LP38851 800 mA Fast-Response High-Accuracy Adjustable LDO Linear Regulator with Enable and Soft-Start

Check for Samples: LP38851

FEATURES

• Adjustable $V_{OUT}$ Range of 0.80V to 1.8V
• Wide $V_{BIAS}$ Supply Operating Range of 3.0V to 5.5V
• Stable with 10µF Ceramic Capacitors
• Dropout Voltage of 115 mV (Typical) at 800 mA Load Current
• Precision $V_{ADJ}$ across All Line and Load Conditions:
  – ±1.5% $V_{ADJ}$ for $T_J = 25^\circ C$
  – ±2.0% $V_{ADJ}$ for 0°C ≤ $T_J$ ≤ +125°C
  – ±3.0% $V_{ADJ}$ for -40°C ≤ $T_J$ ≤ +125°C
• Over-Temperature and Over-Current Protection
• Available in 8-Lead SO PowerPad, 7-Lead SFM and 7-Lead PFM Packages
• −40°C to +125°C Operating Junction Temperature Range

APPLICATIONS

• ASIC Power Supplies in:
  – Desktops, Notebooks, and Graphics Cards, Servers
  – Gaming Set Top Boxes, Printers and Copiers
• Server Core and I/O Supplies
• DSP and FPGA Power Supplies
• SMPS Post-Regulator

DESCRIPTION

The LP38851-ADJ is a high current, fast response regulator which can maintain output voltage regulation with extremely low input to output voltage drop. Fabricated on a CMOS process, the device operates from two input voltages: $V_{BIAS}$ provides voltage to drive the gate of the N-MOS power transistor, while $V_{IN}$ is the input voltage which supplies power to the load. The use of an external bias rail allows the part to operate from ultra low $V_{IN}$ voltages. Unlike bipolar regulators, the CMOS architecture consumes extremely low quiescent current at any output load current. The use of an N-MOS power transistor results in wide bandwidth, yet minimum external capacitance is required to maintain loop stability.

The fast transient response of this device makes it suitable for use in powering DSP, Microcontroller Core voltages and Switch Mode Power Supply post regulators. The part is available in PSOP 8-pin, SFM 7-pin, and TO-263 7-pin packages.

• Dropout Voltage: 115 mV (typical) at 800 mA load current
• Low Ground Pin Current: 10 mA (typical) at 800 mA load current
• Soft-Start: Programmable Soft-Start time
• Precision ADJ Voltage: ±1.5% for $T_J = 25^\circ C$, and ±2.0% for 0°C ≤ $T_J$ ≤ +125°C, across all line and load conditions

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TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT

Connection Diagram

**Figure 1. 7-Lead PFM - Top View**
See KTW0007B Package

**Figure 2. 7-Lead SFM - Top View**
See NDZ0007B Package

**Figure 3. 8-Lead SO PowerPad - Top View**
See DDA Package

**PIN DESCRIPTIONS**

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<th>SO PowerPad Pin #</th>
<th>Pin Symbol</th>
<th>Pin Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>SS</td>
<td>Soft-Start capacitor connection. Used to control the rise time of ( V_{OUT} ) at turn-on.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>EN</td>
<td>Device Enable, High = On, Low = Off.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>IN</td>
<td>The unregulated voltage input</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>ADJ</td>
<td>The feedback connection to set the output voltage</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>OUT</td>
<td>The regulated output voltage</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>BIAS</td>
<td>The supply for the internal control and reference circuitry.</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>N/C</td>
<td>No internal connection</td>
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<td>The SFM and PFM TAB is a thermal and electrical connection that is physically attached to the backside of the die, and used as a thermal heat-sink connection. See APPLICATION INFORMATION for details.</td>
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<td>-</td>
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<td>DAP</td>
<td>DAP</td>
<td>The SO PowerPad DAP is a thermal connection only that is physically attached to the backside of the die, and used as a thermal heat-sink connection. See APPLICATION INFORMATION for details.</td>
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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.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (1)

<table>
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<tr>
<td>Storage Temperature Range</td>
<td>−65°C to +150°C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lead Temperature</td>
<td>Soldering, 5 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ESD Rating</td>
<td>Human Body Model (2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power Dissipation (3)</td>
<td>Internally Limited</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V_IN Supply Voltage (Survival)</td>
<td>−0.3V to +6.0V</td>
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<tr>
<td>V_BIAS Supply Voltage (Survival)</td>
<td>−0.3V to +6.0V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V_SS SoftStart Voltage (Survival)</td>
<td>−0.3V to +6.0V</td>
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<tr>
<td>V_OUT Voltage (Survival)</td>
<td>−0.3V to +6.0V</td>
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<tr>
<td>I_OUT Current (Survival)</td>
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<td>Junction Temperature</td>
<td>−40°C to +150°C</td>
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(2) The human body model is a 100 pF capacitor discharged through a 1.5k resistor into each pin. Test method is per JESD22-A114.

(3) Device power dissipation must be de-rated based on device power dissipation (P_D), ambient temperature (T_A), and package junction to ambient thermal resistance (θ_JA). Additional heat-sinking may be required to ensure that the device junction temperature (T_J) does not exceed the maximum operating rating. See APPLICATION INFORMATION for details.

OPERATING RATINGS (1)

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<td>V_IN Supply Voltage</td>
<td>(V_OUT + V OO) to V_BIAS</td>
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<td>V_BIAS Supply Voltage</td>
<td>0.8V ≤ V_OUT ≤ 1.2V</td>
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<td>1.2V &lt; V_OUT ≤ 1.8V</td>
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<td>V_EN Voltage</td>
<td>0.0V to V_BIAS</td>
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<tr>
<td>I_OUT Current</td>
<td>0 mA to 800 mA</td>
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<td>Junction Temperature Range (2)</td>
<td>−40°C to +125°C</td>
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### ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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<tr>
<td>( V_{\text{ADJ}} )</td>
<td>( V_{\text{ADJ}} ) Accuracy</td>
<td>( V_{\text{OUT(NOM)}} + 1 \text{V} \leq V_{\text{EN}} \leq V_{\text{BIAS}} \leq 4.5 \text{V} ) (1)</td>
<td>492.5</td>
<td>500.</td>
<td>507.5</td>
<td>mV</td>
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<td>3.0 \text{V} \leq V_{\text{BIAS}} \leq 5.5 \text{V}, 10 \text{mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 800 \text{mA}</td>
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<td>( V_{\text{OUT}} )</td>
<td>( V_{\text{OUT}} ) Range</td>
<td>3.0 \text{V} \leq V_{\text{BIAS}} \leq 5.5 \text{V}</td>
<td>0.80</td>
<td>1.20</td>
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<td>V</td>
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<td>4.5 \text{V} \leq V_{\text{BIAS}} \leq 5.5 \text{V}</td>
<td>0.80</td>
<td>1.80</td>
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<td>( \Delta V_{\text{OUT}}/\Delta V_{\text{IN}} )</td>
<td>Line Regulation, ( V_{\text{IN}} ) (2)</td>
<td>( V_{\text{OUT(NOM)}} + 1 \text{V} \leq V_{\text{EN}} \leq V_{\text{BIAS}} )</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>0.04</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>%/V</td>
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<td>( \Delta V_{\text{OUT}}/\Delta V_{\text{BIAS}} )</td>
<td>Line Regulation, ( V_{\text{BIAS}} ) (2)</td>
<td>3.0 \text{V} \leq V_{\text{BIAS}} \leq 5.5 \text{V}</td>
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<td>0.10</td>
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<td>( \Delta I_{\text{OUT}}/\Delta I_{\text{IN}} )</td>
<td>Output Voltage Load Regulation (3)</td>
<td>10 \text{mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 800 \text{mA}</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>0.2</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>%/A</td>
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<td>( V_{\text{DO}} )</td>
<td>Dropout Voltage (4)</td>
<td>( I_{\text{OUT}} = 800 \text{mA} )</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>115</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>( I_{\text{GND(IN)}} )</td>
<td>Quiescent Current Drawn from ( V_{\text{IN}} ) Supply</td>
<td>( V_{\text{OUT}} = 0.80 \text{V} ), ( V_{\text{BIAS}} = 3.0 \text{V} ), 10 \text{mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 800 \text{mA}</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>7.0</td>
<td>8.5</td>
<td>9.0</td>
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<td>( V_{\text{EN}} \leq 0.5 \text{V} )</td>
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<td>100</td>
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<td>( I_{\text{GND(BIAS)}} )</td>
<td>Quiescent Current Drawn from ( V_{\text{BIAS}} ) Supply</td>
<td>10 \text{mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 800 \text{mA}</td>
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<td>3.0</td>
<td>3.8</td>
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<td>( V_{\text{EN}} \leq 0.5 \text{V} )</td>
<td></td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>170</td>
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<td>( \text{UVLO} )</td>
<td>Under-Voltage Lock-Out Threshold</td>
<td>( V_{\text{BIAS}} ) rising until device is functional</td>
<td>2.20</td>
<td>2.00</td>
<td>2.45</td>
<td>2.70</td>
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<tr>
<td>( \text{UVLO(HYS)} )</td>
<td>Under-Voltage Lock-Out Hysteresis</td>
<td>( V_{\text{BIAS}} ) falling from UVLO threshold until device is non-functional</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>300</td>
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<tr>
<td>( I_{\text{SC}} )</td>
<td>Output Short-Circuit Current</td>
<td>( V_{\text{IN}} = V_{\text{OUT(NOM)}} + 1 \text{V} ), ( V_{\text{BIAS}} = 3.0 \text{V}, V_{\text{OUT}} = 0.0 \text{V} )</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>2.3</td>
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#### Soft-Start

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<td>( r_{\text{SS}} )</td>
<td>Soft-Start internal resistance</td>
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<td>11.0</td>
<td>14.0</td>
<td>17.0</td>
<td>k\Omega</td>
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<tr>
<td>( t_{\text{SS}} )</td>
<td>Soft-Start time</td>
<td>( C_{\text{SS}} = C_{\text{SS}} \times r_{\text{SS}} \times 5 )</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>700</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>\mu s</td>
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#### Enable

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<td>( I_{\text{EN}} )</td>
<td>ENABLE pin Current</td>
<td>( V_{\text{EN}} = V_{\text{BIAS}} )</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>0.01</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>\mu A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>( V_{\text{EN}} = 0.0 \text{V}, V_{\text{BIAS}} = 5.5 \text{V} )</td>
<td>-24</td>
<td>-35</td>
<td>-43</td>
<td>-50</td>
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<tr>
<td>( V_{\text{EN(ON)}} )</td>
<td>Enable Voltage Threshold</td>
<td>( V_{\text{EN}} ) rising until Output = ON</td>
<td>1.00</td>
<td>0.90</td>
<td>1.25</td>
<td>1.50</td>
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<td>( V_{\text{EN(HYS)}} )</td>
<td>Enable Voltage Hysteresis</td>
<td>( V_{\text{EN}} ) falling from ( V_{\text{EN(ON)}} ) until Output = OFF</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>150</td>
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<tr>
<td>( I_{\text{OFF}} )</td>
<td>Turn-OFF Delay Time</td>
<td>( R_{\text{LOAD}} \times C_{\text{OUT}} \ll I_{\text{OFF}} )</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>( I_{\text{ON}} )</td>
<td>Turn-ON Delay Time</td>
<td>( R_{\text{LOAD}} \times C_{\text{OUT}} \ll I_{\text{ON}} )</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>\mu s</td>
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AC Parameters

(1) \( V_{\text{IN}} \) cannot exceed either \( V_{\text{BIAS}} \) or 4.5V, whichever value is lower.

(2) Output voltage line regulation is defined as the change in output voltage from nominal value resulting from a change in input voltage.

(3) Output voltage load regulation is defined as the change in output voltage from nominal value as the load current increases from no load to full load.

(4) Dropout voltage is defined as the input to output voltage differential \((V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}})\) where the input voltage is low enough to cause the output voltage to drop 2% from the nominal value.

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<td>PSRR ((V_{IN}))</td>
<td>Ripple Rejection for ( V_{IN} ) Input Voltage</td>
<td>( \text{Voltage} ) ( V_{IN} = V_{OUT} \text{(NOM)} + 1 \text{V}, ) ( f = 120 \text{Hz} )</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>dB</td>
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<td>( \text{Voltage} ) ( V_{IN} = V_{OUT} \text{(NOM)} + 1 \text{V}, ) ( f = 1 \text{kHz} )</td>
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<td>61</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>PSRR ((V_{BIAS}))</td>
<td>Ripple Rejection for ( V_{BIAS} ) Voltage</td>
<td>( \text{Voltage} ) ( V_{BIAS} = V_{OUT} \text{(NOM)} + 3 \text{V}, ) ( f = 120 \text{Hz} )</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>dB</td>
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<td>( \text{Voltage} ) ( V_{BIAS} = V_{OUT} \text{(NOM)} + 3 \text{V}, ) ( f = 1 \text{kHz} )</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>53</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>( \varepsilon_n )</td>
<td>Output Noise Density</td>
<td>( f = 120 \text{Hz} )</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>( \mu \text{V}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} )</td>
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<td>( \text{Output Noise Voltage} )</td>
<td>( \text{BW} = 10 \text{Hz} - 100 \text{kHz} )</td>
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<td>150</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>( \text{BW} = 300 \text{Hz} - 300 \text{kHz} )</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>-</td>
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### Thermal Parameters

| \( T_{SD} \) | Thermal Shutdown Junction Temperature | - | 160 | - | \( ^\circ \text{C} \) |
| \( T_{SD(HYS)} \) | Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis | - | 10 | - | |
| \( \theta_{JA} \) | Thermal Resistance, Junction to Ambient\(^{(5)}\) | SFM | - | 60 | - | \( ^\circ \text{C}/\text{W} \) |
| | | PFM | - | 60 | - | |
| | | SO PowerPad | - | 168 | - | |
| \( \theta_{JC} \) | Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case\(^{(5)}(6)\) | SFM | - | 3 | - | |
| | | PFM | - | 3 | - | |
| | | SO PowerPad | - | 11 | - | |

\(^{(5)}\) Device power dissipation must be de-rated based on device power dissipation \( (P_D) \), ambient temperature \( (T_A) \), and package junction to ambient thermal resistance \( (\theta_{JA}) \). Additional heat-sinking may be required to ensure that the device junction temperature \( (T_J) \) does not exceed the maximum operating rating. See APPLICATION INFORMATION for details.

\(^{(6)}\) For SFM and PFM: \( \theta_{JC} \) refers to the BOTTOM surface of the package, under the epoxy body, as the ‘CASE’. For SO PowerPad: \( \theta_{JC} \) refers to the DAP (aka: Exposed Pad) on BOTTOM surface of the package as the ‘CASE’.

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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Refer to the TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT. Unless otherwise specified: \( T_J = 25^\circ C \), \( R1 = 1.40 \, k\Omega \), \( R2 = 1.00 \, k\Omega \), \( C_{FE} = 180 \, \text{pF}, V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOM)} + 1\, \text{V}, V_{BIAS} = 3.0\, \text{V}, I_{OUT} = 10\, \text{mA}, C_{IN} = 10\, \mu\text{F Ceramic}, C_{OUT} = 10\, \mu\text{F Ceramic}, C_{BIAS} = 1\, \mu\text{F Ceramic}, C_{SS} = \text{Open}.

\[ V_{BIAS} \text{ Ground Pin Current (} I_{GND(BIAS)} \text{)} \]

\begin{figure}[h]
\centering
\includegraphics[width=0.4\textwidth]{v_bias_gnd_current}
\caption{Figure 4.}
\end{figure}

\[ V_{IN} \text{ Ground Pin Current vs Temperature} \]

\begin{figure}[h]
\centering
\includegraphics[width=0.4\textwidth]{v_in_gnd_current}
\caption{Figure 5.}
\end{figure}

\[ \text{Dropout Voltage (} V_{DO} \text{) vs Temperature} \]

\begin{figure}[h]
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\includegraphics[width=0.4\textwidth]{dropout_voltage}
\caption{Figure 7.}
\end{figure}

\[ \text{Output Current Limit (} I_{SC} \text{) vs Temperature} \]

\begin{figure}[h]
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\includegraphics[width=0.4\textwidth]{output_current_limit}
\caption{Figure 8.}
\end{figure}
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

Refer to the TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT. Unless otherwise specified: \(T_J = 25^\circ C\), \(R_1 = 1.40 \, k\Omega\), \(R_2 = 1.00 \, k\Omega\), \(C_{FF} = 180 \, pF\), \(V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOM)} + 1V\), \(V_{BIAS} = 3.0V\), \(I_{OUT} = 10 \, mA\), \(C_{IN} = 10 \, \mu F\) Ceramic, \(C_{OUT} = 10 \, \mu F\) Ceramic, \(C_{BIAS} = 1 \, \mu F\) Ceramic, \(C_{SS} = \text{Open}\).

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**Figure 9.**

**Figure 10.**

**Figure 11.**

**Figure 12.**

**Figure 13.**

**Figure 14.**
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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Enable Pull-Down Current ($I_{EN}$) vs Temperature

![Enable Pull-Down Current vs Temperature](figure15)

Enable Pull-Up Resistor ($r_{EN}$) vs Temperature

![Enable Pull-Up Resistor vs Temperature](figure16)

$V_{IN}$ Line Transient Response

![$V_{IN}$ Line Transient Response](figure17)

$V_{BIAS}$ Line Transient Response

![$V_{BIAS}$ Line Transient Response](figure19)

$V_{IN}$ Line Transient Response

![$V_{IN}$ Line Transient Response](figure18)

$V_{BIAS}$ Line Transient Response

![$V_{BIAS}$ Line Transient Response](figure20)
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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Load Transient Response, $C_{OUT} = 10 \, \mu F$ Ceramic

![Graph](image1)

Figure 21.

Load Transient Response, $C_{OUT} = 47 \, \mu F$ Ceramic

![Graph](image2)

Figure 23.

Load Transient Response, $C_{OUT} = 68 \, \mu F$ Tantalum

![Graph](image3)

Figure 25.

Load Transient Response, $C_{OUT} = 10 \, \mu F$ Ceramic

![Graph](image4)

Figure 22.

Load Transient Response, $C_{OUT} = 47 \, \mu F$ Ceramic

![Graph](image5)

Figure 24.

Load Transient Response, $C_{OUT} = 68 \, \mu F$ Tantalum

![Graph](image6)

Figure 26.
TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

Refer to the TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT. Unless otherwise specified: $T_J = 25^\circ C$, $R1 = 1.40 \, k\Omega$, $R2 = 1.00 \, k\Omega$, $C_{FF} = 180 \, pF$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOM)} + 1\, V$, $V_{BIAS} = 3.0\, V$, $I_{OUT} = 10 \, mA$, $C_{IN} = 10 \, \mu F$ Ceramic, $C_{OUT} = 10 \, \mu F$ Ceramic, $C_{BIAS} = 1 \, \mu F$ Ceramic, $C_{SS} = \text{Open}$.

$V_{BIAS}$ PSRR

![Figure 27.](image1)

$V_{IN}$ PSRR

![Figure 28.](image2)

Output Noise

![Figure 29.](image3)
APPLICATION INFORMATION

EXTERNAL CAPACITORS

To assure regulator stability, input and output capacitors are required as shown in TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT.

Output Capacitor

A minimum output capacitance of 10 µF, ceramic, is required for stability. The amount of output capacitance can be increased without limit. The output capacitor must be located less than 1 cm from the output pin of the IC and returned to the device ground pin with a clean analog ground.

Only high quality ceramic types such as X5R or X7R should be used, as the Z5U and Y5F types do not provide sufficient capacitance over temperature.

Tantalum capacitors will also provide stable operation across the entire operating temperature range. However, the effects of ESR may provide variations in the output voltage during fast load transients. Using the minimum recommended 10 µF ceramic capacitor at the output will allow unlimited capacitance, Tantalum and/or Aluminum, to be added in parallel.

Input Capacitor

The input capacitor must be at least 10 µF, but can be increased without limit. It's purpose is to provide a low source impedance for the regulator input. A ceramic capacitor, X5R or X7R, is recommended.

Tantalum capacitors may also be used at the input pin. There is no specific ESR limitation on the input capacitor (the lower, the better).

Aluminum electrolytic capacitors can be used, but are not recommended as their ESR increases very quickly at cold temperatures. They are not recommended for any application where the ambient temperature falls below 0°C.

Bias Capacitor

The capacitor on the bias pin must be at least 1 µF, and can be any good quality capacitor (ceramic is recommended).

Feed Forward Capacitor, C_{FF} (Refer to TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT)

When using a ceramic capacitor for C_{OUT}, the typical ESR value will be too small to provide any meaningful positive phase compensation, F_{Z}, to offset the internal negative phase shifts in the gain loop.

\[ F_z = \frac{1}{2 \pi \times C_{OUT} \times ESR} \] (1)

A capacitor placed across the gain resistor R1 will provide additional phase margin to improve load transient response of the device. This capacitor, C_{FF}, in parallel with R1, will form a zero in the loop response given by the formula:

\[ F_z = \frac{1}{2 \pi \times C_{FF} \times R1} \] (2)

For optimum load transient response select C_{FF} so the zero frequency, F_{Z}, falls between 500 kHz and 750 kHz.

\[ C_{FF} = \frac{1}{2 \pi \times R1 \times F_z} \] (3)

The phase lead provided by C_{FF} diminishes as the DC gain approaches unity, or V_{OUT} approaches V_{ADJ}. This is because C_{FF} also forms a pole with a frequency of:

\[ F_p = \frac{1}{2 \pi \times C_{FF} \times (R1 || R2)} \] (4)

It's important to note that at higher output voltages, where R1 is much larger than R2, the pole and zero are far apart in frequency. At lower output voltages the frequency of the pole and the zero mover closer together. The phase lead provided from C_{FF} diminishes quickly as the output voltage is reduced, and has no effect when V_{OUT} = V_{ADJ}. For this reason, relying on this compensation technique alone is adequate only for higher output voltages. For the LP38851, the practical minimum V_{OUT} is 0.8V when a ceramic capacitor is used for C_{OUT}. 
SETTING THE OUTPUT VOLTAGE
(Refer to TYPICAL APPLICATION CIRCUIT)

The output voltage is set using the external resistive divider R1 and R2. The output voltage is given by the formula:

\[ V_{OUT} = V_{ADJ} \times \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2}\right) \]

The resistors used for R1 and R2 should be high quality, tight tolerance, and with matching temperature coefficients. It is important to remember that, although the value of \(V_{ADJ}\) is specified, the use of low quality resistors for R1 and R2 can easily produce a \(V_{OUT}\) value that is unacceptable.

It is recommended that the values selected for R1 and R2 are such that the parallel value is less than 10 kΩ. This is to prevent internal parasitic capacitances on the ADJ pin from interfering with the \(F_Z\) pole set by R1 and \(C_{FF}\).

\[ \left(\frac{R1 \times R2}{R1 + R2}\right) \leq 10 \text{ kΩ} \]

Table 1 lists some suggested, best fit, standard ±1% resistor values for R1 and R2, and a standard ±10% capacitor values for \(C_{FF}\), for a range of \(V_{OUT}\) values. Other values of R1, R2, and \(C_{FF}\) are available that will give similar results.

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<tr>
<th>(V_{OUT})</th>
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<th>(C_{FF})</th>
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<td>1.13 kΩ</td>
<td>82 pF</td>
<td>660 kHz</td>
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Please refer to Application Note AN-1378 (SNVA112) for additional information on how resistor tolerances affect the calculated $V_{OUT}$ value.

**INPUT VOLTAGE**

The input voltage ($V_{IN}$) is the high current external voltage rail that will be regulated down to a lower voltage, which is applied to the load. The input voltage must be at least $V_{OUT} + V_{DO}$, and no higher than whatever value is used for $V_{BIAS}$.

For applications where $V_{BIAS}$ is higher than 4.5V, $V_{IN}$ must be no greater than 4.5V, otherwise output voltage accuracy may be affected.

**BIAS VOLTAGE**

The bias voltage ($V_{BIAS}$) is a low current external voltage rail required to bias the control circuitry and provide gate drive for the N-FET pass transistor. When $V_{OUT}$ is set to 1.20V, or less, $V_{BIAS}$ may be anywhere in the operating range of 3.0V to 5.5V. If $V_{OUT}$ is set higher than 1.20V , $V_{BIAS}$ must be between 4.5V and 5.5V to ensure proper operation of the device.

**UNDER VOLTAGE LOCKOUT**

The bias voltage is monitored by a circuit which prevents the device from functioning when the bias voltage is below the Under-Voltage Lock-Out (UVLO) threshold of approximately 2.45V.

As the bias voltage rises above the UVLO threshold the device control circuitry becomes active. There is approximately 150 mV of hysteresis built into the UVLO threshold to provide noise immunity.

When the bias voltage is between the UVLO threshold and the Minimum Operating Rating value of 3.0V the device will be functional, but the operating parameters will not be within the specified limits.

**SUPPLY SEQUENCING**

There is no requirement for the order that $V_{IN}$ or $V_{BIAS}$ are applied or removed.

One practical limitation is that the Soft-Start circuit starts charging $C_{SS}$ when both $V_{BIAS}$ rises above the UVLO threshold and the Enable pin is above the $V_{EN(ON)}$ threshold. If the application of $V_{IN}$ is delayed beyond this point the benefits of Soft-Start will be compromised.

In any case, the output voltage cannot be specified until both $V_{IN}$ and $V_{BIAS}$ are within the range of specified operating values.

If used in a dual-supply system where the regulator output load is returned to a negative supply, the output pin must be diode clamped to ground. A Schottky diode is recommended for this diode clamp.

**REVERSE VOLTAGE**

A reverse voltage condition will exist when the voltage at the output pin is higher than the voltage at the input pin. Typically this will happen when $V_{IN}$ is abruptly taken low and $C_{OUT}$ continues to hold a sufficient charge such that the input to output voltage becomes reversed.

The NMOS pass element, by design, contains no body diode. This means that, as long as the gate of the pass element is not driven, there will not be any reverse current flow through the pass element during a reverse voltage event. The gate of the pass element is not driven when $V_{BIAS}$ is below the UVLO threshold, or when the Enable pin is held low.

When $V_{BIAS}$ is above the UVLO threshold, and the Enable pin is above the $V_{EN(ON)}$ threshold, the control circuitry is active and will attempt to regulate the output voltage. Since the input voltage is less than the output voltage the control circuit will drive the gate of the pass element to the full $V_{BIAS}$ potential when the output voltage begins to fall. In this condition, reverse current will flow from the output pin to the input pin, limited only by the $R_{DS(ON)}$ of the pass element and the output to input voltage differential. Discharging an output capacitor up 1000 µF in this manner will not damage the device as the current will rapidly decay. However, continuous reverse current should be avoided.
SOFT-START

The LP38851 incorporates a Soft-Start function that reduces the start-up current surge into the output capacitor ($C_{OUT}$) by allowing $V_{OUT}$ to rise slowly to the final value. This is accomplished by controlling $V_{REF}$ at the SS pin. The soft-start timing capacitor ($C_{SS}$) is internally held to ground until both $V_{BIAS}$ rises above the Under-Voltage Lock-Out threshold (ULVO) and the Enable pin is higher than the $V_{EN(ON)}$ threshold.

$V_{REF}$ will rise at an RC rate defined by the internal resistance of the SS pin ($r_{SS}$), and the external capacitor connected to the SS pin. This allows the output voltage to rise in a controlled manner until steady-state regulation is achieved. Typically, five time constants are recommended to assure that the output voltage is sufficiently close to the final steady-state value. During the soft-start time the output current can rise to the built-in current limit.

$$\text{Soft-Start Time} = C_{SS} \times r_{SS} \times 5 \quad (7)$$

Since the $V_{OUT}$ rise will be exponential, not linear, the in-rush current will peak during the first time constant ($\tau$), and $V_{OUT}$ will require four additional time constants ($4\tau$) to reach the final value ($5\tau$).

After achieving normal operation, should either $V_{BIAS}$ fall below the ULVO threshold, or the Enable pin fall below the $V_{EN(OFF)}$ threshold, the device output will be disabled and the Soft-Start capacitor ($C_{SS}$) discharge circuit will become active. The $C_{SS}$ discharge circuit will remain active until $V_{BIAS}$ falls to 500 mV (typical). When $V_{BIAS}$ falls below 500 mV (typical), the $C_{SS}$ discharge circuit will cease to function due to a lack of sufficient biasing to the control circuitry.

Since $V_{REF}$ appears on the SS pin, any leakage through $C_{SS}$ will cause $V_{REF}$ to fall, and thus affect $V_{OUT}$. A leakage of 50 nA (about 10 MΩ) through $C_{SS}$ will cause $V_{OUT}$ to be approximately 0.1% lower than nominal, while a leakage of 500 nA (about 1 MΩ) will cause $V_{OUT}$ to be approximately 1% lower than nominal. Typical ceramic capacitors will have a factor of 10X difference in leakage between 25°C and 85°C, so the maximum ambient temperature must be included in the capacitor selection process.

Typical $C_{SS}$ values will be in the range of 1 nF to 100 nF, providing typical Soft-Start times in the range of 70 µs to 7 ms ($5\tau$). Values less than 1 nF can be used, but the Soft-Start effect will be minimal. Values larger than 100 nF will provide soft-start, but may not be fully discharged if $V_{BIAS}$ falls from the UVLVO threshold to less than 500 mV in less than 100 µs.

**Figure 31** shows the relationship between the $C_{OUT}$ value and a typical $C_{SS}$ value.

![Figure 31. Typical $C_{SS}$ vs $C_{OUT}$ Values](image)

The $C_{SS}$ capacitor must be connected to a clean ground path back to the device ground pin. No components, other than $C_{SS}$, should be connected to the SS pin, as there could be adverse effects to $V_{OUT}$.

If the Soft-Start function is not needed the SS pin should be left open, although some minimal capacitance value is always recommended.
ENABLE OPERATION

The Enable pin (EN) provides a mechanism to enable, or disable, the regulator output stage. The Enable pin has an internal pull-up, through a typical 160 kΩ resistor, to VBIAS.

If the Enable pin is actively driven, pulling the Enable pin above the VEN threshold of 1.25V (typical) will turn the regulator output on, while pulling the Enable pin below the VEN threshold will turn the regulator output off. There is approximately 100 mV of hysteresis built into the Enable threshold to provide noise immunity.

If the Enable function is not needed this pin should be left open, or connected directly to VBIAS. If the Enable pin is left open, stray capacitance on this pin must be minimized, otherwise the output turn-on will be delayed while the stray capacitance is charged through the internal resistance (rEN).

POWER DISSIPATION AND HEAT-SINKING

Additional copper area for heat-sinking may be required depending on the maximum device dissipation (PD) and the maximum anticipated ambient temperature (TA) for the device. Under all possible conditions, the junction temperature must be within the range specified under operating conditions.

The total power dissipation of the device is the sum of three different points of dissipation in the device.

The first part is the power that is dissipated in the NMOS pass element, and can be determined with the formula:

\[ P_{D(PASS)} = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times I_{OUT} \]  

(8)

The second part is the power that is dissipated in the bias and control circuitry, and can be determined with the formula:

\[ P_{D(BIAS)} = V_{BIAS} \times I_{GND(BIAS)} \]

where

\[ I_{GND(BIAS)} \] is the portion of the operating ground current of the device that is related to VBIAS

(9)

The third part is the power that is dissipated in portions of the output stage circuitry, and can be determined with the formula:

\[ P_{D(IN)} = V_{IN} \times I_{GND(IN)} \]

where

\[ I_{GND(IN)} \] is the portion of the operating ground current of the device that is related to VIN

(10)

The total power dissipation is then:

\[ P_D = P_{D(PASS)} + P_{D(BIAS)} + P_{D(IN)} \]

(11)

The maximum allowable junction temperature rise (ΔTj) depends on the maximum anticipated ambient temperature (TA) for the application, and the maximum allowable operating junction temperature (TJ(MAX)).

\[ \Delta T_J = T_{J(MAX)} - T_A(MAX) \]

(12)

The maximum allowable value for junction to ambient Thermal Resistance, θJA, can be calculated using the formula:

\[ \theta_{JA} \leq \frac{\Delta T_J}{P_D} \]

(13)

Heat-Sinking The SFM Package

The SFM package has a θJA rating of 60°C/W and a θJC rating of 3°C/W. These ratings are for the package only, no additional heat-sinking, and with no airflow. If the needed θJA, as calculated above, is greater than or equal to 60°C/W then no additional heat-sinking is required since the package can safely dissipate the heat and not exceed the operating TJ(MAX). If the needed θJA is less than 60°C/W then additional heat-sinking is needed.

The thermal resistance of a SFM package can be reduced by attaching it to a heat sink or a copper plane on a PC board. If a copper plane is to be used, the values of θJA will be same as shown in next section for PFM package.

The heat-sink to be used in the application should have a heat-sink to ambient thermal resistance, θHA:

\[ \theta_{HA} \leq \theta_{JA} \times (\theta_{CH} + \theta_{JC}) \]
\[ \theta_H \leq \theta_{JA} - (\theta_{CH} + \theta_{JC}) \]

where

- \( \theta_{JA} \) is the required total thermal resistance from the junction to the ambient air, \( \theta_{CH} \) is the thermal resistance from the case to the surface of the heart-sink
- \( \theta_{JC} \) is the thermal resistance from the junction to the surface of the case

For this equation, \( \theta_{JC} \) is about 3°C/W for a SFM package. The value for \( \theta_{CH} \) depends on method of attachment, insulator, etc. \( \theta_{CH} \) varies between 1.5°C/W to 2.5°C/W. Consult the heat-sink manufacturer datasheet for details and recommendations.

**Heat-Sinking The PFM Package**

The PFM package has a \( \theta_{JA} \) rating of 60°C/W, and a \( \theta_{JC} \) rating of 3°C/W. These ratings are for the package only, no additional heat-sinking, and with no airflow.

The PFM package uses the copper plane on the PCB as a heat-sink. The tab of this package is soldered to the copper plane for heat sinking. Figure 32 shows a curve for the \( \theta_{JA} \) of PFM package for different copper area sizes, using a typical PCB with 1 ounce copper and no solder mask over the copper area for heat-sinking.

![Figure 32. \( \theta_{JA} \) vs Copper (1 Ounce) Area for the PFM package](image)

Figure 32 shows that increasing the copper area beyond 1 square inch produces very little improvement. The minimum value for \( \theta_{JA} \) for the PFM package mounted to a PCB is 32°C/W.

![Figure 33. Maximum Power Dissipation vs Ambient Temperature for the PFM Package](image)

Figure 33 shows the maximum allowable power dissipation for PFM packages for different ambient temperatures, assuming \( \theta_{JA} \) is 35°C/W and the maximum junction temperature is 125°C.
Heat-Sinking The SO PowerPad Package

The LP38851MR package has a $\theta_{JA}$ rating of 168°C/W, and a $\theta_{JC}$ rating of 11°C/W. The $\theta_{JA}$ rating of 168°C/W includes the device DAP soldered to an area of 0.008 square inches (0.09 in x 0.09 in) of 1 ounce copper, with no airflow.

![Figure 34. $\theta_{JA}$ vs Copper (1 Ounce) Area for the SO PowerPad Package](image)

Increasing the copper area soldered to the DAP to 1 square inch of 1 ounce copper, using a dog-bone type layout, will improve the $\theta_{JA}$ rating to 98°C/W. Figure 34 shows that increasing the copper area beyond 1 square inch produces very little improvement.

![Figure 35. Maximum Power Dissipation vs Ambient Temperature for the SO PowerPad Package](image)

Figure 35 shows the maximum allowable power dissipation for the SO PowerPad package for a range of ambient temperatures, assuming $\theta_{JA}$ is 98°C/W and the maximum junction temperature is 125°C.
## REVISION HISTORY

### Changes from Revision B (April 2013) to Revision C

- Changed layout of National Data Sheet to TI format  

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

(4) There may be additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category on the device.

(5) Multiple Device Markings will be inside parentheses. Only one Device Marking contained in parentheses and separated by a "~" will appear on a device. If a line is indented then it is a continuation of the previous line and the two combined represent the entire Device Marking for that device.
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## TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION

### Reel Dimensions

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<td>W</td>
<td>Overall width of the carrier tape</td>
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<td>P1</td>
<td>Pitch between successive cavity centers</td>
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### TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS

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THERMAL INFORMATION

This PowerPAD™ package incorporates an exposed thermal pad that is designed to be attached to a printed circuit board (PCB). The thermal pad must be soldered directly to the 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 additional information on the PowerPAD package and how to take advantage of its heat dissipating abilities, refer to Technical Brief, PowerPAD Thermally Enhanced Package, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA002 and Application Brief, PowerPAD Made Easy, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA004. Both documents are available at www.ti.com.

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

![Exposed Thermal Pad Dimensions](image)

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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 Technical Brief, PowerPAD Thermally Enhanced Package, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLMA002, SLMA004, 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>. Publication IPC-7351 is recommended for alternate designs.
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. Example stencil design based on a 50% volumetric metal load solder paste. Refer to IPC-7525 for other stencil recommendations.
F. Customers should contact their board fabrication site for solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads.

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NOTES:

1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
3. This dimension does not include mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs shall not exceed 0.15 mm per side.
4. This dimension does not include interlead flash. Interlead flash shall not exceed 0.25 mm per side.
5. Reference JEDEC registration MS-012.
NOTES: (continued)

6. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.
7. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.
8. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature numbers SLMA002 (www.ti.com/lit/slma002) and SLMA004 (www.ti.com/lit/slma004).
9. Size of metal pad may vary due to creepage requirement.
10. Vias are optional depending on application, refer to device data sheet. If any vias are implemented, refer to their locations shown on this view. It is recommended that vias under paste be filled, plugged or tented.
EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

PowerPAD™ SOIC - 1.7 mm max height

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11. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.

12. Board assembly site may have different recommendations for stencil design.

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