TPS737xx 1-A Low-Dropout Regulator With Reverse Current Protection

1 Features

- Stable With 1-μF or Larger Ceramic Output Capacitor
- Input Voltage Range: 2.2 V to 5.5 V
- Ultralow Dropout Voltage: 130 mV Typical at 1 A
- Excellent Load Transient Response—Even With Only 1-μF Output Capacitor
- NMOS Topology Delivers Low Reverse Leakage Current
- 1% Initial Accuracy
- 3% Overall Accuracy Over Line, Load, and Temperature
- Less Than 20 nA Typical I\text{\textsubscript{O}} in Shutdown Mode
- Thermal Shutdown and Current Limit for Fault Protection
- Available in Multiple Output Voltage Versions
  - Adjustable Output: 1.20 V to 5.5 V
  - Custom Outputs Available Using Factory Package-Level Programming

2 Applications

- Point-of-Load Regulation for DSPs, FPGAs, ASICs, and Microprocessors
- Post-Regulation for Switching Supplies
- Portable and Battery-Powered Equipment

3 Description

The TPS737xx family of linear low-dropout (LDO) voltage regulators uses an NMOS pass element in a voltage-follower configuration. This topology is relatively insensitive to output capacitor value and ESR, allowing a wide variety of load configurations. Load transient response is excellent, even with a small 1-μF ceramic output capacitor. The NMOS topology also allows very low dropout.

The TPS737xx family uses an advanced BiCMOS process to yield high precision while delivering very low dropout voltages and low ground pin current. Current consumption, when not enabled, is less than 20 nA and ideal for portable applications. These devices are protected by thermal shutdown and foldback current limit.

For applications that require higher output voltage accuracy, consider TI’s TPS7A37xx family of 1% overall accuracy, 1-A low-dropout voltage regulators.

Device Information\(^{(1)}\)

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<tr>
<th>PART NUMBER</th>
<th>PACKAGE</th>
<th>BODY SIZE (NOM)</th>
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<tr>
<td>TPS737xx</td>
<td>VSON (8)</td>
<td>3.00 mm × 3.00 mm</td>
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<td>SOT-223 (6)</td>
<td>6.50 mm × 3.50 mm</td>
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<td></td>
<td>WSON (6)</td>
<td>2.00 mm × 2.00 mm</td>
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\(^{(1)}\) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.

Typical Application Circuit

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4 Revision History

NOTE: Page numbers for previous revisions may differ from page numbers in the current version.

Changes from Revision P (July 2013) to Revision Q

- Added ESD Ratings table, Feature Description section, Device Functional Modes, Application and Implementation section, Power Supply Recommendations section, Layout section, Device and Documentation Support section, and Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information section ................................................................. 1
- Changed "free-air temperature" to "junction temperature" in Absolute Maximum Ratings condition statement ........................................... 5
- Changed "free-air temperature" to "junction temperature" in Recommended Operating Conditions condition statement ........................................... 5
- Changed Internal Reference parameter (V_{FB}) typical values from 1.2 V to 1.204 V................................................................. 7

Changes from Revision O (June 2012) to Revision P

- Added last paragraph to Description section................................................................. 1

Changes from Revision N (June 2011) to Revision O

- Changed Thermal Information table data and footnote 2b................................................................. 6
- Changed V_{FB} Internal reference parameter in Electrical Characteristics table................................................................. 7
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- Added footnote (3) to Thermal Information table................................................................. 7
- Added footnote to Figure 39.............................................................................................. 21
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- Corrected typo in Figure 39 ........................................................................................................................................... 21
5 Pin Configuration and Functions

### 6-Pin SOT-223 DCQ Package Top View

#### 8-Pin VSON DRB Package Top View

### 6-Pin WSON DRV Package(1)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PIN</th>
<th>I/O</th>
<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IN</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>Unregulated input supply</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GND</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EN</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>Driving the enable pin (EN) high turns on the regulator. Driving this pin low puts the regulator into shutdown mode. Refer to the Enable Pin and Shutdown section under Application Information for more details. EN must not be left floating and can be connected to IN if not used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NR</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Fixed voltage versions only—connecting an external capacitor to this pin bypasses noise generated by the internal bandgap, reducing output noise to very low levels.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FB</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>Adjustable voltage version only—this is the input to the control loop error amplifier, and is used to set the output voltage of the device.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OUT</td>
<td>O</td>
<td>Regulator output. A 1.0-μF or larger capacitor of any type is required for stability.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NC</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Not connected</td>
</tr>
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</table>

(1) Power dissipation may limit operating range. Check Thermal Information table.
# Specifications

## 6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating junction temperature range (unless otherwise noted) \(^\text{(1)}\)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Voltage</th>
<th>MIN</th>
<th>MAX</th>
<th>UNIT</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(V_{\text{IN}})</td>
<td>(-0.3)</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(V_{\text{EN}})</td>
<td>(-0.3)</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(V_{\text{OUT}})</td>
<td>(-0.3)</td>
<td>5.5</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(V_{\text{NR}}, V_{\text{FB}})</td>
<td>(-0.3)</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Peak output current | \(I_{\text{OUT}}\) | Internally limited |
| Output short-circuit duration | | Indefinite |
| Continuous total power dissipation | \(P_{\text{DISS}}\) | See Thermal Information |
| Temperature | Junction range, \(T_{J}\) | \(-55\) | 150 | °C |
| | Storage range, \(T_{\text{stg}}\) | \(-65\) | 150 | °C |

\(^{\text{(1)}}\) 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

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<th>Electrostatic discharge</th>
<th>VALUE</th>
<th>UNIT</th>
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<tr>
<td>Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001, all pins (^{\text{(1)}})</td>
<td>±2000</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101, all pins (^{\text{(2)}})</td>
<td>±500</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
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</table>

\(^{\text{(1)}}\) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process. 

\(^{\text{(2)}}\) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

## 6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating junction temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

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<th>Min</th>
<th>Nom</th>
<th>Max</th>
<th>Unit</th>
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<tr>
<td>(V_{\text{IN}})</td>
<td>Input supply voltage range</td>
<td>2.2</td>
<td>5.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(I_{\text{OUT}})</td>
<td>Output current</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(T_{J})</td>
<td>Operating junction temperature</td>
<td>(-40)</td>
<td>125</td>
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6.4 Thermal Information

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<tr>
<th>THERMAL METRIC(1)</th>
<th>TPS737xx(2)</th>
<th>8 PINS</th>
<th>6 PINS</th>
<th>6 PINS</th>
<th>UNIT</th>
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<tr>
<td>$R_{\text{JA}}$</td>
<td>Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance(4)</td>
<td>49.5</td>
<td>53.1</td>
<td>67.2</td>
<td>°C/W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$R_{\text{JC(top)}}$</td>
<td>Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance(5)</td>
<td>58.9</td>
<td>35.2</td>
<td>87.6</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>$R_{\text{JB}}$</td>
<td>Junction-to-board thermal resistance(6)</td>
<td>25.1</td>
<td>7.8</td>
<td>36.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>$\psi_{\text{JT}}$</td>
<td>Junction-to-top characterization parameter(7)</td>
<td>1.7</td>
<td>2.9</td>
<td>1.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>$\psi_{\text{JB}}$</td>
<td>Junction-to-board characterization parameter(8)</td>
<td>25.2</td>
<td>7.7</td>
<td>37.2</td>
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<tr>
<td>$R_{\text{JC(bot)}}$</td>
<td>Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance(9)</td>
<td>8.6</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>7.7</td>
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(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the IC Package Thermal Metrics application report, SPRA953.

(2) Thermal data for the DRB, DCQ, and DRV 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. DRB: The exposed pad is connected to the PCB ground layer through a 2 × 2 thermal via array.
      ii. DCQ: The exposed pad is connected to the PCB ground layer through a 3 × 2 thermal via array.
      iii. DRV: The exposed pad is connected to the PCB ground layer through a 2 × 2 thermal via array. Due to size limitation of thermal pad, 0.8-mm pitch array is used which is off the JEDEC standard.
   (b) The top copper layer has a detailed copper trace pattern. The bottom copper layer is assumed to have a 20% thermal conductivity of copper, representing a 20% copper coverage.
   (c) These data were generated with only a single device at the center of a JEDEC high-K (2s2p) board with 3-inch × 3-inch copper area.
   To understand the effects of the copper area on thermal performance, see the Power Dissipation and Estimating Junction Temperature sections of this data sheet.

(3) Power dissipation may limit operating range.

(4) The junction-to-ambient thermal resistance under natural convection is obtained in a simulation on a JEDEC-standard, high-K board, as specified in JESD51-7, in an environment described in JESD51-2a.

(5) The junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance is obtained by simulating a cold plate test on the top of the package. No specific JEDEC-standard test exists, but a close description can be found in the ANSI SEMI standard G30-88.

(6) The junction-to-board thermal resistance is obtained by simulating in an environment with a ring cold plate fixture to control the PCB temperature, as described in JESD51-8.

(7) The junction-to-top characterization parameter, $\psi_{\text{JT}}$, estimates the junction temperature of a device in a real system and is extracted from the simulation data to obtain $R_{\text{JA}}$ using a procedure described in JESD51-2a (sections 6 and 7).

(8) The junction-to-board characterization parameter, $\psi_{\text{JB}}$, estimates the junction temperature of a device in a real system and is extracted from the simulation data to obtain $R_{\text{JA}}$ using a procedure described in JESD51-2a (sections 6 and 7).

(9) The junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance is obtained by simulating a cold plate test on the exposed (power) pad. No specific JEDEC standard test exists, but a close description can be found in the ANSI SEMI standard G30-88.
### 6.5 Electrical Characteristics

Over operating temperature range (\(T_J = -40^\circ\text{C}\) to 125°C), \(V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} + 1\) V\(^{(1)}\), \(I_{OUT} = 10\) mA, \(V_{EN} = 2.2\) V, and \(C_{OUT} = 2.2\) μF, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at \(T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}\).

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<th>PARAMETER</th>
<th>TEST CONDITIONS</th>
<th>MIN</th>
<th>TYP</th>
<th>MAX</th>
<th>UNIT</th>
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<td>(V_{IN})</td>
<td>Input voltage range(^{(1)(2)})</td>
<td>2.2</td>
<td>5.5</td>
<td>V</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>(V_{FB})</td>
<td>Internal reference (DCQ package)</td>
<td>(T_J = 25^\circ\text{C})</td>
<td>1.198</td>
<td>1.204</td>
<td>1.21</td>
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<td>Internal reference (DRB and DRV packages)</td>
<td>(T_J = 25^\circ\text{C})</td>
<td>1.192</td>
<td>1.204</td>
<td>1.216</td>
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<tr>
<td>(V_{OUT})</td>
<td>Output voltage range (TPS73701)(^{(5)})</td>
<td>Nominal</td>
<td>(T_J = 25^\circ\text{C})</td>
<td>(-1)</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Accuracy(^{(1)(4)})</td>
<td>5.36 V (&lt; V_{IN} &lt; 5.5) V, (V_{OUT} = 5.08) V, (10) mA (&lt; I_{OUT} &lt; 800) mA, (-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J &lt; \text{85}^\circ\text{C}), TPS73701 (DCQ)</td>
<td>(-2)</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Over (V_{IN}), (I_{OUT}), and (T)</td>
<td>(V_{OUT} + 0.5) V (&lt; V_{IN} \leq 5.5) V, (10) mA (&lt; I_{OUT} \leq 1) A</td>
<td>(-3)</td>
<td>±0.5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>(\Delta V_{OUT\langle AVIN\rangle})</td>
<td>Line regulation(^{(1)})</td>
<td>(V_{OUT(nom)} + 0.5) V (&lt; V_{IN} \leq 5.5) V</td>
<td>0.01</td>
<td>%/V</td>
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<tr>
<td>(\Delta V_{OUT\langle AOLUT\rangle})</td>
<td>Load regulation</td>
<td>1 mA (&lt; I_{OUT} \leq 1) A</td>
<td>0.002</td>
<td>%/mA</td>
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<td>10 mA (&lt; I_{OUT} \leq 1) A</td>
<td>0.0005</td>
<td>%/mA</td>
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<tr>
<td>(V_{DO})</td>
<td>Dropout voltage(^{(5)})</td>
<td>(V_{DO} = V_{OUT(nom)} \leq \text{0.1 V})</td>
<td>(I_{OUT} = 1) A</td>
<td>130</td>
<td>500</td>
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<tr>
<td>(Z_{OUT\langle DO\rangle})</td>
<td>Output impedance in dropout</td>
<td>2.2 V (&lt; V_{IN} \leq V_{OUT} + V_{DO})</td>
<td>0.25</td>
<td>Ω</td>
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<tr>
<td>(I_{CL})</td>
<td>Output current limit</td>
<td>(V_{OUT} = 0.9 \times V_{OUT(nom)})</td>
<td>1.05</td>
<td>1.6</td>
<td>2.2</td>
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<td>(I_{OS})</td>
<td>Short-circuit current</td>
<td>(V_{OUT} = 0) V</td>
<td>450</td>
<td>mA</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>(I_{REV})</td>
<td>Reverse leakage current(^{(6)}) (\langle -I_{IN}\rangle)</td>
<td>(V_{EN} \leq 0.5) V, (0) V (&lt; V_{IN} \leq V_{OUT})</td>
<td>0.1</td>
<td>μA</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>(I_{GND})</td>
<td>GND pin current</td>
<td>(I_{OUT} = 10) mA</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>µA</td>
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<td>(I_{OUT} = 1) A</td>
<td>1300</td>
<td>µA</td>
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<td>(I_{SHDN})</td>
<td>Shutdown current (\langle I_{GND}\rangle)</td>
<td>(V_{EN} \leq 0.5) V, (V_{OUT} \leq V_{IN})</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>nA</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>(I_{FB})</td>
<td>FB pin current (TPS73701)</td>
<td>(I_{OUT} = 10) mA</td>
<td>0.1</td>
<td>0.6</td>
<td>μA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(PSRR)</td>
<td>Power-supply rejection ratio (ripple rejection)</td>
<td>(f = 100) Hz, (I_{OUT} = 1) A</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>dB</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(f = 10) kHz, (I_{OUT} = 1) A</td>
<td>37</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(V_n)</td>
<td>Output noise voltage (\langle BW = 10) Hz to 100 kHz)</td>
<td>(C_{OUT} = 10) μF</td>
<td>27 × (V_{OUT})</td>
<td>μV(_{RMS})</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>(I_{STR})</td>
<td>Start-up time</td>
<td>(V_{OUT} = 3) V, (R_L = 30) Ω, (C_{OUT} = 1) μF</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>μs</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>(V_{EN\langle HI\rangle})</td>
<td>EN pin high (enabled)</td>
<td>(V_{IN} = 1.7) V</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>(V_{EN\langle LO\rangle})</td>
<td>EN pin low (shutdown)</td>
<td>(V_{EN} = 5.5) V</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>V</td>
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<tr>
<td>(I_{EN\langle HI\rangle})</td>
<td>EN pin current (enabled)</td>
<td>(V_{EN} = 5.5) V</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>nA</td>
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<td>(T_{sd})</td>
<td>Thermal shutdown temperature</td>
<td></td>
<td>160</td>
<td>°C</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Shutdown, temperature increasing</td>
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<td>140</td>
<td>°C</td>
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<tr>
<td>(T_J)</td>
<td>Operating junction temperature</td>
<td></td>
<td>-40</td>
<td>125</td>
<td>°C</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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(1) Minimum \(V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + V_{DO}\) or 2.2 V, whichever is greater.
(2) For \(V_{OUT\langle nom\rangle} < 1.6\) V, when \(V_{IN} \leq 1.6\) V, the output locks to \(V_{IN}\) and may result in an over-voltage condition on the output. To avoid this situation, disable the device before powering down \(V_{IN}\).
(3) TPS73701 is tested at \(V_{OUT} = 1.2\) V.
(4) Accuracy of external resistors not included in this specification.
(5) \(V_{DO}\) is not measured for fixed output versions with \(V_{OUT\langle nom\rangle} < 2.3\) V because minimum \(V_{IN} = 2.2\) V.
(6) Fixed-voltage versions only; refer to the Application Information section for more information.
6.6 Typical Characteristics

For all voltage versions at $T_J = 25^\circ C$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} + 1$ V, $I_{OUT} = 10$ mA, $V_{EN} = 2.2$ V, and $C_{OUT} = 2.2$ $\mu$F, unless otherwise noted.

![Graph](image1)

**Figure 1. Load Regulation**

![Graph](image2)

**Figure 2. Line Regulation**

![Graph](image3)

**Figure 3. Dropout Voltage vs Output Current**

![Graph](image4)

**Figure 4. Dropout Voltage vs Temperature**

![Graph](image5)

**Figure 5. Output Voltage Histogram**

![Graph](image6)

**Figure 6. Output Voltage Drift Histogram**
Typical Characteristics (continued)

For all voltage versions at $T_J = 25^\circ C$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} + 1$ V, $I_{OUT} = 10$ mA, $V_{EN} = 2.2$ V, and $C_{OUT} = 2.2$ μF, unless otherwise noted.

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Figure 7. Ground Pin Current vs Output Current

Figure 8. Ground Pin Current vs Temperature

Figure 9. Ground Pin Current in Shutdown vs Temperature

Figure 10. Current Limit vs $V_{OUT}$ (Foldback)

Figure 11. Current Limit vs $V_{IN}$

Figure 12. Current Limit vs Temperature
Typical Characteristics (continued)

For all voltage versions at $T_J = 25^\circ C$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} + 1$ V, $I_{OUT} = 10$ mA, $V_{EN} = 2.2$ V, and $C_{OUT} = 2.2$ μF, unless otherwise noted.

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**Figure 13. PSRR (Ripple Rejection) vs Frequency**

**Figure 14. PSRR (Ripple Rejection) vs ($V_{IN} - V_{OUT}$)**

**Figure 15. Noise Spectral Density**

**Figure 16. TPS73701 RMS Noise Voltage vs $C_{FB}$**

**Figure 17. RMS Noise Voltage vs $C_{OUT}$**

**Figure 18. RMS Noise Voltage vs $C_{NR}$**
Typical Characteristics (continued)

For all voltage versions at $T_J = 25°C$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} + 1$ V, $I_{OUT} = 10$ mA, $V_{EN} = 2.2$ V, and $C_{OUT} = 2.2 \mu$F, unless otherwise noted.

Figure 19. TPS73733 Load Transient Response

Figure 20. TPS73733 Line Transient Response

Figure 21. TPS73701 Turnon Response

Figure 22. TPS73701 Turnoff Response

Figure 23. TPS73701, $V_{OUT} = 3.3$-V Power Up and Power Down

Figure 24. $I_{EN}$ vs Temperature
Typical Characteristics (continued)

For all voltage versions at $T_J = 25^\circ C$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} + 1$ V, $I_{OUT} = 10$ mA, $V_{EN} = 2.2$ V, and $C_{OUT} = 2.2$ μF, unless otherwise noted.

**Figure 25. TPS73701 RMS Noise Voltage vs $C_{FB}$**

**Figure 26. TPS73701 $I_{FB}$ vs Temperature**

**Figure 27. TPS73701 Load Transient, Adjustable Version**

**Figure 28. TPS73701 Line Transient, Adjustable Version**
7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The TPS737xx belongs to a family of new generation LDO regulators that use an NMOS pass transistor to achieve ultralow dropout performance, reverse current blockage, and freedom from output capacitor constraints. These features combined with an enable input make the TPS737xx ideal for portable applications. This regulator family offers a wide selection of fixed-output voltage versions and an adjustable-output version. All versions have thermal and overcurrent protection, including foldback current-limit.

7.2 Functional Block Diagrams

![Functional Block Diagram](image)

Figure 29. Fixed-Voltage Version
7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 Output Noise

A precision bandgap reference is used to generate the internal reference voltage, $V_{\text{ref}}$. This reference is the dominant noise source within the TPS737xx and it generates approximately $32 \, \mu V_{\text{RMS}}$ (10 Hz to 100 kHz) at the reference output (NR). The regulator control loop gains up the reference noise with the same gain as the reference voltage, so that the noise voltage of the regulator is approximately given by:

$$ V_N = 32\mu V_{\text{RMS}} \times \frac{(R_1 + R_2)}{R_2} = 32\mu V_{\text{RMS}} \times \frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{V_{\text{REF}}} $$

(1)

Because the value of $V_R$ is 1.2 V, this relationship reduces to:

$$ V_N(\mu V_{\text{RMS}}) = 27\left(\frac{\mu V_{\text{RMS}}}{V}\right) \times V_{\text{OUT}}(V) $$

(2)

for the case of no $C_{\text{NR}}$.

An internal 27-kΩ resistor in series with the noise reduction pin (NR) forms a low-pass filter for the voltage reference when an external noise reduction capacitor, $C_{\text{NR}}$, is connected from NR to ground. For $C_{\text{NR}} = 10$ nF, the total noise in the 10-Hz to 100-kHz bandwidth is reduced by a factor of approximately 3.2, giving the approximate relationship:

$$ V_N(\mu V_{\text{RMS}}) = 8.5 \left(\frac{\mu V_{\text{RMS}}}{V}\right) \times V_{\text{OUT}}(V) $$

(3)

for $C_{\text{NR}} = 10$ nF.

This noise reduction effect is shown as RMS Noise Voltage vs $C_{\text{NR}}$ in the Typical Characteristics section.
Feature Description (continued)

The TPS73701 adjustable version does not have the NR pin available. However, connecting a feedback capacitor, \( C_{FB} \), from the output to the feedback pin (FB) reduces output noise and improve load transient performance. This capacitor should be limited to 0.1 \( \mu \)F.

The TPS737xx uses an internal charge pump to develop an internal supply voltage sufficient to drive the gate of the NMOS pass element above \( V_{OUT} \). The charge pump generates approximately 250 \( \mu \)V of switching noise at approximately 4 MHz; however, charge-pump noise contribution is negligible at the output of the regulator for most values of \( I_{OUT} \) and \( C_{OUT} \).

### 7.3.2 Internal Current Limit

The TPS737xx internal current limit helps protect the regulator during fault conditions. Foldback current-limit helps to protect the regulator from damage during output short-circuit conditions by reducing current-limit when \( V_{OUT} \) drops below 0.5 V. See Figure 10 in the Typical Characteristics section.

Note from Figure 10 that approximately –0.2 V of \( V_{OUT} \) results in a current-limit of 0 mA. Therefore, if OUT is forced below –0.2 V before EN goes high, the device may not start up. In applications that work with both a positive and negative voltage supply, the TPS737xx should be enabled first.

### 7.3.3 Enable Pin and Shutdown

The enable pin (EN) is active high and is compatible with standard TTL-CMOS levels. \( V_{EN} \) below 0.5 V (maximum) turns the regulator off and drops the GND pin current to approximately 10 nA. When EN is used to shutdown the regulator, all charge is removed from the pass transistor gate, and the output ramps back up to a regulated \( V_{OUT} \) (see Figure 21).

When shutdown capability is not required, EN can be connected to \( V_{IN} \). However, the pass gate may not be discharged using this configuration, and the pass transistor may be left on (enhanced) for a significant time after \( V_{IN} \) has been removed. This scenario can result in reverse current flow (if the IN pin is low impedance) and faster ramp times upon power up. In addition, for \( V_{IN} \) ramp times slower than a few milliseconds, the output may overshoot upon power up.

Note that current limit foldback can prevent device start-up under some conditions. See the Internal Current Limit section for more information.

### 7.3.4 Reverse Current

The NMOS pass element of the TPS737xx provides inherent protection against current flow from the output of the regulator to the input when the gate of the pass device is pulled low. To ensure that all charge is removed from the gate of the pass element, the EN pin must be driven low before the input voltage is removed. If the EN pin is not driven low, the pass element may be left on because of stored charge on the gate.

After the EN pin is driven low, no bias voltage is needed on any pin for reverse current blocking. Reverse current is specified as the current flowing out of the IN pin because of voltage applied on the OUT pin. There is additional current flowing into the OUT pin as a result of the 80-k\( \Omega \) internal resistor divider to ground (see Figure 29 and Figure 30).

For the TPS73701, reverse current may flow when \( V_{FB} \) is more than 1.0 V above \( V_{IN} \).

### 7.4 Device Functional Modes

Driving the EN pin over 1.7 V turns on the regulator. Driving the EN pin below 0.5 V causes the regulator to enter shutdown mode. In shutdown, the current consumption of the device is reduced to 20 nA, typically.
8 Application and Implementation

NOTE
Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

8.1 Application Information

The TPS737xx family of LDO regulators use an NMOS pass transistor to achieve ultra-low-dropout performance, reverse current blockage, and freedom from output capacitor constraints. These features, combined with low noise and an enable input, make the TPS737xx ideal for portable applications. This regulator family offers a wide selection of fixed-output voltage versions and an adjustable-output version. All versions have thermal and overcurrent protection, including foldback current-limit.

8.2 Typical Applications

Figure 31 shows the basic circuit connections for the fixed-voltage models. Figure 32 gives the connections for the adjustable output version (TPS73701).

**Figure 31. Typical Application Circuit for Fixed-Voltage Versions**

**Figure 32. Typical Application Circuit for Adjustable-Voltage Version**

8.2.1 Design Requirements

R1 and R2 can be calculated for any output voltage using the formula shown in Figure 32. Sample resistor values for common output voltages are shown in Figure 30.

For best accuracy, make the parallel combination of R1 and R2 approximately equal to 19 kΩ. This 19 kΩ, in addition to the internal 8-kΩ resistor, presents the same impedance to the error amp as the 27-kΩ bandgap reference output. This impedance helps compensate for leakages into the error amp terminals.

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

Provide an input supply with adequate headroom to account for dropout and output current to compensate for the GND terminal current and to power the load. Further, select adequate input and output capacitors as discussed in Input and Output Capacitor Requirements.
Typical Applications (continued)

8.2.2.1 Input and Output Capacitor Requirements

Although an input capacitor is not required for stability if input impedance is very low, it is good analog design practice to connect a 0.1-μF to 1-μF low equivalent series resistance (ESR) capacitor across the input supply near the regulator. This capacitor counteracts reactive input sources and improves transient response, noise rejection, and ripple rejection. A higher-value capacitor may be necessary if large, fast rise-time load transients are anticipated or the device is located several inches from the power source.

The TPS737xx requires a 1-μF output capacitor for stability. It is designed to be stable for all available types and values of capacitors. In applications where multiple low-ESR capacitors are in parallel, ringing may occur when the product of \( C_{\text{OUT}} \) and total ESR drops below 50 nF. Total ESR includes all parasitic resistances, including capacitor ESR and board, socket, and solder joint resistance. In most applications, the sum of capacitor ESR and trace resistance meets this requirement.

8.2.2.2 Dropout Voltage

The TPS737xx uses an NMOS pass transistor to achieve extremely low dropout. When \((V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}})\) is less than the dropout voltage \(V_{\text{DO}}\), the NMOS pass device is in its linear region of operation and the input-to-output resistance is the \(R_{\text{DS(on)}}\) of the NMOS pass element.

For large step changes in load current, the TPS737xx requires a larger voltage drop from \(V_{\text{IN}}\) to \(V_{\text{OUT}}\) to avoid degraded transient response. The boundary of this transient dropout region is approximately twice the DC dropout. Values of \((V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}})\) above this line ensure normal transient response.

Operating in the transient dropout region can cause an increase in recovery time. The time required to recover from a load transient is a function of the magnitude of the change in load current rate, the rate of change in load current, and the available headroom \((V_{\text{IN}}\text{-to-}V_{\text{OUT}}\text{ voltage drop})\). Under worst-case conditions [full-scale instantaneous load change with \((V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}})\) close to DC dropout levels], the TPS737xx can take a couple of hundred microseconds to return to the specified regulation accuracy.

8.2.2.3 Transient Response

The low open-loop output impedance provided by the NMOS pass element in a voltage follower configuration allows operation without a 1-μF output capacitor. As with any regulator, the addition of additional capacitance from the OUT pin to ground reduces undershoot magnitude but increases its duration. In the adjustable version, the addition of a capacitor, \(C_{\text{FB}}\), from the OUT pin to the FB pin will also improve the transient response.

The TPS737xx does not have active pulldown when the output is over-voltage. This architecture allows applications that connect higher voltage sources, such as alternate power supplies, to the output. This architecture also results in an output overshoot of several percent if the load current quickly drops to zero when a capacitor is connected to the output. The duration of overshoot can be reduced by adding a load resistor. The overshoot decays at a rate determined by output capacitor \(C_{\text{OUT}}\) and the internal/external load resistance. The rate of decay is given by:

\[
\frac{dV}{dT} = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{C_{\text{OUT}} \times 80k\Omega \parallel R_{\text{LOAD}}} \quad (4)
\]

\[
\frac{dV}{dT} = \frac{V_{\text{OUT}}}{C_{\text{OUT}} \times 80k\Omega \parallel (R_1 + R_2) \parallel R_{\text{LOAD}}} \quad (5)
\]
Typical Applications (continued)

8.2.3 Application Curves

Figure 33. PSRR (Ripple Rejection) vs Frequency

Figure 34. Noise Spectral Density

Figure 35. TPS73701, \( V_{OUT} = 3.3 \text{-V Power Up and Power Down} \)

8.3 Do's and Don'ts

Place at least one 1-\( \mu \)F ceramic capacitor as close as possible to the OUT terminal of the regulator.

Do not place the output capacitor more than 10-mm away from the regulator.

Connect a 1-\( \mu \)F low equivalent series resistance (ESR) capacitor across the IN terminal and GND input of the regulator for improved transient performance.

Do not exceed the absolute maximum ratings.

9 Power Supply Recommendations

The device is designed to operate from an input voltage supply range between 2.2 V and 5.5 V. The input voltage range provides adequate headroom in order for the device to have a regulated output. This input supply must be well regulated. If the input supply is noisy, additional input capacitors with low ESR help improve the output noise performance.
10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines
To improve AC performance such as PSRR, output noise, and transient response, TI recommends designing the printed-circuit-board (PCB) with separate ground planes for $V_{IN}$ and $V_{OUT}$, with each ground plane connected only at the GND pin of the device. In addition, the ground connection for the bypass capacitor should connect directly to the GND pin of the device.

10.2 Layout Example

![Layout Example Diagram]

Figure 36. Layout Example

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 6:**

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

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 both SON (DRB) and SON (DRV) packages, the primary conduction path for heat is through the exposed pad to the printed circuit board (PCB). The pad can be connected to ground or be left floating; however, it should be attached to an appropriate amount of copper PCB area to ensure the device does not overheat. On the SOT-223 (DCQ) package, the primary conduction path for heat is through the tab to the PCB. That tab should be connected 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 calculated using **Equation 7:**

$$R_{JJA} = \frac{(\pm 125°C - T_A)}{P_D}$$
Power Dissipation (continued)

Knowing the maximum $R_{\theta JA}$, the minimum amount of PCB copper area needed for appropriate heatsinking can be estimated using Figure 37.

![Figure 37. $\theta_{JA}$ vs Board Size](image)

Note: $\theta_{JA}$ value at board size of 9 in² (that is, 3 in x 3 in) is a JEDEC standard.

Figure 37 shows the variation of $\theta_{JA}$ as a function of ground plane copper area in the board. It is intended only as a guideline to demonstrate the effects of heat spreading in the ground plane and should not be used to estimate actual thermal performance in real application environments.

**NOTE**

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

10.4 Thermal Protection

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

Any tendency to activate the thermal protection circuit indicates excessive power dissipation or an inadequate heatsink. For reliable operation, junction temperature should be limited to 125°C maximum. To estimate the margin of safety in a complete design (including heatsink), increase the ambient temperature until the thermal protection is triggered; use worst-case loads and signal conditions. For good reliability, thermal protection should trigger at least 35°C above the maximum expected ambient condition of your application. This 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 TPS737xx has been designed to protect against overload conditions. It was not intended to replace proper heatsinking. Continuously running the TPS737xx into thermal shutdown degrades device reliability.

10.5 Estimating Junction Temperature

Using the thermal metrics $\Psi_{JT}$ and $\Psi_{JB}$, as shown in the **Thermal Information** table, the junction temperature can be estimated with corresponding formulas (given in Equation 8). For backward compatibility, an older $\theta_{JC,Top}$ parameter is listed as well.

\[
\begin{align*}
\Psi_{JT}: \quad T_J &= T_T + \Psi_{JT} \cdot P_D \\
\Psi_{JB}: \quad T_J &= T_B + \Psi_{JB} \cdot P_D
\end{align*}
\]

Equation 8

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Estimating Junction Temperature (continued)

Where $P_D$ is the power dissipation shown by Equation 6, $T_T$ 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 (as Figure 39 shows).

**NOTE**

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


By looking at Figure 38, the new thermal metrics ($\Psi_{JT}$ and $\Psi_{JB}$) have very little dependency on board size. That is, using $\Psi_{JT}$ or $\Psi_{JB}$ with Equation 8 is a good way to estimate $T_J$ by simply measuring $T_T$ or $T_B$, regardless of the application board size.

![Figure 38. $\Psi_{JT}$ and $\Psi_{JB}$ vs Board Size](image)

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

![Figure 39. Measuring Points for $T_T$ and $T_B$](image)

(1) Power dissipation may limit operating range. Check *Thermal Information* table.
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 TPS737xx. The TPS73701DRVEVM-529 evaluation module (and related user's 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 TPS737 is available through the product folders under Tools & Software.

11.1.2 Device Nomenclature

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(1) For the most current package and ordering information see the Package Option Addendum at the end of this document, or see the device product folder at www.ti.com.
(2) For fixed 1.20-V operation, tie FB to OUT.

11.2 Documentation Support

11.2.1 Related Documentation

- Using New Thermal Metrics, SBVA025
- TPS73701DRVEVM-529 User's Guide, SLVU880
- TMS320DM644x Power Reference Design, SLVA314
- TPS73x01DRBEVM-518 User's Guide, SBVU014

11.3 Community Resources

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11.4 Trademarks

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11.5 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.
11.6 Glossary

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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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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.

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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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**OTHER QUALIFIED VERSIONS OF TPS737:**

- Automotive: TPS737-Q1

**NOTE:** Qualified Version Definitions:

- Automotive - Q100 devices qualified for high-reliability automotive applications targeting zero defects
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C. Controlling dimension in inches.
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Lead width dimension does not include dambar protrusion.

⚠️ Lead width and thickness dimensions apply to solder plated leads.
C. Interlead flash allow 0.008 inch max.
H. Gate burr/protrusion max. 0.006 inch.
I. Datums A and B are to be determined at Datum H.
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C. Publication IPC-SM-782 is recommended for alternate designs.
D. 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.
E. Customers should contact their board fabrication site for solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads.
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4. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SLUA271 (www.ti.com/lit/slua271).

5. 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.
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5. Vias are optional depending on application, refer to device data sheet. If some or all are implemented, recommended via locations are shown.
6. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.
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