

LM3940 1A Low Dropout Regulator for 5V to 3.3V Conversion

Check for Samples: [LM3940](#)

FEATURES

- Output voltage specified over temperature
- Excellent load regulation
- Specified 1A output current
- Requires only one external component
- Built-in protection against excess temperature
- Short circuit protected

APPLICATIONS

- Laptop/Desktop Computers
- Logic Systems

DESCRIPTION

The LM3940 is a 1A low dropout regulator designed to provide 3.3V from a 5V supply.

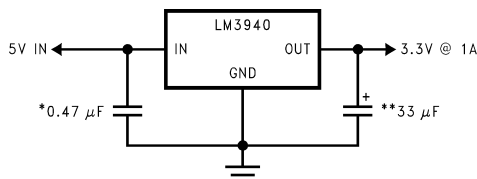
The LM3940 is ideally suited for systems which contain both 5V and 3.3V logic, with prime power provided from a 5V bus.

Because the LM3940 is a true low dropout regulator, it can hold its 3.3V output in regulation with input voltages as low as 4.5V.

The TO-220 package of the LM3940 means that in most applications the full 1A of load current can be delivered without using an additional heatsink.

The surface mount DDPAK/TO-263 package uses minimum board space, and gives excellent power dissipation capability when soldered to a copper plane on the PC board.

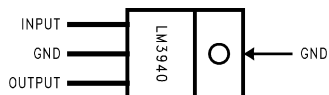
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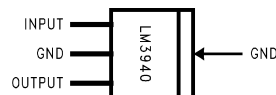
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**See [APPLICATION HINTS](#).

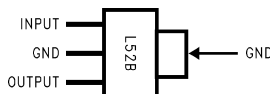
CONNECTION DIAGRAM



**Figure 1. 3-Lead TO-220 Package
(Front View)**
Drawing Number NDE00EB



**Figure 2. 3-Lead DDPAK/TO-263 Package
(Front View)**
Drawing Number KTT003B

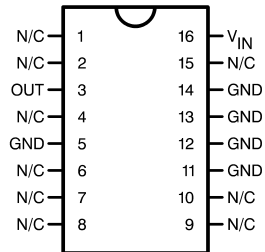


**Figure 3. 3-Lead SOT-223
(Front View)**
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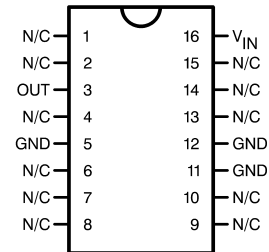


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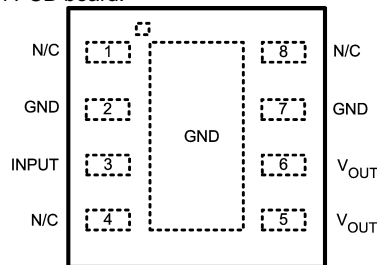


**Figure 4. 16-Lead CDIP
(Top View)
Drawing Number NFE0016A**



**Figure 5. 16-Lead CLGA
(Top View)
Drawing Number NAC0016A**

- A. Pin 2 and pin 7 are fused to center DAP.
- B. Pin 5 and 6 need to be tied together on PCB board.



**Figure 6. 8-Lead WSON
(Top View)^{(A)(B)}
Drawing Number NGN008A**



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.

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS⁽¹⁾

Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 5 seconds)	260°C
Power Dissipation ⁽²⁾	Internally Limited
Input Supply Voltage	7.5V
ESD Rating ⁽³⁾	2 kV

- (1) Absolute maximum ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the component may occur. Electrical specifications do not apply when operating the device outside of its rated operating conditions.
- (2) The maximum allowable power dissipation is a function of the maximum junction temperature, T_J , the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance, θ_{JA} , and the ambient temperature, T_A . Exceeding the maximum allowable power dissipation will cause excessive die temperature, and the regulator will go into thermal shutdown. The value of θ_{JA} (for devices in still air with no heatsink) is 60°C/W for the TO-220 package, 80°C/W for the DPAK/TO-263 package, and 174°C/W for the SOT-223 package. The effective value of θ_{JA} can be reduced by using a heatsink (see [APPLICATION HINTS](#) for specific information on heatsinking). The value of θ_{JA} for the WSON package is specifically dependant on PCB trace area, trace material, and the number of layers and thermal vias. For improved thermal resistance and power dissipation for the WSON package, refer to Application Note AN-1187 [SNOA401](#). The θ_{JA} rating for the WSON is with a JESD51-7 test board having 6 thermal vias under the exposed pad.
- (3) ESD rating is based on the human body model: 100 pF discharged through 1.5 kΩ.

Operating Ratings ⁽¹⁾

Junction Temperature Range, T_J	-40°C to +125°C
Input Supply Voltage, $V_{IN(MIN)}$	$V_O + V_{DO}$

- (1) Absolute maximum ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the component may occur. Electrical specifications do not apply when operating the device outside of its rated operating conditions.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Limits in standard typeface are for $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and limits in **boldface type** apply over the full operating temperature range. Unless otherwise specified: $V_{IN} = 5\text{V}$, $I_L = 1\text{A}$, $C_{OUT} = 33\ \mu\text{F}$.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Typical	LM3940 ⁽¹⁾		Units
				min	max	
V_O	Output Voltage	$5\text{ mA} \leq I_L \leq 1\text{ A}$	3.3	3.20 3.13	3.40 3.47	V
$\frac{\Delta V_O}{\Delta V_I}$ (1)	Line Regulation	$I_L = 5\text{ mA}$ $4.5\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{ V}$	20		40	mV
$\frac{\Delta V_O}{I_L}$ (2)	Load Regulation	$50\text{ mA} \leq I_L \leq 1\text{ A}$	35		50 80	
Z_O	Output Impedance	I_L (DC) = 100 mA I_L (AC) = 20 mA (rms) $f = 120\text{ Hz}$	35			mΩ
I_Q	Quiescent Current	$4.5\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{ V}$ $I_L = 5\text{ mA}$	10		15 20	mA
		$V_{IN} = 5\text{ V}$ $I_L = 1\text{ A}$	110		200 250	
e_n	Output Noise Voltage	BW = 10 Hz–100 kHz $I_L = 5\text{ mA}$	150			μV (rms)
V_{DO}	Dropout Voltage ⁽²⁾	$I_L = 1\text{ A}$	0.5		0.8 1.0	V
		$I_L = 100\text{ mA}$	110		150 200	mV
$I_L(\text{SC})$	Short Circuit Current	$R_L = 0$	1.7	1.2		A

- (1) All limits specified for $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ are 100% tested and are used to calculate Outgoing Quality Levels. All limits at temperature extremes are verified via correlation using standard Statistical Quality Control (SQC) methods.
- (2) Dropout voltage is defined as the input-output differential voltage where the regulator output drops to a value that is 100 mV below the value that is measured at $V_{IN} = 5\text{V}$.

THERMAL PERFORMANCE

Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Case, θ_{JC}	3-Lead TO-220	4	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
	3-Lead DDPAK/TO-263	4	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
	8-Lead WSON	6	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient, θ_{JA}	3-Lead TO-220	60	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
	3-Lead DDPAK/TO-263	80	$^\circ\text{C/W}$
	8-Lead WSON ⁽¹⁾	35	$^\circ\text{C/W}$

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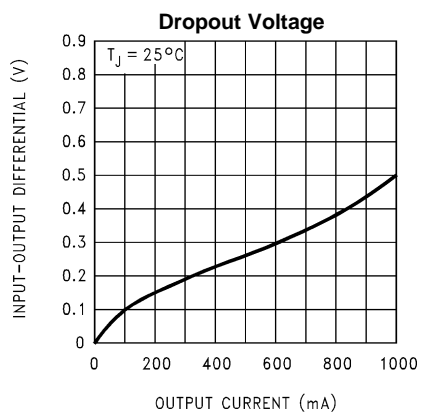


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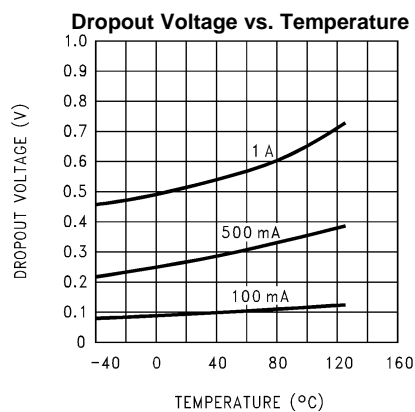


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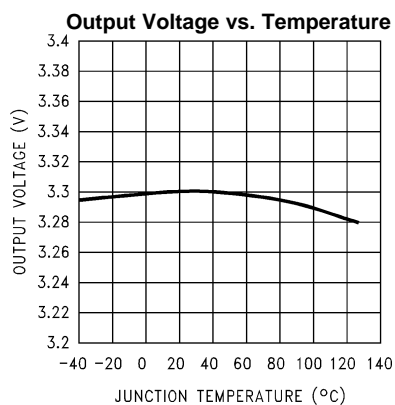


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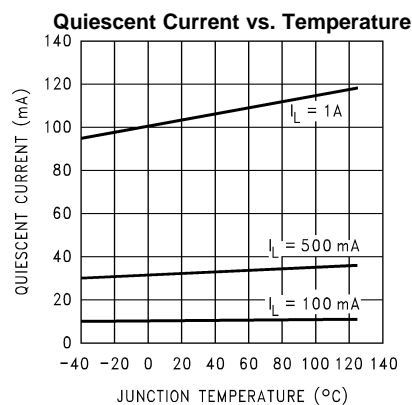


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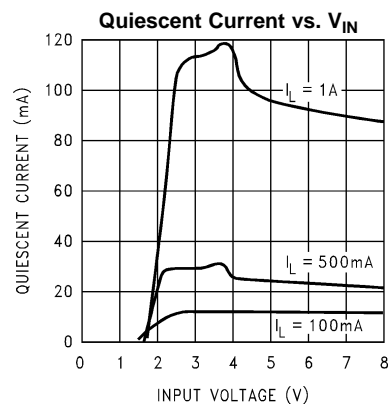


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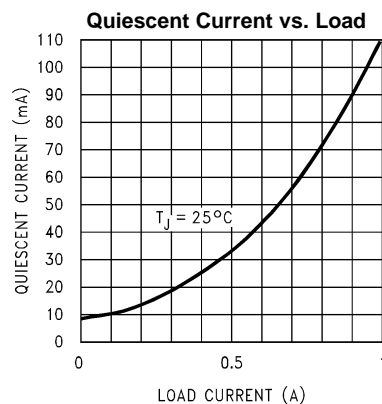


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TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

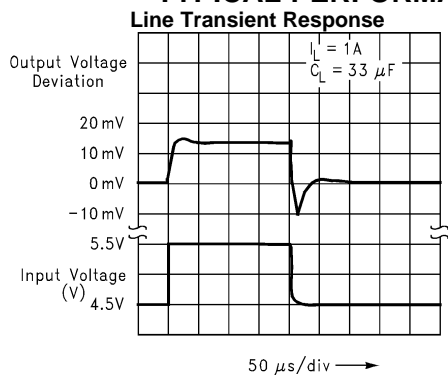


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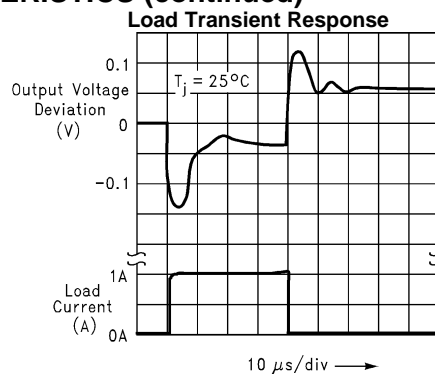


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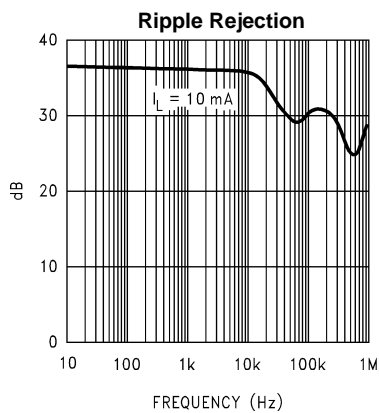


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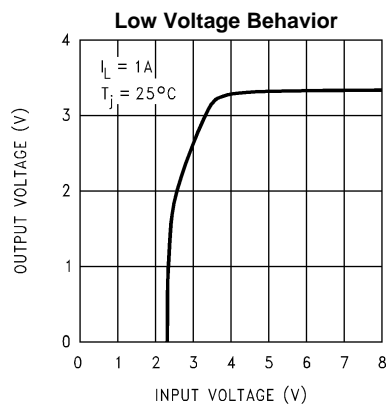


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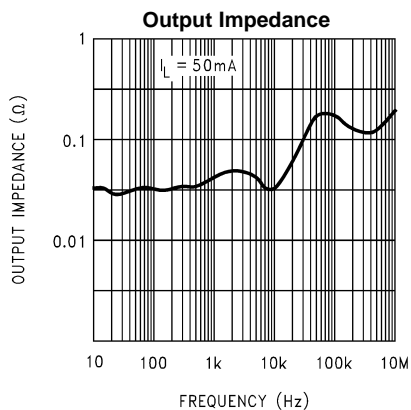


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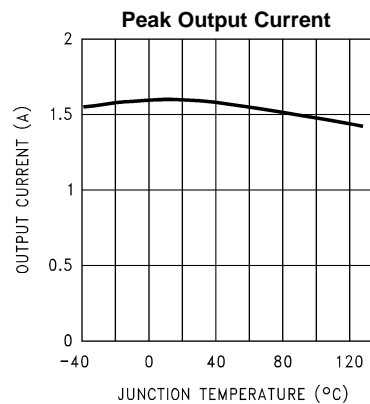


Figure 18.

APPLICATION HINTS

EXTERNAL CAPACITORS

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

MINIMUM CAPACITANCE:

The minimum output capacitance required to maintain stability is 33 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 [Figure 19](#). ***It is essential that the output capacitor meet these requirements, or oscillations can result.***

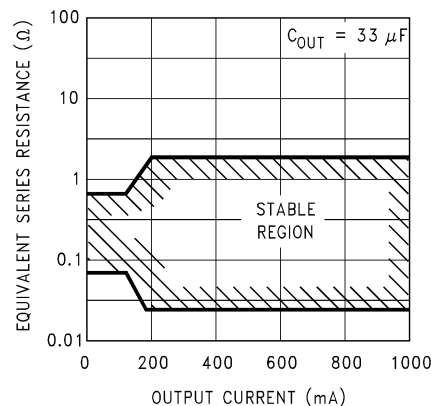


Figure 19. ESR Limits

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.

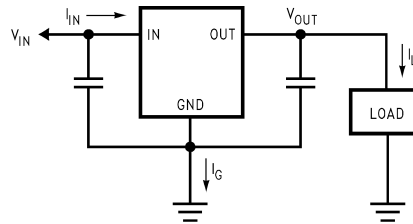
If two capacitors are paralleled, the effective ESR is the parallel of the two individual values. The “flatter” ESR of the Tantalum will keep the effective ESR from rising as quickly at low temperatures.

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 20](#) 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 20. Power Dissipation Diagram

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 commercial grade parts.

T_A (max) is the maximum ambient temperature which will be encountered in the application.

Using the calculated values for T_R (max) and P_D , the maximum allowable value for the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance, $\theta_{(JA)}$, can now be found:

$$\theta_{(JA)} = T_R \text{ (max)} / P_D$$

IMPORTANT: If the maximum allowable value for $\theta_{(JA)}$ is found to be $\geq 60^\circ\text{C/W}$ 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 $\theta_{(JA)}$ falls below these limits, a heatsink is required.

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 $\theta_{(JA)}$ will be the same as shown in the [HEATSINKING TO-263](#) section for the DDPAK/TO-263.

If a manufactured heatsink is to be selected, the value of heatsink-to-ambient thermal resistance, $\theta_{(H-A)}$, must first be calculated:

$$\theta_{(H-A)} = \theta_{(JA)} - \theta_{(C-H)} - \theta_{(J-C)}$$

Where: $\theta_{(J-C)}$ is defined as the thermal resistance from the junction to the surface of the case. A value of 4°C/W can be assumed for $\theta_{(J-C)}$ for this calculation.

$\theta_{(C-H)}$ is defined as the thermal resistance between the case and the surface of the heatsink. The value of $\theta_{(C-H)}$ 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 $\theta_{(C-H)}$.

When a value for $\theta_{(H-A)}$ is found using the equation shown above, *a heatsink must be selected that has a value that is less than or equal to this number.*

$\theta_{(H-A)}$ 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.

HEATSINKING DDPAK/TO-263 AND SOT-223 PACKAGE PARTS

Both the DDPAK/TO-263 ("KTT") and SOT-223 ("DCY") 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 21](#) shows for the DDPAK/TO-263 the measured values of $\theta_{(JA)}$ for different copper area sizes using a typical PCB with 1 ounce copper and no solder mask over the copper area used for heatsinking.

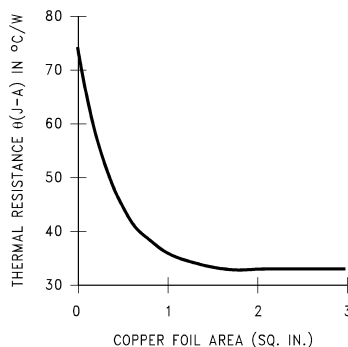


Figure 21. $\theta_{(JA)}$ vs. Copper (1 ounce) Area for the DDPAK/TO-263 Package

As shown in [Figure 21](#), increasing the copper area beyond 1 square inch produces very little improvement. It should also be observed that the minimum value of $\theta_{(JA)}$ for the DDPAK/TO-263 package mounted to a PCB is 32°C/W.

As a design aid, [Figure 22](#) shows the maximum allowable power dissipation compared to ambient temperature for the DDPAK/TO-263 device (assuming $\theta_{(JA)}$ is 35°C/W and the maximum junction temperature is 125°C).

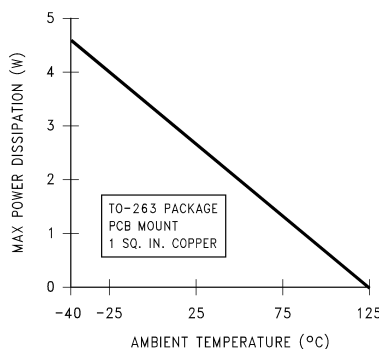


Figure 22. Maximum Power Dissipation vs. T_{AMB} for the DDPAK/TO-263 Package

[Figure 23](#) and [Figure 24](#) show the information for the SOT-223 package. [Figure 24](#) assumes a $\theta_{(JA)}$ of 74°C/W for 1 ounce copper and 51°C/W for 2 ounce copper and a maximum junction temperature of 125°C.

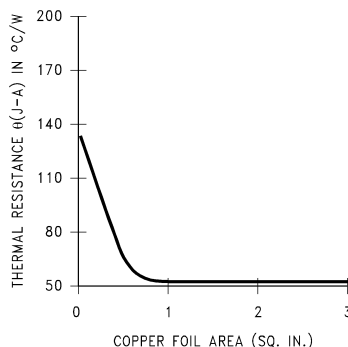


Figure 23. $\theta_{(JA)}$ vs. Copper (2 ounce) Area for the SOT-223 Package

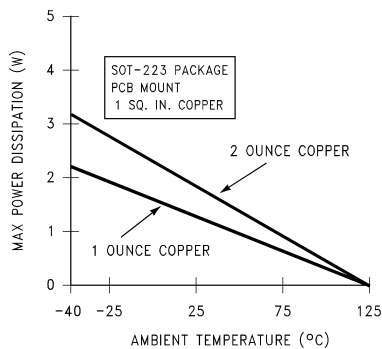


Figure 24. Maximum Power Dissipation vs. T_{AMB} for the SOT-223 Package

Please see AN1028 for power enhancement techniques to be used with the SOT-223 package.

REVISION HISTORY

Changes from Revision D (March 2013) to Revision E	Page
• Changed layout of National Data Sheet to TI format	9

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
LM3940IMP-3.3	NRND	SOT-223	DCY	4	1000	TBD	Call TI	Call TI	-40 to 125	L52B	
LM3940IMP-3.3/NOPB	ACTIVE	SOT-223	DCY	4	1000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	L52B	Samples
LM3940IMPX-3.3	NRND	SOT-223	DCY	4	2000	TBD	Call TI	Call TI	-40 to 125	L52B	
LM3940IMPX-3.3/NOPB	ACTIVE	SOT-223	DCY	4	2000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	L52B	Samples
LM3940IS-3.3	NRND	DDPAK/ TO-263	KTT	3	45	TBD	Call TI	Call TI	-40 to 125	LM3940IS -3.3 P+	
LM3940IS-3.3/NOPB	ACTIVE	DDPAK/ TO-263	KTT	3	45	Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt)	CU SN	Level-3-245C-168 HR	-40 to 125	LM3940IS -3.3 P+	Samples
LM3940ISX-3.3	NRND	DDPAK/ TO-263	KTT	3	500	TBD	Call TI	Call TI	-40 to 125	LM3940IS -3.3 P+	
LM3940ISX-3.3/NOPB	ACTIVE	DDPAK/ TO-263	KTT	3	500	Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt)	CU SN	Level-3-245C-168 HR	-40 to 125	LM3940IS -3.3 P+	Samples
LM3940IT-3.3	NRND	TO-220	NDE	3	45	TBD	Call TI	Call TI	-40 to 125	LM3940IT -3.3 P+	
LM3940IT-3.3/NOPB	ACTIVE	TO-220	NDE	3	45	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-NA-UNLIM	-40 to 125	LM3940IT -3.3 P+	Samples

(1) The marketing status values are defined as follows:

ACTIVE: Product device recommended for new designs.

LIFEBUY: TI has announced that the device will be discontinued, and a lifetime-buy period is in effect.

NRND: Not recommended for new designs. Device is in production to support existing customers, but TI does not recommend using this part in a new design.

PREVIEW: Device has been announced but is not in production. Samples may or may not be available.

OBSELETE: TI has discontinued the production of the device.

(2) Eco Plan - The planned eco-friendly classification: Pb-Free (RoHS), Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt), or Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br) - please check <http://www.ti.com/productcontent> for the latest availability information and additional product content details.

TBD: The Pb-Free/Green conversion plan has not been defined.

Pb-Free (RoHS): TI's terms "Lead-Free" or "Pb-Free" mean semiconductor products that are compatible with the current RoHS requirements for all 6 substances, including the requirement that lead not exceed 0.1% by weight in homogeneous materials. Where designed to be soldered at high temperatures, TI Pb-Free products are suitable for use in specified lead-free processes.

Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt): This component has a RoHS exemption for either 1) lead-based flip-chip solder bumps used between the die and package, or 2) lead-based die adhesive used between the die and leadframe. The component is otherwise considered Pb-Free (RoHS compatible) as defined above.

Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br): TI defines "Green" to mean Pb-Free (RoHS compatible), and free of Bromine (Br) and Antimony (Sb) based flame retardants (Br or Sb do not exceed 0.1% by weight in homogeneous material)

- (3) MSL, Peak Temp. - The Moisture Sensitivity Level rating according to the JEDEC industry standard classifications, and peak solder temperature.
- (4) There may be additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category on the device.
- (5) Multiple Device Markings will be inside parentheses. Only one Device Marking contained in parentheses and separated by a "~" will appear on a device. If a line is indented then it is a continuation of the previous line and the two combined represent the entire Device Marking for that device.
- (6) Lead/Ball Finish - Orderable Devices may have multiple material finish options. Finish options are separated by a vertical ruled line. Lead/Ball Finish values may wrap to two lines if the finish value exceeds the maximum column width.

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TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION


*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
LM3940IMP-3.3	SOT-223	DCY	4	1000	330.0	16.4	7.0	7.5	2.2	12.0	16.0	Q3
LM3940IMP-3.3/NOPB	SOT-223	DCY	4	1000	330.0	16.4	7.0	7.5	2.2	12.0	16.0	Q3
LM3940IMPX-3.3	SOT-223	DCY	4	2000	330.0	16.4	7.0	7.5	2.2	12.0	16.0	Q3
LM3940IMPX-3.3/NOPB	SOT-223	DCY	4	2000	330.0	16.4	7.0	7.5	2.2	12.0	16.0	Q3
LM3940ISX-3.3	DDPAK/TO-263	KTT	3	500	330.0	24.4	10.75	14.85	5.0	16.0	24.0	Q2
LM3940ISX-3.3/NOPB	DDPAK/TO-263	KTT	3	500	330.0	24.4	10.75	14.85	5.0	16.0	24.0	Q2

TAPE AND REEL BOX DIMENSIONS



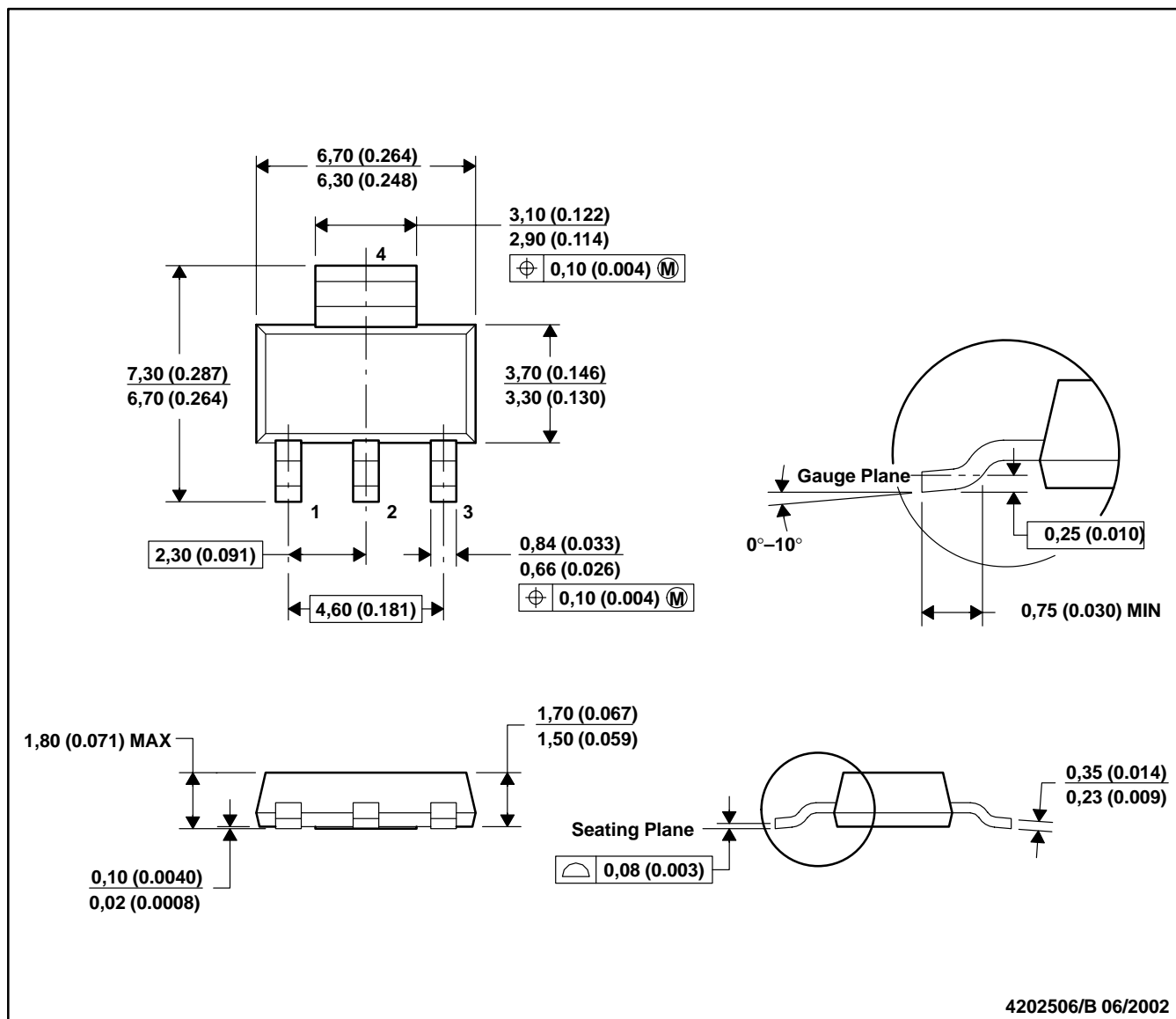
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LM3940IMPX-3.3	SOT-223	DCY	4	2000	367.0	367.0	35.0
LM3940IMPX-3.3/NOPB	SOT-223	DCY	4	2000	367.0	367.0	35.0
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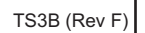


DCY (R-PDSO-G4)

PLASTIC SMALL-OUTLINE



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