TPS715 50-mA, 24-V, 3.2-μA Quiescent Current, Low-Dropout Linear Regulator

1 Features

- Input voltage range:
  - 2.5 V to 24 V (30 V max for new chip only)
- Available output voltage options:
  - Fixed: 1.8 V to 5 V
  - Adjustable: 1.205 V to 15 V
- Output current: Up to 50 mA
- Very low IQ: 3.2 μA at 50-mA load current
- Stable with output capacitor ≥ 0.47 μF
- Overcurrent protection
- Package: 5-pin SC70 (DCK)
- Operating junction temperature: –40°C to +125°C
- For an 80-mA rated current and higher power package, see the TPS715A

2 Applications

- Home and building automation
- Retail automation and payment
- Grid infrastructure
- Medical applications
- Lighting applications

3 Description

The TPS715 low-dropout (LDO) linear voltage regulator is low quiescent current device that offers the benefits of a wide input voltage range and low-power operation in miniaturized packaging. Thus, the TPS715 is designed for battery-powered applications and as a power-management attachment to low-power microcontrollers.

The TPS715 is available in both fixed and adjustable versions. For more flexibility or higher output voltages, the adjustable version uses feedback resistors to set the output voltage from 1.205 V to 15 V. The TPS715 LDOs support a low dropout of typically 415 mV at 50 mA of load current. The low quiescent current (3.2 μA typically) is stable over the entire range of output load current (0 mA to 50 mA). The TPS715 also features an internal soft-start to lower the inrush current. The built-in overcurrent limit helps protect the regulator in the event of a load short or fault.

Package Information

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<td>DCK (SC70, 5)</td>
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(1) For all available packages, see the orderable addendum at the end of the data sheet.

![Figure 3-1. Quiescent Current vs Load Current for TPS715xx (New Chip Only)](image-url)
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5 Pin Configuration and Functions

Table 5-1. Pin Functions

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<tr>
<th>PIN</th>
<th>TYPE</th>
<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
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<tr>
<td>FB</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>1 I In the adjustable configuration, this pin sets the output voltage with the help of the feedback divider.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GND</td>
<td>2 2</td>
<td>— Ground pin.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IN</td>
<td>4 4</td>
<td>I Input supply pin. A capacitor with a value of 0.1 µF or larger is recommended from this pin to ground. See the Input and Output Capacitor Requirements section for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NC</td>
<td>1, 3</td>
<td>— No connect pin. This pin is not connected internally. Connect this pin to ground for best thermal performance or leave floating.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OUT</td>
<td>5 5</td>
<td>O Output of the regulator. A capacitor with a value of 1 µF or larger is required from this pin to ground. (1) See the Input and Output Capacitor Requirements section for more information.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(1) The nominal output capacitance must be greater than 0.47 µF. Throughout this document, the nominal derating on these capacitors is 50%. Make sure that the effective capacitance at the pin is greater than 0.47 µF.
6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating temperature range (unless otherwise noted)\(^{(1)}\) (2)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Voltage</th>
<th>MIN</th>
<th>MAX</th>
<th>UNIT</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(V_{\text{IN}}) (for legacy chip only)</td>
<td>–0.3</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(V_{\text{IN}}) (for new chip only)</td>
<td>–0.3</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(V_{\text{OUT}}) (for legacy chip only)</td>
<td>–0.3</td>
<td>16.5</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(2 \times V_{\text{OUT} \text{(typ)}}) or (V_{\text{IN}} + 0.3\text{V}) or 5.5V (whichever is lower)</td>
<td>–0.3</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(V_{\text{OUT}}) (for fixed output new chip only)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(V_{\text{FB}}) (for adjustable output new chip only)</td>
<td>–0.3</td>
<td>(V_{\text{IN}} + 0.3)</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(V_{\text{FB}}) (for adjustable output legacy chip only)</td>
<td>–0.3</td>
<td>2.4</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Current</td>
<td>Peak output current</td>
<td>Internally limited</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Temperature</td>
<td>Junction, (T_J)</td>
<td>–40</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage, (T_{\text{stg}})</td>
<td>–65</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>°C</td>
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(1) Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under Recommended Operating Conditions. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

(2) All voltage values are with respect to network ground terminal.

6.2 ESD Ratings

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

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)\(^{(1)}\)

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<th>Parameter</th>
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<th>NOM</th>
<th>MAX</th>
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<tr>
<td>(V_{\text{IN}})</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td></td>
<td>24</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(V_{\text{OUT}})</td>
<td>1.205</td>
<td></td>
<td>15</td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(I_{\text{OUT}})</td>
<td>0</td>
<td></td>
<td>50</td>
<td>mA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(C_{\text{IN}})</td>
<td>0</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.047</td>
<td>µF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(C_{\text{OUT}})</td>
<td>0.47</td>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td>µF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<td>(T_J)</td>
<td>–40</td>
<td></td>
<td>125</td>
<td>°C</td>
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(1) All voltages are with respect to GND.

(2) An input capacitor is not required for LDO stability. However, an input capacitor with an effective value of 0.047 µF is recommended to counteract the effect of source resistance and inductance, which may in some cases cause symptoms of system level instability such as ringing or oscillation, especially in the presence of load transients.

(3) All capacitor values are assumed to derate to 50% of the nominal capacitor value. Maintain an effective output capacitance of 0.47 µF minimum for the stability.
## Thermal Information

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<th>Legacy Chip</th>
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<td>$R_{\text{JA}}$</td>
<td>DCK (SC-70)</td>
<td>253.8°C/W</td>
<td>DCK (SC-70)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$R_{\text{JC(top)}}$</td>
<td>DCK (SC-70)</td>
<td>73.7°C/W</td>
<td>DCK (SC-70)</td>
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<tr>
<td>$R_{\text{JB}}$</td>
<td>DCK (SC-70)</td>
<td>84.6°C/W</td>
<td>DCK (SC-70)</td>
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<td>$\psi_{\text{JT}}$</td>
<td></td>
<td>1.1°C/W</td>
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<td>$\psi_{\text{JB}}$</td>
<td></td>
<td>83.9°C/W</td>
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(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the [Semiconductor and IC package thermal metrics](https://www.ti.com) application report.
6.4 Electrical Characteristics

over operating junction temperature range \((T_J = -40°C \text{ to } 125°C)\), \(V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} + 1\) \(V\), \(I_{OUT} = 1\) mA, and \(C_{OUT} = 1\) μF (unless otherwise noted); typical values are at \(T_J = 25°C\)

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<tr>
<th>PARAMETER</th>
<th>TEST CONDITIONS</th>
<th>MIN</th>
<th>TYP</th>
<th>MAX</th>
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<tr>
<td>(V_{IN})</td>
<td>Input voltage ((1)) (I_O = 10) mA (I_O = 50) mA</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>24</td>
<td></td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(V_{OUT})</td>
<td>Output voltage range ((TPS71501))</td>
<td>1.205</td>
<td>15</td>
<td></td>
<td>V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Output voltage accuracy ((1)(2)) (V_{OUT} + 1) V ≤ (V_{IN} \leq 24) V, (100) μA ≤ (I_{OUT} \leq 50) mA</td>
<td>–4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>%</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(I_{GND})</td>
<td>Ground pin current (legacy chip) ((3)) (0 \leq I_{OUT} \leq 50) mA, (T_J = -40°C \text{ to } 85°C)</td>
<td>3.2</td>
<td>4.2</td>
<td></td>
<td>μA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ground pin current (new chip) ((3)) (0 \leq I_{OUT} \leq 50) mA, (T_J = -40°C \text{ to } 85°C)</td>
<td>3.2</td>
<td>4.1</td>
<td></td>
<td>μA</td>
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<tr>
<td>(\Delta V_{OUT}(\Delta I_{OUT}))</td>
<td>Load regulation (I_{OUT} = 100) μA to (50) mA</td>
<td>22</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>mV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(\Delta V_{OUT}(\Delta V_{IN}))</td>
<td>Output voltage line regulation (legacy chip) ((1)) (V_{OUT(nom)} + 1) V ≤ (V_{IN} \leq 24) V</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>60</td>
<td></td>
<td>mV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Output voltage line regulation (new chip) ((1)) (V_{OUT(nom)} + 1) V ≤ (V_{IN} \leq 24) V</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>22</td>
<td></td>
<td>mV</td>
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<tr>
<td>(V_{n})</td>
<td>Output noise voltage (legacy chip) ((4)) (BW = 200) Hz to (100) kHz, (C_{OUT} = 10) μF, (I_{OUT} = 50) mA</td>
<td>575</td>
<td></td>
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<td>μVrms</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Output noise voltage (new chip) ((4)) (BW = 200) Hz to (100) kHz, (C_{OUT} = 10) μF, (I_{OUT} = 50) mA</td>
<td>425</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>μVrms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(I_{CL})</td>
<td>Output current limit (legacy chip) (V_{OUT} = 0) V, (V_{IN} \geq 3.5) V</td>
<td>125</td>
<td>750</td>
<td></td>
<td>mA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(V_{OUT} = 0) V, (V_{IN} &lt; 3.5) V</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>750</td>
<td></td>
<td>mA</td>
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<td>Output current limit (new chip) (V_{OUT} = 0) V, (V_{IN} \geq 3.5) V</td>
<td>125</td>
<td>350</td>
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<td>mA</td>
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<td>(V_{OUT} = 0) V, (V_{IN} &lt; 3.5) V</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>350</td>
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<td>mA</td>
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<tr>
<td>(PSRR)</td>
<td>Power-supply ripple rejection (f = 100) kHz, (C_{OUT} = 10) μF</td>
<td>60</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>dB</td>
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<td>(V_{DO})</td>
<td>Dropout voltage (legacy chip) (I_{OUT} = 50) mA, (V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} - 0.1) V</td>
<td>415</td>
<td>750</td>
<td></td>
<td>mV</td>
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<td>Dropout voltage (new chip) (I_{OUT} = 50) mA, (V_{IN} = V_{OUT(nom)} - 0.1) V</td>
<td>415</td>
<td>525</td>
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<td>mV</td>
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(1) Minimum \(V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + V_{DO}\) or the value shown for Input voltage in this table, whichever is greater.

(2) For adjustable device, output accuracy excludes the tolerance and mismatch associated with external resistors used for setting up the output voltage level.

(3) This device employs a leakage null control circuit. This circuit is active only if output current is less than pass FET leakage current. The circuit is typically active when output load is less than 5 μA, \(V_{IN}\) is greater than 18 V, and die temperature is greater than 100°C.

(4) See Device Nomenclature for details about new and legacy chip descriptions.
6.5 Typical Characteristics

at operating temperature $T_J = 25^\circ C$, $V_IN = V_{OUT(NOM)} + 1.0 \, V$ or $2.5 \, V$ (whichever is greater), $I_{OUT} = 1 \, mA$, $C_{IN} = 1 \, \mu F$, and $C_{OUT} = 1 \, \mu F$ (unless otherwise noted).

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**Figure 6-1. Output Voltage vs Output Current for Legacy Chip**

**Figure 6-2. Output Voltage vs Output Current for New Chip**

**Figure 6-3. Output Voltage vs Junction Temperature for Legacy Chip**

**Figure 6-4. Output Voltage vs Junction Temperature for New Chip**

**Figure 6-5. Quiescent Current vs Junction Temperature for Legacy Chip**

**Figure 6-6. Quiescent Current vs Junction Temperature for New Chip**
6.5 Typical Characteristics (continued)

at operating temperature $T_J = 25^\circ C$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOM)} + 1.0$ V or 2.5 V (whichever is greater), $I_{OUT} = 1mA$, $C_{IN} = 1 \mu F$, and $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu F$ (unless otherwise noted)

![Diagram of Output Voltage Spectral Noise Density vs Frequency for Legacy Chip](image1)

![Diagram of Output Voltage Spectral Noise Density vs Frequency for New Chip](image2)

![Diagram of Dropout Voltage vs Output Current for Legacy Chip](image3)

![Diagram of Dropout Voltage vs Output Current for New Chip](image4)

![Diagram of TPS71501 Dropout Voltage vs Input Voltage for Legacy Chip](image5)

![Diagram of TPS71501 Dropout Voltage vs Input Voltage for New Chip](image6)
6.5 Typical Characteristics (continued)

at operating temperature $T_J = 25^\circ C$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOM)} + 1.0\, V$ or $2.5\, V$ (whichever is greater), $I_{OUT} = 1\, mA$, $C_{IN} = 1\, \mu F$, and $C_{OUT} = 1\, \mu F$ (unless otherwise noted)

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**Figure 6-13. Dropout Voltage vs Junction Temperature for Legacy Chip**

**Figure 6-14. Dropout Voltage vs Junction Temperature for New Chip**

**Figure 6-15. Power-Supply Ripple Rejection vs Frequency for Legacy Chip**

**Figure 6-16. Power-Supply Ripple Rejection vs Frequency for New Chip**
7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The TPS715 low-dropout regulator (LDO) consumes only 3.2 μA (typ) of quiescent current across the entire output current range, while offering a wide input voltage range and low-dropout voltage in small packaging. The device, which operates over an input range of 2.5 V to 24 V, is stable with any output capacitor greater than or equal to 0.47 μF. The low quiescent current across the complete load current range makes the TPS715 optimal for powering battery-operated applications. The TPS715 has internal soft-start to control inrush current into the output capacitor. This LDO also has overcurrent protection during a load-short or fault condition on the output.

7.2 Functional Block Diagrams

Figure 7-1. Functional Block Diagram—Adjustable Version

Figure 7-2. Functional Block Diagram—Fixed Version
7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 Wide Supply Range
This device has an operational input supply range of 2.5 V to 24 V, allowing for a wide range of applications. This wide supply range is designed for applications that have either large transients or high DC voltage supplies.

7.3.2 Low Quiescent Current
This device only requires 3.2 μA (typical) of quiescent current across the complete load current range (0 mA to 50 mA) from –40°C to +125°C.

7.3.3 Dropout Voltage (V\text{DO})
Dropout voltage (V\text{DO}) is defined as the input voltage minus the output voltage (V\text{IN} – V\text{OUT}) at the rated output current (I\text{RATED}), where the pass transistor is fully on. I\text{RATED} is the maximum I\text{OUT} listed in the Recommended Operating Conditions table. In dropout operation, the pass transistor is in the ohmic or triode region of operation, and acts as a switch. The dropout voltage indirectly specifies a minimum input voltage greater than the nominal programmed output voltage at which the output voltage is expected to stay in regulation. If the input voltage falls to less than the value required to maintain output regulation, then the output voltage falls as well.

For a CMOS regulator, the dropout voltage is determined by the drain-source, on-state resistance (R\text{DS(ON)}) of the pass transistor. Therefore, if the linear regulator operates at less than the rated current, the dropout voltage for that current scales accordingly. Use Equation 1 to calculate the R\text{DS(ON)} of the device.

\[
R_{\text{DS(ON)}} = \frac{V_{\text{DO}}}{I_{\text{RATED}}}
\]

7.3.4 Current Limit
The device has an internal current limit circuit that protects the regulator during transient high-load current faults or shorting events. The current limit is a brick-wall scheme. In a high-load current fault, the brick-wall scheme limits the output current to the current limit (I\text{CL}). I\text{CL} is listed in the Electrical Characteristics table.

The output voltage is not regulated when the device is in current limit. When a current limit event occurs, the device begins to heat up because of the increase in power dissipation. When the device is in brick-wall current limit, the pass transistor dissipates power [(V\text{IN} – V\text{OUT}) × I\text{CL}]. For more information on current limits, see the Know Your Limits application note.

Figure 7-3 shows a diagram of the current limit.

![Figure 7-3. Current Limit](image)
7.4 Device Functional Modes

Table 7-1 provides a quick comparison between the normal, dropout, and disabled modes of operation.

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7.4.1 Normal Operation

The device regulates to the nominal output voltage under the following conditions:

- 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 ($I_{OUT} < I_{CL}$)
- The device junction temperature is greater than –40°C and less than +125°C

7.4.2 Dropout Operation

If the input voltage is lower than the nominal output voltage plus the specified dropout voltage, but all other conditions are met for normal operation, the device operates in dropout mode. In this mode, the output voltage tracks the input voltage. During this mode, the transient performance of the device becomes significantly degraded because the pass transistor is in the ohmic or triode region, and acts as a switch. Line or load transients in dropout can result in large output-voltage deviations.

When the device is in a steady dropout state (defined as when the device is in dropout, $V_{IN} < V_{OUT(NOM)} + V_{DO}$, directly after being in a normal regulation state, but not during start up), the pass transistor is driven into the ohmic or triode region. When the input voltage returns to a value greater than or equal to the nominal output voltage plus the dropout voltage ($V_{OUT(NOM)} + V_{DO}$), the output voltage can overshoot for a short period of time while the device pulls the pass transistor back into the linear region.
8 Application and Implementation

Note

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI’s customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes, as well as validating and testing their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

8.1 Application Information

The TPS715 family of LDO regulators is designed for battery-powered applications and is a good supply for low-power microcontrollers (such as the MSP430) because of the device family low IQ performance across load current range. The ultra-low-supply current of the TPS715 device maximizes efficiency at light loads, and the high input voltage range and flexibility of output voltage selection in the adjustable configuration and fixed output levels makes the device an optimal supply for building automation and power tools.

8.2 Typical Application

8.2.1 Detailed Design Procedure

8.2.1.1 Setting \( V_{\text{OUT}} \) for the TPS71501 Adjustable LDO

The TPS715 family contains an adjustable version, the TPS71501, which sets the output voltage using an external resistor divider as shown in Figure 8-2. The output voltage operating range is 1.205 V to 15 V, and is calculated using:

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

(2)

where:

- \( V_{\text{REF}} = 1.205 \text{ V (typical)} \)
Choose resistors R1 and R2 allows approximately 1.5 μA of current through the resistor divider. Lower value resistors can be used for improved noise performance, but consume more power. Avoid higher resistor values because leakage current into or out of FB across R1 / R2 creates an offset voltage that is proportional to $V_{OUT}$ divided by $V_{REF}$. The recommended design procedure is to choose $R2 = 1 \, \text{M} \Omega$ to set the divider current at 1.5 μA, and then calculate $R1$ using Equation 3:

$$R1 = \left( \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{REF}} - 1 \right) \times R2$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)

Figure 8-2 depicts this configuration.

8.2.1.2 External Capacitor Requirements

The device is designed to be stable using low equivalent series resistance (ESR) ceramic capacitors at the input and output. 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 C0G-rated dielectric materials provide relatively good capacitive stability across temperature, whereas the use of Y5V-rated capacitors is discouraged because of large variations in capacitance.

Regardless of the ceramic capacitor type selected, the effective capacitance varies with operating voltage and temperature. As a rule of thumb, expect the effective capacitance to decrease by as much as 50%. The input and output capacitors recommended in the Recommended Operating Conditions table account for an effective capacitance of approximately 50% of the nominal value.

8.2.1.3 Input and Output Capacitor Requirements

Although an input capacitor is not required for stability, good analog design practice is to connect a capacitor from IN to GND. This capacitor counteracts reactive input sources and improves transient response, input ripple, and PSRR. An input capacitor is recommended if the source impedance is more than 0.5 Ω. A higher value capacitor may be necessary if large, fast rise-time load or line transients are anticipated or if the device is located several inches from the input power source.

Dynamic performance of the device is improved with the use of a large output capacitor. Use an output capacitor within the range specified in the Recommended Operating Conditions table for stability.

8.2.1.4 Reverse Current

Excessive reverse current can damage this device. Reverse current flows through the intrinsic body diode of the PMOS pass transistor instead of the normal conducting channel. At high magnitudes, this current flow degrades the long-term reliability of the device.

Conditions where reverse current can occur are outlined in this section, all of which can exceed the absolute maximum rating of $V_{OUT} \leq V_{IN} + 0.3 \, \text{V}$. These conditions are:

- If the device has a large $C_{OUT}$ and the input supply collapses with little or no load current
- The output is biased when the input supply is not established
- The output is biased above the input supply

If reverse current flow is expected in the application, external protection is recommended to protect the device. Reverse current is not limited in the device, so external limiting is required if extended reverse voltage operation is anticipated. Limit reverse current to 5% or less of the rated output current of the device in the event this current cannot be avoided.
Figure 8-3 shows one approach for protecting the device.

![Figure 8-3. Example Circuit for Reverse Current Protection Using a Schottky Diode](image)

**8.2.1.5 Feed-Forward Capacitor (C\text{FF})**

For the adjustable-voltage version device, a feed-forward capacitor (C\text{FF}) can be connected from the OUT pin to the FB pin. C\text{FF} improves transient, noise, and PSRR performance, but is not required for regulator stability. Recommended C\text{FF} values are listed in the Recommended Operating Conditions table. A higher capacitance C\text{FF} can be used; however, the start-up time increases. For a detailed description of C\text{FF} tradeoffs, see the Pros and Cons of Using a Feedforward Capacitor with a Low-Dropout Regulator application note.

C\text{FF} and R\text{1} form a zero in the loop gain at frequency f\text{Z}, while C\text{FF}, R\text{1}, and R\text{2} form a pole in the loop gain at frequency f\text{P}. C\text{FF} zero and pole frequencies can be calculated from the following equations:

\[
\begin{align*}
f\text{Z} &= \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times C\text{FF} \times R\text{1}} \\
f\text{P} &= \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times C\text{FF} \times (R\text{1} \parallel R\text{2})}
\end{align*}
\]

Equation 6

C\text{FF} ≥ 10 pF is required for stability if the feedback divider current is less than 5 μA. Equation 6 calculates the feedback divider current.

\[
I_{FB\_Divider} = \frac{V\text{OUT}}{R\text{1} + R\text{2}}
\]

To avoid start-up time increases from C\text{FF}, limit the product C\text{FF} × R\text{1} < 50 μs.

For an output voltage of 1.205 V with the FB pin tied to the OUT pin, no C\text{FF} is used.

**8.2.1.6 Power Dissipation (P_D)**

Circuit reliability requires consideration of the 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 have few or no other heat-generating devices that cause added thermal stress.

To first-order approximation, power dissipation in the regulator depends on the input-to-output voltage difference and load conditions. The following equation calculates power dissipation (P\text{D}).

\[
P\text{D} = (V\text{IN} - V\text{OUT}) \times I\text{OUT}
\]

Note

Power dissipation can be minimized, and therefore greater efficiency can be achieved, by correct selection of the system voltage rails. For the lowest power dissipation, use the minimum input voltage required for correct output regulation.

For devices with a thermal pad, the primary heat conduction path for the device package is through the thermal pad to the PCB. Solder the thermal pad to a copper pad area under the device. This pad area must contain an array of plated vias that conduct heat to additional copper planes for increased heat dissipation.
The maximum power dissipation determines the maximum allowable ambient temperature ($T_A$) for the device. According to the following equation, 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 ($T_A$).

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

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 junction-to-ambient thermal resistance listed in the Thermal Information table is determined by the JEDEC standard PCB and copper-spreading area, and is used as a relative measure of package thermal performance.

### 8.2.1.7 Estimating Junction Temperature

The JEDEC standard now recommends the use of psi ($\Psi$) thermal metrics to estimate the junction temperatures of the linear regulator when in-circuit on a typical PCB board application. These metrics are not thermal resistance parameters and instead offer a practical and relative way to estimate junction temperature. These psi metrics are determined to be significantly independent of the copper area available for heat-spreading. The Thermal Information table lists the primary thermal metrics, which are the junction-to-top characterization parameter ($\psi_{JT}$) and junction-to-board characterization parameter ($\psi_{JB}$). These parameters provide two methods for calculating the junction temperature ($T_J$), as described in the following equations. Use the junction-to-top characterization parameter ($\psi_{JT}$) with the temperature at the center-top of the device package ($T_T$) to calculate the junction temperature. Use the junction-to-board characterization parameter ($\psi_{JB}$) with the PCB surface temperature 1 mm from the device package ($T_B$) to calculate the junction temperature.

$$T_J = T_T + \psi_{JT} \times P_D \quad (9)$$

where:
- $P_D$ is the dissipated power
- $T_T$ is the temperature at the center-top of the device package

$$T_J = T_B + \psi_{JB} \times P_D \quad (10)$$

where:
- $T_B$ is the PCB surface temperature measured 1 mm from the device package and centered on the package edge

For detailed information on the thermal metrics and how to use them, see the Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics application note.
8.2.2 Application Curves

at operating temperature $T_J = 25^°C$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT\(\text{NOM}\)} + 1.0 \text{ V or 2.5 V (whichever is greater)}$, $I_{OUT} = 1 \text{ mA}$, $C_{IN} = 1 \mu F$, and $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu F$ (unless otherwise noted)

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**Figure 8-4. Power-Up and Power-Down for Legacy Chip**

**Figure 8-5. Power-Up and Power-Down for New Chip**

**Figure 8-6. Line Transient Response for Legacy Chip**

**Figure 8-7. Line Transient Response for New Chip**

**Figure 8-8. Load Transient Response for Legacy Chip**

**Figure 8-9. Load Transient Response for New Chip**
8.3 Best Design Practices

Place at least one 0.47-µF capacitor as close as possible to the OUT and GND terminals of the regulator.

Do not connect the output capacitor to the regulator using a long, thin trace.

Connect an input capacitor as close as possible to the IN and GND terminals of the regulator for best performance.

Do not exceed the absolute maximum ratings.

8.4 Power Supply Recommendations

The TPS715 is designed to operate from an input voltage supply range between 2.5 V and 24 V. The input voltage range provides adequate headroom in order for the device to have a regulated output. If the input supply is noisy, additional input capacitors with low ESR can help improve the output noise performance.

8.5 Layout

8.5.1 Layout Guidelines

For best overall performance, place all circuit components on the same side of the printed-circuit-board and as near as practical to the respective LDO pin connections. Place ground return connections for the input and output capacitors as close to the GND pin as possible, using wide, component-side, copper planes. Do not use vias and long traces to create LDO circuit connections to the input capacitor, output capacitor, or the resistor divider because this practice negatively affects system performance. This grounding and layout scheme minimizes inductive parasitics, and thereby reduces load-current transients, minimizes noise, and increases circuit stability. A ground reference plane is also recommended and is either embedded in the PCB itself or located on the bottom side of the PCB opposite the components. This reference plane serves to assure accuracy of the output voltage and shield the LDO from noise.

8.5.1.1 Power Dissipation

To ensure reliable operation, worst-case junction temperature must not exceed 125°C. This restriction limits the power dissipation the regulator can handle in any given application. To ensure the junction temperature is within acceptable limits, calculate the maximum allowable dissipation, \( P_{D(max)} \), and the actual dissipation, \( P_D \), which must be less than or equal to \( P_{D(max)} \).
The maximum-power-dissipation limit is determined using Equation 11:

\[ P_{D(max)} = \frac{T_{J max} - T_A}{R_{\theta JA}} \]  

(11)

where

- \( T_{J max} \) is the maximum allowable junction temperature
- \( R_{\theta JA} \) is the thermal resistance junction-to-ambient for the package (see the Thermal Information table)
- \( T_A \) is the ambient temperature

The regulator dissipation is calculated using Equation 12:

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

(12)

For a higher power package version of the TPS715, see the TPS715A.

### 8.5.2 Layout Example

![Example Layout for the TPS71501DCK](image-url)
9 Device and Documentation Support

9.1 Device Support

9.1.1 Development Support

9.1.1.1 Evaluation Module

An evaluation module (EVM) is available to assist in the initial circuit performance evaluation using the TPS715. The TPS71533EVM evaluation module (and related user's guide) can be requested at the TI website through the product folders or purchased directly from the TI eStore.

9.1.1.2 Spice Models

Computer simulation of circuit performance using SPICE is often useful when analyzing the performance of analog circuits and systems. A SPICE model for the TPS715 is available through the product folders under Tools & Software.

9.1.2 Device Nomenclature

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(1) For the most current package and ordering information see the Package Option Addendum at the end of this document, or see the TI website at www.ti.com.

9.2 Documentation Support

9.2.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation see the following:

- Texas Instruments, TPS715A 24-V High Input Voltage, Micropower, 80-mA LDO Voltage Regulator data sheet
- Texas Instruments, TPS71533EVM LDO Evaluation Module user guide
- Texas Instruments, Pros and Cons of Using a Feedforward Capacitor with a Low-Dropout Regulator application note
- Texas Instruments, Know Your Limits application note

9.3 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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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.

9.7 Glossary

TI Glossary This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

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.
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- Automotive: TPS715-Q1

NOTE: Qualified Version Definitions:

- Automotive - Q100 devices qualified for high-reliability automotive applications targeting zero defects
**TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION**

**REEL DIMENSIONS**

- Reel Diameter
- Reel Width (W1)

**TAPE DIMENSIONS**

- A0: Dimension designed to accommodate the component width
- B0: Dimension designed to accommodate the component length
- K0: Dimension designed to accommodate the component thickness
- W: Overall width of the carrier tape
- P1: Pitch between successive cavity centers

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

- Pocket Quadrants
- Sprocket Holes
- User Direction of Feed

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3. Reference JEDEC MO-203.
4. Support pin may differ or may not be present.
NOTES: (continued)

4. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.
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