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REG101



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DMOS 100mA Low Dropout Regulator

FEATURES

- **NEW DMOS TOPOLOGY:**
Ultra Low Dropout Voltage:
60mV typ at 100mA
Output capacitor NOT required for stability
- **FAST TRANSIENT RESPONSE**
- **VERY LOW NOISE: 23µVrms**
- **HIGH ACCURACY: ±1.5% max**
- **HIGH EFFICIENCY:**
 $I_{GND} = 500\mu A$ at $I_{OUT} = 100mA$
Not Enabled: $I_{GND} = 10nA$
- **2.5V, 2.8V, 2.85V, 3.0V, 3.3V, 5.0V AND
ADJUSTABLE OUTPUT VERSIONS**
- **OTHER OUTPUT VOLTAGES AVAILABLE
UPON REQUEST**
- **FOLDBACK CURRENT LIMIT**
- **THERMAL PROTECTION**
- **SMALL SURFACE-MOUNT PACKAGES:
SOT23-5 and SO-8**

APPLICATIONS

- **PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES**
- **BATTERY-POWERED EQUIPMENT**
- **PERSONAL DIGITAL ASSISTANTS**
- **MODEMS**
- **BAR-CODE SCANNERS**
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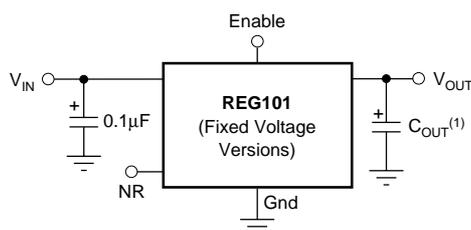
DESCRIPTION

The REG101 is a family of low noise, low dropout linear regulators with low ground pin current. Its new DMOS topology provides significant improvement over previous designs, including low dropout voltage (only 60mV typ at full load), and better transient performance. In addition, no output capacitor is required for stability, unlike conventional low dropout regulators that are difficult to compensate and require expensive low ESR capacitors greater than 1µF.

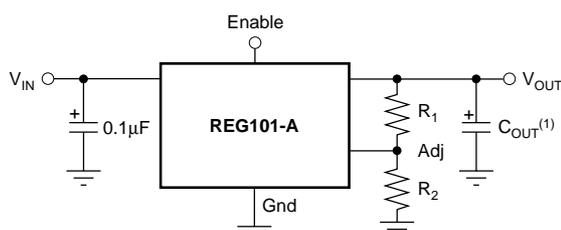
Typical ground pin current is only 500µA (at $I_{OUT} = 100mA$) and drops to 10nA when not enabled mode. Unlike regulators with PNP pass devices, quiescent current remains relatively constant over load variation and under dropout conditions.

The REG101 has very low output noise (typically 23µVrms for $V_{OUT} = 3.3V$ with $C_{NR} = 0.01\mu F$), making it ideal for use in portable communications equipment. Accuracy is maintained over temperature, line, and load variations. Key parameters are guaranteed over the specified temperature range (-40°C to +85°C).

The REG101 is well protected—internal circuitry provides a current limit which protects the load from damage. Thermal protection circuitry keeps the chip from being damaged by excessive temperature. The REG101 is available in the SOT23-5 and the SO-8 packages.



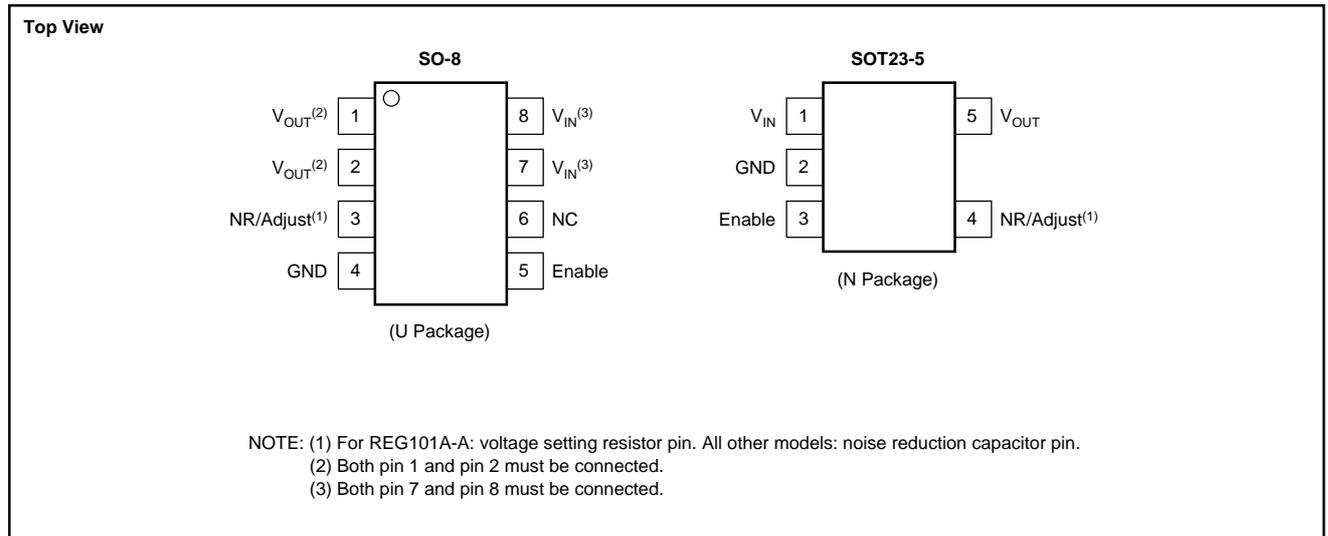
NR = Noise Reduction



NOTE: (1) Optional.



PIN CONFIGURATIONS



ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS⁽¹⁾

Supply Input Voltage, V_{IN}	-0.3V to 12V
Enable Input	-0.3V to V_{IN}
Output Short-Circuit Duration	Indefinite
Operating Temperature Range (T_J)	-55°C to +125°C
Storage Temperature Range (T_A)	-65°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (soldering, 3s, SOT23-5, and SO-8)	+240°C

NOTE: (1) Stresses above these ratings may cause permanent damage. Exposure to absolute maximum conditions for extended periods may degrade device reliability.



ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE SENSITIVITY

This integrated circuit can be damaged by ESD. Burr-Brown recommends that all integrated circuits be handled with appropriate precautions. Failure to observe proper handling and installation procedures can cause damage.

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.

PACKAGE/ORDERING INFORMATION

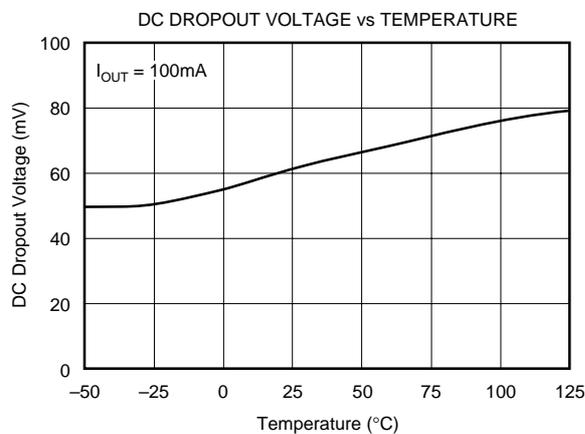
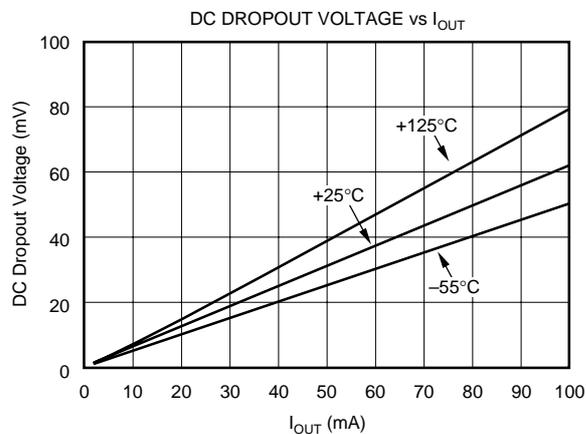
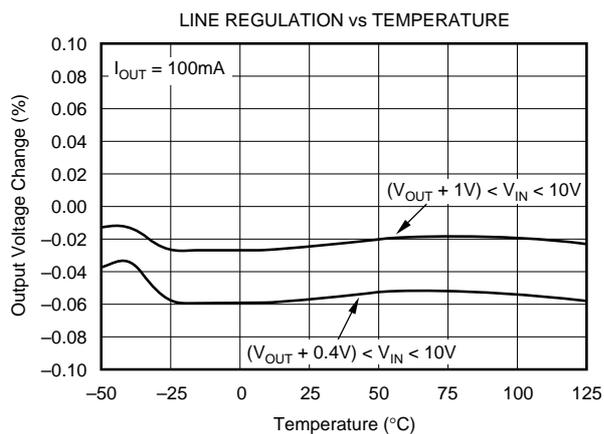
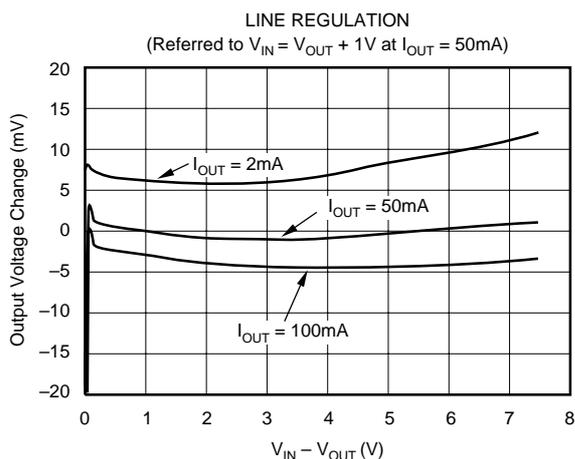
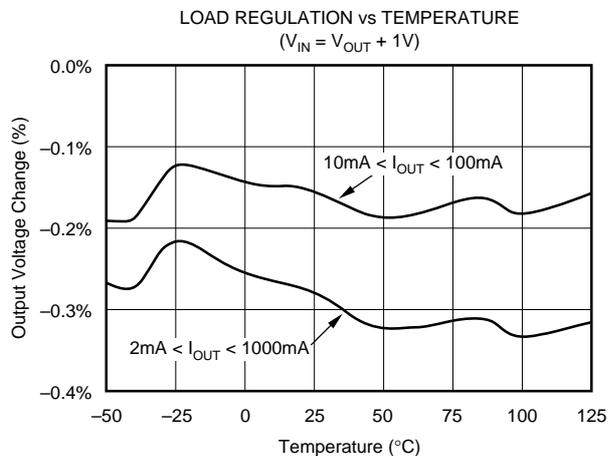
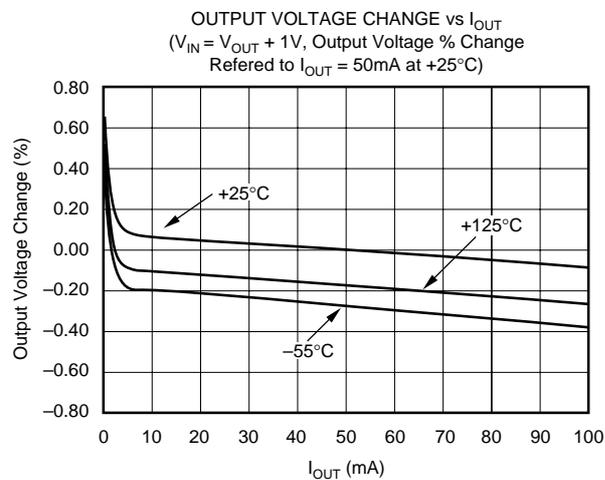
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5V Output REG101NA-5 " REG101UA-5 "	SOT23-5 " SO-8 "	331 " 182 "	R01B " REG101U50 "	REG101NA-5/250 REG101NA-5/2K5 REG101UA-5 REG101UA-5/2K5	Tape and Reel Tape and Reel Rails Tape and Reel
3.3V Output REG101NA-3.3 " REG101UA-3.3 "	SOT23-5 " SO-8 "	331 " 182 "	R01C " REG101U33 "	REG101NA-3.3/250 REG101NA-3.3/2K5 REG101UA-3.3 REG101UA-3.3/2K5	Tape and Reel Tape and Reel Rails Tape and Reel
3V Output REG101NA-3 " REG101UA-3 "	SOT23-5 " SO-8 "	331 " 182 "	R01D " REG101U30 "	REG101NA-3/250 REG101NA-3/2K5 REG101UA-3 REG101UA-3/2K5	Tape and Reel Tape and Reel Rails Tape and Reel
2.85V Output REG101NA-2.85 " REG101UA-2.85 "	SOT23-5 " SO-8 "	331 " 182 "	R01N " REG101285 "	REG101NA-2.85/250 REG101NA-2.85/2K5 REG101UA-2.85 REG101UA-2.85/2K5	Tape and Reel Tape and Reel Rails Tape and Reel
2.8V Output REG101NA-2.8 " REG101UA-2.8 "	SOT23-5 " SO-8 "	331 " 182 "	R01E " REG101U28 "	REG101NA-2.8/250 REG101NA-2.8/2K5 REG101UA-2.8 REG101UA-2.8/2K5	Tape and Reel Tape and Reel Rails Tape and Reel
2.5V Output REG101NA-2.5 " REG101UA-2.5 "	SOT23-5 " SO-8 "	331 " 182 "	R01G " REG101U25 "	REG101NA-2.5/250 REG101NA-2.5/2K5 REG101UA-2.5 REG101UA-2.5/2K5	Tape and Reel Tape and Reel Rails Tape and Reel
Adjustable Output REG101NA-A " REG101UA-A "	SOT23-5 " SO-8 "	331 " 182 "	R01A " REG101UA "	REG101NA-A/250 REG101NA-A/2K5 REG101UA-A REG101UA-A/2K5	Tape and Reel Tape and Reel Rails Tape and Reel

NOTE: (1) Models with a slash (/) are available only in Tape and Reel in the quantities indicated (e.g., /2K5 indicates 2500 devices per reel). Ordering 2500 pieces of "REG101UA-5/2K5" will get a single 2500-piece Tape and Reel.

Many custom output voltage versions, from 1.3V to 5.1V in 50mV increments, are available upon request. Minimum order quantities apply. Contact factory for details.

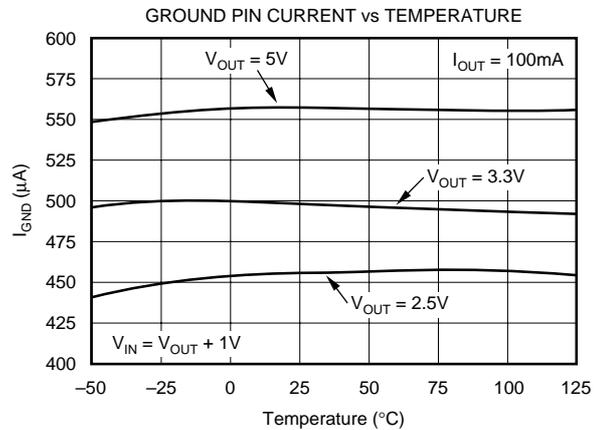
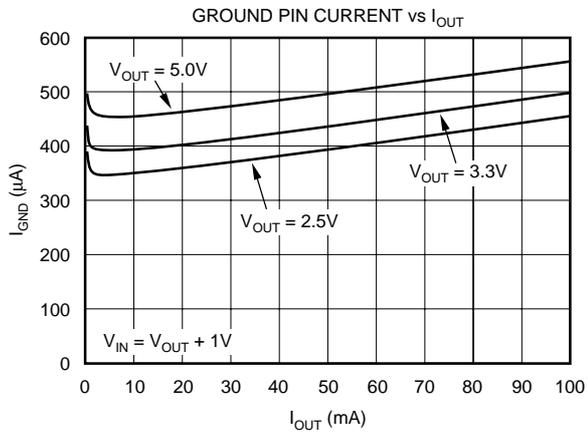
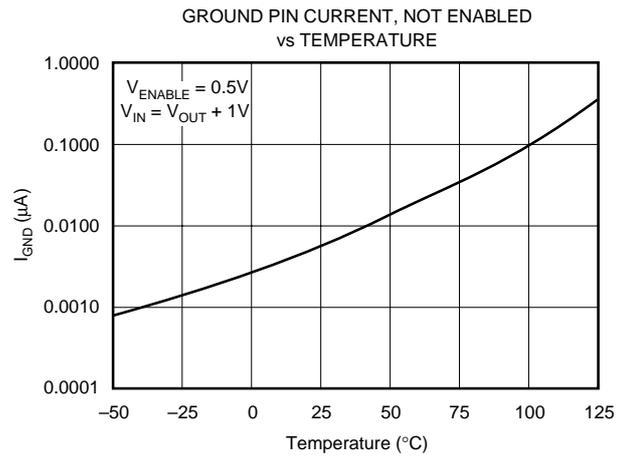
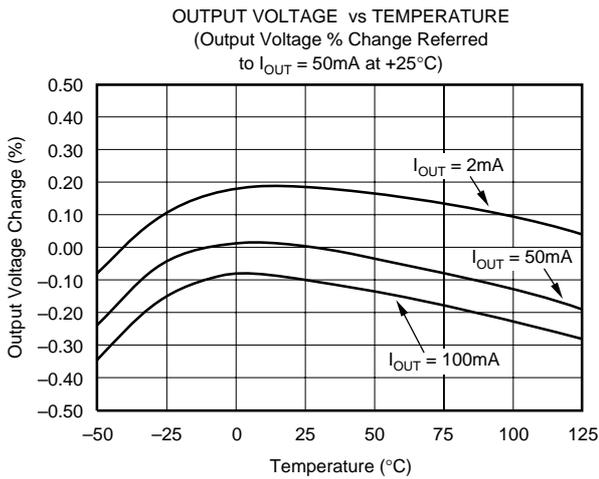
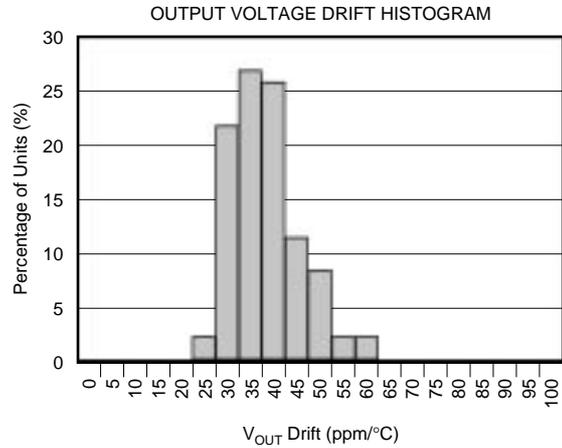
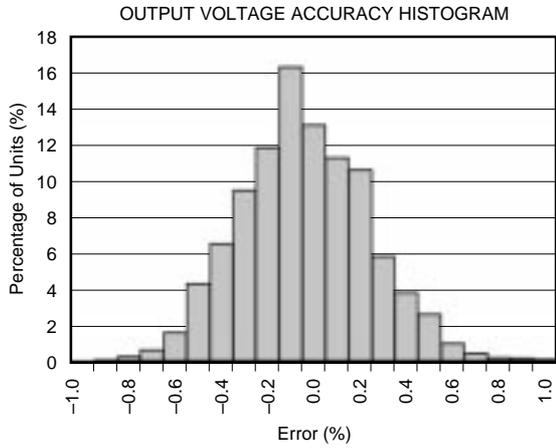
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES

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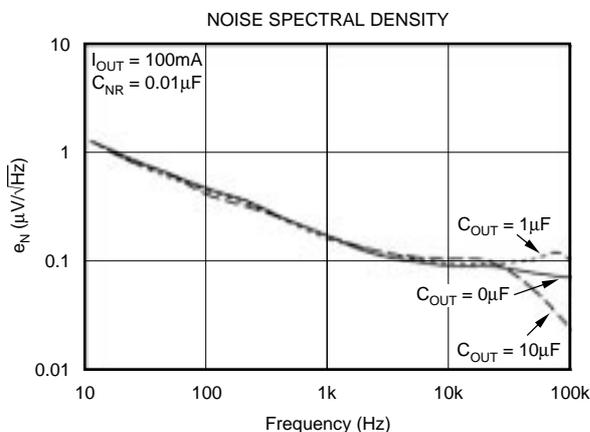
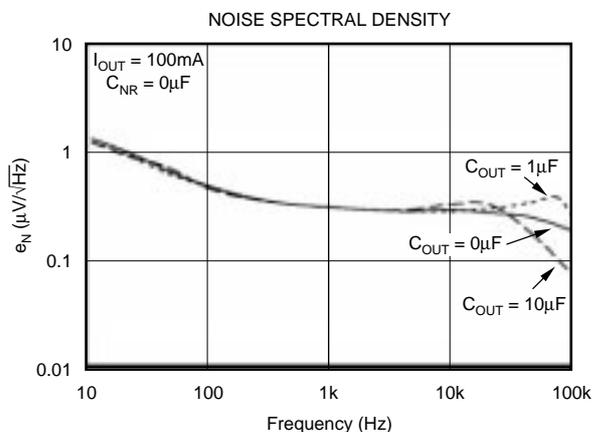
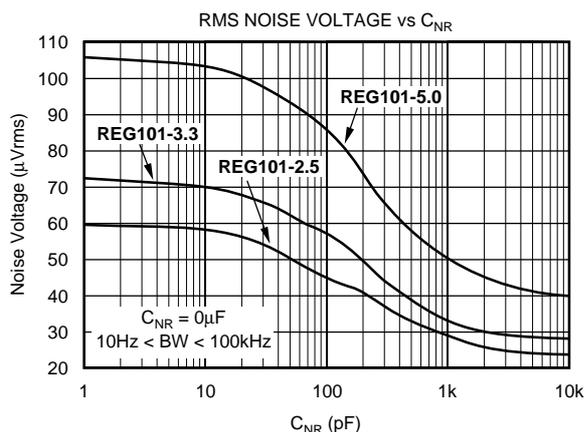
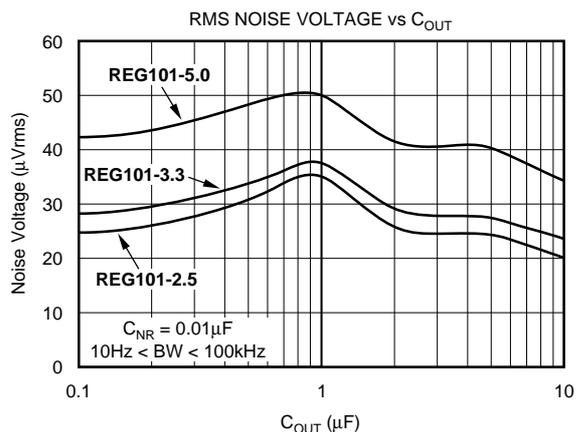
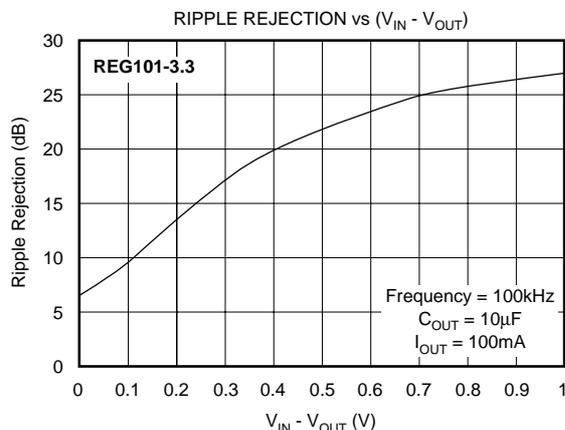
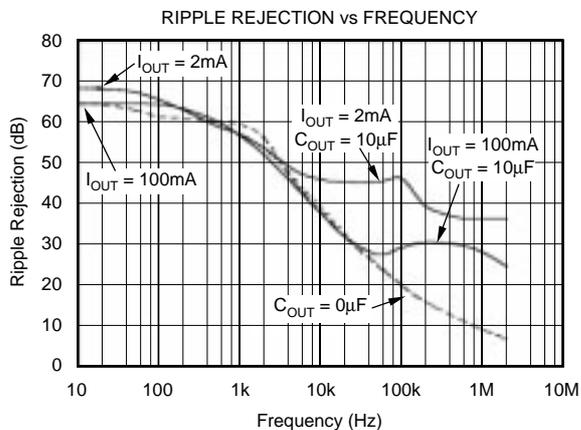
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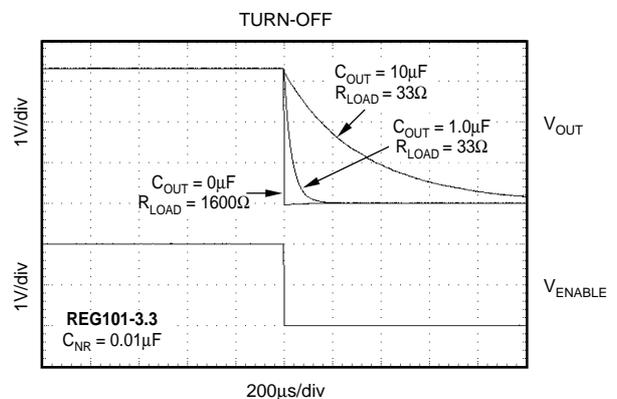
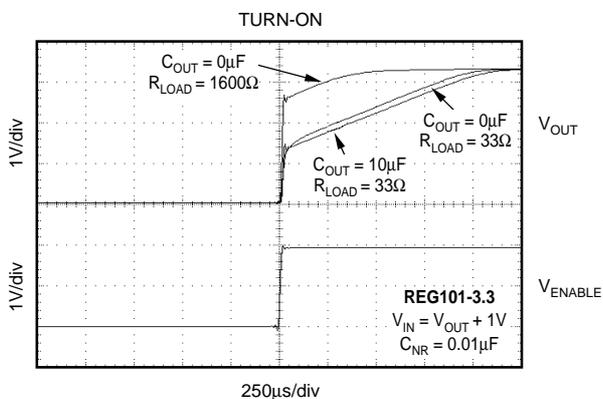
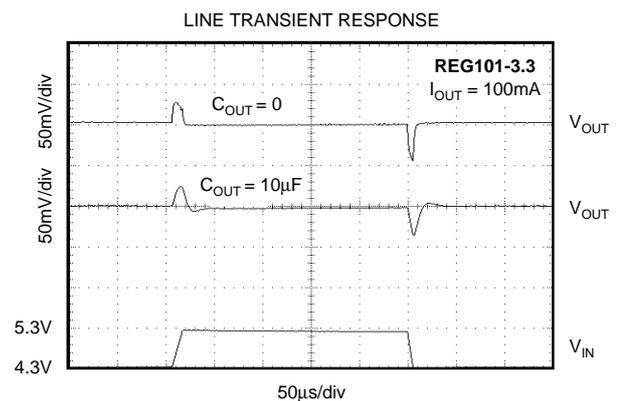
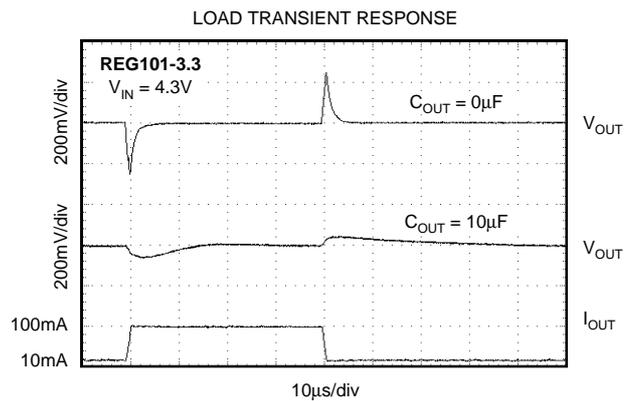
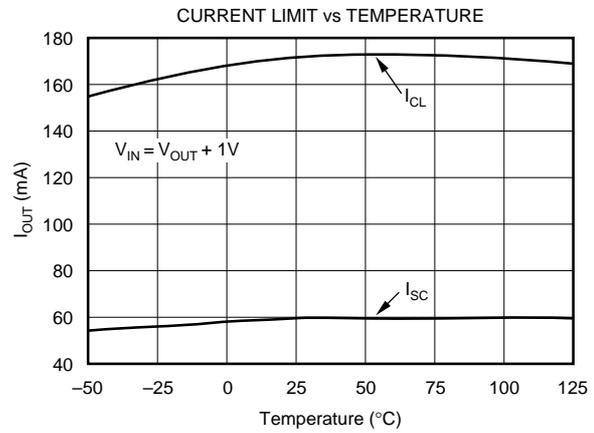
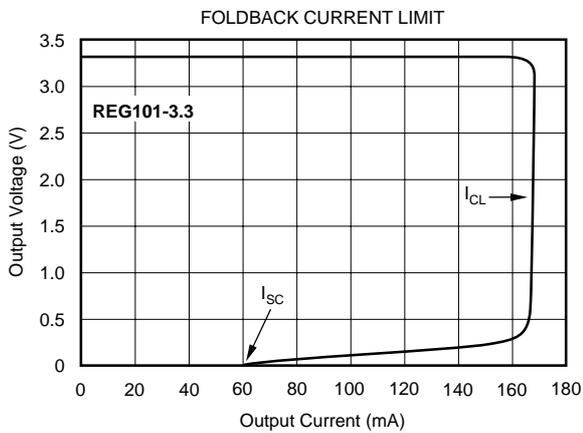
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BASIC OPERATION

The REG101 series of LDO (Low Drop-Out) linear regulators offers a wide selection of fixed output voltage versions and an adjustable output version. The REG101 belongs to a family of new generation LDO regulators that utilize a DMOS pass transistor to achieve ultra-low dropout performance and freedom from output capacitor constraints. Ground pin current remains under 650µA over all line, load and temperature conditions. All versions have thermal and over-current protection, including fold-back current limit.

The REG101 does not require an output capacitor for regulator stability and is stable over most output currents and with almost any value and type of output capacitor up to 10µF or more. For applications where the regulator output current drops below several milliamps, stability can be enhanced by: adding a 1kΩ to 2kΩ load resistor; using capacitance values less than 10µF; or keeping the effective series resistance greater than 0.05Ω including the capacitor's ESR and parasitic resistance in printed circuit board traces, solder joints, and sockets.

Although an input capacitor is not required it is good analog design practice to connect a 0.1µF low ESR capacitor across

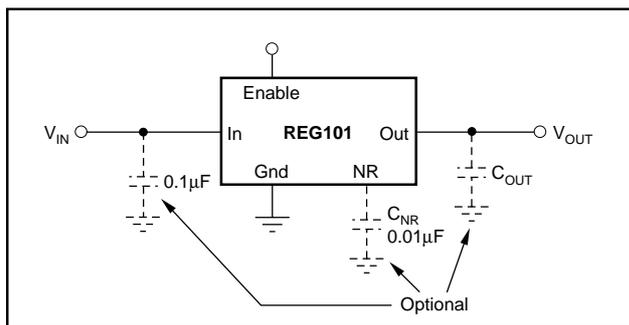


FIGURE 1. Fixed Voltage Nominal Circuit for REG101.

the input supply voltage. This is recommended to improve ripple rejection by reducing input voltage ripple.

Figure 1 shows the basic circuit connections for the fixed voltage models. Figure 2 gives the connections for the adjustable output version (REG101A) and example resistor values for some commonly used output voltages. Values for other voltages can be calculated from the equation shown in Figure 2.

INTERNAL CURRENT LIMIT

The REG101 internal current limit has a typical value of 170mA. A foldback feature limits the short-circuit current to a typical short-circuit value of 60mA. This helps to protect the regulator from damage under all load conditions. A curve of V_{OUT} versus I_{OUT} is given in Figure 3 and in the Typical Performance Curves section.

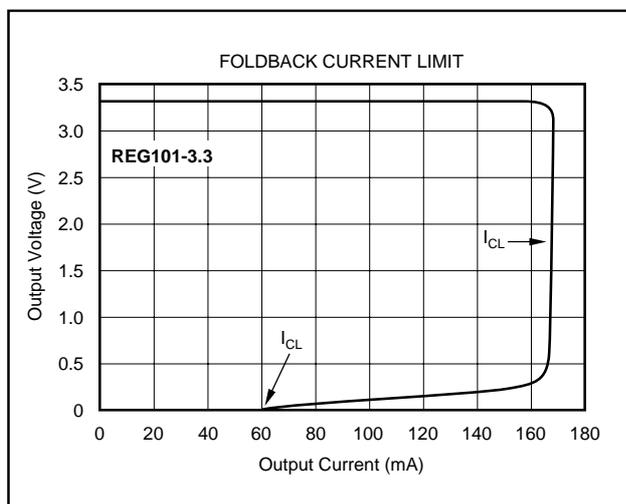


FIGURE 3. Foldback Current Limit of the REG101-3.3 at 25°C.

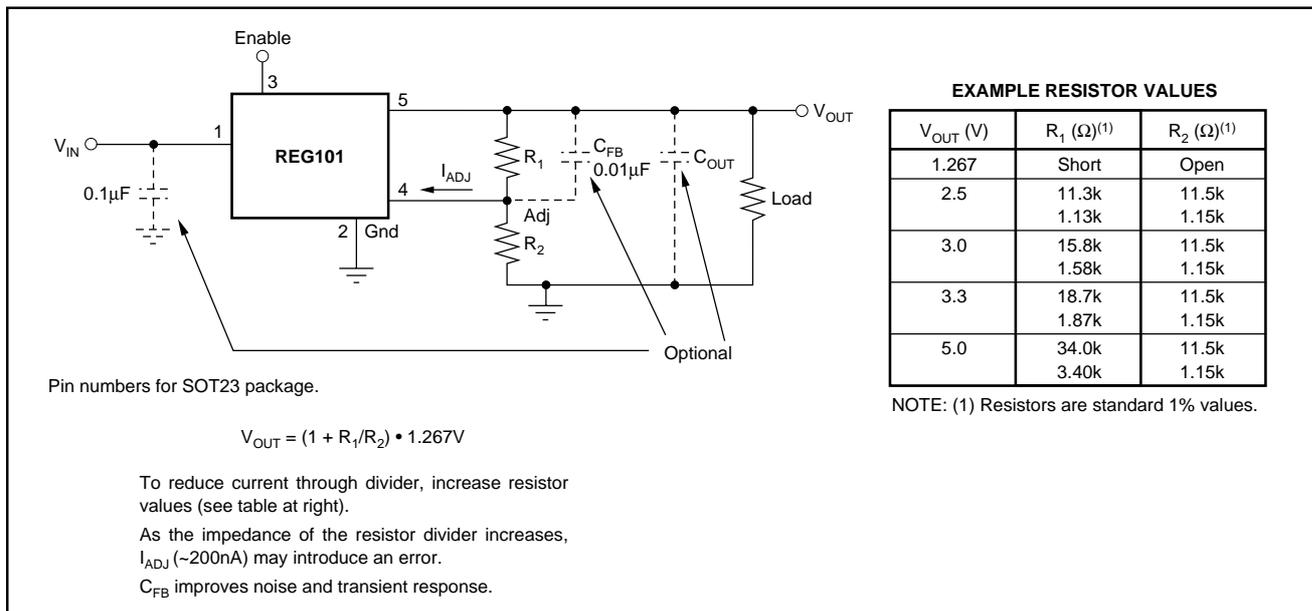


FIGURE 2. Adjustable Voltage Circuit for REG101A.

ENABLE

The Enable pin is active HIGH and compatible with standard TTL-CMOS levels. Inputs below 0.5V (max) turn the regulator off and all circuitry is disabled. Under this condition ground pin current drops to approximately 10nA. When a pull-up resistor is used, and operation below 1.8V is required, use values < 50kΩ.

OUTPUT NOISE

A precision band-gap reference is used for the internal reference voltage, V_{REF} . This reference is the dominant noise source within the REG101 and it generates approximately 29μVrms in the 10Hz to 100kHz bandwidth at the reference output. The regulator control loop gains up the reference noise, so that the noise voltage of the regulator is approximately given by:

$$V_N = 29\mu\text{Vrms} \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_2} = 29\mu\text{Vrms} \cdot \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{REF}}$$

Since the value of V_{REF} is 1.267V, this relationship reduces to:

$$V_N = 23 \frac{\mu\text{Vrms}}{\text{V}} \cdot V_{OUT}$$

Connecting a capacitor, C_{NR} , from the Noise Reduction (NR) pin to ground, as shown in Figure 4, forms a low-pass filter for the voltage reference. For $C_{NR} = 10\text{nF}$, the total noise in the 10Hz to 100kHz bandwidth is reduced by approximately a factor of 2.8 for $V_O = 3.3\text{V}$. This noise reduction effect is shown in Figure 5 and as “RMS Noise Voltage vs C_{NR} ” in the Typical Performance Curves section.

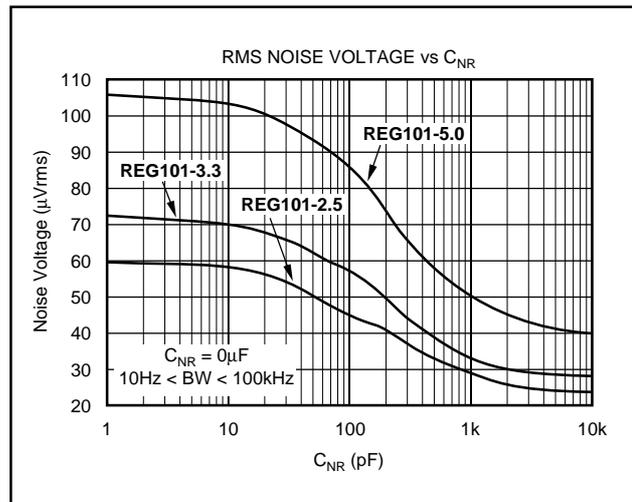


FIGURE 5. Output Noise vs Noise Reduction Capacitor.

Noise can be further reduced by carefully choosing an output capacitor, C_{OUT} . Best overall noise performance is achieved with very low (< 0.22μF) or very high (> 2.2μF) values of C_{OUT} . See “RMS Noise Voltage vs C_{OUT} ” in the Typical Performance Curves section.

The REG101 utilizes an internal charge pump to develop an internal supply voltage sufficient to drive the gate of the DMOS pass element above V_{IN} . The charge-pump switching noise (nominal switching frequency = 2MHz) is not measurable at the output of the regulator.

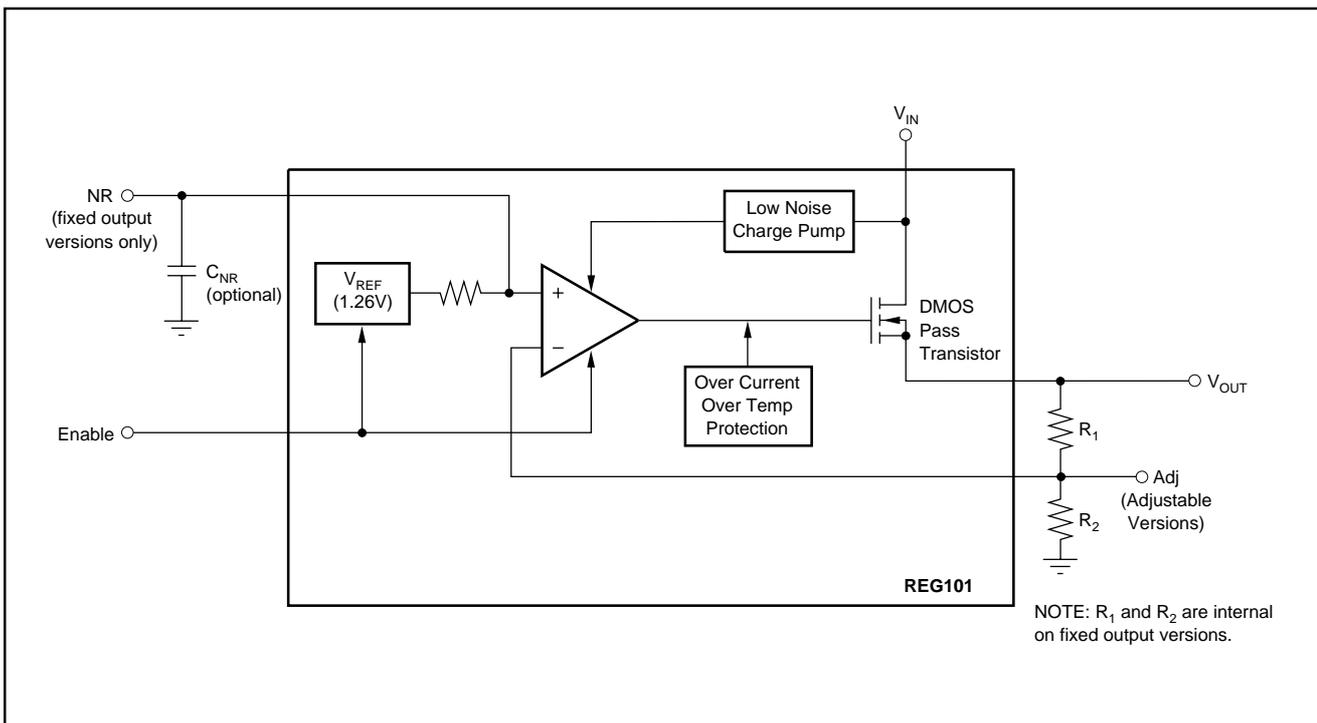


FIGURE 4. Block Diagram.

DROP-OUT VOLTAGE

The REG101 uses an N-channel DMOS as the “pass” element. When the input voltage is within a few tens of millivolts of the output voltage, the DMOS device behaves like a resistor. Therefore, for low values of V_{IN} to V_{OUT} , the regulator’s input-to-output resistance is the R_{dsON} of the DMOS pass element (typically 600m Ω). For static (DC) loads, the REG101 will typically maintain regulation down to V_{IN} to V_{OUT} voltage drop of 60mV at full rated output current. In Figure 6, the bottom line (DC dropout) shows the minimum V_{IN} to V_{OUT} voltage drop required to prevent drop-out under DC load conditions.

For large step changes in load current, the REG101 requires a larger voltage drop across it to avoid degraded transient response. The boundary of this “transient drop-out” region is shown as the top line in Figure 6. Values of V_{IN} to V_{OUT} voltage drop above this line insure normal transient response.

In the transient dropout region between “DC” and “Transient”, transient response recovery time increases. The time required to recover from a load transient is a function of both the magnitude and rate of the step change in load current and the available “headroom” V_{IN} to V_{OUT} voltage drop. Under worst-case conditions (full-scale load change with V_{IN} to V_{OUT} voltage drop close to DC dropout levels), the REG101 can take several hundred microseconds to re-enter the specified window of regulation.

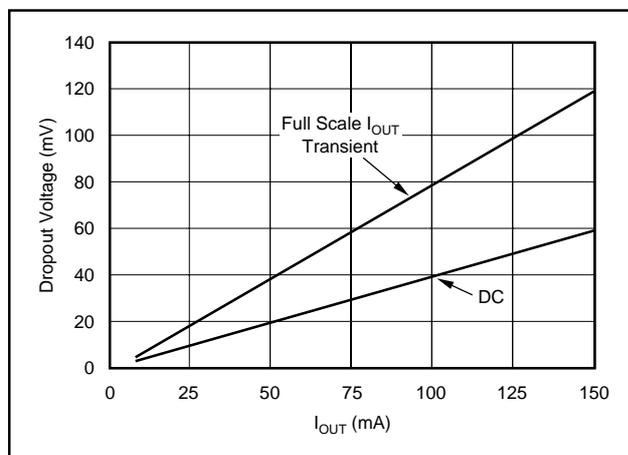


FIGURE 6. Transient and DC Dropout.

TRANSIENT RESPONSE

The REG101 response to transient line and load conditions improves at lower output voltages. The addition of a capacitor (nominal value 0.47 μ F) from the output pin to ground may improve the transient response. In the adjustable version, the addition of a capacitor, C_{FB} (nominal value 10nF), from the output to the adjust pin will also improve the transient response.

THERMAL PROTECTION

The REG101 has thermal shutdown circuitry that protects the regulator from damage. The thermal protection circuitry disables the output when the junction temperature reaches approximately 160°C, allowing the device to cool. When the junction temperature cools to approximately 140°C, the output circuitry is again enabled. Depending on various conditions, the thermal protection circuit may cycle on and off. This limits the dissipation of the regulator, but may have an undesirable effect on the load.

Any tendency to activate the thermal protection circuit indicates excessive power dissipation or an inadequate heat sink. For reliable operation, junction temperature should be limited to 125°C, maximum. To estimate the margin of safety in a complete design (including heat sink), increase the ambient temperature until the thermal protection is triggered. Use worst-case loads and signal conditions. For good reliability, thermal protection should trigger more than 35°C above the maximum expected ambient condition of your application. This produces a worst-case junction temperature of 125°C at the highest expected ambient temperature and worst-case load.

The internal protection circuitry of the REG101 has been designed to protect against overload conditions. It was not intended to replace proper heat sinking. Continuously running the REG101 into thermal shutdown will degrade reliability.

POWER DISSIPATION

The REG101 is available in two different package configurations. The ability to remove heat from the die is different for each package type and, therefore, presents different considerations in the printed circuit-board layout. The PCB area around the device that is free of other components moves the heat from the device to the ambient air. While it is difficult-to-impossible to quantify all of the variables in a thermal design of this type, performance data for several configurations are shown in Figure 7.

Power dissipation depends on input voltage, load condition and duty cycle. Power dissipation is equal to the product of the average output current times the voltage across the output element, V_{IN} to V_{OUT} voltage drop.

$$P_D = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \cdot I_{OUT(AVG)}$$

Power dissipation can be minimized by using the lowest possible input voltage necessary to assure the required output voltage.

REGULATOR MOUNTING

Solder pad footprint recommendations for the various REG101 devices are presented in Application Bulletin "Solder Pad Recommendations for Surface-Mount Devices" (AB-132), available from the Texas Instruments web site (www.ti.com).

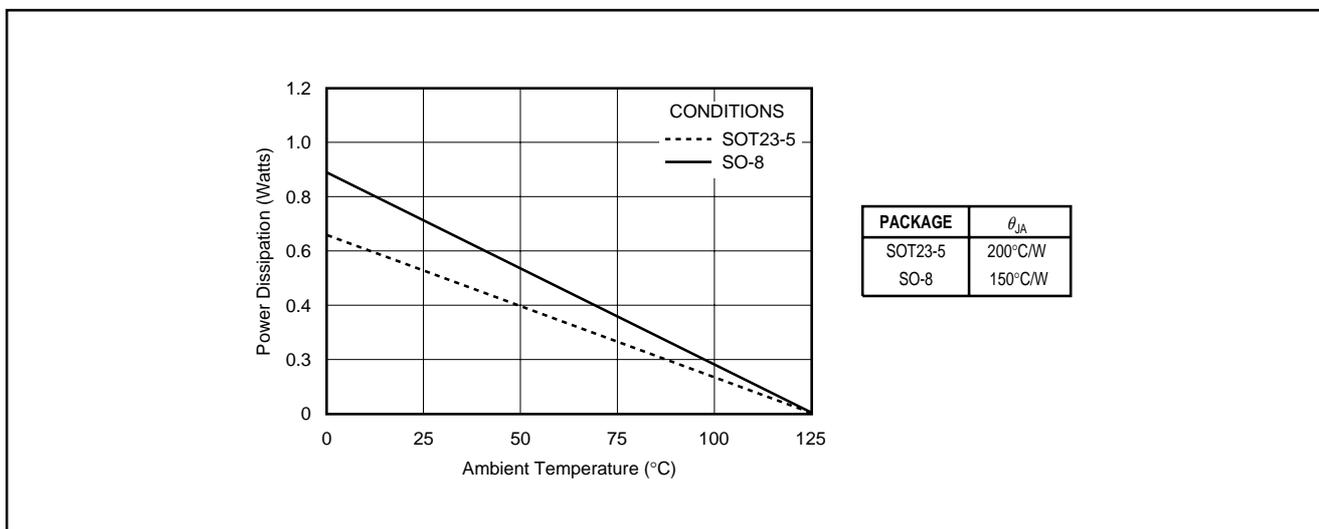


FIGURE 7. Maximum Power Dissipation versus Ambient Temperature for the Various Packages.

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