National Semiconductor

LM78XX Series Voltage Regulators

General Description

The LM78XX series of three terminal regulators is available with several fixed output voltages making them useful in a wide range of applications. One of these is local on card regulation, eliminating the distribution problems associated with single point regulation. The voltages available allow these regulators 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 LM78XX series is available in an aluminum TO-3 package which will allow over 1.0A load current if adequate heat sinking is provided. 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.

Considerable effort was expended to make the LM78XX series of regulators easy to use and minimize the number of external components. It is not necessary to bypass the output, although this does improve transient response. Input bypassing is needed only if the regulator is located far from the filter capacitor of the power supply.

For applications requiring other voltages, see LM117 data sheet.

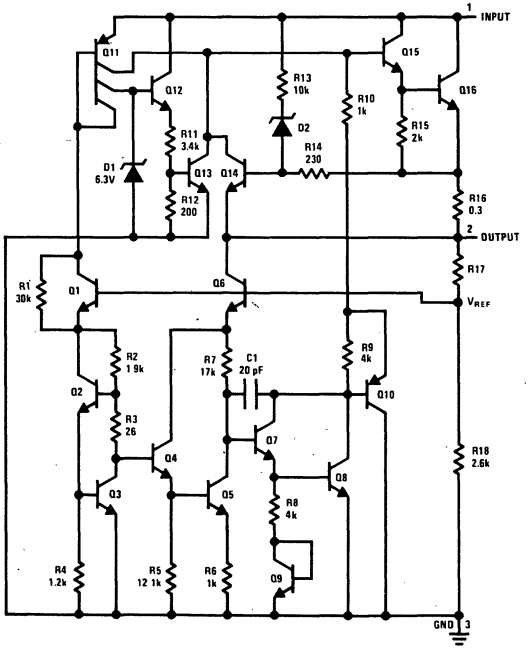
Features

- Output current in excess of 1A
- Internal thermal overload protection
- No external components required
- Output transistor safe area protection
- Internal short circuit current limit
- Available in the aluminum TO-3 package

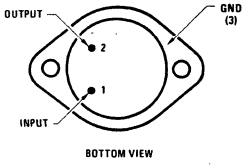
Voltage Range

LM7805C	5V
LM7812C	12V
LM7815C	15V

Schematic and Connection Diagrams



Metal Can Package
TO-3 (K)
Aluminum



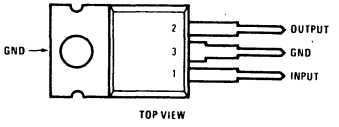
BOTTOM VIEW

Order Numbers:

LM7805CK
LM7812CK
LM7815CK

See NS Package KC02A

Plastic Package
TO-220 (T)



TOP VIEW

Order Numbers:

LM7805CT
LM7812CT
LM7815CT

See NS Package T03B

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Input Voltage (V_O = 5V, 12V and 15V)	35V
Internal Power Dissipation (Note 1)	Internally Limited
Operating Temperature Range (T_A)	0°C to +70°C
Maximum Junction Temperature	
(K Package)	150°C
(T Package)	125°C
Storage Temperature Range	−65°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 seconds)	
TO-3 Package K	300°C
TO-220 Package T	230°C

Electrical Characteristics LM78XXC (Note 2) 0°C ≤ Tj ≤ 125°C unless otherwise noted.

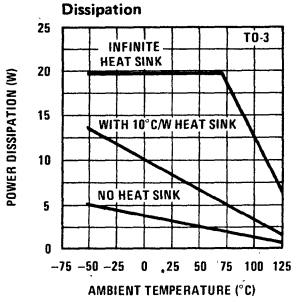
OUTPUT VOLTAGE				5V			12V			15V			UNITS
INPUT VOLTAGE (unless otherwise noted)				10V			19V			23V			
PARAMETER		CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
V_O	Output Voltage	Tj = 25°C, 5 mA ≤ I_O ≤ 1A		4.8	5	5.2	11.5	12	12.5	14.4	15	15.6	V
		P_D ≤ 15W, 5 mA ≤ I_O ≤ 1A V_{MIN} ≤ V_{IN} ≤ V_{MAX}		4.75 (7 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 20)		5.25	11.4 (14.5 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 27)		12.6	14.25 (17.5 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 30)		15.75	V V
ΔV_O	Line Regulation	I_O = 500 mA	Tj = 25°C ΔV_{IN}		3 (7 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 25)	50		4 (14.5 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 30)	120		4 (17.5 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 30)	150	mV V
			0°C ≤ Tj ≤ +125°C ΔV_{IN}		 (8 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 20)	50		 (15 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 27)	120		 (18.5 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 30)	150	mV V
		I_O ≤ 1A	Tj = 25°C ΔV_{IN}		 (7.3 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 20)	50		 (14.6 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 27)	120		 (17.7 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 30)	150	mV V
			0° ≤ Tj ≤ +125°C ΔV_{IN}		 (8 ≤ IN ≤ 12)	25		 (16 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 22)	60		 (20 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 26)	75	mV V
ΔV_O	Load Regulation	Tj = 25°C	5 mA ≤ I_O ≤ 1.5A 250 mA ≤ I_O ≤ 750 mA		10 	50 25		12 	120 60		12 	150 75	mV mV
		5 mA ≤ I_O ≤ 1A, 0°C ≤ Tj ≤ +125°C				50			120			150	mV
I_Q	Quiescent Current	I_O ≤ 1A	Tj = 25°C 0°C ≤ Tj ≤ +125°C			8 8.5			8 8.5			8 8.5	mA mA
ΔI_Q	Quiescent Current Change	5 mA ≤ I_O ≤ 1A				0.5			0.5			0.5	mA
		Tj = 25°C, I_O ≤ 1A V_{MIN} ≤ V_{IN} ≤ V_{MAX}				1.0 (7.5 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 20)			1.0 (14.8 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 27)			1.0 (17.9 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 30)	mA V
		I_O ≤ 500 mA, 0°C ≤ Tj ≤ +125°C V_{MIN} ≤ V_{IN} ≤ V_{MAX}				1.0 (7 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 25)			1.0 (14.5 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 30)			1.0 (17.5 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 30)	mA V
V_N	Output Noise Voltage	T_A = 25°C, 10 Hz ≤ f ≤ 100 kHz			40			75			90		μV
$\frac{\Delta V_{IN}}{\Delta V_{OUT}}$	Ripple Rejection	f = 120 Hz	I_O ≤ 1A, Tj = 25°C or I_O ≤ 500 mA 0°C ≤ Tj ≤ +125°C	62 62	80		55 55	72		54 54	70		dB dB
		V_{MIN} ≤ V_{IN} ≤ V_{MAX}		(8 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 18)			(15 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 25)			(18.5 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 28.5)			V
R_O	Dropout Voltage	Tj = 25°C, I_{OUT} = 1A			2.0			2.0			2.0		V
	Output Resistance	f = 1 kHz			8			18			19		mΩ
	Short-Circuit Current	Tj = 25°C			2.1			1.5			1.2		A
	Peak Output Current	Tj = 25°C			2.4			2.4			2.4		A
	Average TC of V_{OUT}	0°C ≤ Tj ≤ +125°C, I_O = 5 mA			0.6			1.5			1.8		mV/°C
V_{IN}	Input Voltage Required to Maintain Line Regulation	Tj = 25°C, I_O ≤ 1A		7.3			14.6			17.7			V

Note 1: Thermal resistance of the TO-3 package (K, KC) is typically 4°C/W junction to case and 35°C/W case to ambient. Thermal resistance of the TO-220 package (T) is typically 4°C/W junction to case and 50°C/W case to ambient.

Note 2: All characteristics are measured with capacitor across the input of 0.22 μF, and a capacitor across the output of 0.1 μF. All characteristics except noise voltage and ripple rejection ratio are measured using pulse techniques (t_W ≤ 10 ms, duty cycle ≤ 5%). Output voltage changes due to changes in internal temperature must be taken into account separately.

Typical Performance Characteristics

Maximum Average Power Dissipation



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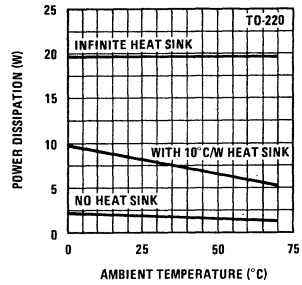
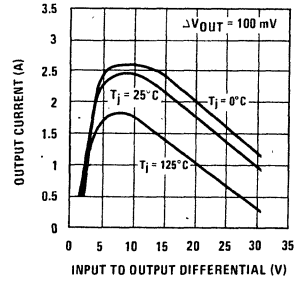
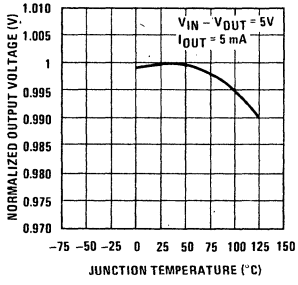


Peak Output Current



Output Voltage (Normalized to 1V at $T_j = 25°C$)



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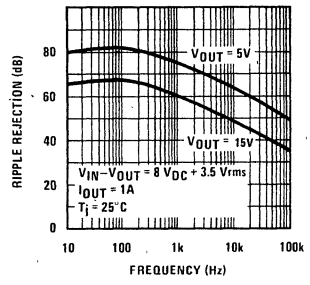

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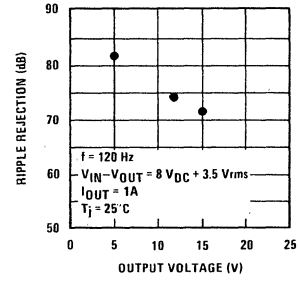
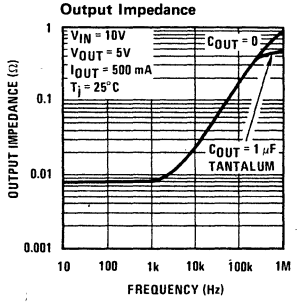


Output Impedance



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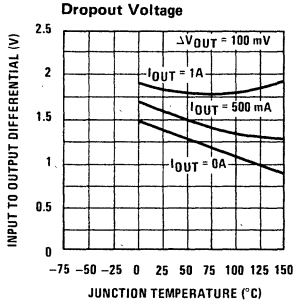

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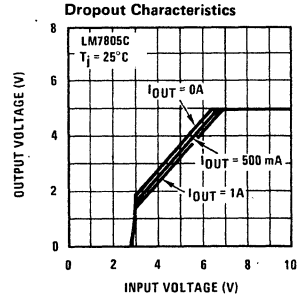

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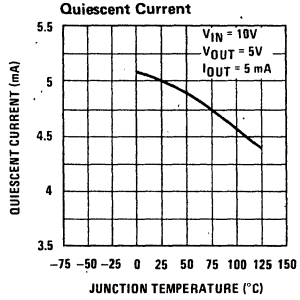

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