

# TPS7N53 3A, Low-Input Voltage, Low-Noise, High-Accuracy, Low-Dropout (LDO) Voltage Regulator

## 1 Features

- Input voltage range:
  - 1.1V to 2.2V
- Output voltage noise:  $2.2\mu\text{V}_{\text{RMS}}$
- 1.5% (max) accuracy over line, load, and temperature
- Low dropout: 95mV(typ) at 3A
- Power-supply rejection ratio (3A):
  - 80dB at 1kHz
  - 63dB at 10kHz
  - 51dB at 100kHz
  - 25dB at 1MHz
- Adjustable output voltage range: 0.5V to 1.5V
- Adjustable soft-start inrush control
- Open-drain, power-good (PG) output
- Package: 3mm × 3mm, 16-pin WQFN

## 2 Applications

- [Macro remote radio units \(RRU\)](#)
- [Outdoor backhaul units](#)
- [Active antenna system mMIMO \(AAS\)](#)
- [Ultrasound scanners](#)
- [Lab and field instrumentation](#)
- [Sensor, imaging, and radar](#)

## 3 Description

The TPS7N53 is a low-noise ( $2.2\mu\text{V}_{\text{RMS}}$ ), ultra-low-dropout linear regulator (LDO) capable of sourcing 3A with only 95mV of dropout (typ), independently of the output voltage. The device output voltage is adjustable from 0.5V to 1.5V using a single external resistor. The combination of low noise, high PSRR, and high output-current capability makes the TPS7N53 designed for powering noise-sensitive components (such as RF amplifiers, radar sensors, SERDES and analog chipsets) found in radar power, communication, and imaging applications.

Digital loads [such as application-specific integrated circuits (ASICs), field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs), and digital signal processors (DSPs)] requiring low-input, low-output (LILO) voltage operation also benefit from the exceptional accuracy (1.5% over load, line, and temperature), remote sensing, excellent transient performance, and soft-start capabilities to provide optimal system performance. The versatility, performance, and small footprint solution make this LDO an excellent choice for high-current analog loads such as analog-to-digital converters (ADCs), digital-to-analog converters (DACs), and imaging sensors as well as digital loads such as serializers/deserializers (SerDes), FPGAs, and DSPs.

### Package Information

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE <sup>(1)</sup>	PACKAGE SIZE <sup>(2)</sup>
TPS7N53	RTE (WQFN, 16)	3.00mm × 3.00mm

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

(2) The package size (length × width) is a nominal value and includes pins, where applicable.

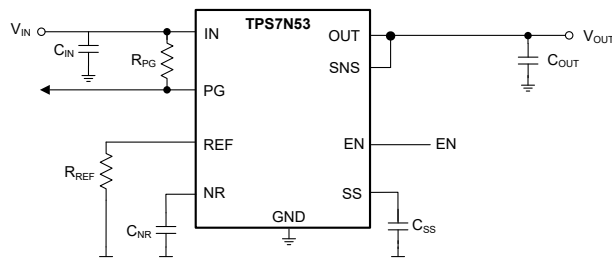


Figure 3-1. Typical Application Circuit



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## 4 Pin Configuration and Functions

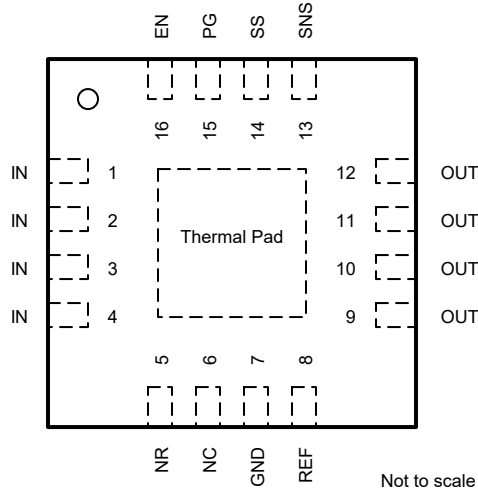


Figure 4-1. RTE Package, 16-Pin WQFN (Top View)

### Pin Functions

PIN		TYPE <sup>(1)</sup>	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
EN	16	I	Enable pin. See the <a href="#">Precision Enable and UVLO</a> section for additional information.
GND	7	GND	Ground pin. See the <a href="#">Layout Guidelines</a> section for additional information.
IN	1, 2, 3, 4	I	Input supply voltage pin. See the <a href="#">Input and Output Capacitor Requirements (C<sub>IN</sub> and C<sub>OUT</sub>)</a> section for more details.
NC	6	—	Not connected. This pin can be left floating or tied to GND for improved thermal performance.
NR	5	I/O	Noise-reduction pin. See the <a href="#">Input and Output Capacitor Requirements (C<sub>IN</sub> and C<sub>OUT</sub>)</a> and <a href="#">Soft-Start (SS Pin) and Noise Reduction (NR Pin)</a> sections for additional information.
SS	14	I/O	Soft-start pin. Connect a capacitor (C <sub>SS</sub> ) to adjust the start-up time. See the <a href="#">Section 7.1.4</a> section for additional information.
OUT	9, 10, 11, 12	O	Regulated output pin. See the <a href="#">Output Voltage Setting and Regulation</a> and <a href="#">Input and Output Capacitor Requirements (C<sub>IN</sub> and C<sub>OUT</sub>)</a> sections for more details.
PG	15	O	Open-drain, power-good indicator pin for the low-dropout regulator (LDO) output voltage. See the <a href="#">Power-Good Pin (PG Pin)</a> section for additional information.
REF	8	I/O	Reference pin. See the <a href="#">Output Voltage Setting and Regulation</a> section for additional information.
SNS	13	I	Output sense pin. See the <a href="#">Output Voltage Setting and Regulation</a> section for additional information.
Thermal Pad	—	GND	Connect the pad to GND for best possible thermal performance. See the <a href="#">Layout</a> section for more information.

(1) I = input, O = output, I/O = input or output, GND = ground.

## 5 Specifications

### 5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating junction temperature range and all voltages with respect to GND (unless otherwise noted)<sup>(1)</sup>

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
Voltage	IN, PG, EN	-0.3	6.5	V
	REF, SS, SNS	-0.3	6	
	OUT, NR	-0.3	$V_{IN} + 0.3$ <sup>(2)</sup>	
Current	OUT	Internally limited		A
	PG (sink current into the device)		5	mA
Temperature	Operating junction, $T_J$	-40	150	°C
	Storage, $T_{stg}$	-55	150	

- (1) Operation outside the Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent device damage. Absolute Maximum Ratings do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those listed under Recommended Operating Conditions. If used outside the Recommended Operating Conditions but within the Absolute Maximum Ratings, the device may not be fully functional, and this may affect device reliability, functionality, performance, and shorten the device lifetime.
- (2) The absolute maximum rating is  $V_{IN} + 0.3V$  or 6.0V, whichever is smaller.

### 5.2 ESD Ratings

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

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

### 5.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating junction temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V <sub>IN</sub>	Input supply voltage range	1.1		2.2	V
V <sub>REF</sub>	Reference voltage range	0.5		1.5	V
V <sub>OUT</sub>	Output voltage range	0.5		1.5	V
I <sub>OUT</sub>	Output current	0		3	A
C <sub>IN</sub>	Input capacitor	10			μF
C <sub>OUT</sub>	Output capacitor <sup>(1)</sup>	10		470	μF
C <sub>OUT_ESR</sub>	Output capacitor ESR	1		20	mΩ
C <sub>OUT_ESL</sub>	Output capacitor ESL	0.15		1.6	nH
C <sub>NR</sub>	Noise-reduction capacitor		1	10	μF
C <sub>SS</sub>	Soft-Start capacitor		10		nF
R <sub>PG</sub>	Power-good pull-up resistance	10		100	kΩ
T <sub>J</sub>	Junction temperature	-40		125	°C

(1) Effective output capacitance of 7 μF minimum required for stability

### 5.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC <sup>(1)</sup>		TPS7N53	UNIT
		RTE (WQFN) <sup>(2)</sup>	
		16 PINS	
R <sub>θJA</sub>	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	42.9	°C/W
R <sub>θJC(top)</sub>	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	46.1	°C/W
R <sub>θJB</sub>	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	17.6	°C/W
ψ <sub>JT</sub>	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	0.7	°C/W
ψ <sub>JB</sub>	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	17.6	°C/W
R <sub>θJC(bot)</sub>	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	2.5	°C/W

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](#) the application note.

(2) Evaluated using JEDEC standard (2s2p).

## 5.5 Electrical Characteristics

over operating temperature range ( $T_J = -40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ),  $V_{IN(NOM)} = V_{OUT(NOM)} + 0.4\text{V}$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 0\text{A}$ ,  $V_{EN} = 1.8\text{V}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{NR} = \text{open}$ ,  $C_{SS} = 10\text{nF}$ , SNS pin shorted to OUT pin, and PG pin pulled up to  $V_{IN}$  with  $100\text{ k}\Omega$  (unless otherwise noted); typical values are at  $T_J = 25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
$V_{UVLO(IN)}$	Input supply UVLO	$V_{IN}$ rising		1.07	1.1	V
$V_{HYS(UVLO\_IN)}$	Input supply UVLO hysteresis			60		mV
$I_{SS}$	SS fast start-up charging current	$V_{SS} = \text{GND}$ , $V_{IN} = 1.1\text{ V}$	27	30	35	$\mu\text{A}$
$t_{SS}$	Soft-Start Time	$C_{SS} = 10\text{nF}$ , $V_{OUT} = 0.75\text{V}$		0.7		ms
$V_{OUT}$	Output voltage accuracy <sup>(1)</sup>	$0.5\text{V} \leq V_{OUT} \leq 1.5\text{V}$ , $0\text{A} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 3\text{A}$ , $1.1\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 2.2\text{V}$	-1.5	$\pm 0.5$	1.5	%
$I_{REF}$	REF current pin	$V_{IN} = 1.1\text{ V}$ , $V_{OUT} = 0.5\text{ V}$ , $I_{LOAD} = 0\text{ A}$		150		$\mu\text{A}$
		$1.1\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 2.2\text{V}$ <sup>(1)</sup> , $0.5\text{V} \leq V_{OUT} \leq 1.5\text{V}$ , $0\text{A} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 3\text{A}$	-1.5	$\pm 1$	1.5	%
$V_{OS}$	Output offset voltage ( $V_{NR} - V_{OUT}$ )	$1.1\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 2.2\text{V}$ <sup>(1)</sup> , $0.5\text{V} \leq V_{OUT} \leq 1.5\text{V}$ , $0\text{A} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 3\text{A}$	-2		2	mV
$\Delta V_{OUT(\Delta V_{IN})}$	Line regulation	$1.1\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 2.2\text{V}$ , $V_{OUT} = 0.5\text{V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 0\text{A}$		-200		$\mu\text{V/V}$
$\Delta V_{OUT(\Delta I_{OUT})}$	Load regulation	$V_{OUT} = 1.5\text{V}$ , $0\text{A} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 3\text{A}$		-100		$\mu\text{V/A}$
$V_{DO}$	Dropout voltage <sup>(2)</sup>	$V_{OUT} \geq 1.2\text{V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 3\text{A}$		95	140	mV
		$V_{OUT} \geq 1.2\text{V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 3\text{A}$ , $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq +85\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$			125	
$I_{LIM}$	Output current limit	$V_{OUT}$ forced at $0.9 \times V_{OUT(NOM)}$ , $V_{OUT(NOM)} = 1.5\text{V}$ , $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOM)} + 400\text{ mV}$	3.3	3.6	3.9	A
$I_{SC}$	Short circuit current limit	$R_{LOAD} = 10\text{ m}\Omega$ , under foldback operation		1.1		A
$I_{GND}$	GND pin current	$I_{OUT} = 3\text{ A}$ , $V_{OUT} = 1.5\text{V}$		15		mA
		$V_{IN} = 1.1\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 3\text{ A}$ , $V_{OUT} = 0.5\text{ V}$	13	15	19	
$I_{SDN}$	Shutdown GND pin current	PG = (open), $V_{IN} = 2.2\text{ V}$ , $V_{EN} = 0.4\text{ V}$		100	300	$\mu\text{A}$
$I_{EN}$	EN pin current	$V_{IN} = 2.2\text{V}$ , $0\text{ V} \leq V_{EN} \leq 6\text{ V}$	-5		5	$\mu\text{A}$
$V_{IH(EN)}$	EN trip point rising (turn-on)	$V_{IN} = 1.1\text{ V}$	0.62	0.65	0.68	V
$V_{IL(EN)}$	EN trip point falling (turn-off)	$V_{IN} = 1.1\text{ V}$	0.58	0.61	0.64	V
$V_{HYS(EN)}$	EN trip point hysteresis	$V_{IN} = 1.1\text{ V}$		40		mV
$V_{IT(PG)}$	PG pin threshold	For PG transitioning low with falling $V_{OUT}$ , $V_{IN} = 1.1\text{ V}$ , $V_{OUT} < V_{IT(PG)}$ , $I_{PG} = -1\text{ mA}$ (current into device)	87	90	93	%
$V_{HYS(PG)}$	PG pin hysteresis	$V_{IN} = 1.1\text{ V}$ , $V_{OUT} < V_{IT(PG)}$ , $I_{PG} = -1\text{ mA}$ (current into device)		2		%
$V_{OL(PG)}$	PG pin low-level output voltage	$V_{IN} = 1.1\text{ V}$ , $V_{OUT} < V_{IT(PG)}$ , $I_{PG} = -1\text{ mA}$ (current into device)			0.4	V
$I_{LKG(PG)}$	PG pin leakage current	$V_{PG} = 6\text{ V}$ , $V_{OUT} > V_{IT(PG)}$ , $V_{IN} = 1.1\text{ V}$			1	$\mu\text{A}$
PSRR	Power-supply ripple rejection	$f = 1\text{ MHz}$ , $V_{IN} = 1.8\text{V}$ , $V_{OUT(NOM)} = 1.5\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 3\text{ A}$ , $C_{NR} = 1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$		23		dB
		$f = 1\text{ MHz}$ , $V_{IN} = 1.1\text{ V}$ , $V_{OUT(NOM)} = 0.5\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 3\text{ A}$ , $C_{NR} = 1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$		25		
$V_n$	Output noise voltage	BW = 10Hz to 100kHz, $1.1\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 2.2\text{V}$ , $0.5\text{V} \leq V_{OUT} \leq 1.5\text{V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 3\text{A}$ , $C_{NR} = 1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$		8		$\mu\text{V}_{RMS}$
$V_n$	Output noise voltage	BW = 100Hz to 100kHz, $1.1\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 2.2\text{V}$ , $0.5\text{V} \leq V_{OUT} \leq 1.5\text{V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 3\text{A}$ , $C_{NR} = 1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$		2.2		$\mu\text{V}_{RMS}$
$R_{DIS}$	Output pin active discharge resistance	$V_{IN} = 1.1\text{V}$ , $V_{EN} = 0\text{V}$ , $V_{OUT} = 0.2\text{V}$		110		$\Omega$
$R_{NR\_DIS}$	NR pin active discharge resistance	$V_{IN} = 1.1\text{ V}$ , $V_{EN} = 0\text{ V}$ , $V_{NR} = 0.2\text{V}$		250		$\Omega$
$R_{SS\_DIS}$	SS pin active discharge resistance	$V_{IN} = 1.1\text{V}$ , $V_{EN} = 0\text{V}$ , $V_{SS} = 0.2\text{V}$		5.6		k $\Omega$
$T_{SD(shutdown)}$	Thermal shutdown temperature	Shutdown, temperature increasing		165		$^\circ\text{C}$

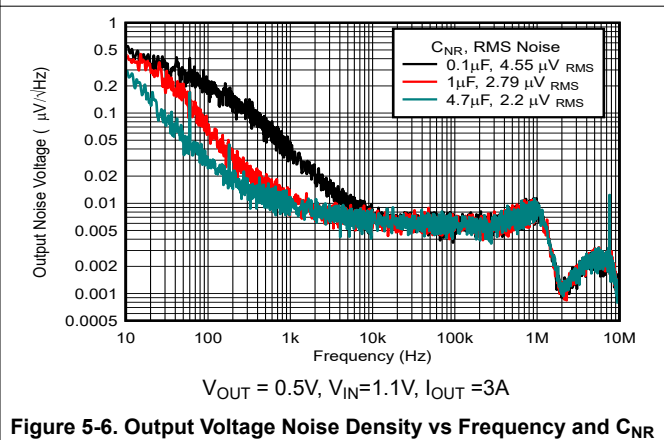
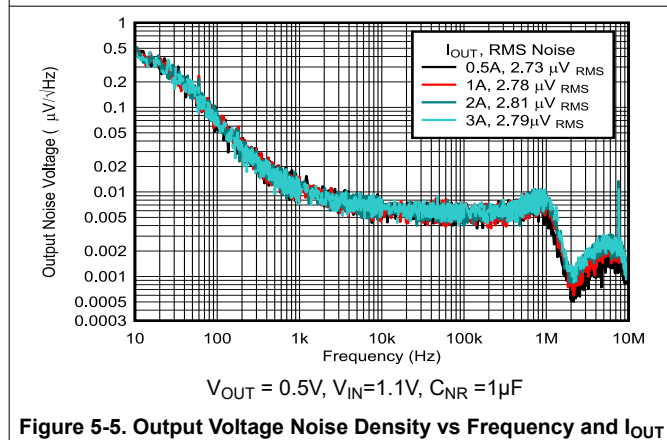
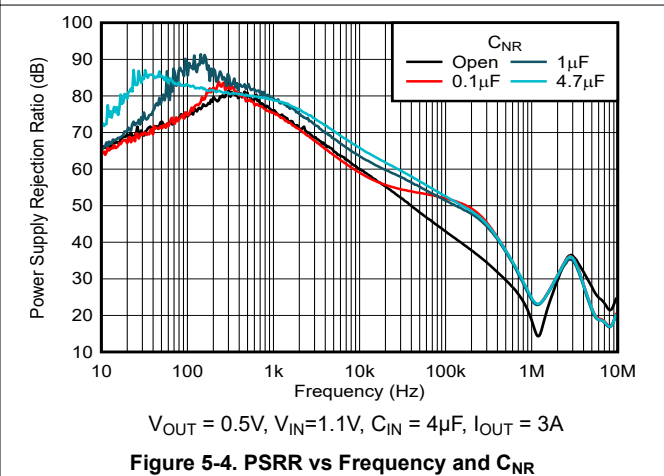
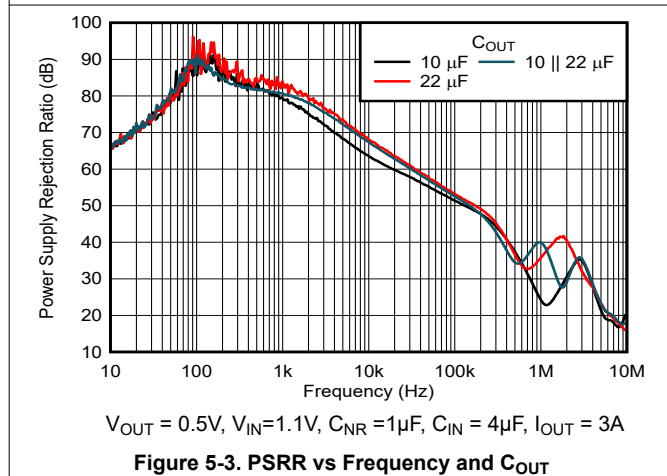
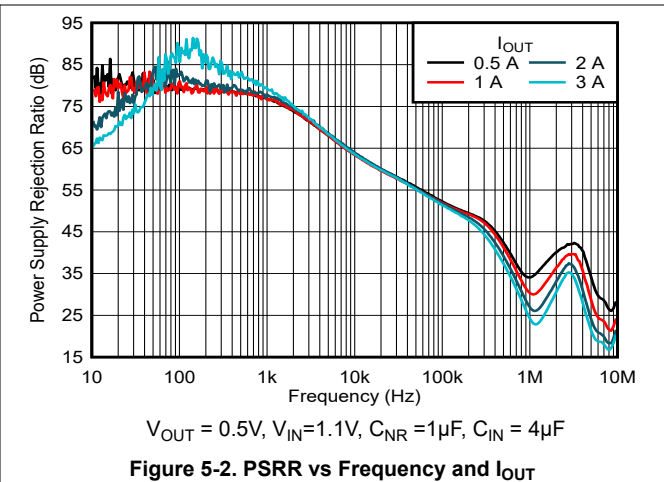
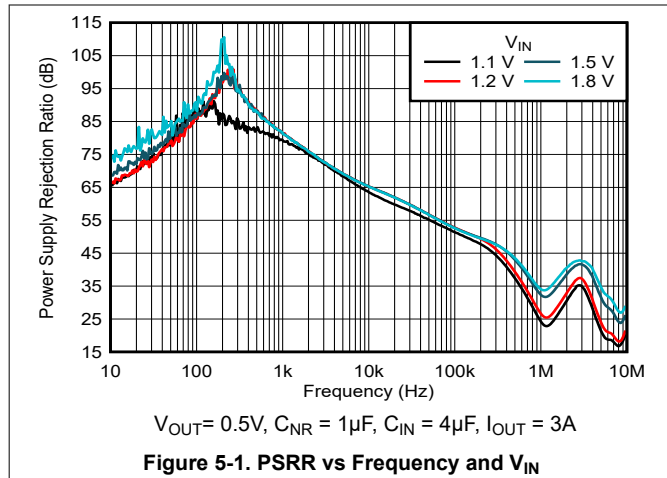
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PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
$T_{SD(\text{reset})}$	Thermal shutdown reset temperature	Reset, temperature decreasing		150		$^\circ\text{C}$

- (1) Limited by max power dissipation of 2 W.  
 (2)  $V_{REF} = V_{IN}$ ,  $V_{SNS} = 95\% \times V_{REF}$ .

## 5.6 Typical Characteristics

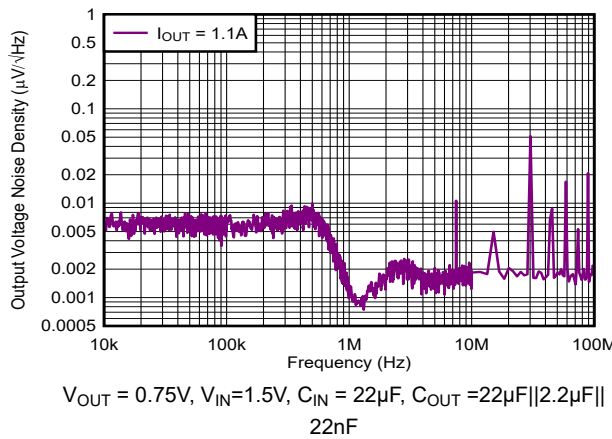
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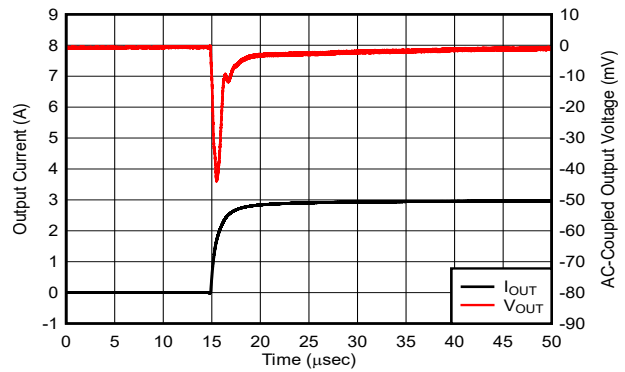


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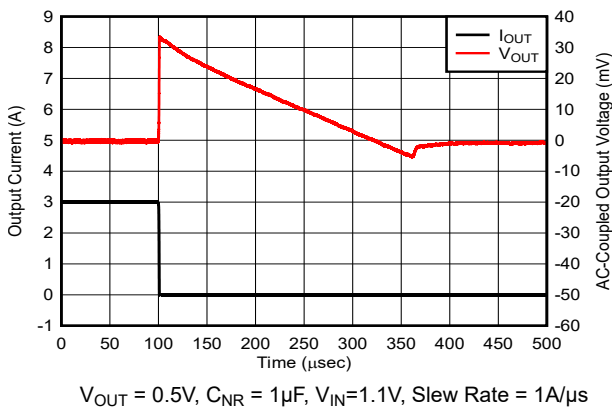
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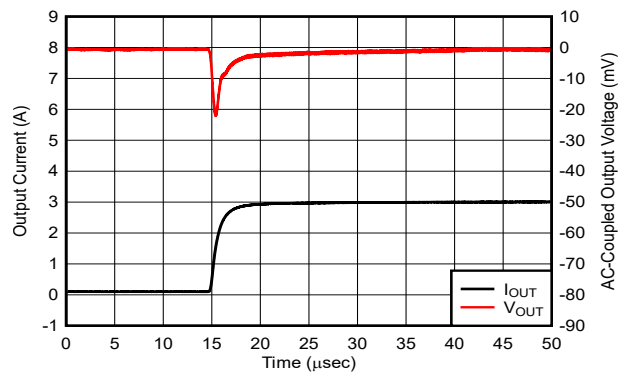
**Figure 5-7. Charge Pump Output Voltage Noise Density vs Frequency and  $I_{OUT}$**



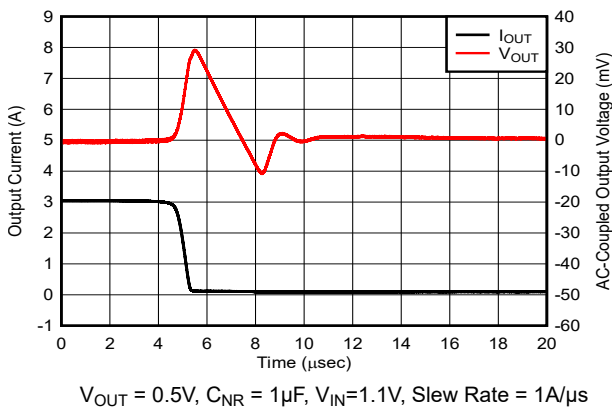
**Figure 5-8. Load Transient for  $I_{OUT} = 0A$  to  $3A$**



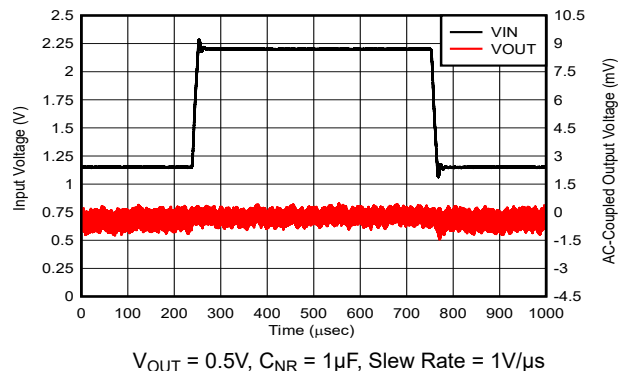
**Figure 5-9. Load Transient for  $I_{OUT} = 3A$  to  $0A$**



**Figure 5-10. Load Transient for  $I_{OUT} = 100 mA$  to  $3A$**



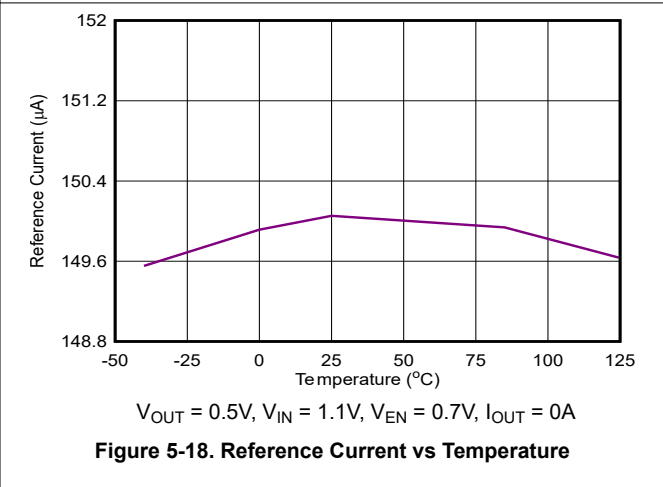
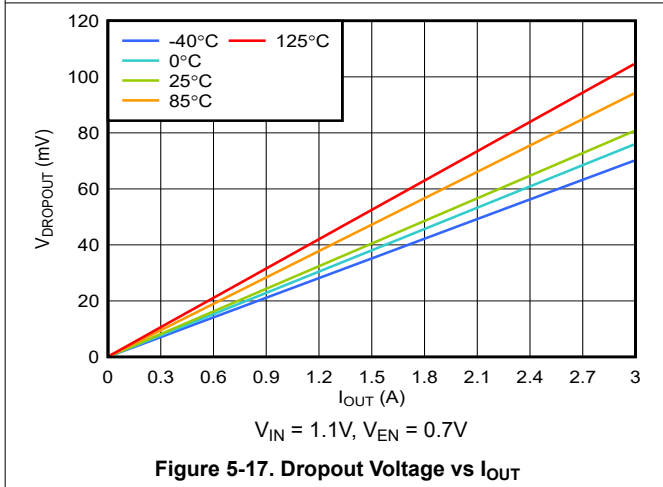
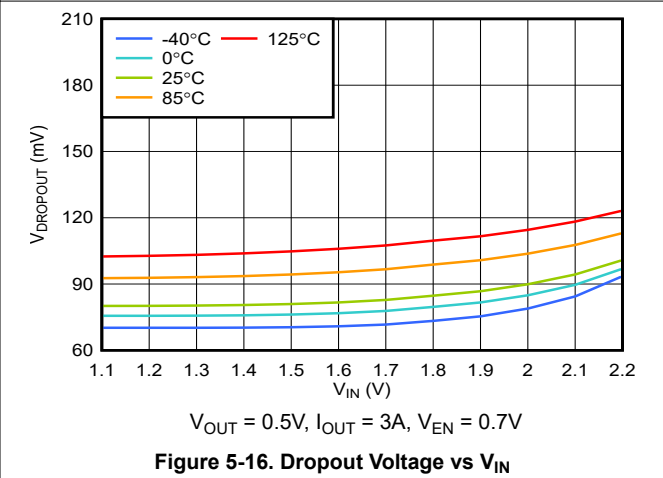
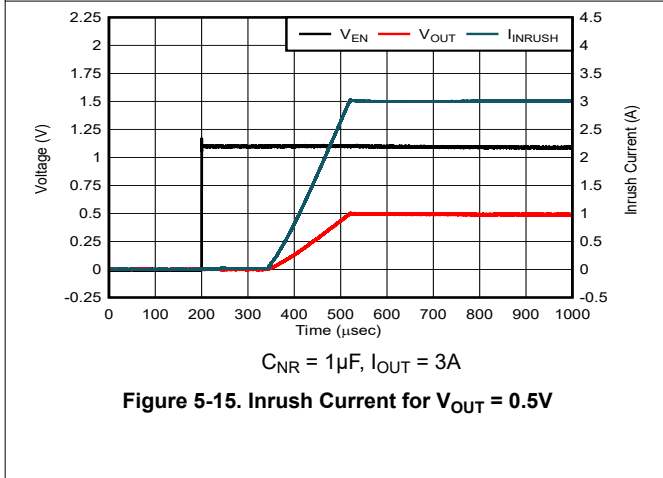
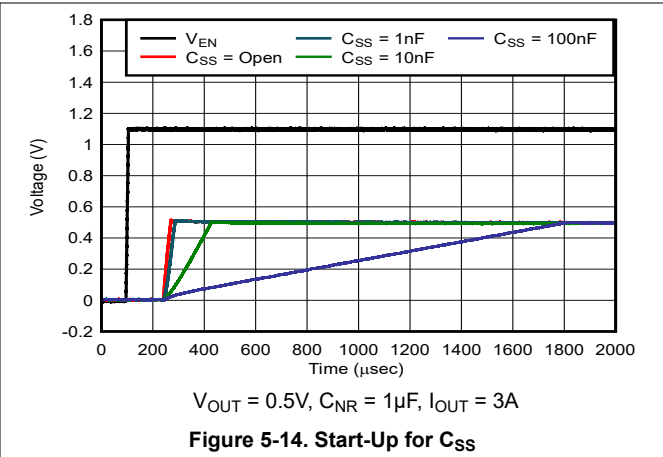
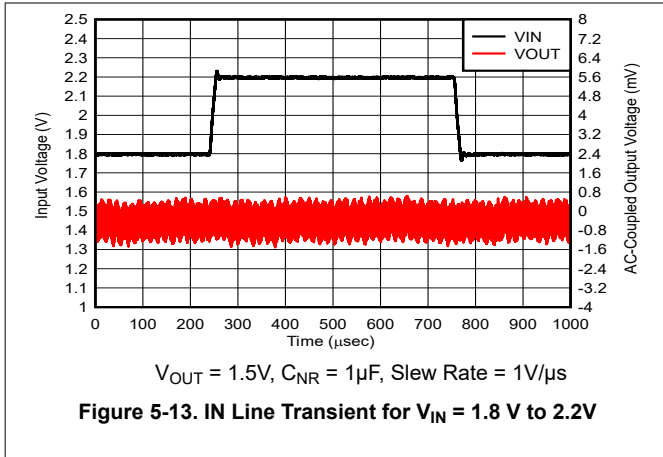
**Figure 5-11. Load Transient for  $I_{OUT} = 3A$  to  $100mA$**



**Figure 5-12. IN Line Transient for  $V_{IN} = 1.1V$  to  $2.2V$**

### 5.6 Typical Characteristics (continued)

$V_{IN} = 1.1V, V_{EN} = 1.8V, C_{IN} = 10 \mu F, C_{NR} = 1 \mu F, C_{OUT} = 10 \mu F, C_{SS} = 10 nF$ , SNS pin shorted to OUT pin, and PG pin pulled up to  $V_{IN}$  with 100 k $\Omega$  (unless otherwise noted); typical values are at  $T_J = 25^\circ C$



### 5.6 Typical Characteristics (continued)

$V_{IN} = 1.1V, V_{EN} = 1.8V, C_{IN} = 10 \mu F, C_{NR} = 1 \mu F, C_{OUT} = 10 \mu F, C_{SS} = 10 nF$ , SNS pin shorted to OUT pin, and PG pin pulled up to  $V_{IN}$  with 100 k $\Omega$  (unless otherwise noted); typical values are at  $T_J = 25^\circ C$

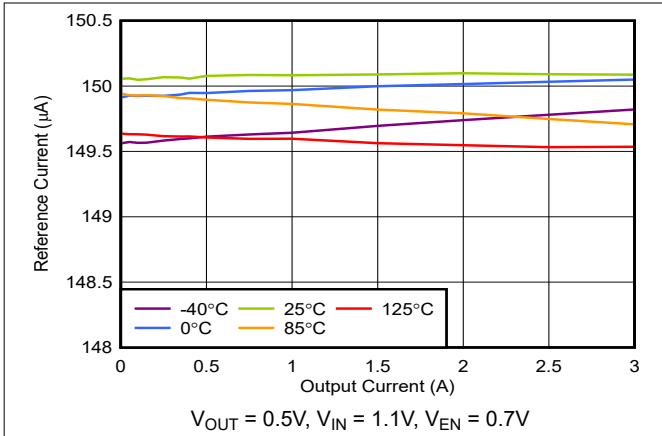


Figure 5-19. Reference Current Accuracy vs  $I_{OUT}$

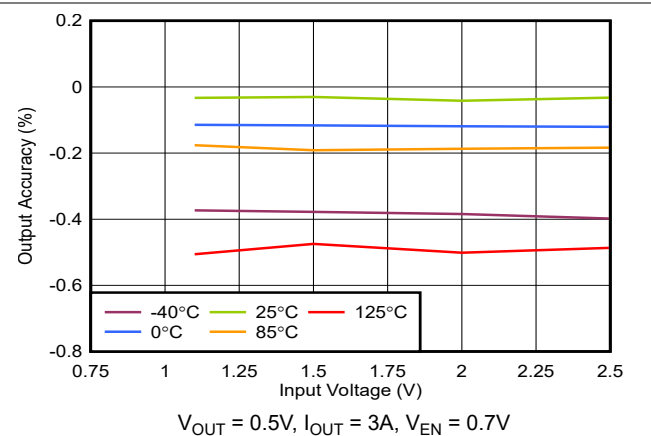


Figure 5-20. Output Voltage Accuracy vs  $V_{IN}$

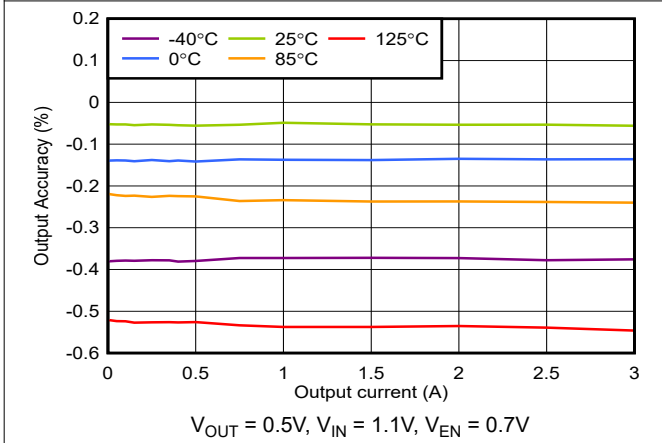


Figure 5-21. Output Voltage Accuracy vs  $I_{OUT}$

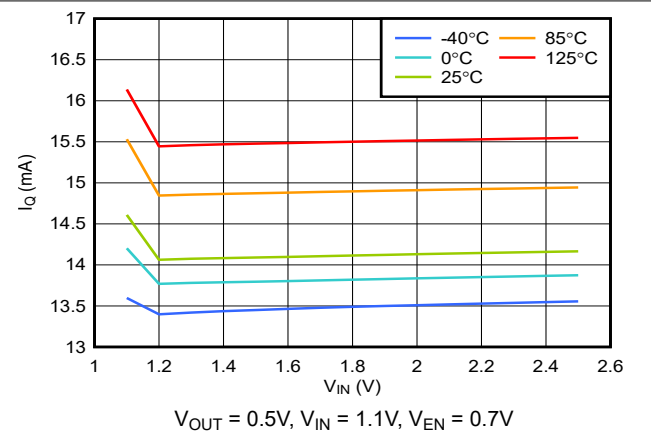


Figure 5-22. Quiescent Current vs  $V_{IN}$

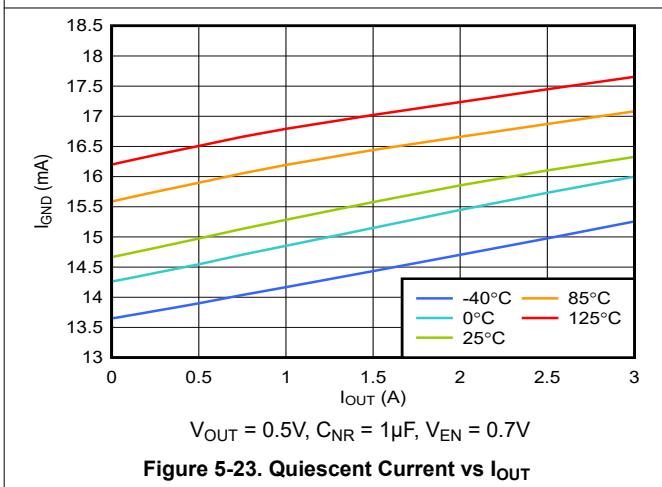


Figure 5-23. Quiescent Current vs  $I_{OUT}$

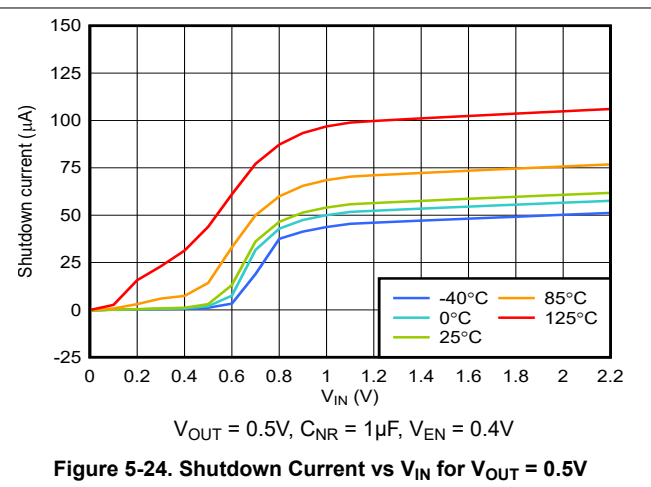


Figure 5-24. Shutdown Current vs  $V_{IN}$  for  $V_{OUT} = 0.5V$

## 6 Detailed Description

### 6.1 Overview

The TPS7N53 is a low-noise ( $2.2\mu\text{V}_{\text{RMS}}$  over 100Hz to 100kHz bandwidth), ultra-high PSRR ( $> 33\text{dB}$  to 1MHz), high-accuracy (1.5%), ultra-low-dropout (LDO) linear voltage regulator with an input range of 1.1V to 2V and an output voltage range from 0.5V to 1.5V. This device uses innovative circuitry to achieve wide bandwidth and high loop gain, resulting in ultra-high PSRR even with very low operational headroom [ $V_{\text{OpHr}} = (V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}})$ ]. The TPS7N53 has an integrated charge-pump for ease of use to allow low dropout. At a high level, the device has two main primary features (the current reference and the unity-gain LDO buffer) and a few secondary features (such as the adjustable soft-start inrush control, precision enable, and PG pin).

The current reference is controlled by the REF pin. This pin sets the output voltage with a single resistor.

The SS pin sets the start-up time, and the NR filters the noise generated by the reference and external set resistor.

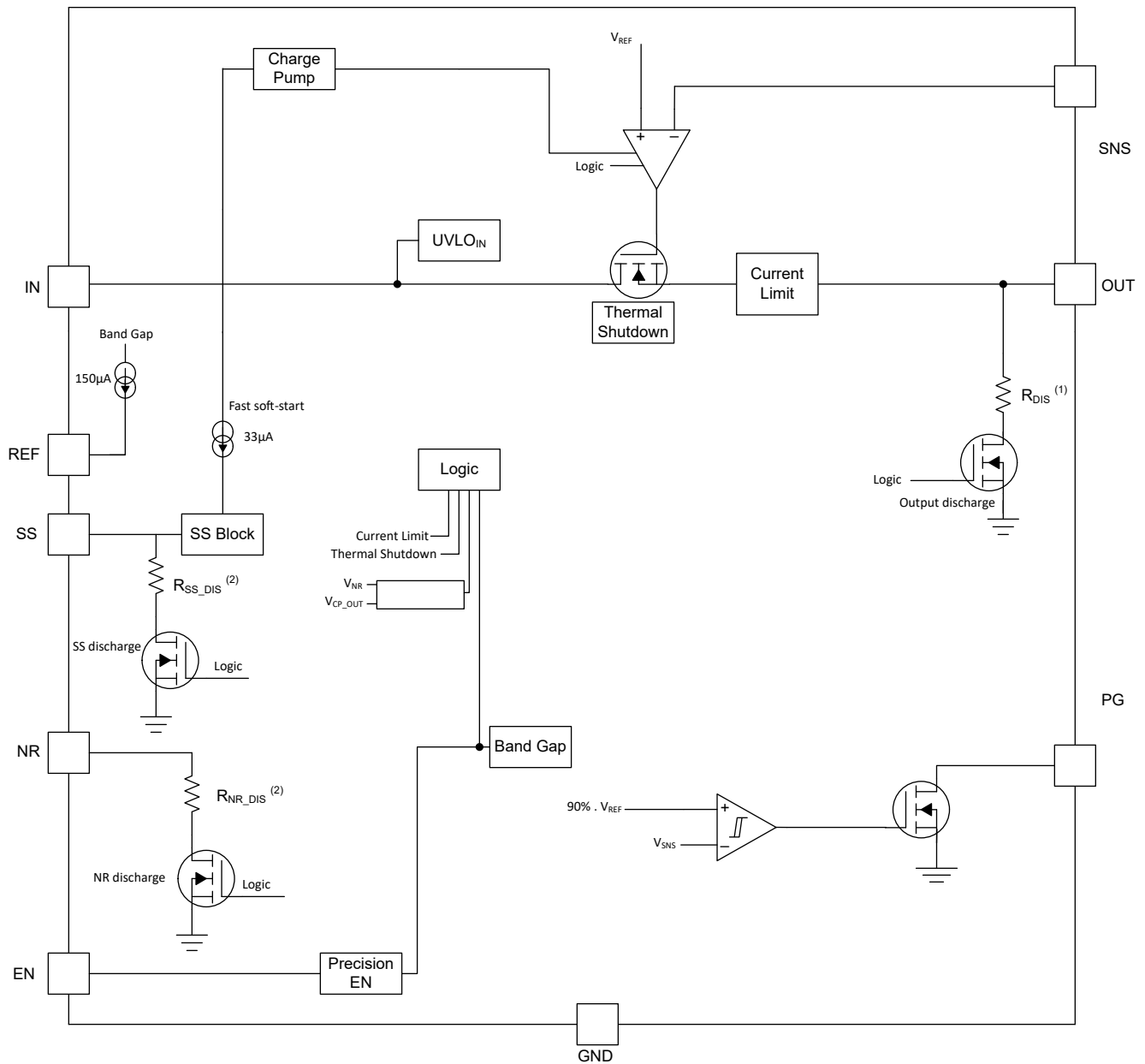
The unity-gain LDO buffer controls the output voltage. The low noise does not increase with output voltage and provides wideband PSRR. As such, the SNS pin is only used for remote sensing of the load.

The low-noise current reference,  $150\mu\text{A}$  typical, is used in conjunction with an external resistor ( $R_{\text{REF}}$ ) to set the output voltage. This process allows the output voltage range to be set from 0.5V to 1.5V. To achieve low noise and allow for a soft-start inrush, external capacitors,  $C_{\text{NR}}$  and  $C_{\text{SS}}$  (typically  $1\mu\text{F}$  and  $10\text{nF}$ ), are placed on the NR and SS pins. When start-up is completed and the switch between REF and NR is closed, the  $C_{\text{NR}}$  capacitor is in parallel with the  $R_{\text{REF}}$  resistor attenuating the band-gap noise. The  $R_{\text{REF}}$  resistor sets the output voltage. This unity-gain LDO provides ultra-high PSRR over a wide frequency range without compromising load and line transients.

The EN pin sets the precision enable feature; a resistor divider on this pin selects the optimal input voltage at which the device starts. There are two independent undervoltage lockout (UVLO) voltages in this device: the internal fixed UVLO thresholds for the IN, and the externally adjustable UVLO threshold using the EN pin.

This regulator offers current limit, thermal protection, is fully specified from  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and is offered in a 16-pin WQFN, 3-mm  $\times$  3-mm thermally efficient package.

## 6.2 Functional Block Diagram



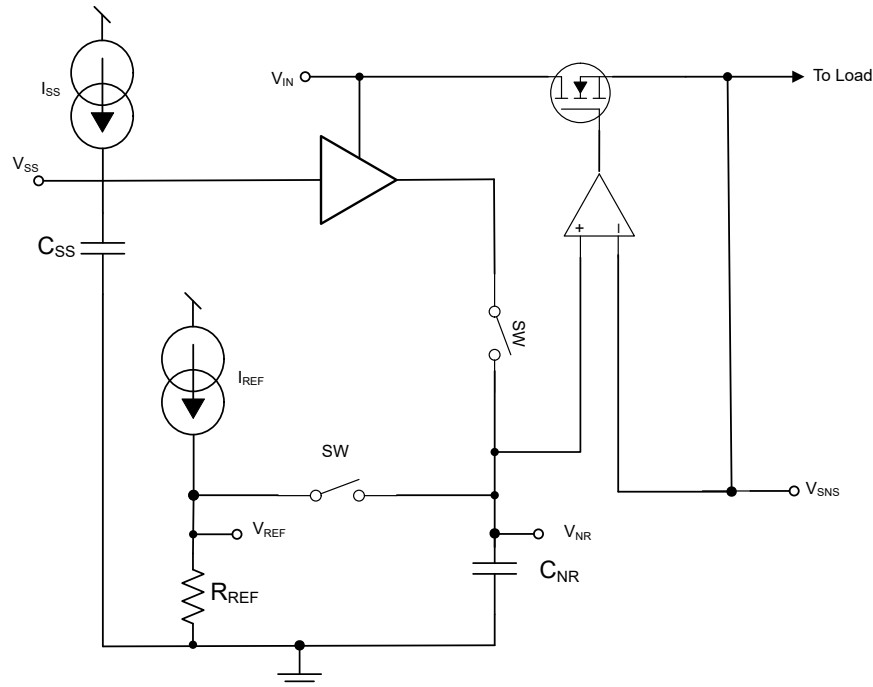
- See the  $R_{DIS}$  (the output pin active discharge resistance) value in the [Section 5.5](#) table.
- See the  $R_{NR\_DIS}$  (the NR pin active discharge resistance) value in the [Section 5.5](#) table.
- See the  $R_{SS\_DIS}$  (the SS pin active discharge resistance) value in the [Section 5.5](#) table.

## 6.3 Feature Description

### 6.3.1 Output Voltage Setting and Regulation

The simplified regulation circuit is shown in Figure 6-1, in which the input signal ( $V_{REF}$ ) is generated by the internal current source ( $I_{REF}$ ) and the external resistor ( $R_{REF}$ ). The LDO output voltage is programmed by the  $V_{REF}$  voltage because the error amplifier is always operating in unity-gain configuration. The  $V_{REF}$  reference voltage is generated by an internal low-noise current source driving the  $R_{REF}$  resistor and is designed to have very low bandwidth at the input to the error amplifier through the use of a low-pass filter ( $C_{NR} \parallel R_{REF}$ ).

The unity-gain configuration is achieved by connecting SNS to OUT. Minimize trace inductance on the output and connect  $C_{OUT}$  as close to the output as possible.



$$V_{OUT} = I_{REF} \times R_{REF}$$

**Figure 6-1. Simplified Regulation Circuit**

This unity-gain configuration, along with the highly accurate  $I_{REF}$  reference current, enables the device to achieve excellent output voltage accuracy. The low dropout voltage ( $V_{DO}$ ) enables reduced thermal dissipation and achieves robust performance. This combination of features make this device an excellent voltage source for powering sensitive analog low-voltage ( $\leq 1.5V$ ) devices.

### 6.3.2 Low-Noise, Ultra-High Power-Supply Rejection Ratio (PSRR)

The device architecture features a highly accurate, high-precision, low-noise current reference followed by a state-of-the-art, complementary metal oxide semiconductor (CMOS) error amplifier ( $6 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  at 10-kHz noise for  $V_{OUT} \geq 0.5 \text{ V}$ ). Unlike previous-generation LDOs, the unity-gain configuration of this device provides low noise over the entire output voltage range. Additional noise reduction and higher output current can be achieved by placing multiple TPS7N53 LDOs in parallel.

### 6.3.3 Programmable Soft-Start (SS Pin)

The device features a programmable, monotonic, current-controlled, soft-start circuit that uses the  $C_{SS}$  capacitor to minimize inrush current into the output capacitor and load during start-up. This circuitry can also reduce the start-up time for some applications that require the output voltage to reach at least 90% of the set value for fast system start up. The soft-start feature can be used to eliminate power-up initialization problems. The controlled output voltage ramp also reduces peak inrush current during start up, minimizing start-up transients to the input power bus.

Use [Equation 1](#) to estimate the ramp-up time for  $V_{OUT}$

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

Where  $I_{SS} = 30\mu\text{A}$ ,  $V_{REF} = I_{REF} \times R_{REF}$ , in which  $I_{REF} = 150\mu\text{A}$  and  $R_{REF}$  is the resistor installed at the REF pin to set the output voltage.

See the [Soft-Start \(SS Pin\) and Noise Reduction \(NR Pin\)](#) section for more details.

### 6.3.4 Precision Enable and UVLO

Depending on the circuit implementation, up to two independent undervoltage lockout (UVLO) voltage circuits can be active. An internally set UVLO on the input supply (IN pin) automatically disables the LDO when the input voltage reaches the minimum threshold. A precision EN function (EN pin) can also be used as a user-programmable UVLO.

1. The internal input supply voltage UVLO circuit prevents the regulator from turning on when the input voltage is not high enough, see the [Electrical Characteristics](#) table for more details.
2. The precision enable circuit allows a simple sequencing of multiple power supplies with a resistor divider from another supply. This enable circuit can be used to set an external UVLO voltage at which the device is enabled using a resistor divider on the EN pin; see the [Precision Enable \(External UVLO\)](#) section for more details.



### 6.3.5 Power-Good Pin (PG Pin)

The PG pin is an output indicating if the LDO is ready to provide power. This pin is implemented using an open-drain architecture. During the start-up phase, the PG voltage threshold is set by the REF voltage when the fast soft-start is ongoing and is set by the NR voltage when the fast soft-start is completed and the switch between REF and NR is closed.

As shown in the [Functional Block Diagram](#), the PG pin is implemented by comparing the SNS pin voltage to an internal reference voltage and, as such, is considered a voltage indicator reflecting the output voltage status.

For PG pin implementation, see the [Power-Good Functionality](#) section.

### 6.3.6 Active Discharge

To quickly discharge internal nodes, the device incorporates three internal pulldown metal-oxide semiconductor field effect transistors (MOSFETs). The first pulldown MOSFET connects a resistor ( $R_{DIS}$ ) from OUT to ground when the device is disabled to actively discharge the output capacitor. The second pulldown MOSFET connects a resistor from NR ( $R_{NR\_DIS}$ ) to ground when the device is disabled and discharges the NR capacitor. The third pulldown MOSFET connects a resistor from SS ( $R_{SS\_DIS}$ ) to ground when the device is disabled and discharges the SS capacitor. All pulldown MOSFETs are activated by any of the following events:

- Driving the EN pin below the  $V_{EN(LOW)}$  threshold
- The IN pin voltage falling below the undervoltage lockout  $V_{UVLO(IN)}$  threshold

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#### Note

A brownout event on  $V_{IN}$  during a low-input, low-output (LILLO) operation ( $V_{IN} = V_{IN(min)}$ ) can result in incomplete  $C_{NR}$  discharge. Consider the time constant on both the NR and OUT pins for a proper system shutdown procedure.

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### 6.3.7 Thermal Shutdown Protection ( $T_{SD}$ )

A thermal shutdown protection circuit disables the LDO when the pass transistor junction temperature ( $T_J$ ) rises to  $T_{SD(shutdown)}$  (typical). Thermal shutdown hysteresis verifies that the device resets (turns on) when the temperature falls to  $T_{SD(shutdown)}$  (typical). The thermal time constant of the semiconductor die is fairly short, thus the device can cycle off and on when thermal shutdown is reached until power dissipation is reduced. Power dissipation during start up can be high from large  $V_{IN} - V_{OUT}$  voltage drops across the device or from high inrush currents charging large output capacitors. Under some conditions, the thermal shutdown protection disables the device before start up completes. For reliable operation, limit the junction temperature to the maximum listed in the [Electrical Characteristics](#) table. Operation above this maximum temperature causes the device to exceed the operational specifications. Although the internal protection circuitry of the device is designed to protect against thermal overload conditions, this circuitry is not intended to replace proper heat sinking. Continuously running the device into thermal shutdown or above the maximum recommended junction temperature reduces long-term reliability.

## 6.4 Device Functional Modes

Table 6-1 provides a quick comparison between the normal, dropout, and disabled modes of operation.

**Table 6-1. Device Functional Modes Comparison**

OPERATING MODE	PARAMETER			
	$V_{IN}$	EN	$I_{OUT}$	$T_J$
Normal <sup>(1)</sup>	$V_{IN} > V_{OUT(nom)} + V_{DO}$	$V_{EN} > V_{IH(EN)}$	$I_{OUT} < I_{CL}$	$T_J < T_{sd}$
Dropout <sup>(1)</sup>	$V_{IN} < V_{OUT(nom)} + V_{DO}$	$V_{EN} > V_{IH(EN)}$	$I_{OUT} < I_{CL}$	$T_J < T_{sd}$
Disabled <sup>(2)</sup>	$V_{IN} < V_{UVLO}$	$V_{EN} < V_{IL(EN)}$	—	$T_J > T_{sd}$

(1) All table conditions must be met.

(2) The device is disabled when any condition is met.

### 6.4.1 Normal Operation

The device regulates to the nominal output voltage when the following conditions are met:

- The input voltage is greater than the nominal output voltage plus the dropout voltage ( $V_{OUT(nom)} + V_{DO}$ )
- The output current is less than the current limit ( $I_{OUT} < I_{LIM}$ )
- The device junction temperature is less than the thermal shutdown temperature ( $T_J < T_{SD(shutdown)}$ )
- The voltage on the EN pin has previously exceeded the  $V_{IH(EN)}$  threshold voltage and has not yet decreased to less than the enable falling threshold

### 6.4.2 Disabled

The output can be shutdown by forcing the voltage of the EN pin to less than the  $V_{IH(EN)}$  threshold (see the [Section 5.5](#) table). When disabled, the pass transistor is turned off, internal circuits are shutdown, and the NR pin, SS pin and OUT pin voltages are actively discharged to ground by internal discharge circuits to ground when the IN pin voltage is higher than or equal to a diode-drop voltage.

### 6.4.3 Current-Limit Operation

If the output current is greater than or equal to the minimum current limit ( $I_{LIM(Min)}$ ), then the device operates in current-limit mode. Current limit is a foldback implementation.

## 7 Application and Implementation

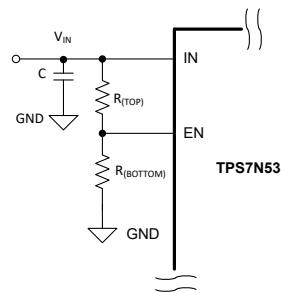
### Note

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, as well as validating and testing their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

### 7.1 Application Information

#### 7.1.1 Precision Enable (External UVLO)

The precision enable circuit (EN pin) turns the device on and off. This circuit can be used to set an external undervoltage lockout (UVLO) voltage, as shown in [Figure 7-1](#), to turn on and off the device using a resistor divider between IN, EN, and GND.



**Figure 7-1. Precision EN Used as an External UVLO**

This external UVLO solution is used to prevent the device from turning on when the input supply voltage is not high enough and can place the device in dropout operation. This solution also allows simple sequencing of multiple power supplies with a resistor divider from another supply. Another benefit from using a resistor divider to enable or disable the device is that the EN pin is never left floating because this pin does not have an internal pulldown resistor. However, a Zener diode can be needed between the EN pin and ground to comply with the absolute maximum ratings on this pin.

Use [Equation 2](#) and [Equation 3](#) to determine the correct resistor values.

$$V_{ON} = V_{OFF} \times [(V_{IH(EN)} + V_{HYS(EN)}) / V_{EN}] \quad (2)$$

$$R_{(TOP)} = R_{(BOTTOM)} \times (V_{OFF} / V_{IH(EN)} - 1) \quad (3)$$

where:

- $V_{OFF}$  is the input voltage where the regulator turns off
- $V_{ON}$  is the input voltage where the regulator turns on

### Note

For the EN pin input current,  $I_{EN}$ , effects are ignored.

#### 7.1.2 Input and Output Capacitor Requirements ( $C_{IN}$ and $C_{OUT}$ )

The TPS7N53 is designed and characterized for operation with ceramic capacitors of 10  $\mu$ F or greater at the output and 10 $\mu$ F or greater at the input. Use at least a 10 $\mu$ F capacitor at the input to minimize input impedance. Place the input and output capacitors as near as practical to the respective input and output pins to minimize trace parasitics. If the trace inductance from the input supply to the TPS7N53 is high, a fast current transient can cause  $V_{IN}$  to ring above the absolute maximum voltage rating and damage the device. This situation can be mitigated by adding additional input capacitors to dampen the ringing, thereby keeping any voltage spike below the device absolute maximum ratings.

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**Note**

Because of the wide bandwidth, the LDO error amplifier can react faster than the output capacitor. In such a case, the load behavior appears directly on the LDO supply, potentially dragging the supply down. To avoid such behaviors, minimize both ESR and ESL present on the output; see the [Recommended Operating Conditions](#) table.

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**7.1.3 Recommended Capacitor Types**

The device is designed to be stable using low equivalent series resistance (ESR) and low equivalent series inductance (ESL) ceramic capacitors at the input, output, and noise-reduction pin. Multilayer ceramic capacitors have become the industry standard for these types of applications and are recommended, but must be used with good judgment. Ceramic capacitors that employ X7R-, X5R-, and COG-rated dielectric materials provide relatively good capacitive stability across temperature. The use of Y5V-rated capacitors is discouraged because of large variations in capacitance.

Regardless of the ceramic capacitor type selected, ceramic capacitance varies with operating voltage and temperature. Make sure to take derating into consideration. The input and output capacitors recommended herein account for a capacitance derating of approximately 30%, but at high temperature, the derating can be greater than 50%, and must be taken into consideration.

The device requires input, output, and noise-reduction capacitors for proper operation of the LDO. Use the nominal or larger than nominal input and output capacitors as specified in the [Recommended Operating Conditions](#) table. Place input and output capacitors as close as possible to the corresponding pin and make the capacitor GND connections as close as possible to the device GND pin to shorten transient currents on the return path. Using a larger input capacitor or a bank of capacitors with various values is always good design practice to counteract input trace inductance, improve transient response, and reduce input ripple and noise. Similarly, multiple capacitors on the output reduce charge pump ripple and optimize PSRR; see the [Optimizing Noise and PSRR](#) section.

Use the nominal soft-start  $C_{SS}$  capacitor because using a larger  $C_{SS}$  capacitor can lengthen the start-up time.

**7.1.4 Soft-Start (SS Pin) and Noise Reduction (NR Pin)**

The TPS7N53 has an SS pin and an NR pin to independently control the soft-start time and reducing the noise generated by the internal band-gap reference and the external resistor  $R_{REF}$ .

The device features a programmable, monotonic, voltage-controlled, soft-start circuit that is set to work with an external capacitor ( $C_{SS}$ ). In addition to the soft-start feature, the  $C_{NR}$  capacitor lowers the output voltage noise of the LDO. The soft-start feature can be used to eliminate power-up initialization problems. The controlled output voltage ramp also reduces peak inrush current during start up, minimizing start-up transients to the input power bus.

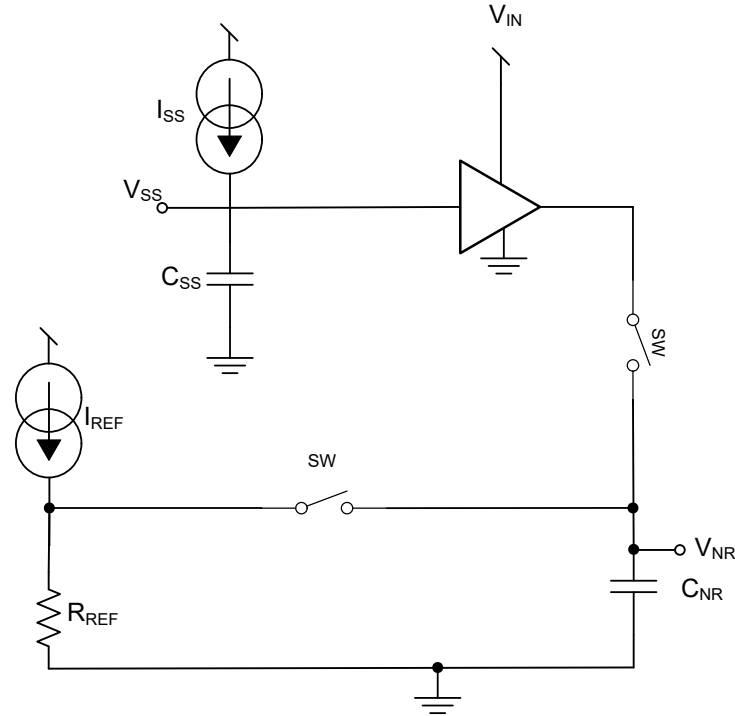
To achieve a monotonic start up, the device output voltage tracks the  $V_{NR}$  reference voltage until this reference reaches the set value (the set output voltage). The  $V_{NR}$  reference voltage is set by the  $R_{REF}$  resistor and, during start up, the device uses a fast charging current ( $I_{SS}$ ), as shown in [Figure 7-2](#), to charge the  $C_{SS}$  capacitor.

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**Note**

Any leakage on the NR and REF pins directly impacts the accuracy of the reference voltage.

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**Figure 7-2. Simplified Soft-Start Circuit**

The 30µA (typical)  $I_{SS}$  current quickly charges  $C_{SS}$  until the voltage reaches approximately 90% of the set output voltage, then the  $I_{SS}$  current turns off, the switch between NR and SS closes, as well as the switch between NR and REF.

**Note**

The discharge pulldown resistor on NR and SS (see the [Functional Block Diagram](#)) is engaged when any of the GND referenced UVLOs have been tripped, or when any faults occur (overtemp, PORs, IREF bad, or OTP error) and the NR, SS pin voltages are above 50 mV.

The soft-start ramp time depends on the fast start-up ( $I_{SS}$ ) charging current, the reference current ( $I_{REF}$ ),  $C_{SS}$  capacitor value, and the targeted output voltage ( $V_{OUT(target)}$ ). [Equation 4](#) calculates the soft-start ramp time.

$$\text{Soft-start time } (t_{SS}) = (V_{OUT(target)} \times C_{SS}) / (I_{SS}) \quad (4)$$

The  $I_{SS}$  current is provided in the [Section 5.5](#) and has a value of 30µA (typical). The  $I_{REF}$  current has a value of 150µA (typical). The remaining 10% of the start-up time is determined by the  $R_{REF} \times C_{NR}$  time constant.

The output voltage noise can be lowered significantly by increasing the  $C_{NR}$  capacitor. The  $C_{NR}$  capacitor and  $R_{REF}$  resistor form a low-pass filter (LPF) that filters out noise from the  $V_{REF}$  voltage reference, thereby reducing the device noise floor. The LPF is a single-pole filter and [Equation 5](#) calculates the LPF cutoff frequency. Increasing the  $C_{NR}$  capacitor can significantly lower output voltage noise. For low-noise applications, use a 1µF or larger  $C_{NR}$  for optimal noise.

$$\text{Cutoff Frequency } (f_{cutoff}) = 1 / (2 \times \pi \times R_{REF} \times C_{NR}) \quad (5)$$

**Note**

Current limit can be entered during start up with a small  $C_{NR}$  and large  $C_{OUT}$  because  $V_{OUT}$  no longer tracks the soft-start ramp.

[Figure 7-3](#) shows the impact of the  $C_{NR}$  capacitor on the LDO output voltage noise.

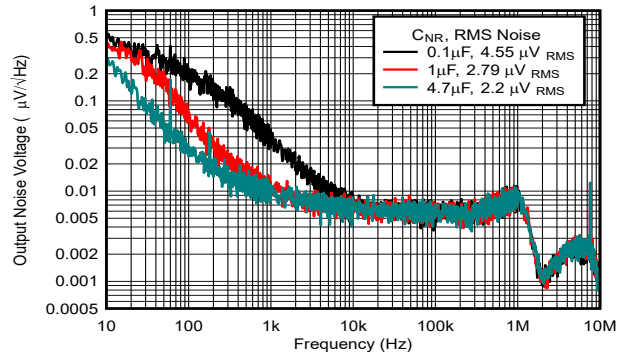


Figure 7-3. Output Voltage Noise Density vs  $C_{NR}$

### 7.1.5 Charge Pump Noise

The device internal charge pump that has a switching frequency around 15MHz.

The high-frequency components of the output voltage noise density curve are filtered out in most applications by properly selecting  $C_{OUT}$  that have low impedance close to the chargepump frequency. Multiple capacitors in parallel can also help filter (typically within 10nF to 100nF range) the harmonics from the chargepump. In addition, using a ferrite bead between the LDO output and the load input capacitors forms a pi-filter, further reducing the high-frequency noise contribution. Please note that proper attention must be made when selecting a ferrite bead. The noise generated by the charge pump is shown in [Charge Pump Noise](#).

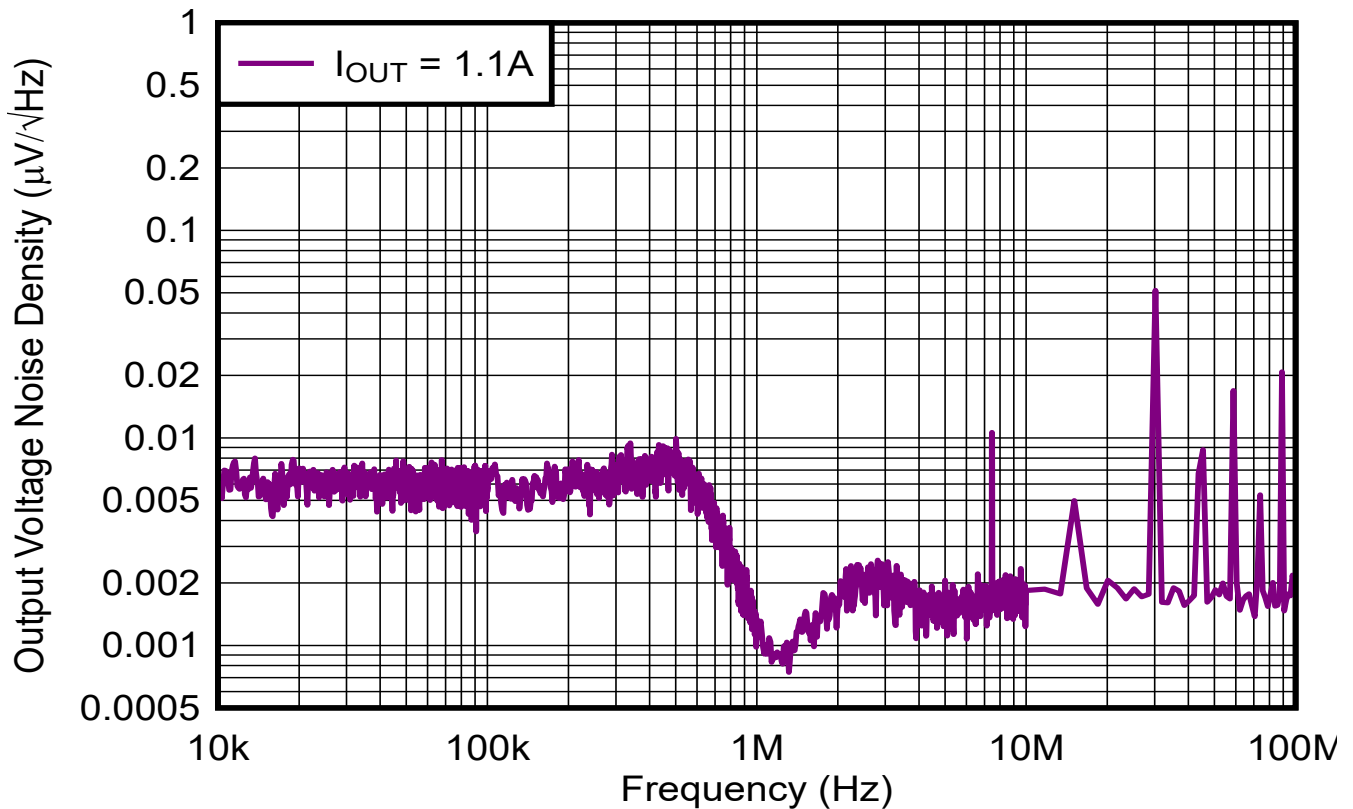


Figure 7-4. Charge Pump Noise

### 7.1.6 Optimizing Noise and PSRR

Noise can be generally defined as any unwanted signal combining with the desired signal (such as the regulated LDO output) that results in degraded power-supply source quality. Noise can be easily noticed in audio as

a hissing or popping sound. Extrinsic and intrinsic are the two basic groups that noise can be categorized into. Noise produced from an external circuit or natural phenomena such as 50 to 60 hertz power-line noise (spikes), along with the harmonics, is an excellent representative of extrinsic noise. Intrinsic noise is produced by components within the device circuitry such as resistors and transistors. For this device, the two dominating sources of intrinsic noise are the error amplifier and the internal reference voltage ( $V_{REF}$ ). Another term that sometimes combines with extrinsic noise is PSRR, which refers to the ability of the circuit or device to reject or filter out input supply noise and is expressed as a ratio of output voltage noise ripple to input voltage noise ripple.

Optimize the device intrinsic noise and PSRR by carefully selecting:

- $C_{NR}$  for the low-frequency range up to the device bandwidth
- $C_{OUT}$  for the high-frequency range close to and higher than the device bandwidth
- Operating headroom,  $V_{IN} - V_{OUT}$  ( $V_{OPHr}$ ), mainly for the low-frequency range up to the device bandwidth, but also for higher frequencies to a less effect

The device noise performance can be significantly improved by using a larger  $C_{NR}$  capacitor to filter out noise coupling from the input into the device  $V_{REF}$  reference. This coupling is especially apparent from low frequencies up to the device bandwidth. The low-pass filter formed by  $C_{NR}$  and  $R_{REF}$  can be designed to target low-frequency noise originating in the input supply. One downside of a larger  $C_{NR/SS}$  capacitor is a longer start-up time. The device unity-gain configuration eliminates the noise performance degradation that other LDOs suffer from because of the feedback network. Furthermore, increasing the device load current has little to no effect on the device noise performance.

Further improvement to the device noise at a higher frequency range than the device bandwidth can be achieved by using a larger  $C_{OUT}$  capacitor. However, a larger  $C_{OUT}$  increases inrush current and slows down the device transient response.

Increasing the operational headroom between  $V_{IN}$  and  $V_{OUT}$  has little to no effect on improving noise performance. However, this increase does improve PSRR significantly for frequency ranges up to the device bandwidth. Higher headroom can also improve transient performance of the device as well. Although  $C_{OUT}$  has little to no affect on improving PSRR at low frequency,  $C_{OUT}$  can improve PSRR for higher frequencies beyond the device bandwidth. A combination of capacitors, such as  $10\ \mu\text{F} \parallel 22\ \mu\text{F}$  provide an effective combination by lowering ESR and ESL. This behavior is illustrated in [Figure 5-3](#).

**Table 7-1. Output Noise for 0.5- $V_{OUT}$  vs  $C_{NR}$  and  $C_{OUT}$**

$V_n$ ( $\mu\text{V}_{RMS}$ ), 10-Hz to 100-kHz BW	$C_{NR}$ ( $\mu\text{F}$ )	$C_{OUT}$ ( $\mu\text{F}$ )
3.03	1	22
2.2	4.7	10

### 7.1.7 Adjustable Operation

As shown in Figure 7-5, the output voltage of the device can be set using a single external resistor ( $R_{REF}$ ).

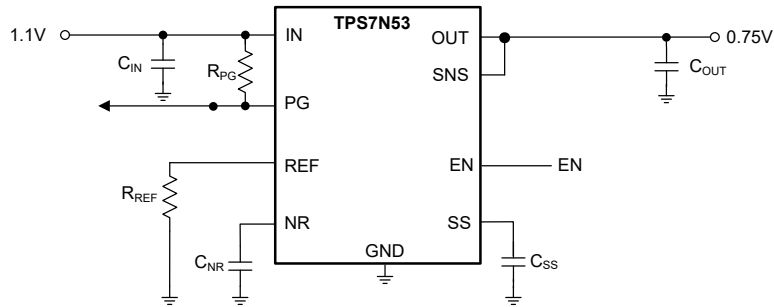


Figure 7-5. Typical Circuit

Use Equation 6 to calculate the  $R_{REF}$  value needed for the desirable output voltage.

$$V_{OUT} = I_{REF(NOM)} \times R_{REF} \tag{6}$$

Table 7-2 shows the recommended  $R_{REF}$  resistor values to achieve several common rails using a standard 1%-tolerance resistor.

Table 7-2. Recommended  $R_{REF}$  Values

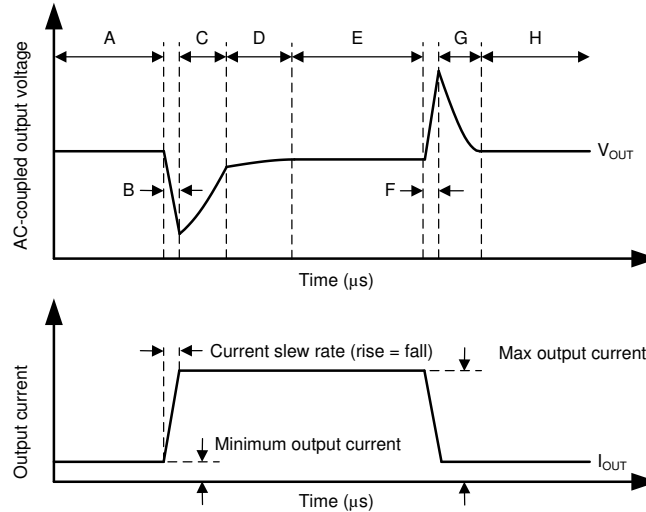
TARGETED OUTPUT VOLTAGE (V)	$R_{REF}$ (k $\Omega$ ) <sup>(1)</sup>	CALCULATED OUTPUT VOLTAGE (V)
0.5	3.3	0.495
0.6	4	0.600
0.7	4.7	0.705
0.8	5.36	0.804
0.9	6	0.900
1.0	6.68	1.002
1.2	8.06	1.209
1.5	10	1.500

(1) 1% resistors.



### 7.1.8 Load Transient Response

The load-step transient response is the LDO output voltage response to load current, whereby output voltage regulation is maintained. There are two key transitions during a load transient response: the transition from a light to a heavy load, and the transition from a heavy to a light load. The regions shown in Figure 7-6 are broken down in this section. Regions A, E, and H are where the output voltage is in steady-state regulation.



**Figure 7-6. Load Transient Waveform**

During transitions from a light load to a heavy load:

- The initial voltage dip is a result of the depletion of the output capacitor charge and parasitic impedance to the output capacitor (region B)
- Recovery from the dip results from the LDO increasing the sourcing current, and leads to output voltage regulation (region C)

During transitions from a heavy load to a light load:

- The initial voltage rise results from the LDO sourcing a large current, and leads to the output capacitor charge to increase (region F)
- Recovery from the rise results from the LDO decreasing the sourcing current in combination with the load discharging the output capacitor (region G)

Transitions between current levels changes the internal power dissipation because the device is a high-current device (region D). The change in power dissipation changes the die temperature during these transitions, and leads to a slightly different voltage level. This temperature-dependent output voltage level shows up in the various load transient responses.

A larger output capacitance reduces the peaks during a load transient but slows down the response time of the device. A larger dc load also reduces the peaks because the amplitude of the transition is lowered and a higher current discharge path is provided for the output capacitor.

#### Note

The TPS7N53, with the high bandwidth, can react faster than the output capacitors. Verify that there is sufficient capacitance at the input of the LDO.

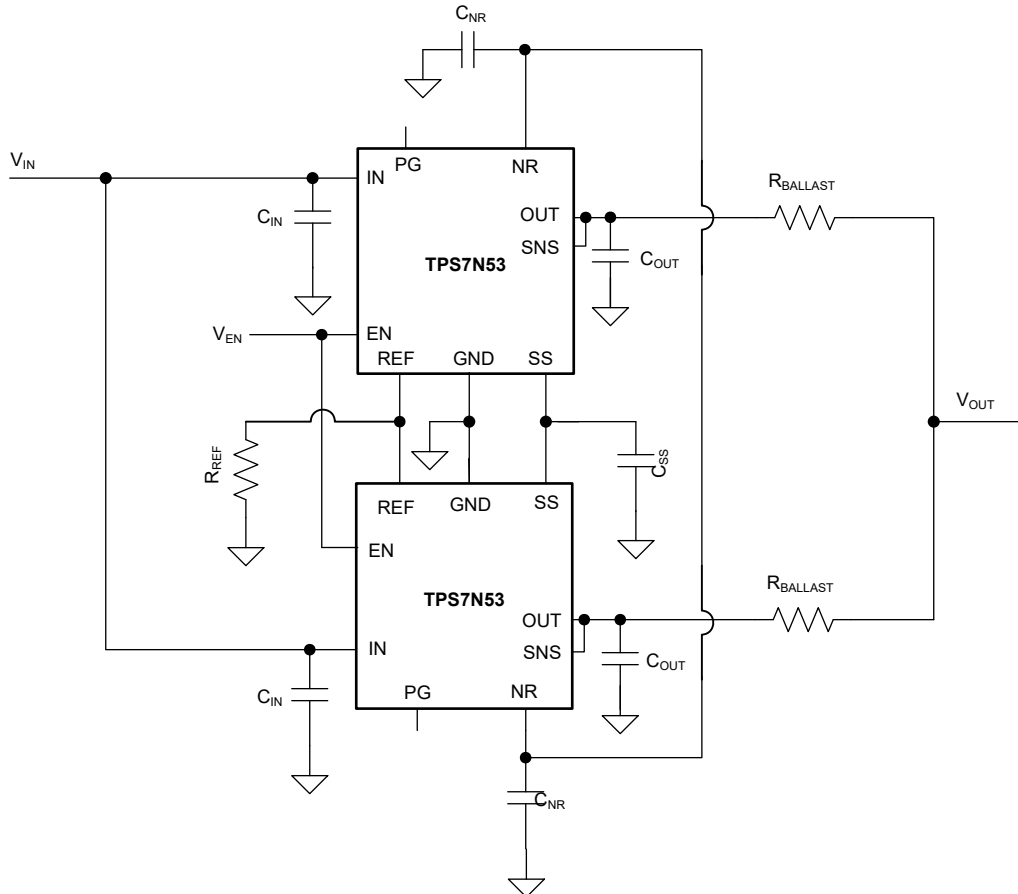
### 7.1.9 Power-Good Functionality

As described in the [Functional Block Diagram](#), the PG pin is a open-drain MOSFET driven by a Schmitt trigger. The Schmitt trigger compares the SNS pin voltage to a preselected voltage equal to 90% that of the reference voltage.

As mentioned in the [Section 5.3](#) table, the pullup resistance must be between 10kΩ and 100kΩ for optimal performance. If the PG functionality is not desired, the PG pin can either be left floating or connected to GND.

### 7.1.10 Paralleling for Higher Output Current and Lower Noise

Achieving higher output current and lower noise is achievable by paralleling two or more LDOs. Implementation must be carefully planned out to optimize performance and minimize output current imbalance.



**Figure 7-7. Paralleling Multiple TPS7N53 Devices**

Please refer to the following documents for further information for paralleling LDOs:

- [Scalable, High-Current, Low-Noise Parallel LDO Reference Design design guide](#)
- [Parallel LDO Architecture Design Using Ballast Resistors white paper](#)
- [Comprehensive Analysis and Universal Equations for Parallel LDO's Using Ballast Resistors white paper](#)

### 7.1.11 Power Dissipation ( $P_D$ )

Circuit reliability demands that proper consideration be given to device power dissipation, location of the circuit on the printed circuit board (PCB), and correct sizing of the thermal plane. The PCB area around the regulator must be as free as possible of other heat-generating devices that cause added thermal stresses.

As a first-order approximation, power dissipation in the regulator depends on the input-to-output voltage difference and load conditions. [Equation 7](#) calculates  $P_D$ :

$$P_D = (V_{OUT} - V_{IN}) \times I_{OUT} \quad (7)$$

### Note

Power dissipation can be minimized, and thus greater efficiency achieved, by proper selection of the system voltage rails. Proper selection allows the minimum input-to-output voltage differential to be obtained. The low dropout of the device allows for maximum efficiency across a wide range of output voltages.

The primary heat conduction path for the package is through the thermal pad to the PCB. Solder the thermal pad to a copper pad area under the device. This pad area contains an array of plated vias that conduct heat to any inner plane areas or to a bottom-side copper plane.

The power dissipation through the device determines the junction temperature ( $T_J$ ) for the device. Power dissipation and junction temperature are most often related by the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance ( $R_{\theta JA}$ ) of the combined PCB and device package and the temperature of the ambient air ( $T_A$ ), according to [Equation 8](#). The equation is rearranged for output current in [Equation 9](#).

$$T_J = T_A + (R_{\theta JA} \times P_D) \quad (8)$$

$$I_{OUT} = (T_J - T_A) / [R_{\theta JA} \times (V_{IN} - V_{OUT})] \quad (9)$$

Unfortunately, this thermal resistance ( $R_{\theta JA}$ ) is highly dependent on the heat-spreading capability built into the particular PCB design, and therefore varies according to the total copper area, copper weight, and location of the planes. The  $R_{\theta JA}$  recorded in the [Thermal Information](#) table is determined by the JEDEC standard, PCB, and copper-spreading area, and is only used as a relative measure of package thermal performance. For a well-designed thermal layout,  $R_{\theta JA}$  is actually the sum of the RTE package junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance ( $R_{\theta JCbot}$ ) plus the thermal resistance contribution by the PCB copper.

#### 7.1.12 Estimating Junction Temperature

The JEDEC standard now recommends the use of psi ( $\Psi$ ) thermal metrics to estimate the junction temperatures of the LDO when in-circuit on a typical PCB board application. These metrics are not strictly speaking thermal resistances, but rather offer practical and relative means of estimating junction temperatures. These psi metrics are determined to be significantly independent of the copper-spreading area. The key thermal metrics ( $\Psi_{JT}$  and  $\Psi_{JB}$ ) are used in accordance with [Equation 10](#) and are given in the [Section 5.5](#) table.

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{JT}: T_J &= T_T + \Psi_{JT} \times P_D \\ \Psi_{JB}: T_J &= T_B + \Psi_{JB} \times P_D \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where:

- $P_D$  is the power dissipated as explained in [Equation 7](#)
- $T_T$  is the temperature at the center-top of the device package
- $T_B$  is the PCB surface temperature measured 1 mm from the device package and centered on the package edge

## 7.2 Typical Application

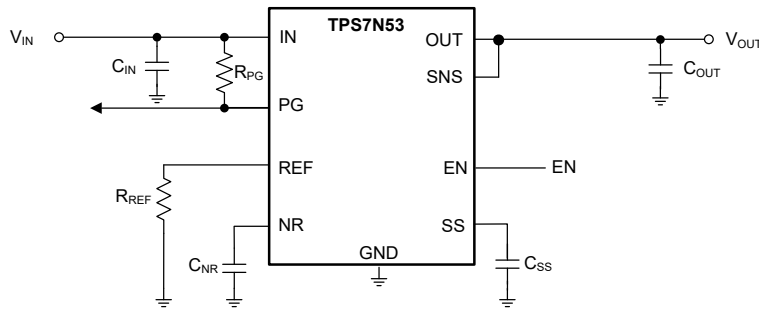


Figure 7-8. Typical Application Schematic

### 7.2.1 Design Requirements

The table below lists the required application parameters for this design example.

Table 7-3. Design Parameters

PARAMETER	DESIGN REQUIREMENT
Input voltage	1.1V, $\pm 2\%$ , provided by the DC/DC converter switching at 1MHz
Output voltage	0.5V, 2%
Output current	3A (maximum), 1.1A (minimum)
Noise	Less than $5\mu\text{V}_{\text{RMS}}$
PSRR at 10kHz	60dB at max load current
PSRR at 1MHz	> 30dB at max load current

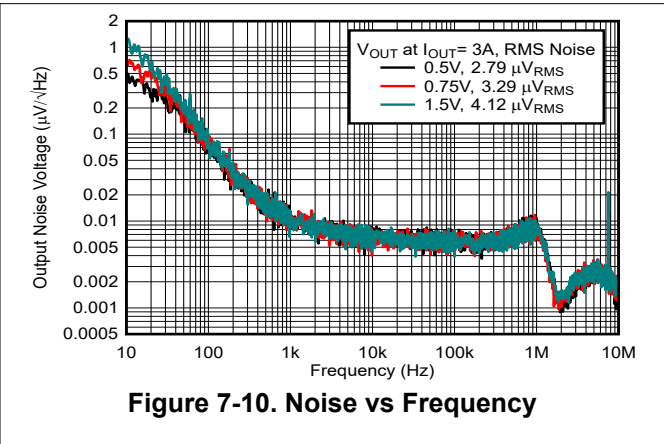
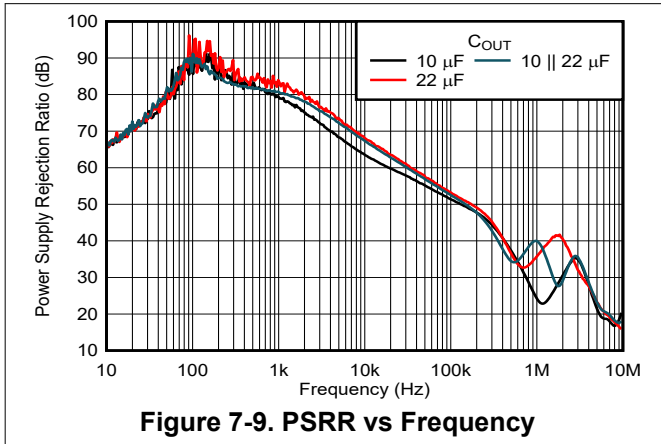
### 7.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

In this design example, the device is powered by a dc/dc convertor switching at 1 MHz. The load requires a 0.5V clean rail with less than  $5\mu\text{V}_{\text{RMS}}$ . A  $10\mu\text{F}$  input capacitor,  $22\mu\text{F}$  output capacitor,  $1\mu\text{F}$  NR capacitor, and  $10\text{nF}$  SS capacitor are used to achieve a good balance between fast start-up time and excellent noise, and PSRR performance and load transient.

The output voltage is set using a  $3.3\text{k}\Omega$ , thin-film resistor value calculated as described in the [Output Voltage Setting and Regulation](#) section. The PG can be pulled up to  $V_{\text{IN}}$  pin using a  $10\text{k}\Omega$  to provide a Power-Good signal. The enable voltage is provided by a external I/O. [Figure 7-10](#) illustrates that the device meets all design noise requirements. [Figure 7-9](#) depicts adequate PSRR performance..

[Figure 7-8](#) depicts the implementation of these components.

### 7.2.3 Application Curves



## 7.3 Power Supply Recommendations

The device is designed to operate from an input voltage supply ranging from 1.1 V to 2.2 V. Ensure that the input voltage range provides adequate operational headroom for the device to have a regulated output. This input supply must be well regulated and low impedance. If the input supply is noisy, use additional input capacitors with low ESR and increase the operating headroom to achieve the desired output noise, PSRR, and load transient performance. There is no sequencing requirement between IN and EN.

## 7.4 Layout

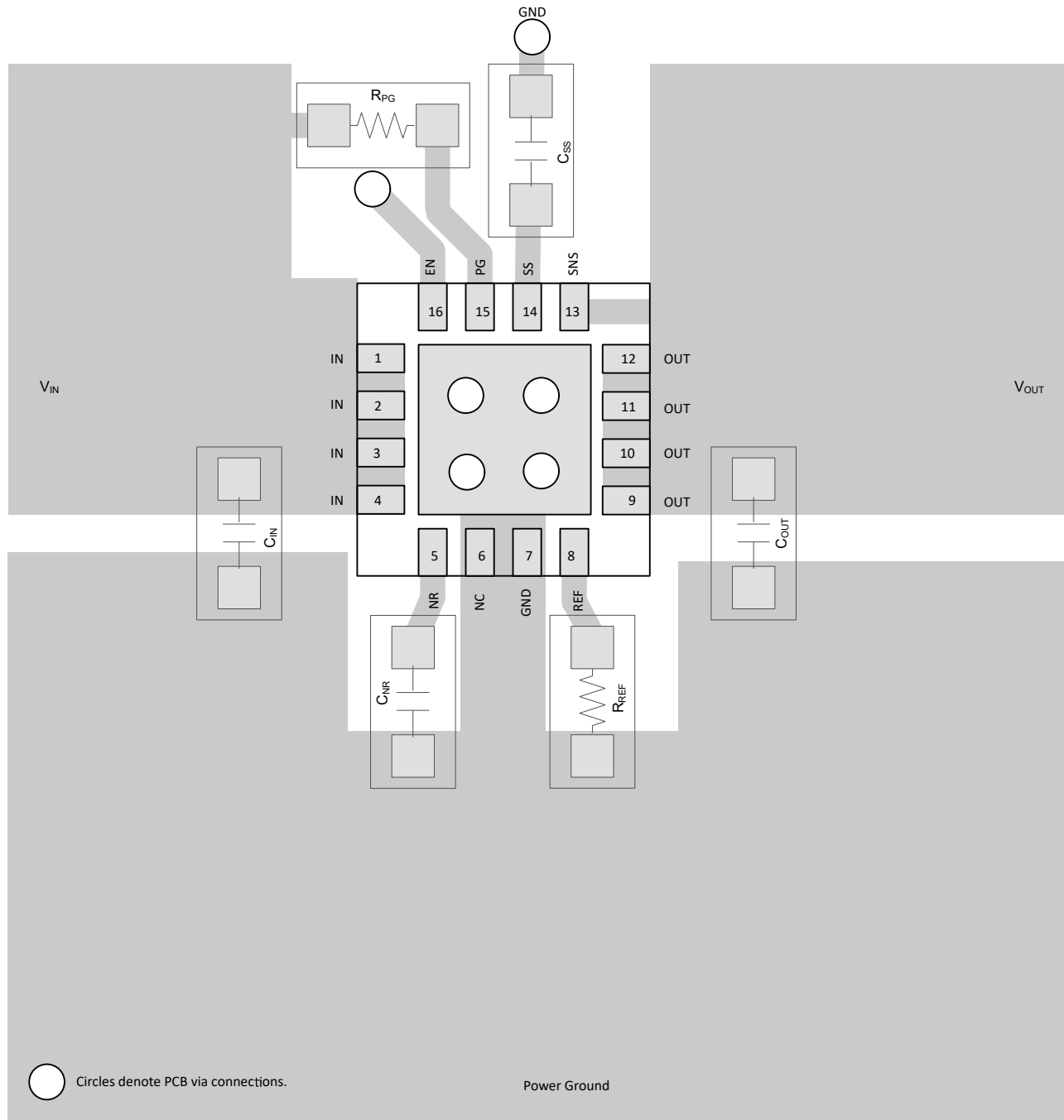
### 7.4.1 Layout Guidelines

For best overall performance, place all circuit components on the same side of the circuit board and as near as practical to the respective LDO pin connections. Place ground return connections to the input and output capacitor, and to the LDO ground pin as close to each other as possible, connected by a wide, component-side, copper surface. To avoid negative system performance, do not use vias and long traces to the input and output capacitors. The grounding and layout scheme illustrated in [Figure 7-11](#) minimizes inductive parasitics, and thereby reduces load-current transients, minimizes noise, and increases circuit stability.

Because of the wide bandwidth and high output current capability, inductance present on the output negatively impacts load transient response. For best performance, minimize trace inductance between the output and load. A low ESL capacitor combined with low trace inductance limits the total inductance present on the output and optimizes the high-frequency PSRR.

To improve thermal and overall performance, use a ground reference plane, either embedded in the PCB or placed on the bottom side of the PCB opposite the components. This reference plane serves to verify accuracy of the output voltage, shield noise, and behaves similar to a thermal plane to spread (or sink) heat from the LDO device when connected to the thermal pad. In most applications, this ground plane is necessary to meet thermal requirements. Use as many vias as possible under the thermal pad to help spread (or sink) the heat from the LDO to the GND planes underneath.

### 7.4.2 Layout Example



**Figure 7-11. Recommended Layout**

## 8 Device and Documentation Support

### 8.1 Documentation Support

#### 8.1.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation see the following:

- Texas Instruments, [High-Current, Low-Noise Parallel LDO Reference Design design guide](#)

### 8.2 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

To receive notification of documentation updates, navigate to the device product folder on [ti.com](https://www.ti.com). Click on *Notifications* to register and receive a weekly digest of any product information that has changed. For change details, review the revision history included in any revised document.

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### 8.5 Electrostatic Discharge Caution



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ESD damage can range from subtle performance degradation to complete device failure. Precision integrated circuits may be more susceptible to damage because very small parametric changes could cause the device not to meet its published specifications.

### 8.6 Glossary

[TI Glossary](#) This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

## 9 Revision History

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• Updated document status from Advance Information to Initial release.....	1

## 10 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.

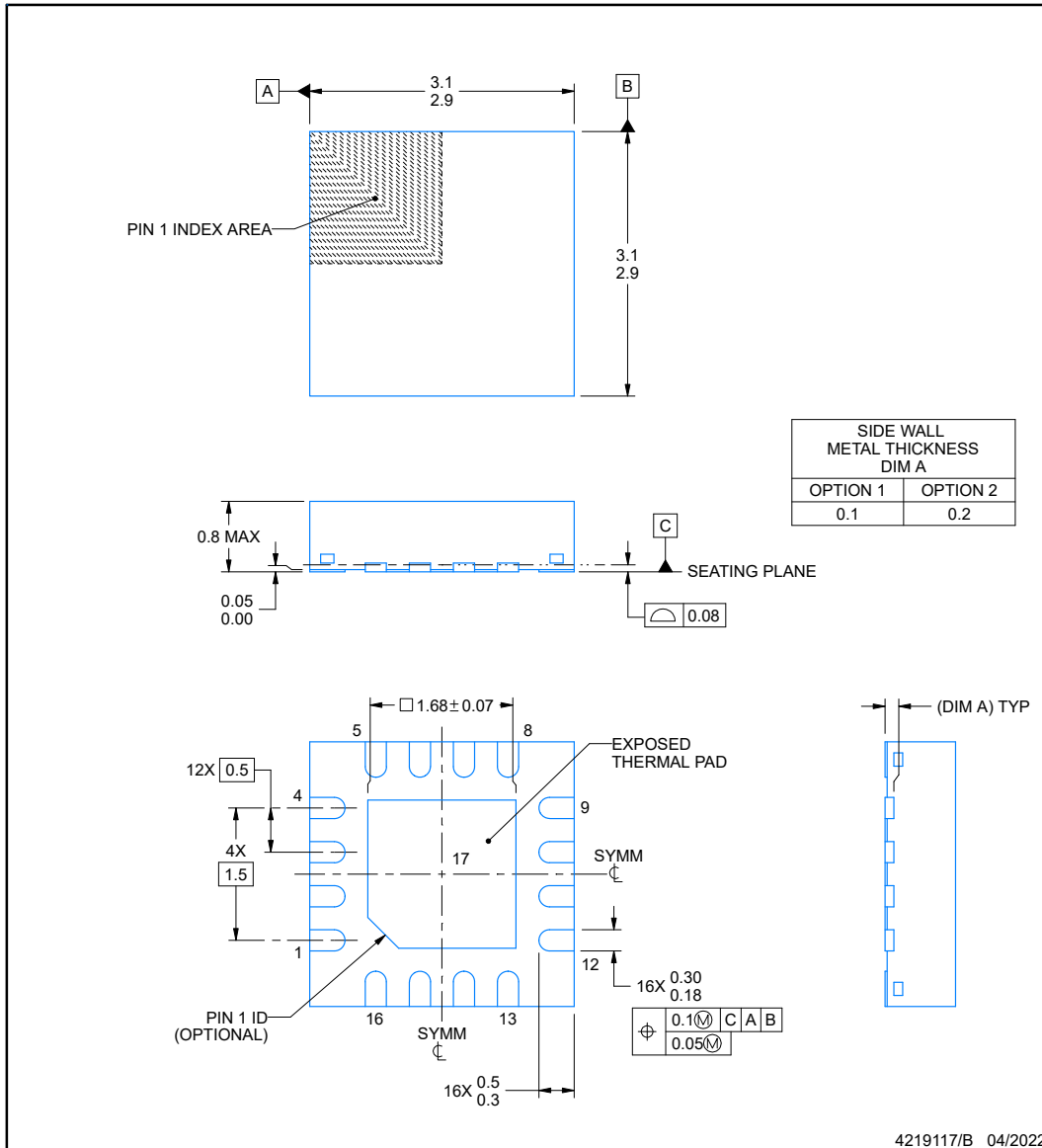


**RTE0016C**

**PACKAGE OUTLINE**

**WQFN - 0.8 mm max height**

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



**NOTES:**

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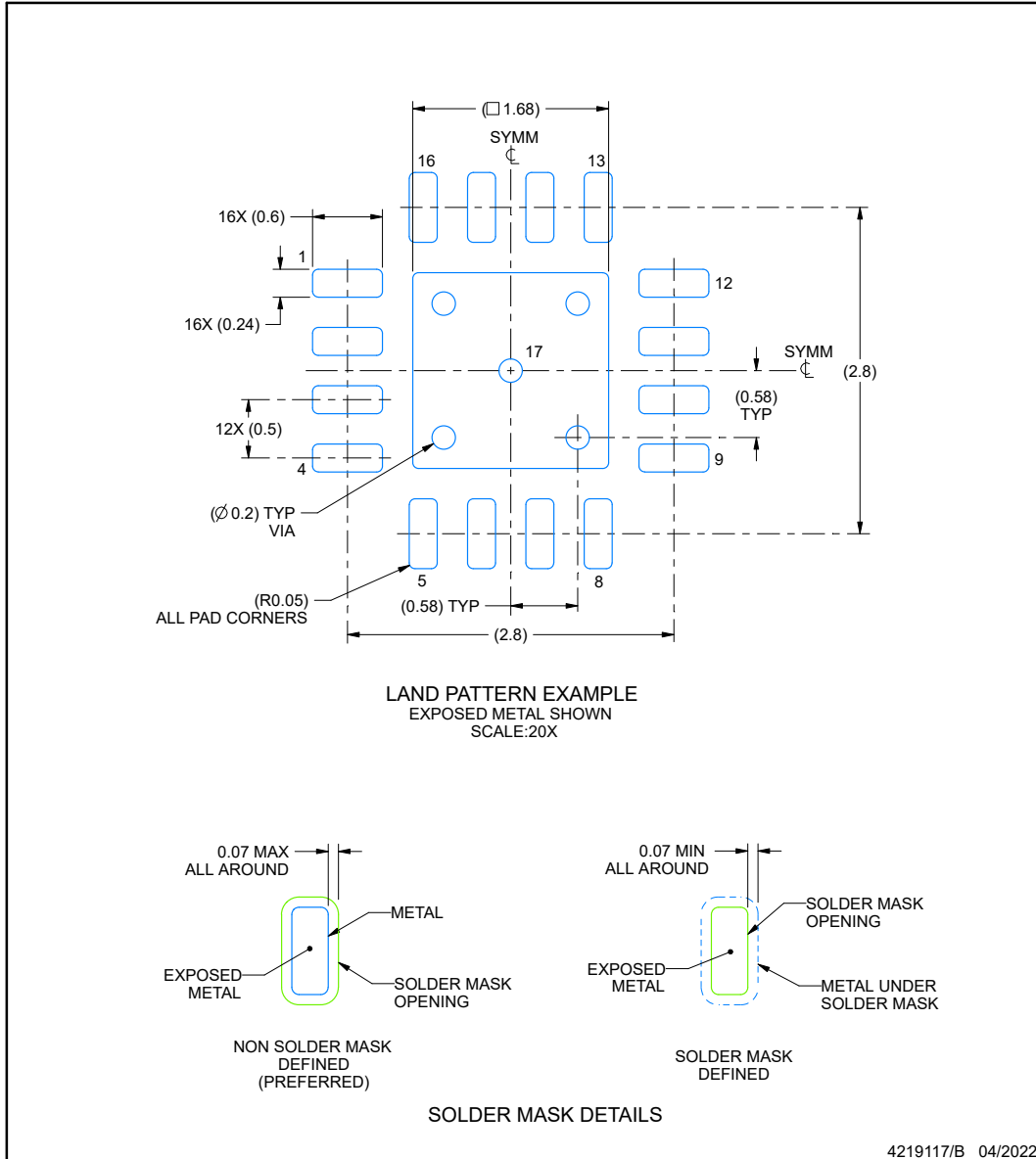


## EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

**RTE0016C**

**WQFN - 0.8 mm max height**

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



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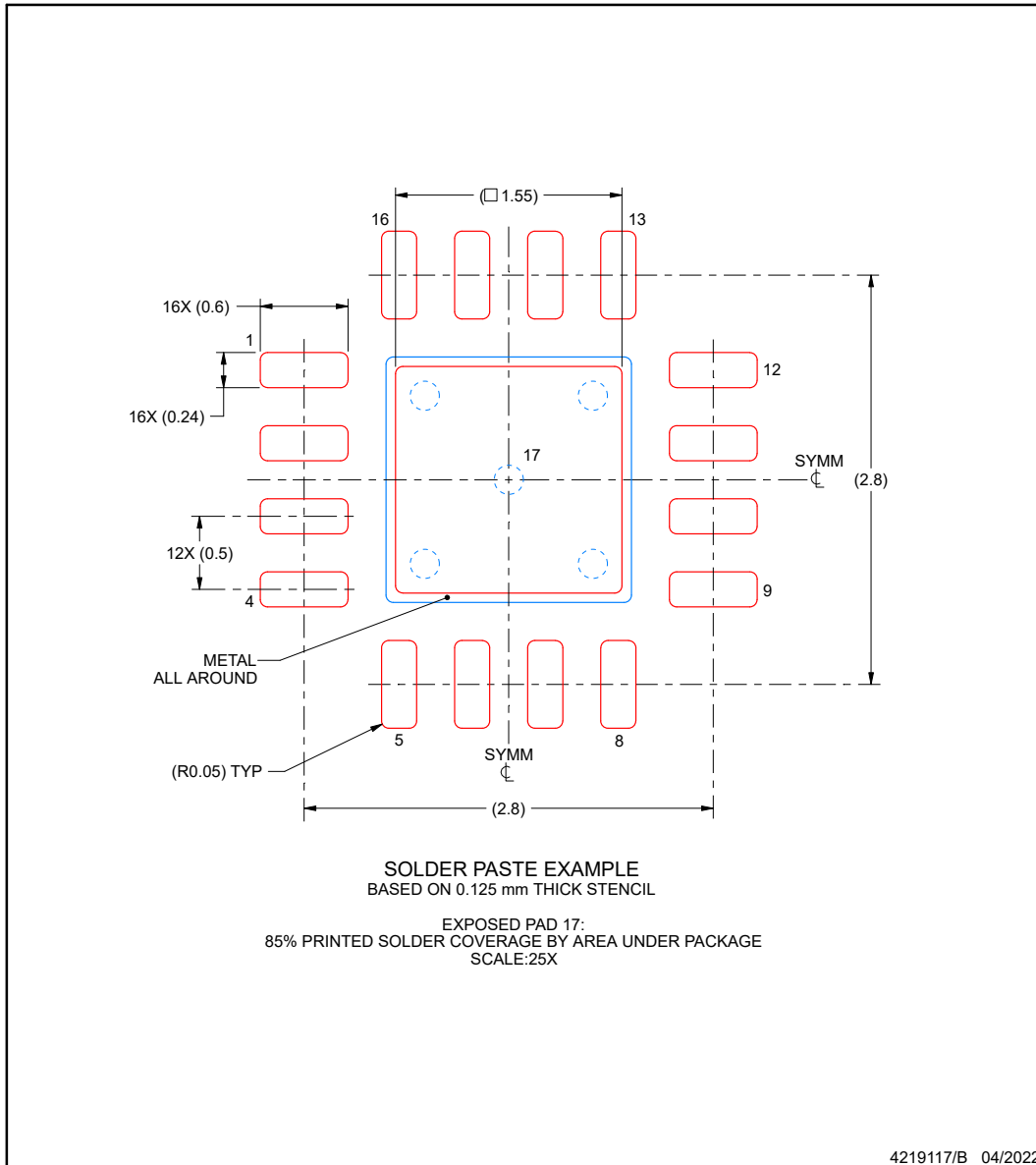
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### EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

**RTE0016C**

**WQFN - 0.8 mm max height**

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



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## 10.1 Package Option Addendum

### Packaging Information

Orderable Device	Status <sup>(1)</sup>	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan <sup>(2)</sup>	Lead/Ball Finish <sup>(6)</sup>	MSL Peak Temp <sup>(3)</sup>	Op Temp (°C)	Device Marking <sup>(4) (5)</sup>
TPS7N5301R TER	ACTIVE	WQFN	RTE	16	5000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-1-260CG- 2 Years	-40 to 125	P7N53

- (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.  
**PRE\_PROD** Unannounced device, not in production, not available for mass market, nor on the web, samples not available.  
**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 [www.ti.com/productcontent](http://www.ti.com/productcontent) for the latest availability information and additional product content details.  
**TBD:** The Pb-Free/Green conversion plan has not been defined.  
**Pb-Free (RoHS):** TI's terms "Lead-Free" or "Pb-Free" mean semiconductor products that are compatible with the current RoHS requirements for all 6 substances, including the requirement that lead not exceed 0.1% by weight in homogeneous materials. Where designed to be soldered at high temperatures, TI Pb-Free products are suitable for use in specified lead-free processes.  
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**Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br):** TI defines "Green" to mean Pb-Free (RoHS compatible), and free of Bromine (Br) and Antimony (Sb) based flame retardants (Br or Sb do not exceed 0.1% by weight in homogeneous material).
- (3) MSL, Peak Temp. -- The Moisture Sensitivity Level rating according to the JEDEC industry standard classifications, and peak solder temperature.
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**PACKAGING INFORMATION**

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<a href="#">TPS7N5301RTER</a>	Active	Production	WQFN (RTE)   16	5000   LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	7N5301
TPS7N5301RTER.A	Active	Production	WQFN (RTE)   16	5000   LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	7N5301

(1) **Status:** For more details on status, see our [product life cycle](#).

(2) **Material type:** When designated, preproduction parts are prototypes/experimental devices, and are not yet approved or released for full production. Testing and final process, including without limitation quality assurance, reliability performance testing, and/or process qualification, may not yet be complete, and this item is subject to further changes or possible discontinuation. If available for ordering, purchases will be subject to an additional waiver at checkout, and are intended for early internal evaluation purposes only. These items are sold without warranties of any kind.

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**TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION**

**QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE**


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Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
TPS7N5301RTER	WQFN	RTE	16	5000	330.0	12.4	3.3	3.3	1.1	8.0	12.0	Q2

**TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS**


\*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
TPS7N5301RTER	WQFN	RTE	16	5000	367.0	367.0	35.0

## GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW

**RTE 16**

**WQFN - 0.8 mm max height**

3 x 3, 0.5 mm pitch

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD

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Refer to the product data sheet for package details.



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SIDE WALL METAL THICKNESS DIM A	
OPTION 1	OPTION 2
0.1	0.2



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LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE  
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN  
SCALE:20X



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**SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE**  
BASED ON 0.125 mm THICK STENCIL

EXPOSED PAD 17:  
85% PRINTED SOLDER COVERAGE BY AREA UNDER PACKAGE  
SCALE:25X

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