

# 1A Low Dropout Voltage Regulator

## Fixed Output, Fast Response

**FEATURES**

- 1% Output Accuracy SPX3940A
- Guaranteed 1.5A Peak Current
- Low Quiescent Current
- Low Dropout Voltage of 280mV at 1A
- Extremely Tight Load and Line Regulation
- Extremely Fast Transient Response
- Reverse-battery Protection
- Internal Thermal Protection
- Internal Short Circuit Current Limit
- Replacement for LM3940
- Standard SOT-223, TO-220 and TO-263 packages

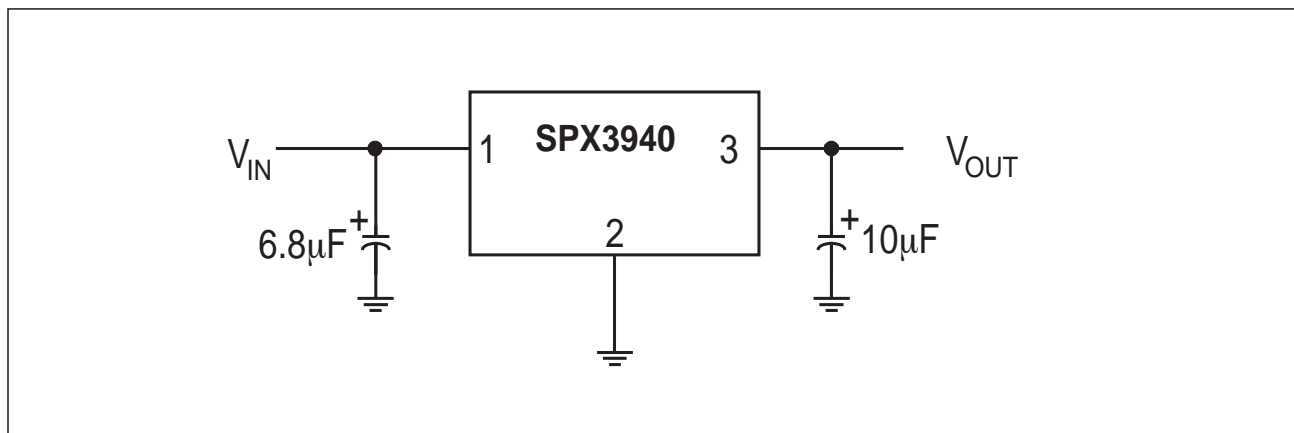
**APPLICATIONS**

- Powering VGA & Sound Card
- Automotive Electronics
- LCD Monitors
- Cordless Telephones
- Power PC™ Supplies
- SMPS Post-Regulator
- Laptop, Palmtop, and Notebook Computer
- High Efficiency Linear Power Supplies
- Portable Instrumentation
- Constant Current Regulators

**DESCRIPTION**

The SPX3940 is a 1A, accurate voltage regulators with a low drop out voltage of 280mV (typical) at 1A. These regulators are specifically designed for low voltage applications that require a low dropout voltage and a fast transient response. They are fully fault protected against over-current, reverse battery, and positive and negative voltage transients.

The SPX3940 is offered in 3-pin SOT-223, TO-220 & TO-263 packages. For a 3A version, refer to the SPX29300 data sheet.



*Figure 1. Fixed Output Linear Regulator.*

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Lead Temperature (soldering, 5 seconds) .....	260°C
Storage Temperature Range .....	-65°C to +150°C
Operating Junction Temperature Range .....	-40°C to +125°C
Input Voltage (Note 5) .....	16V

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

At  $V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 1V$  and  $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 6.8\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ;  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.  
The Boldface applies over the junction temperature range. Adjustable versions are set at 5.0V.

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	TYP	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	UNITS
			<b>SPX3940A (1%)</b>		<b>SP3940 (2%)</b>		
<b>1.8V Version</b>							
Output Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$ $10\text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1\text{ A}$ , $6\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 16\text{ V}$	1.8 <b>1.8</b>	1.782 <b>1.755</b>	1.818 <b>1.845</b>	1.764 <b>1.737</b>	1.836 <b>1.863</b>	V
<b>2.5V Version</b>							
Output Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$ $10\text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1\text{ A}$ , $6\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 16\text{ V}$	2.5 <b>2.5</b>	2.475 <b>2.437</b>	2.525 <b>2.563</b>	2.450 <b>2.412</b>	2.550 <b>2.588</b>	V
<b>3.3V Version</b>							
Output Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$ $10\text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1\text{ A}$ , $6\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 16\text{ V}$	3.3 <b>3.3</b>	3.267 <b>3.217</b>	3.333 <b>3.383</b>	3.234 <b>3.184</b>	3.366 <b>3.416</b>	V
<b>5.0V Version</b>							
Output Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$ $10\text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1\text{ A}$ , $6\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 16\text{ V}$	5.0 <b>5.0</b>	4.950 <b>4.875</b>	5.050 <b>5.125</b>	4.900 <b>4.825</b>	5.100 <b>5.175</b>	V
<b>All Voltage Options</b>							
Line Regulation	$I_O = 10\text{ mA}$ , $(V_{OUT} + 1\text{ V}) \leq V_{IN} \leq 16\text{ V}$	0.2		1.0		1.0	%
Load Regulation	$V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 1\text{ V}$ , $10\text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1\text{ A}$	0.3		1.5		1.5	%
$\Delta V$ $\Delta T$	Output Voltage Temperature Coef.	20		<b>100</b>		<b>100</b>	ppm/°C
Dropout Voltage (Note 1) (except 1.8V version)	$I_O = 100\text{ mA}$ $I_O = 1\text{ A}$	70 280		<b>200</b> <b>550</b>		<b>200</b> <b>550</b>	mV
Ground Current (Note 3)	$I_O = 750\text{ mA}$ , $V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 1\text{ V}$ $I_O = 1\text{ A}$	12 18		<b>25</b>		<b>25</b>	mA
$I_{GNDDO}$ Ground Pin Current at Dropout	$V_{IN} = 0.1\text{ V}$ less than specified $V_{OUT}$ $I_{OUT} = 10\text{ mA}$	1.2					mA
Current Limit	$V_{OUT} = 0\text{ V}$ (Note 2)	2.2	1.5		1.5		A
Output Noise Voltage (10Hz to 100kHz) $I_L = 100\text{ mA}$	$C_L = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ $C_L = 33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$	400 260					$\mu\text{V}_{RMS}$
Thermal Resistance	TO-220 Junction to Case, at Tab TO-220 Junction to Ambient	3 60					°C/W
	TO-263 Junction to Case, at Tab TO-263 Junction to Ambient	3 60					°C/W
	SOT-223 Junction to Case, at Tab SOT-223 Junction to Ambient	15 150					°C/W

### NOTES:

Note 1: Dropout voltage is defined as the input to output differential when the output voltage drops to 99% of its normal value.

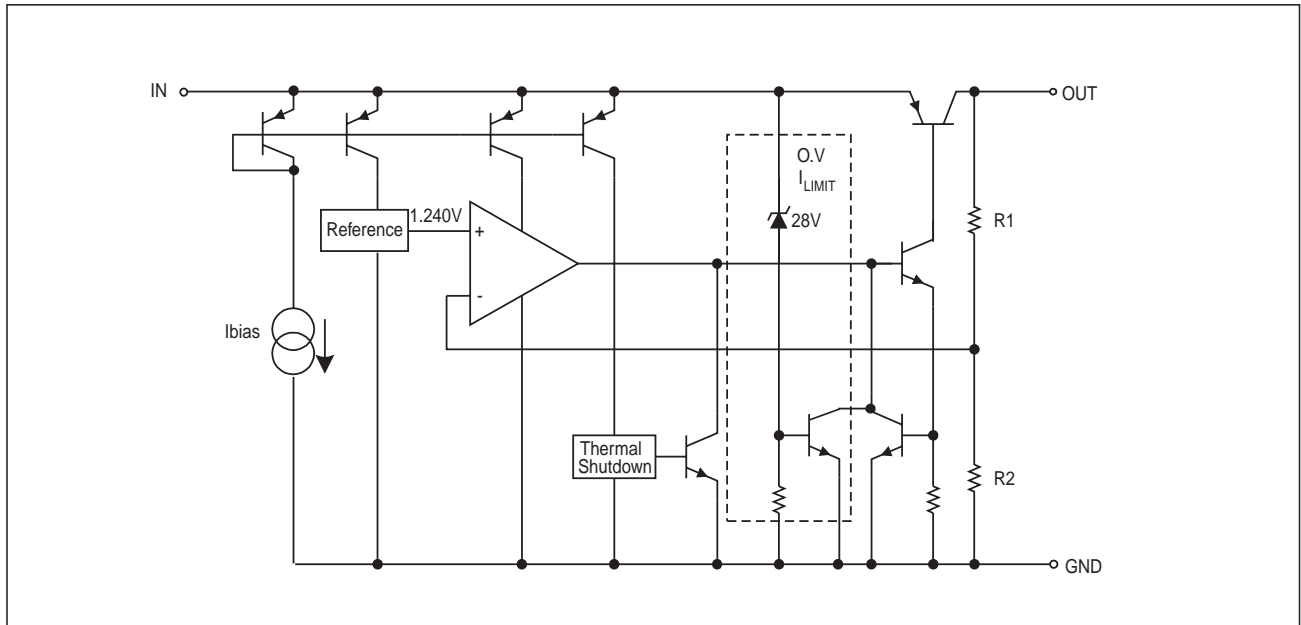
Note 2:  $V_{IN} = V_{OUT}(\text{NOMINAL}) + 1\text{ V}$ . For example, use  $V_{IN} = 4.3\text{ V}$  for a 3.3V regulator. Employ pulse-testing procedures to minimize temperature rise.

Note 3: Ground pin current is the regulator quiescent current. The total current drawn from the source is the sum of the load current to the ground current.

Note 4: Thermal regulation is defined as the change in the output voltage at a time T after a change in power dissipation is applied, excluding load or line regulation effects.

Note 5: Maximum positive supply voltage of 20V must be of limited duration (<100ms) and duty cycle (<1%). The maximum continuous supply voltage is 16V.

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## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

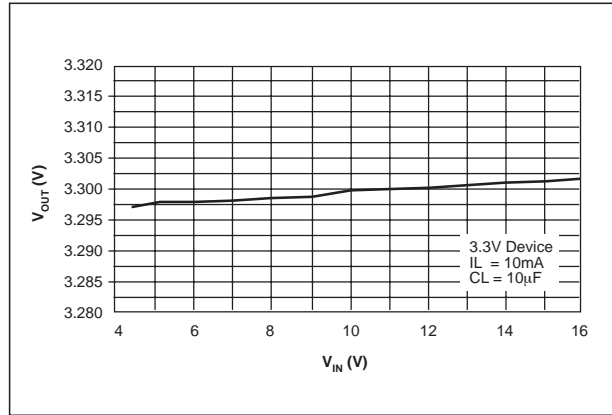


Figure 2. Line Regulation

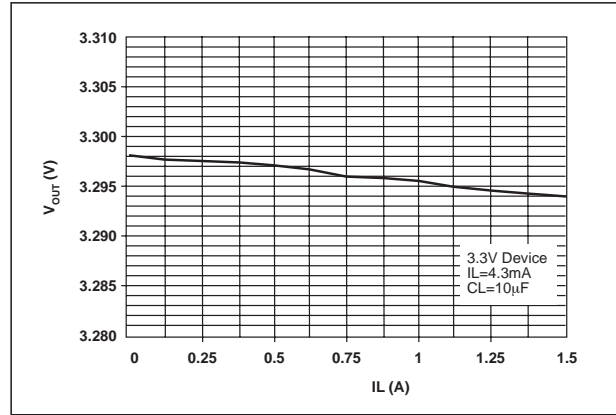


Figure 3. Load Regulation

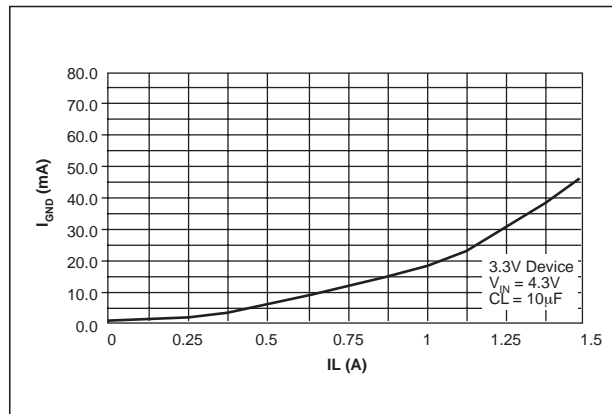


Figure 4. Ground Current vs Load Current

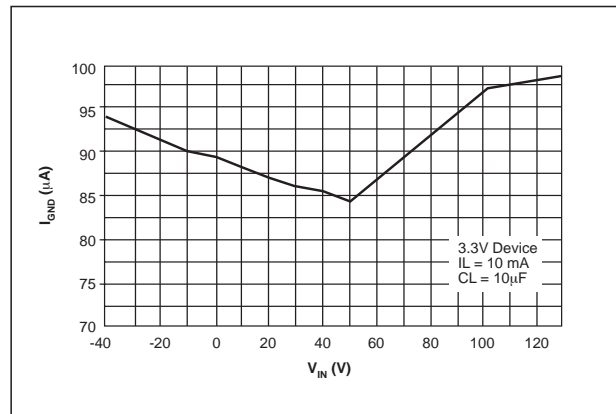


Figure 5. Ground Current vs Input Voltage

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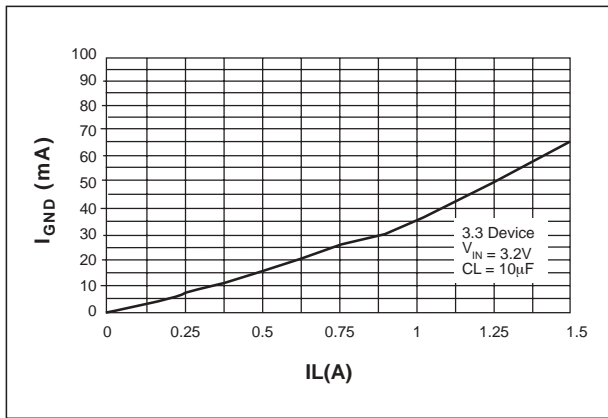


Figure 6. Ground Current vs Load Current in Dropout

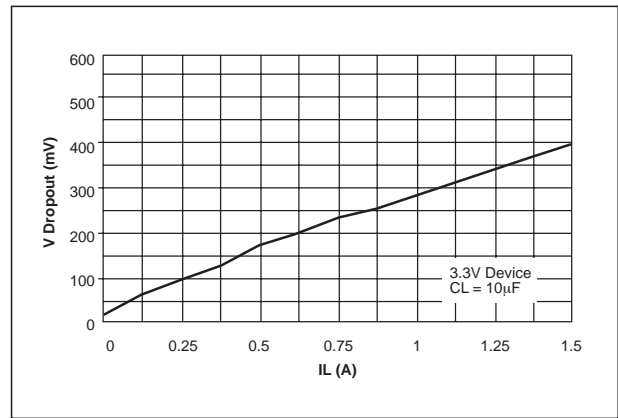


Figure 7. Dropout Voltage vs Load Current

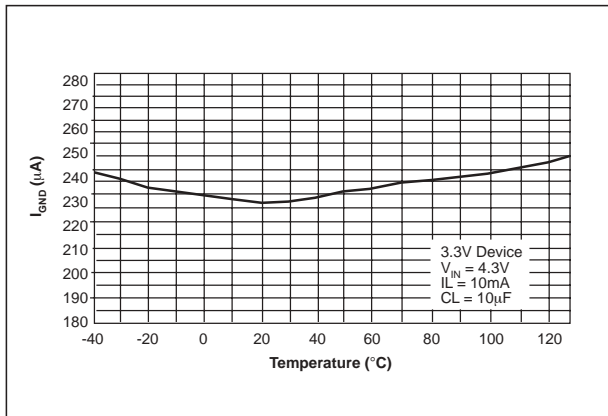


Figure 8. Ground Current vs Temperature at  $I_{LOAD} = 10mA$

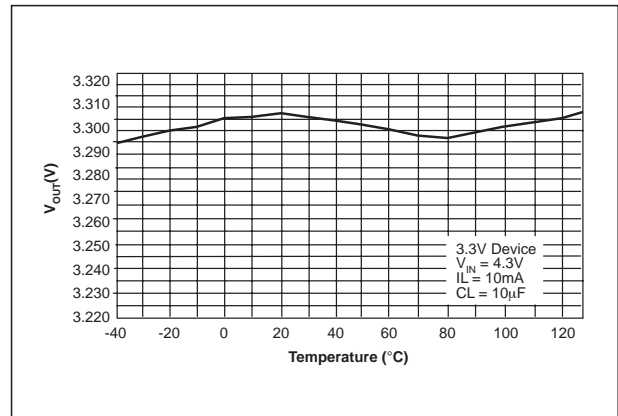


Figure 9. Output Voltage vs Temperature at  $I_{LOAD} = 10mA$

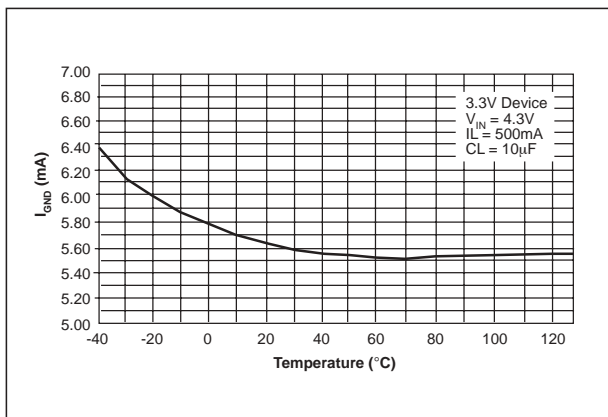


Figure 10. Ground Current vs Temperature at  $I_{LOAD} = 500mA$

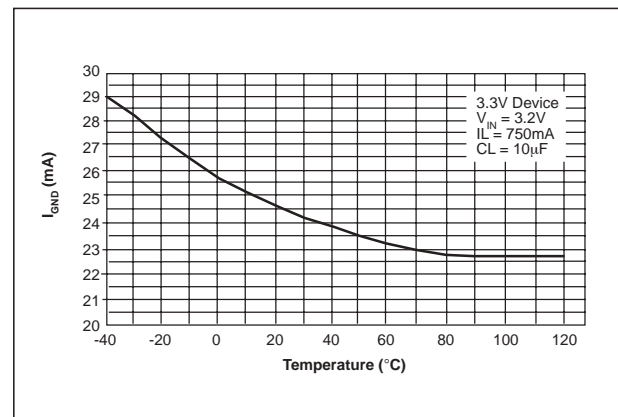


Figure 11. Ground Current vs Temperature in Dropout at  $I_{LOAD} = 750mA$

# TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS: Continued

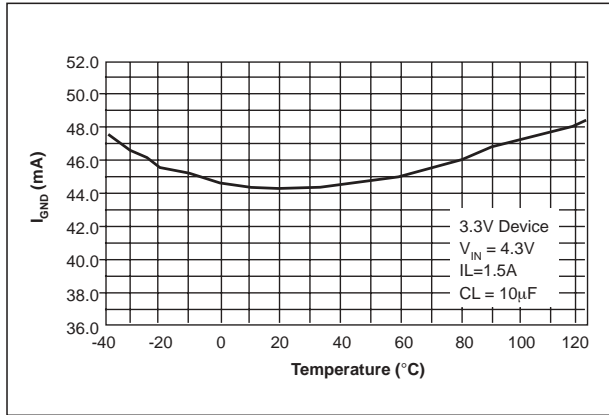


Figure 12. Ground Current vs Temperature at  $I_{LOAD}=1.5A$

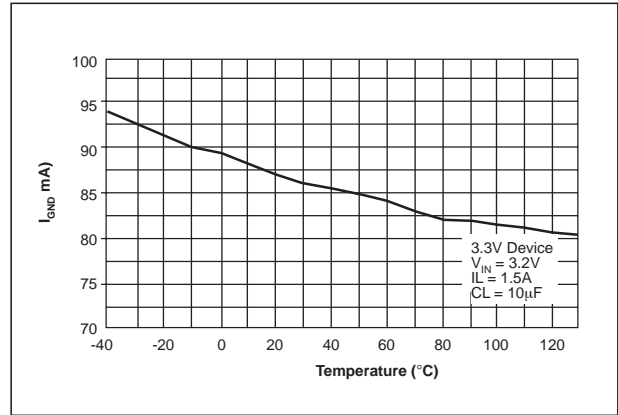


Figure 13. Ground Current vs Temperature in Dropout at  $I_{LOAD}=1.5A$

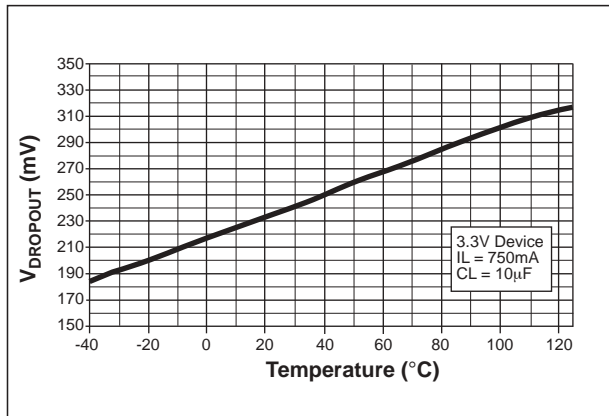


Figure 14. Dropout Voltage vs Temperature at  $I_{LOAD}=750mA$

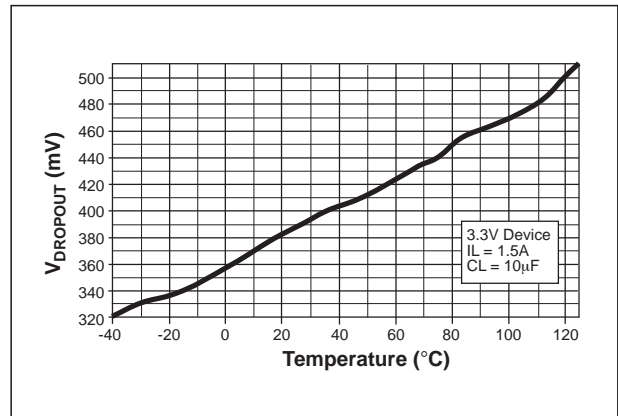


Figure 15. Dropout Voltage vs Temperature at  $I_{LOAD}=1.5mA$

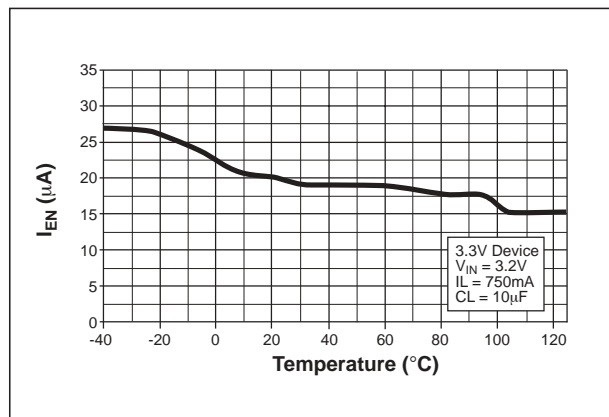


Figure 16. Enable Current vs Temperature for  $V_{EN}=16V$

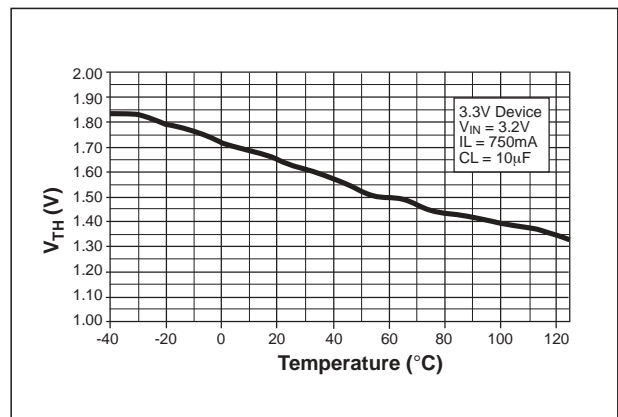


Figure 17. Enable Threshold vs Temperature

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

The SPX3940 incorporates protection against over-current faults, reversed load insertion, over temperature operation, and positive and negative transient voltage.

### Thermal Considerations

Although the SPX3940 offers limiting circuitry for overload conditions, it is still necessary to insure that the maximum junction temperature is not exceeded in the application. Heat will flow through the lowest resistance path, the junction-to-case path. In order to insure the best thermal flow of the component, proper mounting is required. Consult heatsink manufacturer for thermal resistance and design of heatsink.

### For example, TO-220 design:

Assume that  $V_{IN} = 10V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 5V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 1.5A$ ,  $T_A = 50^{\circ}C/W$ ,  $\theta_{HA} = 1^{\circ}C/W$ ,  $\theta_{CH} = 2^{\circ}C/W$ , and  $\theta_{JC} = 3^{\circ}C/W$ .

Where TA = ambient temperature

$\theta_{HA}$  = heatsink to ambient thermal resistance

$\theta_{CH}$  = case to heatsink thermal resistance

$\theta_{JC}$  = junction to case thermal resistance

The power calculated under these conditions is:

$$P_D = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) * I_{OUT} = 7.5W.$$

And the junction temperature is calculated as

$$T_J = T_A + P_D * (\theta_{HA} + \theta_{CH} + \theta_{JC}) \text{ or}$$
$$T_J = 50 + 7.5 * (1 + 2 + 3) = 95^{\circ}C$$

Reliable operation is insured.

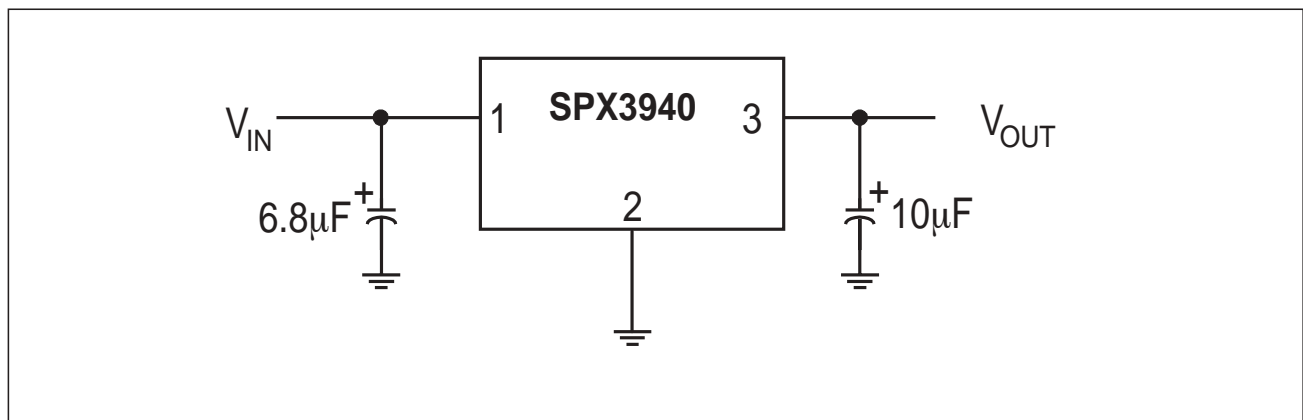


Figure 18. Fixed Output Linear Regulator.

### Capacitor Requirements

The output capacitor is needed to insure stability and minimize the output noise. The value of the capacitor varies with the load. However, a minimum value of 10µF aluminum capacitor will guarantee stability over all load conditions. A tantalum capacitor is recommended if a faster load transient response is needed.

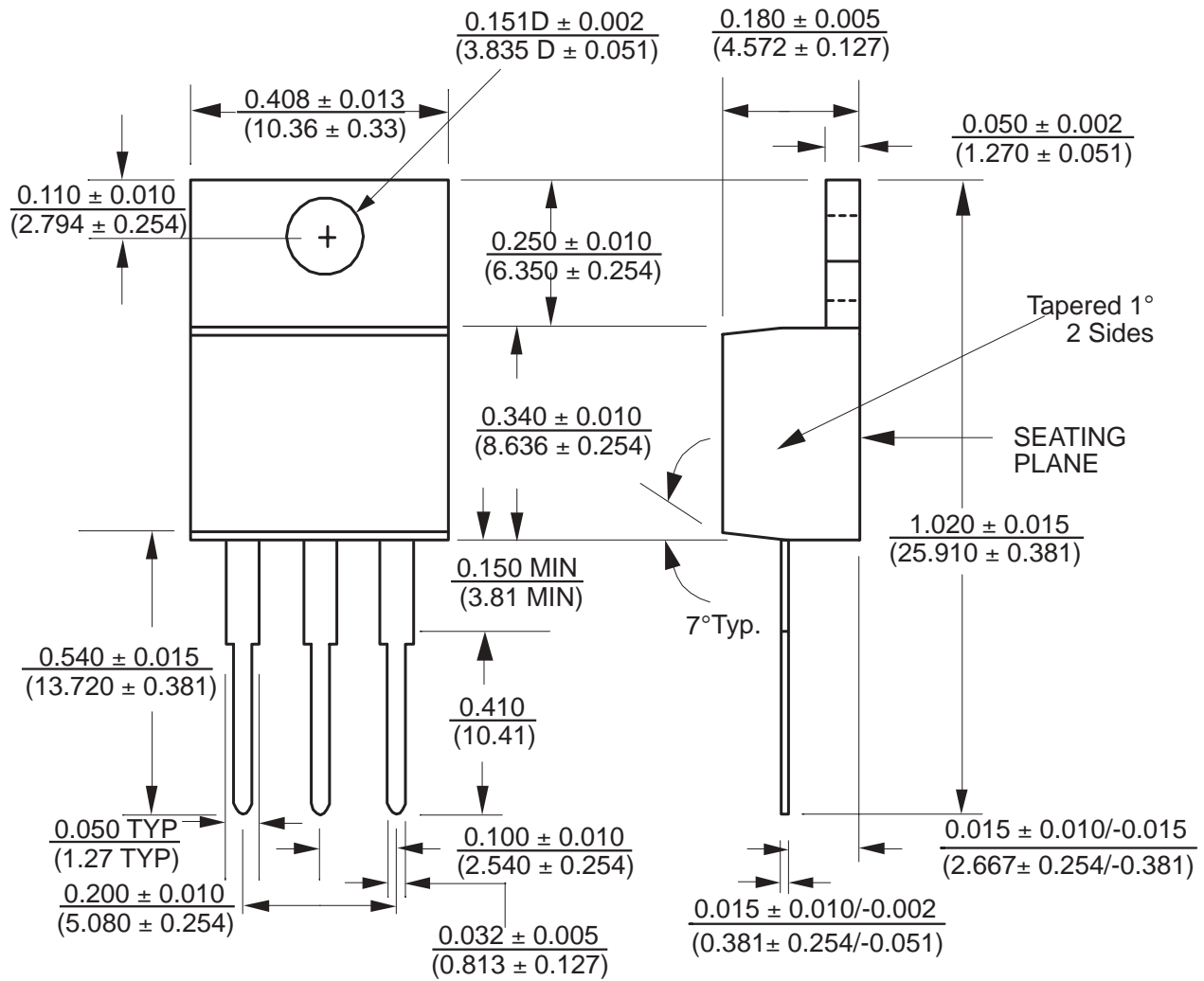
If the power source has a high AC impedance, a 0.1µF ceramic capacitor between input & ground is recommended.

### Minimum Load Current

To ensure a proper behavior of the regulator under light load, a minimum load of 5mA for SPX3940 is required.

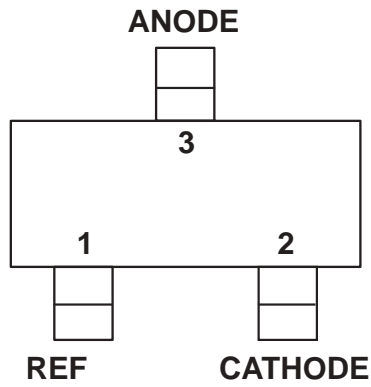


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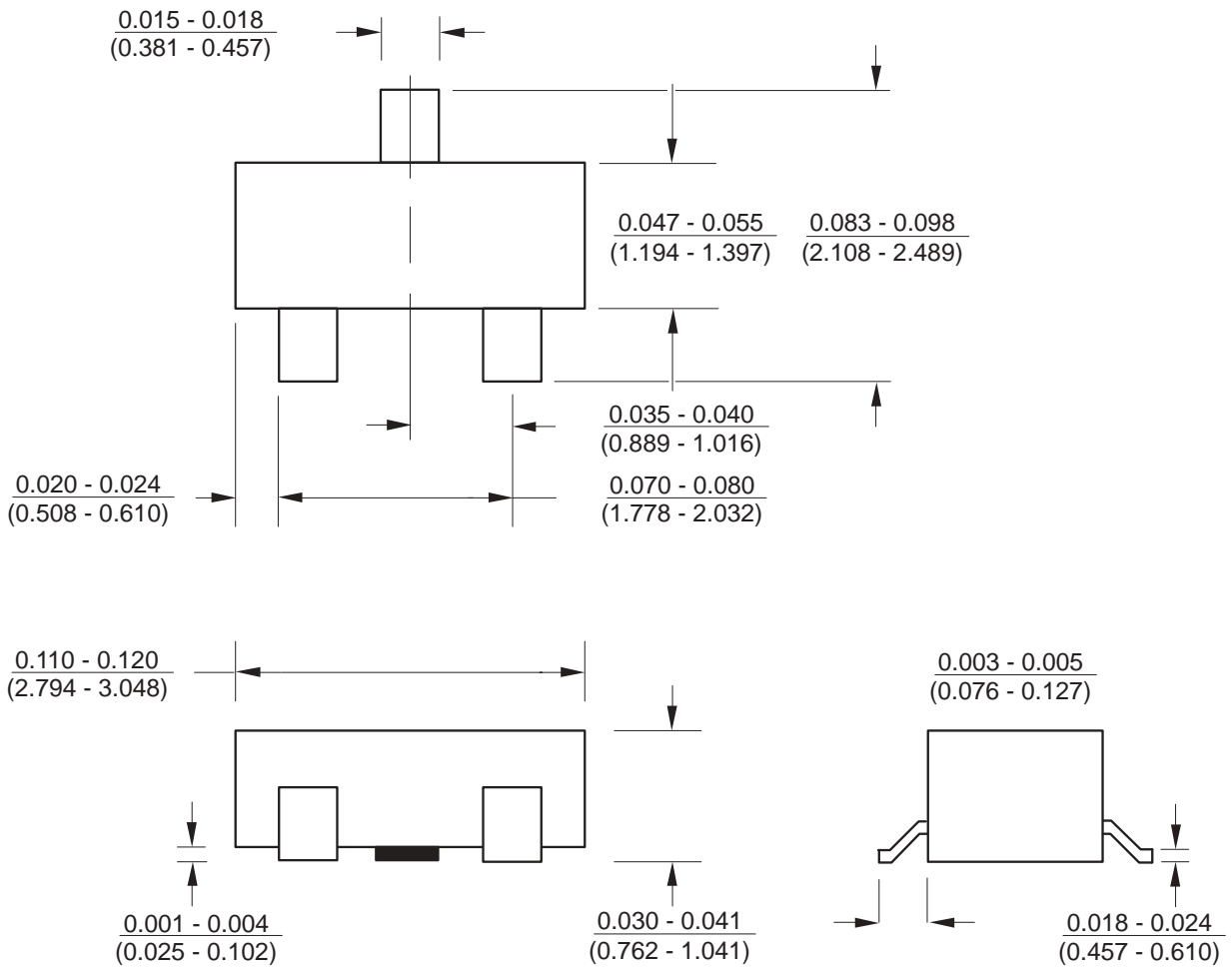




**PACKAGE: SOT23-3 (M)**



**Top View**



## ORDERING INFORMATION

PART NUMBER	ACC.	OUTPUT VOLTAGE	PACKAGE
SPX3940AU-1.8	1%	1.8V	3 lead TO-220
SPX3940AU-2.5	1%	2.5V	3 lead TO-220
SPX3940AU-3.3	1%	3.3V	3 lead TO-220
SPX3940AU-5.0	1%	5.0V	3 lead TO-220
SPX3940AT-1.8	1%	1.8V	3 lead TO-263
SPX3940AT-2.5	1%	2.5V	3 lead TO-263
SPX3940AT-3.3	1%	3.3V	3 lead TO-263
SPX3940AT-5.0	1%	5.0V	3 lead TO-263
SPX3940U-1.8	2%	1.8V	3 lead TO-220
SPX3940U-2.5	2%	2.5V	3 lead TO-220
SPX3940U-3.3	2%	3.3V	3 lead TO-220
SPX3940U-5.0	2%	5.0V	3 lead TO-220
SPX3940T-1.8	2%	1.8V	3 lead TO-263
SPX3940T-2.5	2%	2.5V	3 lead TO-263
SPX3940T-3.3	2%	3.3V	3 lead TO-263
SPX3940T-5.0	2%	5.0V	3 lead TO-263
SPX3940AM3-1.8	1%	1.8V	3 lead SOT-223
SPX3940AM3-2.5	1%	2.5V	3 lead SOT-223
SPX3940AM3-3.3	1%	3.3V	3 lead SOT-223
SPX3940AM3-5.0	1%	5.0V	3 lead SOT-223
SPX3940M3-1.8	2%	1.8V	3 lead SOT-223
SPX3940M3-2.5	2%	2.5V	3 lead SOT-223
SPX3940M3-3.3	2%	3.3V	3 lead SOT-223
SPX3940M3-5.0	2%	5.0V	3 lead SOT-223



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