

# **5A Low Dropout Voltage Regulator**

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# **FEATURES**

- Adjustable Output Down to 1.25V
- 1% Output Accuracy
- Output Current of 5A
- Low Dropout Voltage: 420mV @ 5A
- Tight Line Regulation: 0.06%
- Load Regulation: 0.2%
- Fast Transient Response
- Reverse-Battery Protection
- Current Limit and Thermal Protection

## **APPLICATIONS**

- Powering VGA & Sound Card
- Power PC<sup>TM</sup> Supplies
- SMPS Post Regulator
- High Efficiency "Green" Computer Systems
- High Efficiency Linear Power Supplies
- Constant Current Regulators
- Adjustable Power Supplies
- Battery Charger



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DESCRIPTION

The SPX29501/02 are 5A highly accurate voltage regulators with a low dropout voltage of 420mV @ 5A. These regulators are specifically designed for low voltage applications that require a low dropout voltage and a fast transient response. They are fully fault protected against over-current, reverse battery, and positive and negative voltage transients. On-Chip trimming adjusts the reference voltage to 1% initial accuracy. Other features include Enable, and Error Flag.

The SPX295001/02 are offered in 5-pin TO-220 & TO-263 packages. For a 1.5A version, refer to the SPX29150 data sheet. For a 3A version, refer to the SPX29300 datasheet.

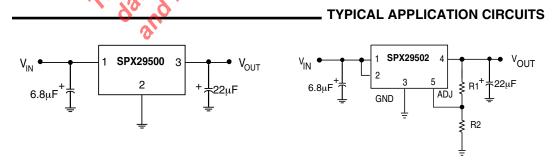


Figure 1. Fixed Output Linear Regulator

Figure 2. Adjustable Output Linear Regulator

# **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

OPERA'	TING F	RATIN	IGS

Lead Temperature (soldering, 5 seconds)	260°C
Storage Temperature Range	65°C to +150°C
Operating Junction Temperature Range	40°C to +125°C
Input Voltage (Note 1)	20V

# ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Specifications are at  $V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 1V$  and  $I_{OUT} = 10 mA$ ,  $C_{IN} = 6.8 \mu F$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 22 \mu F$ ,  $T_A = 25 ^{\circ} C$ , unless otherwise specified. The  $\blacklozenge$  denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range, unless otherwise specified.

PARAMETER	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS		CONDITIONS
Fixed Voltage Options SPX29501						
1.8V Version						
Output Voltage	1.782 1.764	1.800 1.800	1.818 1.836	V	•	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 10mA 10mA ≥ I <sub>OUT</sub> ≤ 5A, 2.8V ≤ V <sub>IN</sub> ≤ 16V
2.5V Version						41 .11
Output Voltage	2.475 2.450	2.500 2.500	2.525 2.550	V	•	$I_{OUT} = 10 \text{mA}$ $10 \text{mA} \le I_{OUT} \le 5 \text{A}, 3.5 \text{V} \le V_{IN} \le 16 \text{V}$
3.3V Version					0	
Output Voltage	3.267 3.234	3.300 3.300	3.333 3.366	Vo	*	$O_{DT} = 10 \text{mA}$ $10 \text{mA} \le I_{OUT} \le 5 \text{A}, 4.3 \text{V} \le V_{IN} \le 16 \text{V}$
5.0V Version				-0	4	
Output Voltage	4.950 4.900	5.000 5.000	5.050 5.100	V		$I_{OUT} = 10 \text{mA}$ $10 \text{mA} \le I_{OUT} \le 5 \text{A}, 6.0 \text{V} \le V_{IN} \le 16 \text{V}$
All Voltage Options	SPX	29501/02	.6	70.1	2	
Line Regulation		0.06	0.5	%		$I_{OUT}=10$ mA, $(V_{OUT}+1V) \le V_{IN} \le 16V$
Load Regulation		0.2	1,0	%		$V_{IN}=V_{OUT}+2V$ , $10mA \le I_{OUT} \le I_{FL}$ (Note 2)
ΔV/ΔΤ		20	100	ppm/°C	•	V <sub>OUT</sub> Temp Coefficient (Note 5)
Dropout Voltage, except 1.8V		90 <b>25</b> 0 420	250 800	mV	*	I <sub>OUT</sub> =250mA I <sub>OUT</sub> =2.5A I <sub>OUT</sub> =5A
Ground Current (Note 4)	, t	20 70	<b>©</b> 50	mA	•	I <sub>OUT</sub> =2.5A I <sub>OUT</sub> =5A
Ground Pin Current at Dropout	dille	3	,	mA		V <sub>IN</sub> =0.5V less than specified V <sub>OUT</sub> , I <sub>OUT</sub> =10mA
Current Limit	h ~	7.5	10	Α	•	(Note 3)
Output Noise Voltage (10Hz to 100kHz) I <sub>L</sub> =100mA	000	425 350		μV <sub>RMS</sub>		C <sub>L</sub> =22μF C <sub>L</sub> =33μF
Reference Voltage	1.228 1.215	1.240	1.252 1.265	V	•	Adjustable version only
Reference Voltage	1.203		1.277	V		Adjustable version only (Note 7)
Adjust Pin Bias Current		40	80 120	nA	•	
Reference Voltage Temp. Coeff.		20		ppm/°C		(Note 6)
Adjust Pin Bias Current Temp. Coeff.		0.1		nA/°C		

#### **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS: Continued**

Specifications are at  $V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 1V$  and  $I_{OUT} = 10$ mA,  $C_{IN} = 6.8\mu$ F,  $C_{OUT} = 22\mu$ F,  $T_A = 25$ °C, unless otherwise specified. The  $\blacklozenge$  denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range, unless otherwise specified.

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PARAMETER	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS		CONDITIONS
Flag Output (Error Comparator)		SPX29501				
Output Leakage		0.01	1	μΑ		V <sub>OH</sub> =16V
Current			2		•	
Output Low Voltage		220	300	mV		Device set for 5V,V <sub>IN</sub> =4.5V, I <sub>OL</sub> =250μA
			400		•	
Upper Threshold	40	60		mV		Device set for 5V, (Note 8)
Voltage	25				•	
Lower Threshold		75	95	mV		Device set for 5V, (Note 8)
Voltage			140		•	
Hysteresis		15		mV		Device set for 5V, (Note 8)
Enable Input	(	SPX29501/0	)2	•		The Man
Input Logic Voltage						0 10
Low (OFF)			0.8	V	7	(Note 10)
High (ON)	2.4				0	Ko.
ENABLE Input Current		100	600	μΑ		V <sub>EN</sub> =16V
			750	I.O.	17	V 0.0V
		0.6	2 4	LiA.	0	V <sub>EN</sub> =0.8V
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Regulator Output Current in Shutdown		10	500	μΑ		(Note 9)
Thermal Resistance		2	300	C/W	5	TO 2000 Junction to Coop at Tab
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		60		1		TO-263 Junction to Ambient

#### NOTES:

Note 1: Maximum positive supply voltage of 20V must be of limited duration (<100ms) and duty cycle of less than 1%. The maximum continuous supply voltage is 16V

Note 2: Full load current (IFL) is defined as 5A.

Note 3:  $V_{IN} = V_{OUT\ (NOMINAL)} + 1V$ . For example, use  $V_{IN} = 4.3V$  for a 3.3V regulator. Employ pulse-testing procedures to minimize temperature rise.

Note 4 Ground pin current is the regulator quiescent current. The total current drawn from the source is the sum of the load current plus the ground pin current.

Note 5: Output voltage temperature coefficient is defined as the worst case voltage change divided by the total temperature range.

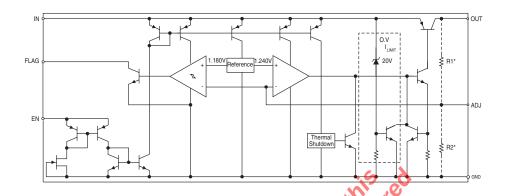
Note 6: Thermal regulation is defined as the change in output voltage at time T after a change in power dissipation is applied, excluding load / line regulation effects. Specifications for a 200mA load pulse as V<sub>IN</sub> = 20V (a 4W pulse) for t = 10ms.

Note 7:  $V_{REF} \le V_{OUT} \le (V_{IN}-1)$ ,  $2.3V \le V_{IN} \le 16V$ ,  $10mA \le I_L \le I_{FL}$ ,  $T_i < T_{imax}$ .

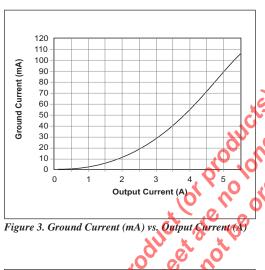
Note 8: Comparator threshold is expressed in terms of a voltage differential at the Adjust terminal below the nominal reference voltage measured 6V input. To express these thresholds in terms of output voltage change, multiply the error amplifier gain =  $V_{OUT}/V_{REF} = (R1 + R2)/R2$ . For example, at a programmable output voltage of 5V, the Error output is guaranteed to go low when the output drops by 95m/vx 5V/ 1.240V = 383mV. Threshold remain constant as a percent of  $V_{OUT}$  as  $V_{OUT}$  is varied, with the dropout warning occurring at typically 5% below nominal, 7.7% guaranteed.

**Note 9:**  $V_{EN} \le 0.4V$  and  $V_{IN} \le 16V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = 0$ .

Note 10: Measured with  $I_{OUT} = I_{OUT} MIN (10mA)$ .



# TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS



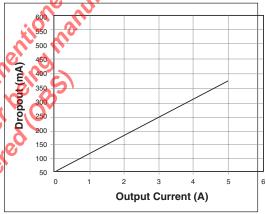


Figure 4. Dropout (mV) vs. Output Current (A)

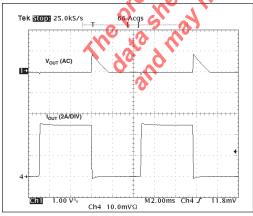


Figure 5. Load Transient ( $V_{IN}$ =4V,  $V_{O}$ =3.3V,  $C_{OUT}$ =22 $\mu F$ ,  $10mA \sim 5A$ )

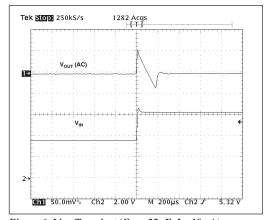


Figure 6. Line Transient ( $C_{out}$ =22 $\mu F$ ,  $I_o$ =10mA)

The SPX29501/02 incorporates protection against over-current faults, reversed load insertion, over temperature operation, and positive and negative transient voltage.

### **Thermal Considerations**

Although the SPX29501/02 offers limiting circuitry for overload conditions, it is still necessary to insure that the maximum junction temperature is not exceeded in the application. Heat will flow through the lowest resistance path, the junction-to-case path. In order to insure the best thermal flow of the component, proper mounting is required.

# TO-220 Design Example:

Assume that  $V_{IN}$  = 8V,  $V_{OUT}$  = 5V,  $I_{OUT}$  = 5A,  $T_{A}$  = 50°C,  $\theta_{HA}$  = 1°C/W,  $\theta_{CH}$  = 2°C/W, and  $\theta_{JC}$  = 2°C/W, where:

 $T_A$  = ambient temperature,  $\theta_{HA}$  = heatsink to ambient thermal

 $\theta_{\rm cr}$  = case to heatsink thermal resistance

 $\theta_{\rm rc}$  = junction to case thermal resistance

The power calculated under these conditions is

$$P_{D} = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) * I_{OUT} = 15W$$

And the junction temperature is calculated as

Reliable operation is insure

# **Capacitor Requirements**

The output capacitor is needed to insure stability and minimize the output noise. The value of the capacitor varies with the load. However, a minimum value of 22µF aluminum capacitor will guarantee stability over all load conditions. A tantalum capacitor is recommended if a faster load transient response is needed. If the power source has a high AC impedance, a 0.1µF ceramic capacitor between input & ground is recommended.

### **Minimum Load Current**

To ensure a proper behavior of the regulator under light load, a minimum load of 10mA for SPX29501/02 is required.

# Adjustable Regulator Design

The SPX29502 is an adjustable regulator that can be programmed to any value between 1.24V and 16V using 2 resistors, R1 and R2. The relationship between the resistors is:

$$R1 = R2(V_{OUT}/1.24-1).$$

The SPX29501 features an error flag that indicates either an over current or under voltage condition. The flag output goes low, sinking 10mA when either condition occurs.

# Enable Input

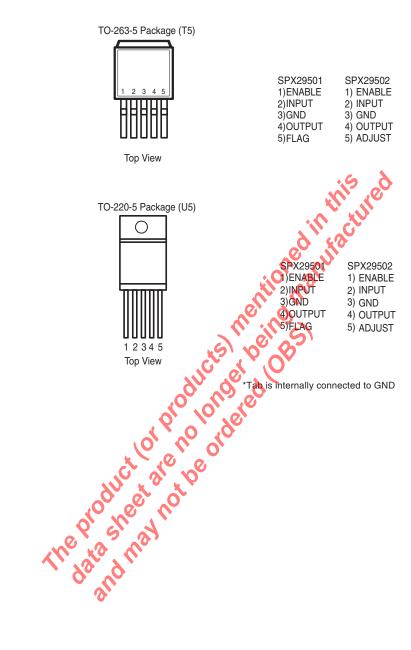
The SPX29501/02 have an Enable function that switches the regulator on and off. Their thresholds are TTL compatible. Enabling the regulator requires approximately 20µA of current.

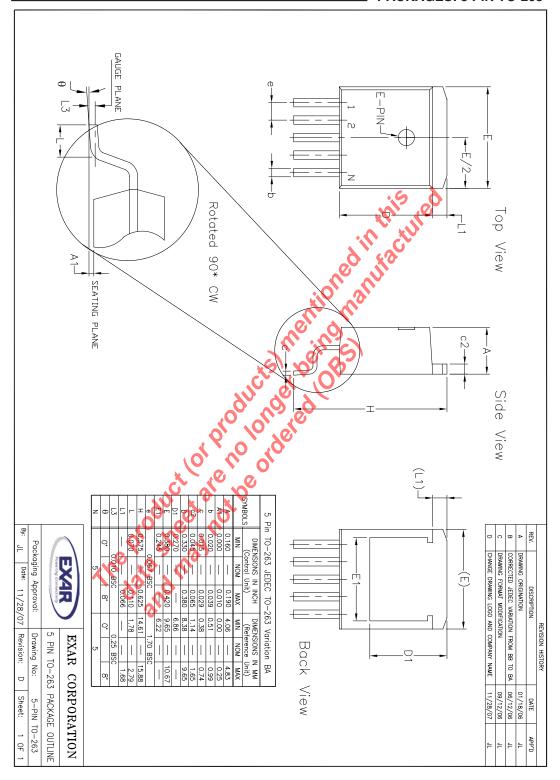
# **Typical Application Circuits**

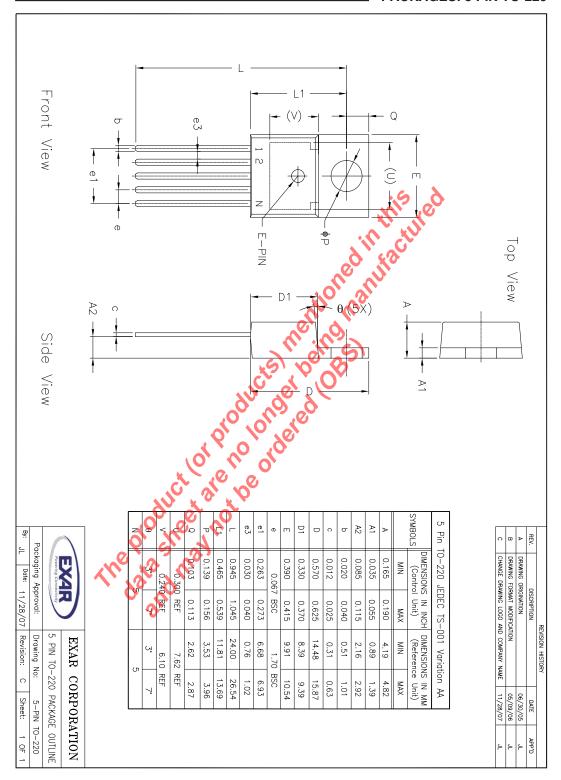
Figure 1 represents at typical fixed output regulator. Figure 2 represents an adjustable output regulator. The values of R1 and R2 set the output voltage value as follows:

$$V_{OUT} = V_{REF} * [1 + (R1/R2)].$$

For best results, the total series resistance should guarantee a minimum regulator load current of 10mA.







PART NUMBER	ACCURACY	OUTPUT VOLTAGE	PACKAGE
SPX29500U-L-1-8	_		
SPX29500U-L-2-5			
SPX29500U-L-3-3			
SPX29500U-L-5-0	EOL		
SPX29500T-L-1-8	EOL		
SPX29500T-L-2-5	EOL		
SPX29500T-L-3-3	EOL		
SPX29500T-L-5-0	EOL		
SPX29501U5-L-1-8	EOL		
SPX29501U5-L-2-5	EOL		
SPX29501U5-L-3-3	EOL	6.8	
SPX29501U5-L-5-0	EOL	"W1" "6"	
SPX29501T5-L-1-8	1.0%	1.8V	5 lead TO-263
SPX29501T5-L-2-5	1.0%	2.5V	5 lead TO-263
SPX29501T5-L-3-3			5 lead TO-263
SPX29501T5-L-5-0	1.0%	5.0V	5 lead TO-263
SPX29502T5-L	1.0%	Adj	5 lead TO-263
SPX29502U5-L	1.0%	Adj	5 lead TO-220
SPX29503T5-L	EOL	4, 4,	
SPX29503U5-L	EOL	(e) (d)	

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