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LP2950/LP2951 Series of Adjustable Micropower Voltage Regulators

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#### **General Description**

The LP2950 and LP2951 are micropower voltage regulators with very low quiescent current (75  $\mu$ A typ.) and very low dropout voltage (typ. 40 mV at light loads and 380 mV at 100 mA). They are ideally suited for use in battery-powered systems. Furthermore, the quiescent current of the LP2950/LP2951 increases only slightly in dropout, prolonging battery life.

The LP2950-5.0 in the popular 3-pin TO-92 package is pin-compatible with older 5V regulators. The 8-lead LP2951 is available in plastic, ceramic dual-in-line, or metal can packages and offers additional system functions.

One such feature is an error flag output which warns of a low output voltage, often due to falling batteries on the input. It may be used for a power-on reset. A second feature is the logic-compatible shutdown input which enables the regulator to be switched on and off. Also, the part may be pin-strapped for a 5V, 3V, or 3.3V output (depending on the version), or programmed from 1.24V to 29V with an external pair of resistors.

Careful design of the LP2950/LP2951 has minimized all contributions to the error budget. This includes a tight initial tolerance (.5% typ.), extremely good load and line regulation (.05% typ.) and a very low output voltage temperature coefficient, making the part useful as a low-power voltage reference.

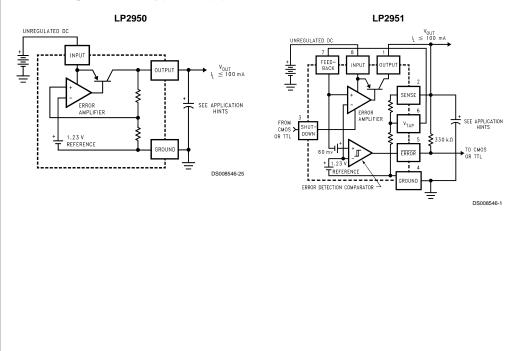
#### **Features**

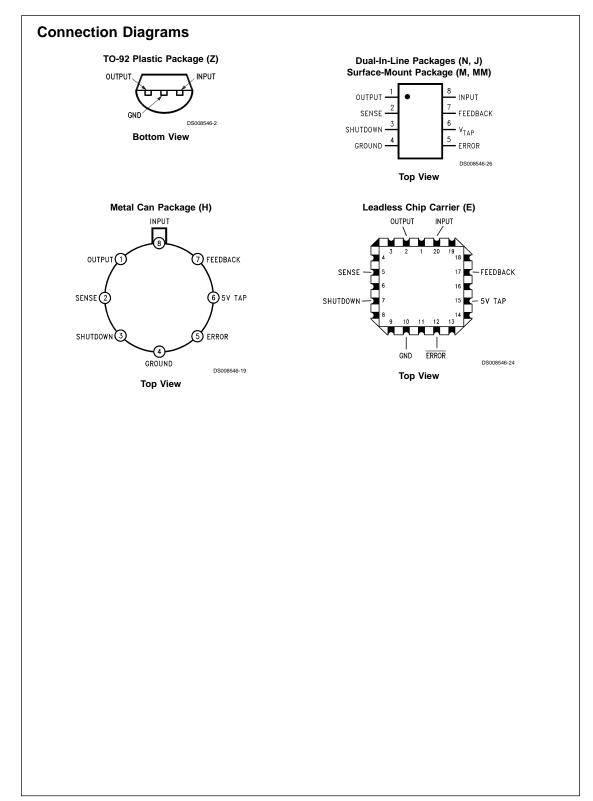
- 5V, 3V, and 3.3V versions available
- High accuracy output voltage
- Guaranteed 100 mA output current
- Extremely low quiescent current
- Low dropout voltage
- Extremely tight load and line regulation
- Very low temperature coefficient
- Use as Regulator or Reference
- Needs minimum capacitance for stability
- Current and Thermal Limiting
- Stable with low-ESR output capacitors

### LP2951 versions only

- Error flag warns of output dropout
- Logic-controlled electronic shutdown
- Output programmable from 1.24 to 29V

### **Block Diagram and Typical Applications**





## **Ordering Information**

Package		Temperature				
	3.0V	3.3V	5.0V	(°C)		
TO-92 (Z)	LP2950ACZ-3.0	LP2950ACZ-3.3	LP2950ACZ-5.0	–40 < T <sub>J</sub> < 125		
	LP2950CZ-3.0	LP2950CZ-3.3	LP2950CZ-5.0			
N (N-08E)	LP2951ACN-3.0	LP2951ACN-3.3	LP2951ACN	–40 < T <sub>J</sub> < 125		
	LP2951CN-3.0	LP2951CN-3.3	LP2950CN			
M (M08A)	LP2951ACM-3.0	LP2951ACM-3.3	LP2951ACM	–40 < T <sub>J</sub> < 125		
	LP2951CM-3.0	LP2951CM-3.3	LP2951CM			
MM (MUA08A)	LP2951ACMM-3.0	LP2951ACMM-3.3	LP2951ACMM	-40 < T <sub>J</sub> < 125		
	LP2951CMM-3.0	LP2951CMM-3.3	LP2951CMM			
J (J08A)			LP2951ACJ	-40 < T <sub>J</sub> < 125		
			LP2951CJ			
			LP2951J	$-55 < T_{J} < 150$		
			LP2951J/883			
			5926-3870501MPA			
H (H08C)			LP2951H/883	–55 < T <sub>J</sub> < 150		
			5962-3870501MGA			
E (E20A)			LP2951E/883	–55 < T <sub>J</sub> < 150		
			5962-3870501M2A			

## For MM Package:

Order Number	Package Marking
LP2951ACMM	LODA
LP2951CMM	LODB
LP2951ACMM-3.3	LOCA
LP2951CMM-3.3	LOCB
LP2951ACMM-3.0	LOBA
LP2951CMM-3.0	L0BB

### Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the National Semiconductor Sales Office/ Distributors for availability and specifications.

-0.3 to +30V

-1.5 to +30V

+150°C

Internally Limited

–65° to +150°C

Soldering Dwell Time, Temperature	
Wave	4 seconds, 260°C
Infrared	10 seconds, 240°C
Vapor Phase	75 seconds, 219°C
ESD	TBD

## **Operating Ratings** (Note 1)

Maximum Input Supply Voltage	30V
Junction Temperature Range (T <sub>J</sub> ) (Note 8)	
LP2951	–55° to +150°C
LP2950AC-XX, LP2950C-XX, LP2951AC-XX, LP2951C-XX	–40° to +125°C

#### Electrical Characteristics(Note 2)

Input Supply Voltage

(Note 9) (Note 10)

Power Dissipation Junction Temperature (T<sub>J</sub>)

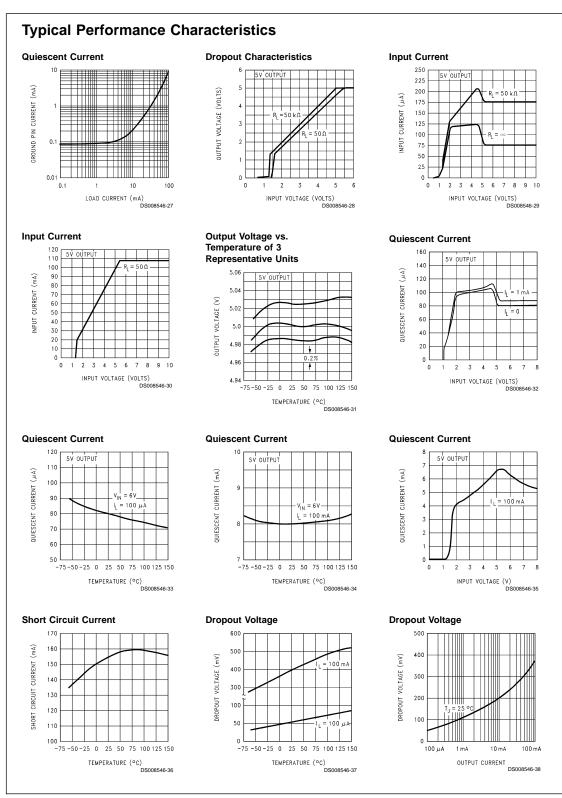
SHUTDOWN Input Voltage, Error Comparator Output Voltage, (Note 9) FEEDBACK Input Voltage

Ambient Storage Temperature

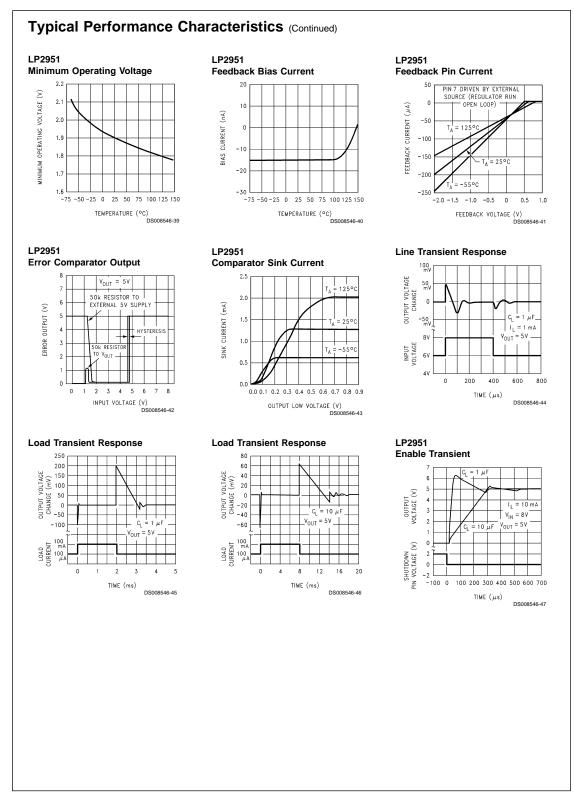
Parameter	Conditions	LP2951		LP2950AC-XX LP2951AC-XX			LP2950C-XX LP2951C-XX			
			Tested		Tested	Design		Tested	Design	Units
	(Note 2)	Тур	Limit	Тур	Limit	Limit	Тур	Limit	Limit	
			(Notes 3, 16)		(Note 3)	(Note 4)		(Note 3)	(Note 4)	
3V VERSIONS (Note 17)			(		(	( )	I	(	( /	
Output Voltage	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C	3.0	3.015	3.0	3.015		3.0	3.030		V max
			2.985		2.985			2.970		V mir
	$-25^{\circ}C \le T_{J} \le 85^{\circ}C$	3.0		3.0		3.030	3.0		3.045	V ma
						2.970			2.955	V mir
	Full Operating	3.0	3.036	3.0		3.036	3.0		3.060	V ma
	Temperature Range		2.964			2.964			2.940	V mir
Output Voltage	$100 \ \mu A \le I_L \le 100 \ mA$	3.0	3.045	3.0		3.042	3.0		3.072	V ma
	$T_{J} \leq T_{JMAX}$		2.955			2.958			2.928	V mir
3.3V VERSIONS (Note 1	7)						•		•	
Output Voltage	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C	3.3	3.317	3.3	3.317		3.3	3.333		V ma
			3.284		3.284			3.267		V mii
	$-25^{\circ}C \le T_{J} \le 85^{\circ}C$	3.3		3.3		3.333	3.3		3.350	V ma
						3.267			3.251	V mir
	Full Operating	3.3	3.340	3.3		3.340	3.3		3.366	V ma
	Temperature Range		3.260			3.260			3.234	V mir
Output Voltage	$100 \ \mu A \le I_L \le 100 \ mA$	3.3	3.350	3.3		3.346	3.3		3.379	V ma
	$T_{J} \leq T_{JMAX}$		3.251			3.254			3.221	V mir
5V VERSIONS (Note 17)	•									
Output Voltage	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C	5.0	5.025	5.0	5.025		5.0	5.05		V ma
			4.975		4.975			4.95		V mir
	$-25^{\circ}C \leq T_J \leq 85^{\circ}C$	5.0		5.0		5.05	5.0		5.075	V ma
						4.95			4.925	V mir
	Full Operating	5.0	5.06	5.0		5.06	5.0		5.1	V ma
	Temperature Range		4.94			4.94			4.9	V mir
Output Voltage	$100 \ \mu A \le I_L \le 100 \ mA$	5.0	5.075	5.0		5.075	5.0		5.12	V ma
	$T_{J} \leq T_{JMAX}$		4.925			4.925			4.88	V mir
ALL VOLTAGE OPTION	S									
Output Voltage Temperature Coefficient	(Note 12)	20	120	20		100	50		150	ppm/°
Line Regulation	$(V_0NOM + 1)V \le V_{in} \le 30V$ (Note 15)	0.03	0.1	0.03	0.1		0.04	0.2		% ma
(Note 14)			0.5			0.2			0.4	% ma
Load Regulation	$100 \ \mu A \le I_L \le 100 \ mA$	0.04	0.1	0.04	0.1		0.1	0.2		% ma
(Note 14)			0.3			0.2			0.3	% ma

		LP2951		LP2950AC-XX			LP2950C-XX			
Parameter	Conditions				LP2951AC			LP2951C-		
	(Note 2)		Tested		Tested	Design		Tested	Design	Units
		Тур	Limit	Тур	Limit	Limit	Тур	Limit	Limit	
			(Notes 3, 16)		(Note 3)	(Note 4)		(Note 3)	(Note 4)	
ALL VOLTAGE OPTION	IS			-						
Dropout Voltage (Note 5)	I <sub>L</sub> = 100 μA		80		80			80		mV ma
(1010-5)		50	150	50		150	50		150	mV ma
	I <sub>L</sub> = 100 mA		450		450			450		mV ma
		380	600	380		600	380		600	mV ma
Ground	I <sub>L</sub> = 100 μA	75	120	75	120		75	120		µA ma
Current			140			140			140	µA ma
	I <sub>L</sub> = 100 mA	8	12	8	12		8	12		mA ma
			14			14			14	mA ma
Dropout	$V_{in} = (V_O NOM - 0.5)V$	110	170	110	170		110	170		µA ma
Ground Current	I <sub>L</sub> = 100 μA		200			200			200	µA ma
Current Limit	V <sub>out</sub> = 0	160	200	160	200		160	200		mA ma
			220			220			220	mA ma
Thermal Regulation	(Note 13)	0.05	0.2	0.05	0.2		0.05	0.2		%/W ma
Output Noise,	$C_L = 1 \ \mu F (5V \text{ Only})$	430		430			430			µV rm
10 Hz to 100 kHz	C <sub>L</sub> = 200 μF	160		160			160			μV rm
	C <sub>L</sub> = 3.3 μF									
	(Bypass = 0.01 µF	100		100			100			µV rm
	Pins 7 to 1 (LP2951))									-
8-PIN VERSIONS ONLY	, ,,	LP2951		LP2951AC-XX		LP2951C-XX				
Reference		1.235	1.25	1.235	1.25		1.235	1.26		V ma
Voltage			1.26			1.26			1.27	V ma
			1.22		1.22	-		1.21		V mir
			1.2			1.2			1.2	V mir
Reference	(Note 7)		1.27			1.27			1.285	V ma
Voltage			1.19			1.19			1.185	V mir
Feedback Pin		20	40	20	40	-	20	40		nA ma
Bias Current			60			60			60	nA ma
Reference Voltage	(Note 12)	20		20			50			ppm/°
Temperature Coefficient	, ,	20		20						ppm,
Feedback Pin Bias		0.1		0.1			0.1			nA/°C
Current Temperature		0.1		0.1			0.1			
Coefficient										
Error Comparator										
	V <sub>OH</sub> = 30V	0.01	1	0.01	1		0.01	1		
Output Leakage	V <sub>OH</sub> - 50V	0.01	2	0.01	'	2	0.01		2	µA ma
Current		450		450	050	2	450	050	2	µA ma
Output Low	$V_{in} = (V_0 NOM - 0.5)V$	150	250	150	250	400	150	250	400	mV ma
Voltage	$I_{OL} = 400 \ \mu A$		400		40	400	60	40	400	mV ma
Upper Threshold	(Note 6)	60	40	60	40	25	60	40	25	mV m
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Lower Threshold	(Note 6)	75	95	75	95		75	95		mV ma
Voltage			140	+		140			140	mV ma
Hysteresis	(Note 6)	15		15			15			mV
Shutdown Input				1			1	1		
		1.3		1.3			1.3			V
Input		1	0.6	1	1	0.7	1	1	0.7	V ma
Input Logic Voltage	Low (Regulator ON) High (Regulator OFF)		2.0			2.0			2.0	V mir

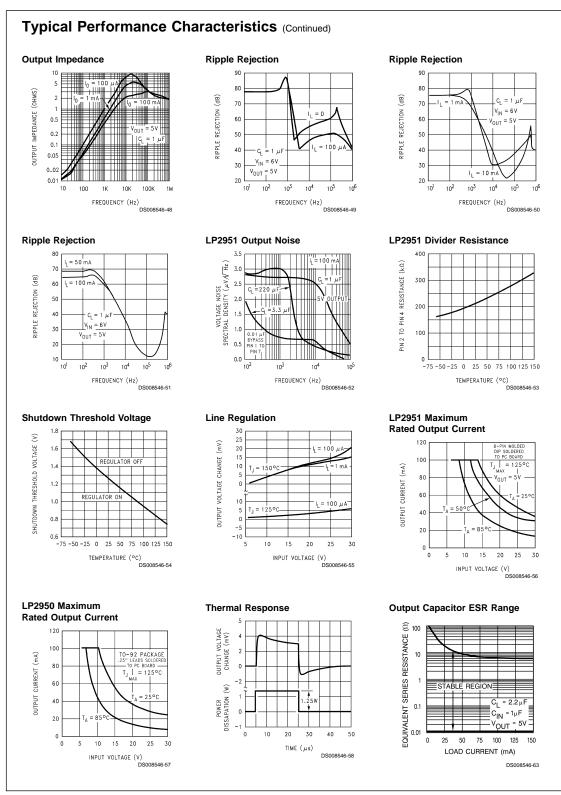
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Parameter				LP2951AC-XX			LP2951C-XX			
Parameter	Conditions		yp Limit (Notes 3, 16)		Tested	Design		Tested	Design	Units
	(Note 2)	Тур		Тур	Limit	Limit	Тур		Limit (Note 4)	
					(Note 3)	(Note 4)		(Note 3)		
Shutdown Input					, ,	, ,		, ,	, ,	
Shutdown Pin Input	V <sub>shutdown</sub> = 2.4V	30	50	30	50		30	50		µA ma
Current			100			100			100	µA ma
	V <sub>shutdown</sub> = 30V	450	600	450	600		450	600		µA ma
			750			750			750	μA ma
Regulator Output	(Note 11)	3	10	3	10		3	10		µA ma
Current in Shutdown			20			20			20	µA ma
Note 3: Guaranteed and Note 4: Guaranteed but r	not 100% production tested. Th	V <sub>TAP</sub> , OUT ese limits a	PUT tied to SENSI	E, and V culate ou	′SHUTDOWN <sup>≤</sup> utgoing AQL	0.8V. levels.				
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Thresholds remain constat Note 7: $V_{ref} \le V_{out} \le (V_{in}$ Note 8: The junction-to-a circuit board (PCB) respect molded plastic MSOP (MM MM, and E packages apply respectively. Note 9: May exceed input Note 9: May exceed input Note 10: When used in or ground.	mmed output voltage of 5V, the int as a percent of $V_{out}$ as $V_{out}$ $-1V$ ), $2.3V \le V_{in} \le 30V$ , $100 \downarrow$ mbient thermal resistances are tively, $105$ °C/W for the molded d), $160$ °C/W for the metal can p y when the package is soldered at supply voltage. tual-supply systems where the $V_{in} \le 30V$ , $V_{out} = 0$ , Feedback	is varied, v $IA \le I_L \le 10$ as follows: plastic DIP backage (H) directly to the output term	with the dropout was $0 \text{ mA}, T_J \leq T_{JMAX}$ . $180^{\circ}C/W$ and $160^{\circ}$ . $(N), 130^{\circ}C/W$ for th, $n$ , and $180^{\circ}C/W$ for the PCB. Junction-to hinal sees loads re	C/W for the ceram the lead o-case th	the TO-92 pa the TO-92 pa nic DIP (J), 16 dless chip ca nermal resista	pically 5% be ackage with 0 50°C/W for th rier (E). The ances for the	elow nor 0.40 incl ie molde above t E and H	minal, 7.5% g h and 0.25 in d plastic SO thermal resis I packages an	guaranteed. ich leads to tl P (M), 200°C tances for the re 24°C/W an	/W for the e N, J, N id 20°C/V
	ence voltage temperature coeffi			ase volt	age change	divided by th	ne total t	emperature	range.	
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### Application Hints

#### EXTERNAL CAPACITORS

A 1.0  $\mu$ F (or greater) capacitor is required between the output and ground for stability at output voltages of 5V or more. At lower output voltages, more capacitance is required (2.2  $\mu$ F or more is recommended for 3V and 3.3V versions). Without this capacitor the part will oscillate. Most types of tantalum or aluminum electrolytics work fine here; even film types work but are not recommended for reasons of cost. Many aluminum electrolytics have electrolytes that freeze at about  $-30^{\circ}$ C, so solid tantalums are recommended for operation below  $-25^{\circ}$ C. The important parameters of the capacitor are an ESR of about 5  $\Omega$  or less and a resonant frequency above 500 kHz. The value of this capacitor may be increased without limit.

At lower values of output current, less output capacitance is required for stability. The capacitor can be reduced to 0.33  $\mu$ F for currents below 10 mA or 0.1  $\mu$ F for currents below 10 mA or 0.1  $\mu$ F for currents below 5V runs the error amplifier at lower gains so that *more* output capacitance is needed. For the worst-case situation of a 100 mA load at 1.23V output (Output shorted to Feedback) a 3.3  $\mu$ F (or greater) capacitor should be used.

Unlike many other regulators, the LP2950 will remain stable and in regulation with no load in addition to the internal voltage divider. This is especially important in CMOS RAM keep-alive applications. When setting the output voltage of the LP2951 versions with external resistors, a minimum load of 1 µA is recommended.

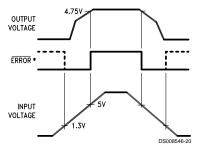
A 1  $\mu$ F tantalum or aluminum electrolytic capacitor should be placed from the LP2950/LP2951 input to ground if there is more than 10 inches of wire between the input and the AC filter capacitor or if a battery is used as the input.

Stray capacitance to the LP2951 Feedback terminal can cause instability. This may especially be a problem when using high value external resistors to set the output voltage. Adding a 100 pF capacitor between Output and Feedback and increasing the output capacitor to at least 3.3  $\mu$ F will fix this problem.

#### ERROR DETECTION COMPARATOR OUTPUT

The comparator produces a logic low output whenever the LP2951 output falls out of regulation by more than approximately 5%. This figure is the comparator's built-in offset of about 60 mV divided by the 1.235 reference voltage. (Refer to the block diagram in the front of the datasheet.) This trip level remains "5% below normal" regardless of the programmed output voltage of the 2951. For example, the error flag trip level is typically 4.75V for a 5V output or 11.4V for a 12V output. The out of regulation condition may be due either to low input voltage, current limiting, or thermal limiting. Figure 1 below gives a timing diagram depicting the ERROR signal and the regulated output voltage as the LP2951 input is ramped up and down. For 5V versions, the ERROR signal becomes valid (low) at about 1.3V input. It goes high at about 5V input (the input voltage at which  $V_{OUT} = 4.75V$ ). Since the LP2951's dropout voltage is load-dependent (see curve in typical performance characteristics), the input voltage trip point (about 5V) will vary with the load current. The output voltage trip point (approx. 4.75V) does not vary with load.

The error comparator has an open-collector output which requires an external pullup resistor. This resistor may be returned to the output or some other supply voltage depending on system requirements. In determining a value for this resistor, note that while the output is rated to sink 400  $\mu A$ , this sink current adds to battery drain in a low battery condition. Suggested values range from 100k to 1 M $\Omega$ . The resistor is not required if this output is unused.



\*When  $V_{IN} \leq$  1.3V, the error flag pin becomes a high impedance, and the error flag voltage rises to its pull-up voltage. Using V<sub>OUT</sub> as the pull-up voltage (see *Figure 2*), rather than an external 5V source, will keep the error flag voltage under 1.2V (typ.) in this condition. The user may wish to divide down the error flag voltage using equal-value resistors (10 kΩ suggested), to ensure a low-level logic signal during any fault condition, while still allowing a valid high logic level during normal operation.

### FIGURE 1. ERROR Output Timing

#### PROGRAMMING THE OUTPUT VOLTAGE (LP2951)

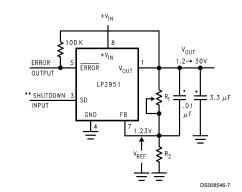
The LP2951 may be pin-strapped for the nominal fixed output voltage using its internal voltage divider by tying the output and sense pins together, and also tying the feedback and  $V_{TAP}$  pins together. Alternatively, it may be programmed for any output voltage between its 1.235V reference and its 30V maximum rating. As seen in *Figure 2*, an external pair of resistors is required.

The complete equation for the output voltage is

$$V_{OUT} = V_{REF} \bullet \left(1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}\right) + I_{FB}R_1$$

where  $V_{REF}$  is the nominal 1.235 reference voltage and  $I_{FB}$  is the feedback pin bias current, nominally –20 nA. The minimum recommended load current of 1  $\mu$ A forces an upper limit of 1.2  $M\Omega$  on the value of  $R_2$ , if the regulator must work with no load (a condition often found in CMOS in standby).  $I_{FB}$  will produce a 2% typical error in  $V_{OUT}$  which may be eliminated at room temperature by trimming  $R_1$ . For better accuracy, choosing  $R_2$  = 100k reduces this error to 0.17% while increasing the resistor program current to 12  $\mu$ A. Since the LP2951 typically draws 60  $\mu$ A at no load with Pin 2 open-circuited, this is a small price to pay.

### Application Hints (Continued)



\*See Application Hints

$$V_{out} = V_{Ref} \left( 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right)$$

\*\*Drive with TTL-high to shut down. Ground or leave open if shutdown feature is not to be used.

Note: Pins 2 and 6 are left open.

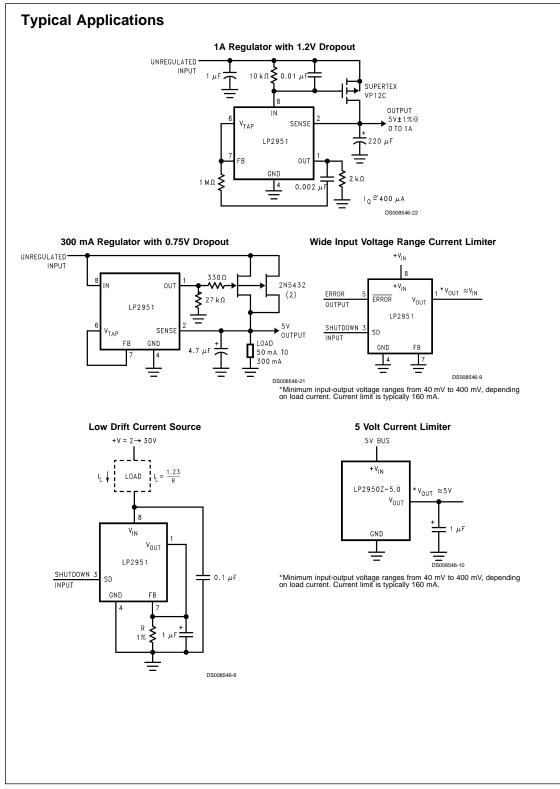
#### FIGURE 2. Adjustable Regulator

#### REDUCING OUTPUT NOISE

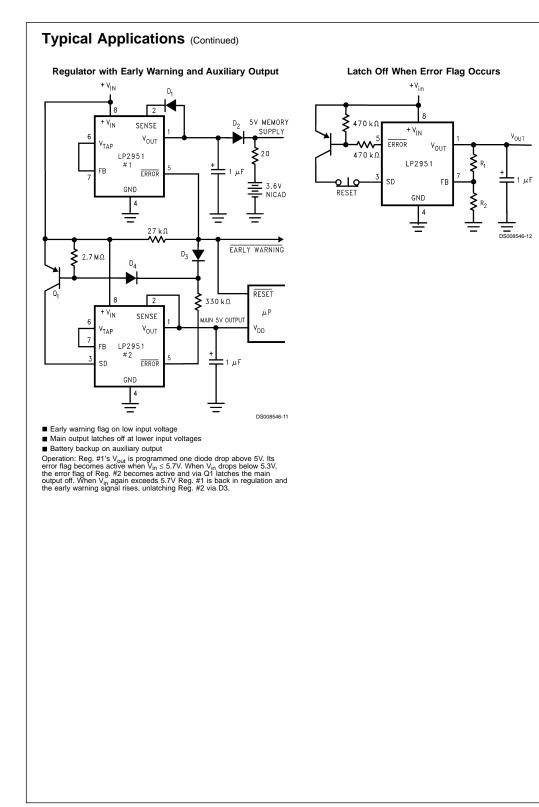
In reference applications it may be advantageous to reduce the AC noise present at the output. One method is to reduce the regulator bandwidth by increasing the size of the output capacitor. This is the only way noise can be reduced on the 3 lead LP2950 but is relatively inefficient, as increasing the capacitor from 1  $\mu F$  to 220  $\mu F$  only decreases the noise from 430  $\mu V$  to 160  $\mu V$  rms for a 100 kHz bandwidth at 5V output. Noise can be reduced fourfold by a bypass capacitor across  $R_1$ , since it reduces the high frequency gain from 4 to unity. Pick

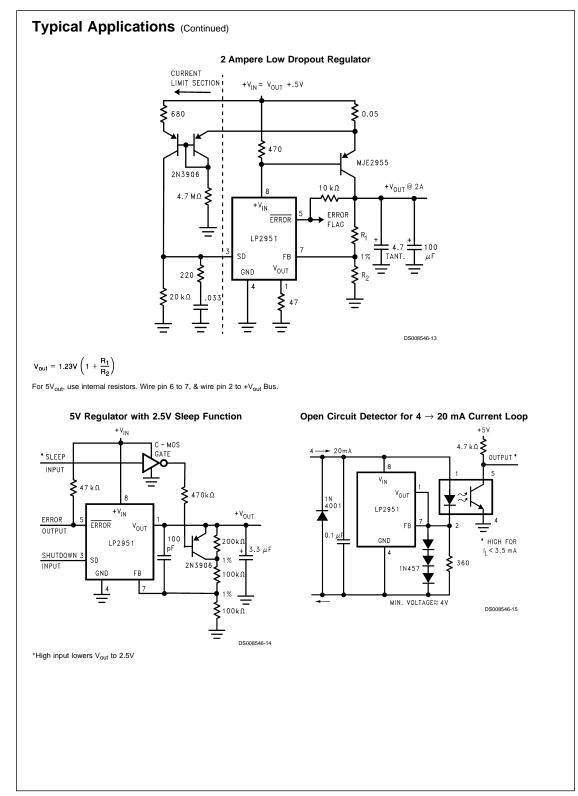
$$C_{BYPASS} \simeq \frac{1}{2\pi R_1 \bullet 200 \text{ Hz}}$$

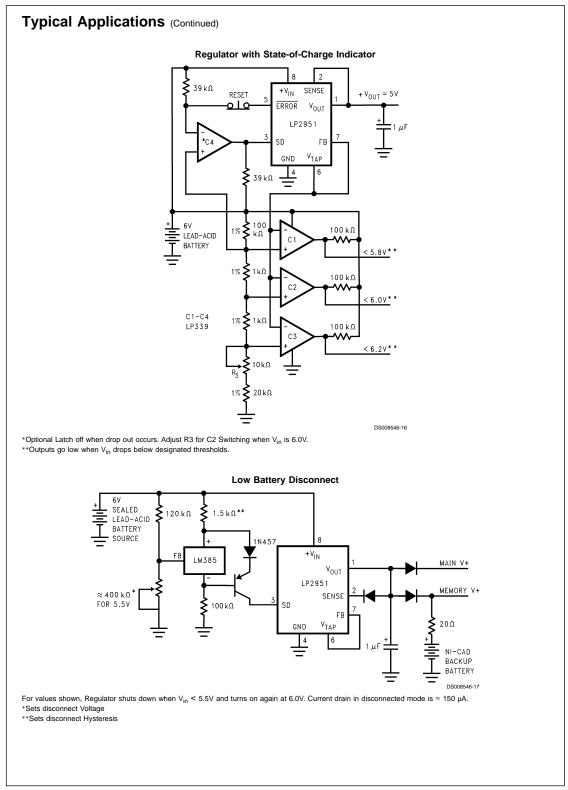
or about 0.01  $\mu$ F. When doing this, the output capacitor must be increased to 3.3  $\mu$ F to maintain stability. These changes reduce the output noise from 430  $\mu$ V to 100  $\mu$ V rms for a 100 kHz bandwidth at 5V output. With the bypass capacitor added, noise no longer scales with output voltage so that improvements are more dramatic at higher output voltages.

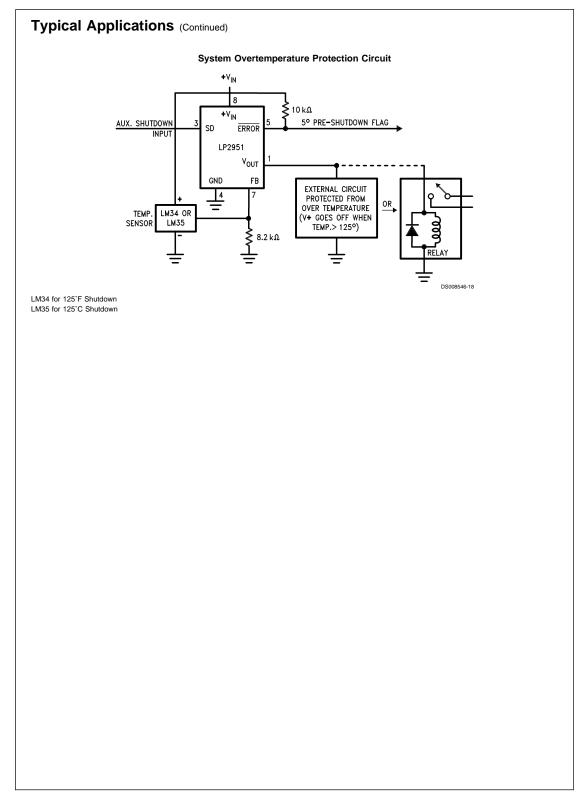


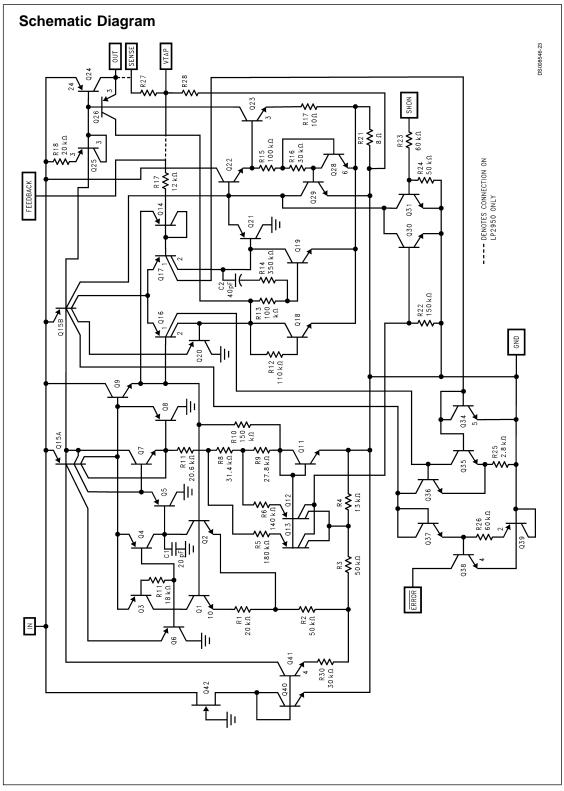
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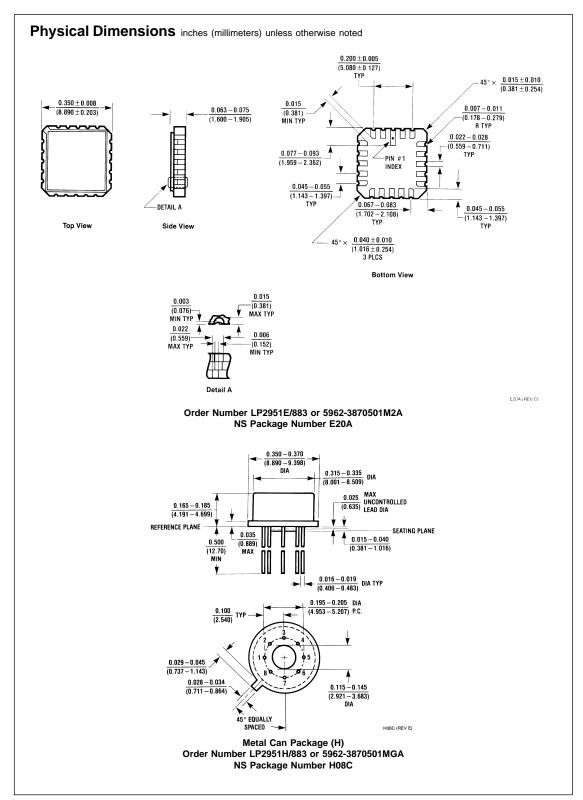


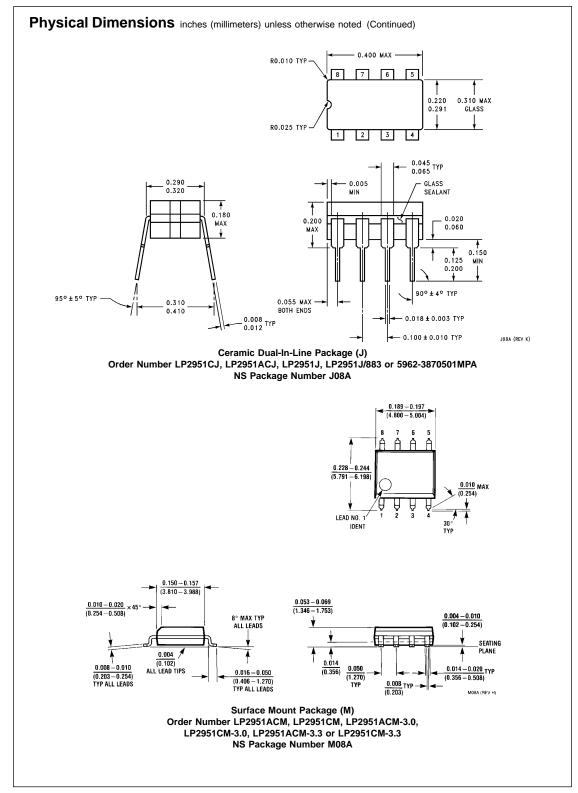


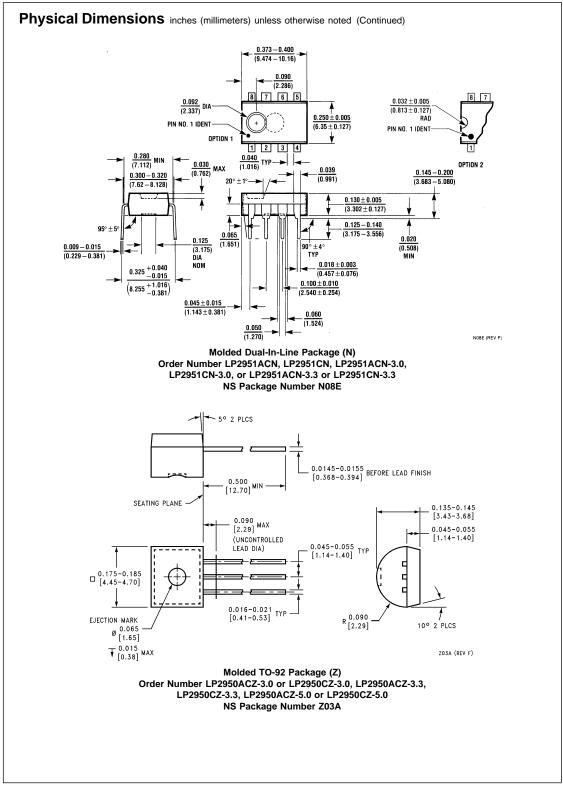


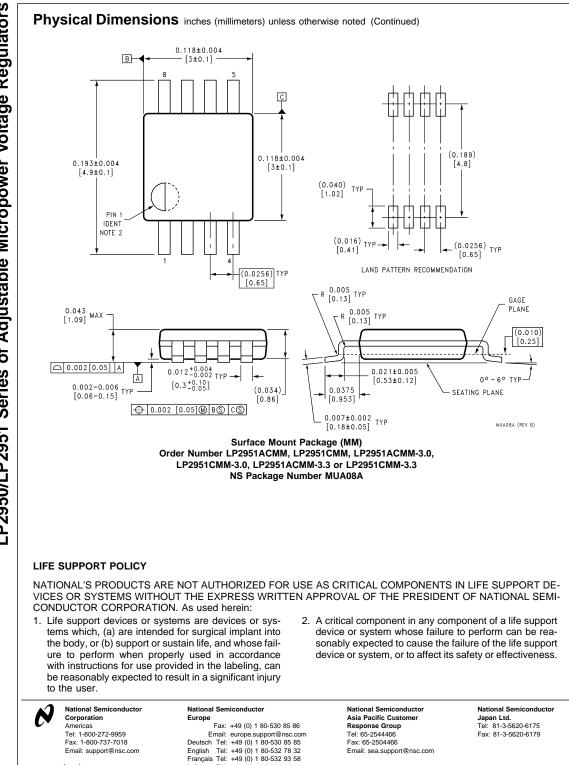












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