



LM78M05-MIL Series 3-Terminal 500-mA Positive Voltage Regulator

1 Features

- Output Current in Excess of 0.5 A
- No External Components
- Internal Thermal Overload Protection
- Internal Short Circuit Current-Limiting
- Output Transistor Safe-Area Compensation
- Available in 3-Pin TO-220, TO-252, and TO packages
- Output Voltage: 5 V

2 Applications

- Electronic Point-of-Sale
- Medical and Health Fitness Applications
- Printers
- Appliances and White Goods
- TVs and Set-Top Boxes

3 Description

The LM78M05-MIL three-pin positive voltage regulator employs built-in current limiting, thermal shutdown, and safe-operating area protection, which makes them virtually immune to damage from output overloads.

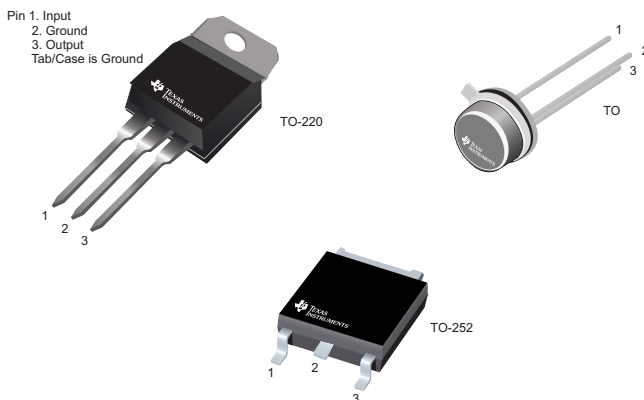
With adequate heat sinking, they can deliver in excess of 0.5-A output current. Typical applications would include local (on-card) regulators which can eliminate the noise and degraded performance associated with single-point regulation.

Device Information⁽¹⁾

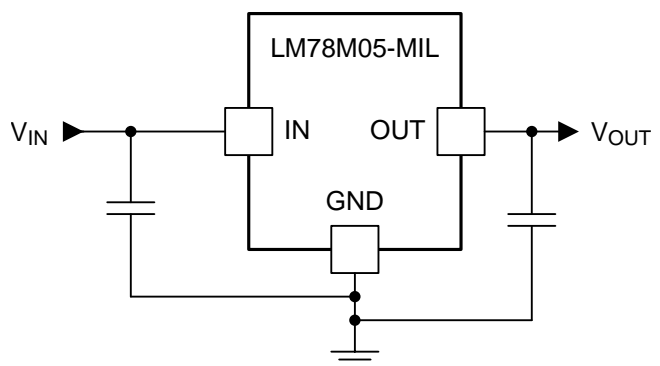
PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE (NOM)
LM78M05	TO-220 (3)	10.16 mm × 14.986 mm
	TO-252 (3)	6.10 mm × 6.58 mm
	TO (3)	9.14 mm × 9.14 mm

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

Available Packages



Simplified Application



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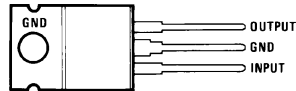
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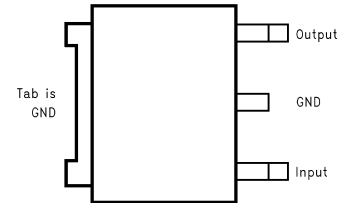
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5 Pin Configuration and Functions

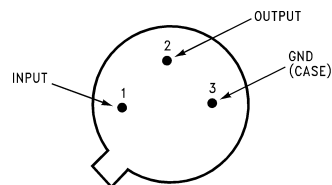
**NDE Package
3-Pin TO-220
Top View**



**NDP Package
3-Pin TO-252
Top View**



**NDT Package
3-Pin TO
Top View**



Pin Functions

NAME	PIN NO.			I/O	DESCRIPTION
	TO-220	TO-252	TO		
GND	2/TAB	2/TAB	3	—	Tab is GND
INPUT	1	1	1	I	Input
OUTPUT	2	2	2	O	Output

6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
Input voltage	$5\text{ V} \leq V_O \leq 15\text{ V}$		35	V
Power dissipation		Internally limited		
Lead temperature (Soldering, 10 s)	TO package (NDT)		300	°C
	TO-220 package (NDE)		260	
Operating junction temperature		–40	125	°C
Storage temperature, T_{stg}		–65	150	°C

- (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) If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the Texas Instruments Sales Office/Distributors for availability and specifications.

6.2 Recommended Operating Conditions

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

	MIN	MAX	UNIT
Input voltage	$V_{\text{OUT}} + 1.8$	35	V
Output current		0.5	A

6.3 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾		LM78M05		UNIT
		NDP (TO-252)	NDT (TO)	
		3 PINS	3 PINS	
$R_{\theta JA}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	38	162.4	°C/W
$R_{\theta JC(top)}$	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	48.4	23.9	°C/W
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	17.7	—	°C/W
Ψ_{JT}	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	6.7	—	°C/W
Ψ_{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	17.9	—	°C/W
$R_{\theta JC(bot)}$	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	4.4	—	°C/W

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

6.4 Electrical Characteristics

$V_{IN} = 10\text{ V}$, $C_{IN} = 0.33\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $C_O = 0.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ (unless otherwise noted). Limits are specified by production testing or correlation techniques using standard Statistical Quality Control (SQC) methods.

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V_O Output voltage	$I_L = 500\text{ mA}$	4.8	5	5.2	V
	$5\text{ mA} \leq I_L \leq 500\text{ mA}$, $P_D \leq 7.5\text{ W}$, $7.5\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 20\text{ V}$, $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$	4.75	5	5.25	
V_{RLINE} Line regulation	$7.2\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 25\text{ V}$	$I_L = 100\text{ mA}$		50	mV
		$I_L = 500\text{ mA}$		100	
V_{RLOAD} Load regulation	$I_L = 5\text{ mA to } 500\text{ mA}$			100	mV
I_Q Quiescent current	$I_L = 500\text{ mA}$		4	10	mA
ΔI_Q Quiescent current change	$5\text{ mA} \leq I_L \leq 500\text{ mA}$,			0.5	mA
	$7.5\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 25\text{ V}$, $I_L = 500\text{ mA}$			1	
V_n Output noise voltage	$10\text{ Hz} \leq f \leq 100\text{ kHz}$		40		μV
ΔV_{IN} Ripple rejection	$f = 120\text{ Hz}$, $I_L = 500\text{ mA}$		78		dB
V_{IN} Input voltage required to maintain line regulation	$I_L = 500\text{ mA}$	7.2			V
ΔV_O Long-term stability	$I_L = 500\text{ mA}$, $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$			20	mV/khrs

6.5 Typical Characteristics

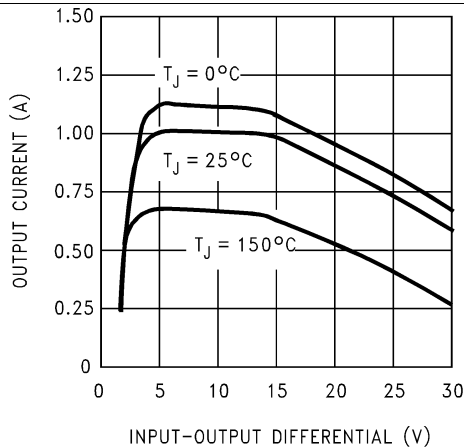


Figure 1. Peak Output Current

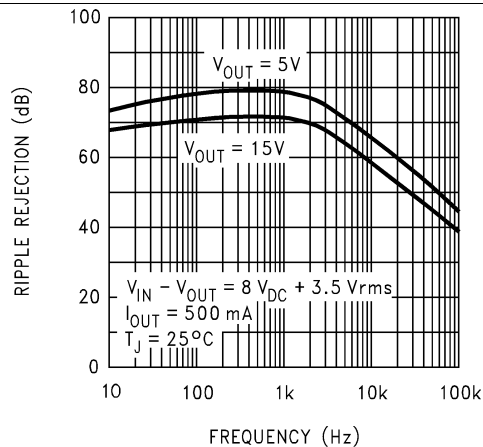


Figure 2. Ripple Rejection

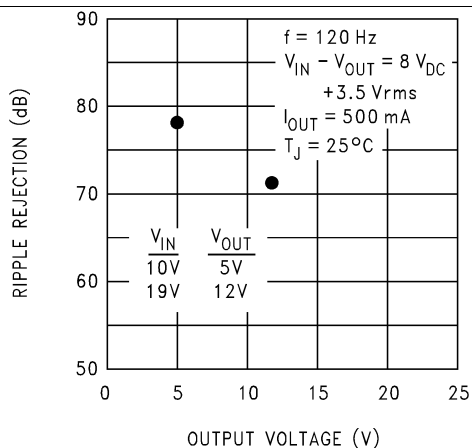


Figure 3. Ripple Rejection

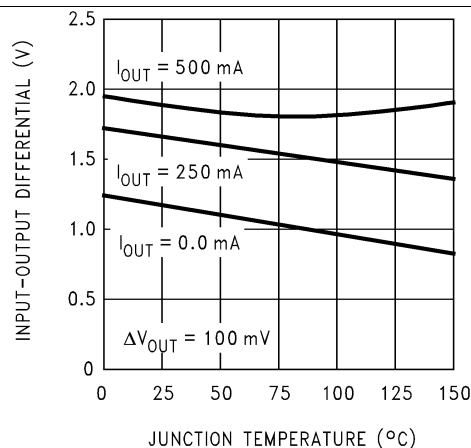


Figure 4. Dropout Voltage

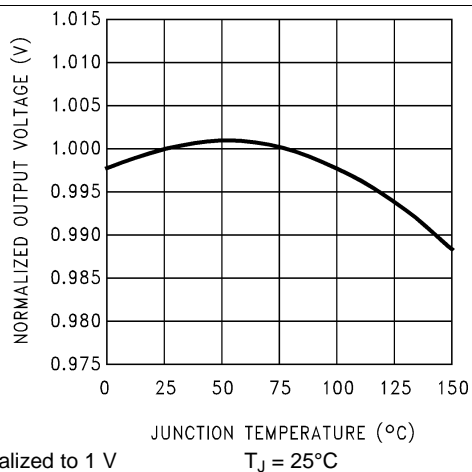


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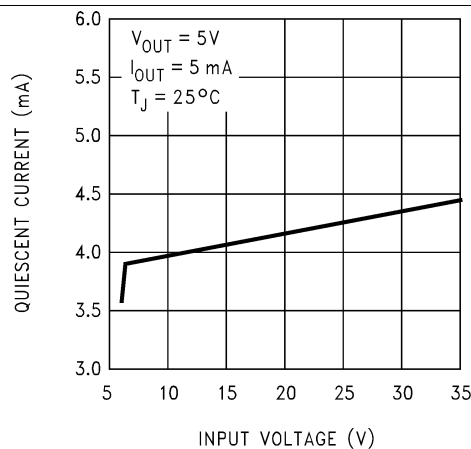
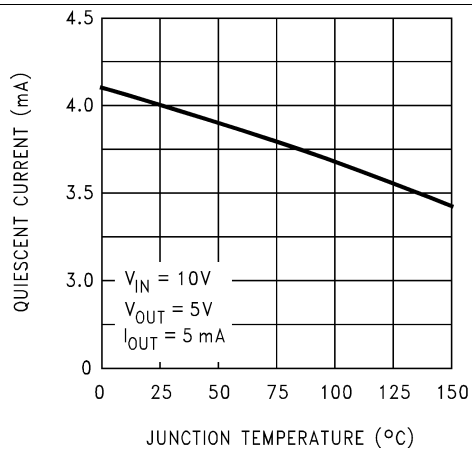
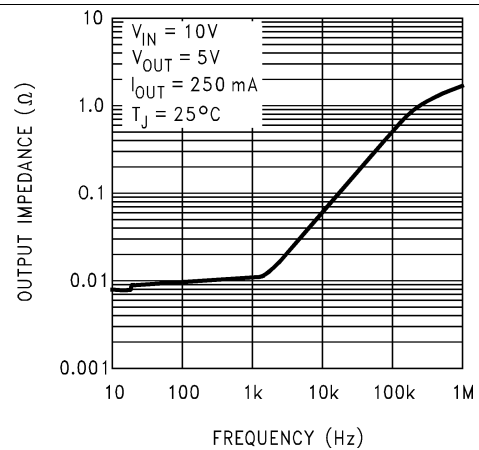
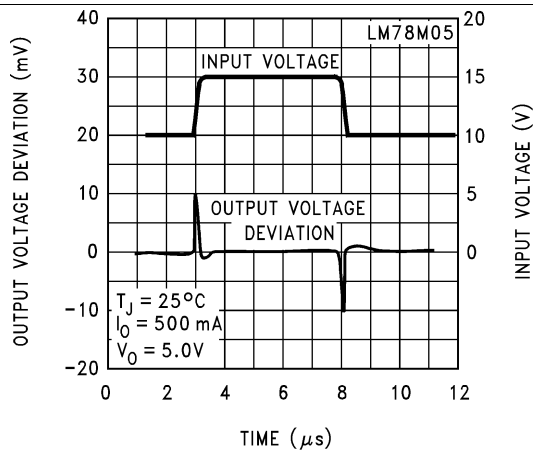
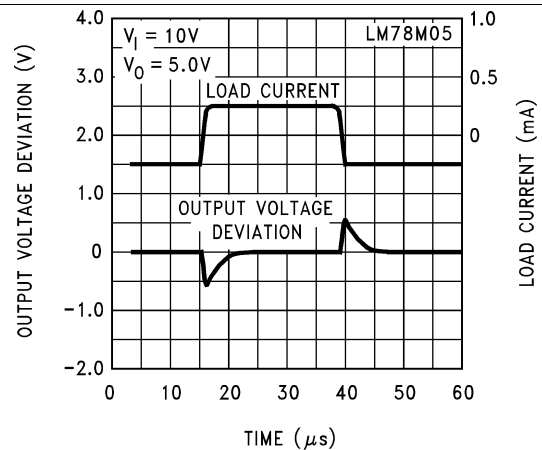


Figure 6. Quiescent Current

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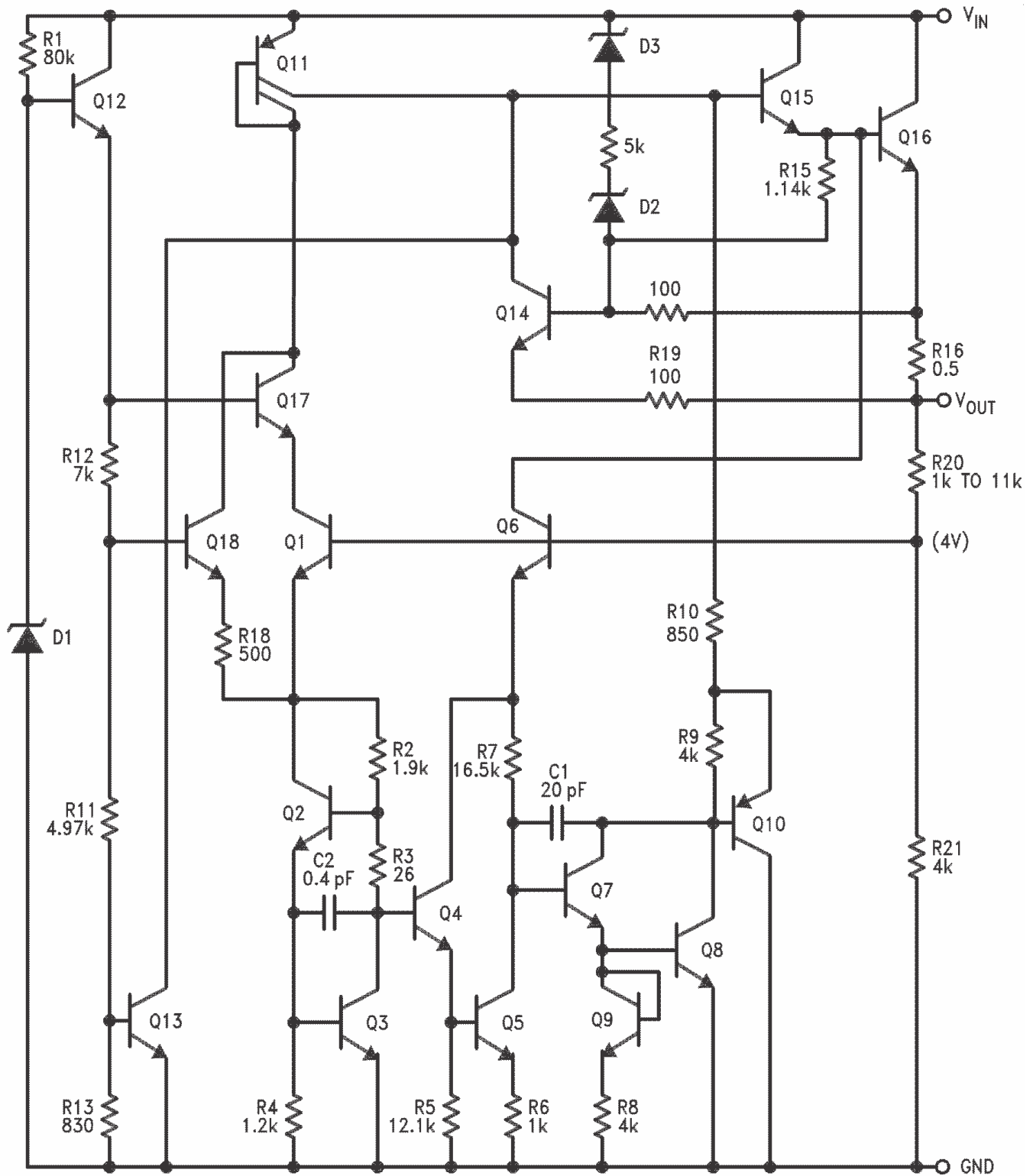

Figure 7. Quiescent Current

Figure 8. Output Impedance

Figure 9. Line Transient Response

Figure 10. Load Transient Response

7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The LM78M05-MIL device is a fixed positive voltage regulators. It can accept up to 35 V at the input and regulate it down to outputs of 5 V, 12 V, or 15 V. The device is capable of supplying up to 500 mA of output current, although it is important to ensure an adequate amount of heat sinking to avoid exceeding thermal limits. However, in the case of accidental overload the device has built in current limiting, thermal shutdown and safe-operating area protection to prevent damage from occurring.

7.2 Functional Block Diagram



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7.3 Feature Description

The LM78M05-MIL fixed voltage regulator has built-in thermal overload protection which prevents the device from being damaged due to excessive junction temperature.

The regulator also contains internal short-circuit protection which limits the maximum output current, and safe-area protection for the pass transistor which reduces the short-circuit current as the voltage across the pass transistor is increased.

Although the internal power dissipation is automatically limited, the maximum junction temperature of the device must be maintained below 125°C to meet data sheet specifications. An adequate heat sink must be provided to assure this limit is not exceeded under worst-case operating conditions (maximum input voltage and load current) if reliable performance is to be obtained.

7.4 Device Functional Modes

7.4.1 Normal Operation

The device OUTPUT pin sources current necessary to make the voltage at the OUTPUT pin equal to the fixed voltage level of the device.

7.4.2 Operation With Low Input Voltage

The device requires up to 2-V headroom ($V_{IN} - V_{OUT}$) to operate in regulation. With less headroom, the device may drop out of regulation in which the OUTPUT voltage would equal INPUT voltage minus dropout voltage.

7.4.3 Operation in Self Protection

When an overload occurs, the device shuts down Darlington NPN output stage or reduce the output current to prevent device damage. The device automatically resets from the overload. The output may be reduced or alternate between on and off until the overload is removed.

8 Application and Implementation

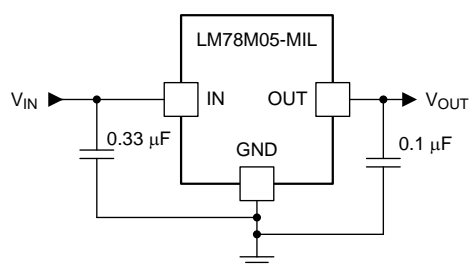
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8.1 Application Information

The LM78M05-MIL device is a fixed voltage regulator that needs no external feedback resistors in order to set the output voltage. Input. Output capacitors are not required for the device to be stable. However, input capacitance helps filter noise from the supply and output capacitance improves the transient response.

8.2 Typical Application



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C_{IN} required if regulator input is more than 4 inches from input filter capacitor (or if no input filter capacitor is used).

C_{OUT} is optional for improved transient response.

Figure 11. Typical Application

8.2.1 Design Requirements

For this design example, use the parameters listed in [Table 1](#) as the input parameters.

Table 1. Design Parameters

PARAMETER	VALUE
C_{IN}	0.33 μ F
C_{OUT}	0.1 μ F

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

8.2.2.1 Input Voltage

Regardless of the output voltage option being used (5 V, 12 V, 15 V), the input voltage must be at least 2 V greater to ensure proper regulation (7 V, 14 V, 17 V).

8.2.2.2 Output Current

Depending on the input-output voltage differential, the output current must be limited to ensure maximum power dissipation is not exceeded. The graph in [Figure 1](#) shows the appropriate current limit for a variety of conditions.

8.2.2.3 Input Capacitor

If no power supply filter capacitor is used or if the device is placed more than four inches away from the capacitor of the power supply, an additional capacitor placed at the input pin of the device helps bypass noise.

8.2.2.4 Output Capacitor

This device is designed to be stable with no output capacitance and can be omitted from the design if needed. However if large changes in load are expected, an output capacitor is recommended to improve the transient response.

8.2.3 Application Curves

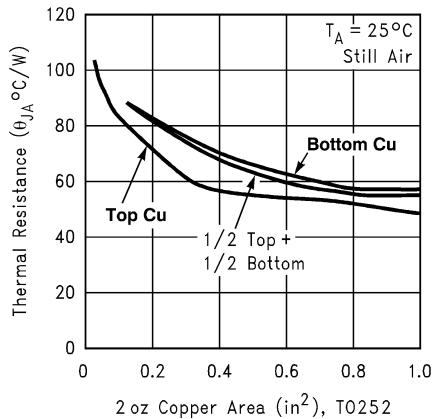


Figure 12. $R_{\theta JA}$ vs 2-oz Copper Area for PFM

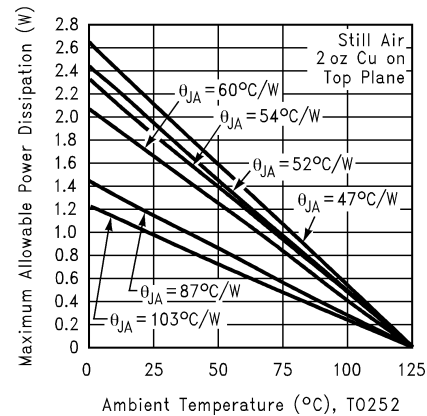


Figure 13. Maximum Allowable Power Dissipation vs Ambient Temperature for PFM

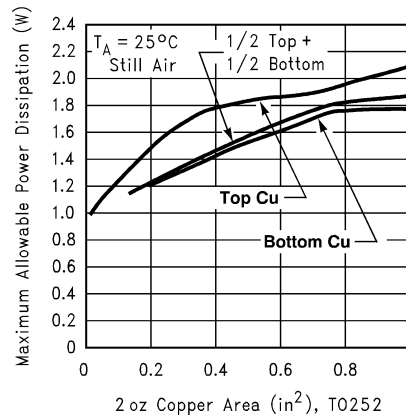


Figure 14. Maximum Allowable Power Dissipation vs 2-oz Copper Area for PFM

9 Power Supply Recommendations

The LM78M05-MIL device is designed to operate from an input voltage supply range between $V_{OUT} + 2\text{ V}$ to 35 V. If the device is more than four inches from the power supply filter capacitors, an input bypass capacitor 0.1- μF or greater of any type is recommended.

10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

Follow these layout guidelines to ensure proper regulation of the output voltage with minimum noise. TI recommends that the input terminal be bypassed to ground with a bypass capacitor. The optimum placement is closest to the input terminal of the device and the system GND. Take care to minimize the loop area formed by the bypass-capacitor connection, the input terminal, and the system GND. Traces carrying the load current must be wide to reduce the amount of parasitic trace inductance. In cases when VIN shorts to ground, an external diode must be placed from VOUT to VIN to divert the surge current from the output capacitor and protect the device. This diode must be placed close to the corresponding device pins to increase their effectiveness.

10.2 Layout Example

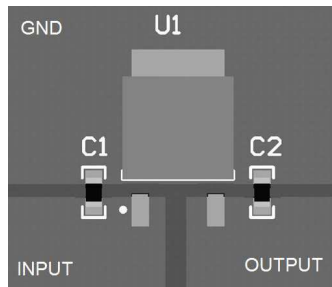


Figure 15. Layout Recommendation

10.3 Thermal Considerations

When an integrated circuit operates with appreciable current, its junction temperature is elevated. It is important to quantify its thermal limits to achieve acceptable performance and reliability. This limit is determined by summing the individual parts consisting of a series of temperature rises from the semiconductor junction to the operating environment. A one-dimension steady-state model of conduction heat transfer is demonstrated in Figure 16. The heat generated at the device junction flows through the die to the die attach pad, through the lead frame to the surrounding case material, to the printed-circuit board, and eventually to the ambient environment.

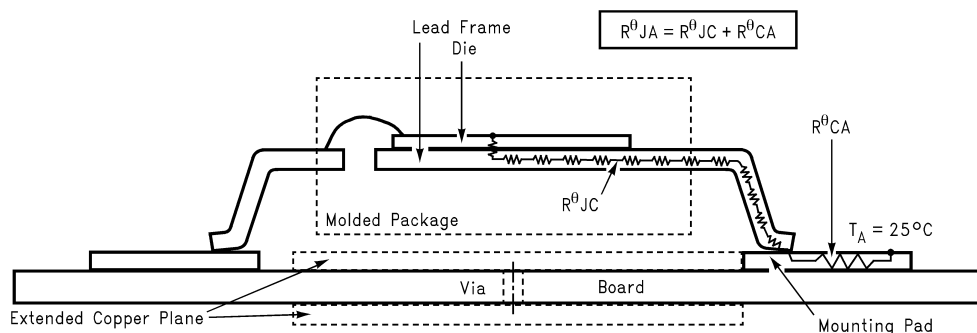
There are several variables that may affect the thermal resistance and in turn the need for a heat sink, which includes the following.

Component variables ($R_{\theta JC}$)

- Leadframe size and material
- Number of conduction pins
- Die size
- Die attach material
- Molding compound size and material

Application variables ($R_{\theta CA}$)

- Mounting pad size, material, and location
- Placement of mounting pad
- PCB size and material
- Traces length and width
- Adjacent heat sources
- Volume of air
- Ambient temperature
- Shape of mounting pad



The case temperature is measured at the point where the leads contact the mounting pad surface

Figure 16. Cross-Sectional View of Integrated Circuit Mounted on a Printed-Circuit Board

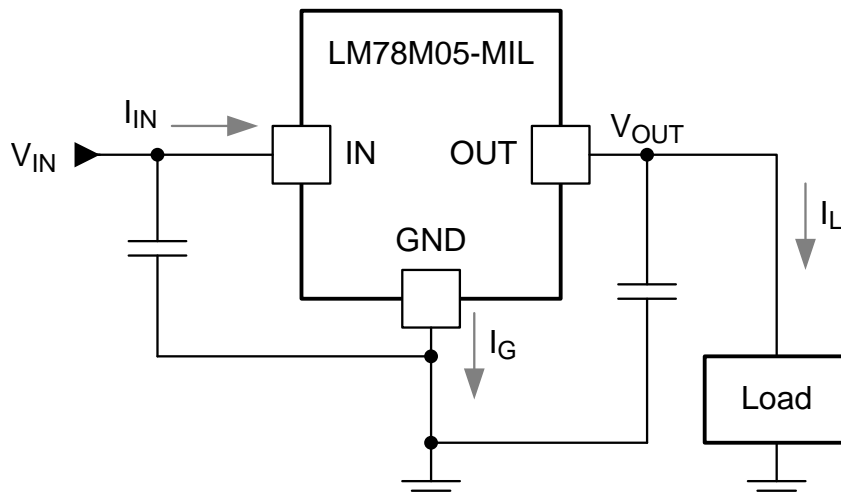
Thermal Considerations (continued)

The LM78M05-MIL regulator has internal thermal shutdown to protect the device from overheating. Under all possible operating conditions, the junction temperature of the device must be within the range of 0°C to 125°C. A heat sink may be required depending on the maximum power dissipation and maximum ambient temperature of the application. To determine if a heat sink is needed, the power dissipated by the regulator (P_D) is calculated using Equation 1.

$$I_{IN} = I_L + I_G \quad (1)$$

$$P_D = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times I_L + (V_{IN} \times I_G) \quad (2)$$

Figure 17 shows the voltages and currents which are present in the circuit.



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Figure 17. Power Dissipation Diagram

Use to calculate the maximum allowable temperature rise, $T_{R(max)}$.

$$T_{R(max)} = T_{J(max)} - T_{A(max)}$$

where

- $T_{J(max)}$ is the maximum allowable junction temperature (125°C)
- $T_{A(max)}$ is the maximum ambient temperature encountered in the application

Using the calculated values for $T_{R(max)}$ and P_D , the maximum allowable value for the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance ($R_{\theta JA}$) can be calculated with Equation 3.

$$R_{\theta JA} = T_{R(max)} / P_D \quad (3)$$

As a design aid, Table 2 shows the value of the $R_{\theta JA}$ of TO-252 for different heat sink area. The copper patterns that we used to measure these $R_{\theta JA}$ are shown at the end of [AN-1028 Maximum Power Enhancement Techniques for Power Packages](#) (SNVA036). Figure 12 reflects the same test results as what are in the Table 2.

Figure 13 shows the maximum allowable power dissipation versus ambient temperature for the PFM device. Figure 14 shows the maximum allowable power dissipation versus copper area (in²) for the TO-252 device. For power enhancement techniques to be used with TO-252 package, see [AN-1028 Maximum Power Enhancement Techniques for Power Packages](#) (SNVA036).

Table 2. $R_{\theta JA}$ Different Heat Sink Area

LAYOUT	COPPER AREA (in ²)		THERMAL RESISTANCE: $R_{\theta JA}$ (°C/W)
	TOP SIDE ⁽¹⁾	BOTTOM SIDE	TO-252
1	0.0123	0	103

(1) Tab of device is attached to topside copper.

Thermal Considerations (continued)
Table 2. $R_{\theta JA}$ Different Heat Sink Area (continued)

LAYOUT	COPPER AREA (in ²)		THERMAL RESISTANCE: $R_{\theta JA}$ (°C/W)
	TOP SIDE ⁽¹⁾	BOTTOM SIDE	TO-252
2	0.066	0	87
3	0.3	0	60
4	0.53	0	54
5	0.76	0	52
6	1	0	47
7	0	0.2	84
8	0	0.4	70
9	0	0.6	63
10	0	0.8	57
11	0	1	57
12	0.066	0.066	89
13	0.175	0.175	72
14	0.284	0.284	61
15	0.392	0.392	55
16	0.5	0.5	53

11 Device and Documentation Support

11.1 Documentation Support

11.1.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation see the following:

[AN-1028 Maximum Power Enhancement Techniques for Power Packages](#) (SNVA036)

11.2 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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11.5 Electrostatic Discharge Caution



These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

11.6 Glossary

[SLYZ022](#) — *TI Glossary*.

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

12 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Orderable part number	Status (1)	Material type (2)	Package Pins	Package qty Carrier	RoHS (3)	Lead finish/ Ball material (4)	MSL rating/ Peak reflow (5)	Op temp (°C)	Part marking (6)
LM78M05CH	Active	Production	TO (NDT) 3	500 BULK	Yes	AU	Level-1-NA-UNLIM	-40 to 125	(LM78M05CH, LM78M05CH)
LM78M05CH/NOPB	Active	Production	TO (NDT) 3	500 BULK	Yes	AU	Level-1-NA-UNLIM	-40 to 125	(LM78M05CH, LM78M05CH)

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

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

⁽³⁾ **RoHS values:** Yes, No, RoHS Exempt. See the [TI RoHS Statement](#) for additional information and value definition.

⁽⁴⁾ **Lead finish/Ball material:** Parts may have multiple material finish options. Finish options are separated by a vertical ruled line. Lead finish/Ball material values may wrap to two lines if the finish value exceeds the maximum column width.

⁽⁵⁾ **MSL rating/Peak reflow:** The moisture sensitivity level ratings and peak solder (reflow) temperatures. In the event that a part has multiple moisture sensitivity ratings, only the lowest level per JEDEC standards is shown. Refer to the shipping label for the actual reflow temperature that will be used to mount the part to the printed circuit board.

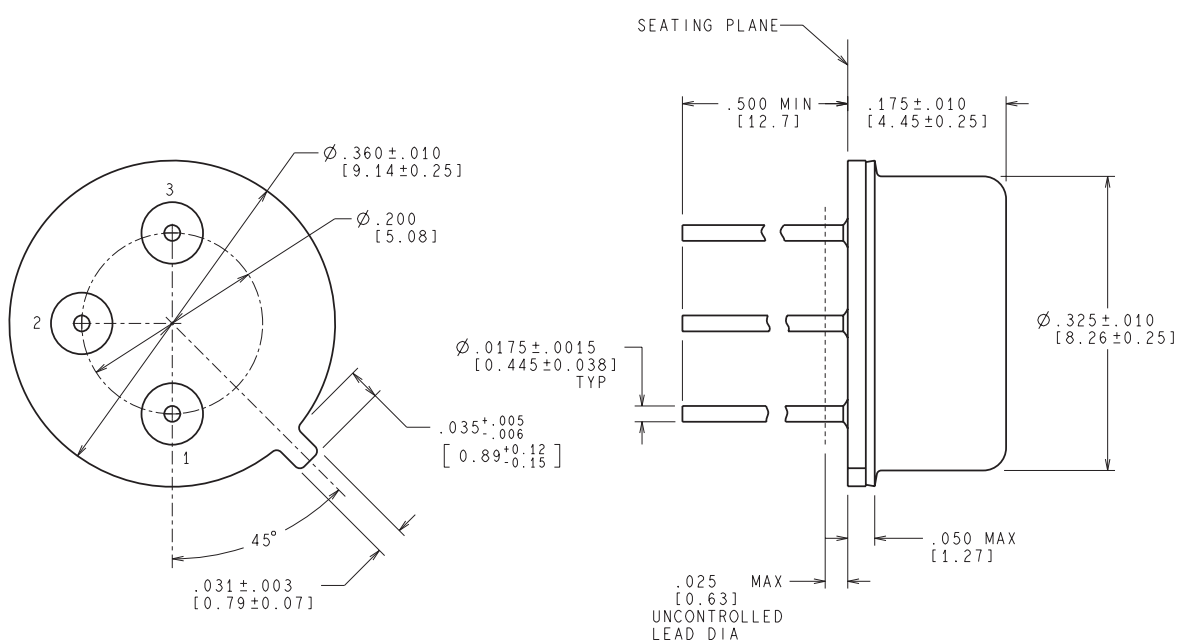
⁽⁶⁾ **Part marking:** There may be an additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category of the part.

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