



## LM317 3-Terminal Adjustable Regulator

### 1 Features

- Output voltage range adjustable from 1.25 V to 37 V
- Output current greater than 1.5 A
- Internal short-circuit current limiting
- Thermal overload protection
- Output safe-area compensation

### 2 Applications

- ATCA solutions
- DLP: 3D biometrics, hyperspectral imaging, optical networking, and spectroscopy
- DVR and DVS
- Desktop PCs
- Digital signage and still cameras
- ECG electrocardiograms
- EV HEV chargers: levels 1, 2, and 3
- Electronic shelf labels
- Energy harvesting
- Ethernet switches
- Femto base stations
- Fingerprint and iris biometrics
- HVAC: heating, ventilating, and air conditioning
- High-speed data acquisition and generation
- Hydraulic valves
- IP phones: wired and wireless
- Intelligent occupancy sensing
- Motor controls: brushed DC, brushless DC, low-voltage, permanent magnet, and stepper motors
- Point-to-point microwave backhauls
- Power bank solutions
- Power line communication modems
- Power over ethernet (PoE)
- Power quality meters
- Power substation controls
- Private branch exchanges (PBX)
- Programmable logic controllers
- RFID readers
- Refrigerators
- Signal or waveform generators
- Software-defined radios (SDR)
- Washing machines: high-end and low-end
- X-rays: baggage scanners, medical, and dental

### 3 Description

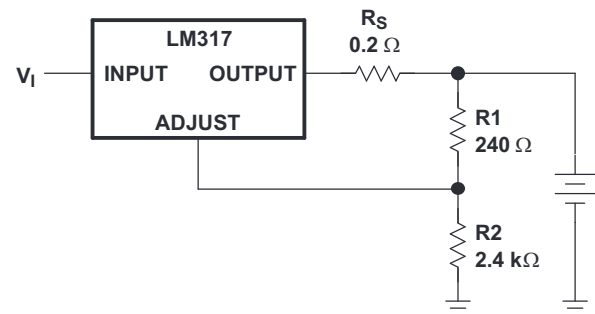
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#### Device Information<sup>(1)</sup>

| PART NUMBER | PACKAGE     | BODY SIZE (NOM)    |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| LM317DCY    | SOT-223 (4) | 6.50 mm × 3.50 mm  |
| LM317KCS    | TO-220 (3)  | 10.16 mm × 9.15 mm |
| LM317KCT    | TO-220 (3)  | 10.16 mm × 8.59 mm |
| LM317KTT    | TO-263 (3)  | 10.16 mm × 9.01 mm |

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

#### Battery-Charger Circuit



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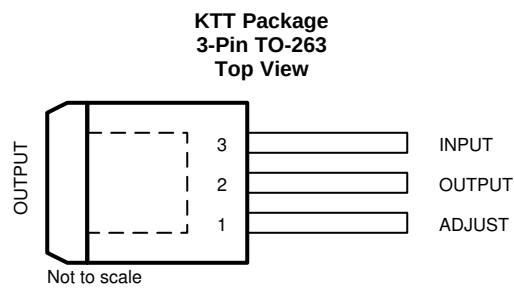
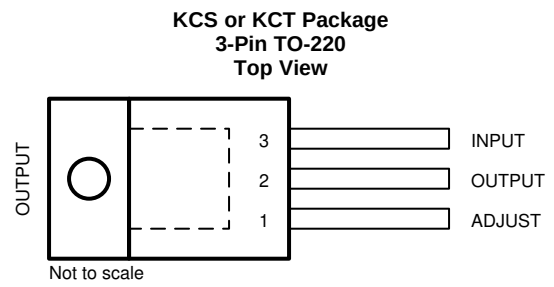
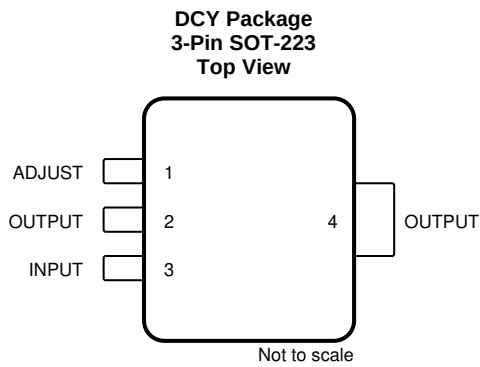
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## 5 Device Comparison Table

| I <sub>OUT</sub> | PARAMETER                         | LM317      | LM317-N    | LM317A     | LM317HV   | UNIT |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------|
| 1.5 A            | Input voltage range               | 4.25 - 40  | 4.25 - 40  | 4.25 - 40  | 4.25 - 60 | V    |
|                  | Load regulation accuracy          | 1.5        | 1.5        | 1          | 1.5       | %    |
|                  | PSRR (120 Hz)                     | 64         | 80         | 80         | 65        | dB   |
|                  | Recommended operating temperature | 0 to 125   | 0 to 125   | –40 to 125 | 0 to 125  | °C   |
|                  | TO-220 (NDE) T <sub>JA</sub>      | 23.5       | 23.2       | 23.3       | 23        | °C/W |
|                  | TO-200 (KCT) T <sub>JA</sub>      | 37.9       | N/A        | N/A        |           | °C/W |
|                  | TO-252 T <sub>JA</sub>            | N/A        | 54         | 54         |           | °C/W |
|                  | TO-263 T <sub>JA</sub>            | 38         | 41         | N/A        |           | °C/W |
|                  | SOT-223 T <sub>JA</sub>           | 66.8       | 59.6       | 59.6       |           | °C/W |
| 0.5 A            |                                   | LM317M     |            |            |           |      |
|                  | Input voltage range               | 3.75 - 40  |            |            |           | V    |
|                  | Load regulation accuracy          | 1.5        |            |            |           | %    |
|                  | PSRR (120 Hz)                     | 80         |            |            |           | dB   |
|                  | Recommended operating temperature | –40 - 125  |            |            |           | °C   |
|                  | SOT-223 T <sub>JA</sub>           | 60.2       |            |            |           | °C/W |
| 0.1 A            |                                   | LM317L     | LM317L-N   |            |           |      |
|                  | Input voltage range               | 3.75 - 40  | 4.25 - 40  |            |           | V    |
|                  | Load regulation accuracy          | 1          | 1.5        |            |           | %    |
|                  | PSRR (120 Hz)                     | 62         | 80         |            |           | dB   |
|                  | Recommended operating temperature | –40 to 125 | –40 to 125 |            |           | °C   |
|                  | SOT-23 T <sub>JA</sub>            | 167.8      | N/A        |            |           | °C/W |
|                  | SO-8 T <sub>JA</sub>              | N/A        | 165        |            |           | °C/W |
|                  | DSBGA T <sub>JA</sub>             | N/A        | 290        |            |           | °C/W |
|                  | TO-92 T <sub>JA</sub>             | N/A        | 180        |            |           | °C/W |

## 6 Pin Configuration and Functions



### Pin Functions

| PIN    |                   |         | I/O | DESCRIPTION   |
|--------|-------------------|---------|-----|---|
| NAME   | TO-263,<br>TO-220 | SOT-223 |     |   |
| ADJUST | 1                 | 1       | I   | Output voltage adjustment pin. Connect to a resistor divider to set $V_O$ |
| INPUT  | 3                 | 3       | I   | Supply input pin  |
| OUTPUT | 2                 | 2, 4    | O   | Voltage output pin  |

## 7 Specifications

### 7.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over virtual junction temperature range (unless otherwise noted)<sup>(1)</sup>

|             |  | MIN | MAX | UNIT |
|-------------|--|-----|-----|------|
| $V_I - V_O$ | Input-to-output differential voltage                 |     | 40  | V    |
| $T_J$       | Operating virtual junction temperature               |     | 150 | °C   |
|             | Lead temperature 1,6 mm (1/16 in) from case for 10 s |     | 260 | °C   |
| $T_{stg}$   | Storage temperature                                  | –65 | 150 | °C   |

- (1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions* is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

### 7.2 ESD Ratings

|             |                         |  | MAX  | UNIT |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|------|------|
| $V_{(ESD)}$ | Electrostatic discharge | Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001 <sup>(1)</sup>              | 2500 | V    |
|             |                         | Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101 <sup>(2)</sup> | 1000 |      |

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

- (2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

### 7.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

|             |  | MIN  | MAX | UNIT |
|-------------|--|------|-----|------|
| $V_O$       | Output voltage                         | 1.25 | 37  | V    |
| $V_I - V_O$ | Input-to-output differential voltage   | 3    | 40  | V    |
| $I_O$       | Output current                         | 0.01 | 1.5 | A    |
| $T_J$       | Operating virtual junction temperature | 0    | 125 | °C   |

### 7.4 Thermal Information

| THERMAL METRIC <sup>(1)</sup> |  | LM317            |                 |                 |                 | UNIT |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------|
|                               |  | DCY<br>(SOT-223) | KCS<br>(TO-220) | KCT<br>(TO-220) | KTT<br>(TO-263) |      |
|                               |  | 4 PINS           | 3 PINS          | 3 PINS          | 3 PINS          |      |
| $R_{\theta(JA)}$              | Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance       | 66.8             | 23.5            | 37.9            | 38.0            | °C/W |
| $R_{\theta JC(top)}$          | Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance    | 43.2             | 15.9            | 51.1            | 36.5            | °C/W |
| $R_{\theta JB}$               | Junction-to-board thermal resistance         | 16.9             | 7.9             | 23.2            | 18.9            | °C/W |
| $\Psi_{JT}$                   | Junction-to-top characterization parameter   | 3.6              | 3.0             | 13.0            | 6.9             | °C/W |
| $\Psi_{JB}$                   | Junction-to-board characterization parameter | 16.8             | 7.8             | 22.8            | 17.9            | °C/W |
| $R_{\theta JC(bot)}$          | Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance | NA               | 0.1             | 4.2             | 1.1             | °C/W |

- (1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the [Semiconductor and IC package thermal metrics application report](#).

## 7.5 Electrical Characteristics

over recommended ranges of operating virtual junction temperature (unless otherwise noted)

| PARAMETER                                   | TEST CONDITIONS <sup>(1)</sup>  |  | MIN                   | TYP   | MAX  | UNIT          |
|---|---|--|-----------------------|-------|------|---------------|
| Line regulation <sup>(2)</sup>              | $V_I - V_O = 3\text{ V to }40\text{ V}$   | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$   |                       | 0.01  | 0.04 | %V            |
|   |   | $T_J = 0^\circ\text{C to }125^\circ\text{C}$                         |                       | 0.02  | 0.07 |               |
| Load regulation                             | $I_O = 10\text{ mA to }1500\text{ mA}$  | $C_{ADJ}^{(3)} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F},$<br>$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ | $V_O \leq 5\text{ V}$ |       | 25   | mV            |
|   |   |  | $V_O \geq 5\text{ V}$ |       | 0.1  | % $V_O$       |
|   |   | $T_J = 0^\circ\text{C to }125^\circ\text{C}$                         | $V_O \leq 5\text{ V}$ |       | 20   | mV            |
|   |   |  | $V_O \geq 5\text{ V}$ |       | 0.3  | % $V_O$       |
| Thermal regulation                          | 20-ms pulse,  | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$   |                       | 0.03  | 0.07 | % $V_O/W$     |
| ADJUST terminal current                     |   |  |                       | 50    | 100  | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| Change in ADJUST terminal current           | $V_I - V_O = 2.5\text{ V to }40\text{ V}, P_D \leq 20\text{ W}, I_O = 10\text{ mA to }1500\text{ mA}$ |  |                       | 0.2   | 5    | $\mu\text{A}$ |
| Reference voltage                           | $V_I - V_O = 3\text{ V to }40\text{ V}, P_D \leq 20\text{ W}, I_O = 10\text{ mA to }1500\text{ mA}$   |  | 1.2                   | 1.25  | 1.3  | V             |
| Output-voltage temperature stability        | $T_J = 0^\circ\text{C to }125^\circ\text{C}$  |  |                       | 0.7   |      | % $V_O$       |
| Minimum load current to maintain regulation | $V_I - V_O = 40\text{ V}$   |  |                       | 3.5   | 10   | mA            |
| Maximum output current                      | $V_I - V_O \leq 15\text{ V}, P_D < P_{MAX}^{(4)}$   |  | 1.5                   | 2.2   |      | A             |
|   | $V_I - V_O \leq 40\text{ V}, P_D < P_{MAX}^{(4)}, T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$                             |  | 0.15                  | 0.4   |      |               |
| RMS output noise voltage (% of $V_O$ )      | $f = 10\text{ Hz to }10\text{ kHz}, T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$   |  |                       | 0.003 |      | % $V_O$       |
| Ripple rejection                            | $V_O = 10\text{ V}, f = 120\text{ Hz}$  | $C_{ADJ} = 0\text{ }\mu\text{F}^{(3)}$                               |                       | 57    |      | dB            |
|   |   | $C_{ADJ} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}^{(3)}$                              | 62                    | 64    |      |               |
| Long-term stability                         | $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$  |  |                       | 0.3   | 1    | %/1k hr       |

- (1) Unless otherwise noted, the following test conditions apply:  $|V_I - V_O| = 5\text{ V}$  and  $I_{O\text{MAX}} = 1.5\text{ A}$ ,  $T_J = 0^\circ\text{C to }125^\circ\text{C}$ . Pulse testing techniques are used to maintain the junction temperature as close to the ambient temperature as possible.
- (2) Line regulation is expressed here as the percentage change in output voltage per 1-V change at the input.
- (3)  $C_{ADJ}$  is connected between the ADJUST terminal and GND.
- (4) Maximum power dissipation is a function of  $T_J(\text{max})$ ,  $\theta_{JA}$ , and  $T_A$ . The maximum allowable power dissipation at any allowable ambient temperature is  $P_D = (T_J(\text{max}) - T_A) / \theta_{JA}$ . Operating at the absolute maximum  $T_J$  of  $150^\circ\text{C}$  can affect reliability.

## 7.6 Typical Characteristics

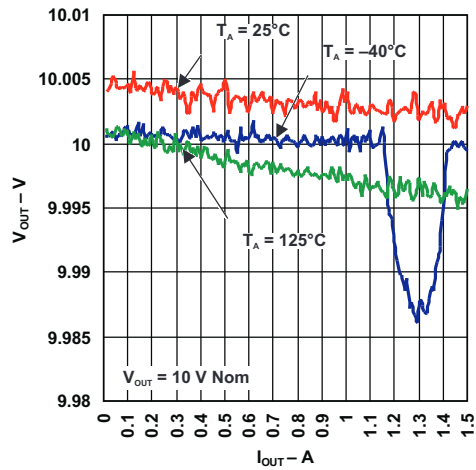


Figure 1. Load Regulation

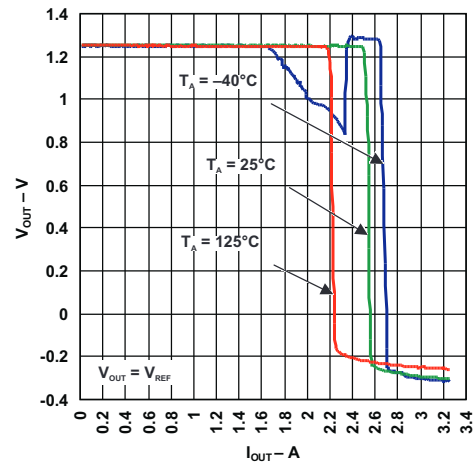


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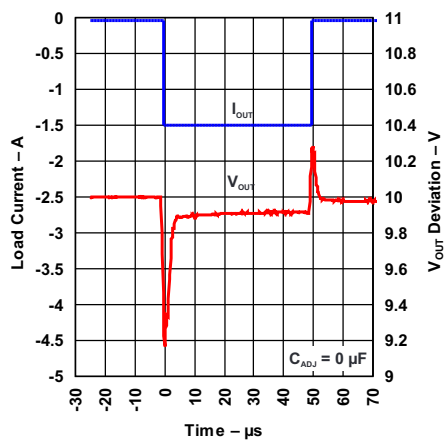


Figure 3. Load Transient Response

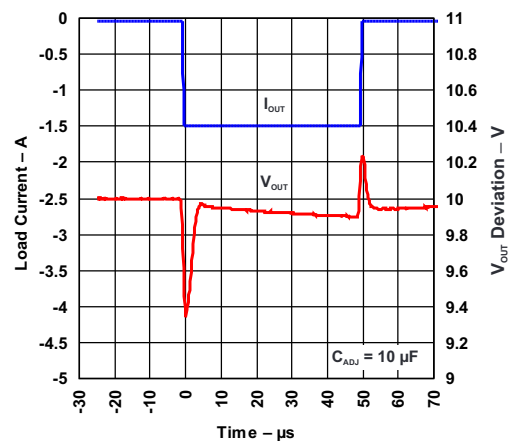


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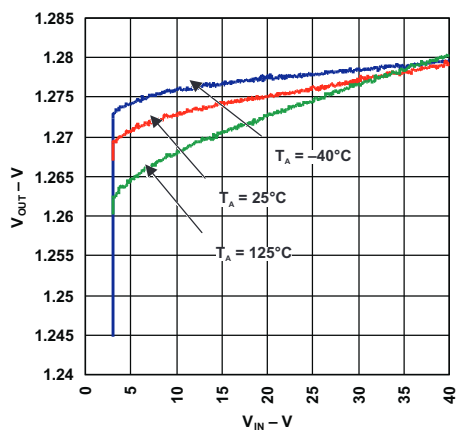


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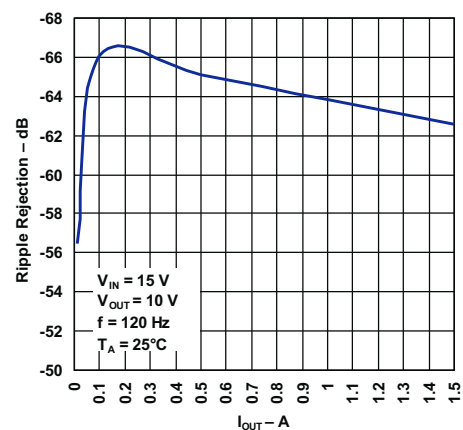
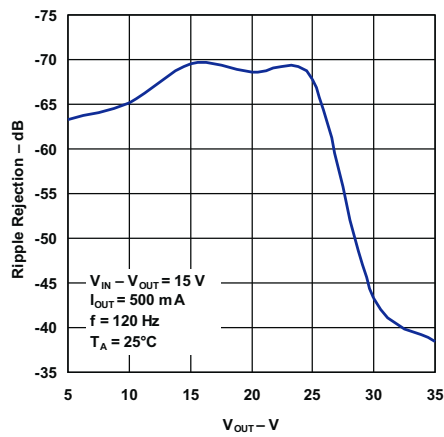
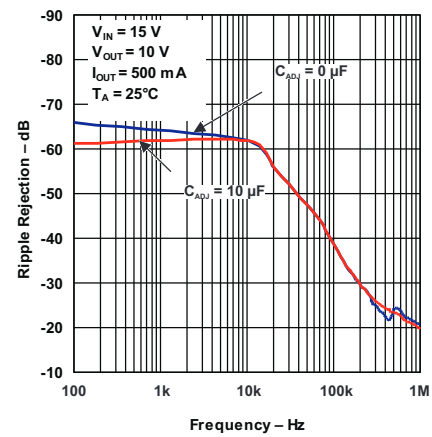


Figure 6. Ripple Rejection vs Output Current

## Typical Characteristics (continued)



**Figure 7. Ripple Rejection  
vs Output Voltage**



**Figure 8. Ripple Rejection  
vs Frequency**



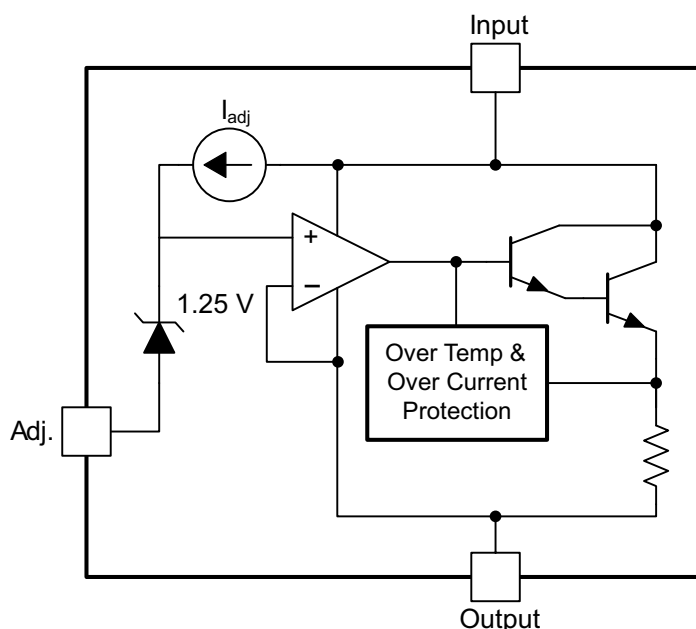
## 8 Detailed Description

### 8.1 Overview

The LM317 device is an adjustable three-terminal positive-voltage regulator capable of supplying up to 1.5 A over an output-voltage range of 1.25 V to 37 V. It requires only two external resistors to set the output voltage. The device features a typical line regulation of 0.01% and typical load regulation of 0.1%. It includes current limiting, thermal overload protection, and safe operating area protection. Overload protection remains functional even if the ADJUST terminal is disconnected.

The LM317 device is versatile in its applications, including uses in programmable output regulation and local on-card regulation. Or, by connecting a fixed resistor between the ADJUST and OUTPUT terminals, the LM317 device can function as a precision current regulator. An optional output capacitor can be added to improve transient response. The ADJUST terminal can be bypassed to achieve very high ripple-rejection ratios, which are difficult to achieve with standard three-terminal regulators.

### 8.2 Functional Block Diagram



### 8.3 Feature Description

#### 8.3.1 NPN Darlington Output Drive

NPN Darlington output topology provides naturally low output impedance and an output capacitor is optional. 3-V headroom is recommended ( $V_I - V_O$ ) to support maximum current and lowest temperature.

#### 8.3.2 Overload Block

Over-current and over-temperature shutdown protects the device against overload or damage from operating in excessive heat.

#### 8.3.3 Programmable Feedback

Op amp with 1.25-V offset input at the ADJUST terminal provides easy output voltage or current (not both) programming. For current regulation applications, a single resistor whose resistance value is  $1.25 \text{ V}/I_O$  and power rating is greater than  $(1.25 \text{ V})^2/R$  should be used. For voltage regulation applications, two resistors set the output voltage.

## 8.4 Device Functional Modes

### 8.4.1 Normal Operation

The device OUTPUT pin will source current necessary to make OUTPUT pin 1.25 V greater than ADJUST terminal to provide output regulation.

### 8.4.2 Operation With Low Input Voltage

The device requires up to 3-V headroom ( $V_I - V_O$ ) to operate in regulation. The device may drop out and OUTPUT voltage will be INPUT voltage minus drop out voltage with less headroom.

### 8.4.3 Operation at Light Loads

The device passes its bias current to the OUTPUT pin. The load or feedback must consume this minimum current for regulation or the output may be too high. See the [Electrical Characteristics](#) table for the minimum load current needed to maintain regulation.

### 8.4.4 Operation In Self Protection

When an overload occurs the device shuts down Darlington NPN output stage or reduces the output current to prevent device damage. The device will automatically reset from the overload. The output may be reduced or alternate between on and off until the overload is removed.

## 9 Application and Implementation

### NOTE

Information in the following applications sections is not part of the TI component specification, and TI does not warrant its accuracy or completeness. TI's customers are responsible for determining suitability of components for their purposes. Customers should validate and test their design implementation to confirm system functionality.

### 9.1 Application Information

The flexibility of the LM317 allows it to be configured to take on many different functions in DC power applications.

### 9.2 Typical Application

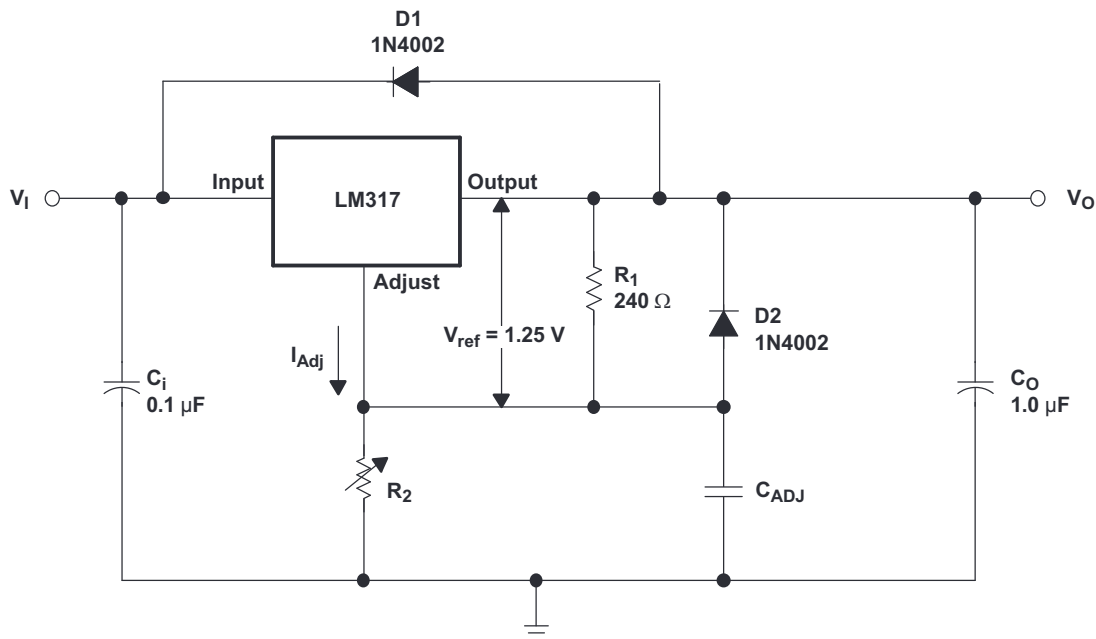


Figure 9. Adjustable Voltage Regulator

#### 9.2.1 Design Requirements

- R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are required to set the output voltage.
- C<sub>ADJ</sub> is recommended to improve ripple rejection. It prevents amplification of the ripple as the output voltage is adjusted higher.
- C<sub>i</sub> is recommended, particularly if the regulator is not in close proximity to the power-supply filter capacitors. A 0.1-μF or 1-μF ceramic or tantalum capacitor provides sufficient bypassing for most applications, especially when adjustment and output capacitors are used.
- C<sub>O</sub> improves transient response, but is not needed for stability.
- Protection diode D<sub>2</sub> is recommended if C<sub>ADJ</sub> is used. The diode provides a low-impedance discharge path to prevent the capacitor from discharging into the output of the regulator.
- Protection diode D<sub>1</sub> is recommended if C<sub>O</sub> is used. The diode provides a low-impedance discharge path to prevent the capacitor from discharging into the output of the regulator.

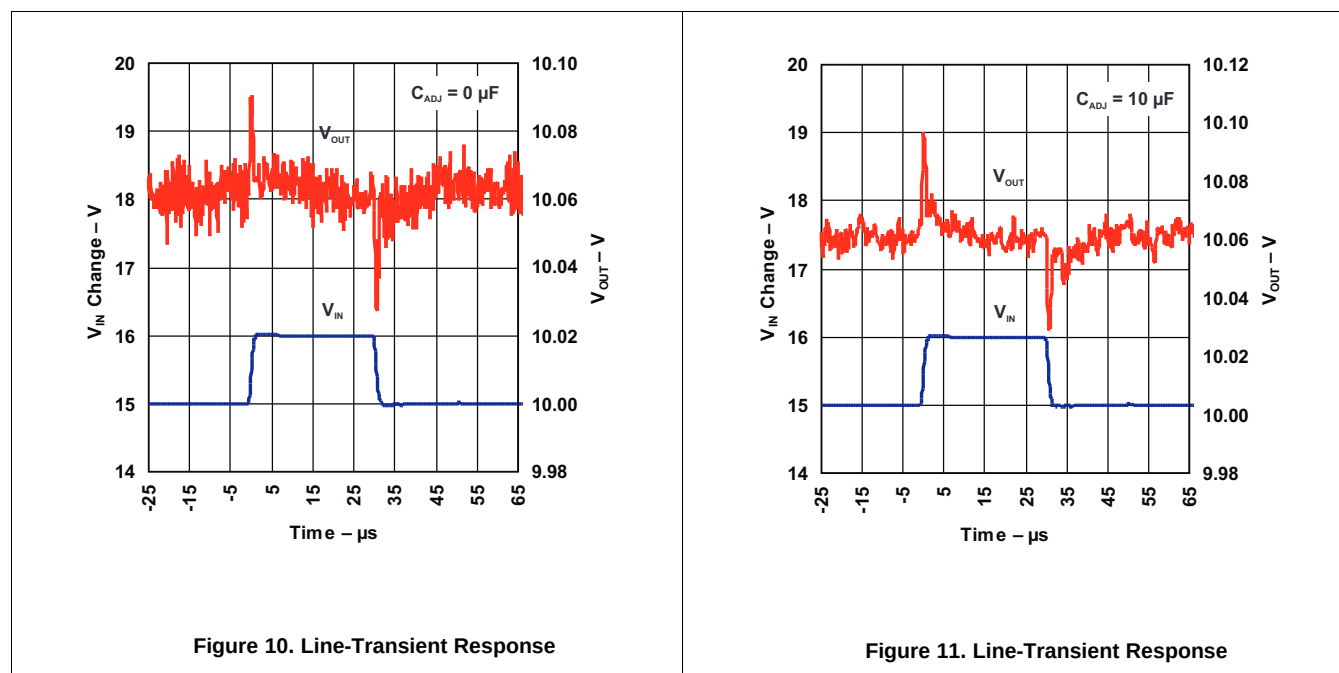
#### 9.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

V<sub>O</sub> is calculated as shown in Equation 1. I<sub>ADJ</sub> is typically 50 μA and negligible in most applications.

$$V_O = V_{REF} (1 + R_2 / R_1) + (I_{ADJ} \times R_2) \quad (1)$$

## Typical Application (continued)

### 9.2.3 Application Curves



## 9.3 System Examples

### 9.3.1 0-V to 30-V Regulator Circuit

Here, the voltage is determined by

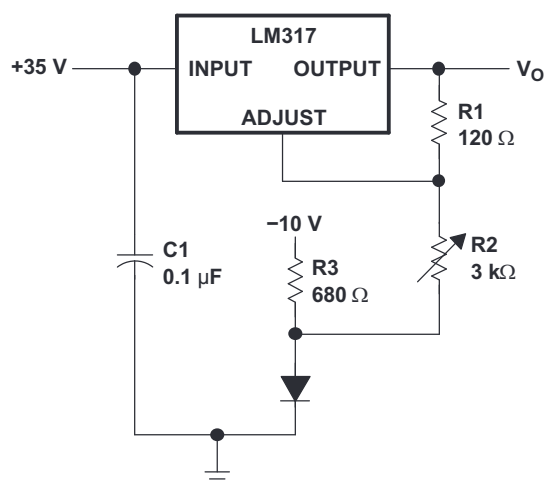
$$V_{OUT} = V_{REF} \left( 1 + \frac{R_2 + R_3}{R_1} \right) - 10V$$


Figure 12. 0-V to 30-V Regulator Circuit

## System Examples (continued)

### 9.3.2 Adjustable Regulator Circuit With Improved Ripple Rejection

C2 helps to stabilize the voltage at the adjustment pin, which helps reject noise. Diode D1 exists to discharge C2 in case the output is shorted to ground.

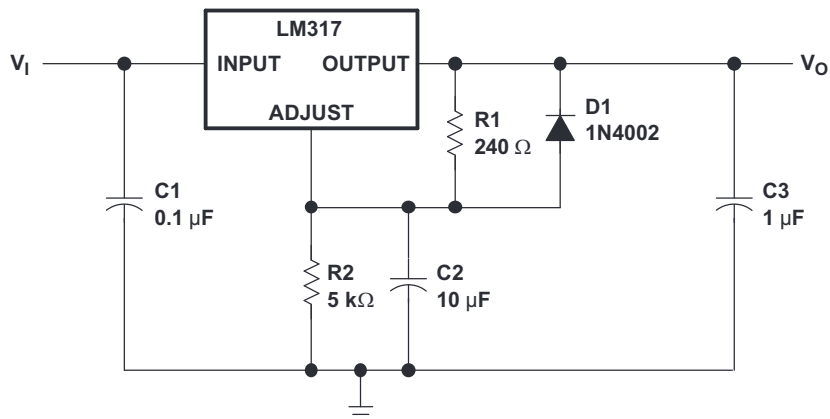


Figure 13. Adjustable Regulator Circuit with Improved Ripple Rejection

### 9.3.3 Precision Current-Limiter Circuit

This application limits the output current to the  $I_{LIMIT}$  in the diagram.

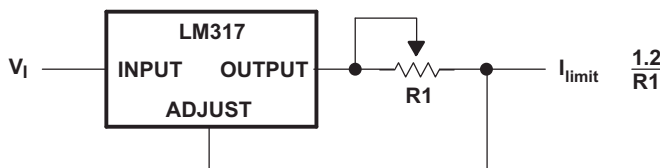


Figure 14. Precision Current-Limiter Circuit

### 9.3.4 Tracking Preregulator Circuit

This application keeps a constant voltage across the second LM317 in the circuit.

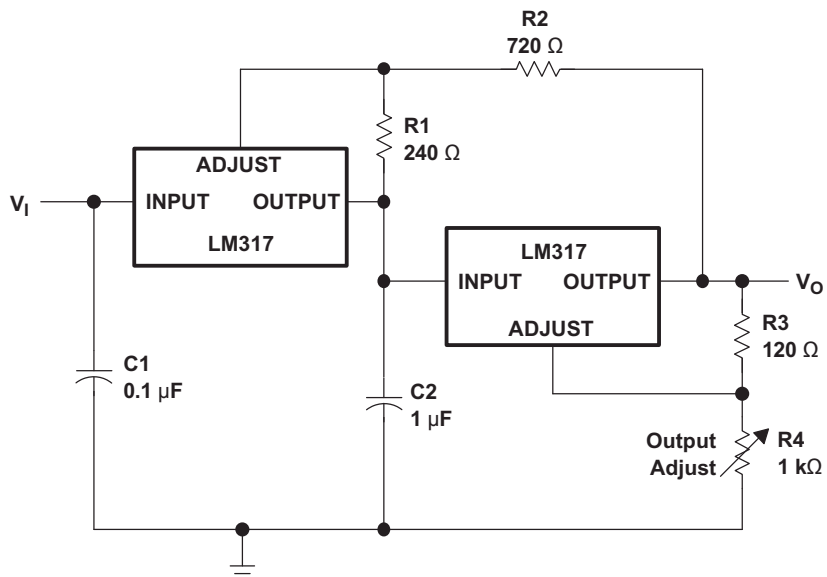


Figure 15. Tracking Preregulator Circuit

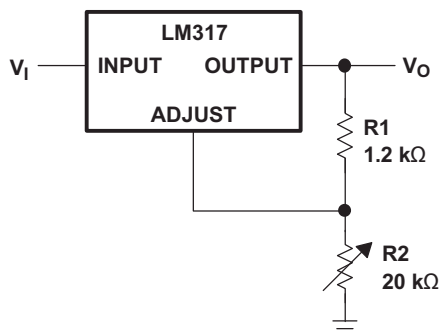
## System Examples (continued)

### 9.3.5 1.25-V to 20-V Regulator Circuit With Minimum Program Current

Because the value of  $V_{REF}$  is constant, the value of  $R_1$  determines the amount of current that flows through  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ . The size of  $R_2$  determines the  $IR$  drop from  $ADJUSTMENT$  to  $GND$ . Higher values of  $R_2$  translate to higher  $V_{OUT}$ .

$$V_{OUT} = V_{REF} \left( 1 + \frac{R_2 + R_3}{R_1} \right) - 10V \quad (2)$$

$$(R_1 + R_2)_{min} = V_{Oreg(min)} \quad (3)$$



**Figure 16. 1.25-V to 20-V Regulator Circuit With Minimum Program Current**

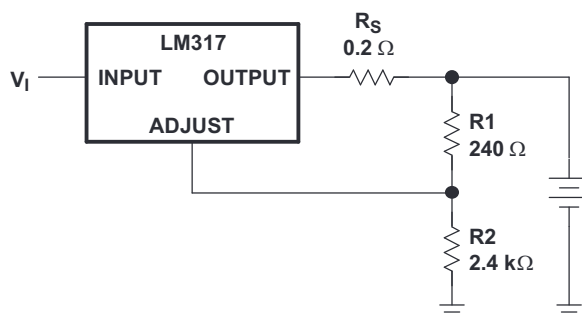
### 9.3.6 Battery-Charger Circuit

The series resistor limits the current output of the LM317, minimizing damage to the battery cell.

$$V_{OUT} = 1.25V \times \left( 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) \quad (4)$$

$$I_{OUT(short)} = \frac{1.25V}{R_S} \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Output Impedance} = R_S \times \left( 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) \quad (6)$$



**Figure 17. Battery-Charger Circuit**

## System Examples (continued)

### 9.3.7 50-mA Constant-Current Battery-Charger Circuit

The current limit operation mode can be used to trickle charge a battery at a fixed current.  $I_{CHG} = 1.25 \text{ V} \div 24 \Omega$ .  $V_I$  should be greater than  $V_{BAT} + 4.25 \text{ V}$ . ( $1.25 \text{ V}$  [ $V_{REF}$ ] +  $3 \text{ V}$  [headroom])

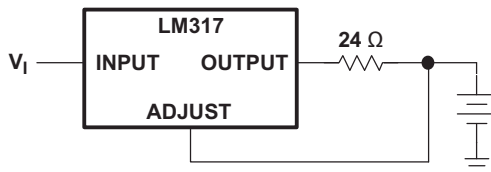


Figure 18. 50-mA Constant-Current Battery-Charger Circuit

### 9.3.8 Slow Turn-On 15-V Regulator Circuit

The capacitor C1, in combination with the PNP transistor, helps the circuit to slowly start supplying voltage. In the beginning, the capacitor is not charged. Therefore output voltage starts at  $V_{C1} + V_{BE} + 1.25 \text{ V} = 0 \text{ V} + 0.65 \text{ V} + 1.25 \text{ V} = 1.9 \text{ V}$ . As the capacitor voltage rises,  $V_{OUT}$  rises at the same rate. When the output voltage reaches the value determined by R1 and R2, the PNP will be turned off.

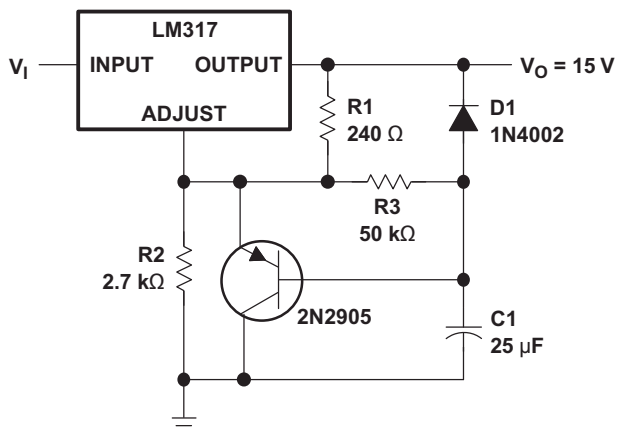


Figure 19. Slow Turn-On 15-V Regulator Circuit

### 9.3.9 AC Voltage-Regulator Circuit

These two LM317s can regulate both the positive and negative swings of a sinusoidal AC input.

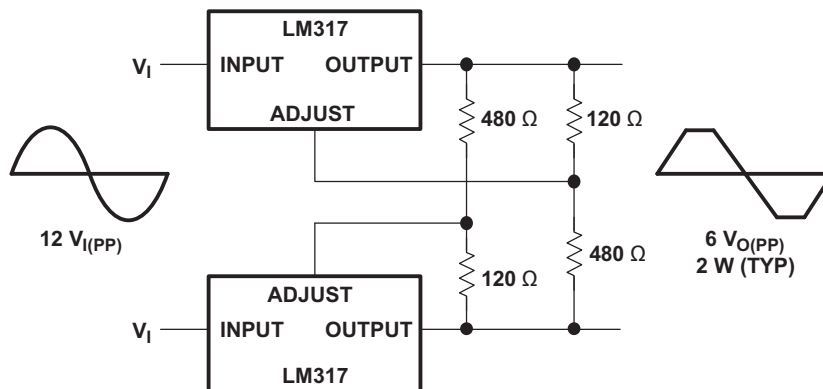
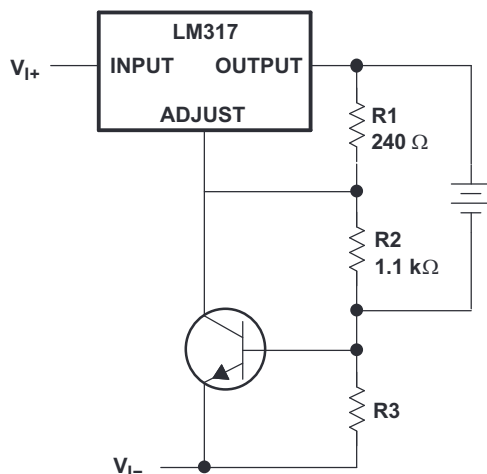


Figure 20. AC Voltage-Regulator Circuit

## System Examples (continued)

### 9.3.10 Current-Limited 6-V Charger Circuit

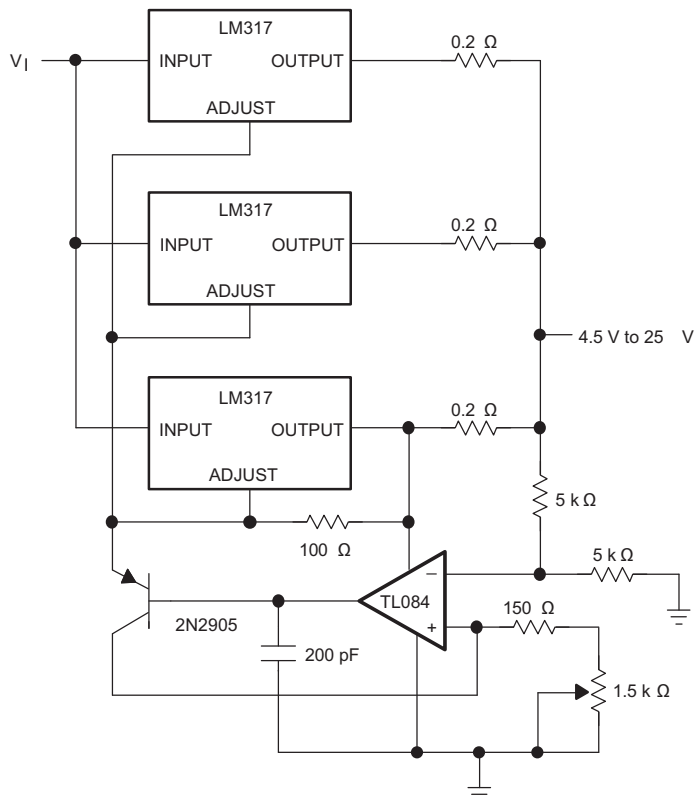
As the charge current increases, the voltage at the bottom resistor increases until the NPN starts sinking current from the adjustment pin. The voltage at the adjustment pin drops, and consequently the output voltage decreases until the NPN stops conducting.



**Figure 21. Current-Limited 6-V Charger Circuit**

### 9.3.11 Adjustable 4-A Regulator Circuit

This application keeps the output current at 4 A while having the ability to adjust the output voltage using the adjustable (1.5 kΩ in schematic) resistor.



**Figure 22. Adjustable 4-A Regulator Circuit**



## System Examples (continued)

### 9.3.12 High-Current Adjustable Regulator Circuit

The NPNs at the top of the schematic allow higher currents at  $V_{OUT}$  than the LM317 can provide, while still keeping the output voltage at levels determined by the adjustment pin resistor divider of the LM317.

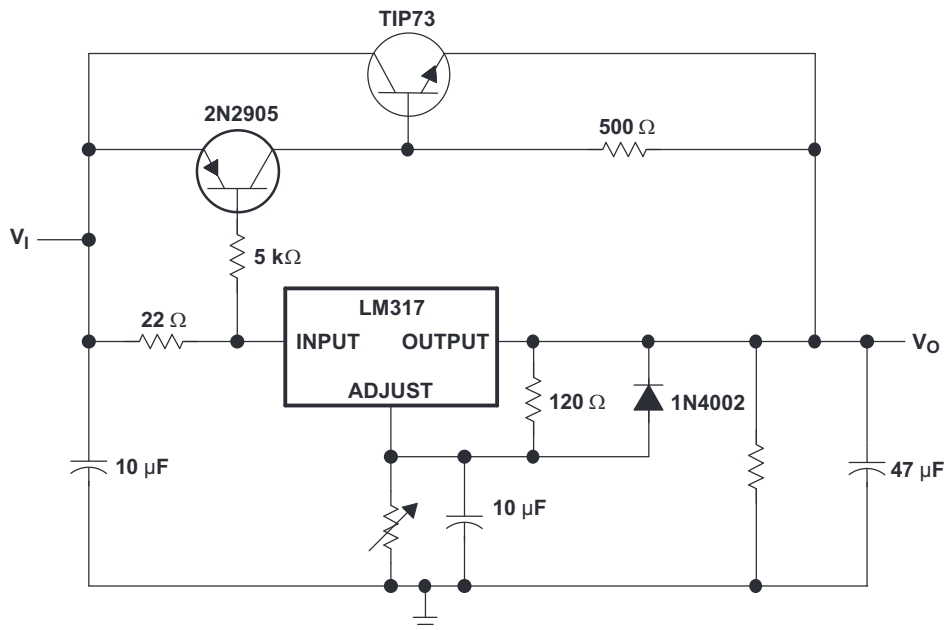


Figure 23. High-Current Adjustable Regulator Circuit

## 10 Power Supply Recommendations

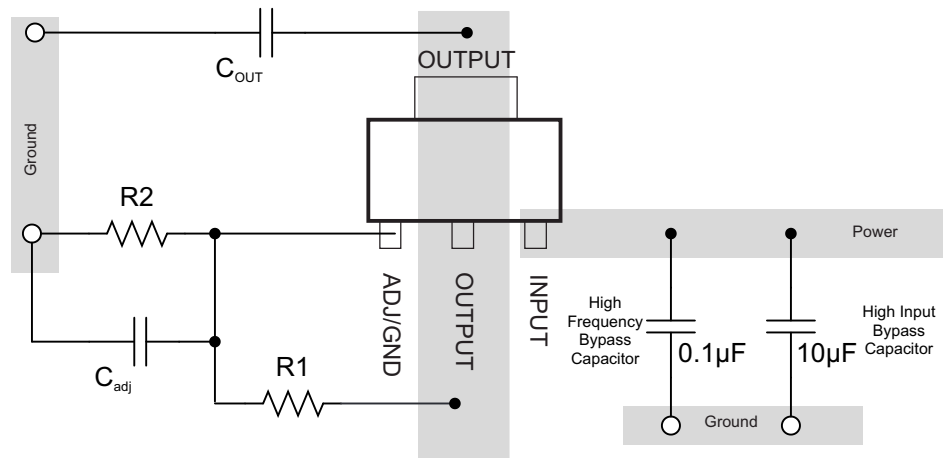
The LM317 is designed to operate from an input voltage supply range between 1.25 V to 37 V greater than the output voltage. If the device is more than six inches from the input filter capacitors, an input bypass capacitor, 0.1  $\mu$ F or greater, of any type is needed for stability.

## 11 Layout

### 11.1 Layout Guidelines

- TI recommends that the input terminal be bypassed to ground with a bypass capacitor.
- The optimum placement is closest to the input terminal of the device and the system GND. Take care to minimize the loop area formed by the bypass-capacitor connection, the input terminal, and the system GND.
- For operation at full rated load, TI recommends to use wide trace lengths to eliminate  $I \times R$  drop and heat dissipation.

### 11.2 Layout Example



**Figure 24. Layout Example**

## 12 Device and Documentation Support

### 12.1 Receiving Notification of Documentation Updates

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### 12.5 Glossary

[SLYZ022](#) — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

## 13 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

| Orderable Device | Status<br>(1) | Package Type     | Package Drawing | Pins | Package Qty | Eco Plan<br>(2) | Lead finish/<br>Ball material<br>(6) | MSL Peak Temp<br>(3) | Op Temp (°C) | Device Marking<br>(4/5) | Samples |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------|
| LM317DCY         | ACTIVE        | SOT-223          | DCY             | 4    | 80          | RoHS & Green    | SN                                   | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR  | 0 to 125     | L3                      | Samples |
| LM317DCYG3       | ACTIVE        | SOT-223          | DCY             | 4    | 80          | RoHS & Green    | SN                                   | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR  | 0 to 125     | L3                      | Samples |
| LM317DCYR        | ACTIVE        | SOT-223          | DCY             | 4    | 2500        | RoHS & Green    | SN                                   | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR  | 0 to 125     | L3                      | Samples |
| LM317DCYRG3      | ACTIVE        | SOT-223          | DCY             | 4    | 2500        | RoHS & Green    | SN                                   | Level-2-260C-1 YEAR  | 0 to 125     | L3                      | Samples |
| LM317KCS         | ACTIVE        | TO-220           | KCS             | 3    | 50          | RoHS & Green    | SN                                   | N / A for Pkg Type   | 0 to 125     | LM317                   | Samples |
| LM317KCSE3       | ACTIVE        | TO-220           | KCS             | 3    | 50          | RoHS & Green    | SN                                   | N / A for Pkg Type   | 0 to 125     | LM317                   | Samples |
| LM317KTTR        | ACTIVE        | DDPAK/<br>TO-263 | KTT             | 3    | 500         | RoHS & Green    | SN                                   | Level-3-245C-168 HR  | 0 to 125     | LM317                   | Samples |
| LM317KTTRG3      | ACTIVE        | DDPAK/<br>TO-263 | KTT             | 3    | 500         | RoHS & Green    | SN                                   | Level-3-245C-168 HR  | 0 to 125     | LM317                   | Samples |

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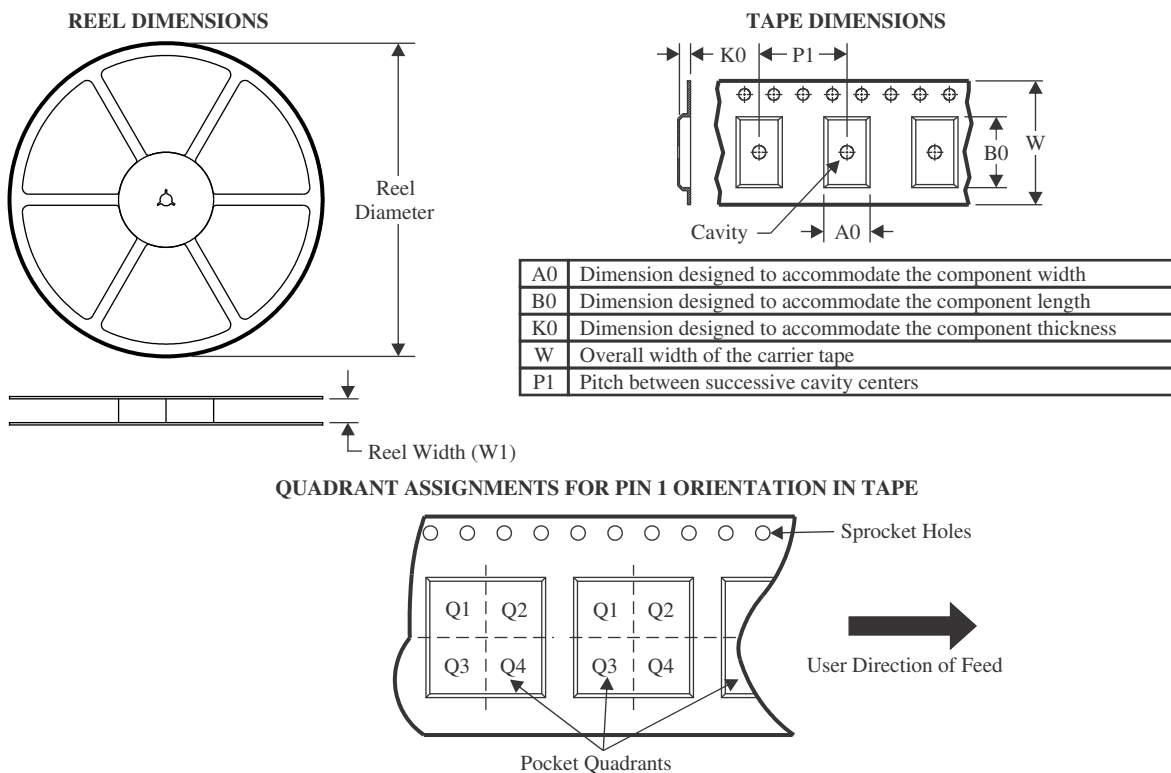
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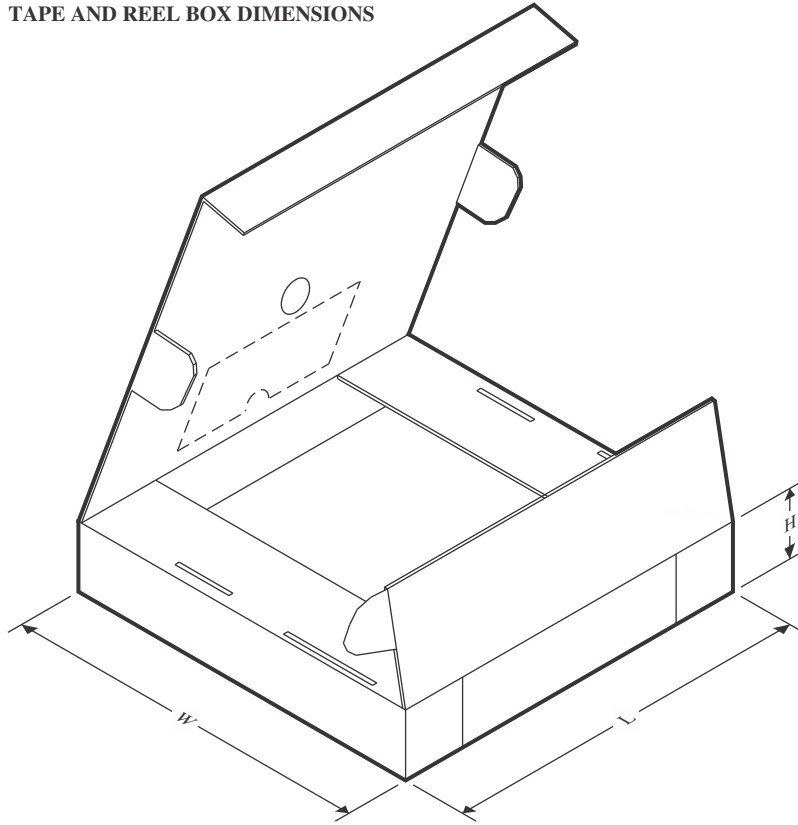
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|-----------|------------------|-----------------|------|------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------------|
| LM317DCYR | SOT-223          | DCY             | 4    | 2500 | 330.0              | 12.4               | 7.05    | 7.4     | 1.9     | 8.0     | 12.0   | Q3            |
| LM317DCYR | SOT-223          | DCY             | 4    | 2500 | 330.0              | 12.4               | 6.55    | 7.25    | 1.9     | 8.0     | 12.0   | Q3            |
| LM317KTTR | DDPAK/<br>TO-263 | KTT             | 3    | 500  | 330.0              | 24.4               | 10.8    | 16.3    | 5.11    | 16.0    | 24.0   | Q2            |

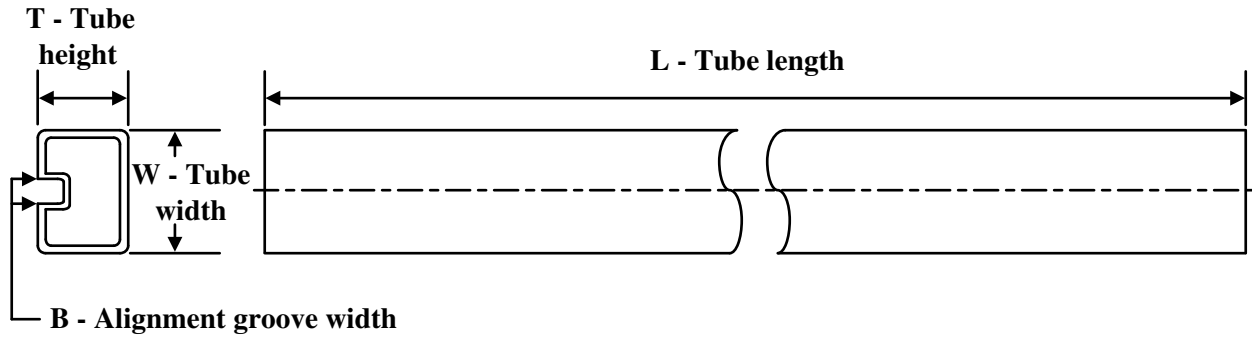
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| LM317DCYR | SOT-223      | DCY             | 4    | 2500 | 340.0       | 340.0      | 38.0        |
| LM317DCYR | SOT-223      | DCY             | 4    | 2500 | 336.0       | 336.0      | 48.0        |
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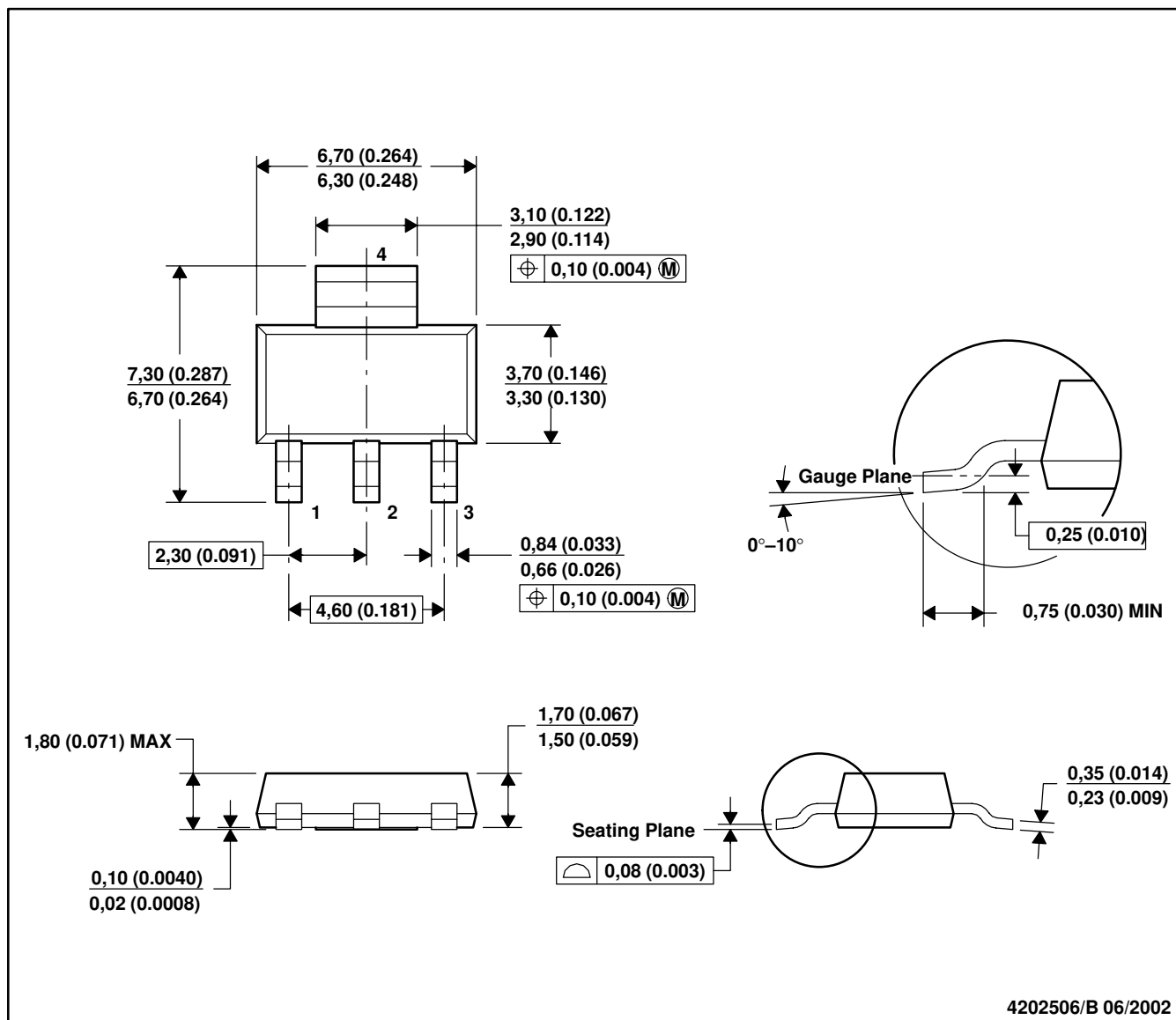
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| LM317DCY   | DCY          | SOT-223      | 4    | 80  | 559    | 8.6    | 500    | 3.6    |
| LM317DCYG3 | DCY          | SOT-223      | 4    | 80  | 559    | 8.6    | 500    | 3.6    |
| LM317DCYG3 | DCY          | SOT-223      | 4    | 80  | 542.9  | 8.6    | 3606   | 2.67   |
| LM317KCS   | KCS          | TO-220       | 3    | 50  | 532    | 34.1   | 700    | 9.6    |
| LM317KCS   | KCS          | TO-220       | 3    | 50  | 532    | 34.1   | 700    | 9.6    |
| LM317KCSE3 | KCS          | TO-220       | 3    | 50  | 532    | 34.1   | 700    | 9.6    |
| LM317KCSE3 | KCS          | TO-220       | 3    | 50  | 532    | 34.1   | 700    | 9.6    |



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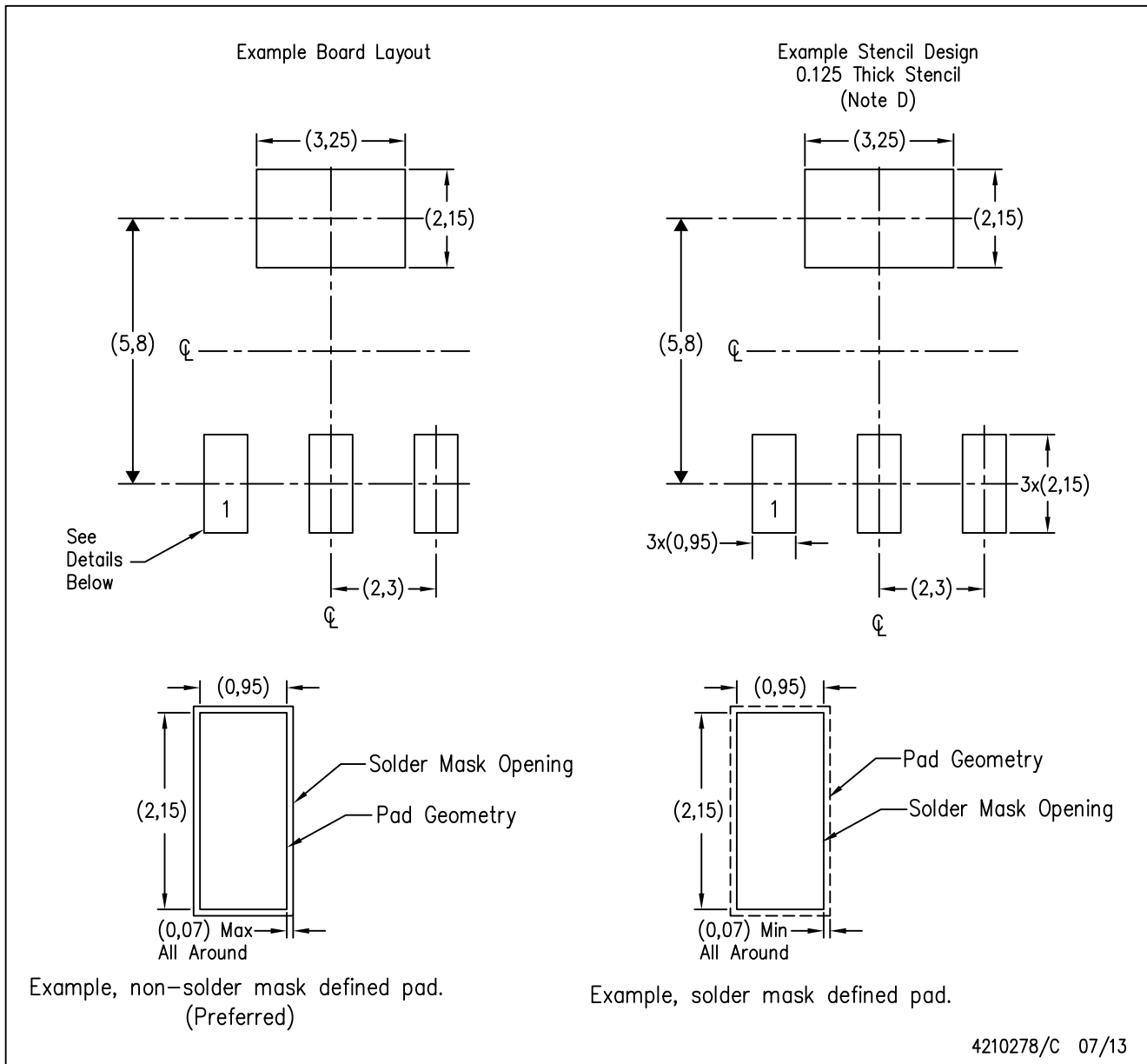
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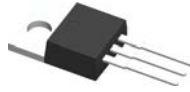
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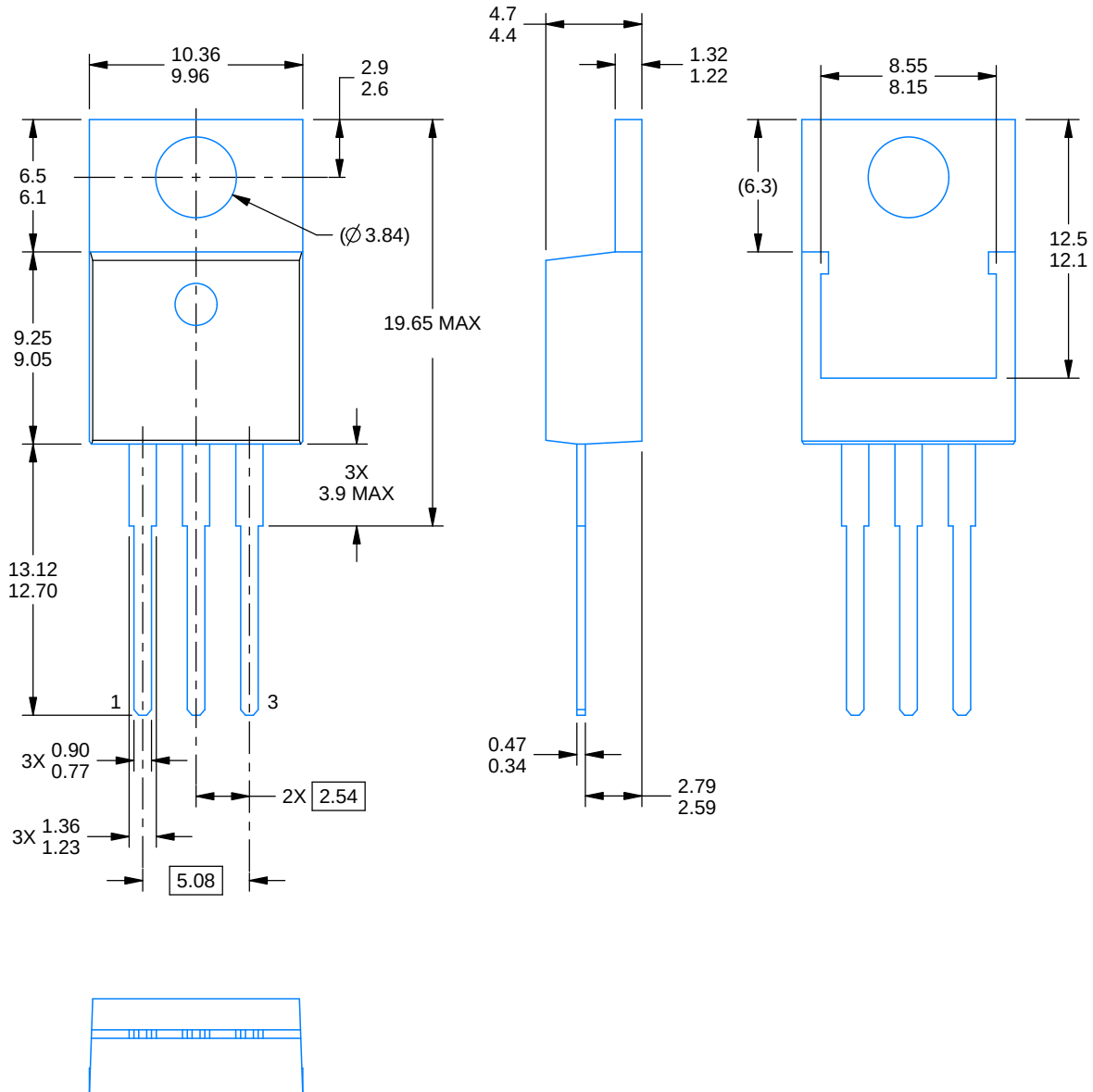


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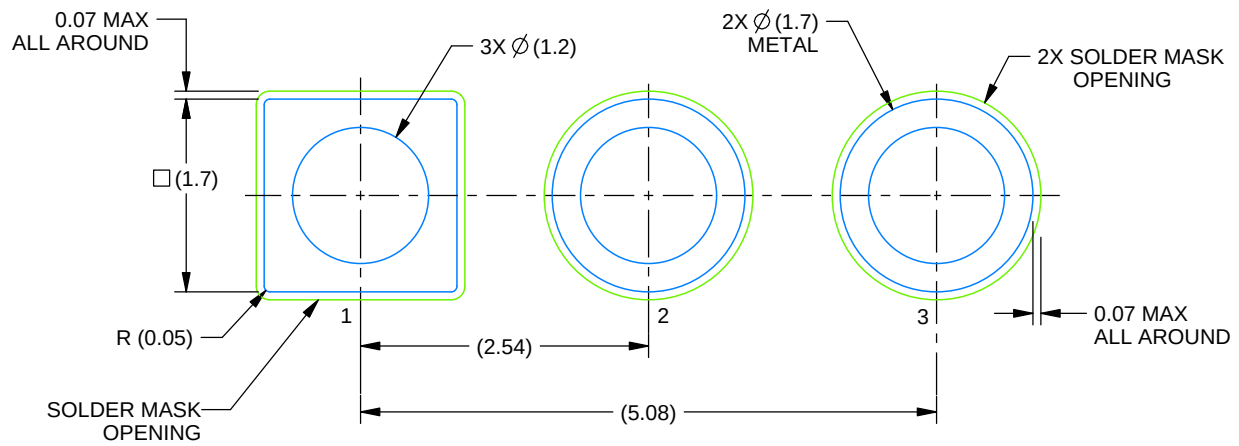
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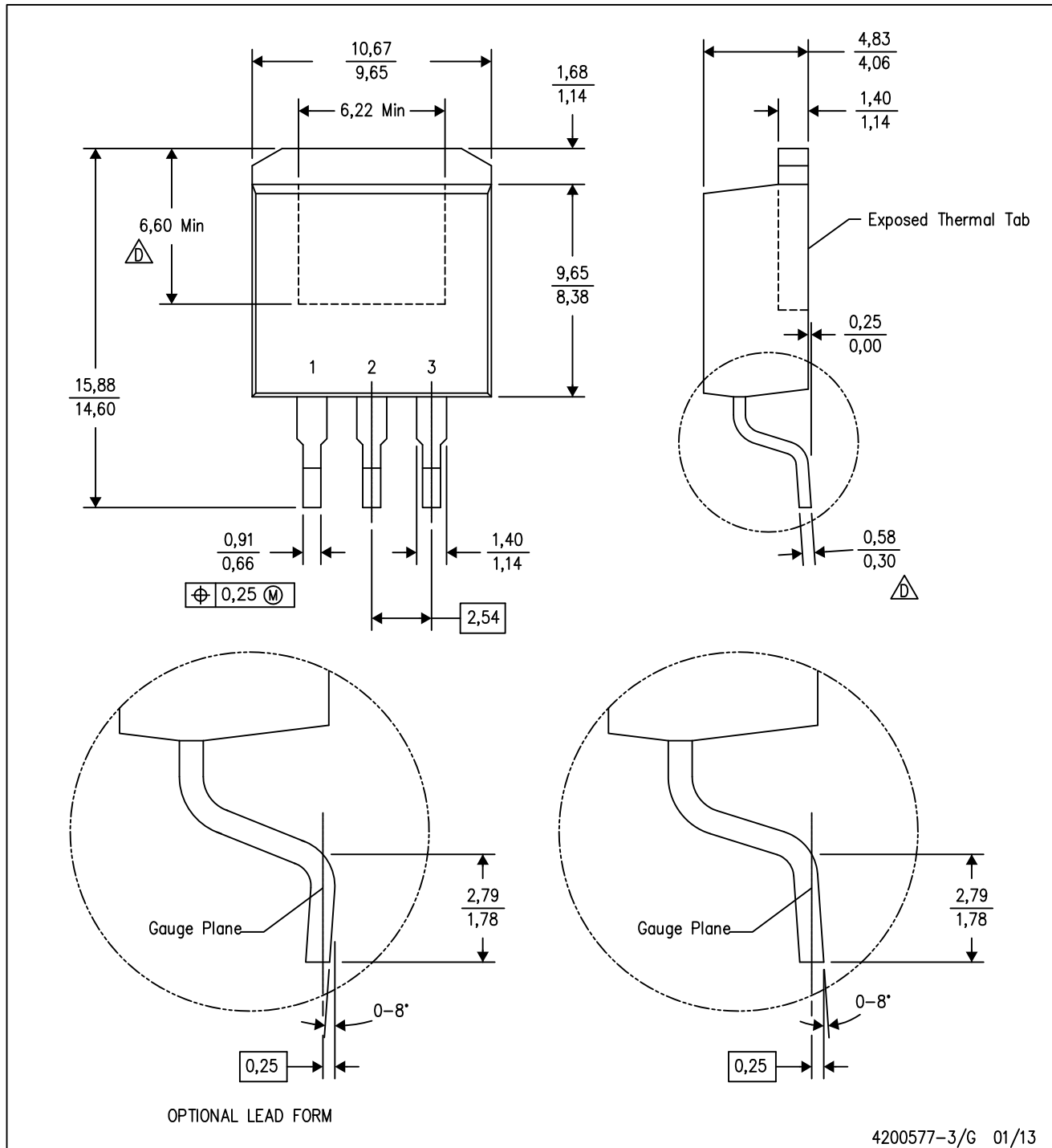
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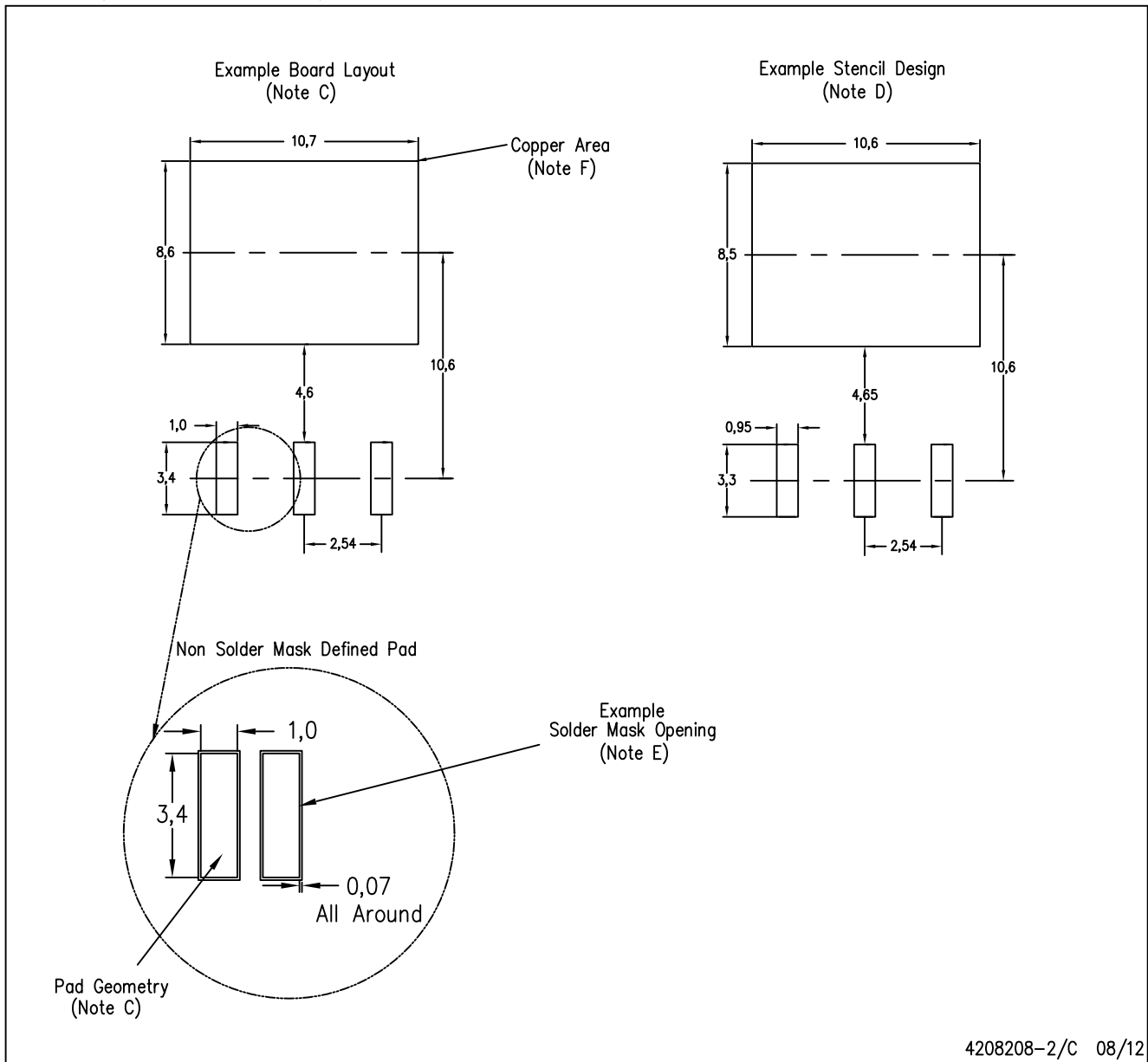


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