



**ML7900 - FBE\***  
**SERIES**

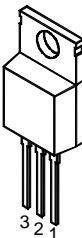
**3-Terminal Negative  
Voltage Regulator**

The **ML7900** series are 3-Terminal Negative Voltage Regulators. These negative regulators are intended as complements to the popular ML7800 series of positive voltage regulations, and they are available in the same voltage options from -5V to -24V. The ML7900 series employ internal current-limiting, safe-area protection, and thermal shutdown, making them virtually indestructible.

\* Parts of **FBE** are satisfied with requirements of directive **2002/95/EC** on **RoHS**.

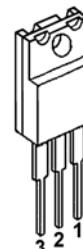
■ Package Outline

TO-220  
(7900A)



1. OUT  
2. IN  
3. COMMON

TO-220F  
(7900FA)



**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS** (Ta=25°C)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	Maximum Rating			UNIT
Input Voltage	VIN	ML7905 to ML7909	-35		V
		ML7912 to ML7920	-35		
		ML7924	-40		
Storage Temperature Range	Tstg	-40 to +125			°C
Operating Temperature Range	Operating Junction Temperature		Tj	-30 to +125	°C
	Operating Ambient Temperature		Topr	-30 to +75	
Power Dissipation	Pd	15(Tc≤45°C )			W

**THERMAL RESISTANCE**

Thermal Resistance	Junction-to-Ambient Temperature	θ ja	60	°C/W
	Junction-to-Case	θ jc	5	

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** (Tj=25°C,C1=0.33 μF,Co=0.1 μF)

Measurement is to be conducted in pulse testing.

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS			MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNIT	
<b>ML7905A / ML7905FA</b>									
Output Voltage	Vo	V <sub>IN</sub> =-10V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A		-4.8	-5.0	-5.2	V	
Quiescent Current	I <sub>Q</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-10V	I <sub>O</sub> =0mA		-	2.2	5.0	mA	
Load Regulation	Δ Vo Io	V <sub>IN</sub> =-10V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.005A to 1.5A		-	50	100	mV	
Line Regulation	Δ Vo Vin	V <sub>IN</sub> =-7 to -25V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A		-	12.5	100	mV	
Ripple Rejection	RR	V <sub>IN</sub> =-10V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A	E <sub>in</sub> =2Vp-p	f=120Hz	54	60	-	dB
Output Noise Voltage	V <sub>NO</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-10V	BW=10Hz to 100KHz	I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A		-	125	-	μV
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage	Δ Vo / Δ T	V <sub>IN</sub> =-10V	I <sub>O</sub> =5mA		-	-0.4	-	mV/°C	



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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(T<sub>j</sub>=25°C, C<sub>1</sub>=0.33 μF, C<sub>0</sub>=0.1 μF)

Measurement is to be conducted  
in pulse testing.

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS				MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNIT
<b>ML7906A / ML7906FA</b>									
Output Voltage	V <sub>O</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-11V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A			-5.75	-6.0	-6.25	V
Quiescent Current	I <sub>Q</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-11V	I <sub>O</sub> =0mA			-	2.2	5.0	mA
Load Regulation	Δ V <sub>O</sub> I <sub>O</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-11V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.005A to 1.5A			-	50	120	mV
Line Regulation	Δ V <sub>O</sub> V <sub>IN</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-8 to -25V		I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A		-	12.5	120	mV
Ripple Rejection	R <sub>R</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-11V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A	ε <sub>in</sub> =2Vp-p	f=120Hz	54	60	-	dB
Output Noise Voltage	V <sub>NO</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-11V	BW=10Hz to 100KHz		I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A	-	150	-	μV
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage	Δ V <sub>O</sub> / Δ T	V <sub>IN</sub> =-11V	I <sub>O</sub> =5mA			-	-0.4	-	mV/°C
<b>ML7908A / ML7908FA</b>									
Output Voltage	V <sub>O</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-14V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A			-7.7	-8.0	-8.3	V
Quiescent Current	I <sub>Q</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-14V	I <sub>O</sub> =0mA			-	2.2	5.0	mA
Load Regulation	Δ V <sub>O</sub> I <sub>O</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-14V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.005A to 1.5A			-	60	160	mV
Line Regulation	Δ V <sub>O</sub> V <sub>IN</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-10.5 to -25V		I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A		-	12.5	160	mV
Ripple Rejection	R <sub>R</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-14V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A	ε <sub>in</sub> =2Vp-p	f=120Hz	54	60	-	dB
Output Noise Voltage	V <sub>NO</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-14V	BW=10Hz to 100KHz		I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A	-	200	-	μV
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage	Δ V <sub>O</sub> / Δ T	V <sub>IN</sub> =-14V	I <sub>O</sub> =5mA			-	-0.7	-	mV/°C
<b>ML7909A / ML7909FA</b>									
Output Voltage	V <sub>O</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-15V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A			-8.65	-9.0	-9.35	V
Quiescent Current	I <sub>Q</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-15V	I <sub>O</sub> =0mA			-	2.2	5.0	mA
Load Regulation	Δ V <sub>O</sub> I <sub>O</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-15V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.005A to 1.5A			-	60	180	mV
Line Regulation	Δ V <sub>O</sub> V <sub>IN</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-11.5 to -25V		I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A		-	8	180	mV
Ripple Rejection	R <sub>R</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-15V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A	ε <sub>in</sub> =2Vp-p	f=120Hz	54	60	-	dB
Output Noise Voltage	V <sub>NO</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-15V	BW=10Hz to 100KHz		I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A	-	250	-	μV
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage	Δ V <sub>O</sub> / Δ T	V <sub>IN</sub> =-15V	I <sub>O</sub> =5mA			-	-0.8	-	mV/°C
<b>ML7912A / ML7912FA</b>									
Output Voltage	V <sub>O</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-19V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A			-11.5	-12.0	-12.5	V
Quiescent Current	I <sub>Q</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-19V	I <sub>O</sub> =0mA			-	2.7	6.0	mA
Load Regulation	Δ V <sub>O</sub> I <sub>O</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-19V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.005A to 1.5A			-	60	240	mV
Line Regulation	Δ V <sub>O</sub> V <sub>IN</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-14.5 to -30V		I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A		-	5	240	mV
Ripple Rejection	R <sub>R</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-19V	I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A	ε <sub>in</sub> =2Vp-p	f=120Hz	54	60	-	dB
Output Noise Voltage	V <sub>NO</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-19V	BW=10Hz to 100KHz		I <sub>O</sub> =0.5A	-	300	-	μV
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage	Δ V <sub>O</sub> / Δ T	V <sub>IN</sub> =-19V	I <sub>O</sub> =5mA			-	-0.8	-	mV/°C

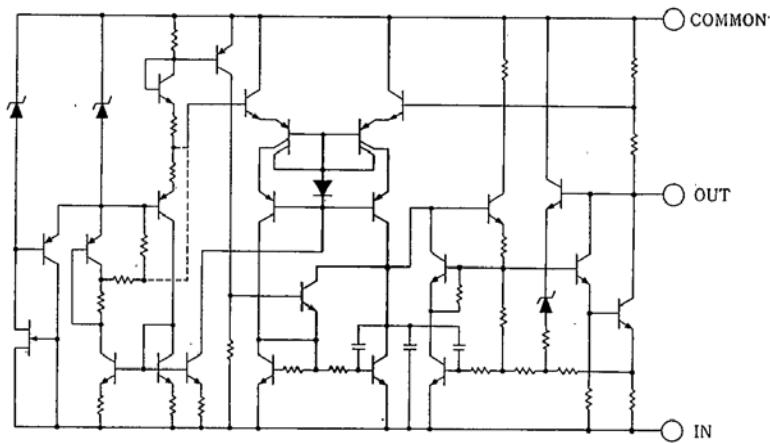
## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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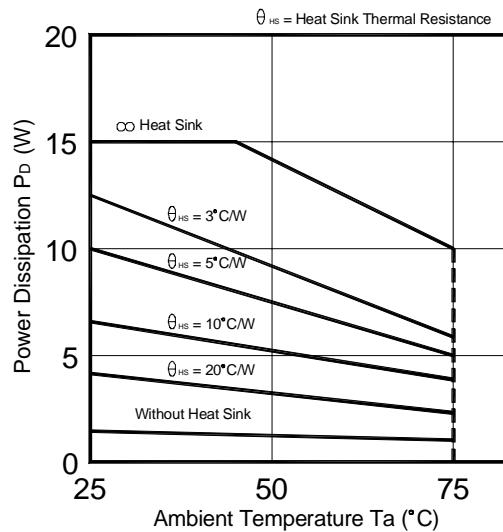
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PARAMETER	SYMBOL	TEST CONDITIONS				MIN.	TYP.	MAX.	UNIT
<b>ML7915A / ML7915FA</b>									
	Vo	V <sub>IN</sub> =-23V	Io=0.5A			-14.4	-15.0	-15.6	V
	I <sub>Q</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-23V	Io=0mA			-	2.7	6.0	mA
	Δ Vo Io	V <sub>IN</sub> =-23V	Io=0.005A to 1.5A			-	60	300	mV
	Δ Vo Vin	V <sub>IN</sub> =-17.5 to -30V		Io=0.5A		-	5	300	mV
	RR	V <sub>IN</sub> =-23V	Io=0.5A	ε <sub>in</sub> =2Vp-p	f=120Hz	54	60	-	dB
	V <sub>NO</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-23V	BW=10Hz to 100KHz		Io=0.5A	-	375	-	μV
	Δ Vo / Δ T	V <sub>IN</sub> =-23V	Io=5mA			-	-1	-	mV/°C
<b>ML7918A / ML7918FA</b>									
	Vo	V <sub>IN</sub> =-27V	Io=0.5A			-17.3	-18.0	-18.7	V
	I <sub>Q</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-27V	Io=0mA			-	2.7	6.0	mA
	Δ Vo Io	V <sub>IN</sub> =-27V	Io=0.005A to 1.5A			-	60	360	mV
	Δ Vo Vin	V <sub>IN</sub> =-21 to -33V		Io=0.5A		-	5	360	mV
	RR	V <sub>IN</sub> =-27V	Io=0.5A	ε <sub>in</sub> =2Vp-p	f=120Hz	54	60	-	dB
	V <sub>NO</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-27V	BW=10Hz to 100KHz		Io=0.5A	-	450	-	μV
	Δ Vo / Δ T	V <sub>IN</sub> =-27V	Io=5mA			-	-1	-	mV/°C
<b>ML7924A / ML7924FA</b>									
	Vo	V <sub>IN</sub> =-33V	Io=0.5A			-23.0	-24.0	-25.0	V
	I <sub>Q</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-33V	Io=0mA			-	2.7	6.0	mA
	Δ Vo Io	V <sub>IN</sub> =-33V	Io=0.005A to 1.5A			-	85	480	mV
	Δ Vo Vin	V <sub>IN</sub> =-28 to -38V		Io=0.5A		-	5	480	mV
	RR	V <sub>IN</sub> =-33V	Io=0.5A	ε <sub>in</sub> =2Vp-p	f=120Hz	54	60	-	dB
	V <sub>NO</sub>	V <sub>IN</sub> =-33V	BW=10Hz to 100KHz		Io=0.5A	-	600	-	μV
	Δ Vo / Δ T	V <sub>IN</sub> =-33V	Io=5mA			-	-1	-	mV/°C

## ■ Equivalent Circuit

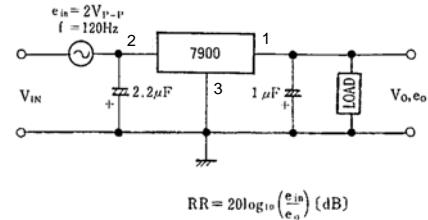
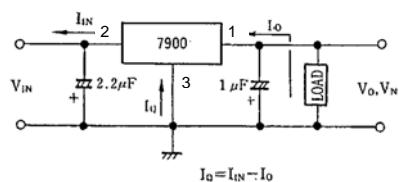


## ■ Power Dissipation vs. Ambient Temperature

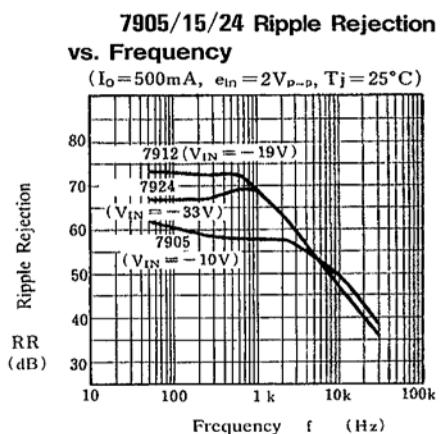
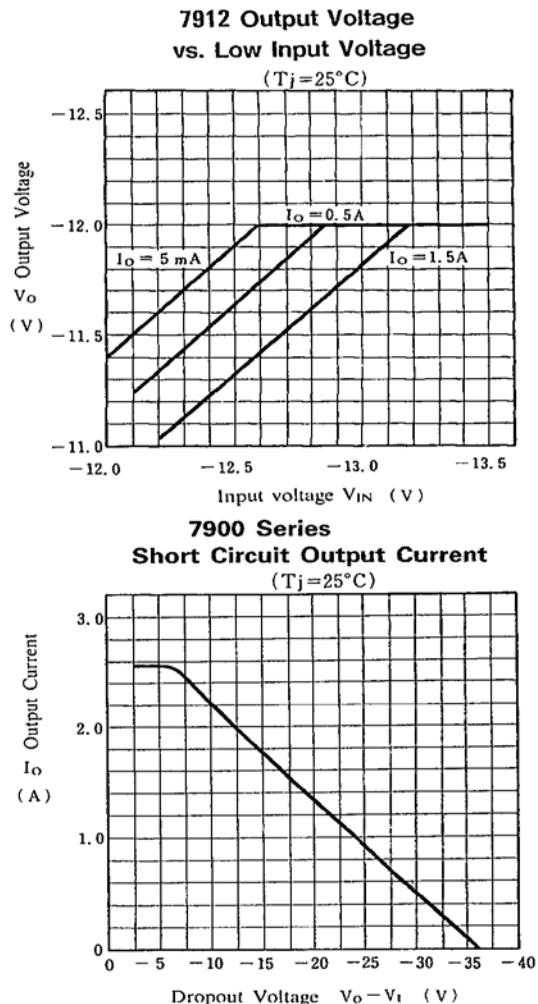
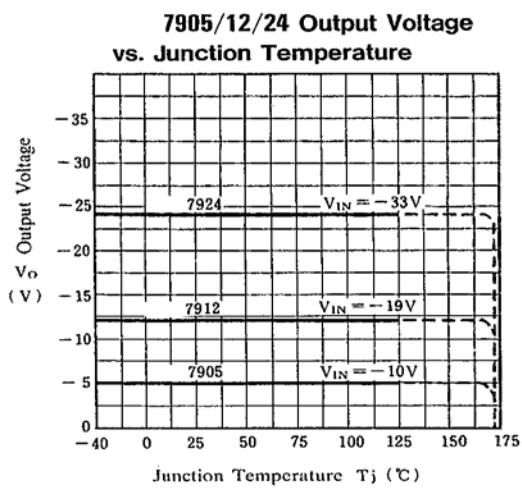
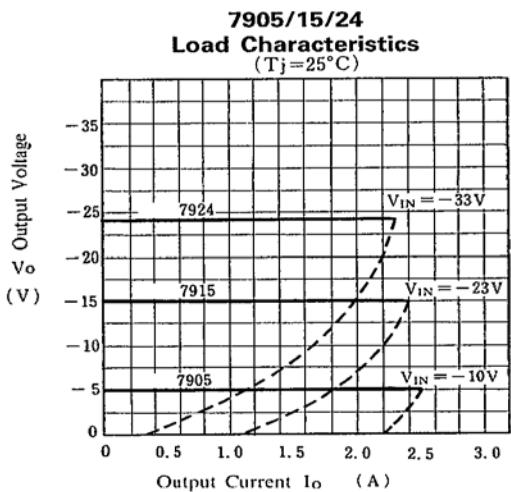
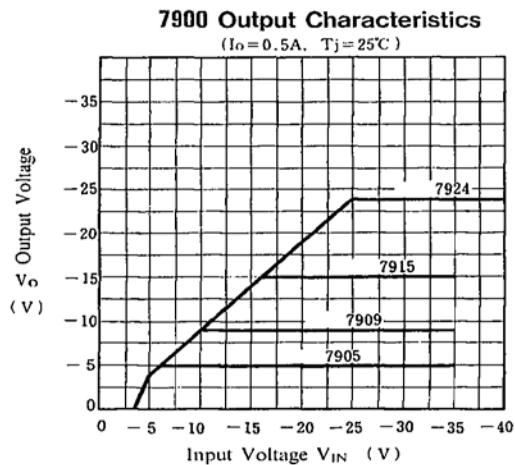


## ■ Test Circuit

- 1. Output Voltage, Line Regulation, Load Regulation, Quiescent Current, Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage, Output Noise Voltage.
- 2. Ripple Rejection

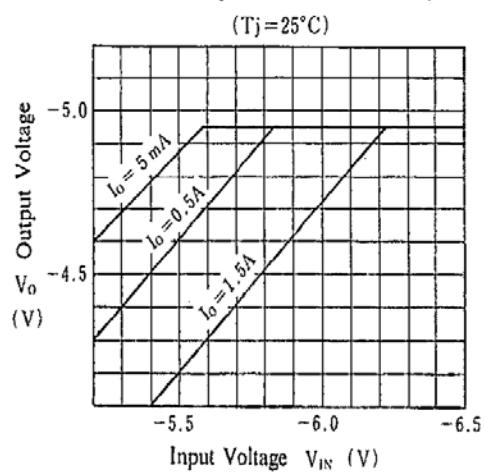


## ■ Typical Characteristics

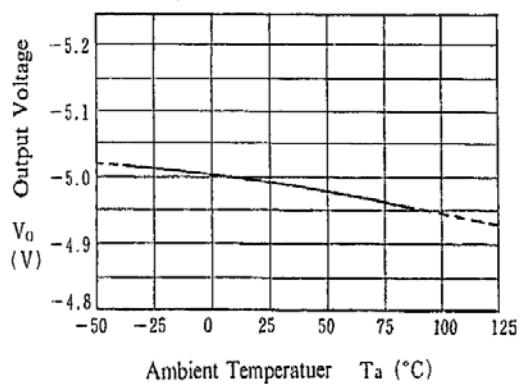


## ■ Typical Characteristics

**7905 Dropout Characteristics**

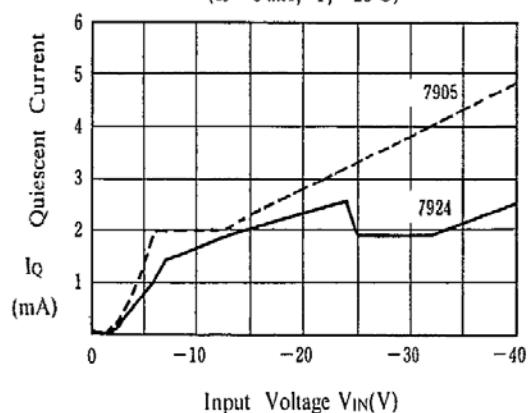


**7905 Output Voltage vs. Temperature**



**Quiescent Current vs. Input Voltage**

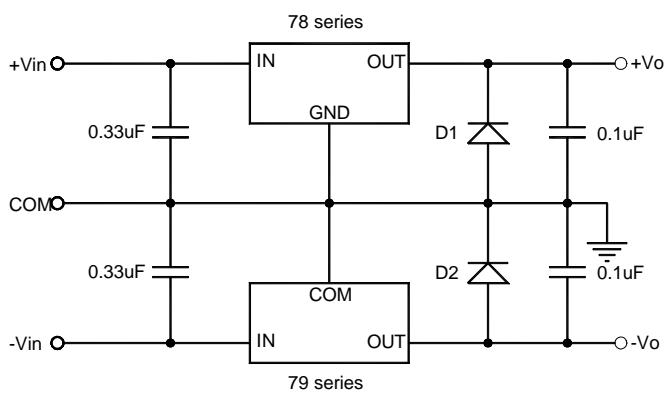
( $I_o = 0 \text{ mA}, T_j = 25^\circ\text{C}$ )



## 1. Application Circuit

In the following explain only the positive regulator unless otherwise specified. However they can apply to the negative voltage regulator by easy change.

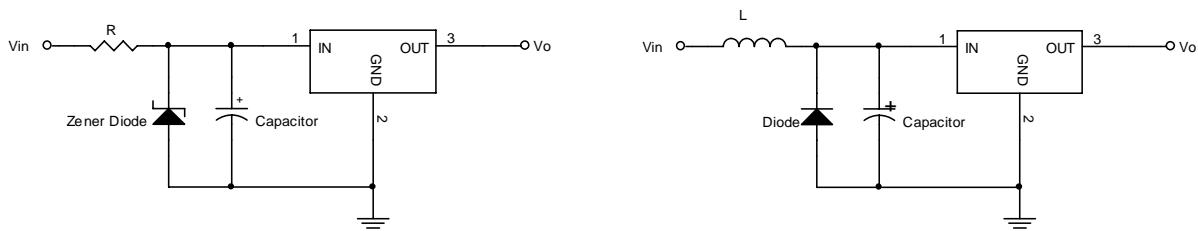
### Positive/Negative Voltage Supply



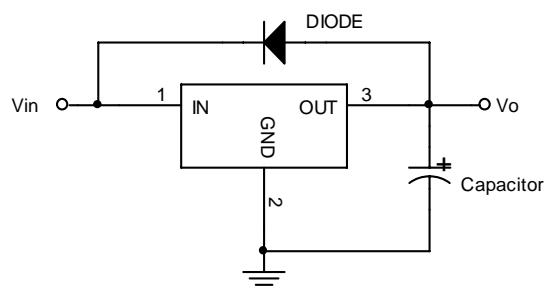
Note : In the above positive and negative power supply application, D1 and D2 should be connected. If D1 and D2 are not connected, either of positive or negative power supply circuit may not turn on.

## 2. Note in Application Circuit

- ( 1 ) If the higher voltage (above the rated value) or lower voltage (GND-0.5V) is supplied to the input terminals, the IC may be destroyed. To avoid such a case, a zener diode or other parts of the surge suppressor should be connected as shown below.



- ( 2 ) If the higher voltage than the input terminal is supplied to the output terminal, the IC may be destroyed. To avoid input terminal short to the GND or the stored voltage in the capacitor back to the output terminal, by the large value capacitor connecting to the output terminal application, the SBD should be required as shown below;



\* In case of negative voltage regulator, reverse the SBD and capacitor direction.

### 3. Thermal Design

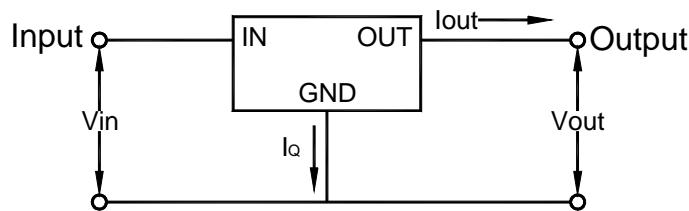
#### (1) Heat Producing

There are two kinds of heat producing ( $P_{LOSS-1}$ ,  $P_{LOSS-2}$ ) in three terminal regulator and the sum of them is total heat producing of IC ( $P_{LOSS}$ ).

##### (1-1) $P_{LOSS-1}$ : heat producing by own operation

Input voltage ( $V_{in}$ ) and quiescent current ( $I_Q$ ) produce the heat mentioned below equation.

$$P_{LOSS-1} = V_{in} \times I_Q$$



##### (1-2) $P_{LOSS-2}$ : heat producing by output current and the input-output differential voltage.

Internal power transistor produces the heat mentioned following equation.

$$P_{LOSS-2} = (V_{in} - V_{out}) \times I_{out} \quad (\text{W})$$

Therefore, the total heat producing  $P_{LOSS}$  is :

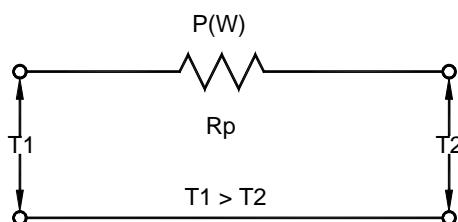
$$\begin{aligned} P_{LOSS} &= P_{LOSS-1} + P_{LOSS-2} \\ &= V_{in} \times I_Q + (V_{in} - V_{out}) \times I_{out} \quad (\text{W}) \end{aligned}$$

#### (2) Thermal Resistance

##### (2-1) Definition of Thermal Resistance : $\theta$

Thermal resistance ( $\theta$ ) is a degree of heat radiation mentioned following equation.

$$\begin{aligned} &= (T_1 - T_2)/P \quad (\text{°C /W}) && \text{Heat Producing Quantity} && : P \text{ (W)} \\ & && \text{Ambient Temperature or case temperature} && : T_2 \text{ (°C )} \\ & && \text{Heat Source Temperature} && : T_1 \text{ (°C )} \end{aligned}$$



##### (2-2) Thermal resistance of TO-220

There are two kinds of thermal resistance of TO-220. One is " $\theta_{jc}$ " for the application with the heat sink, the other is " $\theta_{ja}$ " for the application without the heat sink.

$\theta_{jc}$  : thermal resistance between IC chip (junction point) and the package back side contacting with the heat sink.

$\theta_{ja}$  : thermal resistance between IC chip (junction point) and ambience.

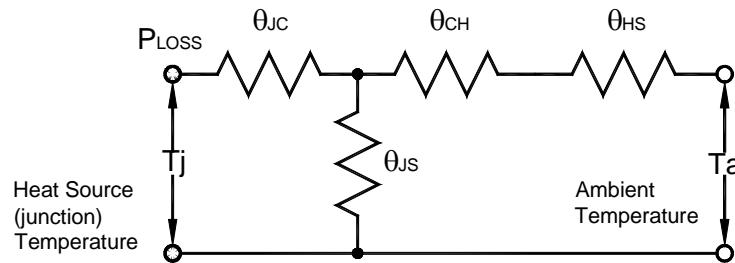
### ( 3 ) Heat Radiation Balance

The heat produced in the IC is radiated to ambience through the package and the heat sink.

The quantity of the heat radiation depends on the heat source temperature, ambient temperature and the thermal resistance of the package.

#### (3-1) TO-220 with heat sink

Heat radiation balance model of the TO-220 with heat sink is shown as below.

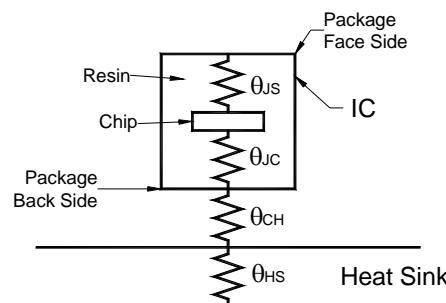


Where  $\theta_{JC}$  : thermal resistance between IC chip (junction point) and the package backside connecting to the heatsink.

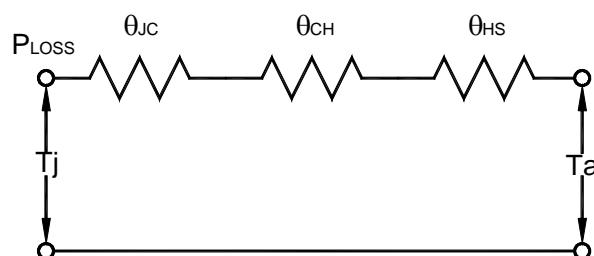
$\theta_{JS}$  : thermal resistance between IC chip (junction point) and the package surface.

$\theta_{CH}$  : thermal resistance between package backside and the heat sink including the condidtion of insulator, silicon grease and tighten torque.

$\theta_{HS}$  : thermal resistance of the heat sink



If the  $\theta_{JS}$  is large enough compare with other thermal resistance, the  $\theta_{JS}$  can be neglected and the heat radiation model can be mentioned as below.



The relation between temperature and heat radiation quantity is shown below.

$$T_j = P_{LOSS} \times (\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CH} + \theta_{HS}) + T_a \quad (\text{°C})$$

#### ( 4 ) Thermal Design

The heat radiation balance model of the TO-220 with the heat sink is shown as follows.

Heat radiation balance

$$T_j = P_{LOSS} X (\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CH} + \theta_{HS}) + T_a \quad (\text{°C}) \quad (4-1)$$

$$P_{LOSS} = V_{in} X I_Q + (V_{in}-V_{out}) X I_{out} \quad (\text{W}) \quad (4-2)$$

Substituting "Eq.(4-2) into "Eq.(4-1)" obtains

$$T_j = [V_{in} X I_Q + (V_{in}-V_{out}) X I_{out}] X (\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CH} + \theta_{HS}) + T_a \quad (\text{°C}) \quad (4-3)$$

In Eq.(4-3)

$V_{in}$ ,  $I_{out}$ ,  $\theta_{CH}$ ,  $\theta_{HS}$ ,  $T_a$  depend on using condition.

$T_j$ ,  $I_Q$ ,  $V_{out}$ ,  $\theta_{JC}$  depend on IC depend on IC specification.

When  $\theta_{CH}$ ,  $I_Q$  and  $T_j$  are assumed the following values,

Eq.(4-3) becomes Eq.(4-4).

$\theta_{CH}=0.3$  to  $0.4$  ( $\text{°C}/\text{W}$ ) Insert the mica paper (0.1t) and thermal conduction silicon grease between the IC and heat sink and tighten them with the bolt by  $4\text{Kg}\cdot\text{cm}\cdot\text{min}$ .

$I_Q = 5$  to  $6\text{mA}$  (max.)

$T_j = 125\text{ °C}$  (max.)

$$T_j(\text{max}) = 125 = [5 X V_{in} + (V_{in}-V_{out}) X I_{out}] X (5+0.3+ \theta_{HS}) + T_a \quad (\text{°C}) \quad (4-4)$$

When fix the  $V_{out}$ ,  $T_j$  depends on the  $V_{in}$ ,  $I_{out}$ ,  $\theta_{HS}$  and  $T_a$ .

It means;

Lower  $V_{in}$  and / or  $I_{out}$  are required to limit the temperature rise.

Smaller  $\theta_{HS}$  is required for the effective heat reduce (i.e. using the large heat sink).

In the thermal design, when fix the  $V_{in}$ ,  $I_{out}$  and  $T_a$ , select the heat sink which  $\theta_{HS}$  is smaller than the result of Eq.(4-4).

For more detail, please refer the heat resistance value mentioned in the specification of the heat sink supplier.