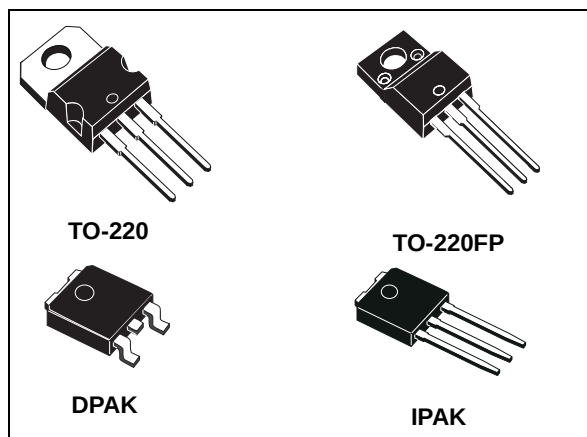


## Precision 500 mA regulators

Datasheet - production data



### Description

The L78M series of three-terminal positive regulators is available in TO-220, TO-220FP, DPAK and IPAK packages and with several fixed output voltages, making it useful in a wide range of applications. These regulators can provide local on-card regulation, eliminating the distribution problems associated with single point regulation. Each type employs internal current limiting, thermal shutdown and safe area protection, resulting in an essentially indestructible device. If adequate heat sinking is provided, they can deliver over 0.5 A output current. Although designed primarily as fixed voltage regulators, these devices can be used with external components to obtain adjustable voltage and currents.

### Features

- Output current to 0.5 A
- Output voltages of 5; 6; 8; 9; 10; 12; 15; 24 V
- Thermal overload protection
- Short circuit protection
- Output transition SOA protection
- Output voltage tolerance: 2% (AB and AC versions) or 4% (C version)
- Guaranteed in extended temperature range

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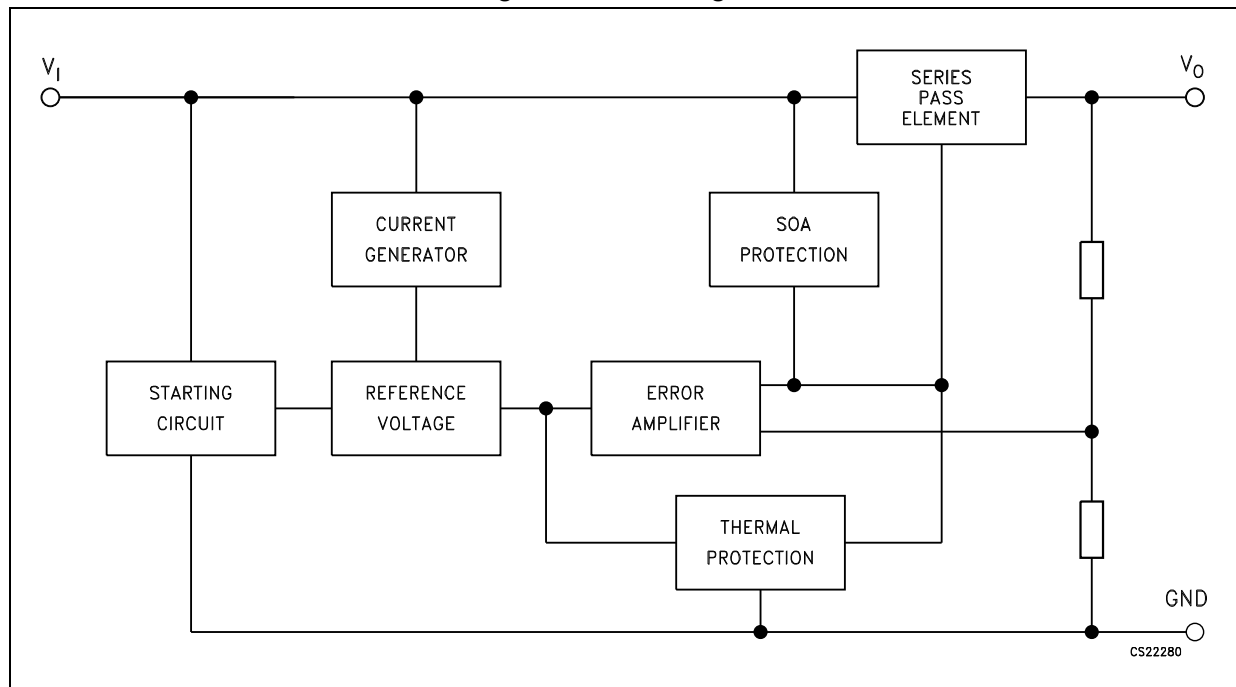
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# 1 Diagram

Figure 1. Block diagram



# 2 Pin configuration

Figure 2. Pin connections (top view)

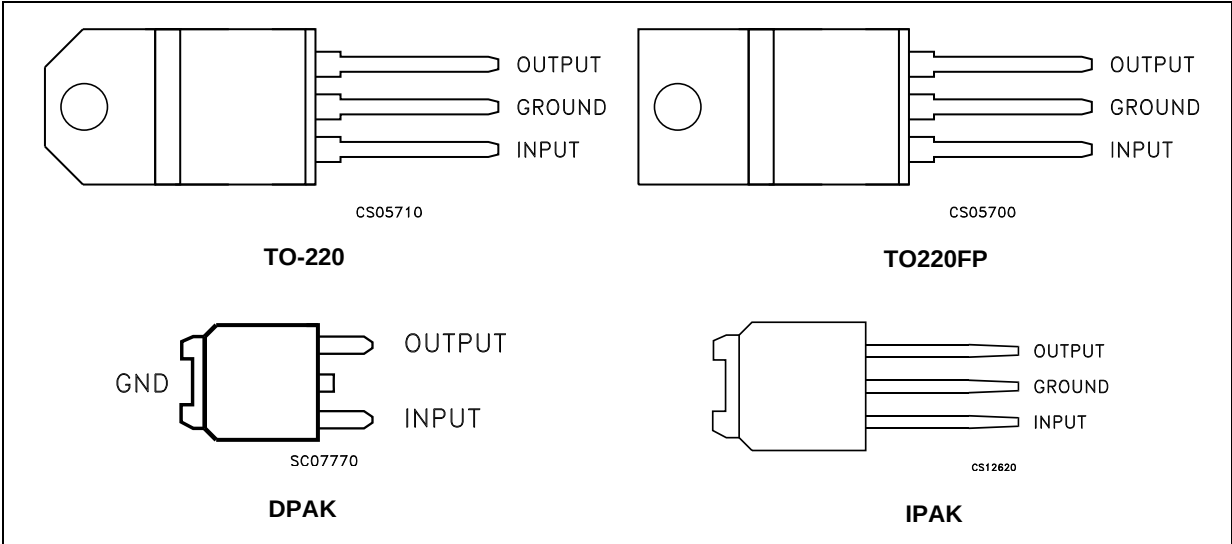
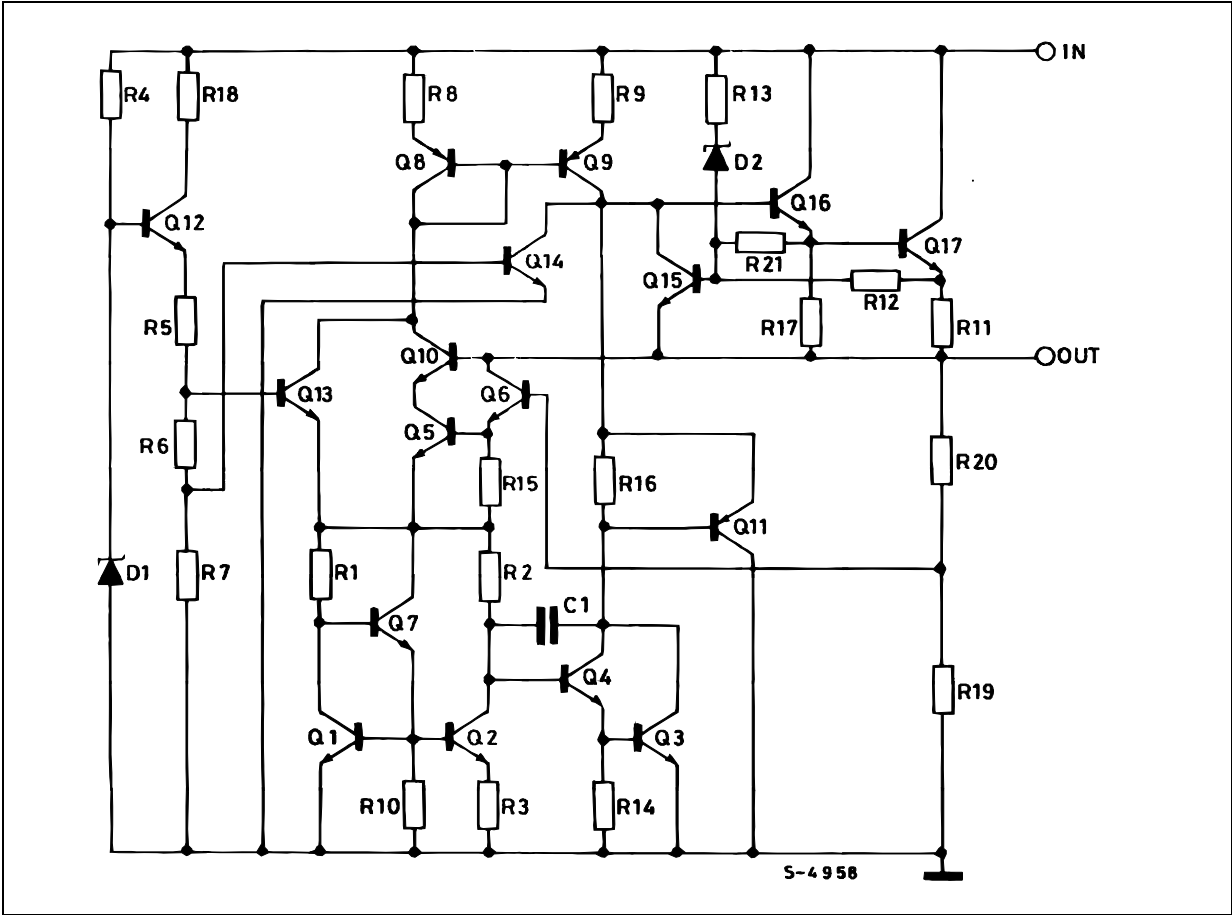


Figure 3. Schematic diagram



### 3 Maximum ratings

**Table 1. Absolute maximum ratings**

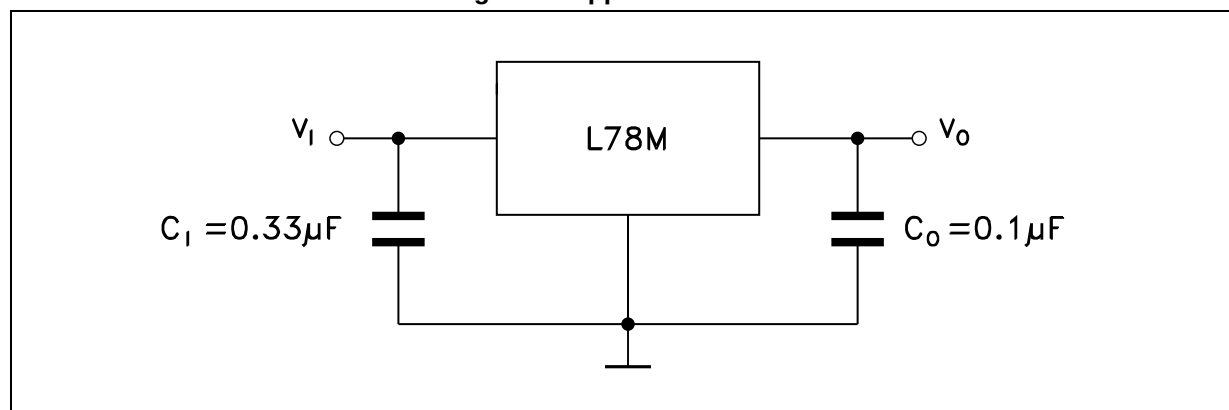
| Symbol    | Parameter                            |                         | Value              | Unit |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------|
| $V_I$     | DC input voltage                     | for $V_O = 5$ to $18$ V | 35                 | V    |
|           |                                      | for $V_O = 20, 24$ V    | 40                 |      |
| $I_O$     | Output current                       |                         | Internally limited | mA   |
| $P_D$     | Power dissipation                    |                         | Internally limited | mW   |
| $T_{STG}$ | Storage temperature range            |                         | - 65 to 150        | °C   |
| $T_{OP}$  | Operating junction temperature range | for L78MxxAC            | 0 to 125           | °C   |
|           |                                      | for L78MxxAB            | -40 to 125         |      |
|           |                                      | for L78MxxC             | 0 to 150           |      |

*Note:* Absolute maximum ratings are those values beyond which damage to the device may occur. Functional operation under these condition is not implied.

**Table 2. Thermal data**

| Symbol     | Parameter                           | TO-220 | TO-220FP | DPAK | IPAK | Unit |
|------------|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|------|------|------|
| $R_{thJC}$ | Thermal resistance junction-case    | 5      | 5        | 8    | 8    | °C/W |
| $R_{thJA}$ | Thermal resistance junction-ambient | 50     | 60       | 100  | 100  | °C/W |

**Figure 4. Application circuit**



## 4 Test circuits

Figure 5. DC parameter

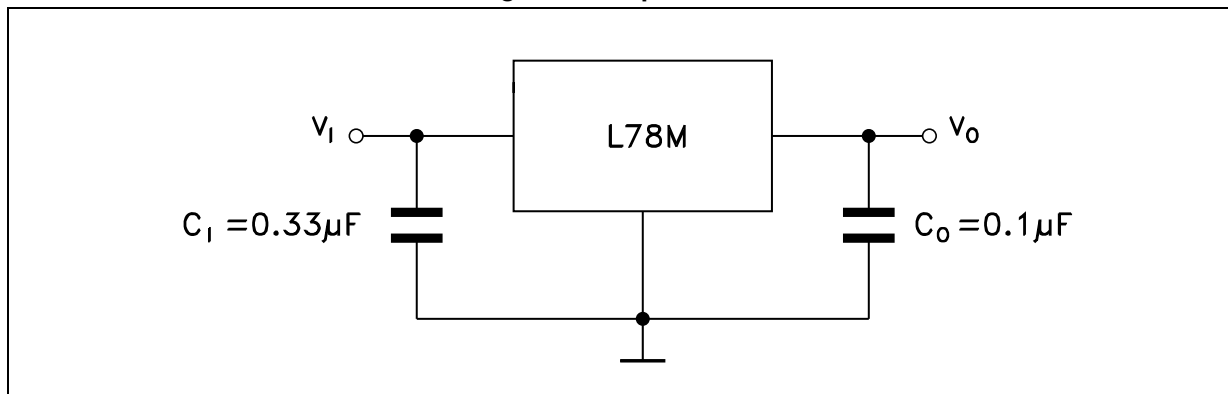


Figure 6. Load regulation

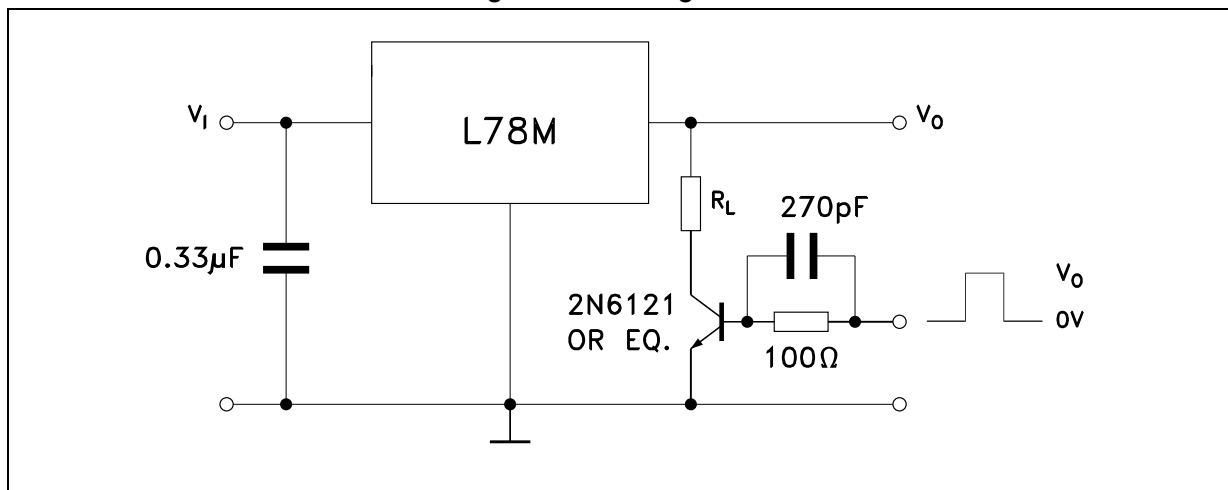
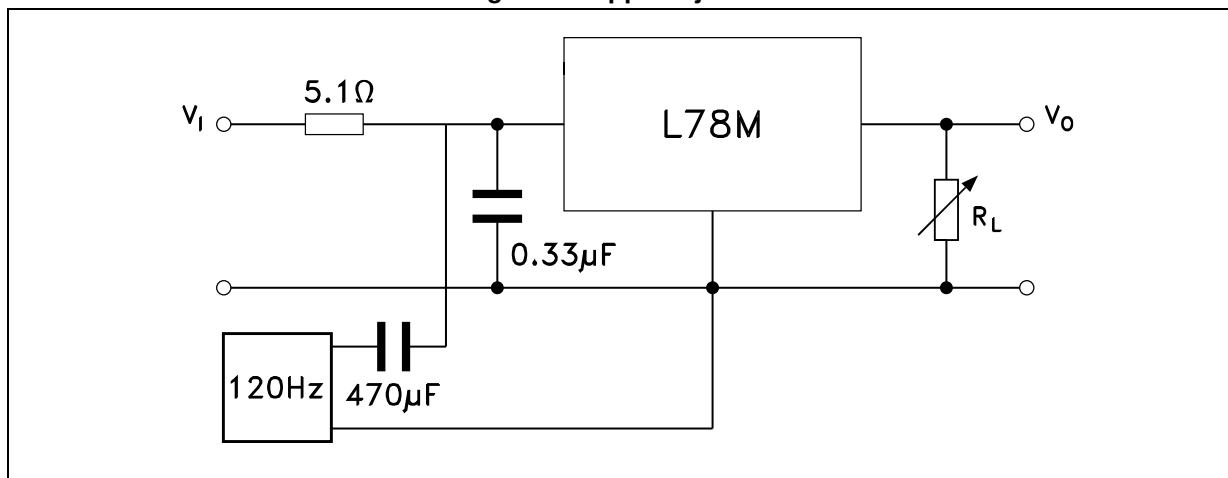


Figure 7. Ripple rejection



## 5 Electrical characteristics

Refer to the test circuits,  $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_I = 10\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$  unless otherwise specified.

**Table 3. Electrical characteristics of L78M05C**

| Symbol                | Parameter                | Test conditions                                                               | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage           |                                                                               | 4.8  | 5    | 5.2  | V                      |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage           | $I_O = 5\text{ to }350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 7\text{ to }20\text{ V}$           | 4.75 | 5    | 5.25 | V                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation          | $V_I = 7\text{ to }25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$                       |      |      | 100  | mV                     |
|                       |                          | $V_I = 8\text{ to }25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$                       |      |      | 50   |                        |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation          | $I_O = 5\text{ to }500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$        |      |      | 100  | mV                     |
|                       |                          | $I_O = 5\text{ to }200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$        |      |      | 50   |                        |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current        |                                                                               |      |      | 6    | mA                     |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change | $I_O = 5\text{ to }350\text{ mA}$                                             |      |      | 0.5  | mA                     |
|                       |                          | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 8\text{ to }25\text{ V}$                       |      |      | 0.8  |                        |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift     | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 0\text{ to }125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$         |      | -0.5 |      | mV/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection | $V_I = 8\text{ to }18\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$ , $I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ | 62   |      |      | dB                     |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage     | $B = 10\text{ Hz to }100\text{ kHz}$                                          |      | 40   |      | $\mu\text{V}$          |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage          |                                                                               |      | 2    |      | V                      |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current    | $V_I = 35\text{ V}$                                                           |      | 300  |      | mA                     |

Refer to the test circuits,  $V_I = 10\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $T_J = -40$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AB),  $T_J = 0$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AC) unless otherwise specified.

Table 4. Electrical characteristics of L78M05A

| Symbol                | Parameter                  | Test conditions                                                                                     | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit                 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|----------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                            | 4.9  | 5    | 5.1  | V                    |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 7$ to $20\text{ V}$                                           | 4.8  | 5    | 5.2  | V                    |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation            | $V_I = 7$ to $25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                       |      |      | 100  | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $V_I = 8$ to $25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                       |      |      | 50   |                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation            | $I_O = 5$ to $500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                             |      |      | 100  | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 5$ to $200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                             |      |      | 50   |                      |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current          | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                            |      |      | 6    | mA                   |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change   | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$                                                                        |      |      | 0.5  | mA                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 8$ to $25\text{ V}$                                                  |      |      | 0.8  |                      |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift       | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$                                                                                 |      | -0.5 |      | mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection   | $V_I = 8$ to $18\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$ , $I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 62   |      |      | dB                   |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage       | $B = 10\text{ Hz}$ to $100\text{ kHz}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                   |      | 40   |      | $\mu\text{V}$        |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage            | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                            |      | 2    |      | V                    |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current      | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_I = 35\text{ V}$                                                      |      | 300  |      | mA                   |
| $I_{scp}$             | Short circuit peak current | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                            |      | 700  |      | mA                   |

Refer to the test circuits,  $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_I = 11\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$  unless otherwise specified.

**Table 5. Electrical characteristics of L78M06C**

| Symbol                | Parameter                | Test conditions                                                               | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage           |                                                                               | 5.75 | 6    | 6.25 | V                      |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage           | $I_O = 5\text{ to }350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 8\text{ to }21\text{ V}$           | 5.7  | 6    | 6.3  | V                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation          | $V_I = 8\text{ to }25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$                       |      |      | 100  | mV                     |
|                       |                          | $V_I = 9\text{ to }25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$                       |      |      | 50   |                        |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation          | $I_O = 5\text{ to }500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$        |      |      | 120  | mV                     |
|                       |                          | $I_O = 5\text{ to }200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$        |      |      | 60   |                        |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current        |                                                                               |      |      | 6    | mA                     |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change | $I_O = 5\text{ to }350\text{ mA}$                                             |      |      | 0.5  | mA                     |
|                       |                          | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 9\text{ to }25\text{ V}$                       |      |      | 0.8  |                        |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift     | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 0\text{ to }125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$         |      | -0.5 |      | mV/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection | $V_I = 9\text{ to }19\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$ , $I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ | 59   |      |      | dB                     |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage     | $B = 10\text{ Hz to }100\text{ kHz}$                                          |      | 45   |      | $\mu\text{V}$          |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage          |                                                                               |      | 2    |      | V                      |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current    | $V_I = 35\text{ V}$                                                           |      | 270  |      | mA                     |

Refer to the test circuits,  $V_I = 11\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $T_J = -40$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AB),  $T_J = 0$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AC) unless otherwise specified.

**Table 6. Electrical characteristics of L78M06A**

| Symbol                | Parameter                  | Test conditions                                                                                     | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit                 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|----------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                            | 5.88 | 6    | 6.12 | V                    |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 8$ to $21\text{ V}$                                           | 5.75 | 6    | 6.3  | V                    |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation            | $V_I = 8$ to $25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                       |      |      | 100  | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $V_I = 9$ to $25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                       |      |      | 30   |                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation            | $I_O = 5$ to $500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                             |      |      | 120  | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 5$ to $200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                             |      |      | 60   |                      |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current          | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                            |      |      | 6    | mA                   |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change   | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$                                                                        |      |      | 0.5  | mA                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 9$ to $25\text{ V}$                                                  |      |      | 0.8  |                      |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift       | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$                                                                                 |      | -0.5 |      | mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection   | $V_I = 9$ to $19\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$ , $I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 59   |      |      | dB                   |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage       | $B = 10\text{ Hz}$ to $100\text{ kHz}$                                                              |      | 45   |      | $\mu\text{V}$        |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage            | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                            |      | 2    |      | V                    |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current      | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_I = 35\text{ V}$                                                      |      | 270  |      | mA                   |
| $I_{scp}$             | Short circuit peak current | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                            |      | 700  |      | mA                   |

Refer to the test circuits,  $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_I = 14\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$  unless otherwise specified.

**Table 7. Electrical characteristics of L78M08C**

| Symbol                | Parameter                | Test conditions                                                                       | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage           |                                                                                       | 7.7  | 8    | 8.3  | V                      |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage           | $I_O = 5\text{ to }350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 10.5\text{ to }23\text{ V}$                | 7.6  | 8    | 8.4  | V                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation          | $V_I = 10.5\text{ to }25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$                            |      |      | 100  | mV                     |
|                       |                          | $V_I = 11\text{ to }25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$                              |      |      | 50   |                        |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation          | $I_O = 5\text{ to }500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$                |      |      | 160  | mV                     |
|                       |                          | $I_O = 5\text{ to }200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$                |      |      | 80   |                        |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current        |                                                                                       |      |      | 6    | mA                     |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change | $I_O = 5\text{ to }350\text{ mA}$                                                     |      |      | 0.5  | mA                     |
|                       |                          | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 10.5\text{ to }25\text{ V}$                            |      |      | 0.8  |                        |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift     | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 0\text{ to }125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$                 |      | -0.5 |      | mV/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection | $V_I = 11.5\text{ to }21.5\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$ ,<br>$I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ | 56   |      |      | dB                     |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage     | $B = 10\text{ Hz to }100\text{ kHz}$                                                  |      | 52   |      | $\mu\text{V}$          |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage          |                                                                                       |      | 2    |      | V                      |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current    | $V_I = 35\text{ V}$                                                                   |      | 250  |      | mA                     |

Refer to the test circuits,  $V_I = 14\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $T_J = -40$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AB),  $T_J = 0$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AC) unless otherwise specified.

Table 8. Electrical characteristics of L78M08A

| Symbol                | Parameter                  | Test conditions                                                                                           | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit                 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|----------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                                  | 7.84 | 8    | 8.16 | V                    |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 10.5$ to $23\text{ V}$                                              | 7.7  | 8    | 8.3  | V                    |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation            | $V_I = 10.5$ to $25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                          |      |      | 100  | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $V_I = 11$ to $25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                            |      |      | 30   |                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation            | $I_O = 5$ to $500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                   |      |      | 160  | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 5$ to $200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                   |      |      | 80   |                      |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current          | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                                  |      |      | 6    | mA                   |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change   | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$                                                                              |      |      | 0.5  | mA                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 10.5$ to $25\text{ V}$                                                     |      |      | 0.8  |                      |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift       | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$                                                                                       |      | -0.5 |      | mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection   | $V_I = 11.5$ to $21.5\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$<br>$I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 56   |      |      | dB                   |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage       | $B = 10\text{ Hz}$ to $100\text{ kHz}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                         |      | 52   |      | $\mu\text{V}$        |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage            | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                                  |      | 2    |      | V                    |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current      | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_I = 35\text{ V}$                                                            |      | 250  |      | mA                   |
| $I_{scp}$             | Short circuit peak current | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                                  |      | 700  |      | mA                   |

Refer to the test circuits,  $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_I = 15\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$  unless otherwise specified.

**Table 9. Electrical characteristics of L78M09C**

| Symbol                | Parameter                | Test conditions                                                                     | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage           |                                                                                     | 8.65 | 9    | 9.35 | V                      |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage           | $I_O = 5\text{ to }350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 11.5\text{ to }24\text{ V}$              | 8.55 | 9    | 9.45 | V                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation          | $V_I = 11.5\text{ to }25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$                          |      |      | 100  | mV                     |
|                       |                          | $V_I = 12\text{ to }25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$                            |      |      | 50   |                        |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation          | $I_O = 5\text{ to }500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$              |      |      | 180  | mV                     |
|                       |                          | $I_O = 5\text{ to }200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$              |      |      | 90   |                        |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current        |                                                                                     |      |      | 6    | mA                     |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change | $I_O = 5\text{ to }350\text{ mA}$                                                   |      |      | 0.5  | mA                     |
|                       |                          | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 11.5\text{ to }25\text{ V}$                          |      |      | 0.8  |                        |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift     | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 0\text{ to }125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$               |      | -0.5 |      | mV/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection | $V_I = 12.5\text{ to }23\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$ ,<br>$I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ | 56   |      |      | dB                     |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage     | $B = 10\text{ Hz to }100\text{ kHz}$                                                |      | 58   |      | $\mu\text{V}$          |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage          |                                                                                     |      | 2    |      | V                      |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current    | $V_I = 35\text{ V}$                                                                 |      | 250  |      | mA                     |

Refer to the test circuits,  $V_I = 15\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $T_J = -40$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AB),  $T_J = 0$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AC) unless otherwise specified.

Table 10. Electrical characteristics of L78M09A

| Symbol                | Parameter                  | Test conditions                                                                                        | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit                 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|----------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                               | 8.82 | 9    | 9.18 | V                    |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 11.5$ to $24\text{ V}$                                           | 8.64 | 9    | 9.36 | V                    |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation            | $V_I = 11.5$ to $25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                       |      |      | 100  | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $V_I = 12$ to $25\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                         |      |      | 30   |                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation            | $I_O = 5$ to $500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                |      |      | 180  | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 5$ to $200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                |      |      | 90   |                      |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current          | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                               |      |      | 6    | mA                   |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change   | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$                                                                           |      |      | 0.5  | mA                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 11.5$ to $25\text{ V}$                                                  |      |      | 0.8  |                      |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift       | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$                                                                                    |      | -0.5 |      | mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection   | $V_I = 12.5$ to $23\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$ , $I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 56   |      |      | dB                   |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage       | $B = 10\text{ Hz}$ to $100\text{ kHz}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                      |      | 52   |      | $\mu\text{V}$        |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage            | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                               |      | 2    |      | V                    |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current      | $V_I = 35\text{ V}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                         |      | 250  |      | mA                   |
| $I_{scp}$             | Short circuit peak current | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                               |      | 700  |      | mA                   |

Refer to the test circuits,  $V_I = 16\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $T_J = -40$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AB),  $T_J = 0$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AC) unless otherwise specified.

**Table 11. Electrical characteristics of L78M10A**

| Symbol                | Parameter                  | Test conditions                                                                                        | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit                 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|----------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                               | 9.8  | 10   | 10.2 | V                    |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 12.5$ to $25\text{ V}$                                           | 9.6  | 10   | 10.4 | V                    |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation            | $V_I = 12.5$ to $30\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                       |      |      | 100  | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $V_I = 13$ to $30\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                         |      |      | 30   |                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation            | $I_O = 5$ to $500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                |      |      | 200  | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 5$ to $200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                |      |      | 100  |                      |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current          | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                               |      |      | 6    | mA                   |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change   | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$                                                                           |      |      | 0.5  | mA                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 12.5$ to $30\text{ V}$                                                  |      |      | 0.8  |                      |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift       | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$                                                                                    |      | -0.5 |      | mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection   | $V_I = 13.5$ to $24\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$ , $I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 56   |      |      | dB                   |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage       | $B = 10\text{ Hz}$ to $100\text{ kHz}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                      |      | 64   |      | $\mu\text{V}$        |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage            | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                               |      | 2    |      | V                    |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current      | $V_I = 35\text{ V}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                         |      | 245  |      | mA                   |
| $I_{scp}$             | Short circuit peak current | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                               |      | 700  |      | mA                   |

Refer to the test circuits,  $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_I = 19\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$  unless otherwise specified.

Table 12. Electrical characteristics of L78M12C

| Symbol                | Parameter                | Test conditions                                                                | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage           |                                                                                | 11.5 | 12   | 12.5 | V                      |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage           | $I_O = 5\text{ to }350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 14.5\text{ to }27\text{ V}$         | 11.4 | 12   | 12.6 | V                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation          | $V_I = 14.5\text{ to }30\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$                     |      |      | 100  | mV                     |
|                       |                          | $V_I = 16\text{ to }30\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$                       |      |      | 50   |                        |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation          | $I_O = 5\text{ to }500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$         |      |      | 240  | mV                     |
|                       |                          | $I_O = 5\text{ to }200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$         |      |      | 120  |                        |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current        |                                                                                |      |      | 6    | mA                     |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change | $I_O = 5\text{ to }350\text{ mA}$                                              |      |      | 0.5  | mA                     |
|                       |                          | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 14.5\text{ to }30\text{ V}$                     |      |      | 0.8  |                        |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift     | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 0\text{ to }125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$          |      | -1   |      | mV/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection | $V_I = 15\text{ to }25\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$ , $I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ | 55   |      |      | dB                     |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage     | $B = 10\text{ Hz to }100\text{ kHz}$                                           |      | 75   |      | $\mu\text{V}$          |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage          |                                                                                |      | 2    |      | V                      |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current    | $V_I = 35\text{ V}$                                                            |      | 240  |      | mA                     |

Refer to the test circuits,  $V_I = 19\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $T_J = -40$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AB),  $T_J = 0$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AC) unless otherwise specified.

**Table 13. Electrical characteristics of L78M12A**

| Symbol                | Parameter                  | Test conditions                                                                                      | Min.  | Typ. | Max.  | Unit                 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|----------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                             | 11.75 | 12   | 12.25 | V                    |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 14.5$ to $27\text{ V}$                                         | 11.5  | 12   | 12.5  | V                    |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation            | $V_I = 14.5$ to $30\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                     |       |      | 100   | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $V_I = 16$ to $30\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                       |       |      | 30    |                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation            | $I_O = 5$ to $500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                              |       |      | 240   | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 5$ to $200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                              |       |      | 120   |                      |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current          | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                             |       |      | 6     | mA                   |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change   | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$                                                                         |       |      | 0.5   | mA                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 14.5$ to $30\text{ V}$                                                |       |      | 0.8   |                      |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift       | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$                                                                                  |       | -1   |       | mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection   | $V_I = 15$ to $25\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$ , $I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 55    |      |       | dB                   |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage       | $B = 10\text{ Hz}$ to $100\text{ kHz}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                    |       | 75   |       | $\mu\text{V}$        |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage            | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                             |       | 2    |       | V                    |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current      | $V_I = 35\text{ V}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                       |       | 240  |       | mA                   |
| $I_{scp}$             | Short circuit peak current | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                             |       | 700  |       | mA                   |

Refer to the test circuits,  $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_I = 23\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$  unless otherwise specified.

Table 14. Electrical characteristics of L78M15C

| Symbol                | Parameter                | Test conditions                                                                       | Min.  | Typ. | Max.  | Unit                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|------------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage           |                                                                                       | 14.4  | 15   | 15.6  | V                      |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage           | $I_O = 5\text{ to }350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 17.5\text{ to }30\text{ V}$                | 14.25 | 15   | 15.75 | V                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation          | $V_I = 17.5\text{ to }30\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$                            |       |      | 100   | mV                     |
|                       |                          | $V_I = 20\text{ to }30\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$                              |       |      | 50    |                        |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation          | $I_O = 5\text{ to }500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$                |       |      | 300   | mV                     |
|                       |                          | $I_O = 5\text{ to }200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$                |       |      | 150   |                        |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current        |                                                                                       |       |      | 6     | mA                     |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change | $I_O = 5\text{ to }350\text{ mA}$                                                     |       |      | 0.5   | mA                     |
|                       |                          | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 17.5\text{ to }30\text{ V}$                            |       |      | 0.8   |                        |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift     | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 0\text{ to }125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$                 |       | -1   |       | mV/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection | $V_I = 18.5\text{ to }28.5\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$ ,<br>$I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ | 54    |      |       | dB                     |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage     | $B = 10\text{ Hz to }100\text{ kHz}$                                                  |       | 90   |       | $\mu\text{V}$          |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage          |                                                                                       |       | 2    |       | V                      |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current    | $V_I = 35\text{ V}$                                                                   |       | 240  |       | mA                     |

Refer to the test circuits,  $V_I = 23\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $T_J = -40$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AB),  $T_J = 0$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AC) unless otherwise specified.

**Table 15. Electrical characteristics of L78M15A**

| Symbol                | Parameter                  | Test conditions                                                                                          | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit                 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|----------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                                 | 14.7 | 15   | 15.3 | V                    |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 17.5$ to $30\text{ V}$                                             | 14.4 | 15   | 15.6 | V                    |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation            | $V_I = 17.5$ to $30\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                         |      |      | 100  | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $V_I = 20$ to $30\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                           |      |      | 30   |                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation            | $I_O = 5$ to $500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                  |      |      | 300  | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 5$ to $200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                  |      |      | 150  |                      |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current          | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                                 |      |      | 6    | mA                   |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change   | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$                                                                             |      |      | 0.5  | mA                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 17.5$ to $30\text{ V}$                                                    |      |      | 0.8  |                      |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift       | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$                                                                                      |      | -1   |      | mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection   | $V_I = 18.5$ to $28.5\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$ , $I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 54   |      |      | dB                   |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage       | $B = 10\text{ Hz}$ to $100\text{ kHz}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                        |      | 90   |      | $\mu\text{V}$        |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage            | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                                 |      | 2    |      | V                    |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current      | $V_I = 35\text{ V}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                           |      | 240  |      | mA                   |
| $I_{scp}$             | Short circuit peak current | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                                 |      | 700  |      | mA                   |

Refer to the test circuits,  $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_I = 33\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$  unless otherwise specified.

Table 16. Electrical characteristics of L78M24C

| Symbol                | Parameter                | Test conditions                                                                | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage           |                                                                                | 23   | 24   | 25   | V                      |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage           | $I_O = 5\text{ to }350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 27\text{ to }38\text{ V}$           | 22.8 | 24   | 25.2 | V                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation          | $V_I = 27\text{ to }38\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$                       |      |      | 100  | mV                     |
|                       |                          | $V_I = 28\text{ to }38\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$                       |      |      | 50   |                        |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation          | $I_O = 5\text{ to }500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$         |      |      | 480  | mV                     |
|                       |                          | $I_O = 5\text{ to }200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$         |      |      | 240  |                        |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current        |                                                                                |      |      | 6    | mA                     |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change | $I_O = 5\text{ to }350\text{ mA}$                                              |      |      | 0.5  | mA                     |
|                       |                          | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 27\text{ to }38\text{ V}$                       |      |      | 0.8  |                        |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift     | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 0\text{ to }125\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$          |      | -1.2 |      | mV/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection | $V_I = 28\text{ to }38\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$ , $I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ | 50   |      |      | dB                     |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage     | $B = 10\text{ Hz to }100\text{ kHz}$                                           |      | 170  |      | $\mu\text{V}$          |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage          |                                                                                |      | 2    |      | V                      |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current    | $V_I = 35\text{ V}$                                                            |      | 240  |      | mA                     |

Refer to the test circuits,  $V_I = 33\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 350\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $T_J = -40$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AB),  $T_J = 0$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (AC) unless otherwise specified.

**Table 17. Electrical characteristics of L78M24A**

| Symbol                | Parameter                  | Test conditions                                                                                      | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit                 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|----------------------|
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                             | 23.5 | 24   | 24.5 | V                    |
| $V_O$                 | Output voltage             | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 27$ to $38\text{ V}$                                           | 23   | 24   | 25   | V                    |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Line regulation            | $V_I = 27$ to $38\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                       |      |      | 100  | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $V_I = 28$ to $38\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                       |      |      | 30   |                      |
| $\Delta V_O$          | Load regulation            | $I_O = 5$ to $500\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                              |      |      | 480  | mV                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 5$ to $200\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                              |      |      | 240  |                      |
| $I_d$                 | Quiescent current          | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                             |      |      | 6    | mA                   |
| $\Delta I_d$          | Quiescent current change   | $I_O = 5$ to $350\text{ mA}$                                                                         |      |      | 0.5  | mA                   |
|                       |                            | $I_O = 200\text{ mA}$ , $V_I = 27$ to $38\text{ V}$                                                  |      |      | 0.8  |                      |
| $\Delta V_O/\Delta T$ | Output voltage drift       | $I_O = 5\text{ mA}$                                                                                  |      | -1.2 |      | mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| SVR                   | Supply voltage rejection   | $V_I = 28$ to $38\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$ , $I_O = 300\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | 50   |      |      | dB                   |
| eN                    | Output noise voltage       | $B = 10\text{ Hz}$ to $100\text{ kHz}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                    |      | 170  |      | $\mu\text{V}$        |
| $V_d$                 | Dropout voltage            | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                             |      | 2    |      | V                    |
| $I_{sc}$              | Short circuit current      | $V_I = 35\text{ V}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                       |      | 240  |      | mA                   |
| $I_{scp}$             | Short circuit peak current | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                                                                             |      | 700  |      | mA                   |

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Figure 8. Dropout voltage vs. junction temp.

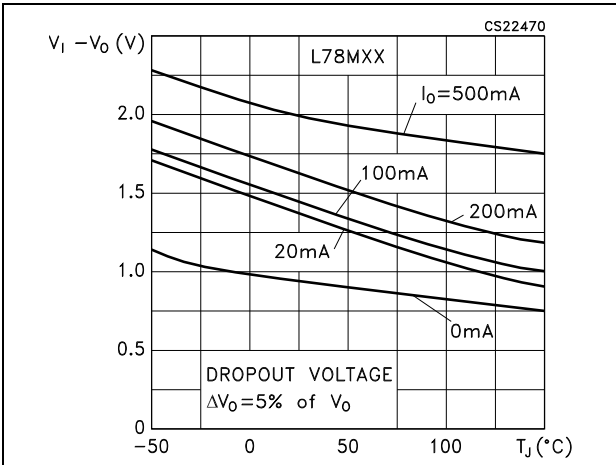


Figure 9. Dropout characteristics

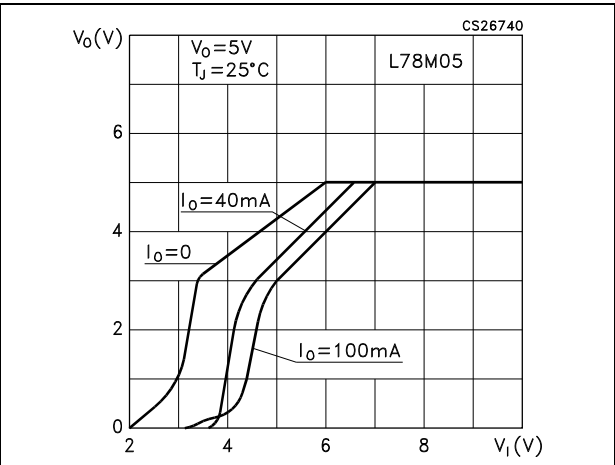


Figure 10. Peak output current vs. input-output differential voltage

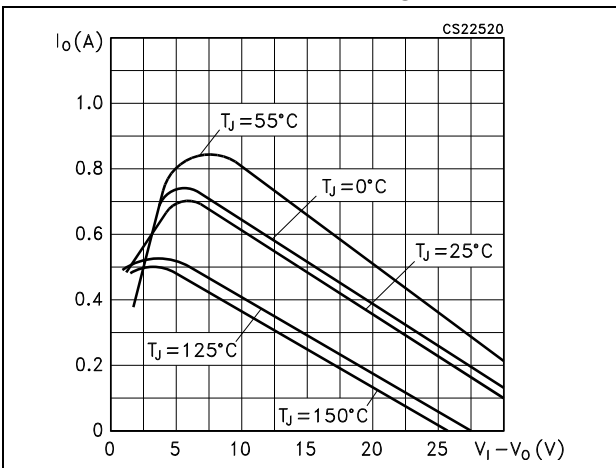


Figure 11. Output voltage vs. junction temperature

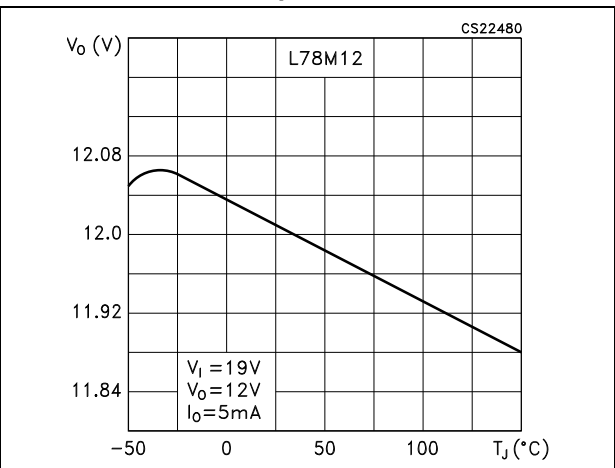


Figure 12. Supply voltage rejection vs. frequency

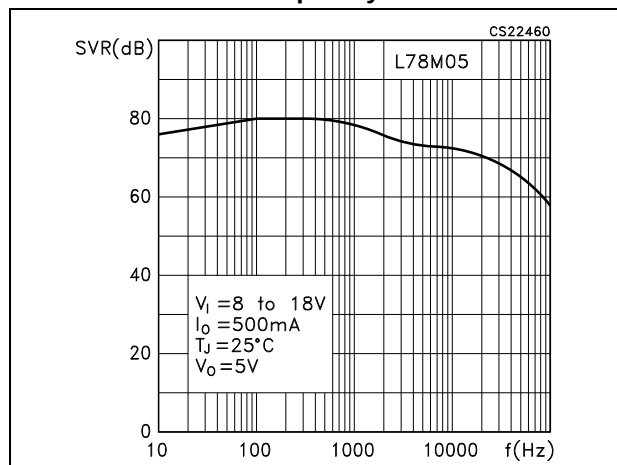


Figure 13. Quiescent current vs. junction temperature

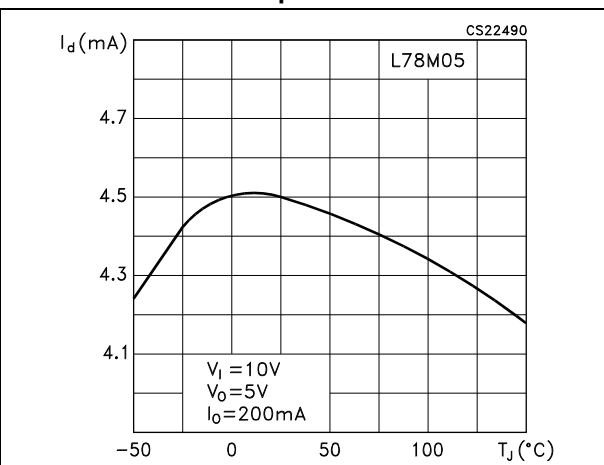


Figure 14. Load transient response

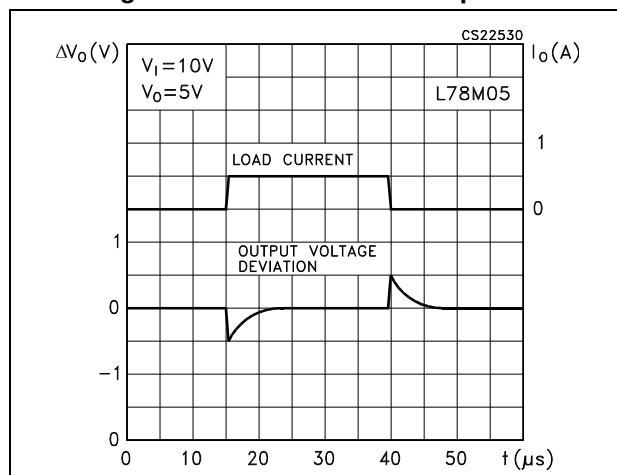


Figure 15. Line transient response

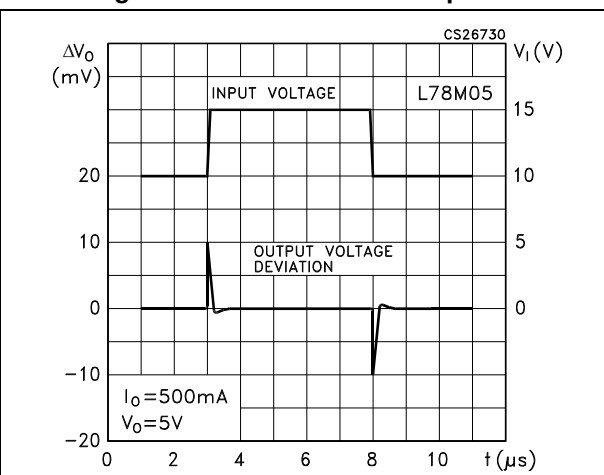
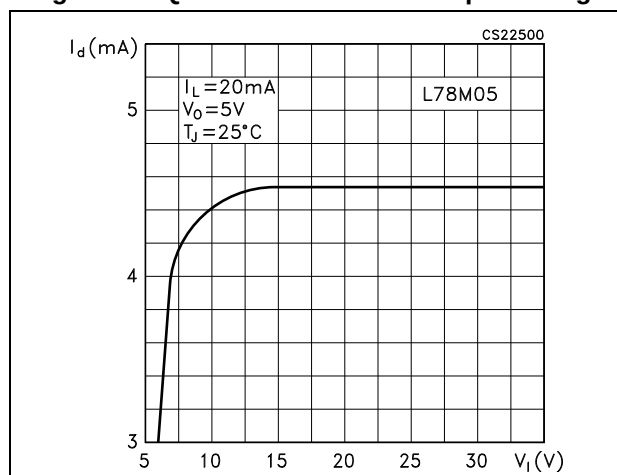


Figure 16. Quiescent current vs. input voltage

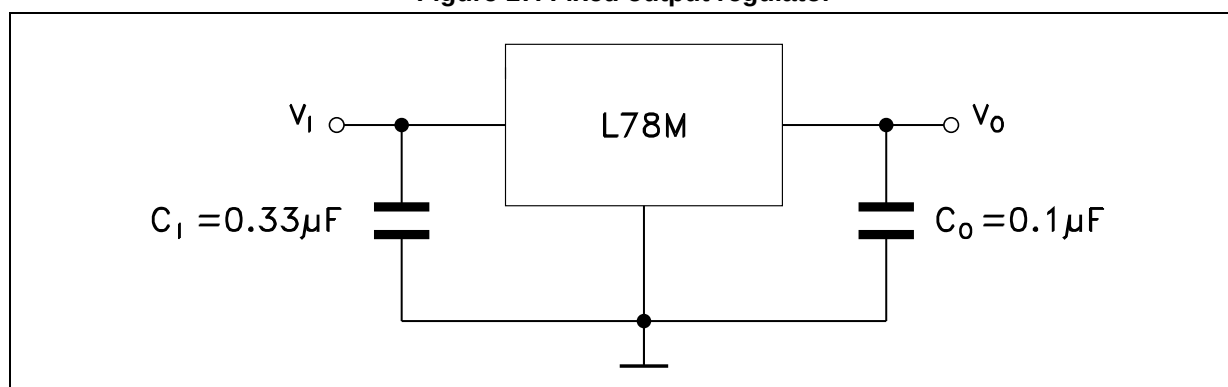


## 7 Applications information

### 7.1 Design considerations

The L78M series of fixed voltage regulators are designed with thermal overload protection that shuts down the circuit when subjected to an excessive power overload condition, internal short-circuit protection that limits the maximum current the circuit will pass, and output transistor safe-area compensation that reduces the output short-circuit as the voltage across the pass transistor is increased. In many low current applications, compensation capacitors are not required. However, it is recommended that the regulator input be bypassed with a capacitor if the regulator is connected to the power supply filter with long wire lengths, or if the output load capacitance is large. An input bypass capacitor should be selected to provide good high-frequency characteristics to insure stable operation under all load conditions. A  $0.33\ \mu\text{F}$  or larger tantalum, mylar, or other capacitor having low internal impedance at high frequencies should be chosen. The bypass capacitor should be mounted with the shortest possible leads directly across the regulators input terminals. Normally good construction techniques should be used to minimize ground loops and lead resistance drops since the regulator has no external sense lead.

Figure 17. Fixed output regulator



*Note:* Although no output capacitor is needed for stability,  $C_O$  improve transient response if present.  $C_I$  is required if regulator is located an appreciable distance from power supply filter.

Figure 18. Constant current regulator

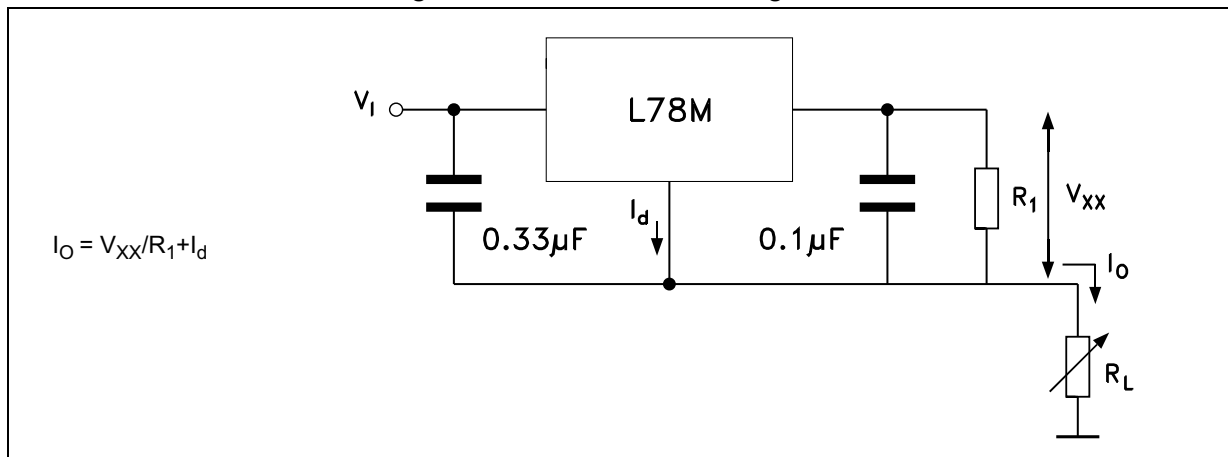


Figure 19. Circuit for increasing output voltage

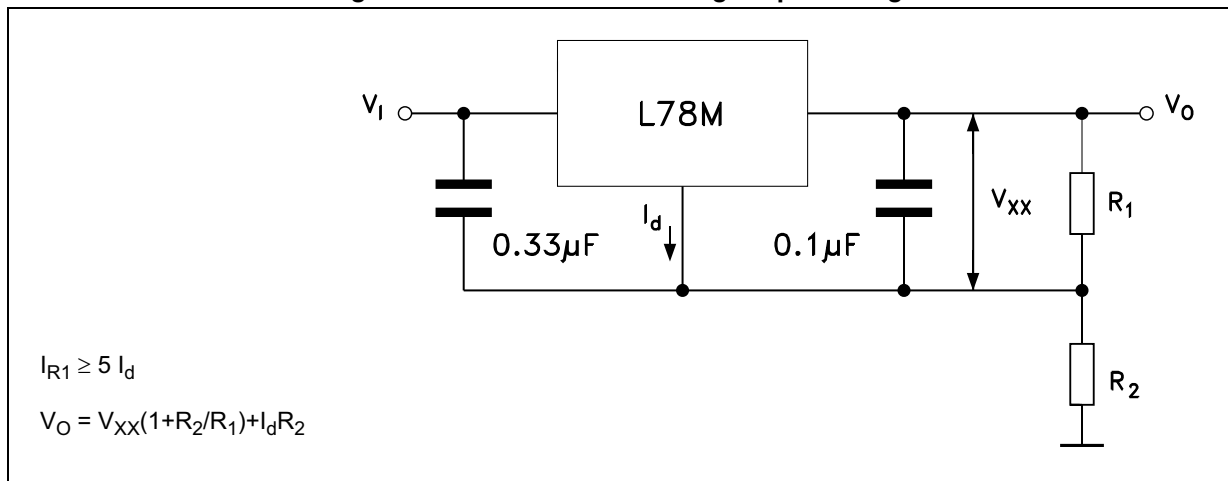


Figure 20. Adjustable output regulator (7 to 30 V)

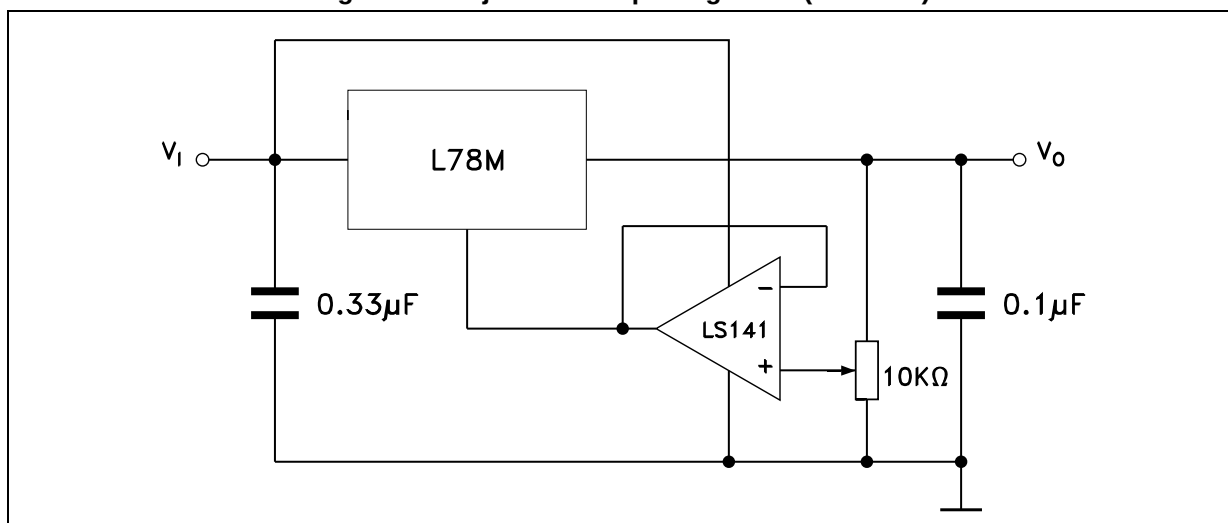


Figure 21. 0.5 to 10 V regulator

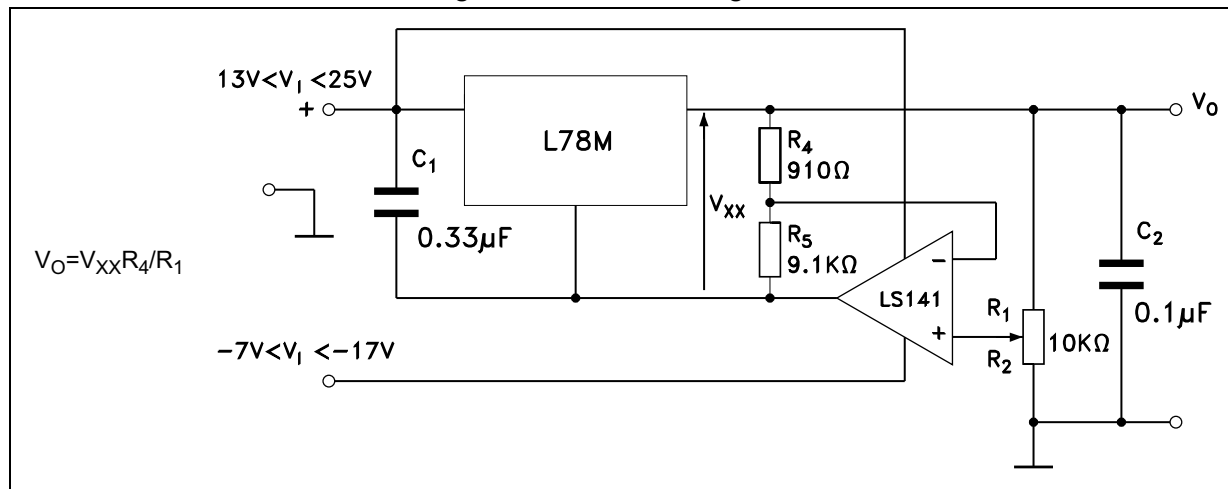


Figure 22. High current voltage regulator

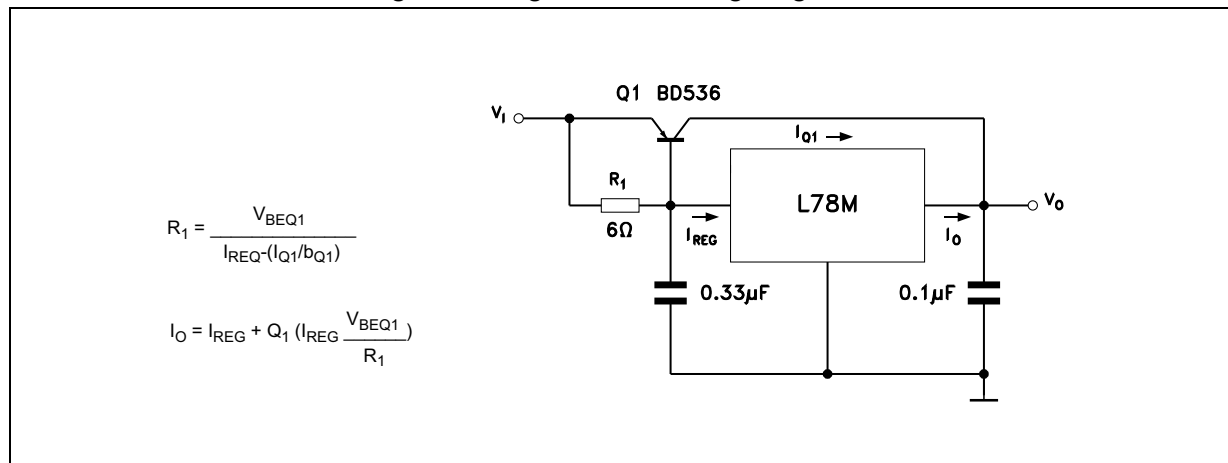


Figure 23. High output current with short circuit protection

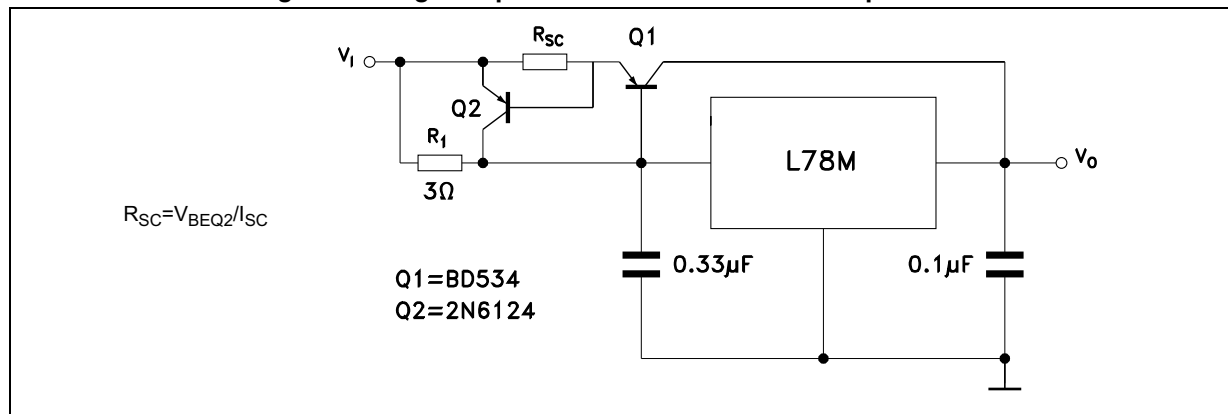


Figure 24. Tracking voltage regulator

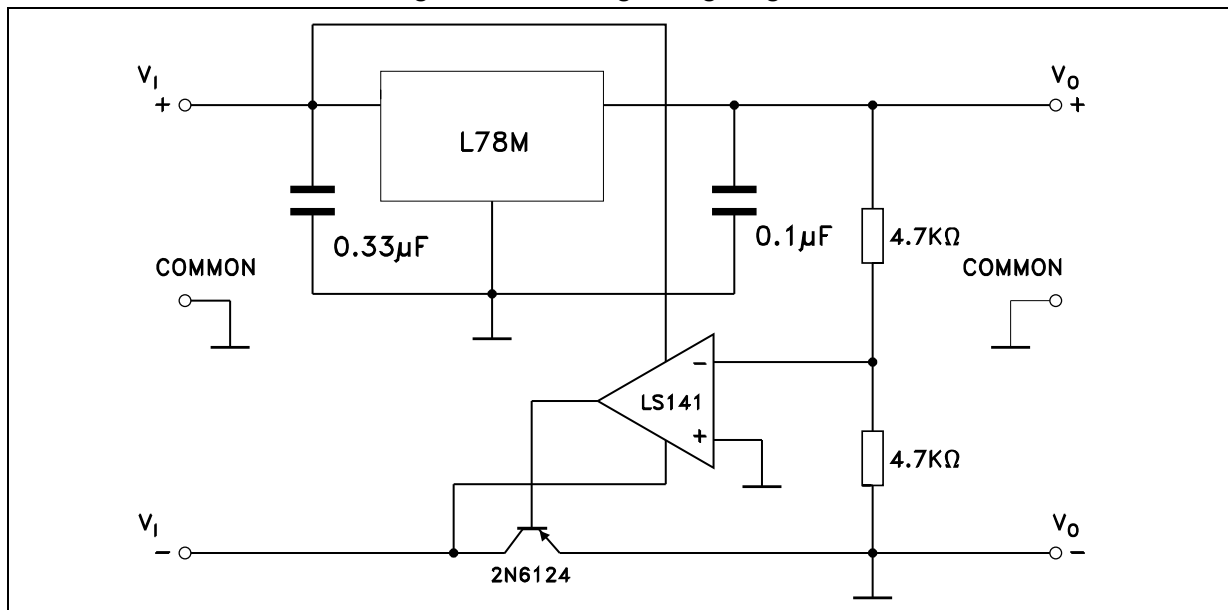


Figure 25. High input voltage circuit

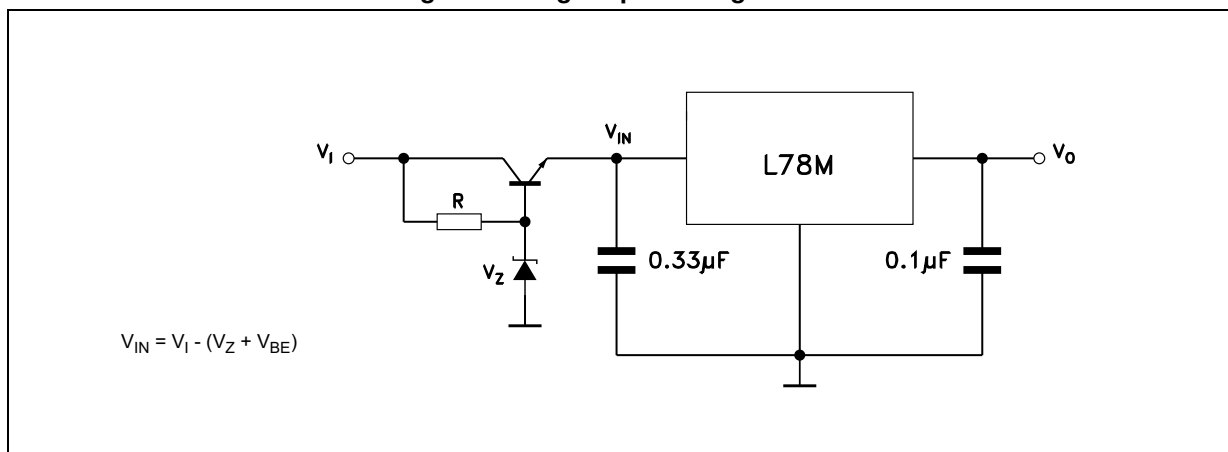


Figure 26. Reducing power dissipation with dropping resistor

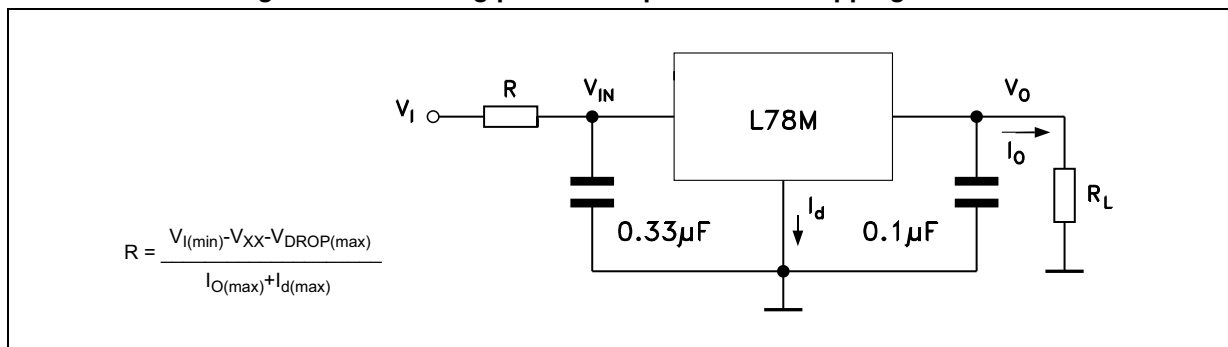
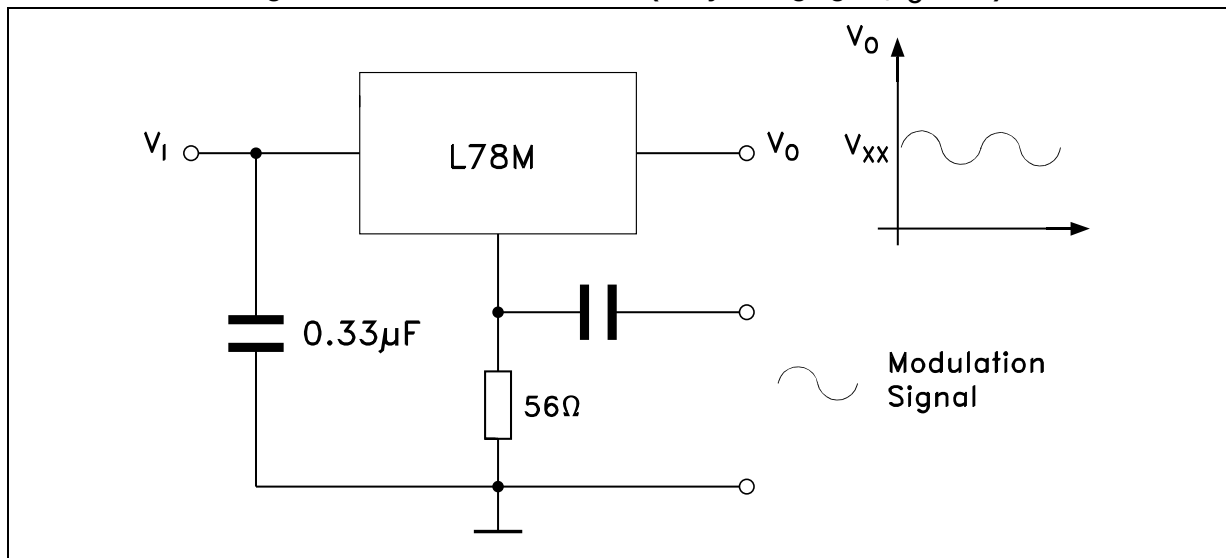
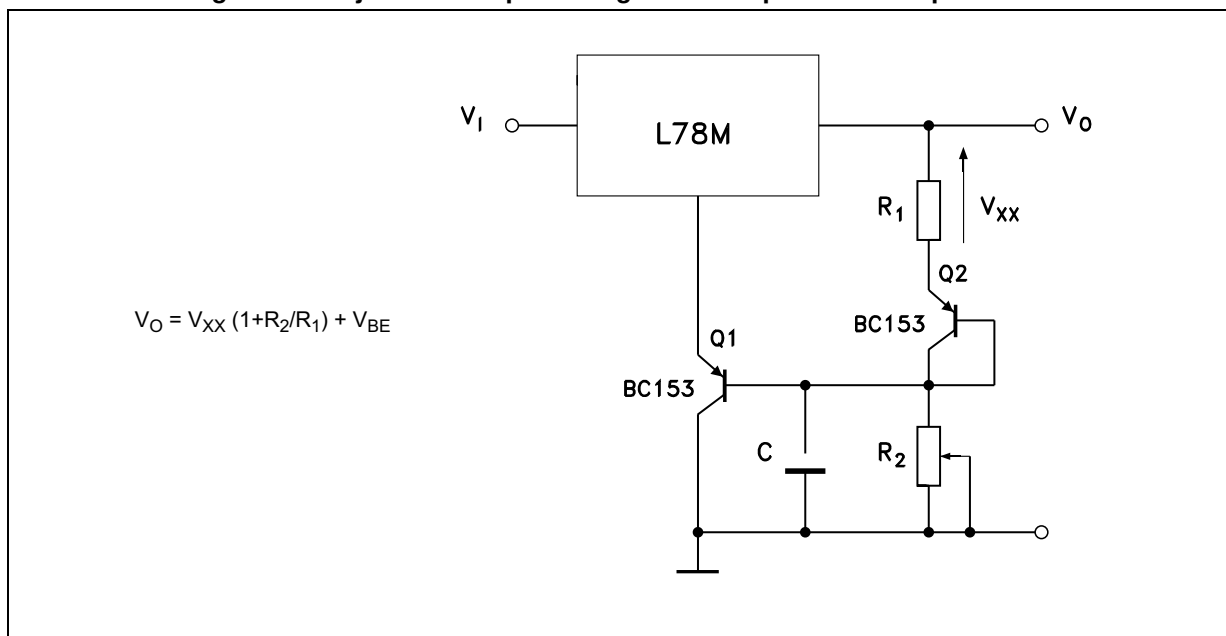


Figure 27. Power AM modulator (unity voltage gain,  $I_O \leq 0.5$ )

Note: The circuit performs well up to 100 kHz.

Figure 28. Adjustable output voltage with temperature compensation



Note:  $Q_2$  is connected as a diode in order to compensate the variation of the  $Q_1$   $V_{BE}$  with the temperature.  $C$  allows a slow rise time of the  $V_O$ .

## 8 Package mechanical data

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**Figure 29. TO-220 (single gauge) drawing**

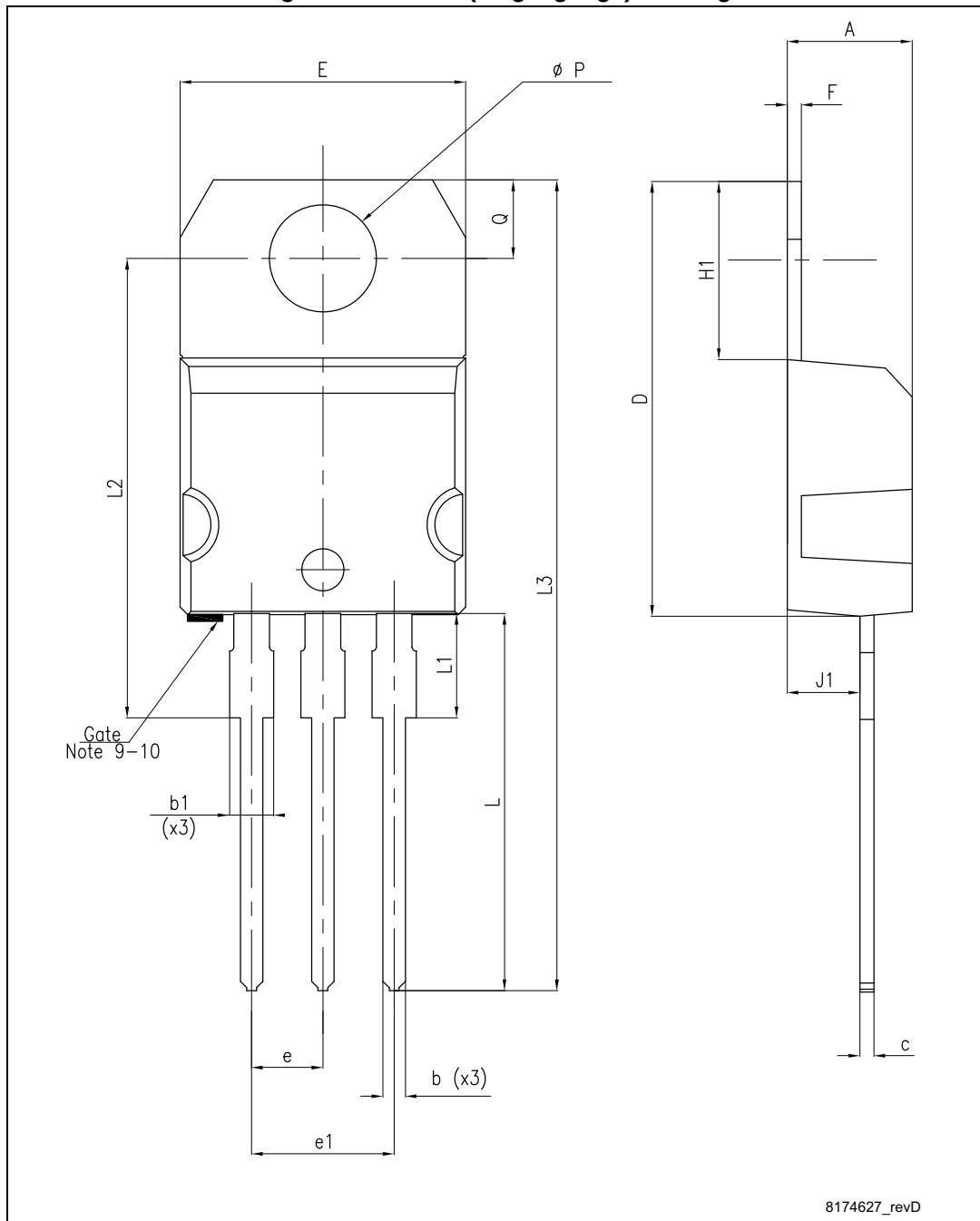


Table 18. TO-220 (single gauge) mechanical data

| Dim. | mm    |       |       |
|------|-------|-------|-------|
|      | Min.  | Typ.  | Max.  |
| A    | 4.40  |       | 4.60  |
| b    | 0.61  |       | 0.88  |
| b1   | 1.14  |       | 1.70  |
| c    | 0.48  |       | 0.70  |
| D    | 15.25 |       | 15.75 |
| E    | 10    |       | 10.40 |
| e    | 2.40  |       | 2.70  |
| e1   | 4.95  |       | 5.15  |
| F    | 0.51  |       | 0.60  |
| H1   | 6.20  |       | 6.60  |
| J1   | 2.40  |       | 2.72  |
| L    | 13    |       | 14    |
| L1   | 3.50  |       | 3.93  |
| L20  |       | 16.40 |       |
| L30  |       | 28.90 |       |
| ØP   | 3.75  |       | 3.85  |
| Q    | 2.65  |       | 2.95  |

Figure 30. TO-220 (dual gauge) drawing

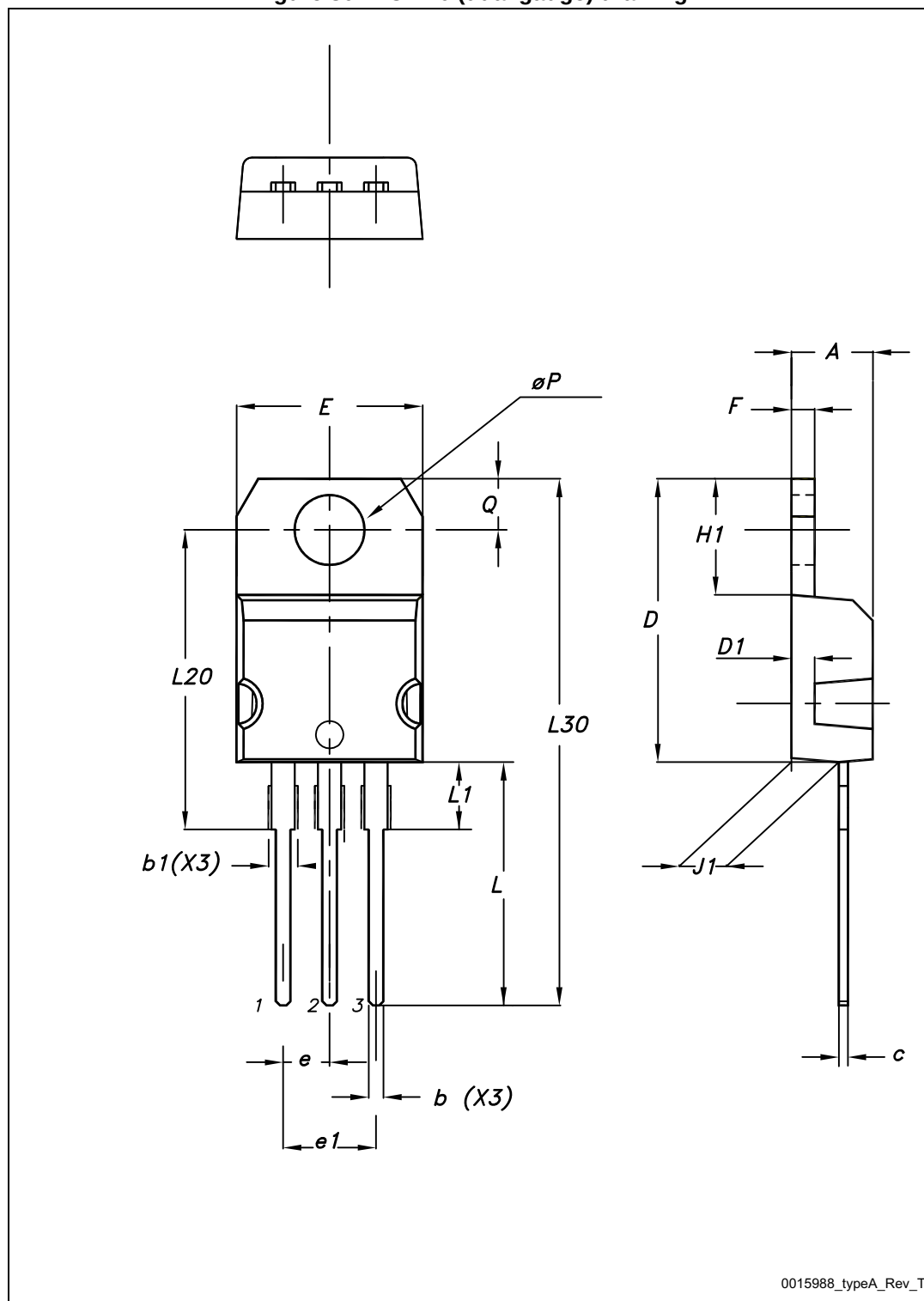


Table 19. TO-220 (dual gauge) mechanical data

| Dim. | mm    |       |       |
|------|-------|-------|-------|
|      | Min.  | Typ.  | Max.  |
| A    | 4.40  |       | 4.60  |
| b    | 0.61  |       | 0.88  |
| b1   | 1.14  |       | 1.70  |
| c    | 0.48  |       | 0.70  |
| D    | 15.25 |       | 15.75 |
| D1   |       | 1.27  |       |
| E    | 10    |       | 10.40 |
| e    | 2.40  |       | 2.70  |
| e1   | 4.95  |       | 5.15  |
| F    | 1.23  |       | 1.32  |
| H1   | 6.20  |       | 6.60  |
| J1   | 2.40  |       | 2.72  |
| L    | 13    |       | 14    |
| L1   | 3.50  |       | 3.93  |
| L20  |       | 16.40 |       |
| L30  |       | 28.90 |       |
| ØP   | 3.75  |       | 3.85  |
| Q    | 2.65  |       | 2.95  |

Figure 31. TO-220FP drawing

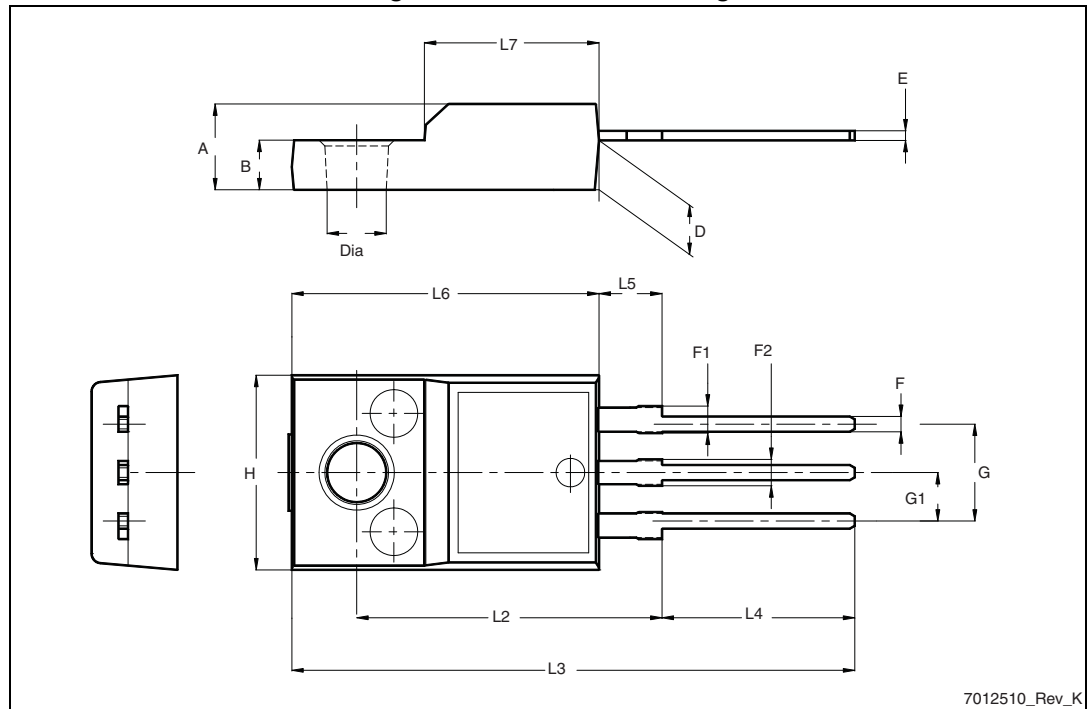


Table 20. TO-220FP mechanical data

| Dim. | mm   |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|
|      | Min. | Typ. | Max. |
| A    | 4.4  |      | 4.6  |
| B    | 2.5  |      | 2.7  |
| D    | 2.5  |      | 2.75 |
| E    | 0.45 |      | 0.7  |
| F    | 0.75 |      | 1    |
| F1   | 1.15 |      | 1.70 |
| F2   | 1.15 |      | 1.70 |
| G    | 4.95 |      | 5.2  |
| G1   | 2.4  |      | 2.7  |
| H    | 10   |      | 10.4 |
| L2   |      | 16   |      |
| L3   | 28.6 |      | 30.6 |
| L4   | 9.8  |      | 10.6 |
| L5   | 2.9  |      | 3.6  |
| L6   | 15.9 |      | 16.4 |
| L7   | 9    |      | 9.3  |
| Dia  | 3    |      | 3.2  |

Figure 32. DPAK drawing

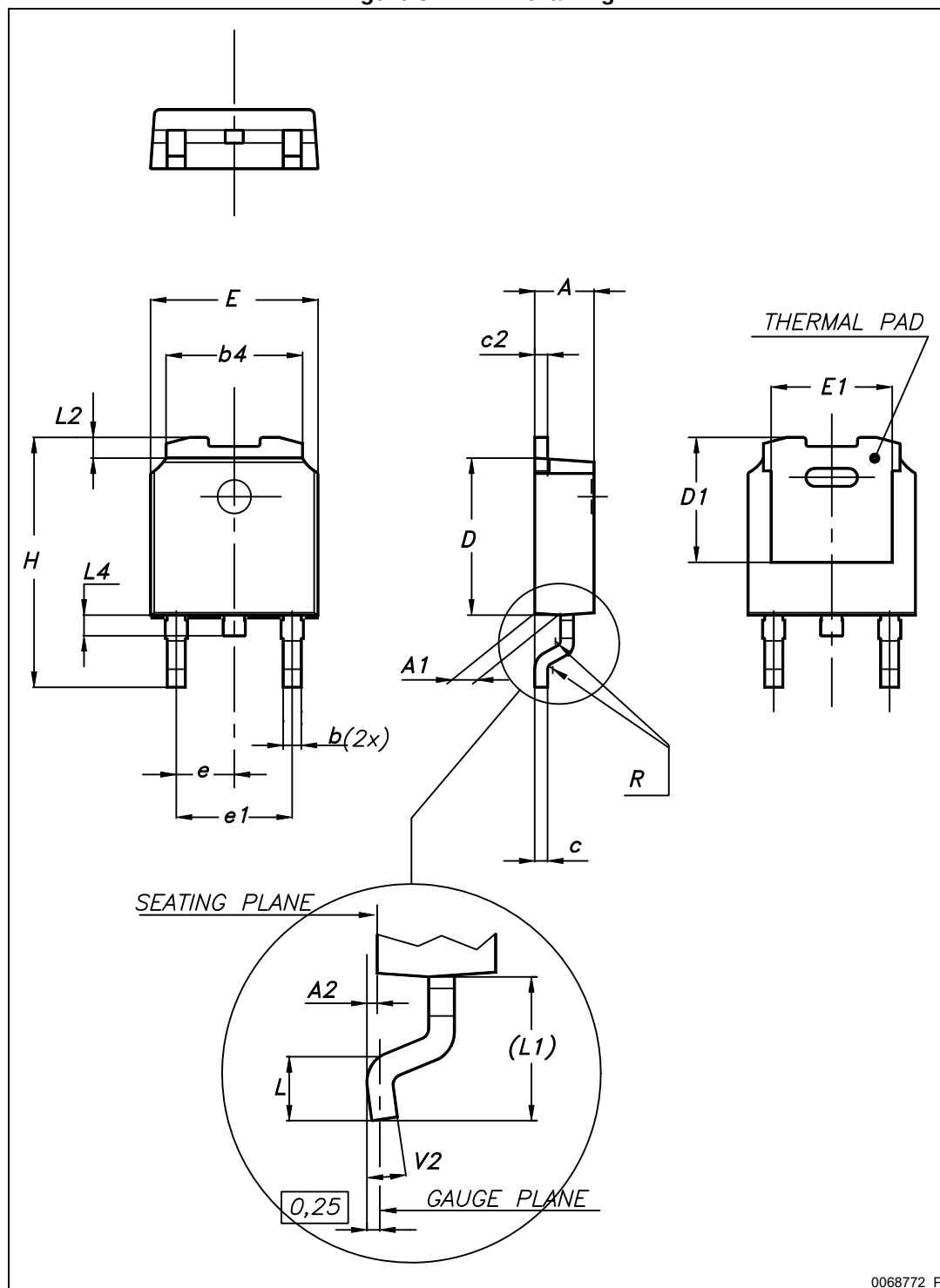
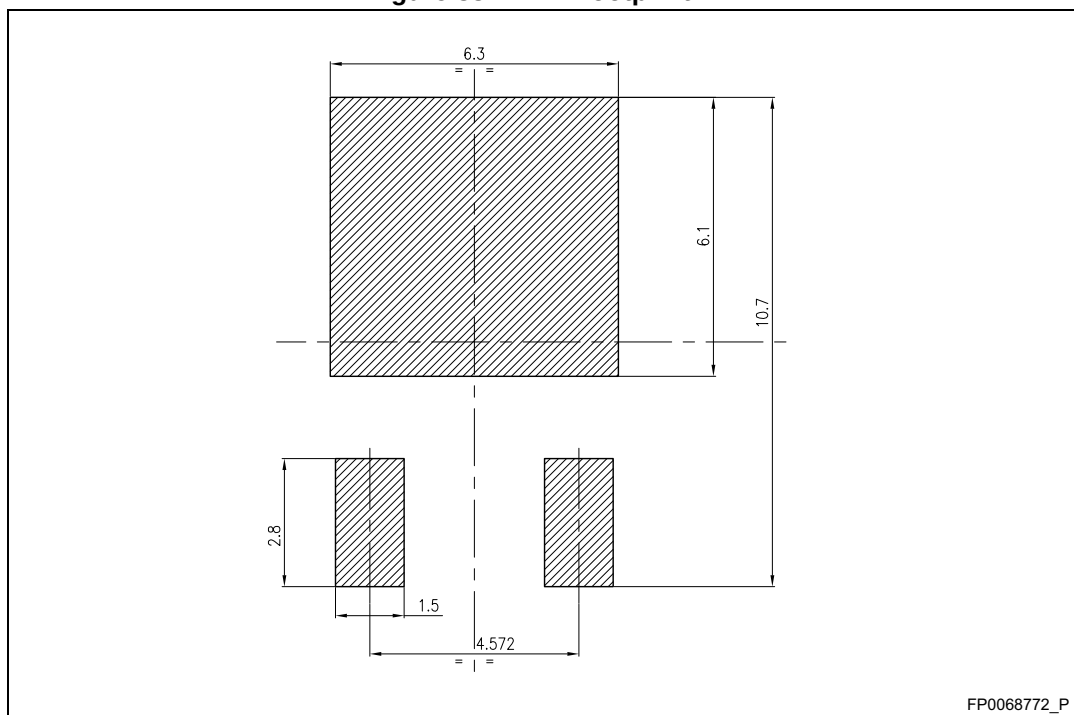


Table 21. DPAK mechanical data

| Dim. | mm   |      |       |
|------|------|------|-------|
|      | Min. | Typ. | Max.  |
| A    | 2.20 |      | 2.40  |
| A1   | 0.90 |      | 1.10  |
| A2   | 0.03 |      | 0.23  |
| b    | 0.64 |      | 0.90  |
| b4   | 5.20 |      | 5.40  |
| c    | 0.45 |      | 0.60  |
| c2   | 0.48 |      | 0.60  |
| D    | 6.00 |      | 6.20  |
| D1   |      | 5.10 |       |
| E    | 6.40 |      | 6.60  |
| E1   |      | 4.70 |       |
| e    |      | 2.28 |       |
| e1   | 4.40 |      | 4.60  |
| H    | 9.35 |      | 10.10 |
| L    | 1.00 |      | 1.50  |
| (L1) |      | 2.80 |       |
| L2   |      | 0.80 |       |
| L4   | 0.60 |      | 1.00  |
| R    |      | 0.20 |       |
| V2   | 0°   |      | 8°    |

Figure 33. DPAK footprint (a)



a. All dimensions are in millimeters

Figure 34. DPAK type F drawing

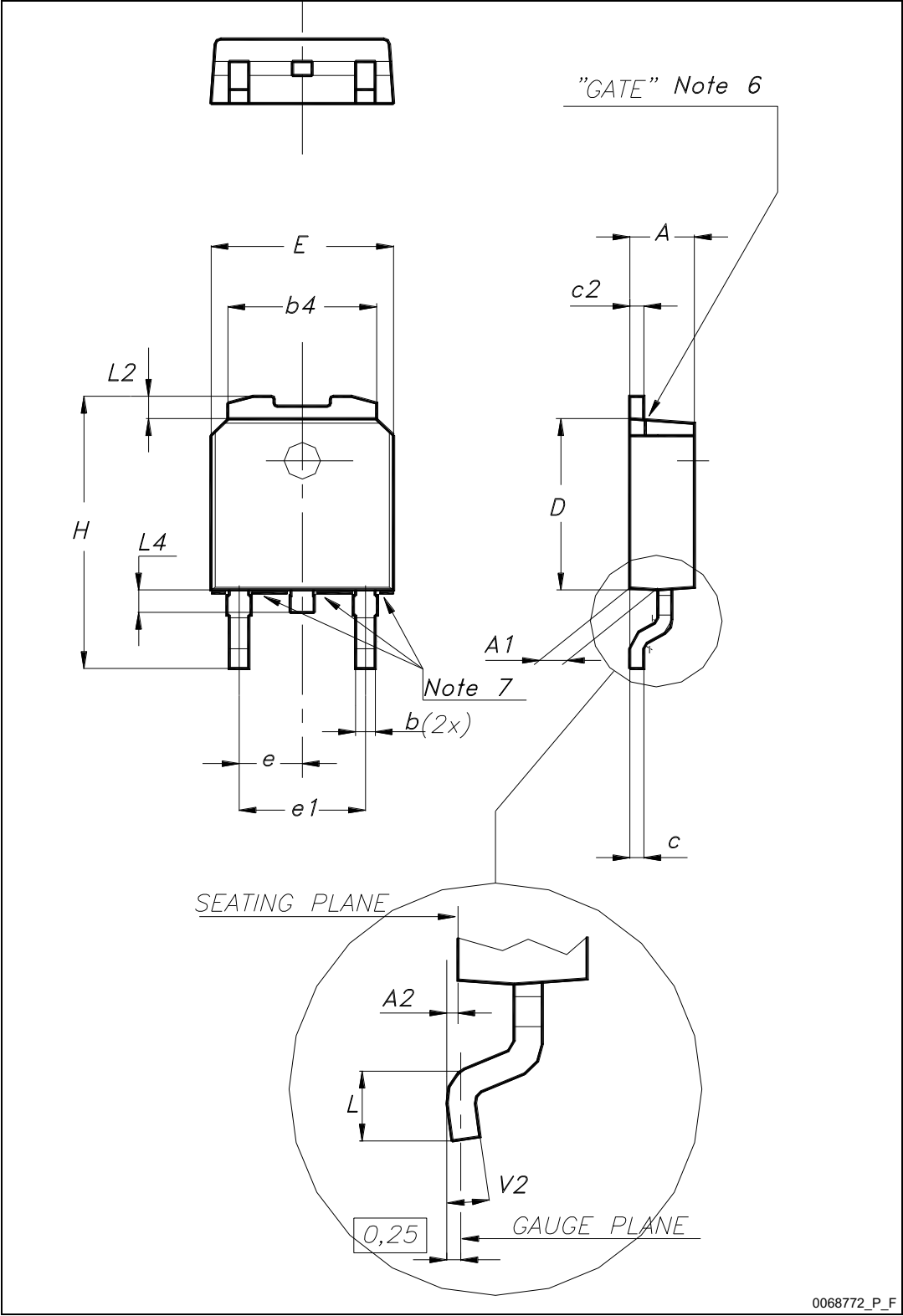


Table 22. DPAK (TO-252) type F mechanical data

| Dim. | mm   |      |       |
|------|------|------|-------|
|      | Min. | Typ. | Max.  |
| A    | 2.18 |      | 2.40  |
| A1   | 0.90 |      | 1.10  |
| A2   | 0.03 |      | 0.23  |
| b    | 0.64 |      | 0.90  |
| b4   | 4.95 |      | 5.46  |
| c    | 0.46 |      | 0.61  |
| c2   | 0.46 |      | 0.60  |
| D    | 5.97 |      | 6.22  |
| E    | 6.35 |      | 6.73  |
| e1   | 4.40 |      | 4.70  |
| H    | 9.35 |      | 10.34 |
| L    | 1.00 |      | 1.78  |
| L2   |      |      | 1.27  |
| L4   | 0.60 |      | 1.02  |
| V2   | 0°   |      | 8°    |

Figure 35. IPAK drawing

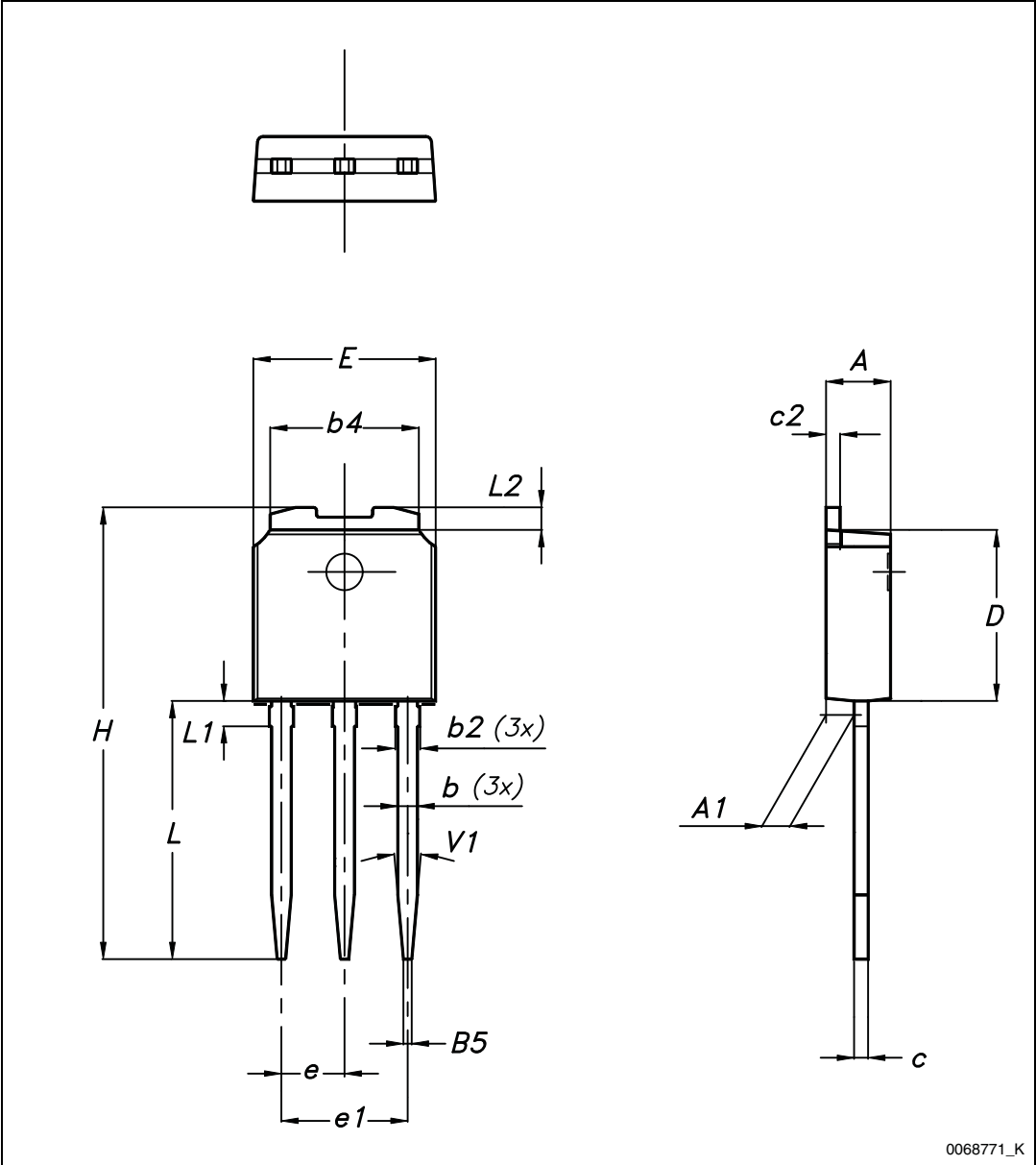


Table 23. IPAK mechanical data

| DIM | mm.  |       |      |
|-----|------|-------|------|
|     | min. | typ.  | max. |
| A   | 2.20 |       | 2.40 |
| A1  | 0.90 |       | 1.10 |
| b   | 0.64 |       | 0.90 |
| b2  |      |       | 0.95 |
| b4  | 5.20 |       | 5.40 |
| B5  |      | 0.30  |      |
| c   | 0.45 |       | 0.60 |
| c2  | 0.48 |       | 0.60 |
| D   | 6.00 |       | 6.20 |
| E   | 6.40 |       | 6.60 |
| e   |      | 2.28  |      |
| e1  | 4.40 |       | 4.60 |
| H   |      | 16.10 |      |
| L   | 9.00 |       | 9.40 |
| L1  | 0.80 |       | 1.20 |
| L2  |      | 0.80  | 1.00 |
| V1  |      | 10°   |      |

9 Packaging mechanical data

Figure 36. Tape for DPAK and D<sup>2</sup>PAK

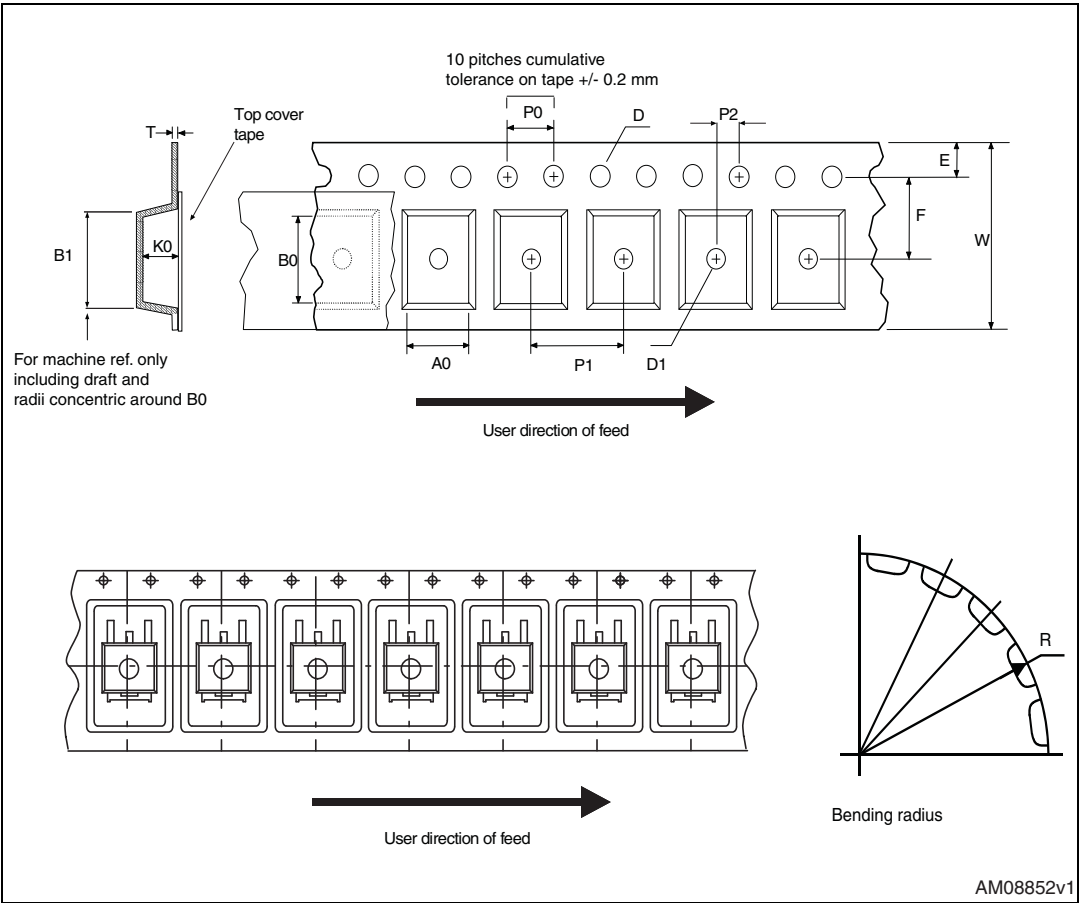
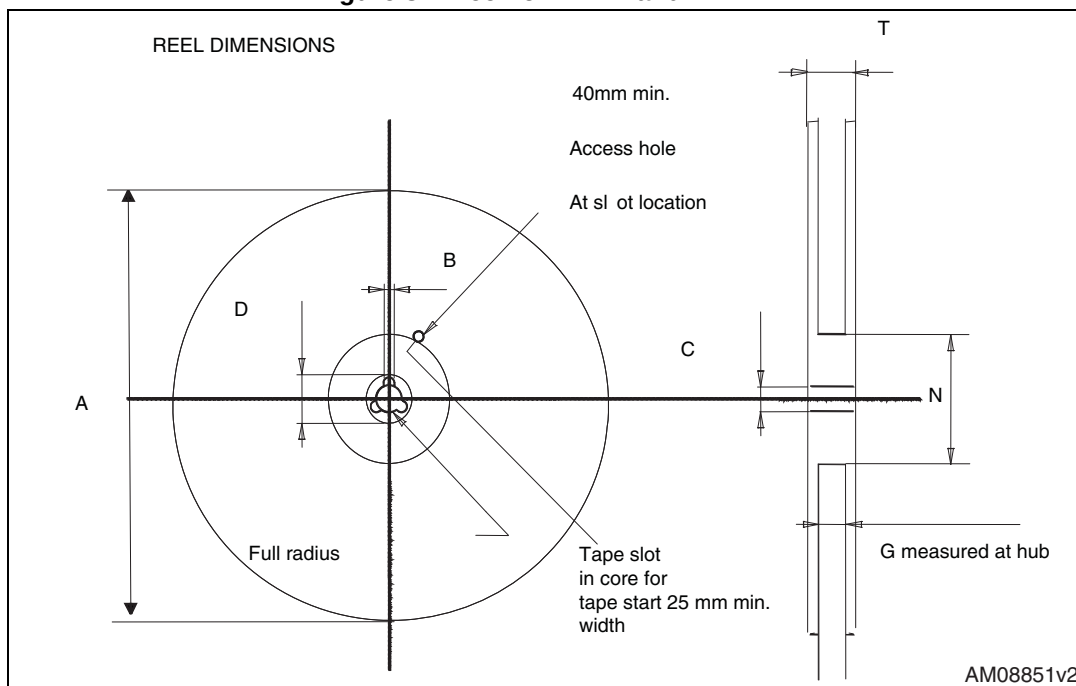


Figure 37. Reel for DPAK and D<sup>2</sup>PAKTable 24. DPAK and D<sup>2</sup>PAK tape and reel mechanical data

| Tape |      |      | Reel      |      |      |
|------|------|------|-----------|------|------|
| Dim. | mm   |      | Dim.      | mm   |      |
|      | Min. | Max. |           | Min. | Max. |
| A0   | 6.8  | 7    | A         |      | 330  |
| B0   | 10.4 | 10.6 | B         | 1.5  |      |
| B1   |      | 12.1 | C         | 12.8 | 13.2 |
| D    | 1.5  | 1.6  | D         | 20.2 |      |
| D1   | 1.5  |      | G         | 16.4 | 18.4 |
| E    | 1.65 | 1.85 | N         | 50   |      |
| F    | 7.4  | 7.6  | T         |      | 22.4 |
| K0   | 2.55 | 2.75 |           |      |      |
| P0   | 3.9  | 4.1  | Base qty. |      | 2500 |
| P1   | 7.9  | 8.1  | Bulk qty. |      | 2500 |
| P2   | 1.9  | 2.1  |           |      |      |
| R    | 40   |      |           |      |      |
| T    | 0.25 | 0.35 |           |      |      |
| W    | 15.7 | 16.3 |           |      |      |

## 10 Order codes

Table 25. Order codes

| Order codes              |                        |          |               |             | Output voltages |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| TO-220<br>(single gauge) | TO-220<br>(dual gauge) | TO-220FP | DPAK          | IPAK        |                 |
| L78M05ABV                | L78M05ABV-DG           |          | L78M05ABDT-TR |             | 5 V             |
|                          |                        |          | L78M05ACDT-TR |             |                 |
| L78M05CV                 | L78M05CV-DG            | L78M05CP | L78M05CDT-TR  | L78M05CDT-1 | 5 V             |
|                          |                        |          | L78M06ABDT-TR |             | 6 V             |
|                          |                        |          | L78M06CDT-TR  |             | 6 V             |
|                          |                        |          | L78M08ABDT-TR |             | 8 V             |
| L78M08CV                 | L78M08CV-DG            |          | L78M08CDT-TR  |             | 8 V             |
|                          |                        |          | L78M09ABDT-TR |             | 9 V             |
| L78M09CV                 | L78M09CV-DG            |          | L78M09CDT-TR  |             | 9 V             |
|                          |                        |          | L78M10ABDT-TR |             | 10 V            |
|                          |                        |          | L78M12ABDT-TR |             | 12 V            |
|                          |                        |          | L78M12ACDT-TR |             | 12 V            |
| L78M12CV                 | L78M12CV-DG            |          | L78M12CDT-TR  |             | 12 V            |
| L78M15ABV                | L78M15ABV-DG           |          | L78M15ABDT-TR |             | 15 V            |
| L78M15CV                 | L78M15CV-DG            |          | L78M15CDT-TR  |             | 15 V            |
|                          |                        |          | L78M24ABDT-TR |             | 24 V            |
|                          |                        |          | L78M24ACDT-TR |             | 24 V            |
| L78M24CV                 | L78M24CV-DG            |          | L78M24CDT-TR  |             | 24 V            |

## 11 Revision history

**Table 26. Document revision history**

| Date        | Revision | Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 21-Jun-2004 | 6        | Document updating.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 30-Aug-2006 | 7        | Order codes updated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 29-Nov-2006 | 8        | DPAK mechanical data updated and add footprint data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 06-Jun-2007 | 9        | Order codes updated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 10-Dec-2007 | 10       | Added <a href="#">Table 25</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 19-Feb-2008 | 11       | Modified: <a href="#">Table 25 on page 44</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 15-Jul-2008 | 12       | Modified: <a href="#">Table 25 on page 44</a> and <a href="#">Table 26 on page 45</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 07-Apr-2009 | 13       | Modified: <a href="#">Figure 9 on page 22</a> and <a href="#">Figure 15 on page 23</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 14-Jun-2010 | 14       | Added: <a href="#">Table 18 on page 26</a> , <a href="#">Figure 29 on page 27</a> , <a href="#">Figure 30 on page 28</a> , <a href="#">Figure 31</a> and <a href="#">Figure 32 on page 29</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11-Nov-2010 | 15       | Modified: $R_{thJC}$ value for TO-220 <a href="#">Table 2 on page 5</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 08-Feb-2012 | 16       | Added: order codes L78M05CV-DG, L78M12CV-DG and L78M15CV-DG <a href="#">Table 25 on page 44</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09-Mar-2012 | 17       | Added: order codes L78M08CV-DG and L78M09CV-DG <a href="#">Table 25 on page 44</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 15-May-2012 | 18       | Added: order codes L78M24CV-DG <a href="#">Table 25 on page 44</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 19-Apr-2013 | 19       | Removed: Available on request footnote 2 <a href="#">Table 25 on page 44</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 04-Jun-2014 | 20       | Part numbers L78MxxAB, L78MxxAC and L78MxxC changed to L78M.<br>Updated the title and the features in cover page.<br>Cancelled Table 1. Device summary.<br>Updated <a href="#">Section 3: Maximum ratings</a> , <a href="#">Section 5: Electrical characteristics</a> , <a href="#">Section 6: Typical performance</a> and <a href="#">Section 8: Package mechanical data</a> .<br>Added <a href="#">Section 7: Applications information</a> and <a href="#">Section 9: Packaging mechanical data</a> .<br>Minor text changes. |

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