



LM2937 2.5-V and 3.3-V 400-mA and 500-mA Voltage Regulators

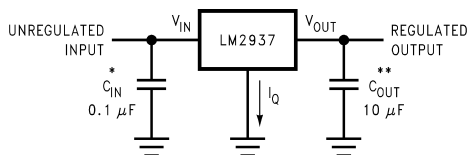
1 Features

- Operating Input Voltage Range : 4.75 V to 26 V
- Fully Specified for Operation Over -40°C to 125°C
- Output Current in Excess of 500 mA (400 mA for SOT-223 package)
- Output Trimmed for 5% Tolerance Under All Operating Conditions
- Wide Output Capacitor ESR Range, $0.01\ \Omega$ up to $5\ \Omega$
- Internal Short Circuit and Thermal Overload Protection
- Reverse Battery Input Protection
- 60-V Input Transient Protection

2 Applications

- Automotive
- Industrial Control
- Point-of-Load Regulation

Simplified Schematic



* Required if the regulator is located more than 3 inches from the power supply filter capacitors.

** Required for stability. C_{OUT} must be at least $10\ \mu\text{F}$ (over full expected operating temperature range) and located as close as possible to the regulator. The equivalent series resistance, ESR, of this capacitor may be as high as $3\ \Omega$.

3 Description

The LM2937-2.5 and LM2937-3.3 are positive voltage regulators capable of supplying up to 500 mA of load current. Both regulators are ideal for converting a common 5-V logic supply, or higher input supply voltage, to the lower 2.5-V and 3.3-V supplies to power very-large-scale integrations (VLSI) ASICs and microcontrollers. Special circuitry has been incorporated to minimize the quiescent current to typically only 10 mA with a full 500-mA load current when the input to output voltage differential is greater than 5 V.

The LM2937 requires an output bypass capacitor for stability. As with most regulators utilizing a PNP pass transistor, the ESR of this capacitor remains a critical design parameter, but the LM2937-2.5 and LM2937-3.3 include special compensation circuitry that relaxes ESR requirements. The LM2937 is stable for all ESR ratings less than $5\ \Omega$. This allows the use of low ESR chip capacitors.

The regulators are also suited for automotive applications, with built in protection from reverse battery connections, two-battery jumps and up to +60 V/-50 V load dump transients. Familiar regulator features such as short circuit and thermal shutdown protection are also built in.

Device Information⁽¹⁾

| PART NUMBER | PACKAGE | BODY SIZE (NOM) |
|-------------|------------|----------------------|
| LM2937 | TO-220 (3) | 14.986 mm x 10.66 mm |
| | SOT (4) | 6.50 mm x 3.5 mm |
| | TO-263 (3) | 0.18 mm x 8.41 mm |

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



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4 Revision History

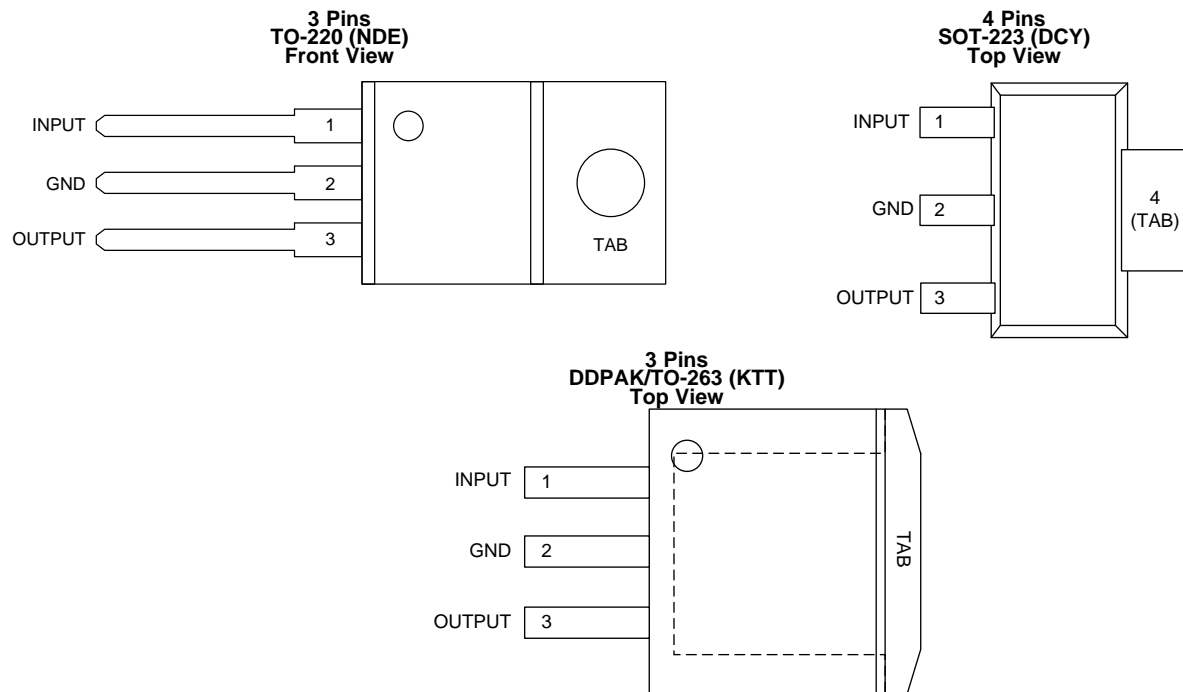
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- Added *Device Information* and *Handling Rating* tables, *Feature Description*, *Device Functional Modes*, *Application and Implementation*, *Power Supply Recommendations*, *Layout*, *Device and Documentation Support*, and *Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information* sections; updated *Thermal Information*; moved some curves to *Application Curves* section

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5 Pin Configuration and Functions



Pin Functions

| NAME | PIN | | | I/O | DESCRIPTION |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| | NDE | KTT | DCY | | |
| INPUT | 1 | 1 | 1 | I | Unregulated voltage input |
| GND | 2 | 2 | 2 | — | Ground |
| OUTPUT | 3 | 3 | 3 | O | Regulated voltage output. This pin requires an output capacitor to maintain stability. See the <i>Detailed Design Procedure</i> section for output capacitor details. |
| GND | TAB | TAB | 4 | — | Thermal and ground connection. Connect the TAB to a large copper area to remove heat from the device. The TAB is internally connected to device pin 2 (GND). Connect the TAB to GND or leave floating. Do not connect the TAB to any potential other than GND at device pin 2. |

6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

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

| | | MIN | MAX | UNIT |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------|-----|------|
| Input voltage (V_{IN}) | Continuous | | 26 | V |
| | Transient ($t \leq 100$ ms) | | 60 | |
| Internal power dissipation ⁽³⁾ | | Internally limited | | |

- 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.
- If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the Texas Instruments Sales Office/Distributors for availability and specifications.
- The maximum allowable power dissipation at any ambient temperature is $P_{MAX} = (125^{\circ}\text{C} - T_A)/R_{\theta JA}$, where 125°C is the maximum junction temperature for operation, T_A is the ambient temperature, and $R_{\theta JA}$ is the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance. If this dissipation is exceeded, the die temperature will rise above 125°C and the electrical specifications do not apply. If the die temperature rises above 150°C , the LM2937 will go into thermal shutdown.

6.2 Handling Ratings

| | | | MIN | MAX | UNIT |
|-------------|---------------------------|---|-------|------|--------------------|
| T_{stg} | Storage temperature range | | -65 | 150 | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| $V_{(ESD)}$ | Electrostatic discharge | Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001, all pins ⁽¹⁾ | -2000 | 2000 | V |

- JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

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

| | | MIN | NOM | MAX | UNIT |
|---|--------------------------------|------|-----|-----|--------------------|
| Junction temperature (T_J) ⁽²⁾ | LM2937ET (NDE), LM2937ES (KTT) | -40 | | 125 | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| | LM2937IMP (DCY) | -40 | | 85 | |
| Input voltage (V_{IN}) | | 4.75 | | 26 | V |

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6.4 Thermal Information

| THERMAL METRIC ⁽¹⁾ | | LM2937 | | | UNIT |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| | | NDE ⁽²⁾ | KTT | DCY | |
| | | 3 PINS | 3 PINS | 4 PINS | |
| $R_{\theta JA}$ | Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance | 77.9 | 41.8 | 58.3 | $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$ |
| $R_{\theta JC(top)}$ | Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance | 35.5 | 43.5 | 39.2 | |
| $R_{\theta JB}$ | Junction-to-board thermal resistance | 70.6 | 23.5 | 7.0 | |
| Ψ_{JT} | Junction-to-top characterization parameter | 13 | 10.3 | 1.6 | |
| Ψ_{JB} | Junction-to-board characterization parameter | 70.6 | 22.5 | 6.9 | |
| $R_{\theta JC(bot)}$ | Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance | 1 | 0.8 | N/A | |

- For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *IC Package Thermal Metrics* application report, [SPRA953](#).
- Thermal information for the TO-220 package is for a free-standing package vertically mounted in the middle of a PCB which is compliant to the JEDEC HIGH-K 2s2p (JESD51-7) specifications. No additional heat sink is attached. See [Heatsinking TO-220 Package Parts](#) section for more information.

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

$V_{IN} = V_{NOM} + 5\text{ V}$, $I_{OUTmax} = 500\text{ mA}$ for the TO-220 and DDPK/TO-263 packages, $I_{OUTmax} = 400\text{ mA}$ for the SOT-223 package, $C_{OUT} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ unless otherwise indicated. All other specifications are for $T_A = T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$, unless otherwise specified in the Test Conditions.⁽¹⁾

| OUTPUT VOLTAGE (V_{OUT}) | | 2.5 V | | | 3.3 V | | | UNIT |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------|-----|------|-------|------|------|------------------|
| PARAMETER | TEST CONDITIONS | MIN | TYP | MAX | MIN | TYP | MAX | |
| Output voltage | $5\text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq I_{OUTmax}$ | 2.42 | 2.5 | 2.56 | 3.20 | 3.3 | 3.40 | V |
| | $5\text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq I_{OUTmax}$ $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | 2.38 | | 2.62 | 3.14 | | 3.46 | |
| Line regulation ⁽²⁾ | $4.75\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 26\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 5\text{ mA}$ | | 7.5 | | | 9.9 | | mV |
| | $4.75\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 26\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 5\text{ mA}$ $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | | | 25 | | | 33 | |
| Load regulation | $5\text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq I_{OUTmax}$ | | 2.5 | | | 3.3 | | mV |
| | $5\text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq I_{OUTmax}$ $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | | | 25 | | | 33 | |
| Quiescent current | $7\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 26\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 5\text{ mA}$ | | 2 | | | 2 | | mA |
| | $7\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 26\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = 5\text{ mA}$ $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | | | 10 | | | 10 | |
| | $V_{IN} = (V_{OUT} + 5\text{ V})$, $I_{OUT} = I_{OUTmax}$ | | 10 | | | 10 | | mA |
| | $V_{IN} = (V_{OUT} + 5\text{ V})$, $I_{OUT} = I_{OUTmax}$ $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | | | 20 | | | 20 | |
| | $V_{IN} = 5\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = I_{OUTmax}$ | | 66 | 100 | | 66 | 100 | mA |
| | $V_{IN} = 5\text{ V}$, $I_{OUT} = I_{OUTmax}$ $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | | | 125 | | | 125 | |
| Output noise voltage | 10 Hz–100 kHz, $I_{OUT} = 5\text{ mA}$ | | 75 | | | 99 | | μVrms |
| Long-term stability | 1000 Hrs. | | 10 | | | 13.2 | | mV |
| Short-Circuit Current | $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | 0.6 | | | 0.6 | | | A |
| | | | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| Peak line-transient voltage | $t_f < 100\text{ ms}$, $R_L = 100\text{ }\Omega$ $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | 60 | | | 60 | | | V |
| | $t_f < 100\text{ ms}$, $R_L = 100\text{ }\Omega$ | | 75 | | | 75 | | V |
| Maximum operational input voltage | $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | 26 | | | 26 | | | V |
| Reverse DC input voltage | $V_{OUT} \geq -0.6\text{ V}$, $R_L = 100\text{ }\Omega$ $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | -15 | | | -15 | | | V |
| | $V_{OUT} \geq -0.6\text{ V}$, $R_L = 100\text{ }\Omega$ | | -30 | | | -30 | | |
| Reverse transient input voltage | $t_r < 1\text{ ms}$, $R_L = 100\text{ }\Omega$ $-40^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ | -50 | | | 50 | | | V |
| | $t_r < 1\text{ ms}$, $R_L = 100\text{ }\Omega$ | | -75 | | | -75 | | |

(1) Typicals are at $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ and represent the most likely parametric norm.

(2) The minimum input voltage required for proper biasing of these regulators is 4.75 V. Below this level the outputs will fall out of regulation. This effect is not the normal dropout characteristic where the output falls out of regulation due to the PNP pass transistor entering saturation. If a value for worst case effective input to output dropout voltage is required in a specification, the values should be 2.37 V maximum for the LM2937-2.5 and 1.6 V maximum for the LM2937-3.3.

6.6 Typical Characteristics

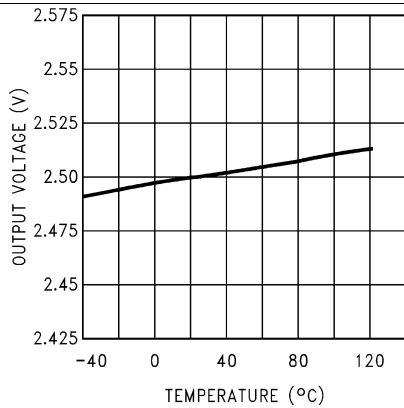


Figure 1. Output Voltage vs Temperature (2.5 V)

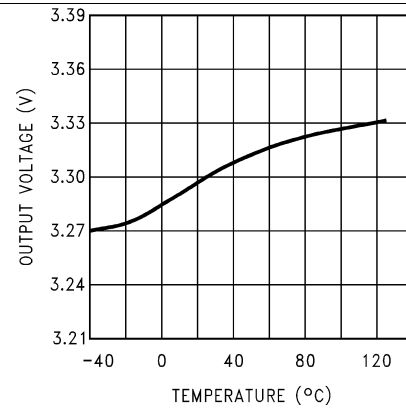


Figure 2. Output Voltage vs Temperature (3.3 V)

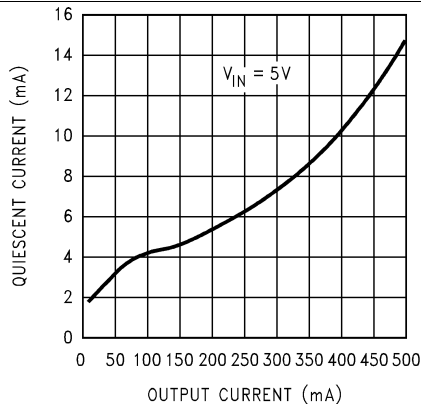


Figure 3. Quiescent Current vs Output Current (2.5 V)

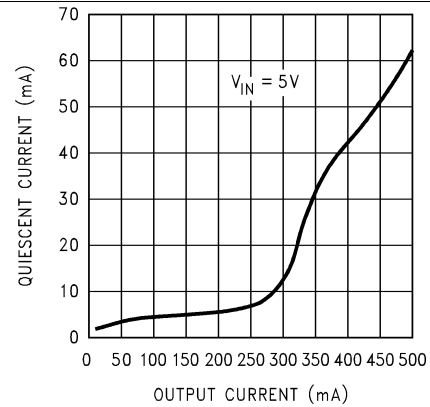


Figure 4. Quiescent Current vs Output Current (3.3 V)

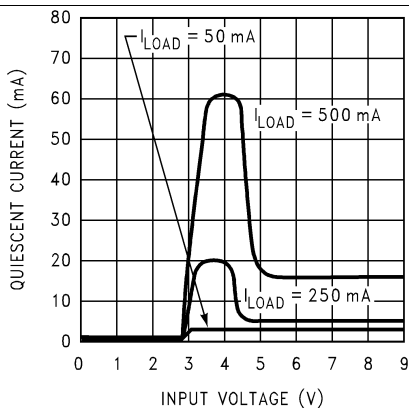


Figure 5. Quiescent Current vs Input Voltage (2.5 V)

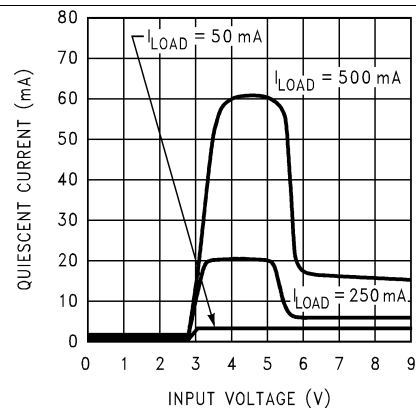


Figure 6. Quiescent Current vs Input Voltage (3.3 V)

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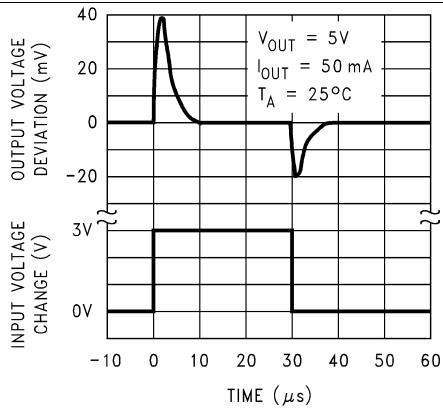


Figure 7. Line Transient Response

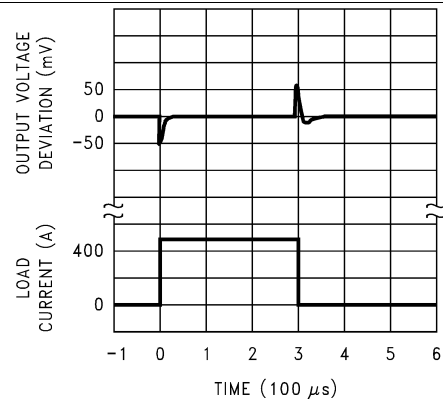


Figure 8. Load Transient Response

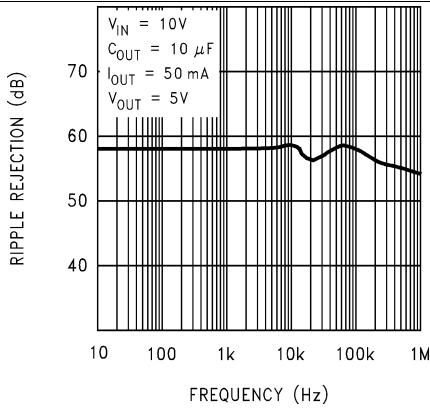


Figure 9. Ripple Rejection

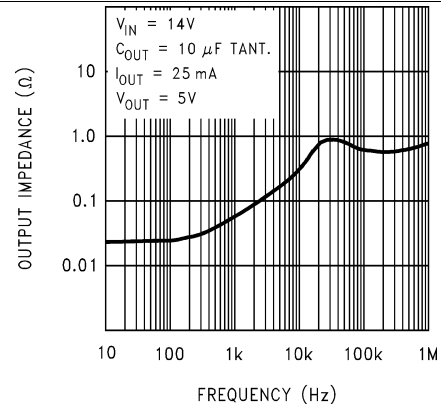


Figure 10. Output Impedance

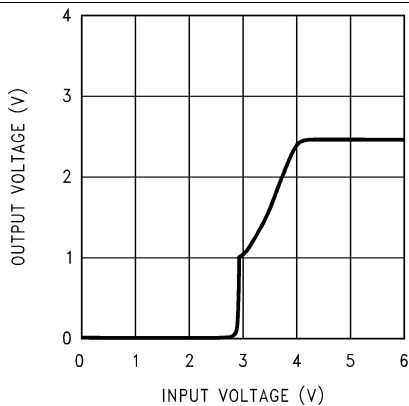


Figure 11. Low Voltage Behavior (2.5 V)

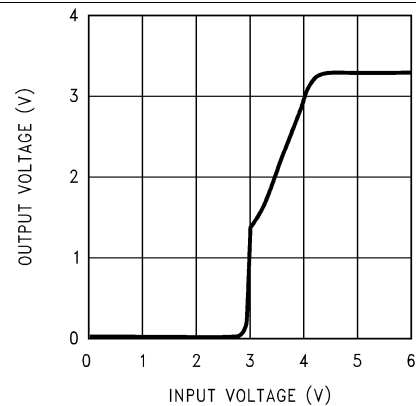


Figure 12. Low Voltage Behavior (3.3 V)

Typical Characteristics (continued)

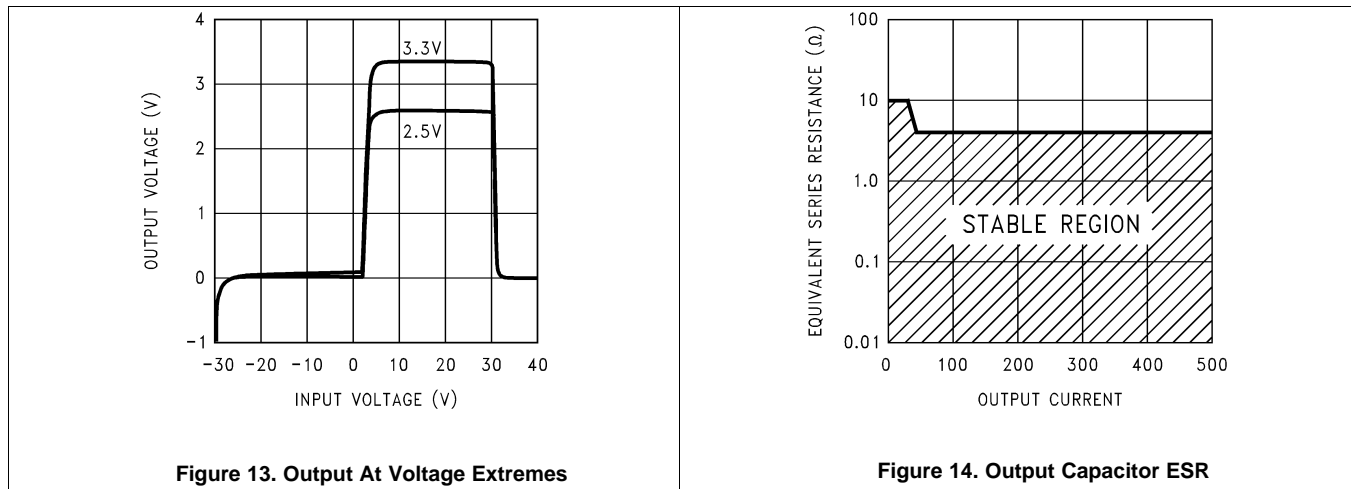


Figure 13. Output At Voltage Extremes

Figure 14. Output Capacitor ESR

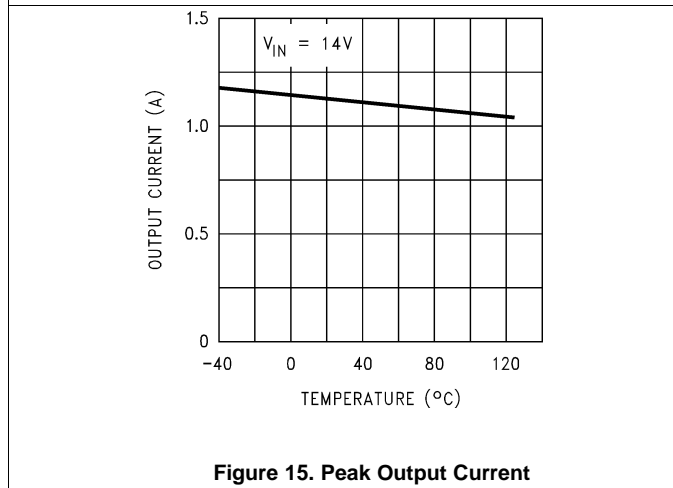


Figure 15. Peak Output Current

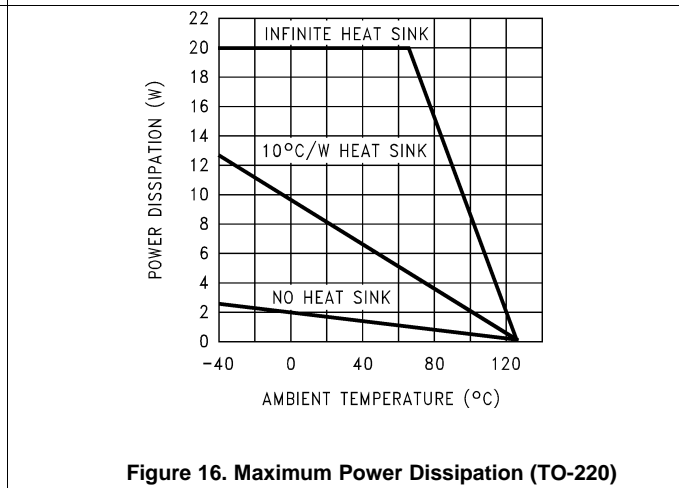


Figure 16. Maximum Power Dissipation (TO-220)

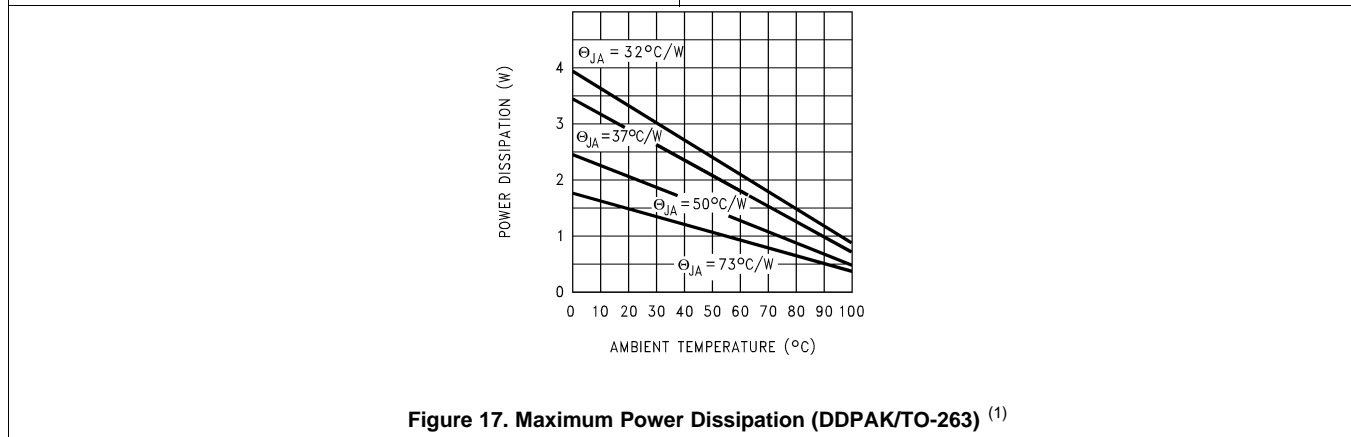


Figure 17. Maximum Power Dissipation (DDPAK/TO-263) (1)

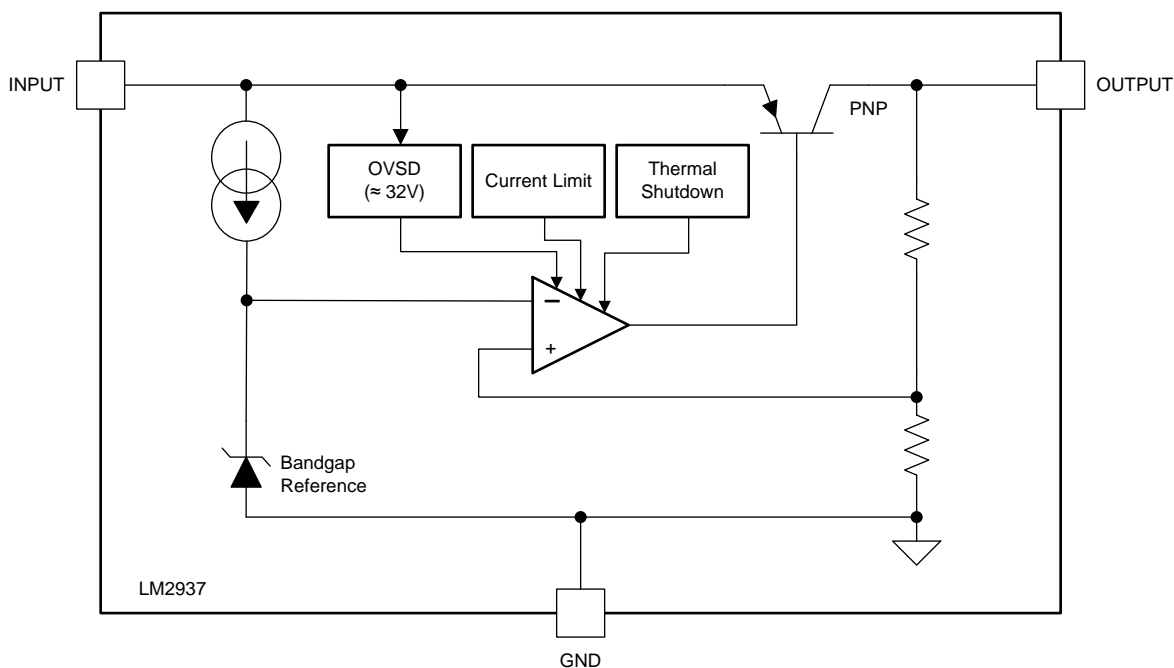
(1) The maximum allowable power dissipation at any ambient temperature is $P_{MAX} = (125^{\circ}C - T_A)/R_{\theta JA}$, where $125^{\circ}C$ is the maximum junction temperature for operation, T_A is the ambient temperature, and $R_{\theta JA}$ is the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance. If this dissipation is exceeded, the die temperature will rise above $125^{\circ}C$ and the electrical specifications do not apply. If the die temperature rises above $150^{\circ}C$, the regulator will go into thermal shutdown. The junction-to-ambient thermal resistance $R_{\theta JA}$ is $65^{\circ}C/W$, for the TO-220 package, $73^{\circ}C/W$ for the DDPAK/TO-263 package, and $174^{\circ}C/W$ for the SOT-223 package. When used with a heatsink, $R_{\theta JA}$ is the sum of the device junction-to-case thermal resistance $R_{\theta JC}$ of $3^{\circ}C/W$ and the heatsink case-to-ambient thermal resistance. If the DDPAK/TO-263 or SOT-223 packages are used, the thermal resistance can be reduced by increasing the P.C. board copper area thermally connected to the package (see [Heatsinking](#) for more information on heatsinking).

7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The LM2937 is a positive voltage regulator capable of supplying up to 500 mA of load current. The use of a PNP power transistor provides a low dropout voltage characteristic. With a load current of 500 mA the minimum input to output voltage differential required for the output to remain in regulation is typically 0.5 V (1 V ensured maximum over the full operating temperature range). Special circuitry has been incorporated to minimize the quiescent current to typically only 10 mA with a full 500-mA load current when the input to output voltage differential is greater than 3 V.

7.2 Functional Block Diagram



7.3 Feature Description

7.3.1 Thermal Shutdown (TSD)

The Thermal Shutdown circuitry of the LM2937 has been designed to protect the device against temporary thermal overload conditions. The TSD circuitry is not intended to replace proper heat-sinking. Continuously running the LM2937 device at thermal shutdown may degrade device reliability as the junction temperature will be exceeding the absolute maximum junction temperature rating.

7.3.2 Short Circuit Current Limit

The output current limiting circuitry of the LM2937 has been designed to limit the output current in cases where the load impedance is unusually low. This includes situations where the output may be shorted directly to ground. Continuous operation of the LM2937 at the current limit will typically result in the LM2937 transitioning into Thermal Shutdown mode.

7.3.3 Overvoltage Shutdown (OVSD)

Input voltages greater than typically 32 V will cause the LM2937 output to be disabled. When operating with the input voltage greater than the maximum recommended input voltage of 26 V the device performance is not ensured. Continuous operation with the input voltage greater than the maximum recommended input voltage is discouraged.

7.4 Device Functional Modes

The LM2937 design does not include any undervoltage lock-out (UVLO), or enable functions. Generally, once the input voltage is greater than typically 3 V the output voltage will track the rising input voltage until the input voltage is greater than the regulated output voltage. When the input voltage is greater than 4.75 V the LM2937 will be in linear operation, and the output voltage will be regulated. Device dynamic performance is improved when the input voltage is at least 5 V greater than the regulated output voltage.

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. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

8.1 Application Information

The LM2937-3.3 and LM2937-2.5 are part of a specially modified series of LM2937 devices that brings the desirable attributes of the LM2937 high voltage family to lower output voltage regulators. These devices deliver the familiar LM2937 output regulation, current limit, and thermal protection in industry standard packages. The known performance level makes these devices an ideal choice as companion regulators when powering multiple rails from a common input supply. The LM2937 TO-220 and TO-263 packages are specified with an operating junction temperature (T_J) of -40°C to 125°C . The LM2937 SOT-23 package is specified with an operating junction temperature (T_J) of -40°C to 85°C .

8.2 Typical Application

Figure 18 shows the typical application circuit for the LM2937. The output capacitor, C_{OUT} , must have a capacitance value of at least $10\ \mu\text{F}$ with an ESR of at least $10\ \text{m}\Omega$, but no more than $3\ \Omega$. The minimum capacitance value, and the ESR requirements apply across the entire expected operating ambient temperature range.

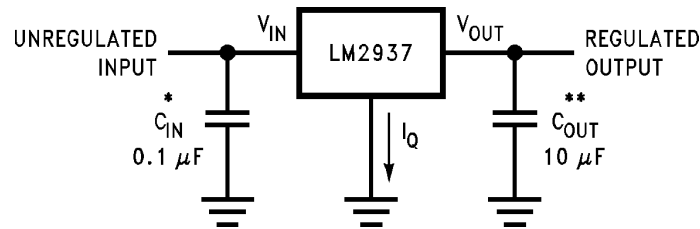


Figure 18. LM2937 Typical Application

*Required if the regulator is located more than 3 inches from the power-supply-filter capacitors.

**Required for stability. C_{OUT} must be at least $10\ \mu\text{F}$ (over full expected operating temperature range) and located as close as possible to the regulator. The equivalent series resistance, ESR, of this capacitor may be as high as $3\ \Omega$.

8.2.1 Design Requirements

For this design example, use the parameters listed in Table 1:

Table 1. Design Parameters

| DESIGN PARAMETER | EXAMPLE VALUE |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Output voltage | 3.3 V |
| Input voltage | 5 V to 8 V |
| Output current requirement | 5 mA to $I_{OUT(MAX)}$ (see Electrical Characteristics for details) |
| Input capacitor value | $0.1\ \mu\text{F}$ |
| Output capacitor capacitance value | $10\ \mu\text{F}$ minimum |
| Output capacitor ESR value | $0.01\ \Omega$ to $3\ \Omega$ |

8.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

8.2.2.1 External Capacitors

The output capacitor is critical to maintaining regulator stability, and must meet the required conditions for both Equivalent Series Resistance (ESR) and minimum amount of capacitance.

Minimum Capacitance:

The minimum output capacitance required to maintain stability is 10 μF . (This value may be increased without limit.) Larger values of output capacitance will give improved transient response.

ESR Limits:

The ESR of the output capacitor will cause loop instability if it is too high or too low. The acceptable range of ESR plotted versus load current is shown in the graph below. ***It is essential that the output capacitor meet these requirements, or oscillations can result.***

8.2.2.2 Output Capacitor ESR

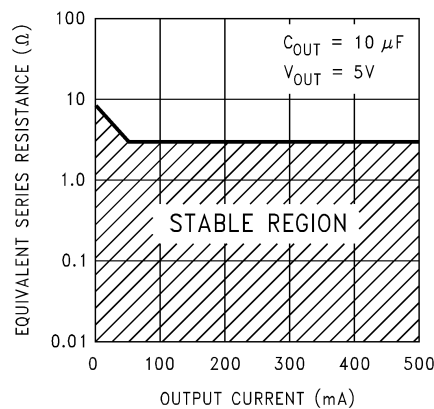


Figure 19. ESR Limits

It is important to note that for most capacitors, ESR is specified only at room temperature. However, the designer must ensure that the ESR will stay inside the limits shown over the entire operating temperature range for the design.

For aluminum electrolytic capacitors, ESR will increase by about 30X as the temperature is reduced from 25°C to -40°C. This type of capacitor is not well-suited for low temperature operation.

Solid tantalum capacitors have a more stable ESR over temperature, but are more expensive than aluminum electrolytics. A cost-effective approach sometimes used is to parallel an aluminum electrolytic with a solid Tantalum, with the total capacitance split about 75/25% with the Aluminum being the larger value.

If two capacitors are paralleled, the effective ESR is the parallel of the two individual values. The “flatter” ESR of the Tantalum will keep the effective ESR from rising as quickly at low temperatures.

8.2.3 Application Curves

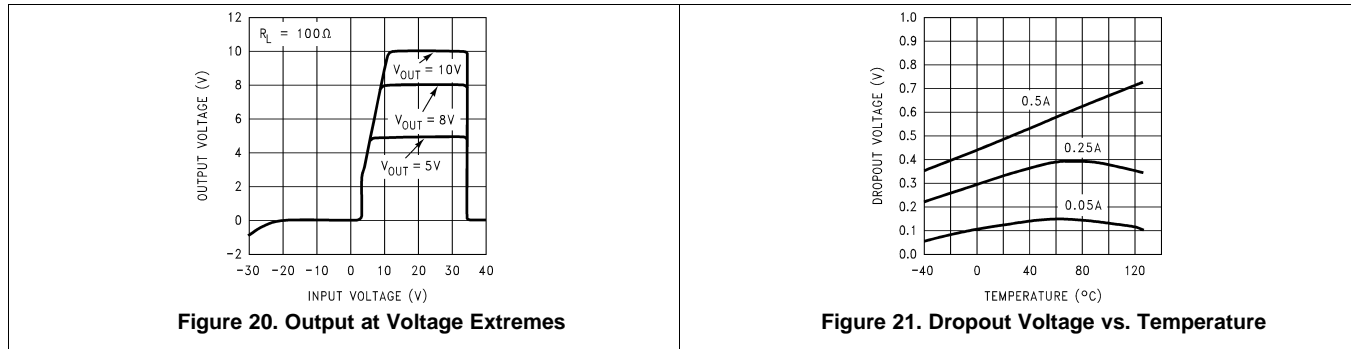


Figure 20. Output at Voltage Extremes

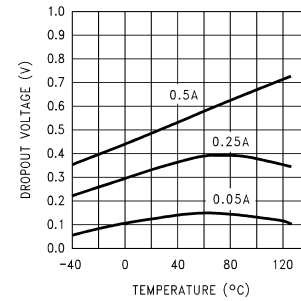


Figure 21. Dropout Voltage vs. Temperature

9 Power Supply Recommendations

This device is designed to operate from an input supply voltage from at least $V_{OUT} + 1V$ up to a maximum of 26 V. The input supply should be well regulated and free of spurious noise. To ensure that the LM2937 output voltage is well regulated the input supply should be at least $V_{OUT} + 2V$. A capacitor at the INPUT pin may not be specifically required if the bulk input supply filter capacitors are within three inches of the INPUT pin, but adding one will not be detrimental to operation.

10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

The dynamic performance of the LM2937 is dependent on the layout of the PCB. PCB layout practices that are adequate for typical LDOs may degrade the PSRR, noise, or transient performance of the LM2937. Best performance is achieved by placing C_{IN} and C_{OUT} on the same side of the PCB as the LM2937, and as close as is practical to the package. The ground connections for C_{IN} and C_{OUT} should be back to the LM2937 ground pin using as wide, and as short, of a copper trace as is practical.

Connections using long trace lengths, narrow trace widths, and/or connections through vias should be avoided as these will add parasitic inductances and resistances that will give inferior performance, especially during transient conditions

10.2 Layout Example

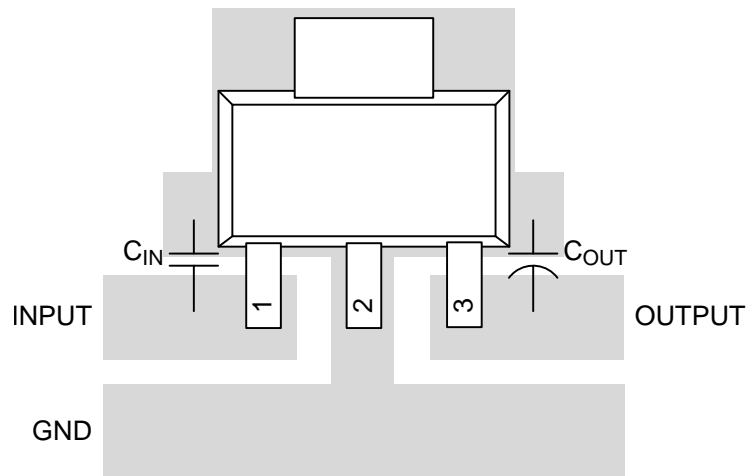


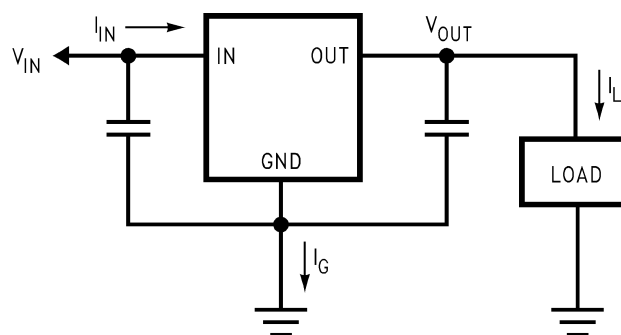
Figure 22. LM2937 SOT-223-4 Layout

10.3 Heatsinking

A heatsink may be required depending on the maximum power dissipation and maximum ambient temperature of the application. Under all possible operating conditions, the junction temperature must be within the range specified under [Absolute Maximum Ratings](#).

To determine if a heatsink is required, the power dissipated by the regulator, P_D , must be calculated.

[Figure 23](#) below shows the voltages and currents which are present in the circuit, as well as the formula for calculating the power dissipated in the regulator:



$$I_{IN} = I_L + I_G$$

$$P_D = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) I_L + (V_{IN}) I_G$$

Figure 23. Power Dissipation Diagram

Heatsinking (continued)

The next parameter which must be calculated is the maximum allowable temperature rise, T_R (max). This is calculated by using the formula:

$$T_R (\text{max}) = T_J(\text{max}) - T_A (\text{max})$$

where

- T_J (max) is the maximum allowable junction temperature, which is 125°C for the TO-220 and TO-263 packages and 85°C for the SOT-223 package.
- T_A (max) is the maximum ambient temperature which will be encountered in the application. (1)

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 now be found:

$$R_{\theta JA} = T_R (\text{max})/P_D \quad (2)$$

NOTE

IMPORTANT: If the maximum allowable value for $R_{\theta JA}$ is found to be $\geq 53^\circ\text{C/W}$ for the TO-220 package, $\geq 80^\circ\text{C/W}$ for the DDPAK/TO-263 package, or $\geq 174^\circ\text{C/W}$ for the SOT-223 package, no heatsink is needed since the package alone will dissipate enough heat to satisfy these requirements.

If the calculated value for $R_{\theta JA}$ falls below these limits, a heatsink is required.

10.3.1 Heatsinking TO-220 Package Parts

The TO-220 can be attached to a typical heatsink, or secured to a copper plane on a PC board. If a copper plane is to be used, the values of $R_{\theta JA}$ will be the same as shown in the next section for the DDPAK/TO-263.

If a manufactured heatsink is to be selected, the value of heatsink-to-ambient thermal resistance, $R_{\theta HA}$, must first be calculated:

$$R_{\theta HA} = R_{\theta JA} - R_{\theta CH} - R_{\theta JC}$$

where

- $R_{\theta JC}$ is defined as the thermal resistance from the junction to the surface of the case. A value of 3°C/W can be assumed for $R_{\theta JC}$ for this calculation
- $R_{\theta CH}$ is defined as the thermal resistance between the case and the surface of the heatsink. The value of $R_{\theta CH}$ will vary from about 1.5°C/W to about 2.5°C/W (depending on method of attachment, insulator, etc.). If the exact value is unknown, 2°C/W should be assumed for $R_{\theta CH}$ (3)

When a value for $R_{\theta HA}$ is found using the equation shown, *a heatsink must be selected that has a value that is less than or equal to this number.*

$R_{\theta HA}$ is specified numerically by the heatsink manufacturer in the catalog, or shown in a curve that plots temperature rise vs power dissipation for the heatsink.

10.3.2 Heatsinking DDPAK/TO-263 and SOT-223 Package Parts

Both the DDPAK/TO-263 and SOT-223 packages use a copper plane on the PCB and the PCB itself as a heatsink. To optimize the heat sinking ability of the plane and PCB, solder the tab of the package to the plane.

Figure 24 shows for the DDPAK/TO-263 the measured values of $R_{\theta JA}$ for different copper area sizes using a typical PCB with 1 ounce copper *and no solder mask over the copper area used for heatsinking.*

Heatsinking (continued)

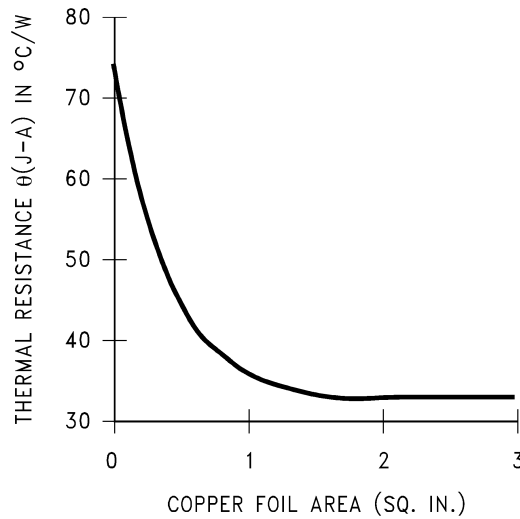


Figure 24. $R_{\theta JA}$ vs. Copper (1 ounce) Area for the DDPAK/TO-263 Package

As shown in Figure 24, increasing the copper area beyond 1 square inch produces very little improvement. It should also be observed that the minimum value of $R_{\theta JA}$ for the DDPAK/TO-263 package mounted to a PCB is 32°C/W.

As a design aid, Figure 25 shows the maximum allowable power dissipation compared to ambient temperature for the DDPAK/TO-263 device (assuming $R_{\theta JA}$ is 35°C/W and the maximum junction temperature is 125°C).

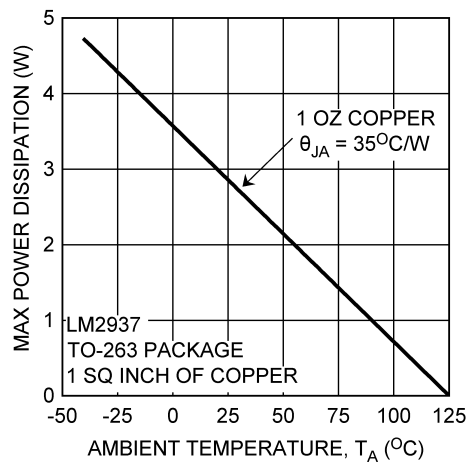
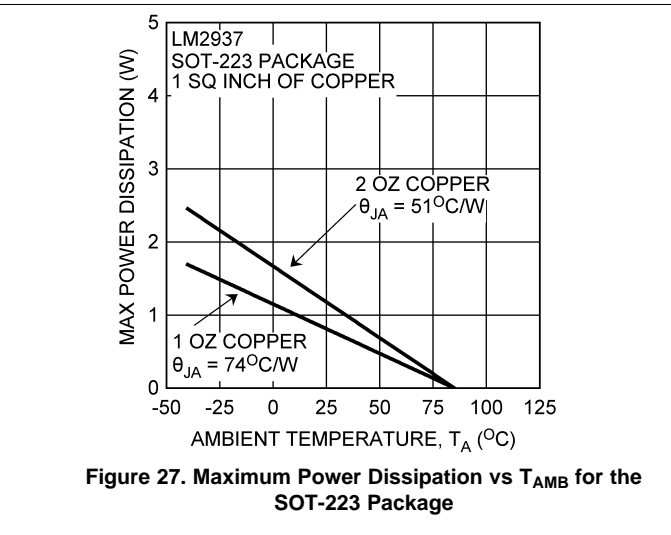
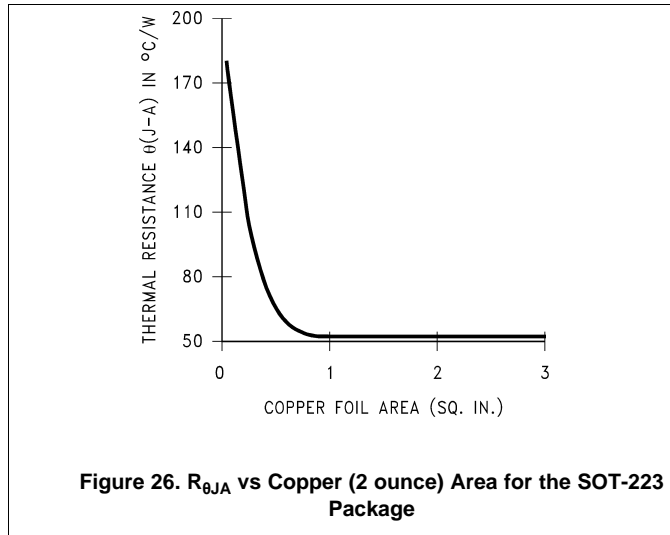


Figure 25. Maximum Power Dissipation vs. T_{AMB} for the DDPAK/TO-263 Package

Figure 26 and Figure 27 show information for the SOT-223 package. Figure 27 assumes an $R_{\theta JA}$ of 74°C/W for 1 ounce copper and 51°C/W for 2 ounce copper and a maximum junction temperature of 85°C.

Heatsinking (continued)



10.4 SOT-223 Soldering Recommendations

It is not recommended to use hand soldering or wave soldering to attach the small SOT-223 package to a printed circuit board. The excessive temperatures involved may cause package cracking.

Either vapor phase or infrared reflow techniques are preferred soldering attachment methods for the SOT-223 package.

11 Device and Documentation Support

11.1 Related Links

[Table 2](#) lists quick access links. Categories include technical documents, support and community resources, tools and software, and quick access to sample or buy.

Table 2. Related Links

| PARTS | PRODUCT FOLDER | SAMPLE & BUY | TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS | TOOLS & SOFTWARE | SUPPORT & COMMUNITY |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| LM2937-2.5 | Click here | Click here | Click here | Click here | Click here |
| LM2937-3.3 | Click here | Click here | Click here | Click here | Click here |

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11.3 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.

11.4 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 Device | Status (1) | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | Package Qty | Eco Plan (2) | Lead/Ball Finish (6) | MSL Peak Temp (3) | Op Temp (°C) | Device Marking (4/5) | Samples |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| LM2937ES-2.5/NOPB | ACTIVE | DDPAK/ TO-263 | KTT | 3 | 45 | Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt) | CU SN | Level-3-245C-168 HR | -40 to 125 | LM2937ES -2.5 | Samples |
| LM2937ES-3.3 | NRND | DDPAK/ TO-263 | KTT | 3 | 45 | TBD | Call TI | Call TI | -40 to 125 | LM2937ES -3.3 | |
| LM2937ES-3.3/NOPB | ACTIVE | DDPAK/ TO-263 | KTT | 3 | 45 | Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt) | CU SN | Level-3-245C-168 HR | -40 to 125 | LM2937ES -3.3 | Samples |
| LM2937ESX-3.3 | NRND | DDPAK/ TO-263 | KTT | 3 | 500 | TBD | Call TI | Call TI | -40 to 125 | LM2937ES -3.3 | |
| LM2937ESX-3.3/NOPB | ACTIVE | DDPAK/ TO-263 | KTT | 3 | 500 | Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt) | CU SN | Level-3-245C-168 HR | -40 to 125 | LM2937ES -3.3 | Samples |
| LM2937ET-2.5/NOPB | ACTIVE | TO-220 | NDE | 3 | 45 | Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br) | CU SN | Level-1-NA-UNLIM | -40 to 125 | LM2937ET -2.5 | Samples |
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| LM2937IMP-2.5/NOPB | ACTIVE | SOT-223 | DCY | 4 | 1000 | Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br) | CU SN | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 85 | L68B | Samples |
| LM2937IMP-3.3 | NRND | SOT-223 | DCY | 4 | 1000 | TBD | Call TI | Call TI | -40 to 85 | L69B | |
| LM2937IMP-3.3/NOPB | ACTIVE | SOT-223 | DCY | 4 | 1000 | Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br) | CU SN | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 85 | L69B | Samples |
| LM2937IMPX-2.5/NOPB | ACTIVE | SOT-223 | DCY | 4 | 2000 | Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br) | CU SN | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 85 | L68B | Samples |
| LM2937IMPX-3.3 | NRND | SOT-223 | DCY | 4 | 2000 | TBD | Call TI | Call TI | -40 to 85 | L69B | |
| LM2937IMPX-3.3/NOPB | ACTIVE | SOT-223 | DCY | 4 | 2000 | Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br) | CU SN | Level-1-260C-UNLIM | -40 to 85 | L69B | Samples |

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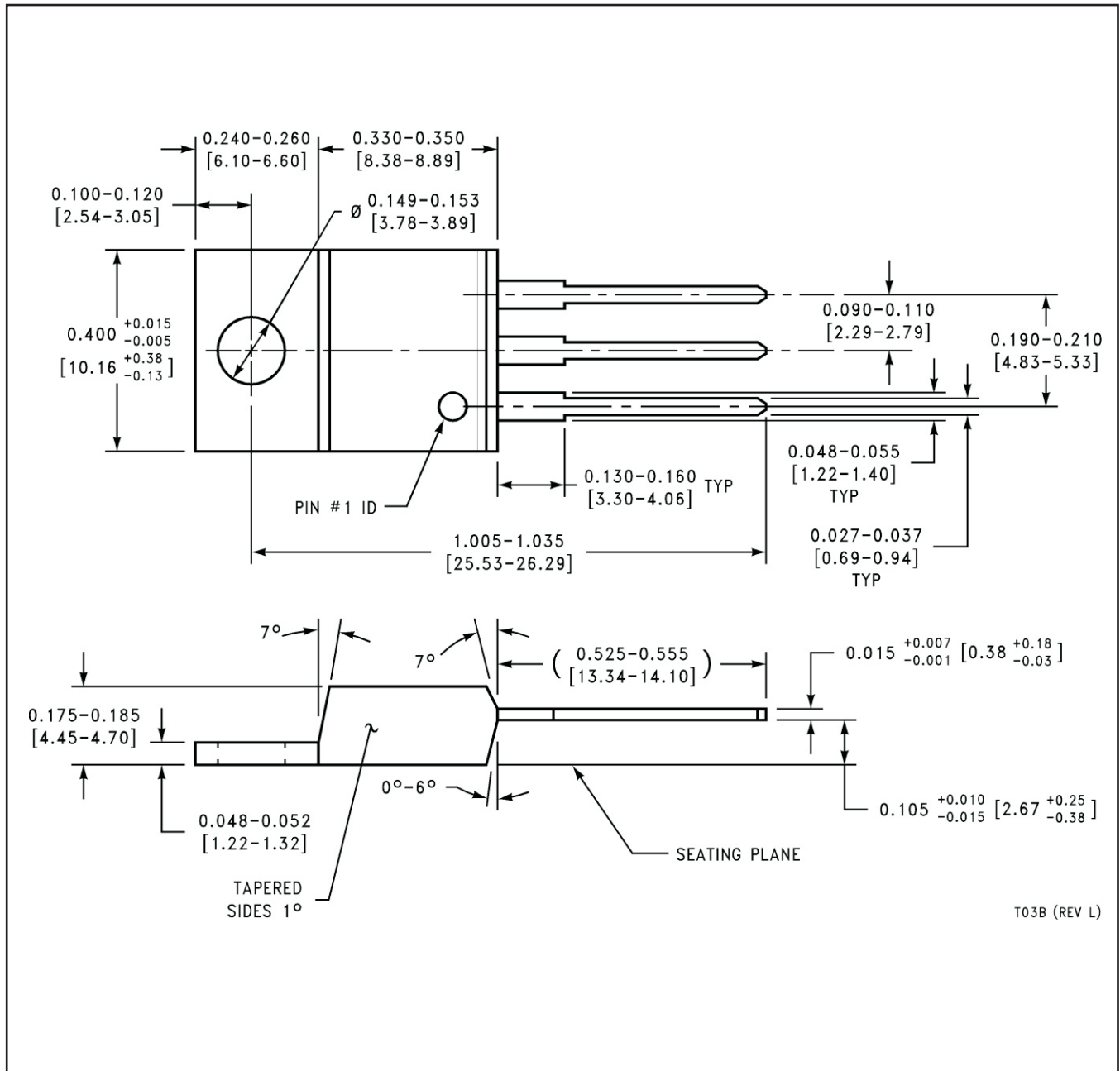
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| LM2937IMP-2.5/NOPB | SOT-223 | DCY | 4 | 1000 | 330.0 | 16.4 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 2.2 | 12.0 | 16.0 | Q3 |
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| LM2937IMPX-3.3/NOPB | SOT-223 | DCY | 4 | 2000 | 330.0 | 16.4 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 2.2 | 12.0 | 16.0 | Q3 |

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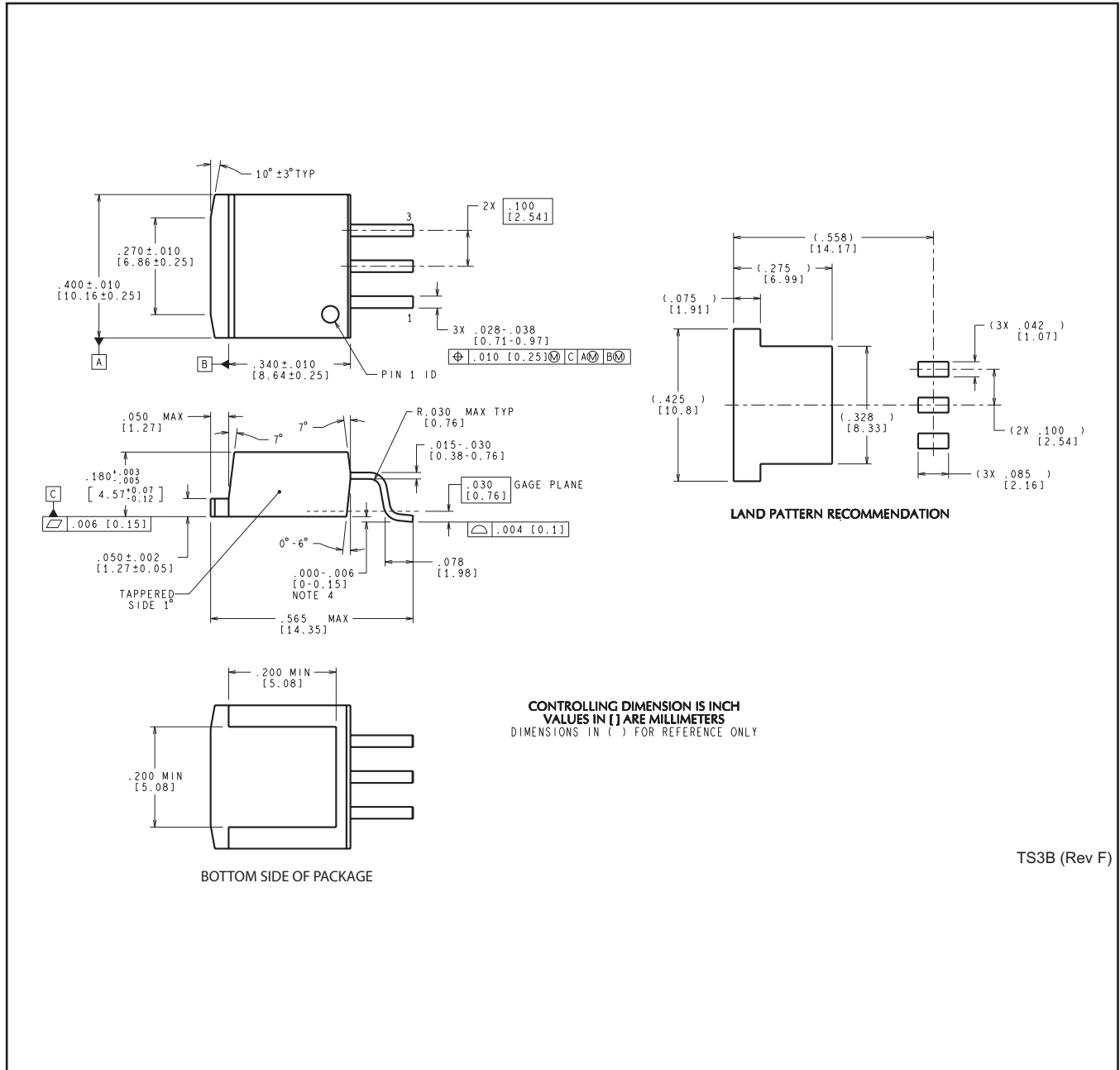

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| Device | Package Type | Package Drawing | Pins | SPQ | Length (mm) | Width (mm) | Height (mm) |
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| LM2937ESX-3.3/NOPB | DDPAK/TO-263 | KTT | 3 | 500 | 367.0 | 367.0 | 45.0 |
| LM2937IMP-2.5/NOPB | SOT-223 | DCY | 4 | 1000 | 367.0 | 367.0 | 35.0 |
| LM2937IMP-3.3 | SOT-223 | DCY | 4 | 1000 | 367.0 | 367.0 | 35.0 |
| LM2937IMP-3.3/NOPB | SOT-223 | DCY | 4 | 1000 | 367.0 | 367.0 | 35.0 |
| LM2937IMPX-2.5/NOPB | SOT-223 | DCY | 4 | 2000 | 367.0 | 367.0 | 35.0 |
| LM2937IMPX-3.3 | SOT-223 | DCY | 4 | 2000 | 367.0 | 367.0 | 35.0 |
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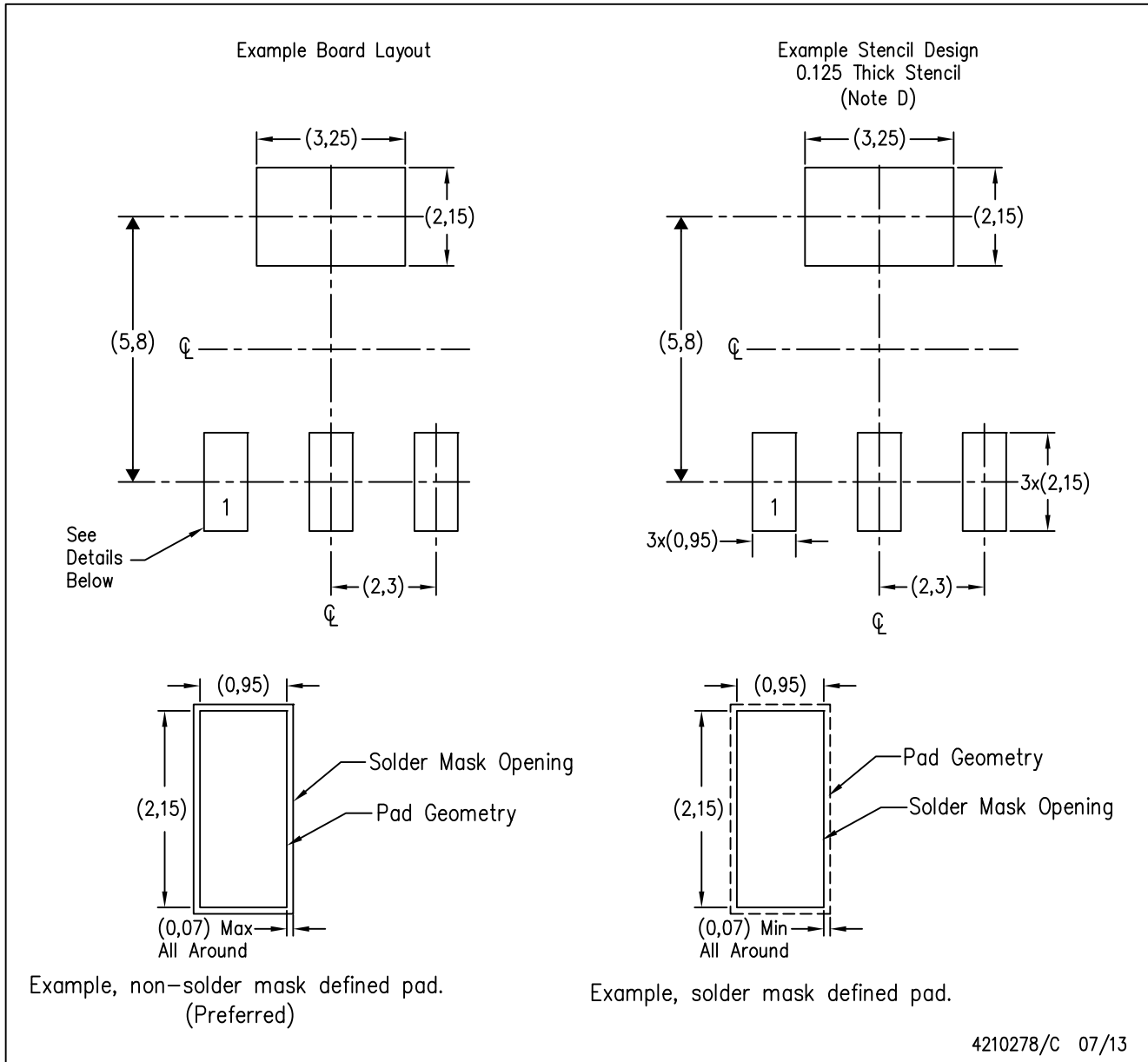
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