

Micropower Voltage Regulators

The LP2950 and LP2951 are micropower voltage regulators that are specifically designed to maintain proper regulation with an extremely low input-to-output voltage differential. These devices feature a very low quiescent bias current of 75 μ A and are capable of supplying output currents in excess of 100 mA. Internal current and thermal limiting protection is provided.

The LP2951 has three additional features. The first is the Error Output that can be used to signal external circuitry of an out of regulation condition, or as a microprocessor power-on reset. The second feature allows the output voltage to be preset to 5.0 V, 3.3 V or 3.0 V output (depending on the version) or programmed from 1.25 V to 29 V. It consists of a pinned out resistor divider along with direct access to the Error Amplifier feedback input. The third feature is a Shutdown input that allows a logic level signal to turn-off or turn-on the regulator output.

Due to the low input-to-output voltage differential and bias current specifications, these devices are ideally suited for battery powered computer, consumer, and industrial equipment where an extension of useful battery life is desirable. The LP2950 is available in the three pin case 29 and DPAK packages, and the LP2951 is available in the eight pin dual-in-line, SO-8 and Micro-8 surface mount packages. The 'A' suffix devices feature an initial output voltage tolerance $\pm 0.5\%$.

LP2950 and LP2951 Features:

- Low Quiescent Bias Current of 75 μA
- $\bullet\,$ Low Input–to–Output Voltage Differential of 50 mV at 100 μA and 380 mV at 100 mA
- 5.0 V, 3.3 V or 3.0 V \pm 0.5% Allows Use as a Regulator or Reference
- Extremely Tight Line and Load Regulation
- Requires Only a 1.0 μF Output Capacitor for Stability
- Internal Current and Thermal Limiting

LP2951 Additional Features:

- Error Output Signals an Out of Regulation Condition
- Output Programmable from 1.25 V to 29 V
- Logic Level Shutdown Input

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Device	Туре	Operating Temperature Range	Package		
LP2950CZ-** LP2950ACZ-**	Fixed Voltage		TO-92/TO-226AA		
LP2950CDT-** LP2950ACDT-**	(3.0, 3.3 or 5.0 V)		DPAK		
LP2951CD LP2951ACD	Adjustable or 5.0 V Fixed		SO-8		
LP2951CD-** LP2951ACD-**	Adjustable or Fixed (3.0, 3.3 V)	T. 400 to 140500	50-8		
LP2951CN LP2951ACN	Adjustable or 5.0 V Fixed	$T_J = -40^\circ \text{ to } +125^\circ \text{C}$	Diratia		
LP2951CN-** LP2951ACN-**	Adjustable or Fixed (3.0, 3.3 V)		Plastic		
LP2951CDM LP2951ACDM	Adjustable or 5.0 V Fixed		Mirro O		
LP2951CDM-** LP2951ACDM-**	Adjustable or Fixed (3.0, 3.3 V)		Micro-8		

ORDERING INFORMATION

** = Voltage option of 3.0, 3.3 or 5.0 V.

DEVICE TYPE/NOMINAL OUTPUT VOLTAGE

Device No. (±1%)	Device No. (±0.5%)	Nominal Voltage
LP2950CX-5.0	LP2950ACX-5.0	5.0
LP2950CX-3.3	LP2950ACX-3.3	3.3
LP2950CX-3.0	LP2950ACX-3.0	3.0
LP2951CX	LP2951ACX	Adjustable or 5.0
LP2950CX-3.3	LP2951ACX-3.3	Adjustable or 3.3
LP2951CX-3.0	LP2951ACX-3.0	Adjustable or 3.0

X = Package suffix.

Representative Block Diagrams



MAXIMUM RATINGS ($T_A = 25^{\circ}C$, unless otherwise noted.)

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Input Voltage	Vcc	30	Vdc
Power Dissipation and Thermal Characteristics Maximum Power Dissipation	PD	Internally Limited	W
Case 751(SO–8) D Suffix Thermal Resistance, Junction–to–Ambient Thermal Resistance, Junction–to–Case	R _{θJA} R _{θJC}	180 45	°C/W °C/W
Case 369A (DPAK) DT Suffix [Note 1] Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Case	R _θ JA R _θ JC	92 6.0	°C/W °C/W
Case 29 (TO-226AA/TO-92) Z Suffix Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Case	R _{θJA} R _{θJC}	160 83	°C/W °C/W
Case 626 N Suffix Thermal Resistance, Junction–to–Ambient Case 846A (Micro–8) DM Suffix	R _{θJA}	105	°C/W
Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient	R _{0JA}	240	°C/W
Feedback Input Voltage	V _{fb}	-1.5 to +30	Vdc
Shutdown Input Voltage	V _{sd}	-0.3 to +30	Vdc
Error Comparator Output Voltage	Verr	-0.3 to +30	Vdc
Operating Junction Temperature	Тj	-40 to +125	°C
Storage Temperature Range	T _{stg}	-65 to +150	°C

NOTE: 1. The Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance is determined by PC board copper area

per Figure 26.2. ESD data available upon request.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ($V_{in} = V_O + 1.0 V$, $I_O = 100 \mu$ A, $C_O = 1.0 \mu$ F, $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$ [Note 1], unless otherwise noted.)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Output Voltage, 5.0 V Versions	VO				V
V _{in} = 6.0 V, I _O = 100 μA, T _J = 25°C	-				
LP2950C-5.0/LP2951C		4.950	5.000	5.050	
LP2950AC-5.0/LP2951AC		4.975	5.000	5.025	
$T_{\rm J} = -40$ to +125°C					
LP2950C-5.0/LP2951C		4.900	-	5.100	
LP2950AC-5.0/LP2951AC		4.940	-	5.060	
V_{in} = 6.0 to 30 V, I _O = 100 µA to 100 mA, T _J = -40 to +125°C					
LP2950C-5.0/LP2951C		4.880	-	5.120	
LP2950AC-5.0/LP2951AC		4.925	-	5.075	
Output Voltage, 3.3 V Versions	VO				V
V _{in} = 4.3 V, I _O = 100 μA, T _J = 25°C	-				
LP2950C-3.3/LP2951C-3.3		3.267	3.300	3.333	
LP2950AC-3.3/LP2951AC-3.3		3.284	3.300	3.317	
$T_{\rm J} = -40$ to +125°C					
LP2950C-3.3/LP2951C-3.3		3.234	-	3.366	
LP2950AC-3.3/LP2951AC-3.3		3.260	-	3.340	
V_{in} = 4.3 to 30 V, I _O = 100 µA to 100 mA, T _J = -40 to +125°C					
LP2950C-3.3/LP2951C-3.3		3.221	-	3.379	
LP2950AC-3.3/LP2951AC-3.3		3.254	-	3.346	
Output Voltage, 3.0 V Versions	Vo				V
V _{in} = 4.0 V, I _O = 100 μA, T _J = 25°C	-				
LP2950C-3.0/LP2951C-3.0		2.970	3.000	3.030	
LP2950AC-3.0/LP2951AC-3.0		2.985	3.000	3.015	
$T_{J} = -40$ to $+125^{\circ}C$					
LP2950C-3.0/LP2951C-3.0		2.940	-	3.060	
LP2950AC-3.0/LP2951AC-3.0		2.964	-	3.036	
V_{in} = 4.0 to 30 V, I _O = 100 µA to 100 mA, T _J = -40 to +125°C					
LP2950C-3.0/LP2951C-3.0		2.928	-	3.072	
LP2950AC-3.0/LP2951AC-3.0		2.958	-	3.042	

LECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued) (Vin = VO + 1.0 V, IO = 100 µA, CO = 1.0 µF, TJ = 25°C [Note 1], unless otherw	vise
oted.)	

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Line Regulation (V _{in} = V _{O(nom)} +1.0 V to 30 V) [Note 2] LP2950C–XX/LP2951C/LP2951C–XX	Reg _{line}	_	0.08	0.20	%
LP2950AC-XX/LP2951AC/LP2951AC-XX		-	0.04	0.10	
Load Regulation (I _O = 100 μ A to 100 mA)	Reg _{load}				%
LP2950C-XX/LP2951C/LP2951C-XX		-	0.13	0.20	
LP2950AC-XX/LP2951AC/LP2951AC-XX		-	0.05	0.10	
Dropout Voltage	V _I – V _O		00		mV
$I_{O} = 100 \ \mu A$ $I_{O} = 100 \ m A$		_	30 350	80 450	
Supply Bias Current	ICC		330	+30	
$I_{O} = 100 \mu A$	·CC	_	93	120	μA
$I_{O} = 100 \text{ mA}$		-	4.0	12	mA
Dropout Supply Bias Current ($V_{in} = V_{O(nom)} - 0.5 V$, I _O = 100 µA) [Note 2]	ICCdropout	-	110	170	μA
Current Limit (VO Shorted to Ground)	l _{Limit}	-	220	300	mA
Thermal Regulation	Reg _{thermal}	-	0.05	0.20	%/W
Output Noise Voltage (10 Hz to 100 kHz) [Note 3]	Vn				μVrms
C _L = 1.0 μF		-	126	-	
C _L = 100 μF		-	56	-	
LP2951A/LP2951AC ONLY					
Reference Voltage ($T_J = 25^{\circ}C$)	V _{ref}				V
LP2951C/LP2951C-XX		1.210	1.235	1.260	
LP2951AC/LP2951AC-XX		1.220	1.235	1.250	
Reference Voltage ($T_J = -40$ to $+125^{\circ}C$)	V _{ref}	4 000		4.070	V
LP2951C/LP2951C–XX LP2951AC/LP2951AC–XX		1.200 1.200	_	1.270 1.260	
Reference Voltage ($T_J = -40$ to +125°C)	V _{ref}	1.200		1.200	v
$I_{O} = 100 \ \mu A \text{ to } 100 \ \text{mA}, V_{in} = 23 \text{ to } 30 \text{ V}$	vrer				ľ
LP2951C/LP2951C-XX		1.185	_	1.285	
LP2951AC/LP2951AC-XX		1.190	-	1.270	
Feedback Pin Bias Current	I _{FB}	-	15	40	nA
ERROR COMPARATOR					
Output Leakage Current (V _{OH} = 30 V)	l _{lkg}	-	0.01	1.0	μΑ
Output Low Voltage (V_{in} = 4.5 V, I_{OL} = 400 μ A)	VOL	_	150	250	mV
Upper Threshold Voltage (V _{in} = 6.0 V)	V _{thu}	40	45	-	mV
Lower Threshold Voltage (V _{in} = 6.0 V)	V _{thl}	-	60	95	mV
Hysteresis (V _{in} = 6.0 V)	V _{hy}	_	15	-	mV
SHUTDOWN INPUT				•	
Input Logic Voltage	V _{shtdn}				V
Logic "0" (Regulator "On")		0	-	0.7	
Logic "1" (Regulator "Off")		2.0	-	30	
Shutdown Pin Input Current	l _{shtdn}				μΑ
$V_{shtdn} = 2.4 V$		-	35	50	
V _{shtdn} = 30 V		-	450	600	<u> </u>
Regulator Output Current in Shutdown Mode ($V_{in} = 30 \text{ V}, V_{Shtdn} = 2.0 \text{ V}, V_{O} = 0$, Pin 6 Connected to Pin 7)	-	3.0	10	μΑ

NOTES: 1. Low duty pulse techniques are used during test to maintain junction temperature as close to ambient as possible.
2. V_{O(nom)} is the part number voltage option.
3. Noise tests on the LP2951 are made with a 0.01 μF capacitor connected across Pins 7 and 1.

DEFINITIONS

Dropout Voltage – The input/output voltage differential at which the regulator output no longer maintains regulation against further reductions in input voltage. Measured when the output drops 100 mV below its nominal value (which is measured at 1.0 V differential), dropout voltage is affected by junction temperature, load current and minimum input supply requirements.

Line Regulation – The change in output voltage for a change in input voltage. The measurement is made under conditions of low dissipation or by using pulse techniques such that average chip temperature is not significantly affected.

Load Regulation – The change in output voltage for a change in load current at constant chip temperature.

Maximum Power Dissipation – The maximum total device dissipation for which the regulator will operate within specifications.

Bias Current – Current which is used to operate the regulator chip and is not delivered to the load.





Output Noise Voltage – The rms ac voltage at the output, with constant load and no input ripple, measured over a specified frequency range.

Leakage Current – Current drawn through a bipolar transistor collector–base junction, under a specified collector voltage, when the transistor is "off".

Upper Threshold Voltage – Voltage applied to the comparator input terminal, below the reference voltage which is applied to the other comparator input terminal, which causes the comparator output to change state from a logic "0" to "1".

Lower Threshold Voltage – Voltage applied to the comparator input terminal, below the reference voltage which is applied to the other comparator input terminal, which causes the comparator output to change state from a logic "1" to "0".

Hysteresis – The difference between Lower Threshold voltage and Upper Threshold voltage.











6.0

5.5

0

100

200

4.90



4.78

4.82

Vin, INPUT VOLTAGE (V)

4.86

Figure 10. Load Transient Response

T_A = 25°C

C_L = 1.0 μF

300

= 1.0 mA ۱L $\overline{V}_{O} = 5.0 V$

400

t, TIME (µs)

500

600

700



1.0

0

4.70

4.74



APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Introduction

The LP2950/LP2951 regulators are designed with internal current limiting and thermal shutdown making them user–friendly. Typical application circuits for the LP2950 and LP2951 are shown in Figures 17 through 25.

These regulators are not internally compensated and thus require a 1.0 μ F (or greater) capacitance between the LP2950/LP2951 output terminal and ground for stability. Most types of aluminum, tantalum or multilayer ceramic will perform adequately. Solid tantalums or appropriate multilayer ceramic capacitors are recommended for operation below 25°C.

At lower values of output current, less output capacitance is required for output stability. The capacitor can be reduced to 0.33 μF for currents less than 10 mA, or 0.1 μF for currents below 1.0 mA. Using the 8–pin versions at voltages less than 5.0 V operates the error amplifier at lower values of gain, so that more output capacitance is needed for stability. For the worst case operating condition of a 100 mA load at 1.23 V output (Output Pin 1 connected to the feedback Pin 7) a minimum capacitance of 3.3 μF is recommended.

The LP2950 will remain stable and in regulation when operated with no output load. When setting the output voltage of the LP2951 with external resistors, the resistance values should be chosen to draw a minimum of $1.0 \,\mu$ A.

A bypass capacitor is recommended across the LP2950/LP2951 input to ground if more than 4 inches of wire connects the input to either a battery or power supply filter capacitor.

Input capacitance at the LP2951 Feedback Pin 7 can create a pole, causing instability if high value external resistors are used to set the output voltage. Adding a 100 pF capacitor between the Output Pin 1 and the Feedback Pin 7 and increasing the output filter capacitor to at least $3.3 \,\mu\text{F}$ will stabilize the feedback loop.

Error Detection Comparator

The comparator switches to a positive logic low whenever the LP2951 output voltage falls more than approximately 5.0% out of regulation. This value is the comparator's designed—in offset voltage of 60 mV divided by the 1.235 V internal reference. As shown in the representative block diagram. This trip level remains 5.0% below normal regardless of the value of regulated output voltage. For example, the error flag trip level is 4.75 V for a normal 5.0 V regulated output, or 9.50 V for a 10 V output voltage.

Figure 1 is a timing diagram which shows the ERROR signal and the regulated output voltage as the input voltage to the LP2951 is ramped up and down. The ERROR signal becomes valid (low) at about 1.3 V input. It goes high when the input reaches about 5.0 V (V_{out} exceeds about 4.75 V). Since the LP2951's dropout voltage is dependent upon the load current (refer to the curve in the Typical Performance Characteristics), the input voltage trip point will vary with load current. The output voltage trip point does not vary with load.

The error comparator output is an open collector which requires an external pull–up resistor. This resistor may be returned to the output or some other voltage within the system. The resistance value should be chosen to be consistent with the 400 μ A sink capability of the error comparator. A value between 100 k and 1.0 M Ω is suggested. No pull–up resistance is required if this output is unused.

When operated in the shutdown mode, the error comparator output will go high if it has been pulled up to an external supply. To avoid this invalid response, the error comparator output should be pulled up to V_{out} (see Figure 15).

Figure 15. ERROR Output Timing



Programming the Output Voltage (LP2951)

The LP2951CX may be pin–strapped for 5.0 V using its internal voltage divider by tying Pin 1 (output) to Pin 2 (sense) and Pin 7 (feedback) to Pin 6 (5.0 V tap). Alternatively, it may be programmed for any output voltage between its 1.235 reference voltage and its 30 V maximum rating. An external pair of resistors is required, as shown in Figure 16.

Figure 16. Adjustable Regulator



The complete equation for the output voltage is:

$$V_{out} = V_{ref} (1 + R1/R2) + I_{FB} R1$$

where V_{ref} is the nominal 1.235 V reference voltage and I_{FB} is the feedback pin bias current, nominally –20 nA. The minimum recommended load current of 1.0 μ A forces an upper limit of 1.2 M Ω on the value of R2, if the regulator must work with no load. I_{FB} will produce a 2% typical error in V_{out} which may be eliminated at room temperature by adjusting R1. For better accuracy, choosing R2 = 100 k reduces this

error to 0.17% while increasing the resistor program current to 12 μ A. Since the LP2951 typically draws 75 μ A at no load with Pin 2 open circuited, the extra 12 μ A of current drawn is often a worthwhile tradeoff for eliminating the need to set output voltage in test.

Output Noise

In many applications it is desirable to reduce the noise present at the output. Reducing the regulator bandwidth by increasing the size of the output capacitor is the only method for reducing noise on the 3 lead LP2950. However, increasing the capacitor from 1.0 μ F to 220 μ F only decreases the noise from 430 μ V to 160 μ Vrms for a 100 kHz bandwidth at the 5.0 V output.

Noise can be reduced fourfold by a bypass capacitor across R1, since it reduces the high frequency gain from 4 to unity. Pick

$$C_{Bypass} \approx \frac{1}{2\pi R1 \times 200 \text{ Hz}}$$

or about 0.01 μ F. When doing this, the output capacitor must be increased to 3.3 μ F to maintain stability. These changes reduce the output noise from 430 μ V to 126 μ Vrms for a 100 kHz bandwidth at 5.0 V output. With bypass capacitor added, noise no longer scales with output voltage so that improvements are more dramatic at higher output voltages.





TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

Figure 18. Lithium Ion Battery Cell Charger



Figure 19. Low Drift Current Sink



Figure 20. Latch Off When Error Flag Occurs



maintain V_{out}, or if V_{out} is reduced by excessive load current.

Figure 21. 5.0 V Regulator with 2.5 V Sleep Function



Figure 22. Regulator with Early Warning and Auxiliary Output



All diodes are 1N4148.

Early Warning flag on low input voltage.

Main output latches off at lower input voltages.

Battery backup on auxiliary output.

Operation: Regulator #1's V_{OUt} is programmed one diode drop above 5.0 V. Its error flag becomes active when V_{in} \leq 5.7 V. When V_{in} drops below 5.3 V, the error flag of regulator #2 becomes active and via Q1 latches the main output "off". When V_{in} again exceeds 5.7 V, regulator #1 is back in regulation and the early warning signal rises, unlatching regulator #2 via D3.

Figure 23. 2.0 A Low Dropout Regulator



 $V_{out} = 1.25V (1.0 + R1/R2)$

For 5.0 V output, use internal resistors. Wire Pin 6 to 7, and wire Pin 2 to +V_{OUt} Bus.

Figure 24. Open Circuit Detector for 4.0 to 20 mA Current Loop











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