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LP2981
Micropower 100 mA Ultra Low-Dropout Regulator in SOT-23 Package

General Description

The LP2981 is a 100 mA, fixed-output voltage regulator designed specifically to meet the requirements of battery-powered applications.

Using an optimized VIP® (Vertically Integrated PNP) process, the LP2981 delivers unequaled performance in all specifications critical to battery-powered designs:

Dropout Voltage. Typically 200 mV @ 100 mA load, and 7 mV @ 1 mA load.

Ground Pin Current. Typically 600 µA @ 100 mA load, and 80 µA @ 1 mA load.

Sleep Mode. Less than 1 µA quiescent current when ON/OFF pin is pulled low.

Precision Output. 0.75% tolerance output voltages available (A grade).

Nine voltage options, from 2.5V to 5.0V, are available as standard products.

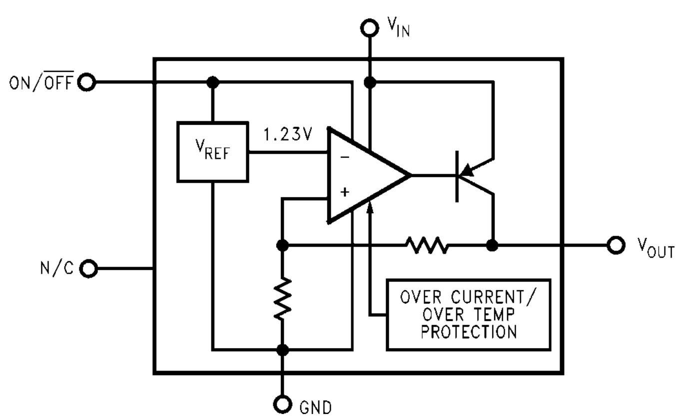
Features

- Ultra low dropout voltage
- Output voltage accuracy 0.75% (A Grade)
- Guaranteed 100 mA output current
- < 1 µA quiescent current when shutdown
- Low ground pin current at all load currents
- High peak current capability (300 mA typical)
- Wide supply voltage range (16V max)
- Fast dynamic response to line and load
- Low Z_{OUT} over wide frequency range
- Overtemperature/overcurrent protection
- −40°C to +125°C junction temperature range

Applications

- Cellular Phone
- Palmtop/Laptop Computer
- Personal Digital Assistant (PDA)
- Camcorder, Personal Stereo, Camera

Block Diagram



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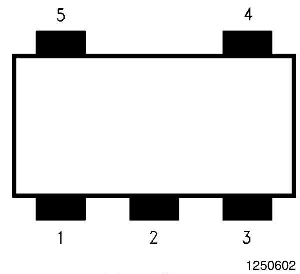
Connection Diagram

5-Lead Small Outline Package (SOT-23)



Top View
See NS Package Number MF05A

Pin Descriptions

Name	Pin Number	Function
V_{IN}	1	Input Voltage
GND	2	Common Ground (device substrate)
ON/OFF	3	Logic high enable input
N/C	4	Post package trim - **do not** connect to this pin
V_{OUT}	5	Regulated output voltage

Ordering Information

TABLE 1. Package Marking and Order Information

Output Voltage (V)	Grade	Order Information	Package Marking	Supplied as:
2.5	A	LP2981AIM5X-2.5	L0CA	3000 Units on Tape and Reel
		LP2981AIM5-2.5	L0CA	1000 Units on Tape and Reel
	STD	LP2981IM5X-2.5	L0CB	3000 Units on Tape and Reel
		LP2981IM5-2.5	L0CB	1000 Units on Tape and Reel
2.7	A	LP2981AIM5X-2.7	L0DA	3000 Units on Tape and Reel
		LP2981AIM5-2.7	L0DA	1000 Units on Tape and Reel
	STD	LP2981IM5-2.7	L0DB	1000 Units on Tape and Reel
2.8	A	LP2981AIM5X-2.8	L77A	3000 Units on Tape and Reel
		LP2981AIM5-2.8	L77A	1000 Units on Tape and Reel
	STD	LP2981IM5X-2.8	L77B	3000 Units on Tape and Reel
		LP2981IM5-2.8	L77B	1000 Units on Tape and Reel
3.0	A	LP2981AIM5X-3.0	L05A	3000 Units on Tape and Reel
		LP2981AIM5-3.0	L05A	1000 Units on Tape and Reel
	STD	LP2981IM5X-3.0	L05B	3000 Units on Tape and Reel
		LP2981IM5-3.0	L05B	1000 Units on Tape and Reel
3.2	A	LP2981AIM5X-3.2	L35A	3000 Units on Tape and Reel
3.3	A	LP2981AIM5X-3.3	L04A	3000 Units on Tape and Reel
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	STD	LP2981IM5X-3.3	L04B	3000 Units on Tape and Reel
		LP2981IM5-3.3	L04B	1000 Units on Tape and Reel
3.6	A	LP2981AIM5X-3.6	L0JA	3000 Units on Tape and Reel
		LP2981AIM5-3.6	L0JA	1000 Units on Tape and Reel
	STD	LP2981IM5X-3.6	L0JB	3000 Units on Tape and Reel
		LP2981IM5-3.6	L0JB	1000 Units on Tape and Reel
3.8	A	LP2981AIM5-3.8	L36A	1000 Units on Tape and Reel
	STD	LP2981IM5-3.8	L36B	1000 Units on Tape and Reel
5.0	A	LP2981AIM5X-5.0	L03A	3000 Units on Tape and Reel
		LP2981AIM5-5.0	L03A	1000 Units on Tape and Reel
	STD	LP2981IM5X-5.0	L03B	3000 Units on Tape and Reel
		LP2981IM5-5.0	L03B	1000 Units on Tape and Reel

Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the National Semiconductor Sales Office/ Distributors for availability and specifications.

Storage Temperature Range	−65°C to +150°C
Operating Junction Temperature Range	−40°C to +125°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 5 sec.)	260°C
ESD Rating (Note 2)	2 kV
Power Dissipation (Note 3)	Internally Limited
Input Supply Voltage (Survival)	−0.3V to +16V
Input Supply Voltage (Operating)	2.1V to +16V
Shutdown Input Voltage (Survival)	−0.3V to +16V
Output Voltage (Survival, (Note 4))	−0.3V to +9V
I_{OUT} (Survival)	Short Circuit Protected
Input-Output Voltage (Survival, (Note 5)	−0.3V to +16V

Electrical Characteristics

Limits in standard typeface are for T_J = 25°C, and limits in **boldface type** applyover the full operating temperature range. Unless otherwise specified: $V_{IN} = V_{O(NOM)}$ + 1V, C_{IN} = 1 µF, I_L = 1 mA, C_{OUT} = 4.7 µF,$V_{ON/OFF}$ = 2V.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Typ	LP2981AI-XX (Note 6)		LP2981I-XX (Note 6)		Units
				Min	Max	Min	Max	
ΔV_O	Output Voltage Tolerance	I_L = 1mA		−0.75	0.75	−1.25	1.25	$\%V_{NOM}$
		1 mA < I_L < 100 mA		−1.0 **−2.5**	1.0 **2.5**	−2.0 **−3.5**	2.0 **3.5**	
$\frac{\Delta V_O}{\Delta V_{IN}}$	Output Voltage Line Regulation	$V_{O(NOM)}$ + 1V ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 16V	0.007		0.014 **0.032**		0.014 **0.032**	%/V
$V_{IN}–V_O$	Dropout Voltage (Note 7)	I_L = 0	1		3 **5**		3 **5**	mV
		I_L = 1 mA	7		10 **15**		10 **15**	
		I_L = 25 mA	70		100 **150**		100 **150**	
		I_L = 100 mA	200		250 **375**		250 **375**	
I_{GND}	Ground Pin Current	I_L = 0	65		95 **125**		95 **125**	µA
		I_L = 1 mA	80		110 **170**		110 **170**	
		I_L = 25 mA	200		300 **550**		300 **550**	
		I_L = 100 mA	600		800 **1500**		800 **1500**	
		$V_{ON/OFF}$ < 0.3V	0.01		0.8		0.8	
		$V_{ON/OFF}$ < 0.15V	**0.05**		**2**		**2**	
$V_{ON/OFF}$	ON/OFF Input Voltage (Note 8)	High = O/P ON	1.4	**1.6**		**1.6**		V
		Low = O/P OFF	0.50		**0.15**		**0.15**	
$I_{ON/OFF}$	ON/OFF Input Current	$V_{ON/OFF}$ = 0	0.01		**−1**		**−1**	µA
		$V_{ON/OFF}$ = 5V	5		**15**		**15**	
$I_{O(PK)}$	Peak Output Current	$V_{OUT} \geq V_{O(NOM)}$ − 5%	400	150		150		mA
e_n	Output Noise Voltage (RMS)	BW = 300 Hz–50 kHz, C_{OUT} = 10 µF	160					µV
$\frac{\Delta V_{OUT}}{\Delta V_{IN}}$	Ripple Rejection	f = 1 kHz C_{OUT} = 10 µF	63					dB
$I_{O(MAX)}$	Short Circuit Current	R_L = 0 (Steady State) (Note 9)	150					mA

Note 1: Absolute maximum ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the component may occur. Electrical specifications do not apply when operating the device outside of its rated operating conditions.

Note 2: The ESD rating of pins 3 and 4 for the SOT-23 package is 1 kV.

Note 3: The maximum allowable power dissipation is a function of the maximum junction temperature, $T_{J(MAX)}$, the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance, θ_{JA}, and the ambient temperature, T_A. The maximum allowable power dissipation at any ambient temperature is calculated using:

$$P\,(MAX) = \frac{T_{J(MAX)} - T_A}{\theta_{JA}}$$

The value of θ_{JA} for the SOT-23 package is 220°C/W. Exceeding the maximum allowable power dissipation will cause excessive die temperature, and the regulator will go into thermal shutdown.

Note 4: If used in a dual-supply system where the regulator load is returned to a negative supply, the LP2981 output must be diode-clamped to ground.

Note 5: The output PNP structure contains a diode between the V_{IN} and V_{OUT} terminals that is normally reverse-biased. Reversing the polarity from V_{IN} to V_{OUT} will turn on this diode (see Application Hints).

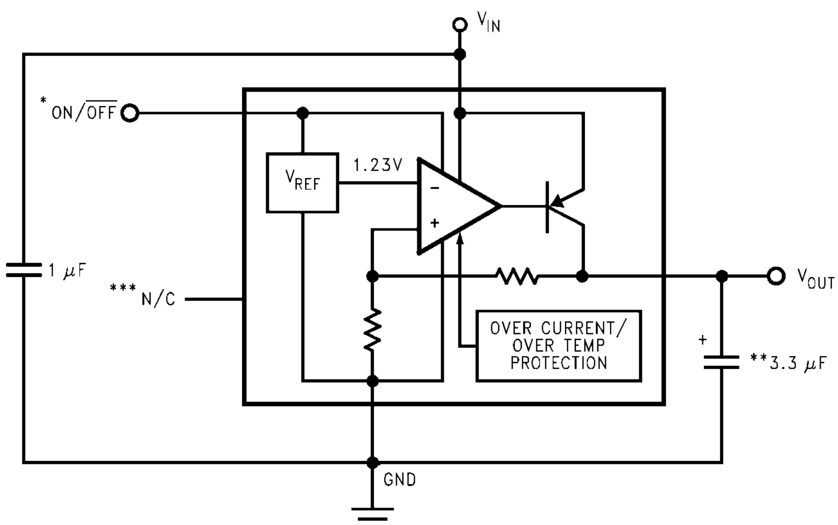
Note 6: Limits are 100% production tested at 25°C. Limits over the operating temperature range are guaranteed through correlation using Statistical Quality Control (SQC) methods. The limits are used to calculate National's Average Outgoing Quality Level (AOQL).

Note 7: Dropout voltage is defined as the input to output differential at which the output voltage drops 100 mV below the value measured with a 1V differential.

Note 8: The ON/OFF inputs must be properly driven to prevent misoperation. For details, refer to Application Hints.

Note 9: See *Typical Performance Characteristics* curve(s).

Typical Application Circuit



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*ON/$\overline{OFF}$ input must be actively terminated. Tie to V_{IN} if this function is not to be used.

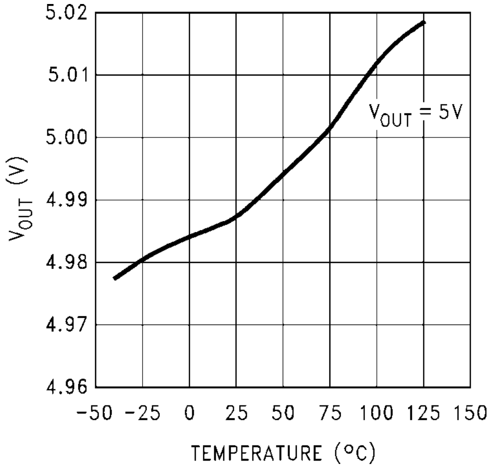
**Minimum Output Capacitance is shown to insure stability over full load current range. More capacitance provides superior dynamic performance and additional stability margin (see Application Hints).

***Do not make connections to this pin.

Typical Performance Characteristics

Unless otherwise specified: T_A = 25°C, V_{IN} = $V_{O(NOM)}$ + 1V, C_{OUT} = 4.7 µF, C_{IN} = 1 µF all voltage options, ON/$\overline{OFF}$ pin tied to V_{IN}.

Output Voltage vs Temperature



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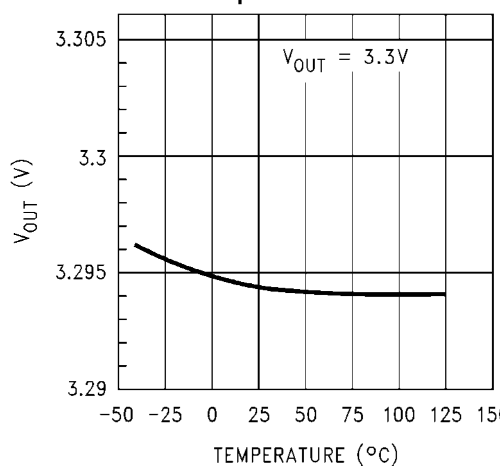

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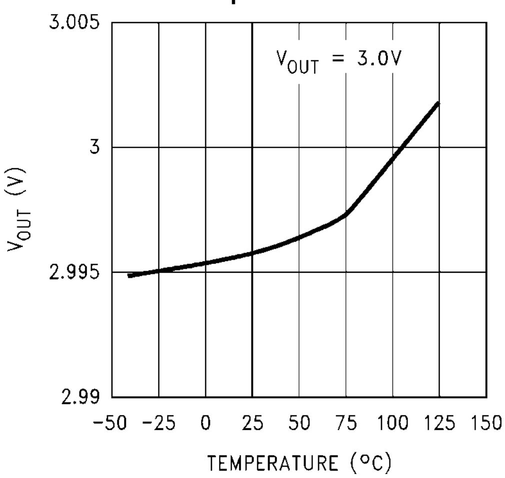

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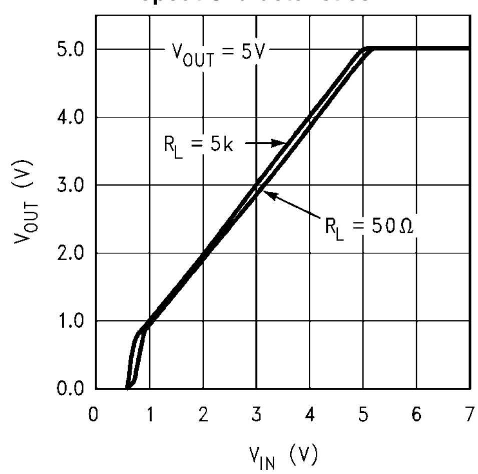
Dropout Characteristics



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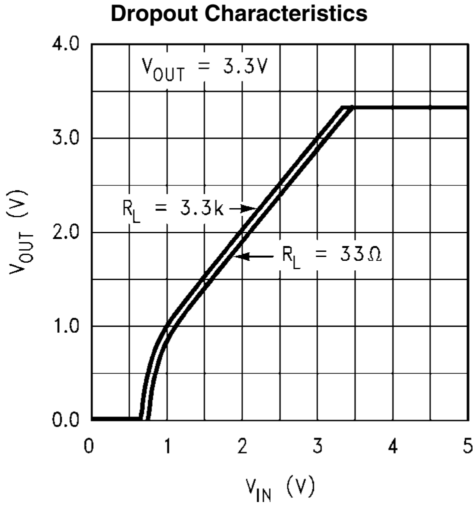

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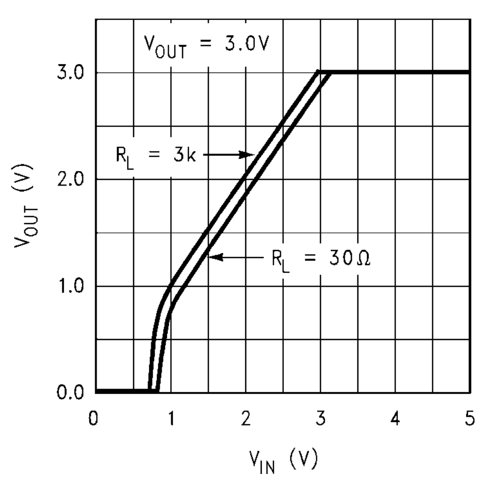

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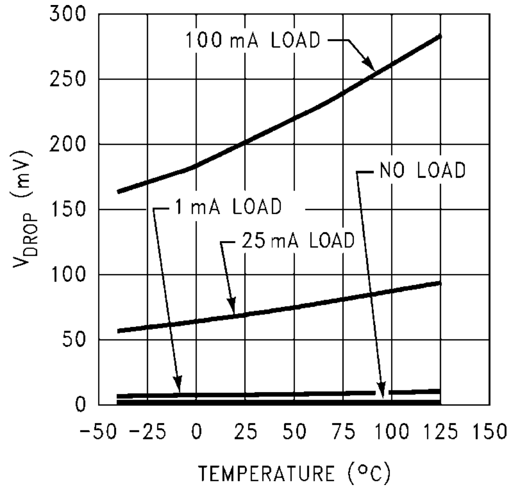

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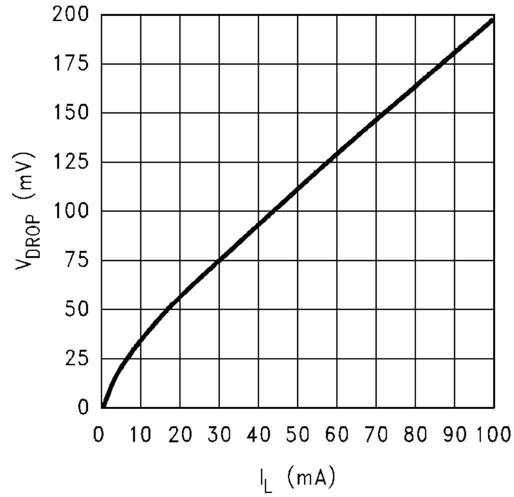

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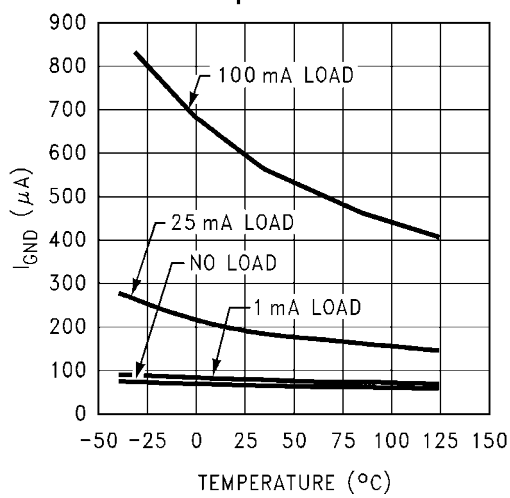

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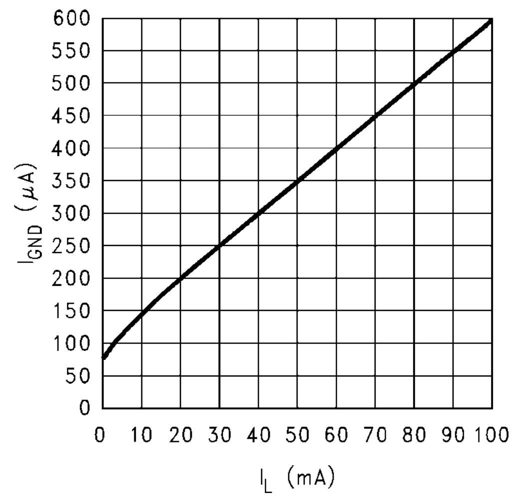

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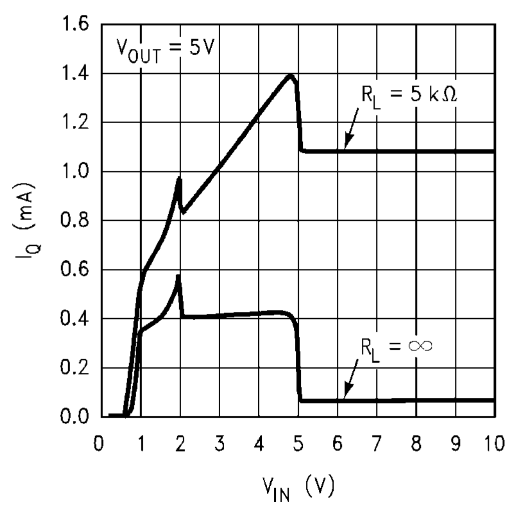

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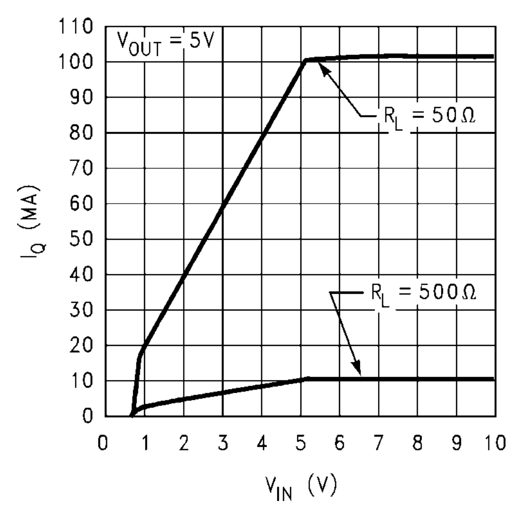

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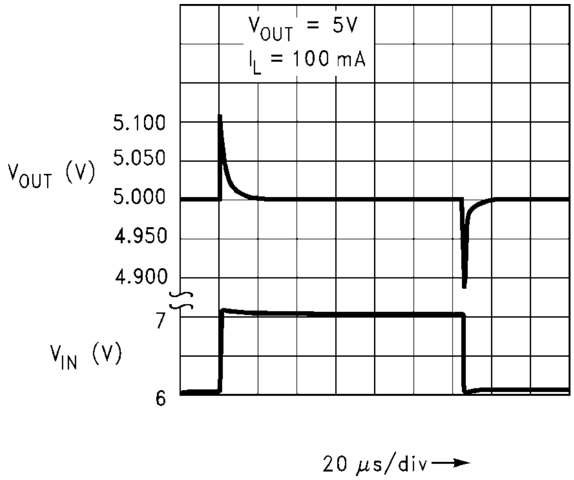

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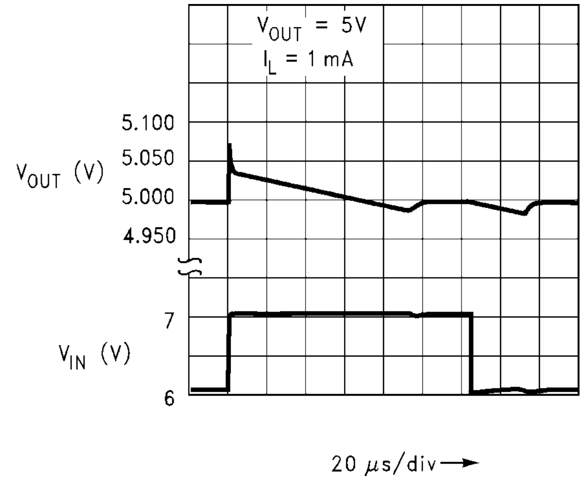

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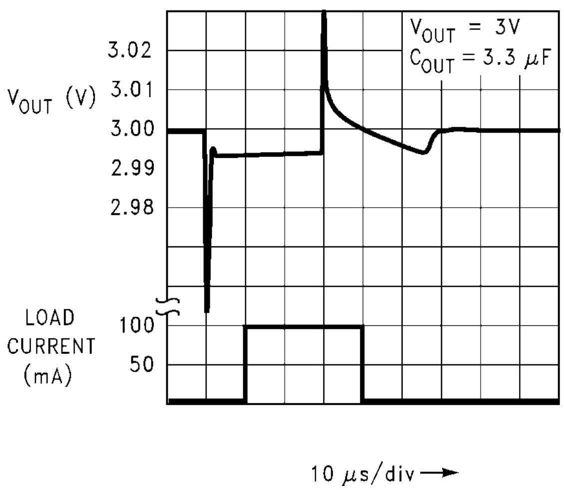

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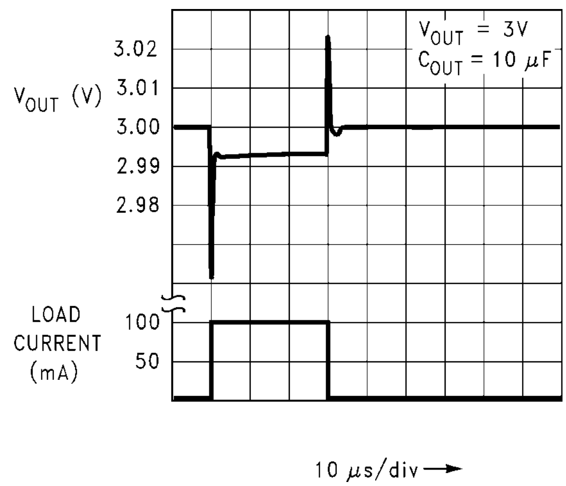

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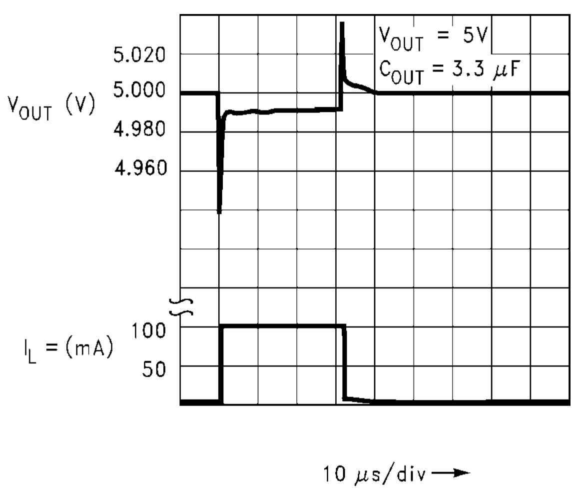

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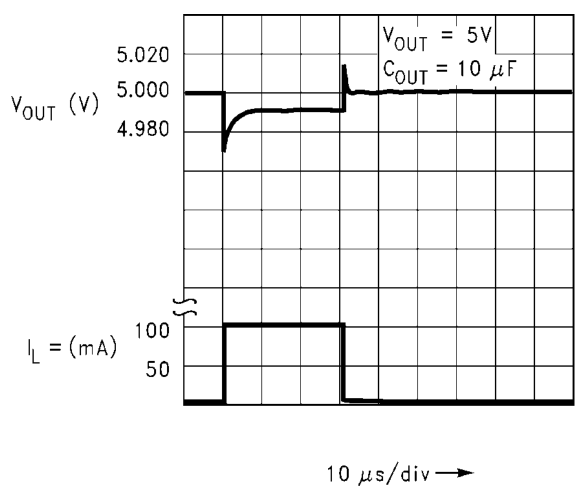

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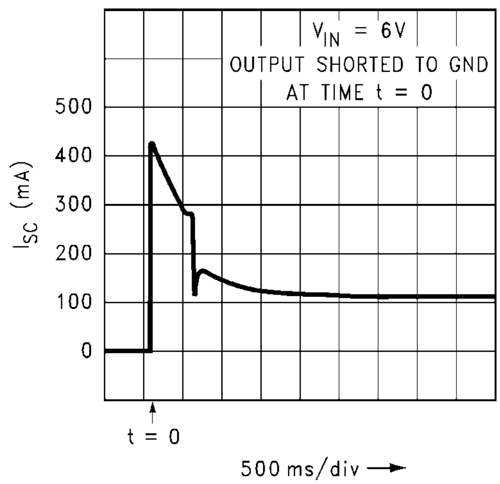
Short Circuit Current



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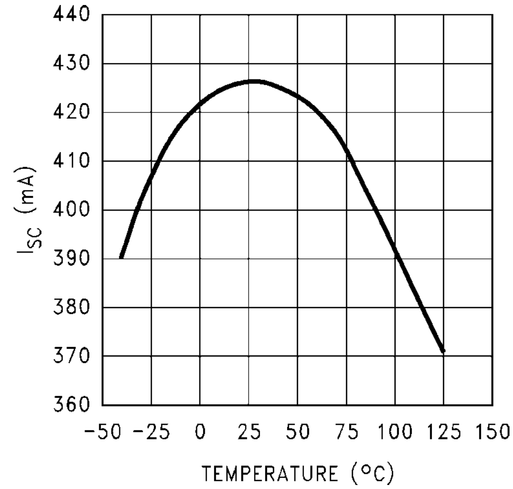
Instantaneous Short Circuit Current vs Temperature



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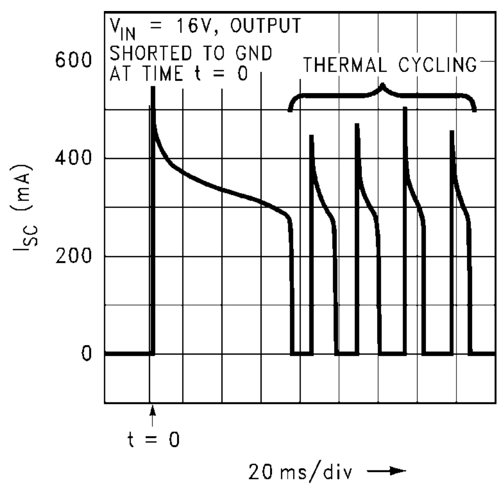

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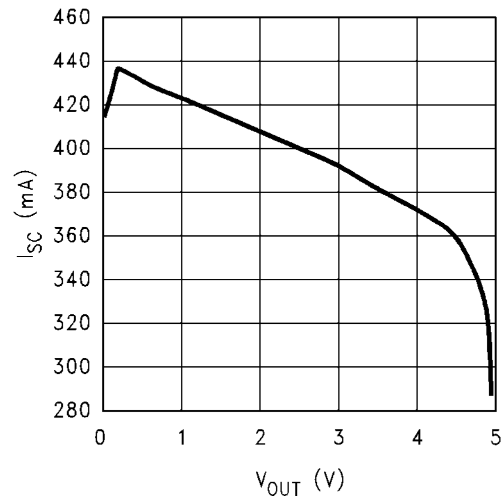
Instantaneous Short Circuit Current vs Output Voltage



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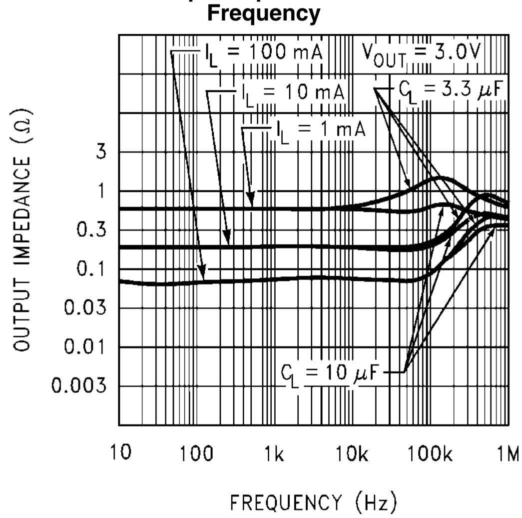
Output Impedance vs Frequency



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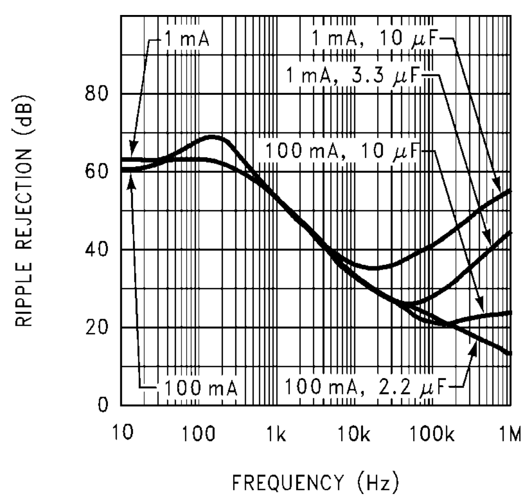
Ripple Rejection



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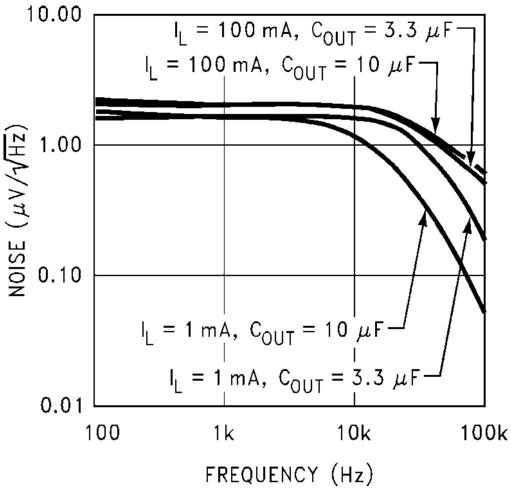
Output Noise Density



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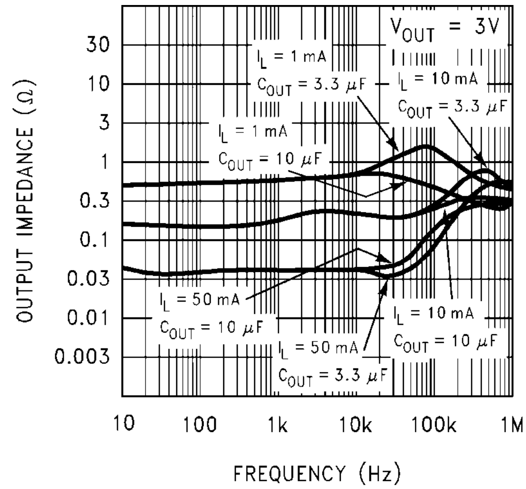

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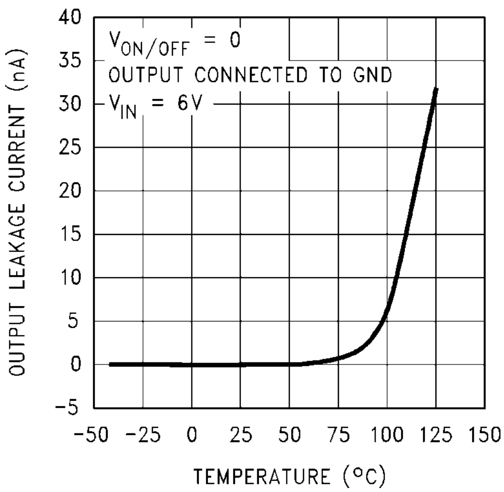
Input to Output Leakage vs Temperature



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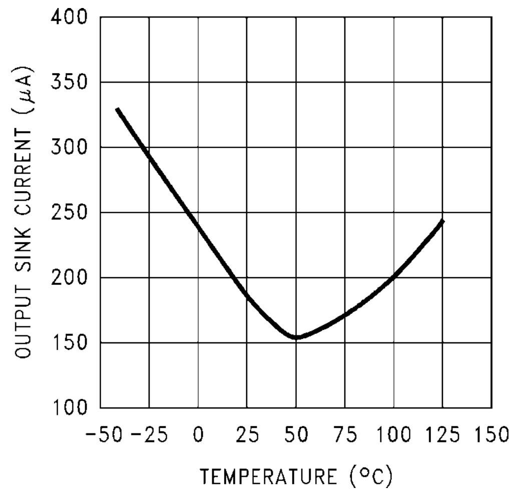
Output Reverse Leakage vs Temperature



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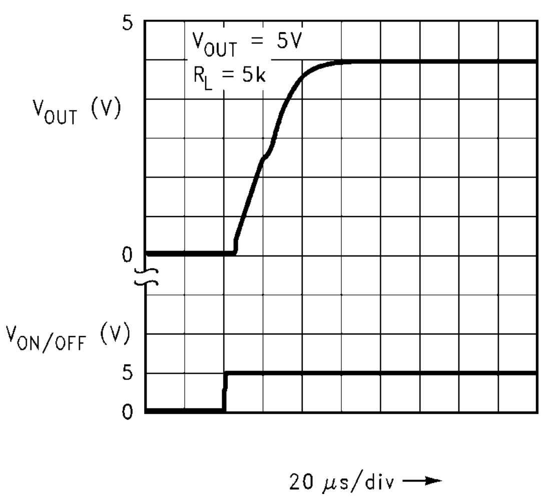
Turn-On Waveform



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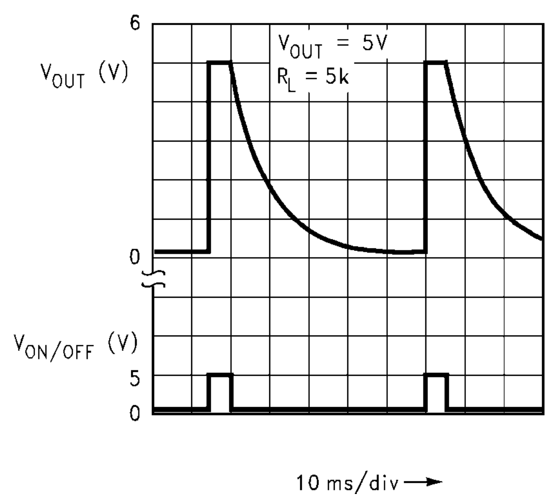

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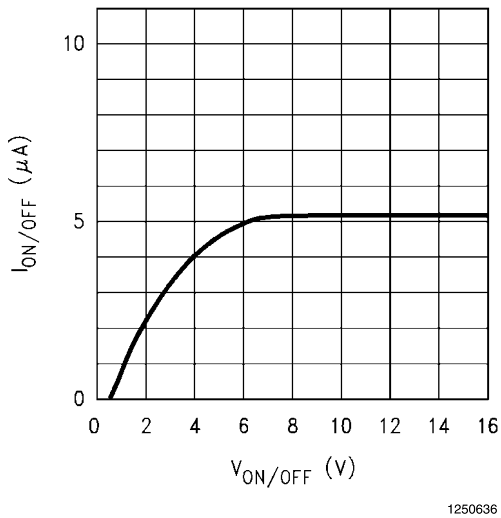
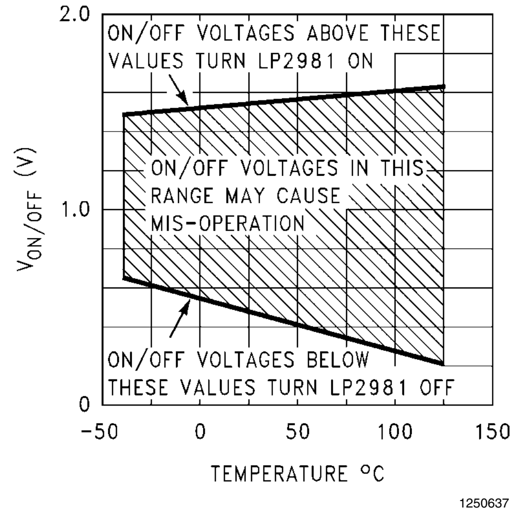
ON/OFF Pin Current vs $V_{ON/OFF}$



ON/OFF Threshold vs Temperature



Application Hints

EXTERNAL CAPACITORS

Like any low-dropout regulator, the external capacitors used with the LP2981 must be carefully selected to assure regulator loop stability.

Input Capacitor: An input capacitor whose value is ≥ 1 µF is required with the LP2981 (amount of capacitance can be increased without limit).

This capacitor must be located a distance of not more than 0.5″ from the input pin of the LP2981 and returned to a clean analog ground. Any good quality ceramic or tantalum can be used for this capacitor.

Output Capacitor: The output capacitor must meet both the requirement for minimum amount of capacitance and E.S.R. (equivalent series resistance) value. Curves are provided which show the allowable ESR range as a function of load current for various output voltages and capacitor values (refer to *Figures 1*, *2*, *3*, *4*).

Important: The output capacitor must maintain its ESR in the stable region over the full operating temperature range to assure stability. Also, capacitor tolerance and variation with temperature must be considered to assure the minimum amount of capacitance is provided at all times.

This capacitor should be located not more than 0.5″ from the output pin of the LP2981 and returned to a clean analog ground.

CAPACITOR CHARACTERISTICS

Tantalum: Tantalum capacitors are the best choice for use with the LP2981. Most good quality tantalums can be used with the LP2981, but check the manufacturer's data sheet to be sure the ESR is in range.

It is important to remember that ESR increases at lower temperatures and a capacitor that is near the upper limit for stability at room temperature can cause instability when it gets cold.

In applications which must operate at very low temperatures, it may be necessary to parallel the output tantalum capacitor with a ceramic capacitor to prevent the ESR from going up too high (see next section for important information on ceramic capacitors).

Ceramic: Ceramic capacitors are not recommended for use at the output of the LP2981. This is because the ESR of a ceramic can be low enough to go below the minimum stable value for the LP2981. A 2.2 µF ceramic was measured and found to have an ESR of about 15 mΩ, which is low enough to cause oscillations.

If a ceramic capacitor is used on the output, a 1Ω resistor should be placed in series with the capacitor.

Aluminum: Because of large physical size, aluminum electrolytics are not typically used with the LP2981. They must meet the same ESR requirements over the operating temperature range, more difficult because of their steep increase at cold temperature.

An aluminum electrolytic can exhibit an ESR increase of as much as 50X when going from 20°C to −40°C. Also, some aluminum electrolytics are not operational below −25°C because the electrolyte can freeze.

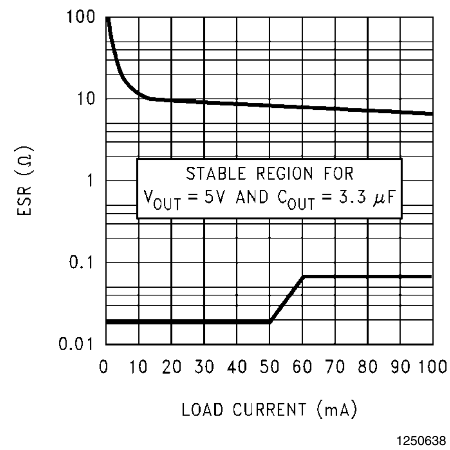


FIGURE 1. 5V/3.3 µF ESR Curves

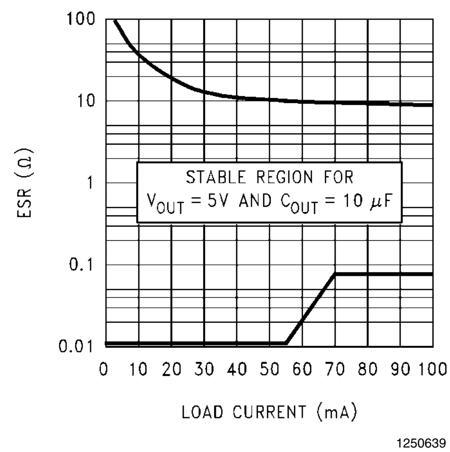


FIGURE 2. 5V/10 µF ESR Curves

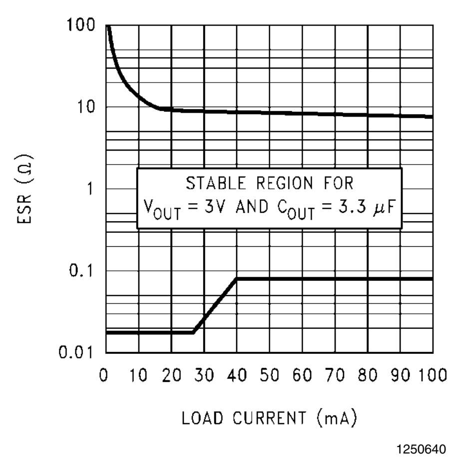


FIGURE 3. 3V/3.3 µF ESR Curves

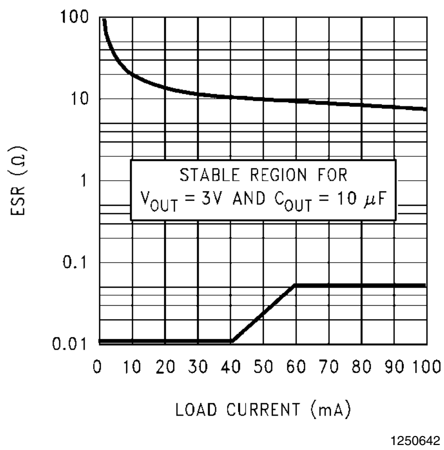


FIGURE 4. 3V/10 µF ESR Curves

REVERSE CURRENT PATH

The internal PNP power transistor used as the pass element in the LP2981 has an inherent diode connected between the regulator output and input. During normal operation (where the input voltage is higher than the output) this diode is reverse biased (See *Figure 5*).

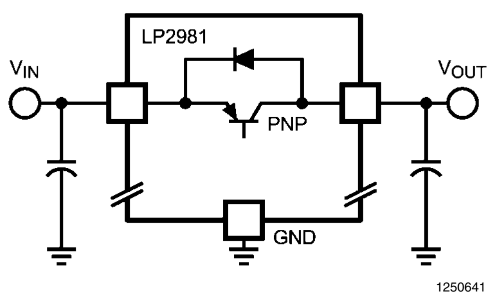


FIGURE 5. LP2981 Reverse Current Path

However, if the input voltage is more than a V_{BE} below the output voltage, this diode will turn ON and current will flow into the regulator output. In such cases, a parasitic SCR can latch which will allow a high current to flow into the V_{IN} pin and out the ground pin, which can damage the part.

The internal diode can also be turned on if the input voltage is abruptly stepped down to a voltage which is a V_{BE} below the output voltage.

In any application where the output voltage may be higher than the input voltage, an external Schottky diode must be connected from V_{IN} to V_{OUT} (cathode on V_{IN}, anode on V_{OUT}. See *Figure 6*), to limit the reverse voltage across the LP2981 to 0.3V (see *Absolute Maximum Ratings*)

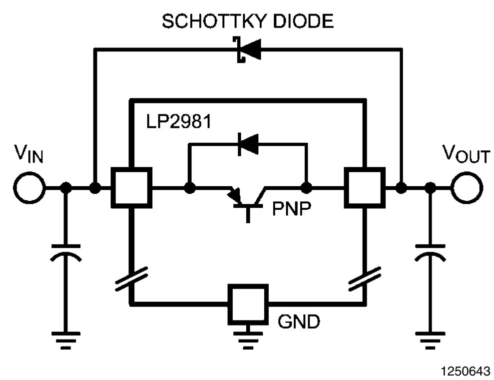


FIGURE 6. Adding External Schottky Diode Protection

ON/OFF INPUT OPERATION

The LP2981 is shut off by pulling the ON/OFF input low, and turned on by driving the input high. If this feature is not to be used, the ON/OFF input should be tied to V_{IN} to keep the regulator on at all times (the ON/OFF input must **not** be left floating).

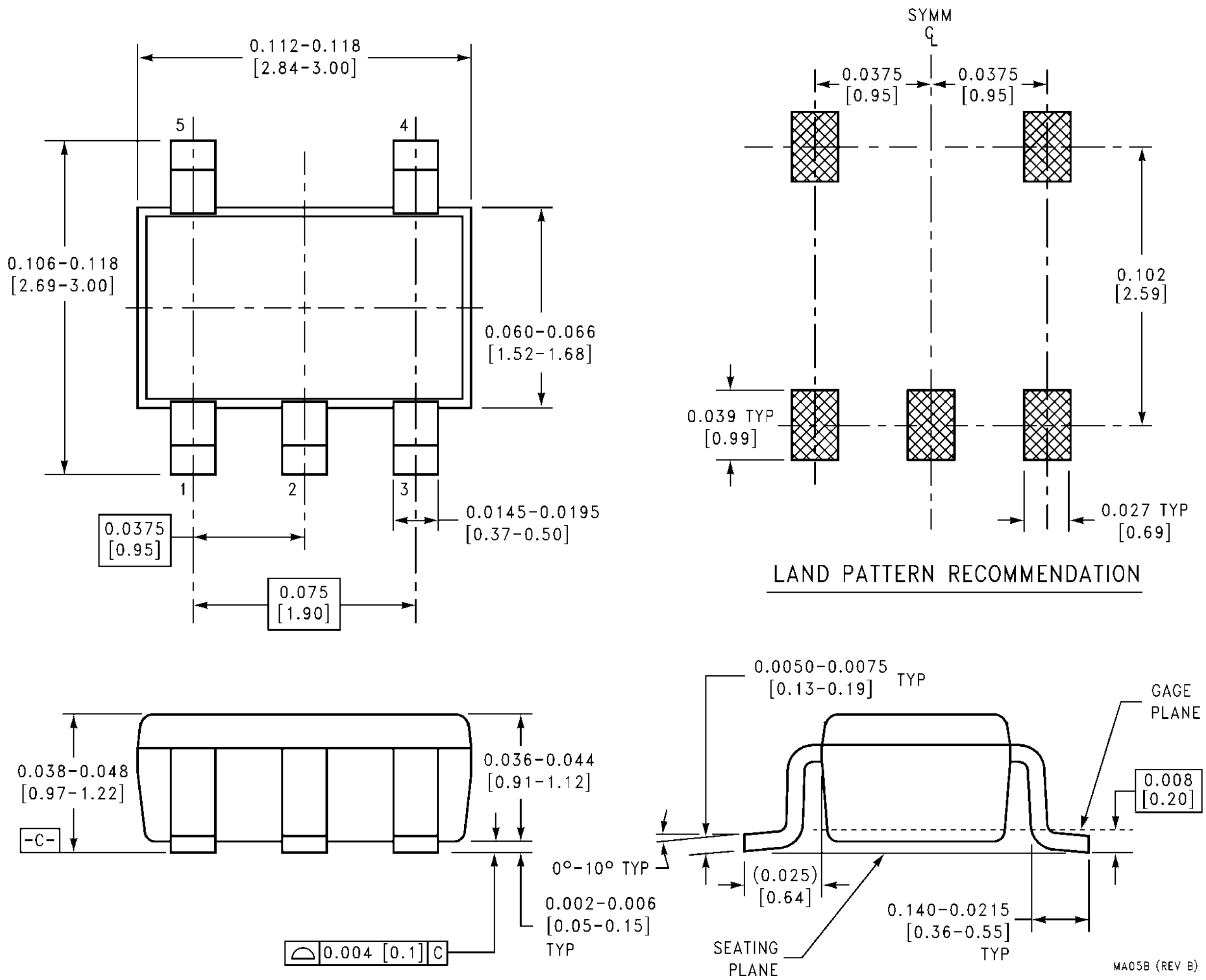
To ensure proper operation, the signal source used to drive the ON/OFF input must be able to swing above and below the specified turn-on/turn-off voltage thresholds which guarantee an ON or OFF state (see Electrical Characteristics).

The ON/OFF signal may come from either a totem-pole output, or an open-collector output with pull-up resistor to the LP2981 input voltage or another logic supply. The high-level voltage may exceed the LP2981 input voltage, but must remain within the Absolute Maximum Ratings for the ON/OFF pin.

It is also important that the turn-on/turn-off voltage signals applied to the ON/OFF input have a slew rate which is greater than 40 mV/µs.

IMPORTANT: The regulator shutdown function will not operate correctly if a slow-moving signal is applied to the ON/OFF input.

Physical Dimensions inches (millimeters) unless otherwise noted



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