

LP2951-Q1 Automotive, Adjustable Micropower Voltage Regulators With Shutdown

1 Features

- AEC-Q100 qualified for automotive applications:
 - Temperature grade x: y°C to z°C, T_A
- Wide input range: Up to 35 V
- Rated output current: 100 mA
- Low dropout: 380 mV (typ) at 100 mA
- Low quiescent current: 75 µA (typ)
- Tight line regulation: 0.03% (typ)
- Tight load regulation: 0.04% (typ)
- High V_O accuracy:
 - 1% at 25°C
 - 2% over temperature
- Can be used as a regulator or reference
- Stable with low ESR (>12 mΩ) capacitors
- Current- and thermal-limiting features
- 8-pin package:
 - Fixed voltages: 5 V/ADJ and 3.3 V/ADJ
 - Low-voltage error signal on falling output
 - Shutdown capability
 - Remote sense capability for optimal output regulation and accuracy

2 Applications

- [Infotainment and clusters](#)
- [HEV/EV battery-management systems \(BMS\)](#)
- [HEV/EV inverters and motor controls](#)
- [HEV/EV onboard chargers \(OBC\) and wireless chargers](#)
- [HEV/EV DC/DC converters](#)

3 Description

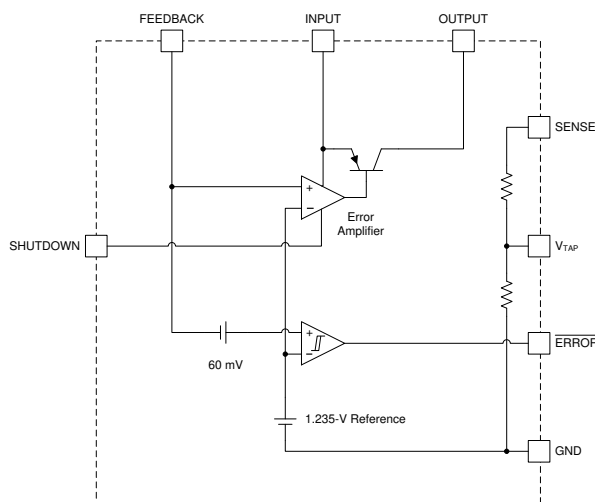
The LP2951-Q1 is a bipolar, low-dropout voltage regulator that can accommodate a wide input supply-voltage range of up to 35 V. The 8-pin LP2951-Q1 is able to output either a fixed or adjustable output from the same device. By tying the OUTPUT and SENSE pins together, and the FEEDBACK and V_{TAP} pins together, the LP2951-Q1 outputs a fixed 5 V and 3.3 V (depending on the version). Alternatively, by leaving the SENSE and V_{TAP} pins open and connecting FEEDBACK to an external resistor divider, the output can be set to any value between 1.235 V to 30 V.

The LP2951-Q1 device is designed to minimize all error contributions to the output voltage. With a tight output tolerance (0.5% at 25°C), a very low output voltage temperature coefficient (20 ppm typical), extremely good line and load regulation (0.3% and 0.4% typical), and remote sensing capability, the device can be used as either a low-power voltage reference or a 100-mA regulator.

Package Information

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE ⁽¹⁾	PACKAGE SIZE ⁽²⁾
LP2951-33-Q1	DRG (WSON, 8)	3 mm × 3 mm
LP2951-50-Q1		
LP2591-50-Q1	D (SOIC, 8)	4.9 mm × 6 mm

- (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.



Simplified Block Diagram



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4 Revision History

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• Changed automotive-specific bullets in <i>Features</i> section.....	1
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5 Pin Configuration and Functions

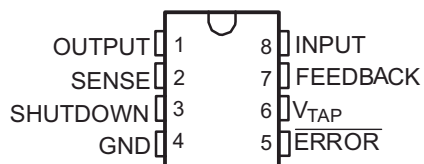


Figure 5-1. D Package (LP2591-50-Q1), 8-Pin SOIC (Top View)

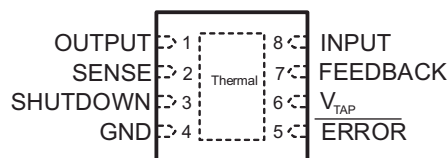


Figure 5-2. DRG Package, 8-Pin WSON With Exposed Thermal Pad (Top View)

Table 5-1. Pin Functions

PIN		TYPE	DESCRIPTION
NAME	NO.		
ERROR	5	O	Active-low, open-collector error output. Goes low when V_{OUT} drops by 6% of the nominal value.
FEEDBACK	7	I	Determines the output voltage. Connect to V_{TAP} (with OUTPUT tied to SENSE) to output the fixed voltage corresponding to the device version, or connect to a resistor divider to adjust the output voltage.
GND	4	—	Ground
INPUT	8	I	Supply input
OUTPUT	1	O	Voltage output
SENSE	2	I	Senses the output voltage. Connect to OUTPUT (with FEEDBACK tied to V_{TAP}) to output the voltage corresponding to the device version.
SHUTDOWN	3	I	Active-high input. Shuts down the device.
V_{TAP}	6	O	Tie to FEEDBACK to output the fixed voltage corresponding to the device version.

6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

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

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
V _{IN}	Input voltage	−0.3	35	V
V _{SHDN}	SHUTDOWN input voltage	−1.5	35	V
	ERROR comparator output voltage ⁽²⁾	−1.5	30	V
V _{FDBK}	FEEDBACK input voltage ^{(2) (3)}	−1.5	30	V
T _J	Operating virtual-junction temperature		150	°C
T _{stg}	Storage temperature	−65	150	°C

- (1) Stresses beyond those listed under *absolute maximum ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *recommended operating conditions* is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.
- (2) Can possibly exceed input supply voltage.
- (3) If load is returned to a negative power supply, the output must be diode clamped to GND.

6.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT
V _(ESD)	Electrostatic discharge	Human body model (HBM), per AEC Q100-002 ^{(1) (2)}	±2000	V
		Charged device model (CDM), per AEC Q100-011	±1000	
		Other pins	±1000	

- (1) AEC Q100-002 indicates HBM stressing is done in accordance with the ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 specification.
- (2) The LP2951-50QDRQ1 FEEDBACK pin survives up to 1500-V HBM.

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

		MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
V _{IN}	Supply input voltage	See ⁽¹⁾		30	V
T _A	Operating temperature	−40		125	°C

- (1) Minimum V_{IN} is the greater of:
- 2 V (25°C), 2.3 V (over temperature), or
 - V_{OUT(MAX)} + Dropout (max) at rated I_L.

6.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		LP2951-30-Q1, LP2951-50-Q1	LP2951-50-Q1	UNIT
		DRG (WSON)	D (SOIC)	
		8 PINS	8 PINS	
R _{θJA}	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	55.7	121.6	°C/W
R _{θJC(top)}	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	66.5	69.8	°C/W
R _{θJB}	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	30.2	61.9	°C/W
ψ _{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	1.1	22.2	°C/W
ψ _{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	30.4	61.4	°C/W
R _{θJC(bot)}	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	10	n/a	°C/W

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

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

$V_{IN} = V_{OUT} \text{ (nominal)} + 1 \text{ V}$, $I_L = 100 \mu\text{A}$, $C_L = 1 \mu\text{F}$ (5-V versions) or $C_L = 2.2 \mu\text{F}$ (3.3-V versions),
8-pin version: FEEDBACK tied to V_{TAP} , OUTPUT tied to SENSE, $V_{SHUTDOWN} \leq 0.7 \text{ V}$

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS	T _A	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
3.3-V VERSION (LP2951-33-Q1)							
V _{OUT}	Output voltage	I _L = 100 μA	25°C	3.267	3.3	3.333	V
			−40°C to 125°C	3.234	3.3	3.366	
5-V VERSION (LP2951-50-Q1)							
V _{OUT}	Output voltage	I _L = 100 μA	25°C	4.950	5	5.050	V
			−40°C to 125°C	4.900	5	5.100	
ALL VOLTAGE OPTIONS							
	Output voltage temperature coefficient ⁽¹⁾	I _L = 100 μA	−40°C to 125°C		20	100	ppm/°C
	Line regulation ⁽²⁾	V _{IN} = [V _{OUT(NOM)} + 1 V] to 30 V	25°C		0.03	0.2	%V
			−40°C to 125°C			0.4	
	Load regulation ⁽²⁾	I _L = 100 μA to 100 mA	25°C		0.04%	0.2%	
			−40°C to 125°C			0.3%	
V _{IN} − V _{OUT}	Dropout voltage ⁽³⁾	I _L = 100 μA	25°C		50	80	mV
			−40°C to 125°C			150	
		I _L = 100 mA	25°C		380	450	
			−40°C to 125°C			600	
I _{GND}	GND current	I _L = 100 μA	25°C		75	120	μA
			−40°C to 125°C			140	
		I _L = 100 mA	25°C		8	12	mA
			−40°C to 125°C			14	
	Dropout ground current	V _{IN} = V _{OUT(NOM)} − 0.5 V, I _L = 100 μA	25°C		110	170	μA
			−40°C to 125°C			200	
	Current limit	V _{OUT} = 0 V	25°C		160	200	mA
			−40°C to 125°C			220	
	Thermal regulation ⁽⁴⁾	I _L = 100 μA	25°C		0.05	0.2	%/W
	Output noise (RMS), 10 Hz to 100 kHz	C _L = 1 μF (5 V only)	25°C		430		μV
		C _L = 200 μF			160		
		LP2951-50-Q1: C _L = 3.3 μF, C _{Bypass} = 0.01 μF between pins 1 and 7			100		
	Reference voltage ⁽⁶⁾	V _{OUT} = V _{REF} to (V _{IN} − 1 V), V _{IN} = 2.3 V to 30 V, I _L = 100 μA to 100 mA	−40°C to 125°C	1.200		1.272	V
	Reference voltage temperature coefficient ⁽¹⁾		25°C		20		ppm/°C
ERROR COMPARATOR							
	Output leakage current	V _{OUT} = 30 V	25°C		0.01	1	μA
			−40°C to 125°C			2	
	Output low voltage	V _{IN} = V _{OUT(NOM)} − 0.5 V, I _{OL} = 400 μA	25°C		150	250	mV
			−40°C to 125°C			400	
	Upper threshold voltage (ERROR output high) ⁽⁵⁾		25°C	40	60		mV
			−40°C to 125°C	25			
	Lower threshold voltage (ERROR output low) ⁽⁵⁾		25°C		75	95	mV
			−40°C to 125°C			140	
	Hysteresis ⁽⁵⁾		25°C		15		mV
SHUTDOWN INPUT							
	Input logic voltage	Low (regulator ON)	−40°C to 125°C			0.7	V
		High (regulator OFF)			2		

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8-pin version: FEEDBACK tied to V_{TAP} , OUTPUT tied to SENSE, $V_{SHUTDOWN} \leq 0.7 \text{ V}$

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	T_A	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
SHUTDOWN input current	$V_{TAP} = 2.4 \text{ V}$	25°C		30	50	μA
		–40°C to 125°C			100	
	$V_{TAP} = 30 \text{ V}$	25°C		450	600	
		–40°C to 125°C			750	
Regulator output current in shutdown	$V_{SHUTDOWN} \geq 2 \text{ V}$, $V_{IN} \leq 30 \text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 0$, FEEDBACK tied to V_{TAP}	25°C		3	10	μA
		–40°C to 125°C			20	

- (1) Output or reference voltage temperature coefficient is defined as the worst-case voltage change divided by the total temperature range.
- (2) Regulation is measured at constant junction temperature, using pulse testing with a low duty cycle. Changes in output voltage resulting from heating effects are covered under the specification for thermal regulation.
- (3) Dropout voltage is defined as the input-to-output differential at which the output voltage drops 100 mV, below the value measured at 1-V differential. The minimum input supply voltage of 2 V (2.3 V over temperature) must be observed.
- (4) Thermal regulation is defined as the change in output voltage at a time (T) after a change in power dissipation is applied, excluding load or line regulation effects. Specifications are for a 50-mA load pulse at $V_{IN} = 30 \text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 5 \text{ V}$ (1.25-W pulse) for $t = 10 \text{ ms}$.
- (5) Comparator thresholds are expressed in terms of a voltage differential equal to the nominal reference voltage (measured at $V_{IN} - V_{OUT} = 1 \text{ V}$) minus FEEDBACK terminal voltage. To express these thresholds in terms of output voltage change, multiply by the error amplifier gain $= V_{OUT} / V_{REF} = (R1 + R2) / R2$. For example, at a programmed output voltage of 5 V, the ERROR output is specified to go low when the output drops by $95 \text{ mV} \times 5 \text{ V} / 1.235 \text{ V} = 384 \text{ mV}$. Thresholds remain constant as a percentage of V_{OUT} (as V_{OUT} is varied), with the low-output warning occurring at 6% below nominal (typical) and 7.7% (maximum).
- (6) For the LP2951-50QDR in the SOIC package, V_{REF} is tested at $V_{IN} = 6 \text{ V}$ and $I_{OUT} = 100 \mu\text{A}$.

6.6 Typical Characteristics

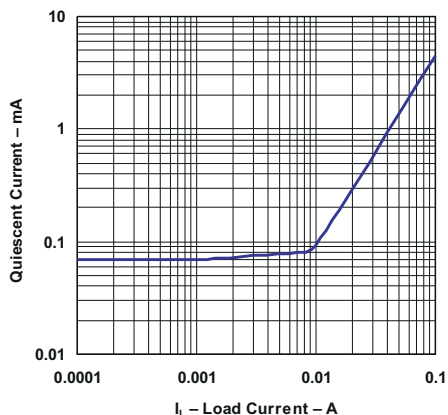


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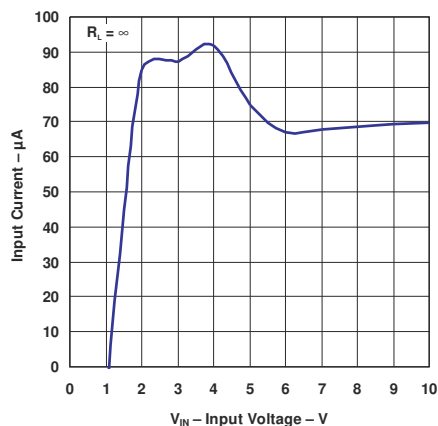


Figure 6-2. Input Current vs Input Voltage

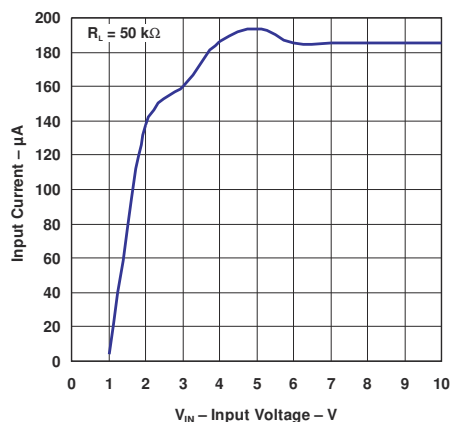


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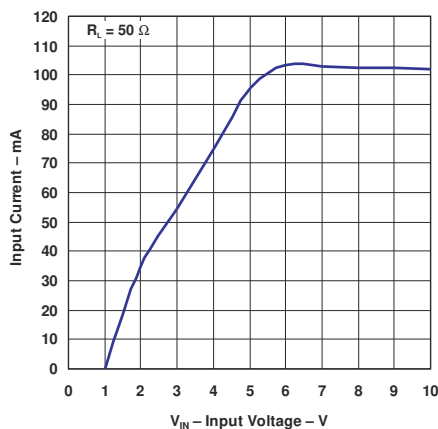


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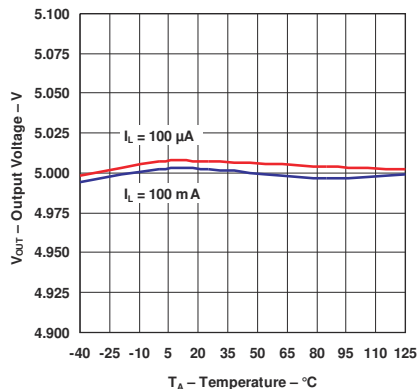


Figure 6-5. Output Voltage vs Temperature

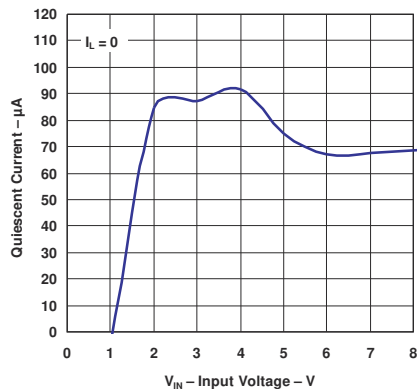


Figure 6-6. Quiescent Current vs Input Voltage

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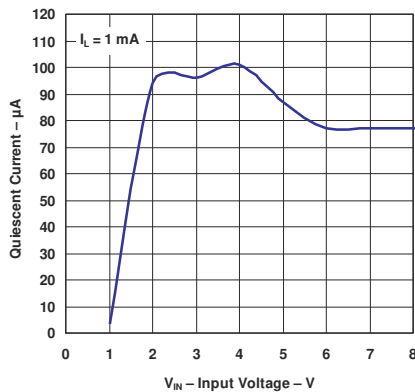


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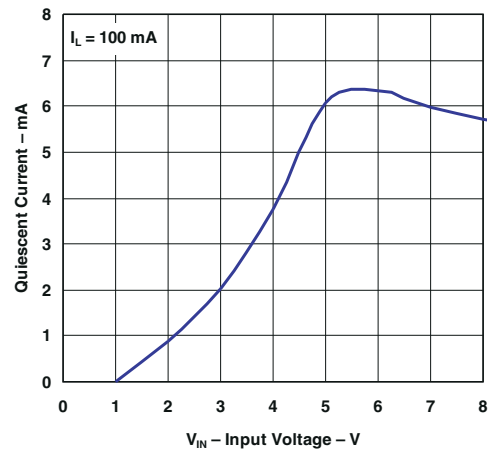


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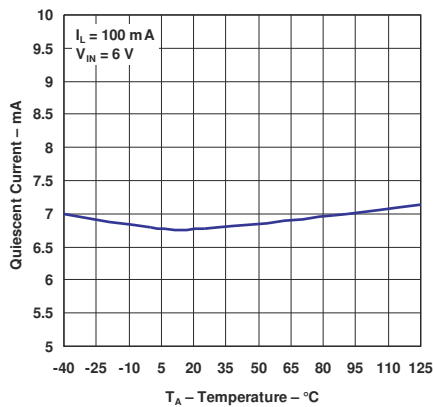


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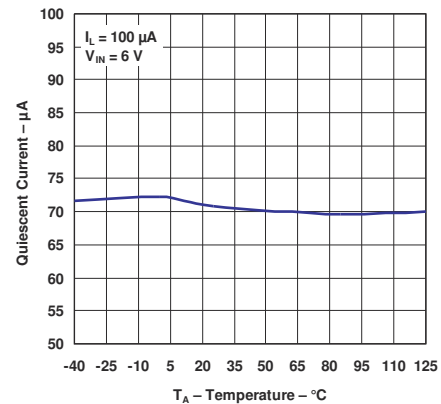


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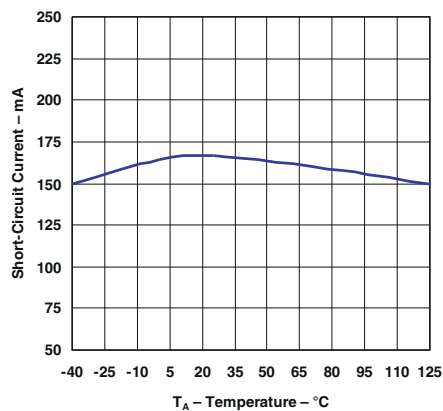


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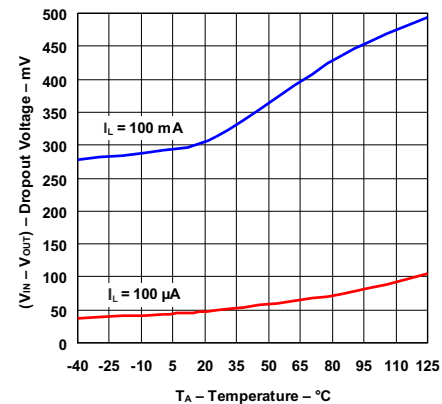


Figure 6-12. Dropout Voltage vs Temperature

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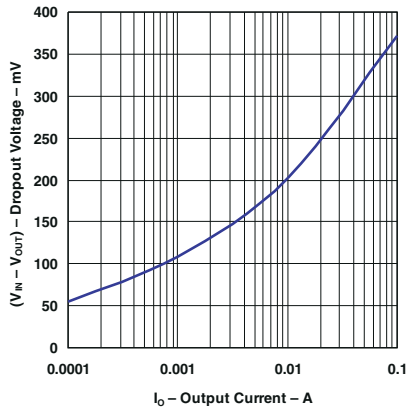


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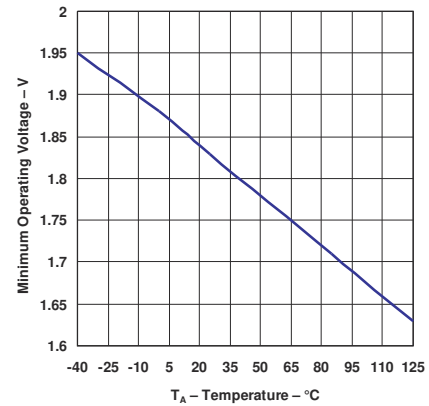


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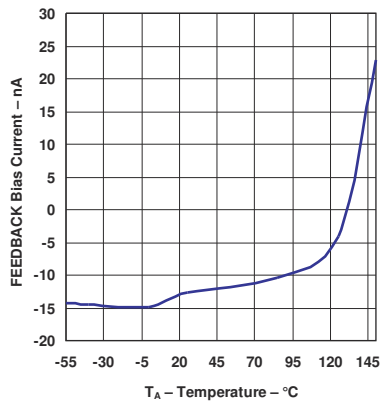


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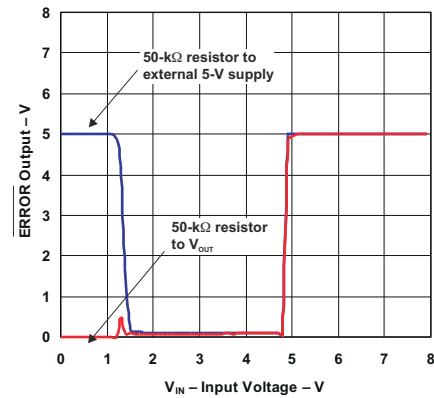


Figure 6-16. **ERROR** Comparator Output vs Input Voltage

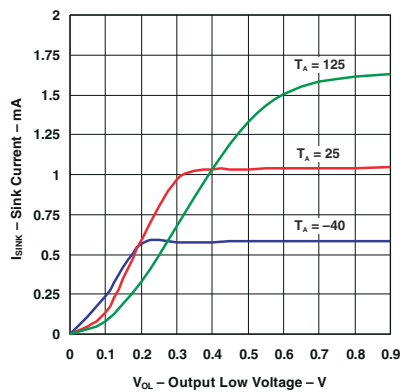


Figure 6-17. **ERROR** Comparator Sink Current vs Output Low Voltage

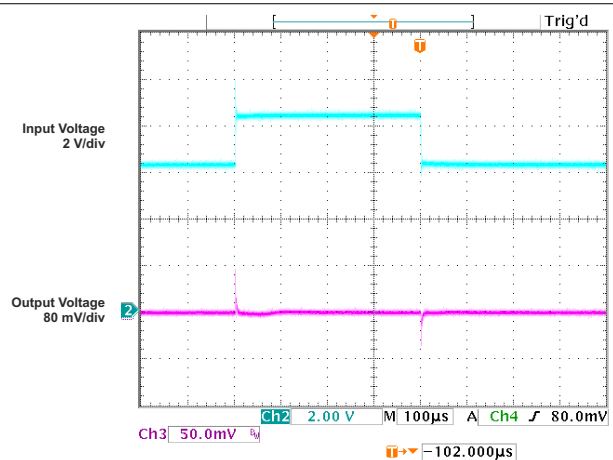


Figure 6-18. Line Transient Response vs Time

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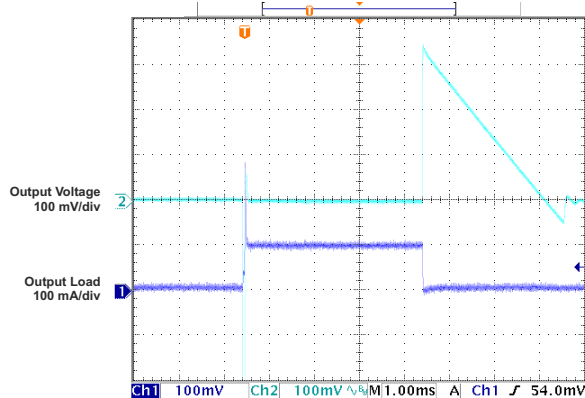

 $V_{OUT} = 5\text{ V}, C_L = 1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$

Figure 6-19. Load Transient Response vs Time

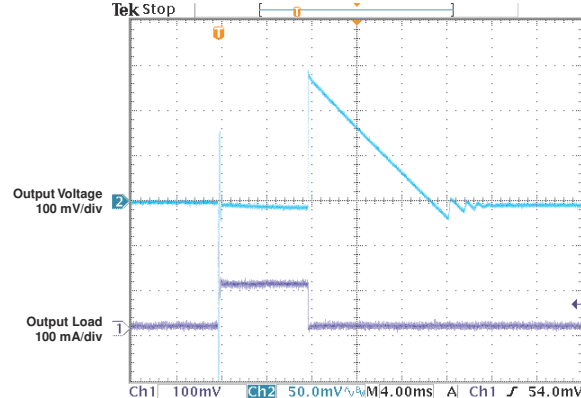

 $V_{OUT} = 5\text{ V}, C_L = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$

Figure 6-20. Load Transient Response vs Time

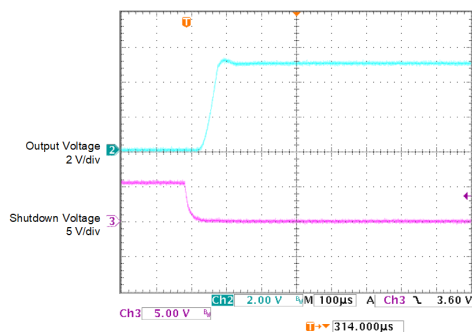

 $C_L = 1\text{ }\mu\text{F}, I_L = 1\text{ mA}$

Figure 6-21. Shutdown Transient Response vs Time

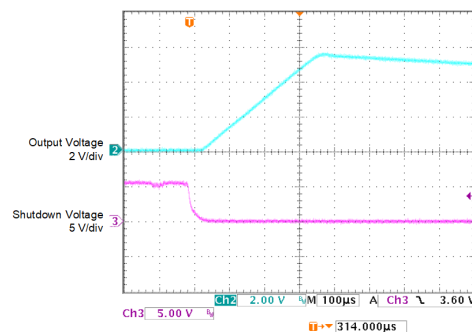

 $C_L = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}, I_L = 1\text{ mA}$

Figure 6-22. Shutdown Transient Response vs Time

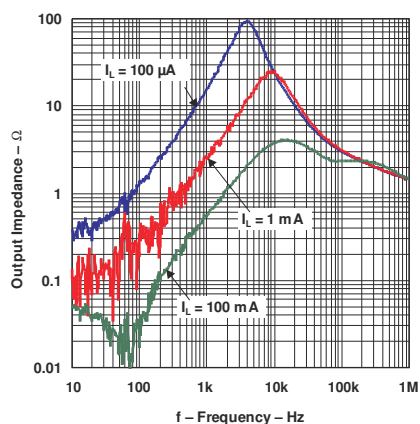


Figure 6-23. Output Impedance vs Frequency

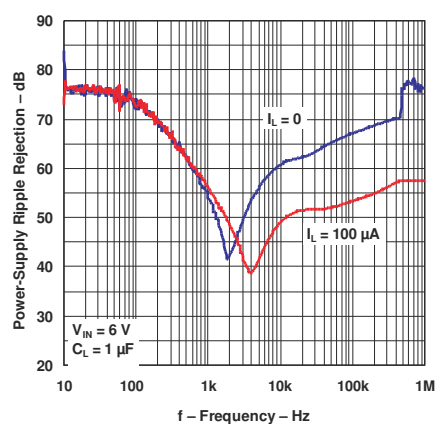


Figure 6-24. Ripple Rejection vs Frequency

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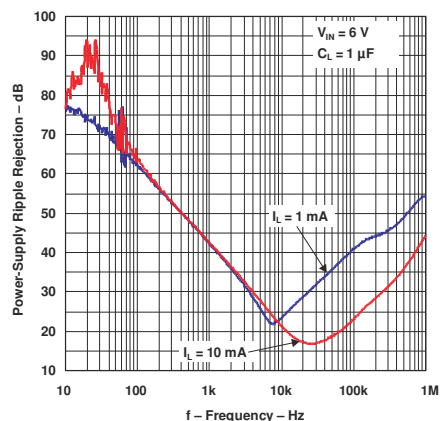


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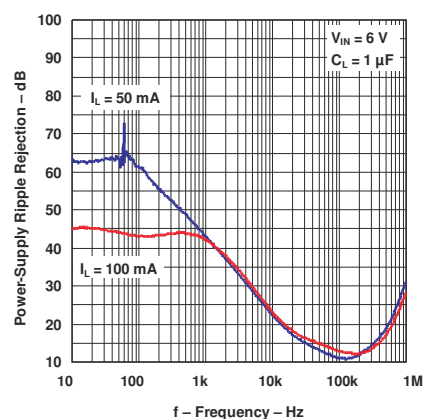


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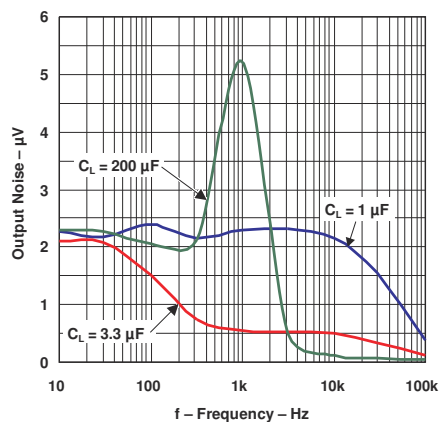


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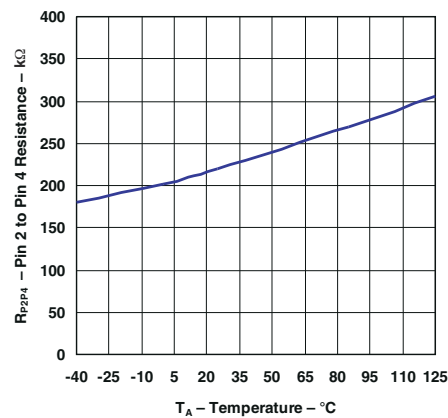


Figure 6-28. Divider Resistance vs Temperature

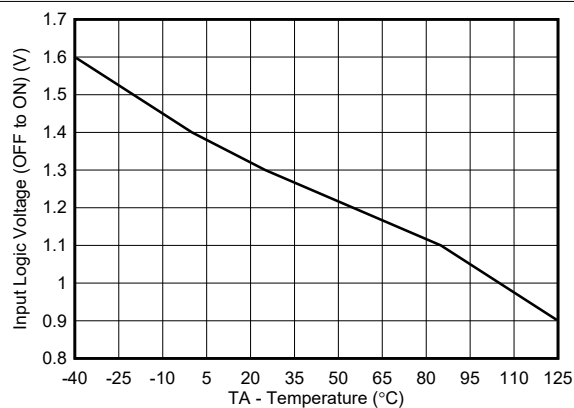


Figure 6-29. Shutdown Threshold Voltage (OFF to ON) vs Temperature

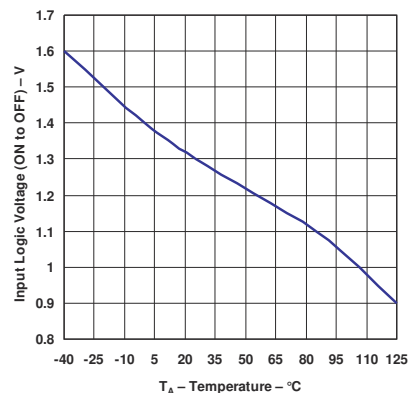


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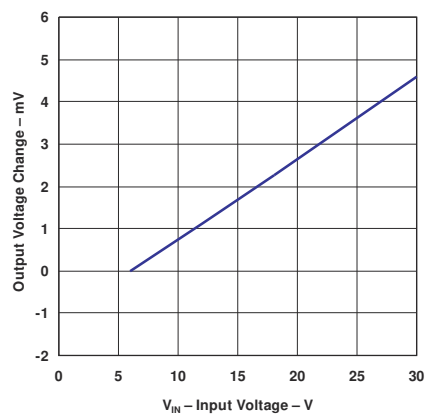


Figure 6-31. Line Regulation vs Input Voltage

7 Detailed Description

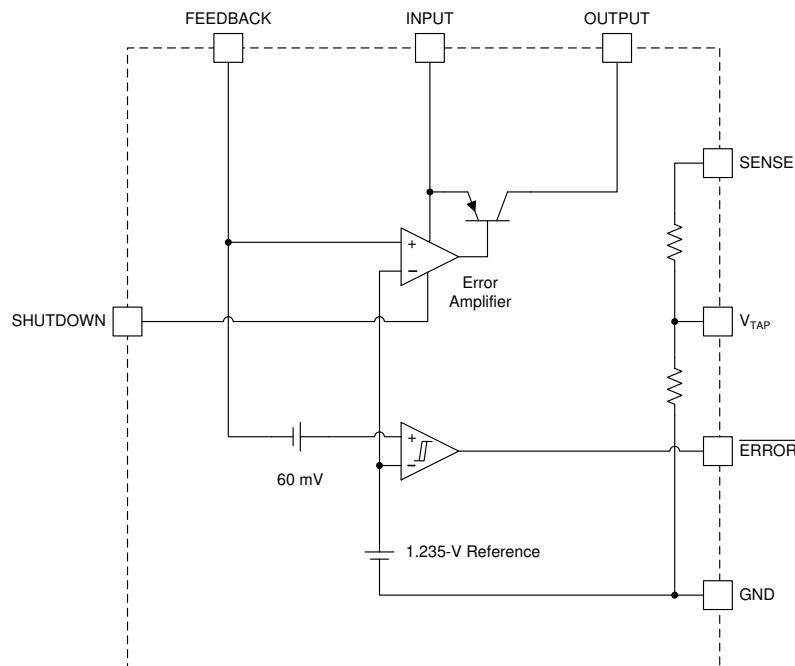
7.1 Overview

The LP2951-Q1 is a bipolar, low-dropout voltage regulator that can accommodate a wide input supply voltage range of up to 30 V. The 8-pin LP2951-Q1 is able to output either a fixed or adjustable output from the same device. By tying the OUTPUT and SENSE pins together, and the FEEDBACK and V_{TAP} pins together, the LP2951-Q1 outputs a fixed 5 V, 3.3 V, or 3 V (depending on the version). Alternatively, by leaving the SENSE and V_{TAP} pins open and connecting FEEDBACK to an external resistor divider, the output can be set to any value between 1.235 V to 30 V.

The 8-pin LP2951-Q1 also offers additional functionality that makes this device particularly designed for battery-powered applications. For example, a logic-compatible shutdown feature allows the regulator to be put in standby mode for power savings. In addition, there is a built-in supervisor reset function in which the $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ output goes low when V_{OUT} drops by 6% of the nominal value for whatever reason (for example, such as a drop in V_{IN} , current limiting, or thermal shutdown).

The LP2951-Q1 is designed to minimize all error contributions to the output voltage. With a tight output tolerance (0.5% at 25°C), a very low output voltage temperature coefficient (20 ppm typical), extremely good line and load regulation (0.3% and 0.4% typical), and remote sensing capability, the device can be used as either a low-power voltage reference or a 100-mA regulator.

7.2 Functional Block Diagram



7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ Function

The LP2951-Q1 has a low-voltage detection comparator that outputs a logic low when the output voltage drops by approximately 6% from the nominal value, and outputs a logic high when V_{OUT} has reached approximately 95% of the nominal value. This 95% of nominal figure is obtained by dividing the built-in offset of approximately 60 mV by the 1.235-V band-gap reference, and remains independent of the programmed output voltage. For example, the trip-point threshold ($\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ output goes high) typically is 4.75 V for a 5-V output and 11.4 V for a 12-V output. Typically, there is a hysteresis of 15 mV between the thresholds for a high and low $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ output.

A timing diagram is shown in Figure 7-1 for $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ vs V_{OUT} (5 V), as V_{IN} is ramped up and down. $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ becomes valid (low) when V_{IN} is approximately 1.3 V. When V_{IN} is approximately 5 V, $V_{\text{OUT}} = 4.75$ V, causing $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ to go high. Because the dropout voltage is load dependent, the output trip-point threshold is reached at different values of V_{IN} , depending on the load current. For instance, at higher load current, $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ goes high at a slightly higher value of V_{IN} , and vice versa for lower load current. The output-voltage trip point remains at approximately 4.75 V, regardless of the load. When $V_{\text{IN}} \leq 1.3$ V, the $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ comparator output is turned off and pulled high to the pullup voltage. If V_{OUT} is used as the pullup voltage, rather than an external 5-V source, $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ typically is approximately 1.2 V. In this condition, an equal resistor divider (10 k Ω is acceptable) can be tied to $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ to divide down the voltage to a valid logic low during any fault condition, while still enabling a logic high during normal operation.

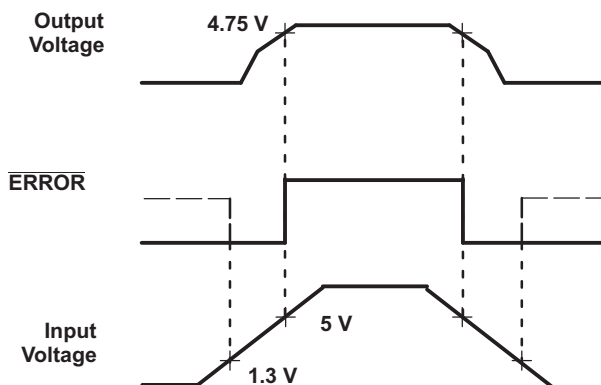


Figure 7-1. $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ Output Timing

Because the $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ comparator has an open-collector output, an external pullup resistor is required to pull the output up to V_{OUT} or another supply voltage (up to 30 V). The output of the comparator is rated to sink up to 400 μA . An acceptable range of values for the pullup resistor is from 100 k Ω to 1 M Ω . If $\overline{\text{ERROR}}$ is not used, this pin can be left open.

7.3.2 Programming Output Voltage

A unique feature of the LP2951-Q1 is the ability to output either a fixed voltage or an adjustable voltage, depending on the external pin connections. To output the internally programmed fixed voltage, tie the SENSE pin to the OUTPUT pin and the FEEDBACK pin to the V_{TAP} pin. Alternatively, a user-programmable voltage ranging from the internal 1.235-V reference to a 30-V max can be set by using an external resistor divider pair. The resistor divider is tied to V_{OUT} , and the divided-down voltage is tied directly to FEEDBACK for comparison against the internal 1.235-V reference. To satisfy the steady-state condition in which the two inputs are equal, the error amplifier drives the output to equal [Equation 1](#):

$$V_{OUT} = V_{REF} \times \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2} \right) - I_{FB} R1 \quad (1)$$

where:

- V_{REF} = 1.235 V applied across R2 (see [Figure 7-2](#))
- I_{FB} = FEEDBACK bias current, typically 20 nA

A minimum regulator output current of 1 μ A must be maintained. Thus, in an application where a no-load condition is expected (for example, CMOS circuits in standby), this 1- μ A minimum current must be provided by the resistor pair, effectively imposing a maximum value of $R2 = 1.2 \text{ M}\Omega$ ($1.235 \text{ V} / 1.2 \text{ M}\Omega \approx 1 \text{ }\mu\text{A}$).

$I_{FB} = 20 \text{ nA}$ introduces an error not approximately equal to 0.02% in V_{OUT} . This error can be offset by trimming R1. Alternatively, increasing the divider current makes I_{FB} less significant, thus, reducing the error contribution. For instance, using $R2 = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$ reduces the error contribution of I_{FB} to 0.17% by increasing the divider current to not approximately equal to 12 μ A. This increase in the divider current still is small compared to the 600- μ A typical quiescent current of the LP2951-Q1 under no load.

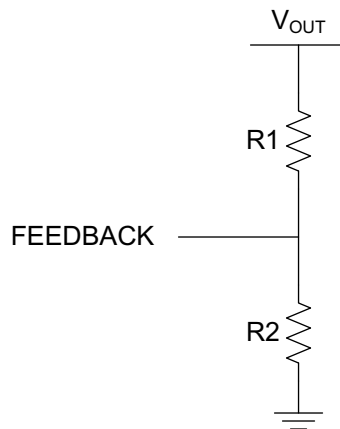


Figure 7-2. Adjusting the Feedback on the LP2951-Q1

7.4 Device Functional Modes

7.4.1 Shutdown Mode

This device can be placed in shutdown mode with a logic high at the SHUTDOWN pin. Return the logic level low to restore operation or tie SHUTDOWN to ground if the feature is not being used.

8 Application and Implementation

Note

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8.1 Application Information

The LP2951-Q1 is used as a low-dropout regulator with a wide range of input voltages.

8.2 Typical Application

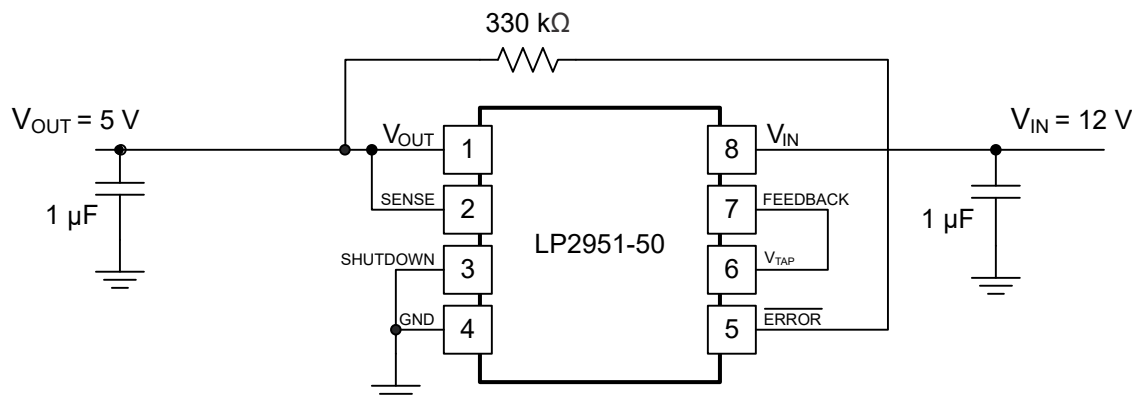


Figure 8-1. 12-V to 5-V Converter

8.2.1 Design Requirements

8.2.1.1 Input Capacitor (C_{IN})

Place a 1- μ F (tantalum, ceramic, or aluminum) electrolytic capacitor locally at the input of the LP2951-Q1 if there is, or can be, significant impedance between the ac filter capacitor and the input; for example, if a battery is used as the input or if the ac filter capacitor is located more than 10 inches away. There are no ESR requirements for this capacitor, and the capacitance can be increased without limit.

8.2.1.2 Output Capacitor (C_{OUT})

As with most PNP LDOs, stability conditions require the output capacitor to have a minimum capacitance and an ESR that falls within a certain range.

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

8.2.2.1 Capacitance Value

For $V_{OUT} \geq 5\text{ V}$, a minimum of $1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ is required. For lower V_{OUT} , the regulator loop gain is running closer to unity gain and, thus, has lower phase margins. Consequently, a larger capacitance is needed for stability.

For $V_{OUT} = 3\text{ V}$ or 3.3 V , a minimum of $2.2\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ is recommended. For worst case, $V_{OUT} = 1.23\text{ V}$ (using the ADJ version), a minimum of $3.3\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ is recommended. C_{OUT} can be increased without limit and only improves the regulator stability and transient response. Regardless of the value, the output capacitor must have a resonant frequency greater than 500 kHz .

The minimum capacitance values given in this section are for a maximum load current of 100 mA . If the maximum expected load current is less than 100 mA , then lower values of C_{OUT} can be used. For instance, if $I_{OUT} < 10\text{ mA}$, then only $0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ is required for C_{OUT} . For $I_{OUT} < 1\text{ mA}$, $0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ is sufficient for stability requirements. Thus, for a worst-case condition of 100-mA load and $V_{OUT} = V_{REF} = 1.235\text{ V}$ (representing the highest load current and lowest loop gain), a minimum C_{OUT} of $3.3\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ is recommended.

For the LP2951-Q1, no load stability is inherent in the design — a desirable feature in CMOS circuits that are put in standby (such as RAM keep-alive applications). If the LP2951-Q1 is used with external resistors to set the output voltage, a minimum load current of $1\text{ }\mu\text{A}$ is recommended through the resistor divider.

8.2.2.2 Capacitor Types

Most tantalum or aluminum electrolytics are acceptable for use at the input. Film-type capacitors also work but at higher cost. When operating at low temperature, care must be taken with aluminum electrolytics, because these electrolytes often freeze at -30°C . For this reason, use solid tantalum capacitors at temperatures below -25°C .

Ceramic capacitors can be used, but because of the low ESR (as low as $5\text{ m}\Omega$ to $10\text{ m}\Omega$), these capacitors can possibly not meet the minimum ESR requirement previously discussed. If a ceramic capacitor is used, a series resistor between $0.1\text{ }\Omega$ to $2\text{ }\Omega$ must be added to meet the minimum ESR requirement. In addition, ceramic capacitors have one glaring disadvantage that must be taken into account — a poor temperature coefficient, where the capacitance can vary significantly with temperature. For instance, a large-value ceramic capacitor ($\geq 2.2\text{ }\mu\text{F}$) can lose more than half of the capacitance as temperature rises from 25°C to 85°C . Thus, a $2.2\text{-}\mu\text{F}$ capacitor at 25°C drops well below the minimum C_{OUT} required for stability as ambient temperature rises. For this reason, select an output capacitor that maintains the minimum $2.2\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ required for stability for the entire operating temperature range.

8.2.2.3 C_{BYPASS} : Noise and Stability Improvement

In the LP2951-Q1, an external FEEDBACK pin directly connected to the error amplifier noninverting input can allow stray capacitance to cause instability by shunting the error amplifier feedback to GND, especially at high frequencies. This instability is worsened if high-value external resistors are used to set the output voltage, because a high resistance allows the stray capacitance to play a more significant role (that is, a larger RC time delay is introduced between the output of the error amplifier and the FEEDBACK input, leading to more phase shift and lower phase margin). A solution is to add a 100-pF bypass capacitor (C_{BYPASS}) between OUTPUT and FEEDBACK; because C_{BYPASS} is in parallel with $R1$, this capacitor lowers the impedance introduced at FEEDBACK at high frequencies, in effect offsetting the effect of the parasitic capacitance by providing more feedback at higher frequencies. More feedback forces the error amplifier to work at a lower loop gain, so C_{OUT} must be increased to a minimum of $3.3\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ to improve the regulator phase margin.

C_{BYPASS} can be also used to reduce output noise in the LP2951-Q1. This bypass capacitor reduces the closed-loop gain of the error amplifier at the high frequency, so noise no longer scales with the output voltage. This improvement is more noticeable with higher output voltages, where loop-gain reduction is greatest. An acceptable C_{BYPASS} is calculated as shown in [Equation 2](#):

$$f_{(C_{BYPASS})} \approx 200\text{ Hz} \rightarrow C_{(BYPASS)} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times R1 \times 200\text{ Hz}} \quad (2)$$

8.2.2.4 ESR Range

The regulator control loop relies on the ESR of the output capacitor to provide a zero to add sufficient phase margin to ensure unconditional regulator stability; this condition requires the closed-loop gain to intersect the open-loop response in a region where the open-loop gain rolls off at 20 dB/decade. This roll off ensures that the phase is always less than 180° (phase margin greater than 0°) at unity gain. Thus, a minimum-maximum range for the ESR must be observed.

The upper limit of this ESR range is established by the fact that an ESR that is too high can result in the zero occurring too soon, causing the gain to roll off too slowly. This effect, in turn, allows a third pole to appear before unity gain and introduces enough phase shift to cause instability. This phase shift typically limits the maximum ESR to approximately $5\ \Omega$.

Conversely, the lower limit of the ESR range is tied to the fact that an ESR that is too low shifts the zero too far out, past unity gain, which allows the gain to roll off at 40 dB/decade at unity gain, resulting in a phase shift of greater than 180° . Typically, limiting the minimum ESR to approximately $20\ \text{m}\Omega$ to $30\ \text{m}\Omega$.

8.2.3 Application Curves

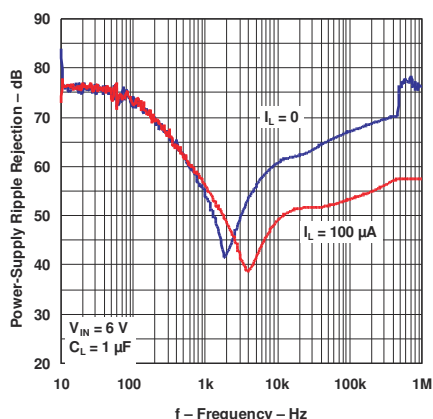


Figure 8-2. Ripple Rejection vs Frequency

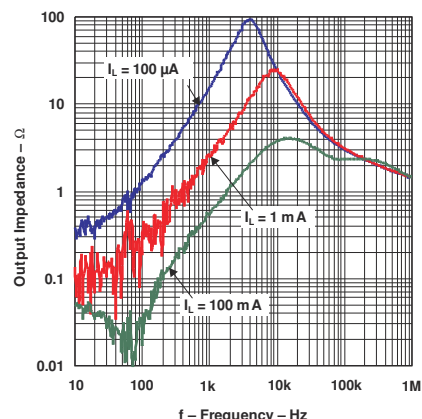


Figure 8-3. Output Impedance vs Frequency

8.3 Power Supply Recommendations

Limit maximum input voltage to 30 V for proper operation. Place input and output capacitors as close to the device as possible to take advantage of the high-frequency, noise-filtering properties.

8.4 Layout

8.4.1 Layout Guidelines

Make sure that traces on the input and outputs of the device are wide enough to handle the desired currents. For this device, the output trace must be larger in order to accommodate the larger available current.

Place input and output capacitors as close to the device as possible to take advantage of the high-frequency, noise-filtering properties.

8.4.2 Layout Example

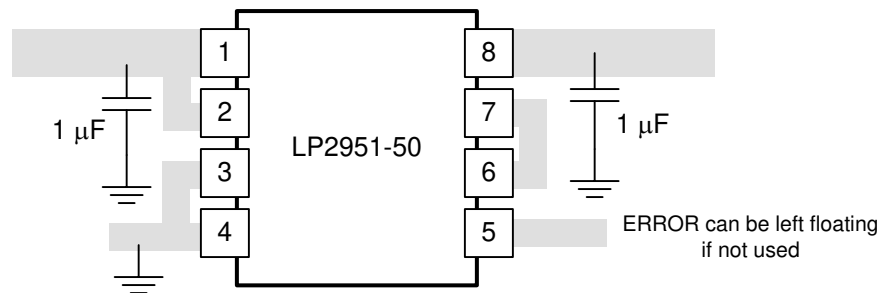


Figure 8-4. Layout Example (D Package)

9 Device and Documentation Support

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9.5 Glossary

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

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Orderable Device	Status (1)	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan (2)	Lead finish/ Ball material (6)	MSL Peak Temp (3)	Op Temp (°C)	Device Marking (4/5)	Samples
LP2951-33QDRGRQ1	ACTIVE	SON	DRG	8	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	RACQ	Samples
LP2951-50QDRGRQ1	ACTIVE	SON	DRG	8	3000	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	ZUFQ	Samples
LP2951-50QDRQ1	ACTIVE	SOIC	D	8	2500	RoHS & Green	NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 125	KY515Q	Samples

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- Catalog : [LP2951](#)

NOTE: Qualified Version Definitions:

- Catalog - TI's standard catalog product

TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION



*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
LP2951-33QDRGRQ1	SON	DRG	8	3000	330.0	12.4	3.3	3.3	1.1	8.0	12.0	Q2
LP2951-50QDRGRQ1	SON	DRG	8	3000	330.0	12.4	3.3	3.3	1.1	8.0	12.0	Q2
LP2951-50QDRQ1	SOIC	D	8	2500	330.0	12.5	6.4	5.2	2.1	8.0	12.0	Q1

TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS



*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
LP2951-33QDRGRQ1	SON	DRG	8	3000	367.0	367.0	35.0
LP2951-50QDRGRQ1	SON	DRG	8	3000	367.0	367.0	35.0
LP2951-50QDRQ1	SOIC	D	8	2500	340.5	338.1	20.6



PACKAGE OUTLINE

SOIC - 1.75 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT



1. Linear dimensions are in inches [millimeters]. Dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Controlling dimensions are in inches. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.

2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.

3. This dimension does not include mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusions, or gate burrs shall not exceed .006 [0.15] per side.

4. This dimension does not include interlead flash.

5. Reference JEDEC registration MS-012, variation AA.

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

D0008A

SOIC - 1.75 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN
SCALE:8X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS

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6. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.

7. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON .005 INCH [0.125 MM] THICK STENCIL
SCALE:8X

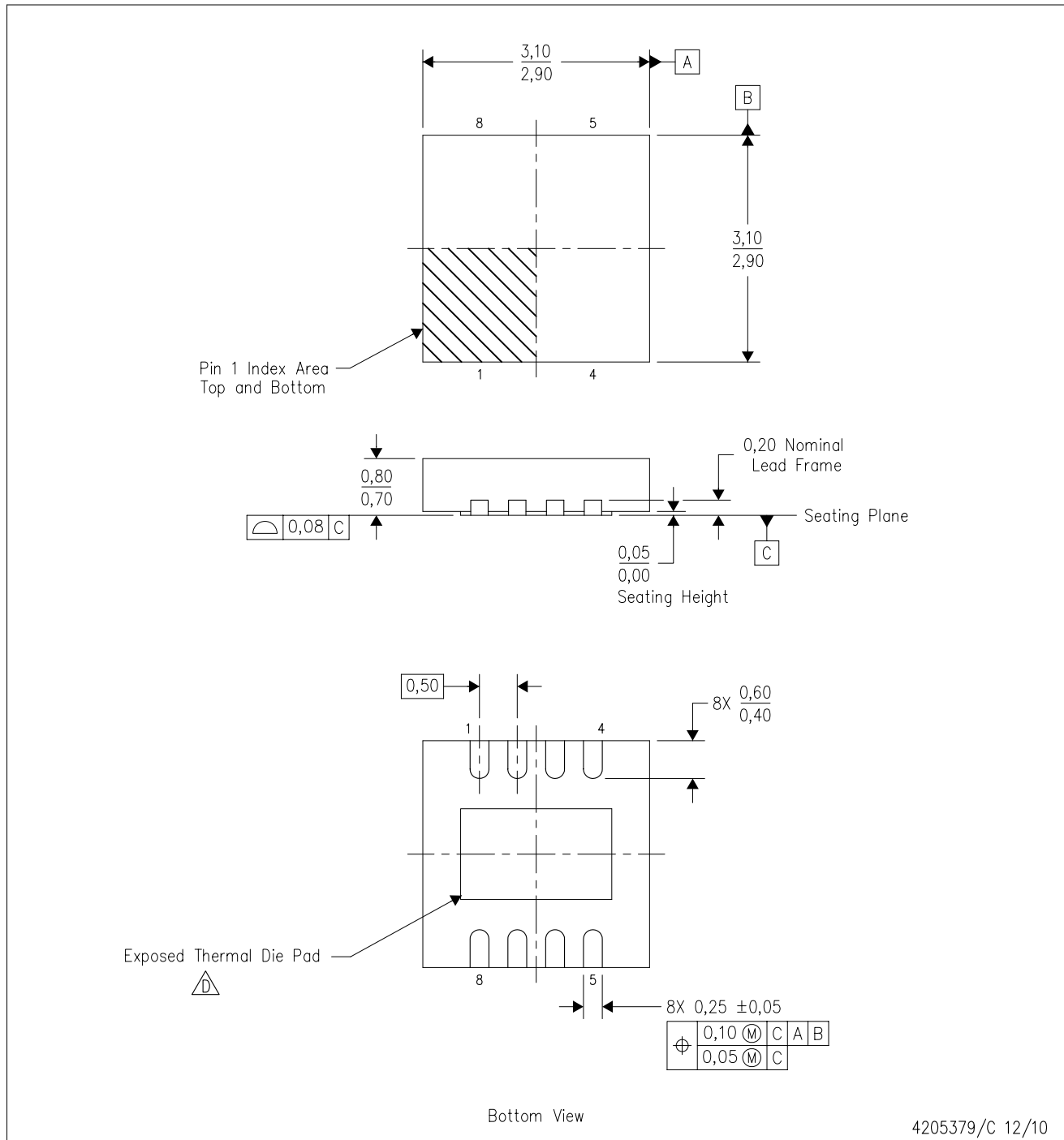
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8. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.
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DRG (S-PWSON-N8)

PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE NO-LEAD



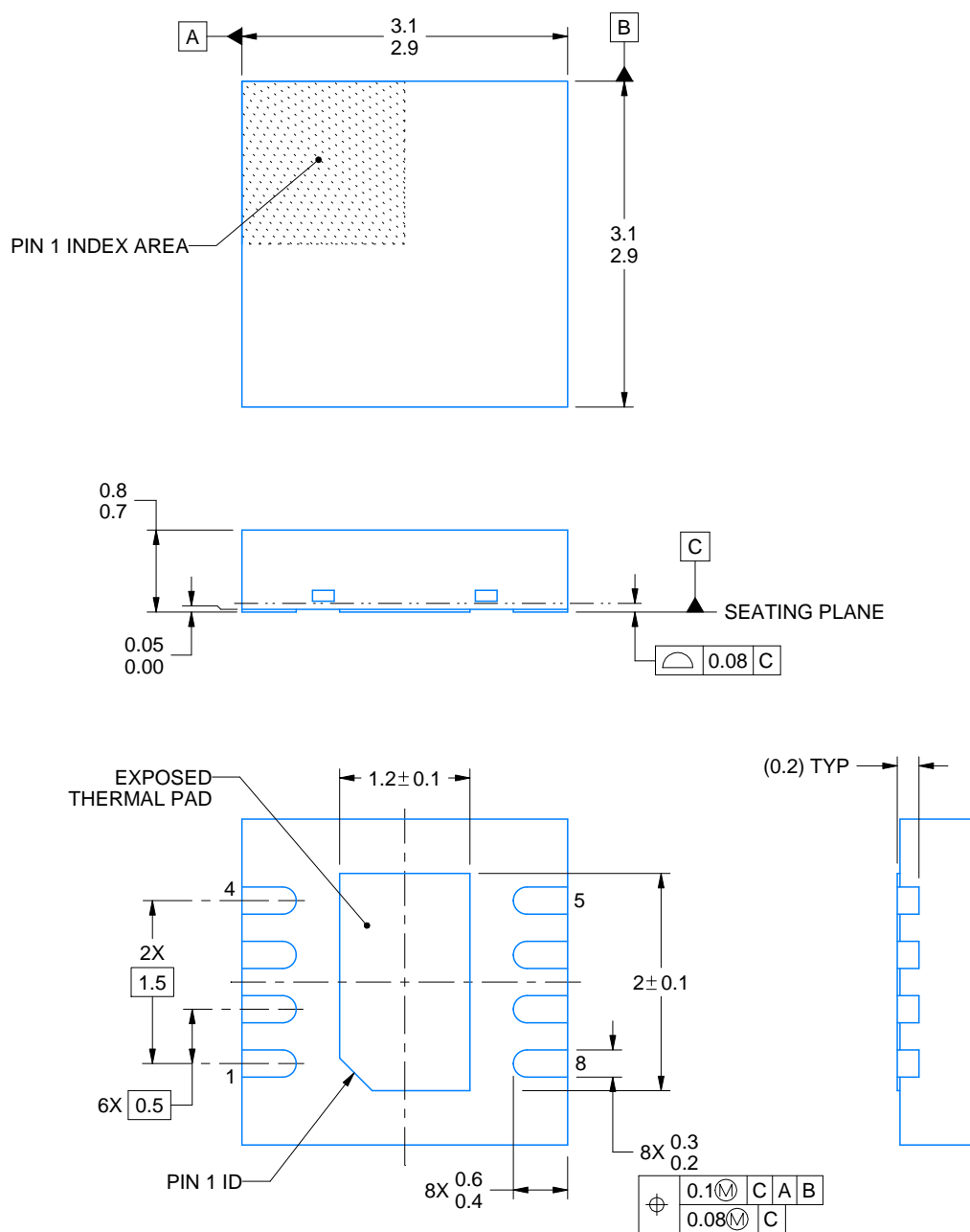
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 - B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
 - C. SON (Small Outline No-Lead) package configuration.
 - D. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the board for thermal and mechanical performance. See the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad dimensions.
 - E. JEDEC MO-229 package registration pending.



PACKAGE OUTLINE

WSON - 0.8 mm max height

PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE - NO LEAD



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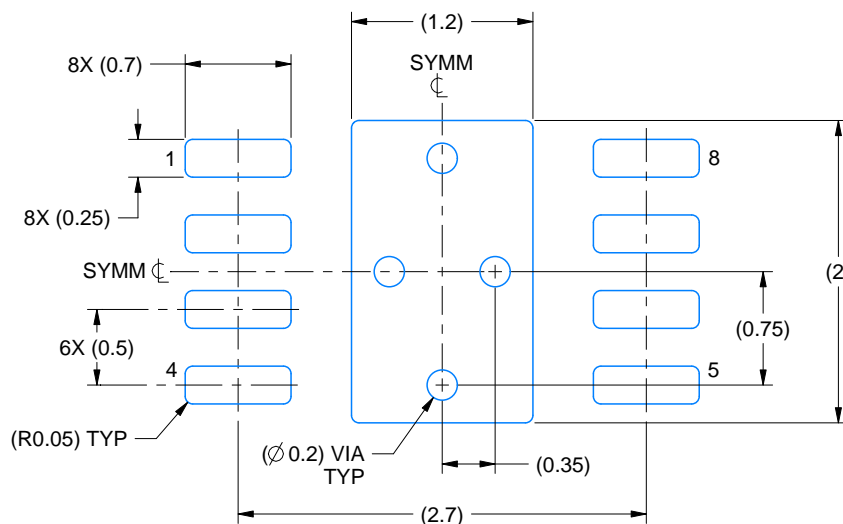
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EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

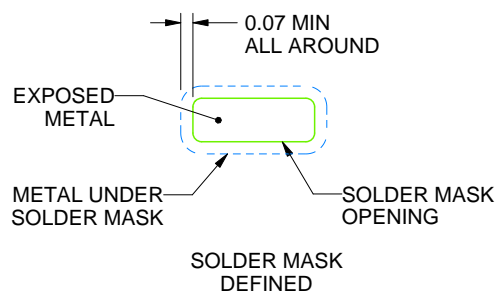
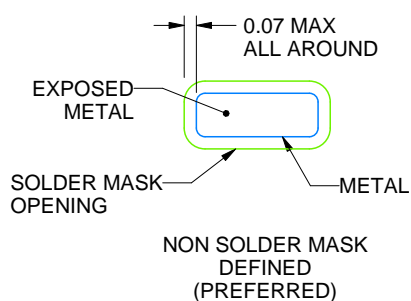
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WSN - 0.8 mm max height

PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE - NO LEAD



LAND PATTERN EXAMPLE
EXPOSED METAL SHOWN
SCALE:20X



SOLDER MASK DETAILS

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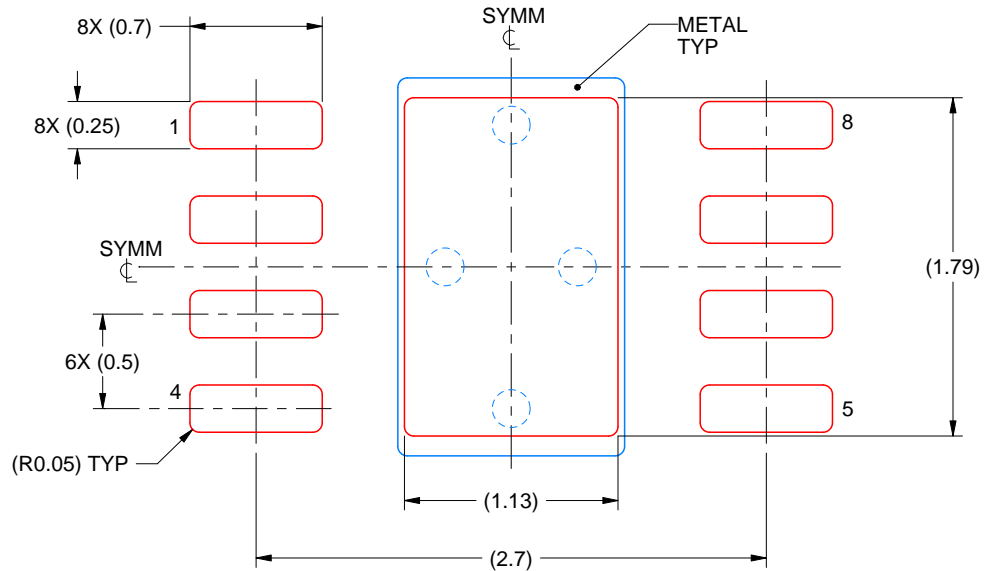
4. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SLUA271 (www.ti.com/lit/sluea271).
5. Vias are optional depending on application, refer to device data sheet. If any vias are implemented, refer to their locations shown on this view. It is recommended that vias under paste be filled, plugged or tented.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

DRG0008A

WSO - 0.8 mm max height

PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE - NO LEAD



SOLDER PASTE EXAMPLE
BASED ON 0.125 mm THICK STENCIL

EXPOSED PAD
84% PRINTED SOLDER COVERAGE BY AREA
SCALE:25X

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