MIC37300/37301/37302

3.0A, Low-Voltage µCap LDO Regulator

General Description

The Micrel MIC37300/01/02 is a 3.0A low-dropout linear voltage regulator that provides a low-voltage, high-current output with a minimum number of external components. It offers high precision, ultra-low-dropout (500mV overtemperature), and low-ground current.

The MIC37300/01/02 operates from an input of 2.25V to 6.0V. It is designed to drive digital circuits requiring low-voltage at high currents (i.e., PLDs, DSP, microcontroller, etc.). It is available in fixed and adjustable output voltages. Fixed voltages include 1.5V, 1.8V, 2.5V and 3.3V. The adjustable version is capable of 1.24V to 5.5V.

Features of the MIC37300/01/02 LDO include thermal and current-limit protection, and reverse-current protection. Logic enable and error flag pins are available on the 5-pin version.

Junction temperature range of the MIC37300/01/02 is from–40°C to +125°C.

For applications requiring input voltage greater than 6.0V, see the MIC3910x, MIC3915x, MIC3930x, and MIC3950x LDOs.

Data sheets and support documentation can be found on Micrel's web site at www.micrel.com.

Features

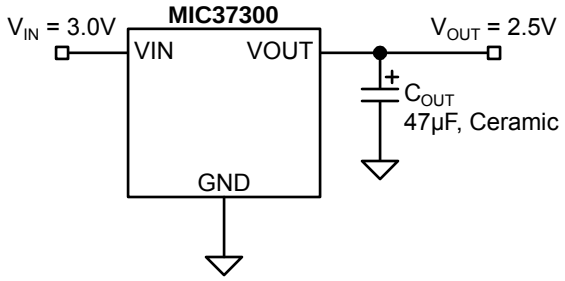
- 3.0A minimum guaranteed output current
- 500mV maximum dropout-voltage overtemperature
  - **Ideal for 3.0V to 2.5V conversion**
  - **Ideal for 2.5V to 1.8V, 1.65V, or 1.5V conversion**
- Stable with ceramic or tantalum capacitor
- Wide input voltage range:
  - V_{IN}: 2.25V to 6.0V
- +1.0% initial output tolerance
- Fixed and adjustable output voltages:
  - MIC37300 — 3-pin fixed
  - MIC37301 — 5-pin fixed with flag
  - MIC37302 — 5-pin adjustable
- Excellent line and load regulation specifications
- Thermal shutdown and current-limit protection
- Reverse-leakage protection

  Low profile S-Pak package

Applications

- LDO linear regulator for low-voltage digital IC
- PC add-in cards
- High-efficiency linear power supplies
- SMPS post regulator
- Battery charger

Typical Application



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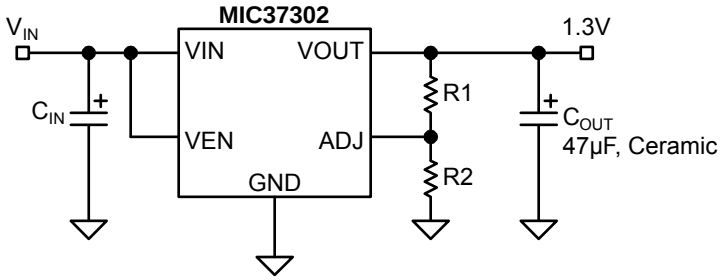

Adjustable Regulator

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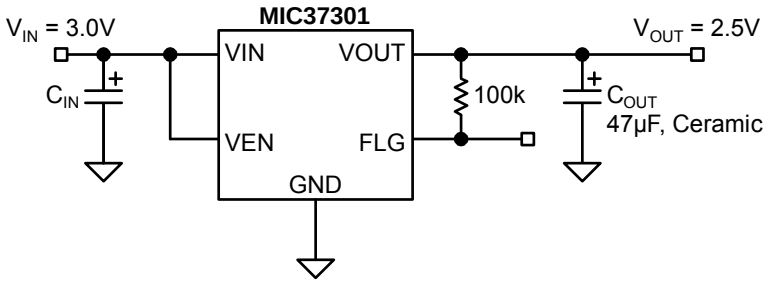

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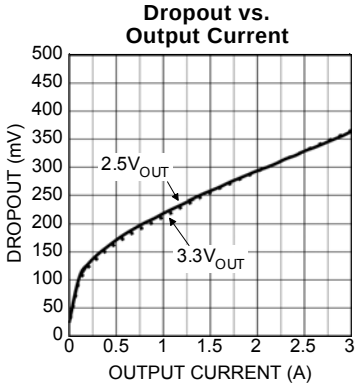

Ordering Information

Part number		Output Current	Voltage	Junction Temperature Range	Package
Standard	**RoHS Compliant***				
MIC37300-1.5BR	MIC37300-1.5WR	3.0A	1.5V	–40°C to +125°C	S-Pak-3
MIC37300-1.65BR	MIC37300-1.65WR	3.0A	1.65V	–40°C to +125°C	S-Pak-3
MIC37300-1.8BR	MIC37300-1.8WR	3.0A	1.8V	–40°C to +125°C	S-Pak-3
MIC37300-2.5BR	MIC37300-2.5WR	3.0A	2.5V	–40°C to +125°C	S-Pak-3
MIC37300-3.3BR	MIC37300-3.3WR	3.0A	3.3V	–40°C to +125°C	S-Pak-3
MIC37301-1.5BR	MIC37301-1.5WR	3.0A	1.5V	–40°C to +125°C	S-Pak-5
MIC37301-1.8BR	MIC37301-1.8WR	3.0A	1.8V	–40°C to +125°C	S-Pak-5
MIC37301-2.5BR	MIC37301-2.5WR	3.0A	2.5V	–40°C to +125°C	S-Pak-5
MIC37301-3.3BR	MIC37301-3.3WR	3.0A	3.3V	–40°C to +125°C	S-Pak-5
MIC37302BR	MIC37302WR	3.0A	ADJ	–40°C to +125°C	S-Pak-5
MIC37302BU	MIC37302WU	3.0A	ADJ	–40°C to +125°C	TO-263-5

* RoHS compliant with ‘high-melting solder’ exemption.

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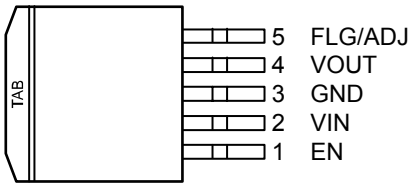
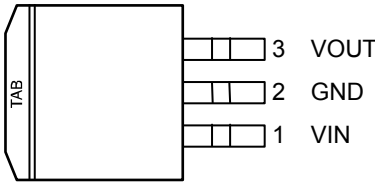
Pin Configuration



S-PAK-5 (R)
TO-263-5 (U)



S-PAK-3 (R)

Pin Description

Pin Number S-PAK-5 TO-263-5	Pin Number S-PAK-3	Pin Name	Pin Function
1		EN	Enable Input : CMOS compatible input. Logic high = enable; Logic low = shutdown.
2	1	VIN	Input voltage which supplies current to the output power device.
3	2	GND	Ground: TAB is connected to ground.
4	3	VOUT	Regulator Output.
5		FLG	Error Flag (Output): Open collector output. Active-low indicates an output fault condition.
		ADJ	Adjustable Regulator Feedback Input: Connect to resistor voltage driver.

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Absolute Maximum Ratings[1]

Supply Voltage (V_{IN}) 6.5V
Enable Input Voltage (V_{EN})[3] 6.5V
Power Dissipation (P_D)[3] ..... Internally Limited
Junction Temperature (T_J) ..... $-40°C \le T_J \le +125°C$
Storage Temperature (T_S) ..... $-65°C \le T_J \le +150°C$
Lead Temperature (soldering, 5sec) ..... 260°C
ESD Rating[4]

Operating Ratings[2]

Supply Voltage (V_{IN}) ..... 2.25V to 6.0V
Enable Input Voltage (V_{EN}) ..... 0V to 6.0V
Junction Temperature (T_J) ..... $-40°C \le T_J \le +125°C$
Package Thermal Resistance
S-Pak (θ_{JC}) ..... 2°C/W
TO-263-5 (θ_{JC}) ..... 2°C/W

Electrical Characteristics[5]

T_A = 25°C with $V_{IN} = V_{OUT}$ + 1V; $V_{EN} = V_{IN}$; I_L = 10mA; **bold** values indicate $-40°C < T_J < +125°C$, unless noted.

Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Output Voltage Accuracy	I_L = 10mA	-1		+1	%
	10mA < I_{OUT} < $I_{L(max)}$, V_{OUT} + 1 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 6V	**-2**		**+2**	%
Output Voltage Line Regulation	$V_{IN} = V_{OUT}$ + 1.0V to 6.0V; I_L = 10mA		0.02	0.5	%
Output Voltage Load Regulation	I_L = 10mA to 3A		0.2	1	%
$V_{IN} - V_{OUT}$ Dropout Voltage[6]	I_L = 1.5A		175	**350**	mV
	I_L = 3A		300	**500**	mV
Ground Pin Current[7]	I_L = 3A		27	40 **50**	mA mA
Ground Pin Current in Shutdown	V_{IL} ≤ 0.5V, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT}$ +1V		1.0	5	µA
Current Limit	V_{OUT} = 0V		4.75	**6.5**	A
Start-up Time	$V_{EN} = V_{iN}$, I_{OUT} = 10mA, C_{OUT} = 47µF		170	500	µs
Enable Input					
Enable Input Threshold	Regulator enable	**2.25**			V
	Regulator shutdown			**0.8**	V
Enable pin Input Current	V_{IL} ≤ 0.8V (Regulator shutdown)			2 **4**	µA µA
	V_{IH} ≥ 2.25V (Regulator enable)	1	15	30 **75**	µA µA
Flag Output					
$I_{FLG(LEAK)}$	V_{OH} = 6V			1 **2**	µA µA
$V_{FLG(LO)}$	V_{IN} = 2.25V, I_{OL} = 250µA[8]		210	400 **500**	mV mV
V_{FLG}	Low Threshold, % of VOUT below nominal	93			%
	Hysteresis		2		%
	High Threshold, % of VOUT below nominal			99.2	%
MIC37302 Only					
Reference Voltage		1.228 **1.215**	1.240	1.252 **1.265**	V V
Adjust Pin Bias Current			40	80 **120**	nA nA

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Notes:

1. Exceeding the absolute maximum rating may damage the device.
2. The device is not guaranteed to function outside its operating rating.
3. $P_{D(max)} = (T_{J(max)} – T_A) / \theta_{JA}$, where θ_{JA}, depends upon the printed circuit layout. See “Applicatins Information.”
4. Devices are ESD sensitive. Handling precautions recommended.
5. Specification for packaged product only.
6. $V_{DO} = V_{IN} – V_{OUT}$ when V_{OUT} decreases to 98% of its nominal output voltage with $V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 1V$. For output voltages below 1.75, dropout voltage specification does not apply due to a minimum input operating voltage of 2.25V.
7. I_{GND} is the quiescent current. $I_{IN} = I_{GND} + I_{OUT}$.
8. For a 2.5V device, $V_{IN} = 2.250V$ (device is in dropout).

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Typical Characteristics

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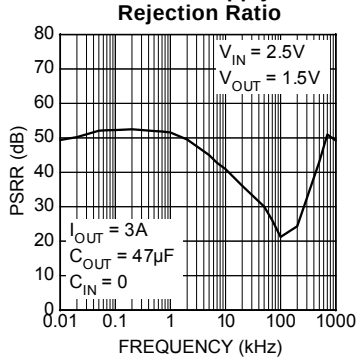

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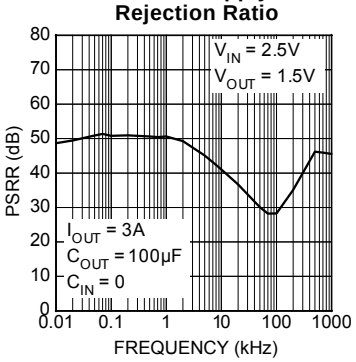

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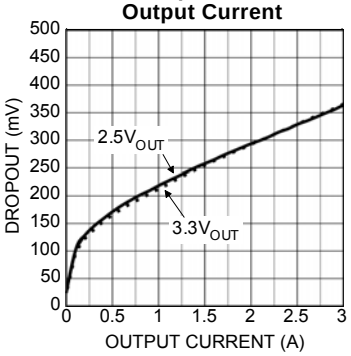

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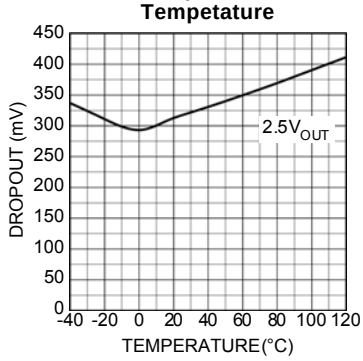

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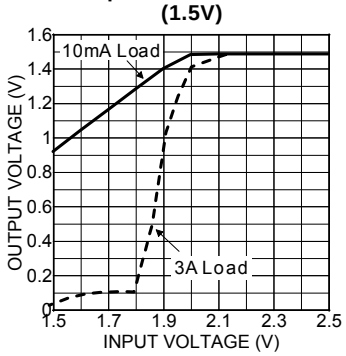

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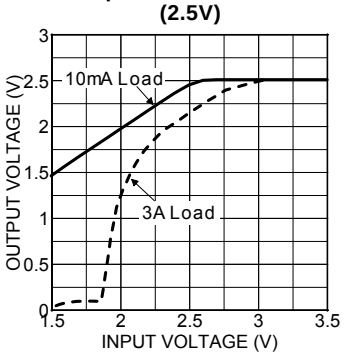

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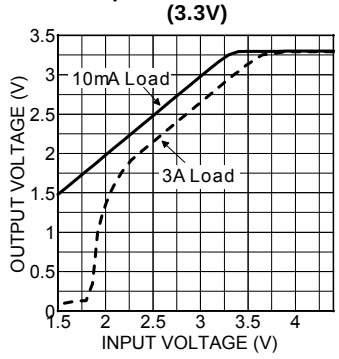

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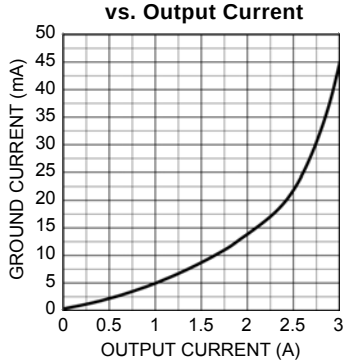

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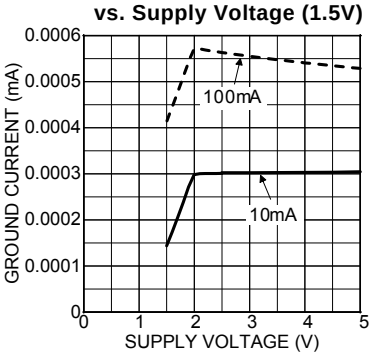

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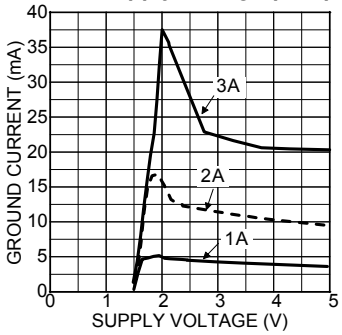

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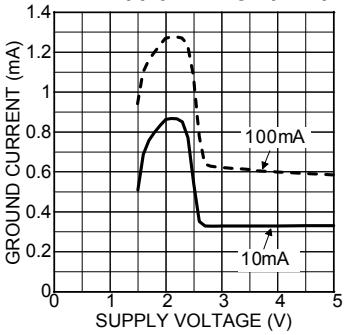

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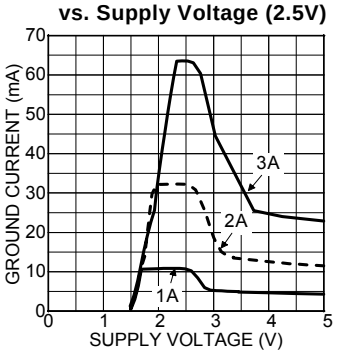

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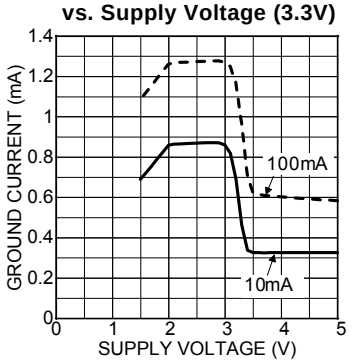

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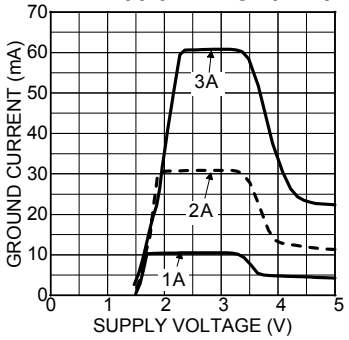

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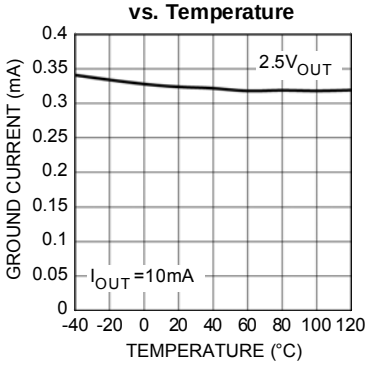

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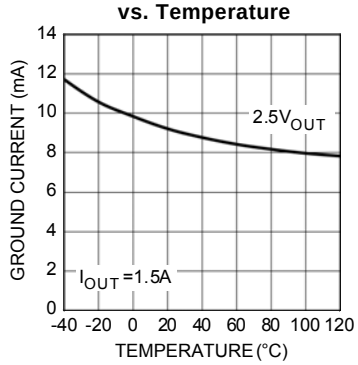

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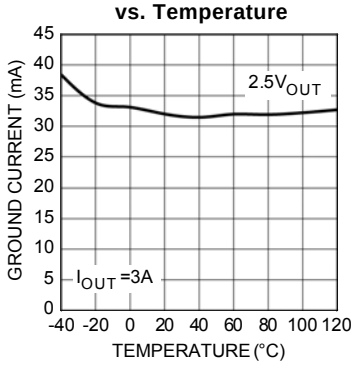

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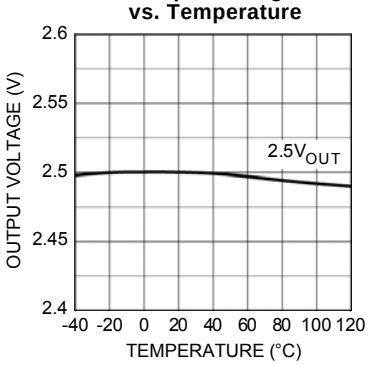
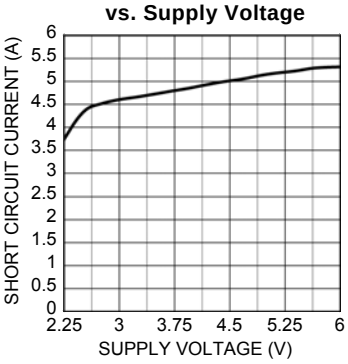


Short-Circuit Current vs. Supply Voltage



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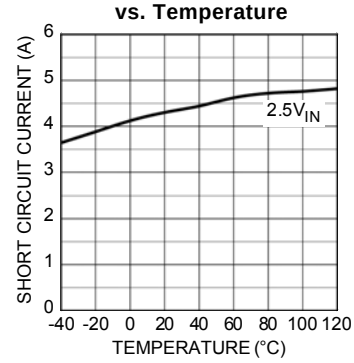

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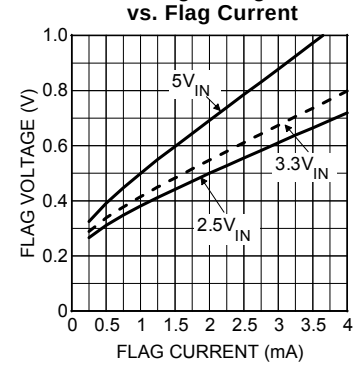

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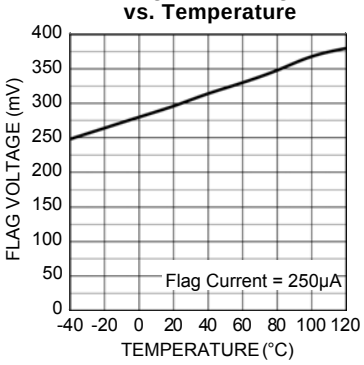

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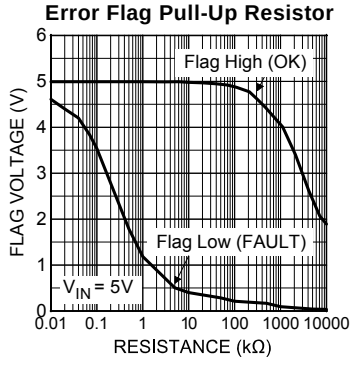

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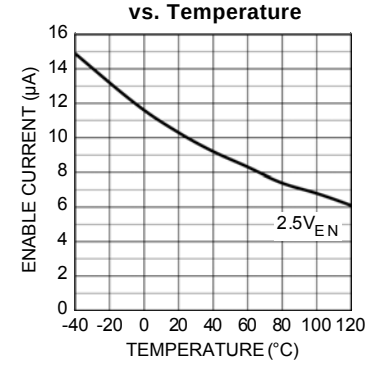

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Functional Characteristics

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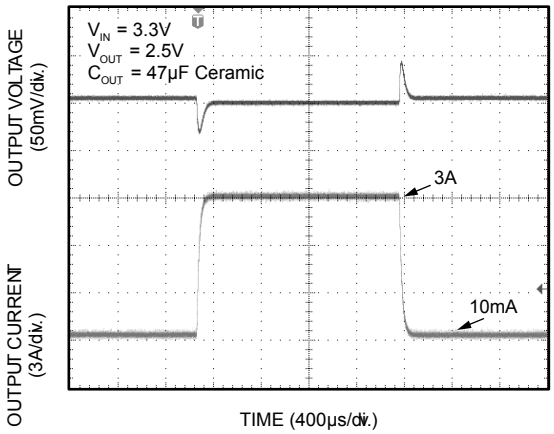

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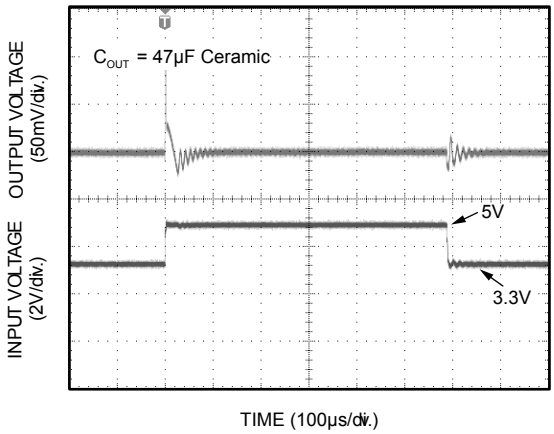

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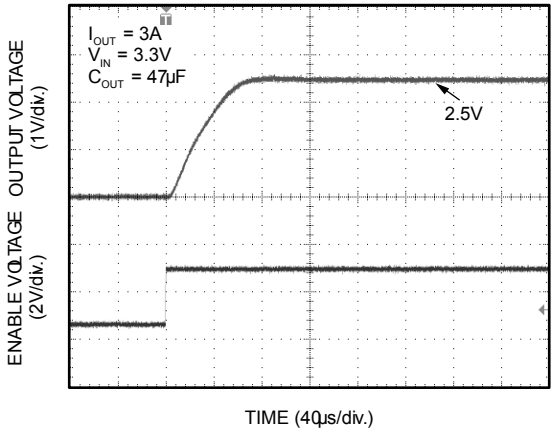

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Applications Information

Enable/Shutdown

The MIC37300/01/02 is a high-performance low-dropout voltage regulator suitable for moderate to high-current regulator applications. Its 500mV dropout voltage at full load and over-temperature makes it especially valuable in battery-powered systems and as high-efficiency noise filters in post-regulator applications. Unlike older NPN-pass transistor designs, there the minimum dropout voltage is limited by the based-to-emitter voltage drop and collector-to-emitter saturation voltage, dropout performance of the PNP output of these devices is limited only by the low VCE saturation voltage.

A trade-off for the low dropout voltage is a varying base drive requirement. Micrel's Super ßeta PNP® process reduces this drive requirement to only 2% to 5% of the load current.

The MIC37300/01/02 regulator is fully protected from damage due to fault conditions. Current limiting is provided. This limiting is linear; output current during overload conditions is constant. Thermal shutdown disables the device when the die temperature exceeds the maximum safe operating temperature. The output structure of these regulators allows voltages in excess of the desired output voltage to be applied without reverse current flow.

Thermal Design

Linear regulators are simple to use. The most complicated design parameters to consider are thermal characteristics. Thermal design requires the following application-specific parameters:

- Maximum ambient temperature (T_A)
- Output current (I_{OUT})
- Output voltage (V_{OUT})
- Input voltage (V_{IN})
- Ground current (I_{GND})

First, calculate the power dissipation of the regulator from these numbers and the device parameters from this datasheet.

$$P_D = (V_{IN} – V_{OUT})\ I_{OUT} + V_{IN}\ I_{GND}$$

where the ground current is approximated by using numbers from the "Electrical Characteristics" or "Typical Characteris-tics." Then the heat sink thermal resistance is determined with this formula:

$$\theta_{SA} = ((T_{J(max)} – T_A)/ P_D) – (\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CS})$$

Where $T_{J(max)} < 125°C$ and θ_{CS} is between 0°C and 2°C/W. The heat sink may be significantly reduced in applications where the minimum input voltage is known and is large compared with the dropout voltage. Use a series input resistor to drop excessive voltage and distribute the heat between this resistor and the regulator. The low-dropout properties of Micrel's Super ßeta PNP® regulators allow significant reductions in regulator power dissipation and the associated heat sink without compromising performance. When this technique is employed, a capacitor of at least 1.0µF is needed directly between the input and regulator ground.

Refer to "Application Note 9" for further details and examples on thermal design and heat sink applications.

Output Capacitor

The MIC37300/01/02 requires an output capacitor for stable operation. As a µCap LDO, the MIC37300/01/02 can operate with ceramic output capacitors as long as the amount of capacitance is 47µF or greater. For values of output capacitance lower than 47µF, the recommended ESR range is 200mΩ to 2Ω. The minimum value of output capacitance recommended for the MIC37300 is 10µF.

For 47µF or greater, the ESR range recommended is less than 1Ω. Ultra-low ESR, ceramic capacitors are recommended for output capacitance of 47µF or greater to help improve transient response and noise reduction at high frequency. X7R/X5R dielectric-type ceramic capacitors are recom-mended because of their temperature performance. X7R-type capacitors change capacitance by 15% over their operating temperature range and are the most stable type of ceramic capacitors. Z5U and Y5V dielectric capacitors change value by as much as 50% and 60%, respectively, over their operat-ing temperature ranges. To use a ceramic chip capacitor with Y5V dielectric, the value must be much higher than an X7R ceramic capacitor to ensure the same minimum capacitance over the equivalent operating temperature range.

Input Capacitor

An input capacitor of 1.0µF or greater is recommended when the device is more than 4 inches away from the bulk supply capacitance, or when the supply is a battery. Small, surface-mount chip capacitors can be used for the bypassing. The capacitor should be place within 1" of the device for optimal performance. Larger values will help to improve ripple rejec-tion by bypassing the input to the regulator, further improving the integrity of the output voltage.

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Transient Response and 3.3V to 2.5V, 2.5V to 1.8V or 1.65V, or 2.5V to 1.5V Conversions

The MIC37300/01/02 has excellent transient response to variations in input voltage and load current. The device has been designed to respond quickly to load current variations and input voltage variations. Large output capacitors are not required to obtain this performance. A standard 47µF output capacitor, preferably tantalum, is all that is required. Larger values help to improve performance even further.

By virtue of its low-dropout voltage, this device does not saturate into dropout as readily as similar NPN-based designs. When converting from 3.3V to 2.5V, 2.5V to 1.8V or 1.65V, or 2.5V to 1.5V, the NPN-based regulators are already operating in dropout, with typical dropout requirements of 1.2V or greater. To convert down to 2.5V without operating in dropout, NPN-based regulators require an input voltage of 3.7V at the very least. The MIC37300/01/02 regulator will provide excellent performance with an input as low as 3.0V or 2.25V, respectively. This gives the PNP-based regulators a distinct advantage over older, NPN-based linear regulators.

Minimum Load Current

The MIC37300/01/02 regulator is specified between finite loads. If the output current is too small, leakage currents dominate and the output voltage rises. A 10mA minimum load current is necessary for proper operation.

Error Flag

The MIC37301 features an error flag circuit that monitors the output voltage and signals an error condition when the voltage is 5% below the nominal output voltage. The error flag is an open-collector output that can sink 10mA during a fault condition.

Low output voltage can be caused by a number of problems, including an overcurrent fault (device in current limit) or low input voltage. The flag is inoperative during overtemperature shutdown.

Enable Input

The MIC37301/37302 also features an enable input for on/off control of the device. Its shutdown state draws “zero” current (only microamperes of leakage). The enable input is TTL/CMOS compatible for simple logic interface, but can be connected up to V_{IN}. When enabled, it draws approximately 15µA.

Adjustable Regulator Design

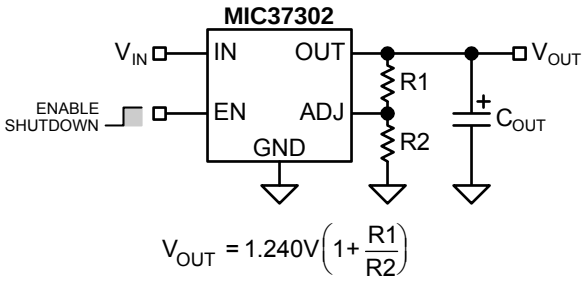

Figure 1. Adjustable Regulator with Resistors

The MIC37302 allows programming the output voltage any-where between 1.24V and the 5.5V maximum operating rating of the family. Two resistors are used. Resistors can be quite large, up to 1MΩ, because of the very high input impedance and low bias current of the sense comparator. The resistor values are calculated by:

$$R1 = R2\left(\frac{V_{OUT}}{1.240} - 1\right)$$

Where V_{OUT} is the desired output voltage. Figure 1 shows component definition. Applications with widely varying load currents may scale the resistors to draw the minimum load current required for proper operation (see above).

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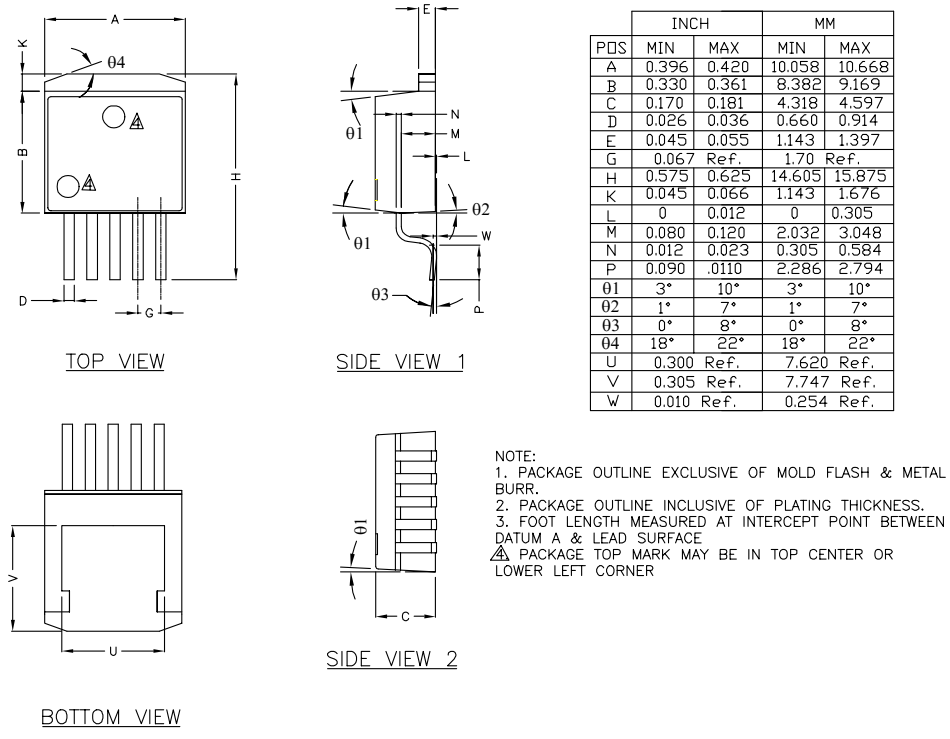

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POS	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
A	0.396	0.420	10.058	10.668
B	0.330	0.361	8.382	9.169
C	0.170	0.181	4.318	4.597
D	0.026	0.036	0.660	0.914
E	0.045	0.055	1.143	1.397
G	0.067 Ref.		1.70 Ref.	
H	0.575	0.625	14.605	15.875
K	0.045	0.066	1.143	1.676
L	0	0.012	0	0.305
M	0.080	0.120	2.032	3.048
N	0.012	0.023	0.305	0.584
P	0.090	.0110	2.286	2.794
θ1	3°	10°	3°	10°
θ2	1°	7°	1°	7°
θ3	0°	8°	0°	8°
θ4	18°	22°	18°	22°
U	0.300 Ref.		7.620 Ref.	
V	0.305 Ref.		7.747 Ref.	
W	0.010 Ref.		0.254 Ref.	

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2. PACKAGE OUTLINE INCLUSIVE OF PLATING THICKNESS.
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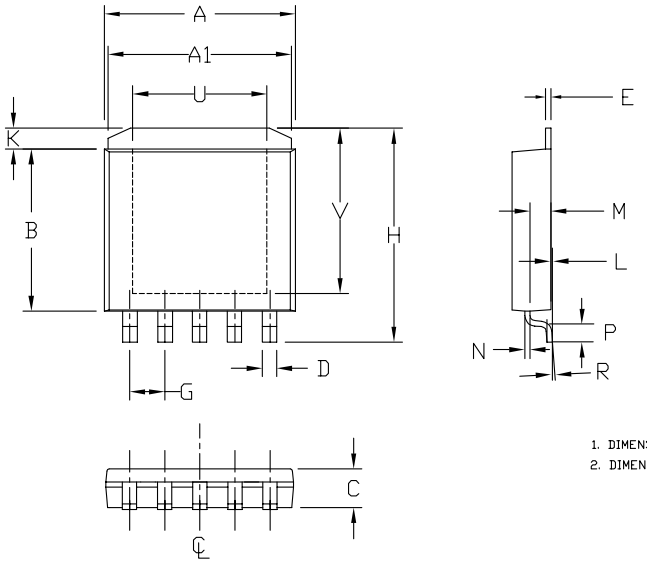

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A	0.365	0.375	9.27	9.52
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B	0.310	0.320	7.87	8.13
C	0.070	0.080	1.78	2.03
D	0.025	0.031	0.63	0.79
E	0.010	BSC	0.25	BSC
G	0.067	BSC	1.70	BSC
H	0.410	0.420	10.41	10.67
K	0.030	0.050	0.76	1.27
L	0.001	0.005	0.03	0.13
M	0.035	0.045	0.89	1.14
N	0.010	BSC	0.25	BSC
P	0.031	0.041	0.79	1.04
R	0°	6°	0°	6°
U	0.256	BSC	6.50	BSC
V	0.316	BSC	8.03	BSC

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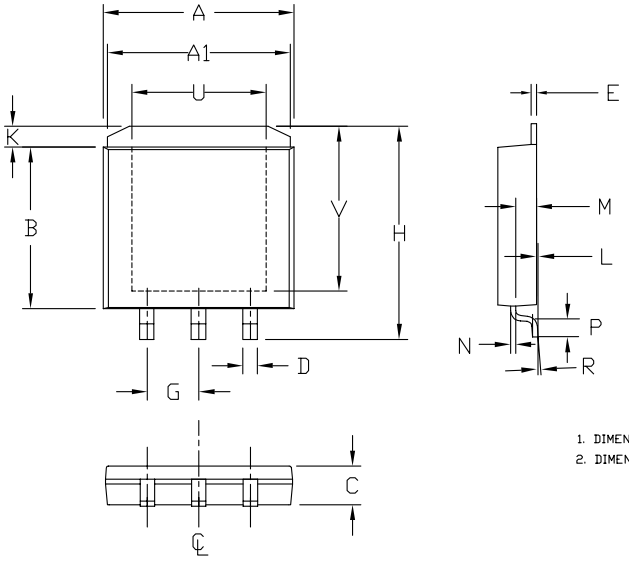

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D	0.025	0.031	0.63	0.79
E	0.010	BSC	0.25	BSC
G	0.100	BSC	2.54	BSC
H	0.410	0.420	10.41	10.67
K	0.030	0.050	0.76	1.27
L	0.001	0.005	0.03	0.13
M	0.035	0.045	0.89	1.14
N	0.010	BSC	0.25	BSC
P	0.031	0.041	0.79	1.04
R	0°	6°	0°	6°
U	0.256	BSC	6.50	BSC
V	0.316	BSC	8.03	BSC

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