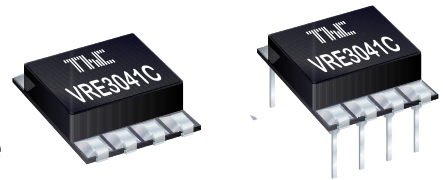




VRE3041 Low Cost Precision Reference



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FEATURES

- 4.096 V Output \pm 0.409 mV (.01%)
- Temperature Drift: 0.6 ppm/°C
- Low Noise: 3 μ V_{p-p} (0.1Hz-10Hz)
- Low Thermal Hysteresis: 1 ppm Typ.
- \pm 15mA Output Source and Sink Current
- Excellent Line Regulation: 5 ppm/V Typ.
- Optional Noise Reduction and Voltage Trim
- Industry Standard Pinout

PIN CONFIGURATION

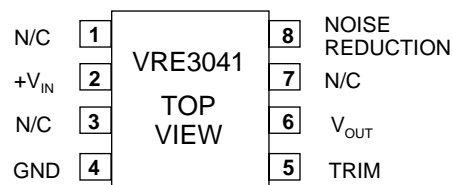


FIGURE 1

DESCRIPTION

The VRE3041 is a low cost, high precision 4.096V reference that operates from +10V. The device features a buried zener for low noise and excellent long term stability. Packaged in an 8 pin DIP and SMT, the device is ideal for high resolution data conversion systems.

The device provides ultrastable +4.096V output with \pm 0.4096 mV (.01%) initial accuracy and a temperature coefficient of 0.6 ppm/°C. This improvement in accuracy is made possible by a unique, patented multipoint laser compensation technique developed by Thaler Corporation. Significant improvements have been made in other performance parameters as well, including initial accuracy, warm-up drift, line regulation, and long-term stability, making the VRE3041 series the most accurate reference available.

For enhanced performance, the VRE3041 has an external trim option for users who want less than 0.01% initial error. For ultra low noise applications, an external capacitor can be attached between the noise reduction pin and the ground pin.

The VRE3041 is recommended for use as a reference for 14, 16, or 18 bit data converters which require an external precision reference. The device is also ideal for calibrating scale factor on high resolution data converters. The VRE3041 offers superior performance over monolithic references.

SELECTION GUIDE

| Model | Initial Error mV | Temp. Coeff. ppm/°C | Temp. Range °C |
|----------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| VRE3041A | 0.410 | 0.6 | 0°C to +70°C |
| VRE3041B | 0.614 | 1.0 | 0°C to +70°C |
| VRE3041C | 0.820 | 2.0 | 0°C to +70°C |
| VRE3041J | 0.410 | 0.6 | -40°C to +85°C |
| VRE3041K | 0.614 | 1.0 | -40°C to +85°C |
| VRE3041L | 0.820 | 2.0 | -40°C to +85°C |

For package option add D for DIP or S for Surface Mount to end of model number.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

| | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|---|----------------|
| Power Supply | -0.3V to +40V | Out Short Circuit to GND Duration ($V_{IN} < 12V$)..... | Continuous |
| OUT, TRIM | -0.3V to +12V | Out Short Circuit to GND Duration ($V_{IN} < 40V$)..... | 5 sec |
| NR..... | -0.3V to +6V | Out Short Circuit to IN Duration ($V_{IN} < 12V$)..... | Continuous |
| Operating Temp. (A,B,C)..... | 0 °C to 70°C | Continuous Power Dissipation ($T_A = +70°C$)..... | 300mW |
| Operating Temp. (J,K,L)..... | -40 °C to 85°C | Storage Temperature..... | -65°C to 150°C |
| | | Lead Temperature (soldering, 10 sec)..... | 250°C |

ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

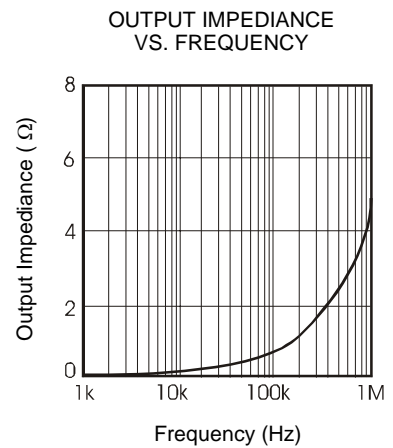
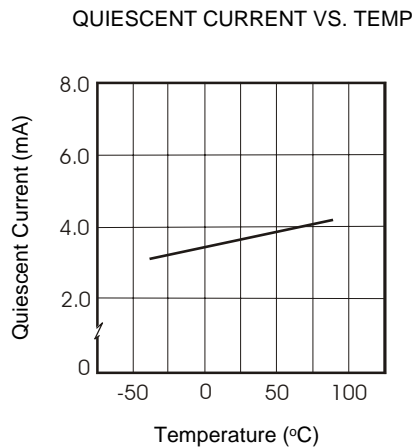
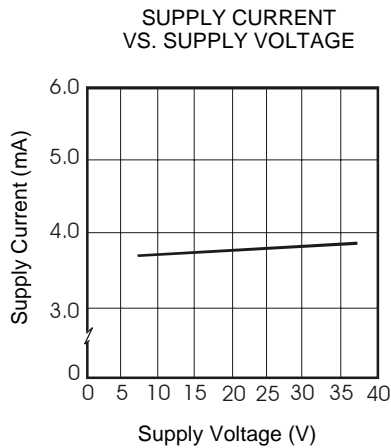
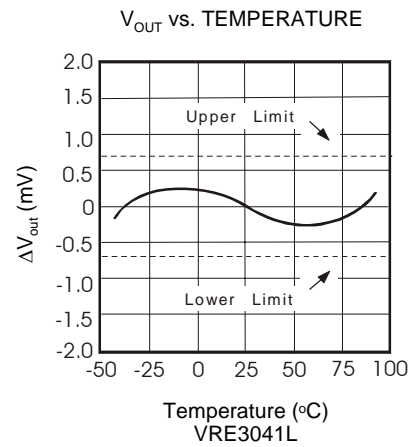
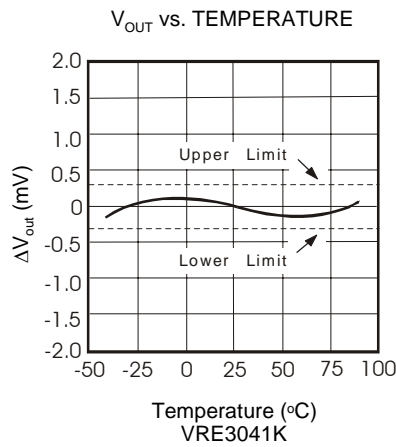
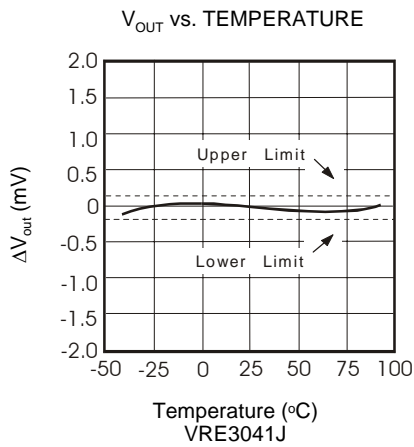
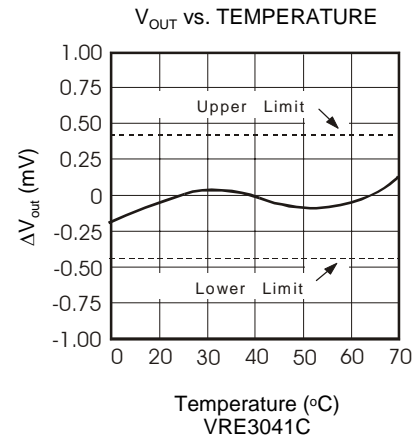
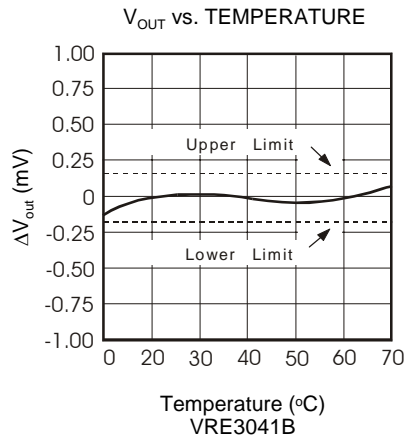
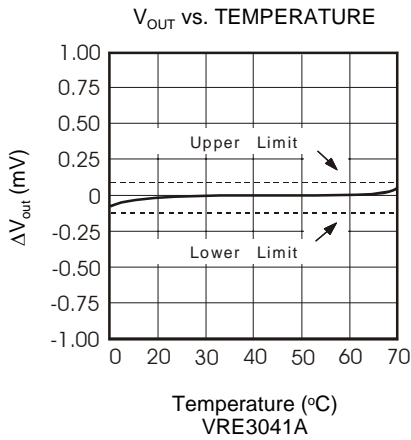
$V_{ps} = +10V$, $T = 25°C$, $I_{out} = 0mA$ unless otherwise noted.

| PARAMETER | SYMBOL | CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNITS |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------------------|
| Input Voltage | V_{IN} | | 8 | | 36 | V |
| Output Voltage (Note 1) | V_{OUT} | VRE3041A/J | 4.0956 | 4.096 | 4.0964 | V |
| | | VRE3041B/K | 4.0954 | 4.096 | 4.0966 | |
| | | VRE3041C/L | 4.0952 | 4.096 | 4.0968 | |
| Output Voltage Temperature Coefficient (Note 2) | TCV_{OUT} | VRE3041A/J | | 0.3 | 0.6 | ppm/°C |
| | | VRE3041B/K | | 0.5 | 1.0 | |
| | | VRE3041C/K | | 1.0 | 2.0 | |
| Trim Adjustment Range | ΔV_{OUT} | Figure 3 | | ±4 | | mV |
| Turn-On Settling Time | T_{on} | To 0.01% of final value | | 2 | | µs |
| Output Noise Voltage | e_n | 0.1Hz < f < 10Hz | | 2.4 | | µVp-p |
| | | 10Hz < f < 1kHz | | 2 | 4 | µV _{RMS} |
| Temperature Hysteresis | | Note 4 | | 1 | | ppm |
| Long Term Stability | $\Delta V_{OUT/t}$ | | | 6 | | ppm/ 1khrs |
| Supply Current | I_{IN} | | | 3.5 | 4.0 | mA |
| Load Regulation | $\frac{\Delta V_{OUT}}{\Delta I_{OUT}}$ | Sourcing: 0mA ≤ I_{OUT} ≤ 15mA | | 8 | 12 | ppm/ mA |
| | | Sinking: -15mA ≤ I_{OUT} ≤ 0mA | | 8 | 12 | |
| Line Regulation | $\frac{\Delta V_{OUT}}{\Delta V_{IN}}$ | 8V ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 10V | | 25 | 35 | ppm/V |
| | | 10V ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 18V | | 5 | 10 | |

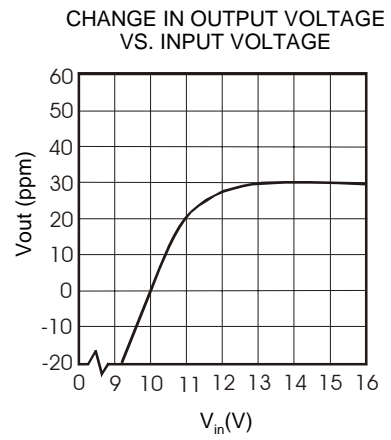
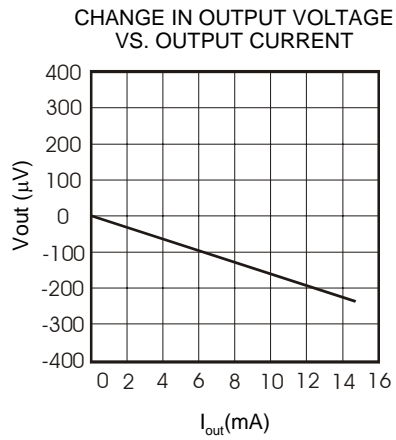
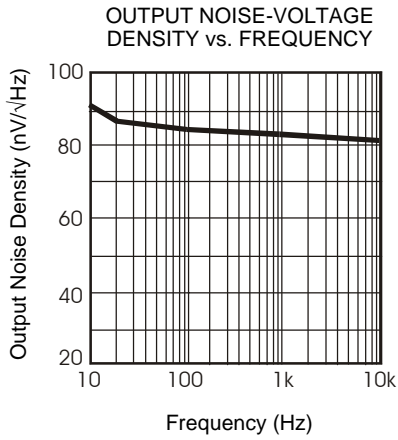
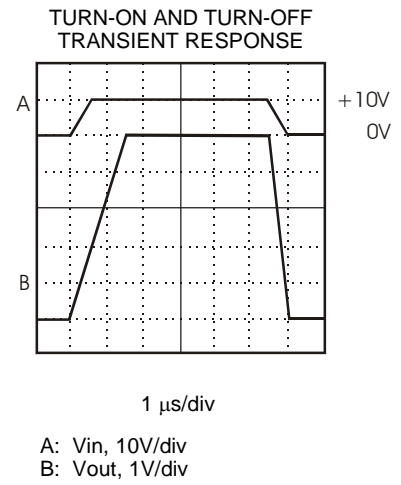
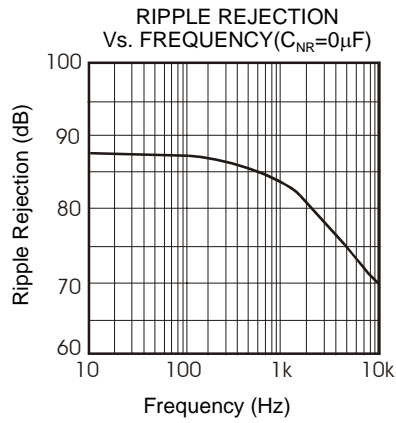
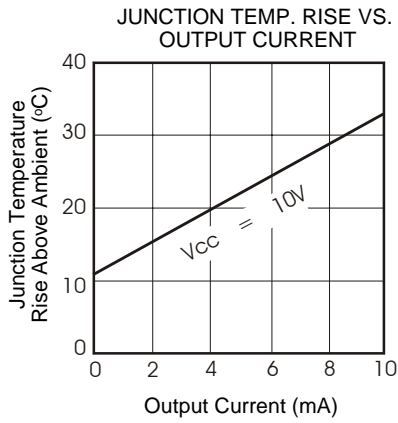
Notes:

- 1) The specified values are without external trim.
- 2) The temperature coefficient is determined by the box method. See discussion on temperature performance.
- 3) Line and load regulation are measured with pulses and do not include voltage changes due to temperature.
- 4) Hysteresis measured over the operating temperature range.

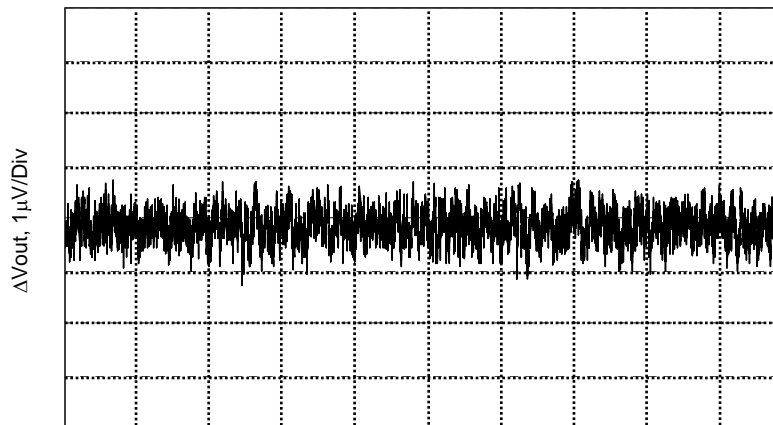
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0.1Hz to 10Hz Noise



THEORY OF OPERATION

The following discussion refers to the schematic in figure 2 below. A FET current source is used to bias a 6.3V zener diode. The zener voltage is divided by the resistor network R1 and R2. This voltage is then applied to the noninverting input of the operational amplifier which amplifies the voltage to produce a 4.096V output. The gain is determined by the resistor networks R3 and R4: $G=1 + R4/R3$. The 6.3V zener diode is used because it is the most stable diode over time and temperature.

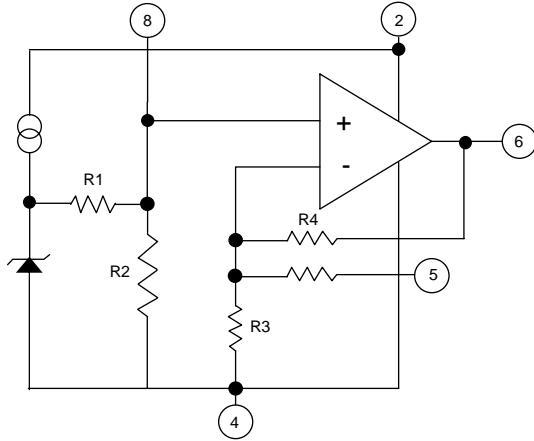


Figure 2 Functional Block Diagram

The current source provides a closely regulated zener current, which determines the slope of the references' voltage vs. temperature function. By trimming the zener current a lower drift over temperature can be achieved. But since the voltage vs. temperature function is nonlinear this compensation technique is not well suited for wide temperature ranges.

Thaler Corporation has developed a nonlinear compensation network of thermistors and resistors that is used in the VRE series voltage references. This proprietary network eliminates most of the nonlinearity in the voltage vs. temperature function. By adjusting the slope, Thaler Corporation produces a very stable voltage over wide temperature ranges.

This network is less than 2% of the overall network resistance so it has a negligible effect on long term stability. Figure 3 shows the proper connection of the VRE3041 series voltage references with the optional trim resistor for initial error and the optional capacitor for noise reduction.

PIN DESCRIPTION

| | | |
|-------|-----------------|--|
| 1,3,7 | N.C. | Internally connected. Do not use |
| 2 | V _{in} | Positive power supply input |
| 4 | GND | Ground |
| 5 | TRIM | External trim input. Leave open if not used. |
| 6 | OUT | Voltage reference output |
| 8 | NR | Noise Reduction |

BASIC CIRCUIT CONNECTION

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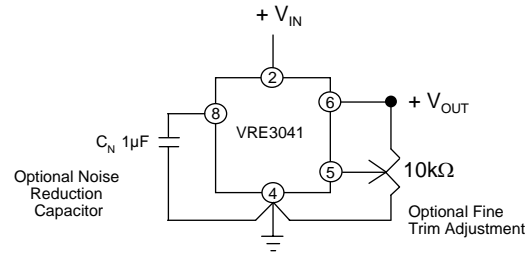


Figure 3 External Connections

To achieve the specified performance, pay careful attention to the layout. A low resistance star configuration will reduce voltage errors, noise pickup, and noise coupled from the power supply. Commons should be connected to a single point to minimize interconnect resistances.

TEMPERATURE PERFORMANCE

The VRE3041 is designed for applications where the initial error at room temperature and drift over temperature are important to the user. For many instrument manufacturers, a voltage reference with a temperature coefficient less than 1ppm/°C makes it possible to not have to perform a system temperature calibration, a slow and costly process.

Of the three TC specification methods (slope, butterfly, and box), the box method is used commonly used. A box is formed by the min/max limits for the nominal output voltage over the operating temperature range. The equation follows:

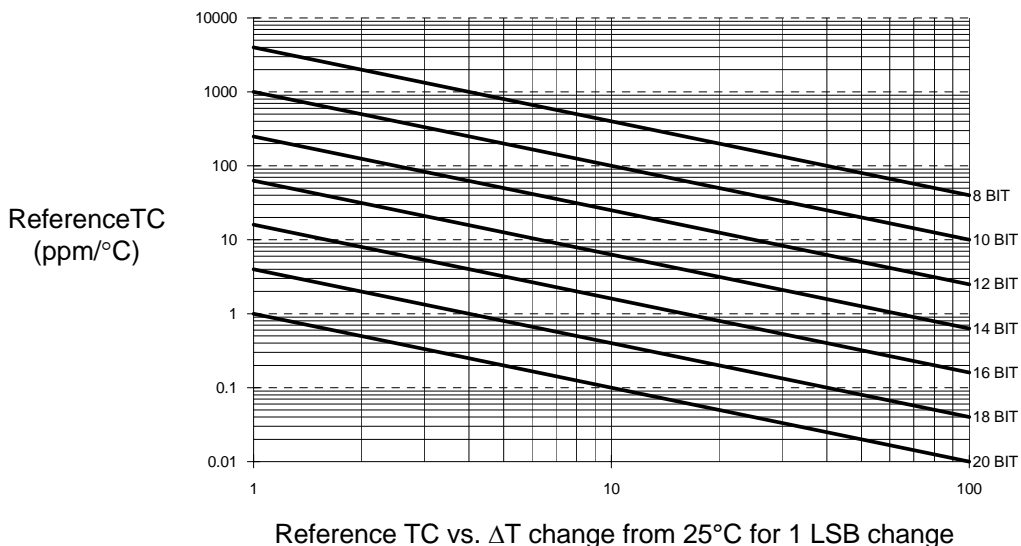
$$T.C. = \left(\frac{V_{\max} - V_{\min}}{V_{\text{nominal}} \cdot (T_{\max} - T_{\min})} \right) \cdot 10^6$$

This method corresponds more accurately to the method of test and provides a closer estimate of actual error than the other methods. The box method guarantees limits for the temperature error but does not specify the exact shape and slope of the device under test.

A designer who needs a 14-bit accurate data acquisition system over the industrial temperature range (-40°C to +85°C), will need a voltage reference with a temperature coefficient (TC) of 1.0ppm/°C if the reference is allowed to contribute an error equivalent to 1LSB. For 1/2LSB equivalent error from the reference you would need a voltage reference with a temperature coefficient of 0.5ppm/°C. Figure 4 shows the required reference TC vs. delta T change from 25°C for resolution ranging from 8 bits to 20 bits.

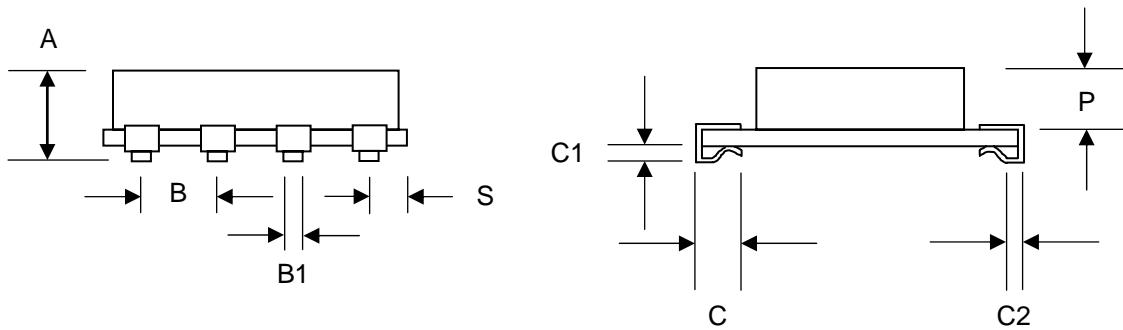
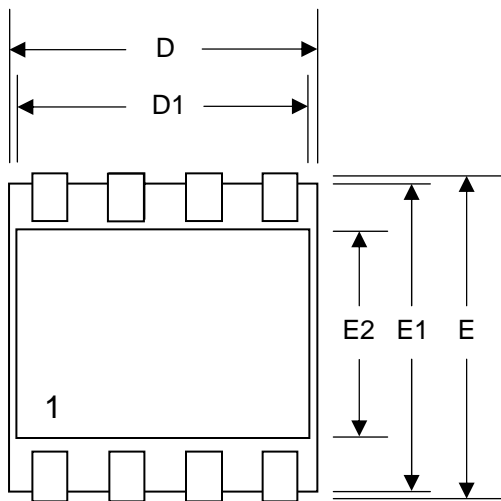
THERMAL HYSTERISIS

A change in output voltage as a result of a temperature change. When references experience a temperature change and return to the initial temperature, they do not always have the same initial voltage. Thermal hysteresis is difficult to correct and is a major error source in systems that experience temperature changes greater than 25°C. Reference vendors are starting to include this important specification in their datasheets.



MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS

| DIM | INCHES | | MILLIMETER | | DIM | INCHES | | MILLIMETER | |
|-----|--------|------|------------|-------|-----|--------|------|------------|-------|
| | MIN | MAX | MIN | MAX | | MIN | MAX | MIN | MAX |
| A | .131 | .141 | 3.32 | 3.58 | D1 | .372 | .380 | 9.45 | 9.65 |
| B | .095 | .105 | 2.41 | 2.66 | E | .425 | .435 | 10.80 | 11.05 |
| B1 | .021 | .027 | 0.53 | 0.68 | E1 | .397 | .403 | 10.08 | 10.24 |
| C | .055 | .065 | 1.39 | 1.65 | E2 | .264 | .270 | 6.71 | 6.86 |
| C1 | .016 | .023 | 0.40 | 0.58 | P | .087 | .097 | 2.20 | 2.46 |
| C2 | .020 | .040 | 0.50 | 1.01 | S | .045 | .055 | 1.14 | 1.40 |
| D | .395 | .405 | 10.03 | 10.29 | | | | | |



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| DIM | INCHES | | MILLIMETER | | DIM | INCHES | | MILLIMETER | |
|-----|--------|------|------------|-------|-----|--------|------|------------|-------|
| | MIN | MAX | MIN | MAX | | MIN | MAX | MIN | MAX |
| A | .170 | .180 | 4.318 | 4.572 | E | .425 | .435 | 10.80 | 11.05 |
| B | .095 | .105 | 2.413 | 2.667 | E1 | .397 | .403 | 10.08 | 10.24 |
| B1 | .016 | .020 | 0.406 | 0.508 | E2 | .264 | .270 | 6.71 | 6.86 |
| C | .008 | .011 | 0.203 | 0.279 | G | .290 | .310 | 7.36 | 7.87 |
| C1 | .055 | .065 | 1.397 | 1.651 | L | .175 | .225 | 4.46 | 5.72 |
| D | .395 | .405 | 10.03 | 10.29 | P | .085 | .095 | 2.16 | 2.41 |
| D1 | .372 | .380 | 9.45 | 9.65 | S | .045 | .055 | 1.14 | 1.40 |

