

## FEATURES

- Three-Terminal Adjustable
- Output Current of 3A, 5A or 7.5A
- Operates Down to 1V Dropout
- Guaranteed Dropout Voltage at Multiple Current Levels
- Line Regulation: 0.015%
- Load Regulation: 0.01%
- 100% Thermal Limit Functional Test
- Fixed Versions Available

## APPLICATIONS

- High Efficiency Linear Regulators
- Post Regulators for Switching Supplies
- Constant Current Regulators
- Battery Chargers

DEVICE	OUTPUT CURRENT*
LT1083	7.5A
LT1084	5.0A
LT1085	3.0A

\*For a 1.5A low dropout regulator see the LT1086 data sheet.

## DESCRIPTION

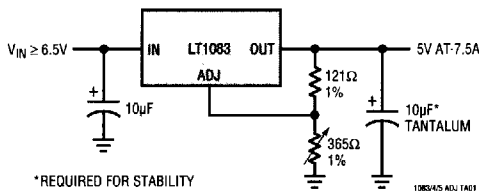
The LT1083 series of positive adjustable regulators are designed to provide 7.5A, 5A and 3A with higher efficiency than currently available devices. All internal circuitry is designed to operate down to 1V input-to-output differential and the dropout voltage is fully specified as a function of load current. Dropout is guaranteed at a maximum of 1.5V at maximum output current, decreasing at lower load currents. On-chip trimming adjusts the reference voltage to 1%. Current limit is also trimmed, minimizing the stress on both the regulator and power source circuitry under overload conditions.

The LT1083/LT1084/LT1085 devices are pin compatible with older three-terminal regulators. A 10 $\mu$ F output capacitor is required on these new devices. However, this is included in most regulator designs.

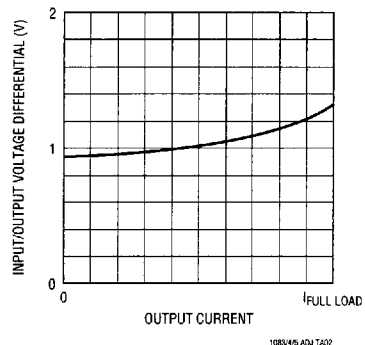
Unlike PNP regulators, where up to 10% of the output current is wasted as quiescent current, the LT1083 quiescent current flows into the load, increasing efficiency.

## TYPICAL APPLICATION

5V, 7.5A Regulator



Dropout Voltage vs Output Current



## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Power Dissipation .....	Internally Limited
Input-to-Output Voltage Differential	
“C” Grades .....	30V
“I” Grades .....	30V
“M” Grades .....	35V
Operating Junction Temperature Range	
“C” Grades: Control Section .....	0°C to 125°C
Power Transistor .....	0°C to 150°C
“I” Grades: Control Section .....	-40°C to 125°C
Power Transistor .....	-40°C to 150°C

“M” Grades: Control Section .....	-55°C to 150°C
Power Transistor .....	-55°C to 200°C
Storage Temperature Range .....	-65°C to 150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec) .....	300°C

## PRECONDITIONING

100% thermal shutdown functional test.

## PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION

<p>FRONT VIEW</p> <p>T PACKAGE 3-LEAD PLASTIC TO-220 <math>\theta_{JA} = 50^{\circ}\text{C/W}</math></p>	<p>ORDER PART NUMBER</p> <p>LT1084CT LT1084IT LT1085CT LT1085IT</p>	<p>FRONT VIEW</p> <p>P PACKAGE 3-LEAD PLASTIC TO-3P <math>\theta_{JA} = 35^{\circ}\text{C/W}</math></p>	<p>ORDER PART NUMBER</p> <p>LT1083CP LT1084CP</p>
<p>BOTTOM VIEW</p> <p>K PACKAGE 2-LEAD TO-3 METAL CAN <math>\theta_{JA} = 35^{\circ}\text{C/W}</math></p>	<p>LT1083CK LT1083MK LT1084CK LT1084MK LT1085CK LT1085MK</p>	<p>FRONT VIEW</p> <p>M PACKAGE 3-LEAD PLASTIC DD <math>\theta_{JA} = 30^{\circ}\text{C/W}^*</math></p> <p><small>*WITH PACKAGE SOLDERED TO 0.5IN<sup>2</sup> COPPER AREA OVER BACKSIDE GROUND PLANE OR INTERNAL POWER PLANE. <math>\theta_{JA}</math> CAN VARY FROM 20°C/W TO &gt; 40°C/W DEPENDING ON MOUNTING TECHNIQUE.</small></p>	<p>LT1084CM LT1085CM</p>

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Reference Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 10\text{mA}$ , $T_J = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , $(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) = 3\text{V}$ $10\text{mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq I_{FULL\ LOAD}$ $1.5\text{V} \leq (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \leq 25\text{V}$ (Notes 3, 5, 6)	1.238	1.250	1.262	V
		●	1.225	1.250	1.270
Line Regulation	$I_{LOAD} = 10\text{mA}$ , $1.5\text{V} \leq (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \leq 15\text{V}$ , $T_J = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ (Notes 1, 2)	●	0.015	0.2	%
		●	0.035	0.2	%
	M Grade: $15\text{V} \leq (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \leq 35\text{V}$ (Notes 1, 2)	●	0.05	0.5	%
	C, I Grades: $15\text{V} \leq (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \leq 30\text{V}$ (Notes 1, 2)	●	0.05	0.5	%

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
Load Regulation	$(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) = 3V$ $10mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq I_{FULLLOAD}$ $T_J = 25^\circ C$ (Notes 1, 2, 3, 5)	●	0.1	0.3	%	
			0.2	0.4	%	
Dropout Voltage	$\Delta V_{REF} = 1\%$ , $I_{OUT} = I_{FULLLOAD}$ (Notes 4, 5, 7)	●	1.3	1.5	V	
Current Limit	$(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) = 5V$ $(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) = 25V$ $(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) = 5V$ $(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) = 25V$ $(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) = 5V$ $(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) = 25V$	●	8.0	9.5	A	
			0.4	1.0	A	
			5.5	6.5	A	
			0.3	0.6	A	
			3.2	4.0	A	
			0.2	0.5	A	
Minimum Load Current	$(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) = 25V$	●	5	10	mA	
Thermal Regulation	$T_A = 25^\circ C$ , 30ms Pulse		0.002	0.010	%/W	
			0.003	0.015	%/W	
			0.004	0.020	%/W	
Ripple Rejection	$f = 120Hz$ , $C_{ADJ} = 25\mu F$ , $C_{OUT} = 25\mu F$ Tantalum $I_{OUT} = I_{FULLLOAD}$ , $(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) = 3V$ (Notes 5, 6, 7)	●	60	75	dB	
Adjust Pin Current	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	●	55		$\mu A$	
				120	$\mu A$	
Adjust Pin Current Change	$10mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq I_{FULLLOAD}$ $1.5V \leq (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \leq 25V$ (Note 5)	●	0.2	5	$\mu A$	
Temperature Stability		●	0.5		%	
Long Term Stability	$T_A = 125^\circ C$ , 1000 Hrs		0.3	1	%	
RMS Output Noise (% of $V_{OUT}$ )	$T_A = 25^\circ C$ $10Hz \leq f \leq 10kHz$		0.003		%	
Thermal Resistance Junction-to-Case	Control Circuitry/Power Transistor				$^\circ C/W$	
			LT1083	K Package	0.6/1.6	$^\circ C/W$
				P Package	0.5/1.6	$^\circ C/W$
			LT1084	K Package	0.75/2.3	$^\circ C/W$
				P Package	0.65/2.3	$^\circ C/W$
			LT1085	M, T Packages	0.65/2.7	$^\circ C/W$
				K Package	0.9/3.0	$^\circ C/W$
				M, T Packages	0.7/3.0	$^\circ C/W$

The ● denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range.

**Note 1:** See thermal regulation specifications for changes in output voltage due to heating effects. Load and line regulation are measured at a constant junction temperature by low duty cycle pulse testing.

**Note 2:** Line and load regulation are guaranteed up to the maximum power dissipation (60W for the LT1083, 45W for the LT1084 (K, P), 30W for the LT1084 (T) and 30W for the LT1085). Power dissipation is determined by the input/output differential and the output current. Guaranteed maximum power dissipation will not be available over the full input/output voltage range.

**Note 3:**  $I_{FULLLOAD}$  is defined in the current limit curves. The  $I_{FULLLOAD}$  curve is defined as the minimum value of current limit as a function of

input-to-output voltage. Note that the 60W power dissipation for the LT1083 (45W for the LT1084 (K, P), 30W for the LT1084 (T), 30W for the LT1085) is only achievable over a limited range of input-to-output voltage.

**Note 4:** Dropout voltage is specified over the full output current range of the device. Test points and limits are shown on the Dropout Voltage curve.

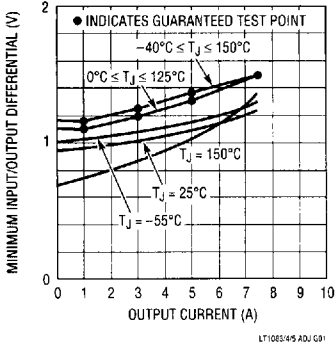
**Note 5:** For LT1083  $I_{FULLLOAD}$  is 5A for  $-55^\circ C \leq T_J < -40^\circ C$  and 7.5A for  $T_J \geq -40^\circ C$ .

**Note 6:**  $1.7V \leq (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \leq 25V$  for LT1084 at  $-55^\circ C \leq T_J \leq -40^\circ C$ .

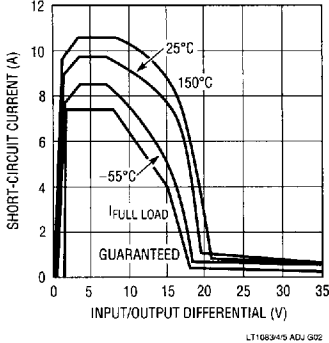
**Note 7:** Dropout is 1.7V maximum for LT1084 at  $-55^\circ C \leq T_J \leq -40^\circ C$ .

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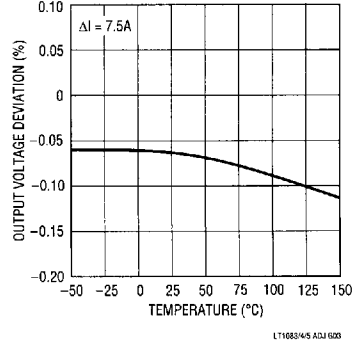
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Dropout Voltage



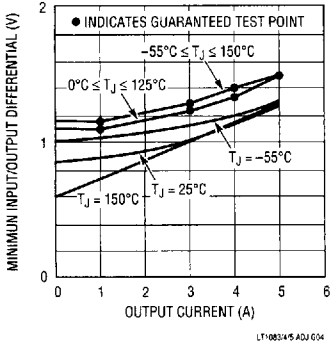
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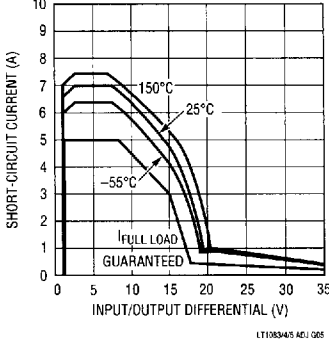
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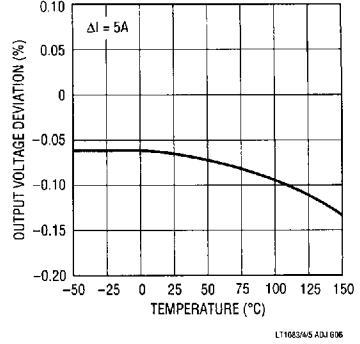
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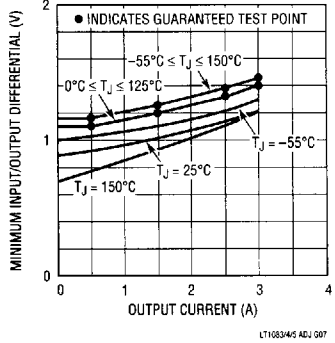
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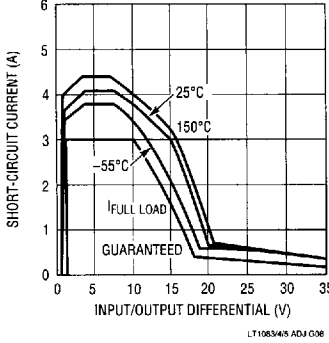
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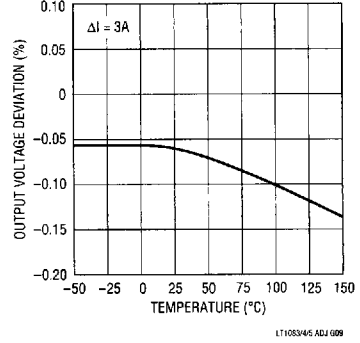
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Dropout Voltage



**LT1085**  
Short-Circuit Current

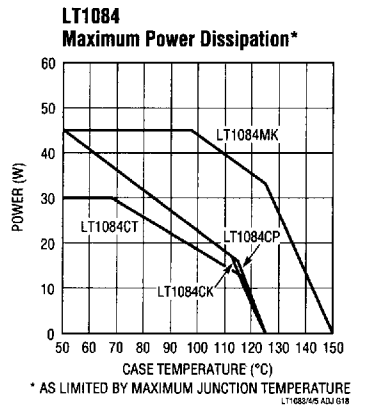
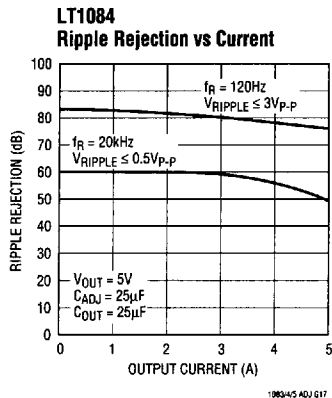
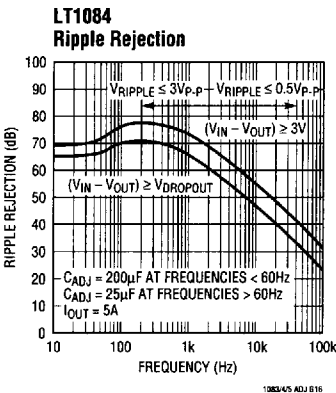
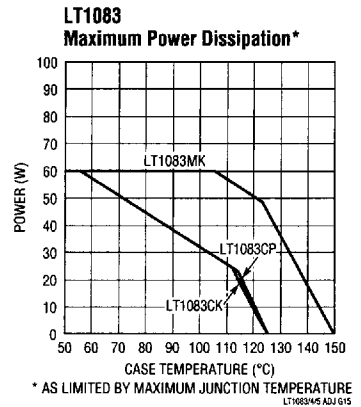
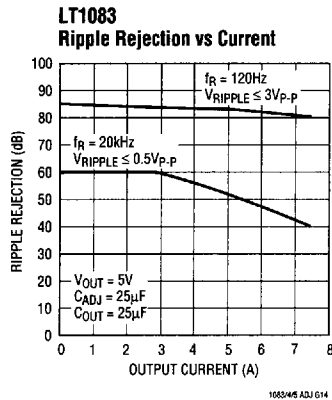
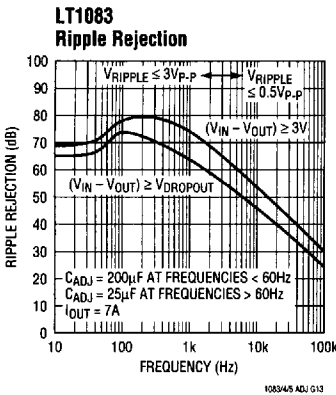
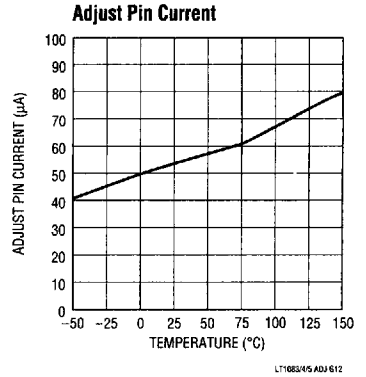
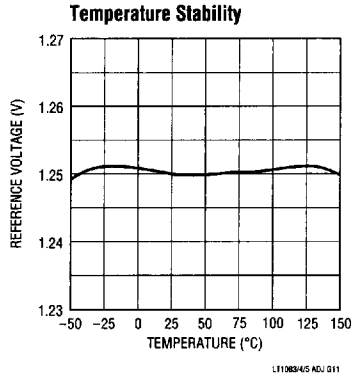
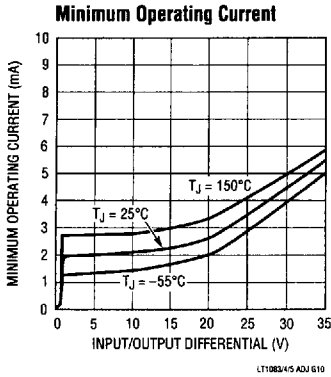


**LT1085**  
Load Regulation



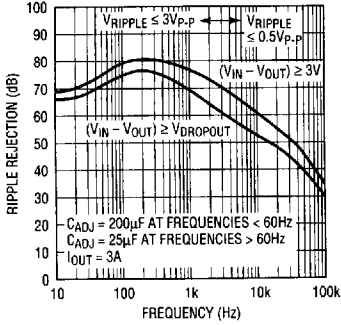
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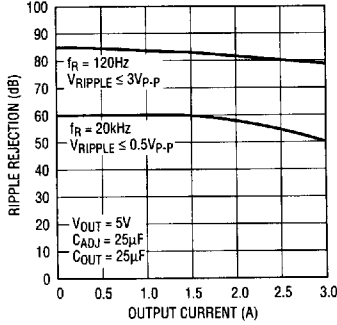
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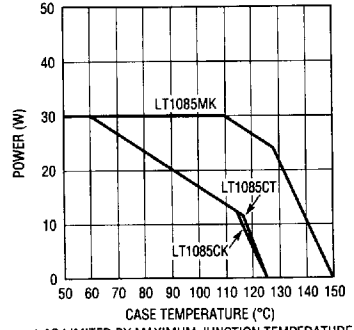
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**LT1085**  
Ripple Rejection vs Current



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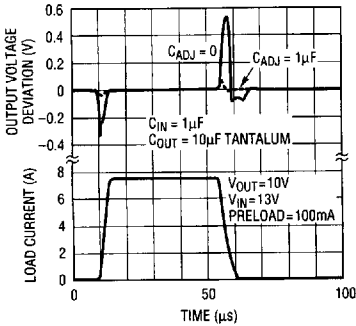
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Maximum Power Dissipation\*



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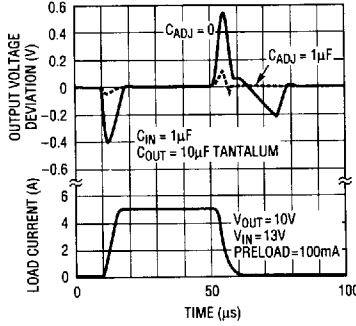
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**LT1083**  
Load Transient Response



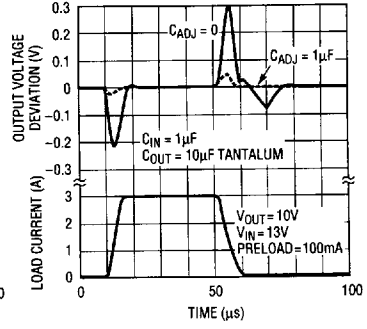
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Load Transient Response



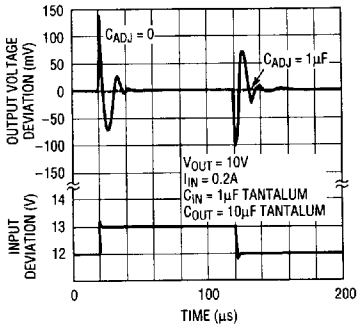
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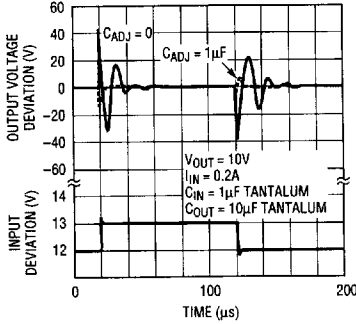
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Line Transient Response



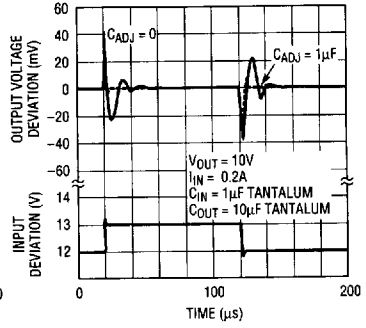
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Line Transient Response



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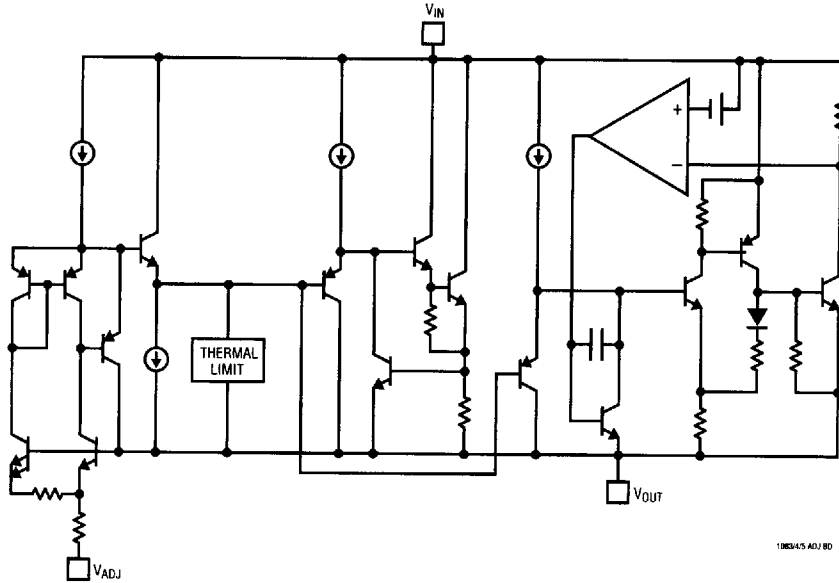
**LT1085**  
Line Transient Response



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**BLOCK DIAGRAM**



**APPLICATIONS INFORMATION**

The LT1083 family of three-terminal adjustable regulators is easy to use and has all the protection features that are expected in high performance voltage regulators. They are short-circuit protected, and have safe area protection as well as thermal shutdown to turn off the regulator should the junction temperature exceed about 165°C.

These regulators are pin compatible with older three-terminal adjustable devices, offer lower dropout voltage and more precise reference tolerance. Further, the reference stability with temperature is improved over older types of regulators. The only circuit difference between using the LT1083 family and older regulators is that this new family requires an output capacitor for stability.

**Stability**

The circuit design used in the LT1083 family requires the use of an output capacitor as part of the device frequency compensation. For all operating conditions, the addition of 150µF aluminium electrolytic or a 22µF solid tantalum on

the output will ensure stability. Normally, capacitors much smaller than this can be used with the LT1083. Many different types of capacitors with widely varying characteristics are available. These capacitors differ in capacitor tolerance (sometimes ranging up to ±100%), equivalent series resistance, and capacitance temperature coefficient. The 150µF or 22µF values given will ensure stability.

When the adjustment terminal is bypassed to improve the ripple rejection, the requirement for an output capacitor increases. The value of 22µF tantalum or 150µF aluminium covers all cases of bypassing the adjustment terminal. Without bypassing the adjustment terminal, smaller capacitors can be used with equally good results and the table below shows approximately what size capacitors are needed to ensure stability.

**Recommended Capacitor Values**

INPUT	OUTPUT	ADJUSTMENT
10µF	10µF Tantalum, 50µF Aluminium	None
10µF	22µF Tantalum, 150µF Aluminium	20µF

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Normally, capacitor values on the order of 100 $\mu$ F are used in the output of many regulators to ensure good transient response with heavy load current changes. Output capacitance can be increased without limit and larger values of output capacitor further improve stability and transient response of the LT1083 regulators.

Another possible stability problem that can occur in monolithic IC regulators is current limit oscillations. These can occur because, in current limit, the safe area protection exhibits a negative impedance. The safe area protection decreases the current limit as the input-to-output voltage increases. That is the equivalent of having a negative resistance since increasing voltage causes current to decrease. Negative resistance during current limit is not unique to the LT1083 series and has been present on all power IC regulators. The value of the negative resistance is a function of how fast the current limit is folded back as input-to-output voltage increases. This negative resistance can react with capacitors or inductors on the input to cause oscillation during current limiting. Depending on the value of series resistance, the overall circuitry may end up unstable. Since this is a system problem, it is not necessarily easy to solve; however, it does not cause any problems with the IC regulator and can usually be ignored.

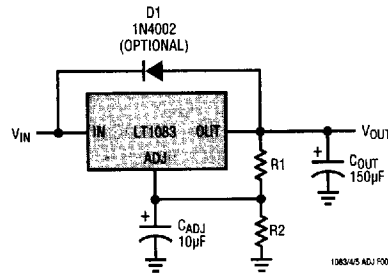
### Protection Diodes

In normal operation, the LT1083 family does not need any protection diodes. Older adjustable regulators required protection diodes between the adjustment pin and the output and from the output to the input to prevent overstressing the die. The internal current paths on the LT1083 adjustment pin are limited by internal resistors. Therefore, even with capacitors on the adjustment pin, no protection diode is needed to ensure device safety under short-circuit conditions.

Diodes between input and output are usually not needed. The internal diode between the input and the output pins of the LT1083 family can handle microsecond surge currents of 50A to 100A. Even with large output capacitances, it is very difficult to get those values of surge currents in normal operations. Only with a high value of output capacitors, such as 1000 $\mu$ F to 5000 $\mu$ F and with the

input pin instantaneously shorted to ground, can damage occur. A crowbar circuit at the input of the LT1083 can generate those kinds of currents, and a diode from output to input is then recommended. Normal power supply cycling or even plugging and unplugging in the system will not generate current large enough to do any damage.

The adjustment pin can be driven on a transient basis  $\pm 25$ V, with respect to the output without any device degradation. Of course, as with any IC regulator, exceeding the maximum input to output voltage differential causes the internal transistors to break down and none of the protection circuitry is functional.



### Overload Recovery

Like any of the IC power regulators, the LT1083 has safe area protection. The safe area protection decreases the current limit as input-to-output voltage increases and keeps the power transistor inside a safe operating region for all values of input-to-output voltage. The LT1083 protection is designed to provide some output current at all values of input-to-output voltage up to the device breakdown.

When power is first turned on, as the input voltage rises, the output follows the input, allowing the regulator to start up into very heavy loads. During the start-up, as the input voltage is rising, the input-to-output voltage differential remains small, allowing the regulator to supply large output currents. With high input voltage, a problem can occur wherein removal of an output short will not allow the output voltage to recover. Older regulators, such as the 7800 series, also exhibited this phenomenon, so it is not unique to the LT1083.



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The problem occurs with a heavy output load when the input voltage is high and the output voltage is low, such as immediately after removal of a short. The load line for such a load may intersect the output current curve at two points. If this happens, there are two stable output operating points for the regulator. With this double intersection, the power supply may need to be cycled down to zero and brought up again to make the output recover.

### Ripple Rejection

The typical curves for ripple rejection reflect values for a bypassed adjustment pin. This curve will be true for all values of output voltage. For proper bypassing and ripple rejection approaching the values shown, the impedance of the adjust pin capacitor at the ripple frequency should be less than the value of R1, (normally 100Ω to 120Ω). The size of the required adjust pin capacitor is a function of the input ripple frequency. At 120Hz the adjust pin capacitor should be 25μF if R1 = 100Ω. At 10kHz only 0.22μF is needed.

For circuits without an adjust pin bypass capacitor, the ripple rejection will be a function of output voltage. The output ripple will increase directly as a ratio of the output voltage to the reference voltage (V<sub>OUT</sub>/V<sub>REF</sub>). For example, with the output voltage equal to 5V and no adjust pin capacitor, the output ripple will be higher by the ratio of 5V/1.25V or four times larger. Ripple rejection will be degraded by 12dB from the value shown on the typical curve.

### Output Voltage

The LT1083 develops a 1.25V reference voltage between the output and the adjust terminal (see Figure 1). By placing a resistor R1 between these two terminals, a constant current is caused to flow through R1 and down through R2 to set the overall output voltage. Normally this current is the specified minimum load current of 10mA. Because I<sub>ADJ</sub> is very small and constant when compared with the current through R1, it represents a small error and can usually be ignored.

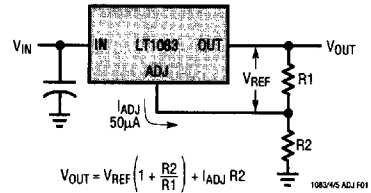


Figure 1. Basic Adjustable Regulator

### Load Regulation

Because the LT1083 is a three-terminal device, it is not possible to provide true remote load sensing. Load regulation will be limited by the resistance of the wire connecting the regulator to the load. The data sheet specification for load regulation is measured at the bottom of the package. Negative side sensing is a true Kelvin connection, with the bottom of the output divider returned to the negative side of the load. Although it may not be immediately obvious, best load regulation is obtained when the top of the resistor divider R1 is connected *directly* to the case *not to the load*. This is illustrated in Figure 2. If R1 were connected to the load, the effective resistance between the regulator and the load would be:

$$R_p \times \left( \frac{R_2 + R_1}{R_1} \right), \quad R_p = \text{Parasitic Line Resistance}$$

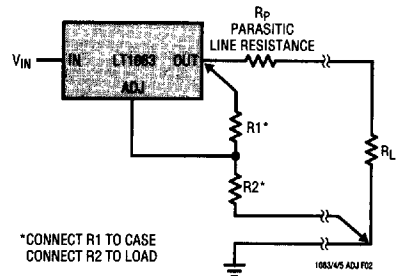


Figure 2. Connections for Best Load Regulation

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Connected as shown,  $R_P$  is not multiplied by the divider ratio.  $R_P$  is about  $0.004\Omega$  per foot using 16-gauge wire. This translates to  $4\text{mV/ft}$  at  $1\text{A}$  load current, so it is important to keep the positive lead between regulator and load as short as possible and use large wire or PC board traces.

### Thermal Considerations

The LT1083 series of regulators have internal power and thermal limiting circuitry designed to protect the device under overload conditions. For continuous normal load conditions however, maximum junction temperature ratings must not be exceeded. It is important to give careful consideration to all sources of thermal resistance from junction to ambient. This includes junction-to-case, case-to-heat sink interface, and heat sink resistance itself. New thermal resistance specifications have been developed to more accurately reflect device temperature and ensure safe operating temperatures. The data section for these new regulators provides a separate thermal resistance and maximum junction temperature for both the *Control Section* and the *Power Transistor*. Previous regulators, with a single junction-to-case thermal resistance specification, used an average of the two values provided here and therefore could allow excessive junction temperatures under certain conditions of ambient temperature and heat sink resistance. To avoid this possibility, calculations should be made for both sections to ensure that both thermal limits are met.

Junction-to-case thermal resistance is specified from the IC junction to the bottom of the case directly below the die. This is the lowest resistance path for heat flow. Proper mounting is required to ensure the best possible thermal flow from this area of the package to the heat sink. Thermal

compound at the case-to-heat sink interface is strongly recommended. If the case of the device must be electrically isolated, a thermally conductive spacer can be used, as long as its added contribution to thermal resistance is considered. Note that the case of all devices in this series is electrically connected to the output.

For example, using an LT1083CK (TO-3, Commercial) and assuming:

$$V_{IN} (\text{max continuous}) = 9\text{V}, V_{OUT} = 5\text{V}, I_{OUT} = 6\text{A},$$

$$T_A = 75^\circ\text{C}, \theta_{\text{HEAT SINK}} = 1^\circ\text{C/W},$$

$$\theta_{\text{CASE-TO-HEAT SINK}} = 0.2^\circ\text{C/W for K package with thermal compound.}$$

Power dissipation under these conditions is equal to:

$$P_D = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) I_{OUT} = 24\text{W}$$

Junction temperature will be equal to:

$$T_J = T_A + P_D (\theta_{\text{HEAT SINK}} + \theta_{\text{CASE-TO-HEAT SINK}} + \theta_{JC})$$

For the Control Section:

$$T_J = 75^\circ\text{C} + 24\text{W} (1^\circ\text{C/W} + 0.2^\circ\text{C/W} + 0.6^\circ\text{C/W}) = 118^\circ\text{C}$$

$$118^\circ\text{C} < 125^\circ\text{C} = T_{J\text{MAX}} (\text{Control Section}$$

$$\text{Commercial Range})$$

For the Power Transistor:

$$T_J = 75^\circ\text{C} + 24\text{W} (1^\circ\text{C/W} + 0.2^\circ\text{C/W} + 1.6^\circ\text{C/W}) = 142^\circ\text{C}$$

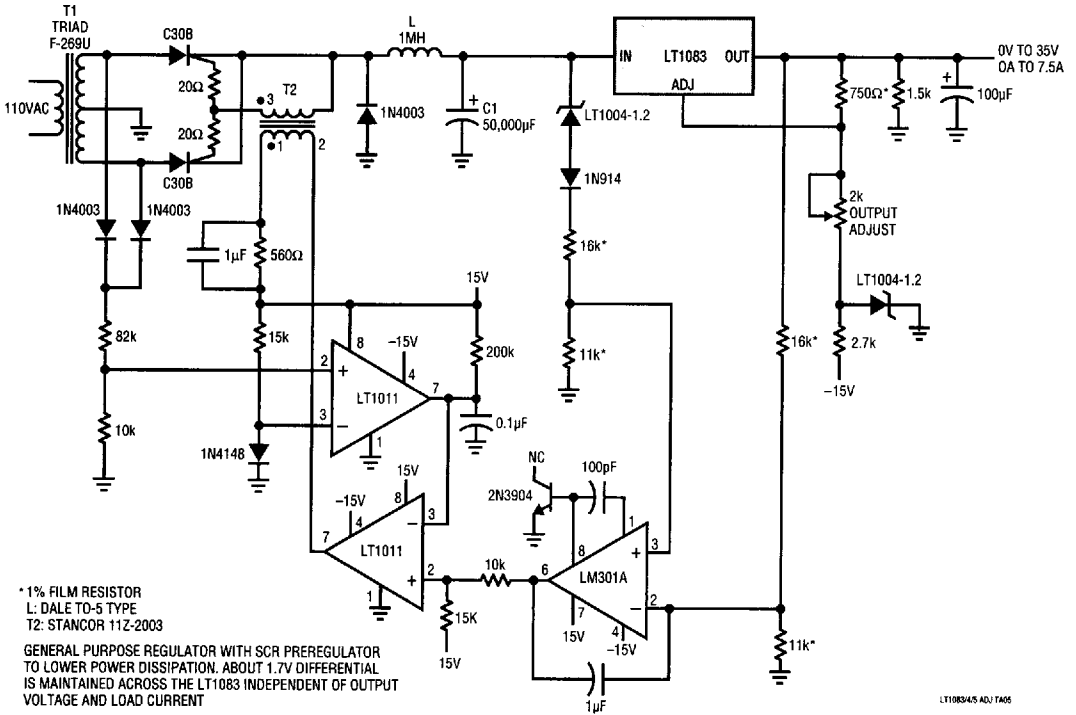
$$142^\circ\text{C} < 150^\circ\text{C} = T_{J\text{MAX}} (\text{Power Transistor}$$

$$\text{Commercial Range})$$

In both cases the junction temperature is below the maximum rating for the respective sections, ensuring reliable operation.

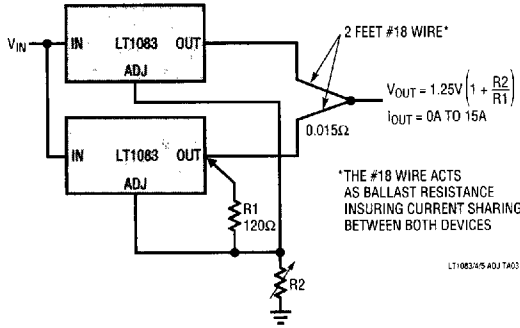
**TYPICAL APPLICATIONS**

**7.5A Variable Regulator**

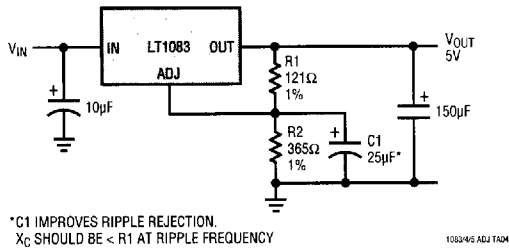


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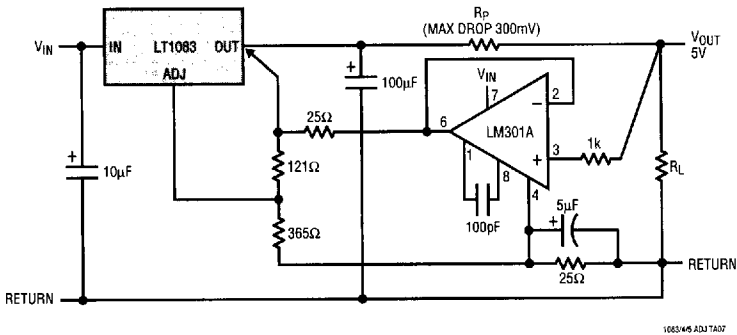
Paralleling Regulators



Improving Ripple Rejection

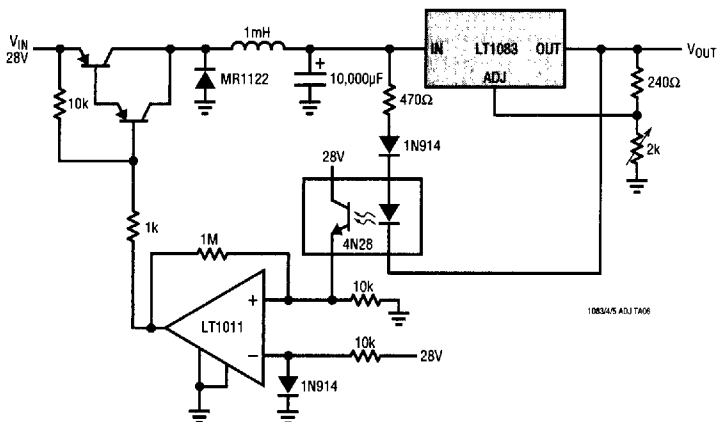


Remote Sensing

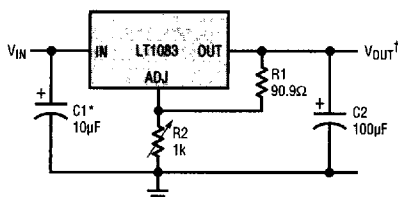


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**High Efficiency Regulator with Switching Preregulator**



**1.2V to 15V Adjustable Regulator**

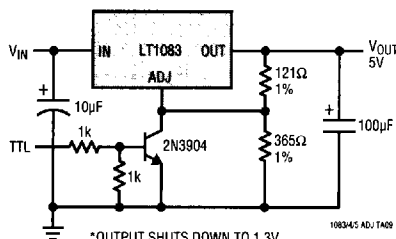


\*NEEDED IF DEVICE IS FAR FROM FILTER CAPACITORS

$$V_{OUT} = 1.25V \left( 1 + \frac{R2}{R1} \right)$$

1083/4/5 ADJ TA08

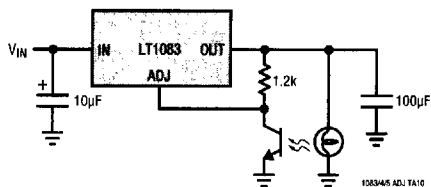
**5V Regulator with Shutdown\***



\*OUTPUT SHUTS DOWN TO 1.3V

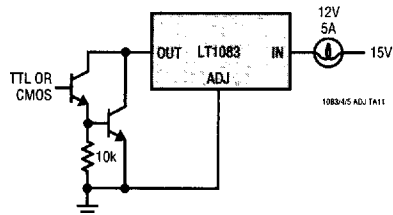
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**Automatic Light Control**



1083/4/5 ADJ TA10

**Protected High Current Lamp Driver**



1083/4/5 ADJ TA11