LM317

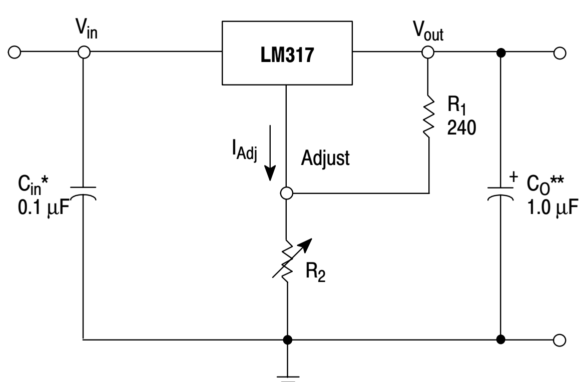
1.5 A Adjustable Output, Positive Voltage Regulator

The LM317 is an adjustable 3–terminal positive voltage regulator capable of supplying in excess of 1.5 A over an output voltage range of 1.2 V to 37 V. This voltage regulator is exceptionally easy to use and requires only two external resistors to set the output voltage. Further, it employs internal current limiting, thermal shutdown and safe area compensation, making it essentially blow–out proof.

The LM317 serves a wide variety of applications including local, on card regulation. This device can also be used to make a programmable output regulator, or by connecting a fixed resistor between the adjustment and output, the LM317 can be used as a precision current regulator.

- Output Current in Excess of 1.5 A
- Output Adjustable between 1.2 V and 37 V
- Internal Thermal Overload Protection
- Internal Short Circuit Current Limiting Constant with Temperature
- Output Transistor Safe–Area Compensation
- Floating Operation for High Voltage Applications
- Available in Surface Mount D^2PAK, and Standard 3–Lead Transistor Package
- Eliminates Stocking many Fixed Voltages

Standard Application



* C_{in} is required if regulator is located an appreciable distance from power supply filter.
** C_O is not needed for stability, however, it does improve transient response.

$$V_{out} = 1.25\,V\left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) + I_{Adj}\,R_2$$

Since I_{Adj} is controlled to less than 100 µA, the error associated with this term is negligible in most applications.

THREE–TERMINAL ADJUSTABLE POSITIVE VOLTAGE REGULATOR

SEMICONDUCTOR TECHNICAL DATA

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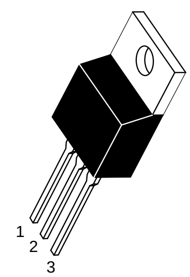
Heatsink surface connected to Pin 2.



Pin 1. Adjust
2. V_{out}
3. V_{in}

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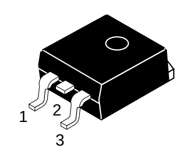

Heatsink surface (shown as terminal 4 in case outline drawing) is connected to Pin 2.

ORDERING INFORMATION

Device	Operating Temperature Range	Package
LM317BD2T	T_J = –40° to +125°C	Surface Mount
LM317BT		Insertion Mount
LM317D2T	T_J = 0° to +125°C	Surface Mount
LM317T		Insertion Mount

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MAXIMUM RATINGS

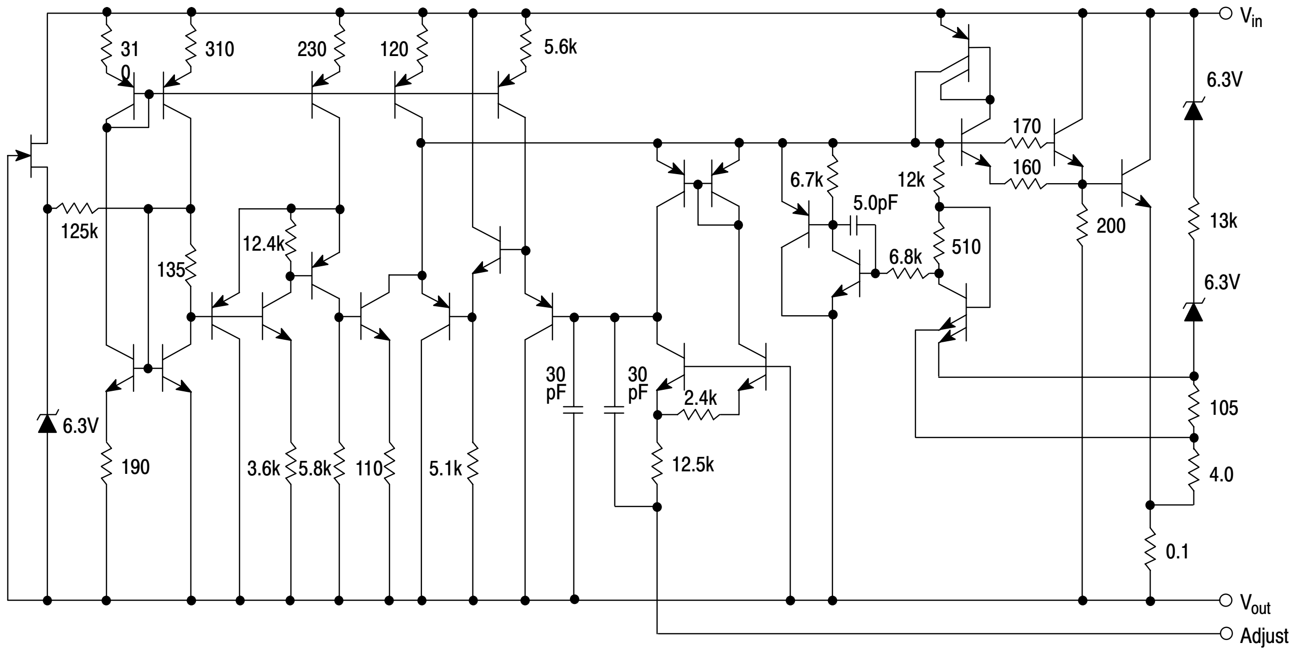
Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Input–Output Voltage Differential	$V_I–V_O$	40	Vdc
Power Dissipation			
Case 221A			
T_A = +25°C	P_D	Internally Limited	W
Thermal Resistance, Junction–to–Ambient	θ_{JA}	65	°C/W
Thermal Resistance, Junction–to–Case	θ_{JC}	5.0	°C/W
Case 936 (D^2PAK)			
T_A = +25°C	P_D	Internally Limited	W
Thermal Resistance, Junction–to–Ambient	θ_{JA}	70	°C/W
Thermal Resistance, Junction–to–Case	θ_{JC}	5.0	°C/W
Operating Junction Temperature Range	T_J	–40 to +125	°C
Storage Temperature Range	T_{stg}	–65 to +150	°C

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ($V_I–V_O$ = 5.0 V; I_O = 0.5 A for D2T and T packages; $T_J = T_{low}$ to T_{high} [Note 1]; I_{max} and P_{max} [Note 2]; unless otherwise noted.)

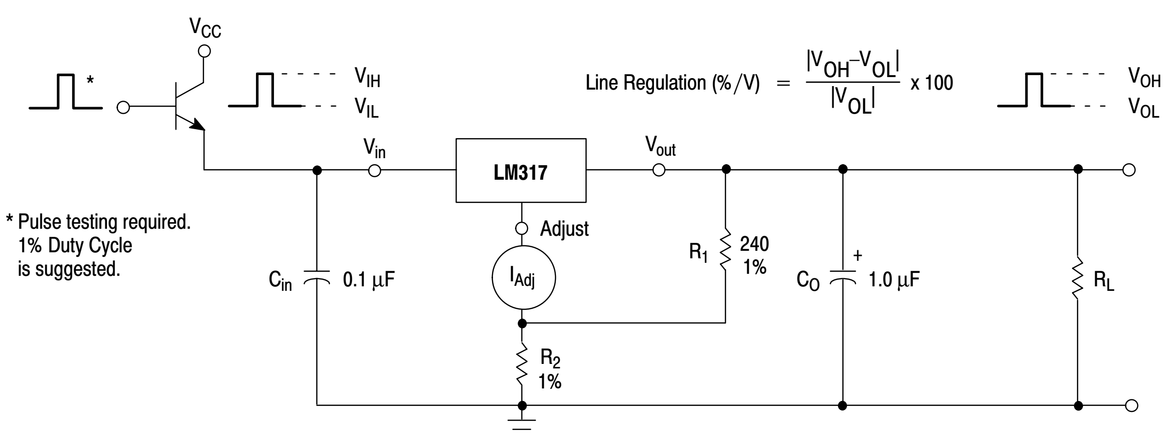
Characteristics	Figure	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Line Regulation (Note 3), T_A = +25°C, 3.0 V ≤ $V_I–V_O$ ≤ 40 V	1	Reg_{line}	–	0.01	0.04	%/V
Load Regulation (Note 3), T_A = +25°C, 10 mA ≤ I_O ≤ I_{max}	2	Reg_{load}				
V_O ≤ 5.0 V			–	5.0	25	mV
V_O ≥ 5.0 V			–	0.1	0.5	% V_O
Thermal Regulation, T_A = +25°C (Note 6), 20 ms Pulse		Reg_{therm}	–	0.03	0.07	% V_O/W
Adjustment Pin Current	3	I_{Adj}	–	50	100	µA
Adjustment Pin Current Change, 2.5 V ≤ $V_I–V_O$ ≤ 40 V, 10 mA ≤ I_L ≤ I_{max}, P_D ≤ P_{max}	1, 2	ΔI_{Adj}	–	0.2	5.0	µA
Reference Voltage, 3.0 V ≤ $V_I–V_O$ ≤ 40 V, 10 mA ≤ I_O ≤ I_{max}, P_D ≤ P_{max}	3	V_{ref}	1.2	1.25	1.3	V
Line Regulation (Note 3), 3.0 V ≤ $V_I–V_O$ ≤ 40 V	1	Reg_{line}	–	0.02	0.07	% V
Load Regulation (Note 3), 10 mA ≤ I_O ≤ I_{max}	2	Reg_{load}				
V_O ≤ 5.0 V			–	20	70	mV
V_O ≥ 5.0 V			–	0.3	1.5	% V_O
Temperature Stability (T_{low} ≤ T_J ≤ T_{high})	3	T_S	–	0.7	–	% V_O
Minimum Load Current to Maintain Regulation ($V_I–V_O$ = 40 V)	3	I_{Lmin}	–	3.5	10	mA
Maximum Output Current	3	I_{max}				A
$V_I–V_O$ ≤ 15 V, P_D ≤ $P_{max,}$ T Package			1.5	2.2	–	
$V_I–V_O$ = 40 V, P_D ≤ P_{max}, T_A = +25°C, T Package			0.15	0.4	–	
RMS Noise, % of V_O, T_A = +25°C, 10 Hz ≤ f ≤ 10 kHz		N	–	0.003	–	% V_O
Ripple Rejection, V_O = 10 V, f = 120 Hz (Note 4)	4	RR				dB
Without C_{Adj}			–	65	–	
C_{Adj} = 10 µF			66	80	–	
Long–Term Stability, $T_J = T_{high}$ (Note 5), T_A = +25°C for Endpoint Measurements	3	S	–	0.3	1.0	%/1.0 k Hrs.
Thermal Resistance Junction to Case, T Package		$R_{\theta JC}$	–	5.0	–	°C/W

NOTES:
1. T_{low} to T_{high} = 0° to +125°C, for LM317T, D2T. T_{low} to T_{high} = –40° to +125°C, for LM317BT, BD2T.
2. I_{max} = 1.5 A, P_{max} = 20 W
3. Load and line regulation are specified at constant junction temperature. Changes in V_O due to heating effects must be taken into account separately. Pulse testing with low duty cycle is used.
4. C_{Adj}, when used, is connected between the adjustment pin and ground.
5. Since Long–Term Stability cannot be measured on each device before shipment, this specification is an engineering estimate of average stability from lot to lot.
6. Power dissipation within an IC voltage regulator produces a temperature gradient on the die, affecting individual IC components on the die. These effects can be minimized by proper integrated circuit design and layout techniques. Thermal Regulation is the effect of these temperature gradients on the output voltage and is expressed in percentage of output change per watt of power change in a specified time.

Representative Schematic Diagram



This device contains 29 active transistors.



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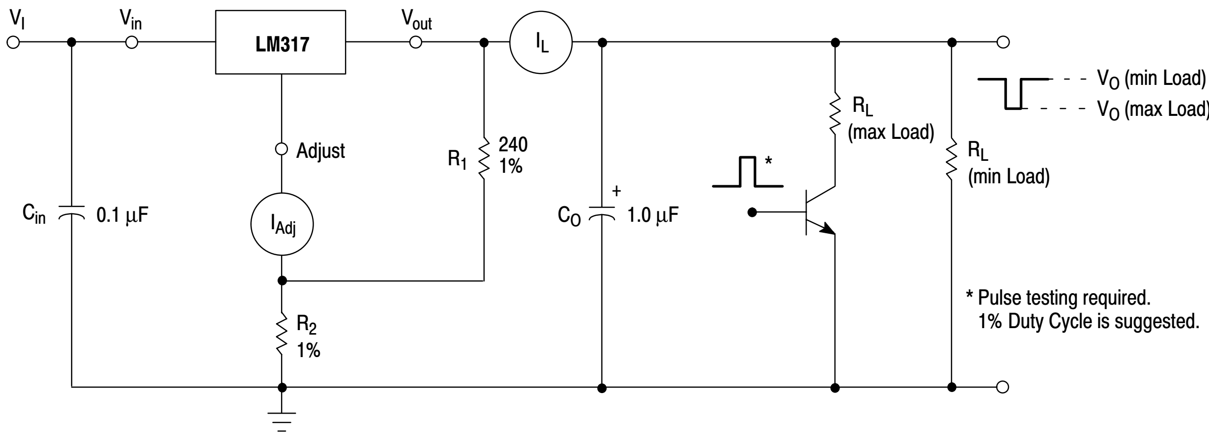
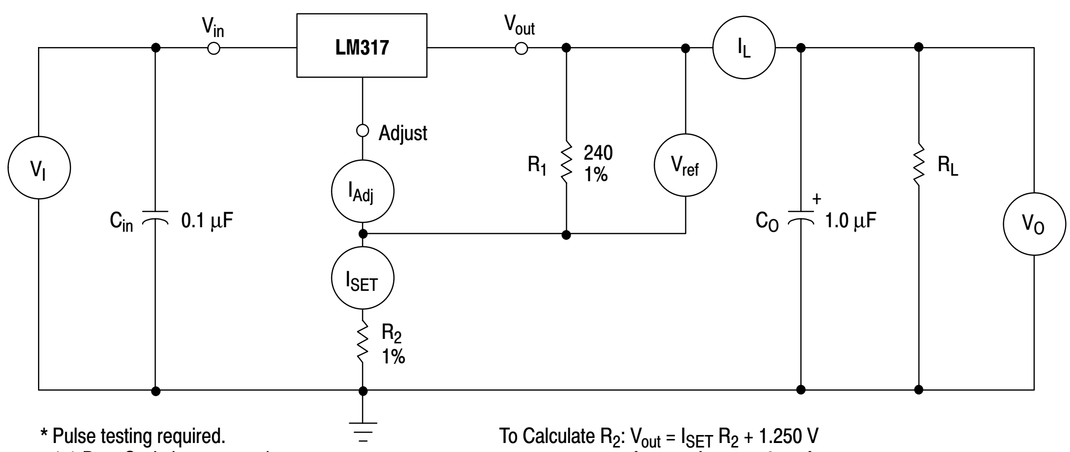


Load Regulation (mV) = V_O (min Load) − V_O (max Load)

Load Regulation (% V_O) = $\frac{V_O \text{ (min Load)} - V_O \text{ (max Load)}}{V_O \text{ (min Load)}}$ x 100

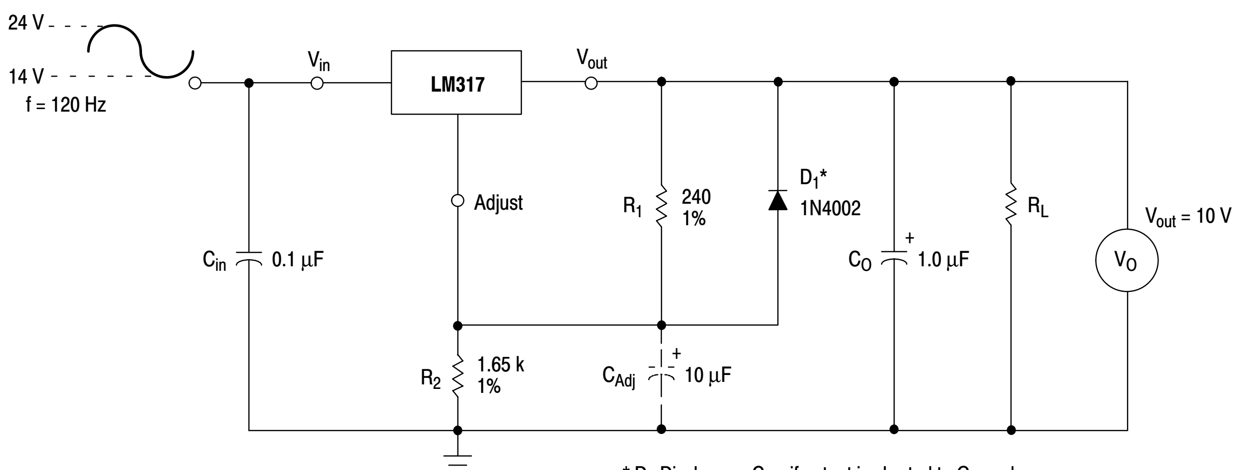
Figure 2. Load Regulation and ΔI_{Adj}/Load Test Circuit



* Pulse testing required.
1% Duty Cycle is suggested.

To Calculate R_2: $V_{out} = I_{SET} R_2 + 1.250$ V
Assume $I_{SET} = 5.25$ mA

Figure 3. Standard Test Circuit



* D_1 Discharges C_{Adj} if output is shorted to Ground.

Figure 4. Ripple Rejection Test Circuit

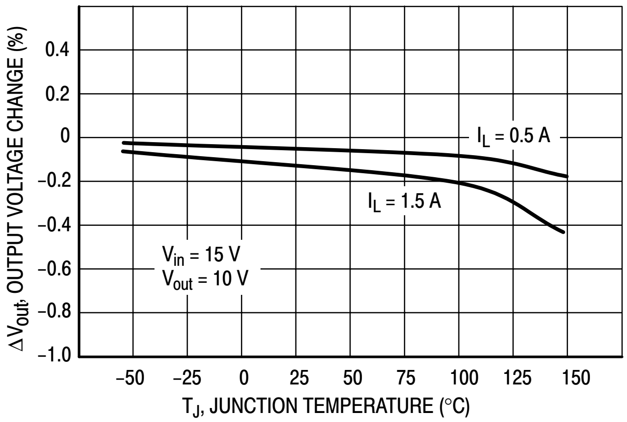


Figure 5. Load Regulation

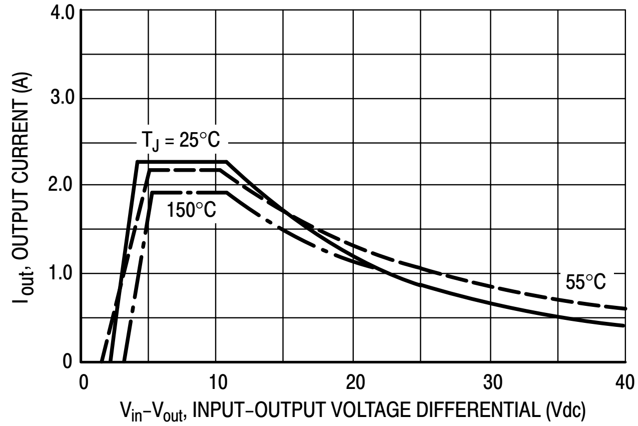


Figure 6. Current Limit

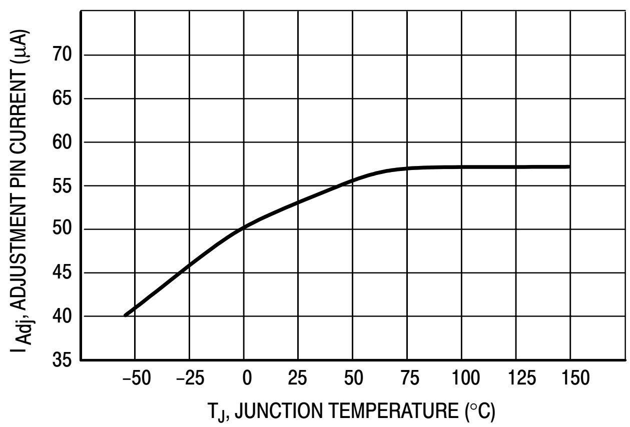


Figure 7. Adjustment Pin Current

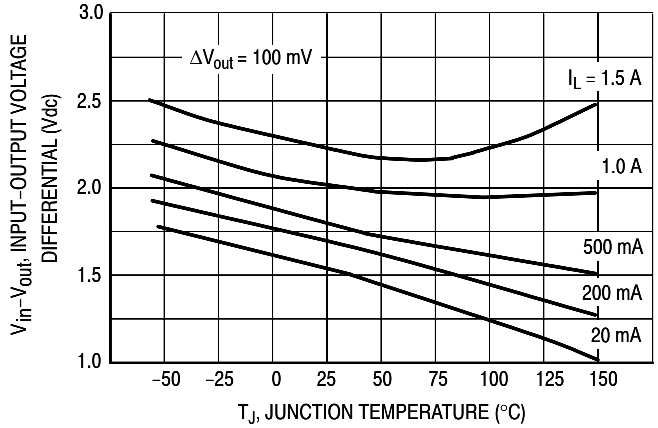
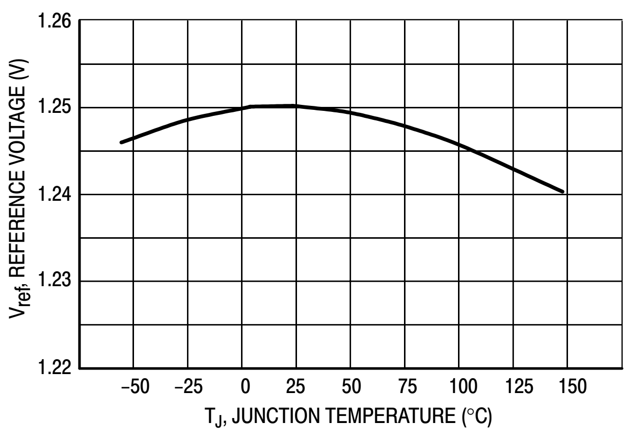


Figure 8. Dropout Voltage



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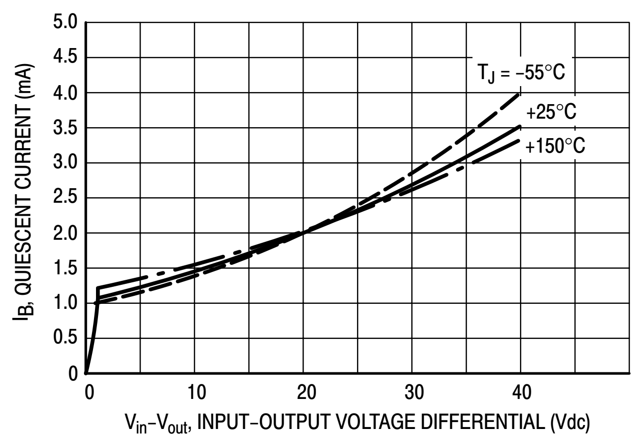


Figure 10. Minimum Operating Current

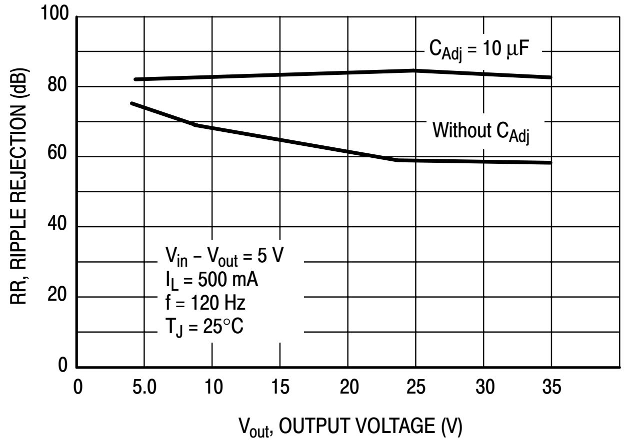
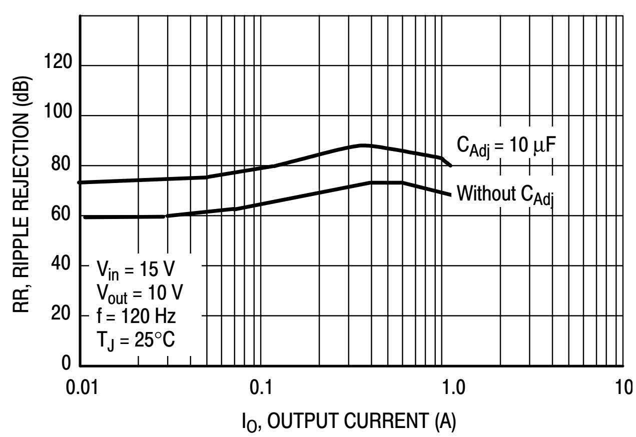


Figure 11. Ripple Rejection versus Output Voltage



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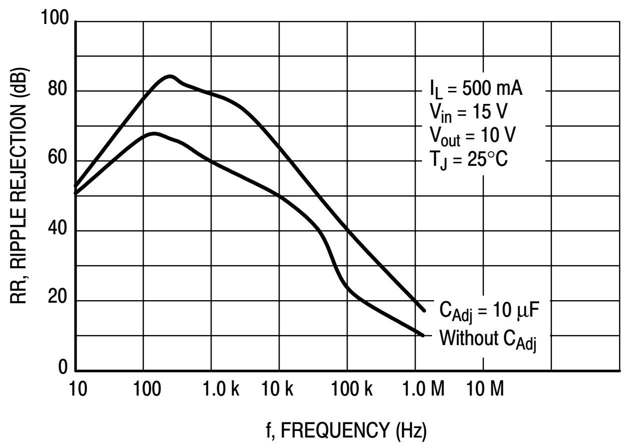

Figure 13. Ripple Rejection versus Frequency

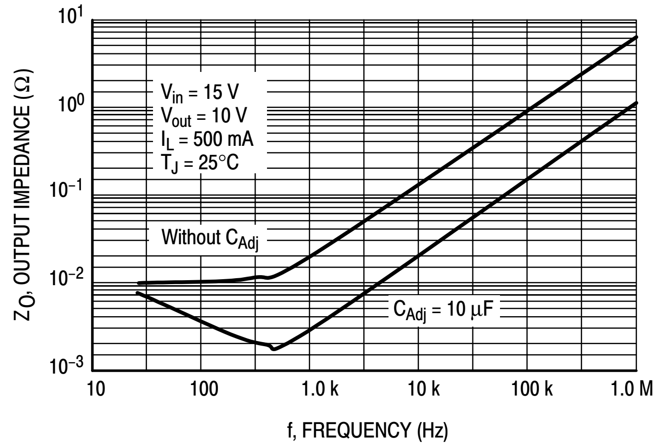

Figure 14. Output Impedance

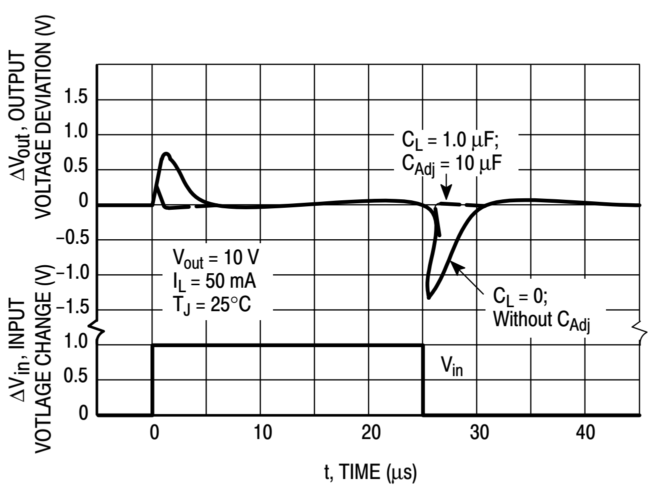

Figure 15. Line Transient Response

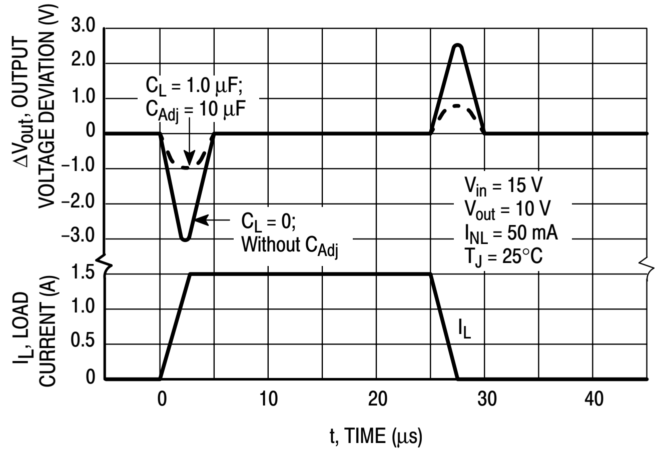

Figure 16. Load Transient Response

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Basic Circuit Operation

The LM317 is a 3–terminal floating regulator. In operation, the LM317 develops and maintains a nominal 1.25 V reference (V_{ref}) between its output and adjustment terminals. This reference voltage is converted to a programming current (I_{PROG}) by R_1 (see Figure 17), and this constant current flows through R_2 to ground.

The regulated output voltage is given by:

$$V_{out} = V_{ref}\left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) + I_{Adj} R_2$$

Since the current from the adjustment terminal (I_{Adj}) represents an error term in the equation, the LM317 was designed to control I_{Adj} to less than 100 μA and keep it constant. To do this, all quiescent operating current is returned to the output terminal. This imposes the requirement for a minimum load current. If the load current is less than this minimum, the output voltage will rise.

Since the LM317 is a floating regulator, it is only the voltage differential across the circuit which is important to performance, and operation at high voltages with respect to ground is possible.

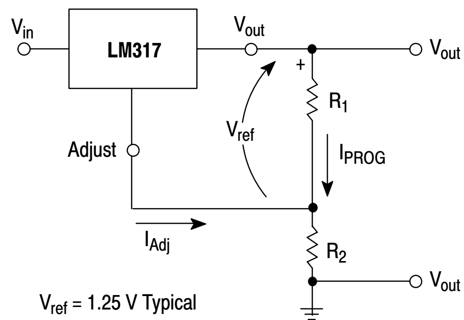

Figure 17. Basic Circuit Configuration

Load Regulation

The LM317 is capable of providing extremely good load regulation, but a few precautions are needed to obtain maximum performance. For best performance, the programming resistor (R_1) should be connected as close to the regulator as possible to minimize line drops which effectively appear in series with the reference, thereby degrading regulation. The ground end of R_2 can be returned near the load ground to provide remote ground sensing and improve load regulation.

External Capacitors

A 0.1 μF disc or 1.0 μF tantalum input bypass capacitor (C_{in}) is recommended to reduce the sensitivity to input line impedance.

The adjustment terminal may be bypassed to ground to improve ripple rejection. This capacitor (C_{Adj}) prevents ripple from being amplified as the output voltage is increased. A 10 μF capacitor should improve ripple rejection about 15 dB at 120 Hz in a 10 V application.

Although the LM317 is stable with no output capacitance, like any feedback circuit, certain values of external capacitance can cause excessive ringing. An output capacitance (C_O) in the form of a 1.0 μF tantalum or 25 μF aluminum electrolytic capacitor on the output swamps this effect and insures stability.

Protection Diodes

When external capacitors are used with any IC regulator it is sometimes necessary to add protection diodes to prevent the capacitors from discharging through low current points into the regulator.

Figure 18 shows the LM317 with the recommended protection diodes for output voltages in excess of 25 V or high capacitance values (C_O > 25 μF, C_{Adj} > 10 μF). Diode D_1 prevents C_O from discharging thru the IC during an input short circuit. Diode D_2 protects against capacitor C_{Adj} discharging through the IC during an output short circuit. The combination of diodes D_1 and D_2 prevents C_{Adj} from discharging through the IC during an input short circuit.

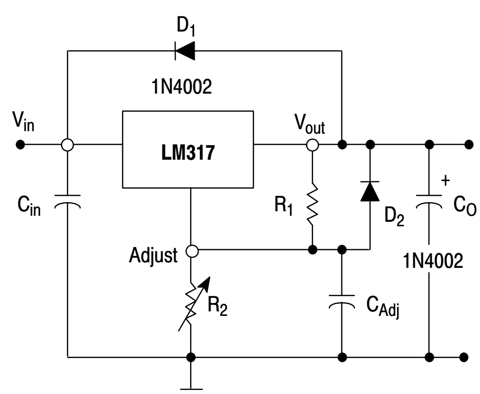

Figure 18. Voltage Regulator with Protection Diodes

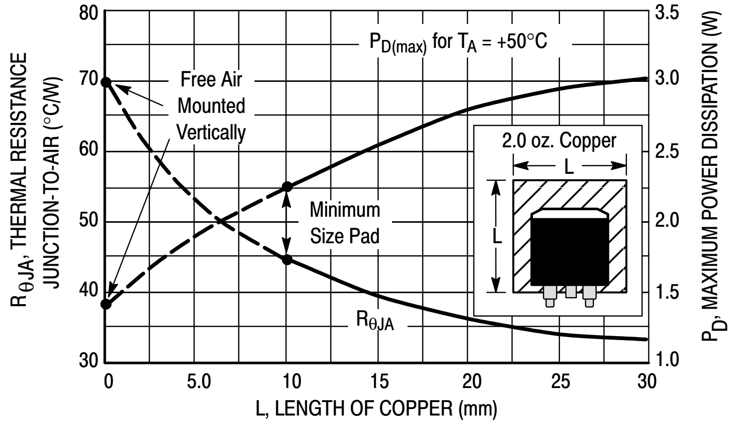

Figure 19. D²PAK Thermal Resistance and Maximum Power Dissipation versus P.C.B. Copper Length

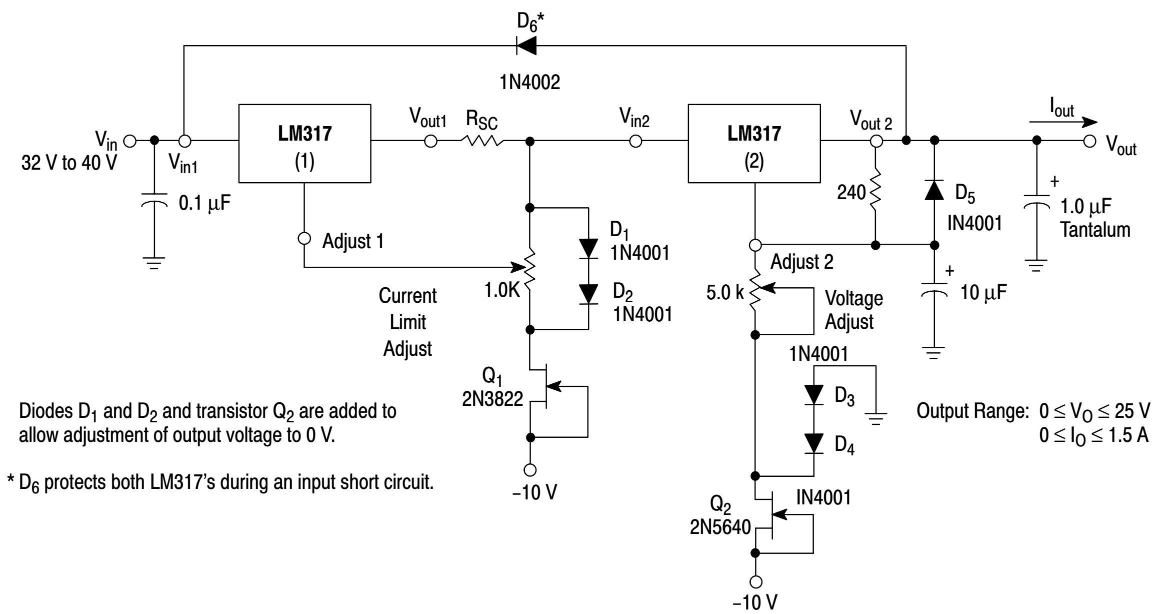

Figure 20. "Laboratory" Power Supply with Adjustable Current Limit and Output Voltage

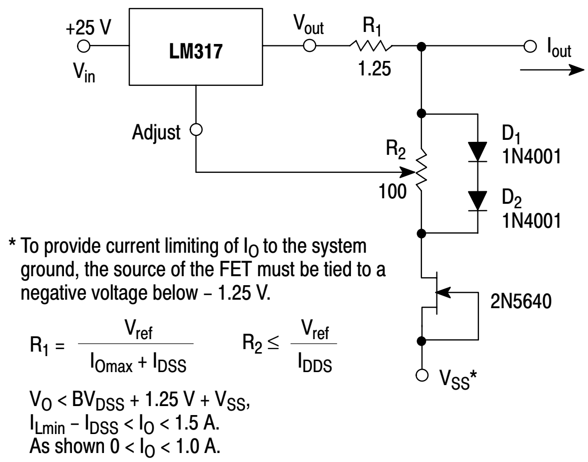

Figure 21. Adjustable Current Limiter

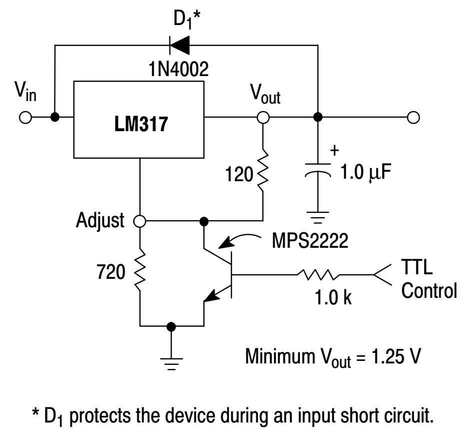

Figure 22. 5.0 V Electronic Shutdown Regulator

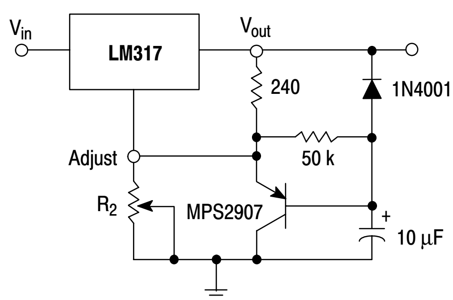

Figure 23. Slow Turn−On Regulator

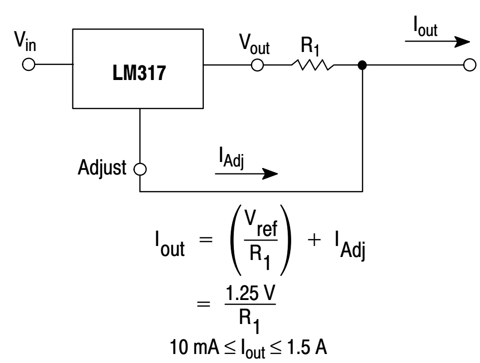

Figure 24. Current Regulator

PACKAGE DIMENSIONS

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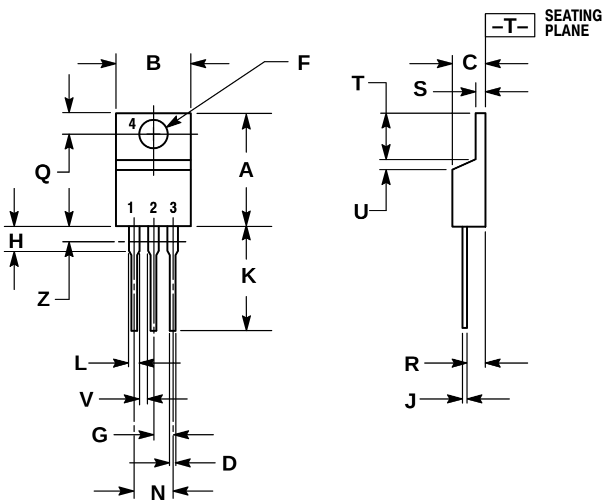

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3. DIMENSION Z DEFINES A ZONE WHERE ALL BODY AND LEAD IRREGULARITIES ARE ALLOWED.

	INCHES		MILLIMETERS	
DIM	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
A	0.570	0.620	14.48	15.75
B	0.380	0.405	9.66	10.28
C	0.160	0.190	4.07	4.82
D	0.025	0.035	0.64	0.88
F	0.142	0.147	3.61	3.73
G	0.095	0.105	2.42	2.66
H	0.110	0.155	2.80	3.93
J	0.018	0.025	0.46	0.64
K	0.500	0.562	12.70	14.27
L	0.045	0.060	1.15	1.52
N	0.190	0.210	4.83	5.33
Q	0.100	0.120	2.54	3.04
R	0.080	0.110	2.04	2.79
S	0.045	0.055	1.15	1.39
T	0.235	0.255	5.97	6.47
U	0.000	0.050	0.00	1.27
V	0.045	---	1.15	---
Z	---	0.080	---	2.04

D2T SUFFIX
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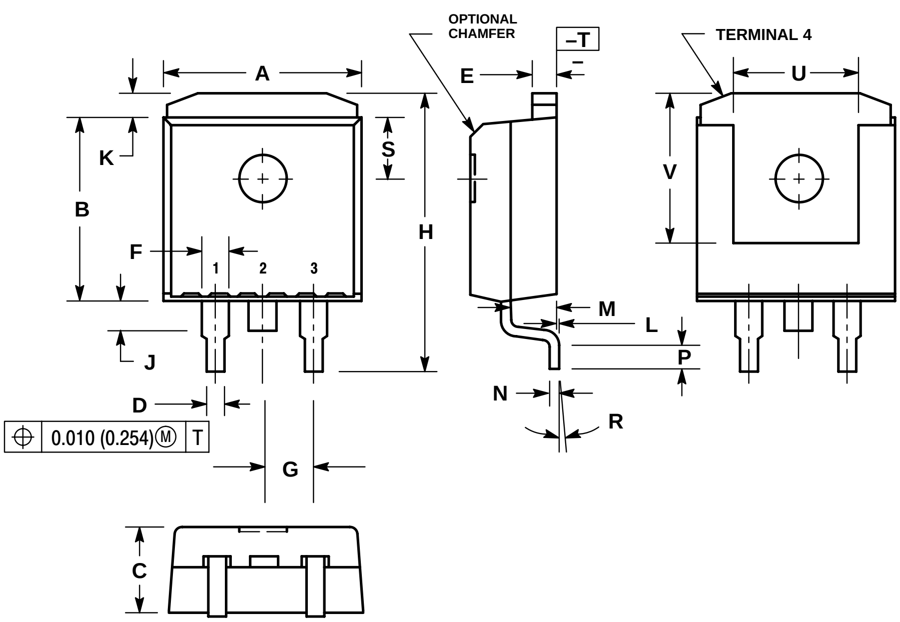

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	INCHES		MILLIMETERS	
DIM	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
A	0.386	0.403	9.804	10.236
B	0.356	0.368	9.042	9.347
C	0.170	0.180	4.318	4.572
D	0.026	0.036	0.660	0.914
E	0.045	0.055	1.143	1.397
F	0.051 REF		1.295 REF	
G	0.100 BSC		2.540 BSC	
H	0.539	0.579	13.691	14.707
J	0.125 MAX		3.175 MAX	
K	0.050 REF		1.270 REF	
L	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.254
M	0.088	0.102	2.235	2.591
N	0.018	0.026	0.457	0.660
P	0.058	0.078	1.473	1.981
R	5° REF		5° REF	
S	0.116 REF		2.946 REF	
U	0.200 MIN		5.080 MIN	
V	0.250 MIN		6.350 MIN	

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