

General Description

The SPX2945 is a low power voltage regulator. This device is an excellent choice for use in battery-powered applications such as cordless telephones, radio control systems, and portable computers. The SPX2945 features very low quiescent current (100 μ A Typ) and very low dropout voltage. This includes a tight initial tolerance of 1% max and very low output temperature coefficient, making the SPX2945 useful as a low power voltage reference.

The SPX2945 is offered in a surface mount 3-pin SOT-223 package.

Look for SPX2951 for 150mA and SPX2954 for 250mA Applications.

SOT-223 version available. TO-220, TO-263, TO-252, NSOIC versions obsolete

For more details about the ordering information, see ["Ordering Information"](#) on page 13.

Features

- Output 3.3V at 400mA output
- Very low quiescent current, 100 μ A
- Low dropout voltage, 420mV at 400mA
- Extremely tight load and line regulation
- Very low temperature coefficient
- Current and thermal limiting

Applications

- Networking
- Telecommunications
- Industrial systems
- FPGA and uC's based systems
- Remote controlled vehicles

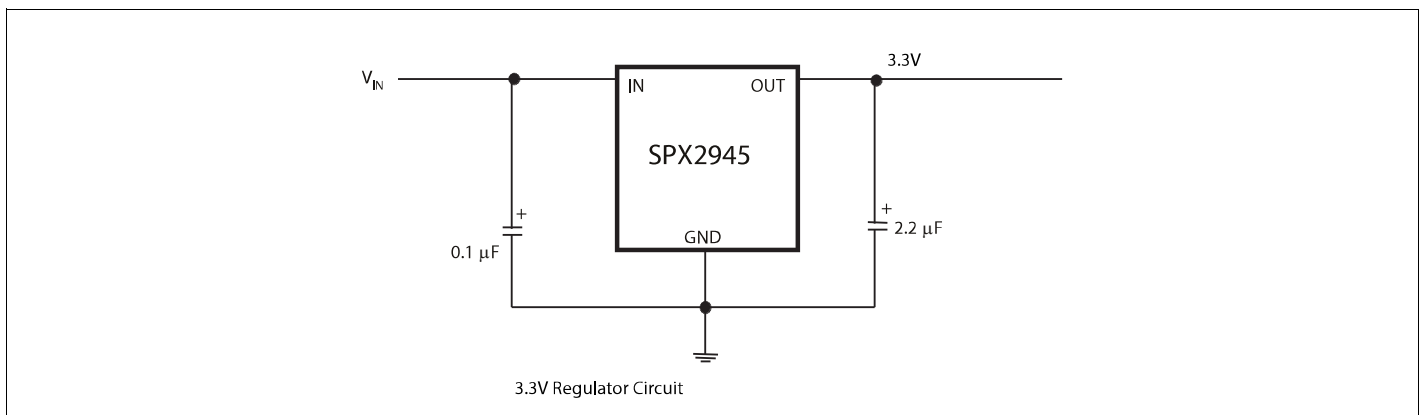


Figure 1: SPX2945 Typical Application

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Specifications

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Important: The stresses above what is listed under the following table may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only—functional operation of the device above what is listed under the following table or any other conditions beyond what MaxLinear recommends is not implied. Exposure to conditions above the recommended extended periods of time may affect device reliability. Solder reflow profile is specified in the IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020C standard.

Table 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Min	Max	Units
Power Dissipation	Internally limited		-
Lead Temperature (soldering, 5 seconds)		260	°C
Storage Temperature Range	-65	150	°C
Operating Junction Temperature Range	-40	125	°C
Input Supply Voltage	-20	26	V
Feedback Supply Voltage	-1.5	26	V
Shutdown Supply Voltage	-0.3	26	V
Error Comparator Output	-0.3	26	V
ESD Rating	-	2	kV

Thermal Specifications

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Table 2: Thermal Performance

Symbol	Parameter	Package	Typ	Units
θ_{JA}	Junction to Ambient	TO-220-3	29.4	°C/W
		TO-263-3	31.4	
		TO-263-5	31.2	
		NSOIC-8	128.4	
		SOT-223	62.3	
		TO-252	50	

Electrical Characteristics

Electrical characteristics at $V_{IN} = V_O + 1V$, $I_O = 1mA$, $C_{OUT} = 2.2\mu F$, $T_A = 25^\circ C$, unless otherwise specified. The • denotes the specifications that apply over full operating temperature range $-40^\circ C$ to $85^\circ C$, unless otherwise specified.

Table 3: Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Units
3.3V Version						
Output Voltage	$1mA \leq I_L \leq 400mA$		3.267	3.3	3.333	V
		•	3.217	3.3	3.382	
5.0V Version						
Output Voltage	$1mA \leq I_L \leq 400mA$		4.950	5.0	5.050	V
		•	4.880	5.0	5.120	
All Voltage Options						
Output Voltage Temperature Coefficient ⁽¹⁾	-	•	20	-	100	ppm/ $^\circ C$
Line Regulation ⁽³⁾	$6V \leq V_{IN} \leq 20V$ ⁽⁴⁾	•	-	1.5	20	mV
Load Regulation ⁽³⁾	$I_L = 1$ to 400mA		-	6	20	mV
		•	-	-	30	
Dropout Voltage ⁽⁵⁾	$I_L = 1mA$		-	60	100	mV
		•	-	-	150	
	$I_L = 400mA$		-	360	450	
		•	-	-	700	
Ground Current	$I_L = 1mA$		-	100	200	μA
		•	-	-	300	
	$I_L = 150mA$		-	2	4	mA
		•	-	-	6	
	$I_L = 300mA$		-	4	8	
		•	-	-	12	
	$I_L = 400mA$		-	8	15	
		•	-	-	25	
Current Limit	$V_{OUT} = 0$	•	-	330	800	mA
Thermal Regulation	-		-	0.05	0.2	%/W
Output Noise	(10Hz to 100kHz), $I_L = 100mA$, $C_L = 2.2\mu F$		-	400	-	μV_{RMS}
	(10Hz to 100kHz), $I_L = 100mA$, $C_L = 33\mu F$		-	269	-	
PSRR	100KHz, $I_L = 100mA$, $C_L = 10\mu F$		-	31	-	dB
Adjustable 8 Pin Version only						
Reference Voltage	-		1.210	1.235	1.260	V

Table 3: Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Units
Reference Voltage	Over Temperature		1.185	-	1.285	V
Feedback Pin Bias Current	-		-	20	40	nA
		•	-	-	60	
Reference Voltage Temp. Coefficient	-		-	20	-	ppm/°C
Feedback Pin Bias Current Temperature Coefficient	-		0.1	-	-	nA/°C
Output Leakage Current	$V_{OH} = 20V$		0.01	1	..	μA
		•	-	2	-	
Output Low Voltage	$V_{IN} = 4.5V, I_{OL} = 400\mu A$		150	250	-	mV
		•	-	400	-	
Upper Threshold Voltage ⁽⁶⁾	-		40	60	-	mV
		•	25	-	-	
Lower Threshold Voltage ⁽⁶⁾	-		75	95	-	mV
		•	-	140	-	
Hysteresis ⁽⁶⁾	-		15	-	-	mV
Input Logic Voltage	Low (Regulator ON)	•	-	0.7	-	V
	High (Regulator OFF)	•	1.3	2.0	-	
Shutdown Pin Input Current	$V_S = 2.4V$		30	50	-	μA
		•	-	100	-	
	$V_S = 26V$		450	600	-	
		•	-	750	-	
Regulator Output Current in Shutdown ⁽⁷⁾	-		10	3	-	μA
		•	20	-	-	

1. Output or reference voltage temperature coefficients defined as the worst case voltage change divided by the total temperature range.

2. Unless otherwise specified all limits are guaranteed for $T_J = 25^\circ C$, $V_{IN} = 6V$, $I_L = 1mA$ and $C_L = 2.2\mu F$. Additional conditions for the 8-pin versions are feedback tied to 5V/3.3V tap and output tied to output sense ($V_{OUT} = 5V$) and $V_{SHUTDOWN} \leq 0.8V$.

3. Regulation is measured at constant junction temperature, using pulse testing with a low duty cycle. Changes in output voltage due to heating effects are covered under the specification for thermal regulation.

4. Line regulation for the SPX2945 is tested at $150^\circ C$ for $I_L = 1mA$. For $T_J = 125^\circ C$, line regulation is guaranteed by design.

5. Dropout voltage is defined as the input to output differential at which the output voltage drops 100 mV below its nominal value measured at 1V differential at very low values of programmed output voltage, the minimum input supply voltage of 2V (2.3V over temperature) must be considered.

6. Comparator thresholds are expressed in terms of a voltage differential at the feedback terminal below the nominal reference voltage measured at 6V input. To express these thresholds in terms of output voltage change, multiply by the error amplifier gain $= V_{OUT}/V_{REF} = (R1 + R2)/R2$. For example, at a programmed output voltage of 5V, the error output is guaranteed to go low when the output drops by $95mV \times 5V/1.235 = 384mV$. Thresholds remain constant as a percent of V_{OUT} as V_{OUT} is varied, with the dropout warning occurring at typically 5% below nominal, 7.5% guaranteed.

7. $V_{SHUTDOWN} \geq 2V$, $V_{IN} \leq 26V$, $V_{OUT} = 0$, Feedback pin tied to 5V/3.3V Tap.

Pin Information

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Pin Configuration

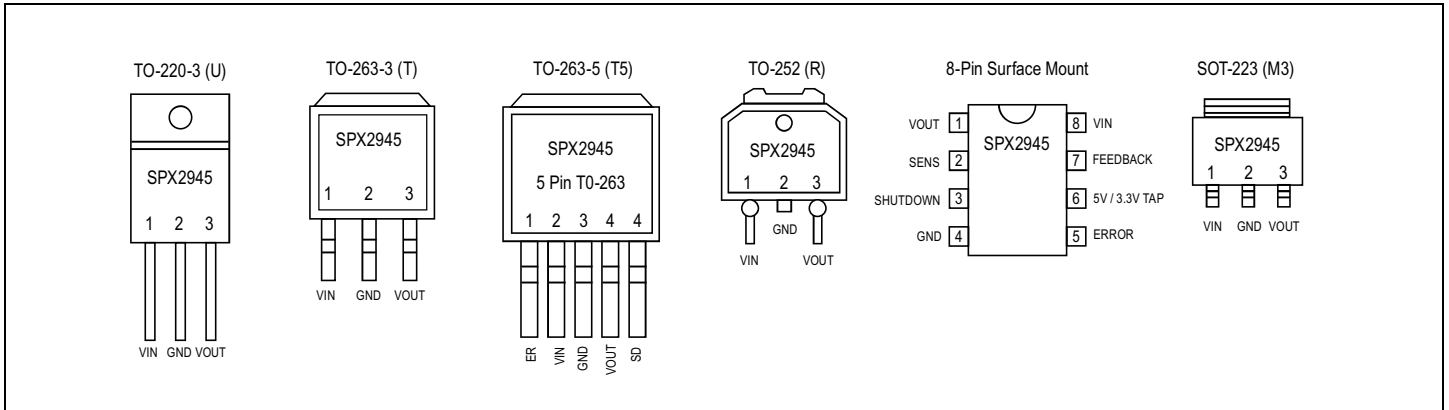


Figure 2: SPX2945 Pin Configuration

Pin Description

Table 4: Pin Description

Pin Number	Pin Name	Description
1	VIN	Input voltage. Bypass to GND with $\geq 2.2\mu\text{F}$ capacitance.
2	GND	Ground pin. Connect to tab on board.
3	VOUT	Output voltage. Bypass to GND with $\geq 2.2\mu\text{F}$ capacitance.
Tab	GND	Ground and die attach paddle. Connect to pin 2 in board layout.

Application Information

External Capacitors

The stability of the SPX2945 requires a 2.2 μ F or greater capacitor between output and ground. Oscillation can occur without this capacitor. Most types of tantalum or aluminum electrolytic works as expected here. MaxLinear recommends a solid tantalum lower than -25°C since the aluminum types have electrolytes that freeze at about -30°C . The ESR of about 5 Ω or less and resonant frequency above 500kHz are the most important parameters in the value of the capacitor. The capacitor value can be increased without limit.

At lower values of output current, less output capacitance is required for stability. For the currents below 10mA the value of the capacitor can be reduced to 0.5 μ F and 0.15 μ F for 1mA. More output capacitance needed for the 8-pin version at voltages below 5V since it runs the error amplifier at lower gain. At worst case 4.7 μ F or greater must be used for the condition of 250mA load at 1.23V output.

The SPX2945, unlike other low dropout regulators remains stable and in regulation with no load in addition to the internal voltage divider. This feature is important in applications like CMOS RAM keep-alive.

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, then a 0.1 μ F tantalum or aluminum electrolytic capacitor should be placed from the input ground.

Instability can occur if there is stray capacitance to the SPX2945 feedback terminal (pin 7). This can cause more problems when using a higher value of external resistors to set the output voltage.

This problem can be fixed by adding a 100pF capacitor between output and feedback and increasing the output capacitor to at least 3.3 μ F.

Error Detection Comparator Output

The comparator produces a logic low output whenever the SPX2945 output falls out of regulation by more than around 5%. This is around 60mV offset divided by the 1.235 reference voltage. This trip level remains 5% below normal regardless of the programmed output voltage of the regulator. Figure 4 shows the timing diagram depicting the ERROR signal and the regulator output voltage as the SPX2945 input is ramped up and down. The ERROR signal becomes low at around 1.3V input, and goes high around 5V input (input voltage at which $V_{\text{OUT}} = 4.75$). Since

the SPX2945's dropout voltage is load dependent, the input voltage trip point (around 5V) varies 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 pull-up resistor. Depending on the system requirements the resistor can be returned to 5V output or other supply voltage. In determining the value of this resistor, note that the output is rated to sink 400 μ A; this value adds to battery drain in a low battery condition. Suggested values range from 100K to 1M Ω . If the output is unused this resistor is not required.

Reducing Output Noise

It can be an advantage to reduce the AC noise present at the output. One way is to reduce the regulator bandwidth by increasing the size of the output capacitor. This is the only way that noise can be reduced on the 3 lead SPX2945 but is relatively inefficient, as increasing the capacitor from 1 μ F to 220 μ F only decreases the noise from 430 μ V to 160 μ V Vrms for a 100kHz bandwidth at 5V output. Noise can also be reduced fourfold by a bypass capacitor across R_1 , since it reduces the high frequency gain from 4 to unity. Pick:

$$C_{\text{BYPASS}} \cong 1/2\pi R_1 \times 200\text{Hz}$$

or choose 0.01 μ F. When doing this, the output capacitor must be increased to 3.3 μ F to maintain stability. These changes reduce the output noise from 430 μ V to 100 μ V Vrms for a 100kHz 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.

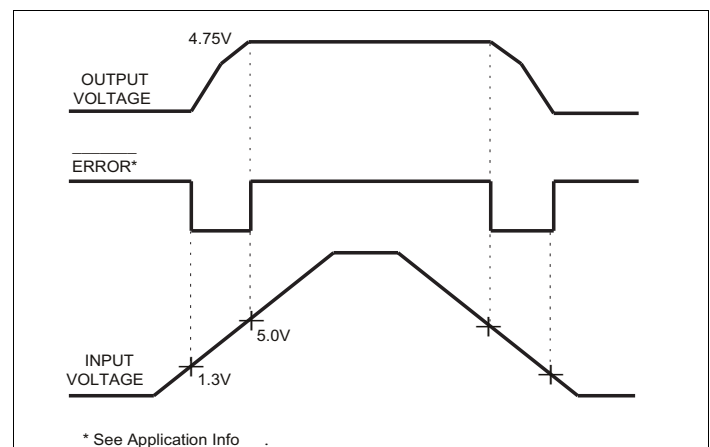


Figure 4: ERROR Output Timing

Mechanical Dimensions

3-Pin TO-252

TO-252 version obsolete

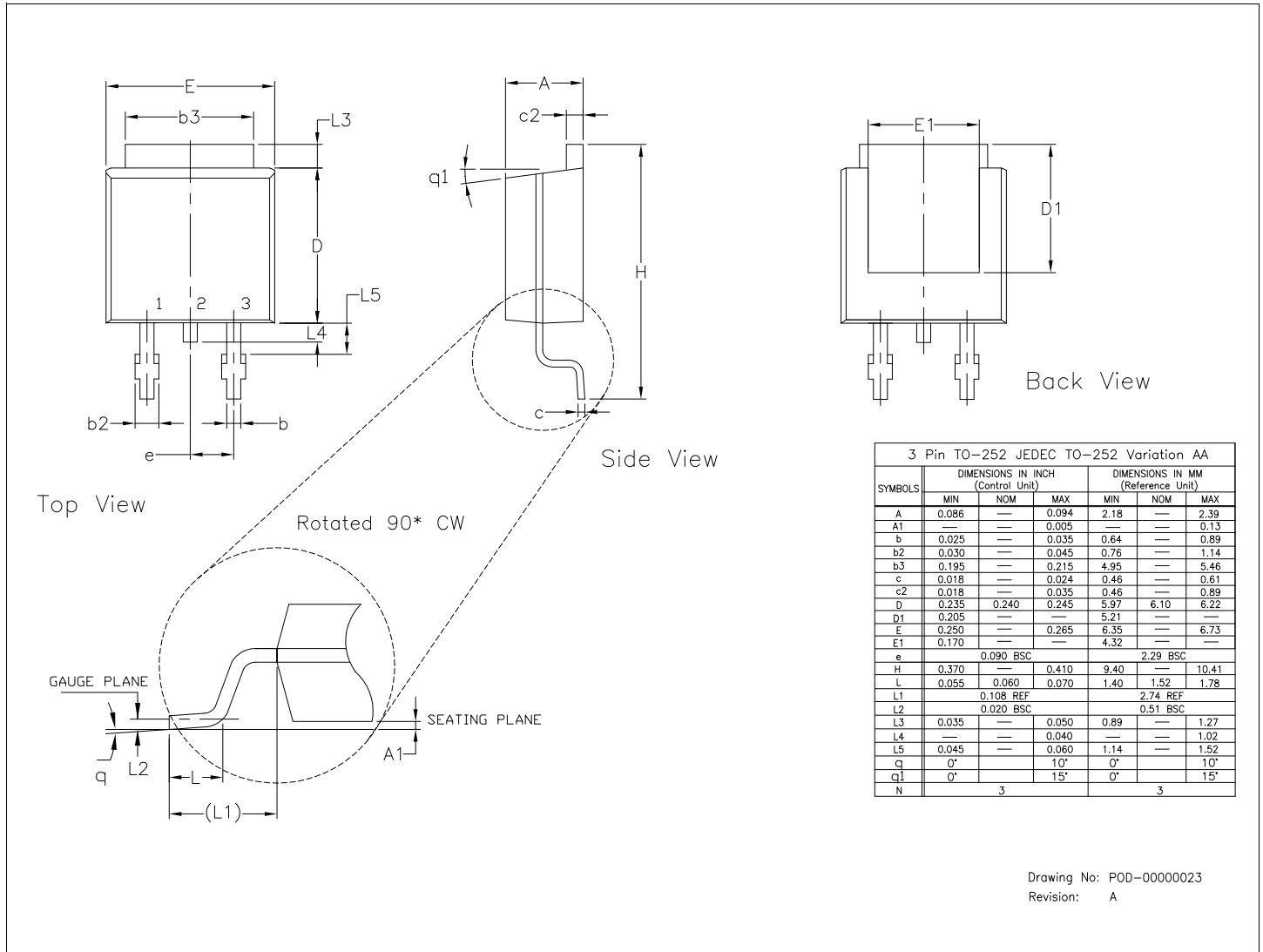


Figure 5: SPX2945 Mechanical Dimensions–3-Pin TO-252

3-Pin TO-220

TO-220 version obsolete

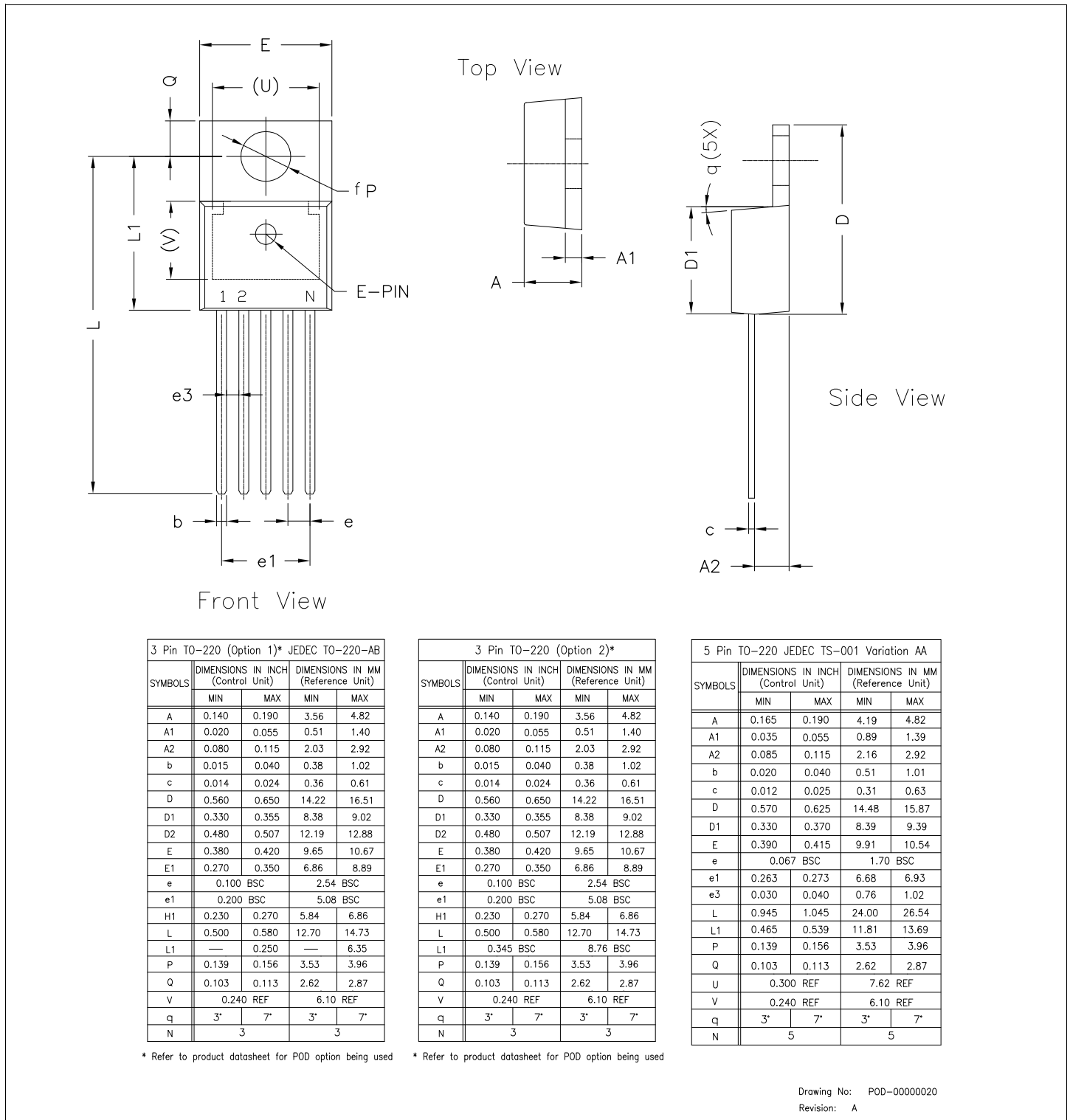
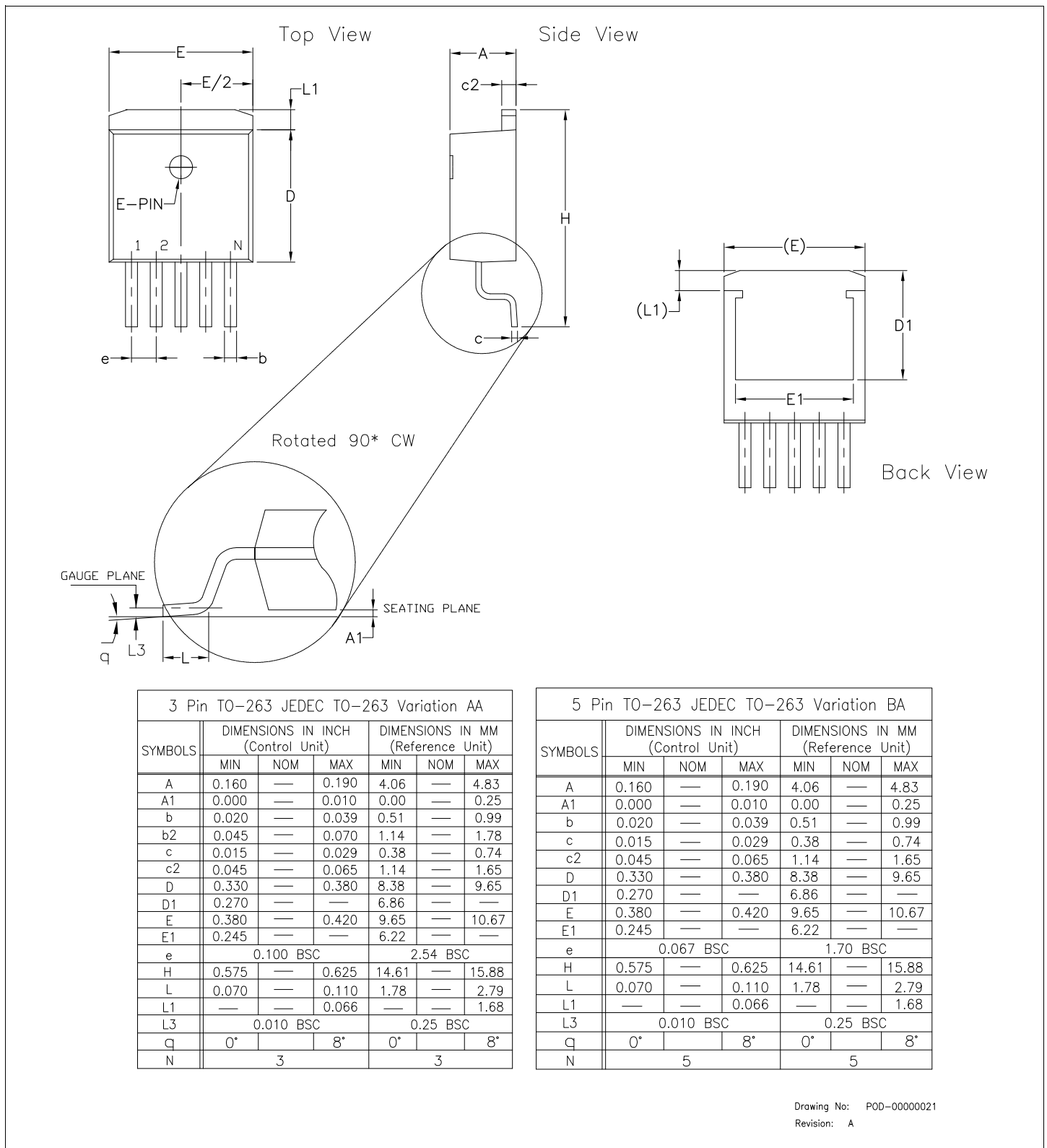


Figure 6: SPX2945 Mechanical Dimensions-5-Pin TO-220

3/5-Pin TO-263

TO-263 versions obsolete



8-Pin NSOIC

NSOIC version obsolete

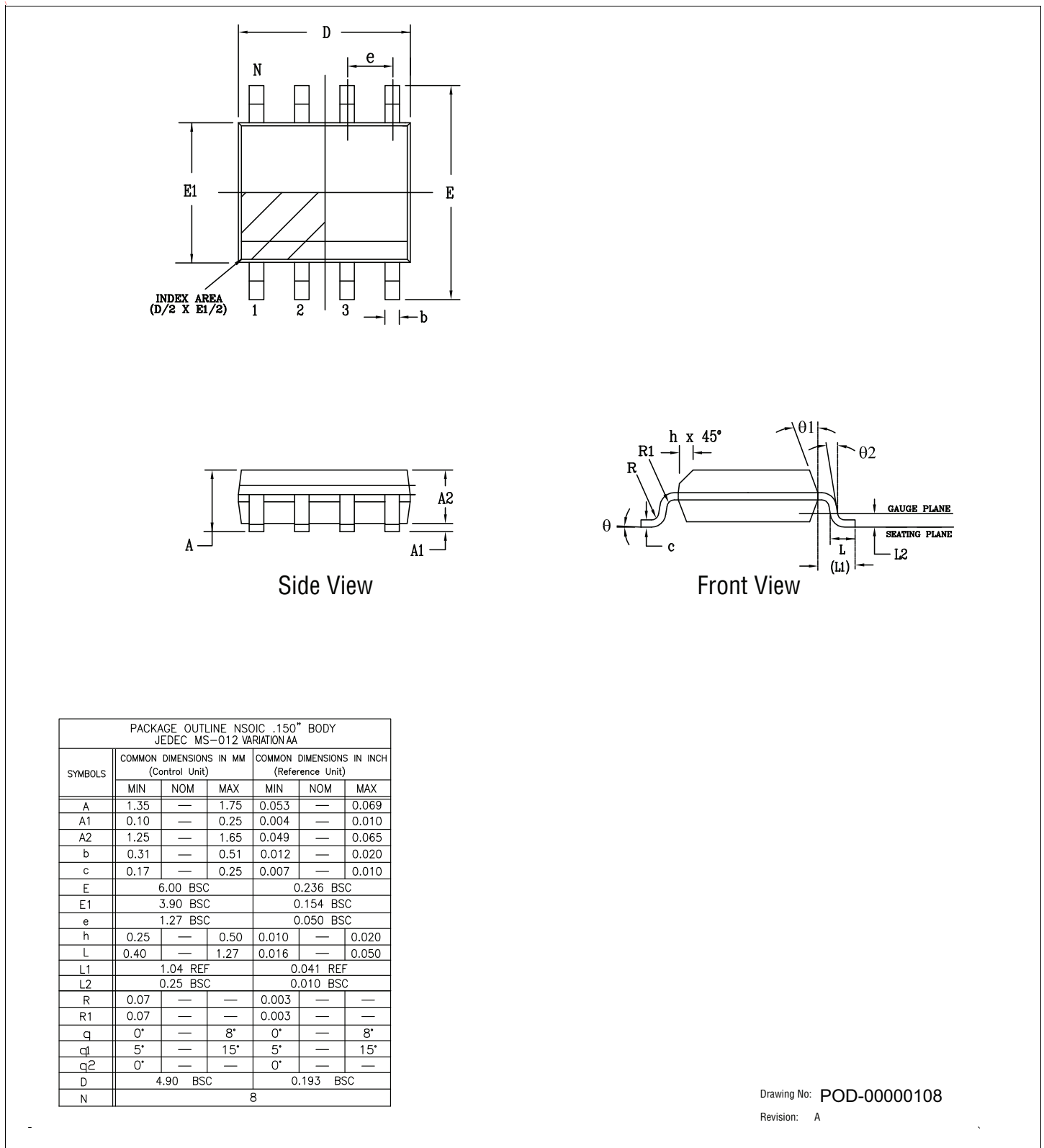
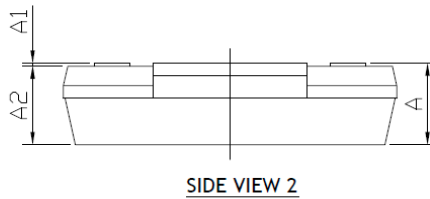
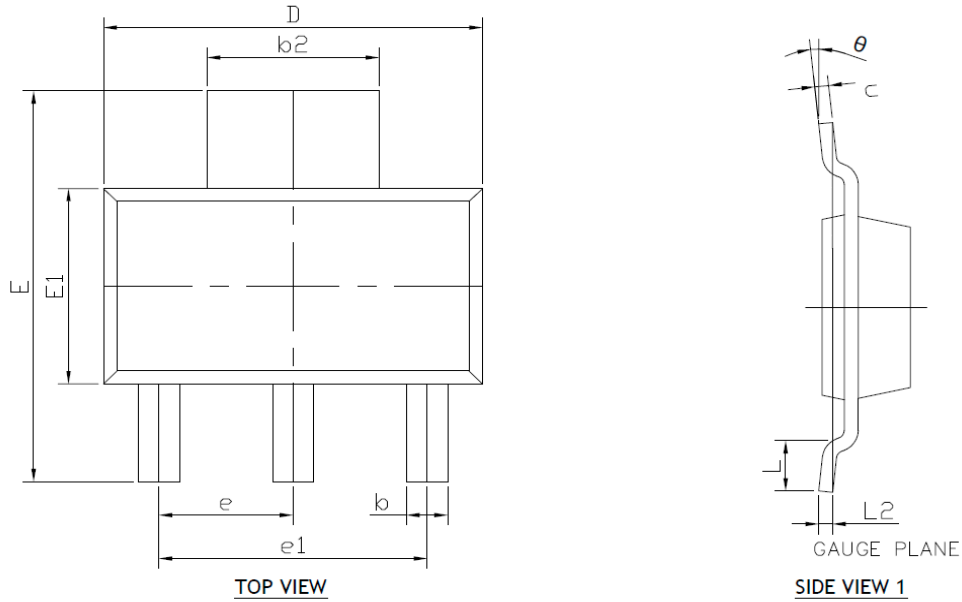


Figure 8: SPX2945 Mechanical Dimensions—8-Pin NSOIC

3-Pin SOT-223



DIM SYMBOL	MIN.	NOM.	MAX.
A	-	-	1.80
A1	0.02	-	0.10
A2	1.50	1.60	1.70
b	0.66	0.76	0.84
b2	2.90	3.00	3.10
c	0.23	0.30	0.35
D	6.30	6.50	6.70
E	6.70	7.00	7.30
E1	3.30	3.50	3.70
e	2.30 BSC		
e1	4.60 BSC		
L	0.75	-	-
L2	0.25 BSC		
θ	0°	-	10°
N	3		

TERMINAL DETAILS

NOTE : ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS, ANGLES ARE IN DEGREES.

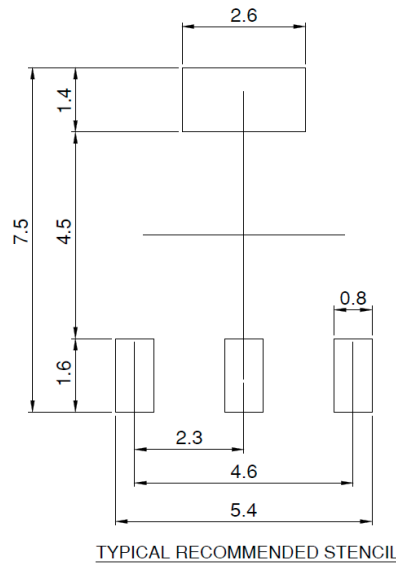
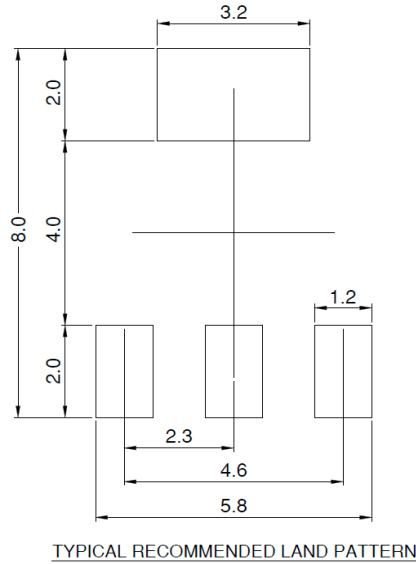
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Figure 9: SPX2945 Mechanical Dimensions–3-Pin SOT-223

Land Pattern and Recommended Stencil

3-Pin SOT-223



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Figure 10: SPX2945 Land Pattern and Recommended Stencil–3-Pin SOT-223

Ordering Information

Table 5: Ordering Information

Ordering Part Number	Operating Temperature Range	Accuracy	Output Voltage	Package
SPX2945M3-L-3-3/TR	$-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^{\circ}\text{C}$	1%	3.3V	3-Pin SOT-223

Note: For more information about part numbers, as well as the most up-to-date ordering information and additional information on environmental rating, go to www.maxlinear.com/SPX2945.



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