

## LM78LXX Series 3-Terminal Positive Regulators

### General Description

The LM78LXX series of three terminal positive regulators is available with several fixed output voltages making them useful in a wide range of applications. When used as a zener diode/resistor combination replacement, the LM78LXX usually results in an effective output impedance improvement of two orders of magnitude, and lower quiescent current. These regulators can provide local on card regulation, eliminating the distribution problems associated with single point regulation. The voltages available allow the LM78LXX to be used in logic systems, instrumentation, HiFi, and other solid state electronic equipment. Although designed primarily as fixed voltage regulators these devices can be used with external components to obtain adjustable voltages and currents.

The LM78LXX is available in the metal three lead TO-39 (H) and the plastic TO-92 (Z). With adequate heat sinking the regulator can deliver 100 mA output current. Current limiting is included to limit the peak output current to a safe value. Safe area protection for the output transistor is provided to limit internal power dissipation. If internal power dissipation becomes too high for the heat sinking provided, the thermal shutdown circuit takes over preventing the IC from overheating.

For applications requiring other voltages, see LM117 data sheet.

### Features

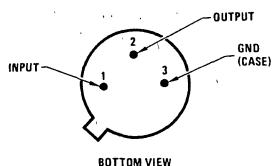
- Output voltage tolerances of  $\pm 5\%$  (LM78LXXAC) and  $\pm 10\%$  (LM78LXXC) over the temperature range
- Output current of 100 mA
- Internal thermal overload protection
- Output transistor safe area protection
- Internal short circuit current limit
- Available in plastic TO-92 and metal TO-39 low profile packages

### Voltage Range

LM78L05	5V
LM78L12	12V
LM78L15	15V

### Connection Diagrams

Metal Can Package

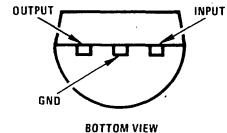


Order Numbers:

LM78L05ACH	LM78L05CH
LM78L12ACH	LM78L12CH
LM78L15ACH	LM78L12CH

See NS Package H03A

Plastic Package



Order Numbers:

LM78L05ACZ	LM78L05CZ
LM78L12ACZ	LM78L12CZ
LM78L15ACZ	LM78L15CZ

See NS Package Z03A

**Absolute Maximum Ratings**

Input Voltage	$V_O = 5V$	30V
	$V_O = 12V$ and 15V	35V
Internal Power Dissipation (Note 1)		Internally Limited
Operating Temperature Range		0°C to +70°C
Maximum Junction Temperature		125°C
Storage Temperature Range		
Metal Can (H Package)		-65°C to +150°C
Molded TO-92 (Z Package)		-55°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 seconds)		300°C

**LM78LXXAC Electrical Characteristics (Note 2)**

$T_J = 0^\circ C$  to  $+125^\circ C$ ,  $I_O = 40$  mA,  $C_{IN} = 0.33\mu F$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\mu F$  (unless noted)

LM78LXXAC OUTPUT VOLTAGE		5V			12V			15V			UNITS	
INPUT VOLTAGE (unless otherwise noted)		10V			19V			23V				
PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX		
$V_O$ (Note 4)	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	4.8	5	5.2	11.5	12	12.5	14.4	15	15.6	V	
	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 70 \text{ mA}$	4.75		5.25	11.4		12.6	14.25		15.75	V	
	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 40 \text{ mA}$ and $V_{MIN} \leq V_{IN} \leq V_{MAX}$ ( $7 \leq V_{IN} \leq 20$ )	4.75		5.25	11.4		12.6	14.25		15.75	V	
$\Delta V_O$ Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	10	54		20	110		25	140		mV	
		( $8 \leq V_{IN} \leq 20$ )			( $16 \leq V_{IN} \leq 27$ )			( $20 \leq V_{IN} \leq 30$ )			V	
		18	75		30	180		37	250		mV	
$\Delta V_O$ Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$ , $1 \text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 40 \text{ mA}$	5	30		10	50		12	75		mV	
	$T_J = 25^\circ C$ , $1 \text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 100 \text{ mA}$	20	60		30	100		35	150		mV	
$\Delta V_O$ Long Term Stability			12		24			30			mV/1000 hrs	
$I_Q$ Quiescent Current	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	3	5		3	5		3.1	5		mA	
	$T_J = 125^\circ C$			4.7			4.7			4.7		
$\Delta I_Q$ Quiescent Current Change	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 40 \text{ mA}$		0.1			0.1		0.1			mA	
	$V_{MIN} \leq V_{IN} \leq V_{MAX}$ ( $8 \leq V_{IN} \leq 20$ )		1.0			1.0		1.0			V	
$V_n$ Output Noise Voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ C$ , (Note 3) $f = 10 \text{ Hz} - 10 \text{ kHz}$		40		80			90			$\mu V$	
				( $8 \leq V_{IN} \leq 16$ )								
$\frac{\Delta V_{IN}}{\Delta V_{OUT}}$ Ripple Rejection	$f = 120 \text{ Hz}$	47	62		40	54		37	51		$\text{dB}$	
				( $15 \leq V_{IN} \leq 25$ )				18.5	$\leq V_{IN} \leq 28.5$		V	
Input Voltage Required to Maintain Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	7			14.5			17.5			V	

**Note 1:** Thermal resistance of the Metal Can Package (H) without a heat sink is  $15^\circ C/W$  junction to case and  $140^\circ C/W$  junction to ambient. Thermal resistance of the TO-92 package is  $180^\circ C/W$  junction to ambient with 0.4" leads from a PC board and  $160^\circ C/W$  junction to ambient with 0.125" lead length to a PC board.

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Molded TO-92		
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 seconds)		300°C

## LM78LXXC Electrical Characteristics (Note 2)

$T_J = 0^\circ C$  to  $+125^\circ C$ ,  $I_O = 40$  mA,  $C_{IN} = 0.33\mu F$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\mu F$  (unless noted)

LM78LXXC OUTPUT VOLTAGE		5V			12V			15V			UNITS	
INPUT VOLTAGE (unless otherwise noted)		10V			19V			23V				
PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX		
$V_O$ Output Voltage (Note 4)	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	4.6	5	5.4	11.1	12	12.9	13.8	15	16.2	V	
	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 70 \text{ mA}$ or $1 \text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 40 \text{ mA}$ and $\Delta V_{IN}$	4.5	5.5	(7 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 20$ )	10.8	13.2	(14.5 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 27$ )	13.5	16.5	(18 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 30$ )	V	
$\Delta V_O$ Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	10 150 (8 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 20$ )			20 200 (16 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 27$ )			25 250 (20 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 30$ )			mV V	
		18 200 (7 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 20$ )			30 250 (14.5 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 27$ )			30 300 (18 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 30$ )			mV V	
$\Delta V_O$ Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$ , $1 \text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 40 \text{ mA}$	5	30		10	50		12	75		mV	
	$T_J = 25^\circ C$ , $1 \text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 100 \text{ mA}$	20	60		30	100		35	150		mV	
$\Delta V_O$ Long Term Stability		12			24			30			mV/1000 hrs	
$I_Q$ Quiescent Current	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	3	6		3	6.5		3.1	6.5		mA	
	$T_J = 125^\circ C$			5.5		6			6			
$\Delta I_Q$ Quiescent Current Change	$T_J = 25^\circ C$ , $1 \text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 40 \text{ mA}$	0.2			0.2			0.2			mA	
	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	(8 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 20$ )			(16 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 27$ )			(20 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 30$ )			mA V	
$V_n$ Output Noise Voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ C$ , (Note 3) $f = 10 \text{ Hz} - 10 \text{ kHz}$	40			80			90			$\mu V$	
$\frac{\Delta V_{IN}}{\Delta V_{OUT}}$ Ripple Rejection	$f = 125 \text{ Hz}$	40	60	(8 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 18$ )	36	52	(15 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 25$ )	33	49	(18.5 $\leq V_{IN} \leq 28.5$ )	dB V	
Input Voltage Required to Maintain Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	7			14.5			18			V	

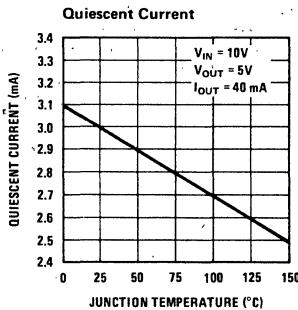
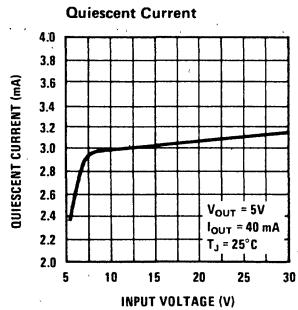
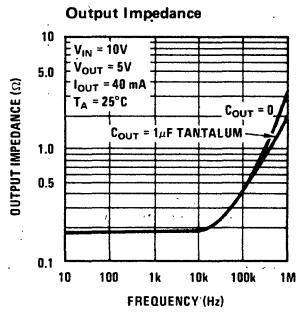
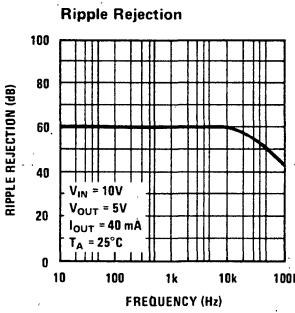
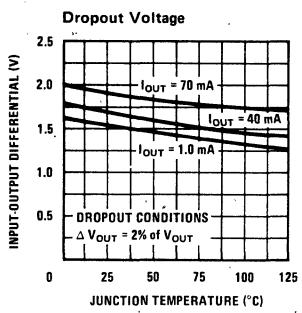
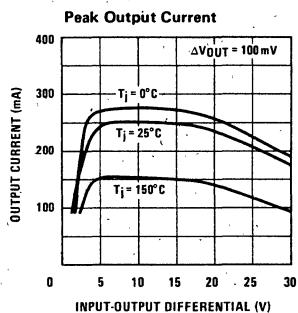
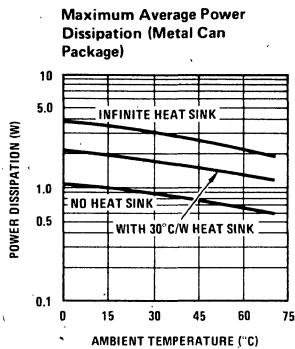
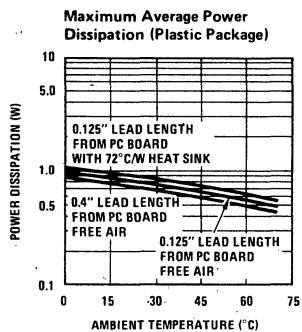
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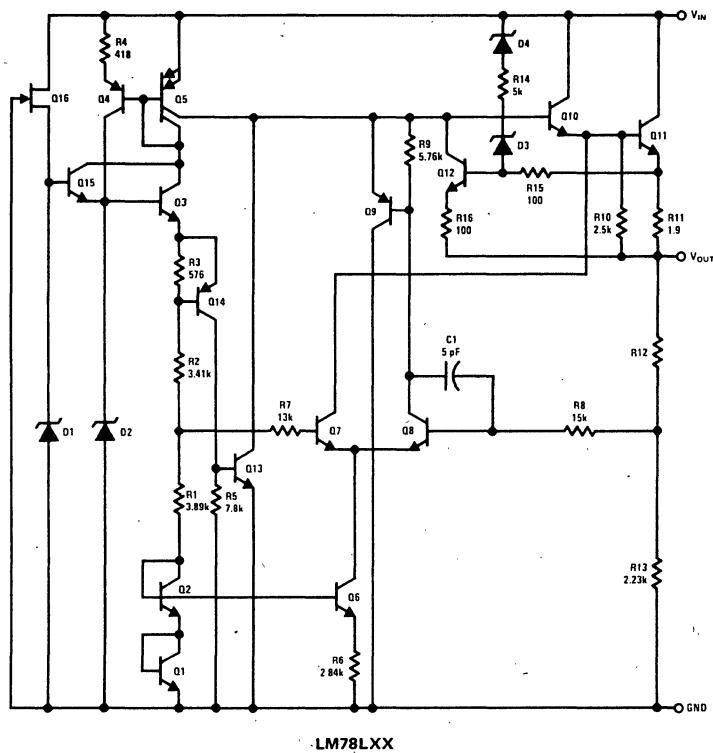
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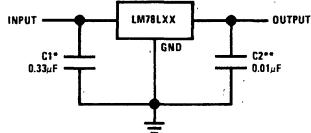
## Typical Performance Characteristics



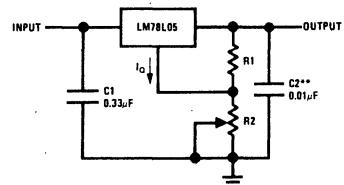
## Equivalent Circuit



## Typical Applications



\*Required if the regulator is located far from the power supply filter.  
\*\*See Note 3 in the electrical characteristics table.



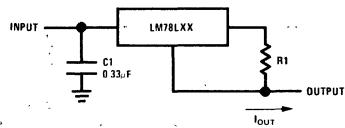
$$V_{OUT} = 5V + (5V/R1 + I_O)R2$$

$$5V/R1 > 3I_O \text{, lead regulation } (L_r) \approx [(R1 + R2)/R1] (L_r \text{ of LM78L05})$$

Fixed Output Regulator

Adjustable Output Regulator

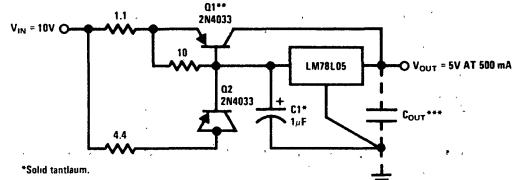
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$$I_{OUT} = (V_{IN}/R1) + I_0$$

$\Delta I_0 = 1.5 \text{ mA over line and load changes}$

Current Regulator



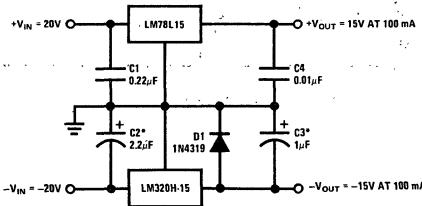
\*Solid tantalum.

\*\*Heat sink Q1.

\*\*\*Optional: Improves ripple rejection and transient response.

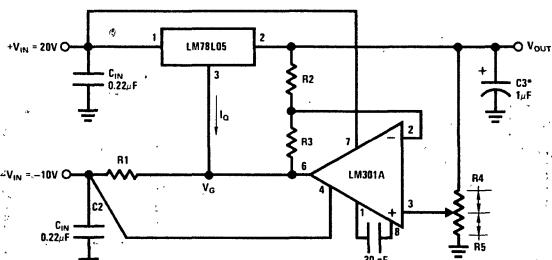
Load Regulation: 0.6%  $0 \leq I_L \leq 250 \text{ mA}$  pulsed with  $t_{ON} = 50 \text{ ms}$ .

5V, 500 mA Regulator with Short Circuit Protection



\*Solid tantalum.

±15V, 100 mA Dual Power Supply



\*Solid tantalum.

$V_{OUT} = V_G + 5V$ ,  $R1 = (-V_{IN}/I_0) LM78L05$

$V_{OUT} = 5V (R2/R4) \text{ for } (R2 + R3) = (R4 + R5)$

A 0.5V output will correspond to  $(R2/R4) = 0.1$ ,  $(R3/R4) = 0.9$

Variable Output Regulator 0.5V - 18V