LDO Regulator, 150 mA, 38 V, 1 μA I_Q, with PG

NCP730

The NCP730 device is based on unique combination of features – very low quiescent current, fast transient response and high input and output voltage ranges. The NCP730 is CMOS LDO regulator designed for up to 38 V input voltage and 150 mA output current. Quiescent current of only 1 μA makes this device ideal solution for battery–powered, always–on systems. Several fixed output voltage versions are available as well as the adjustable version.

The device (version B) implements power good circuit (PG) which indicates that output voltage is in regulation. This signal could be used for power sequencing or as a microcontroller reset.

Internal short circuit and over temperature protections saves the device against overload conditions.

Features

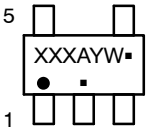
- Operating Input Voltage Range: 2.7 V to 38 V
- Output Voltage:
  - 1.2 V to 24 V (FIX)
  - 1.2 V to 37 V (ADJ)
- Capable of Sourcing 200 mA Peak Output Current
- Very Low Quiescent Current: 1 μA typ.
- Low Dropout: 290 mV typ. at 150 mA, 3.3 V Version
- Output Voltage Accuracy ±1%
- Power Good Output (Version B)
- Stable with Small 1 μF Ceramic Capacitors
- Built–in Soft Start Circuit to Suppress Inrush Current
- Over–Current and Thermal Shutdown Protections
- Available in Small TSOP–5 and WDFN6 (2x2) Packages
- These Devices are Pb–Free and are RoHS Compliant

Typical Applications

- Battery Power Tools and Equipment
- Home Automation
- RF Devices
- Metering
- Remote Control Devices
- White Goods

MARKING DIAGRAMS

TSOP–5
SN SUFFIX
CASE 483



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A = Assembly Location
Y = Year
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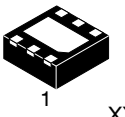
▪ = Pb–Free Package
(Note: Microdot may be in either location)



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XX = Specific Device Code
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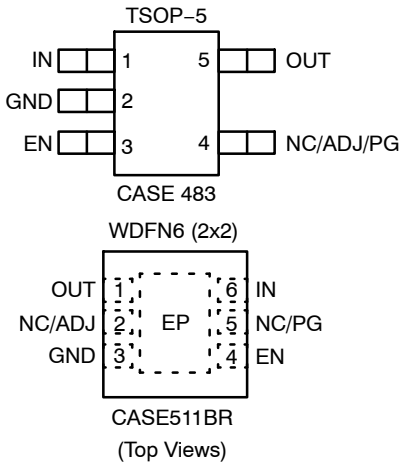
PIN ASSIGNMENTS



ORDERING INFORMATION

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TYPICAL APPLICATION SCHEMATICS

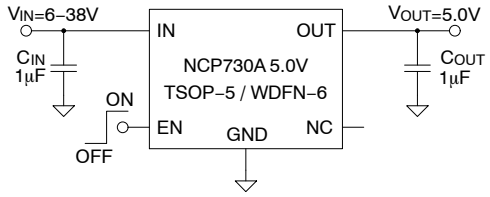


Figure 1. Fixed Output Voltage Application (No PG)

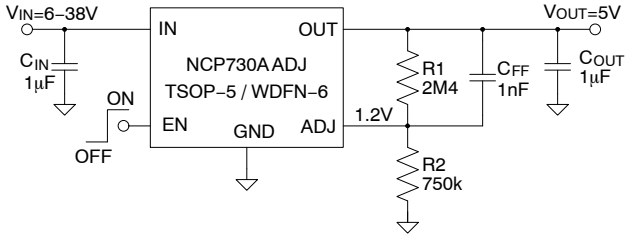


Figure 2. Adjustable Output Voltage Application (No PG)

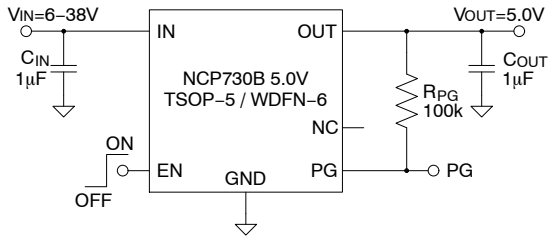


Figure 3. Fixed Output Voltage Application with PG

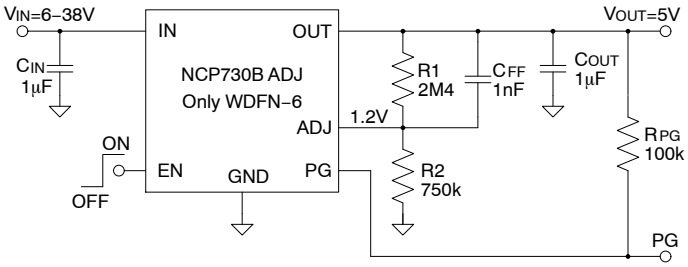
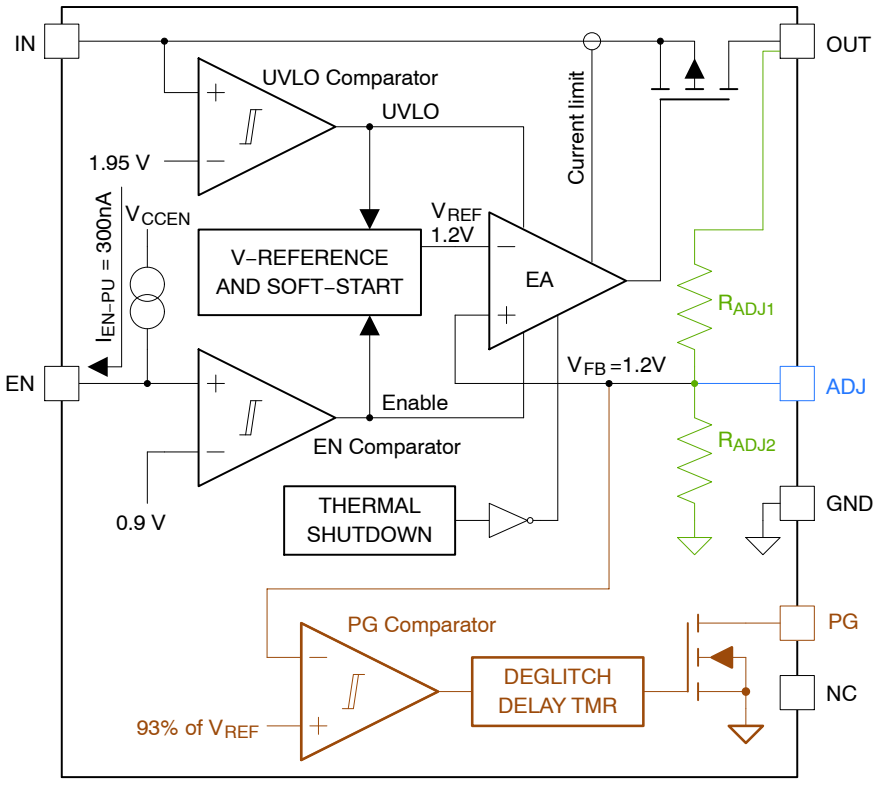


Figure 4. Adjustable Output Voltage Application with PG

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



Note: Blue objects are valid for ADJ version
Green objects are valid for FIX version
Brown objects are valid for B version (with PG)

Figure 5. Internal Block Diagram

PIN DESCRIPTION – TSOP−5 package

Pin No.	Pin Name	Description
1	IN	Power supply input pin.
2	GND	Ground pin.
3	EN	Enable input pin (high – enabled, low – disabled). If this pin is connected to IN pin or if it is left unconnected (pull−up resistor is not required) the device is enabled.
4	ADJ/PG/NC	ADJ (ADJ device version only): • Adjust input pin. Could be connected to the output resistor divider or to the output pin directly. PG (FIX device versions with PG functionality): • Power good output pin. High level for power ok, low level for fail. If not used, could be left unconnected or shorted to GND. NC (FIX device versions without PG functionality): • Not internally connected. This pin can be tied to the ground plane to improve thermal dissipation.
5	OUT	Output pin.

PIN DESCRIPTION – WDFN−6 package

Pin No.	Pin Name	Description
1	OUT	Output pin.
2	NC/ADJ	ADJ (ADJ device version only): • Adjust input pin. Could be connected to the output resistor divider or to the output pin directly. NC (all FIX device versions): • Not internally connected. This pin can be tied to the ground plane to improve thermal dissipation.
3	GND	Ground pin.
4	EN	Enable input pin (high – enabled, low – disabled). If this pin is connected to IN pin or if it is left unconnected (pull−up resistor is not required) the device is enabled.
5	NC/PG	PG (ADJ/FIX device versions with PG functionality): • Power good output pin. High level for power ok, low level for fail. If not used, could be left unconnected or shorted to GND. NC (ADJ/FIX device versions without PG functionality): • Not internally connected. This pin can be tied to the ground plane to improve thermal dissipation.
6	IN	Power supply input pin.
EP	EPAD	Exposed pad pin. Should be connected to the GND plane.

MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
VIN Voltage (Note 1)	V_{IN}	−0.3 to 40	V
VOUT Voltage	V_{OUT}	ADJ version & FIX versions $V_{OUT-NOM}$ > 5.0 V: −0.3 to [(V_{IN} + 0.3) or 40 V; whichever is lower] FIX versions $V_{OUT-NOM}$ ≤ 5.0 V: −0.3 to [(V_{IN} + 0.3) or 6.0 V; whichever is lower]	V
EN Voltage	V_{EN}	−0.3 to (V_{IN} + 0.3)	V
ADJ Voltage	$V_{FB/ADJ}$	−0.3 to 5.5	V
PG Voltage	V_{PG}	−0.3 to (V_{IN} + 0.3)	V
Output Current	I_{OUT}	Internally limited	mA
PG Current	I_{PG}	3	mA
Maximum Junction Temperature	$T_{J(MAX)}$	150	°C
Storage Temperature	T_{STG}	−55 to 150	°C
ESD Capability, Human Body Model (Note 2)	ESD_{HBM}	2000	V
ESD Capability, Charged Device Model (Note 2)	ESD_{CDM}	1000	V

Stresses exceeding those listed in the Maximum Ratings table may damage the device. If any of these limits are exceeded, device functionality should not be assumed, damage may occur and reliability may be affected.

1. Refer to ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS and APPLICATION INFORMATION for Safe Operating Area.
2. This device series incorporates ESD protection and is tested by the following methods:
   ESD Human Body Model tested per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS−001, EIA/JESD22−A114
   ESD Charged Device Model tested per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS−002, EIA/JESD22−C101

THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS (Note 3)

Characteristic	Symbol	WDFN6 2x2	TSOP−5	Unit
Thermal Resistance, Junction−to−Air	R_{thJA}	67	178	°C/W
Thermal Resistance, Junction−to−Case (top)	R_{thJCt}	89	93	°C/W
Thermal Resistance, Junction−to−Case (bottom)	R_{thJCb}	11	N/A	°C/W
Thermal Resistance, Junction−to−Board (top)	R_{thJBt}	44	53	°C/W
Thermal Characterization Parameter, Junction−to−Case (top)	Psi_{JCt}	4.6	18	°C/W
Thermal Characterization Parameter, Junction−to−Board [FEM]	Psi_{JB}	44	53	°C/W

3. Measured according to JEDEC board specification (board 1S2P, Cu layer thickness 1 oz, Cu area 650 mm^2, no airflow). Detailed description of the board can be found in JESD51−7.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (V_{IN} = $V_{OUT-NOM}$ + 1 V and V_{IN} ≥ 2.7 V, V_{EN} = 1.2 V, I_{OUT} = 1 mA, C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 1.0 μF (effective capacitance − Note 4), T_J = −40°C to 125°C, ADJ tied to OUT, unless otherwise specified) (Note 5)

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Recommended Input Voltage		V_{IN}	2.7	−	38	V
Output Voltage Accuracy	T_J = −40°C to +85°C	V_{OUT}	−1	−	1	%
	T_J = −40°C to +125°C		−1	−	2	
ADJ Reference Voltage	ADJ version only	V_{ADJ}	−	1.2	−	V
ADJ Input Current	V_{ADJ} = 1.2 V	I_{ADJ}	−0.1	0.01	0.1	μA
Line Regulation	V_{IN} = $V_{OUT-NOM}$ + 1 V to 38 V and V_{IN} ≥ 2.7 V	$\Delta V_{O(\Delta VI)}$	−	−	0.2	$\%V_{OUT}$
Load Regulation	I_{OUT} = 0.1 mA to 150 mA	$\Delta V_{O(\Delta IO)}$	−	−	0.4	$\%V_{OUT}$
Quiescent Current (version A)	V_{IN} = $V_{OUT-NOM}$ + 1 V to 38 V, I_{OUT} = 0 mA	I_Q	−	1.3	2.5	μA
Quiescent Current (version B)	V_{IN} = $V_{OUT-NOM}$ + 1 V to 38 V, I_{OUT} = 0 mA		−	1.8	3.0	
Ground Current	I_{OUT} = 150 mA	I_{GND}	−	325	450	μA
Shutdown Current (Note 9)	V_{EN} = 0 V, I_{OUT} = 0 mA, V_{IN} = 38 V	I_{SHDN}	−	0.35	1.5	μA
Output Current Limit	V_{OUT} = $V_{OUT-NOM}$ − 100 mV	I_{OLIM}	200	280	450	mA
Short Circuit Current	V_{OUT} = 0 V	I_{OSC}	200	280	450	mA
Dropout Voltage (Note 6)	I_{OUT} = 150 mA	V_{DO}	−	290	480	mV

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (V_{IN} = $V_{OUT-NOM}$ + 1 V and V_{IN} ≥ 2.7 V, V_{EN} = 1.2 V, I_{OUT} = 1 mA, C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 1.0 μF (effective capacitance – Note 4), T_J = −40°C to 125°C, ADJ tied to OUT, unless otherwise specified) (Note 5) (continued)

Parameter	Test Conditions		Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Power Supply Ripple Rejection	V_{IN} = $V_{OUT-NOM}$ + 2 V I_{OUT} = 10 mA	10 Hz	PSRR	–	80	–	dB
		10 kHz		–	70	–	
Power Supply Ripple Rejection	V_{IN} = $V_{OUT-NOM}$ + 2 V I_{OUT} = 10 mA	100 kHz	PSRR	–	42	–	dB
		1 MHz		–	48	–	
Output Voltage Noise	f = 10 Hz to 100 kHz	FIX−3.3 V	V_N	–	195	–	μV_{RMS}
		FIX−5.0 V		–	240	–	
		FIX−15.0 V		–	460	–	
		ADJ set to 5.0 V C_{FF} = 100 pF		–	132	–	
		ADJ set to 5.0 V C_{FF} = 10 nF		–	82	–	
EN Threshold	V_{EN} rising		V_{EN-TH}	0.7	0.9	1.05	V
EN Hysteresis	V_{EN} falling		V_{EN-HY}	0.01	0.1	0.2	V
EN Internal Pull−up Current	V_{EN} = 1 V, V_{IN} = 5.5 V		I_{EN-PU}	0.01	0.3	1	μA
EN Input Leakage Current	V_{EN} = 30 V, V_{IN} = 30 V		I_{EN-LK}	−1	0.05	1	μA
Start−up time (Note 7)	$V_{OUT-NOM}$ ≤ 3.3 V		t_{START}	100	250	500	μs
	$V_{OUT-NOM}$ > 3.3 V			300	600	1000	
Internal UVLO Threshold	Ramp V_{IN} up until output is turned on		V_{IUL-TH}	1.6	1.95	2.6	V
Internal UVLO Hysteresis	Ramp V_{IN} down until output is turned off		V_{IUL-HY}	0.05	0.2	0.3	V
PG Threshold (Note 8)	V_{OUT} falling		V_{PG-TH}	90	93	96	%
PG Hysteresis (Note 8)	V_{OUT} rising		V_{PG-HY}	0.1	2	4	%
PG Deglitch Time (Note 8)			t_{PG-DG}	75	160	270	μs
PG Delay Time (Note 8)			t_{PG-DLY}	120	320	600	μs
PG Output Low Level Voltage (Note 8)	I_{PG} = 1 mA		V_{PG-OL}	–	0.2	0.4	V
PG Output Leakage Current (Note 8)	V_{PG} = 30 V		I_{PG-LK}	–	0.01	1	μA
Thermal Shutdown Temperature	Temperature rising from T_J = +25°C		T_{SD}	–	165	–	°C
Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis	Temperature falling from T_{SD}		T_{SDH}	–	20	–	°C

Product parametric performance is indicated in the Electrical Characteristics for the listed test conditions, unless otherwise noted. Product performance may not be indicated by the Electrical Characteristics if operated under different conditions.

4. Effective capacitance, including the effect of DC bias, tolerance and temperature. See the Application Information section for more information.
5. Performance guaranteed over the indicated operating temperature range by design and/or characterization. Production tested at T_A = 25°C. Low duty cycle pulse techniques are used during the testing to maintain the junction temperature as close to ambient as possible.
6. Dropout measured when the output voltage falls 100 mV below the nominal output voltage. Limits are valid for all voltage versions with nominal output voltage higher than or equal to 2.5 V. For lower output voltage versions the dropout test is not applied because the input voltage during the test would fall below the minimum input voltage 2.7 V.
7. Startup time is the time from EN assertion to point when output voltage is equal to 95% of $V_{OUT-NOM}$.
8. Applicable only to version B (device option with power good output). PG threshold and PG hysteresis are expressed in percentage of nominal output voltage.
9. Shutdown current includes EN Internal Pull−up Current.

Typical Characteristics

V_{IN} = $V_{OUT-NOM}$ + 1 V and V_{IN} ≥ 2.7 V, V_{EN} = 1.2 V, I_{OUT} = 1 mA, C_{OUT} = 1.0 μF, ADJ tied to OUT, T_J = 25°C, unless otherwise specified

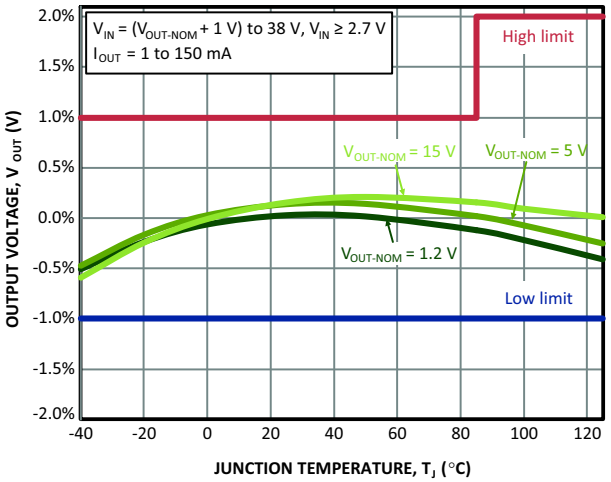


Figure 6. Output Voltage vs. Temperature

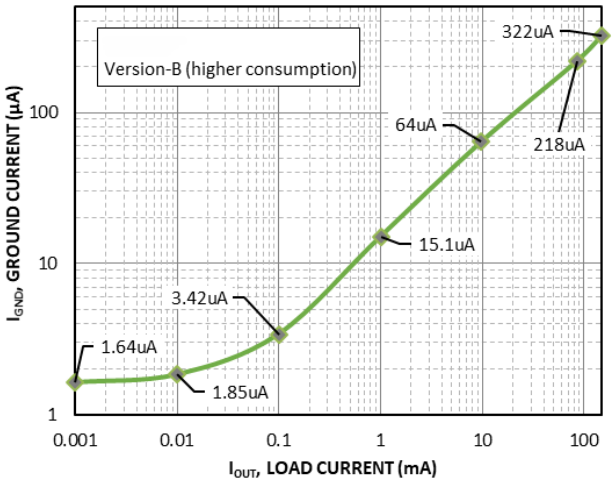


Figure 7. Ground Current vs. Load (NCP730−5.0V, Version−B)

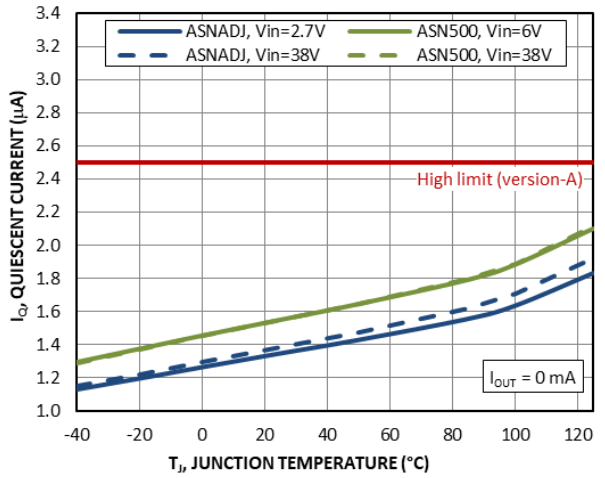
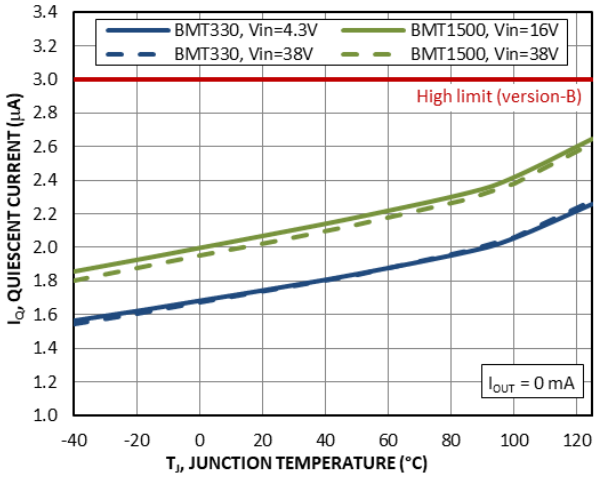


Figure 8. Quiescent Current vs. Temperature (Version−A)



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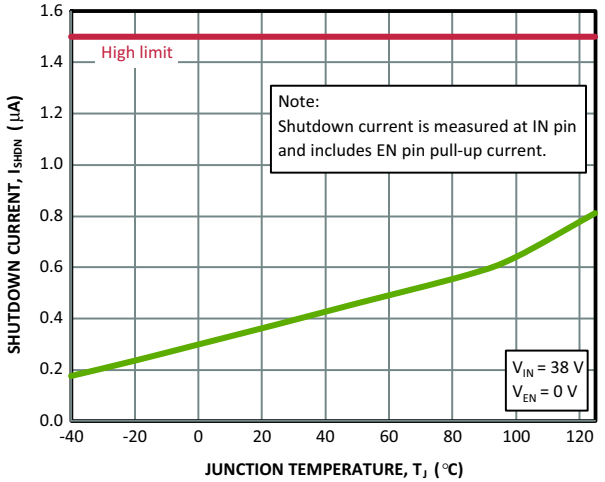

Figure 10. Shutdown Current vs. Temperature

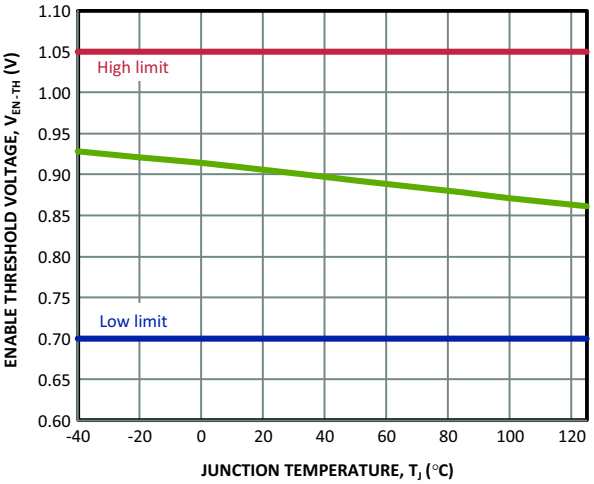

Figure 11. Enable Threshold Voltage vs. Temperature

Typical Characteristics

V_{IN} = $V_{OUT-NOM}$ + 1 V and V_{IN} ≥ 2.7 V, V_{EN} = 1.2 V, I_{OUT} = 1 mA, C_{OUT} = 1.0 μF, ADJ tied to OUT, T_J = 25°C, unless otherwise specified

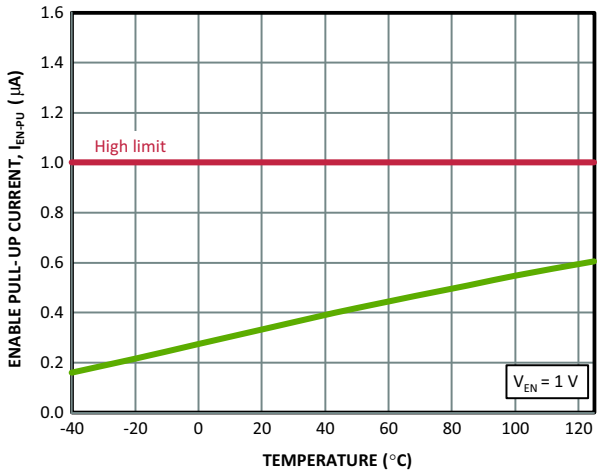

Figure 12. Enable Internal Pull−Up Current vs. Temperature

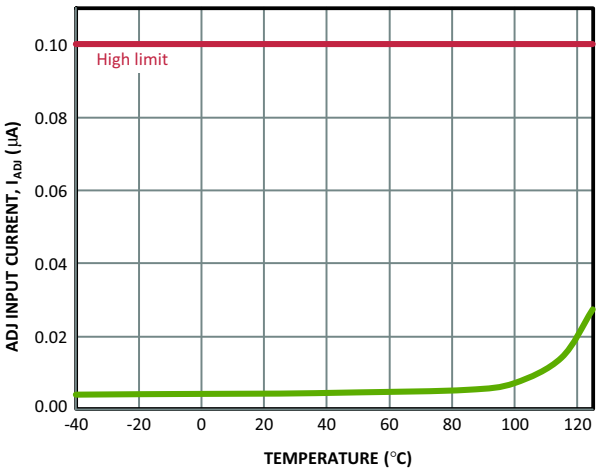

Figure 13. ADJ Input Current vs. Temperature

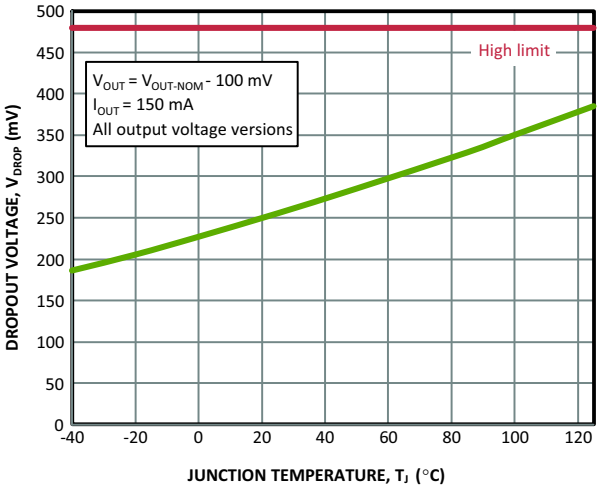

Figure 14. Dropout Voltage vs. Temperature

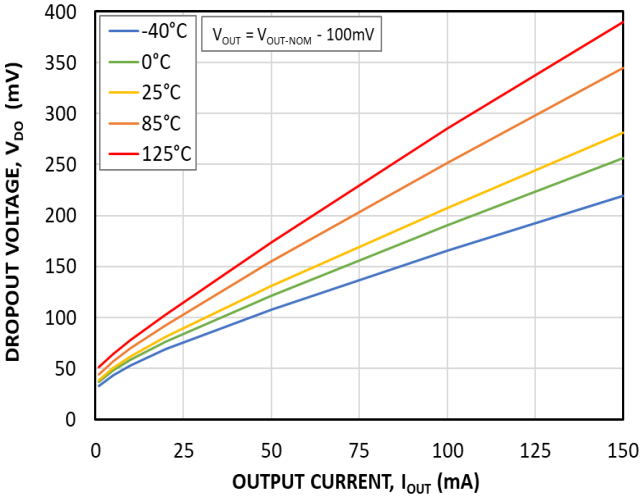

Figure 15. Dropout Voltage vs. Output Current
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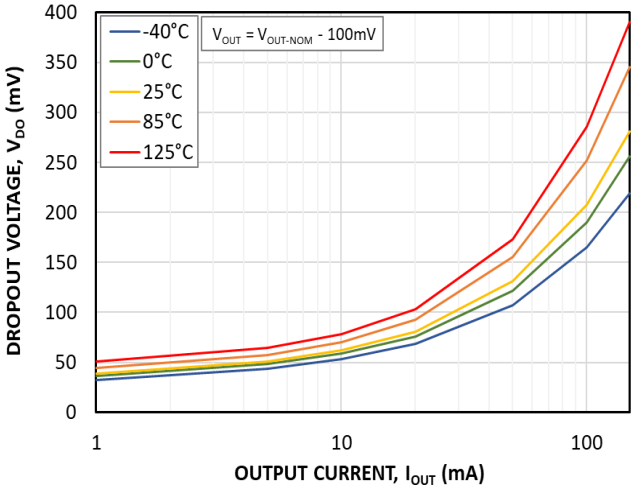


Figure 16. Dropout Voltage vs. Output Current (log)
(all V_{OUT} device options)

Typical Characteristics

$V_{IN} = V_{OUT-NOM}$ + 1 V and $V_{IN} \geq$ 2.7 V, V_{EN} = 1.2 V, I_{OUT} = 1 mA, C_{OUT} = 1.0 μF, ADJ tied to OUT, T_J = 25°C, unless otherwise specified

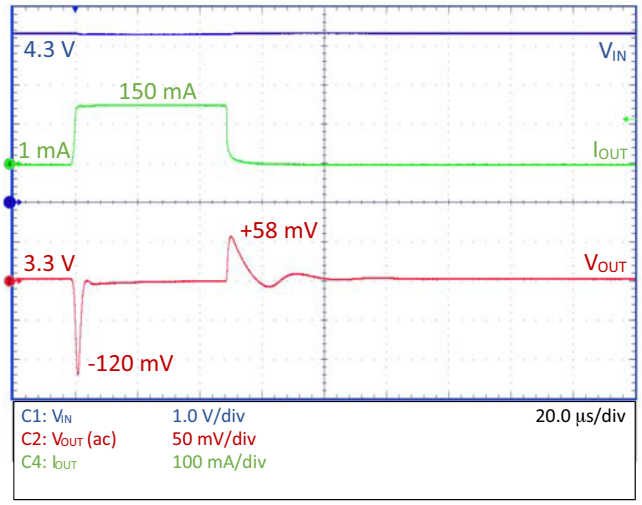
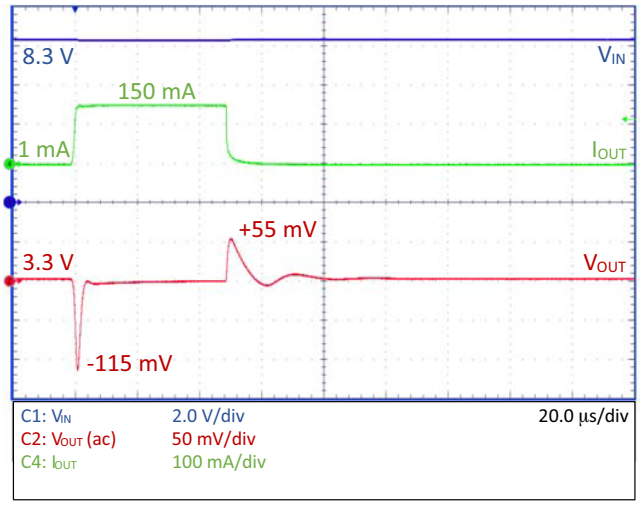


Figure 17. Load Transient – NCP730–3.3 V, C_{OUT} = 1 μF



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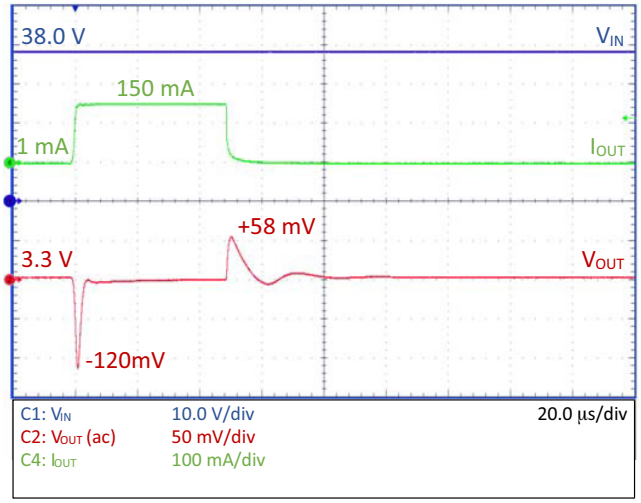

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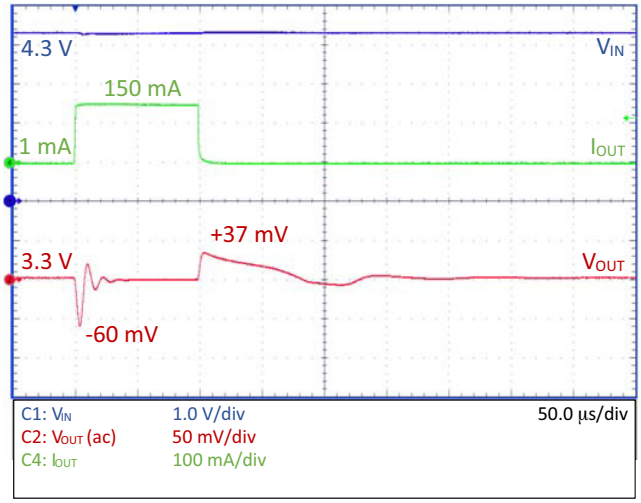

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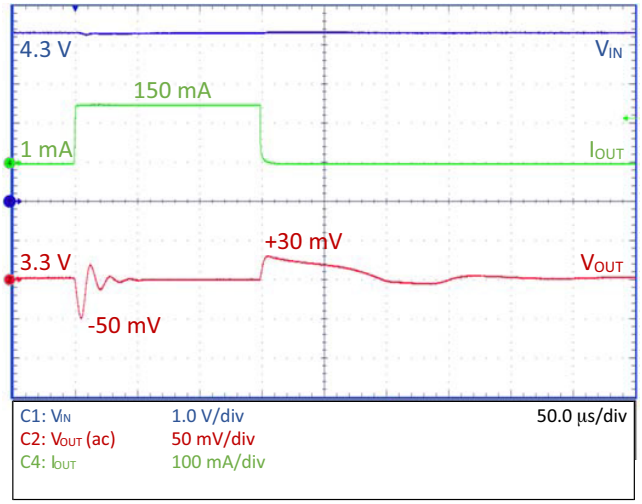

Figure 21. Load Transient – NCP730–3.3 V, C_{OUT} = 22 μF

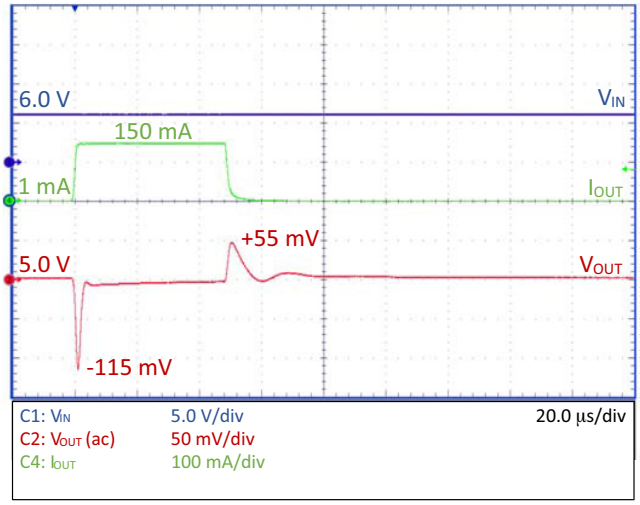

Figure 22. Load Transient – NCP730–5.0 V, C_{OUT} = 1 μF

Typical Characteristics

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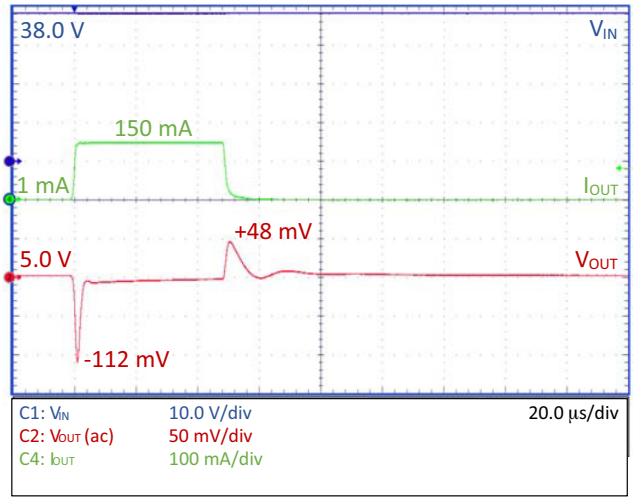

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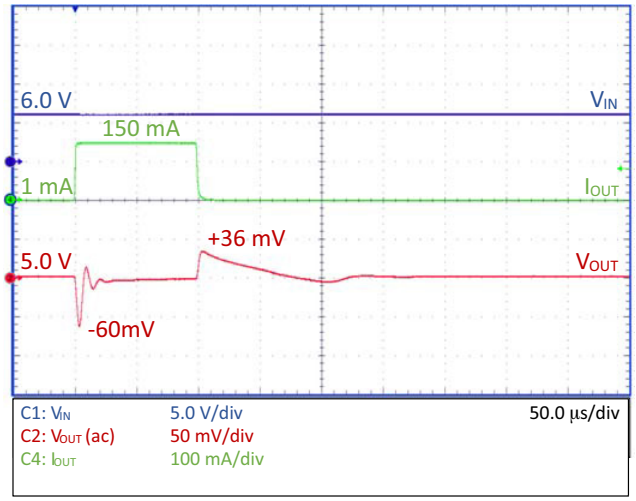
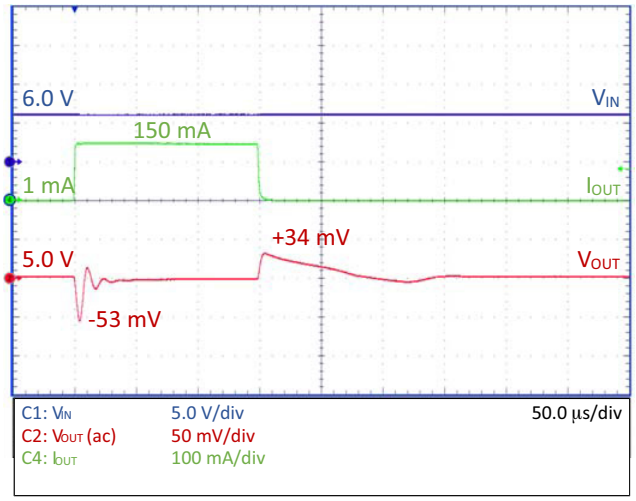


Figure 24. Load Transient – NCP730–5.0 V, C_{OUT} = 10 μF



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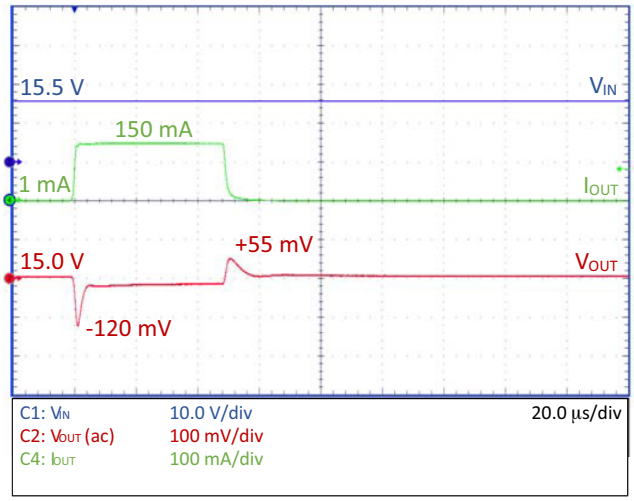

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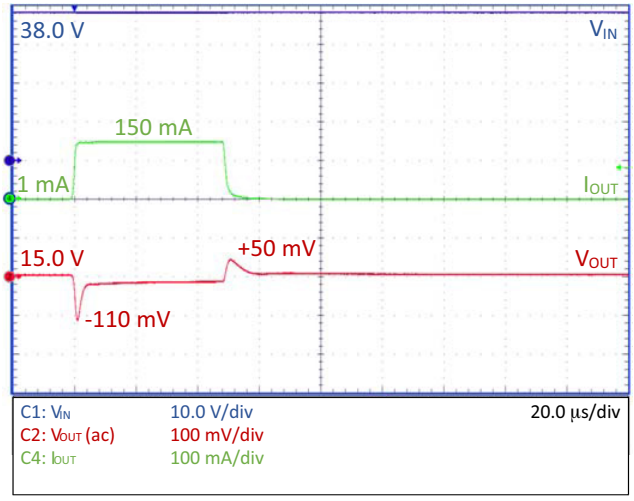


Figure 27. Load Transient – NCP730–15.0 V, C_{OUT} = 1 μF

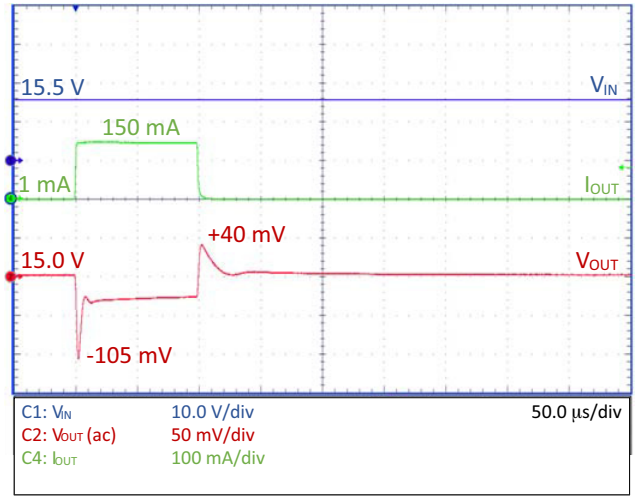
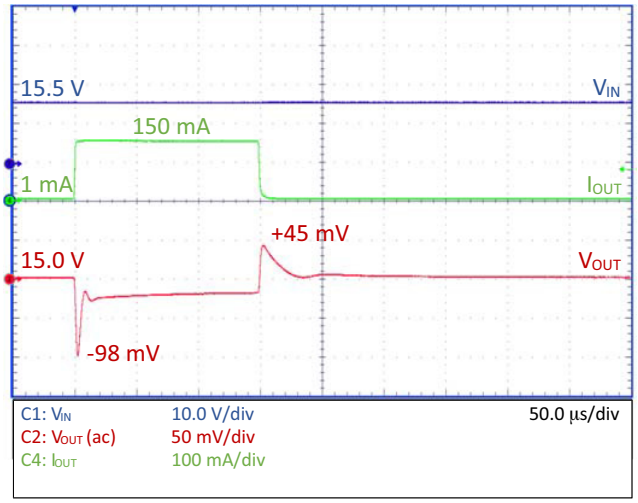


Figure 28. Load Transient – NCP730–15.0 V, C_{OUT} = 10 μF

Typical Characteristics

$V_{IN} = V_{OUT-NOM}$ + 1 V and $V_{IN} \geq$ 2.7 V, V_{EN} = 1.2 V, I_{OUT} = 1 mA, C_{OUT} = 1.0 μF, ADJ tied to OUT, T_J = 25°C, unless otherwise specified



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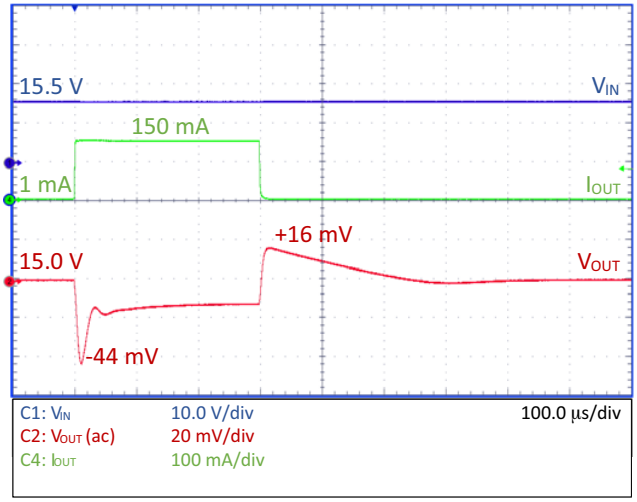

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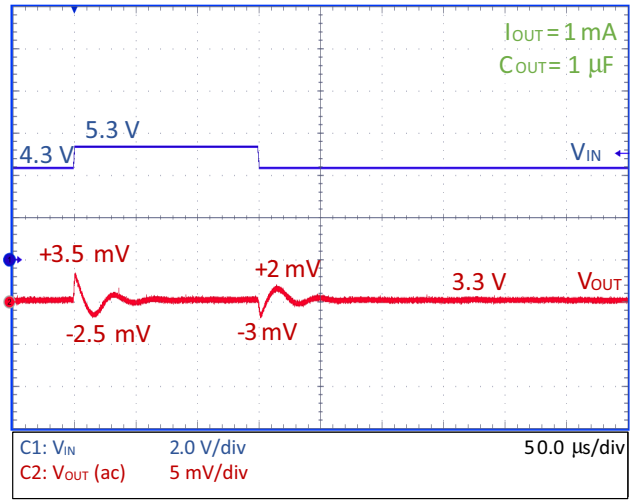
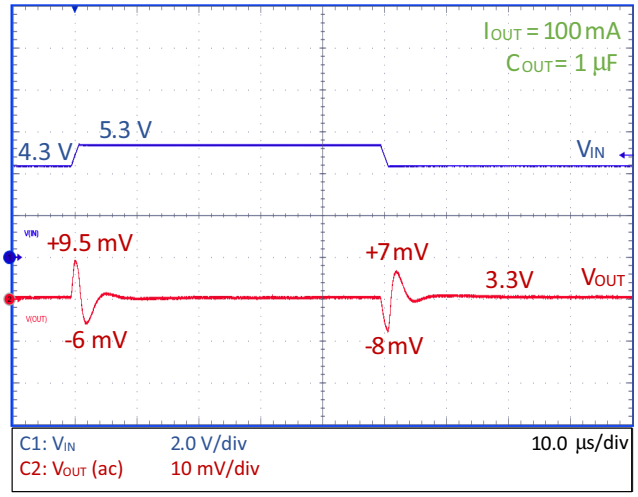


Figure 31. Line Transient – NCP730–3.3 V



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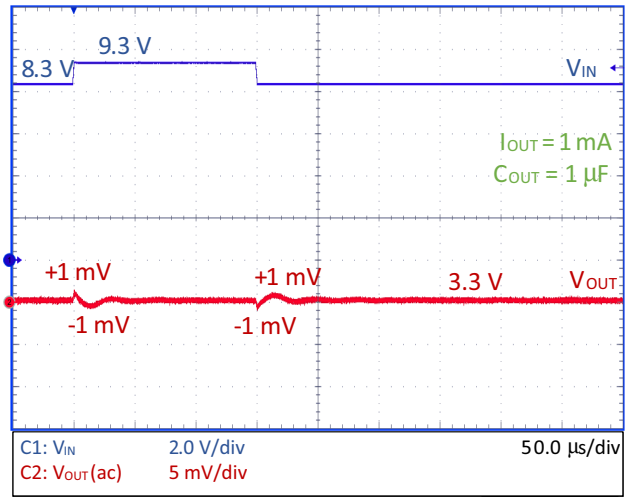

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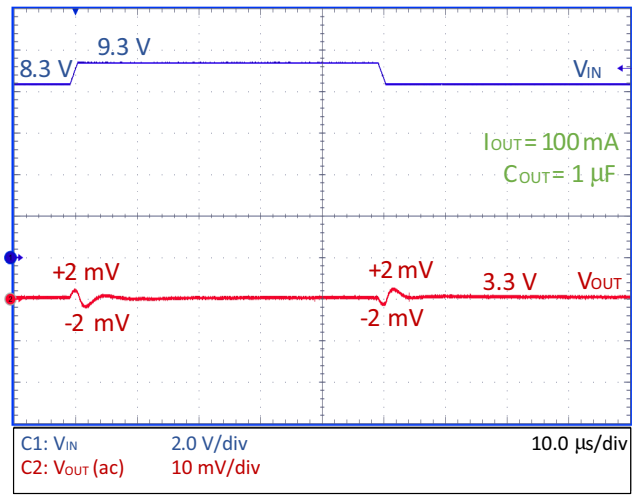
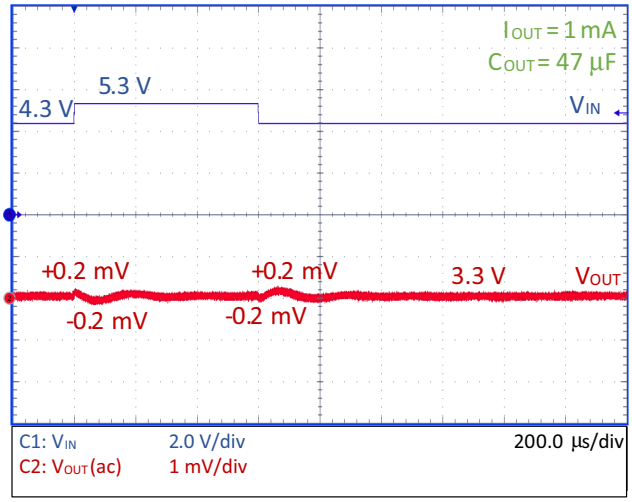


Figure 34. Line Transient – NCP730–3.3 V

Typical Characteristics

$V_{IN} = V_{OUT-NOM}$ + 1 V and $V_{IN} \geq$ 2.7 V, V_{EN} = 1.2 V, I_{OUT} = 1 mA, C_{OUT} = 1.0 μF, ADJ tied to OUT, T_J = 25°C, unless otherwise specified



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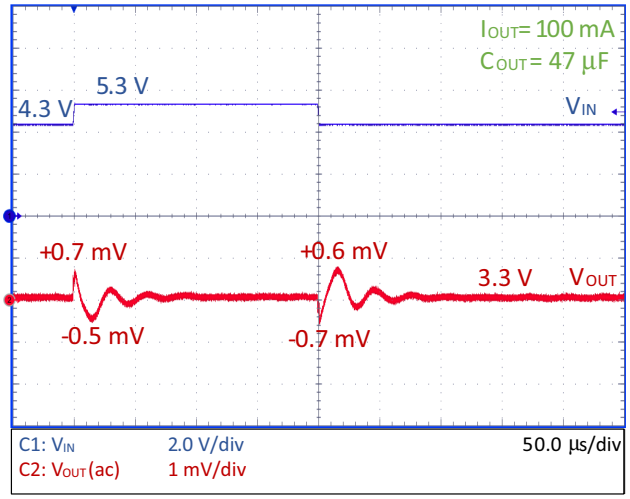

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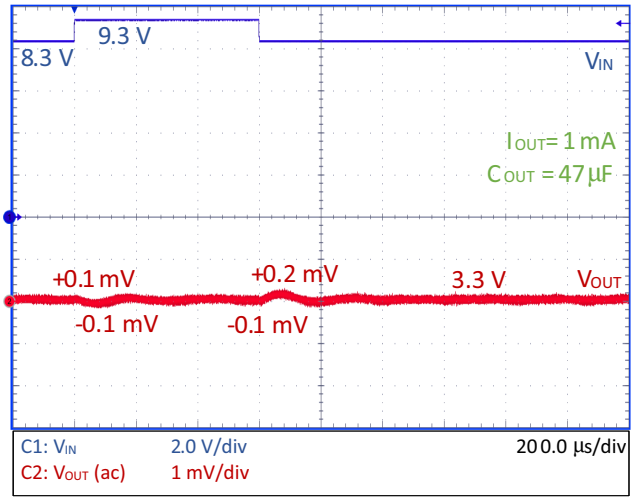

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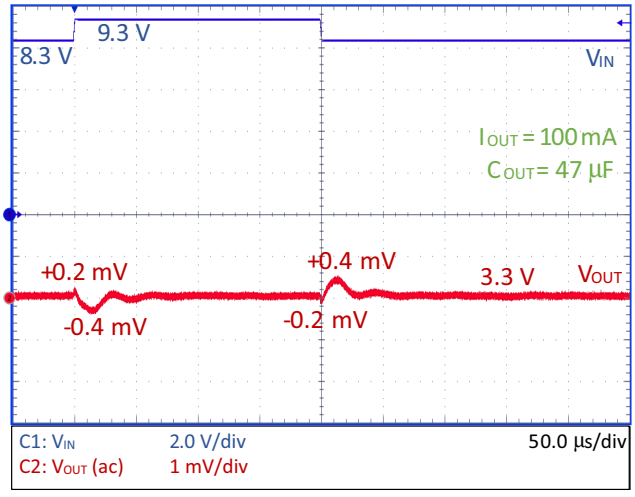

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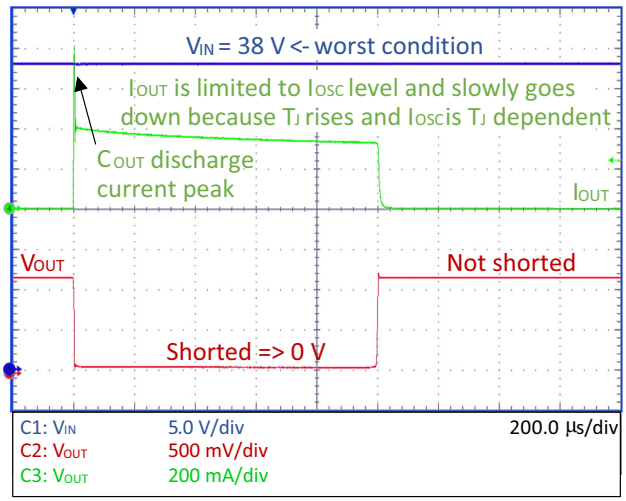


Figure 39. Output Short (1 ms) – NCP730−ADJ−1.2 V

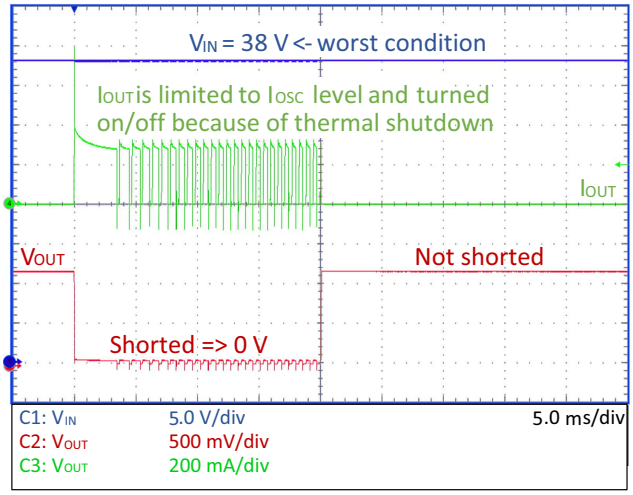


Figure 40. Output Short (20 ms) – NCP730−ADJ−1.2 V

Typical Characteristics

V_{IN} = $V_{OUT-NOM}$ + 1 V and V_{IN} ≥ 2.7 V, V_{EN} = 1.2 V, I_{OUT} = 1 mA, C_{OUT} = 1.0 μF, ADJ tied to OUT, T_J = 25°C, unless otherwise specified

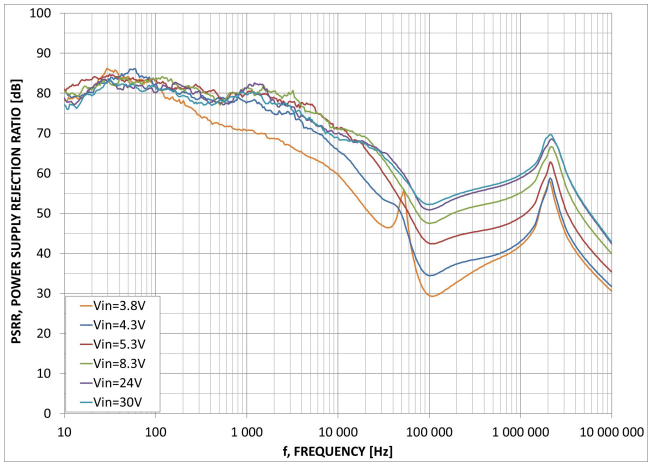
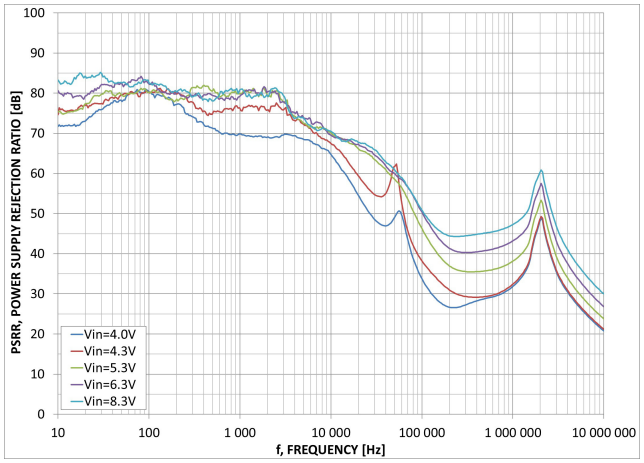


Figure 41. PSRR – NCP730–3.3 V, C_{OUT} = 1 μF, I_{OUT} = 10 mA



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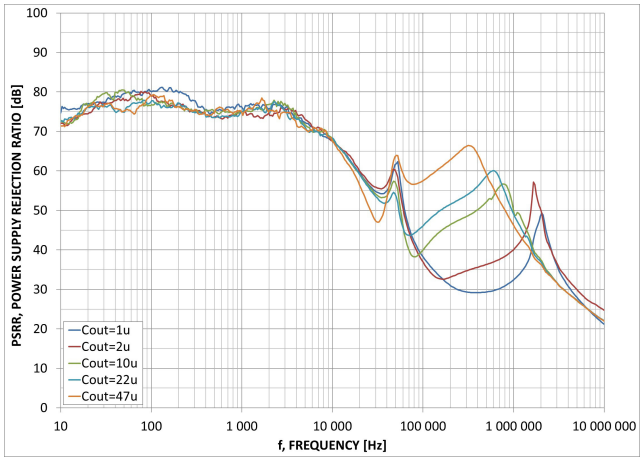


Figure 43. PSRR – NCP730–3.3 V, V_{IN} = 4.3 V, I_{OUT} = 100 mA

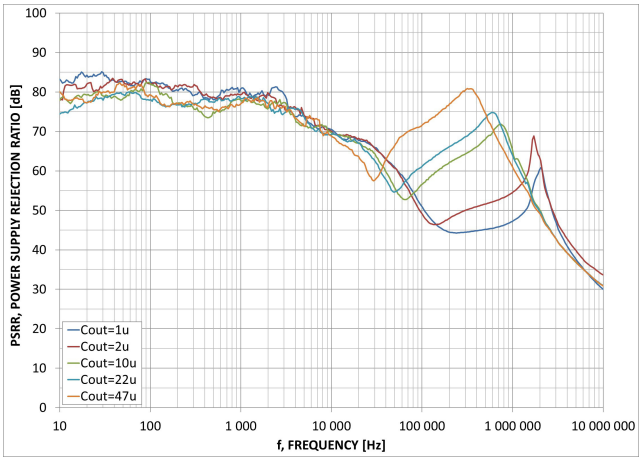


Figure 44. PSRR – NCP730–3.3 V, V_{IN} = 8.3 V, I_{OUT} = 100 mA

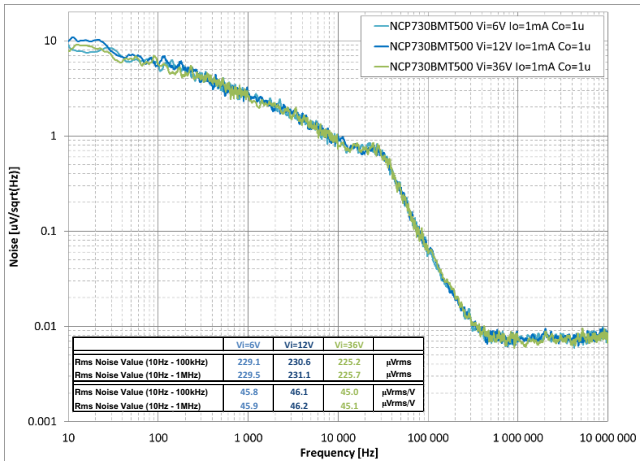


Figure 45. Noise – FIX – 5.0 V, I_{OUT} = 1 mA, C_{OUT} = 1 μF, Different V_{IN}

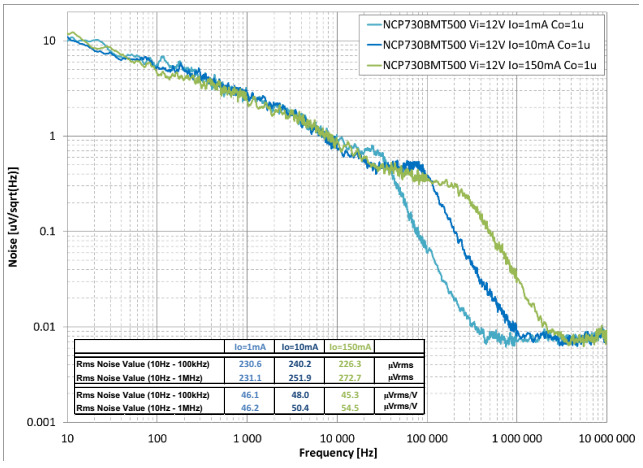


Figure 46. Noise – FIX – 5.0 V, C_{OUT} = 1 μF, Different I_{OUT}

Typical Characteristics

$V_{IN} = V_{OUT−NOM}$ + 1 V and $V_{IN} \geq$ 2.7 V, V_{EN} = 1.2 V, I_{OUT} = 1 mA, C_{OUT} = 1.0 μF, ADJ tied to OUT, T_J = 25°C, unless otherwise specified

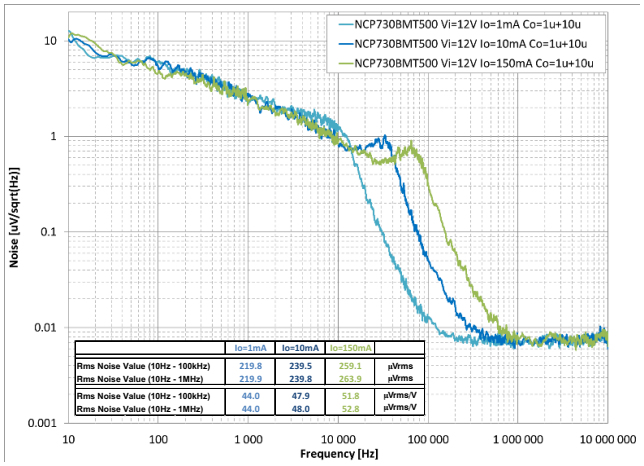


Figure 47. Noise – FIX – 5.0 V, C_{OUT} = 1 μF + 10 μF, Different I_{OUT}

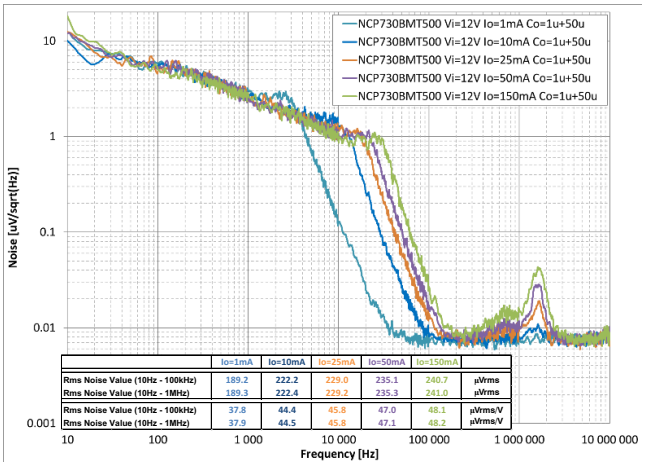


Figure 48. Noise – FIX – 5.0 V, C_{OUT} = 1 μF + 50 μF, Different I_{OUT}

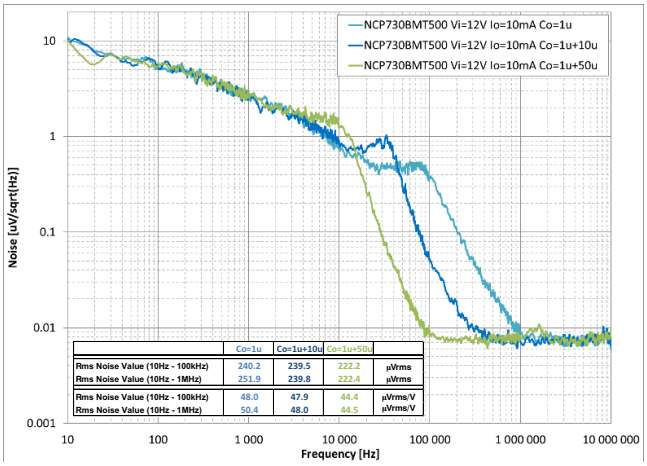


Figure 49. Noise – FIX – 5.0 V, I_{OUT} = 10 mA, Different C_{OUT}

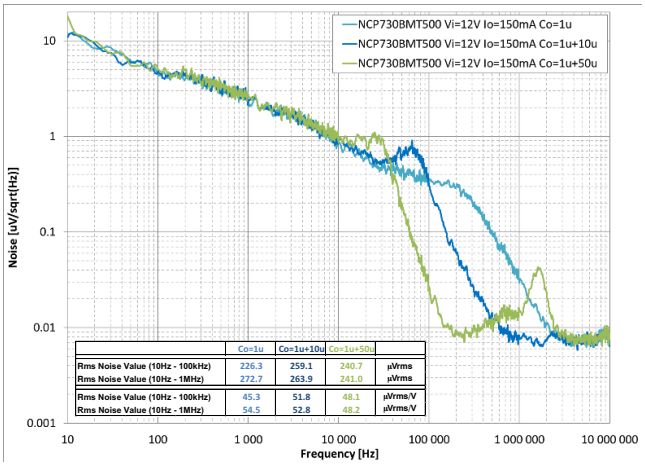


Figure 50. Noise – FIX – 5.0 V, I_{OUT} = 150 mA, Different C_{OUT}

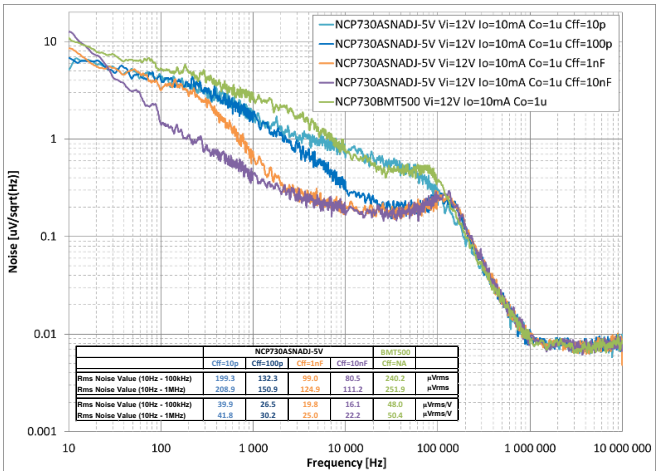


Figure 51. Noise – ADJ−set−5.0 V with Different C_{FF} and FIX – 5.0 V

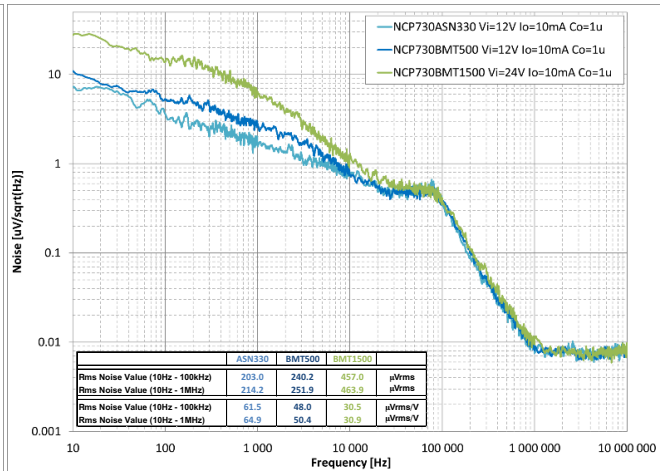


Figure 52. Noise – FIX, I_{OUT} = 10 mA, C_{OUT} = 1 μF, Different V_{OUT}

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Input Capacitor Selection (C_{IN})

Input capacitor connected as close as possible is necessary to ensure device stability. The X7R or X5R capacitor should be used for reliable performance over temperature range. The value of the input capacitor should be 1 μF or greater (max. value is not limited). This capacitor will provide a low impedance path for unwanted AC signals or noise modulated onto the input voltage. There is no requirement for the ESR of the input capacitor but it is recommended to use ceramic capacitor for its low ESR and ESL. A good input capacitor will limit the influence of input trace inductance and source resistance during load current changes. When a large load transients (like 1 mA to 150 mA) happens in the application the input power source of the LDO needs to provide enough power and the input voltage must not go below the level defined by this equation: $V_{IN} = V_{OUT-NOM} + V_{DO}$ otherwise the output voltage drop will be significantly higher (because LDO will enter the dropout state). In some cases when power supply powering the LDO has a poor load transient response or when there is a long connection between LDO and its power source then capacitance of input capacitor needs to be high enough to cover the LDO's input voltage drop caused by load transient and maintains its value above the $V_{IN} = V_{OUT-NOM} + V_{DO}$ level (then C_{IN} could be in range of hundreds of μF).

Output Capacitor Selection (C_{OUT})

The LDO requires the output capacitor connected as close as possible to the output and ground pins. The LDO is designed to remain stable with output capacitor's effective capacitance in range from 1 μF to 100 μF and ESR from 1 mΩ to 200 mΩ. The ceramic X7R or X5R type is recommended due to its low capacitance variations over the specified temperature range and low ESR. When selecting the output capacitor the changes with temperature and DC bias voltage needs to be taken into account. Especially for small package size capacitors such as 0402 or smaller the effective capacitance drops rapidly with the applied DC bias voltage (refer the capacitor's datasheet for details). Larger capacitance and lower ESR improves the load transient response and PSRR.

Output Voltage

NCP730 is available in two version from output voltage point of view. One is fixed output voltage version (FIX version) and the other one is adjustable output voltage version (ADJ version).

The ADJ version has ADJ pin, which could be connected to the OUT pin directly, just to compensate voltage drop across the internal bond wiring and PCB traces or could be connected to the middle point of the output voltage resistor divider for adjustment. When it is connected to the OUT pin the output voltage of the circuit is simply the same as the nominal output voltage of the LDO. At this case, without ADJ resistor divider, the LDO should be loaded by at least 200 nA (by the application or added pre−load resistor). When connected to the resistor divider the output voltage could be computed as the ADJ reference voltage (1.2 V) multiplied by the resistors divider ratio, see following equation.

$$V_{OUT} = V_{ADJ} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}\right) + I_{ADJ} \cdot R_1 \qquad \text{(eq. 1)}$$

Where:

V_{OUT} is output voltage of the circuit with resistor divider.

V_{ADJ} is the LDO's ADJ reference voltage.

I_{ADJ} is the LDO's ADJ pin input current.

R_1 and R_2 are resistors of output resistor divider.

At the classical "old style" regulators like LM317 etc. the resistors where small (100 Ω − 10 kΩ) to make regulator stable at light loads (divider was also a pre−load function). On NCP730, which is very low quiescent current LDO regulator (1 μA), we need to care about current consumption of surrounding circuitry so we need to set the current through resistor divider flowing from V_{OUT} through R_1 and R_2 to GND, as low as possible.

On the other hand, the parasitic leakage current flowing into ADJ pin (I_{ADJ}) causes V_{OUT} voltage error (given by $I_{ADJ} \cdot R_1$). The I_{ADJ} is temperature dependent so it is changing and we cannot compensate it in application, we just can minimize the influence by setting of R_1 value low, what is in opposite to maximizing its value because of current consumption.

So when selecting the R_1 and R_2 values we need to find a compromise between desired V_{OUT} error (temperature dependent) and total circuit quiescent current.

If we want to simplify this task, we can say the I_{R2} should be 100−times higher than I_{ADJ} at expected T_J temperature range. If we chose the ratio "I_{R2} to I_{ADJ}" higher (for example more than 100 as stated before), the ΔV_{OUT} error caused by I_{ADJ} change over temperature would be lower and opposite, if the ratio "I_{R2} to I_{ADJ}" is smaller, the error would be bigger.

In limited T_J temperature range −40°C to +85°C the I_{ADJ} is about 10−times smaller than in the full temperature range −40°C to +125°C (see typical characteristics graph of I_{ADJ} over temperatures), so we can use bigger R_1, R_2 values, as could be seen at next examples.

Example 1:

Desired V_{OUT} voltage is 5.0 V. Computed maximal T_J in application (based on max. power dissipation and cooling) is 85°C. Than I_{ADJ} at 85°C is about: I_{ADJ85} = 10 nA.

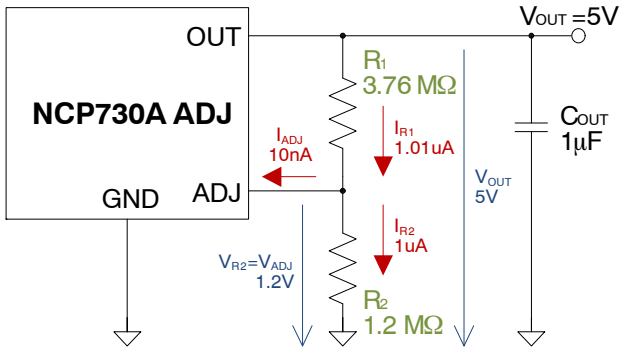


Figure 53. ADJ Output Voltage Schematic – Example 1

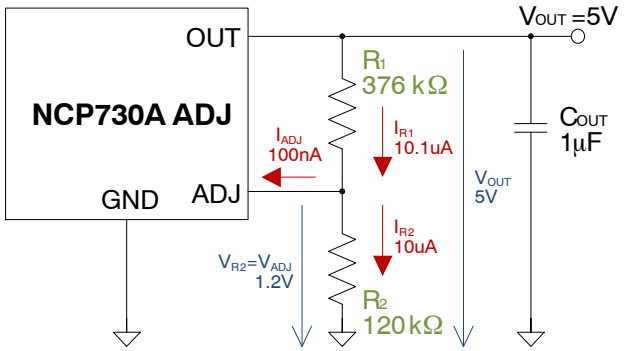


Figure 54. ADJ Output Voltage Schematic – Example 2

We chose:

$$I_{R2} = 100 \cdot I_{ADJ85} = 100 \cdot 10E{-}9 = 1\ \mu A$$

Then:

$$R_2 = \frac{V_{R2}}{I_{R2}} = \frac{1.2}{1E{-}6} = 1.2\ M\Omega$$

$$R_1 = \frac{V_{R1}}{I_{R1}} = \frac{V_{OUT} - V_{R2}}{I_{ADJ85} + I_{R2}} = \frac{5 - 1.2}{10E{-}9 + 1E{-}6} = \frac{3.8}{1.01E{-}6} = 3.762\ M\Omega$$

Verification:

For low temperature (T_J = 25°C) the I_{ADJ25} = 1 nA:

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

$$V_{OUT} = 1.2 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{3.762E6}{1.2E6}\right) + 1E{-}9 \cdot 3.762E6 = 4.966\ V$$

For maximal temperature (T_J = 85°C) the I_{ADJ85} = 10 nA:

$$V_{OUT} = 1.2 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{3.762E6}{1.2E6}\right) + 10E{-}9 \cdot 3.762E6 = 5.000\ V$$

Output voltage error for temperatures 85°C to 25°C is:

$$\Delta V_{OUT} = \frac{V_{OUT85} - V_{OUT25}}{V_{OUT85}} \cdot 100 = \frac{5.000 - 4.966}{5.000} \cdot 100 = 0.68\%$$

Total circuit quiescent current at T_J = 25°C is:

$$I_{Q(TOT)} = I_{Q(LDO)} + I_{R1} = 1.3E{-}6 + 1.01E{-}6 = 2.31\ \mu A$$

We can see that current consumption of external resistor divider is almost the same as quiescent current of LDO.

Example 2:

Desired V_{OUT} voltage is 5.0 V. Computed maximal T_J in application (based on max. power dissipation and cooling) is in this case higher, 125°C, to show the difference. Than maximal I_{ADJ} at 125°C is I_{ADJ125} = 100 nA (based on Electrical characteristics table).

We chose:

$$I_{R2} = 100 \cdot I_{ADJ125} = 100 \cdot 100E{-}9 = 10\ \mu A$$

Then:

$$R_2 = \frac{V_{R2}}{I_{R2}} = \frac{1.2}{10E{-}6} = 120\ k\Omega$$

$$R_1 = \frac{V_{R1}}{I_{R1}} = \frac{V_{OUT} - V_{R2}}{I_{ADJ125} + I_{R2}} = \frac{5 - 1.2}{100E{-}9 + 10E{-}6} = \frac{3.8}{10.1E{-}6} = 376.2\ k\Omega$$

Verification:

For low temperature (T_J = 25°C) the I_{ADJ25} = 1 nA:

$$V_{OUT} = V_{ADJ} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{R_{ADJ1}}{R_{ADJ2}}\right) + I_{ADJ} \cdot R_{ADJ1}$$

$$V_{OUT} = 1.2 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{376.2E3}{120E3}\right) + 1E{-}9 \cdot 376.2E3 = 4.962\ V$$

For maximal temperature (T_J = 125°C) the I_{ADJ125} = 100 nA:

$$V_{OUT} = 1.2 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{376.2E3}{120E3}\right) + 100E{-}9 \cdot 376.2E3 = 5.000\ V$$

Output voltage error for temperatures 125°C to 25°C is:

$$\Delta V_{OUT} = \frac{V_{OUT125} - V_{OUT25}}{V_{OUT125}} \cdot 100 = \frac{5.000 - 4.962}{5.000} \cdot 100 = 0.76\%$$

Total circuit quiescent current at T_J = 25°C is:

$$I_{Q(TOT)} = I_{Q(LDO)} + I_{R1} = 1.3E{-}6 + 10.1E{-}6 = 11.4\ \mu A!!!$$

We can see that error of V_{OUT} voltage is almost the same as in example 1 (because we have used the same "I_{R2} to I_{ADJ}" ratio = 100x) but the application quiescent current is almost 10−times higher (because of 10−times higher divider current).

C_{FF} Capacitor

Even the NCP730 is very low quiescent current device, both the load transients over/under shoots and settling times are excellent. See the Typical characteristics graphs.

At adjustable application, the external resistor divider with input ADJ pin capacity and ADJ pin PCB trace capacity to GND makes a low pass filter what negatively affects the dynamic behavior of the LDO. On the next picture is shown how this unwanted side effect could be compensated by adding of feed−forward capacitor C_{FF} across R_1 resistor.

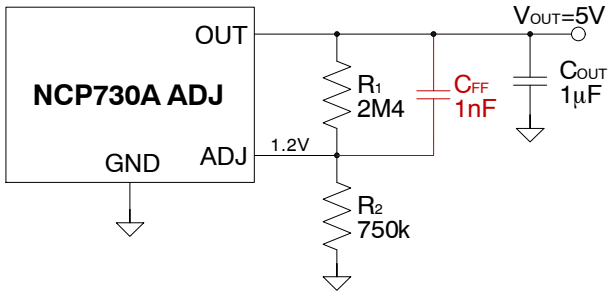


Figure 55. ADJ Output Voltage Schematic − C_{FF} Capacitor

The value of the C_{FF} depends on R_1 and R_2 resistor values. When R_1, R_2 values are in hundreds of kiloohms, proposed C_{FF} value is 1 nF, as shown on picture above, for the best dynamic performance. Generally, the value could be in range from 0 to 10 nF.

On next three pictures is shown the C_{FF} capacitor influence to dynamic parameters.

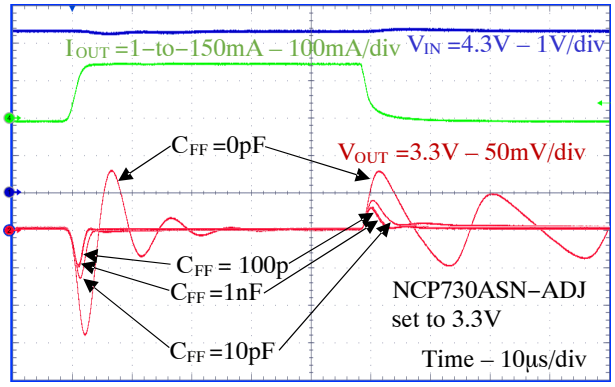


Figure 56. Load Transient − Different C_{FF}

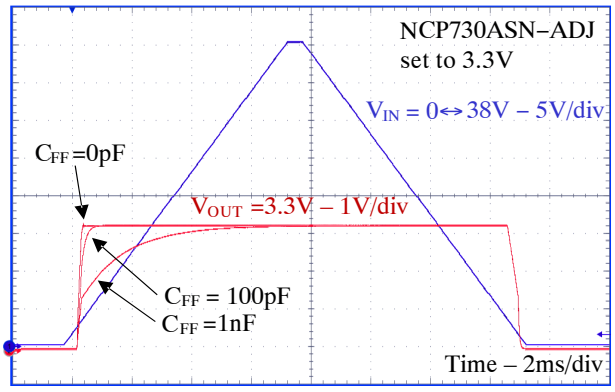


Figure 57. Startup Timing − Different C_{FF}

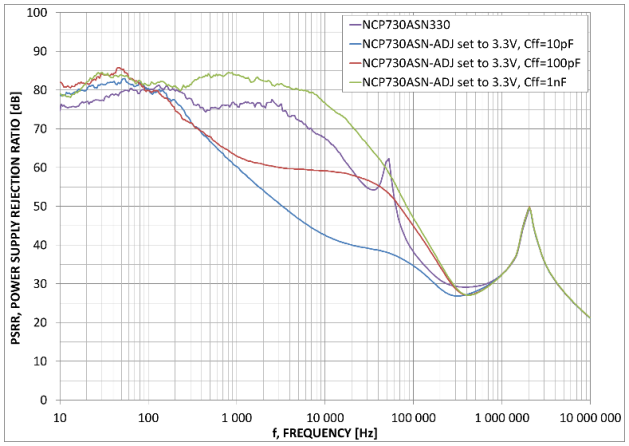


Figure 58. PSRR − Different C_{FF}

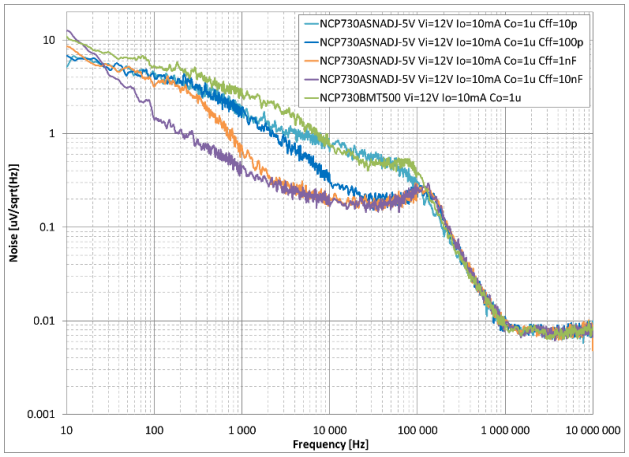


Figure 59.

Startup

In the NCP730 device there are two main internal signals which triggers the startup process, the under−voltage lockout (UVLO) signal and enable signal. The first one comes from UVLO comparator, which monitors if the IN pin voltages is high enough, while the second one comes from EN pin comparator. Both comparators have embedded hysteresis to be insensitive to input noise.

Not only the comparator but also the pull−up current source is connected to EN pin. Current source is sourcing I_{EN-PU} = 300 nA current flowing out of the chip what ensures the level on the pin is high enough when it is left floating. The comparator compares the EN pin voltage with internal reference level 0.9 V (typ.). Hysteresis is 100 mV (typ.).

The UVLO comparator threshold voltage is 1.95 V (typ.) and hysteresis is 200 mV (typ.).

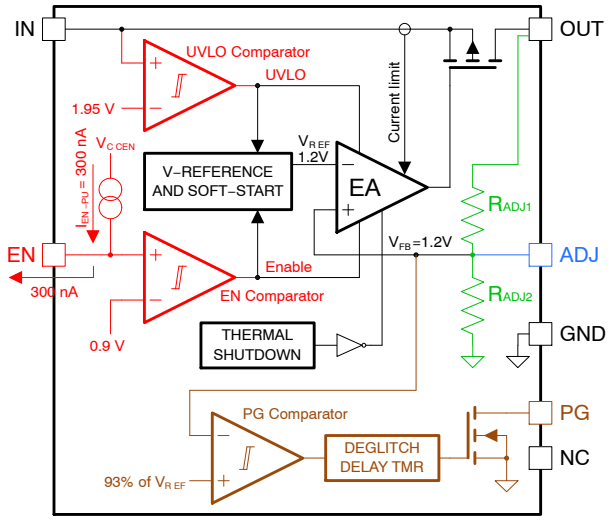


Figure 60. Internal Block Diagram – EN Pin

Startup by IN Pin Voltage

When the LDO is started by IN pin voltage rise, it is turned ON when the voltage is higher than UVLO threshold level. This is the case of both following application circuits, the first one with EN pin floating and the second one with EN pin connected to IN pin.

When the EN pin is floating (left unconnected) its voltage, after the LDO is powered, rises to V_{CCEN} level (2.5 V – 4.5 V, V_{IN} dependent) as the internal current source pulls the pin voltage up. V_{CCEN} voltage level on EN pin is higher than EN comparator threshold so the LDO is turned ON.

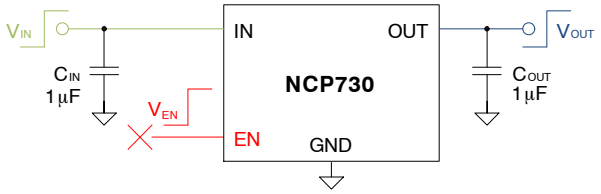


Figure 61. Circuit – Floating EN Pin

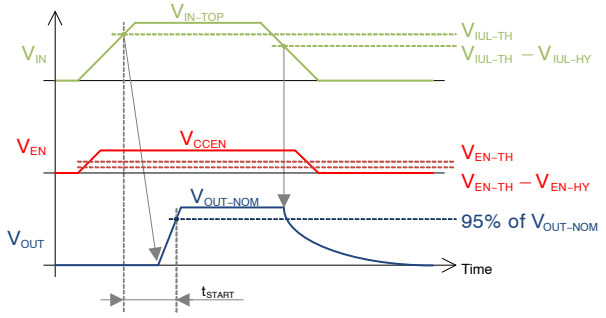


Figure 62. Startup Timing – Floating EN Pin

It is also possible to connect EN pin directly to IN pin in the whole input voltage range. The startup sequence is very similar to previous case, the only difference is that the EN pin voltage is not clamped to V_{CCEN} level but it is the same as V_{IN} voltage.

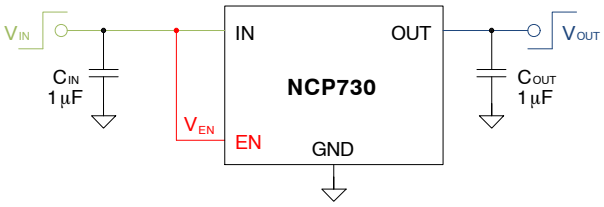


Figure 63. Circuit – EN Pin Connected to IN Pin

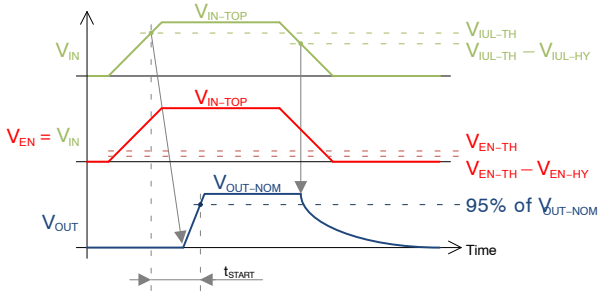


Figure 64. Startup Timing – EN Pin Connected to IN Pin

Startup time in both cases above is measured from the point where IN pin voltage reaches V_{IUL-TH} value to point when OUT pin voltage reaches 95% of its nominal value.

The reason why the LDO is started by the UVLO signal and not by the enable signal is the fact that the UVLO signal turns to valid state later then the enable. (EN pin voltage reaches the V_{EN-TH} level prior the IN pin voltage reaches the V_{IUL-TH} level).

Startup by EN Pin Voltage

When V_{IN} voltage in the application is settled above the V_{IUL-TH} level and control voltage to the EN pin is applied, the level higher than V_{EN-TH} enables the LDO and the level lower than ($V_{EN-TH} - V_{EN-HY}$) disables it.

Startup time is measured from point where V_{EN} voltage reaches V_{EN-TH} value to point when V_{OUT} voltage reaches 95% of its nominal value.

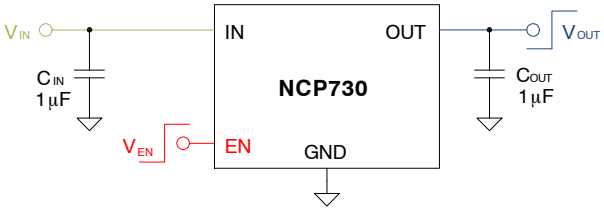


Figure 65. Circuit – LDO Controlled by V_{EN}

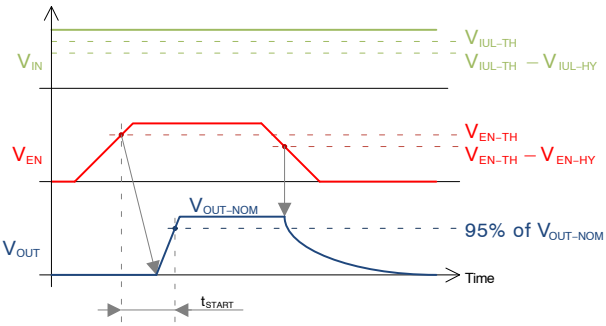


Figure 66. Timing – V_{EN}–Startup

Startup by IN Pin Voltage – Delayed

The startup time triggered by IN pin voltage rise could be delayed by adding of EN pin capacitor (C_{EN}). The startup sequence is following – after the V_{IN} voltage is applied, the charging of C_{EN} capacitor by internal pull−up current (I_{EN-PU}) is started. When the C_{EN} capacitor voltage (V_{CEN}) reaches EN comparator's threshold voltage (V_{EN-TH}) the LDO is enabled. Charging of C_{EN} continues up to the V_{CCEN} level (2.5 V – 4.5 V, V_{IN} dependent) with no following effect. The steepness of the LDO's output voltage rise (soft−start time) is not affected by using of C_{EN} capacitor. The additional delay time ($t_{CEN-DELAY}$) could be computed by:

$$t_{CEN-DELAY} = C_{EN} \cdot \frac{V_{EN-TH}}{I_{EN-PU}} = C_{EN} \cdot \frac{0.9\ V}{300\ nA} \quad \text{(eq. 2)}$$

The total startup time ($t_{START-CEN}$) with connected C_{EN} capacitor is a sum of normal startup time (t_{START}) and additional delay time caused by C_{EN} capacitor ($t_{CEN-DELAY}$):

$$t_{START-CEN} = t_{START} + t_{CEN-DELAY} \quad \text{(eq. 3)}$$

Value of the C_{EN} capacitor could be in range from 0 to several microfarads. Capacitor's leakage current must be negligible to internal pull−up current I_{EN-PU}, otherwise the charging will be affected and adding of R_{EN} resistor from IN to EN pin will be needed.

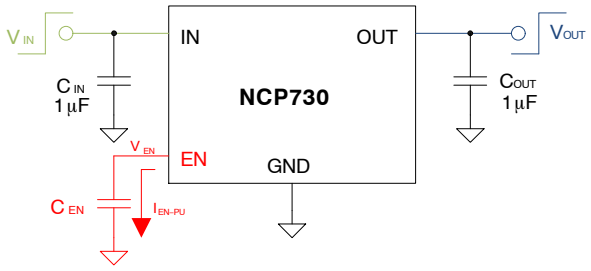


Figure 67. Circuit – C_{EN}−Delayed V_{IN}−Startup

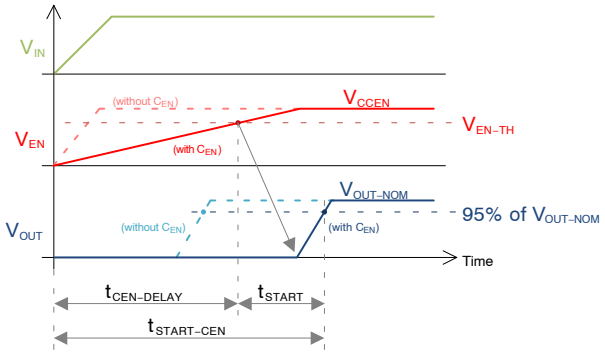


Figure 68. Timing – C_{EN}−Delayed V_{IN}−Startup

Startup by Transistor at EN Pin

If the LDO needs to be controlled by transistor or generally by open collector / open drain circuit as shown at the next picture, the control behavior is inverted. High control signal makes the EN pin voltage low and low control signal makes it high because the transistor is connected as signal invertor.

In this application we need to care about transistor's leakage current which must be negligible compared to the internal pull−up current I_{EN-PU} = 300 nA otherwise additional pull−up resistor R_{EN} will be needed. The maximum value of the EN resistor R_{EN-MAX} is computed from maximal external transistor leakage current (over desired temperature range) $I_{T-LK-MAX}$ and minimal input voltage V_{IN-MIN}:

$$R_{EN-MAX} = \frac{V_{IN-MIN}}{I_{T-LK-MAX}} \quad \text{(eq. 4)}$$

For safe, select the EN resistor value R_{EN} lower enough to computed R_{EN-MAX}.

When R_{EN} is used the overall application shutdown current is increased because the current through R_{EN} resistor (I_{REN}) is added to input shutdown current of the LDO ($I_{SD(LDO)}$). The total application shutdown current ($I_{SD(TOT)}$) is:

$$I_{SD(TOT)} = I_{SD(LDO)} + I_{REN} \quad \text{(eq. 5)}$$

$$I_{REN} = \frac{(V_{IN} - V_{T-DS})}{R_{EN}}$$

Where V_{T-DS} is the drain to source voltage of the transistor (given by R_{DSON} and I_{REN}).

The overall application quiescent current when R_{EN} is used is influenced only by the transistor's leakage current I_{T-LK}.

$$I_{Q(TOT)} = I_{Q(LDO)} + I_{T-LK} \quad \text{(eq. 6)}$$

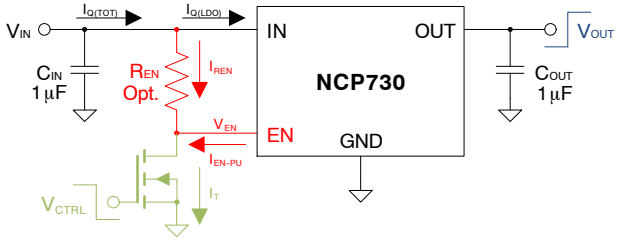


Figure 69. Circuit – EN Pin Controlled by Transistor

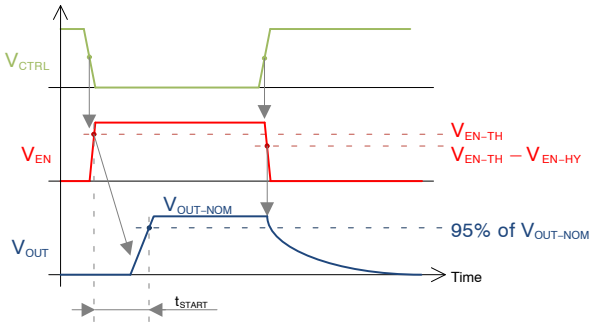


Figure 70. Startup Timing – EN Pin Controlled by Transistor

Startup by Transistor at EN Pin – Delayed

The startup time triggered by EN pin voltage rise, could be delayed the same way as IN pin triggered startup, by adding of C_{EN} capacitor. The startup sequence is following – when the external NMOS control voltage (V_{CTRL}) is high the C_{EN} capacitor connected to the EN pin is shorted to GND and LDO is disabled. After the V_{CTRL} is turned low the charging of C_{EN} capacitor by the internal pull−up current source (I_{EN-PU}) starts. When the C_{EN} capacitor voltage (V_{CEN}, which is the V_{EN} in fact) reaches EN comparator's threshold voltage (V_{ENTH}) the LDO is enabled. Charging of C_{EN} then continues up to the V_{CCEN} level (2.5 V – 4.5 V, V_{IN} dependent) with no following effect. The steepness of the LDO's output voltage rise (soft−start time) is not affected by using of C_{EN} capacitor. The additional delay time ($t_{CEN-DELAY}$) could be computed by eq. 2 and the total delayed startup time with C_{EN} capacitor ($t_{START-CEN}$) by eq. 3. What has been said about the C_{EN} capacitor selection at previous paragraphs is applicable here as well.

Also in this application we need to care about transistor's leakage current which must be negligible compared to the internal pull−up current I_{EN-PU} = 300 nA otherwise additional pull−up resistor R_{EN} will be needed. Same rules and computations as stated in previous paragraph about R_{EN} are applicable here. Note that R_{EN} would influence the speed of C_{EN} capacitor charging.

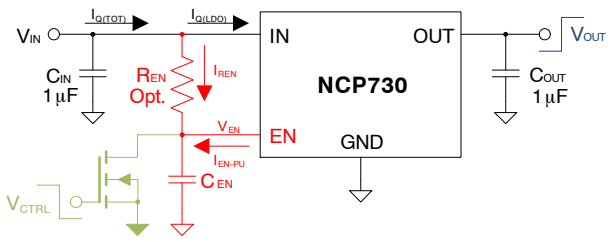


Figure 71. Circuit – EN Pin with C_{EN} Controlled by Transistor

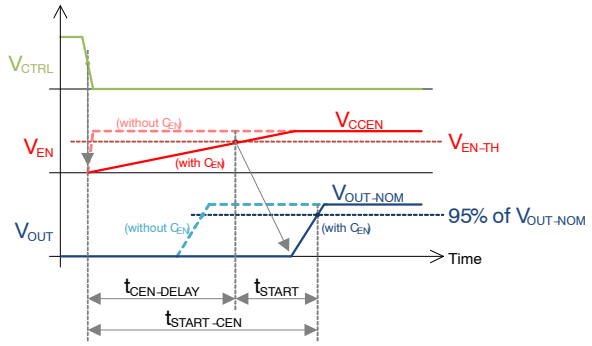


Figure 72. Startup Timing – EN Pin with C_{EN} Controlled by Transistor

Enable Input as Inaccurate IN Pin UVLO

The EN input pin on NCP730 device is specified by threshold voltage and hysteresis both with minimum and maximum value, what allows using EN comparator as adjustable input voltage UVLO function. To set the V_{IN} UVLO threshold value, the external resistor divider from IN pin to EN pin, is needed.

Note that the specification of EN pin threshold voltage (0.7 V to 1.05 V over full operating temperature range) is not as precise as threshold voltage on dedicated UVLO devices. The reason is the EN circuit has to have ultra−low current consumption (NCP730 I_{SHDN} is 350 nA typ. even while I_{EN-PU} is 300 nA typ. so EN comparator is powered by less than 50 nA typ.). We need to count with that when thinking about the IN pin UVLO design. Below is the application example to show what precision we can get.

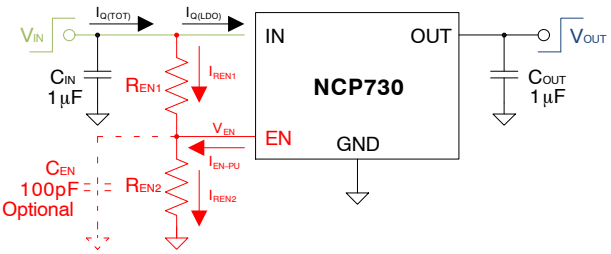


Figure 73. Circuit – IN Voltage UVLO by EN Pin

The two main equations for IN pin threshold computation are:

$$R_{EN1} = \frac{V_{IN-UVLO-TH} - V_{EN-TH}}{I_{REN1}} \qquad \text{(eq. 7)}$$

$$R_{EN2} = \frac{V_{EN-TH}}{I_{REN1} + I_{EN-PU}}$$

From that, we can get:

$$V_{IN-UVLO-TH} = V_{EN-TH} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{R_{EN1}}{R_{EN2}}\right) - R_{EN1} \cdot I_{EN-PU} \qquad \text{(eq. 8)}$$

We can see that IN pin UVLO threshold is EN pin threshold multiplied by the resistor divider ratio as expected but it is unwillingly affected by I_{EN-PU} pull−up current. As the I_{EN-PU} current could vary up to the 1 μA max., we need to choose the I_{REN1} current several times higher to make the I_{EN-PU} influence negligible. The good practice could be to choose I_{REN1} at least 10−times higher than I_{EN-PU} (the bigger the better for the accuracy).

An optional component in this application is C_{EN} capacitor. Its main function is filtering out the spurious signals coming from IN power supply and the minor function is to delay the startup as described in section before. The value of C_{EN} for filtering purpose could be in range from 10 pF to 10 nF. The time constant of this filter is given by:

$$t_{FILTER} = C_{EN} \cdot \frac{R_{EN1} \cdot R_{EN2}}{R_{EN1} + R_{EN2}} \qquad \text{(eq. 9)}$$

The side effect of the UVLO divider is increased overall power consumption. At no load state, the quiescent current $I_{Q(TOT)}$ of the application is:

$$I_{Q(TOT)} = I_{Q(LDO)} + I_{REN1} \qquad \text{(eq. 10)}$$

So if we select the I_{REN1} value at least 10−times higher than $I_{EN-PU-MAX}$ (1 μA), then the UVLO divider current is

almost 10-times higher than typical LDO's quiescent current (1.3 μA).

IN voltage UVLO application example:

Desired V_{OUT} voltage is 5 V, the LDO's input voltage in normal state is 12 V. We want to turn−off the LDO's output voltage when input voltage is below 10 V (max.).

First, choose the I_{REN1} current as 10−times the maximum I_{EN-PU} current:

$$I_{REN1} = 10 \cdot I_{EN-PU} = 10 \cdot 1\ \mu A = 10\ \mu A \quad \text{(eq. 11)}$$

Then, to obtain R_{EN1} and R_{EN2} values for maximal $V_{IN-UVLO-TH} = 10$ V, we need to put maximum value of V_{EN-TH} (1.05 V) and minimum value of I_{EN-PU} (0 μA) into the equations for R_{EN1} and R_{EN2}:

$$R_{EN1} = \frac{V_{IN-UVLO-TH} - V_{EN-TH}}{I_{REN1}} = \frac{10\ V - 1.05\ V}{10\ \mu A} = 895\ k\Omega \quad \text{(eq. 12)}$$

$$R_{EN2} = \frac{V_{EN-TH}}{I_{REN1} + I_{EN-PU}} = \frac{1.05}{10\ \mu A + 0\ \mu A} = 105\ k\Omega$$

The resulting $V_{IN-UVLO-TH}$ limits will be:

$$V_{IN-UVLO-TH-MIN} = V_{EN-TH-MIN} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{R_{EN1}}{R_{EN2}}\right) - R_{EN1} \cdot I_{EN-PU-MAX} \quad \text{(eq. 13)}$$

$$V_{IN-UVLO-TH-MIN} = 0.7 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{895\ k\Omega}{105\ k\Omega}\right) - 895\ k\Omega \cdot 1\ \mu A$$

$$V_{IN-UVLO-TH-MIN} = 5.77\ V$$

$$V_{IN-UVLO-TH-MAX} = V_{EN-TH-MAX} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{R_{EN1}}{R_{EN2}}\right) - R_{EN1} \cdot I_{EN-PU-MIN}$$

$$V_{IN-UVLO-TH-MAX} = 1.05 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{895\ k\Omega}{105\ k\Omega}\right) - 895\ k\Omega \cdot 0\ \mu A$$

$$V_{IN-UVLO-TH-MAX} = 10.0\ V$$

$$I_{Q(TOT)} = I_{Q(LDO)} + I_{REN1} = 1.3\ \mu A + 10\ \mu A = 11.3\ \mu A$$

When higher I_{REN1} is selected the $V_{IN-UVLO-TH-MIN}$ would be slightly near the target value, the $V_{IN-UVLO-TH-MAX}$ would stay the same but the $I_{Q(TOT)}$ would be significantly higher:

$$I_{REN1} = 100 \cdot I_{EN-PU} = 100 \cdot 1\ \mu A = 100\ \mu A \quad \text{(eq. 14)}$$

We would get:

$$R_{EN1} = 89.5\ k\Omega \quad \text{(eq. 15)}$$

$$R_{EN2} = 10.5\ k\Omega$$

$$V_{IN-UVLO-TH-MIN} = 6.58\ V$$

$$I_{Q(TOT)} = I_{Q(LDO)} + I_{REN1} = 1.3\ \mu A + 100\ \mu A = 101.3\ \mu A$$

We can see the IN pin UVLO threshold precision computed above (5.77 V or 6.58 V min. / 10.0 V max.) is not too high because the EN pin threshold and EN pin internal pull−up current specifications are not so tight as on dedicated UVLO devices but at some applications this precision could fit the needs.

Output Current Limit

Output current is internally limited to 280 mA typ. The LDO will source this current when the output voltage drops down from the nominal output voltage (test condition is 90% of $V_{OUT-NOM}$). If the output voltage is shorted to ground, the device continues with current limitation at the same current level. The current limit and short circuit protection will work properly over the whole temperature and input voltage ranges. There is no limitation for the short circuit duration.

Minimal output current limit value is 200 mA what could be used to cover current demand peaks, higher than the LDO's nominal output current (150 mA).

Inrush Current

At every application, the startup sequence needs a special care because during power−up the bypass capacitors connected to the power rail are charged from zero to input voltage level, what generates a current spike, so called inrush current. The size of such current spike depends on the voltage transient slope (the faster the bigger spike), on the total impedance of the loop from the power source to bypass capacitor (traces impedance, power source internal impedance and capacitor impedance; the lower the bigger spike) and on the capacitor value (the higher the bigger spike).

This inrush current during startup could cause power source's overcurrent event, damage of PCB traces, power line fuses blowing or spurious signal generation in surrounding application parts.

For a simplified case when total impedance between input power source and bypass capacitor is zero, we can use following equation to compute the inrush current, based just on voltage transient slope (dV/dt) and the capacitor value:

$$i_{INRUSH} = C \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} \quad \text{(eq. 16)}$$

Example – when the voltage changes from 0 V to 24 V in 10 μs and bypass capacitor is 10 μF, the inrush current is:

$$i_{INRUSH} = 10\ \mu F \cdot \frac{24\ V - 0\ V}{10\ \mu s} = 24A \quad \text{(eq. 17)}$$

Of course, this is the worst case when impedances in the circuit are zero, but it shows why we need to care about startup and what defines the inrush current value. We can see the inrush current is lower when capacitance and voltage change are smaller or transition time is longer.

In most cases, the capacitor value and the input voltage change are defined by the application so then the only thing we can do is to slow down the input voltage transition time. We can do it directly by changing input voltage rise time by soft−start circuit (related to Equation 16) or indirectly by adding a current limit block, which in combination with the capacitor will do the same (slower the input voltage rise), see the following equation:

$$t_{START} = C \cdot \frac{dV}{I_{LIMIT}} \quad \text{(eq. 18)}$$

We see that voltage transition time (t_{START}) is given by bypass capacitor value (C), by the voltage change (dV) and by current limit value (I_{LIMIT}) of added current limit block.

Now back to LDO application. Here we can see two different inrush current spikes. The first one is caused by the LDO's input capacitor (C_{IN}) charging from zero to the input voltage level. It happens when the previous power block (for example DC/DC) starts providing the input voltage to the LDO circuit. The maximum level of this inrush current is given by Equation 16. It doesn't matter if LDO is enabled or disabled as this inrush current spike is related only to C_{IN} and it can't be suppressed by the LDO, it is matter of previous power block. This inrush current spike is shown at Figure 75, point (1).

The second inrush current spike is generated by the LDO's output capacitor (C_{OUT}) charging from zero to nominal output voltage level. It happens when the LDO is enabled by any way (by driving EN pin or by internal UVLO when EN pin is connected to IN pin). This inrush current is limited by the LDO's soft−start and current limit functions.

Soft−start function limits the speed of the output voltage rise to avoid possible latch−up of application circuit caused by high dV/dt what naturally suppresses input inrush current (related to Equation 16).

The current limit function, used to guard the LDO and application against the overcurrent, is also used during the LDO's startup to limit the input inrush current.

Now focus onto the NCP730 device. At the next picture we can see both, soft−start and current limit functions have been implemented, shown in red. At this device, the startup current limit level is the same as the normal operation current limit level (specified at the parametric table).

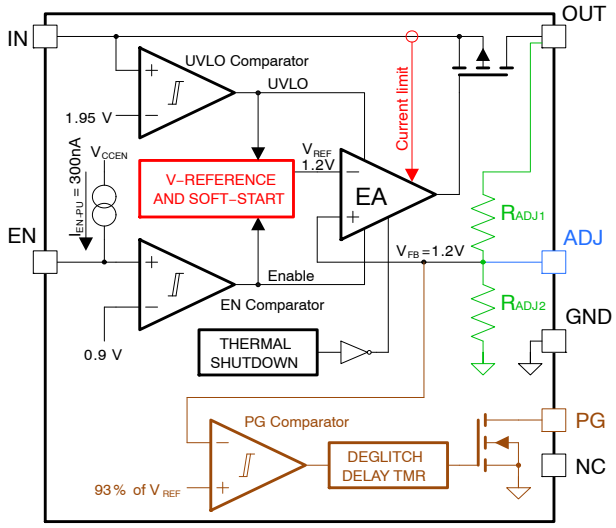


Figure 74.

A few practical notes. If the LDO's output capacitor value is small (for example 1 μF), then soft−start limited output voltage rise is slow enough to suppress the inrush current (output capacitor charging current, generated by dV_{OUT}/dt, based on Equation 16, is significantly smaller than the current limit value). While at the case of big output capacitor (for example 47 μF), the soft−start time is not slow enough and the input current needs to be limited by the current limit function.

Next picture shows both startup cases – with small (1 μF) and big (47 μF) output capacitors. Startup is caused by IN voltage rise, EN pin is connected to IN pin and device voltage version is 5.0 V.

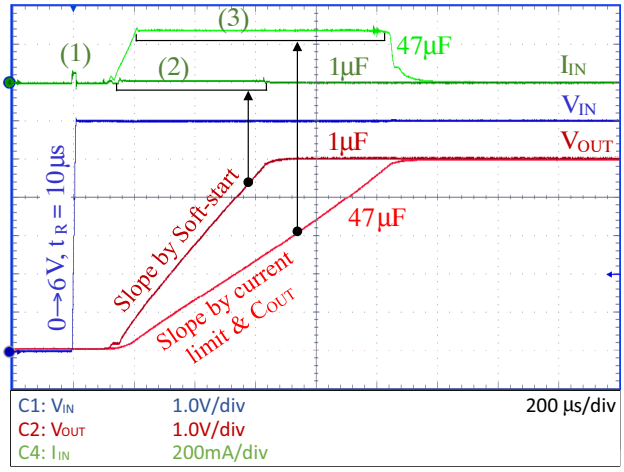


Figure 75.

With the C_{OUT} = 1 μF, the inrush current (seen at I_{IN} signal at point−2) is almost zero, its level is defined by soft−start time which is about 550 μs (from the picture).

$$i_{INRUSH} = C_{OUT} \cdot \frac{\Delta V_{OUT}}{t_{START}} \quad \text{(eq. 19)}$$

$$i_{INRUSH-1\mu F} = 1\ \mu F \cdot \frac{5\ V - 0\ V}{550\ \mu s} = 9\ mA$$

With the C_{OUT} = 47 μF, the inrush current should be 47−times higher than in case of 1 μF:

$$i_{INRUSH-47\mu F} = 47\ \mu F \cdot \frac{5\ V - 0\ V}{500\ \mu s} = 470\ mA \quad \text{(eq. 20)}$$

Therefore, in this case the current limit is activated and limits the C_{OUT} charging current to about 280 mA (from the picture, point−3). This leads to enlarging of startup time to:

$$t_{START} = C_{OUT} \cdot \frac{\Delta V_{OUT}}{I_{LIMIT}} \quad \text{(eq. 21)}$$

$$t_{START} = 47\ \mu F \cdot \frac{5\ V - 0\ V}{270\ mA} = 870\ \mu s$$

One additional thing could be seen at the picture above and it is a small current spike highlighted as a point−1 at the I_{IN} curve. It is the inrush current caused by input voltage transient (from 0 V to 6 V in 10 μs) and input capacitor C_{IN} = 100 nF. As stated before, for this current spike is responsible the prior power source, not the LDO (in this case the test equipment which generates the V_{IN} transient). The C_{IN} inrush current amplitude is:

$$i_{INRUSH\_POINT-1} = 100\ nF \cdot \frac{6\ V - 0\ V}{10\ \mu s} = 60\ mA \quad \text{(eq. 22)}$$

Power Supply Rejection Ratio

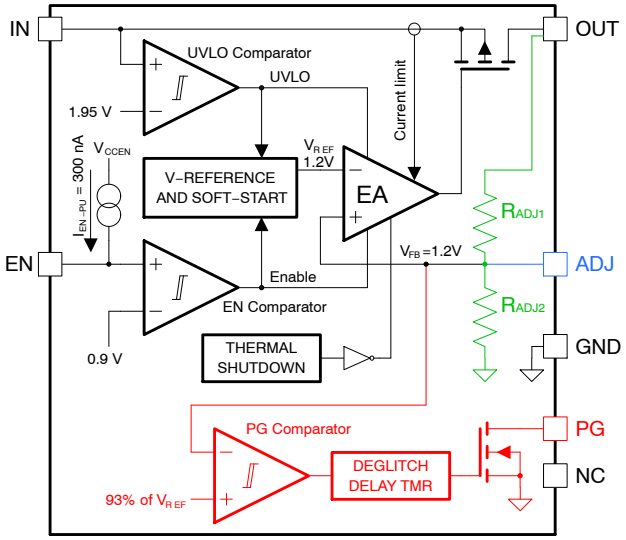
The LDO features high power supply rejection ratio even it is very low quiescent current device. See the Typical characteristics section for the graphs over different conditions.

The PSRR at higher frequencies (from about 100 kHz) can be tuned by the selection of C_{OUT} capacitor, applied input voltage and proper PCB layout (minimizing impedance from load to C_{OUT}).

PG Output

Version B of the NCP730 device contains PG circuit for the V_{OUT} voltage level monitoring. Internally it is combined from PG comparator, deglitch/delay timer and output NMOS transistor (highlighted by red color at picture below). At both, ADJ and FIX versions, the PG comparator compares internal feedback signal voltage (V_{FB}) with the 93% of V_{REF} (typ.) what makes the function independent to the output voltage absolute value (it always compares set V_{OUT} with 93% of its nominal value).

If PG is used at ADJ device version and CFF capacitor is used as well, then C_{FF} must be small enough (10 – 33 pF when R1, R2 are in range of hundreds of kilo ohms) otherwise the PG output will show ”power ok state” sooner than the output voltage reaches the PG threshold value. It is because the C_{FF} slows down the output voltage rise time while ADJ pin voltage, what is the PG comparator input, remains fast. Note that any AC voltage change at OUT pin goes into ADJ pin through the C_{FF} (what is the main reason of C_{FF} in fact – to speed up regulator reactions), but for PG operation it makes this kind of issue that voltage at ADJ pin is already on the target level (V_{REF}) while OUT voltage is still rising. This issue is a natural behavior for any adjustable regulator so it is not an issue just for this particular device.



Note: Blue objects are valid for ADJ version
Green objects are valid for FIX version
Red objects are valid for B version (with PG)

Figure 76. Power Good Output Block Diagram

The PG output turns into high impedance state (Hi–Z) to show “power ok state” when the V_{OUT} voltage rises above the PG threshold level (V_{PG-TH} + V_{PG-HY}) after delay time (t_{PG-DLY}) and turns into short to GND level to show “power fail state” when the V_{OUT} falls below the level (V_{PG-TH}) after deglitch time (t_{PG-DG}).

The PG threshold voltage is 93% of $V_{OUT-NOM}$ (typ.) and the hysteresis is 2% of $V_{OUT-NOM}$ (typ.).

Because the PG output is open drain type it needs to be connected by external pull resistor to a voltage level, which defines the PG pin voltage at time when it is in Hi–Z state. It allows connections of PG pin to circuit with the same or different power supply voltage to the LDO’s V_{OUT} level. Below are the connections examples.

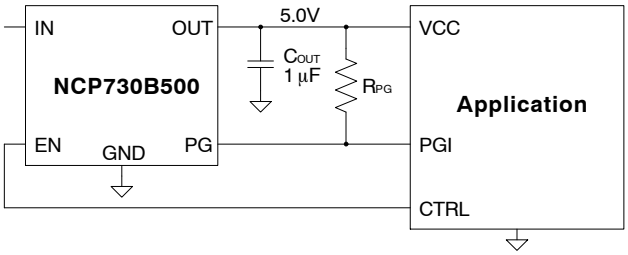


Figure 77. Circuit Example – PG Connected to LDO’s Output

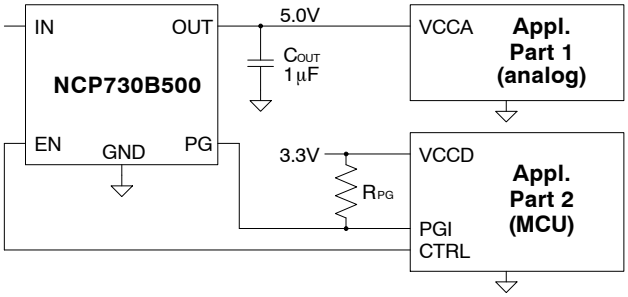


Figure 78. Circuit Example – PG Connected to Application Power Supply

Following timing diagrams show the situation when LDO falls out of regulation 3 times (output voltage drops down from nominal value) because of (for example) insufficient IN pin voltage.

Note that the V_{PG} voltage at “power ok state” follows the voltage where the R_{PG} is connected because the PG output is in Hi–Z state and just R_{PG} connection point defines the V_{PG} level. In the first example when R_{PG} is connected to LDO’s output, the V_{PG} follows the LDO’s V_{OUT} including the drops. In the second example the R_{PG} is connected to LDO independent power rail (3.3 V) so the V_{PG} is not following the LDO’s output voltage.

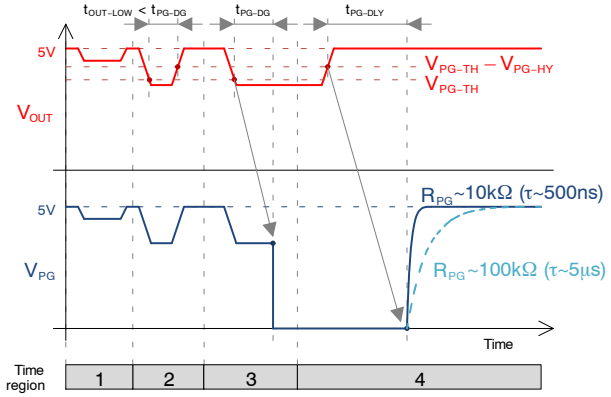


Figure 79. Timing – PG Connected to LDO's Output

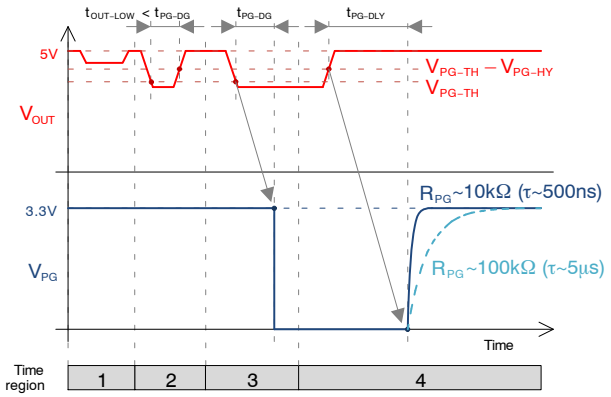


Figure 80. Timing – PG Connected to Application Power Supply 3.3 V

The timing diagrams have been divided into 4 time regions to show different situations:

In region−1, the V_{OUT} drop is not deep enough so the PG output shows "power ok state".

In region−2, the V_{OUT} drop is deeper and crosses the V_{PG-TH} threshold level but the duration of the drop is shorter then PG deglitch time (t_{PG-DG} = 160 μs typ.) so the PG output still shows "power ok state". Note that the deglitch time has been intentionally implemented to filter out spurious output voltage drops (caused for example by fast load transients etc.).

In both two first regions the V_{PG} is high and follows the voltage level where the R_{PG} resistor is connected to ($V_{LDO(OUT)}$ or V_{CCD}).

In region−3, the V_{OUT} drop is deep enough and the duration is longer then t_{PG-DG} deglitch time so the PG output is shorted to GND pin and shows power fail state.

In region−4, the V_{OUT} returns back to its nominal value. When it crosses the level ($V_{PG-TH} - V_{PG-HY}$) the PG output turns from short to GND into Hi−Z state, not immediately, but after the PG delay time (t_{PG-DLY} = 320 μs typ.). The PG delay ensures that low PG pulse, showing "power fail state", is always longer than the t_{PG-DLY} time and then could be caught by the application circuit (for example by MCU).

R_{PG} Value Selection

As shown on the Figure 79 and Figure 80 in the time region-4, the steepness of PG signal return to high level depends on the R_{PG} pull−up resistance (with relation to capacitance of LDO's PG output, parasitic capacitance of PG signal PCB traces and the application circuit PGI input capacitance. The lower R_{PG} resistance the faster PG return to high level.

At the most applications, the PG return speed to high level is not a concern, mainly because of the fact that the LDO already delays the PG return by the t_{PG-DLY} time (320 μs typ.) intentionally so the returning speed itself is negligible.

The next view to the R_{PG} value is the power consumption at "power fail state" when the current from the supply flows through the R_{PG} to the grounded PG pin. This is just a case of the power fail state so probably not a concern too.

At the electrical characteristics table we can find the parameter "PG Output Low Level Voltage (V_{PG-OL})" which defines the drop across the PG internal transistor when it sinks current 1 mA. We can take this current condition (1 mA) as a maximal PG current (I_{PG-MAX}) for the R_{PG-MIN} computation (as we know the PG drop at this level, 0.4 V max.). If the application input current I_{PGI} is negligible to I_{RPG} we can compute the $R_{PGI-MIN}$ by:

$$R_{PG-MIN} = \frac{V_{CC-RPG}}{I_{PG-MAX}} \quad \text{(eq. 23)}$$

And, for example, when R_{PG} is connected to 3.3 V power rail:

$$R_{PG-MIN} = \frac{V_{CC-RPG}}{I_{PG-MAX}} = \frac{3.3\ V}{1\ mA} = 3.3\ k\Omega \quad \text{(eq. 24)}$$

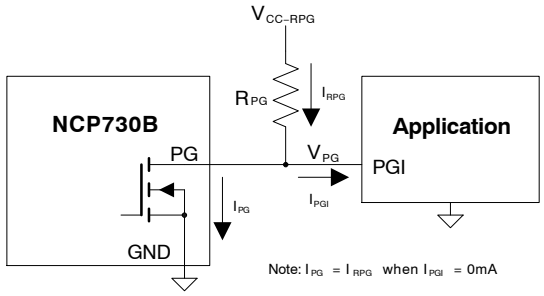


Figure 81. Circuit Example for R_{PG} Value Selection

From the opposite side, R_{PG} is limited to its maximum value, based on: maximum PG leakage current $I_{PG-LK-MAX}$, maximum threshold voltage of the application input $V_{PGI-TH-MAX}$ and maximum application input leakage current $I_{PGI-LK-MAX}$. Then:

$$R_{PG-MAX} = \frac{V_{CC-RPG} - V_{PGI-TH-MAX}}{I_{PG-LK-MAX} + I_{PGI-LK-MAX}} \quad \text{(eq. 25)}$$

For example, when R_{PG} is connected to 3.3 V power rail, max. threshold voltage of the application input is 1.3 V and application input leakage current is 3 μA max.:

$$R_{PG-MAX} = \frac{V_{CC-RPG} - V_{PGI-TH-MAX}}{I_{PG-LK-MAX} + I_{PGI-LK-MAX}} \quad \text{(eq. 26)}$$

$$= \frac{3.3\ V - 1.3\ V}{1\ \mu A + 3\ \mu A} = 500\ k\Omega$$

Based on results above, the R_{PG} value could be selected in range from 3.3 kΩ to 500 kΩ to fit the example application.

PG and OUT Pin Voltages during Startup/Shutdown

At the picture below an example of NCP730BMT500 measured startup waveform is shown. EN pin was shorted to IN pin, PG output was connected to OUT pin by resistor R_{PG} = 10 kOhm, OUT was loaded by R_{LOAD} = 50 Ohm, C_{IN} and C_{OUT} were 1 μF both. Slow input voltage rise and fall times have been used to show LDO's overall behavior.

At the point 0 the input voltage starts to rise from 0 to 6 V, LDO is in shutdown (because V_{IN} is below its UVLO threshold) and output voltage is 0 V. At the point 1 the V_{IN} voltage reaches UVLO threshold level and LDO starts charging of output capacitor. V_{OUT} rising speed is defined by internal soft−start function. At the point 2 the V_{OUT} voltage reaches almost the V_{IN} voltage as it rises faster and LDO gets into dropout. The difference between V_{IN} and V_{OUT} is the dropout voltage V_{DO} as shown in the zoomed window. At the point 3 the V_{OUT} reaches PG threshold plus PG hysteresis level (V_{PG-TH} + V_{PG-HY} = 93% + 2% = 95% of $V_{OUT-NOM}$) and from this point LDO counts the power good delay time (t_{PG-DLY}). This delay time prolongs the low state of PG signal for easier detection of power fault (it defines minimum PG low time in fact). After this delay, the PG pin rises to high level showing that V_{OUT} is ok. At the point 4 the V_{OUT} reaches its nominal value (5.0 V) as the V_{IN} starts to be higher than ($V_{OUT-NOM}$ + V_{DO}) and LDO gets into regulation where it stays until point 5, where the V_{IN} starts to be too low and LDO returns to dropout again. At the point 6 the V_{OUT} drops below the PG threshold level (93% of $V_{OUT-NOM}$) and LDO starts counting the power good deglitch time (t_{PG-DG}) which filters fast V_{OUT} undershoots (caused for example by line/load transient responses). After this delay, the PG output is shorted to 0 V level to highlight "power fail" state. At the point 7, the V_{IN} voltage is lower than input voltage UVLO threshold minus UVLO hysteresis level and LDO goes into the shutdown state.

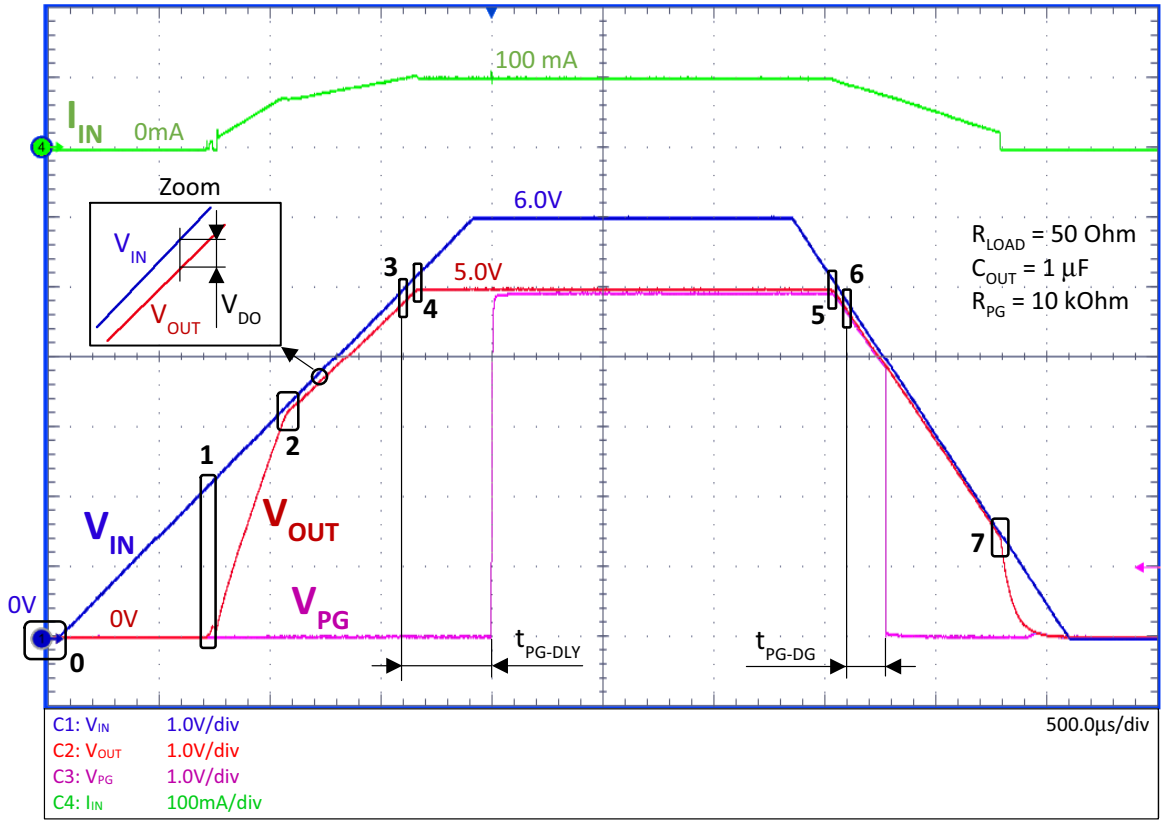


Figure 82. Startup/Shutdown Example − NCP730BMT500

Thermal Shutdown

When the LDO's die temperature exceeds the thermal shutdown threshold value the device is internally disabled. The IC will remain in this state until the die temperature decreases by the thermal shutdown hysteresis value. Once the IC temperature falls this way, the LDO is back enabled. The thermal shutdown feature provides the protection against overheating due to some application failure and it is not intended to be used as a normal working function.

Power Dissipation

Power dissipation caused by voltage drop across the LDO and by the output current flowing through the device needs to be dissipated out from the chip. The maximum power dissipation is dependent on the PCB layout, number of used Cu layers, Cu layers thickness and the ambient temperature. The maximum power dissipation can be computed by following equation:

$$P_{D(MAX)} = \frac{T_J - T_A}{\theta_{JA}} = \frac{125 - T_A}{\theta_{JA}} \text{ [W]} \quad \text{(eq. 27)}$$

Where: $(T_J - T_A)$ is the temperature difference between the junction and ambient temperatures and θ_{JA} is the thermal resistance (dependent on the PCB as mentioned above).

For reliable operation junction temperature should be less than +125°C.

The power dissipated by the LDO for given application conditions can be calculated by the next equation:

$$P_D = V_{IN} \cdot I_{GND} + (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \cdot I_{OUT} \text{ [W]} \quad \text{(eq. 28)}$$

Where: I_{GND} is the LDO's ground current, dependent on the output load current.

Connecting the exposed pad and NC pin to a large ground planes helps to dissipate the heat from the chip.

The relation of θ_{JA} and $P_{D(MAX)}$ to PCB copper area and Cu layer thickness could be seen on the Figures 83 and 84.

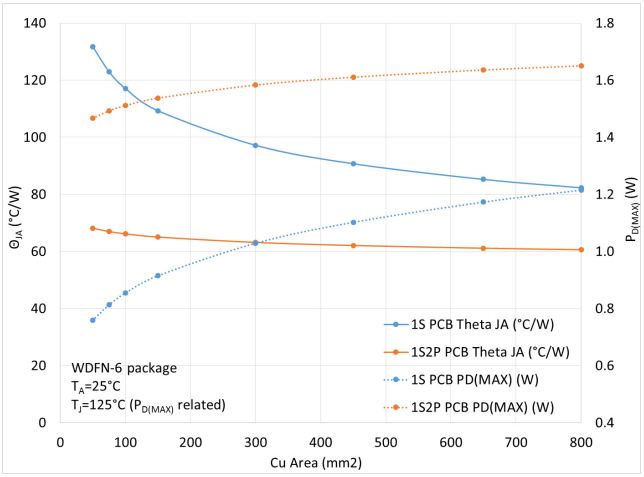


Figure 83. θ_{JA} and $P_{D(MAX)}$ vs. Copper Area

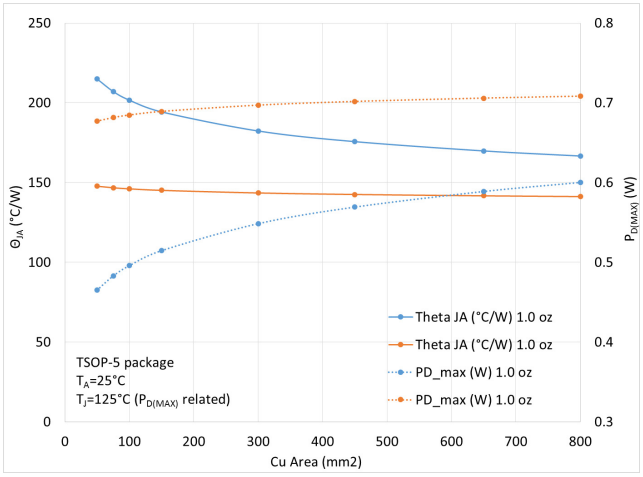


Figure 84. θ_{JA} and $P_{D(MAX)}$ vs. Copper Area

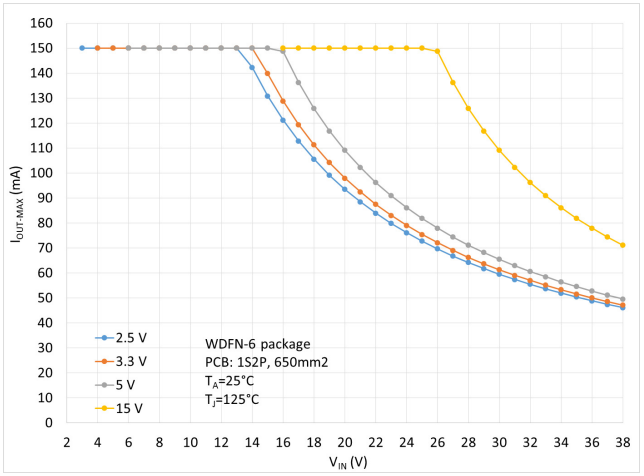


Figure 85. Maximum Output Current vs. Input Voltage

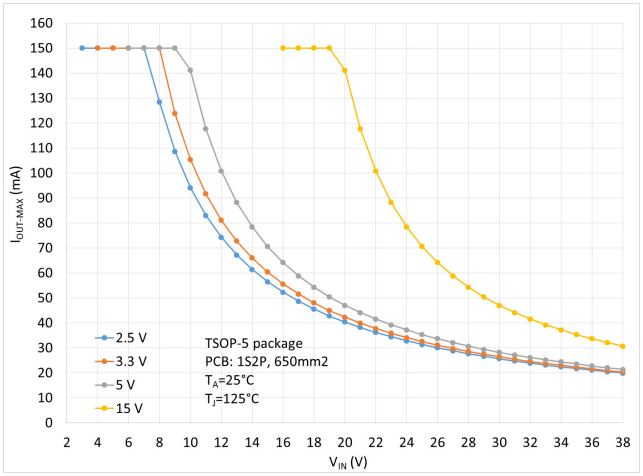


Figure 86. Maximum Output Current vs. Input Voltage

PCB Layout Recommendations

To obtain good LDO's stability, transient performance and good regulation characteristics place C_{IN} and C_{OUT} capacitors as close as possible to the device pins and make the PCB traces wide, short and place capacitors to the same layer as the LDO is (to avoid connection through vias). The same rules should be applied to the connections between C_{OUT} and the load – the less parasitic impedance the better transients and regulation at the point of load.

To minimize the solution size, use 0402 or 0201 capacitor sizes with appropriate effective capacitance in mind.

Regarding high impedance ADJ pin, prevent capacitive coupling of the trace to any switching signals in the circuitry.

Adequate input power filtering is always a good practice. For load transients the input capacitor value must be high enough to cover the current demands especially if the power source is connected by long traces/wires with high impedance.

Demo Boards

Below are the main part of the schematics and top/bottom board layout pictures of the NCP730 demo boards for various packages. These boards have been used during evaluation to capture the data shown in this datasheet like: transients, PSRR, startups etc. At some of these pictures are shown details of PCB traces surrounding the LDO including C_{IN}, C_{OUT}, resistor divider R_1/R_2, feed forward capacitor C_{FF} and IN/OUT−FORCE/SENSE connections.

Generally, when testing LDOs dynamic performance on demo board which is connected to laboratory power supply typically by long cables, the device needs additional input capacitor. This capacitor covers the voltage drop generated by the load current transients at the impedance of long connection cables (note this is very different to normal application where the distance of the LDO to its power source is short).

Besides the LDO application circuit, each demo board includes some supporting staff, the same at all boards:

- Positions for optional through hole SMB connectors at IN, OUT and EN pins (Molex 73100−0258 or compatible) mainly for line/load transients, PSRR, noise and startup testing the demo board includes.
- Edge connector where all these signal leads too (the appropriate receptacle type is SAMTEC MECF−20−01−L−DV−WT).
- Thermal management circuit (heating transistor and diodes as temperature sensors).

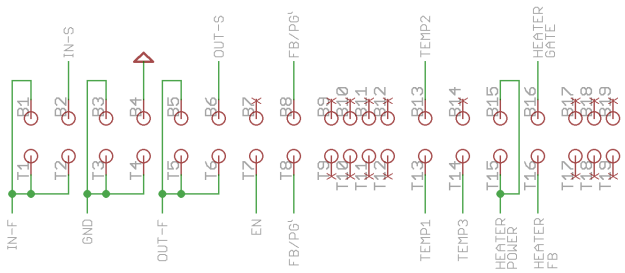


Figure 87. Edge Connector Pinout (All Demo Boards)

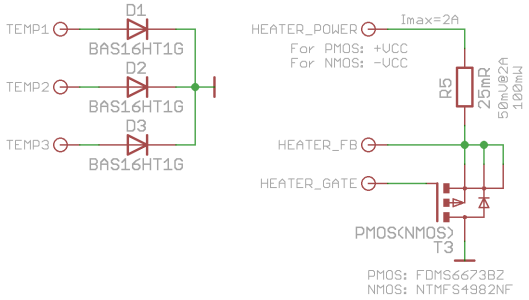
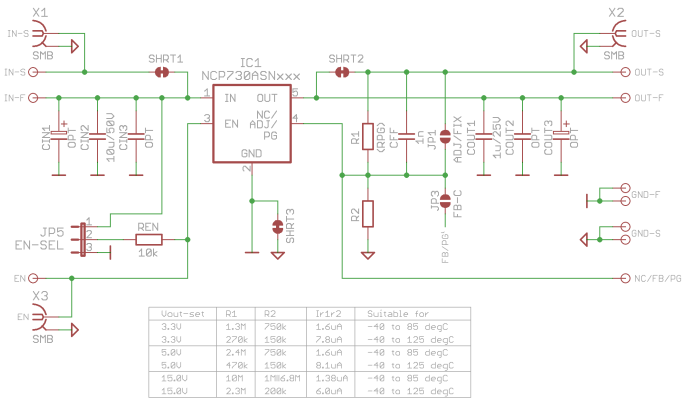


Figure 88. Thermal Circuit (All Demo Boards)

NCP730ASN/BSN (TSOP−5 package) Demo Board (2 layer PCB, rev. 1)



Vout-set	R1	R2	Ir1r2	Suitable for
3.3V	1.3M	750k	1.6uA	-40 to 85 degC
3.3V	270k	150k	7.8uA	-40 to 125 degC
5.0V	2.4M	750k	1.6uA	-40 to 85 degC
5.0V	470k	150k	8.1uA	-40 to 125 degC
15.0V	10M	1M|6.8M	1.38uA	-40 to 85 degC
15.0V	2.3M	200k	6.0uA	-40 to 125 degC

Figure 89. TSOP−5 Demo Board (2 layer, rev. 1) – Schematics (Main Part)

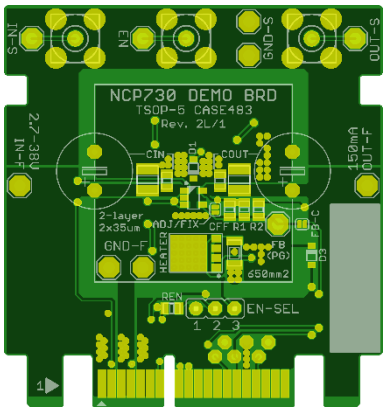


Figure 90. NCP730 Demo Board (2 layer, rev. 1) – PCB Top Layer

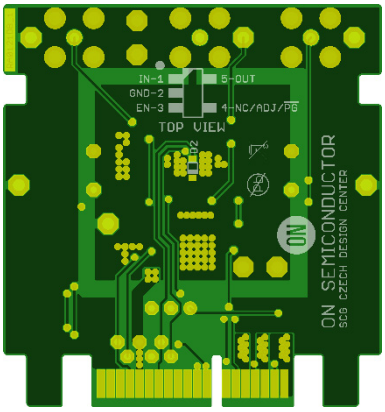


Figure 91. TSOP−5 Demo Board (2 layer, rev. 1) – PCB Bottom Layer

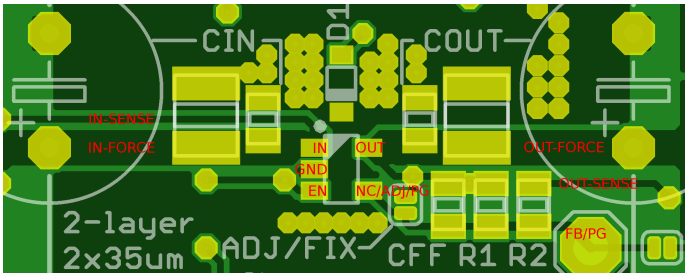


Figure 92. TSOP−5 Demo Board (2 layer, rev. 1) – PCB Top Layer, Zoomed, Added Signal Labels

NCP730AMT/BMT (WDFN−6 2x2 package) Demo Board (2 layer PCB, rev. 1)

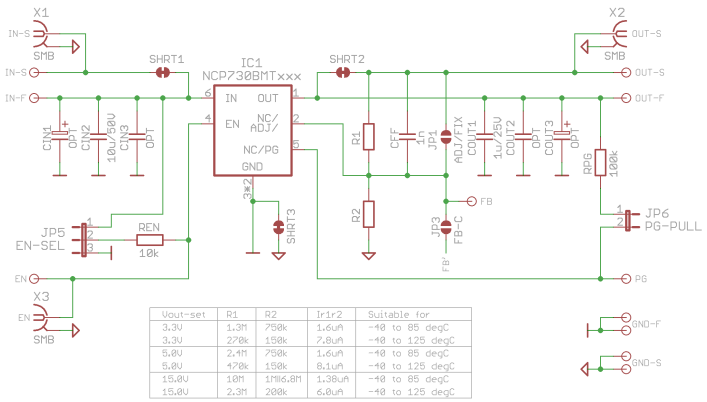


Figure 93. WDFN−6 2x2 Demo Board (2 layer, rev. 1) – Schematics (Main Part)

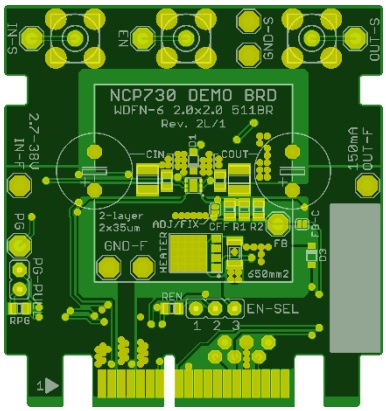
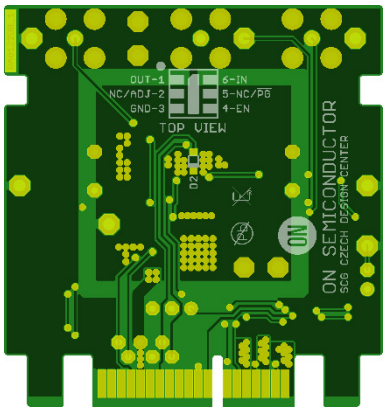


Figure 94. WDFN−6 2x2 Demo Board (2 layer, rev. 1) – PCB Top Layer



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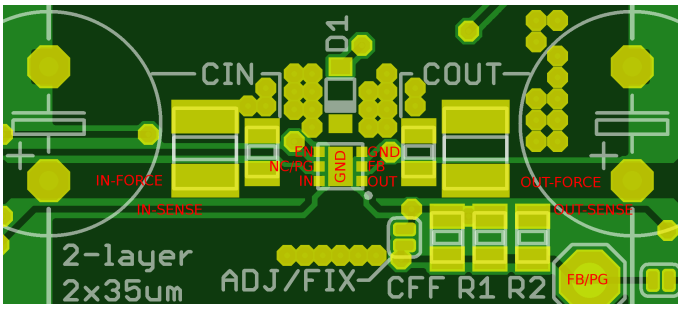
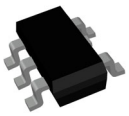


Figure 96. WDFN−6 2x2 Demo Board (2 layer, rev. 1) – PCB Top Layer, Zoomed, Added Signal Labels

ORDERING INFORMATION

Part Number	Marking	Voltage Option ($V_{OUT-NOM}$)	Version	Package	Shipping
NCP730ASNADJT1G	HAA	ADJ	Without PG	TSOP−5 (Pb−Free)	3000 / Tape & Reel
NCP730ASN250T1G	HAC	2.5 V			
NCP730ASN280T1G	HAD	2.8 V			
NCP730ASN300T1G	HAF	3.0 V			
NCP730ASN330T1G	HAE	3.3 V			
NCP730ASN500T1G	HAG	5.0 V			
NCP730BMTADJTBG	MA	ADJ	With PG	WDFN6 2x2 (Pb−Free)	3000 / Tape & Reel
NCP730BMT250TBG	MC	2.5 V			
NCP730BMT280TBG	MD	2.8 V			
NCP730BMT300TBG	ME	3.0 V			
NCP730BMT330TBG	MF	3.3 V			
NCP730BMT500TBG	MG	5.0 V			
NCP730BMT1500TBG	MH	15.0 V			

*To order other package, voltage version or PG / non PG variant, please contact your ON Semiconductor sales representative.



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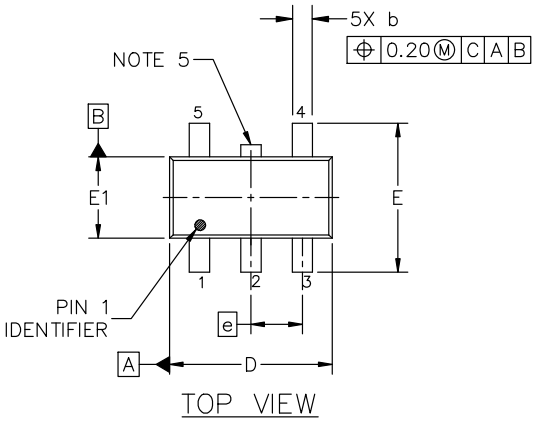

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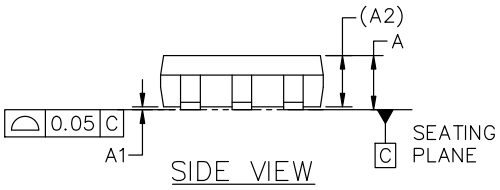

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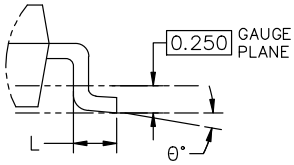

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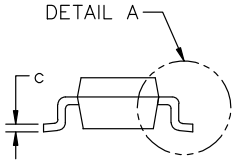
NOTES:

1. DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING CONFORM TO ASME Y14.5−2018.
2. ALL DIMENSION ARE IN MILLIMETERS (ANGLES IN DEGREES).
3. MAXIMUM LEAD THICKNESS INCLUDES LEAD FINISH THICKNESS. MINIMUM LEAD THICKNESS IS THE MINIMUM THICKNESS OF BASE MATERIAL.
4. DIMENSIONS D AND E1 DO NOT INCLUDE MOLD FLASH, PROTRUSIONS OF GATE BURRS. MOLD FLASH, PROTRUSIONS, OR GATE BURRS SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.15 PER SIDE. DIMENSION D.
5. OPTIONAL CONSTRUCTION: AN ADDITIONAL TRIMMED LEAD IS ALLOWED IN THIS LOCATION. TRIMMED LEAD NOT TO EXTEND MORE THAN 0.2 FROM BODY.



END VIEW

DIM	MILLIMETERS		
	MIN.	NOM.	MAX.
A	0.900	1.000	1.100
A1	0.010	0.055	0.100
A2		0.950 REF.	
b	0.250	0.375	0.500
c	0.100	0.180	0.260
D	2.850	3.000	3.150
E	2.500	2.750	3.000
E1	1.350	1.500	1.650
e		0.950 BSC	
L	0.200	0.400	0.600
θ	0°	5°	10°

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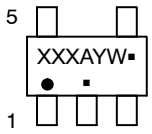
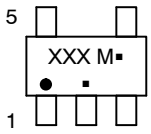


Analog

XXX = Specific Device Code
A = Assembly Location
Y = Year
W = Work Week
▪ = Pb−Free Package

(Note: Microdot may be in either location)



Discrete/Logic

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M = Date Code
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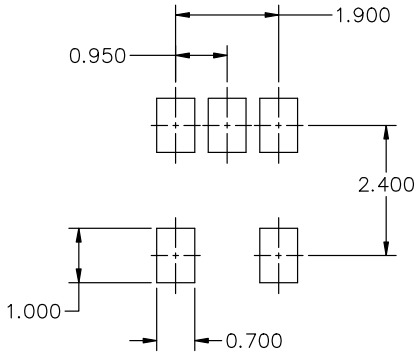

RECOMMENDED MOUNTING FOOTPRINT*

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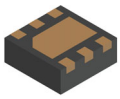

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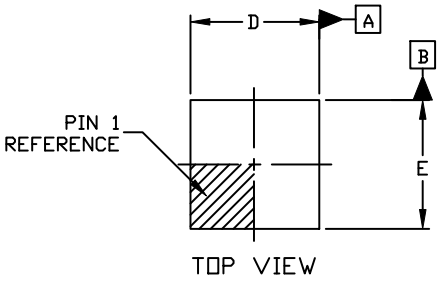
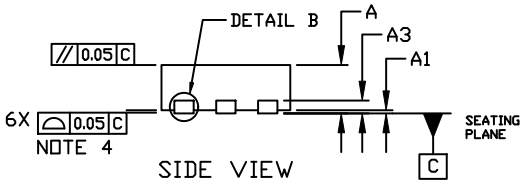
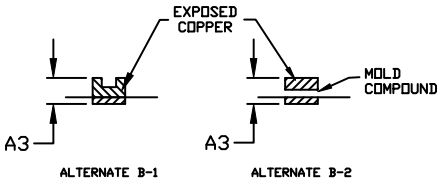


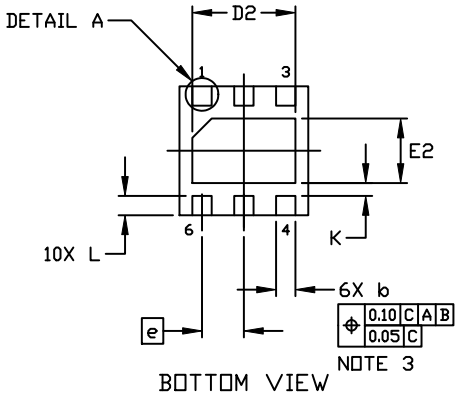


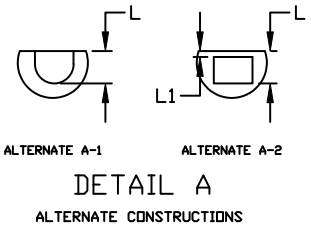


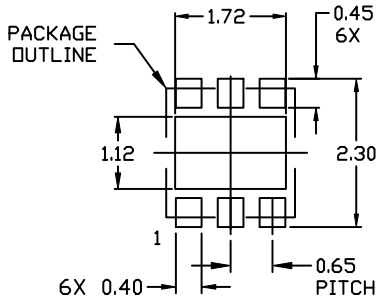
NOTES:

1. DIMENSION AND TOLERANCING PER ASME Y14.5, 2009.
2. CONTROLLING DIMENSION: MILLIMETERS
3. DIMENSION b APPLIES TO PLATED TERMINAL AND IS MEASURED BETWEEN 0.15 AND 0.30 MM FROM THE TERMINAL TIP.
4. COPLANARITY APPLIES TO THE EXPOSED PAD AS WELL AS THE TERMINALS.

DIM	MILLIMETERS		
	MIN.	NOM.	MAX.
A	0.70	0.75	0.80
A1	0.00	---	0.05
A3		0.20 REF	
b	0.25	0.30	0.35
D	1.90	2.00	2.10
D2	1.50	1.60	1.70
E	1.90	2.00	2.10
E2	0.90	1.00	1.10
e		0.65 BSC	
K		0.20 REF	
L	0.20	0.30	0.40
L1	---	---	0.15







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