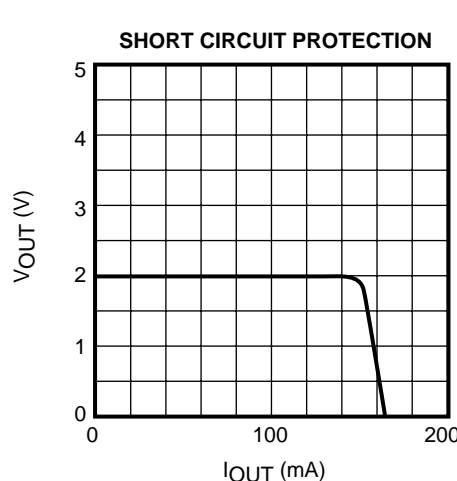
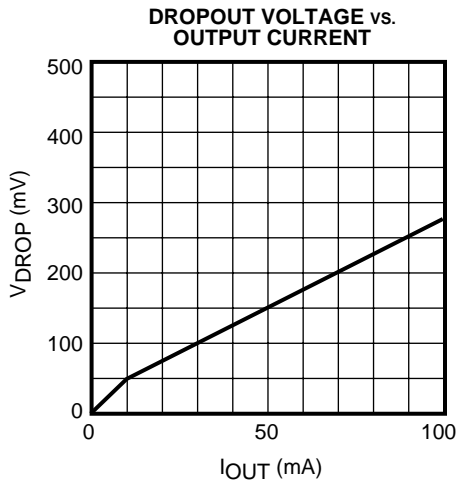
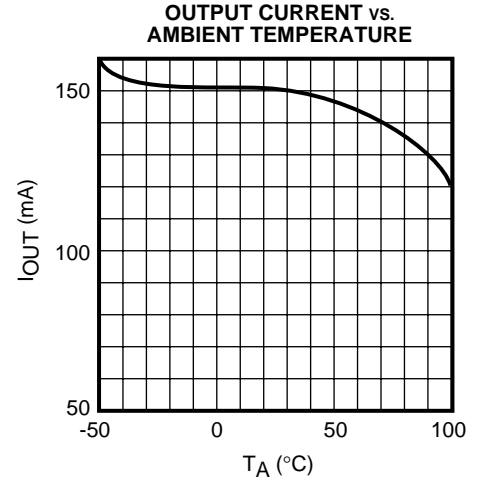
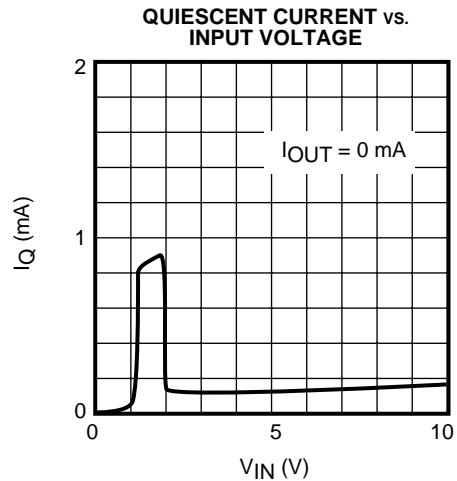
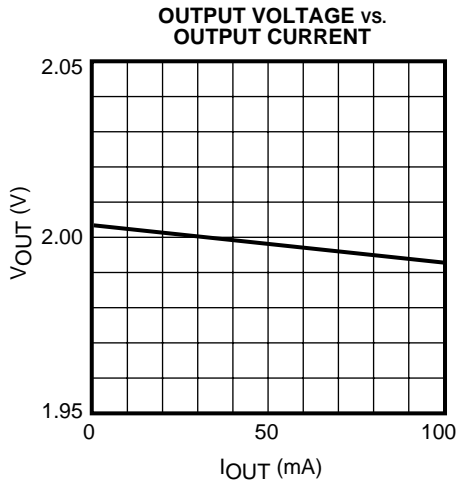


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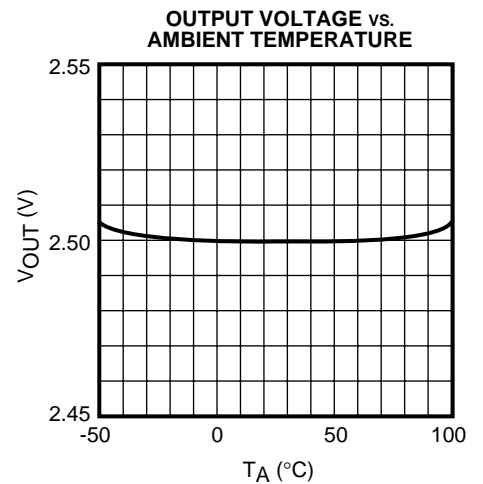
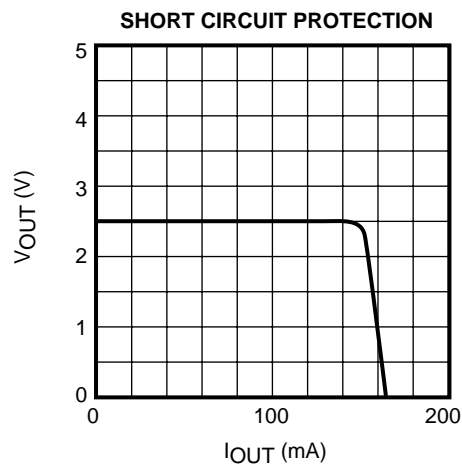
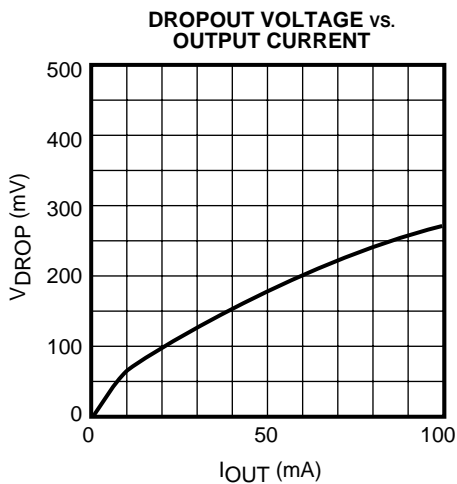
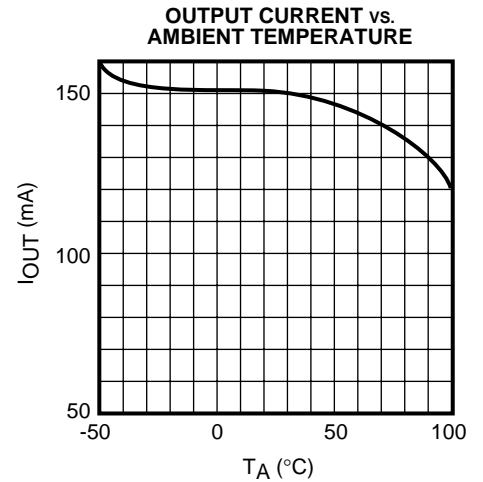
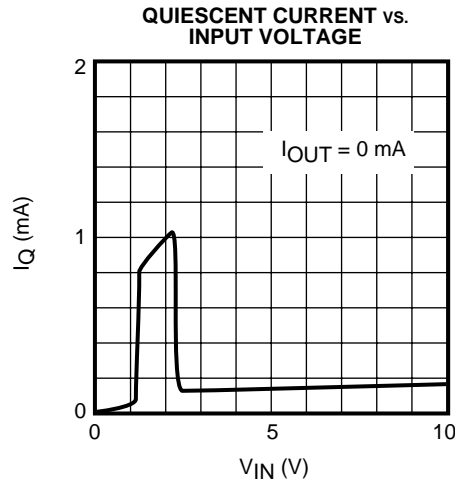
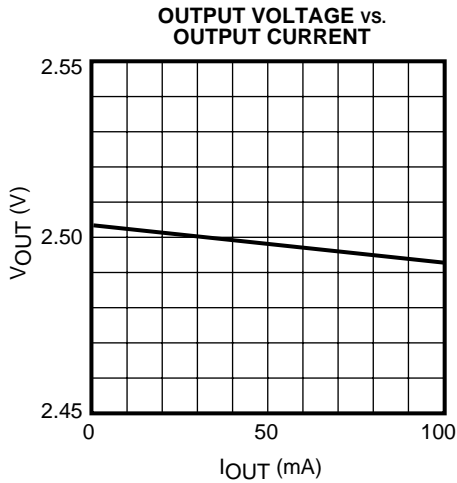




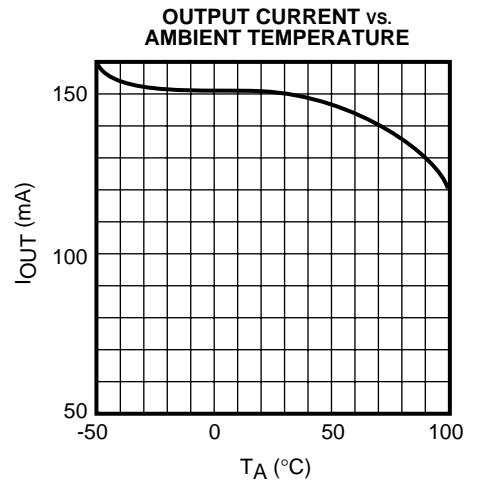
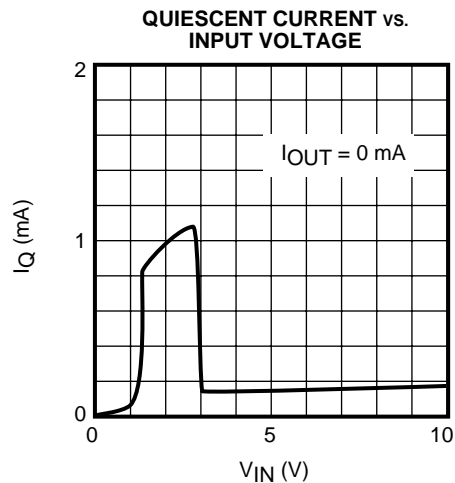
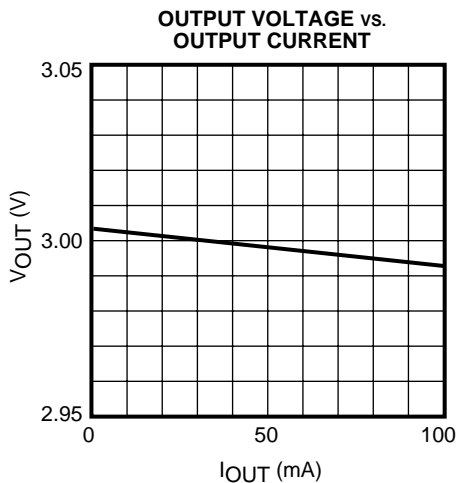
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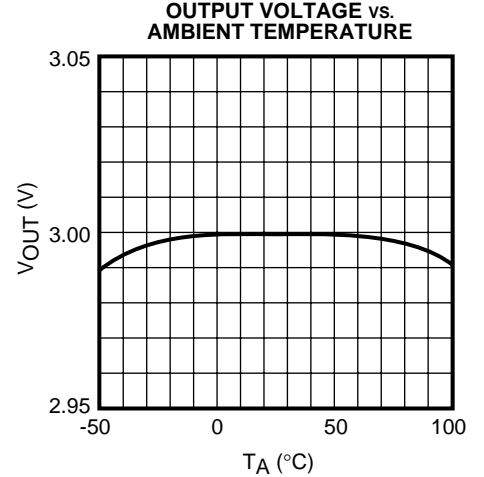
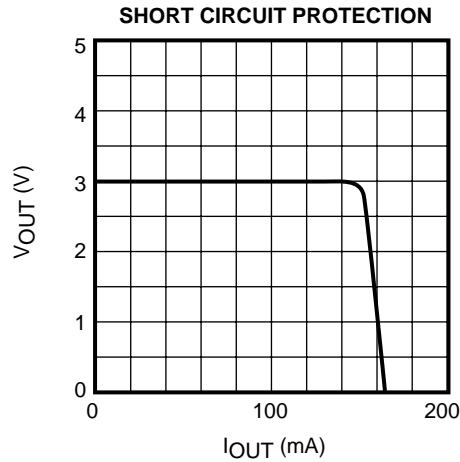
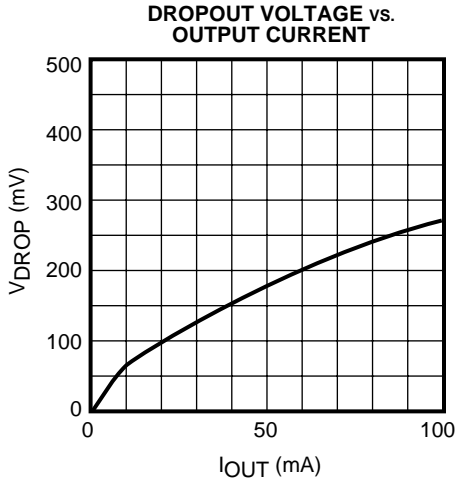
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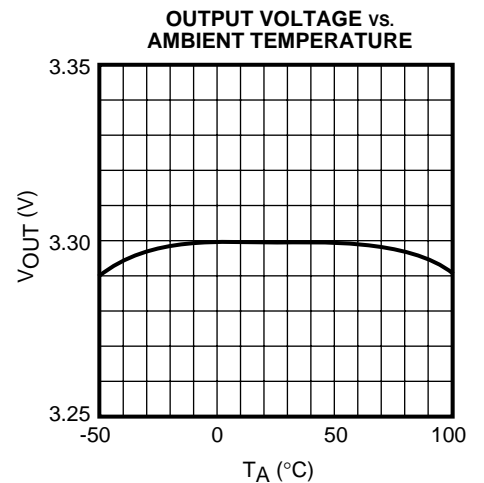
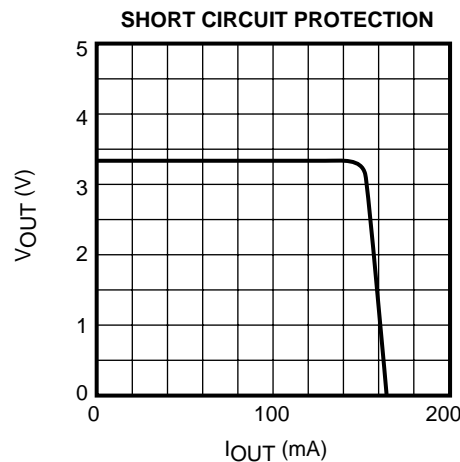
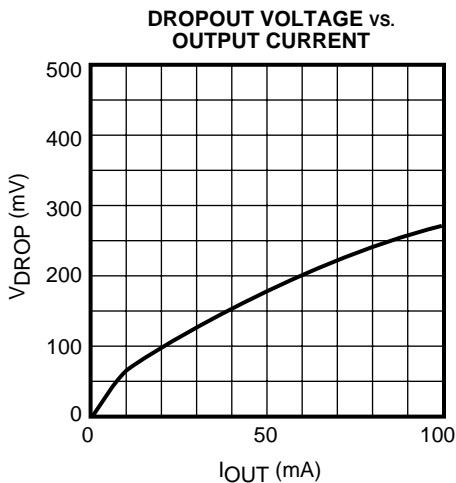
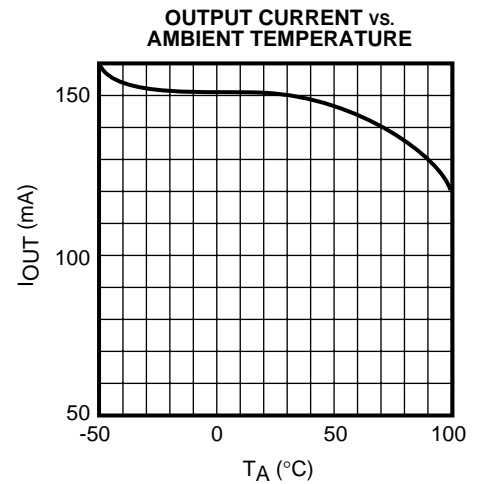
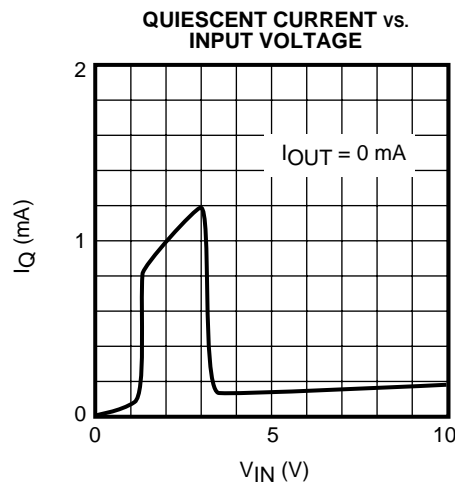
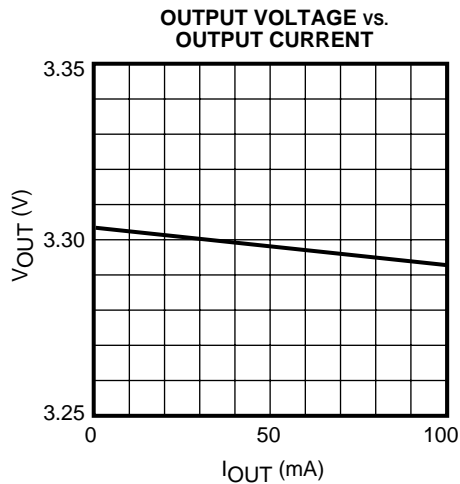
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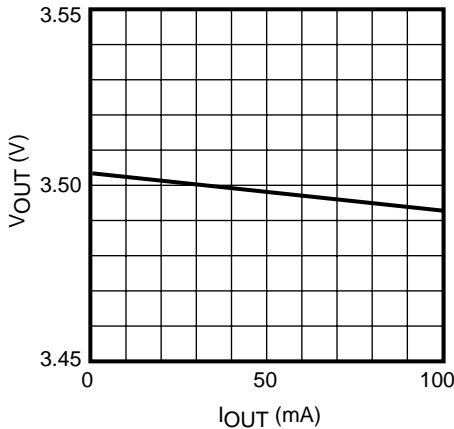


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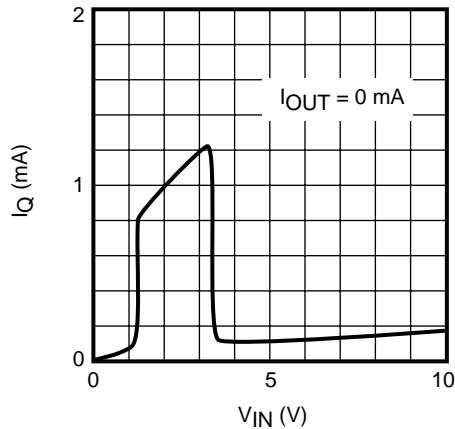
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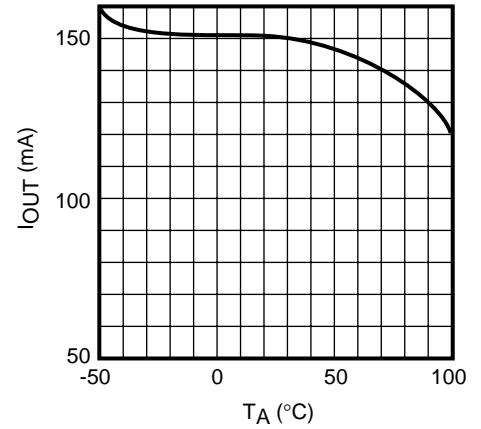
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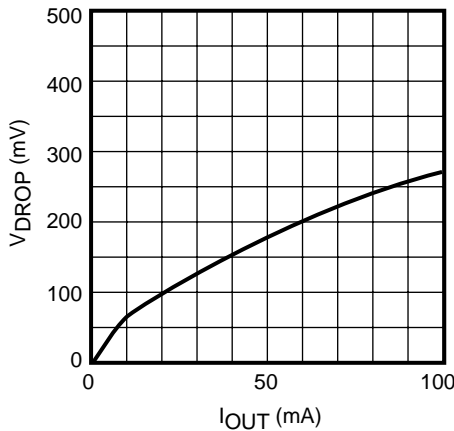
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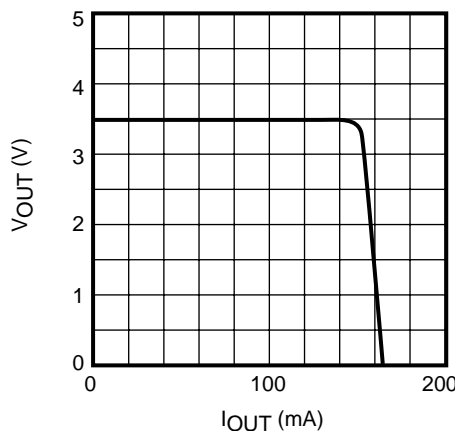
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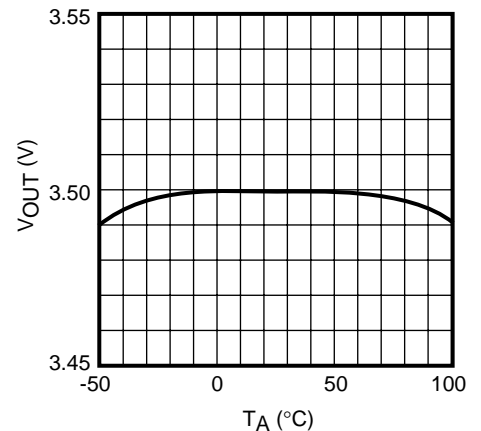
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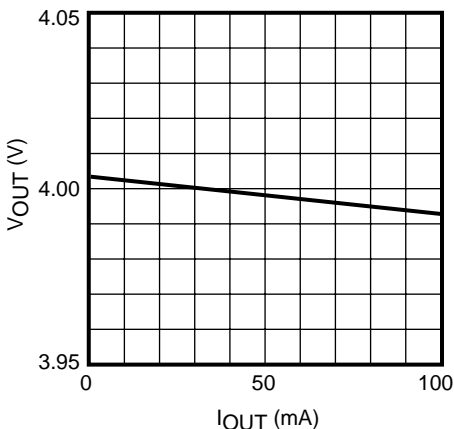


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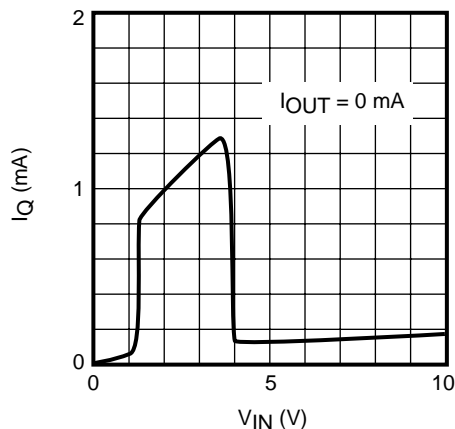


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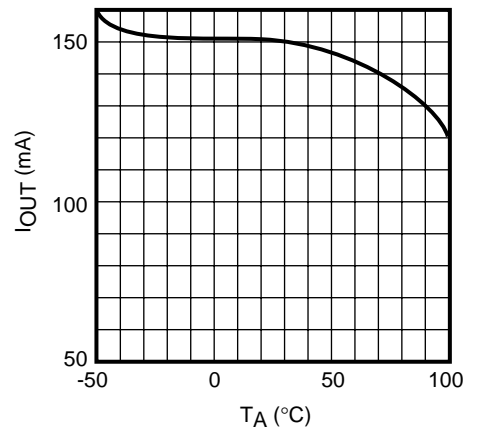
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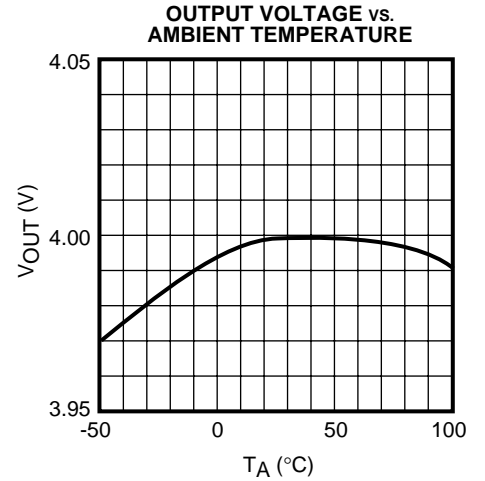
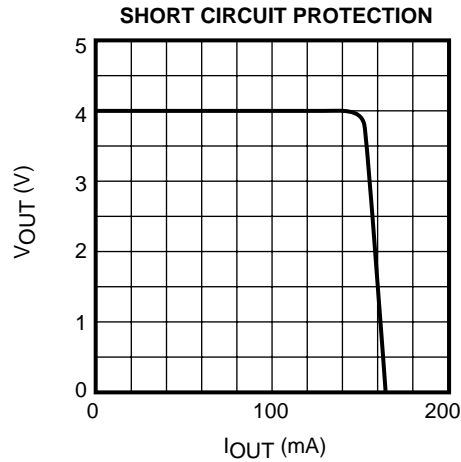
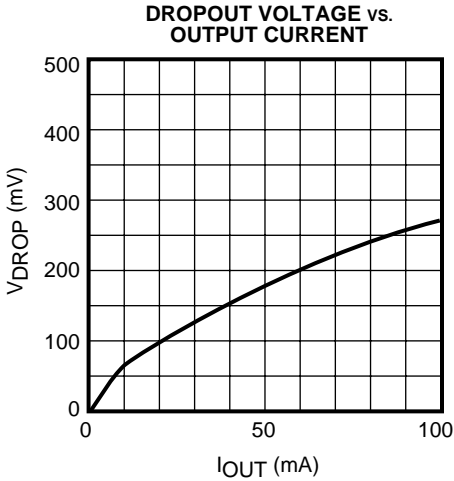
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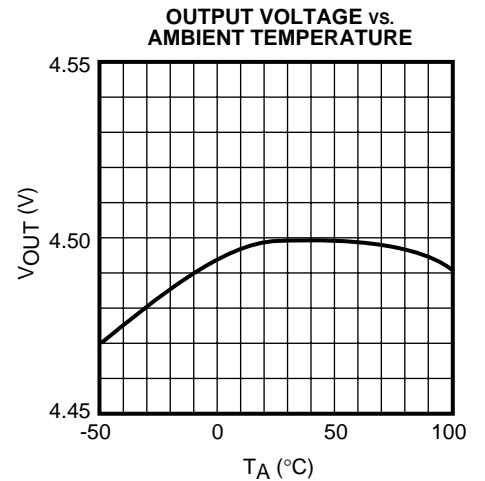
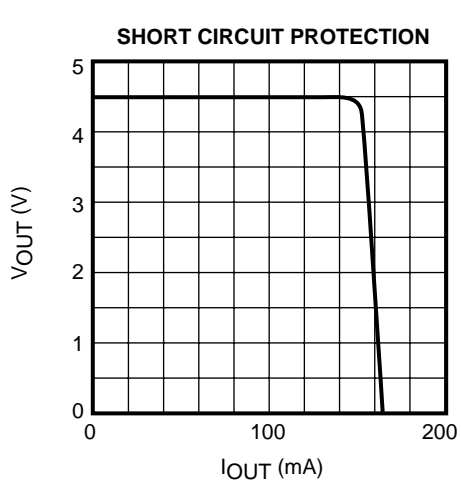
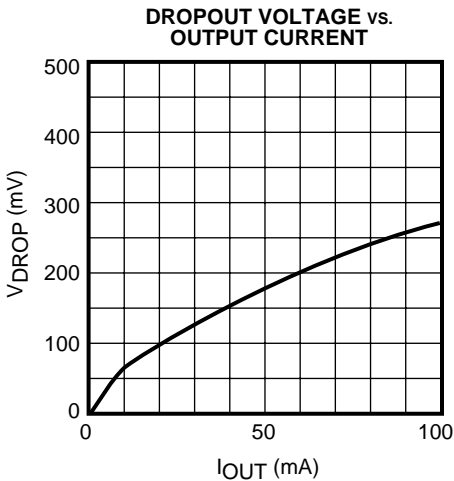
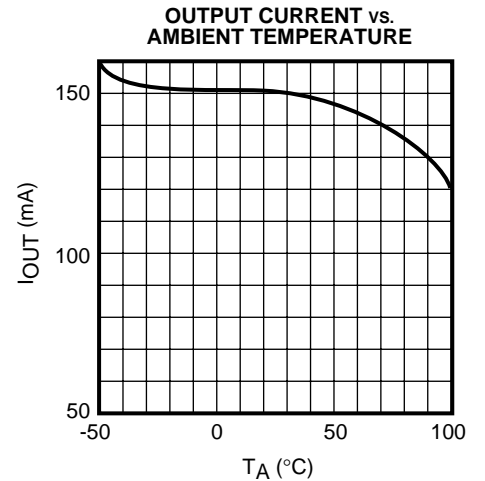
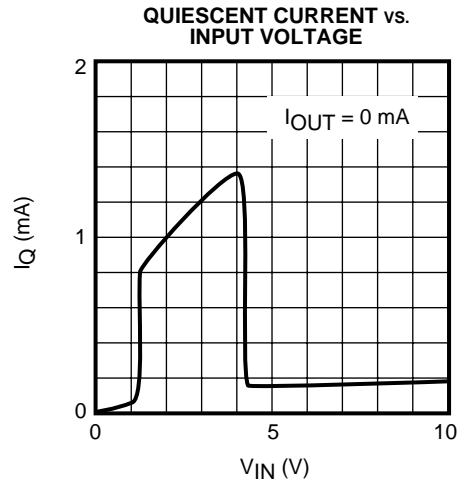
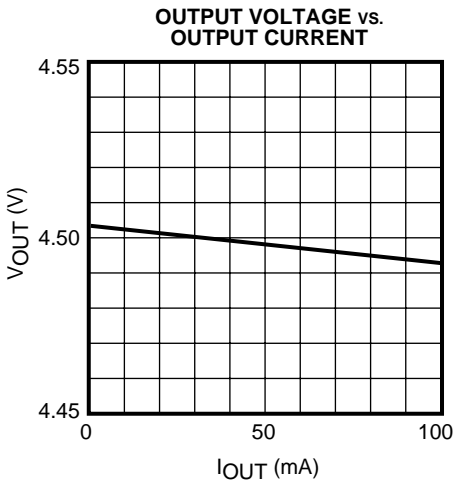
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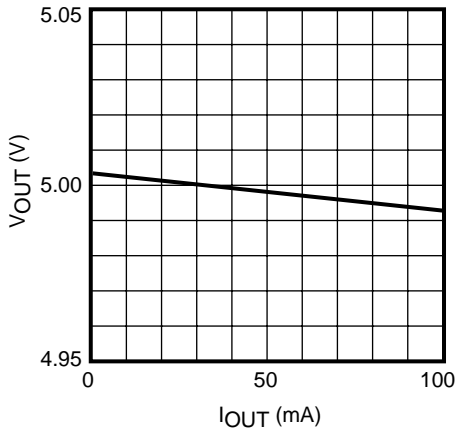


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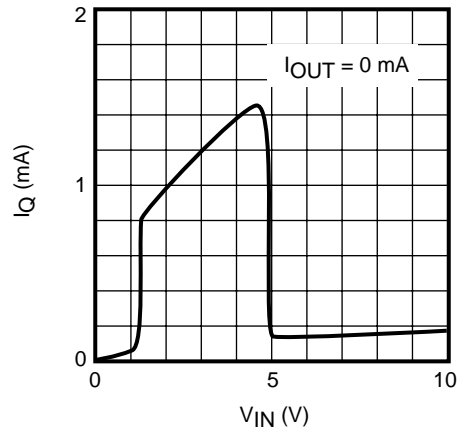
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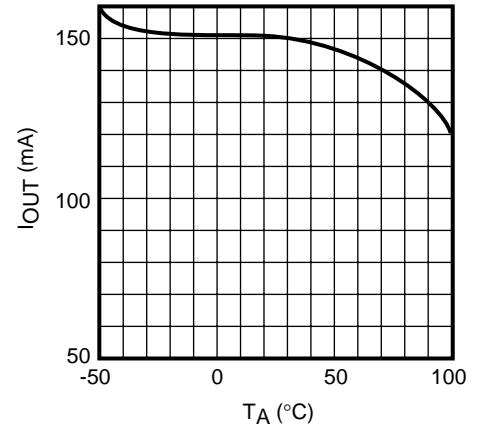
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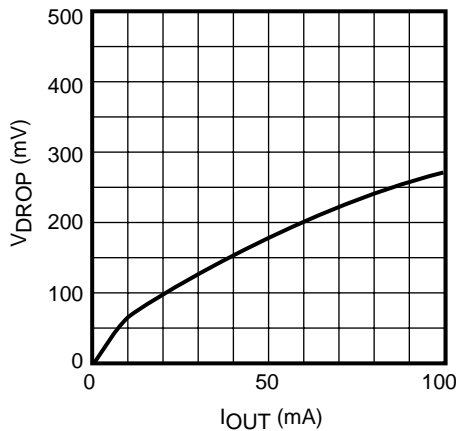
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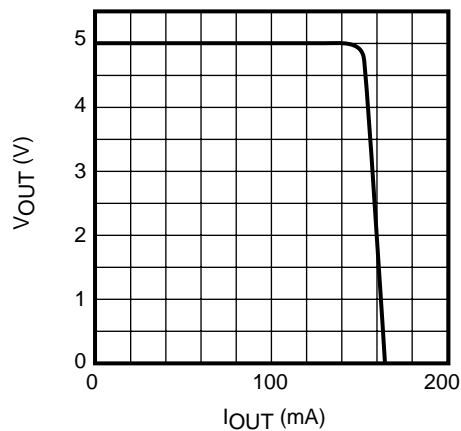
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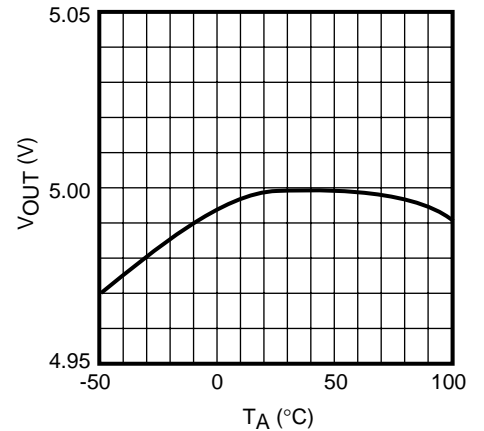
**DROPOUT VOLTAGE vs. OUTPUT CURRENT**



**SHORT CIRCUIT PROTECTION**



**OUTPUT VOLTAGE vs. AMBIENT TEMPERATURE**



## DEFINITION AND EXPLANATION OF TECHNICAL TERMS

### LINE REGULATION (LINE REG)

Line regulation is the ability of the regulator to maintain a constant output voltage as the input voltage changes.

### LOAD REGULATION (LOAD REG)

Load regulation is the ability of the regulator to maintain a constant output voltage as the load current changes. It is a pulsed measurement to minimize temperature effects. The load regulation is specified an output current step condition of 1 mA to 60 mA.

### QUIESCENT CURRENT ( $I_Q$ )

The quiescent current is the current which flows through the ground terminal under no load conditions ( $I_{OUT} = 0$  mA).

### GROUND CURRENT ( $I_{GND}$ )

Ground current is the current which flows through the ground pin(s). It is defined as  $I_{IN} - I_{OUT}$ , excluding  $I_{CONT}$ .

### DROPOUT VOLTAGE ( $V_{DROP}$ )

This is a measure of how well the regulator performs as the input voltage decreases. The smaller the number, the further the input voltage can decrease before regulation problems occur. Nominal output voltage is first measured when  $V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 1$  at a chosen load current. When the output voltage has dropped 100 mV from the nominal,  $V_{IN} - V_O$  is the dropout voltage. This voltage is affected by load current and junction temperature.

### OUTPUT NOISE VOLTAGE

This is the effective AC voltage that occurs on the output voltage under the condition where the input noise is low and with a given load, filter capacitor, and frequency range.

### THERMAL PROTECTION

This is an internal feature which turns the regulator off when the junction temperature rises above 150 °C. After the regulator turns off, the temperature drops and the regulator output turns back on. Under certain conditions, the output waveform may appear to be an oscillation as the output turns off and on and back again in succession.

### PACKAGE POWER DISSIPATION ( $P_D$ )

This is the power dissipation level at which the thermal sensor is activated. The IC contains an internal thermal sensor which monitors the junction temperature. When the junction temperature exceeds the monitor threshold of 150 °C, the IC is shut down. The junction temperature rises as the difference between the input power ( $V_{IN} \times I_{IN}$ ) and the output power ( $V_{OUT} \times I_{OUT}$ ) increases. The rate of temperature rise is greatly affected by the mounting pad configuration on the PCB, the board material, and the ambient temperature. When the IC mounting has good thermal conductivity, the junction temperature will be low even if the power dissipation is great. When mounted on the mounting pad, the power dissipation of the TO-92 is increased to 500 mW. For operation at ambient temperatures over 25 °C, the power dissipation of the TO-92 device should be derated at 4.0 mW/°C. To determine the power dissipation for shutdown when mounted, attach the device on the actual PCB and deliberately increase the output current (or raise the input voltage) until the thermal protection circuit is activated. Calculate the power dissipation of the device by subtracting the output power from the input power. These measurements should allow for the ambient temperature of the PCB. The value obtained from  $P_D / (150 \text{ °C} - T_A)$  is the derating factor. The PCB mounting pad should provide maximum thermal conductivity in order to maintain low device temperatures. As a general rule, the lower the temperature, the better the reliability of the device. The thermal resistance when mounted is expressed as follows:

$$T_j = \theta_{jA} \times P_D + T_A$$

For Toko ICs, the internal limit for junction temperature is 150 °C. If the ambient temperature ( $T_A$ ) is 25 °C, then:

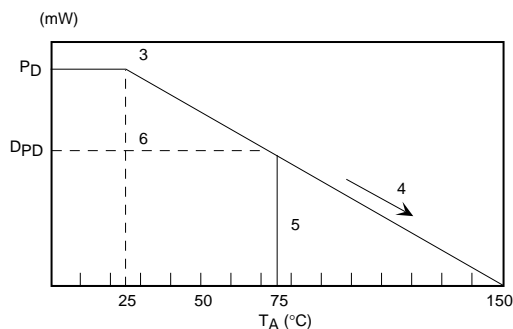
$$150 \text{ °C} = \theta_{jA} \times P_D + 25 \text{ °C}$$

$$\theta_{jA} = 125 \text{ °C} / P_D$$

$P_D$  is the value when the thermal sensor is activated. A simple way to determine  $P_D$  is to calculate  $V_{IN} \times I_{IN}$  when the output side is shorted. Input current gradually falls as temperature rises. You should use the value when thermal equilibrium is reached.

## TERMS AND DEFINITIONS (CONT.)

The range of usable currents can also be found from the graph below.

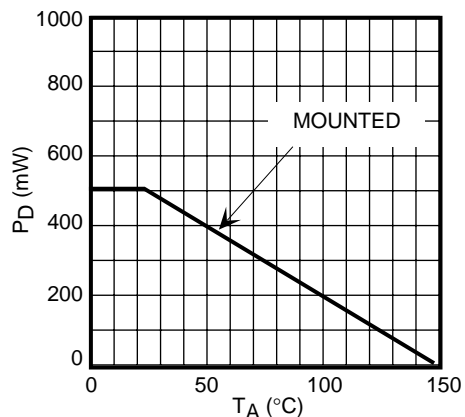


Procedure:

- 1) Find  $P_D$
- 2)  $P_{D1}$  is taken to be  $P_D \times (\sim 0.8 - 0.9)$
- 3) Plot  $P_{D1}$  against  $25^\circ\text{C}$
- 4) Connect  $P_{D1}$  to the point corresponding to the  $150^\circ\text{C}$  with a straight line.
- 5) In design, take a vertical line from the maximum operating temperature (e.g.,  $75^\circ\text{C}$ ) to the derating curve.
- 6) Read off the value of  $P_D$  against the point at which the vertical line intersects the derating curve. This is taken as the maximum power dissipation,  $D_{PD}$ .

The maximum operating current is:

$$I_{\text{OUT}} = (D_{PD} / (V_{\text{IN(MAX)}} - V_{\text{OUT}}))$$



TO-92 POWER DISSIPATION CURVE

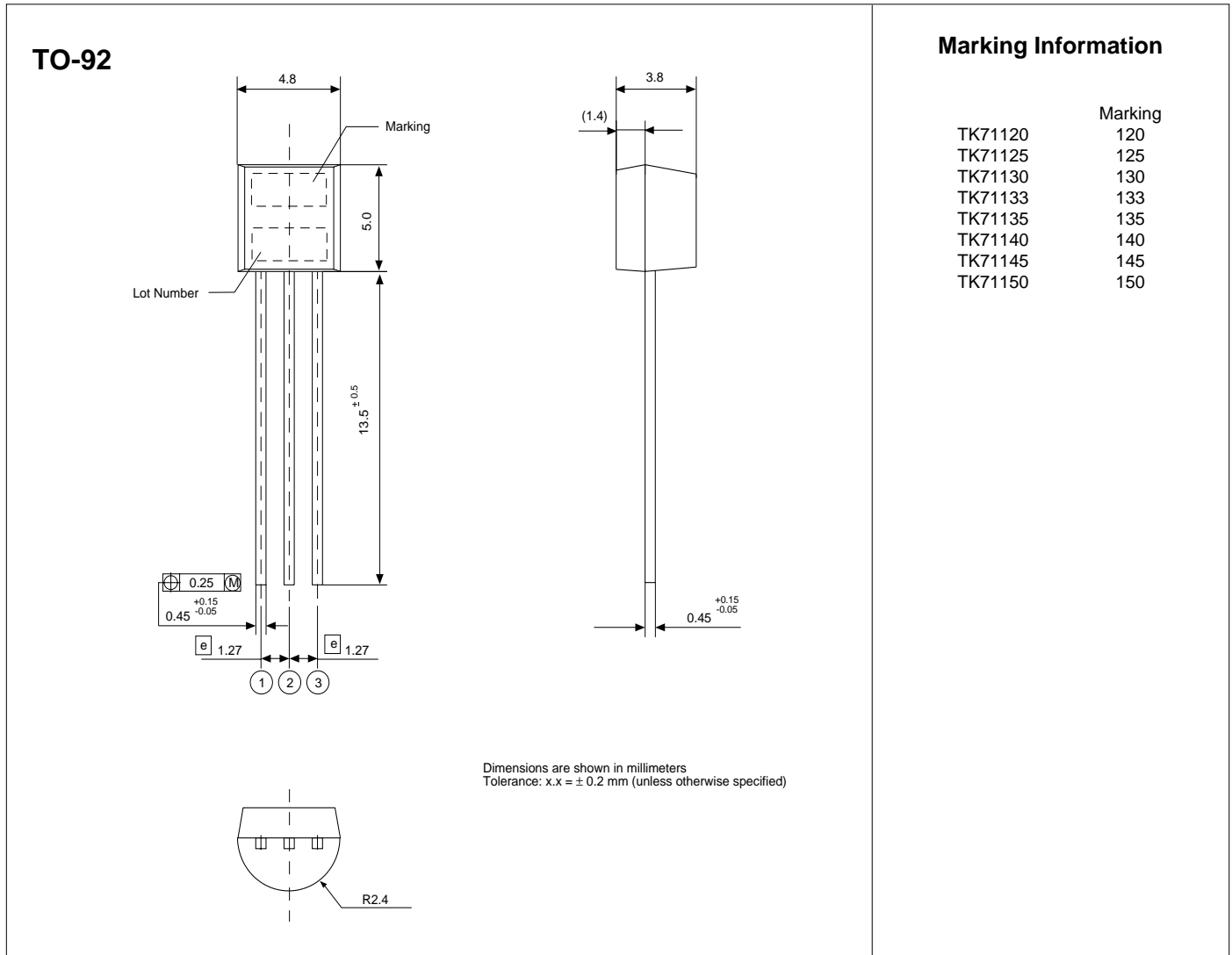
## APPLICATION INFORMATION

### INPUT/OUTPUT DECOUPLING CAPACITOR CONSIDERATIONS

Voltage regulators require input and output decoupling capacitors. The required value of these capacitors vary with application. Capacitors made by different manufacturers can have different characteristics, particularly with regard to high frequencies and Equivalent Series Resistance (ESR) over temperature. The type of capacitor is also important. For example, a  $4.7\ \mu\text{F}$  aluminum electrolytic may be required for a certain application. If a tantalum capacitor is used, a lower value of  $2.2\ \mu\text{F}$  would be adequate. It is important to consider the temperature characteristics of the decoupling capacitors. While Toko regulators are designed to operate as low as  $-40^\circ\text{C}$ , many capacitors will not operate properly at this temperature. The capacitance of aluminum electrolytic capacitors may decrease to 0 at low temperatures. This may cause oscillation on the output of the regulator since some capacitance is required to guarantee stability. Thus, it is important to consider the characteristics of the capacitor over temperature when selecting decoupling capacitors.

The ESR is another important parameter. The ESR will increase with temperature but low ESR capacitors are often larger and more costly. In general, tantalum capacitors offer lower ESR than aluminum electrolytic, but new low ESR aluminum electrolytic capacitors are now available from several manufacturers. Usually a bench test is sufficient to determine the minimum capacitance required for a particular application. After taking thermal characteristics and tolerance into account, the minimum capacitance value should be approximately two times this value. The recommended minimum capacitance for the TK711xxN is  $2.1\ \mu\text{F}$  for a tantalum capacitor or  $3.3\ \mu\text{F}$  for an aluminum electrolytic. Please note that linear regulators with a low dropout voltage have high internal loop gains which require care in guarding against oscillation caused by insufficient decoupling capacitance. The use of high quality decoupling capacitors suited for your application will guarantee proper operation of the circuit. Pay attention to temperature characteristics of the capacitor, especially the increase of ESR and decrease of capacitance in low temperatures. Oscillation, reduction of ripple rejection and increased noise may occur in some cases if the proper capacitor is not used. An output capacitor more than  $1.0\ \mu\text{F}$  is required to maintain stability. The standard test condition is  $3.3\ \mu\text{F}$  ( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ).

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