1.5A LDO Linear Regulator with Programmable Soft-Start

FEATURES

- **Ultra-Low V_{IN} and V_{OUT} Range: 0.8V to 5.5V**
- **V_{BIAS} Range 2.7V to 5.5V**
- **Low Dropout: 60mV typ at 1.5A, V_{BIAS} = 5V**
- **Power Good (PG) Output Allows Supply Monitoring or Provides a Sequencing Signal for Other Supplies**
- **2% Accuracy Over Line/Load/Temperature**
- **Programmable Soft-Start Provides Linear Voltage Startup**
- **V_{BIAS} Permits Low V_{IN} Operation with Good Transient Response**
- **Stable with Any Output Capacitor ≥ 2.2μF**
- **Available in a Small 3mm x 3mm x 1mm SON-10 Package**

APPLICATIONS

- **FPGA Applications**
- **DSP Core and I/O Voltages**
- **Post-Regulation Applications**
- **Applications With Special Start-Up Time or Sequencing Requirements**
- **Hot-Swap and Inrush Controls**

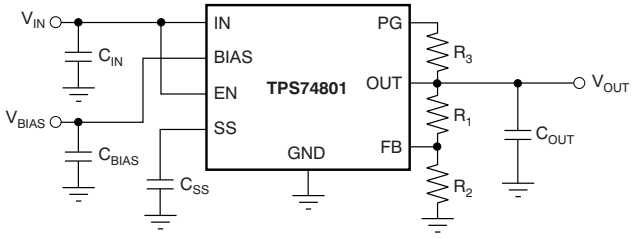


Figure 1. Typical Application Circuit (Adjustable)

DESCRIPTION

The TPS74801 low-dropout (LDO) linear regulator provides an easy-to-use robust power management solution for a wide variety of applications. User-programmable soft-start minimizes stress on the input power source by reducing capacitive inrush current on start-up. The soft-start is monotonic and well-suited for powering many different types of processors and ASICs. The enable input and power-good output allow easy sequencing with external regulators. This complete flexibility permits the user to configure a solution that meets the sequencing requirements of FPGAs, DSPs, and other applications with special start-up requirements.

A precision reference and error amplifier deliver 2% accuracy over load, line, temperature, and process. The device is stable with any output capacitor type, and is fully specified from –40°C to +125°C. The TPS74801 is offered in a small 3mm × 3mm SON-10 package, yielding a highly compact, total solution size.

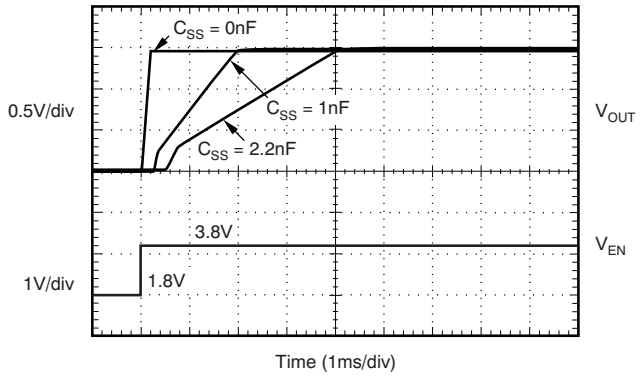


Figure 2. Turn-On Response

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ORDERING INFORMATION(1)

PRODUCT	V_{OUT}(2)
TPS748***xxyyyz***	**XX** is nominal output voltage (for example, 12 = 1.2V, 15 = 1.5V, 01 = Adjustable).(3) **YYY** is package designator. **Z** is package quantity.

(1) For the most current package and ordering information see the Package Option Addendum at the end of this document, or see the TI website at www.ti.com.
(2) Fixed output voltages from 0.8V to 3.3V are available; minimum order quantities may apply. Contact factory for details and availability.
(3) For fixed 0.8V operation, tie FB to OUT.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS(1)

At T_J = –40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise noted. All voltages are with respect to GND.

		TPS74801	UNIT
V_{IN}, V_{BIAS}	Input voltage range	–0.3 to +6	V
V_{EN}	Enable voltage range	–0.3 to +6	V
V_{PG}	Power-good voltage range	–0.3 to +6	V
V_{SS}	Soft-start voltage range	–0.3 to +6	V
V_{FB}	Feedback voltage range	–0.3 to +6	V
V_{OUT}	Output voltage range	–0.3 to V_{IN} + 0.3	V
I_{OUT}	Maximum output current	Internally limited	
	Output short-circuit duration	Indefinite	
P_{DISS}	Continuous total power dissipation	See Dissipation Ratings Table	
T_J	Operating junction temperature range	–40 to +125	°C
T_{STG}	Storage junction temperature range	–55 to +150	°C

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these conditions is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

DISSIPATION RATINGS

PACKAGE	θ_{JA}	θ_{JC}	T_A < +25°C POWER RATING	DERATING FACTOR ABOVE T_A = +25°C
DRC (SON) High-K(1)(2)	52	48	1.92 W	19 mW/°C

(1) The JEDEC High-K (2s2p) board design used to derive this data was a 3 inch x 3 inch multilayer board with 1-ounce internal power and ground planes and 2-ounce copper traces on the top and bottom of the board
(2) See the Layout Recommendations and Power Dissipation section for additional thermal information.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

At V_{EN} = 1.1V, V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 0.3V, C_{BIAS} = 0.1µF, C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 10µF, CNR = , I_{OUT} = 50mA, V_{BIAS} = 5.0V, and T_J = –40°C to +125°C, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_J = +25°C.

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	TPS74801			UNIT
			MIN	TYP	MAX	
V_{IN}	Input voltage range		V_{OUT} + V_{DO}		5.5	V
V_{BIAS}	Bias pin voltage range		2.7		5.5	V
V_{REF}	Internal reference (Adj.)	T_J = +25°C	0.796	0.8	0.804	V
V_{OUT}	Output voltage range	V_{IN} = 5V, I_{OUT} = 1.5A	V_{REF}		3.6	V
	Accuracy(1)	2.97V ≤ V_{BIAS} ≤ 5.5V, 50mA ≤ I_{OUT} ≤ 1.5A	–2	±0.5	2	%
V_{OUT}/V_{IN}	Line regulation	$V_{OUT\ (NOM)}$ + 0.3 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 5.5V		0.03		%/V
V_{OUT}/I_{OUT}	Load regulation	50mA ≤ I_{OUT} ≤ 1.5A		0.09		%/A
V_{DO}	V_{IN} dropout voltage(2)	I_{OUT} = 1.5A, V_{BIAS} – $V_{OUT\ (NOM)}$ ≥ 3.25V		60	165	mV
		I_{OUT} = 1.5A, V_{IN} = V_{BIAS}		1.31	1.6	V
I_{CL}	Current limit	V_{OUT} = 80% × $V_{OUT\ (NOM)}$	2.0		5.5	A
I_{BIAS}	Bias pin current			1	2	mA
I_{SHDN}	Shutdown supply current (I_{GND})	V_{EN} ≤ 0.4V		1	50	µA
I_{FB}	Feedback pin current		–1	150	1	µA
PSRR	Power-supply rejection (V_{IN} to V_{OUT})	1kHz, I_{OUT} = 1.5A, V_{IN} = 1.8V, V_{OUT} = 1.5V		60		dB
		300kHz, I_{OUT} = 1.5A, V_{IN} = 1.8V, V_{OUT} = 1.5V		30		
	Power-supply rejection (V_{BIAS} to V_{OUT})	1kHz, I_{OUT} = 1.5A, V_{IN} = 1.8V, V_{OUT} = 1.5V		50		dB
		300kHz, I_{OUT} = 1.5A, V_{IN} = 1.8V, V_{OUT} = 1.5V		30		
Noise	Output noise voltage	100Hz to 100kHz, I_{OUT} = 1.5A, C_{SS} = 0.001µF		25 × V_{OUT}		μV_{RMS}
t_{STR}	Minimum startup time	R_{LOAD} for I_{OUT} = 1.0A, C_{SS} = open		200		µs
I_{SS}	Soft-start charging current	V_{SS} = 0.4V		440		nA
$V_{EN,\ HI}$	Enable input high level		1.1		5.5	V
$V_{EN,\ LO}$	Enable input low level		0		0.4	V
$V_{EN,\ HYS}$	Enable pin hysteresis			50		mV
$V_{EN,\ DG}$	Enable pin deglitch time			20		µs
I_{EN}	Enable pin current	V_{EN} = 5V		0.1	1	µA
V_{IT}	PG trip threshold	V_{OUT} decreasing	85	90	94	$\%V_{OUT}$
V_{HYS}	PG trip hysteresis			3		$\%V_{OUT}$
$V_{PG,\ LO}$	PG output low voltage	I_{PG} = 1mA (sinking), V_{OUT} < V_{IT}			0.3	V
$I_{PG,\ LKG}$	PG leakage current	V_{PG} = 5.25V, V_{OUT} > V_{IT}		0.1	1	µA
T_J	Operating junction temperature		–40		+125	°C
T_{SD}	Thermal shutdown temperature	Shutdown, temperature increasing		+165		°C
		Reset, temperature decreasing		+140		

(1) Adjustable devices tested at 0.8V; resistor tolerance is not taken into account.
(2) Dropout is defined as the voltage from V_{IN} to V_{OUT} when V_{OUT} is 3% below nominal.

BLOCK DIAGRAM

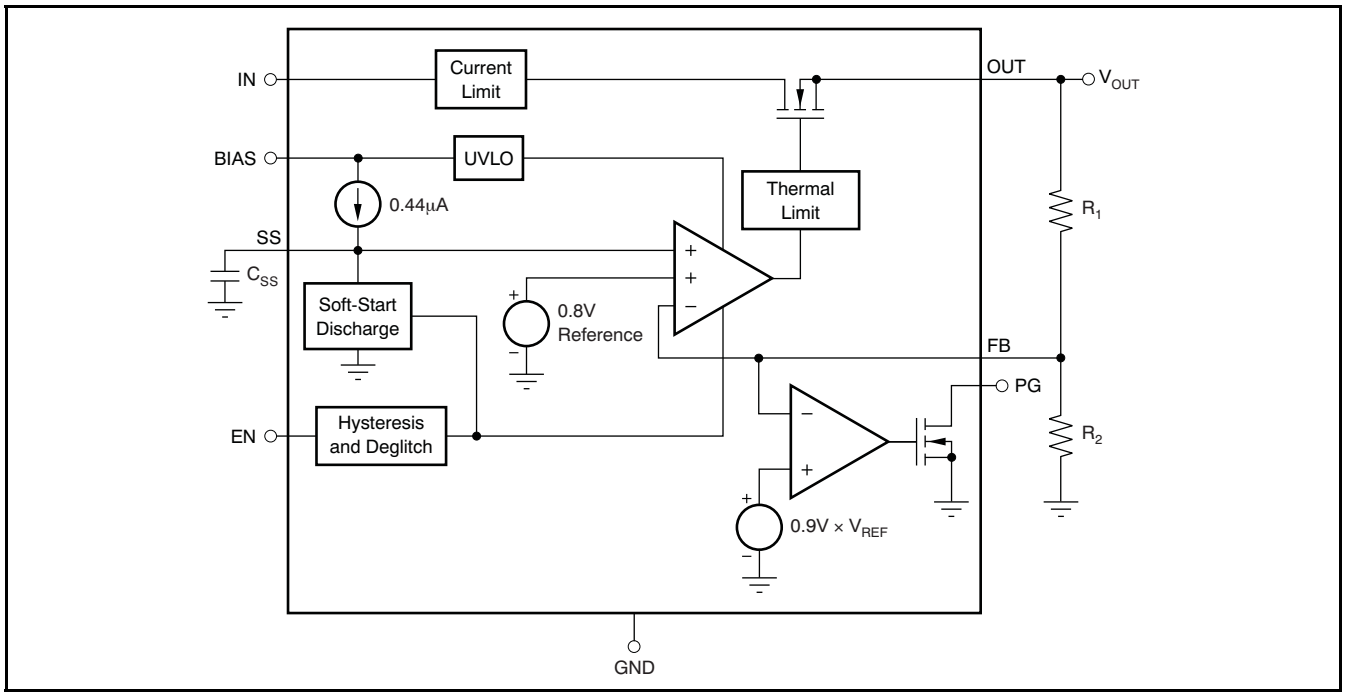


Table 1. Standard 1% Resistor Values for Programming the Output Voltage(1)

R_1 (kΩ)	R_2 (kΩ)	V_{OUT} (V)
Short	Open	0.8
0.619	4.99	0.9
1.13	4.53	1.0
1.37	4.42	1.05
1.87	4.99	1.1
2.49	4.99	1.2
4.12	4.75	1.5
3.57	2.87	1.8
3.57	1.69	2.5
3.57	1.15	3.3

(1) $V_{OUT} = 0.8 \times (1 + R_1/R_2)$

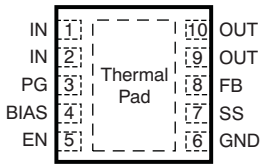
Table 2. Standard Capacitor Values for Programming the Soft-Start Time(1)

C_{SS}	SOFT-START TIME
Open	0.1ms
270pF	0.5ms
560pF	1ms
2.7nF	5ms
5.6nF	10ms
0.01μF	18ms

(1) $t_{SS}(s) = 0.8 \times C_{SS}(F)/4.4 \times 10^{-7}$

DEVICE INFORMATION

DRC PACKAGE
3mm x 3mm QFN
(TOP VIEW)



PIN DESCRIPTIONS

NAME	DRC (SON)	DESCRIPTION
IN	1, 2	Input to the device.
EN	5	Enable pin. Driving this pin high enables the regulator. Driving this pin low puts the regulator into shutdown mode. This pin must not be left unconnected.
SS	7	Soft-Start pin. A capacitor connected on this pin to ground sets the start-up time. If this pin is left unconnected, the regulator output soft-start ramp time is typically 200µs.
BIAS	4	Bias input voltage for error amplifier, reference, and internal control circuits.
PG	3	Power-Good pin. An open-drain, active-high output that indicates the status of V_{OUT}. When V_{OUT} exceeds the PG trip threshold, the PG pin goes into a high-impedance state. When V_{OUT} is below this threshold the pin is driven to a low-impedance state. A pull-up resistor from 10kΩ to 1MΩ should be connected from this pin to a supply of up to 5.5V. The supply can be higher than the input voltage. Alternatively, the PG pin can be left unconnected if output monitoring is not necessary.
FB	8	Feedback pin. The feedback connection to the center tap of an external resistor divider network that sets the output voltage. This pin must not be left floating.
OUT	9, 10	Regulated output voltage. No capacitor is required on this pin for stability.
GND	6	Ground
Thermal Pad	—	Should be soldered to the ground plane for increased thermal performance.

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

At T_J = +25°C, V_{IN} = $V_{OUT(TYP)}$ + 0.3V, V_{BIAS} = 5V, I_{OUT} = 50mA, V_{EN} = V_{IN}, C_{IN} = 1µF, C_{BIAS} = 4.7µF, and C_{OUT} = 10µF, unless otherwise noted.

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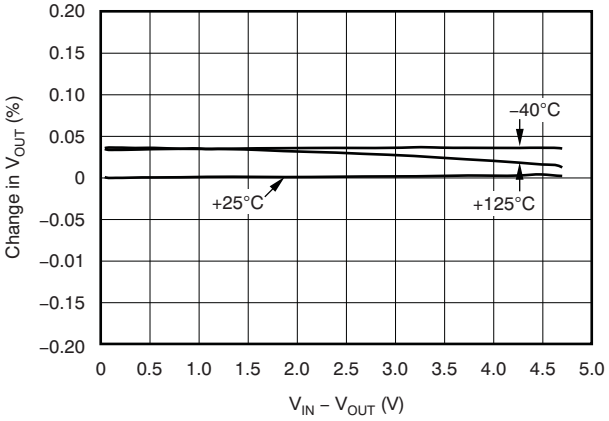


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V_{BIAS} LINE REGULATION

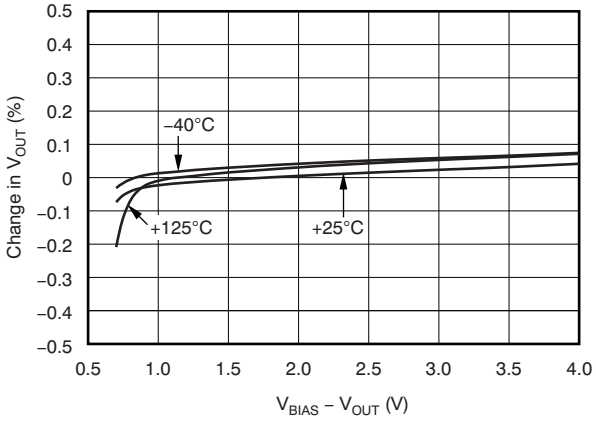


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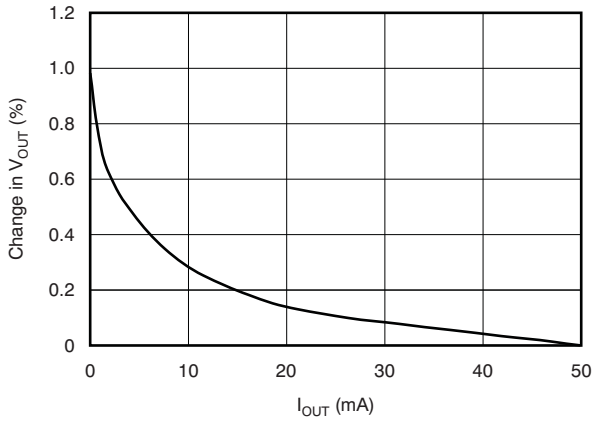


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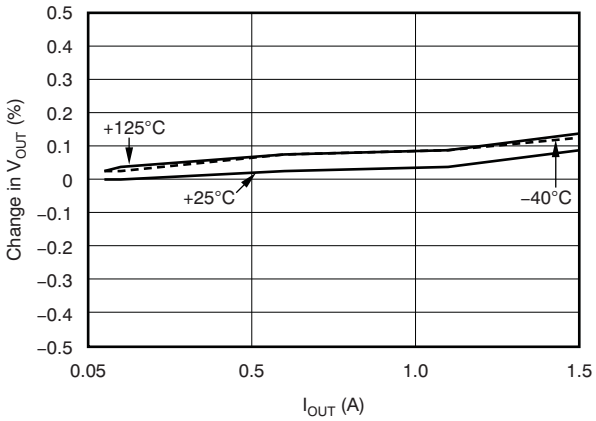


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V_{IN} DROPOUT VOLTAGE vs I_{OUT} AND TEMPERATURE (T_J)

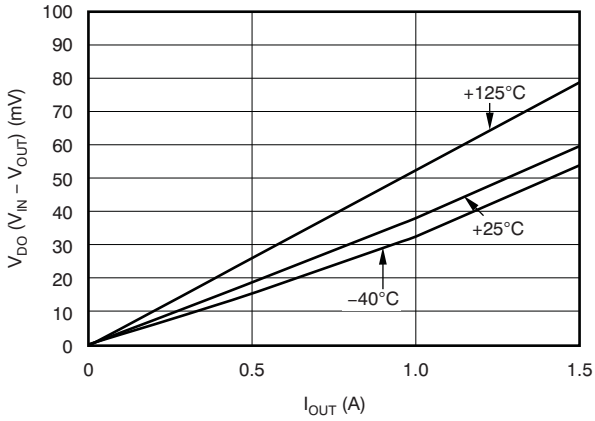


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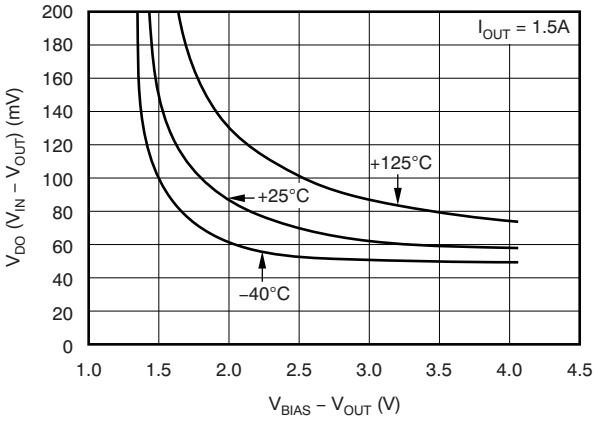


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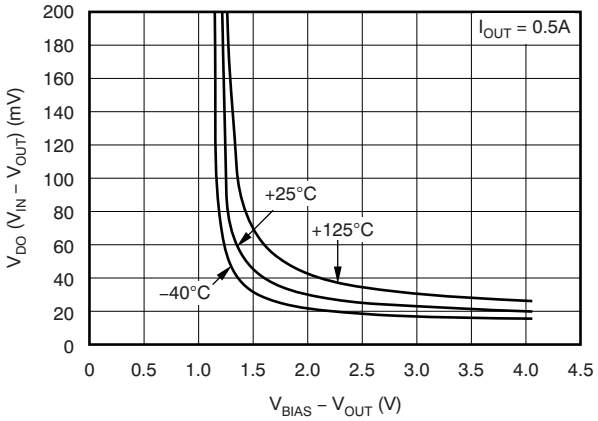


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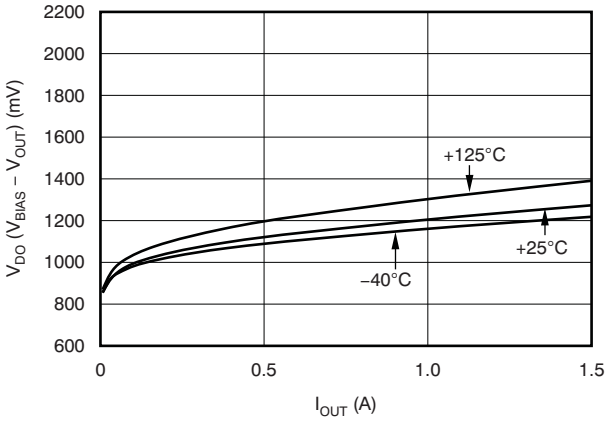


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V_{BIAS} PSRR vs FREQUENCY

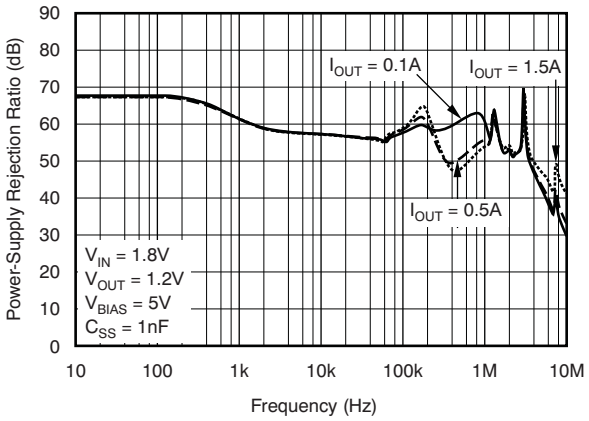


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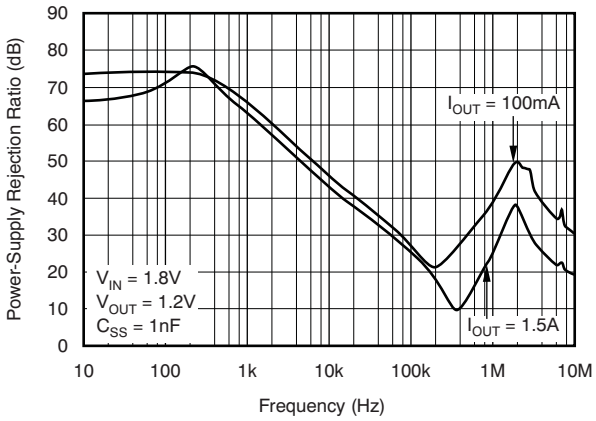


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V_{IN} PSRR vs (V_{IN} – V_{OUT})

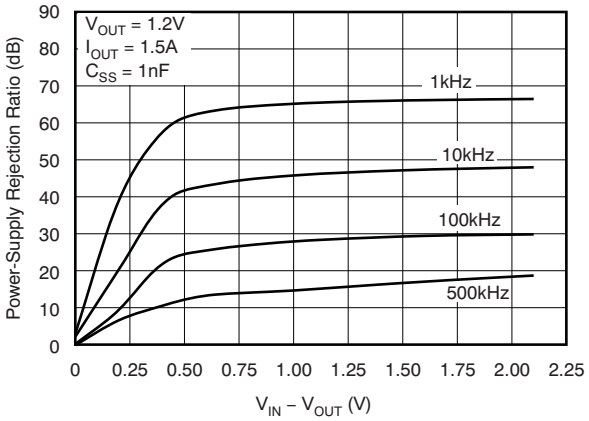


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NOISE SPECTRAL DENSITY

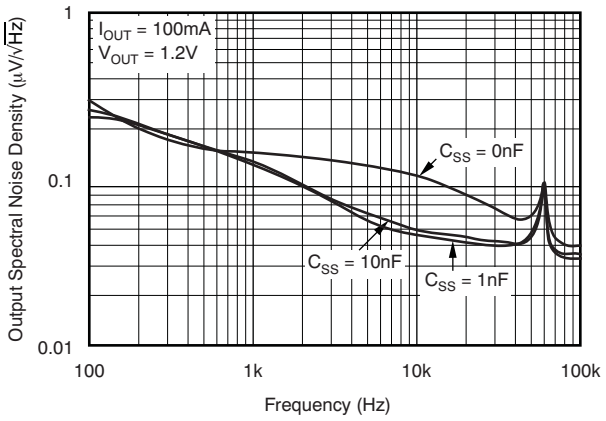


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V_{BIAS} LINE TRANSIENT (1A)

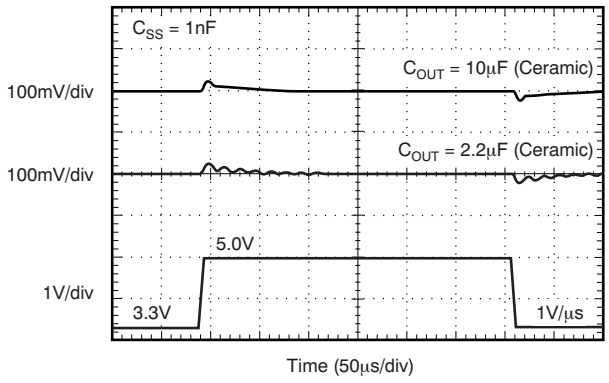


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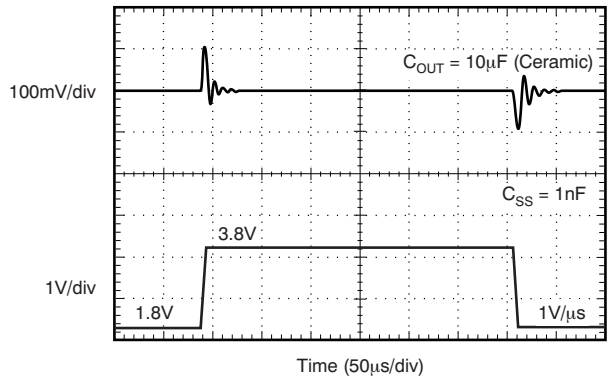


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OUTPUT LOAD TRANSIENT RESPONSE

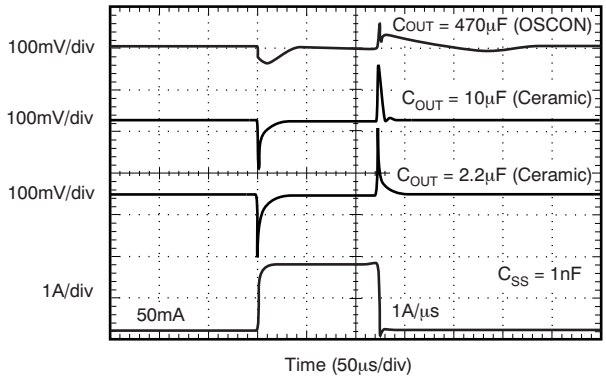


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TURN-ON RESPONSE

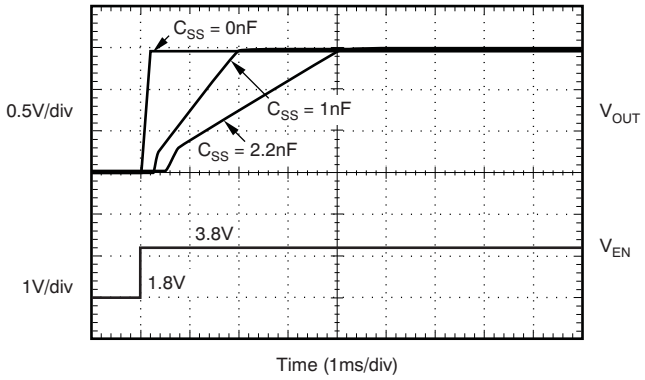


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POWER-UP/POWER-DOWN

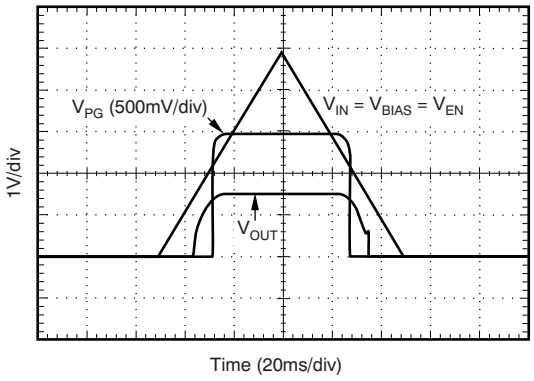


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BIAS PIN CURRENT vs I_{OUT} AND TEMPERATURE (T_J)

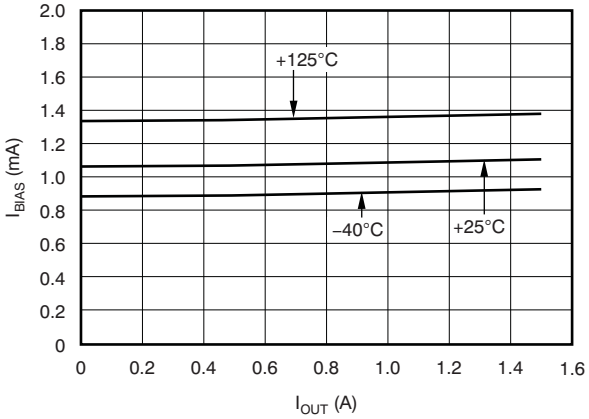


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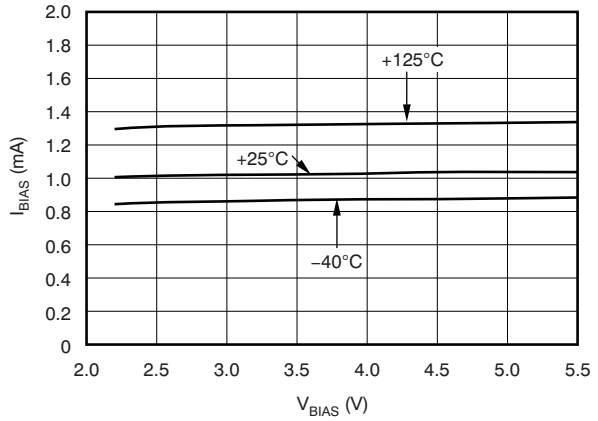


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SOFT-START CHARGING CURRENT (I_{SS}) vs TEMPERATURE (T_J)

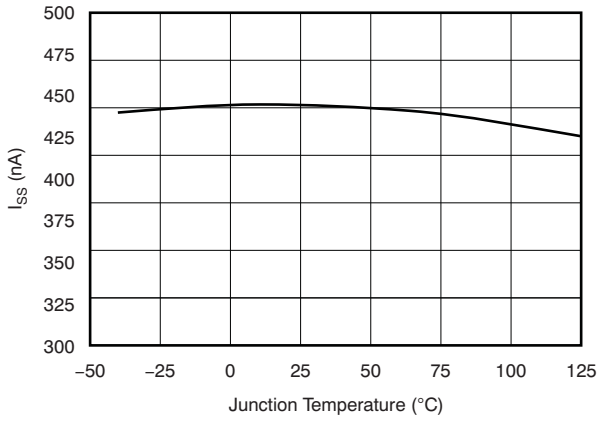


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LOW-LEVEL PG VOLTAGE vs CURRENT

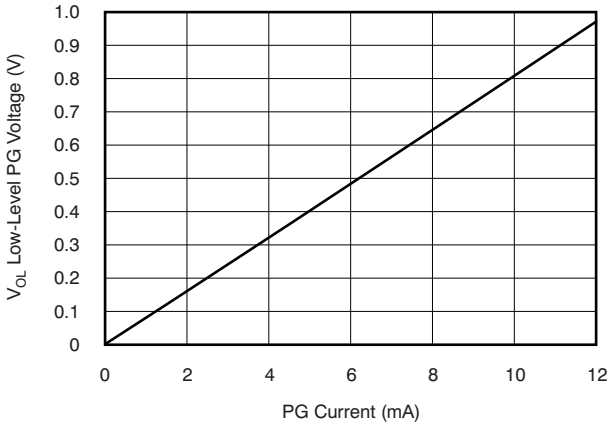


Figure 23.

CURRENT LIMIT vs (V_{BIAS} – V_{OUT})

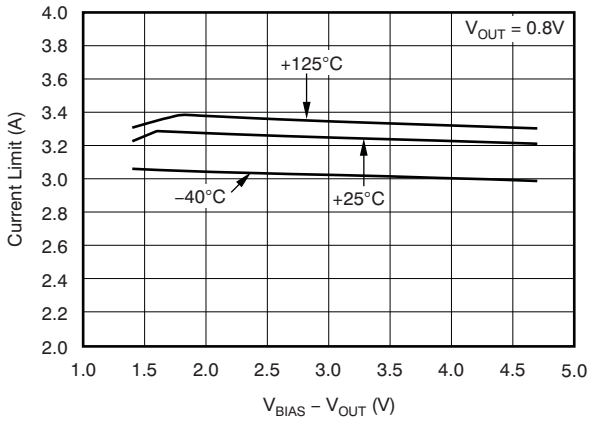


Figure 24.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

The TPS74801 belongs to a family of low dropout regulators that feature soft-start capability. These regulators use a low current bias input to power all internal control circuitry, allowing the NMOS pass transistor to regulate very low input and output voltages.

The use of an NMOS-pass FET offers several critical advantages for many applications. Unlike a PMOS topology device, the output capacitor has little effect on loop stability. This architecture allows the TPS74801 to be stable with any capacitor type of value 2.2µF or greater. Transient response is also superior to PMOS topologies, particularly for low V_{IN} applications.

The TPS74801 features a programmable voltage-controlled soft-start circuit that provides a smooth, monotonic start-up and limits startup inrush currents that may be caused by large capacitive loads. A power-good (PG) output is available to allow supply monitoring and sequencing of other supplies. An enable (EN) pin with hysteresis and deglitch allows slow-ramping signals to be used for sequencing the device. The low V_{IN} and V_{OUT} capability allows for inexpensive, easy-to-design, and efficient linear regulation between the multiple supply voltages often present in processor intensive systems.

Figure 25 illustrates the typical application circuit for the TPS74801 adjustable input device.

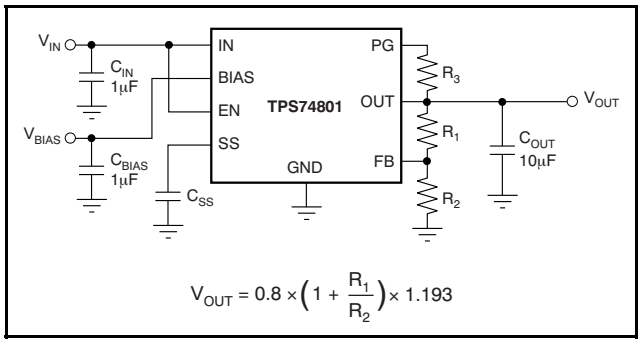


Figure 25. Typical Application Circuit for the TPS74801 (Adjustable)

R_1 and R_2 can be calculated for any output voltage using the formula shown in Figure 25. Refer to Table 1 for sample resistor values of common output voltages. In order to achieve the maximum accuracy specifications, R_2 should be ≤ 4.99kΩ.

INPUT, OUTPUT, AND BIAS CAPACITOR REQUIREMENTS

The device is designed to be stable for all available types and values of output capacitors ≥ 2.2µF. The device is also stable with multiple capacitors in parallel, which can be of any type or value.

The capacitance required on the IN and BIAS pins is strongly dependent on the input supply source impedance. To counteract any inductance in the input, the minimum recommended capacitor for V_{IN} and V_{BIAS} is 1µF. If V_{IN} and V_{BIAS} are connected to the same supply, the recommended minimum capacitor for V_{BIAS} is 4.7µF. Good quality, low ESR capacitors should be used on the input; ceramic X5R and X7R capacitors are preferred. These capacitors should be placed as close the pins as possible for optimum performance.

TRANSIENT RESPONSE

The TPS74801 was designed to have excellent transient response within most applications with a small amount of output capacitance. In some cases, the transient response may be limited by the transient response of the input supply. This limitation is especially true in applications where the difference between the input and output is less than 300mV. In this case, adding additional input capacitance improves the transient response much more than just adding additional output capacitance would do. With a solid input supply, adding additional output capacitance reduces undershoot and overshoot during a transient event; refer to Figure 17 in the Typical Characteristics section. Because the TPS74801 is stable with output capacitors as low as 2.2µF, many applications may then need very little capacitance at the LDO output. For these applications, local bypass capacitance for the powered device may be sufficient to meet the transient requirements of the application. This design reduces the total solution cost by avoiding the need to use expensive, high-value capacitors at the LDO output.

DROPOUT VOLTAGE

The TPS74801 offers very low dropout performance, making it well-suited for high-current, low V_{IN}/low V_{OUT} applications. The low dropout of the TPS74801 allows the device to be used in place of a DC/DC converter and still achieve good efficiency. This provides designers with the power architecture for their application to achieve the smallest, simplest, and lowest cost solution.

There are two different specifications for dropout voltage with the TPS74801. The first specification (shown in Figure 26) is referred to as *V_{IN} Dropout* and is used when an external bias voltage is applied to achieve low dropout. This specification assumes that V_{BIAS} is at least 1.56V above V_{OUT}, which is the case for V_{BIAS} when powered by a 3.3V rail with 5% tolerance and with V_{OUT} = 1.5V. If V_{BIAS} is less than V_{OUT} +1.56V, V_{IN} dropout is less than specified.

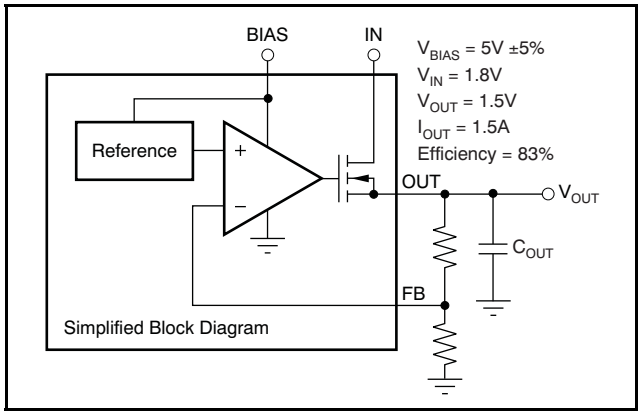


Figure 26. Typical Application of the TPS74801 Using an Auxiliary Bias Rail

The second specification (shown in Figure 27) is referred to as *V_{BIAS} Dropout* and applies to applications where IN and BIAS are tied together. This option allows the device to be used in applications where an auxiliary bias voltage is not available or low dropout is not required. Dropout is limited by BIAS in these applications because V_{BIAS} provides the gate drive to the pass FET; therefore, V_{BIAS} must be 1.56V above V_{OUT}.

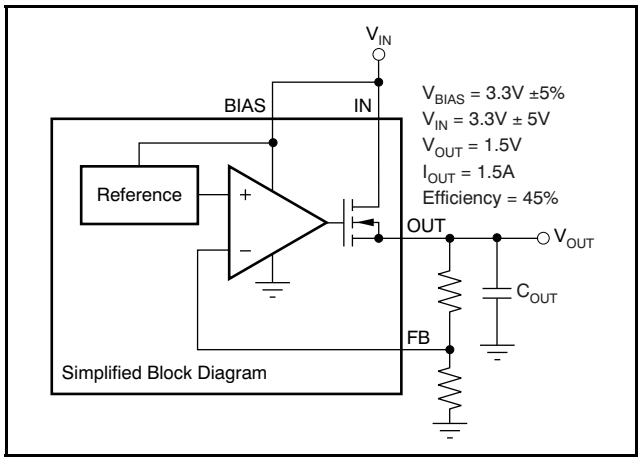


Figure 27. Typical Application of the TPS74801 Without an Auxiliary Bias Rail

PROGRAMMABLE SOFT-START

The TPS74801 features a programmable, monotonic, voltage-controlled soft-start that is set with an external capacitor (C_{SS}). This feature is important for many applications because it eliminates power-up initialization problems when powering FPGAs, DSPs, or other processors. The controlled voltage ramp of the output also reduces peak inrush current during start-up, minimizing start-up transient events to the input power bus.

To achieve a linear and monotonic soft-start, the TPS74801 error amplifier tracks the voltage ramp of the external soft-start capacitor until the voltage exceeds the internal reference. The soft-start ramp time is dependant on the soft-start charging current (I_{SS}), soft-start capacitance (C_{SS}), and the internal reference voltage (V_{REF}), and can be calculated using Equation 1:

$$t_{SS} = \frac{(V_{REF} \times C_{SS})}{I_{SS}} \quad (1)$$

If large output capacitors are used, the device current limit (I_{CL}) and the output capacitor may set the start-up time. In this case, the start-up time is given by Equation 2:

$$t_{SSCL} = \frac{(V_{OUT(NOM)} \times C_{OUT})}{I_{CL(MIN)}} \quad (2)$$

where:

$V_{OUT(NOM)}$ is the nominal output voltage,

C_{OUT} is the output capacitance, and

$I_{CL(MIN)}$ is the minimum current limit for the device.

In applications where monotonic startup is required, the soft-start time given by Equation 1 should be set greater than Equation 2.

The maximum recommended soft-start capacitor is 0.015µF. Larger soft-start capacitors can be used and will not damage the device; however, the soft-start capacitor discharge circuit may not be able to fully discharge the soft-start capacitor when enabled. Soft-start capacitors larger than 0.015µF could be a problem in applications where it is necessary to rapidly pulse the enable pin and still require the device to soft-start from ground. C_{SS} must be low-leakage; X7R, X5R, or C0G dielectric materials are preferred. Refer to Table 2 for suggested soft-start capacitor values.

SEQUENCING REQUIREMENTS

V_{IN}, V_{BIAS}, and V_{EN} can be sequenced in any order without causing damage to the device. However, for the soft-start function to work as intended, certain sequencing rules must be applied. Connecting EN to IN is acceptable for most applications, as long as V_{IN} is greater than 1.1V and the ramp rate of V_{IN} and V_{BIAS} is faster than the set soft-start ramp rate. If the ramp rate of the input sources is slower than the set soft-start time, the output tracks the slower supply minus the dropout voltage until it reaches the set output voltage. If EN is connected to BIAS, the device will soft-start as programmed, provided that V_{IN} is present before V_{BIAS}. If V_{BIAS} and V_{EN} are present before V_{IN} is applied and the set soft-start time has expired, then V_{OUT} tracks V_{IN}. If the soft-start time has not expired, the output tracks V_{IN} until V_{OUT} reaches the value set by the charging soft-start capacitor. Figure 28 shows the use of an RC-delay circuit to hold off V_{EN} until V_{BIAS} has ramped. This technique can also be used to drive EN from V_{IN}. An external control signal can also be used to enable the device after V_{IN} and V_{BIAS} are present.

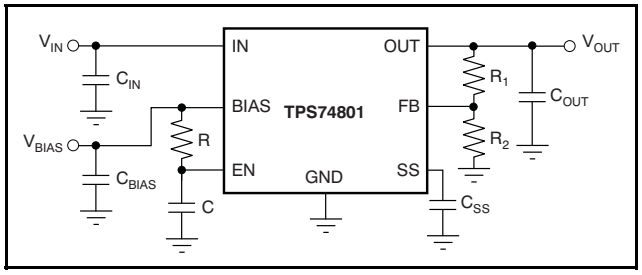


Figure 28. Soft-Start Delay Using an RC Circuit to Enable the Device

OUTPUT NOISE

The TPS74801 provides low output noise when a soft-start capacitor is used. When the device reaches the end of the soft-start cycle, the soft-start capacitor serves as a filter for the internal reference. By using a 0.001µF soft-start capacitor, the output noise is reduced by half and is typically $30\mu V_{RMS}$ for a 1.2V output (10Hz to 100kHz). Further increasing C_{SS} has little effect on noise. Because most of the output noise is generated by the internal reference, the noise is a function of the set output voltage. The RMS noise with a 0.001µF soft-start capacitor is given in Equation 3:

$$V_N(\mu V_{RMS}) = 25\left(\frac{\mu V_{RMS}}{V}\right) \times V_{OUT}(V) \quad (3)$$

The low output noise of the TPS74801 makes it a good choice for powering transceivers, PLLs, or other noise-sensitive circuitry.

ENABLE/SHUTDOWN

The enable (EN) pin is active high and is compatible with standard digital signaling levels. V_{EN} below 0.4V turns the regulator off, while V_{EN} above 1.1V turns the regulator on. Unlike many regulators, the enable circuitry has hysteresis and deglitching for use with relatively slowly ramping analog signals. This configuration allows the TPS74801 to be enabled by connecting the output of another supply to the EN pin. The enable circuitry typically has 50mV of hysteresis and a deglitch circuit to help avoid on-off cycling as a result of small glitches in the V_{EN} signal.

The enable threshold is typically 0.8V and varies with temperature and process variations. Temperature variation is approximately –1mV/°C; process variation accounts for most of the rest of the variation to the 0.4V and 1.1V limits. If precise turn-on timing is required, a fast rise-time signal must be used to enable the TPS74801.

If not used, EN can be connected to either IN or BIAS. If EN is connected to IN, it should be connected as close as possible to the largest capacitance on the input to prevent voltage droops on that line from triggering the enable circuit.

POWER-GOOD

The power-good (PG) pin is an open-drain output and can be connected to any 5.5V or lower rail through an external pull-up resistor. This pin requires at least 1.1V on V_{BIAS} in order to have a valid output. The PG output is high-impedance when V_{OUT} is greater than $V_{IT} + V_{HYS}$. If V_{OUT} drops below V_{IT} or if V_{BIAS} drops below 1.9V, the open-drain output turns on and pulls the PG output low. The PG pin also asserts when the device is disabled. The pull-up resistor for PG should be in the range of 10kΩ to 1MΩ.

INTERNAL CURRENT LIMIT

The TPS74801 features a factory-trimmed, accurate current limit that is flat over temperature and supply voltage. The current limit allows the device to supply surges of up to 2A and maintain regulation. The current limit responds in about 10µs to reduce the current during a short-circuit fault.

The internal current limit protection circuitry of the TPS74801 is designed to protect against overload conditions. It is not intended to allow operation above the rated current of the device. Continuously running the TPS74801 above the rated current degrades device reliability.

THERMAL PROTECTION

Thermal protection disables the output when the junction temperature rises to approximately +160°C, allowing the device to cool. When the junction temperature cools to approximately +140°C, the output circuitry is enabled. Depending on power dissipation, thermal resistance, and ambient temperature the thermal protection circuit may cycle on and off. This cycling limits the dissipation of the regulator, protecting it from damage as a result of overheating.

Activation of the thermal protection circuit indicates excessive power dissipation or inadequate heatsinking. For reliable operation, junction temperature should be limited to +125°C maximum. To estimate the margin of safety in a complete design (including heatsink), increase the ambient temperature until thermal protection is triggered; use worst-case loads and signal conditions. For good reliability, thermal protection should trigger at least +40°C above the maximum expected ambient condition of the application. This condition produces a worst-case junction temperature of +125°C at the highest expected ambient temperature and worst-case load.

The internal protection circuitry of the TPS74801 is designed to protect against overload conditions. It is not intended to replace proper heatsinking. Continuously running the TPS74801 into thermal shutdown degrades device reliability.

LAYOUT RECOMMENDATIONS AND POWER DISSIPATION

An optimal layout can greatly improve transient performance, PSRR, and noise. To minimize the voltage drop on the input of the device during load transients, the capacitance on IN and BIAS should be connected as close as possible to the device. This capacitance also minimizes the effects of parasitic inductance and resistance of the input source and can, therefore, improve stability. To achieve optimal transient performance and accuracy, the top side of R_1 in Figure 25 should be connected as close as possible to the load. If BIAS is connected to IN, it is recommended to connect BIAS as close to the sense point of the input supply as possible. This connection minimizes the voltage drop on BIAS during transient conditions and can improve the turn-on response.

Knowing the device power dissipation and proper sizing of the thermal plane that is connected to the thermal pad is critical to avoiding thermal shutdown and ensuring reliable operation. Power dissipation of the device depends on input voltage and load conditions and can be calculated using Equation 4:

$$P_D = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times I_{OUT} \quad (4)$$

Power dissipation can be minimized and greater efficiency can be achieved by using the lowest possible input voltage necessary to achieve the required output voltage regulation.

On the SON (DRC) package, the primary conduction path for heat is through the exposed pad to the printed circuit board (PCB). The pad can be connected to ground or be left floating; however, it should be attached to an appropriate amount of copper PCB area to ensure the device will not overheat. The maximum junction to ambient thermal resistance depends on the maximum ambient temperature, maximum device junction temperature, and power dissipation of the device, and can be calculated using Equation 5:

$$R_{\theta JA} = \frac{(+125°C - T_A)}{P_D} \quad (5)$$

Knowing the maximum $R_{\theta JA}$ and system air flow, the minimum amount of PCB copper area needed for appropriate heatsinking can be calculated using Figure 29 through Figure 31.

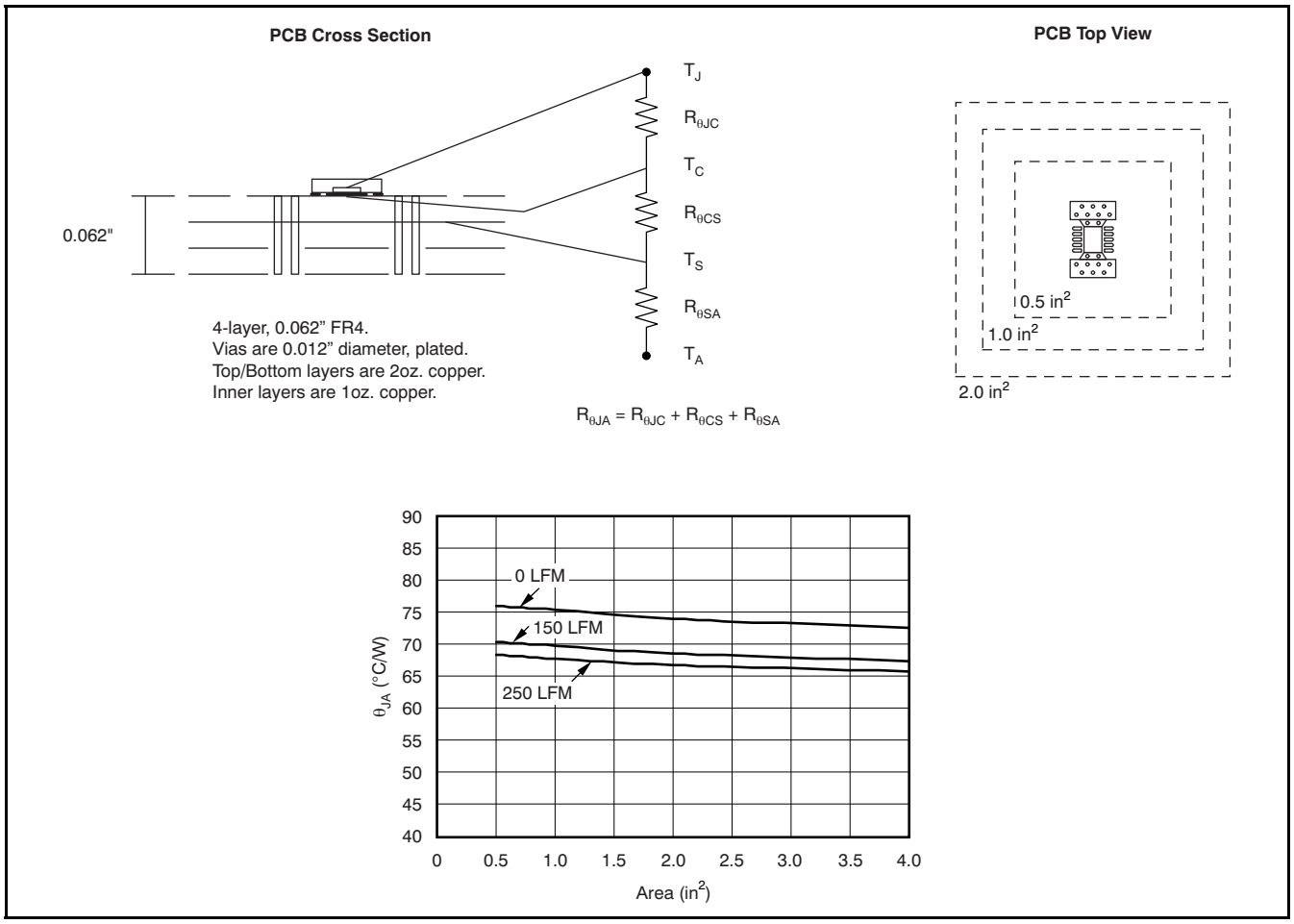


Figure 29. PCB Layout and Corresponding $R_{\theta JA}$ Data, No Vias Under Thermal Pad

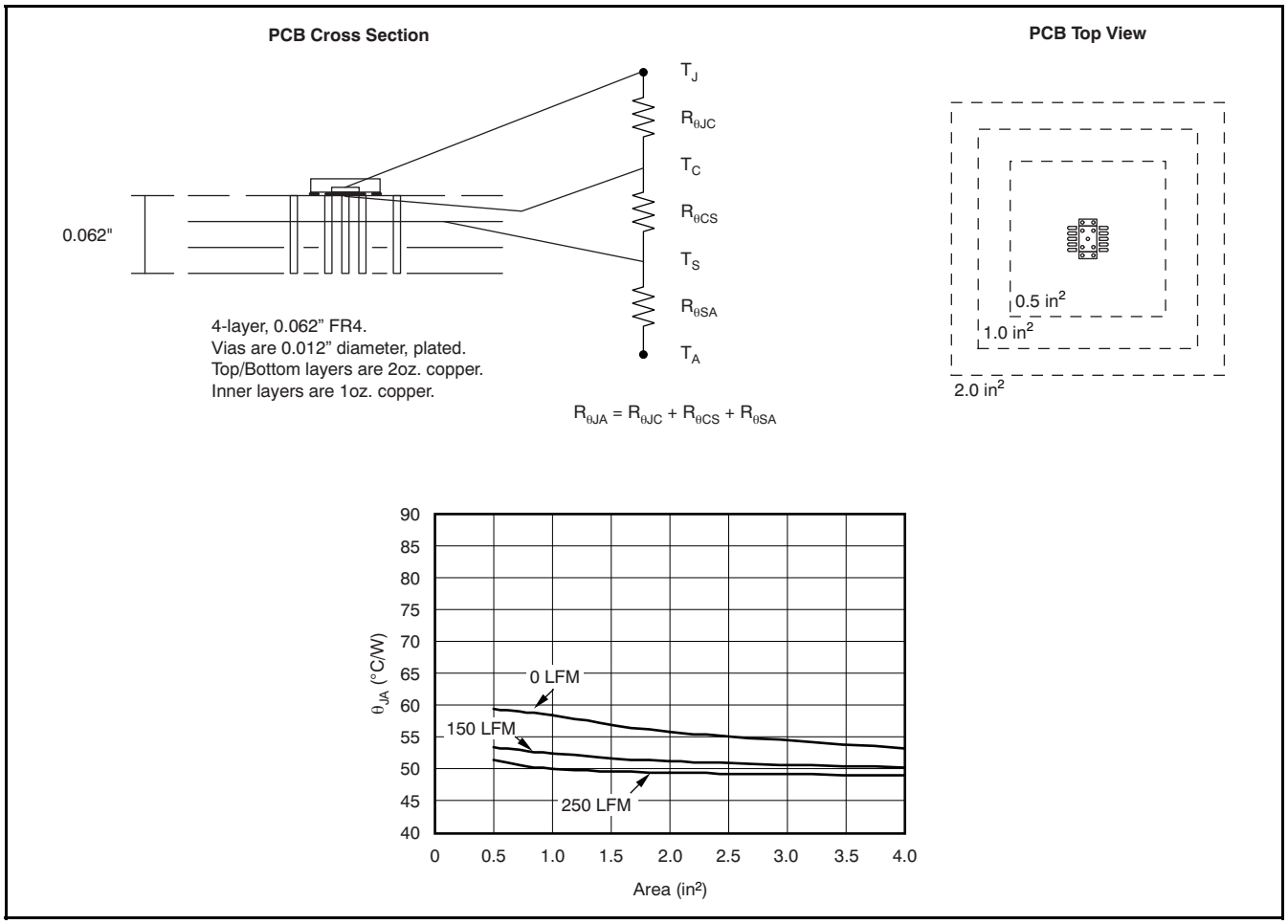


Figure 30. PCB Layout and Corresponding $R_{\theta JA}$ Data, Vias Under Thermal Pad

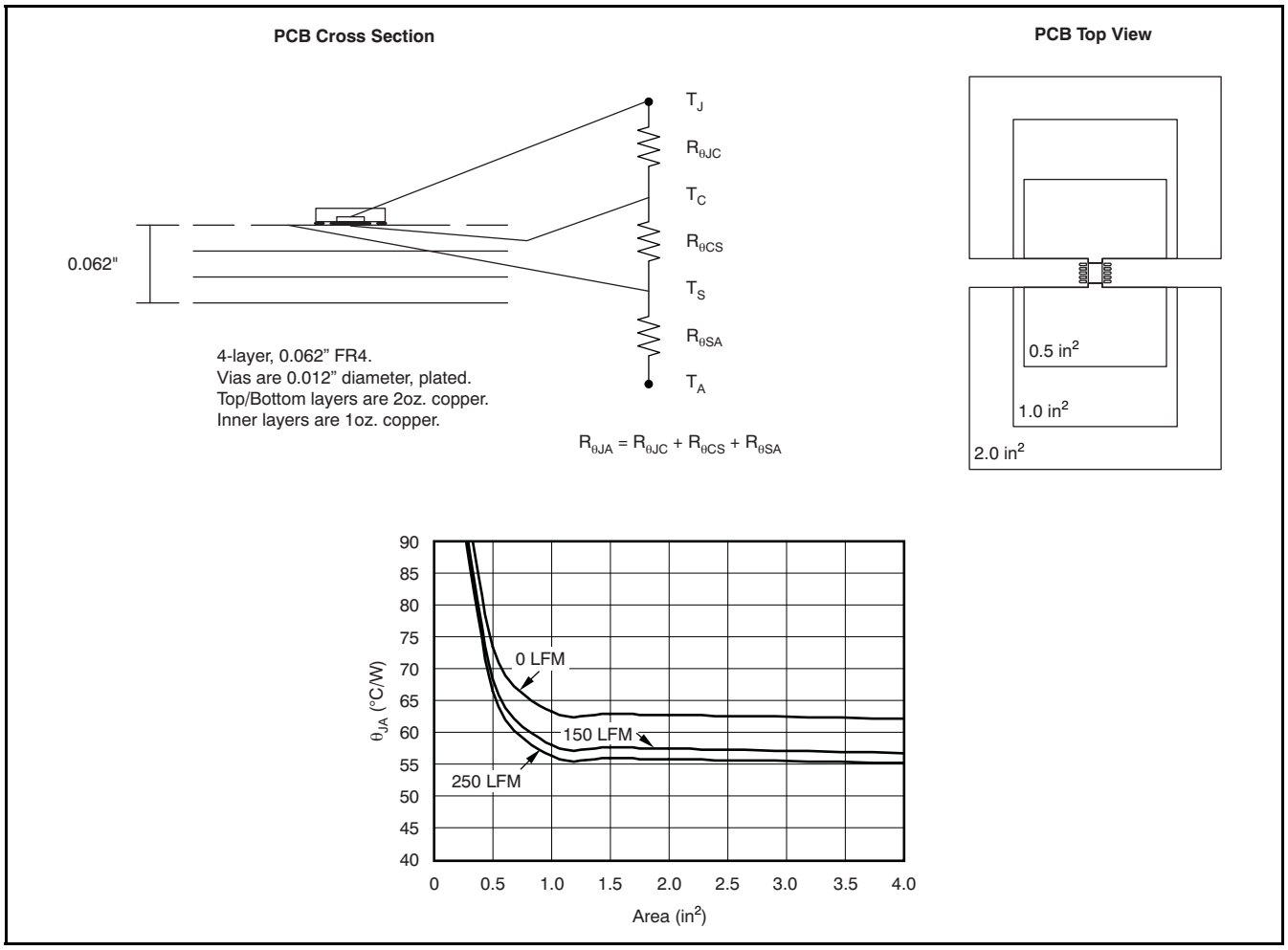


Figure 31. PCB Layout and Corresponding $R_{\theta JA}$ Data, Top Layer Only

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Orderable Device	Status (1)	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan (2)	Lead/Ball Finish	MSL Peak Temp (3)
TPS74801DRCR	ACTIVE	SON	DRC	10	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR
TPS74801DRCT	ACTIVE	SON	DRC	10	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR

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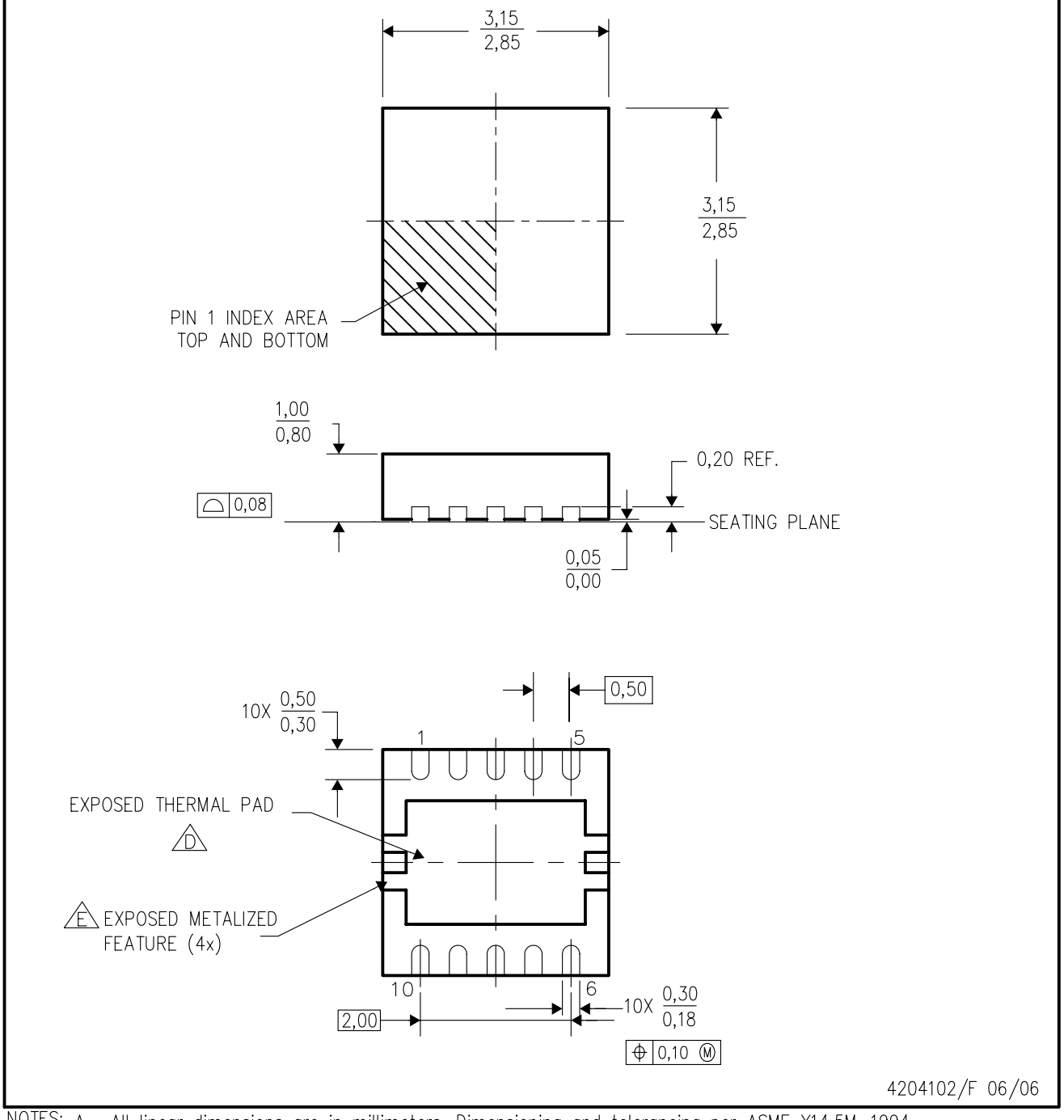
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