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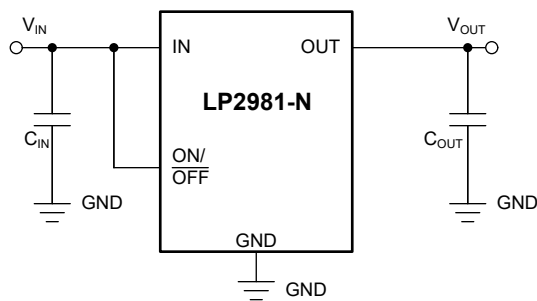
LP2981-N 100-mA, Low-Dropout Regulator in SOT-23 Package

1 Features

- Input Voltage (V_{IN}) Range:
 - Legacy chip: 2.1 V to 16 V
 - New chip: 2.5 V to 16 V
- Output Voltage (V_{OUT}) Range: 1.2 V to 5.0 V
- Output Voltage (V_{OUT}) Accuracy:
 - $\pm 0.75\%$ for A-Grade legacy chip
 - $\pm 1.25\%$ for standard-grade legacy chip
 - $\pm 0.5\%$ for new chip (A grade and standard grade)
- Output Voltage (V_{OUT}) accuracy over load, and temperature: $\pm 1\%$ (new chip)
- Output current: Up to 100 mA
- Low I_Q (new chip): 69 μA at $I_{LOAD} = 0$ mA
- Low I_Q (new chip): 620 μA at $I_{LOAD} = 100$ mA
- Shutdown current over temperature:
 - < 1 μA (legacy chip)
 - ≤ 1.75 μA (new chip)
- Output current limiting and thermal protection
- Stable with 2.2- μF ceramic capacitors (new chip)
- High PSRR (new chip):
 - 75 dB at 1 kHz, 45 dB at 1 MHz
- Operating junction temperature: -40°C to $+125^\circ\text{C}$
- Package: 5-pin SOT-23 (DBV)

2 Applications

- Electricity meters
- Micro inverters
- Server PSU (12-V output)
- Residential breakers



Typical Application Circuit

3 Description

The LP2981-N is a fixed-output, low-dropout (LDO) voltage regulator supporting an input voltage range from 2.5 V to 16 V (for new chip only) and up to 100 mA of load current. The LP2981-N supports an output range of 1.2 V to 5.0 V (new chip).

Additionally, the LP2981-N (new chip) has a 1% output accuracy across load and temperature that can meet the needs of low-voltage microcontrollers (MCUs) and processors.

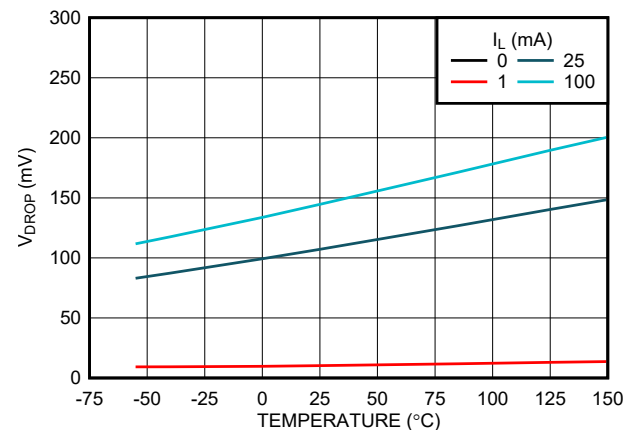
In the new chip, wide bandwidth PSRR performance is 75 dB at 1 kHz and 45 dB at 1 MHz to help attenuate the switching frequency of an upstream DC/DC converter and minimize post regulator filtering.

The internal soft-start time and current-limit protection reduce inrush current during start up, thus minimizing input capacitance. Standard protection features, such as overcurrent and overtemperature protection, are included.

Package Information

| PART NUMBER | PACKAGE ⁽¹⁾ | BODY SIZE (NOM) ⁽²⁾ |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| LP2981-N | SOT-23 (5) | 2.90 mm × 2.80 mm |

- For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.
- The package size (length × width) is a nominal value and includes pins, where applicable.



Dropout Voltage versus Temperature (New Chip)



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4 Pin Configuration and Functions

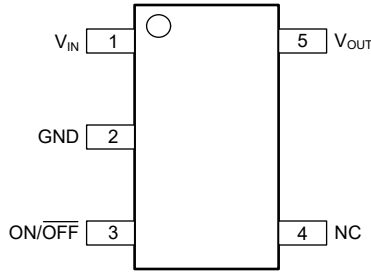


Figure 4-1. DBV Package, 5-Pin SOT-23 (Top View)

Table 4-1. Pin Functions

| PIN | | TYPE | DESCRIPTION |
|-----|-----------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NO. | NAME | | |
| 1 | IN | I | Input supply pin. Use a capacitor with a value of 1 μ F or larger from this pin to ground. See the Section 7.1.2 section for more information. |
| 2 | GND | — | Common ground (device substrate). |
| 3 | ON/ $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ | I | Enable pin for the LDO. Driving the ON/ $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ pin high enables the device. Driving this pin low disables the device. High and low thresholds are listed in the Section 5.5 table. Tie this pin to V_{IN} if unused. |
| 4 | NC | — | For new chip: Not internally connected. This pin can be left open or tied to ground for improved thermal performance. For legacy chip: DO NOT CONNECT. Device pin 4 is reserved for post packaging test and calibration of the LP2981-N V_{OUT} accuracy. Device pin 4 must be left floating. Do not connect to any potential. Do not connect to ground. Any attempt to do pin continuity testing on device pin 4 is discouraged. Continuity test results will be variable depending on the actions of the factory calibration. Aggressive pin continuity testing (high voltage, or high current) on device pin 4 can activate the trim circuitry forcing V_{OUT} to move out of tolerance. |
| 5 | OUT | O | Output of the regulator. Use a capacitor with a value of 2.2 μ F or larger from this pin to ground. See the Section 7.1.2 section for more information. |

5 Specifications

5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

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

| | | MIN | MAX | UNIT |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------|
| V_{IN} | Continuous input voltage range (for legacy chip) | -0.3 | 16 | V |
| | Continuous input voltage range (for new chip) | -0.3 | 18 | |
| V_{OUT} | Output voltage range (for legacy chip) | -0.3 | 9 | |
| | Output voltage range (for new chip) | -0.3 | $V_{IN} + 0.3$ or 9 (whichever is smaller) | |
| $V_{ON/OFF}$ | ON/OFF pin voltage range (for legacy chip) | -0.3 | 16 | |
| | ON/OFF pin voltage range (for new chip) | -0.3 | 18 | |
| $V_{IN} - V_{OUT}$ | Input-output voltage (for legacy chip) | -0.3 | 16 | |
| | Input-output voltage (for new chip) | -0.3 | 18 | |
| Current | Maximum output current | Internally limited | | mA |
| Temperature | Operating junction, T_J | -55 | 150 | °C |
| | Storage, T_{stg} | -65 | 150 | |

5.2 ESD Ratings

| | | | VALUE (Legacy Chip) | VALUE (New Chip) | UNIT |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------|
| $V_{(ESD)}$ | Electrostatic discharge | Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 (Pin 1,2 and 5) ⁽¹⁾ | ±2000 | ±3000 | V |
| | | Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 (Pin 3 and 4) ⁽¹⁾ | ±1000 | | |
| | | Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101 ⁽²⁾ | N/A | ±1000 | |

(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 2-kV HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 500-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

5.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

| | | MIN | NOM | MAX | UNIT |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------|------|
| V_{IN} | Supply input voltage (for legacy chip) | 2.1 | | 16 | V |
| | Supply input voltage (for new chip) | 2.5 | | 16 | |
| $V_{IN} - V_{OUT}$ | Input-output differential (for legacy chip) | 0.7 | | 11 | |
| | Input-output differential (for new chip) | 0 | | 16 | |
| V_{OUT} | Output voltage (for new chip) | 1.2 | | 5 | |
| $V_{ON/OFF}$ | Enable voltage (for legacy chip) | 0 | | V_{IN} | |
| | Enable voltage (for new chip) | 0 | | 16 | |
| I_{OUT} | Output current | 0 | | 100 | |
| C_{IN} ⁽¹⁾ | Input capacitor | | 1 | | μF |
| C_{OUT} | Output capacitor (for legacy chip) | 2.2 | 4.7 | | |
| | Output capacitance (for new chip) ⁽¹⁾ | 1 | 2.2 | 200 | |
| T_J | Operating junction temperature | -40 | | 125 | °C |

(1) All capacitor values are assumed to derate to 50% of the nominal capacitor value. Maintain an effective output capacitance of 1 μF minimum for stability.

5.4 Thermal Information

| THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾ | | Legacy Chip ⁽²⁾ | New Chip ⁽²⁾ | UNIT |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------|
| | | DBV (SOT23-5) | DBV (SOT23-5) | |
| | | 5 PINS | 5 PINS | |
| R _{θJA} | Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance | 175.7 | 178.6 | °C/W |
| R _{θJC(top)} | Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance | 78.0 | 77.9 | °C/W |
| R _{θJB} | Junction-to-board thermal resistance | 30.8 | 47.2 | °C/W |
| ψ _{JT} | Junction-to-top characterization parameter | 2.8 | 15.9 | °C/W |
| ψ _{JB} | Junction-to-board characterization parameter | 30.3 | 46.9 | °C/W |
| R _{θJC(bot)} | Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance | N/A | N/A | °C/W |

- (1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](#) application note.
- (2) Thermal performance results are based on the JEDEC standard of 2s2p PCB configuration. These thermal metric parameters can be further improved by 35-55% based on thermally optimized PCB layout designs. See the analysis of the [Impact of board layout on LDO thermal performance](#) application report.

5.5 Electrical Characteristics

specified at T_J = 25°C, V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} + 1.0 V or V_{IN} = 2.5 V (whichever is greater), I_{OUT} = 1 mA, V_{ON/OFF} = 2 V, C_{IN} = 1.0 μF, and C_{OUT} = 2.2 μF (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER | | TEST CONDITIONS | | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-----|------|
| ΔV _{OUT} | Output voltage tolerance | I _L = 1 mA | Legacy chip (Standard grade) | -1.25 | 1.25 | | % |
| | | | Legacy chip (A grade) | -0.75 | 0.75 | | % |
| | | | New chip | -0.5 | 0.5 | | % |
| | | 1 mA < I _L < 100 mA | Legacy chip (Standard grade) | -2.0 | 2.0 | | % |
| | | | Legacy chip (A grade) | -1.0 | 1.0 | | % |
| | | | New chip | -0.5 | 0.5 | | % |
| | | 1 mA < I _L < 100 mA, -40°C ≤ T _J ≤ 125°C | Legacy chip (Standard grade) | -3.5 | 3.5 | | % |
| | | | Legacy chip (A grade) | -2.5 | 2.5 | | % |
| | | | New chip | -1 | 1 | | % |
| ΔV _{OUT(ΔVIN)} | Line regulation | V _{O(NOM)} + 1 V ≤ V _{IN} ≤ 16 V | Legacy chip | 0.007 | 0.014 | | %V |
| | | | New chip | 0.002 | 0.014 | | |
| | | V _{O(NOM)} + 1 V ≤ V _{IN} ≤ 16 V, -40°C ≤ T _J ≤ 125°C | Legacy chip | 0.007 | 0.032 | | |
| | | | New chip | 0.002 | 0.032 | | |
| ΔV _{OUT(ΔILOAD)} | Load regulation | 1 mA < I _L < 100 mA, -40°C ≤ T _J ≤ 125°C, V _{IN} = V _{O(NOM)} +0.5 V | New chip | | 0.1 | 0.5 | %/A |

specified at $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} + 1.0\text{ V}$ or $V_{IN} = 2.5\text{ V}$ (whichever is greater), $I_{OUT} = 1\text{ mA}$, $V_{ON/OFF} = 2\text{ V}$, $C_{IN} = 1.0\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, and $C_{OUT} = 2.2\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER | | TEST CONDITIONS | | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------|-------|------|---------------|--|
| $V_{IN} - V_{OUT}$ | Dropout voltage ⁽¹⁾ | $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$ | Legacy chip | | 1 | 3 | mV | |
| | | | New chip | | 1 | 2.75 | | |
| | | $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}, -40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | Legacy chip | | | 5 | | |
| | | | New chip | | | 3 | | |
| | | $I_{OUT} = 1\text{ mA}$ | Legacy chip | | 7 | 10 | | |
| | | | New chip | | 11.5 | 14 | | |
| | | $I_{OUT} = 1\text{ mA}, -40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | Legacy chip | | | 15 | | |
| | | | New chip | | | 17 | | |
| | | $I_{OUT} = 25\text{ mA}$ | Legacy chip | | 70 | 100 | | |
| | | | New chip | | 110 | 132 | | |
| | | $I_{OUT} = 25\text{ mA}, -40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | Legacy chip | | | 150 | | |
| | | | New chip | | | 167 | | |
| | | $I_{OUT} = 100\text{ mA}$ | Legacy chip | | 200 | 250 | | |
| | | | New chip | | 160 | 175 | | |
| $I_{OUT} = 100\text{ mA}, -40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | Legacy chip | | | 375 | | | | |
| | New chip | | | 218 | | | | |
| I_{GND} | GND pin current | $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$ | Legacy chip | | 65 | 95 | μA | |
| | | | New chip | | 69 | 95 | | |
| | | $I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}, -40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | Legacy chip | | | 125 | | |
| | | | New chip | | | 123 | | |
| | | $I_{OUT} = 1\text{ mA}$ | Legacy chip | | 80 | 110 | | |
| | | | New chip | | 78 | 110 | | |
| | | $I_{OUT} = 1\text{ mA}, -40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | Legacy chip | | | 170 | | |
| | | | New chip | | | 140 | | |
| | | $I_{OUT} = 25\text{ mA}$ | Legacy chip | | 200 | 300 | | |
| | | | New chip | | 225 | 295 | | |
| | | $I_{OUT} = 25\text{ mA}, -40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | Legacy chip | | | 550 | | |
| | | | New chip | | | 345 | | |
| | | $I_{OUT} = 100\text{ mA}$ | Legacy chip | | 600 | 800 | | |
| | | | New chip | | 620 | 790 | | |
| $I_{OUT} = 100\text{ mA}, -40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | Legacy chip | | | 1500 | | | | |
| | New chip | | | 950 | | | | |
| $V_{ON/OFF} < 0.3\text{ V}, V_{IN} = 16\text{ V}$ | Legacy chip | | 0.01 | 0.8 | | | | |
| | New chip | | 1.25 | 1.75 | | | | |
| $V_{ON/OFF} < 0.15\text{ V}, V_{IN} = 16\text{ V}, -40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | Legacy chip | | 0.05 | 2 | | | | |
| | New chip | | 1.12 | 2.75 | | | | |
| V_{UVLO+} | Rising bias supply UVLO | V_{IN} rising, $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | | | 2.2 | 2.4 | V | |
| V_{UVLO-} | Falling bias supply UVLO | V_{IN} falling, $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | New chip | | 1.9 | | | |
| $V_{UVLO(HYST)}$ | UVLO hysteresis | $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | | | 0.130 | | | |
| $I_{O(SC)}$ | Short Output Current | $R_L = 0\text{ }\Omega$ (steady state) | Legacy chip | | 150 | | mA | |
| | | | New chip | | 150 | | | |

specified at $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} + 1.0\text{ V}$ or $V_{IN} = 2.5\text{ V}$ (whichever is greater), $I_{OUT} = 1\text{ mA}$, $V_{ON/OFF} = 2\text{ V}$, $C_{IN} = 1.0\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, and $C_{OUT} = 2.2\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER | | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|------|------------------|--|
| $V_{ON/OFF}$ | ON/OFF input voltage | Low = Output OFF | Legacy chip | 0.5 | | V | |
| | | | New chip | 0.72 | | | |
| | | Low = Output OFF, $V_{OUT} + 1 \leq V_{IN} \leq 16\text{ V}$, $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | Legacy chip | | 0.15 | | |
| | | | New chip | | 0.15 | | |
| | | High = Output ON | Legacy chip | 1.4 | | | |
| | | | New chip | 0.85 | | | |
| | | High = Output ON, $V_{OUT} + 1 \leq V_{IN} \leq 16\text{ V}$, $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | Legacy chip | 1.6 | | | |
| | | | New chip | 1.6 | | | |
| $I_{ON/OFF}$ | ON/OFF input current | $V_{ON/OFF} = 0\text{ V}$ | Legacy chip | 0.01 | | μA | |
| | | | New chip | 0.42 | | | |
| | | $V_{ON/OFF} = 0\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} + 1 \leq V_{IN} \leq 16\text{ V}$, $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | Legacy chip | | -1 | | |
| | | | New chip | | -0.9 | | |
| | | $V_{ON/OFF} = 5\text{ V}$ | Legacy chip | 5 | | | |
| | | | New chip | 0.011 | | | |
| | | $V_{ON/OFF} = 5\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} + 1 \leq V_{IN} \leq 16\text{ V}$, $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | Legacy chip | | 15 | | |
| | | | New chip | | 2.20 | | |
| $I_O(PK)$ | Peak output current | $V_{OUT} \geq V_{O(NOM)} - 5\%$ (steady state) | Legacy chip (A version) | 150 | 400 | mA | |
| | | | Legacy chip (Standard version) | | 150 | | |
| | | | New chip | | 350 | | |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta V_{IN}$ | Ripple Rejection | $f = 1\text{ kHz}$, $C_{OUT} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ | Legacy chip | 63 | | dB | |
| | | | New chip | | 75 | | |
| V_n | Output noise voltage | Bandwidth = 300 Hz to 50 kHz, $C_{OUT} = 2.2\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{ V}$, $I_{LOAD} = 150\text{ mA}$ | Legacy chip | 160 | | μVRMS | |
| | | Bandwidth = 300 Hz to 50 kHz, $C_{OUT} = 2.2\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{ V}$, $I_{LOAD} = 150\text{ mA}$ | New chip | 140 | | | |
| T_{sd+} | Thermal shutdown threshold | Shutdown, temperature increasing | New chip | 170 | | $^\circ\text{C}$ | |
| T_{sd-} | | Reset, temperature decreasing | | 150 | | | |

(1) Dropout voltage (V_{DO}) is defined as the input-to-output differential at which the output voltage drops 100 mV below the value measured with a 1-V differential. V_{DO} is measured with $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} - 100\text{ mV}$ for fixed output devices.

5.6 Typical Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified: $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{IN} = V_{O(NOM)} + 1\text{ V}$, $C_{OUT} = 4.7\ \mu\text{F}$, $C_{IN} = 1\ \mu\text{F}$ all voltage options, ON/OFF pin tied to V_{IN} .

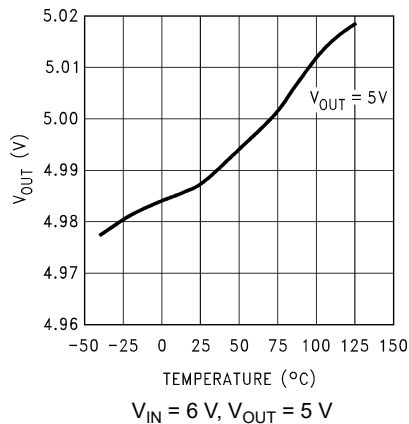


Figure 5-1. Output Voltage versus Temperature (Legacy Chip)
 $V_{IN} = 6\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 5\text{ V}$

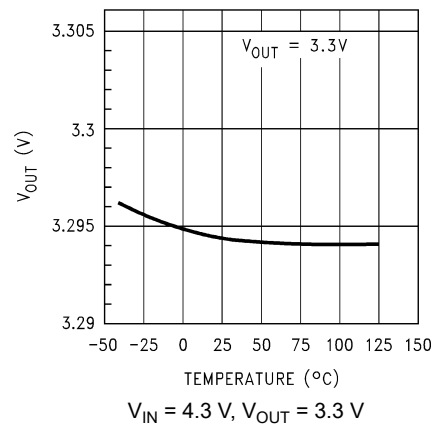


Figure 5-2. Output Voltage versus Temperature (Legacy Chip)
 $V_{IN} = 4.3\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{ V}$

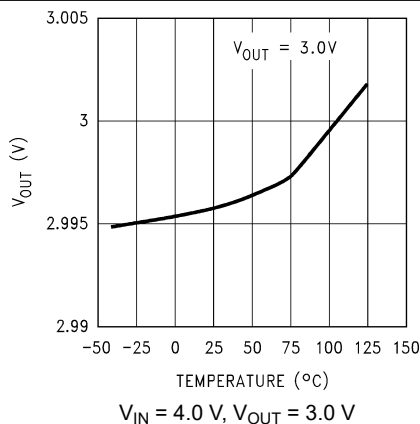


Figure 5-3. Output Voltage versus Temperature (Legacy Chip)
 $V_{IN} = 4.0\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 3.0\text{ V}$

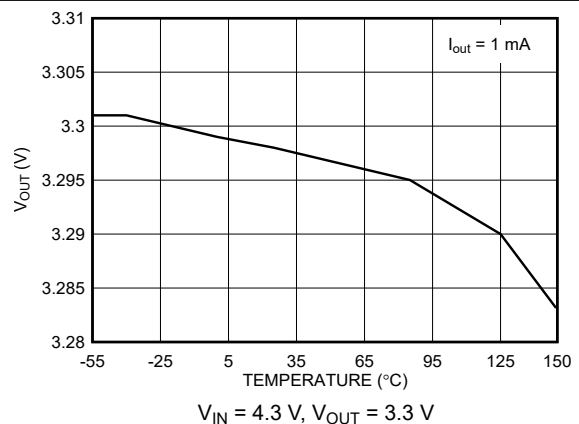


Figure 5-4. Output Voltage versus Temperature (New Chip)
 $V_{IN} = 4.3\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{ V}$

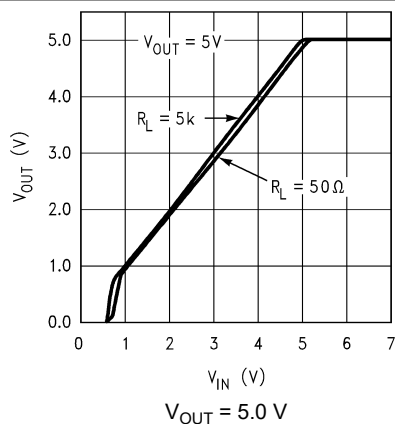


Figure 5-5. Output Voltage versus V_{IN} (Legacy Chip)
 $V_{OUT} = 5.0\text{ V}$



Figure 5-6. Output Voltage versus V_{IN} (Legacy Chip)
 $V_{OUT} = 3.3\text{ V}$

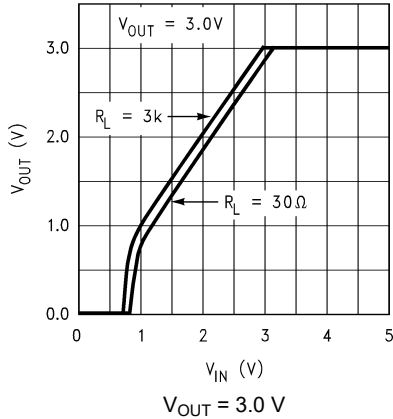


Figure 5-7. Output Voltage versus V_{IN} (Legacy Chip)

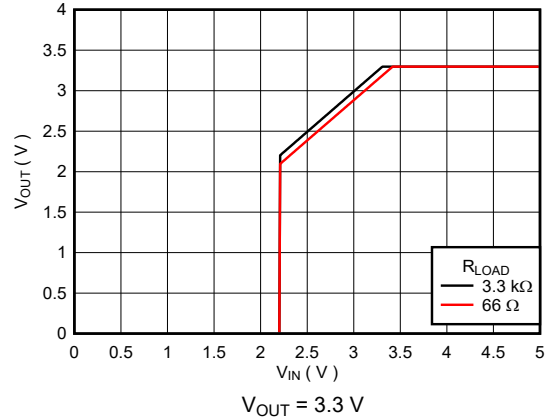


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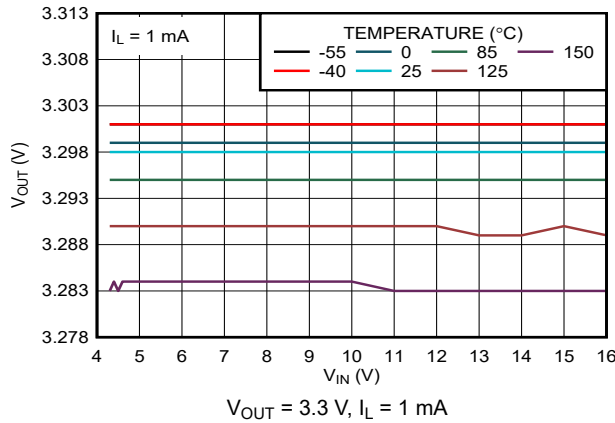


Figure 5-9. Output Voltage versus V_{IN} and Temperature (New Chip)

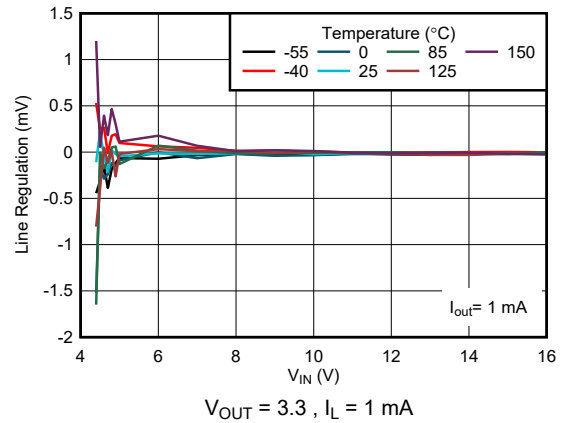


Figure 5-10. Line Regulation versus V_{IN} & Temperature (New Chip)

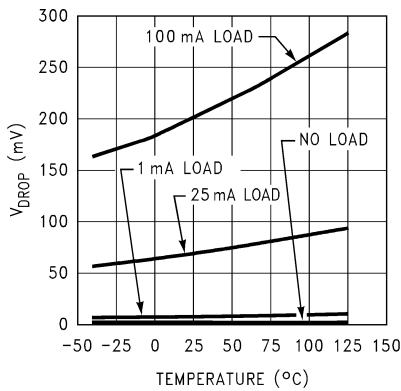


Figure 5-11. Dropout Voltage (V_{DO}) versus Temperature (Legacy Chip)

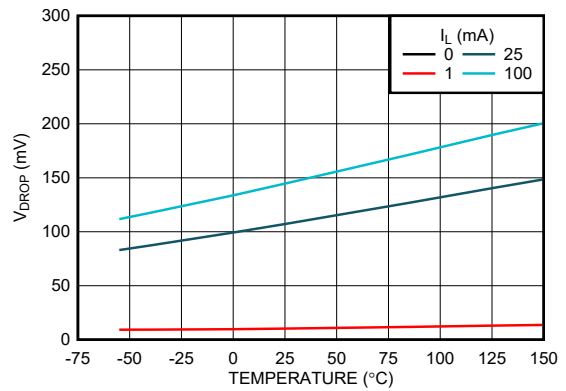


Figure 5-12. Dropout Voltage (V_{DO}) versus Temperature (New Chip)

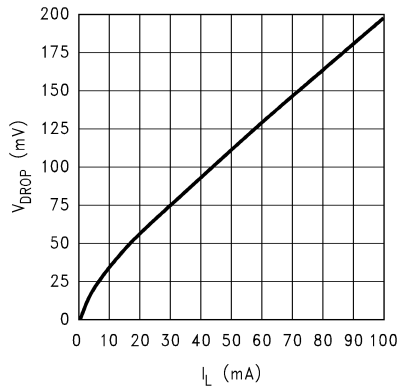


Figure 5-13. Dropout Voltage (V_{DO}) versus Load Current (Legacy Chip)

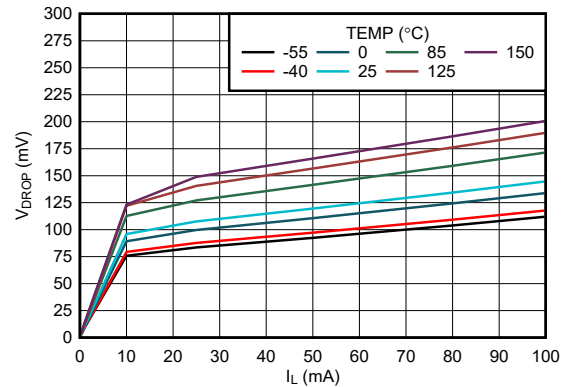


Figure 5-14. Dropout Voltage (V_{DO}) versus Load Current (New Chip)

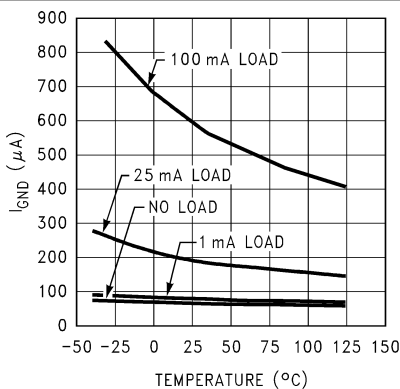


Figure 5-15. Ground Pin Current (I_{GND}) versus Temperature (Legacy Chip)

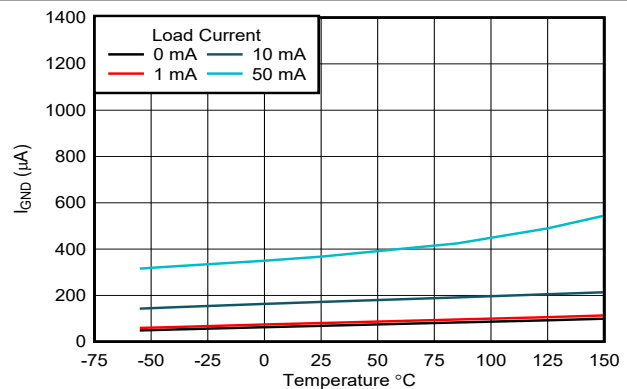


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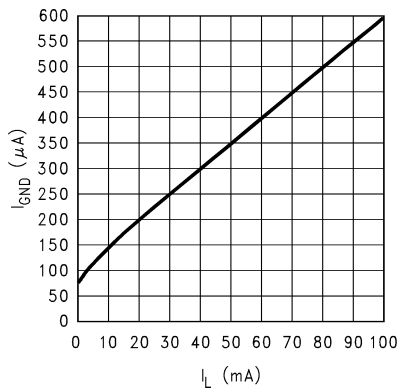


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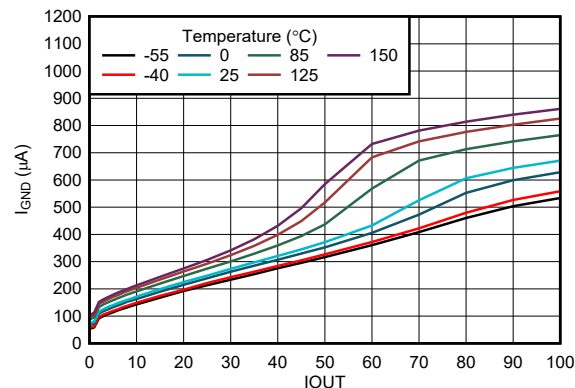


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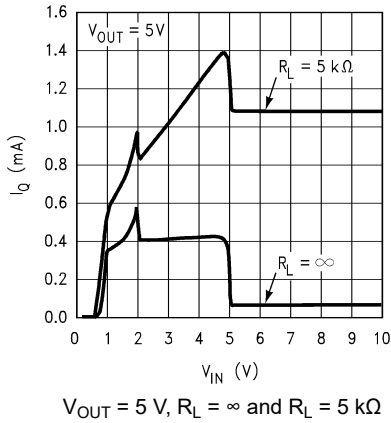


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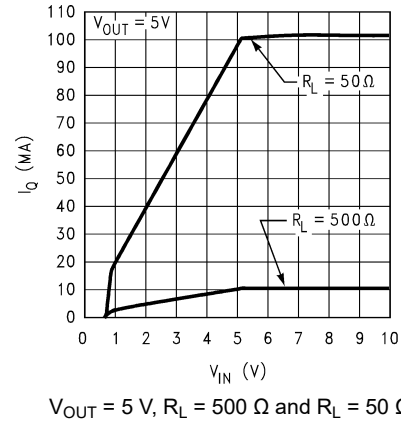


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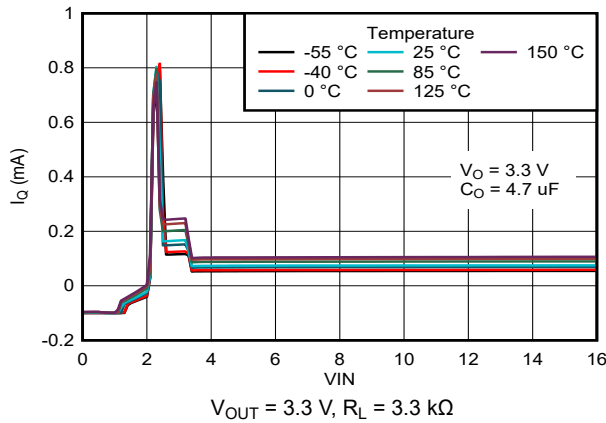


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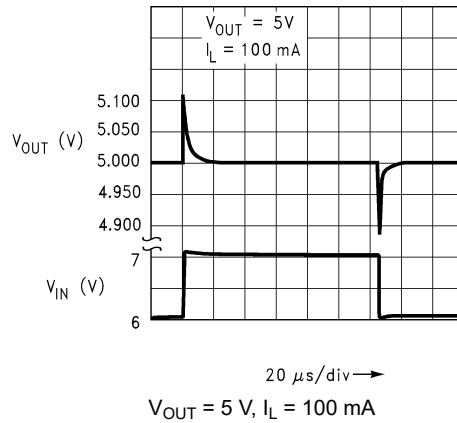


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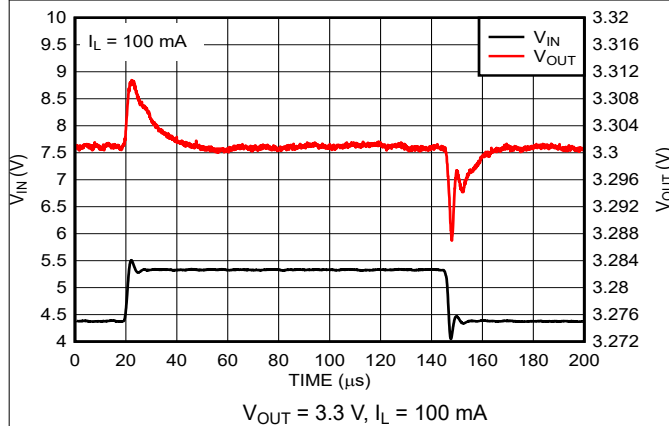


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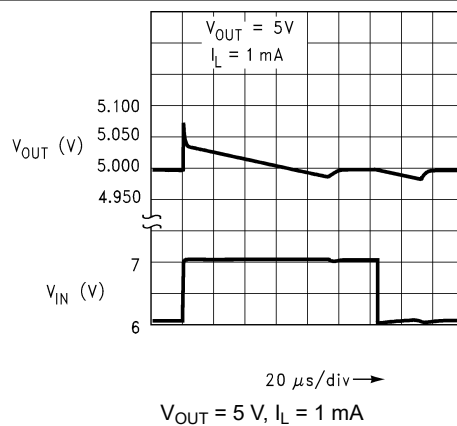


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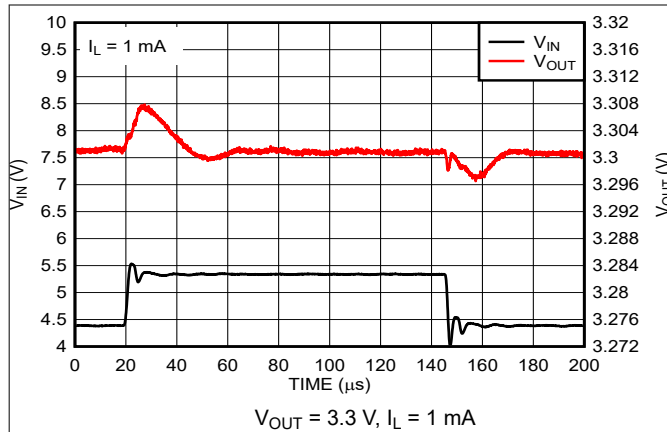


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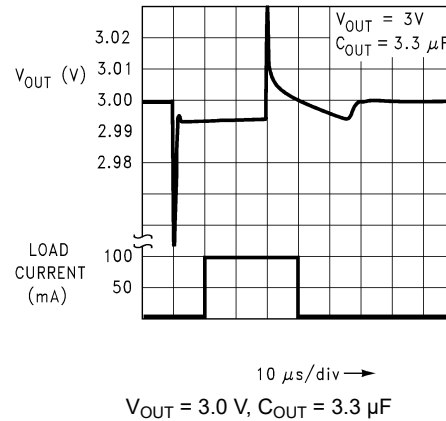


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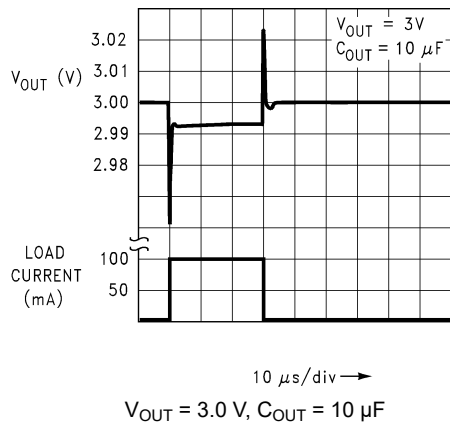


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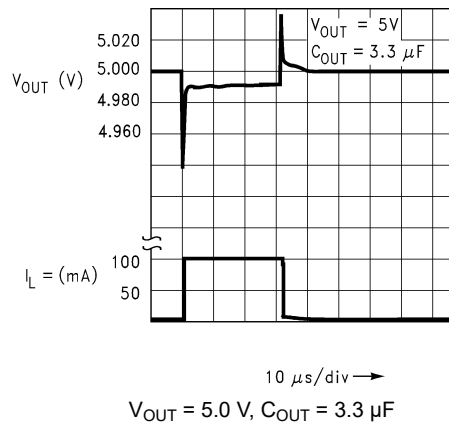


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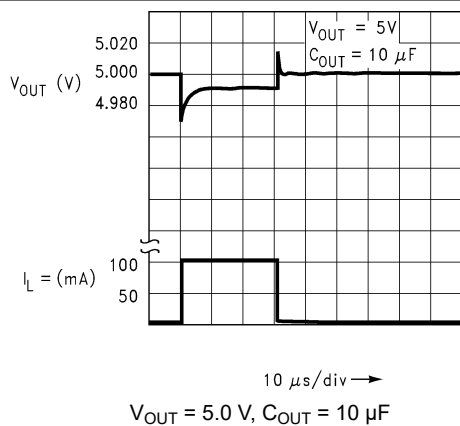


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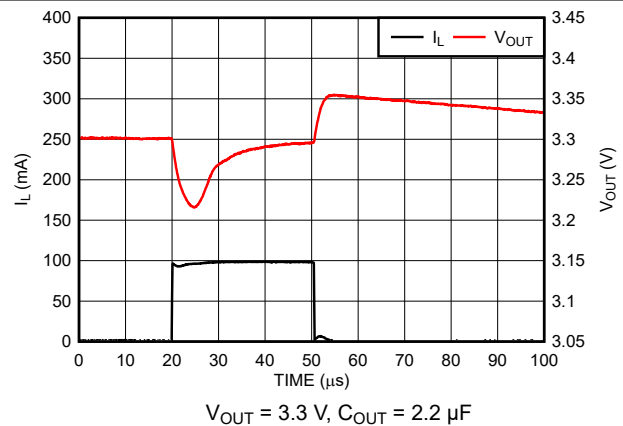


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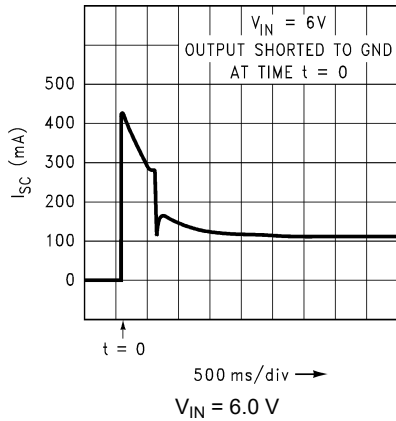


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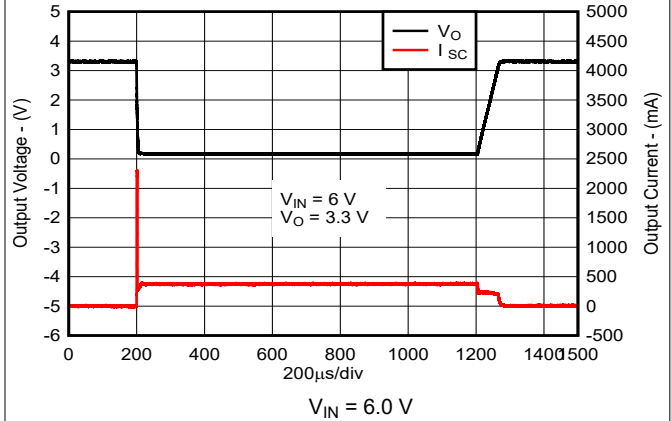


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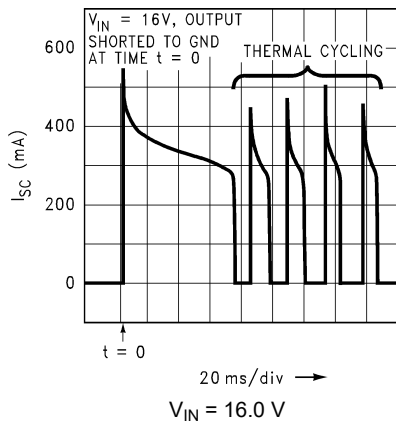


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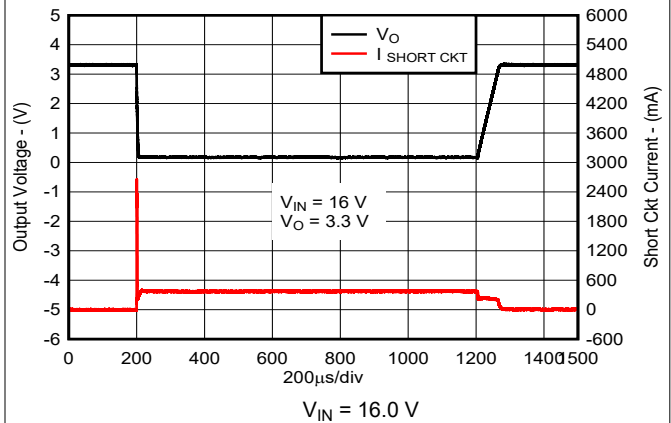


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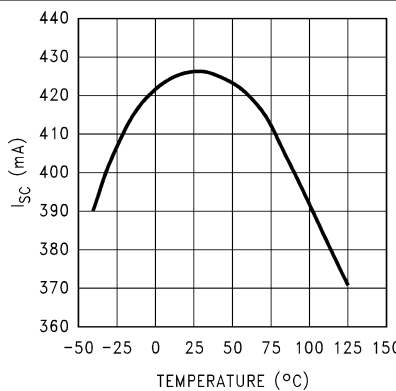


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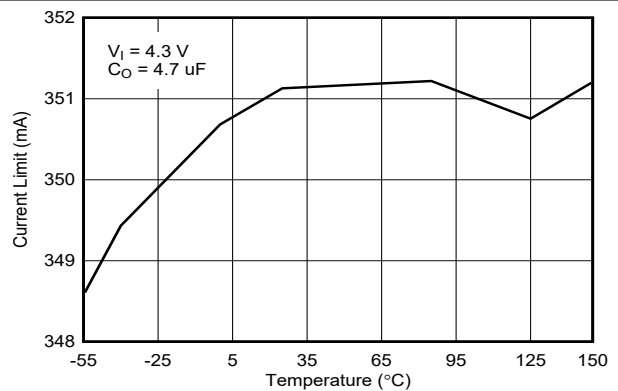


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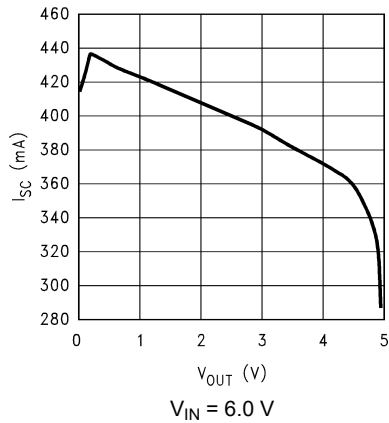


Figure 5-37. Short Circuit Current versus Output Voltage (V_{OUT}) (Legacy Chip)

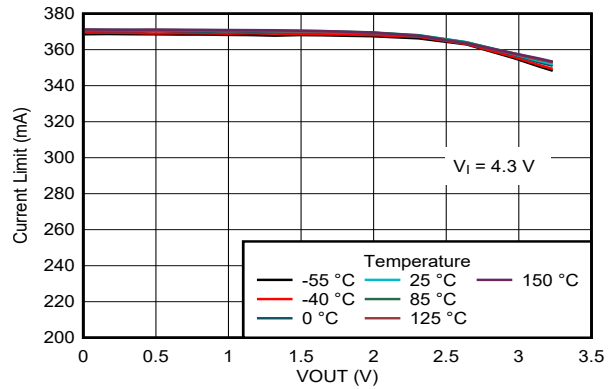


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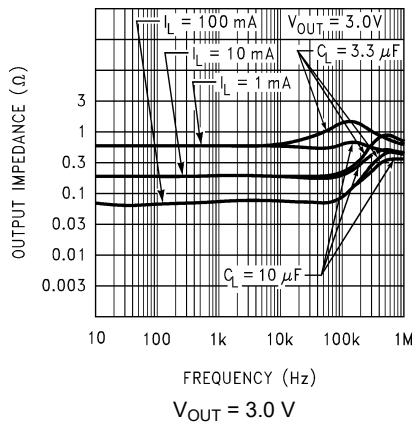


Figure 5-39. Output Impedance versus Frequency (Legacy Chip)

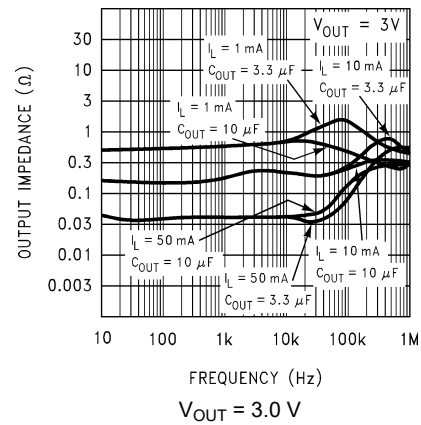


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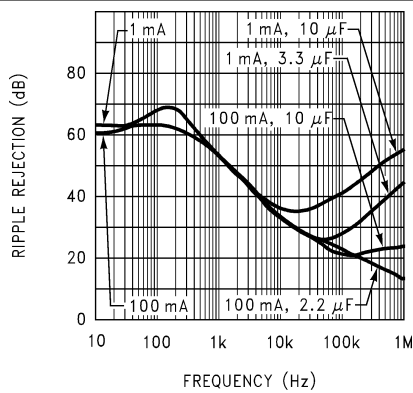


Figure 5-41. Ripple Rejection versus Frequency (Legacy Chip)

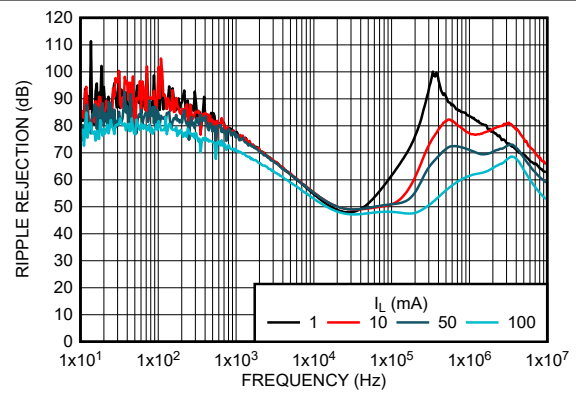


Figure 5-42. Ripple Rejection versus Load Current (I_L) & Frequency (New Chip)

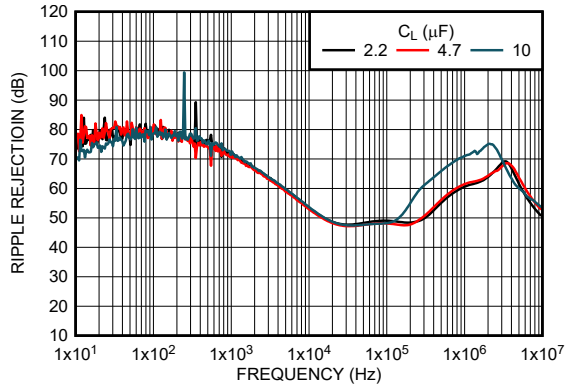


Figure 5-43. Ripple Rejection versus Output Capacitor (C_L) & Frequency (New Chip)

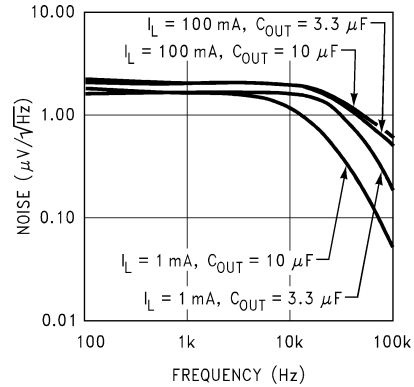


Figure 5-44. Output Noise Density versus Frequency (Legacy Chip)

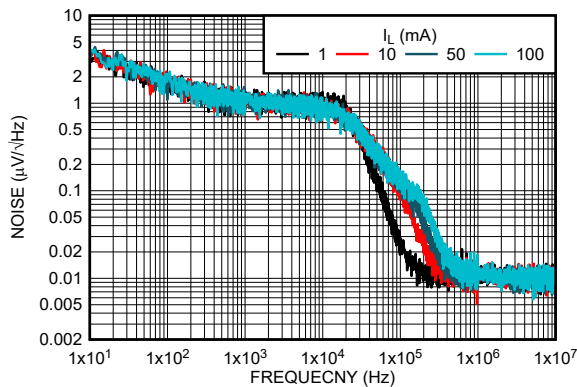


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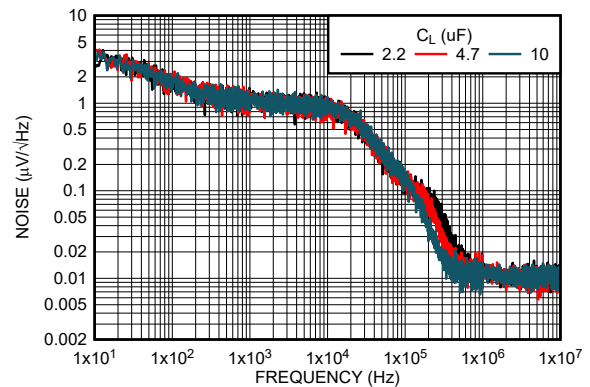


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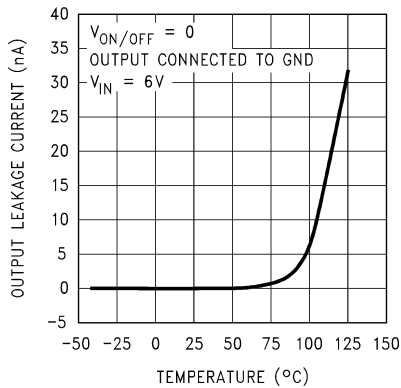


Figure 5-47. Input-to-Output Leakage versus Temperature (Legacy Chip)

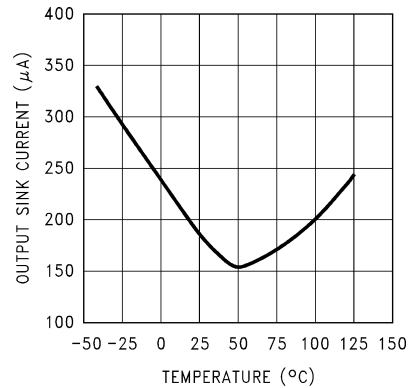


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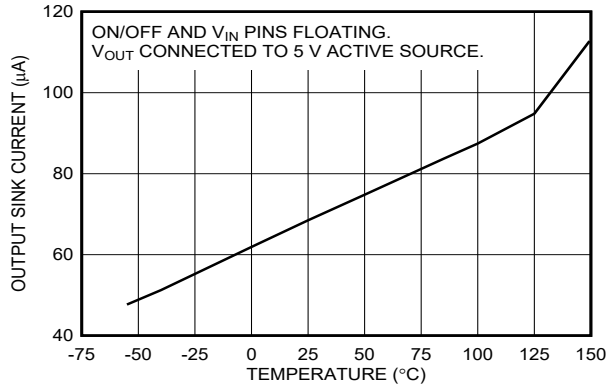


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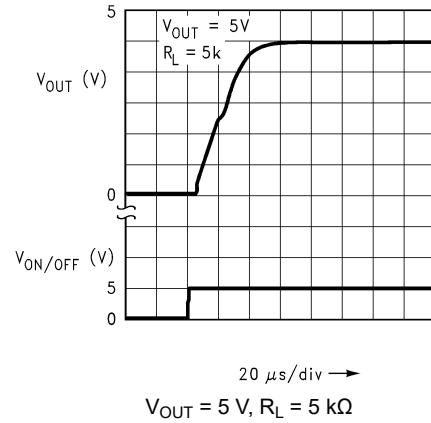


Figure 5-50. Turn-on Waveform (Legacy Chip)

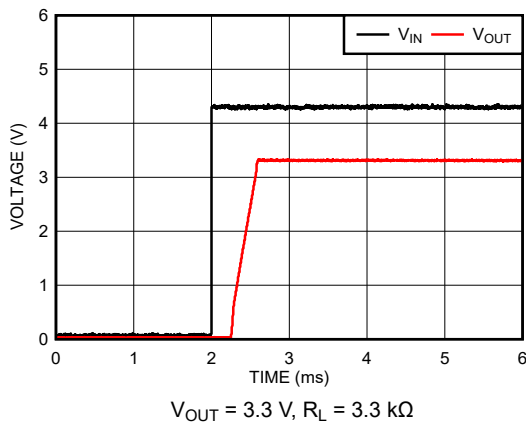


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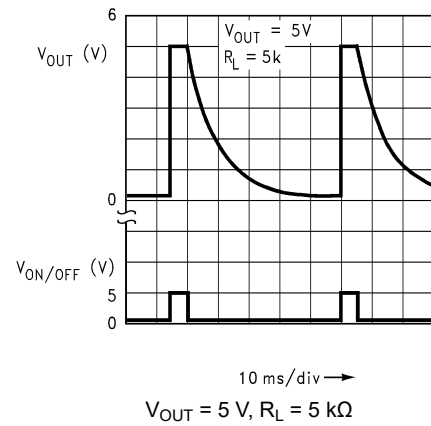


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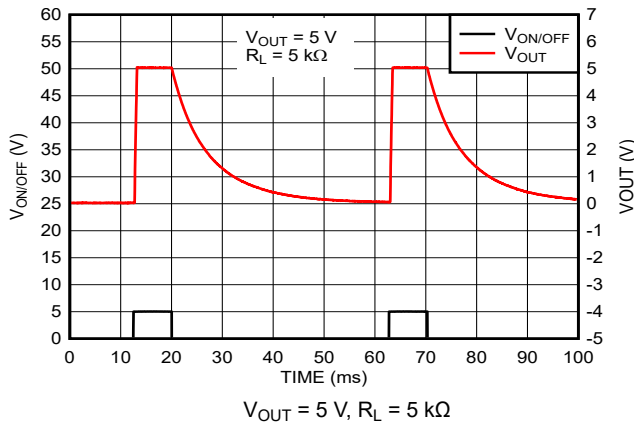


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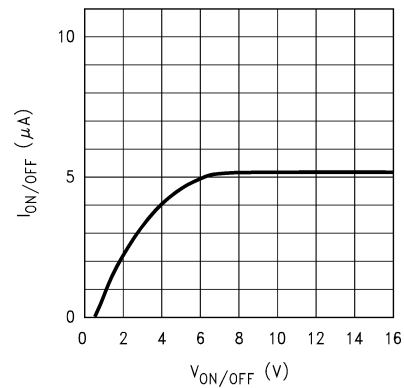


Figure 5-54. ON/OFF Pin Current versus $V_{ON/OFF}$ (Legacy Chip)

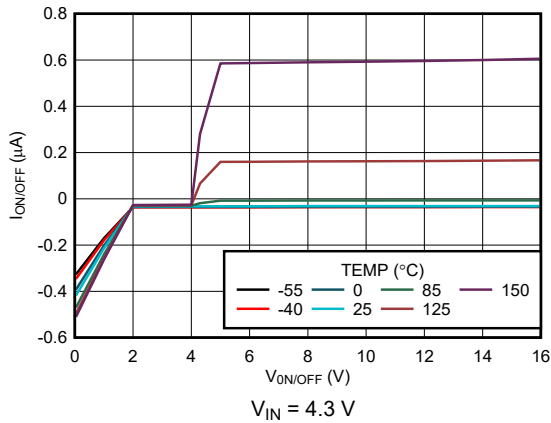


Figure 5-55. ON/ $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ Pin Current versus $V_{\text{ON}/\overline{\text{OFF}}}$ (New Chip)

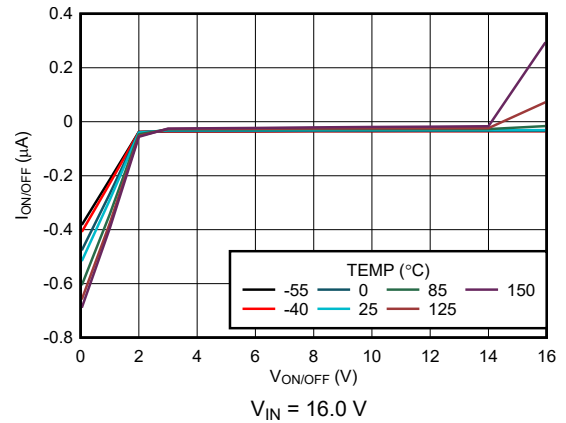


Figure 5-56. ON/ $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ Pin Current versus $V_{\text{ON}/\overline{\text{OFF}}}$ (New Chip)

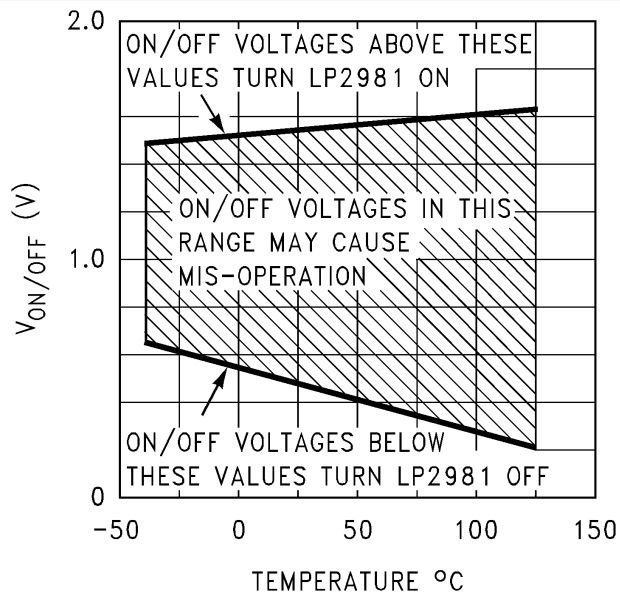


Figure 5-57. ON/ $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ Threshold versus Temperature (Legacy Chip)

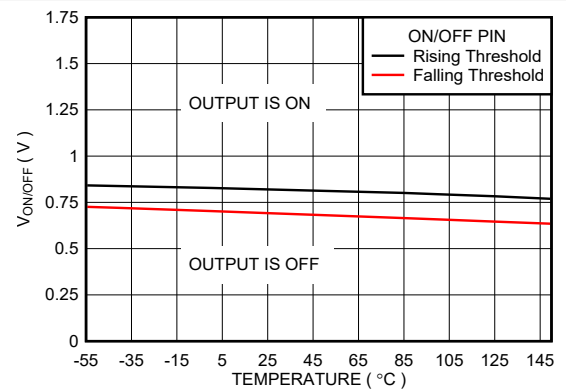


Figure 5-58. ON/ $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ Threshold versus Temperature (New Chip)

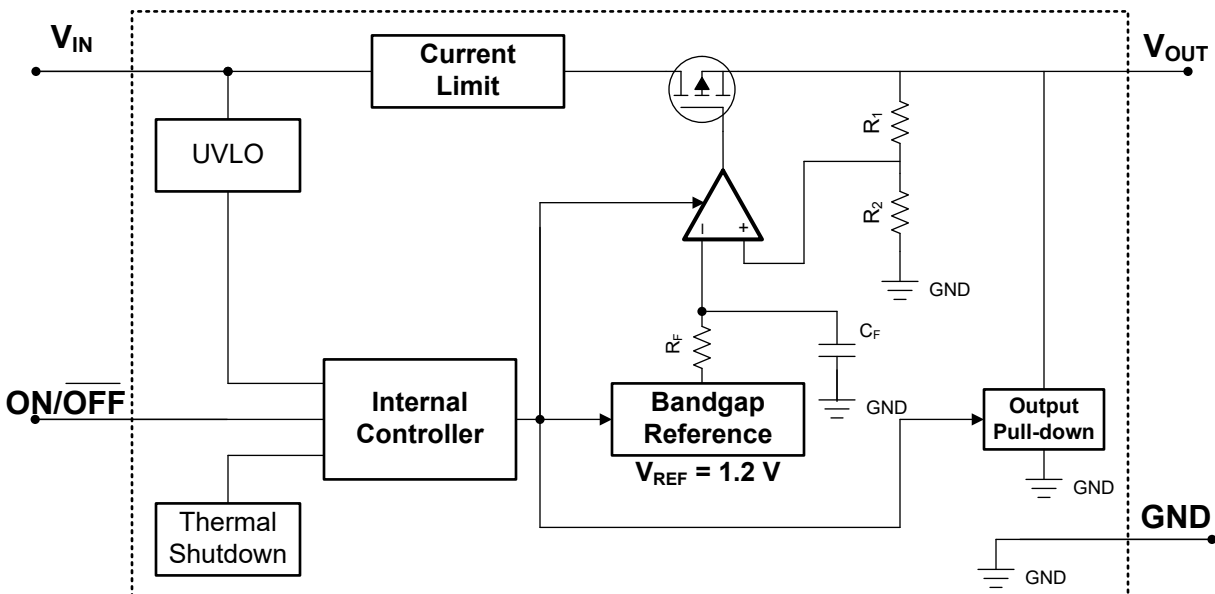
6 Detailed Description

6.1 Overview

The LP2981-N is a fixed-output, high PSRR, low-dropout regulator that offers exceptional, cost-effective performance for both portable and non-portable applications. The LP2981-N has an output tolerance of 1% across line, load, and temperature variation (for the new chip) and is capable of delivering 100 mA of continuous load current.

This device features integrated overcurrent protection, thermal shutdown, output enable, and internal output pulldown and has a built-in soft-start mechanism for controlled inrush current. This device delivers excellent line and load transient performance. The operating ambient temperature range of the device is -40°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$.

6.2 Functional Block Diagram



6.3 Feature Description

6.3.1 Output Enable

The $\text{ON}/\overline{\text{OFF}}$ pin for the device is an active-high pin. The output voltage is enabled when the voltage of the $\text{ON}/\overline{\text{OFF}}$ pin is greater than the high-level input voltage of the $\text{ON}/\overline{\text{OFF}}$ pin and disabled when the $\text{ON}/\overline{\text{OFF}}$ pin voltage is less than the low-level input voltage of the $\text{ON}/\overline{\text{OFF}}$ pin. If independent control of the output voltage is not needed, connect the $\text{ON}/\overline{\text{OFF}}$ pin to the input of the device.

For the new chip, the device has an internal pulldown circuit that activates when the device is disabled by pulling the $\text{ON}/\overline{\text{OFF}}$ pin voltage lower than the low-level input voltage of the $\text{ON}/\overline{\text{OFF}}$ pin to actively discharge the output voltage.

6.3.2 Dropout Voltage

Dropout voltage (V_{DO}) is defined as the input voltage minus the output voltage ($V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}}$) at the rated output current (I_{RATED}), where the pass transistor is fully on. I_{RATED} is the maximum I_{OUT} listed in the [Section 5.3](#) table. The pass transistor is in the ohmic or triode region of operation, and acts as a switch. The dropout voltage indirectly specifies a minimum input voltage greater than the nominal programmed output voltage at which the output voltage is expected to stay in regulation. If the input voltage falls to less than the nominal output regulation, then the output voltage falls as well.

For a CMOS regulator, the dropout voltage is determined by the drain-source on-state resistance ($R_{\text{DS(ON)}}$) of the pass transistor. Therefore, if the linear regulator operates at less than the rated current, the dropout voltage for that current scales accordingly. The following equation calculates the $R_{\text{DS(ON)}}$ of the device.

$$R_{DS(ON)} = \frac{V_{DO}}{I_{RATED}} \quad (1)$$

6.3.3 Current Limit

The device has an internal current limit circuit that protects the regulator during transient high-load current faults or shorting events. The current limit is a brick-wall scheme. In a high-load current fault, the brick-wall scheme limits the output current to the current limit (I_{CL}). I_{CL} is listed in the *Electrical Characteristics* table.

The output voltage is not regulated when the device is in current limit. When a current limit event occurs, the device begins to heat up because of the increase in power dissipation. When the device is in brick-wall current limit, the pass transistor dissipates power $[(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times I_{CL}]$. If thermal shutdown is triggered, the device turns off. After the device cools down, the internal thermal shutdown circuit turns the device back on. If the output current fault condition continues, the device cycles between current limit and thermal shutdown. For more information on current limits, see the [Know Your Limits application note](#).

[Figure 6-1](#) shows a diagram of the current limit.

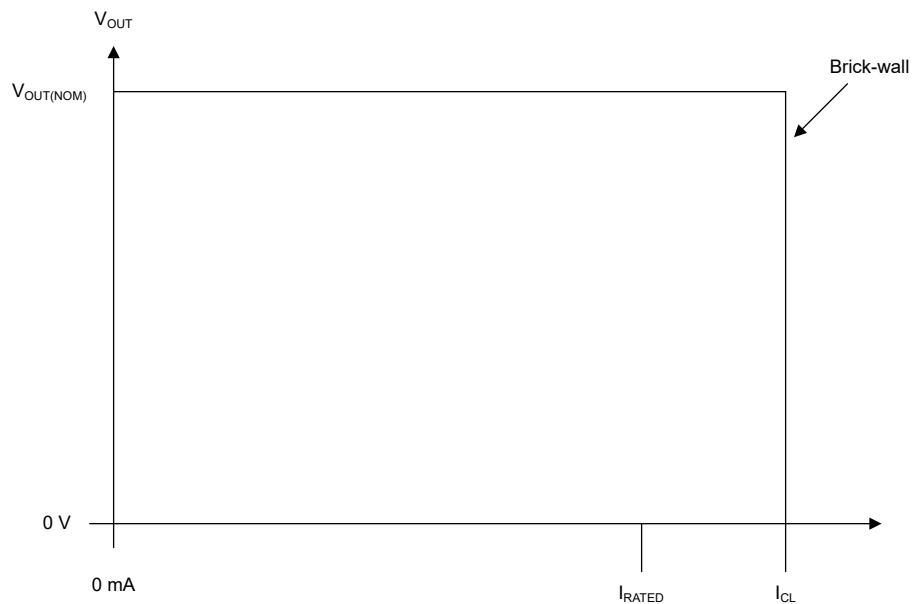


Figure 6-1. Current Limit

6.3.4 Undervoltage Lockout (UVLO)

For the new chip, the device has an independent undervoltage lockout (UVLO) circuit that monitors the input voltage, allowing a controlled and consistent turn on and off of the output voltage. To prevent the device from turning off if the input drops during turn on, the UVLO has hysteresis as specified in the [Section 5.5](#) table.

6.3.5 Thermal Shutdown

The device contains a thermal shutdown protection circuit to disable the device when the junction temperature (T_J) of the pass transistor rises to $T_{SD(shutdown)}$ (typical). Thermal shutdown hysteresis makes sure that the device resets (turns on) when the temperature falls to $T_{SD(reset)}$ (typical). Limits for Thermal shutdown circuit are defined in [Section 5.5](#).

The thermal time-constant of the semiconductor die is fairly short, thus the device can cycle on and off when thermal shutdown is reached until power dissipation is reduced. Power dissipation during start up can be high from large $V_{IN} - V_{OUT}$ voltage drops across the device or from high inrush currents charging large output capacitors. Under some conditions, the thermal shutdown protection disables the device before start-up completes.

For reliable operation, limit the junction temperature to the maximum listed in the [Section 5.3](#) table. Operation above this maximum temperature causes the device to exceed operational specifications. Although the internal protection circuitry of the device is designed to protect against thermal overall conditions, this circuitry is not intended to replace proper heat sinking. Continuously running the device into thermal shutdown or above the maximum recommended junction temperature reduces long-term reliability.

6.3.6 Output Pulldown

The new chip has an output pulldown circuit. The output pulldown activates in the following conditions:

- When the device is disabled ($V_{ON/OFF} < V_{ON/OFF(LOW)}$)
- If $1.0\text{ V} < V_{IN} < V_{UVLO}$

Do not rely on the output pulldown circuit for discharging a large amount of output capacitance after the input supply has collapsed because reverse current can flow from the output to the input. This reverse current flow can cause damage to the device. See the [Section 7.1.5](#) section for more details.

6.4 Device Functional Modes

6.4.1 Device Functional Mode Comparison

[Table 6-1](#) shows the conditions that lead to the different modes of operation. See the [Section 5.5](#) table for parameter values.

Table 6-1. Device Functional Mode Comparison

| OPERATING MODE | PARAMETER | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | V_{IN} | $V_{ON/OFF}$ | I_{OUT} | T_J |
| Normal operation | $V_{IN} > V_{OUT(nom)} + V_{DO}$ and $V_{IN} > V_{IN(min)}$ | $V_{ON/OFF} > V_{ON/OFF(HI)}$ | $I_{OUT} < I_{OUT(max)}$ | $T_J < T_{SD(shutdown)}$ |
| Dropout operation | $V_{IN(min)} < V_{IN} < V_{OUT(nom)} + V_{DO}$ | $V_{ON/OFF} > V_{ON/OFF(HI)}$ | $I_{OUT} < I_{OUT(max)}$ | $T_J < T_{SD(shutdown)}$ |
| Disabled (any true condition disables the device) | $V_{IN} < V_{UVLO}$ | $V_{ON/OFF} < V_{ON/OFF(LOW)}$ | Not applicable | $T_J > T_{SD(shutdown)}$ |

6.4.2 Normal Operation

The device regulates to the nominal output voltage when the following conditions are met:

- The input voltage is greater than the nominal output voltage plus the dropout voltage ($V_{OUT(nom)} + V_{DO}$)
- The output current is less than the current limit ($I_{OUT} < I_{CL}$)
- The device junction temperature is less than the thermal shutdown temperature ($T_J < T_{SD}$)
- The ON/OFF voltage has previously exceeded the ON/OFF rising threshold voltage and has not yet decreased to less than the enable falling threshold

6.4.3 Dropout Operation

If the input voltage is lower than the nominal output voltage plus the specified dropout voltage, but all other conditions are met for normal operation, the device operates in dropout mode. In this mode, the output voltage tracks the input voltage. During this mode, the transient performance of the device becomes significantly degraded because the pass transistor is in the ohmic or triode region, and acts as a switch. Line or load transients in dropout can result in large output-voltage deviations.

When the device is in a steady dropout state (defined as when the device is in dropout, $V_{IN} < V_{OUT(NOM)} + V_{DO}$, directly after being in a normal regulation state, but *not* during start up), the pass transistor is driven into the ohmic or triode region. When the input voltage returns to a value greater than or equal to the nominal output voltage plus the dropout voltage ($V_{OUT(NOM)} + V_{DO}$), the output voltage can overshoot for a short period of time while the device pulls the pass transistor back into the linear region.

6.4.4 Disabled

The output of the device can be shutdown by forcing the voltage of the ON/OFF pin to less than the maximum ON/OFF pin low-level input voltage (see the [Section 5.5](#) table). When disabled, the pass transistor is turned off,

internal circuits are shutdown, and the output voltage is actively discharged to ground by an internal discharge circuit from the output to ground.

7 Application and Implementation

Note

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes, as well as validating and testing their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

7.1 Application Information

The LP2981-N is a linear voltage regulator operating from 2.5 V to 16 V (for new chip) on the input and regulates voltages between 1.2 V to 5 V with $\pm 1\%$ accuracy (across line, load and temperature) and 100-mA maximum output current.

Successfully implementing an LDO in an application depends on the application requirements. If the requirements are simply input voltage and output voltage, compliance specifications (such as internal power dissipation or stability) must be verified for a solid design. If timing, start-up, noise, power supply rejection ratio (PSRR), or any other transient specification is required, then the design becomes more challenging.

7.1.1 Recommended Capacitor Types

7.1.1.1 Recommended Capacitors for the Legacy Chip

Tantalum Capacitors: For the legacy chip LP2981-N, tantalum capacitors are the best choice for use at the output of the LDO. Most good quality tantalums can be used with the LP2981-N, but check the manufacturer's data sheet to be sure the ESR is in range. At lower temperatures, as ESR increases, a capacitor with ESR, near the upper limit for stability at room temperature can cause instability. For very low temperature applications, output tantalum capacitors can be used in parallel configuration to prevent the ESR from going up too high.

Ceramic Capacitors: For the legacy chip LP2981-N, ceramic capacitors are not recommended for use at the output of the LDO. This is because the ESR of a ceramic can be low enough to go below the minimum stable value for the LP2981-N. A 2.2- μF ceramic was measured and found to have an ESR of about 15 m Ω , which is low enough to cause oscillations. If a ceramic capacitor is used on the output, a 1- Ω resistor is required be placed in series with the capacitor.

Aluminum Capacitors: For the legacy chip LP2981-N, aluminum electrolytics are not typically used with the LDO, because of the large physical size. These aluminium capacitors must meet the same ESR requirements over the operating temperature range, more difficult because of their steep increase at cold temperature. An aluminum electrolytic can exhibit an ESR increase of as much as 50x when going from 20°C to -40°C. Also, some aluminum electrolytics are not operational below -25°C because the electrolyte can freeze.

7.1.1.2 Recommended Capacitors for the New Chip

The new chip is designed to be stable using low equivalent series resistance (ESR) ceramic capacitors at the input and output. Multilayer ceramic capacitors have become the industry standard for these types of applications and are recommended, but must be used with good judgment. Ceramic capacitors that employ X7R-, X5R-, and C0G-rated dielectric materials provide relatively good capacitive stability across temperature, whereas using Y5V-rated capacitors is discouraged because of large variations in capacitance.

Regardless of the ceramic capacitor type selected, the effective capacitance varies with operating voltage and temperature. Generally, expect the effective capacitance to decrease by as much as 50%. The input and output capacitors listed in the [Section 5.3](#) table account for an effective capacitance of approximately 50% of the nominal value.

7.1.2 Input and Output Capacitor Requirements

Input capacitor:

For the legacy chip, an input capacitor (C_{IN}) $\geq 1 \mu\text{F}$ is required (the amount of capacitance can be increased without limit). Any good-quality tantalum or ceramic capacitor can be used. The capacitor must be located no more than half an inch from the input pin and returned to a clean analog ground.

For the new chip, although an input capacitor is not required for stability, good analog design practice is to connect a capacitor from IN to GND. This capacitor counteracts reactive input sources and improves transient response, input ripple, and PSRR. Use an input capacitor if the source impedance is more than 0.5Ω . A higher value capacitor can be necessary if large, fast rise-time load or line transients are anticipated or if the device is located several inches from the input power source.

Output capacitor:

For the legacy chip, The output capacitor must meet both the requirement for minimum amount of capacitance and equivalent series resistance (ESR) value. Curves are provided which show the allowable ESR range as a function of load current for various output voltages and capacitor values (refer to [Figure 7-3](#), [Figure 7-4](#), [Figure 7-5](#), and [Figure 7-6](#)).

For the new chip, Dynamic performance of the device is improved with the use of an output capacitor. Use an output capacitor, preferably ceramic capacitors, within the range specified in the [Section 5.3](#) table for stability.

7.1.3 Estimating Junction Temperature

The JEDEC standard now recommends the use of psi (Ψ) thermal metrics to estimate the junction temperatures of the linear regulator when in-circuit on a typical PCB board application. These metrics are not thermal resistance parameters and instead offer a practical and relative way to estimate junction temperature. These psi metrics are determined to be significantly independent of the copper area available for heat-spreading. The *Thermal Information* table lists the primary thermal metrics, which are the junction-to-top characterization parameter (ψ_{JT}) and junction-to-board characterization parameter (ψ_{JB}). These parameters provide two methods for calculating the junction temperature (T_J), as described in the following equations. Use the junction-to-top characterization parameter (ψ_{JT}) with the temperature at the center-top of device package (T_T) to calculate the junction temperature. Use the junction-to-board characterization parameter (ψ_{JB}) with the PCB surface temperature 1 mm from the device package (T_B) to calculate the junction temperature.

$$T_J = T_T + \psi_{JT} \times P_D \quad (2)$$

where:

- P_D is the dissipated power
- T_T is the temperature at the center-top of the device package

$$T_J = T_B + \psi_{JB} \times P_D \quad (3)$$

where:

- T_B is the PCB surface temperature measured 1 mm from the device package and centered on the package edge

For detailed information on the thermal metrics and how to use them, see the [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics application note](#).

7.1.4 Power Dissipation (P_D)

Circuit reliability requires consideration of the device power dissipation, location of the circuit on the printed circuit board (PCB), and correct sizing of the thermal plane. The PCB area around the regulator must have few or no other heat-generating devices that cause added thermal stress.

To first-order approximation, power dissipation in the regulator depends on the input-to-output voltage difference and load conditions. The following equation calculates power dissipation (P_D).

$$P_D = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times I_{OUT} \quad (4)$$

Note

Power dissipation can be minimized, and therefore greater efficiency can be achieved, by correct selection of the system voltage rails. For the lowest power dissipation use the minimum input voltage required for correct output regulation.

For devices with a thermal pad, the primary heat conduction path for the device package is through the thermal pad to the PCB. Solder the thermal pad to a copper pad area under the device. This pad area must contain an array of plated vias that conduct heat to additional copper planes for increased heat dissipation.

The maximum power dissipation determines the maximum allowable ambient temperature (T_A) for the device. According to the following equation, power dissipation and junction temperature are most often related by the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance ($R_{\theta JA}$) of the combined PCB and device package and the temperature of the ambient air (T_A).

$$T_J = T_A + (R_{\theta JA} \times P_D) \quad (5)$$

Thermal resistance ($R_{\theta JA}$) is highly dependent on the heat-spreading capability built into the particular PCB design, and therefore varies according to the total copper area, copper weight, and location of the planes. The junction-to-ambient thermal resistance listed in the *Thermal Information* table is determined by the JEDEC standard PCB and copper-spreading area, and is used as a relative measure of package thermal performance. As mentioned in the [An empirical analysis of the impact of board layout on LDO thermal performance application note](#), $R_{\theta JA}$ can be improved by 35% to 55% compared to the *Thermal Information* table value with the PCB board layout optimization.

7.1.5 Reverse Current

Excessive reverse current can damage this device. Reverse current flows through the intrinsic body diode of the pass transistor instead of the normal conducting channel. At high magnitudes, this current flow degrades the long-term reliability of the device.

Conditions where reverse current can occur are outlined in this section, all of which can exceed the absolute maximum rating of $V_{OUT} \leq V_{IN} + 0.3 V$.

- If the device has a large C_{OUT} and the input supply collapses with little or no load current
- The output is biased when the input supply is not established
- The output is biased above the input supply

If reverse current flow is expected in the application, use external protection to protect the device. Reverse current is not limited in the device, so external limiting is required if extended reverse voltage operation is anticipated.

Figure 7-1 shows one approach for protecting the device.

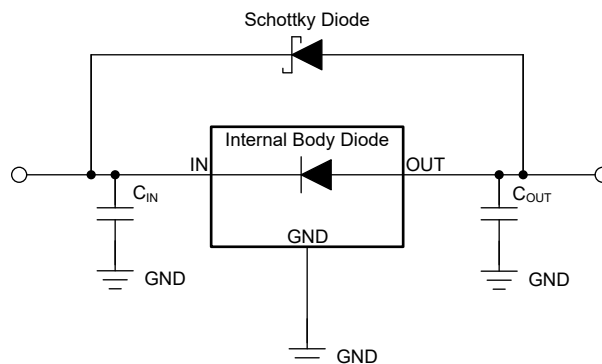
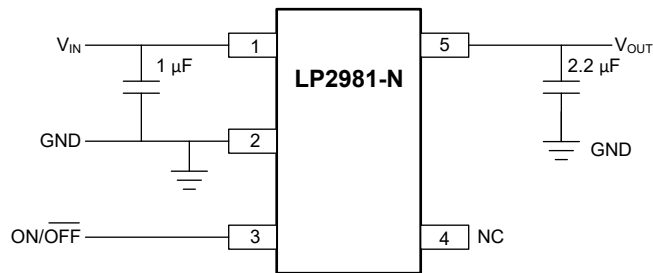


Figure 7-1. Example Circuit for Reverse Current Protection Using a Schottky Diode

7.2 Typical Application



*ON/ $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ input must be actively terminated. Tie to V_{IN} if this function is not to be used. Minimum output capacitance is shown to insure stability over full load current range. More capacitance provides superior dynamic performance and additional stability margin (see [Section 7.1.1](#)).

Figure 7-2. LP2981-N Typical Application

7.2.1 Design Requirements

| PARAMETER | DESIGN REQUIREMENT |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Input voltage | 12 V $\pm 10\%$, provided by the DC-DC converter switching at 1 MHz |
| Output voltage | 3.3 V $\pm 1\%$ |
| Output current | 100 mA (maximum), 1 mA (minimum) |
| RMS noise, 300 Hz to 50 kHz | < 1 mV _{RMS} |
| PSRR at 1 kHz | > 40 dB |

7.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

7.2.2.1 ON and $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ Input Operation

The LP2981-N is shut off by pulling the ON/ $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ input low, and turned on by driving the input high. If this feature is not to be used, the ON/OFF input is required to be tied to V_{IN} to keep the regulator on at all times (the ON/ $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ input must **not** be left floating).

For proper operation of the LDO, the signal source used to drive the ON/ $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ input must be able to swing above and below the specified turnon/turnoff voltage thresholds which specify an ON or $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ state (see [Section 5.5](#)).

The ON/ $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ signal can come from either a totem-pole output, or an open-collector output with pullup resistor to the LP2981-N input voltage or another logic supply. The high-level voltage can exceed the LP2981-N input voltage, but must remain within the [Section 5.1](#) for the ON/ $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ pin.

For the legacy chip only, it is also important that the turnon/turnoff voltage signals applied to the ON/ $\overline{\text{OFF}}$ input have a slew rate which is greater than 40 mV/ μs .

7.2.3 Application Curves

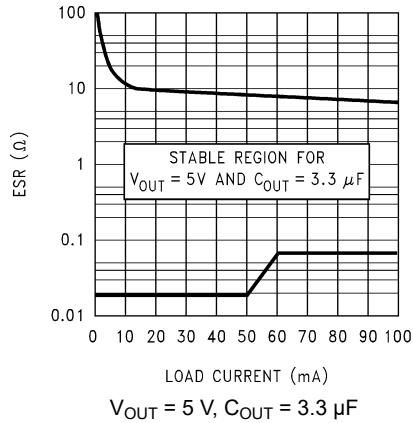


Figure 7-3. 5-V, 3.3- μF ESR Curves (Legacy Chip)

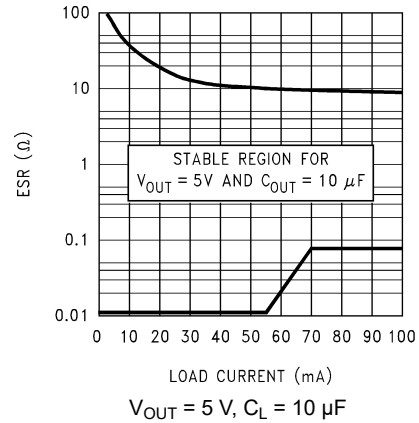


Figure 7-4. 5-V, 10- μF ESR Curves (Legacy Chip)

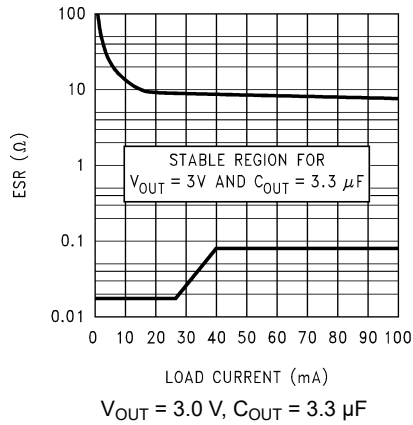


Figure 7-5. 3.0-V, 3.3- μF ESR Curves (Legacy Chip)

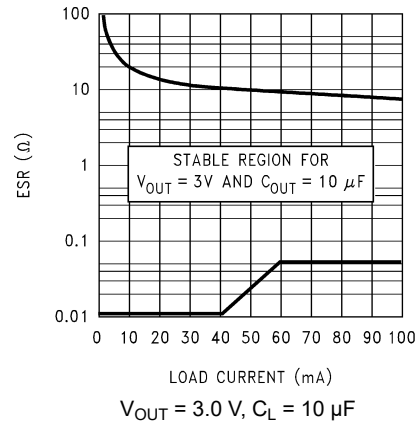


Figure 7-6. 3.0-V, 10- μF ESR Curves (Legacy Chip)

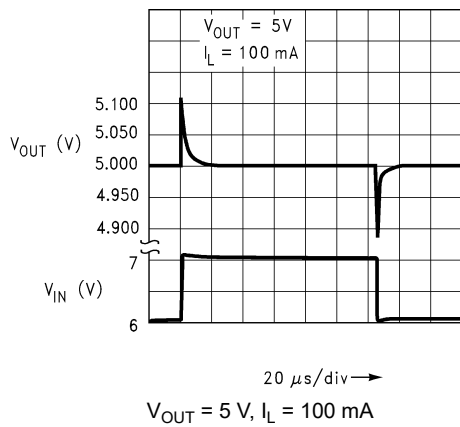


Figure 7-7. Line Transient Response (Legacy Chip)

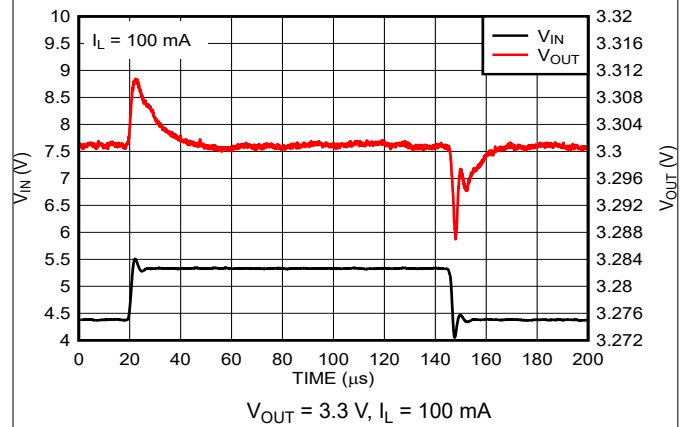


Figure 7-8. Line Transient Response (New Chip)

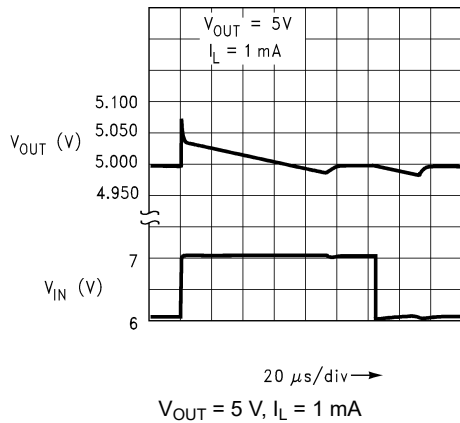


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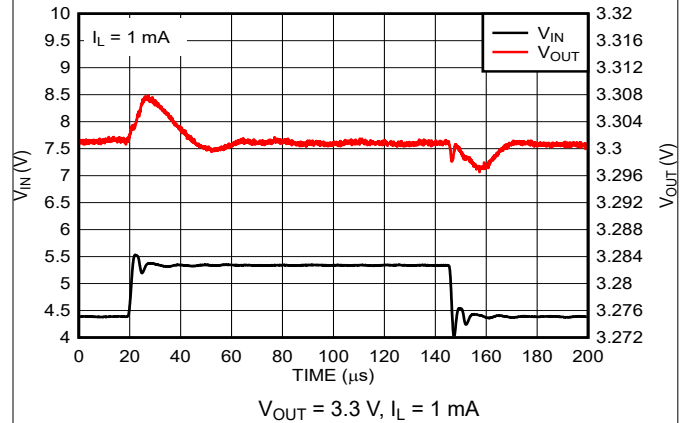


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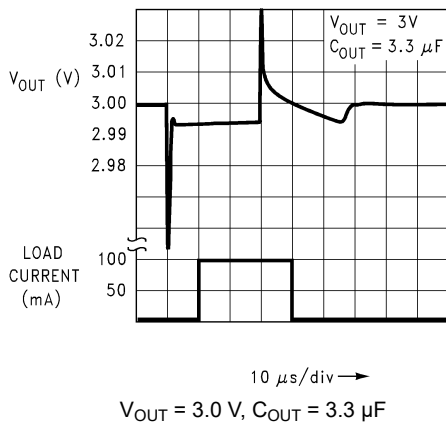


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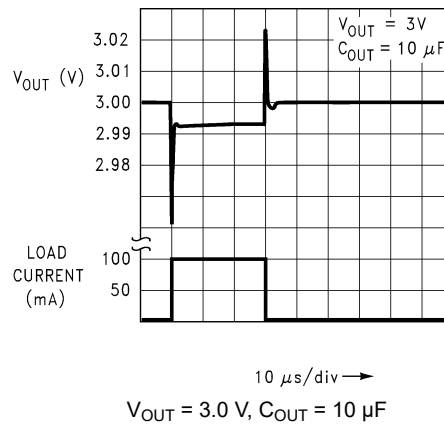


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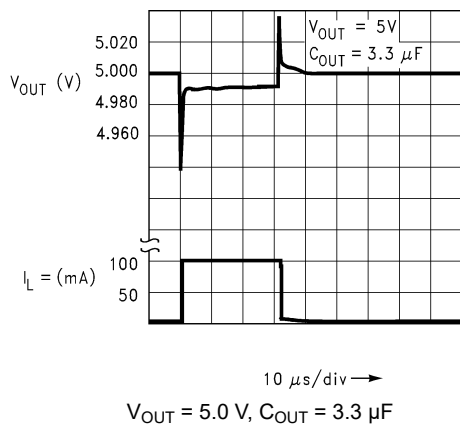


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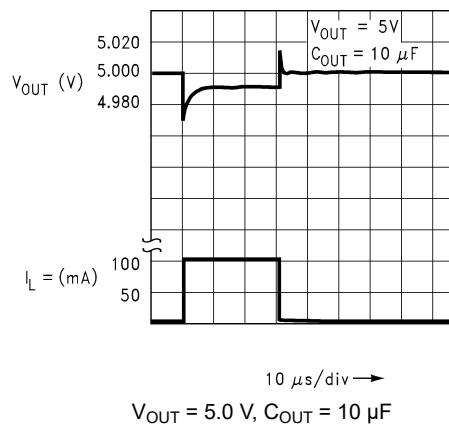


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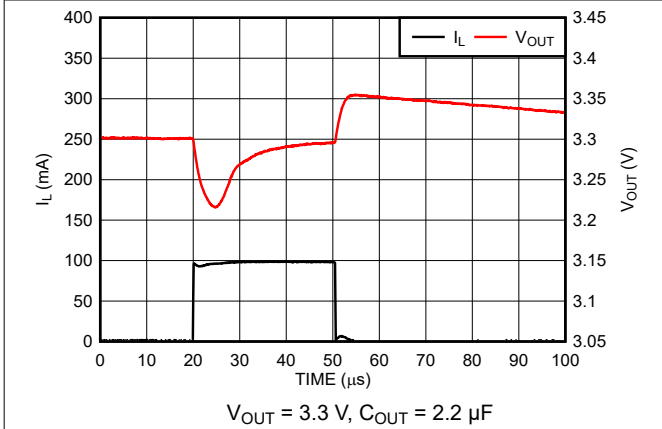


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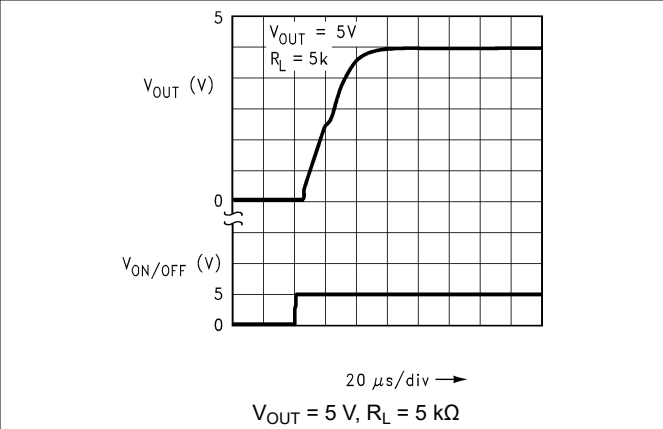


Figure 7-16. Turn-on Waveform (Legacy Chip)

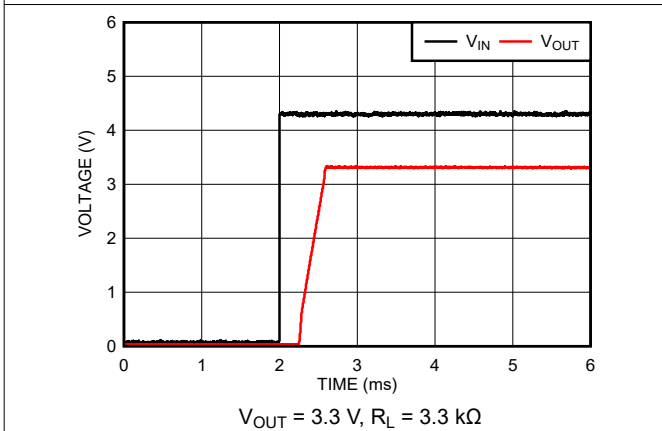


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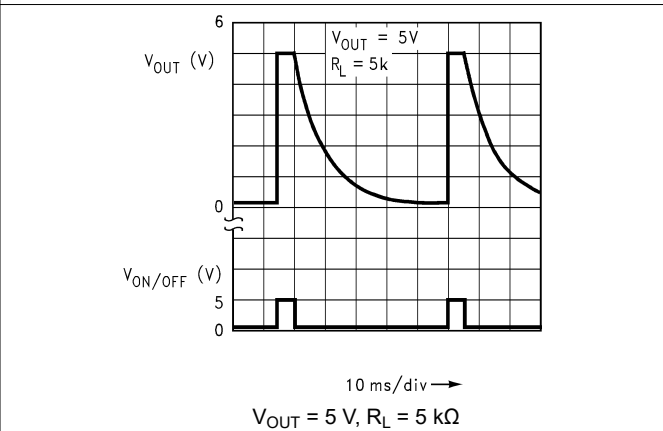


Figure 7-18. Turn-off Waveform (Legacy Chip)

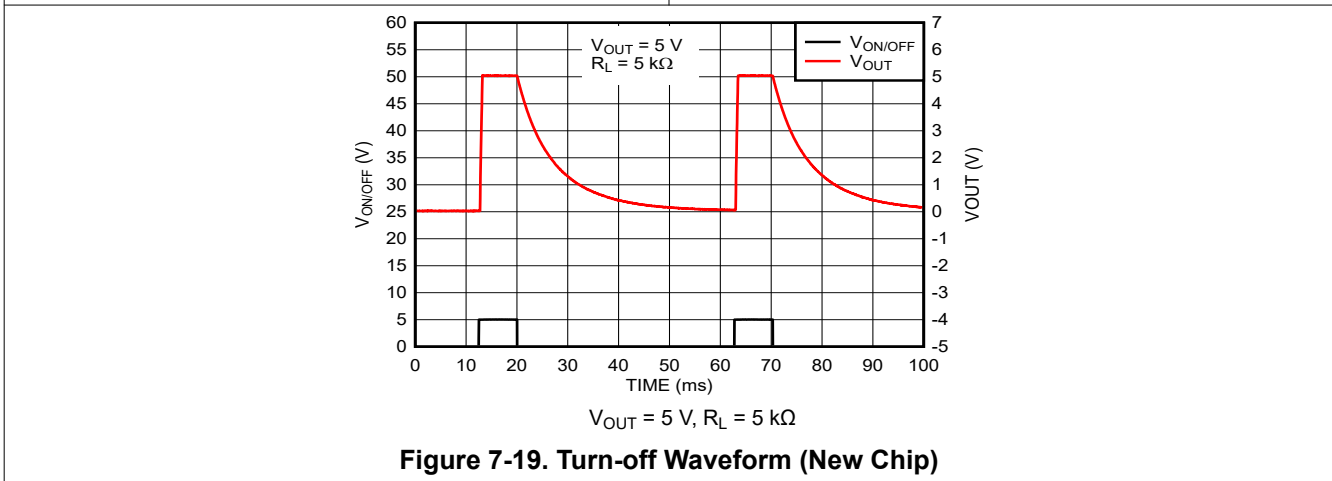


Figure 7-19. Turn-off Waveform (New Chip)

8 Power Supply Recommendations

The LP2981-N is designed to operate from an input voltage supply range between 2.5 V and 16 V (for the new chip). The input voltage range provides adequate headroom for the device to have a regulated output. This input supply must be well regulated. If the input supply is noisy, additional input capacitors with low ESR can help improve the output noise performance.

9 Layout

9.1 Layout Guidelines

For best overall performance, place all circuit components on the same side of the circuit board and as near as practical to the respective LDO pin connections. Place ground return connections to the input and output capacitors, and to the LDO ground pin as close to each other as possible, connected by a wide, component-side, copper surface. The use of vias and long traces to create LDO circuit connections is strongly discouraged and negatively affects system performance. This grounding and layout scheme minimizes inductive parasitics, and thereby reduces load-current transients, minimizes noise, and increases circuit stability. A ground reference plane is also recommended and is either embedded in the PCB itself or located on the bottom side of the PCB opposite the components. This reference plane serves for the accuracy of the output voltage, shield noise, and behaves similar to a thermal plane to spread (or sink) heat from the LDO device. In most applications, this ground plane is necessary to meet thermal requirements.

9.2 Layout Example

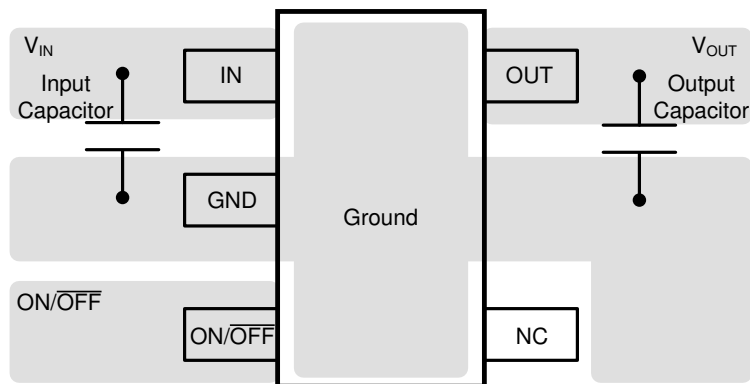


Figure 9-1. LP2981-N Layout Example

10 Device and Documentation Support

10.1 Device Nomenclature

Table 10-1. Available Options

| PRODUCT | V_{OUT} |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| LP2981cxxxzX-y.y/NOPB Legacy chip | c is the accuracy specification. xxx is the package designator. z is the package quantity. X is for a large-quantity reel and non-X is for a small-quantity reel. y.y is the nominal output voltage (for example, 3.3 = 3.3 V; 5.0 = 5.0 V). |
| LP2981AxxxxzX-y.y/M3 New chip | A is for higher accuracy and non-A is for standard grade. xxx is the package designator. z is the package quantity. X is for a large-quantity reel and non-X is for a small-quantity reel y.y is the nominal output voltage (for example, 3.3 = 3.3 V; 5.0 = 5.0 V). M3 is a suffix designator for newer chip redesigns, fabricated on the latest TI process technology. |

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10.4 Related Documentation

For related documentation see the following:

- Texas Instruments, [LDO Noise Demystified](#), application note
- Texas Instruments, [LDO PSRR Measurement Simplified](#), application note
- Texas Instruments, [A Topical Index of TI LDO Application Notes](#), application note

10.5 Support Resources

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ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

10.8 Glossary

[TI Glossary](#) This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

11 Revision History

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12 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

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PACKAGING INFORMATION

| Orderable Device | Status (1) | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | Package Qty | Eco Plan (2) | Lead finish/ Ball material (6) | MSL Peak Temp (3) | Op Temp (°C) | Device Marking (4/5) | Samples |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| LP2981AIM5-2.5/NOPB | ACTIVE | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | RoHS & Green | SN | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 125 | L0CA | Samples |
| LP2981AIM5-3.0/NOPB | ACTIVE | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | RoHS & Green | SN | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 125 | L05A | Samples |
| LP2981AIM5-3.3/NOPB | ACTIVE | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | RoHS & Green | SN | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 125 | L04A | Samples |
| LP2981AIM5-3.6/NOPB | ACTIVE | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | RoHS & Green | SN | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 125 | L0JA | Samples |
| LP2981AIM5-5.0/NOPB | ACTIVE | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | RoHS & Green | SN | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 125 | L03A | Samples |
| LP2981AIM5X-3.0/NOPB | ACTIVE | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | RoHS & Green | SN | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 125 | L05A | Samples |
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| LP2981AIM5X-3.6/NOPB | ACTIVE | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | RoHS & Green | SN | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 125 | L0JA | Samples |
| LP2981AIM5X-5.0/NOPB | ACTIVE | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | RoHS & Green | SN | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 125 | L03A | Samples |
| LP2981IM5-2.5/NOPB | ACTIVE | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | RoHS & Green | SN | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 125 | L0CB | Samples |
| LP2981IM5-3.0/NOPB | ACTIVE | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | RoHS & Green | SN | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 125 | L05B | Samples |
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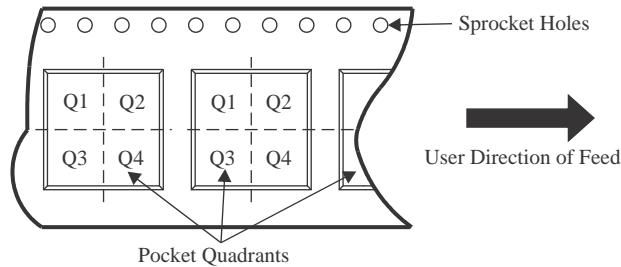
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QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE



*All dimensions are nominal

| Device | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ | Reel Diameter (mm) | Reel Width W1 (mm) | A0 (mm) | B0 (mm) | K0 (mm) | P1 (mm) | W (mm) | Pin1 Quadrant |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|
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| LP2981AIM5-3.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | 178.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
| LP2981AIM5-3.3/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 180.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
| LP2981AIM5-3.6/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | 178.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
| LP2981AIM5-5.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 180.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
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| LP2981IM5-2.5/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | 178.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
| LP2981IM5-3.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | 178.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
| LP2981IM5-3.3/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 178.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
| LP2981IM5-3.3/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 180.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
| LP2981IM5-3.6/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | 178.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
| LP2981IM5-5.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 180.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |

| Device | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ | Reel Diameter (mm) | Reel Width W1 (mm) | A0 (mm) | B0 (mm) | K0 (mm) | P1 (mm) | W (mm) | Pin1 Quadrant |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|
| LP2981IM5-5.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 178.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
| LP2981IM5X-3.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 180.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
| LP2981IM5X-3.3/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 178.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
| LP2981IM5X-3.3/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 180.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
| LP2981IM5X-3.6/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 180.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
| LP2981IM5X-5.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 180.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |
| LP2981IM5X-5.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 178.0 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 8.0 | Q3 |

TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS


*All dimensions are nominal

| Device | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ | Length (mm) | Width (mm) | Height (mm) |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| LP2981AIM5-2.5/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | 208.0 | 191.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981AIM5-3.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | 208.0 | 191.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981AIM5-3.3/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 210.0 | 185.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981AIM5-3.6/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | 208.0 | 191.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981AIM5-5.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 210.0 | 185.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981AIM5X-3.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 208.0 | 191.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981AIM5X-3.3/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 208.0 | 191.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981AIM5X-3.3/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 210.0 | 185.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981AIM5X-3.6/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 210.0 | 185.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981AIM5X-5.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 210.0 | 185.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981IM5-2.5/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | 208.0 | 191.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981IM5-3.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | 208.0 | 191.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981IM5-3.3/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 208.0 | 191.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981IM5-3.3/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 210.0 | 185.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981IM5-3.6/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 1000 | 208.0 | 191.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981IM5-5.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 210.0 | 185.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981IM5-5.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 208.0 | 191.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981IM5X-3.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 210.0 | 185.0 | 35.0 |

| Device | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ | Length (mm) | Width (mm) | Height (mm) |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| LP2981IM5X-3.3/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 208.0 | 191.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981IM5X-3.3/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 210.0 | 185.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981IM5X-3.6/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 210.0 | 185.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981IM5X-5.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 210.0 | 185.0 | 35.0 |
| LP2981IM5X-5.0/NOPB | SOT-23 | DBV | 5 | 3000 | 208.0 | 191.0 | 35.0 |

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

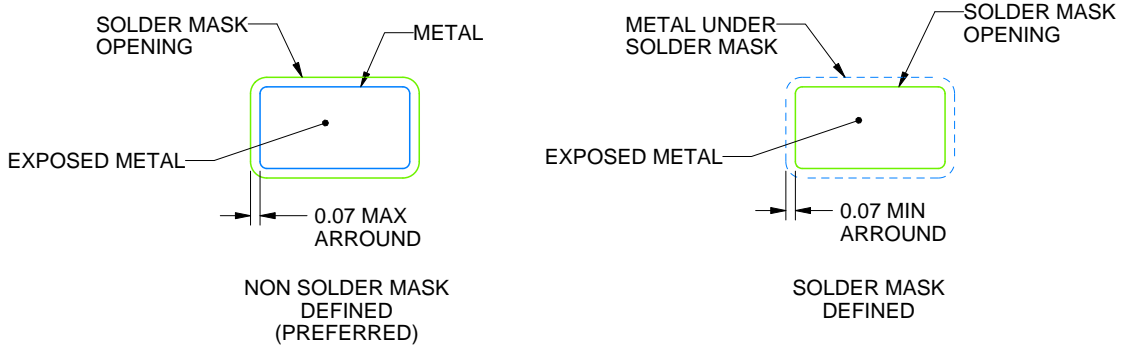
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SOT-23 - 1.45 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN
SCALE:15X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS

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NOTES: (continued)

- 6. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.
- 7. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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SOT-23 - 1.45 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON 0.125 mm THICK STENCIL
SCALE:15X

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NOTES: (continued)

8. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.
9. Board assembly site may have different recommendations for stencil design.

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