

# ZXCT1011 High-side low drift current monitor

## Description

The ZXCT1011 is a high side current sense monitor. Using this type of device eliminates the need to disrupt the ground plane when sensing a load current.

The ZXCT1011 takes the voltage developed across a current shunt resistor and translates it into a proportional output current.

A user defined output resistor scales the output current into a ground referenced voltage.

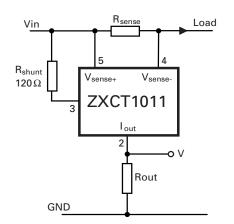
A current reference resistor, external to the IC, results in an improved temperature coefficient compared to the ZXCT1009.

The wide input voltage range of 20V down to as low as 2.5V make it suitable for a range of applications. With a minimum operating current of just 4uA, combined with its SOT23-5 package make it suitable for portable battery equipment too.

#### Features

- Accurate high-side current sensing
- 2.5V to 20V supply range
- 4 µA quiescent current
- 1% typical accuracy
- Package SOT23-5
- Temperature range -40 to 125°C

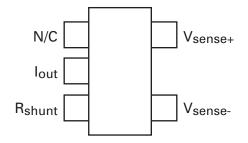
### **Typical application circuit**



### Applications

- Automotive current measurement
- Battery management
- DC motor and solenoid control
- Over current monitor
- Power management

#### **Pin connections**



#### **Ordering information**

Order code	Pack	Part mark	Reel Size inches (mm)	Tape width	Quantity Per reel
ZXCT1011E5TA	SOT23-5	1011	7 (180)	8mm	3,000

## Absolute maximum ratings

V <sub>sense+</sub>	20 V
Voltage on any pin	0.6V and V <sub>sense+</sub> +0.5V
$V_{sense+}$ to $V_{sense-}$	2.5V
Operating temperature	-40 to 125°C
Storage temperature	-55 to 150°C
Maximum junction temperature	150°C
Package power dissipation	300mW at $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ (De-rate to zero at 150°C)

Operation above the absolute maximum rating may cause device failure. Operation at the absolute maximum ratings, for extended periods, may reduce device reliability.

#### **Electrical characteristics**

Test conditions T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, V<sub>in</sub> = 5V, R<sub>shunt</sub> = 120 $\Omega$ . V<sub>sense</sub>=100mV. Unless otherwise stated.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур.	Max	Units
V <sub>in</sub> *	Supply range	-	2.5	-	20	V
l <sub>out</sub>	Output current	V <sub>sense</sub> = 0V =10mV =30mV	1 84 273	4 116 320	15 124 330	μΑ μΑ μΑ
		=100mV =200mV =500mV	0.97 1.95 4.85	1.00 2.00 5.00	1.03 2.05 5.15	mA mA mA
V <sub>sense</sub>	Sense voltage <sup>†</sup>	-	0	-	500	mV
I <sub>sense -</sub>	V <sub>sense-</sub> input current	-	-	-	100	nA
Acc	Accuracy	$R_{sense} = 0.1\Omega$ V <sub>sense</sub> = 100mV	-3	-	3	%
g <sub>m</sub>	Transconductance I <sub>out</sub> /V <sub>sense</sub>	$R_{shunt} = 120\Omega$	-	10	-	mA/V
Тс	Temperature coefficient <sup>‡</sup>	-	-	30	150	ppm/° C
BW**	Bandwidth	$V_{sense} = 10mV$ $CL = 5pF, R_{out} = 1k\Omega$ $V_{sense} = 100mV$	-	400 1.5	-	kHz MHz
PSSR	Supply rejection	CL = 5pF, $R_{out} = 1k\Omega$ V <sub>sense</sub> = 200mV, $R_{out}$ =1k $\Omega$	-	68	-	dB

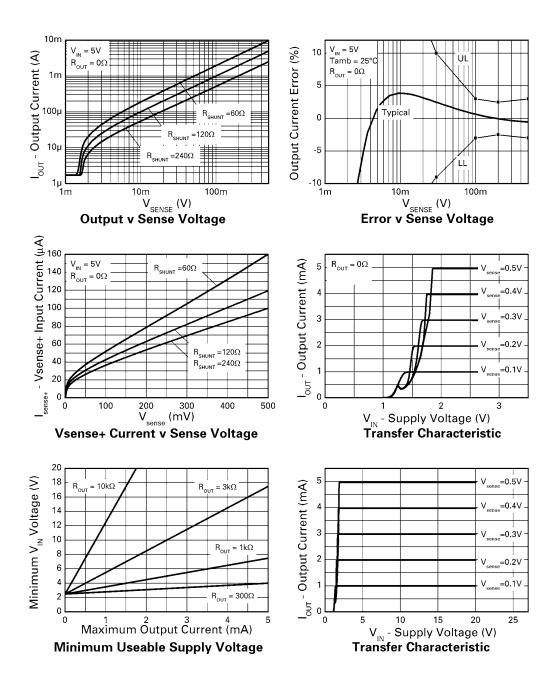
NOTES:

\* V<sub>sense+</sub> relative to l<sub>out</sub>.
† V<sub>sense</sub> = (V<sub>sense+</sub>) - (V<sub>sense-</sub>).
† Temperature dependent measurements are extracted from characterization and simulation results.

\*\* Where CL is the capacitance across Rout.

#### **Typical characteristics**

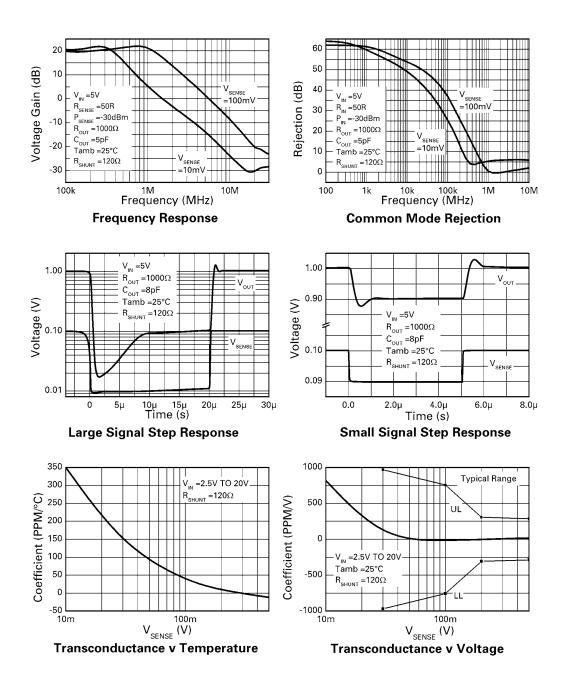
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## **Pin description**

Pin no.	Pin name	Pin function
1	N/C	No connection
2	I <sub>out</sub>	Output current - follows transconductance of sense voltage $g_m$ = 10mA/V for $R_{shunt}$ =120 $\Omega$
3	R <sub>shunt</sub>	Trimming resistor Input used to trim gain value $60\Omega \le R_{shunt} \le 240\Omega$
4	V <sub>sense-</sub>	Low side current sense input. – connect to load/battery etc. Must be lower than V <sub>sense+</sub> for correct operation. Cannot be grounded without additional series resistor.
5	V <sub>sense+</sub>	High side current sense input. – Connect to supply rail. Must be higher than V <sub>sense+</sub> for correct operation.

### **Application information**

#### **Design example**

The following lines describe how to scale a load current to an output voltage.

	$V_{sense} = (V_{sense+}) - (V_{sense-}) = I_{load} \times R_{sense}$
Defining then	$I_{out} = Iq + V_{sense} \times g_m$
since	g <sub>m</sub> = 1.2 / R <sub>shunt</sub>
	$I_{out} = Iq + [(V_{sense} \times 1.2) / R_{shunt}]$
	= Iq + [ (1.2 x I <sub>load</sub> x R <sub>sense</sub> / R <sub>shunt</sub> ) ]

Note: Iq is embedded into the specification of the ZXCT1011 and therefore appears an offset error.

 $: \mathcal{V}_{out} = (R_{out} \times I_{offset}) + [(1.2 \times R_{out} \times I_{load} \times R_{sense}) / R_{shunt}]$ 

The output current of the ZXCT1011 is directly related to the size of the trimming resistor used. It is important to ensure the tolerance of  $R_{shunt}$  is considered. A 1% change in  $R_{shunt}$  will cause a 1% change in output.

Consider the following: -

A 1 ampere load current is to be measured into a battery. The output signal required to an over current controller needs to be 3.3V. What is a suitable value of  $R_{out}$  and what will the error due to the supply current be?

V<sub>in</sub> = 5.0V - 9.0V

 $I_{load} = 1.0A$ 

Output signal required: 3.3V

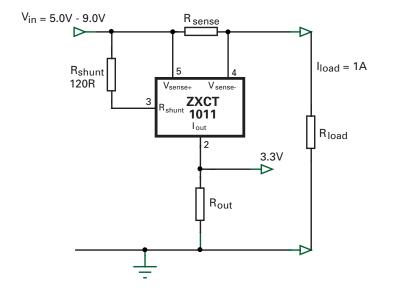


Figure 1 ZXCT1011 to measure a 1.0 A load current

To obtain the highest accuracy, choose the of  $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{sense}}$  to give 100mV:

$$R_{sense} = 0.1/1.0 = 0.1\Omega$$

The transconductance using a 120  $\Omega$  resistor will be 10mA/V.

Choose  $R_{out}$  to give  $V_{out}$  = 3.3V, when  $V_{sense}$  = 100mV

Rearranging equation 1 without the offset error gives:

$$R_{out} = (V_{out} \times R_{shunt}) / (1.2 \times I_{Load} \times R_{sense})$$

 $R_{out} = 3.3 k\Omega$ 

Now consider the offset error for this resistor:

Offset due to supply current =  $R_{out} \times 4 \times 10^{-6} \mu A = 13.2 mV = 0.4\%$ 

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#### **Application information (cont.)**

#### Minimum operating voltage

The minimum operating voltage of the ZXCT1011 is 2.5V and is defined as the difference between  $V_{sense+}$  and the  $I_{out}$  pin. It must be ensured that sufficient headroom is given for the operation of the device when considering  $R_{out}$ .

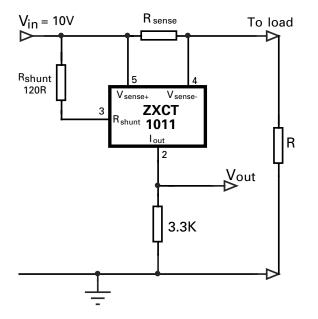


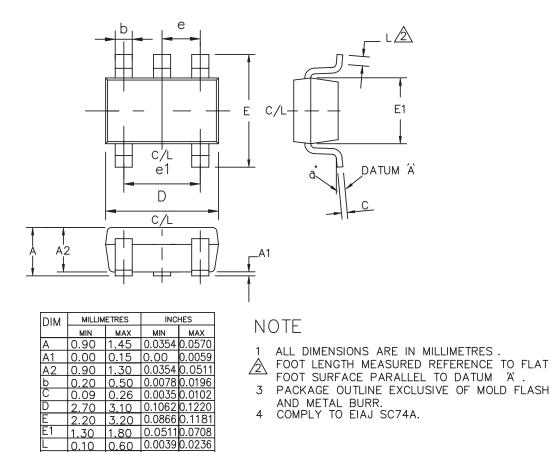
Figure 2 Considerations for supply rail

Voltage across device 2.5V V<sub>in</sub> - V<sub>out</sub> 2.5V Where V<sub>out</sub> = I<sub>out</sub> x R<sub>out</sub>

At low supply voltages and high Vsense measurements, special care must be taken to ensure the correct operation.

The circuit in figure 2.0 shows a ZXCT1011 operating from 10V supply rail. The minimum operating voltage of the ZXCT1011 is 2.5V. This allows a maximum output voltage of 7.5V to be set at  $V_{out}$ . A 3k resistor on the output would draw a maximum 2.5mA from lout. - See minimum usable supply voltage graph on page 4.

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