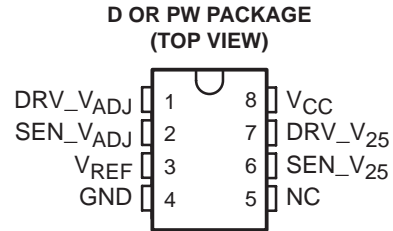


- **Two Independent Controllers for Regulation of:**
  - Fixed 2.5-V and an Adjustable Output
  - $\pm 2\%$  (Max) Regulation Across Temperature and Load (1 mA to 3 A)
- **Adjustable Output Can Be Set Via an External Reference Pin, Allowing for the Creation of a Tracking Regulator**
- **Great Design Flexibility With Minimal External Components**
- **Applications: High-Current, Low-Dropout Regulators for:**
  - DDR/RDRAM Memory Termination
  - Motherboards
  - Chipset I/O
  - GTLP Termination



NC – No internal connection

## description/ordering information

The LFC789D25 is a dual linear FET controller that simplifies the design of dual power supplies. The device consists of two independent controllers, each of which drives an external MOSFET to implement a low-dropout regulator. One controller is programmed to regulate a fixed 2.5-V output, while the second controller can be programmed to regulate any desired output voltage via a reference input pin, allowing for the creation of a tracking regulator often needed for termination schemes. And, because heating effects of the external FETs easily can be isolated from the controllers, the controllers can regulate the output voltages to a maximum tolerance of  $\pm 2\%$  across temperature and load.

The LFC789D25 allows designers a great deal of flexibility in selecting external components and topology to implement their specific power-supply needs. With appropriate heat sinking, the designer can build a regulator with as much current capability as allowed by the external MOSFET and power supply. And, because the dropout of the regulator simply is the product of the  $R_{DS(on)}$  of the external power MOSFET and the load current, very low dropout can be achieved via proper selection of the power MOSFET.

Packaged in 8-pin SOIC and space-saving TSSOP, the LFC789D25 is characterized for operation from 0°C to 70°C.

## ORDERING INFORMATION

| T <sub>A</sub> | PACKAGE†   | ORDERABLE PART NUMBER | TOP-SIDE MARKING |
|----------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 0°C to 70°C    | SOIC (D)   | Tube of 75            | LFC789D25CD      |
|                |            | Reel of 2500          | LFC789D25CDR     |
|                | TSSOP (PW) | Tube of 150           | LFC789D25CPW     |
|                |            | Reel of 2000          | LFC789D25CPWR    |

† Package drawings, standard packing quantities, thermal data, symbolization, and PCB design guidelines are available at [www.ti.com/sc/package](http://www.ti.com/sc/package).



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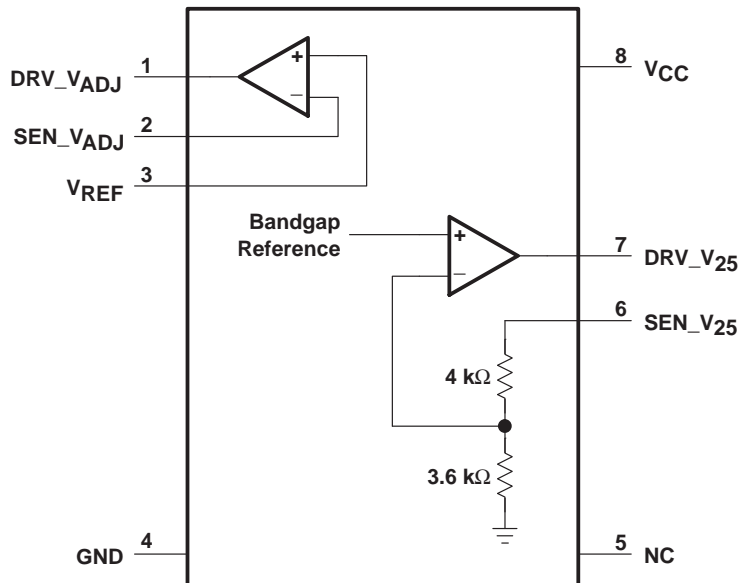
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## functional block diagram



### PIN DESCRIPTION

| PIN | PIN NAME  | PIN FUNCTION                                                                                                 |
|-----|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | DRV_VADJ  | Output of adjustable controller. Drives gate(s) of FET(s) to output user-programmable voltage ( $V_{ADJ}$ ). |
| 2   | SEN_VADJ  | Sense input of adjustable controller. Senses changes in $V_{ADJ}$ .                                          |
| 3   | $V_{REF}$ | Input pin used to program $V_{ADJ}$ , allowing $V_{ADJ}$ to track changes in $V_{REF}$                       |
| 4   | GND       | Ground                                                                                                       |
| 5   | NC        | No connection                                                                                                |
| 6   | SEN_V25   | Sense Input of 2.5-V controller. Senses changes in 2.5-V supply.                                             |
| 7   | DRV_V25   | Output of 2.5-V controller. Drives gate(s) of FET(s) to output fixed 2.5 V.                                  |
| 8   | VCC       | Power supply for device                                                                                      |



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electrical characteristics,  $V_{CC} = 12\text{ V} \pm 5\%$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER                           |                                     | TEST CONDITIONS                                                                                        | $T_A$                                                           | MIN        | TYP                   | MAX          | UNIT          |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Sense                               | $I_{SEN\_V_{ADJ}}$                  | $V_{ADJ}$ sense-pin current                                                                            |                                                                 |            | -20                   |              | nA            |
|                                     |                                     |                                                                                                        | Full range                                                      |            |                       | -500         |               |
| Sense                               | $I_{SEN\_V_{25}}$                   | $V_{25}$ sense-pin current                                                                             | $V_{25} = 2.5\text{ V}$                                         |            | 125                   |              | $\mu\text{A}$ |
|                                     |                                     |                                                                                                        |                                                                 | Full range |                       |              |               |
| Driver                              | $V_{DRV}$                           | Driver output voltage                                                                                  | $I_{DRV} = 0$                                                   |            | $V_{CC} - 1.5$        |              | V             |
|                                     |                                     |                                                                                                        |                                                                 | Full range |                       | $V_{CC} - 3$ |               |
| Driver                              | $I_{DRV}$                           | Driver output current                                                                                  | $V_{DRV} = 4\text{ V}$ ,<br>$V_{SEN} = 0.8 V_{OUT}(\text{nom})$ |            | 10                    |              | mA            |
|                                     |                                     |                                                                                                        |                                                                 | Full range |                       | 5            |               |
| Reference                           | $I_{V_{REF}}$                       | Pin current, $V_{REF}$                                                                                 |                                                                 |            | -20                   | -250         | nA            |
|                                     |                                     |                                                                                                        | Full range                                                      |            |                       |              |               |
| Output regulation<br>(see Figure 1) | $V_{25}$ output voltage regulation  | $I_{OUT} = 1\text{ mA to }3\text{ A}$ ,<br>$V_{PWR} = 3.3\text{ V} \pm 10\%$                           |                                                                 |            | 2.5                   |              | V             |
|                                     |                                     |                                                                                                        | Full range                                                      |            | 2.45                  | 2.5          |               |
| Output regulation<br>(see Figure 1) | $V_{ADJ}$ output voltage regulation | $I_{OUT} = 1\text{ mA to }2\text{ A}$ ,<br>$V_{PWR} = 3.3\text{ V} \pm 10\%$ ,<br>$V_{REF} = V_{25}/2$ |                                                                 |            | $V_{REF}$             |              | V             |
|                                     |                                     |                                                                                                        | Full range                                                      |            | $0.98 \times V_{REF}$ | $V_{REF}$    |               |
| Supply                              | $I_{CC}$                            | Supply current                                                                                         |                                                                 |            | 2                     |              | mA            |
|                                     |                                     |                                                                                                        | Full range                                                      |            |                       |              |               |

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## APPLICATION INFORMATION

### FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

A linear voltage regulator can be broken down into four essential building blocks: a pass transistor, a voltage reference, a feedback network, and a control circuit to drive the pass element, based on the comparison between the output voltage (as sampled by the feedback network) and the voltage reference. With the exception of the pass transistor, the -ADJ provides the other three building blocks needed. Thus, with minimal external components and low overall solution cost, a designer can create two independent, tightly regulated output voltages capable of delivering high currents in excess of 3 A (as limited by the external pass transistor). One output is fixed at 2.5 V. The other output can be adjusted to any desired voltage via an externally applied signal to the  $V_{REF}$  pin. Because the output of the regulator always tracks any changes to this  $V_{REF}$  pin, it is relatively easy to implement a tracking regulator. See the *typical application circuit* (Figure 1).

#### internal reference

The fixed 2.5-V output controller uses an internal temperature-compensated bandgap reference centered at 1.2 V. Its tolerance is designed to be  $< \pm 2\%$  over the specified temperature range, which, when coupled with the low offset of the driver circuit, allows the 2.5-V output to have a tolerance of 2% over the specified temperature range and full load.

#### external reference pin ( $V_{REF}$ )

For the adjustable output controller, the  $V_{REF}$  pin allows great flexibility for the designer. Taking a simple resistor divider tied to an external voltage source and connecting the divider to the  $V_{REF}$  pin allows the controller to regulate an output voltage that is some fraction of the external voltage source. And, because any changes in the external voltage source are sensed by the voltage divider, the regulated output tracks those changes.

If a tracking regulator is not desired, a fixed voltage can be achieved by applying a constant voltage to the  $V_{REF}$  pin. This signal can be provided by a simple device such as the TL431 adjustable shunt regulator.

The  $V_{REF}$  pin typically *sources* a current of 20 nA and, as such, has a minimal loading effect on the resistor divider or the shunt regulator. The accuracy of the adjustable output depends on the accuracy of the signal applied to the  $V_{REF}$  pin. Using high-precision resistors or a TL431A (1% output tolerance) helps achieve good accuracy.

#### feedback network (SENSE pins)

The 2.5-V controller senses the output voltage via the SEN\_V25 pin. This pin is tied to an internal resistor divider that essentially halves the sensed output voltage and feeds it back to the controller for comparison to the internal bandgap reference.

For the adjustable output controller, the SEN\_VADJ pin provides direct feedback of the output voltage to the controller for comparison to the externally applied  $V_{REF}$  signal.

#### controller/driver

Both drivers essentially are error amplifiers that can output a worst-case minimum of 9 V (10.5 V at 25°C) when the LFC789D25 is powered by 12 V. This allows the controllers to regulate a large range of output voltages, as limited by the threshold voltages of the external NMOS. Both drivers sample the output voltage via a SEN pin. For the adjustable version, this SEN pin typically *sources* a current of 20 nA and, thus, has minimal loading on the output voltage. For the 2.5-V version, this SEN pin *sinks* a current of approximately 125  $\mu$ A (including the currents through the internal resistor divider); this results in minimal loading on the output voltage.

Although not tested, both of these controllers are designed with very low offset (typically less than 4 mV), resulting in very accurate control of the drive signals.

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#### MOSFET SELECTION: BENEFITS OF NMOS PASS ELEMENTS REVISITED

A great benefit of having an external pass element is that the control circuitry can be powered by a separate supply ( $V_{CC}$ ), other than the one used as the input to the pass element ( $V_{PWR}$ ). This feature allows the use of an NMOS pass element, which requires a positive  $V_{GS} > V_T$  for operation. With a separate  $V_{CC}$  pin to the controller, the voltage at the gate of the NMOS readily can exceed the voltage at the drain; thus,  $V_{GS}$  easily can exceed  $V_{DS} + V_T$ , allowing the NMOS to operate in the triode region ( $V_{DS} \geq V_{GS} - V_T$ ). In the triode region,  $V_{DS}$  can be very small, thus achieving very low dropout.

The external NMOS selected for the pass transistor has significant impact on the overall characteristics of the regulator, as discussed in the following paragraphs.

- **Maximum output current**

A benefit of an external pass element is that the designer can size the NMOS to easily sustain the maximum  $I_{OUT}$  expected. This allows great flexibility, along with cost and space savings, because each regulator has its pass element tailored to its individual needs. In addition, using an NMOS pass element allows for smaller size (and subsequently, lower cost) than a PMOS element for the same current-carrying ability.

- **Dropout**

Choosing an NMOS with very low  $R_{DS(on)}$  characteristics provides the regulator with very low dropout because dropout will be  $\sim I_{OUT} \times R_{DS(on)}$ . This lower dropout also results in better efficiency and lower heat dissipation in the pass element for a given  $I_{OUT}$ .

- **Maximum programmable output voltage and NMOS threshold voltage,  $V_T$**

The maximum output voltage that can be regulated by the programmable regulator depends on the device's power supply ( $V_{CC}$ ) and threshold voltage ( $V_T$ ) of the NMOS. With the drive voltage tied to the gate and  $V_{OUT}$  connected to the source of the NMOS, a minimum  $V_{GS} = V_T$  must be maintained in order to maintain the n-channel inversion layer. The maximum  $V_{OUT}$  is calculated as follows:

$$V_{OUT} = V_S = V_G - V_T$$

With  $V_{CC} = 12\text{ V}$  and a corresponding worst-case gate drive voltage of  $9\text{ V}$ , the highest achievable  $V_{OUT} = 9\text{ V} - V_T$ .

- **Stability**

A quality of the old npn regulators was their inherent stability under almost any type of load conditions and output capacitors. An NMOS regulator has the same benefit. Thus, capacitor selection and equivalent-series-resistance (ESR) values are not needed for stability, but still should be chosen properly for best transient response (see below).

#### capacitor selection

$C_{out}$ : Although a minimum capacitance is not needed for stability with an NMOS pass device, higher capacitance values improve transient response. In addition, low-ESR capacitors also help transient response. Tantalum or aluminum electrolytics can be used for bulk capacitances, while ceramic bypass capacitors can be used to decouple high-frequency transients due to their low ESL (equivalent series inductance).

$C_{in}$ : Input capacitors placed at the drain of the NMOS pass transistor ( $V_{PWR}$ ) help improve the overall transient response by suppressing surges in  $V_{PWR}$  during fast load changes. Low-ESR tantalum or aluminum electrolytic capacitors can be used; higher capacitance values improve transient response. A  $0.1\text{-}\mu\text{F}$  ceramic capacitor can be placed at the  $V_{CC}$  pin of the LFC789D25 to provide bypassing.



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### layout

Another benefit of a separate controller and pass element is that the heat dissipated in the external NMOS can be well isolated from the controller, which has very low power dissipation. Both of these factors allow the bandgap reference and control circuitry to operate over a more stable temperature range, resulting in very good accuracy over full-load conditions. The LFC789D25 should be placed as close as possible to the external pass element because short PCB traces allow minimal EMI coupling to both the drive and sense lines.

For best accuracy, connect the SEN pins as close to the load as possible, not to the source of the NMOS. Also, place the SEN trace in the same direction and plane as the power trace that connects the source of the NMOS to the load. Also, it is good practice to keep the load current return path as far as possible from the SEN trace.

Place the 0.1- $\mu$ F bypass capacitor as close as possible to the  $V_{CC}$  pin and connect it directly to the ground plane. The GND pin of the LFC789D25 should be connected to the ground plane.

**PACKAGING INFORMATION**

| Orderable part number        | Status<br>(1) | Material type<br>(2) | Package   Pins | Package qty   Carrier | RoHS<br>(3) | Lead finish/<br>Ball material<br>(4) | MSL rating/<br>Peak reflow<br>(5) | Op temp (°C) | Part marking<br>(6) |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <a href="#">LFC789D25CDR</a> | Active        | Production           | SOIC (D)   8   | 2500   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-1-260C-UNLIM                | 0 to 70      | KADAC               |
| LFC789D25CDR.A               | Active        | Production           | SOIC (D)   8   | 2500   LARGE T&R      | Yes         | NIPDAU                               | Level-1-260C-UNLIM                | 0 to 70      | KADAC               |

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**TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION**

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


\*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 |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|
| LFC789D25CDR | SOIC         | D               | 8    | 2500 | 330.0              | 12.4               | 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) |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------|------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| LFC789D25CDR | SOIC         | D               | 8    | 2500 | 340.5       | 338.1      | 20.6        |



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# PACKAGE OUTLINE

SOIC - 1.75 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT



NOTES:

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

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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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NOTES: (continued)

6. Publication IPC-7351 may have alternate designs.

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

# EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

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SOIC - 1.75 mm max height

SMALL OUTLINE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT



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

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NOTES: (continued)

8. Laser cutting apertures with trapezoidal walls and rounded corners may offer better paste release. IPC-7525 may have alternate design recommendations.
9. Board assembly site may have different recommendations for stencil design.

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