

## LM117HV/LM317HV 3-Terminal Adjustable Regulator

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### FEATURES

- Adjustable Output Down to 1.2V
- Specified 1.5A Output Current
- Line Regulation Typically 0.01%/V
- Load Regulation Typically 0.1%
- Current Limit Constant with Temperature
- 100% Electrical Burn-in
- Eliminates the Need to Stock Many Voltages
- Standard 3-lead Transistor Package
- 80 dB Ripple Rejection
- Output is Short-circuit Protected
- P<sup>+</sup> Product Enhancement Tested

### DESCRIPTION

The LM117HV/LM317HV are adjustable 3-terminal positive voltage regulators capable of supplying in excess of 1.5A over a 1.2V to 57V output range. They are exceptionally easy to use and require only two external resistors to set the output voltage. Further, both line and load regulation are better than standard fixed regulators. Also, the LM117HV is packaged in standard transistor packages which are easily mounted and handled.

In addition to higher performance than fixed regulators, the LM117HV series offers full overload protection available only in IC's. Included on the chip are current limit, thermal overload protection and safe area protection. All overload protection circuitry remains fully functional even if the adjustment terminal is disconnected.

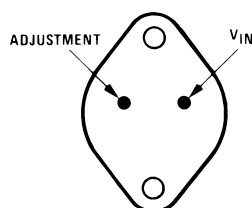
Normally, no capacitors are needed unless the device is situated more than 6 inches from the input filter capacitors in which case an input bypass is needed. An optional output capacitor can be added to improve transient response. The adjustment terminal can be bypassed to achieve very high ripple rejections ratios which are difficult to achieve with standard 3-terminal regulators.

Besides replacing fixed regulators, the LM117HV is useful in a wide variety of other applications. Since the regulator is "floating" and sees only the input-to-output differential voltage, supplies of several hundred volts can be regulated as long as the maximum input to output differential is not exceeded, i.e. do not short the output to ground.

Also, it makes an especially simple adjustable switching regulator, a programmable output regulator, or by connecting a fixed resistor between the adjustment and output, the LM117HV can be used as a precision current regulator. Supplies with electronic shutdown can be achieved by clamping the adjustment terminal to ground which programs the output to 1.2V where most loads draw little current.

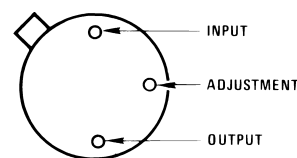
The LM117HVK STEEL and LM317HVK STEEL are packaged in standard TO-3 transistor packages, while the LM117HVH and LM317HVH are packaged in a solid Kovar base TO transistor package. The LM317HVT uses a TO-220 plastic package. The LM117HV is rated for operation from -55°C to +150°C, and the LM317HV from 0°C to +125°C.

### Connection Diagrams



**Figure 1. (TO-3)  
Metal Can Package  
Case is Output  
Bottom View**

See Package Number NDS0002A



**Figure 2. (TO)  
Metal Can Package  
Case is Output  
Bottom View**

See Package Number NDT0003A

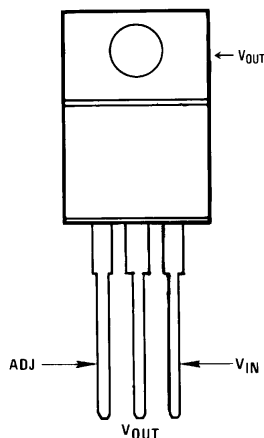


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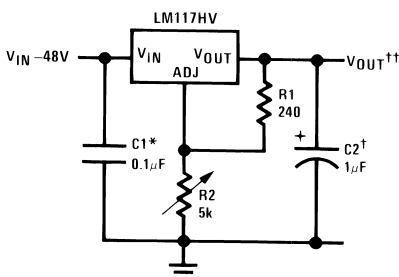
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**Figure 3. (TO-220)  
Plastic Package  
Front View  
See Package Number NDE0003B**

## Typical Applications



Full output current not available at high input-output voltages

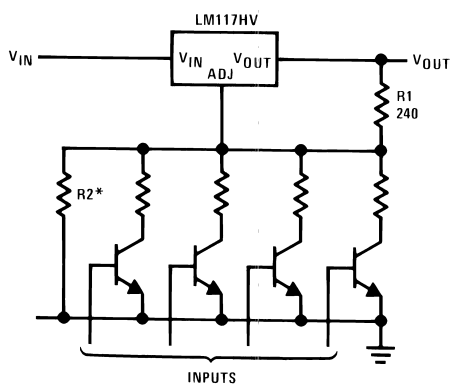
†Optional—improves transient response. Output capacitors in the range of 1 μF to 1000 μF of aluminum or tantalum electrolytic

are commonly used to provide improved output impedance and rejection of transients.

\*Needed if device is more than 6 inches from filter capacitors.

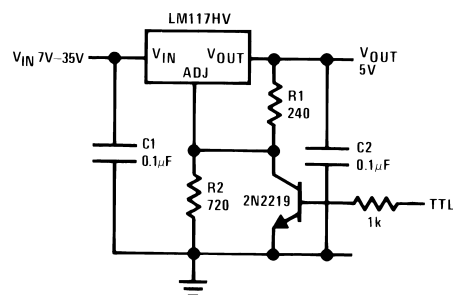
$$\dagger\dagger V_{OUT} = 1.25V \left( 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) + I_{ADJ} R_2$$

**Figure 4. 1.2V-45V Adjustable Regulator**



\*Sets maximum  $V_{OUT}$

**Figure 5. Digitally Selected Outputs**



\*Min. output  $\approx 1.2V$

**Figure 6. 5V Logic Regulator with  
Electronic Shutdown\***



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<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

Power Dissipation		Internally limited
Input–Output Voltage Differential		+60V, –0.3V
Operating Junction Temperature Range	LM117HV	–55°C to +150°C
	LM317HV	0°C to +125°C
Storage Temperature		–65°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.)		300°C
ESD Tolerance <sup>(3)</sup>		2000V

- (1) “Absolute Maximum Ratings” indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is functional, but do not ensure specific performance limits.  
 (2) Refer to RETS117HVH for LM117HVH or RETS117HVK for LM117HVK military specifications.  
 (3) Human body model, 1.5 kΩ in series with 100 pF.

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS<sup>(1)</sup>

Parameter	Conditions	LM117HV			LM317HV			Units
		Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	
Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $3\text{V} \leq V_{IN} - V_{OUT} \leq 60\text{V}$ $I_L = 10\text{ mA}$ <sup>(2)</sup>		0.01	0.02		0.01	0.04	%/V
Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $10\text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq I_{MAX}$		0.1	0.3		0.1	0.5	%
Thermal Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , 20 ms Pulse		0.03	0.07		0.04	0.07	%/W
Adjustment Pin Current			50	100		50	100	μA
Adjustment Pin Current Change	$10\text{ mA} \leq I_L \leq I_{MAX}$ $3.0\text{ V} \leq (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \leq 60\text{V}$		0.2	5		0.2	5	μA
Reference Voltage	$3.0\text{ V} \leq (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \leq 60\text{V}$ <sup>(3)</sup> $10\text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq I_{MAX}$ , $P \leq P_{MAX}$	1.20	1.25	1.30	1.20	1.25	1.30	V
Line Regulation	$3.0\text{V} \leq (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \leq 60\text{V}$ , $I_L = 10\text{ mA}$ , <sup>(2)</sup>		0.02	0.05		0.02	0.07	%/V
Load Regulation	$10\text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq I_{MAX}$ <sup>(2)</sup>		0.3	1		0.3	1.5	%
Temperature Stability	$T_{MIN} \leq T_J \leq T_{MAX}$		1			1		%
Minimum Load Current	$(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) = 60\text{V}$		3.5	7		3.5	12	mA
Current Limit	$(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \leq 15\text{V}$ K, NDE Packages	1.5	2.2	3.5	1.5	2.2	3.7	A
	NDT Package	0.5	0.8	1.8	0.5	0.8	1.9	A
	$(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \leq 60\text{V}$ K, NDE Packages		0.3			0.3		A
	NDT Package		0.03			0.03		A
RMS Output Noise, % of $V_{OUT}$	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $10\text{ Hz} \leq f \leq 10\text{ kHz}$		0.003			0.003		%
Ripple Rejection Ratio	$V_{OUT} = 10\text{V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$		65			65		dB
	$C_{ADJ} = 10\text{ μF}$	66	80		66	80		dB
Long-Term Stability	$T_J = 125^\circ\text{C}$		0.3	1		0.3	1	%

- (1) Unless otherwise specified, these specifications apply:  $-55^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq +150^\circ\text{C}$  for the LM117HV, and  $0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq +125^\circ\text{C}$  for the LM317HV;  $V_{IN} - V_{OUT} = 5\text{V}$  and  $I_{OUT} = 0.1\text{A}$  for the TO package and  $I_{OUT} = 0.5\text{A}$  for the TO-3 and TO-220 packages. Although power dissipation is internally limited, these specifications are applicable for power dissipations of 2W for the TO and 20W for the TO-3 and TO-220.  $I_{MAX}$  is 1.5A for the TO-3 and TO-220 and 0.5A for the TO package.  
 (2) Regulation is measured at constant junction temperature. Changes in output voltage due to heating effects must be taken into account separately. Pulse testing with low duty cycle is used.  
 (3) Refer to RETS117HVH for LM117HVH or RETS117HVK for LM117HVK military specifications.

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS<sup>(1)</sup> (continued)**

Parameter	Conditions	LM117HV			LM317HV			Units
		Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case	NDT Package		12	15		12	15	°C/W
	NDE Package					4	5	°C/W
	NDS Package		2.3	3		2.3	3	°C/W
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Ambient (no heat sink)	NDT Package		140			140		°C/W
	NDE Package					50		°C/W
	NDS Package		35			35		°C/W

## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

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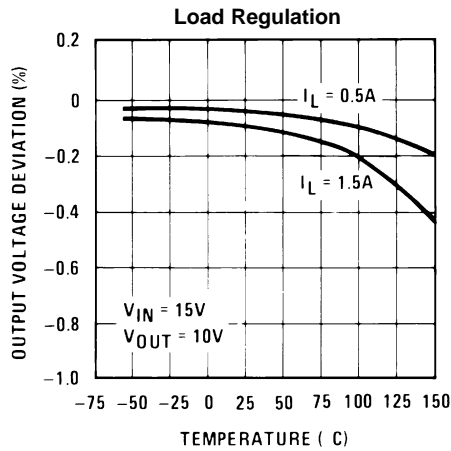


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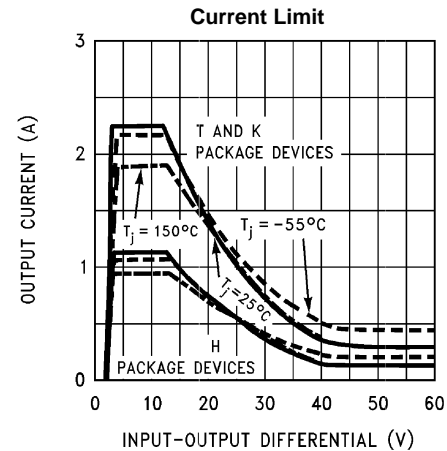


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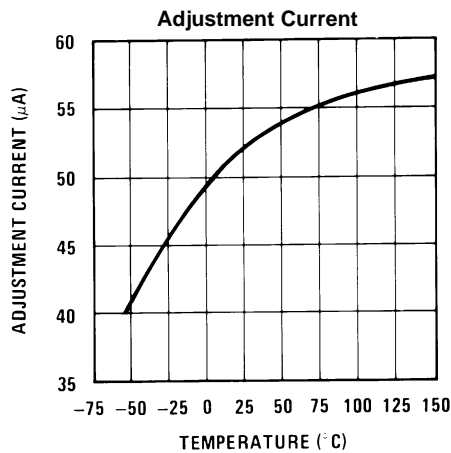


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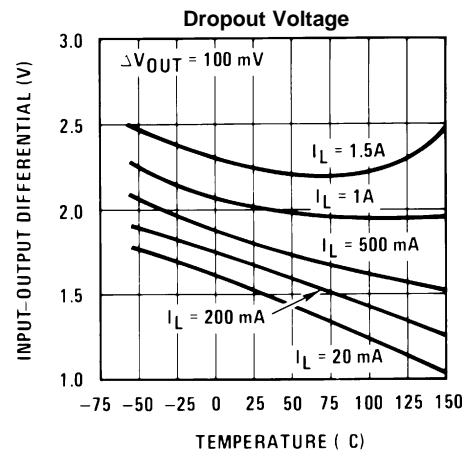


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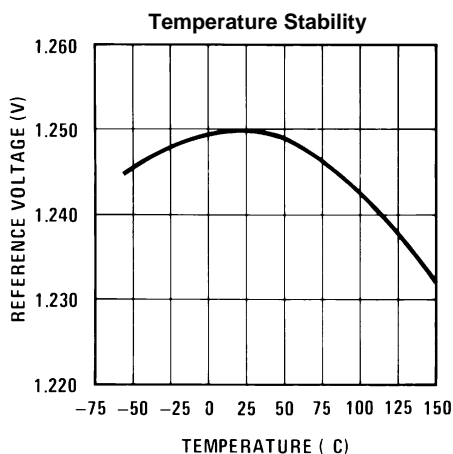


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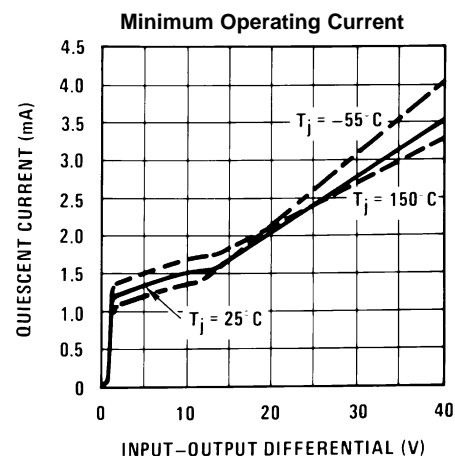


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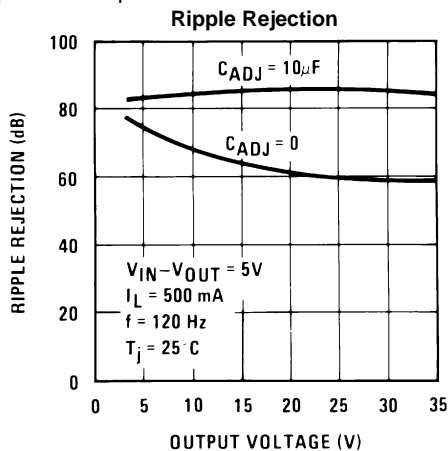
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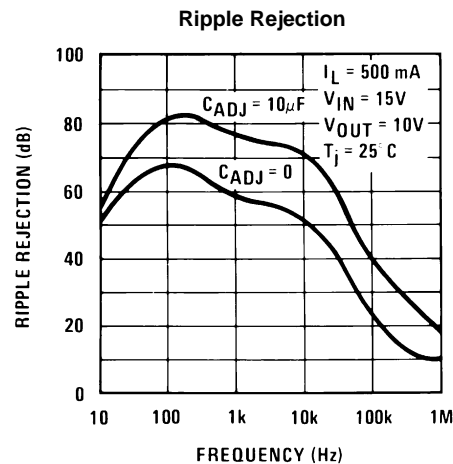


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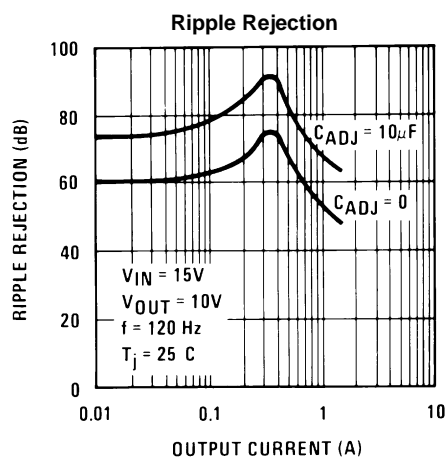


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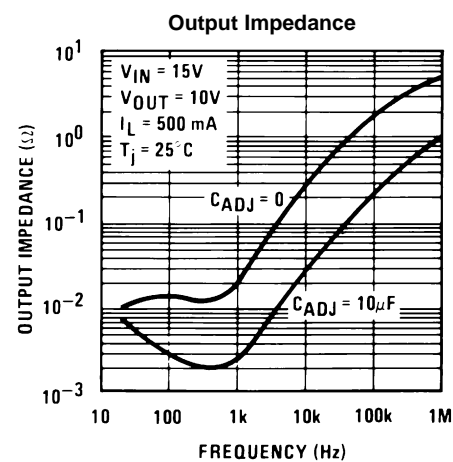


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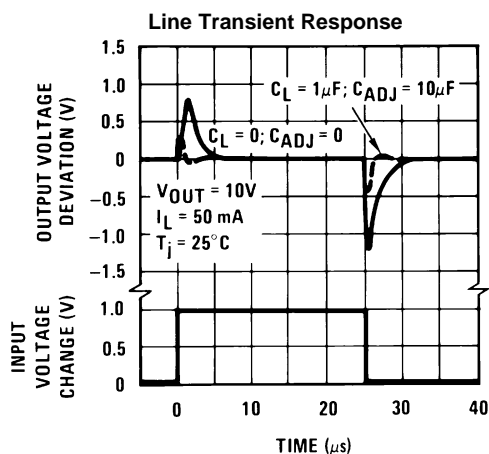


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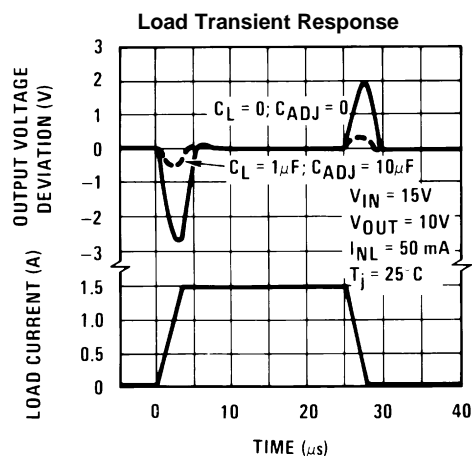
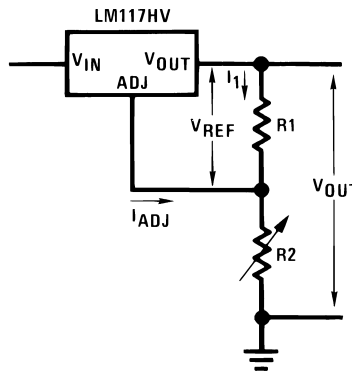


Figure 18.

## APPLICATION HINTS

In operation, the LM117HV develops a nominal 1.25V reference voltage,  $V_{REF}$ , between the output and adjustment terminal. The reference voltage is impressed across program resistor  $R1$  and, since the voltage is constant, a constant current  $I_1$  then flows through the output set resistor  $R2$ , giving an output voltage of

$$V_{OUT} = V_{REF} \left( 1 + \frac{R2}{R1} \right) + I_{ADJ}R2$$



Since the 100  $\mu$ A current from the adjustment terminal represents an error term, the LM117HV was designed to minimize  $I_{ADJ}$  and make it very constant with line and load changes. To do this, all quiescent operating current is returned to the output establishing a minimum load current requirement. If there is insufficient load on the output, the output will rise.

## EXTERNAL CAPACITORS

An input bypass capacitor is recommended. A 0.1  $\mu$ F disc or 1  $\mu$ F solid tantalum on the input is suitable input bypassing for almost all applications. The device is more sensitive to the absence of input bypassing when adjustment or output capacitors are used but the above values will eliminate the possibility of problems.

The adjustment terminal can be bypassed to ground on the LM117HV to improve ripple rejection. This bypass capacitor prevents ripple from being amplified as the output voltage is increased. With a 10  $\mu$ F bypass capacitor 80 dB ripple rejection is obtainable at any output level. Increases over 10  $\mu$ F do not appreciably improve the ripple rejection at frequencies above 120 Hz. If the bypass capacitor is used, it is sometimes necessary to include protection diodes to prevent the capacitor from discharging through internal low current paths and damaging the device.

In general, the best type of capacitors to use are solid tantalum. Solid tantalum capacitors have low impedance even at high frequencies. Depending upon capacitor construction, it takes about 25  $\mu$ F in aluminum electrolytic to equal 1  $\mu$ F solid tantalum at high frequencies. Ceramic capacitors are also good at high frequencies; but some types have a large decrease in capacitance at frequencies around 0.5 MHz. For this reason, 0.01  $\mu$ F disc may seem to work better than a 0.1  $\mu$ F disc as a bypass.

Although the LM117HV is stable with no output capacitors, like any feedback circuit, certain values of external capacitance can cause excessive ringing. This occurs with values between 500 pF and 5000 pF. A 1  $\mu$ F solid tantalum (or 25  $\mu$ F aluminum electrolytic) on the output swamps this effect and insures stability. Any increase of load capacitance larger than 10  $\mu$ F will merely improve the loop stability and output impedance.

## LOAD REGULATION

The LM117HV is capable of providing extremely good load regulation but a few precautions are needed to obtain maximum performance. The current set resistor connected between the adjustment terminal and the output terminal (usually 240Ω) should be tied directly to the output of the regulator rather than near the load. This eliminates line drops from appearing effectively in series with the reference and degrading regulation. For example, a 15V regulator with 0.05Ω resistance between the regulator and load will have a load regulation due to line resistance of  $0.05\Omega \times I_L$ . If the set resistor is connected near the load the effective line resistance will be  $0.05\Omega (1 + R_2/R_1)$  or in this case, 11.5 times worse.

Figure 19 shows the effect of resistance between the regulator and 240Ω set resistor.

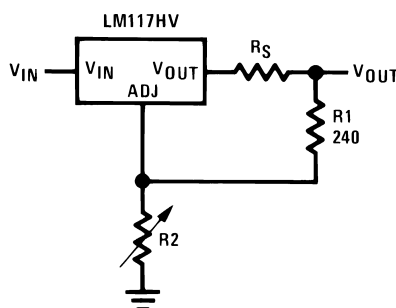


Figure 19. Regulator with Line Resistance in Output Lead

With the TO-3 package, it is easy to minimize the resistance from the case to the set resistor, by using two separate leads to the case. However, with the TO-5 package, care should be taken to minimize the wire length of the output lead. The ground of R2 can be returned near the ground of the load to provide remote ground sensing and improve load regulation.

## PROTECTION DIODES

When external capacitors are used with *any* IC regulator it is sometimes necessary to add protection diodes to prevent the capacitors from discharging through low current points into the regulator. Most 10 μF capacitors have low enough internal series resistance to deliver 20A spikes when shorted. Although the surge is short, there is enough energy to damage parts of the IC.

When an output capacitor is connected to a regulator and the input is shorted, the output capacitor will discharge into the output of the regulator. The discharge current depends on the value of the capacitor, the output voltage of the regulator, and the rate of decrease of  $V_{IN}$ . In the LM117HV, this discharge path is through a large junction that is able to sustain 15A surge with no problem. This is not true of other types of positive regulators. For output capacitors of 25 μF or less, there is no need to use diodes.

The bypass capacitor on the adjustment terminal can discharge through a low current junction. Discharge occurs when *either* the input or output is shorted. Internal to the LM117HV is a 50Ω resistor which limits the peak discharge current. No protection is needed for output voltages of 25V or less and 10 μF capacitance. Figure 20 shows an LM117HV with protection diodes included for use with outputs greater than 25V and high values of output capacitance.



## CURRENT LIMIT

Internal current limit will be activated whenever the output current exceeds the limit indicated in the Typical Performance Characteristics. However, if during a short circuit condition the regulator's differential voltage exceeds the Absolute Maximum Rating of 60V (e.g.  $V_{IN} \geq 60V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 0V$ ), internal junctions in the regulator may break down and the device may be damaged or fail. Failure modes range from an apparent open or short from input to output of the regulator, to a destroyed package (most common with the TO-220 package). To protect the regulator, the user is advised to be aware of voltages that may be applied to the regulator during fault conditions, and to avoid violating the Absolute Maximum Ratings.

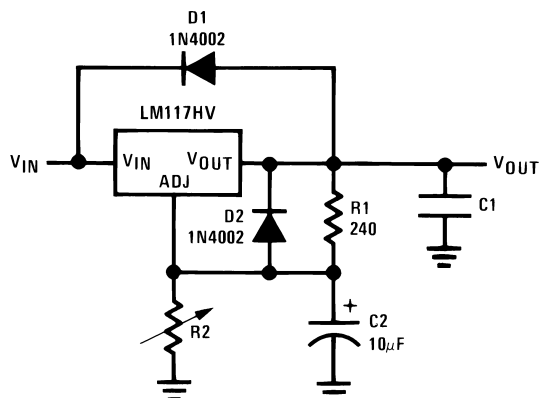


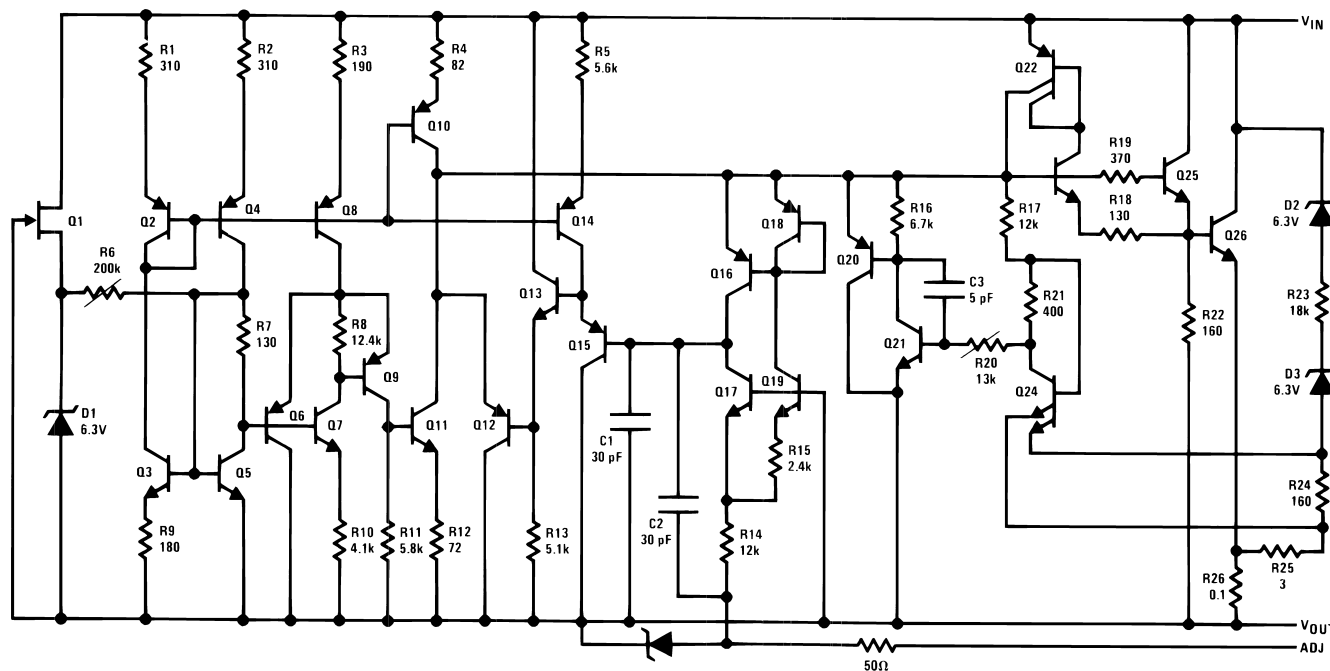
Figure 20. Regulator with Protection Diodes

$$V_{OUT} = 1.25V \left( 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) + I_{ADJ}R_2$$

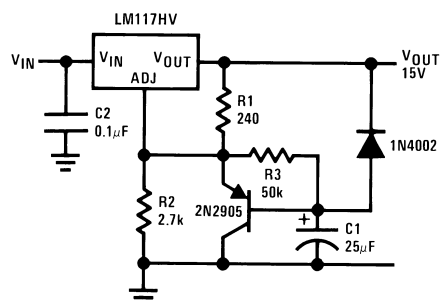
D1 protects against C1

D2 protects against C2

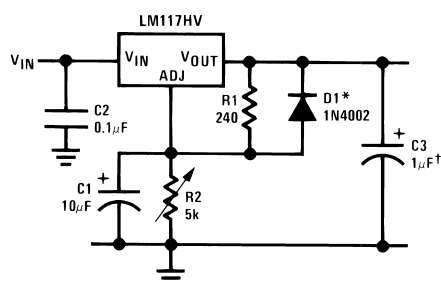
## Schematic Diagram



## Typical Applications



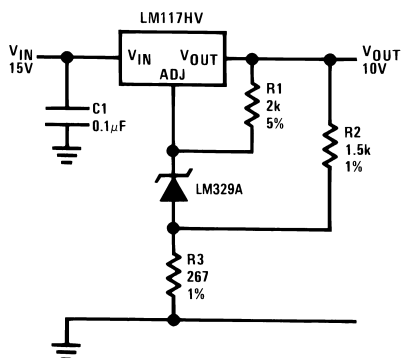
**Figure 21. Slow Turn-On 15V Regulator**



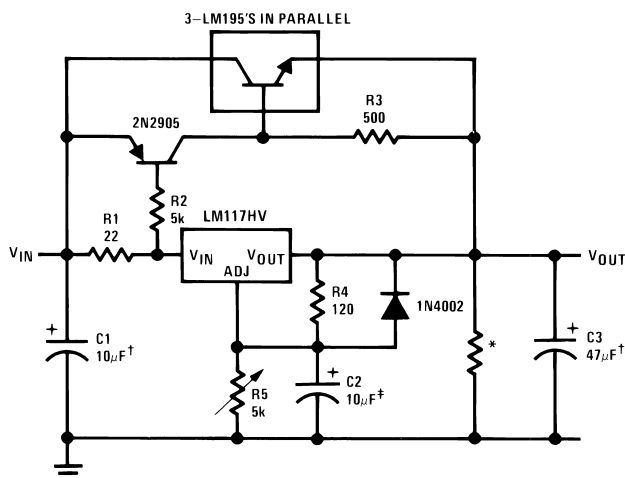
†Solid tantalum

\*Discharges C1 if output is shorted to ground

**Figure 22. Adjustable Regulator with Improved Ripple Rejection**



**Figure 23. High Stability 10V Regulator**

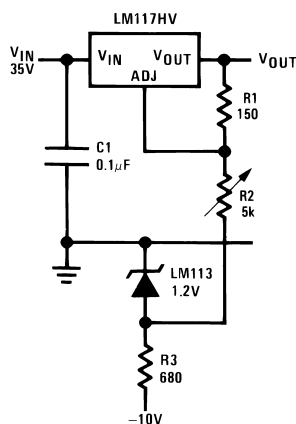


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\*Minimum load current = 30 mA

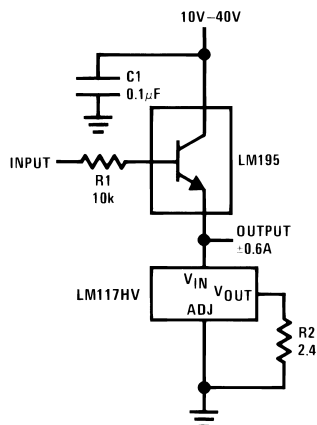
‡Optional—improves ripple rejection

**Figure 24. High Current Adjustable Regulator**

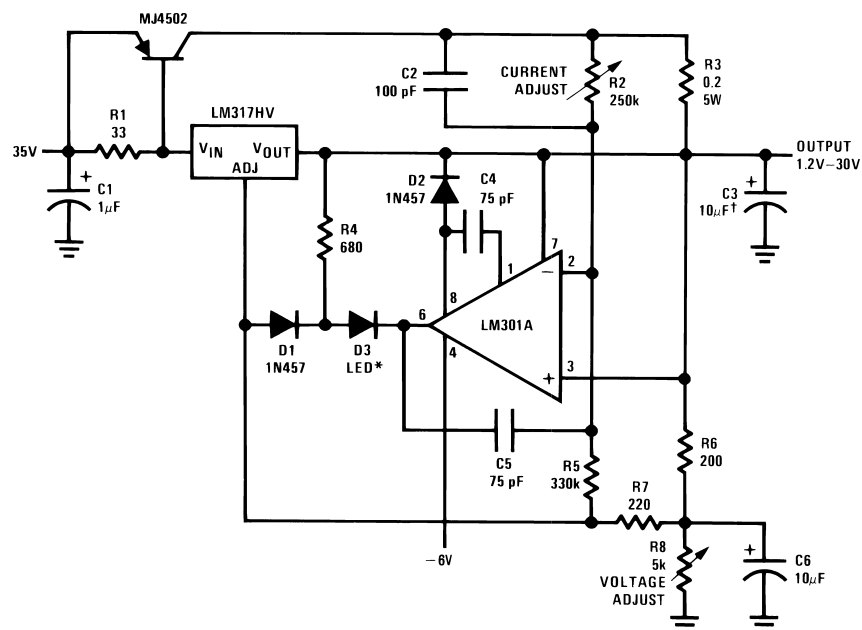


Full output current not available at high input-output voltages

**Figure 25. 0 to 30V Regulator**



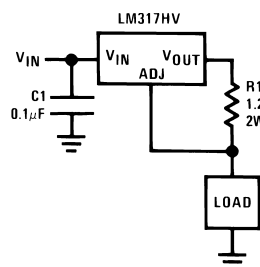
**Figure 26. Power Follower**



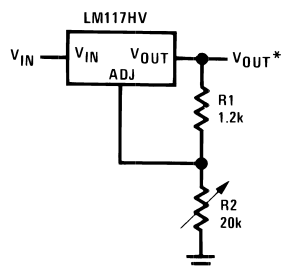
†Solid tantalum

\*Lights in constant current mode

### Figure 27. 5A Constant Voltage/Constant Current Regulator



**Figure 28. 1A Current Regulator**



\*Minimum load current  $\approx 4$  mA

**Figure 29. 1.2V–20V Regulator with Minimum Program Current**

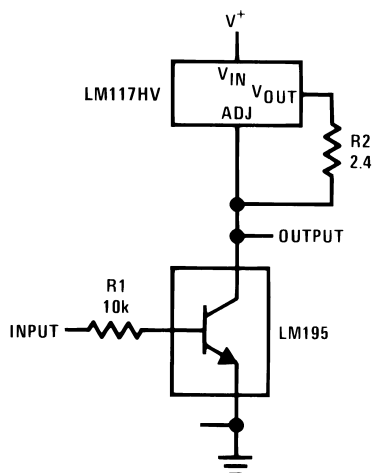
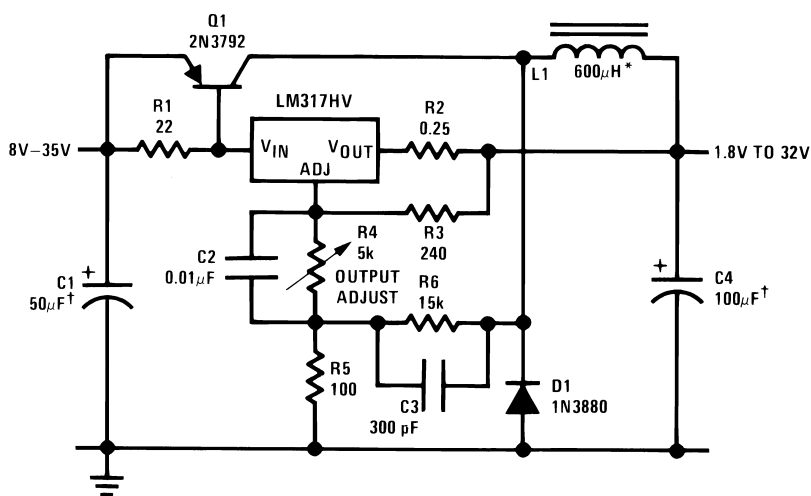


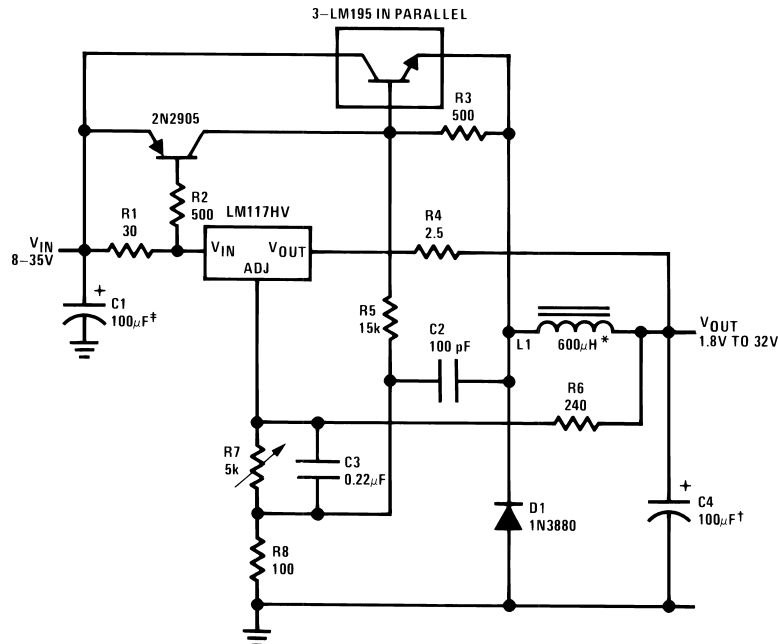
Figure 30. High Gain Amplifier



†Solid tantalum

\*Core—Arnold A-254168-2 60 turns

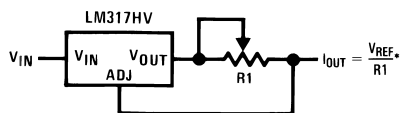
Figure 31. Low Cost 3A Switching Regulator



$\dagger$ Solid tantalum

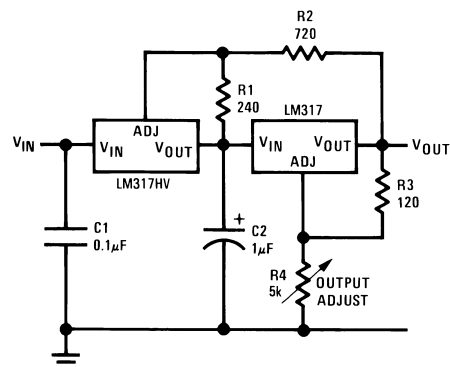
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**Figure 32. 4A Switching Regulator with Overload Protection**

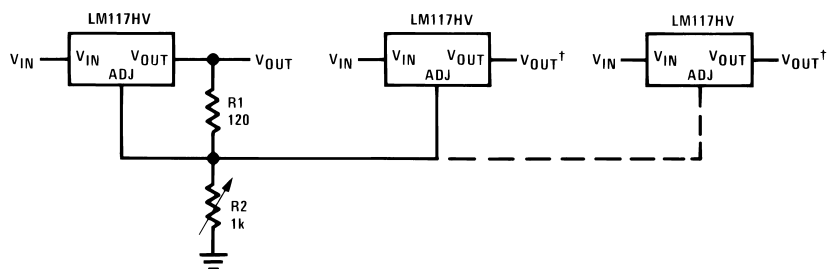


\*  $0.8\Omega \leq R1 \leq 120\Omega$

**Figure 33. Precision Current Limiter**



**Figure 34. Tracking Preregulator**



\*All outputs within  $\pm 100$  mV

†Minimum load—10 mA

Figure 35. Adjustable Multiple On-Card Regulators with Single Control\*

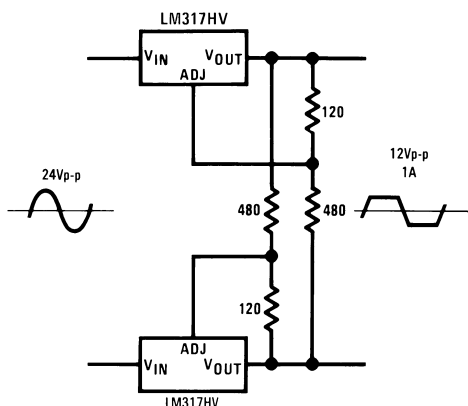
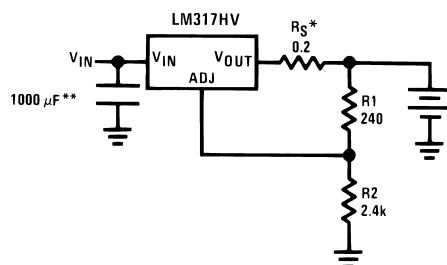


Figure 36. AC Voltage Regulator



\* $R_S$ —sets output impedance of charger  $Z_{OUT} = R_S \left( 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right)$

Use of  $R_S$  allows low charging rates with fully charged battery.

\*\*The 1000  $\mu$ F is recommended to filter out input transients

Figure 37. 12V Battery Charger

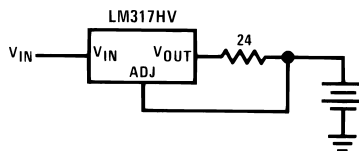


Figure 38. 50 mA Constant Current Battery Charger

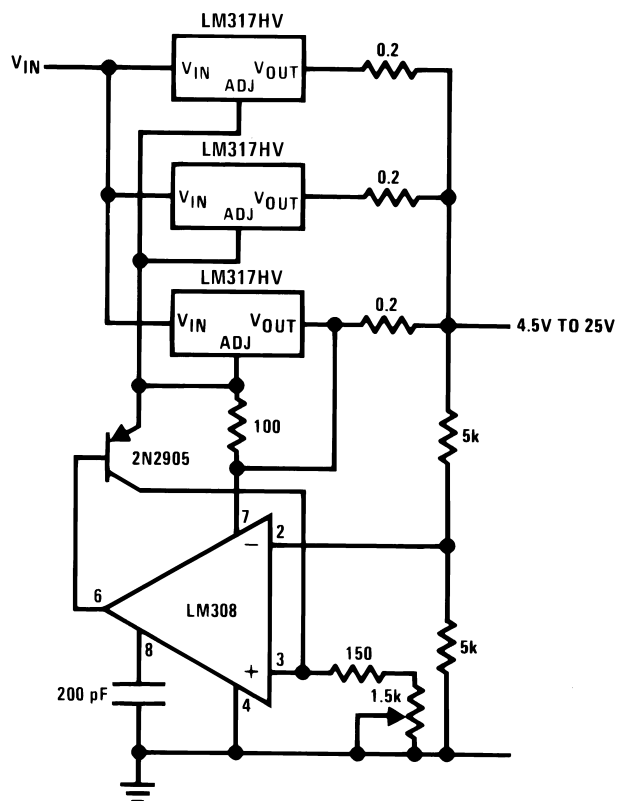
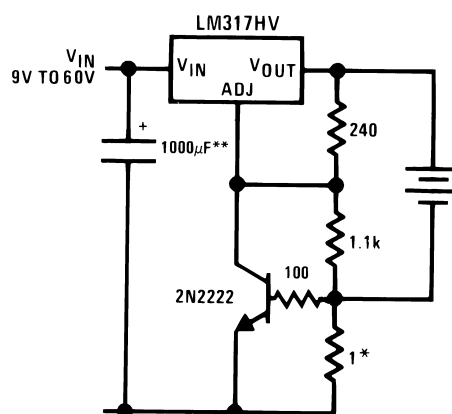


Figure 39. Adjustable 4A Regulator



\*Sets peak current (0.6A for 1Ω)

\*\*The 1000 μF is recommended to filter out input transients

Figure 40. Current Limited 6V Charger



## REVISION HISTORY

Changes from Revision B (April 2013) to Revision C	Page
• Changed layout of National Data Sheet to TI format .....	<a href="#">16</a>

## 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
LM117HVH	ACTIVE	TO	NDT	3	500	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	AU   Call TI	Level-1-NA-UNLIM	-55 to 125	LM117HVHP+	<a href="#">Samples</a>
LM117HVH/NOPB	ACTIVE	TO	NDT	3	500	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	AU   Call TI	Level-1-NA-UNLIM	-55 to 125	LM117HVHP+	<a href="#">Samples</a>
LM317HVH	ACTIVE	TO	NDT	3	500	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	AU	Level-1-NA-UNLIM	0 to 125	LM317HVHP+	<a href="#">Samples</a>
LM317HVH/NOPB	ACTIVE	TO	NDT	3	500	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	AU	Level-1-NA-UNLIM	0 to 125	LM317HVHP+	<a href="#">Samples</a>
LM317HVK STEEL	ACTIVE	TO-3	NDS	2	50	TBD	Call TI	Call TI	0 to 125	LM317HVK STEELP+	<a href="#">Samples</a>
LM317HVK STEEL/NOPB	ACTIVE	TO-3	NDS	2	50	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	Call TI   POST-PLATE	Level-1-NA-UNLIM	0 to 125	LM317HVK STEELP+	<a href="#">Samples</a>
LM317HVT/NOPB	ACTIVE	TO-220	NDE	3	45	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-NA-UNLIM	0 to 125	LM317 HVT P+	<a href="#">Samples</a>

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

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

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**OBSOLETE:** 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.

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(4) There may be additional marking, which relates to the logo, the lot trace code information, or the environmental category on the device.

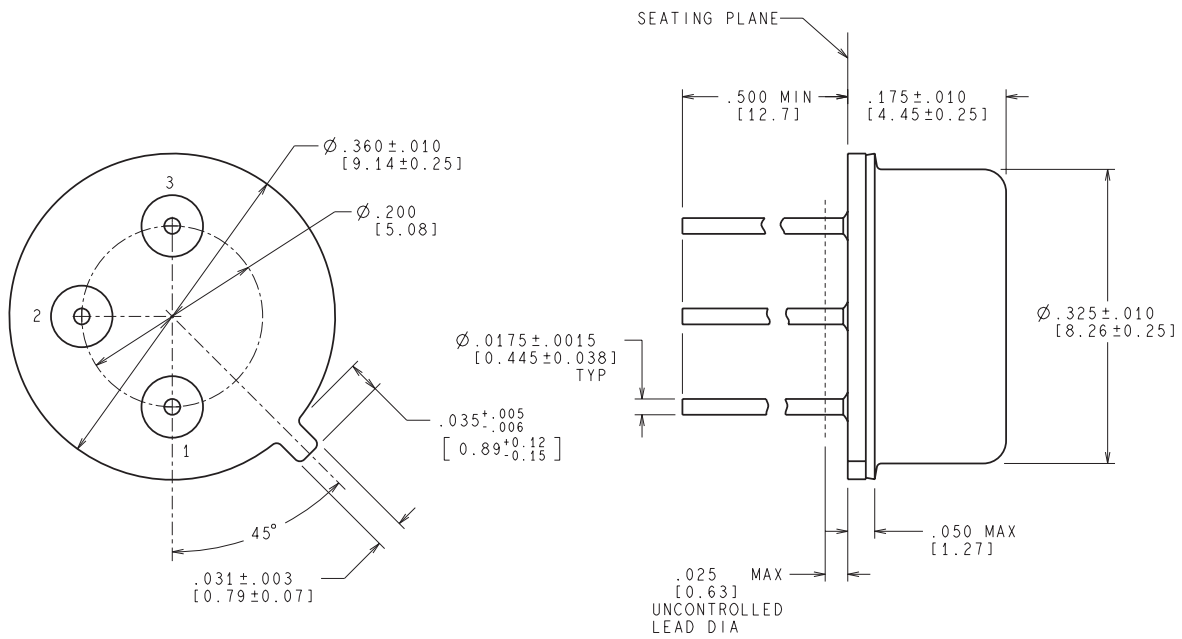
<sup>(5)</sup> Multiple Device Markings will be inside parentheses. Only one Device Marking contained in parentheses and separated by a "~" will appear on a device. If a line is indented then it is a continuation of the previous line and the two combined represent the entire Device Marking for that device.

<sup>(6)</sup> 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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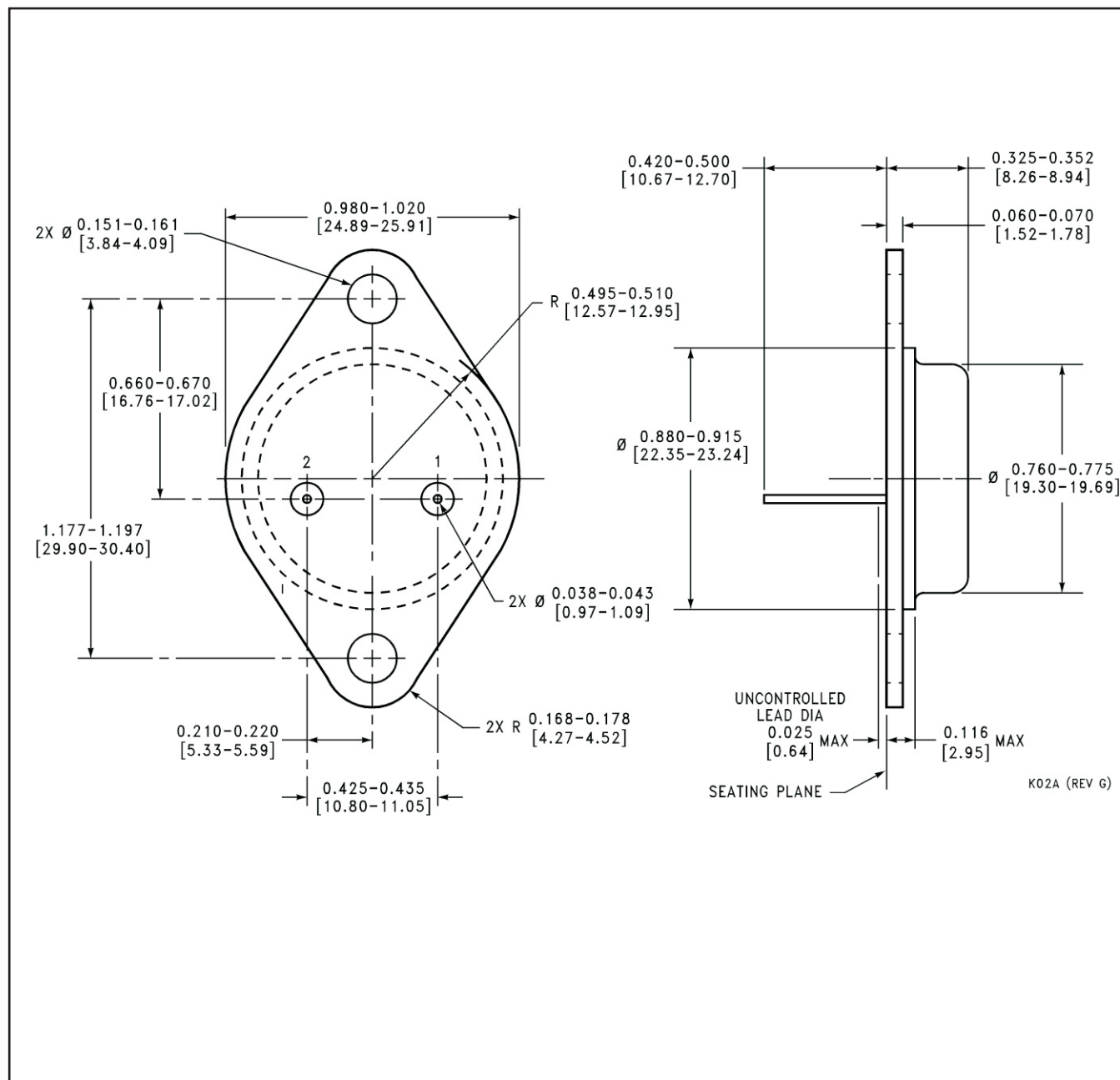


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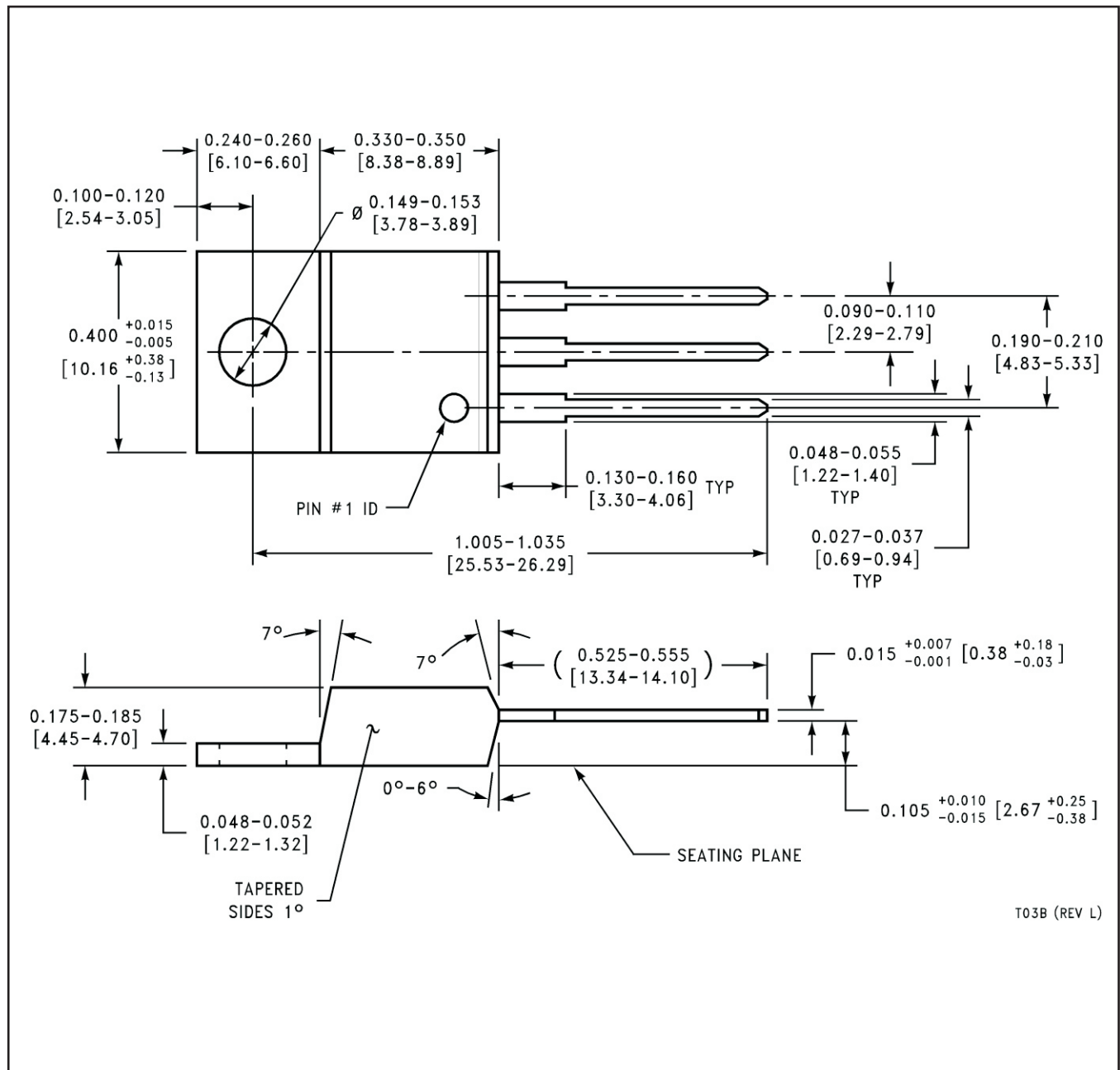
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