MOTOROLA

LM123, LM123A
LM223, LM223A
LM323, LM323A

Specifications and Applications Information

POSITIVE VOLTAGE REGULATORS

The LM123,A/LM223,A/LM323,A are a family of monolithic integrated circuits which supply a fixed positive 5.0 volt output with a load driving capability in excess of 3.0 amperes. These three-terminal regulators employ internal current limiting, thermal shutdown, and safe-area compensation. An improved series with superior electrical characteristics and a 2% output voltage tolerance is available as A-suffix (LM123A/LM223A/LM323A) device types.

These regulators are offered in a hermetic metal power package in three operating temperature ranges. A 0°C to +125°C temperature range version is also available in a low cost plastic power package.

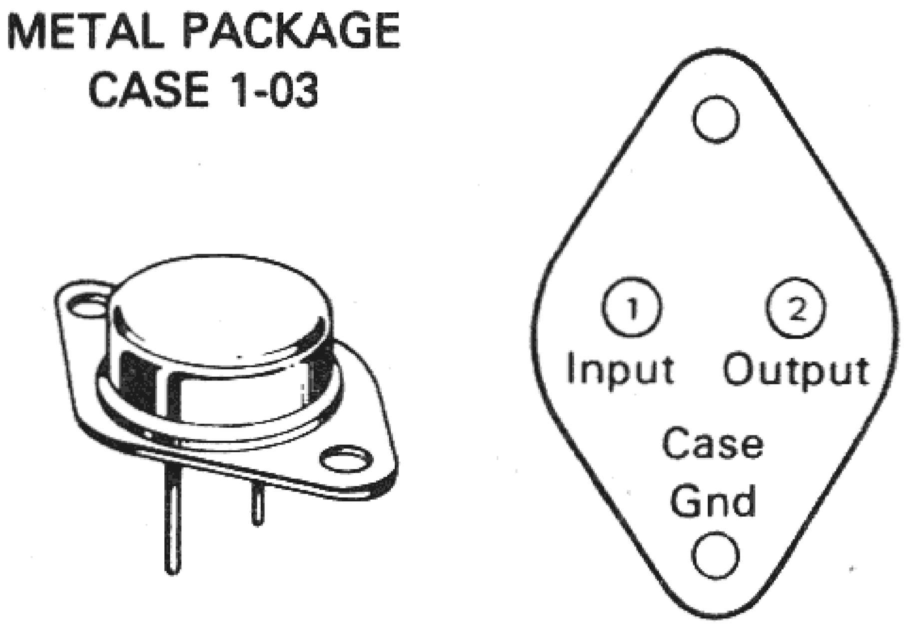
Although designed primarily as a fixed voltage regulator, these devices can be used with external components to obtain adjustable voltages and currents. This series of devices can be used with a series pass transistor to supply up to 15 amperes at 5.0 volts.

- Output Current in Excess of 3.0 Amperes
- Available with 2% Output Voltage Tolerance
- No external Components Required
- Internal Thermal Overload Protection
- Internal Short-Circuit Current Limiting
- Output Transistor Safe-Area Compensation
- Thermal Regulation and Ripple Rejection Have Specified Limits

3-AMPERE, 5 VOLT POSITIVE VOLTAGE REGULATORS

SILICON MONOLITHIC INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

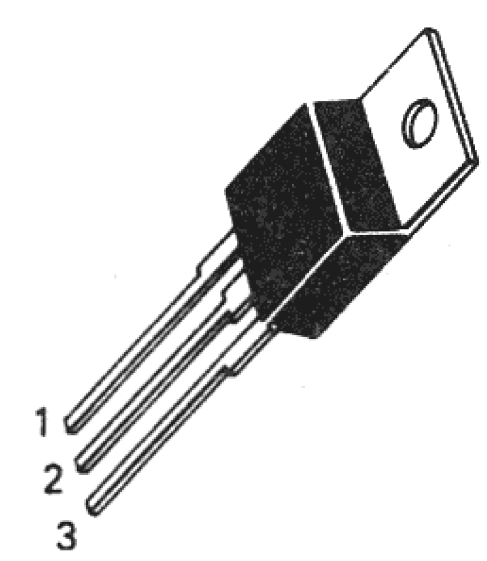
K SUFFIX
METAL PACKAGE
CASE 1-03



PIN 1. INPUT
2. OUTPUT
CASE GROUND

(Bottom View)

T SUFFIX
PLASTIC PACKAGE
CASE 221A-04



PIN 1. INPUT
2. GROUND
3. OUTPUT

(Heatsink surface connected to Pin 2)

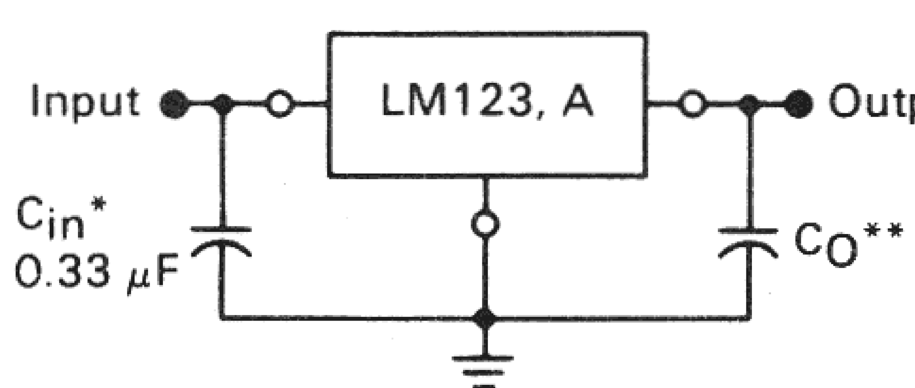
MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating		Symbol	Value	Unit
Input Voltage		V_{in}	20	Vdc
Power Dissipation		P_D	Internally Limited	
Operating Junction Temperature Range	LM123, A LM223, A LM323, A	T_J	−55 to +150 −25 to +150 0 to +150	°C
Storage Temperature Range		T_{stg}	-65 to +150	°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 s)		T_{solder}	300	°C

ORDERING INFORMATION

Device	Output Voltage Tolerance	Tested Operating Junction Temp. Range	Package
LM123K LM123AK	6% 2%	-55 to +150°C	Metal Power
LM223K LM223AK	6% 2%	-25 to +150°C	
LM323K LM323AK	4% 2%	0 to +125°C	
LM323T LM323AT	4% 2%		Plastic Power

STANDARD APPLICATION



A common ground is required between the input and the output voltages. The input voltage must remain typically 2.5 V above the output voltage even during the low point on the input ripple voltage.

* = C_{in} is required if regulator is located an appreciable distance from power supply filter. (See Applications Information for details.)

** = C_O is not needed for stability; however, it does improve transient response.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ($T_J = T_{low}$ to T_{high} [see Note 1] unless otherwise specified.)

Characteristic	Symbol	LM123A/LM223A/LM323A			LM123/LM223			LM323			Unit
		Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	
Output Voltage (V_{in} = 7.5 V, 0 ≤ I_{out} ≤ 3.0 A, T_J = 25°C)	V_O	4.9	5.0	5.1	4.7	5.0	5.3	4.8	5.0	5.2	V
Output Voltage (7.5 V ≤ V_{in} ≤ 15 V, 0 ≤ I_{out} ≤ 3.0 A, P ≤ P_{max} [Note 2])	V_O	4.8	5.0	5.2	4.6	5.0	5.4	4.75	5.0	5.25	V
Line Regulation (7.5 V ≤ V_{in} ≤ 15 V, T_J = 25°C) (Note 3)	Reg_{line}	—	1.0	15	—	1.0	25	—	1.0	25	mV
Load Regulation (V_{in} = 7.5 V, 0 ≤ I_{out} ≤ 3.0 A, T_J = 25°C) (Note 3)	Reg_{load}	—	10	50	—	10	100	—	10	100	mV
Thermal Regulation (Pulse = 10 ms, P = 20 W, T_A = 25°C)	Reg_{therm}	—	0.001	0.01	—	0.002	0.03	—	0.002	0.03	%V_O/W
Quiescent Current (7.5 V ≤ V_{in} ≤ 15 V, 0 ≤ I_{out} ≤ 3.0 A)	I_B	—	3.5	10	—	3.5	20	—	3.5	20	mA
Output Noise Voltage (10 Hz ≤ f ≤ 100 kHz, T_J = 25°C)	V_N	—	40	—	—	40	—	—	40	—	μV_{rms}
Ripple Rejection (8.0 V ≤ V_{in} ≤ 18 V, I_{out} = 2.0 A, f = 120 Hz, T_J = 25°C)	RR	66	75	—	62	75	—	62	75	—	dB
Short Circuit Current Limit	I_{SC}										A
(V_{in} = 15 V, T_J = 25°C)		—	4.5	—	—	4.5	—	—	4.5	—	
(V_{in} = 7.5 V, T_J = 25°C)		—	5.5	—	—	5.5	—	—	5.5	—	
Long Term Stability	S	—	—	35	—	—	35	—	—	35	mV
Thermal Resistance Junction to Case (Note 4)	$R_{\theta JC}$	—	2.0	—	—	2.0	—	—	2.0	—	°C/W

Note 1. T_{low} = −55°C for LM123, A T_{high} = +150°C for LM123, A
= −25°C for LM223, A = +150°C for LM223, A
= 0°C for LM323, A = +125°C for LM323, A

Note 2. Although power dissipation is internally limited, specifications apply only for P ≤ P_{max}
P_{max} = 30 W for K package
P_{max} = 25 W for T package

Note 3. Load and line regulation are specified at constant junction temperature. Pulse testing is required with a pulse width ≤ 1.0 ms and a duty cycle ≤ 5%.

Note 4. Without a heat sink, the thermal resistance ($R_{\theta JA}$ is 35°C/W for the K package, and 65°C/W for the T package. With a heat sink, the effective thermal resistance can approach the specified values of 2.0°C/W, depending on the efficiency of the heat sink.

VOLTAGE REGULATOR PERFORMANCE

The performance of a voltage regulator is specified by its immunity to changes in load, input voltage, power dissipation, and temperature. Line and load regulation are tested with a pulse of short duration (< 100 μs) and are strictly a function of electrical gain. However, pulse widths of longer duration (> 1.0 ms) are sufficient to affect temperature gradients across the die. These temperature gradients can cause a change in the output voltage, in addition to changes caused by line and load regulation. Longer pulse widths and thermal gradients make it desirable to specify thermal regulation.

Thermal regulation is defined as the change in output voltage caused by a change in dissipated power for a specified time, and is expressed as a percentage output voltage change per watt. The change in dissipated power can be caused by a change in either the input voltage or the load current. Thermal regulation is a function of I.C. layout and die attach techniques, and usually occurs within 10 ms of a change in power dissipation. After 10 ms, additional changes in the output voltage are due to the temperature coefficient of the device.

Figure 1 shows the line and thermal regulation response of a typical LM123A to a 20 watt input pulse. The variation of the output voltage due to line regulation is labeled 1 and the thermal regulation component is labeled 2. Figure 2 shows the load and thermal regulation response of a typical LM123A to a 20 watt load pulse. The output voltage variation due to load regulation is labeled 1 and the thermal regulation component is labeled 2.

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

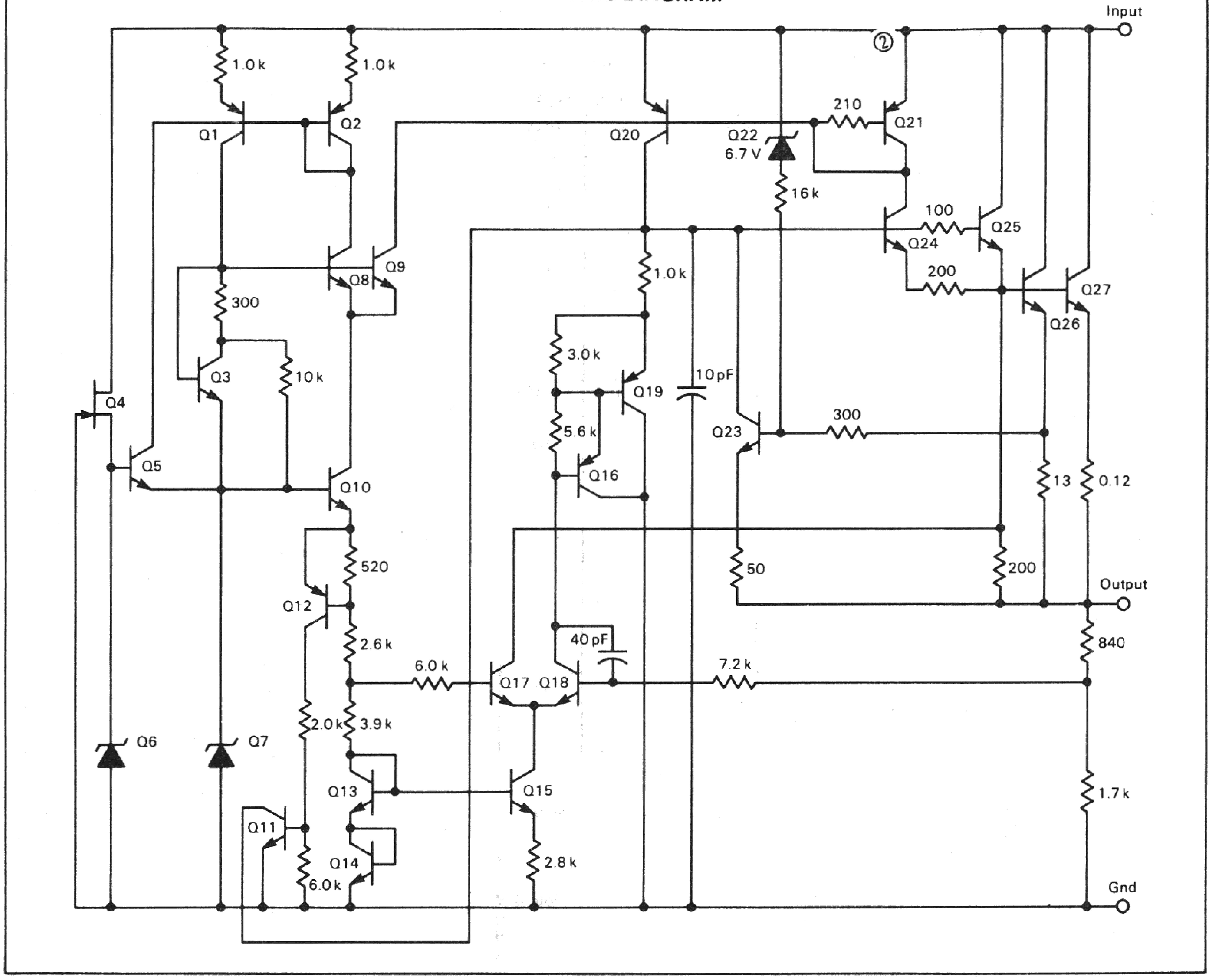
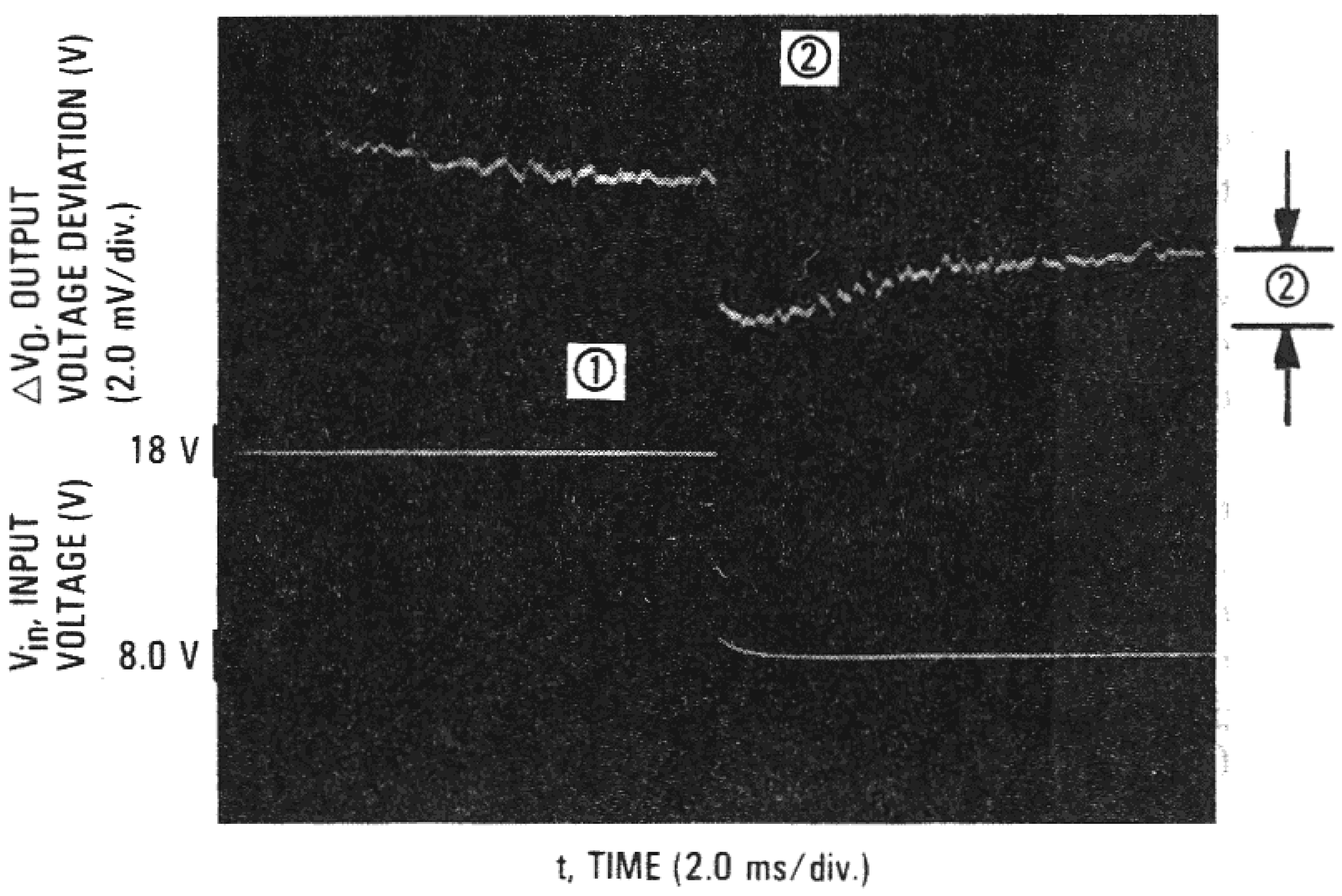
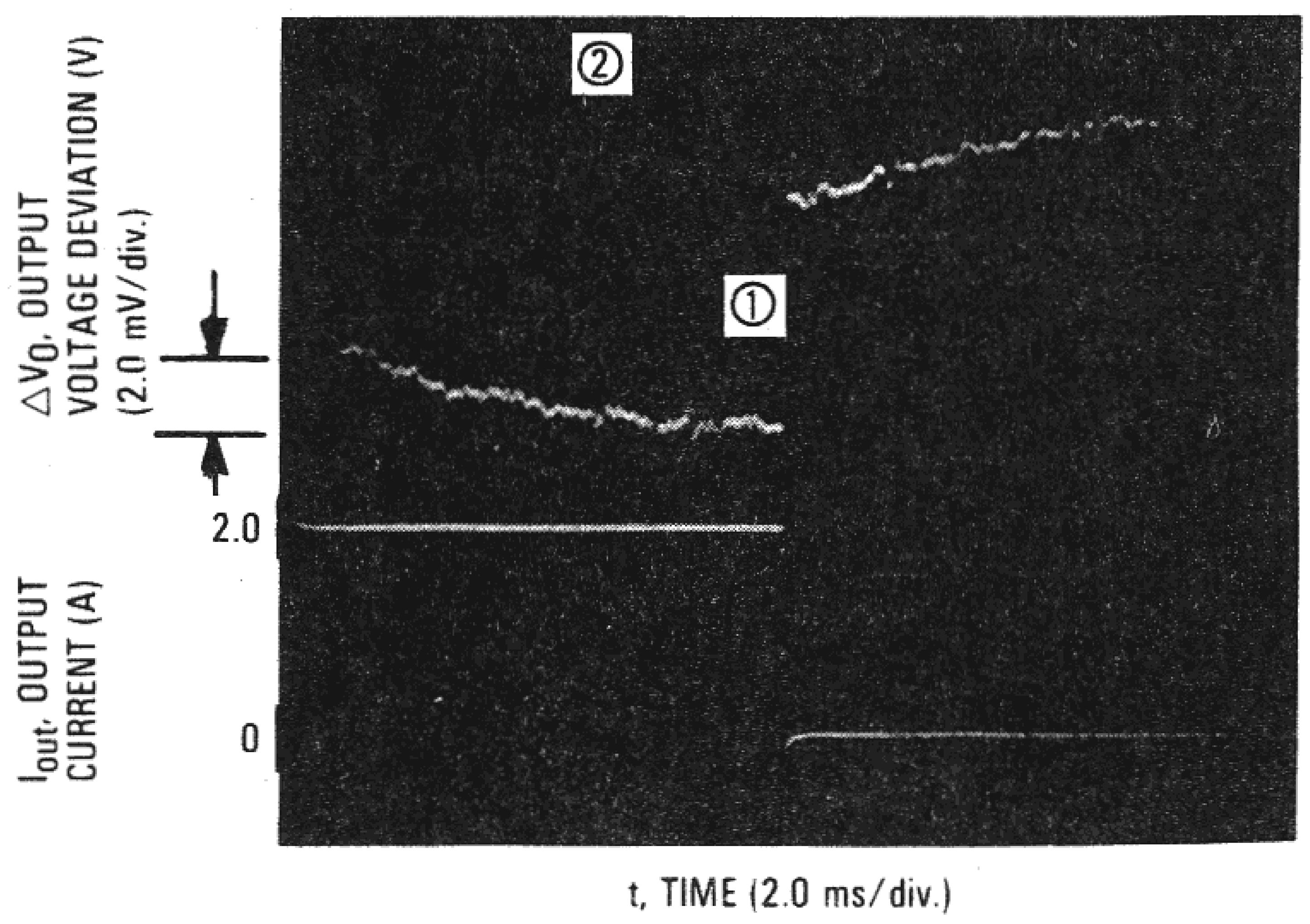


FIGURE 1 — LINE AND THERMAL REGULATION



LM123A
V_O = 5.0 V
V_{in} = 8.0 V ➔ 18 V ➔ 8.0 V ① = Reg_{line} = 2.4 mV
I_{out} = 2.0 A ② = Reg_{therm} = 0.0015%V_O/W

FIGURE 2 — LOAD AND THERMAL REGULATION



LM123A
V_O = 5.0 V
V_{in} = 15 ① = Reg_{load} = 4.4 mV
I_{out} = 0 A ➔ 2.0 A ➔ 0 A ② = Reg_{therm} = 0.0015%V_O/W

FIGURE 3 — TEMPERATURE STABILITY

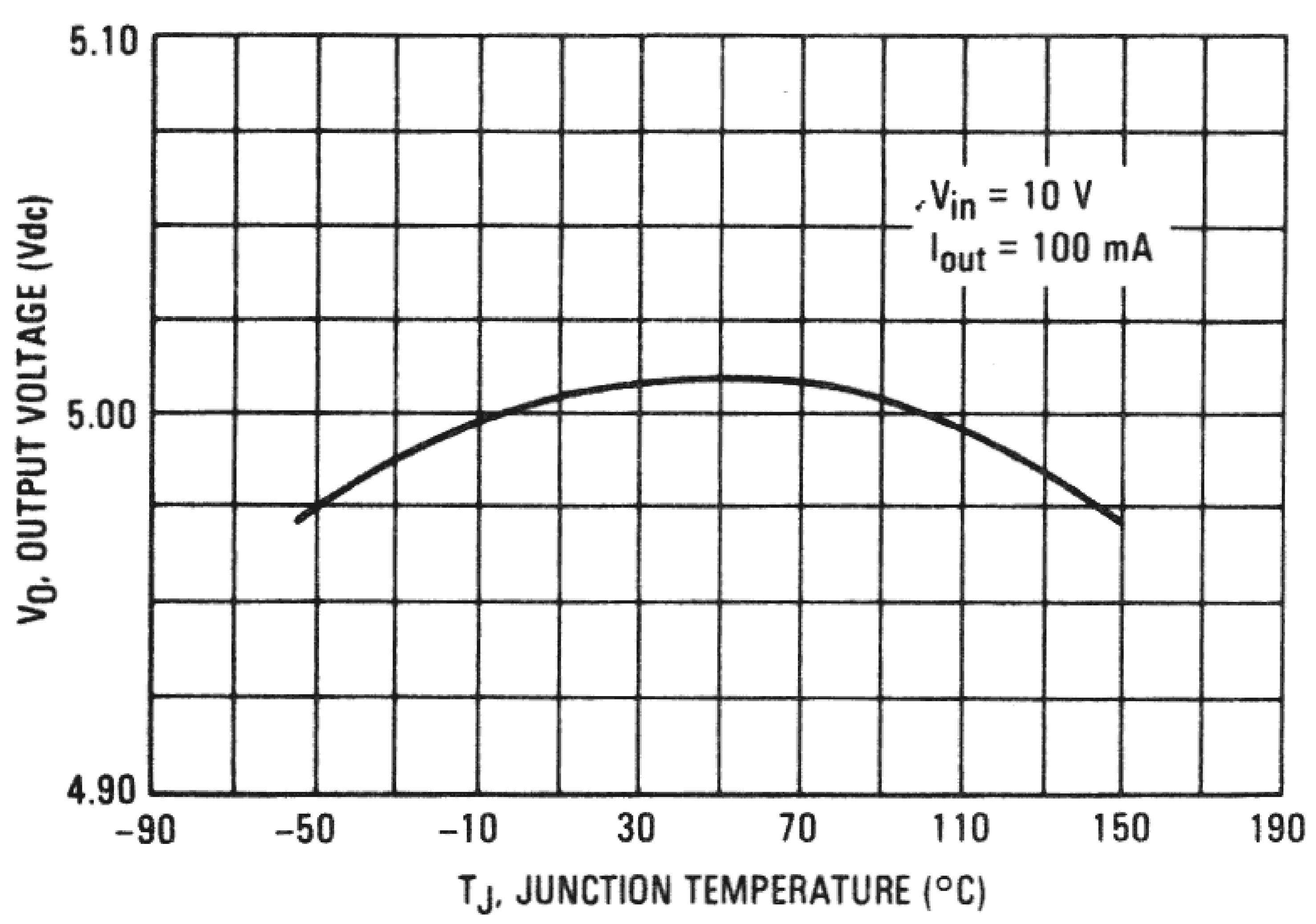


FIGURE 4 — OUTPUT IMPEDANCE

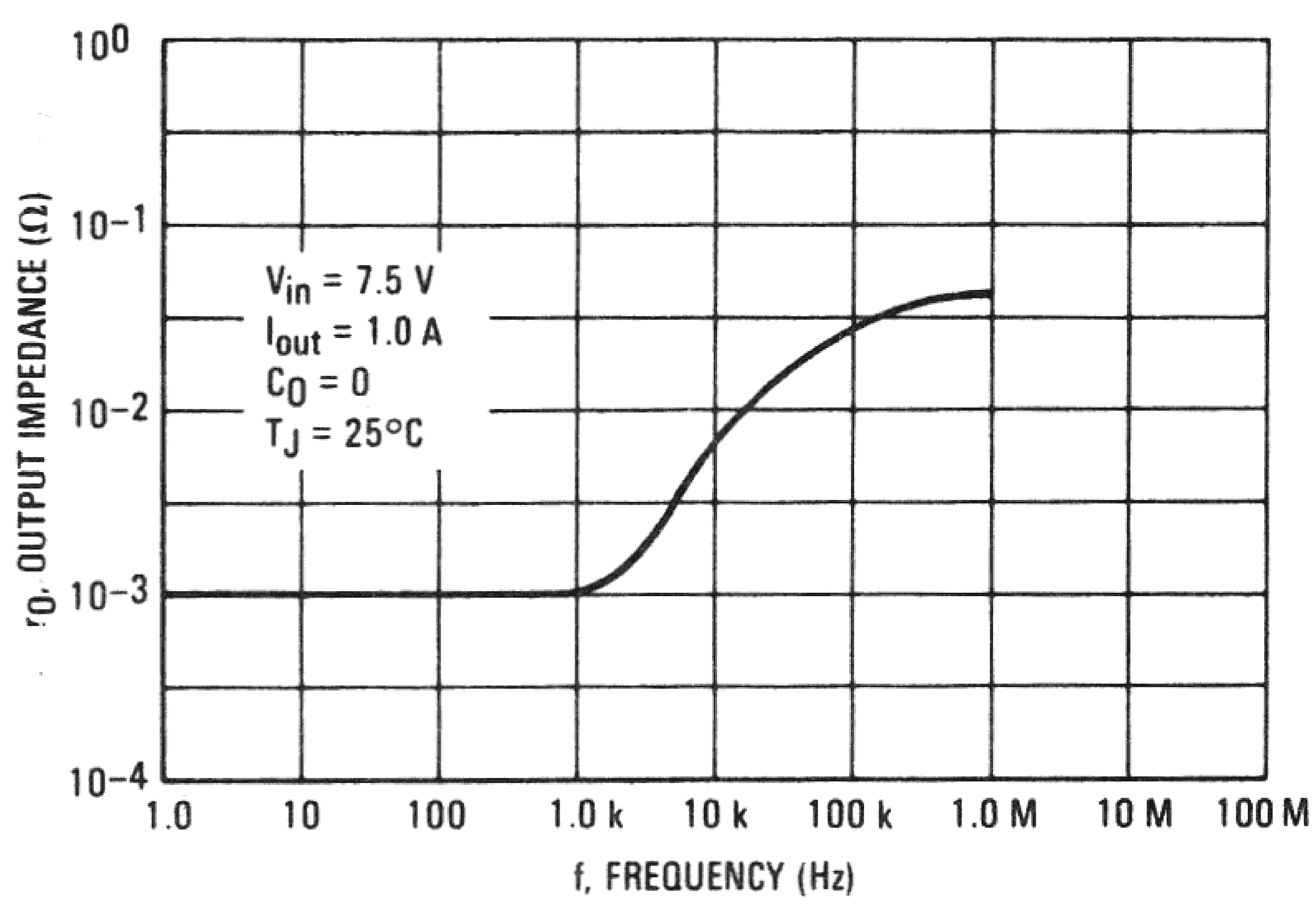


FIGURE 5 — RIPPLE REJECTION versus FREQUENCY

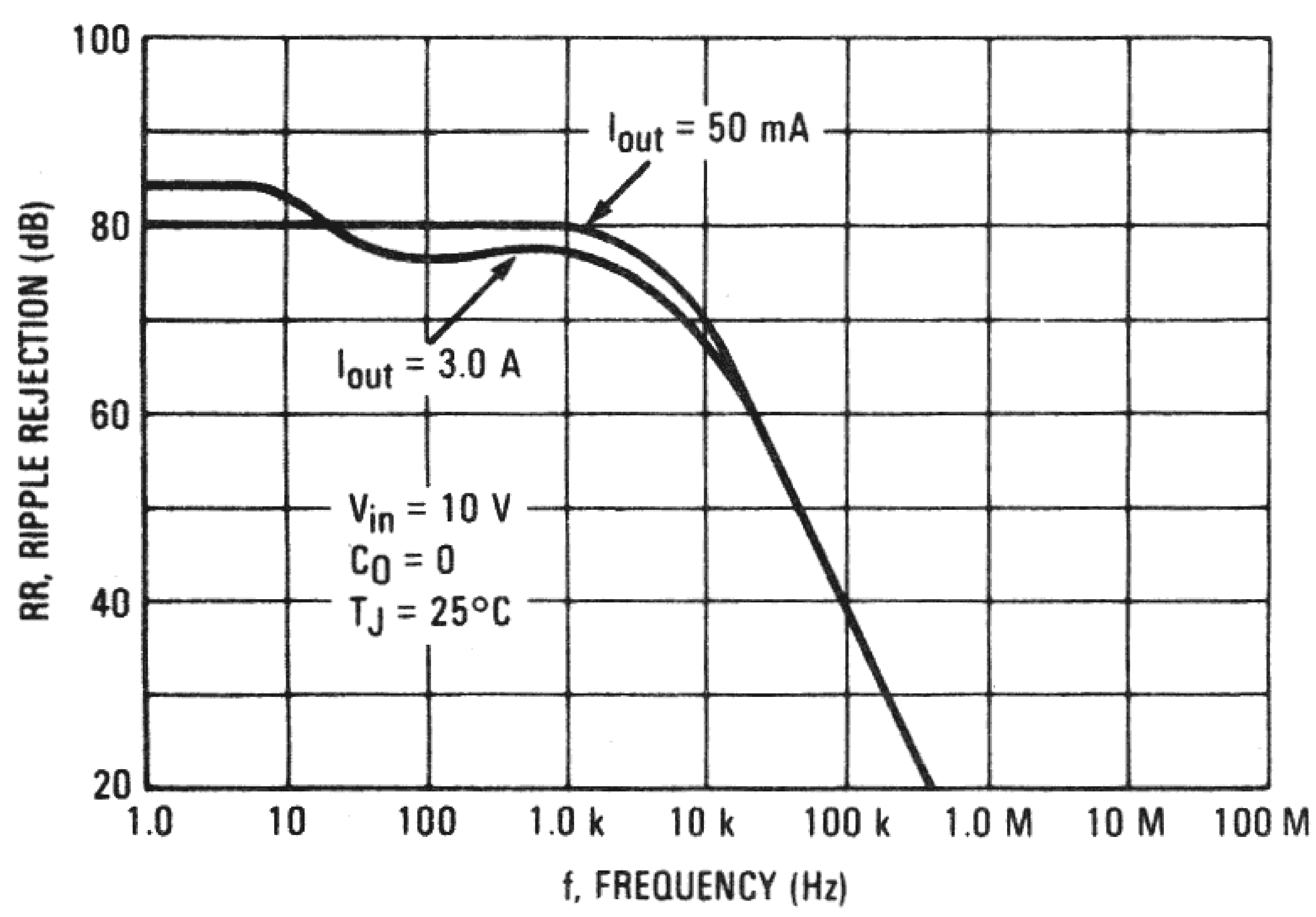


FIGURE 6 — RIPPLE REJECTION versus OUTPUT CURRENT

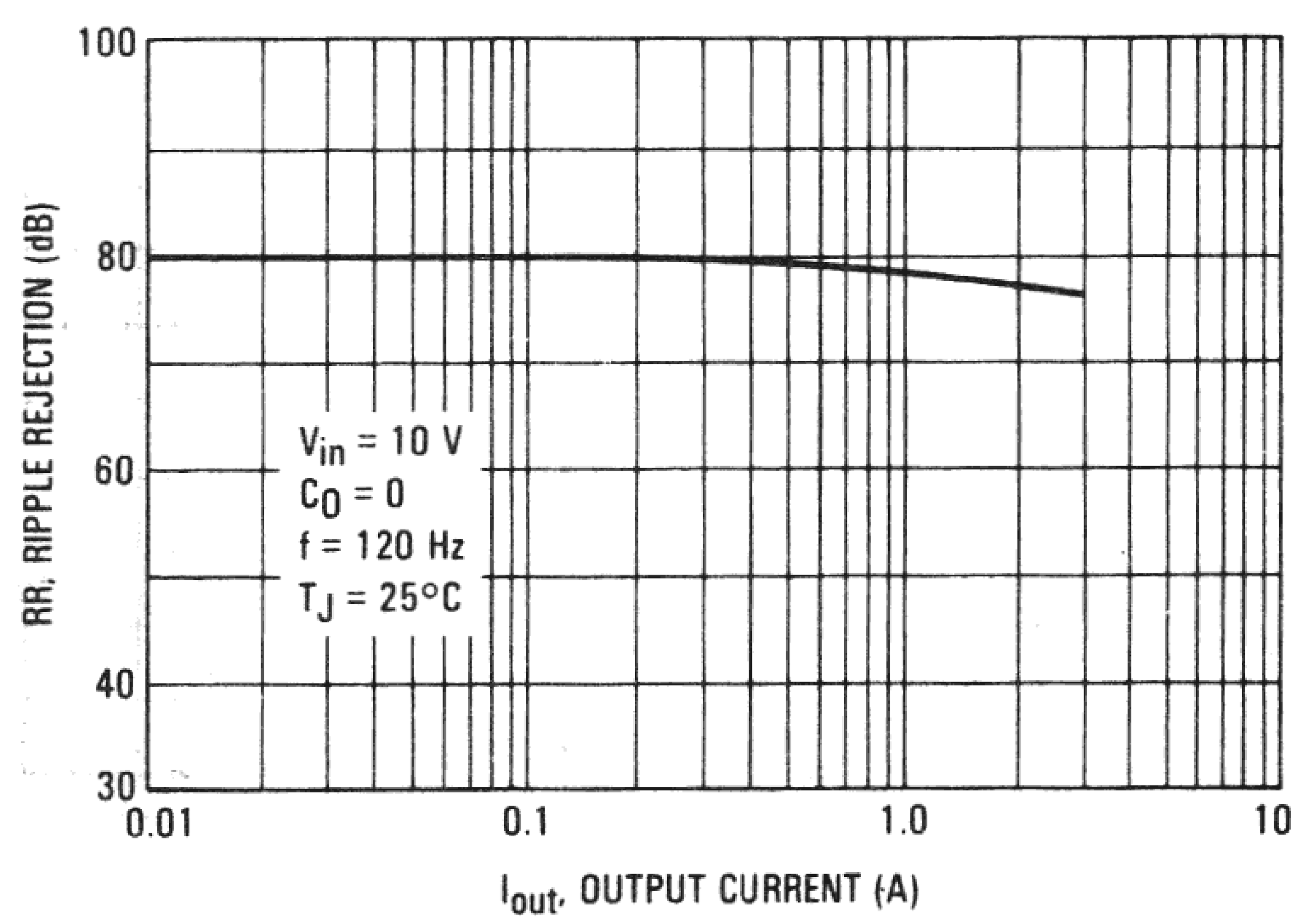


FIGURE 7 — QUIESCENT CURRENT versus INPUT VOLTAGE

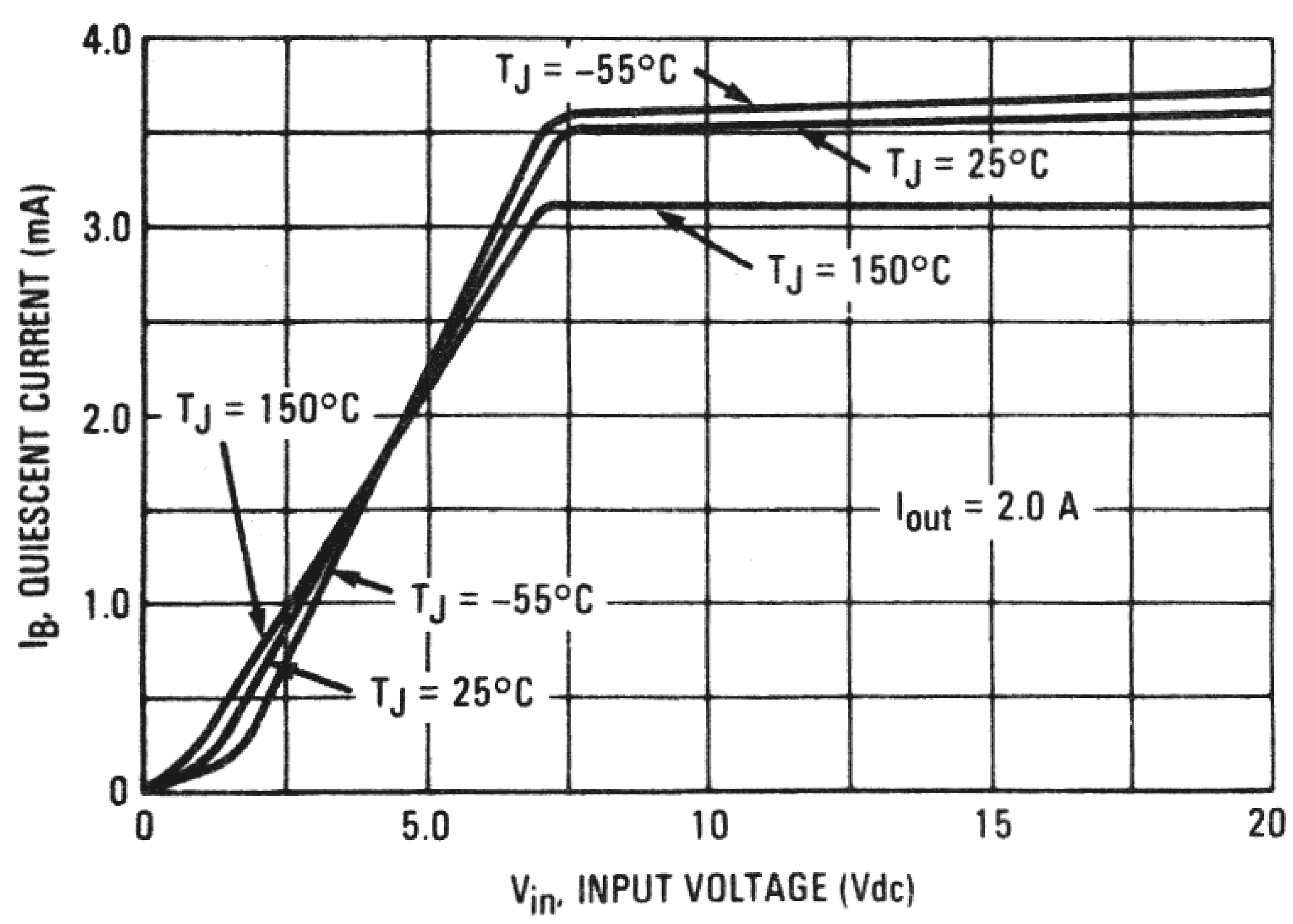


FIGURE 8 — QUIESCENT CURRENT versus OUTPUT CURRENT

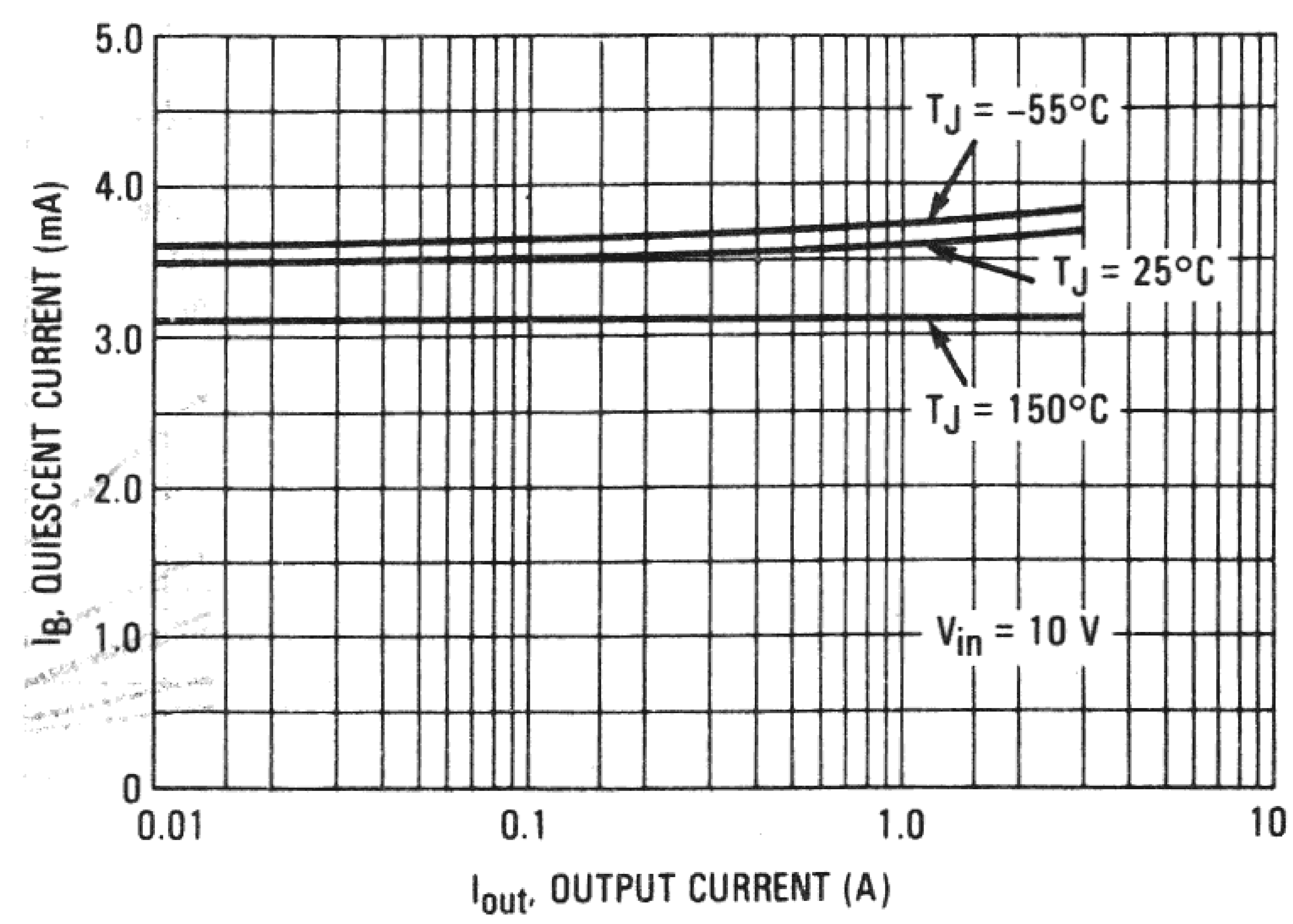


FIGURE 9 — DROPOUT VOLTAGE

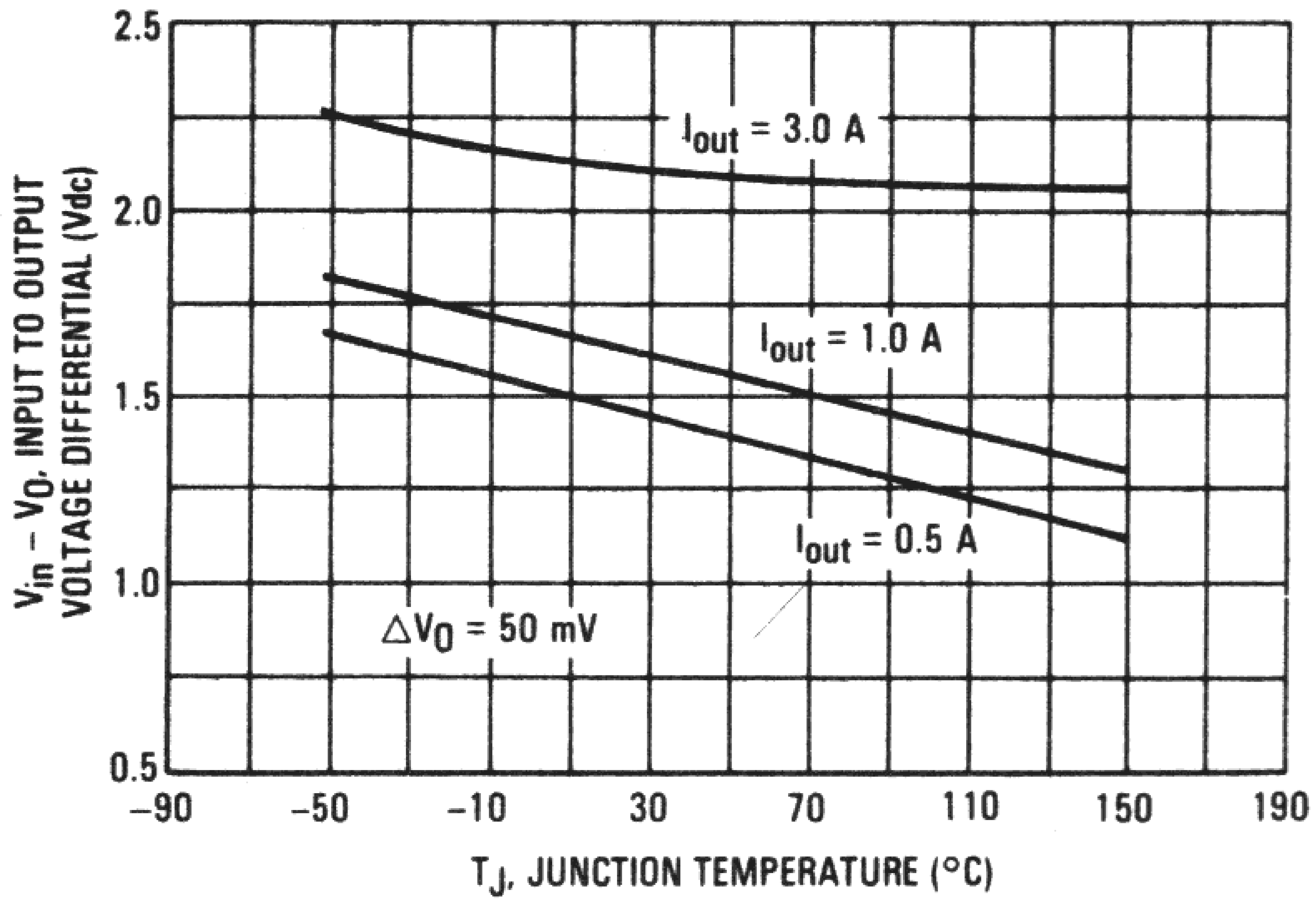


FIGURE 10 — SHORT CIRCUIT CURRENT

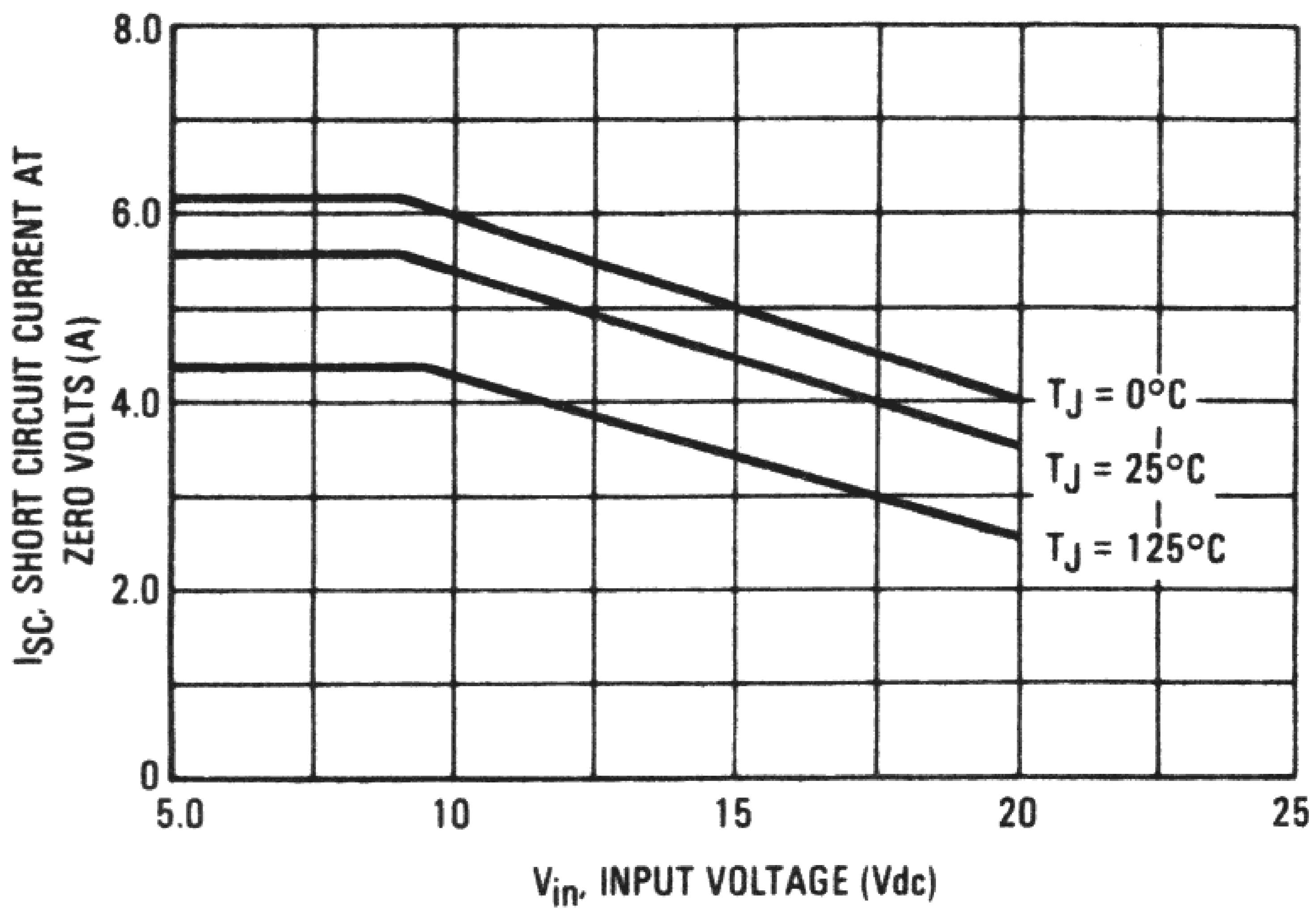


FIGURE 11 — LINE TRANSIENT RESPONSE

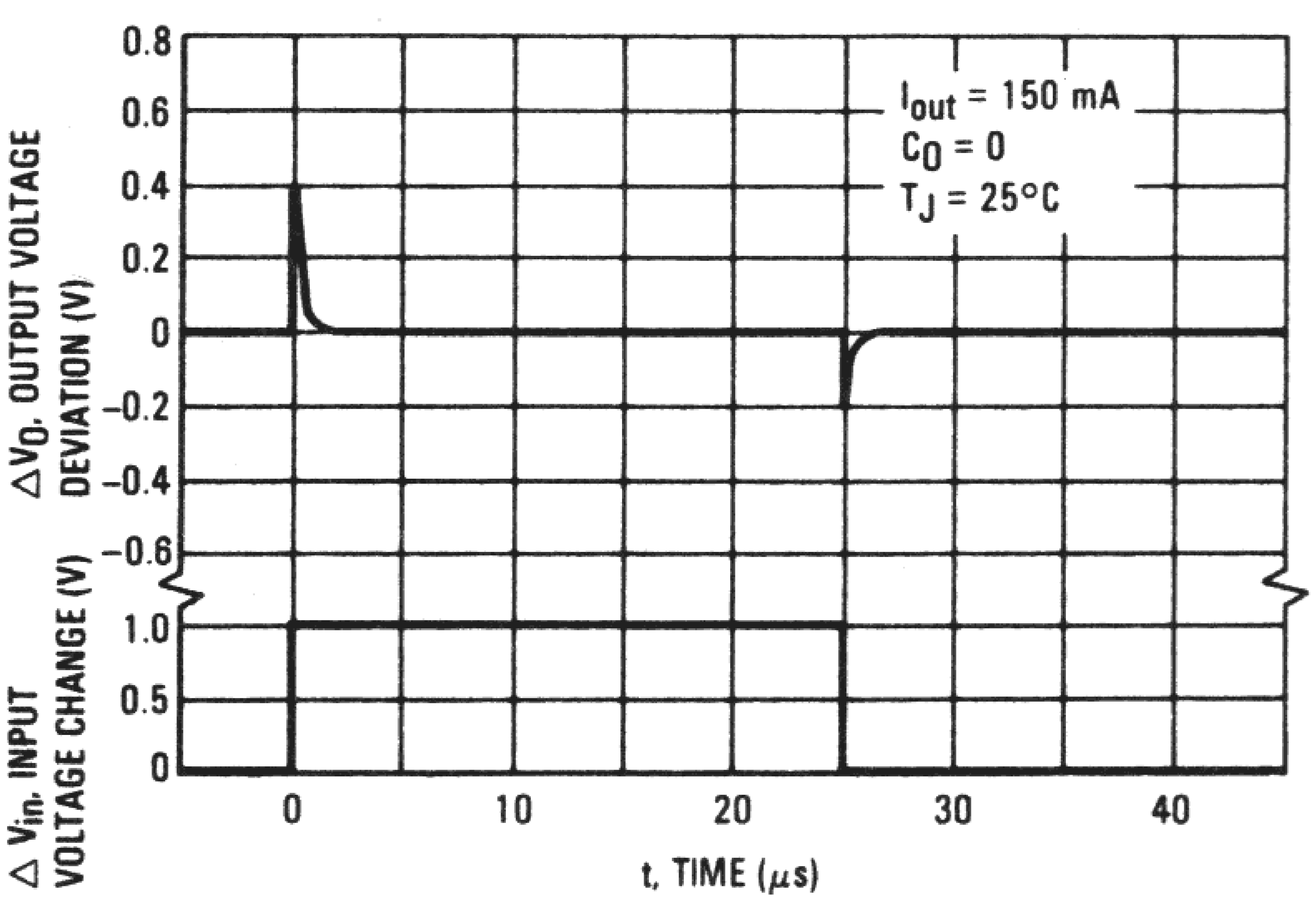


FIGURE 12 — LOAD TRANSIENT RESPONSE

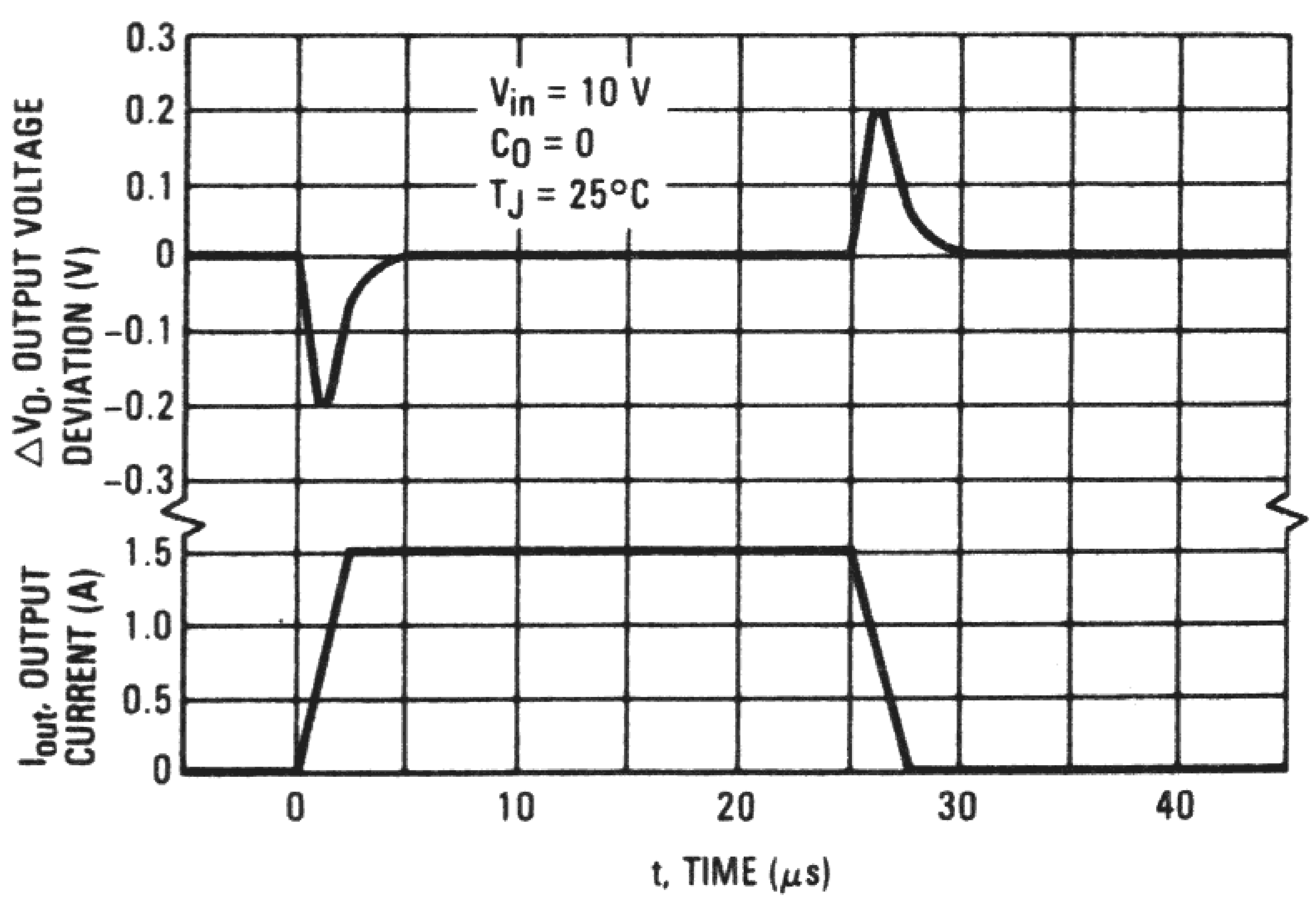


FIGURE 13 — MAXIMUM AVERAGE POWER DISSIPATION FOR LM123K and LM223K

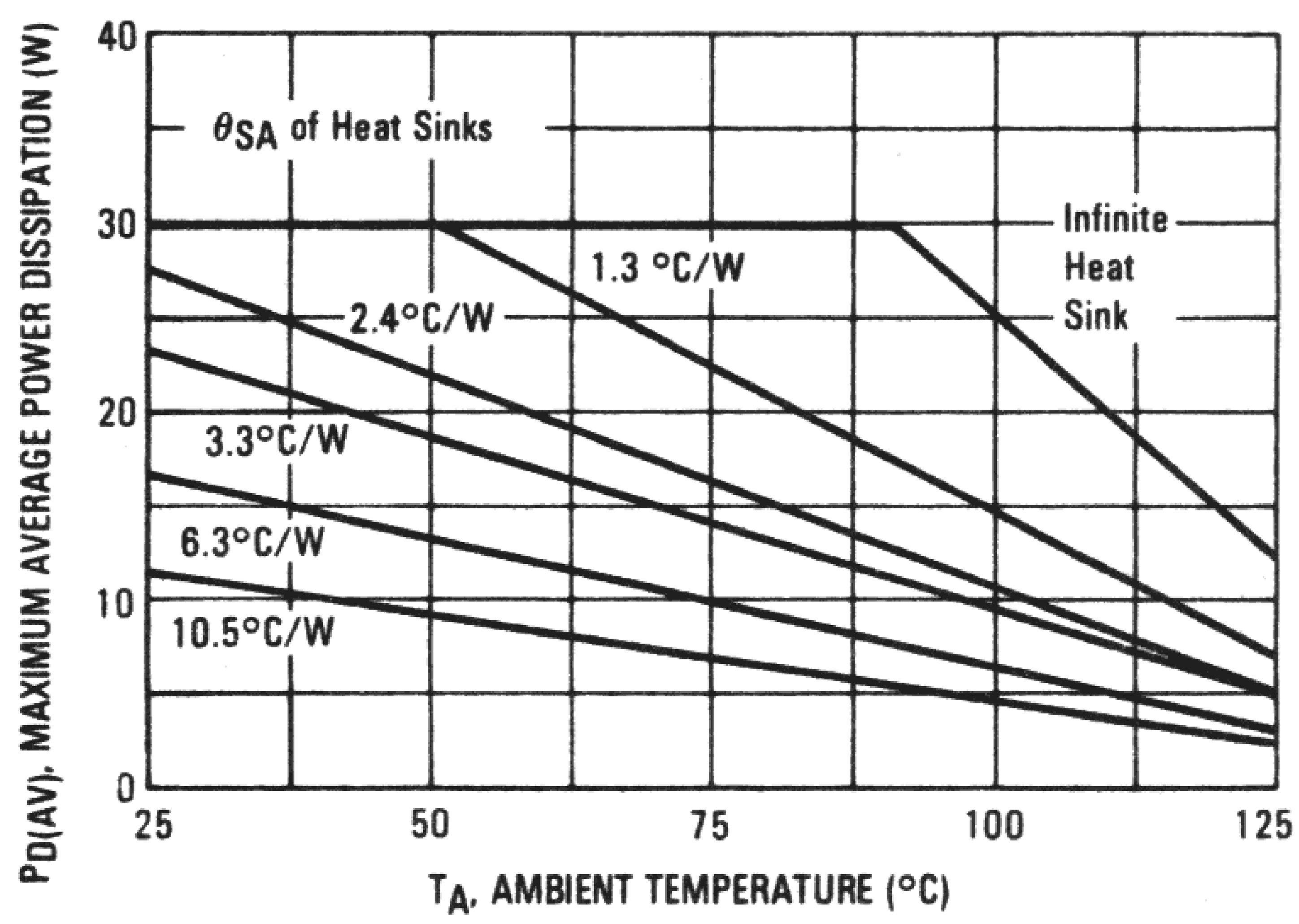
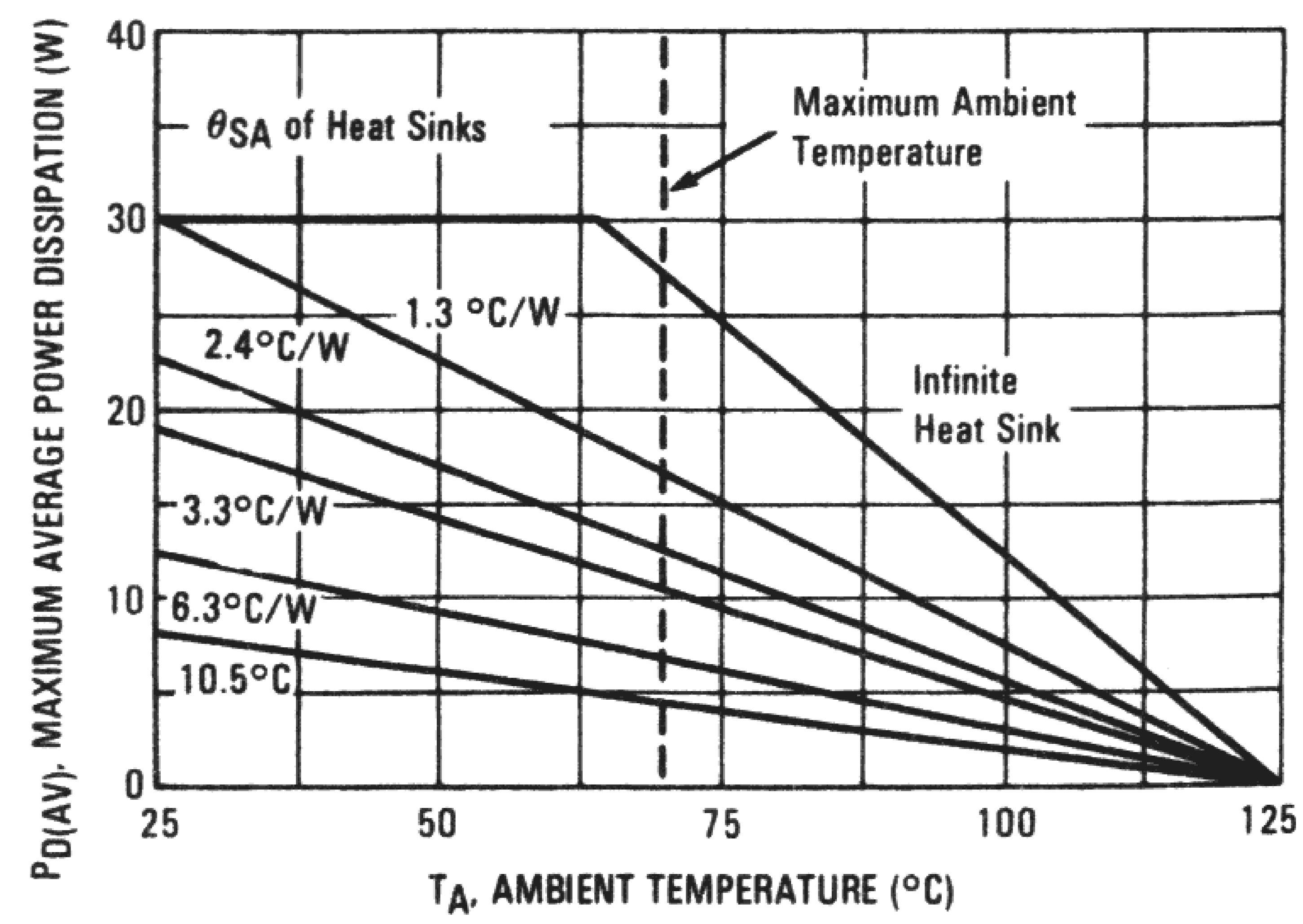


FIGURE 14 — MAXIMUM AVERAGE POWER DISSIPATION FOR LM323K



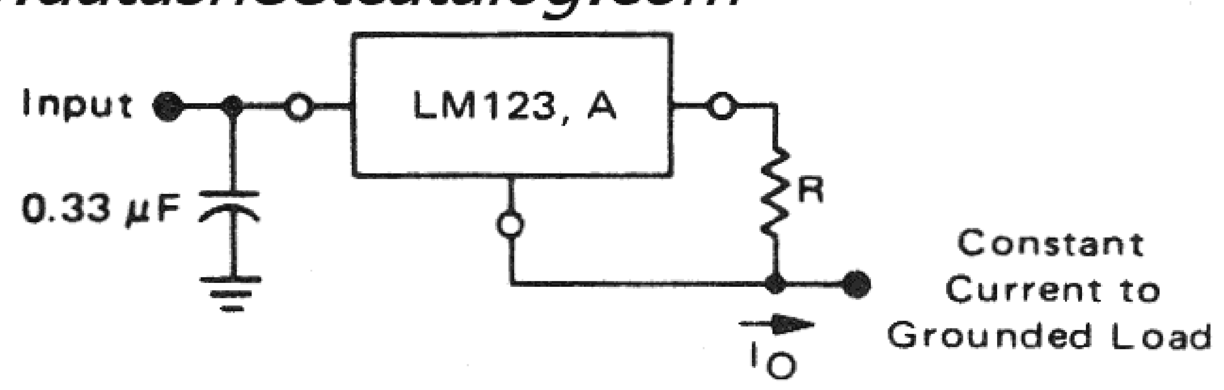
APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Design Considerations

The LM123,A Series of fixed voltage regulators are designed with Thermal Overload Protection that shuts down the circuit when subjected to an excessive power overload condition, Internal Short-Circuit Protection that limits the maximum current the circuit will pass, and Output Transistor Safe-Area Compensation that reduces the output short-circuit current as the voltage across the pass transistor is increased.

In many low current applications, compensation capacitors are not required. However, it is recommended that the regulator input be bypassed with a capacitor if the regulator is connected to the power supply filter with long wire lengths, or if the output load capacitance is large. An input bypass capacitor should be selected to provide good high-frequency characteristics to insure stable operation under all load conditions. A 0.33 μF or larger tantalum, mylar, or other capacitor having low internal impedance at high frequencies should be chosen. The bypass capacitor should be mounted with the shortest possible leads directly across the regulator's input terminals. Normally good construction techniques should be used to minimize ground loops and lead resistance drops since the regulator has no external sense lead.

FIGURE 15 — CURRENT REGULATOR



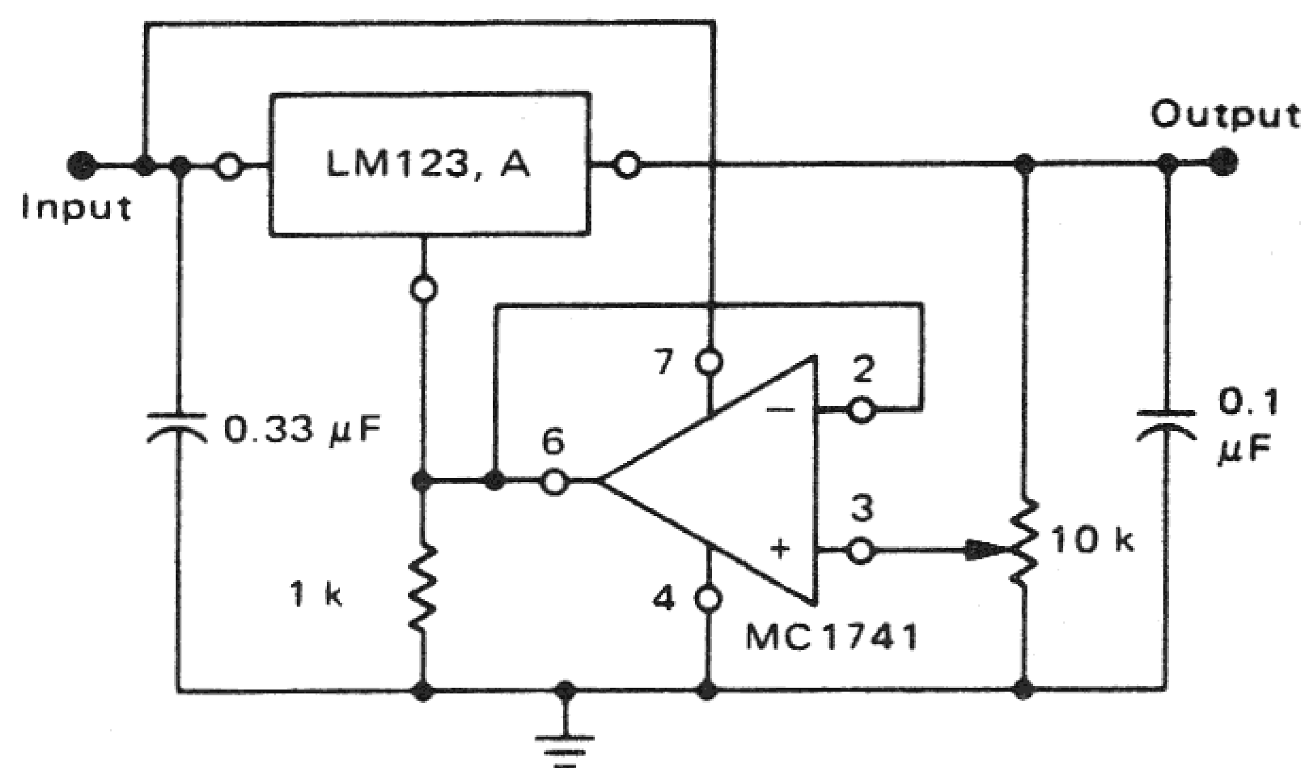
The LM123,A regulator can also be used as a current source when connected as above. Resistor R determines the current as follows:

$$I_O = \frac{5.0\ V}{R} + I_B$$

$\Delta I_B \cong 0.7$ mA over line, load and temperature changes
$I_B \cong 3.5$ mA

For example, a 2-ampere current source would require R to be a 2.5 ohm, 15 W resistor and the output voltage compliance would be the input voltage less 7.5 volts.

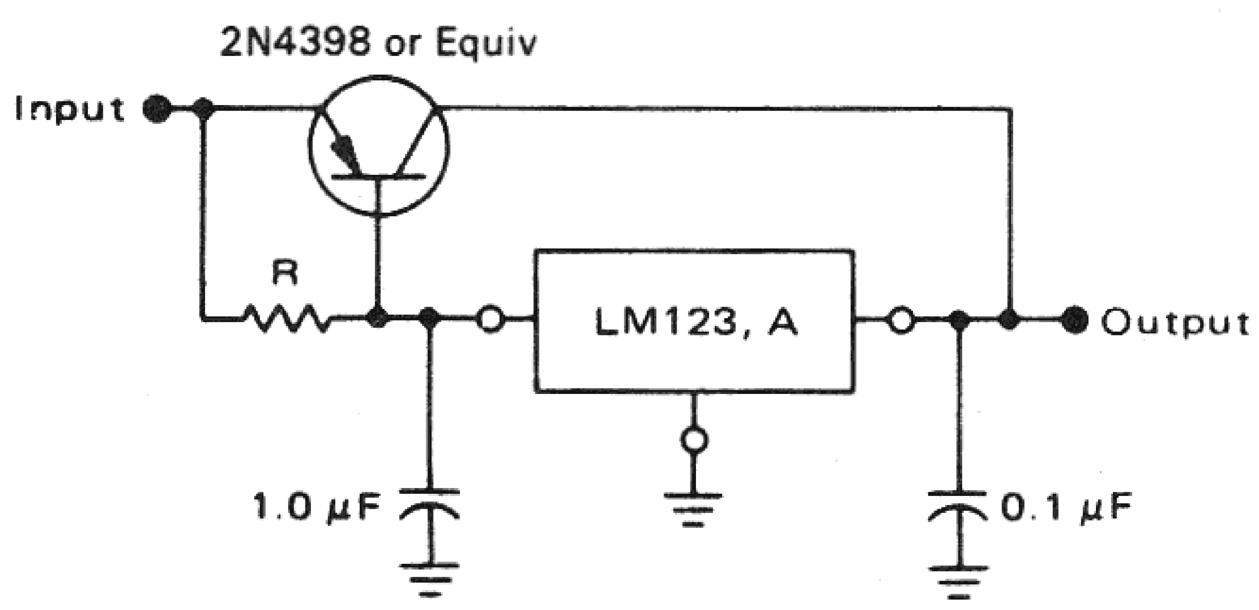
FIGURE 16 — ADJUSTABLE OUTPUT REGULATOR



V_O, 8.0 V to 20 V
$V_{in} - V_O \geq 2.5$ V

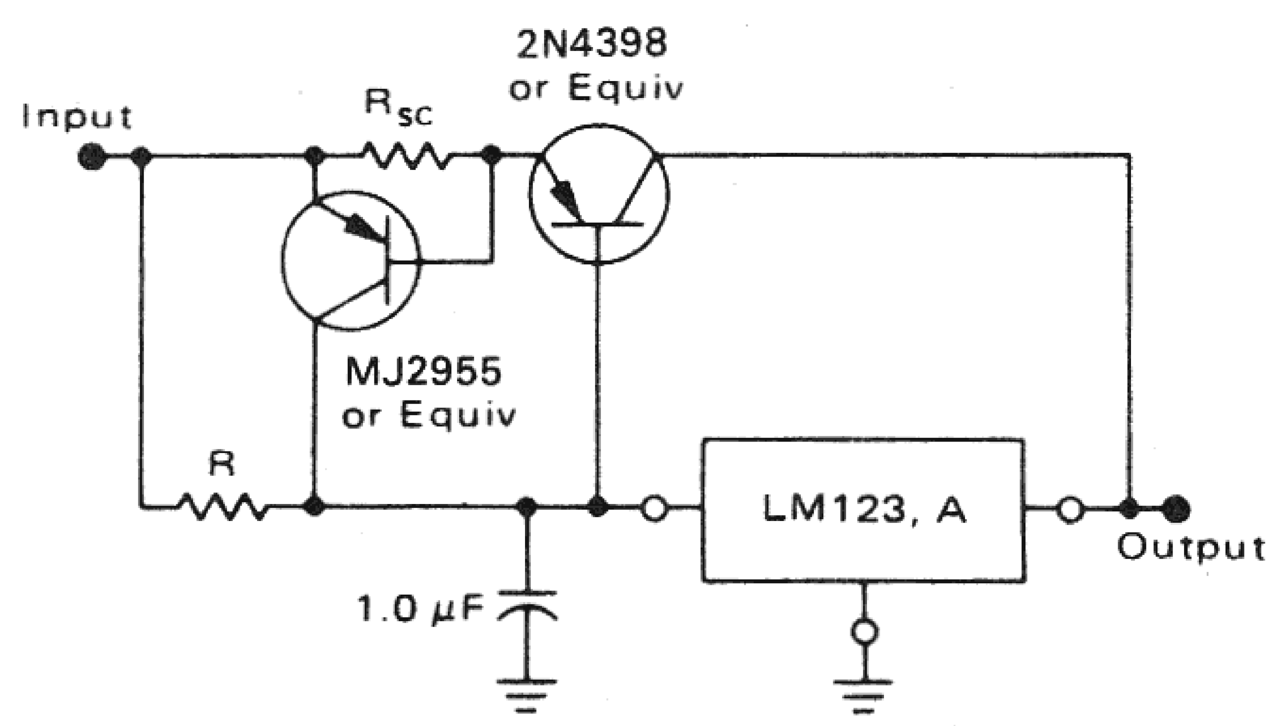
The addition of an operational amplifier allows adjustment to higher or intermediate values while retaining regulation characteristics. The minimum voltage obtainable with this arrangement is 3.0 volts greater than the regulator voltage.

FIGURE 17 — CURRENT BOOST REGULATOR



The LM123,A series can be current boosted with a PNP transistor. The 2N4398 provides current to 15 amperes. Resistor R in conjunction with the V_{BE} of the PNP determines when the pass transistor begins conducting; this circuit is not short-circuit proof. Input-output differential voltage minimum is increased by the V_{BE} of the pass transistor.

FIGURE 18 — CURRENT BOOST WITH SHORT-CIRCUIT PROTECTION



The circuit of Figure 17 can be modified to provide supply protection against short circuits by adding a short-circuit sense resistor, R_{SC}, and an additional PNP transistor. The current sensing PNP must be able to handle the short-circuit current of the three-terminal regulator. Therefore, an eight-ampere power transistor is specified.