MCP1703

250 mA, 16V, Low Quiescent Current LDO Regulator

Features:
• 2.0 µA Typical Quiescent Current
• Input Operating Voltage Range: 2.7V to16.0V
• 250 mA Output Current for Output Voltages ≥ 2.5V
• 200 mA Output Current for Output Voltages < 2.5V
• Low Dropout Voltage, 625 mV typical @ 250 mA for VR = 2.8V
• 0.4% Typical Output Voltage Tolerance
• Standard Output Voltage Options:
  - 1.2V, 1.5V, 1.8V, 2.5V, 2.8V, 3.0V, 3.3V, 4.0V, 5.0V
• Output Voltage Range: 1.2V to 5.5V in 0.1V Increments (50 mV increments available upon request)
• Stable with 1.0 µF to 22 µF Ceramic Output Capacitance
• Short-Circuit Protection
• Overtemperature Protection

Applications:
• Battery-Powered Devices
• Battery-Powered Alarm Circuits
• Smoke Detectors
• CO² Detectors
• Pagers and Cellular Phones
• Smart Battery Packs
• Low Quiescent Current Voltage Reference
• PDAs
• Digital Cameras
• Microcontroller Power
• Solar-Powered Instruments
• Consumer Products
• Battery-Powered Data Loggers

Description:
The MCP1703 is a family of CMOS low dropout (LDO) voltage regulators that can deliver up to 250 mA of current while consuming only 2.0 µA of quiescent current (typical). The input operating range is specified from 2.7V to 16.0V, making it an ideal choice for two to six primary cell battery-powered applications, 9V alkaline and one or two cell Li-Ion-powered applications.

The MCP1703 is capable of delivering 250 mA with only 625 mV (typical) of input to output voltage differential (V_{OUT} = 2.8V). The output voltage tolerance of the MCP1703 is typically ±0.4% at +25°C and ±3% maximum over the operating junction temperature range of -40°C to +125°C. Line regulation is ±0.1% typical at +25°C.

Output voltages available for the MCP1703 range from 1.2V to 5.5V. The LDO output is stable when using only 1 µF of output capacitance. Ceramic, tantalum, or aluminum electrolytic capacitors can all be used for input and output. Overcurrent limit and overtemperature shutdown provide a robust solution for any application. Package options include the SOT-223-3, SOT-23A, 2x3 DFN-8, and SOT-89-3.

Related Literature:
• AN765, “Using Microchip’s Micropower LDOs”, DS00765, Microchip Technology Inc., 2002
• AN766, “Pin-Compatible CMOS Upgrades to Bipolar LDOs”, DS00766, Microchip Technology Inc., 2002

Package Types

* Includes Exposed Thermal Pad (EP); see Table 3-1.
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Functional Block Diagrams

MCP1703

VIN

VOUT

Error Amplifier

+VIN

Voltage Reference

Overcurrent Overtemperature

GND

Typical Application Circuits

MCP1703

VOUT

3.3V

VIN

VIN

VIN

VIN

VIN

COUT

1 µF Ceramic

IOUT

50 mA

VOUT

Battery

9V

1 µF Ceramic

CIN
1.0 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Absolute Maximum Ratings †

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<td>(VSS-0.3V) to (VIN+0.3V)</td>
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<td>Maximum Junction Temperature</td>
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<td>ESD protection on all pins</td>
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<td>≥ 4 kV; ≥ 400V</td>
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† Notice: Stresses above those listed under “Maximum Ratings” may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device at those or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational listings of this specification is not implied. Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

DC CHARACTERISTICS

Electrical Specifications: Unless otherwise specified, all limits are established for VIN = VOUT(MAX) + VDROPOUT(MAX), ILOAD = 100 µA, COUT = 1 µF (X7R), CIN = 1 µF (X7R), TA = +25°C.

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<td>ΔVOUT/ (VOUTXVIN)</td>
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<td>±0.1</td>
<td>±0.3</td>
<td>%/V</td>
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<td>Load Regulation</td>
<td>ΔVOUT/VOUT</td>
<td>-2.5</td>
<td>±1.0</td>
<td>+2.5</td>
<td>%</td>
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| Note 1: The minimum VIN must meet two conditions: VIN ≥ 2.7V and VIN ≥ (VOUT(MAX) + VDROPOUT(MAX)). |
| Note 2: VR is the nominal regulator output voltage. For example: VR = 1.2V, 1.5V, 1.8V, 2.5V, 2.8V, 3.0V, 3.3V, 4.0V, or 5.0V. The input voltage VIN = VOUT(MAX) + VDROPOUT(MAX) or VIN = 2.7V (whichever is greater); IOUT = 100 µA. |
| Note 3: TCVOUT = (VOUT(HIGH) - VOUT(LOW)) *10^6 / (VR * ΔTemperature), VOUT(HIGH) = highest voltage measured over the temperature range. VOUT(LOW) = lowest voltage measured over the temperature range. |
| Note 4: Load regulation is measured at a constant junction temperature using low duty cycle pulse testing. Changes in output voltage due to heating effects are determined using thermal regulation specification TCVOUT. |
| Note 5: Dropout voltage is defined as the input to output differential at which the output voltage drops 2% below its measured value with an applied input voltage of VOUT(MAX) + VDROPOUT(MAX) or 2.7V, whichever is greater. |
| Note 6: The maximum allowable power dissipation is a function of ambient temperature, the maximum allowable junction temperature and the thermal resistance from junction to air (i.e., Tj, θJA). Exceeding the maximum allowable power dissipation will cause the device operating junction temperature to exceed the maximum 150°C rating. Sustained junction temperatures above 150°C can impact the device reliability. |
| Note 7: The junction temperature is approximated by soaking the device under test at an ambient temperature equal to the desired junction temperature. The test time is small enough such that the rise in the junction temperature over the ambient temperature is not significant. |
TEMPERATURE SPECIFICATIONS

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<td>V_{DROPOUT}</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>330</td>
<td>650</td>
<td>mV</td>
<td>I_L = 250 mA, V_R = 5.0V</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>525</td>
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<td>mV</td>
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<td>Output Delay Time</td>
<td>T_{DELAY}</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>1000</td>
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<td>µs</td>
<td>V_IN = 0V to 6V, VOUT = 90% V_R, R_L = 50Ω resistive</td>
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<td>Output Noise</td>
<td>e_N</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>µV/(Hz)^(1/2)</td>
<td>I_L = 50 mA, f = 1 kHz, COUT = 1 µF</td>
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<td>Power Supply Ripple</td>
<td>PSRR</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>dB</td>
<td>f = 100 Hz, COUT = 1 µF, I_L = 100 µA, V_INAC = 100 mV pk-pk, C_IN = 0 µF, V_R = 1.2V</td>
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<td>Thermal Shutdown Protection</td>
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<td>150</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>°C</td>
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**Note 1:** The minimum V_IN must meet two conditions: V_IN ≥ 2.7V and V_IN ≥ (V_{OUT(MAX)} + V_{DROPOUT(MAX)}). Note 2: V_R is the nominal regulator output voltage. For example: V_R = 1.2V, 1.5V, 1.8V, 2.5V, 2.8V, 3.0V, 3.3V, 4.0V, or 5.0V. The input voltage V_{IN} = V_{OUT(MAX)} + V_{DROPOUT(MAX)} or V_{IN} = 2.7V (whichever is greater); I_{OUT} = 100 µA. Note 3: T_{CVOUT} = (V_{OUT-HIGH} - V_{OUT-LOW}) * 10^6 / (V_R * ΔTemperature), V_{OUT-HIGH} = highest voltage measured over the temperature range, V_{OUT-LOW} = lowest voltage measured over the temperature range. Note 4: Load regulation is measured at a constant junction temperature using low duty cycle pulse testing. Changes in output voltage due to heating effects are determined using thermal regulation specification T_{CVOUT}. Note 5: Dropout voltage is defined as the input to output differential at which the output voltage drops 2% below its measured value with an applied input voltage of V_{OUT(MAX)} + V_{DROPOUT(MAX)} or 2.7V, whichever is greater. Note 6: The maximum allowable power dissipation is a function of ambient temperature, the maximum allowable junction temperature and the thermal resistance from junction to air (i.e., T_{A}, T_{J}, θ_{JA}). Exceeding the maximum allowable power dissipation will cause the device operating junction temperature to exceed the maximum 150°C rating. Sustained junction temperatures above 150°C can impact the device reliability. Note 7: The junction temperature is approximated by soaking the device under test at an ambient temperature equal to the desired junction temperature. The test time is small enough such that the rise in the junction temperature over the ambient temperature is not significant.

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<td>T_J</td>
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<td>—</td>
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<td>°C</td>
<td>Steady State</td>
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<td>Maximum Junction Temperature</td>
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<td>°C</td>
<td>Transient</td>
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<td>Storage Temperature Range</td>
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<td>-65</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>+150</td>
<td>°C</td>
<td>—</td>
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**Note 2:** The thermal resistance, junction to air, is measured in accordance with JEDEC standard JESD51-7. The test setup is as follows: The package has one pin connected to GND and the other pin to a constant 5V power supply. The other two pins are left open. The package is then subjected to a 50°C temperature ramp. The temperature is held at 50°C for 25 minutes, and the rise in junction temperature is measured. This measurement is repeated for temperature ramps of 100°C, 150°C, and 200°C. The thermal resistance is then calculated using the formula θ_{JA} = (T_{J} - T_{A}) / P, where P is the power dissipation and T_{J} and T_{A} are the junction and ambient temperatures, respectively.

**Note 1:** The maximum allowable power dissipation is a function of ambient temperature, the maximum allowable junction temperature and the thermal resistance from junction to air (i.e., T_{A}, T_{J}, θ_{JA}). Exceeding the maximum allowable power dissipation will cause the device operating junction temperature to exceed the maximum 150°C rating. Sustained junction temperatures above 150°C can impact the device reliability. Note 2: Thermal Resistance values are subject to change. Please visit the Microchip web site for the latest packaging information.
2.0  TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES

Note: The graphs and tables provided following this note are a statistical summary based on a limited number of samples and are provided for informational purposes only. The performance characteristics listed herein are not tested or guaranteed. In some graphs or tables, the data presented may be outside the specified operating range (e.g., outside specified power supply range) and therefore outside the warranted range.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated: $V_R = 1.8\, \text{V}$, $C_{\text{OUT}} = 1\, \mu\text{F}$ Ceramic (X7R), $C_{\text{IN}} = 1\, \mu\text{F}$ Ceramic (X7R), $I_L = 100\, \mu\text{A}$, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{\text{IN}} = V_{\text{OUT(MAX)}} + V_{\text{DROPOUT(MAX)}}$ or 2.7V, whichever is greater.

Note: Junction Temperature ($T_J$) is approximated by soaking the device under test to an ambient temperature equal to the desired junction temperature. The test time is small enough such that the rise in Junction temperature over the Ambient temperature is not significant.

**FIGURE 2-1:** Quiescent Current vs. Input Voltage.

**FIGURE 2-2:** Quiescent Current vs. Input Voltage.

**FIGURE 2-3:** Quiescent Current vs. Input Voltage.

**FIGURE 2-4:** Ground Current vs. Load Current.

**FIGURE 2-5:** Ground Current vs. Load Current.

**FIGURE 2-6:** Quiescent Current vs. Junction Temperature.
Note: Unless otherwise indicated: \( V_R = 1.8V \), \( C_{\text{OUT}} = 1 \mu\text{F} \) Ceramic (X7R), \( C_{\text{IN}} = 1 \mu\text{F} \) Ceramic (X7R), \( I_L = 100 \mu\text{A} \), \( T_A = +25^\circ\text{C} \), \( V_{\text{IN}} = V_{\text{OUT(MAX)}} + V_{\text{DROPOUT(MAX)}} \) or 2.7V, whichever is greater.

**FIGURE 2-7:** Output Voltage vs. Input Voltage.

**FIGURE 2-8:** Output Voltage vs. Input Voltage.

**FIGURE 2-9:** Output Voltage vs. Input Voltage.

**FIGURE 2-10:** Output Voltage vs. Load Current.

**FIGURE 2-11:** Output Voltage vs. Load Current.

**FIGURE 2-12:** Output Voltage vs. Load Current.
Note: Unless otherwise indicated: $V_R = 1.8V$, $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu F$ Ceramic (X7R), $C_{IN} = 1 \mu F$ Ceramic (X7R), $I_L = 100 \mu A$, $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(MAX)} + V_{DROPOUT(MAX)}$ or 2.7V, whichever is greater.
Note: Unless otherwise indicated: $V_R = 1.8V$, $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu F$ Ceramic (X7R), $C_{IN} = 1 \mu F$ Ceramic (X7R), $I_L = 100 \mu A$, $T_A = +25^\circ C$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(MAX)} + V_{DROPOUT(MAX)}$ or $2.7V$, whichever is greater.

**FIGURE 2-19:** Load Regulation vs. Temperature.

**FIGURE 2-20:** Load Regulation vs. Temperature.

**FIGURE 2-21:** Line Regulation vs. Temperature.

**FIGURE 2-22:** Line Regulation vs. Temperature.

**FIGURE 2-23:** Line Regulation vs. Temperature.

**FIGURE 2-24:** PSRR vs. Frequency.
**Note:** Unless otherwise indicated: $V_R = 1.8V$, $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu F$ Ceramic (X7R), $C_{IN} = 1 \mu F$ Ceramic (X7R), $I_L = 100 \mu A$, $T_A = +25^\circ C$, $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(MAX)} + V_{DROPOUT(MAX)}$ or 2.7V, whichever is greater.

**FIGURE 2-25:** PSRR vs. Frequency.

**FIGURE 2-26:** Output Noise vs. Frequency.

**FIGURE 2-27:** Power Up Timing.

**FIGURE 2-28:** Dynamic Load Response.

**FIGURE 2-29:** Dynamic Load Response.

**FIGURE 2-30:** Output Voltage vs. Input Voltage.
FIGURE 2-31: Output Voltage vs. Input Voltage.

- $V_{R} = 3.3V$
- $I_{LOAD} = 1 mA$
- $I_{LOAD} = 44 \mu A$
3.0 PIN DESCRIPTIONS

The descriptions of the pins are listed in Table 3-1.

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<td>Ground Terminal</td>
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<td>9</td>
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<td>EP</td>
<td>Exposed Thermal Pad (EP); must be connected to VSS</td>
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3.1 Ground Terminal (GND)

Regulator ground. Tie GND to the negative side of the output and the negative side of the input capacitor. Only the LDO bias current (2.0 µA typical) flows out of this pin; there is no high current. The LDO output regulation is referenced to this pin. Minimize voltage drops between this pin and the negative side of the load.

3.2 Regulated Output Voltage (V_{OUT})

Connect V_{OUT} to the positive side of the load and the positive terminal of the output capacitor. The positive side of the output capacitor should be physically located as close to the LDO V_{OUT} pin as is practical. The current flowing out of this pin is equal to the DC load current.

3.3 Unregulated Input Voltage (V_{IN})

Connect V_{IN} to the input unregulated source voltage. Like all low dropout linear regulators, low source impedance is necessary for the stable operation of the LDO. The amount of capacitance required to ensure low source impedance will depend on the proximity of the input source capacitors or battery type. For most applications, 1 µF of capacitance will ensure stable operation of the LDO circuit. For applications that have load currents below 100 mA, the input capacitance requirement can be lowered. The type of capacitor used can be ceramic, tantalum, or aluminum electrolytic. The low ESR characteristics of the ceramic will yield better noise and PSRR performance at high-frequency.

3.4 Exposed Thermal Pad (EP)

There is an internal electrical connection between the Exposed Thermal Pad (EP) and the V_{SS} pin; they must be connected to the same potential on the Printed Circuit Board (PCB).
4.0 DETAILED DESCRIPTION

4.1 Output Regulation

A portion of the LDO output voltage is fed back to the internal error amplifier and compared with the precision internal band gap reference. The error amplifier output will adjust the amount of current that flows through the P-Channel pass transistor, thus regulating the output voltage to the desired value. Any changes in input voltage or output current will cause the error amplifier to respond and adjust the output voltage to the target voltage (refer to Figure 4-1).

4.2 Overcurrent

The MCP1703 internal circuitry monitors the amount of current flowing through the P-Channel pass transistor. In the event of a short-circuit or excessive output current, the MCP1703 will turn off the P-Channel device for a short period, after which the LDO will attempt to restart. If the excessive current remains, the cycle will repeat itself.

4.3 Overtemperature

The internal power dissipation within the LDO is a function of input-to-output voltage differential and load current. If the power dissipation within the LDO is excessive, the internal junction temperature will rise above the typical shutdown threshold of 150°C. At that point, the LDO will shut down and begin to cool to the typical turn-on junction temperature of 130°C. If the power dissipation is low enough, the device will continue to cool and operate normally. If the power dissipation remains high, the thermal shutdown protection circuitry will again turn off the LDO, protecting it from catastrophic failure.

FIGURE 4-1: Block Diagram.
5.0 FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The MCP1703 CMOS low dropout linear regulator is intended for applications that need the lowest current consumption while maintaining output voltage regulation. The operating continuous load range of the MCP1703 is from 0 mA to 250 mA (V_R ≥ 2.5V). The input operating voltage range is from 2.7V to 16.0V, making it capable of operating from two or more alkaline cells or single and multiple Li-Ion cell batteries.

5.1 Input

The input of the MCP1703 is connected to the source of the P-Channel PMOS pass transistor. As with all LDO circuits, a relatively low source impedance (10 Ω) is needed to prevent the input impedance from causing the LDO to become unstable. The size and type of the capacitor needed depends heavily on the input source type (battery, power supply) and the output current range of the application. For most applications (up to 100 mA), a 1 µF ceramic capacitor will be sufficient to ensure circuit stability. Larger values can be used to improve circuit AC performance.

5.2 Output

The maximum rated continuous output current for the MCP1703 is 250 mA (V_R ≥ 2.5V). For applications where V_R < 2.5V, the maximum output current is 200 mA.

A minimum output capacitance of 1.0 µF is required for small signal stability in applications that have up to 250 mA output current capability. The capacitor type can be ceramic, tantalum, or aluminum electrolytic. The Equivalent Series Resistance (ESR) range on the output capacitor can range from 0Ω to 2.0Ω.

The output capacitor range for ceramic capacitors is 1 µF to 22 µF. Higher output capacitance values may be used for tantalum and electrolytic capacitors. Higher output capacitor values pull the pole of the LDO transfer function inward that results in higher phase shifts which in turn cause a lower crossover frequency. The circuit designer should verify the stability by applying line step and load step testing to their system when using capacitance values greater than 22 µF.

5.3 Output Rise Time

When powering up the internal reference output, the typical output rise time of 1000 µs is controlled to prevent overshoot of the output voltage.
6.0 APPLICATION CIRCUITS & ISSUES

6.1 Typical Application

The MCP1703 is most commonly used as a voltage regulator. Its low quiescent current and low dropout voltage make it ideal for many battery-powered applications.

![Typical Application Circuit](image)

**FIGURE 6-1:** Typical Application Circuit.

6.1.1 APPLICATION INPUT CONDITIONS

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<tr>
<td>$V_{OUT}$ typical</td>
<td>1.8V</td>
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<tr>
<td>$I_{OUT}$ maximum</td>
<td>50 mA</td>
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6.2 Power Calculations

6.2.1 POWER DISSIPATION

The internal power dissipation of the MCP1703 is a function of input voltage, output voltage and output current. The power dissipation, as a result of the quiescent current draw, is so low, it is insignificant ($2.0 \mu A \times V_{IN}$). The following equation can be used to calculate the internal power dissipation of the LDO.

**EQUATION 6-1:**

$$P_{LDO} = (V_{IN(MAX)} - V_{OUT(MIN)}) \times I_{OUT(MAX)}$$

Where:

- $P_{LDO}$ = LDO Pass device internal power dissipation
- $V_{IN(MAX)}$ = Maximum input voltage
- $V_{OUT(MIN)}$ = LDO minimum output voltage

The maximum power dissipation capability for a package can be calculated given the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance and the maximum ambient temperature for the application. The following equation can be used to determine the package maximum internal power dissipation.

**EQUATION 6-2:**

$$T_{J(MAX)} = P_{TOTAL} \times R_{0_JA} + T_{AMAX}$$

Where:

- $T_{J(MAX)}$ = Maximum continuous junction temperature
- $P_{TOTAL}$ = Total device power dissipation
- $R_{0_JA}$ = Thermal resistance from junction-to-ambient
- $T_{AMAX}$ = Maximum ambient temperature

**EQUATION 6-3:**

$$P_{D(MAX)} = \frac{(T_{J(MAX)} - T_{A(MAX)})}{R_{0_JA}}$$

Where:

- $P_{D(MAX)}$ = Maximum device power dissipation
- $T_{J(MAX)}$ = Maximum continuous junction temperature
- $T_{A(MAX)}$ = Maximum ambient temperature
- $R_{0_JA}$ = Thermal resistance from junction-to-ambient

**EQUATION 6-4:**

$$T_{J(RISE)} = P_{D(MAX)} \times R_{0_JA}$$

Where:

- $T_{J(RISE)}$ = Rise in device junction temperature over the ambient temperature
- $P_{TOTAL}$ = Maximum device power dissipation
- $R_{0_JA}$ = Thermal resistance from junction to ambient

**EQUATION 6-5:**

$$T_J = T_{J(RISE)} + T_A$$

Where:

- $T_J$ = Junction temperature
- $T_{J(RISE)}$ = Rise in device junction temperature over the ambient temperature
- $T_A$ = Ambient temperature
6.3 Voltage Regulator

Internal power dissipation, junction temperature rise, junction temperature and maximum power dissipation are calculated in the following example. The power dissipation, as a result of ground current, is small enough to be neglected.

6.3.1 POWER DISSIPATION EXAMPLE

Package
- Package Type: SOT-23A
- Input Voltage: \( V_{IN} = 2.7\text{V to } 4.8\text{V} \)

LDO Output Voltages and Currents
- \( V_{OUT} = 1.8\text{V} \)
- \( I_{OUT} = 50\text{ mA} \)

Maximum Ambient Temperature
- \( T_{A(MAX)} = +40\text{°C} \)

Internal Power Dissipation
Internal Power dissipation is the product of the LDO output current times the voltage across the LDO (\( V_{IN} \) to \( V_{OUT} \)).

\[
P_{LDO(MAX)} = (V_{IN(MAX)} - V_{OUT(MIN)}) \times I_{OUT(MAX)}
\]

\[
P_{LDO} = (4.8\text{V} - (0.97 \times 1.8\text{V})) \times 50 \text{ mA}
\]

\[
P_{LDO} = 152.7 \text{ milli-Watts}
\]

Device Junction Temperature Rise

The internal junction temperature rise is a function of internal power dissipation and the thermal resistance from junction to ambient for the application. The thermal resistance from junction to ambient (\( R_{TH(JA)} \)) is derived from an EIA/JEDEC standard for measuring thermal resistance for small surface mount packages. The EIA/JEDEC specification is JESD51-7, “High Effective Thermal Conductivity Test Board for Leaded Surface Mount Packages”. The standard describes the test method and board specifications for measuring the thermal resistance from junction to ambient. The actual thermal resistance for a particular application can vary depending on many factors, such as copper area and thickness. Refer to AN792, “A Method to Determine How Much Power a SOT23 Can Dissipate in an Application”, (DS00792), for more information regarding this subject.

\[
T_{J(RISE)} = P_{TOTAL} \times R_{TH(JA)}
\]

\[
T_{J(RISE)} = 152.7 \text{ milli-Watts} \times 336.0\text{°C/Watt}
\]

\[
T_{J(RISE)} = 51.3\text{°C}
\]

Junction Temperature Estimate

To estimate the internal junction temperature, the calculated temperature rise is added to the ambient or offset temperature. For this example, the worst-case junction temperature is estimated below.

\[
T_{J} = T_{J(RISE)} + T_{A(MAX)}
\]

\[
T_{J} = 91.3\text{°C}
\]

Maximum Package Power Dissipation at +40°C Ambient Temperature Assuming Minimal Copper Usage.

- SOT-23A (336.0°C/Watt = \( R_{TH(JA)} \))
  - \( P_{D(MAX)} = (+125\text{°C} - 40\text{°C}) / 336\text{°C/Watt} \)
  - \( P_{D(MAX)} = 253 \text{ milli-Watts} \)

- SOT-89 (153.3°C/Watt = \( R_{TH(JA)} \))
  - \( P_{D(MAX)} = (+125\text{°C} - 40\text{°C}) / 153.3\text{°C/Watt} \)
  - \( P_{D(MAX)} = 0.554 \text{ Watts} \)

- SOT-223 (62.9°C/Watt = \( R_{TH(JA)} \))
  - \( P_{D(MAX)} = (+125\text{°C} - 40\text{°C}) / 62.9\text{°C/Watt} \)
  - \( P_{D(MAX)} = 1.35 \text{ Watts} \)

6.4 Voltage Reference

The MCP1703 can be used not only as a regulator, but also as a low quiescent current voltage reference. In many microcontroller applications, the initial accuracy of the reference can be calibrated using production test equipment or by using a ratio measurement. When the initial accuracy is calibrated, the thermal stability and line regulation tolerance are the only errors introduced by the MCP1703 LDO. The low-cost, low quiescent current and small ceramic output capacitor are all advantages when using the MCP1703 as a voltage reference.

![FIGURE 6-2: Using the MCP1703 as a Voltage Reference.](image-url)
6.5 Pulsed Load Applications

For some applications, there are pulsed load current events that may exceed the specified 250 mA maximum specification of the MCP1703. The internal current limit of the MCP1703 will prevent high peak load demands from causing non-recoverable damage. The 250 mA rating is a maximum average continuous rating. As long as the average current does not exceed 250 mA, pulsed higher load currents can be applied to the MCP1703. The typical current limit for the MCP1703 is 500 mA (T_A +25°C).
7.0 PACKAGING INFORMATION

7.1 Package Marking Information

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Example: AAU014

Legend: XX...X Customer-specific information
Y Year code (last digit of calendar year)
YY Year code (last 2 digits of calendar year)
WW Week code (week of January 1 is week ‘01’)
NNN Alphanumeric traceability code
\(^{e3}\) Pb-free JEDEC designator for Matte Tin (Sn)
* This package is Pb-free. The Pb-free JEDEC designator \(^{e3}\) can be found on the outer packaging for this package.

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3-Lead Plastic Small Outline Transistor (CB) [SOT-23A]

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8-Lead Plastic Dual Flat, No Lead Package (MC) – 2x3x0.9 mm Body [DFN]

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   - BSC: Basic Dimension. Theoretically exact value shown without tolerances.

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APPENDIX A: REVISION HISTORY

Revision F (February 2011)
The following is the list of modifications:
1. Added a new line to Output Voltage Regulation in the DC Characteristics table.
2. Added Figure 2-30 and Figure 2-31.

Revision E (November 2010)
The following is the list of modifications:
1. Updated the Thermal Resistance Typical value for the SOT-89 package in the Junction Temperature Estimate section.

Revision D (September 2009)
The following is the list of modifications:
1. Added the 8-Lead 2x3 DFN package.
2. Updated the Temperature Specification table.
3. Updated Table 3-1.
4. Added Section 3.4 “Exposed Thermal Pad (EP)”.
5. Updated the Package Outline Drawings and the information for the 8-Lead 2x3 DFN package.
6. Added the information for the 8-Lead 2x3 DFN package in the Product Identification System section.

Revision C (June 2009)
The following is the list of modifications:
1. Absolute Maximum Ratings: Updated this section.
2. DC Characteristics table: Updated.

Revision B (February 2008)
The following is the list of modifications:
1. Updated Temperature Specifications table.
2. Updated Table 3-1.
3. Updated Section 5.2 “Output”.

Revision A (June 2007)
• Original Release of this Document.
## PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

To order or obtain information, e.g., on pricing or delivery, refer to the factory or the listed sales office.

### Device:
MCP1703: 250 mA, 16V Low Quiescent Current LDO

### Tape and Reel:
- **T** = Tape and Reel

### Output Voltage *:
- 12 = 1.2V "Standard"
- 15 = 1.5V "Standard"
- 18 = 1.8V "Standard"
- 25 = 2.5V "Standard"
- 28 = 2.8V "Standard"
- 30 = 3.0V "Standard"
- 33 = 3.3V "Standard"
- 40 = 4.0V "Standard"
- 50 = 5.0V "Standard"

*Contact factory for other output voltage options.

### Extra Feature Code:
- 0 = Fixed

### Tolerance:
- 1 = 1.0% (Custom)
- 2 = 2.0% (Standard)

### Temperature:
- **E** = -40°C to +125°C

### Package Type:
- **CB** = Plastic Small Outline Transistor (SOT-23A) 3-lead,
- **DB** = Plastic Small Outline Transistor (SOT-223) 3-lead,
- **MB** = Plastic Small Outline Transistor (SOT-89) 3-lead,
- **MC** = Plastic Dual Flat, No Lead Package (DFN) 2x3, 8-lead.

### Examples:

- a) MCP1703T-1202E/XX: 1.2V Low Quiescent LDO, Tape and Reel
- b) MCP1703T-1502E/XX: 1.5V Low Quiescent LDO, Tape and Reel
- c) MCP1703T-1802E/XX: 1.8V Low Quiescent LDO, Tape and Reel
- d) MCP1703T-2502E/XX: 2.5V Low Quiescent LDO, Tape and Reel
- e) MCP1703T-2802E/XX: 2.8V Low Quiescent LDO, Tape and Reel
- f) MCP1703T-3002E/XX: 3.0V Low Quiescent LDO, Tape and Reel
- g) MCP1703T-3302E/XX: 3.3V Low Quiescent LDO, Tape and Reel
- h) MCP1703T-3602E/XX: 3.6V Low Quiescent LDO, Tape and Reel
- i) MCP1703T-4002E/XX: 4.0V Low Quiescent LDO, Tape and Reel
- j) MCP1703T-5002E/XX: 5.0V Low Quiescent LDO, Tape and Reel

XX = CB for 3LD SOT-23A package

= DB for 3LD SOT-223 package

= MB for 3LD SOT-89 package

= MC for 8LD DFN package.
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