TPS74401 3.0-A, Ultra-LDO with Programmable Soft-Start

1 Features

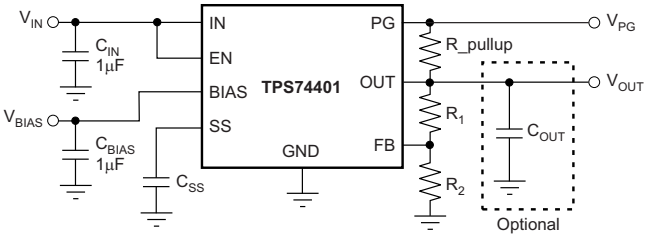
- Input Voltage Range: 1.1 V to 5.5 V
- Soft-Start (SS) Pin Provides a Linear Startup With Ramp Time Set by External Capacitor
- 1% Accuracy Over Line, Load, and Temperature
- Supports Input Voltages as Low as 0.9 V With External Bias Supply
- Adjustable Output: 0.8 V to 3.6 V
- Ultra-Low Dropout: 115 mV at 3.0 A (typical)
- Stable With Any or No Output Capacitor
- Excellent Transient Response
- Open-Drain Power-Good (VQFN Only)
- Available in 5-mm × 5-mm × 1-mm VQFN and DDPAK-7 Packages

2 Applications

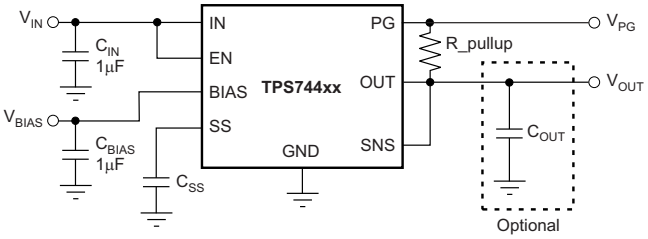
- FPGA Applications
- DSP Core and I/O Voltages
- Post-Regulation Applications
- Applications With Special Start-Up Time or Sequencing Requirements
- Hot-Swap and Inrush Controls

Typical Application Circuits

ADJUSTABLE VOLTAGE VERSION



FIXED VOLTAGE VERSION



3 Description

The TPS74401 low-dropout (LDO) linear regulators provide an easy-to-use robust power-management solution for a wide variety of applications. The 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 application-specific integrated circuits (ASICs). The enable input and power-good output allow easy sequencing with external regulators. This complete flexibility lets the user configure a solution that meets the sequencing requirements of field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs), digital signal processors (DSPs), and other applications with specific start-up requirements.

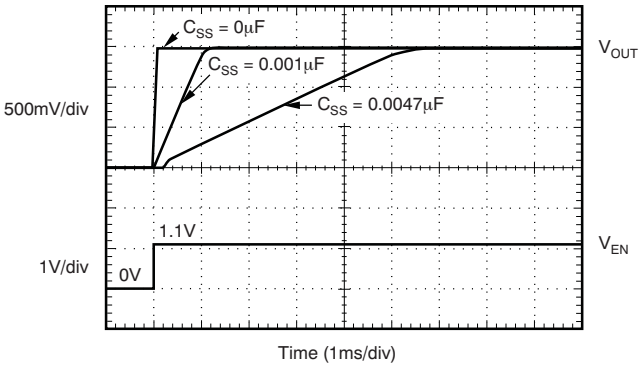
A precision reference and error amplifier deliver 1% accuracy over load, line, temperature, and process. The TPS74401 family of LDOs is stable without an output capacitor or with ceramic output capacitors. The device family is fully specified from T_J = –40°C to 125°C. The TPS74401 is offered in a small (5-mm × 5-mm) VQFN package, yielding a highly compact total solution size. For applications that require additional power dissipation, the DDPAK (KTW) package is also available.

Device Information(1)

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE (NOM)
TPS74401	TO-263 (7)	10.10 mm × 8.89 mm
	VQFN (20)	5.00 mm × 5.00 mm

(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the datasheet.

Turn-On Response



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4 Revision History

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- Added *Timing Requirements* table ... 7
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- Added "V" to V_{IN} = 1.8 V condition in Figure 9, Figure 10, and Figure 11 ... 8
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- Changed Figure 25; made V_{OUT} trace red to show data trend separation 11
- Changed *Overview* section text 13
- Changed second paragraph of *Dropout Voltage* 19
- Changed Figure 29; updated equation in figure 20

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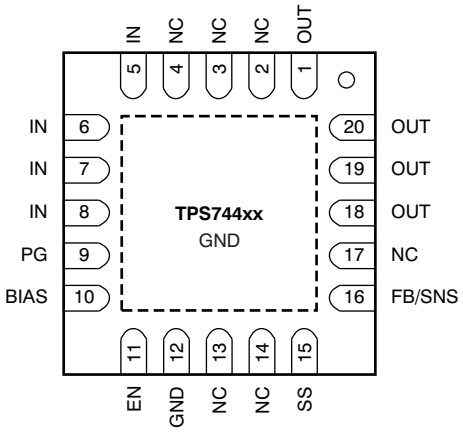
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- Revised *Layout Recommendations and Power Dissipation* section 26
- Revised *Thermal Considerations* section 27

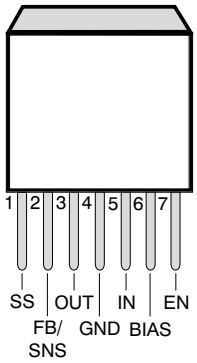
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5 Pin Configuration and Functions

RGW Package
5-mm × 5-mm VQFN-20
Top View



KTW Package
DDPAK-7
Surface-Mount



Pin Functions

PIN			I/O	DESCRIPTION
NAME	KTW	RGW		
BIAS	6	10	I	Bias input voltage for error amplifier, reference, and internal control circuits. A 1-µF or larger input capacitor is recommended for optimal performance. If IN is connected to BIAS, use a 4.7 µF or larger capacitor.
EN	7	11	I	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 floating.
FB	2	16	I	This pin is 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. (Adjustable version only.)
GND	4	12	—	Ground
IN	5	5–8	I	Unregulated input to the device. An input capacitor of 1 µF or greater is recommended for optimal performance.
NC	N/A	2–4, 13, 14, 17	O	No connection. This pin can be left floating or connected to GND to allow better thermal contact to the top-side plane.
OUT	3	1, 18–20	O	Regulated output voltage. No capacitor is required on this pin for stability, but is recommended for optimal performance.
PAD/TAB	—	—	—	Must be soldered to the ground plane for increased thermal performance. Internally connected to ground.
PG	N/A	9	O	Power-good (PG) is 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. Connect a pullup resistor from 10 kΩ to 1 MΩ from this pin to a supply up to 5.5 V. The supply can be higher than the input voltage. Alternatively, the PG pin can be left floating if output monitoring is not necessary.
SNS	2	16	I	This pin is the sense connection to the load device. This pin must be connected to V_{OUT} and must not be left floating. (Fixed versions only.)
SS	1	15	—	Soft-start pin. A capacitor connected on this pin to ground sets the start-up time. If this pin is left floating, the regulator output soft-start ramp time is typically 100 µs.

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6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)(1)

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
V_{IN}, V_{BIAS}	Input voltage	–0.3	6	V
V_{EN}	Enable voltage	–0.3	6	V
V_{PG}	Power-good voltage	–0.3	6	V
I_{PG}	PG sink current	0	1.5	mA
V_{SS}	SS pin voltage	–0.3	6	V
V_{FB}	Feedback pin voltage	–0.3	6	V
V_{OUT}	Output voltage	–0.3	V_{IN} + 0.3	V
I_{OUT}	Maximum output current	Internally limited		
	Output short-circuit duration	Indefinite		
P_{DISS}	Continuous total power dissipation	See *Thermal Information*		
T_J	Operating junction temperature	–40	150	°C
T_{stg}	Storage temperature	–55	150	°C

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

6.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT
$V_{(ESD)}$	Electrostatic discharge	Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001(1)	±2000	V
		Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101(2)	±500	

(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.
(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

		MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
V_{IN}	Input supply voltage range	1.1		5.5	V
V_{EN}	Enable supply voltage range	0		5.5	V
V_{BIAS}(1)	BIAS supply voltage range	V_{OUT} + V_{DO} (V_{BIAS})		5.5	V
I_{OUT}	Output current	0		3	A
C_{OUT}	Output capacitor	0			µF
C_{IN}(2)	Input capacitor	1			µF
C_{BIAS}	Bias capacitor	1			µF
T_J	Operating junction temperature	–40		125	°C

(1) BIAS supply is required when V_{IN} is below V_{OUT} + V_{DO} (V_{BIAS}).
(2) If V_{IN} and V_{BIAS} are connected to the same supply, the recommended minimum capacitor for the supply is 4.7 µF.

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6.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC[1][2]		TPS74401[3]		UNIT
		RGW (VQFN)	KTW (DDPAK)	
		20 PINS	7 PINS	
$R_{\theta JA}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	35.4	26.6	°C/W
$R_{\theta JC(top)}$	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	32.4	41.7	
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	14.7	12.5	
ψ_{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	0.4	4.0	
ψ_{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	14.8	7.3	
$R_{\theta JC(bot)}$	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	3.9	0.3	

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, SPRA953.
(2) For thermal estimates of this device based on PCB copper area, see the TI PCB Thermal Calculator.
(3) Thermal data for the RGW and KTW packages are derived by thermal simulations based on JEDEC-standard methodology as specified in the JESD51 series. The following assumptions are used in the simulations:
(a) i. RGW: The exposed pad is connected to the PCB ground layer through a 4x4 thermal via array.
ii. KTW: The exposed pad is connected to the PCB ground layer through a 6x6 thermal via array.
(b) Each of top and bottom copper layers has a dedicated pattern for 20% copper coverage.
(c) These data were generated with only a single device at the center of a JEDEC high-K (2s2p) board with 3in × 3in copper area. To understand the effects of the copper area on thermal performance, refer to the *Thermal Considerations* section.

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

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

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V_{IN}	Input voltage range		V_{OUT} + V_{DO}		5.5	V
V_{BIAS}	Bias pin voltage range		2.375		5.25	V
V_{REF}	Internal reference (adjustable version)	T_J = 25°C	0.796	0.8	0.804	V
V_{OUT}	Output voltage range	V_{IN} = 5 V, I_{OUT} = 1.5 A, V_{BIAS} = 5 V	V_{REF}		3.6	V
	Accuracy	2.97 V ≤ V_{BIAS} ≤ 5.25 V, V_{OUT} + 1.62 V ≤ V_{BIAS}, 50 mA ≤ I_{OUT} ≤ 3.0 A[1]	–1%	±0.2%	1%	
		V_{OUT} + V_{DO} BIAS ≤ V_{BIAS} ≤ 5.25 V, 100 mA ≤ I_{OUT} ≤ $I_{VDO\ BIAS}$, VQFN[2]	–1%	±0.2%	1%	
$\Delta V_{OUT(\Delta VIN)}$	Line regulation	$V_{OUT(nom)}$ + 0.3 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 5.5 V, VQFN		0.0005	0.05	%/V
		$V_{OUT(nom)}$ + 0.3 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 5.5 V, DDPAK		0.0005	0.06	%/V
$\Delta V_{OUT(\Delta IOUT)}$	Load regulation	0 mA ≤ I_{OUT} ≤ 50 mA		0.013		%/mA
		50 mA ≤ I_{OUT} ≤ 3.0 A		0.03		%/A
V_{DO}	V_{IN} dropout voltage[3]	I_{OUT} = 3.0 A, V_{BIAS} – $V_{OUT(nom)}$ ≥ 1.62 V, VQFN		115	195	mV
		I_{OUT} = 3.0 A, V_{BIAS} – $V_{OUT(nom)}$ ≥ 1.62 V, DDPAK		120	240	mV
	V_{BIAS} dropout voltage[3]	I_{OUT} = 3.0 A, V_{IN} = V_{BIAS}			1.62	V
		I_{OUT} = 3.0 A			1.62	V
		I_{OUT} = 1.0 A			1.35	V
		I_{OUT} = 500 mA			1.27	V
		I_{OUT} = 100 mA			1.16	V
I_{CL}	Current limit	V_{OUT} = 80% × $V_{OUT(nom)}$, VQFN	3.8		6.0	A
		V_{OUT} = 80% × $V_{OUT(nom)}$, DDPAK	3.5		6.0	A
I_{BIAS}	Bias pin current	I_{OUT} = 0 mA to 3.0 A		2	4	mA
I_{SHDN}	Shutdown supply current (V_{IN})	V_{EN} ≤ 0.4 V		1	100	µA
I_{FB}, I_{SNS}	Feedback, sense pin current[4]	I_{OUT} = 50 mA to 3.0 A	–250	95	250	nA

(1) Adjustable devices tested at 0.8 V; external resistor tolerance is not taken into account.
(2) V_{OUT} is set to 1.5 V to avoid minimum V_{BIAS} restrictions.
(3) Dropout is defined as the voltage from the input to V_{OUT} when V_{OUT} is 2% below nominal.
(4) I_{FB}, I_{SNS} current flow is out of the device.

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Electrical Characteristics (continued)

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

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
PSRR(5)	Power-supply rejection (V_{IN} to V_{OUT})	1 kHz, I_{OUT} = 1.5 A, V_{IN} = 1.8 V, V_{OUT} = 1.5 V		73		dB
		800 kHz, I_{OUT} = 1.5 A, V_{IN} = 1.8 V, V_{OUT} = 1.5 V		42		dB
	Power-supply rejection (V_{BIAS} to V_{OUT})	1 kHz, I_{OUT} = 1.5 A, V_{IN} = 1.8 V, V_{OUT} = 1.5 V		62		dB
		800 kHz, I_{OUT} = 1.5 A, V_{IN} = 1.8 V, V_{OUT} = 1.5 V		50		dB
V_n	Output noise voltage	100 Hz to 100 kHz, I_{OUT} = 1.5 A, C_{SS} = 0.001 µF		16 × V_{OUT}		μV_{RMS}
V_{TRAN}	%V_{OUT} droop during load transient	I_{OUT} = 100 mA to 3.0 A at 1 A/µs, C_{OUT} = 0 µF		4		%V_{OUT}
I_{SS}	Soft-start charging current	V_{SS} = 0.4 V	0.5	0.73	1	µA
$V_{EN(high)}$	Enable input high level		1.1		5.5	V
$V_{EN(low)}$	Enable input low level		0		0.4	V
$V_{EN(hys)}$	Enable pin hysteresis			50		mV
I_{EN}	Enable pin current	V_{EN} = 5 V		0.1	1	µA
V_{IT}	PG trip threshold	V_{OUT} decreasing	86.5	90	93.5	%V_{OUT}
V_{HYS}	PG trip hysteresis			3		%V_{OUT}
$V_{PG(low)}$	PG output low voltage	I_{PG} = 1 mA (sinking), V_{OUT} < V_{IT}			0.3	V
$I_{PG(lkg)}$	PG leakage current	V_{PG} = 5.25 V, V_{OUT} > V_{IT}		0.03	1	µA
T_J	Operating junction temperature		–40		125	°C
T_{SD}	Thermal shutdown temperature	Shutdown, temperature increasing		155		°C
		Reset, temperature decreasing		140		°C

(5) See Figure 8 to Figure 11 for PSRR at different conditions.

6.6 Timing Requirements

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

		MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
t_{STR}	Minimum startup time (I_{OUT} = 1.5 A, C_{SS} = open)		100		µs
$V_{EN(dg)}$	Enable pin de-glitch time		20		µs

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6.7 Typical Characteristics

At T_J = 25°C, V_{OUT} = 1.5 V, V_{IN} = $V_{OUT(nom)}$ + 0.3 V, V_{BIAS} = 3.3 V, I_{OUT} = 50 mA, C_{IN} = 1 µF, C_{BIAS} = 1 µF, C_{SS} = 0.01 µF, and C_{OUT} = 10 µF, unless otherwise noted.

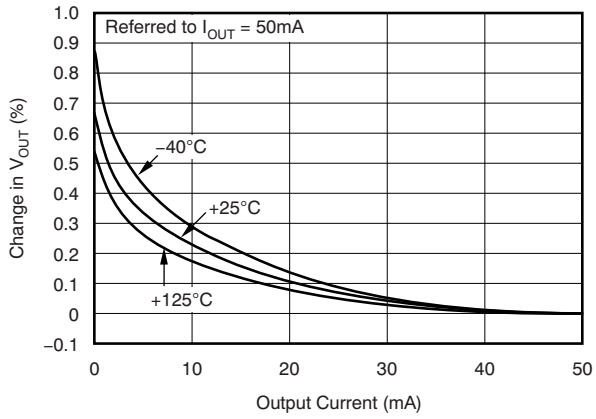


Figure 1. Load Regulation

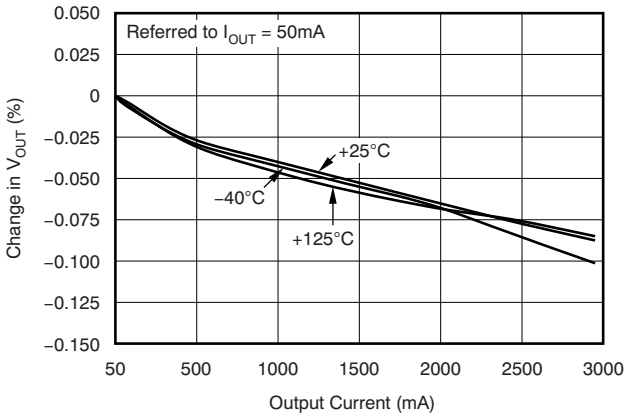


Figure 2. Load Regulation

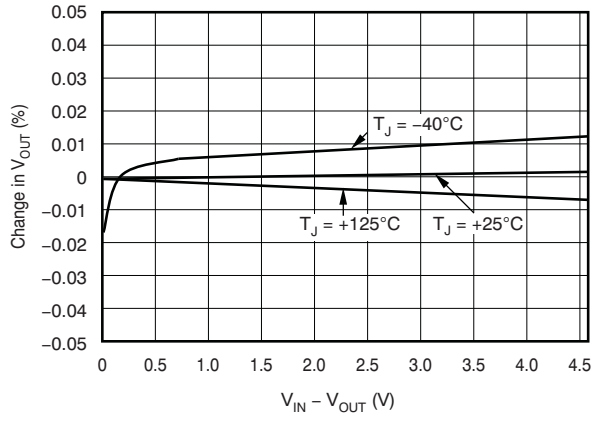


Figure 3. Line Regulation

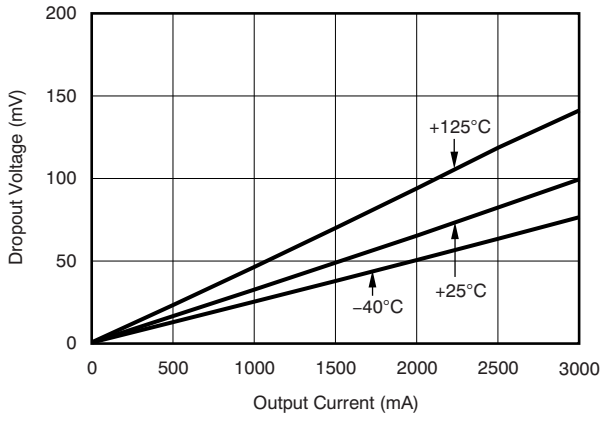


Figure 4. V_{IN} Dropout Voltage vs I_{OUT} and Temperature (T_J)

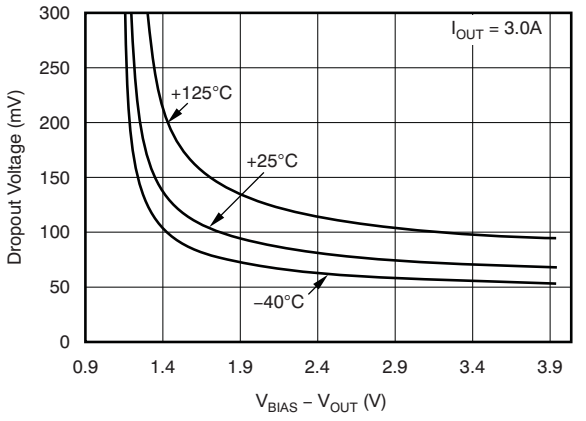


Figure 5. V_{IN} Dropout Voltage vs V_{BIAS} – V_{OUT} and Temperature (T_J)

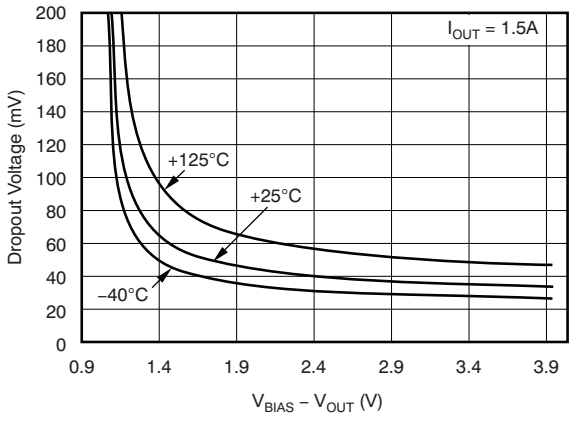


Figure 6. V_{IN} Dropout Voltage vs V_{BIAS} – V_{OUT} and Temperature (T_J)

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Typical Characteristics (continued)

At T_J = 25°C, V_{OUT} = 1.5 V, V_{IN} = $V_{OUT(nom)}$ + 0.3 V, V_{BIAS} = 3.3 V, I_{OUT} = 50 mA, C_{IN} = 1 µF, C_{BIAS} = 1 µF, C_{SS} = 0.01 µF, and C_{OUT} = 10 µF, unless otherwise noted.

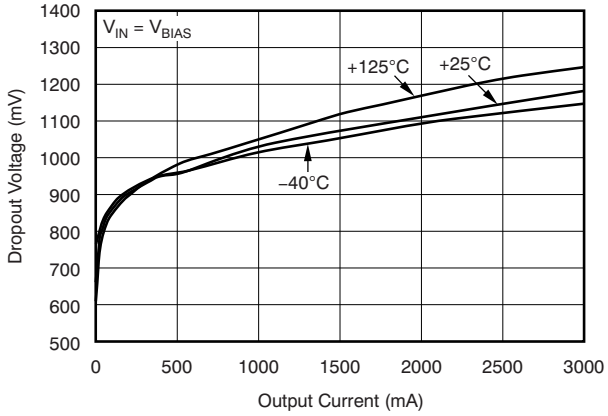


Figure 7. V_{BIAS} Dropout Voltage vs I_{OUT} and Temperature (T_J)

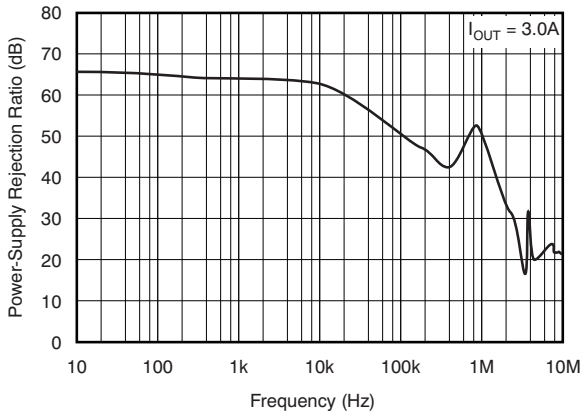


Figure 8. V_{BIAS} PSRR vs Frequency

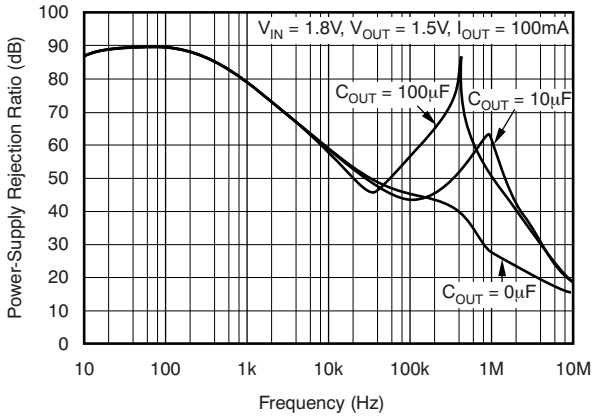


Figure 9. V_{IN} PSRR vs Frequency

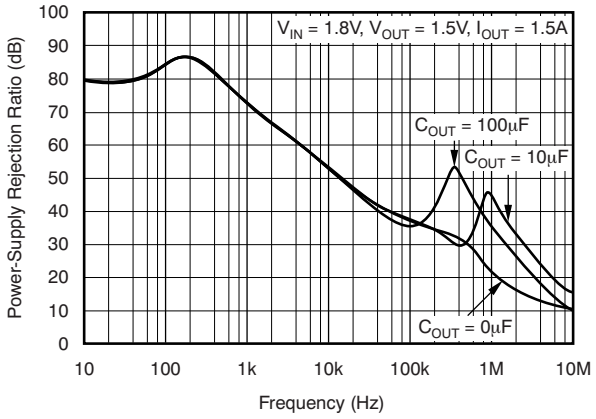


Figure 10. V_{IN} PSRR vs Frequency

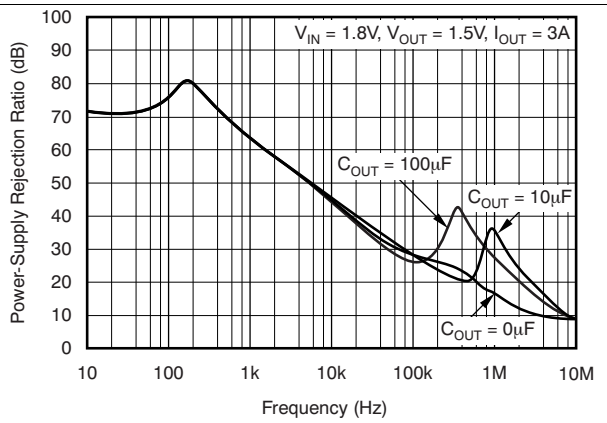


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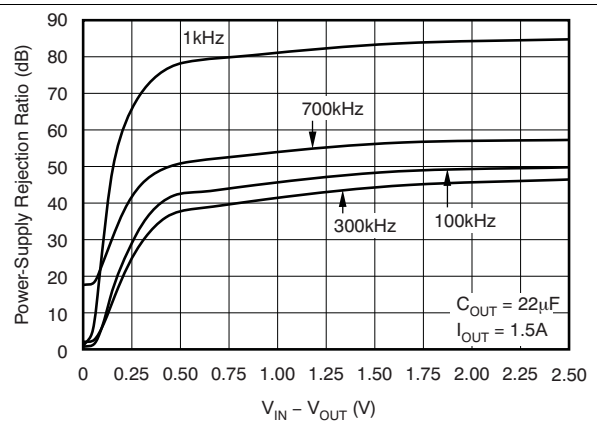


Figure 12. V_{IN} PSRR vs V_{IN} – V_{OUT}

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Typical Characteristics (continued)

At T_J = 25°C, V_{OUT} = 1.5 V, V_{IN} = $V_{OUT(nom)}$ + 0.3 V, V_{BIAS} = 3.3 V, I_{OUT} = 50 mA, C_{IN} = 1 µF, C_{BIAS} = 1 µF, C_{SS} = 0.01 µF, and C_{OUT} = 10 µF, unless otherwise noted.

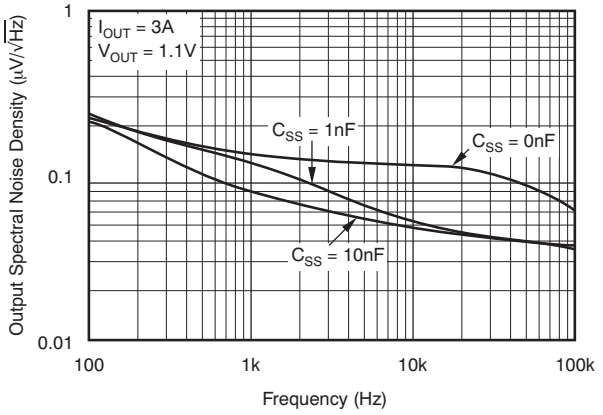


Figure 13. Noise Spectral Density

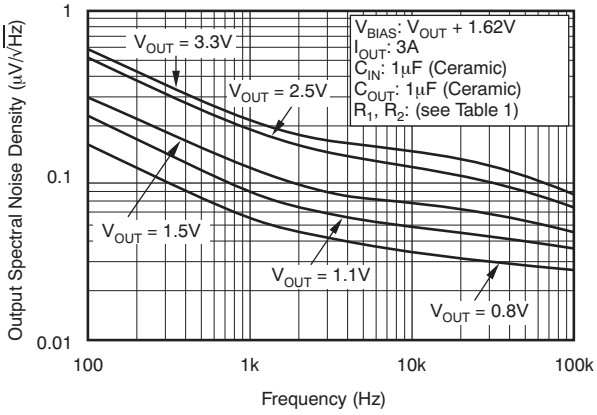


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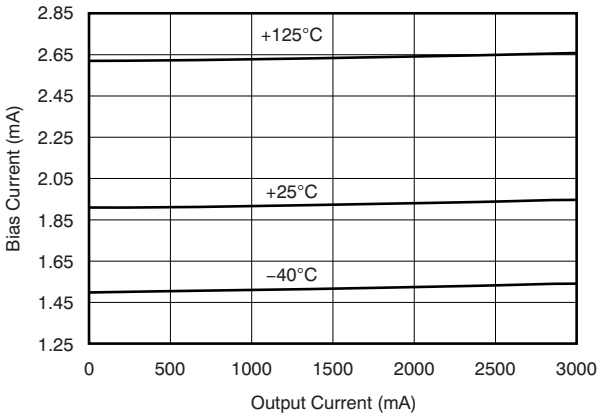


Figure 15. I_{BIAS} vs Output Current and Temperature

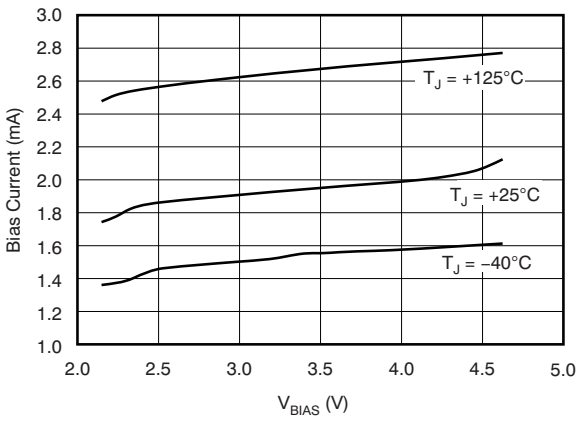


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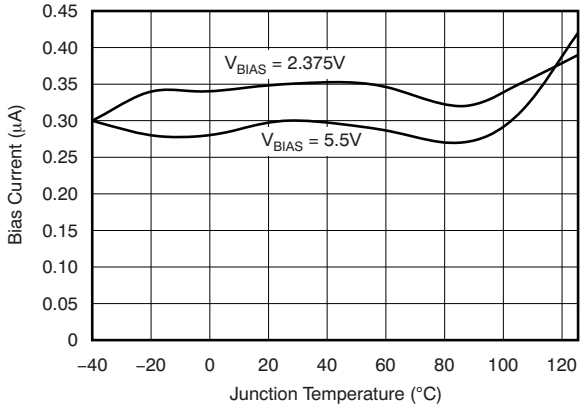


Figure 17. I_{BIAS} Shutdown vs Temperature

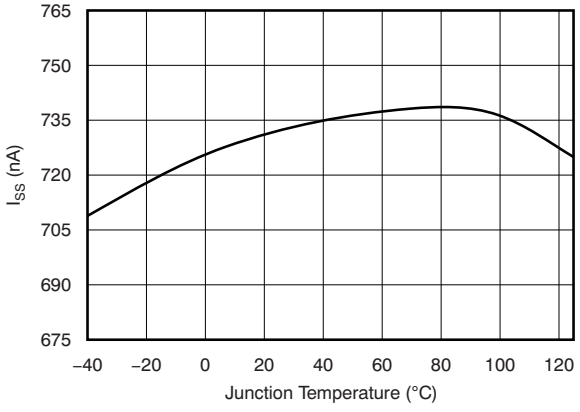


Figure 18. Soft-Start Charging Current (I_{SS}) vs Temperature

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Typical Characteristics (continued)

At T_J = 25°C, V_{OUT} = 1.5 V, V_{IN} = $V_{OUT(nom)}$ + 0.3 V, V_{BIAS} = 3.3 V, I_{OUT} = 50 mA, C_{IN} = 1 µF, C_{BIAS} = 1 µF, C_{SS} = 0.01 µF, and C_{OUT} = 10 µF, unless otherwise noted.

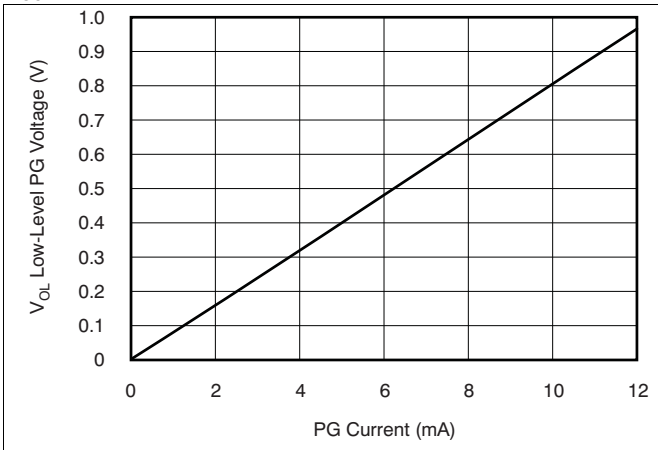


Figure 19. Low-Level PG Voltage vs PG Current

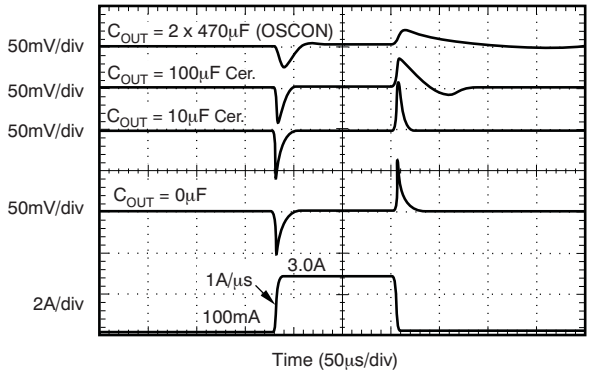


Figure 20. Load Transient Response

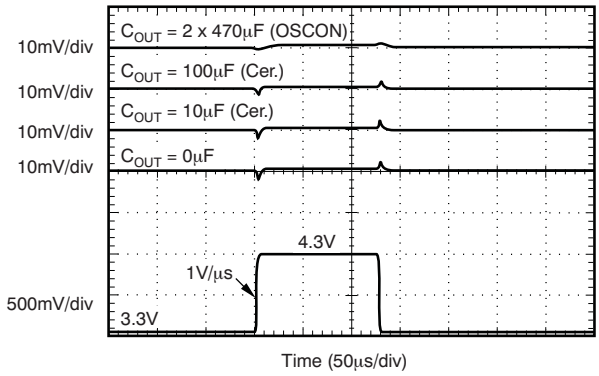


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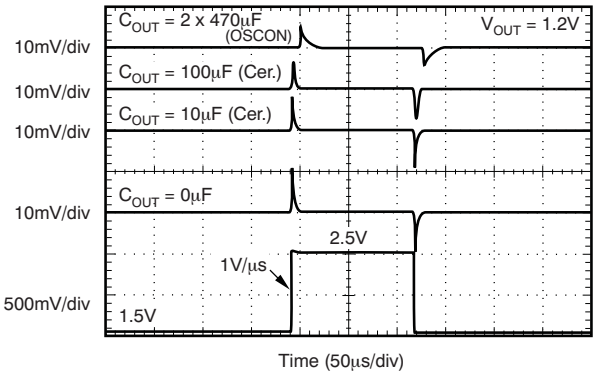


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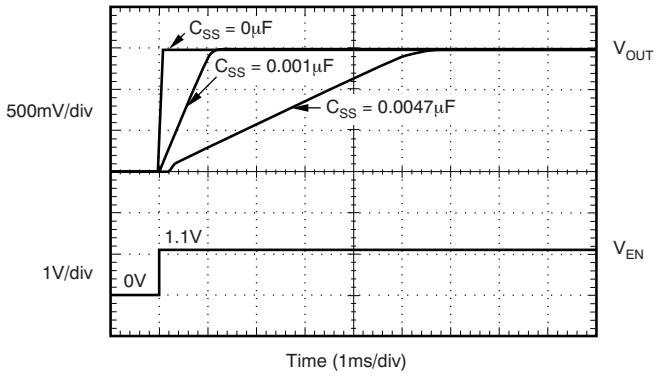


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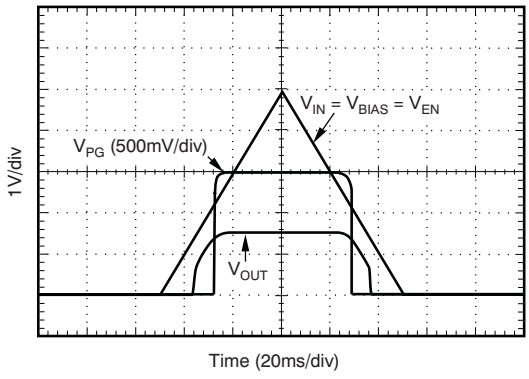


Figure 24. Power-Up, Power-Down

Typical Characteristics (continued)

At T_J = 25°C, V_{OUT} = 1.5 V, V_{IN} = $V_{OUT(nom)}$ + 0.3 V, V_{BIAS} = 3.3 V, I_{OUT} = 50 mA, C_{IN} = 1 µF, C_{BIAS} = 1 µF, C_{SS} = 0.01 µF, and C_{OUT} = 10 µF, unless otherwise noted.

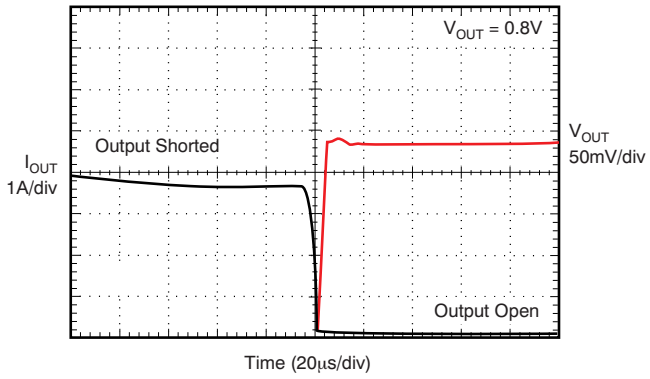


Figure 25. Output Short-Circuit Recovery

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7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The TPS74401 family of low-dropout regulators (LDOs) incorporates many features to ensure a wide range of uses. Hysteresis and de-glitch on the EN input improve the ability to sequence multiple devices without worrying about false start-up. The soft-start is fully programmable and allows the user to control the startup time of the LDO output. Hysteresis is also available on the PG comparator to ensure no false PG signals. The TPS74401 family of LDOs is ideal for FPGAs, DSPs, and any other device that requires linear supply and sequencing.

7.2 Functional Block Diagrams

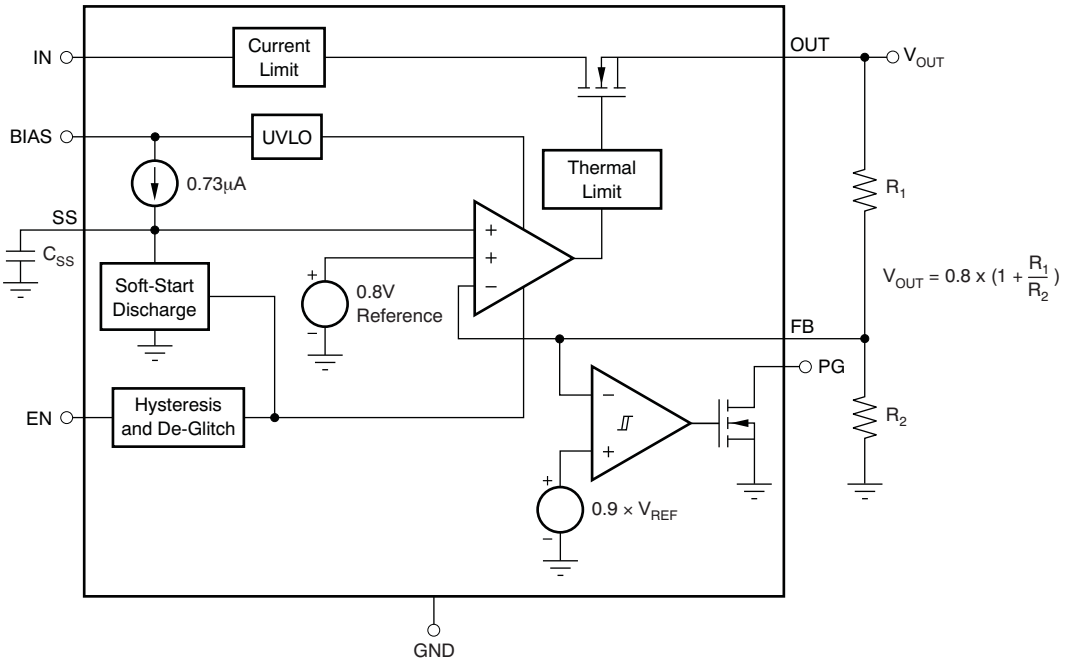


Figure 26. Adjustable Voltage Version

Functional Block Diagrams (continued)

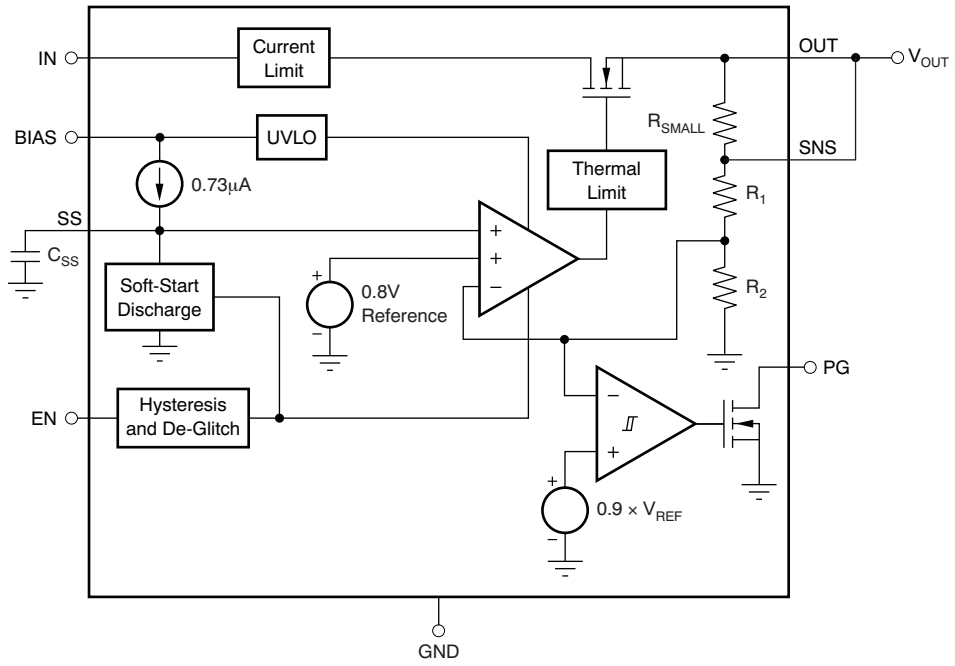


Figure 27. Fixed Voltage Versions

7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 Enable, Shutdown

The enable (EN) pin is active high and compatible with standard digital signaling levels. V_{EN} lower than 0.4 V turns the regulator off, whereas V_{EN} above 1.1 V turns the regulator on. Unlike many regulators, the enable circuitry has hysteresis and de-glitching for use with relatively slow-ramping analog signals. This configuration allows the TPS74401 to be enabled by connecting the output of another supply to the EN pin. The enable circuitry typically has 50 mV of hysteresis and a de-glitch circuit to help avoid on-off cycling resulting from small glitches in the V_{EN} signal.

The enable threshold is typically 0.8 V and varies with temperature and process variations. Temperature variation is approximately –1 mV/°C; therefore, process variation accounts for most of the variation in the enable threshold. If precise turn-on timing is required, use a fast rise-time signal to enable the TPS74401.

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

7.3.2 Power-Good (VQFN Package Only)

The power-good (PG) pin is an open-drain output and can be connected to any 5.5 V or lower rail through an external pullup resistor. This pin requires at least 1.1 V 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 1.9 V, the open-drain output turns on and pulls the PG output low. The PG pin also asserts when the device is disabled. The recommended operating condition of the PG pin sink current is up to 1 mA, thus the pullup resistor for PG must be in the range of 10 kΩ to 1 MΩ. PG is only provided on the VQFN package. If output voltage monitoring is not needed, the PG pin can be left floating.

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Feature Description (continued)

7.3.3 Internal Current Limit

The TPS74401 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 3.5 A and maintain regulation. The current limit responds in approximately 10 µs to reduce the current during a short-circuit fault. Recovery from a short-circuit condition is well-controlled and results in very little output overshoot when the load is removed. See Figure 25 in the *Typical Characteristics* section for short-circuit recovery performance.

The internal current limit protection circuitry of the TPS74401 is designed to protect against overload conditions. This circuitry is not intended to allow operation above the rated current of the device. Continuously running the TPS74401 above the rated current degrades device reliability.

7.3.4 Thermal Protection

Thermal protection disables the output when the junction temperature rises to approximately 155°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 can 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, limit junction temperature 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, trigger thermal protection at least 30°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 TPS74401 is designed to protect against overload conditions. This circuitry is not intended to replace proper heatsinking. Continuously running the TPS74401 into thermal shutdown degrades device reliability.

7.4 Device Functional Modes

7.4.1 Normal Operation

The device regulates to the nominal output voltage under the following conditions:

- The input voltage and bias voltage are both at least at the respective minimum specifications.
- The enable voltage has previously exceeded the enable rising threshold voltage and has not decreased below the enable falling threshold.
- The output current is less than the current limit.
- The device junction temperature is less than the maximum specified junction temperature.
- The device is not operating in dropout.

7.4.2 Dropout Operation

If the input voltage is lower than the nominal output voltage plus the specified dropout voltage, but all other conditions are met for normal operation, the device operates in dropout mode. In this condition, the output voltage is the same as the input voltage minus the dropout voltage. The transient performance of the device is significantly degraded because the pass device is in a triode state and no longer controls the current through the LDO. Line or load transients in dropout can result in large output voltage deviations.

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Device Functional Modes (continued)

7.4.3 Disabled

The device is disabled under the following conditions:

- The input or bias voltages are below the respective minimum specifications.
- The enable voltage is less than the enable falling threshold voltage or has not yet exceeded the enable rising threshold.
- The device junction temperature is greater than the thermal shutdown temperature.

Table 1 shows the conditions that lead to the different modes of operation.

Table 1. Device Functional Mode Comparison

OPERATING MODE	PARAMETER				
	V_{IN}	V_{EN}	V_{BIAS}	I_{OUT}	T_J
Normal mode	$V_{IN} > V_{OUT(nom)} + V_{DO}$ (V_{IN})	$V_{EN} > V_{EN(high)}$	$V_{BIAS} \geq V_{OUT} + 1.62$ V	$I_{OUT} < I_{CL}$	$T_J < 125°C$
Dropout mode	$V_{IN} < V_{OUT(nom)} + V_{DO}$ (V_{IN})	$V_{EN} > V_{EN(high)}$	$V_{BIAS} < V_{OUT} + 1.62$ V	—	$T_J < 125°C$
Disabled mode (any true condition disables the device)	$V_{IN} < V_{IN(min)}$	$V_{EN} < V_{EN(low)}$	$V_{BIAS} < V_{BIAS(min)}$	—	$T_J > 155°C$

7.5 Programming

7.5.1 Programmable Soft-Start

The TPS74401 features a programmable, monotonic, voltage-controlled soft-start that is set with an external capacitor (C_{SS}). This feature is important for many applications to eliminate 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 transients to the input power bus.

To achieve a linear and monotonic soft-start, the TPS74401 error amplifier tracks the voltage ramp of the external soft-start capacitor until the voltage exceeds the internal reference. The soft-start ramp time depends on the soft-start charging current (I_{SS}), the 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 can set the start-up time. In this case, the start-up time is given by Equation 2:

$$t_{SSCL} = \frac{(V_{OUT(nom)} \times C_{OUT})}{I_{CL(min)}}$$

where

- $V_{OUT(nom)}$ is the nominal set output voltage as set by the user,
- C_{OUT} is the output capacitance,
- and $I_{CL(min)}$ is the minimum current limit for the device. (2)

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

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Programming (continued)

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

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

C_{SS}	SOFT-START TIME
Open	0.1 ms
470 pF	0.5 ms
1000 pF	1 ms
4700 pF	5 ms
0.01 µF	10 ms
0.015 µF	16 ms

(1) $$t_{SS}(s) = \frac{V_{REF} \times C_{SS}}{I_{SS}} = \frac{0.8V \times C_{SS}(F)}{0.73\mu A}$$ where $t_{SS}(s)$ = soft-start time in seconds.

7.5.2 Sequencing Requirements

The device can have V_{IN}, V_{BIAS}, and V_{EN} 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. Enabling the device after V_{IN} and V_{BIAS} are present is preferred, and can be accomplished using a digital output from a processor or supply supervisor. An analog signal from an external RC circuit, as shown in Figure 28, can also be used as long as the delay time is long enough for V_{IN} and V_{BIAS} to be present.

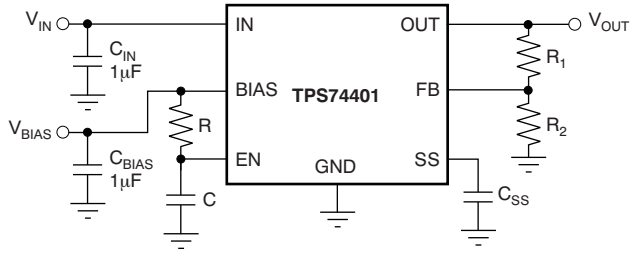


Figure 28. Soft-Start Delay Using an RC Circuit on Enable

If a signal is not available to enable the device after IN and BIAS, simply connecting EN to IN is acceptable for most applications as long as V_{IN} is greater than 1.1 V and the ramp rate of V_{IN} and V_{BIAS} is faster 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 less the dropout voltage until the set output voltage is reached. If EN is connected to BIAS, the device soft-starts 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}.

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8 Application and Implementation

NOTE

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8.1 Application Information

The TPS74401 belongs to a family of new generation ultra-low dropout regulators that feature soft-start and tracking capabilities. 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 affect on loop stability. This architecture allows the TPS74401 to be stable with any or even no output capacitor. Transient response is also superior to PMOS topologies, particularly for low V_{IN} applications.

The TPS74401 features a programmable, voltage-controlled soft-start circuit that provides a smooth, monotonic start-up and limits startup inrush currents that can 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 de-glitch 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.

8.1.1 Input, Output, and Bias Capacitor Requirements

The TPS74401 does not require any output capacitor for stability. If an output capacitor is needed, the device is designed to be stable for all available types and values of output capacitance. The device is also stable with multiple capacitors in parallel, of any type or value. This flexibility is a result of an innovative control loop that ensures the device is stable independent of the output capacitance.

The capacitance required on the IN and BIAS pins strongly depends on the input supply source impedance. To counteract any inductance in the input, the minimum recommended capacitor for V_{IN} and V_{BIAS} is 1 µF. If V_{IN} and V_{BIAS} are connected to the same supply, the recommended minimum capacitor for V_{BIAS} is 4.7 µF. Use good quality, low-ESR capacitors on the input; ceramic X5R and X7R capacitors are preferred. Place these capacitors as close to the pins as possible for optimum performance and to help ensure stability.

8.1.2 Transient Response

The TPS74401 is designed to have transient response within 5% for most applications without an output capacitor. In some cases, the transient response can 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 300 mV. In this case, adding additional input capacitance improves the transient response much more than just adding additional output capacitance. With a solid input supply, adding additional output capacitance reduces undershoot and overshoot during a transient at the expense of a slightly longer V_{OUT} recovery time; see Figure 20 in the *Typical Characteristics* section. Because the TPS74401 is stable without an output capacitor, many applications can allow for little or no capacitance at the LDO output. For these applications, local bypass capacitance for the device under power can 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.

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Application Information (continued)

8.1.3 Dropout Voltage

The TPS74401 offers industry-leading dropout performance, making the device well-suited for high-current, low V_{IN} and low V_{OUT} applications. The extremely low dropout of the TPS74401 also allows the device to be used in place of a dc/dc converter and also achieve good efficiencies. Equation 3 provides a quick estimate of the efficiencies.

$$\text{Efficiency} \approx \frac{V_{OUT} \times I_{OUT}}{\left[V_{IN} \times (I_{IN} + I_Q)\right]} \approx \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} \text{ at } I_{OUT} >> I_Q \quad (3)$$

This efficiency allows users to redesign the power architecture for their applications to achieve the smallest, simplest, and lowest cost solution.

There are two different specifications for dropout voltage with the TPS74401. The first specification (see Figure 41) is referred to as *V_{IN} Dropout* and is for users who wish to apply an external bias voltage to achieve low dropout. This specification assumes that V_{BIAS} is at least 1.62 V above V_{OUT}; for example, when V_{BIAS} is powered by a 3.3-V rail with 5% tolerance and with V_{OUT} = 1.5 V. If V_{BIAS} is higher than (3.3 V × 0.95) or V_{OUT} is less than 1.5 V, V_{IN} dropout is less than specified.

The second specification (see Figure 42) is referred to as *V_{BIAS} Dropout* and is for users who wish to have V_{BIAS} < V_{IN} + 1.62 V. 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 and therefore must be greater than V_{OUT} + V_{DO} (V_{BIAS}). Because of this usage, IN and BIAS tied together easily consume excessive power. Pay attention and do not exceed the power rating of the IC package.

8.1.4 Output Noise

The TPS74401 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 0.001-µF soft-start capacitor, the output noise is reduced by half and is typically 19 μV_{RMS} for a 1.2-V output (100 Hz to 100 kHz). Noise is a function of the set output voltage because most of the output noise is generated by the internal reference. The RMS noise with a 0.001-µF soft-start capacitor is given in Equation 4.

$$V_N\left(\mu V_{RMS}\right) = 16\left(\frac{\mu V_{RMS}}{V}\right) \times V_{OUT}\,(V) \quad (4)$$

The low output noise of the TPS74401 makes the device a good choice for powering transceivers, PLLs, or other noise-sensitive circuitry.

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8.2 Typical Applications

8.2.1 Adjustable Voltage Part and Setting

Figure 29 shows a typical application circuit for the TPS74401 adjustable output device.

R_1 and R_2 can be calculated for any output voltage using the formula shown in Figure 29. Table 3 lists sample resistor values of common output voltages. In order to achieve the maximum accuracy specifications, R_2 must be ≤ 4.99 kΩ.

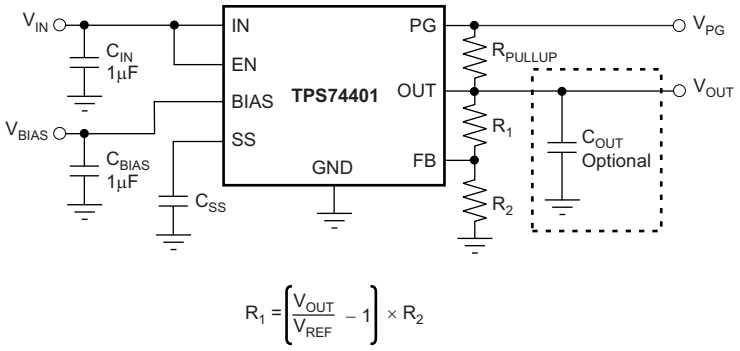


Figure 29. Typical Application Circuit for the TPS74401 (Adjustable Version)

Table 3. 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) $V_{OUT} = 0.8 \times (1 + R_1 / R_2)$.

NOTE

When V_{BIAS} and V_{EN} are present and V_{IN} is not supplied, this device outputs approximately 50 µA of current from OUT. Although this condition does not cause any damage to the device, the output current can charge up the OUT node if total resistance between OUT and GND (including external feedback resistors) is greater than 10 kΩ.

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8.2.1.1 Design Requirements

The design goals are V_{IN} = 1.8 V, V_{OUT} = 1.5 V, and I_{OUT} = 2 A max. The design optimizes transient response while meeting a 1-ms startup time with a startup dominated by the soft-start feature. The input supply comes from a supply on the same circuit board. The available system rails for V_{BIAS} are 2.7 V, 3.3 V, and 5 V.

The design space consists of C_{IN}, C_{OUT}, C_{BIAS}, C_{SS}, V_{BIAS}, R_1, R_2, and R_3, and the circuit is from Figure 29.

This example uses a V_{IN} of 1.8 V, with a V_{BIAS} of 2.5 V.

8.2.1.2 Detailed Design Procedure

The first step for this design is to examine the maximum load current along with the input and output voltage requirements, to determine if the device thermal and dropout voltage requirements can be met. At 3 A, the input dropout voltage of the TPS74401 family is a maximum of 240 mV over temperature. As a result, the dropout headroom is sufficient for operation over both input and output voltage accuracy.

The maximum power dissipated in the linear regulator is the maximum voltage dropped across the pass element from the input to the output multiplied by the maximum load current. In this example, the maximum voltage drop across in the pass element is (1.8 V – 1.5 V), giving a V_{DROP} = 300 mV. The power dissipated can than be estimated by the equation $P_{DISS} = I_{L(max)} \times V_{DROP}$ = ~600 mW. This calculation gives an efficiency of nearly 83.3% by using Equation 3.

When the power dissipated in the linear regulator is known, the corresponding junction temperature increase can be calculated. To estimate the junction temperature increase above ambient, the power dissipated must be multiplied by the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance. For thermal resistance information, refer to the *Thermal Information* table. For this example, using the KTW package, the junction temperature rise is calculated to be 21.2°C. The maximum junction temperature increase is calculated by adding the junction temperature rise to the maximum ambient temperature. In this example, the maximum junction temperature is 46.2°C. Keep in mind that the junction temperate must be less than 125°C for reliable operation. Additional ground planes, added thermal vias, and air flow all help to improve the thermal transfer characteristics of the system.

The next step is to determine the bias voltage or if a separate source is needed for the bias voltage. Because $V_{IN} \geq V_{OUT}$ + 1.62 V, V_{BIAS} must be an independent supply. $V_{BIAS} = V_{IN}$ + 1.62 V = 3.12 V; the system has a 3.3-V rail to use for this supply and also to provide some limited headroom for V_{BIAS}. The 5-V rail is a better choice to improve the performance of the LDO, so the 5-V rail is used.

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8.2.1.3 Application Curves

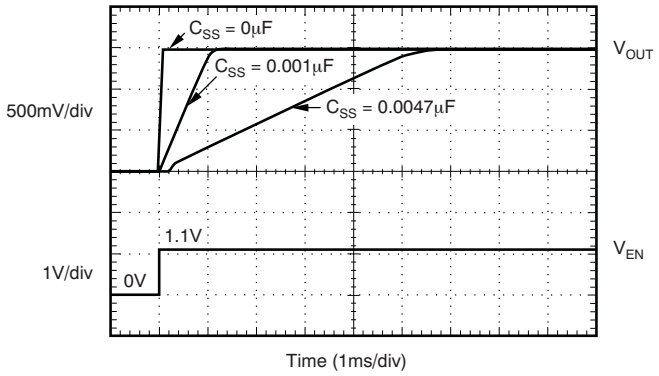


Figure 30. Turn-On Response

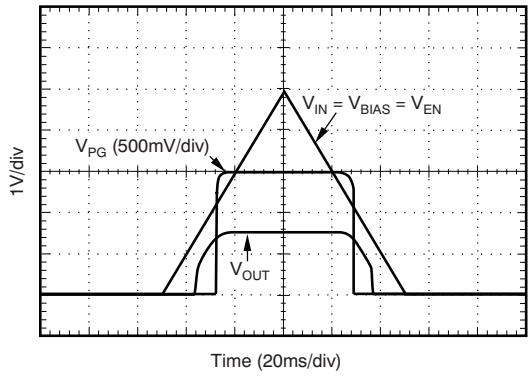


Figure 31. Power-Up, Power-Down

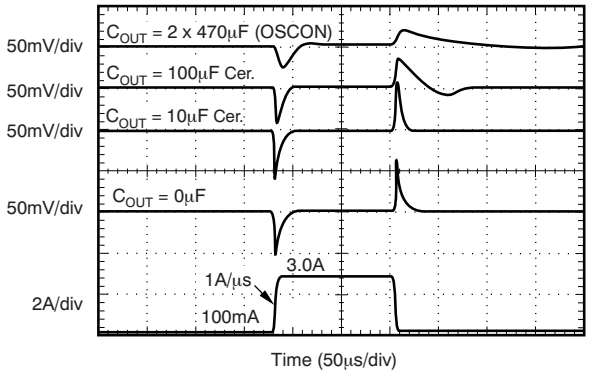


Figure 32. Load Transient Response

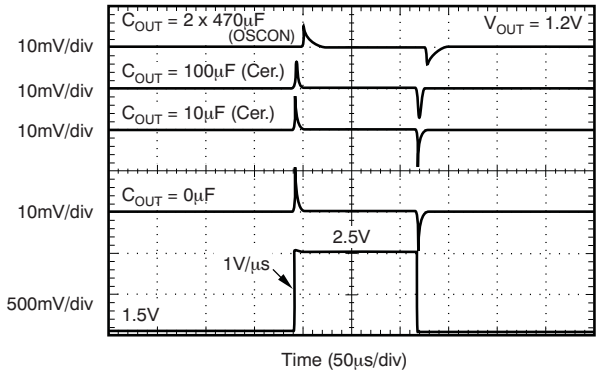


Figure 33. V_{IN} Line Transient (3 A)

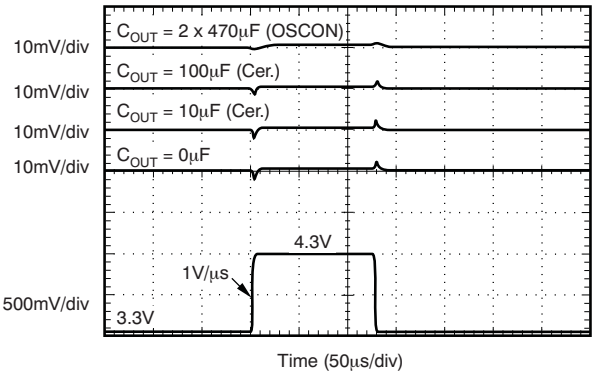


Figure 34. V_{BIAS} Line Transient (3 A)

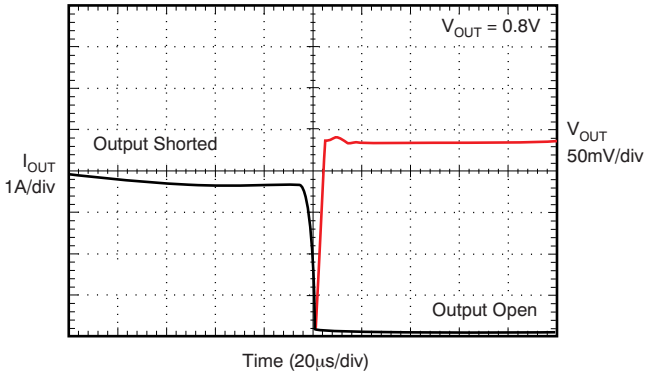


Figure 35. Output Short-Circuit Recovery

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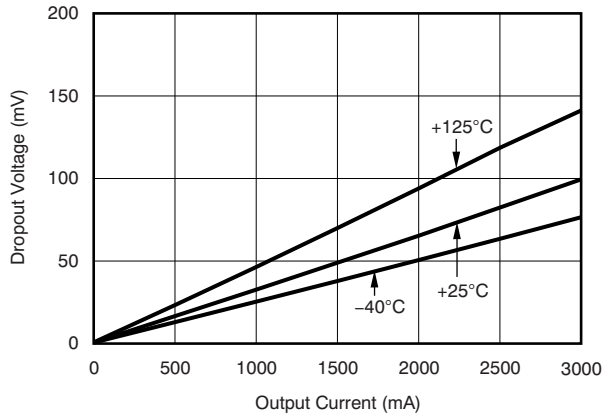


Figure 36. V_{IN} Dropout Voltage vs I_{OUT} and Temperature (T_J)

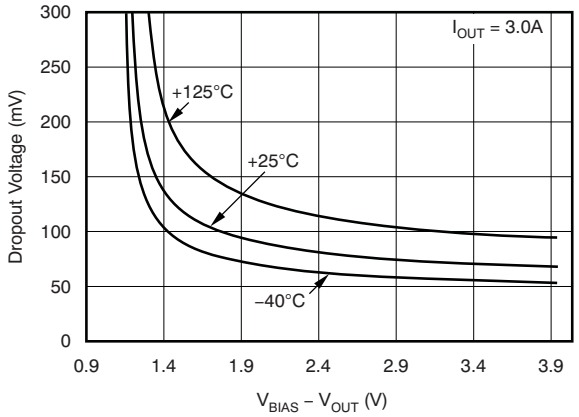


Figure 37. V_{IN} Dropout Voltage vs $V_{BIAS} - V_{OUT}$ and Temperature (T_J)

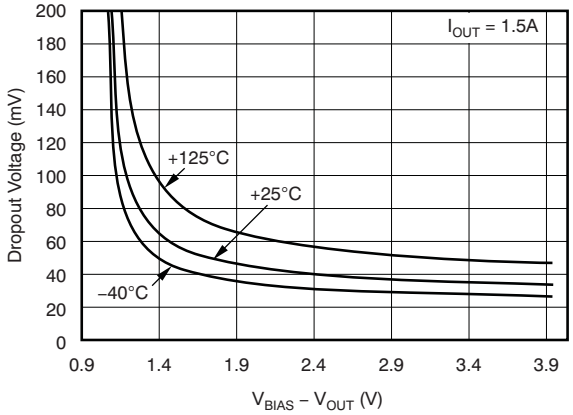


Figure 38. V_{IN} Dropout Voltage vs $V_{BIAS} - V_{OUT}$ and Temperature (T_J)

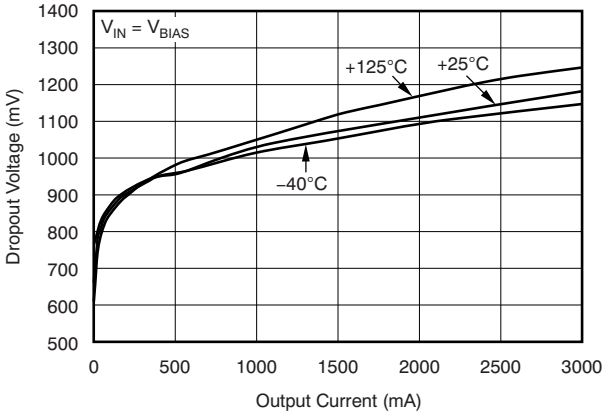


Figure 39. V_{BIAS} Dropout Voltage vs I_{OUT} and Temperature (T_J)

8.2.2 Fixed Voltage and Sense Pin

Figure 40 shows a typical application circuit for the TPS74401 fixed output device.

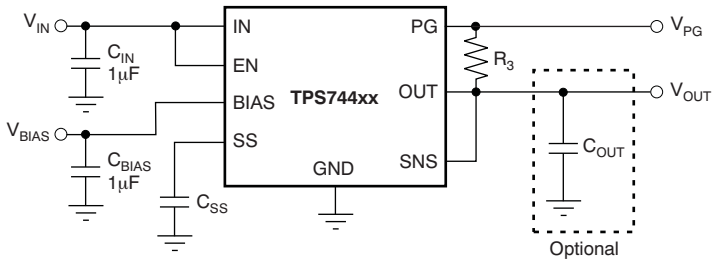


Figure 40. Typical Application Circuit for the TPS74401 (Fixed Voltage)

The fixed voltage version of the TPS74401 has a sense pin (SNS) so that the device can monitor its output voltage at the load device pin as closely as possible. Unlike other TI fixed-voltage LDOs, however, this pin must ***not*** be left floating but ***must*** be connected to an output node. See the TI application report, *Ultimate Regulation of with Fixed Output Versions of the TPS742xx, TPS743xx, and TPS744xx* (SBVA024), available for download from www.ti.com.

8.2.3 Using an Auxiliary Bias Rail

Figure 41 shows a typical application of the TPS74401 using an auxiliary bias rail. The auxiliary bias rail allows for the designer to specify the system to have a low V_{DO}. The bias rail supplies the error amplifier with a higher supply voltage, increasing the voltage that can be applied to the gate of the pass device.

V_{BIAS} must be at least V_{OUT} + 1.62 V.

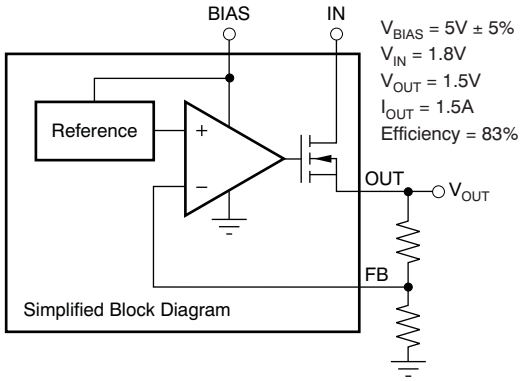


Figure 41. Typical Application of the TPS74401 Using an Auxiliary Bias Rail

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8.2.4 Without an Auxiliary Bias

The TPS74401 family is capable of operating without a bias rail if $V_{IN} \geq V_{OUT} + V_{DO}$ (V_{BIAS}). Additional capacitance is advised for this scenario, with at least 4.7 µF of capacitance near the input pin. Figure 42 shows a typical application of the TPS74401 without an auxiliary bias.

If using the TPS74401 in this situation and under high load conditions, ensure that the printed circuit board (PCB) provides adequate thermal handling capabilities to keep the device in its recommended operating range. See the *Power Supply Recommendations* section for more information.

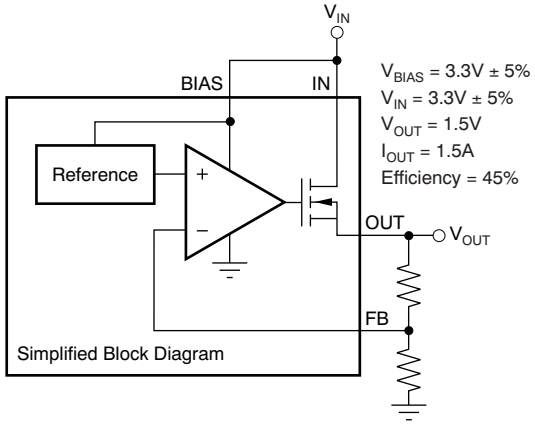


Figure 42. Typical Application of the TPS74401 Without an Auxiliary Bias

9 Power Supply Recommendations

The TPS744 is designed to operate from an input voltage between 1.1 V to 5.5 V, provided the bias rail is at least 1.62 V higher than the input supply. The bias rail and the input supply must both provide adequate headroom and current for the device to operate normally.

Connect a low output impedance power supply directly to the IN pin of the TPS744. This supply must have at least 1 µF of capacitance near the IN pin for stability. A supply with similar requirements must also be connected directly to the bias rail with a separate 1 µF or larger capacitor.

If the IN pin is tied to the bias pin, a minimum 4.7 µF of capacitance is needed for stability.

To increase the overall PSRR of the solution at higher frequencies, use a pi-filter or ferrite bead before the input capacitor.

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10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

An optimal layout can greatly improve transient performance, PSRR, and noise. To minimize the voltage droop on the input of the device during load transients, connect the capacitance on IN and BIAS 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, connect the top side of R_1 in Figure 29 as close as possible to the load. If BIAS is connected to IN, TI recommends connecting BIAS as close to the sense point of the input supply as possible. This connection minimizes the voltage droop on BIAS during transient conditions and can improve the turn-on response.

10.2 Layout Example

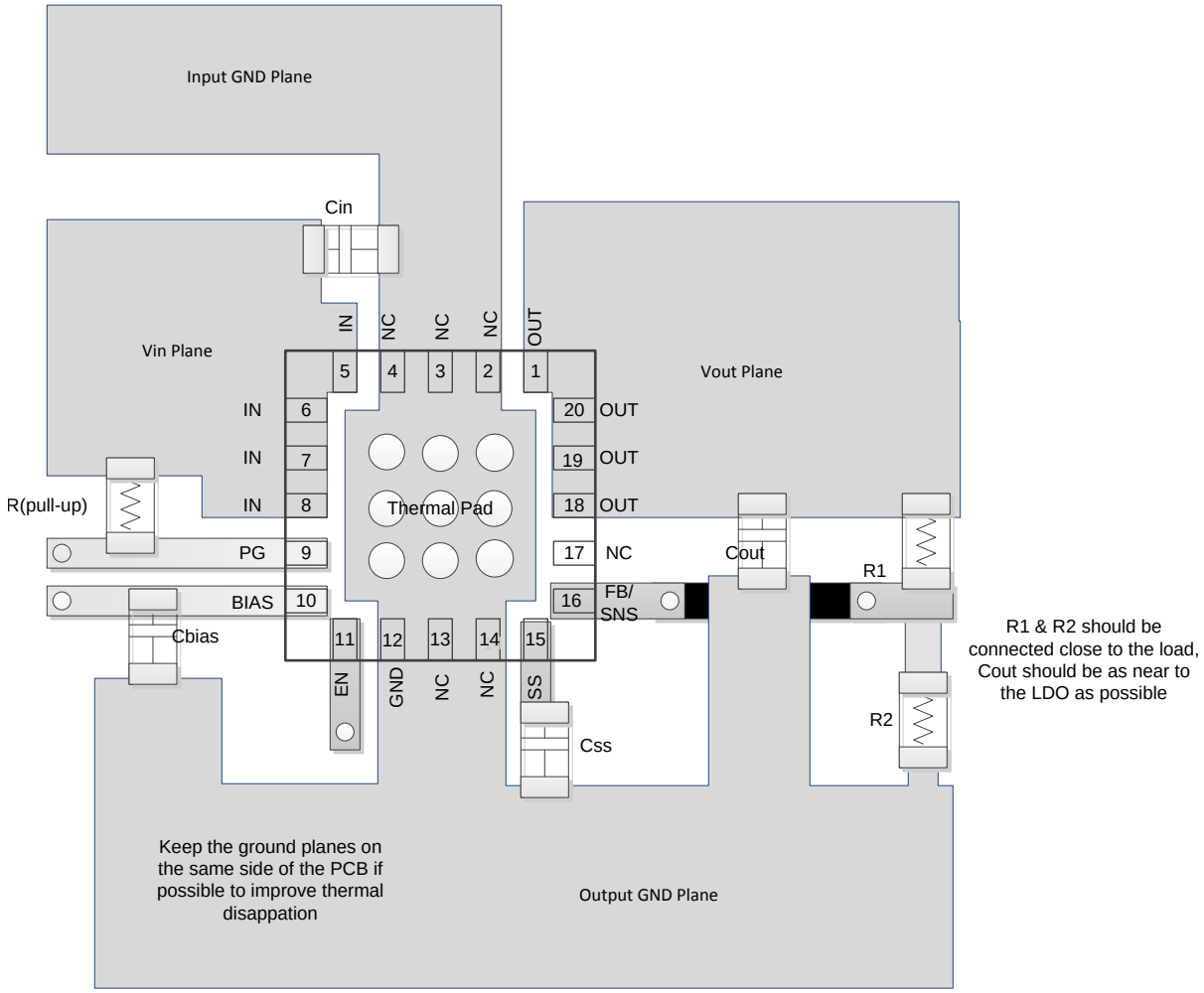


Figure 43. Layout Schematic (RGW Package)

10.3 Power Dissipation

Knowing the device power dissipation and proper sizing of the thermal plane that is connected to the tab or 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 5:

$$P_D = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times I_{OUT} \quad (5)$$

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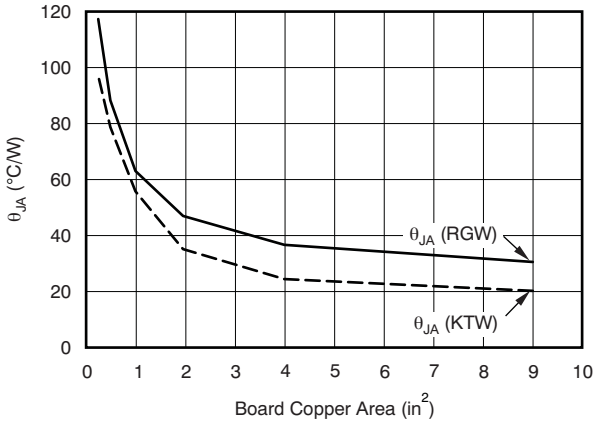
Power Dissipation (continued)

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 VQFN (RGW) package, the primary conduction path for heat is through the exposed pad to the PCB. The pad can be connected to ground or left floating; however, the pad must be attached to an appropriate amount of copper PCB area to ensure the device does not overheat. On the DDPAK (KTW) package, the primary conduction path for heat is through the tab to the PCB. Connect that tab to ground. 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 estimated using Equation 6:

$$R_{\theta JA} = \frac{(+125^{\circ}C - T_A)}{P_D} \quad (6)$$

Knowing the maximum $R_{\theta JA}$, the minimum amount of PCB copper area needed for appropriate heatsinking can be estimated using Figure 44.



Note: θ_{JA} value at board size of 9 in^2 (that is, 3 in × 3 in) is a JEDEC standard.

Figure 44. Θ_{JA} versus Board Size

Figure 44 shows the variation of θ_{JA} as a function of ground plane copper area in the board. Figure 44 is intended only as a guideline to demonstrate the affects of heat spreading in the ground plane; do not use Figure 44 to estimate actual thermal performance in real application environments.

NOTE

When the device is mounted on an application PCB, TI strongly recommends using Ψ_{JT} and Ψ_{JB}, as explained in the section.

10.4 Thermal Considerations

A better method of estimating the thermal measure comes from using the thermal metrics Ψ_{JT} and Ψ_{JB}, as shown in *Thermal Information* . These metrics are a more accurate representation of the heat transfer characteristics of the die and the package than $R_{\theta JA}$. The junction temperature can be estimated with the corresponding formulas given in Equation 7.

Ψ_{JT}: $T_J = T_T + \Psi_{JT} \bullet P_D$

Ψ_{JB}: $T_J = T_B + \Psi_{JB} \bullet P_D$ (7)

where

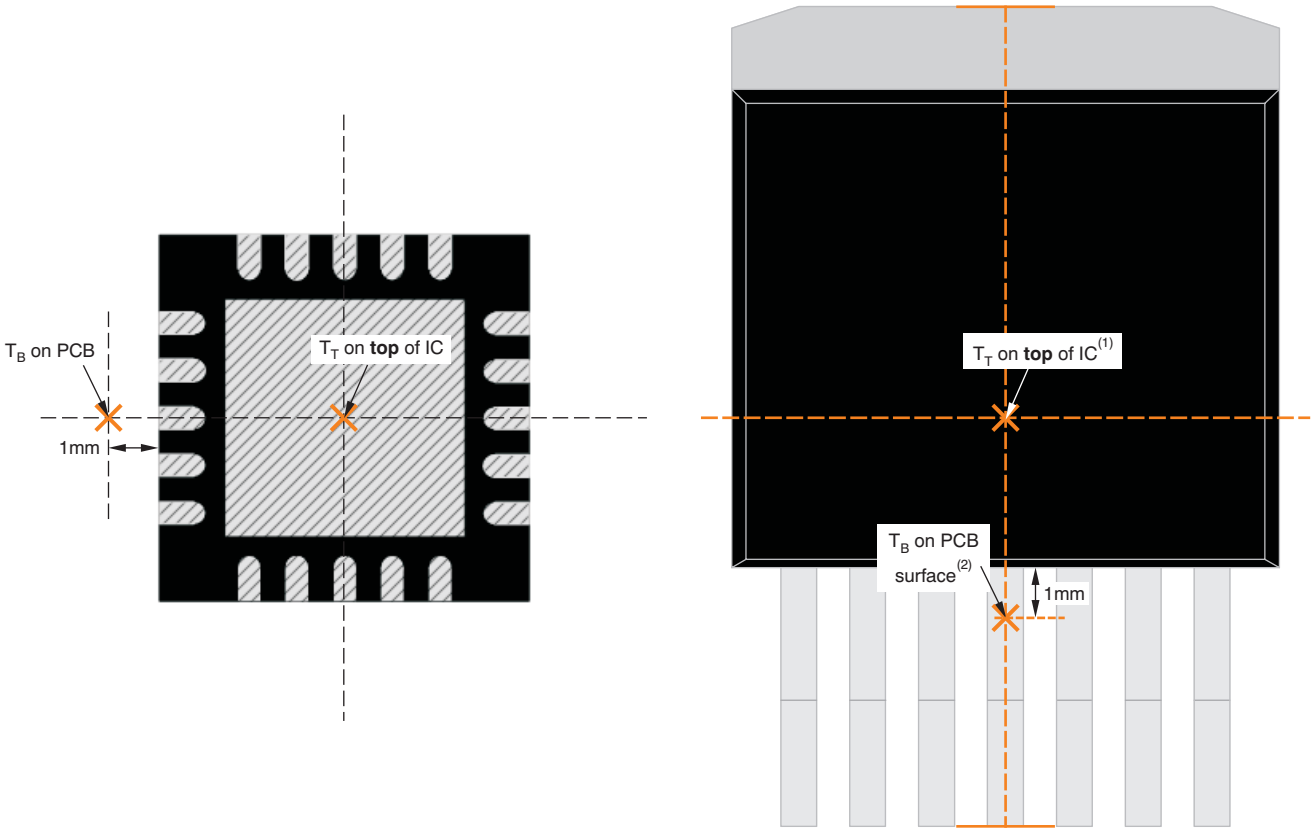
- P_D is the power dissipation shown by Equation 5,
- T_T is the temperature at the center-top of the IC package, and
- T_B is the PCB temperature measured 1 mm away from the IC package *on the PCB surface* (see Figure 45).

Thermal Considerations (continued)

NOTE

Both T_T and T_B can be measured on actual application boards using a thermo-gun (an infrared thermometer).

For more information about measuring T_T and T_B, see the application note *Using New Thermal Metrics* (SBVA025), available for download at www.ti.com.



(a) Example RGW (QFN) Package Measurement **(b) Example KTW (DDPAK) Package Measurement**

(1) T_T is measured at the center of both the X- and Y-dimensional axes.

(2) T_B is measured ***below*** the package lead **on the PCB surface**.

Figure 45. Measuring Points for T_T and T_B

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Compared with θ_{JA}, the thermal metrics Ψ_{JT} and Ψ_{JB} are less independent of board size, but do have a small dependency on board size and layout. Figure 46 shows characteristic performance of Ψ_{JT} and Ψ_{JB} versus board size.

Referring to Figure 46, the RGW package thermal performance has negligible dependency on board size. The KTW package, however, does have a measurable dependency on board size. This dependency exists because the package shape is not point symmetric to an IC center. In the KTW package, for example (see Figure 45), silicon is not beneath the measuring point of T_T which is the center of the X and Y dimension, so that Ψ_{JT} has a dependency. Also, because of that non-point symmetry, device heat distribution on the PCB is not point symmetric either, so that Ψ_{JB} has a greater dependency on board size and layout.

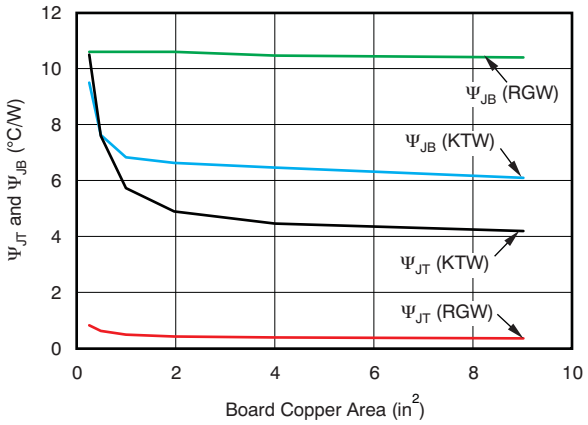


Figure 46. Ψ_{JT} and Ψ_{JB} versus Board Size

For a more detailed discussion of why TI does not recommend using $\theta_{JC(top)}$ to determine thermal characteristics, refer to the application note *Using New Thermal Metrics* (SBVA025), available for download at www.ti.com. Also, refer to the application note *IC Package Thermal Metrics* (SPRA953) (also available on the TI website) for further information.

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11 Device and Documentation Support

11.1 Device Support

11.1.1 Development Support

11.1.1.1 Evaluation Modules

An evaluation module (EVM) is available to assist in the initial circuit performance evaluation using the TPS744. The TPS74401EVM-118 evaluation module (and related user guide) can be requested at the Texas Instruments website through the product folders or purchased directly from the TI eStore.

11.1.1.2 Spice Models

Computer simulation of circuit performance using SPICE is often useful when analyzing the performance of analog circuits and systems. A SPICE model for the TPS744 is available through the product folders under *Tools & Software*.

11.2 Documentation Support

11.2.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation see the following:

- Reference design. *6A Current-Sharing Dual LDO*. Literature number TIDU421.
- Application report. *Using New Thermal Metrics* . Literature number SBVA025.
- Application report. *IC Package Thermal Metrics*. Literature number SPRA953.
- Application report. *Ultimate Regulation of with Fixed Output Versions of the TPS742xx, TPS743xx, and TPS744xx*. Literature number SBVA024.
- TPS74401EVM-118 Evaluation Module User Guide. Literature number SLVU143.

11.3 Trademarks

All trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

11.4 Electrostatic Discharge Caution



These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

11.5 Glossary

SLYZ022 — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

12 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

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PACKAGING INFORMATION

Orderable Device	Status (1)	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan (2)	Lead/Ball Finish (6)	MSL Peak Temp (3)	Op Temp (°C)	Device Marking (4/5)	Samples
TPS74401KTWR	ACTIVE	DDPAK/ TO-263	KTW	7	500	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-3-245C-168 HR	-40 to 125	TPS74401	Samples
TPS74401KTWRG3	ACTIVE	DDPAK/ TO-263	KTW	7	500	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-3-245C-168 HR	-40 to 125	TPS74401	Samples
TPS74401KTWT	ACTIVE	DDPAK/ TO-263	KTW	7	50	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-3-245C-168 HR	-40 to 125	TPS74401	Samples
TPS74401KTWTG3	ACTIVE	DDPAK/ TO-263	KTW	7	50	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-3-245C-168 HR	-40 to 125	TPS74401	Samples
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TPS74401RGRT	PREVIEW	VQFN	RGR	20	250	TBD	Call TI	Call TI	-40 to 125		
TPS74401RGWR	ACTIVE	VQFN	RGW	20	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	TPS 74401	Samples
TPS74401RGWRG4	ACTIVE	VQFN	RGW	20	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	TPS 74401	Samples
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TPS74401RGWTG4	ACTIVE	VQFN	RGW	20	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	TPS 74401	Samples

(1) The marketing status values are defined as follows:
ACTIVE: Product device recommended for new designs.
LIFEBUY: TI has announced that the device will be discontinued, and a lifetime-buy period is in effect.
NRND: Not recommended for new designs. Device is in production to support existing customers, but TI does not recommend using this part in a new design.
PREVIEW: Device has been announced but is not in production. Samples may or may not be available.
OBSOLETE: TI has discontinued the production of the device.

(2) Eco Plan - The planned eco-friendly classification: Pb-Free (RoHS), Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt), or Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br) - please check http://www.ti.com/productcontent for the latest availability information and additional product content details.
TBD: The Pb-Free/Green conversion plan has not been defined.
Pb-Free (RoHS): TI's terms "Lead-Free" or "Pb-Free" mean semiconductor products that are compatible with the current RoHS requirements for all 6 substances, including the requirement that lead not exceed 0.1% by weight in homogeneous materials. Where designed to be soldered at high temperatures, TI Pb-Free products are suitable for use in specified lead-free processes.
Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt): This component has a RoHS exemption for either 1) lead-based flip-chip solder bumps used between the die and package, or 2) lead-based die adhesive used between the die and leadframe. The component is otherwise considered Pb-Free (RoHS compatible) as defined above.
Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br): TI defines "Green" to mean Pb-Free (RoHS compatible), and free of Bromine (Br) and Antimony (Sb) based flame retardants (Br or Sb do not exceed 0.1% by weight in homogeneous material)

(3) MSL, Peak Temp. - The Moisture Sensitivity Level rating according to the JEDEC industry standard classifications, and peak solder temperature.

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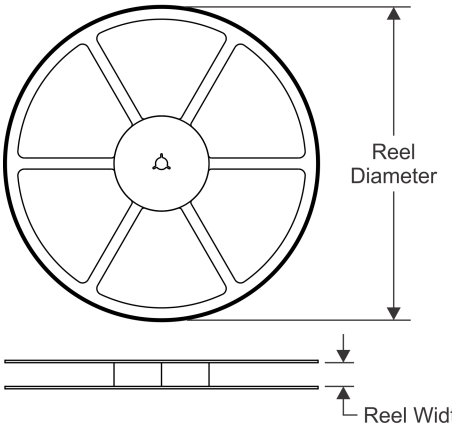
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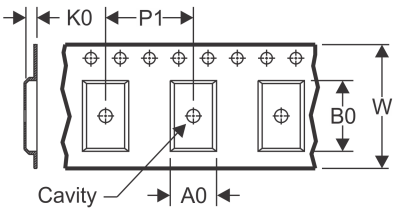
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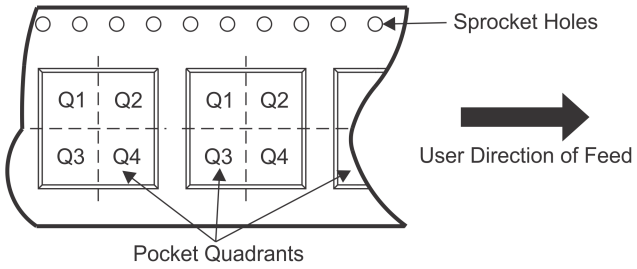


TAPE DIMENSIONS



A0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component width
B0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component length
K0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component thickness
W	Overall width of the carrier tape
P1	Pitch between successive cavity centers

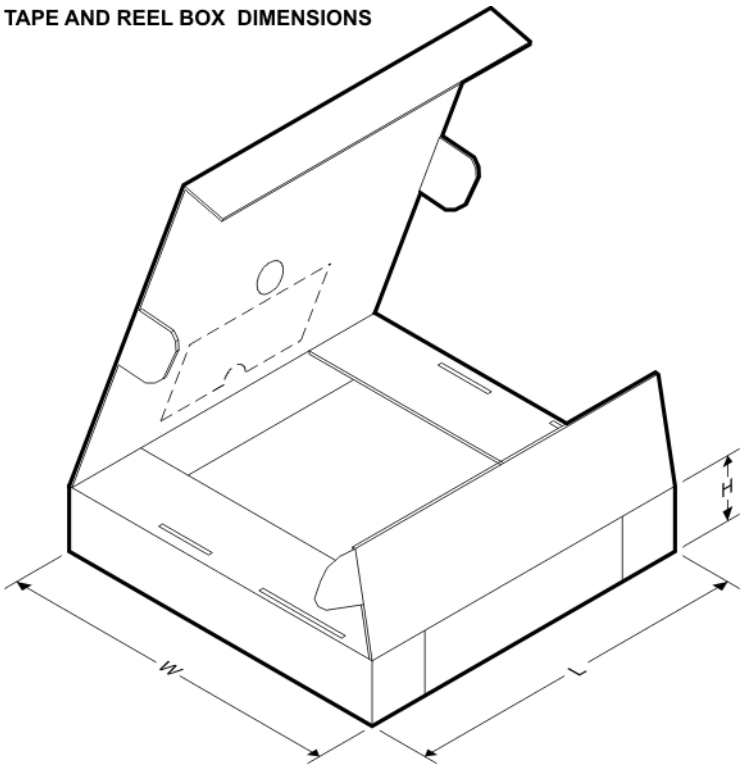
QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE



*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
TPS74401KTWR	DDPAK/ TO-263	KTW	7	500	330.0	24.4	10.6	15.6	4.9	16.0	24.0	Q2
TPS74401KTWT	DDPAK/ TO-263	KTW	7	50	330.0	24.4	10.6	15.6	4.9	16.0	24.0	Q2
TPS74401RGWR	VQFN	RGW	20	3000	330.0	12.4	5.3	5.3	1.5	8.0	12.0	Q2
TPS74401RGWR	VQFN	RGW	20	3000	330.0	12.4	5.3	5.3	1.1	8.0	12.0	Q2
TPS74401RGWT	VQFN	RGW	20	250	180.0	12.4	5.3	5.3	1.1	8.0	12.0	Q2
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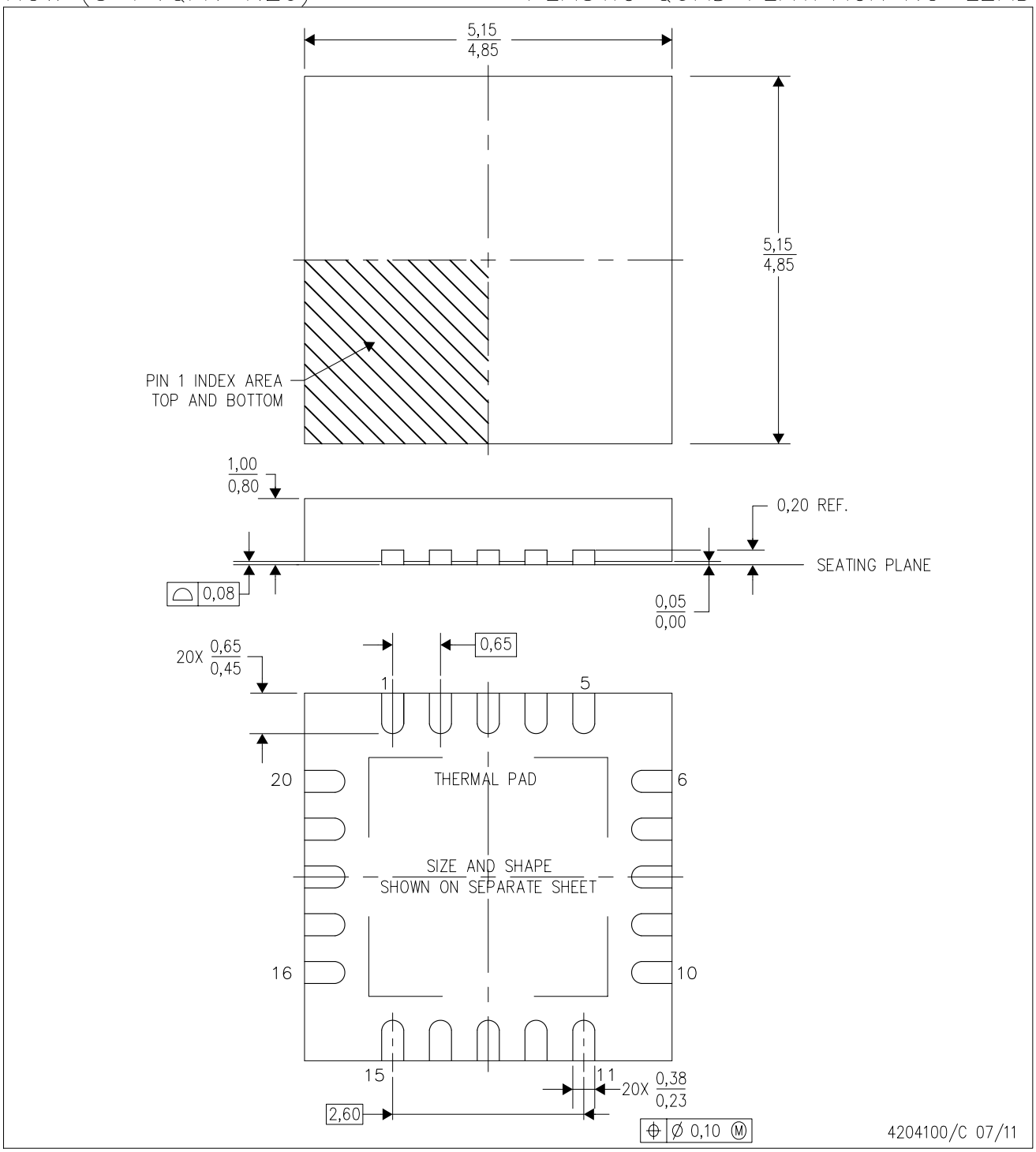
TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS



*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
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TPS74401KTWT	DDPAK/TO-263	KTW	7	50	367.0	367.0	45.0
TPS74401RGWR	VQFN	RGW	20	3000	367.0	367.0	35.0
TPS74401RGWR	VQFN	RGW	20	3000	367.0	367.0	35.0
TPS74401RGWT	VQFN	RGW	20	250	210.0	185.0	35.0
TPS74401RGWT	VQFN	RGW	20	250	210.0	185.0	35.0

RGW (S–PVQFN–N20) PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK NO–LEAD



NOTES:
A. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5–1994.
B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
C. Quad Flat pack, No–leads (QFN) package configuration
D. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the board for thermal and mechanical performance.
E. See the additional figure in the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad features and dimensions.
F. Falls within JEDEC MO–220.

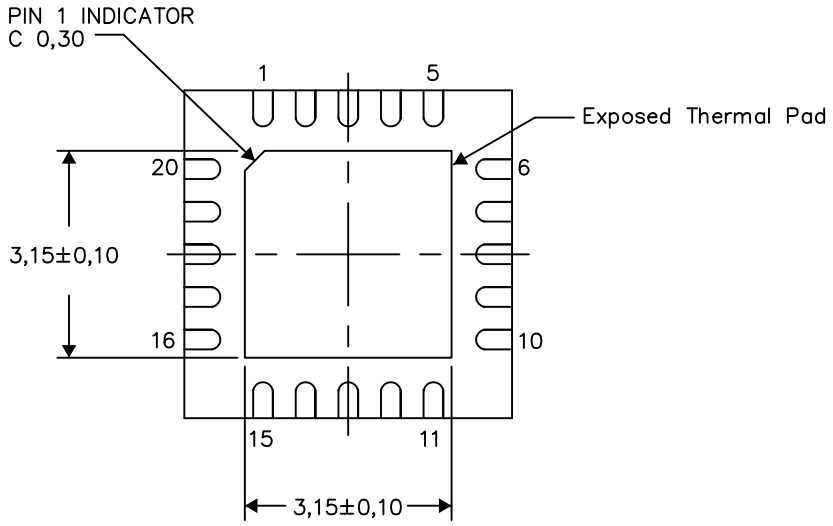
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THERMAL INFORMATION

This package incorporates an exposed thermal pad that is designed to be attached directly to an external heatsink. The thermal pad must be soldered directly to the printed circuit board (PCB). After soldering, the PCB can be used as a heatsink. In addition, through the use of thermal vias, the thermal pad can be attached directly to the appropriate copper plane shown in the electrical schematic for the device, or alternatively, can be attached to a special heatsink structure designed into the PCB. This design optimizes the heat transfer from the integrated circuit (IC).

For information on the Quad Flatpack No–Lead (QFN) package and its advantages, refer to Application Report, QFN/SON PCB Attachment, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLUA271. This document is available at www.ti.com.

The exposed thermal pad dimensions for this package are shown in the following illustration.



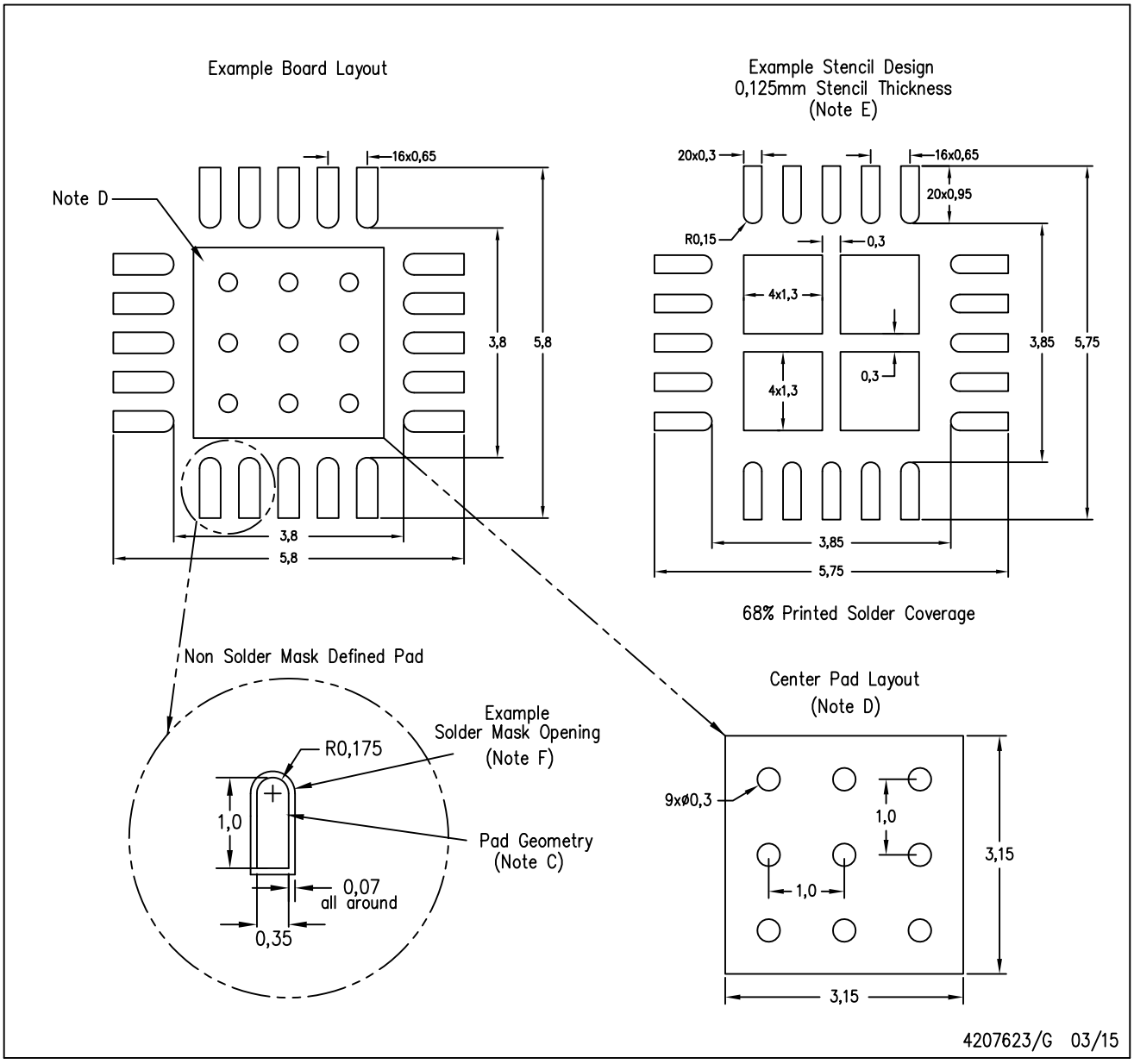
Bottom View

Exposed Thermal Pad Dimensions

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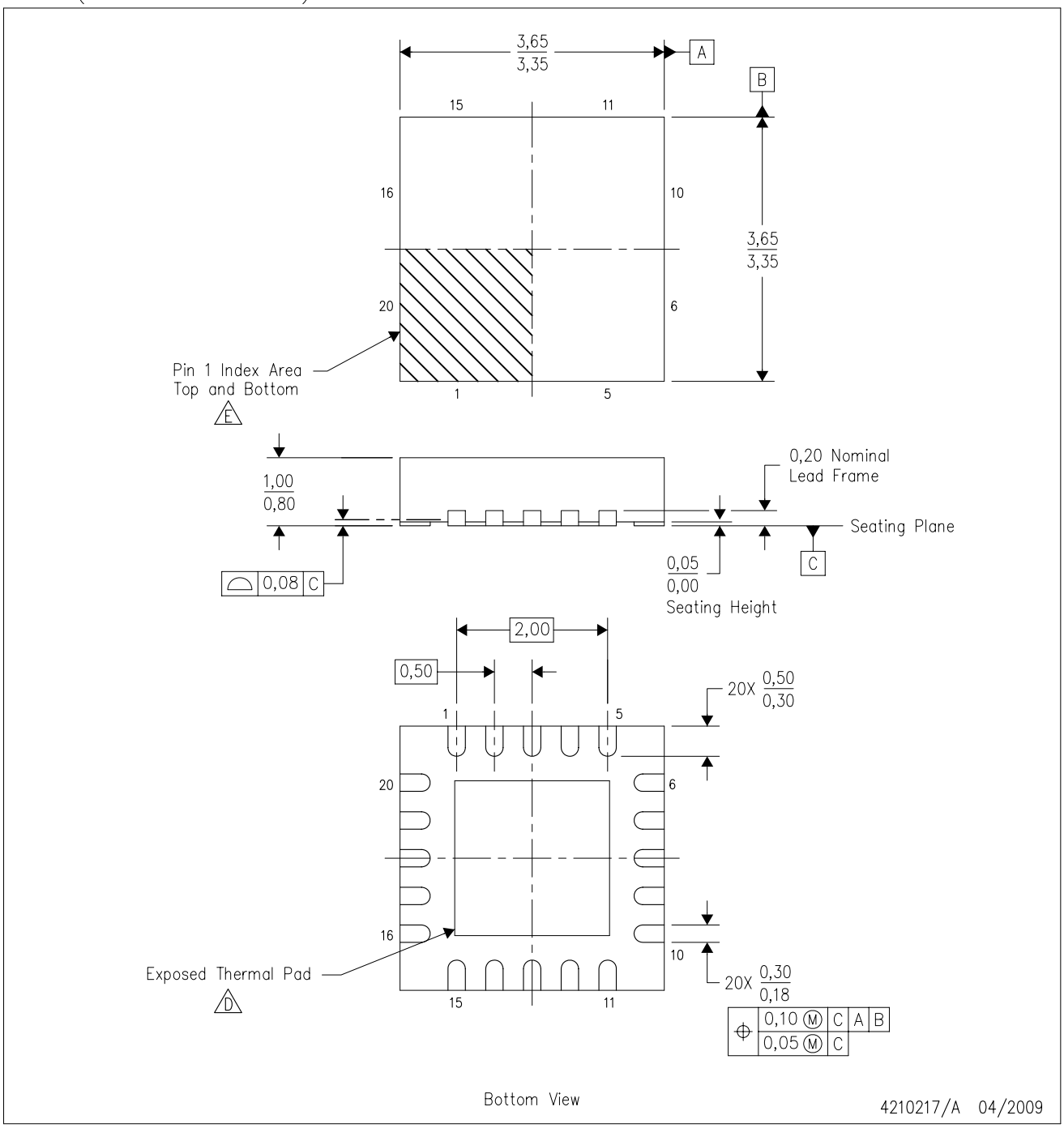
NOTE: All linear dimensions are in millimeters

RGW (S–PVQFN–N20) PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK NO–LEAD



NOTES:
A. All linear dimensions are in millimeters.
B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
C. Publication IPC–7351 is recommended for alternate designs.
D. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. Refer to Application Note, QFN Packages, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLUA271, and also the Product Data Sheets for specific thermal information, via requirements, and recommended board layout. These documents are available at www.ti.com <http://www.ti.com>.
E. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and also rounding corners will offer better paste release. Customers should contact their board assembly site for stencil design recommendations. Refer to IPC 7525 for stencil design considerations.
F. Customers should contact their board fabrication site for solder mask tolerances.

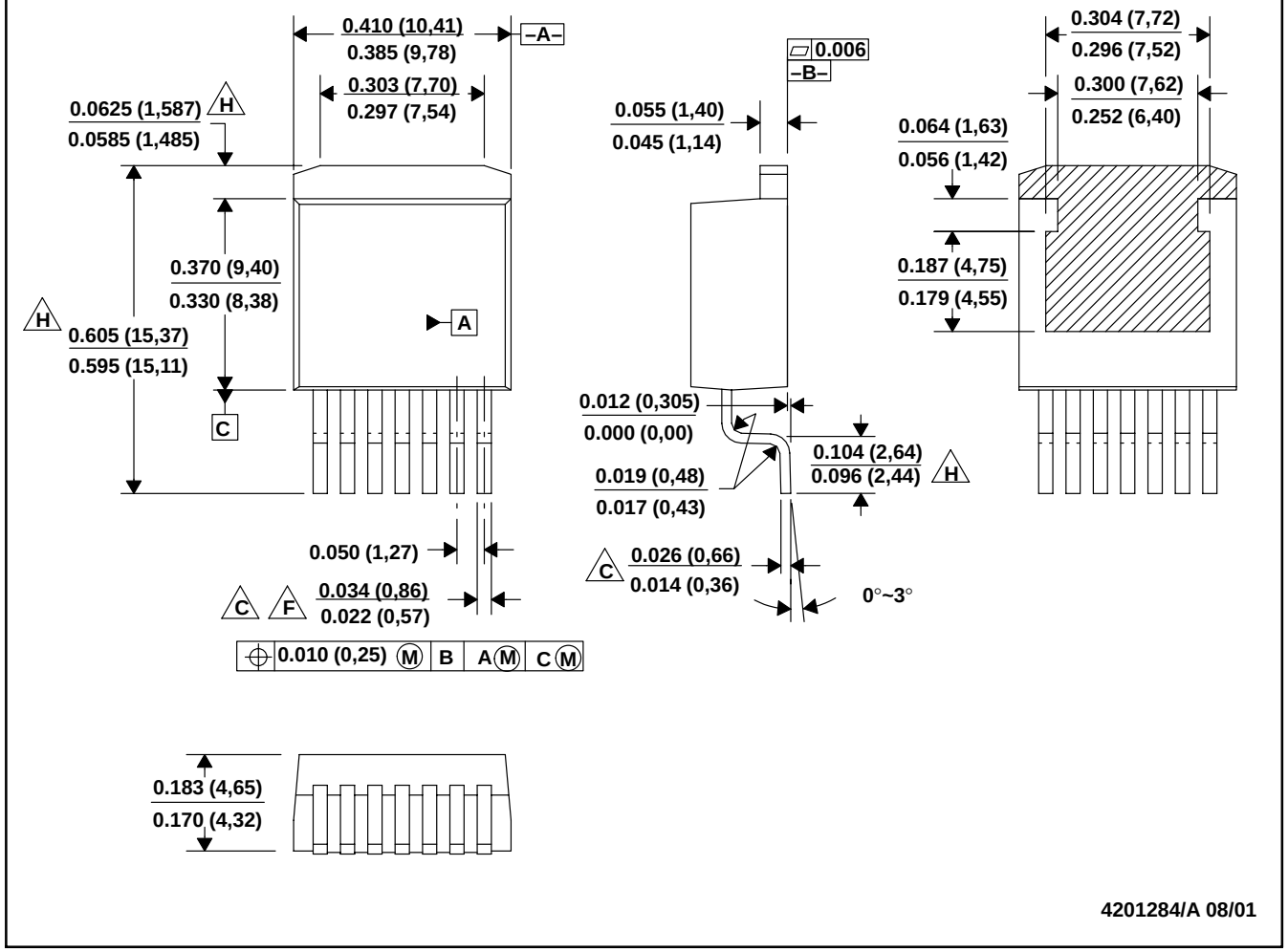
RGR (S–PVQFN–N20) PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK NO–LEAD



NOTES:
A. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M–1994.
B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
C. QFN (Quad Flatpack No–Lead) package configuration.
D. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the board for thermal and mechanical performance. See the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad dimensions.
E. Pin 1 identifiers are located on both top and bottom of the package and within the zone indicated. The Pin 1 identifiers are either a molded, marked, or metal feature.

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KTW (R-PSFM-G7) **PLASTIC FLANGE-MOUNT**



NOTES:
A. All linear dimensions are in inches (millimeters).
B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
C. Lead width and height dimensions apply to the plated lead.
D. Leads are not allowed above the Datum B.
E. Stand–off height is measured from lead tip with reference to Datum B.
F. Lead width dimension does not include dambar protrusion. Allowable dambar protrusion shall not cause the lead width to exceed the maximum dimension by more than 0.003”.
G. Cross–hatch indicates exposed metal surface.
H. Falls within JEDEC MO–169 with the exception of the dimensions indicated.

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