

# TPS73801 1.0A, Low-Noise, Fast-Transient-Response, Low-Dropout Regulator

## 1 Features

- Optimized for fast transient response
- Output current: 1.0A
- Dropout voltage: 300mV
- Low noise:  $45\mu\text{V}_{\text{RMS}}$  (10Hz to 100kHz)
- Quiescent current: 1mA
- No protection diodes needed
- Controlled quiescent current in dropout
- Adjustable output voltage: 1.21V to 20V
- Less than  $1\mu\text{A}$  quiescent current in shutdown
- Stable with  $10\mu\text{F}$  output capacitor
- Stable with ceramic capacitors
- Reverse-battery protection
- No reverse current
- Thermal limiting

## 2 Applications

- [Electrocardiograms](#)
- [Fuel cell inverters](#)
- [Source measurement units](#)

## 3 Description

The TPS73801 is a low-dropout (LDO) regulator optimized for fast transient response. The device can supply 1.0A of output current with a dropout voltage of 300mV. Operating quiescent current is 1mA, dropping to less than  $1\mu\text{A}$  in shutdown. Quiescent current is well controlled and does not rise in dropout, which occurs with many other regulators. In addition to fast transient response, the TPS73801 regulators have very low output noise, which makes them designed for sensitive RF supply applications.

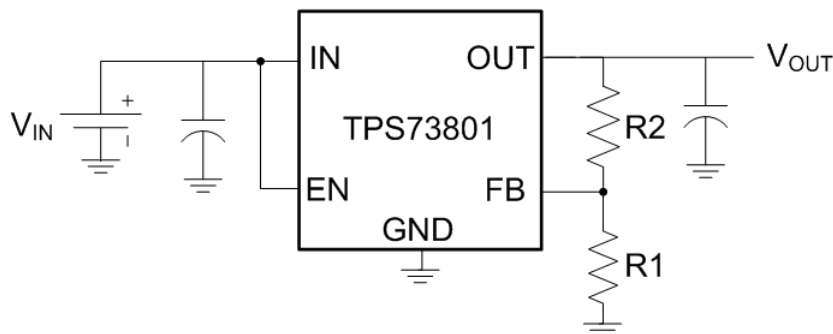
Output voltage range is from 1.21V to 20V. The TPS73801 regulators are stable with output capacitors as low as  $10\mu\text{F}$ . Small ceramic capacitors can be used without the necessary addition of ESR, as is common with other regulators. Internal protection circuitry includes reverse-battery protection, current limiting, thermal limiting, and reverse-current protection. The devices are available as an adjustable device with a 1.21V reference voltage. The TPS73801 regulators are available in the 6-pin TO-223 (DCQ) packages.

### Package Information

PART NUMBER	PACKAGE <sup>(1)</sup>	PACKAGE SIZE <sup>(2)</sup>
TPS73801	DCQ (SOT-223, 6)	6.5mm × 7.06mm

(1) For more information, see the [Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information](#).

(2) The package size (length × width) is a nominal value and includes pins, where applicable.



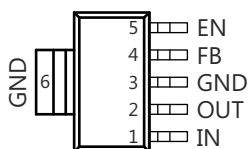
**Simplified Application**



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## 4 Pin Configuration and Functions



**Figure 4-1. DCQ Package, 6-Pin SOT-223 (Top View)**

**Table 4-1. Pin Functions**

PIN		TYPE	DESCRIPTION
NO.	NAME		
1	IN	—	Input. Power is supplied to the device through the IN pin. A bypass capacitor is required on this pin if the device is more than six inches away from the main input filter capacitor. In general, the output impedance of a battery rises with frequency, so including a bypass capacitor in battery-powered circuits is advisable. A bypass capacitor (ceramic) in the range of 1 $\mu$ F to 10 $\mu$ F is sufficient. The TPS73801 regulators are designed to withstand reverse voltages on the IN pin with respect to ground and the OUT pin. In the case of a reverse input, which can happen if a battery is plugged in backwards, the device acts as if there is a diode in series with the input. There is no reverse current flow into the regulator, and no reverse voltage appears at the load. Both the device and the load are protected.
2	OUT	—	Output. The output supplies power to the load. A minimum output capacitor (ceramic) of 10 $\mu$ F is required to prevent oscillations. Larger output capacitors are required for applications with large transient loads to limit peak voltage transients.
3	GND	—	Ground
4	FB	IN	Feedback. This pin is the input to the error amplifier. This pin is internally clamped to $\pm 7$ V. FB has a bias current of 3 $\mu$ A that flows into the pin. The FB pin voltage is 1.21 V referenced to ground, and the output voltage range is 1.21 V to 20 V.
5	EN	IN	Enable. The EN pin is used to put the TPS73801 regulators into a low-power shutdown state. The output is off when the EN pin is pulled low. The EN pin can be driven either by 5-V logic or open-collector gate, normally several microamperes, and the EN pin current, typically 3 $\mu$ A. If unused, the EN pin must be connected to the IN pin. The device is in the low-power shutdown state if the EN pin is not connected.
6	GND	—	Ground

## 5 Specifications

### 5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)<sup>(1)</sup>

			MIN	MAX	UNIT
$V_{IN}$	Input voltage	IN	–20	20	V
		OUT	–20	20	
		Input-to-output differential <sup>(2)</sup>	–20	20	
		FB	–7	7	
		EN	–20	20	
$t_{short}$	Output short-circuit duration			Indefinite	
$T_J$	Operating virtual-junction temperature		–40	125	°C
$T_{stg}$	Storage temperature		–65	150	°C

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions* is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

(2) Absolute maximum input-to-output differential voltage cannot be achieved with all combinations of rated IN pin and OUT pin voltages. With the IN pin at 20 V, the OUT pin cannot be pulled below 0 V. The total measured voltage from IN to OUT cannot exceed  $\pm 20$  V.

### 5.2 ESD Ratings

			VALUE	UNIT
$V_{(ESD)}$	Electrostatic discharge	Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001, all pins <sup>(1)</sup>	2000	V
		Charged device model (CDM), per JEDEC specification JESD22-C101, all pins <sup>(2)</sup>	1000	

(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

### 5.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
$V_{IN}$	Input voltage range	$V_{OUT} + V_{DO}$	20	V
$V_{IH}$	EN high-level input voltage	2	20	V
$V_{IL}$	EN low-level input voltage		0.25	V
$T_J$	Recommended operating junction temperature range	–40	125	°C

### 5.4 Thermal Information

THERMAL METRIC <sup>(1)</sup>		TPS73801	UNIT
		DCQ (SOT-223)	
		6 PINS	
$R_{\theta JA}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	50.5	°C/W
$R_{\theta JC(top)}$	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	31.1	°C/W
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	5.1	°C/W
$\Psi_{JT}$	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	1.0	°C/W
$\Psi_{JB}$	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	5.0	°C/W
$R_{\theta JC(bot)}$	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	—	°C/W

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the [Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics application note](#).

## 5.5 Electrical Characteristics

over operating temperature range  $T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $125^{\circ}\text{C}$  (unless otherwise noted)<sup>(1)</sup>

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS		$T_J$	MIN	TYP <sup>(10)</sup>	MAX	UNIT
$V_{IN}$	Input voltage <sup>(2) (3)</sup>			$25^{\circ}\text{C}$	2.2	1.9	20	V
$V_{FB}$	FB pin voltage <sup>(2) (4)</sup>	TPS73801	$V_{IN} = 2.21\text{ V}$ , $I_{LOAD} = 1\text{ mA}$	$25^{\circ}\text{C}$	1.192	1.21	1.228	V
			$V_{IN} = 2.5\text{ V}$ to $20\text{ V}$ , $I_{LOAD} = 1\text{ mA}$ to $1.0\text{ A}$	Full range	1.174	1.21	1.246	
	Line regulation	TPS73801 <sup>(2)</sup>	$\Delta V_{IN} = 2.21\text{ V}$ to $20\text{ V}$ , $I_{LOAD} = 1\text{ mA}$	Full range		1.5	5	mV
	Load regulation	TPS73801 <sup>(2)</sup>	$V_{IN} = 2.5\text{ V}$ , $\Delta I_{LOAD} = 1\text{ mA}$ to $1.0\text{ A}$	$25^{\circ}\text{C}$		2	8	mV
				Full range			18	
$V_{DO}$	Dropout voltage <sup>(3) (6) (5)</sup> $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOMINAL)}$	$I_{LOAD} = 1\text{ mA}$		$25^{\circ}\text{C}$		0.02	0.06	V
				Full range			0.10	
		$I_{LOAD} = 100\text{ mA}$		$25^{\circ}\text{C}$		0.1	0.17	
				Full range			0.22	
		$I_{LOAD} = 500\text{ mA}$		$25^{\circ}\text{C}$		0.19	0.27	
				Full range			0.35	
		$I_{LOAD} = 1.0\text{ A}$		$25^{\circ}\text{C}$		0.24	0.30	
				Full range			0.40	
$I_{GND}$	GND pin current <sup>(5) (7)</sup> $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOMINAL)} + 1$		$I_{LOAD} = 0\text{ mA}$	Full range		1	1.5	mA
			$I_{LOAD} = 1\text{ mA}$	Full range		1.1	1.6	
			$I_{LOAD} = 100\text{ mA}$	Full range		3.8	5.5	
			$I_{LOAD} = 500\text{ mA}$	Full range		15	25	
			$I_{LOAD} = 1.0\text{ A}$	Full range		35	80	
$V_N$	Output voltage noise	$C_{OUT} = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ , $I_{LOAD} = 1.0\text{ A}$ , $B_W = 10\text{ Hz}$ to $100\text{ kHz}$		$25^{\circ}\text{C}$		45		$\mu\text{V}_{RMS}$
$I_{FB}$	FB pin bias current <sup>(2) (8)</sup>			$25^{\circ}\text{C}$		3	10	$\mu\text{A}$
$V_{EN}$	Shutdown threshold	$V_{OUT} = \text{OFF to ON}$		Full range		0.9	2	V
		$V_{OUT} = \text{ON to OFF}$		Full range	0.25	0.75		
$I_{EN}$	$\overline{\text{EN}}$ pin current	$V_{EN} = 0\text{ V}$		$25^{\circ}\text{C}$		0.01	1	$\mu\text{A}$
		$V_{EN} = 20\text{ V}$		$25^{\circ}\text{C}$		3	30	
	Quiescent current in shutdown	$V_{IN} = 6\text{ V}$ , $V_{EN} = 0\text{ V}$		$25^{\circ}\text{C}$		0.01	1	$\mu\text{A}$
PSRR	Ripple rejection	$V_{IN} - V_{OUT} = 1.5\text{ V (avg)}$ , $V_{RIPPLE} = 0.5\text{ V}_{P-P}$ , $f_{RIPPLE} = 120\text{ Hz}$ , $I_{LOAD} = 0.75\text{ A}$		$25^{\circ}\text{C}$	55	63		dB
$I_{CL}$	Current limit	$V_{IN} = 7\text{ V}$ , $V_{OUT} = 0\text{ V}$		$25^{\circ}\text{C}$		2		A
		$V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOMINAL)} + 1$		Full range	1.6			
$I_{REV}$	Input reverse leakage current	$V_{IN} = -20\text{ V}$ , $V_{OUT} = 0\text{ V}$		Full range			1	mA
$I_{RO}$	Reverse output current <sup>(9)</sup>	TPS73801	$V_{OUT} = 1.21\text{ V}$ , $V_{IN} < 1.21\text{ V}$	$25^{\circ}\text{C}$		300	600	$\mu\text{A}$

- (1) The TPS73801 regulators are tested and specified under pulse load conditions such that  $T_J$  is approximately equal to  $T_A$ . The TPS73801 is fully tested at  $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Performance at  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $125^{\circ}\text{C}$  is specified by design, characterization, and correlation with statistical process controls.
- (2) The TPS73801 is tested and specified for these conditions with the FB pin connected to the OUT pin.
- (3) Dropout voltages are limited by the minimum input voltage specification under some output voltage and load conditions.
- (4) Operating conditions are limited by maximum junction temperature. The regulated output voltage specification does not apply for all possible combinations of input voltage and output current. When operating at maximum input voltage, the output current range must be limited. When operating at maximum output current, the input voltage range must be limited.
- (5) To satisfy requirements for minimum input voltage, the TPS73801 is tested and specified for these conditions with an external resistor divider (two 4.12-k $\Omega$  resistors) for an output voltage of 2.4 V. The external resistor divider adds a 300- $\mu\text{A}$  DC load on the output.
- (6) Dropout voltage is the minimum input to output voltage differential needed to maintain regulation at a specified output current. In dropout, the output voltage is equal to:  $V_{IN} - V_{DROPOUT}$ .

- (7) GND pin current is tested with  $V_{IN} = (V_{OUT(NOMINAL)} + 1\text{ V})$  and a current source load. The GND pin current decreases at higher input voltages.
- (8) FB pin bias current flows into the FB pin.
- (9) Reverse output current is tested with the IN pin grounded and the OUT pin forced to the rated output voltage. This current flows into the OUT pin and out the GND pin.
- (10) Typical values represent the likely parametric nominal values determined at the time of characterization. Typical values depend on the application and configuration and can vary over time. Typical values are not specified on production material.

## 5.6 Typical Characteristics

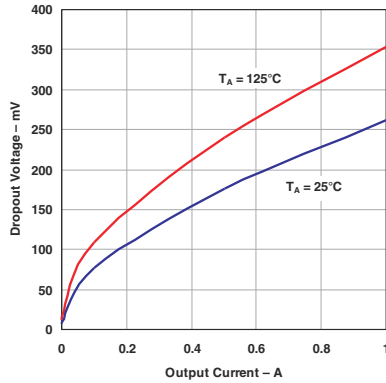


Figure 5-1. Dropout Voltage vs Output Current

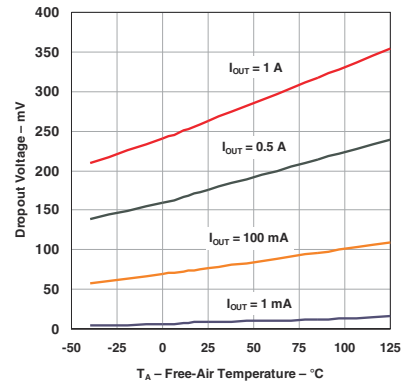


Figure 5-2. Dropout Voltage vs Temperature

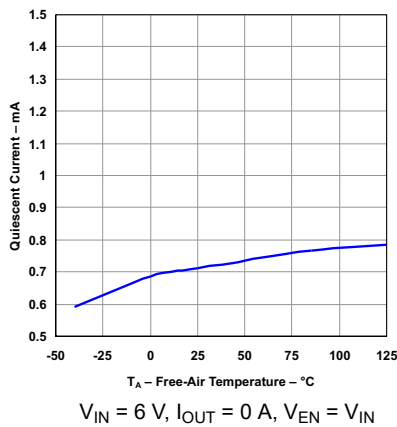


Figure 5-3. Quiescent Current vs Temperature

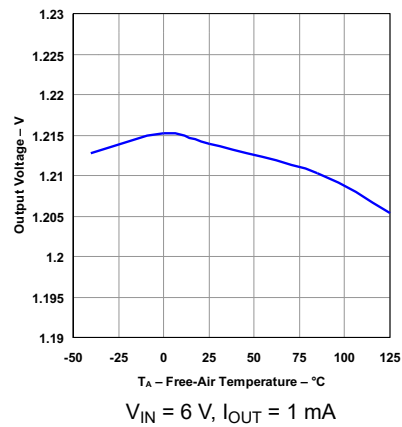


Figure 5-4. Output Voltage vs Temperature

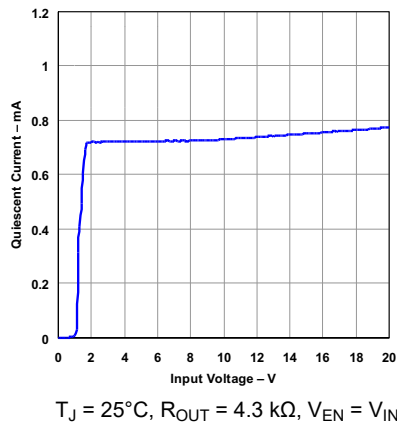


Figure 5-5. Quiescent Current vs Input Voltage

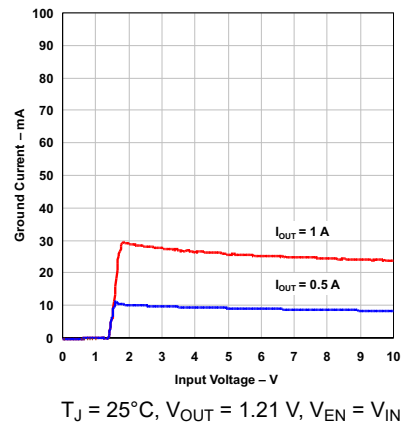


Figure 5-6. Ground Current vs Input Voltage

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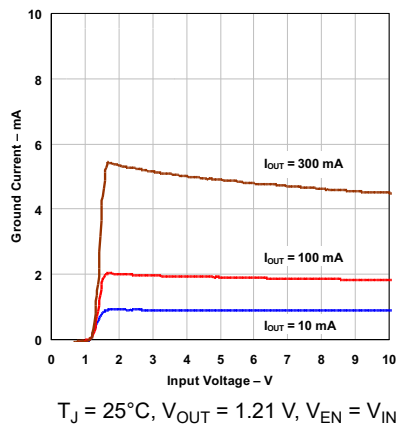


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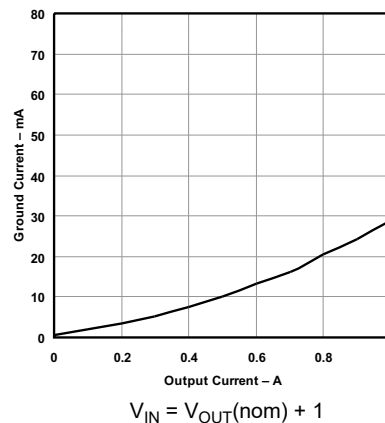


Figure 5-8. Ground Current vs Output Current

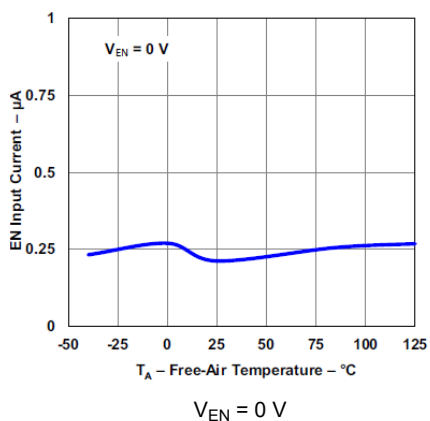


Figure 5-9. EN Input Current vs Temperature

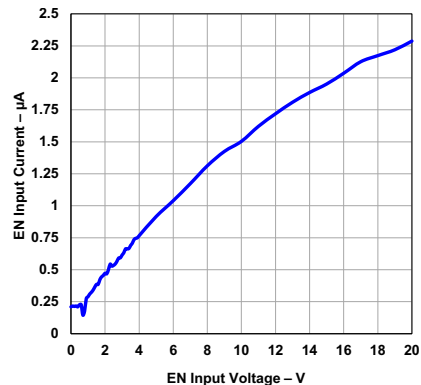


Figure 5-10. EN Input Current vs EN Input Voltage

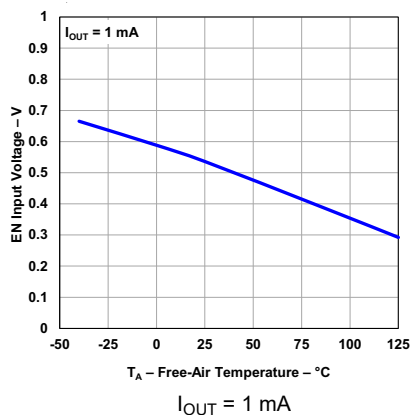


Figure 5-11. EN Threshold (Off to On) vs Temperature

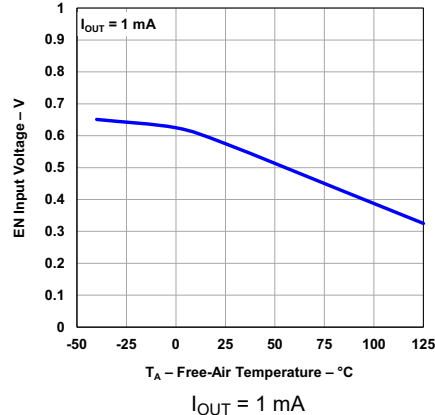


Figure 5-12. EN Threshold (On to Off) vs Temperature

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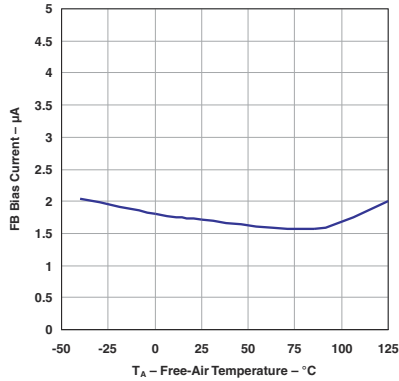


Figure 5-13. Fb Bias Current vs Temperature

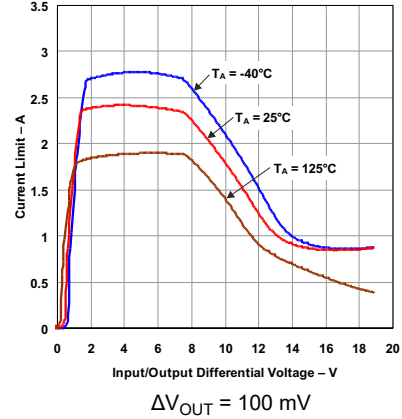


Figure 5-14. Current Limit vs Input/Output Differential Voltage

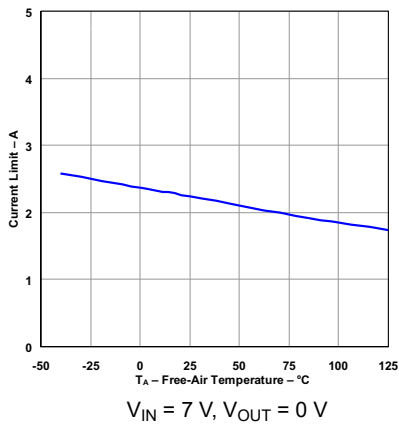


Figure 5-15. Current Limit vs Temperature

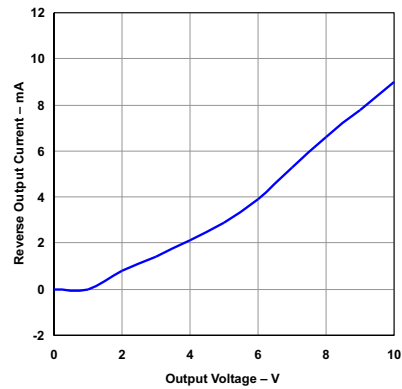


Figure 5-16. Reverse Output Current vs Output Voltage

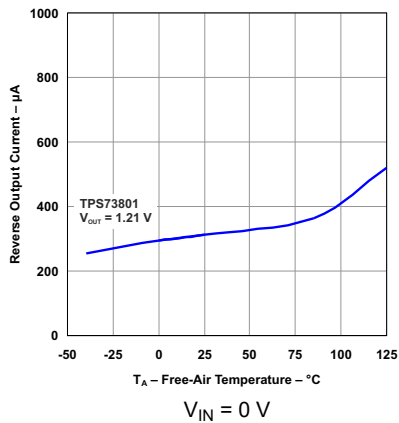


Figure 5-17. Reverse Output Current vs Temperature

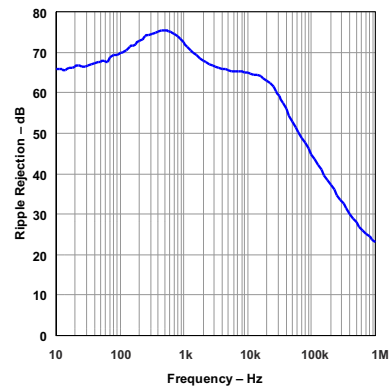


Figure 5-18. Ripple Rejection vs Frequency

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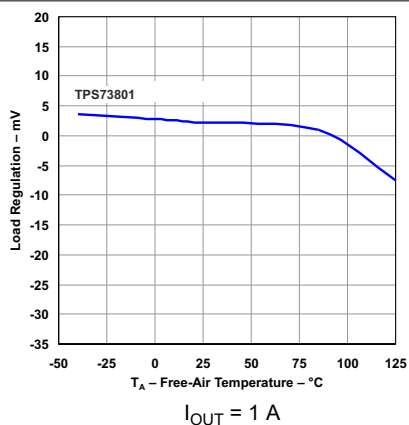


Figure 5-19. Load Regulation vs Temperature

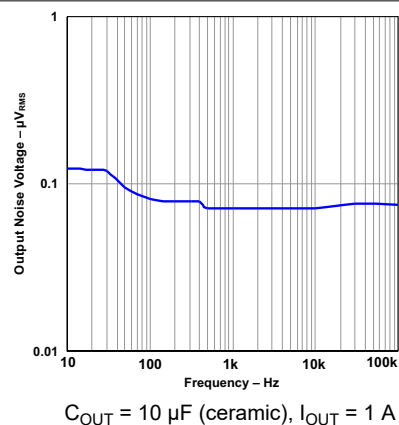
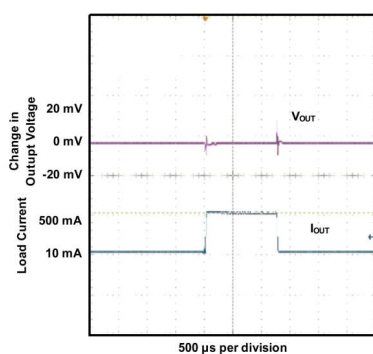
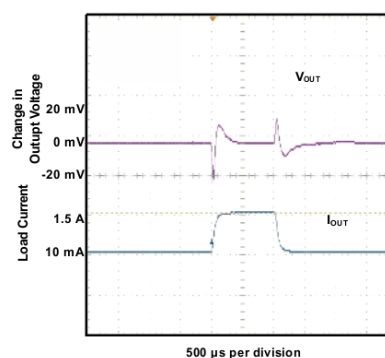


Figure 5-20. Output Noise Voltage vs Frequency



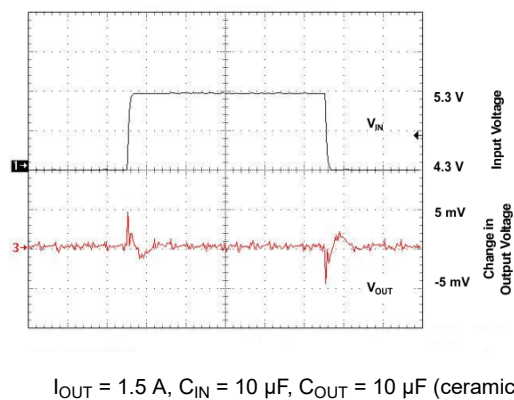
$V_{IN} = 4.3 \text{ V}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 10 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 10 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$  (ceramic)

Figure 5-21. Load Transient Response



$V_{IN} = 4.3 \text{ V}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 10 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 10 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$  (ceramic)

Figure 5-22. Load Transient Response



$I_{OUT} = 1.5 \text{ A}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 10 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 10 \text{ } \mu\text{F}$  (ceramic)

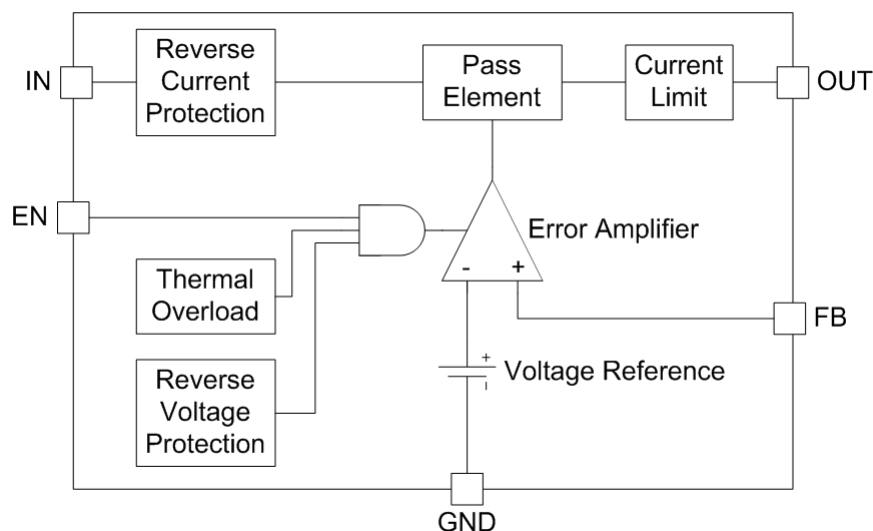
Figure 5-23. Line Transient Response

## 6 Detailed Description

### 6.1 Overview

The TPS73801 is a 1.0-A LDO regulator optimized for fast transient response. The device is capable of supplying 1.0 A at a dropout voltage of 300 mV. The low operating quiescent current (1 mA) drops to less than 1  $\mu$ A in shutdown. In addition to the low quiescent current, the TPS73801 regulators incorporate several protection features which make them well suited for use in battery-powered systems. The device is protected against both reverse input and reverse output voltages. In battery-backup applications where the output can be held up by a backup battery when the input is pulled to ground, the TPS73801 acts as if it has a diode in series with its output and prevents reverse current flow. Additionally, in dual-supply applications where the regulator load is returned to a negative supply, the output can be pulled below ground by as much as 20 V and still allow the device to start and operate.

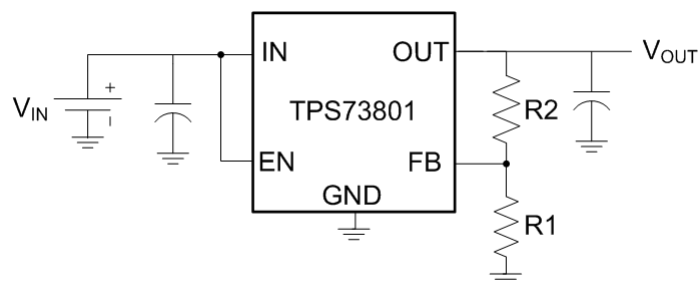
### 6.2 Functional Block Diagram



### 6.3 Feature Description

#### 6.3.1 Adjustable Operation

The TPS73801 has an adjustable output voltage range of 1.21 V to 20 V. The output voltage is set by the ratio of two external resistors as shown in Figure 6-1. The device maintains the voltage at the FB pin at 1.21 V referenced to ground. The current in R1 is then equal to  $(1.21 \text{ V} / R1)$ , and the current in R2 is the current in R1 plus the FB pin bias current. The FB pin bias current, 3  $\mu$ A at 25  $^{\circ}$ C, flows through R2 into the FB pin. The output voltage can be calculated using the formula shown in Equation 1. The value of R1 must be less than 4.17 k $\Omega$  to minimize errors in the output voltage caused by the FB pin bias current. In shutdown the output is turned off, and the divider current is zero.



**Figure 6-1. Adjustable Operation**

The output voltage can be set using the following equations:

$$V_{OUT} = 1.21 V \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) + I_{FB} \times R_2 \quad (1)$$

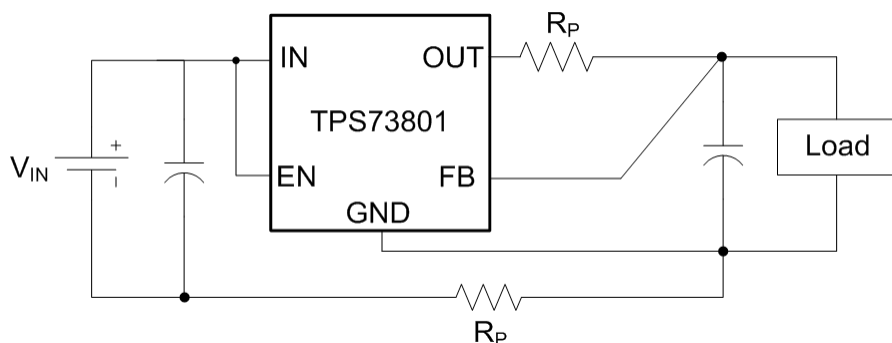
$$V_{FB} = 1.21 V \quad (2)$$

$$I_{FB} = 3 \mu A \text{ at } 25^\circ C \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Output Range} = 1.21 \text{ to } 20 V \quad (4)$$

### 6.3.2 Fixed Operation

The TPS73801 can be used in a fixed voltage configuration. By connecting the FB pin to OUT the TPS73801 regulates the output to 1.21 V. During fixed voltage operation, the FB pin can be used for a Kelvin connection if routed separately to the load. This connection allows the regulator to compensate for voltage drop across parasitic resistances ( $R_P$ ) between the output and the load. This compensation becomes more crucial with higher load currents.



**Figure 6-2. Kelvin Sense Connection**

### 6.3.3 Overload Recovery

Like many device power regulators, the TPS73801 has safe operating area protection. The safe area protection decreases the current limit as input-to-output voltage increases and keeps the power transistor inside a safe operating region for all values of input-to-output voltage. The protection is designed to provide some output current at all values of input-to-output voltage up to the device breakdown.

When power is first turned on, as the input voltage rises, the output follows the input and allows the regulator to start up into very heavy loads. During start up, as the input voltage is rising, the input-to-output voltage differential is small, allowing the regulator to supply large output currents. With a high input voltage, a problem can occur wherein removal of an output short does not allow the output voltage to recover. Other regulators also exhibit this phenomenon, and thus is not unique to the TPS73801.

The problem occurs with a heavy output load when the input voltage is high and the output voltage is low. Common situations occur immediately after the removal of a short circuit or when the shutdown pin is pulled high after the input voltage has already been turned on. The load line for such a load can intersect the output current curve at two points. If this condition happens, there are two stable output operating points for the regulator. With this double intersection, the input power supply may need to be cycled down to zero and brought up again to make the output recover.

### 6.3.4 Output Voltage Noise

The TPS73801 regulators are designed to provide low output voltage noise over the 10-Hz to 100-kHz bandwidth while operating at full load. Output voltage noise is typically  $40 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  over this frequency bandwidth for the TPS73801. For higher output voltages (generated by using a resistor divider), the output voltage noise

is gained up accordingly. This results in RMS noise over the 10-Hz to 100-kHz bandwidth of 14  $\mu$ V<sub>RMS</sub> for the TPS73801.

Higher values of output voltage noise may be measured when care is not exercised with regards to circuit layout and testing. Crosstalk from nearby traces can induce unwanted noise onto the output of the TPS73801. Power-supply ripple rejection must also be considered; the TPS73801 regulators do not have unlimited power-supply rejection and pass a small portion of the input noise through to the output.

### 6.3.5 Protection Features

The TPS73801 regulators incorporate several protection features that make them well suited for use in battery-powered circuits. In addition to the normal protection features associated with monolithic regulators, such as current limiting and thermal limiting, the device is protected against reverse input voltages, reverse output voltages, and reverse voltages from output to input.

Current limit protection and thermal overload protection are intended to protect the device against current overload conditions at the output of the device. For normal operation, the junction temperature must not exceed 125°C.

The input of the device withstands reverse voltages of 20 V. Current flow into the device is limited to less than 1 mA (typically less than 100  $\mu$ A), and no negative voltage appears at the output. The device protects both itself and the load in such situations. This provides protection against batteries that can be plugged in backward.

The output of the TPS73801 can be pulled below ground without damaging the device. If the input is left open circuit or grounded, the output can be pulled below ground by 20 V. The output acts like an open circuit; no current flows out of the pin. If the input is powered by a voltage source, the output sources the short-circuit current of the device and protects itself by thermal limiting. In this case, grounding the EN pin turns off the device and stops the output from sourcing the short-circuit current.

The FB pin can be pulled above or below ground by as much as 7 V without damaging the device. If the input is left open circuit or grounded, the FB pin acts like an open circuit when pulled below ground and like a large resistor (typically 5 k $\Omega$ ) in series with a diode when pulled above ground.

In situations where the FB pin is connected to a resistor divider that would pull the FB pin above its 7-V clamp voltage if the output is pulled high, the FB pin input current must be limited to less than 5 mA. For example, a resistor divider is used to provide a regulated 1.5-V output from the 1.21-V reference when the output is forced to 20 V. The top resistor of the resistor divider must be chosen to limit the current into the FB pin to less than 5 mA when the FB pin is at 7 V. The 13-V difference between OUT and FB pins divided by the 5-mA maximum current into the FB pin yields a minimum top resistor value of 2.6 k $\Omega$ .

In circuits where a backup battery is required, several different input/output conditions can occur. The output voltage can be held up while the input is either pulled to ground, pulled to some intermediate voltage, or is left open circuit. When the IN pin of the TPS73801 is forced below the OUT pin or the OUT pin is pulled above the IN pin, input current typically drops to less than 2  $\mu$ A. This condition can happen if the input of the device is connected to a discharged (low voltage) battery and the output is held up by either a backup battery or a second regulator circuit. The state of the EN pin has no effect on the reverse output current when the output is pulled above the input.

## 6.4 Device Functional Modes

See the device modes in [Table 6-1](#).

**Table 6-1. Device Modes**

EN	DEVICE STATE
H	Regulated voltage
L	Shutdown

## 7 Application and Implementation

### Note

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### 7.1 Application Information

#### 7.1.1 Output Capacitance and Transient Response

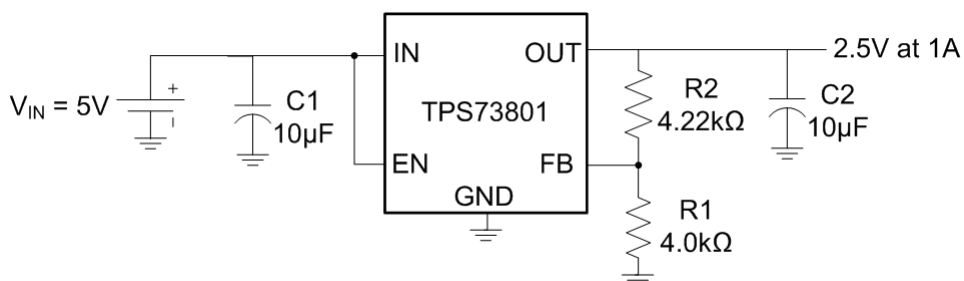
The TPS73801 regulators are designed to be stable with a wide range of output capacitors. The ESR of the output capacitor affects stability, most notably with small capacitors. A minimum output capacitor of 10  $\mu\text{F}$  with an ESR of 3  $\Omega$  or less is recommended to prevent oscillations. Larger values of output capacitance can decrease the peak deviations and provide improved transient response for larger load current changes. Bypass capacitors, used to decouple individual components powered by the TPS73801, increase the effective output capacitor value.

Extra consideration must be given to the use of ceramic capacitors. Ceramic capacitors are manufactured with a variety of dielectrics, each with different behavior over temperature and applied voltage. The most common dielectrics used are Z5U, Y5V, X5R and X7R. The Z5U and Y5V dielectrics are good for providing high capacitances in a small package, but exhibit strong voltage and temperature coefficients. When used with a 5-V regulator, a 10- $\mu\text{F}$  Y5V capacitor can exhibit an effective value as low as 1  $\mu\text{F}$  to 2  $\mu\text{F}$  over the operating temperature range. The X5R and X7R dielectrics result in more stable characteristics and are more suitable for use as the output capacitor. The X7R type has better stability across temperature, while the X5R is less expensive and is available in higher values.

Voltage and temperature coefficients are not the only sources of problems. Some ceramic capacitors have a piezoelectric response. A piezoelectric device generates voltage across its terminals due to mechanical stress, similar to the way a piezoelectric accelerometer or microphone works. For a ceramic capacitor, the stress can be induced by vibrations in the system or thermal transients.

### 7.2 Typical Application

This section highlights some of the design considerations when implementing this device in various applications.



All capacitors are ceramic.

**Figure 7-1. Adjustable Output Voltage Operation**

## 7.2.1 Design Requirements

Table 7-1 shows the design parameters for this application.

**Table 7-1. Design Parameters**

DESIGN PARAMETER	EXAMPLE VALUE
Input voltage (V <sub>IN</sub> )	5.0 V
Output voltage (V <sub>OUT</sub> )	2.5 V
Output current (I <sub>OUT</sub> )	0 to 1 A
Load regulation	1%

## 7.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

The TPS73801 has an adjustable output voltage range of 1.21 V to 20 V. The output voltage is set by the ratio of two external resistors R1 and R2, as shown in Figure 7-1. The device maintains the voltage at the FB pin at 1.21 V referenced to ground. The current in R1 is then equal to (1.21 V / R1), and the current in R2 is the current in R1 plus the FB pin bias current. The FB pin bias current, 3 µA at 25°C, flows through R2 into the FB pin. The output voltage can be calculated using Equation 5.

$$V_{OUT} = 1.21 \text{ V} \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) + I_{FB} \times R_2 \quad (5)$$

The value of R1 must be less than 4.17 kΩ to minimize errors in the output voltage caused by the FB pin bias current. In shutdown the output is turned off, and the divider current is zero. For an output voltage of 2.50 V, R1 is set to 4.0 kΩ. R2 is then found to be 4.22 kΩ using the equation above.

$$V_{OUT} = 1.21 \text{ V} \left(1 + \frac{4.22 \text{ k}\Omega}{4.0 \text{ k}\Omega}\right) + 3 \mu\text{A} \times 4.22 \text{ k}\Omega \quad (6)$$

$$V_{OUT} = 2.50 \text{ V} \quad (7)$$

The adjustable device is tested and specified with the FB pin tied to the OUT pin for an output voltage of 1.21 V. Specifications for output voltages greater than 1.21 V are proportional to the ratio of the desired output voltage to 1.21 V: V<sub>OUT</sub> / 1.21 V. For example, load regulation for an output current change of 1 mA to 1.5 A is –2 mV (typ) at V<sub>OUT</sub> = 1.21 V. At V<sub>OUT</sub> = 2.50 V, the typical load regulation is:

$$(2.50 \text{ V} / 1.21 \text{ V})(-2 \text{ mV}) = -4.13 \text{ mV} \quad (8)$$

Figure 7-2 shows the actual change in output is about 3 mV for a 1-A load step. The maximum load regulation at 25°C is –8 mV. At V<sub>OUT</sub> = 2.50 V, the maximum load regulation is:

$$(2.50 \text{ V} / 1.21 \text{ V})(-8 \text{ mV}) = -16.53 \text{ mV} \quad (9)$$

Because 16.53 mV is only 0.7% of the 2.5 V output voltage, the load regulation meets the design requirements.

### 7.2.3 Application Curve

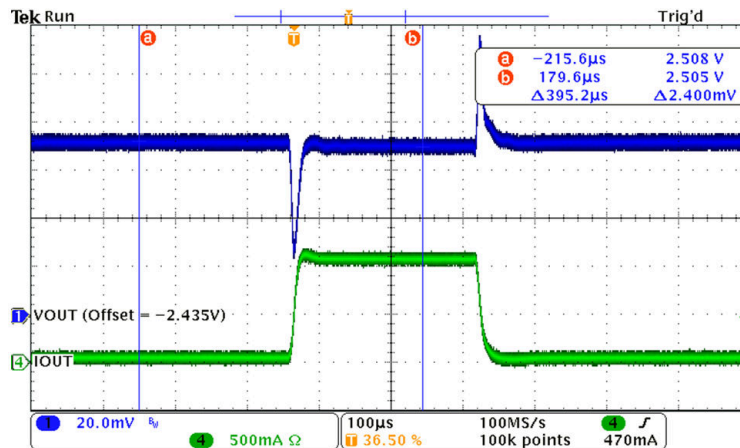


Figure 7-2. 1-A Load Transient Response

## 7.3 Power Supply Recommendations

The device is designed to operate with an input voltage supply up to 20 V. The minimum input voltage must provide adequate headroom greater than the dropout voltage for the device to have a regulated output. If the input supply is noisy, additional input capacitors with low ESR can help improve the output noise performance.

## 7.4 Layout

### 7.4.1 Layout Guidelines

1. For best performance, all traces must be as short as possible.
2. Use wide traces for IN, OUT, and GND to minimize the parasitic electrical effects.
3. A minimum output capacitor of 10  $\mu\text{F}$  with an ESR of 3  $\Omega$  or less is recommended to prevent oscillations. X5R and X7R dielectrics are preferred.
4. Place the output capacitor as close as possible to the OUT pin of the device.
5. The tab of the DCQ package must be connected to ground.

#### 7.4.1.1 Thermal Considerations

The power handling capability of the device is limited by the recommended maximum operating junction temperature (125°C). The power dissipated by the device is made up of two components:

1. Output current multiplied by the input/output voltage differential:  $I_{\text{OUT}}(V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}})$
2. GND pin current multiplied by the input voltage:  $I_{\text{GND}}V_{\text{IN}}$

The GND pin current can be found using the GND pin current graphs in the [Typical Characteristics](#). Power dissipation is equal to the sum of the two components listed above.

The TPS73801 series regulators have internal thermal limiting designed to protect the device during overload conditions. For continuous normal conditions, the recommended maximum operating junction temperature is 125°C. Careful consideration must be given to all sources of thermal resistance from junction to ambient. Additional heat sources mounted nearby must also be considered.

#### 7.4.1.1.1 Calculating Junction Temperature

Example: Given an output voltage of 3.3 V, an input voltage range of 4 V to 6 V, an output current range of 0 mA to 500 mA, and a maximum ambient temperature of 50°C, what is the operating junction temperature?

The power dissipated by the device is equal to:

$$I_{\text{OUT(MAX)}}(V_{\text{IN(MAX)}} - V_{\text{OUT}}) + I_{\text{GND}}(V_{\text{IN(MAX)}}) \quad (10)$$

where:

- $I_{OUT(MAX)} = 500 \text{ mA}$
- $V_{IN(MAX)} = 6 \text{ V}$
- $I_{GND}$  at ( $I_{OUT} = 500 \text{ mA}$ ,  $V_{IN} = 6 \text{ V}$ ) = 10 mA

So,

$$P = 500 \text{ mA} \times (6 \text{ V} - 3.3 \text{ V}) + 10 \text{ mA} \times 6 \text{ V} = 1.41 \text{ W} \quad (11)$$

The thermal resistance of the DCQ package is 50.5°C/W. So the junction temperature rise above ambient is approximately equal to:

$$1.41 \text{ W} \times 50.5^\circ\text{C/W} = 71.2^\circ\text{C} \quad (12)$$

The junction temperature rise can then be added to the maximum ambient temperature to find the operating junction temperature ( $T_J$ ):

$$T_J = 50^\circ\text{C} + 71.2^\circ\text{C} = 121.2^\circ\text{C} \quad (13)$$

### 7.4.2 Layout Example

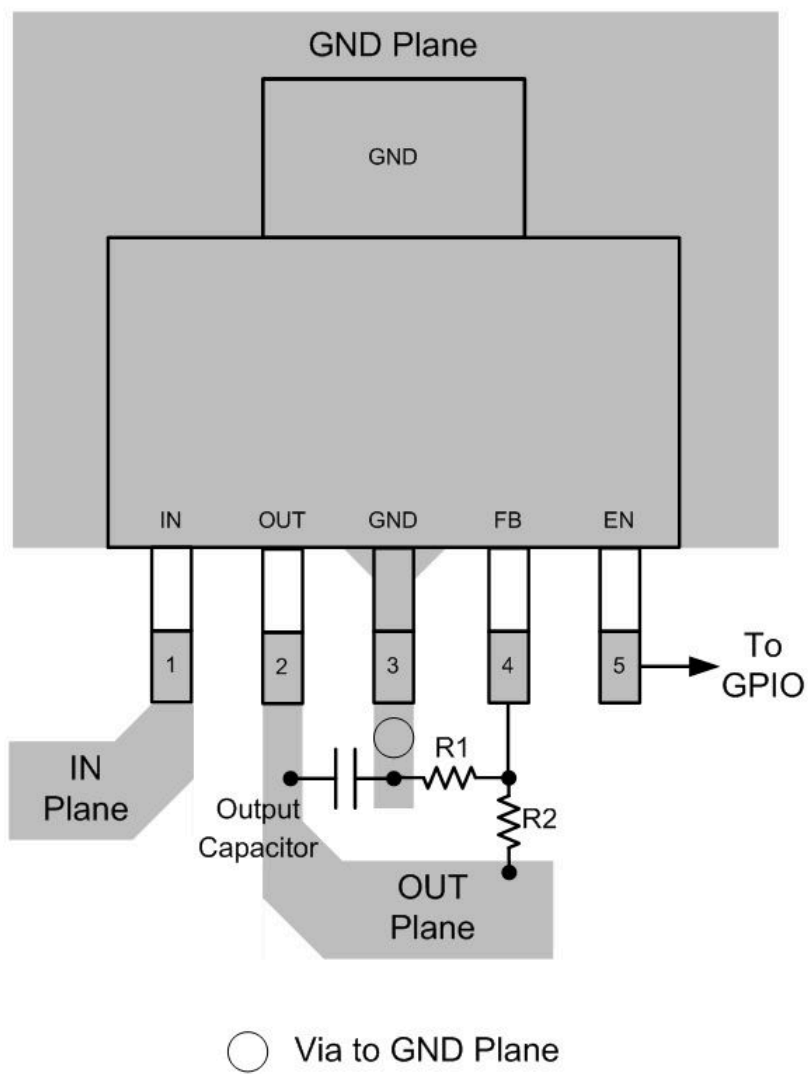


Figure 7-3. SOT-223 Layout Example (DCQ)

## 8 Device and Documentation Support

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### 8.5 Glossary

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<a href="#">TPS73801DCQRG4</a>	Active	Production	SOT-223 (DCQ)   6	2500   LARGE T&R	Yes	NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	-40 to 125	PS73801
TPS73801DCQRG4.A	Active	Production	null (null)	2500   LARGE T&R	-	NIPDAU	Level-2-260C-1 YEAR	See TPS73801DCQRG4	PS73801

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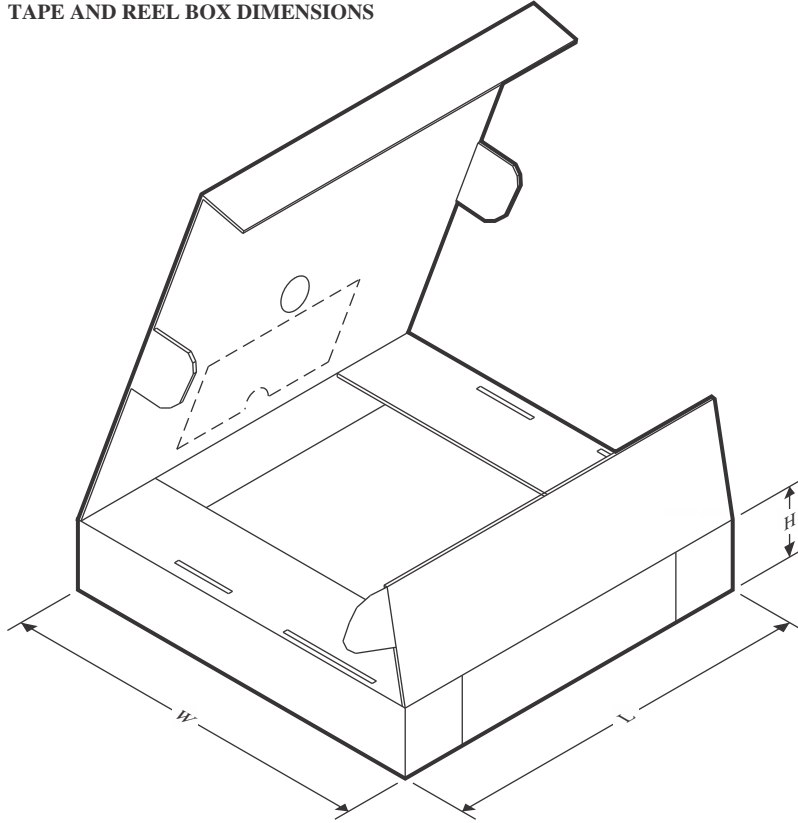
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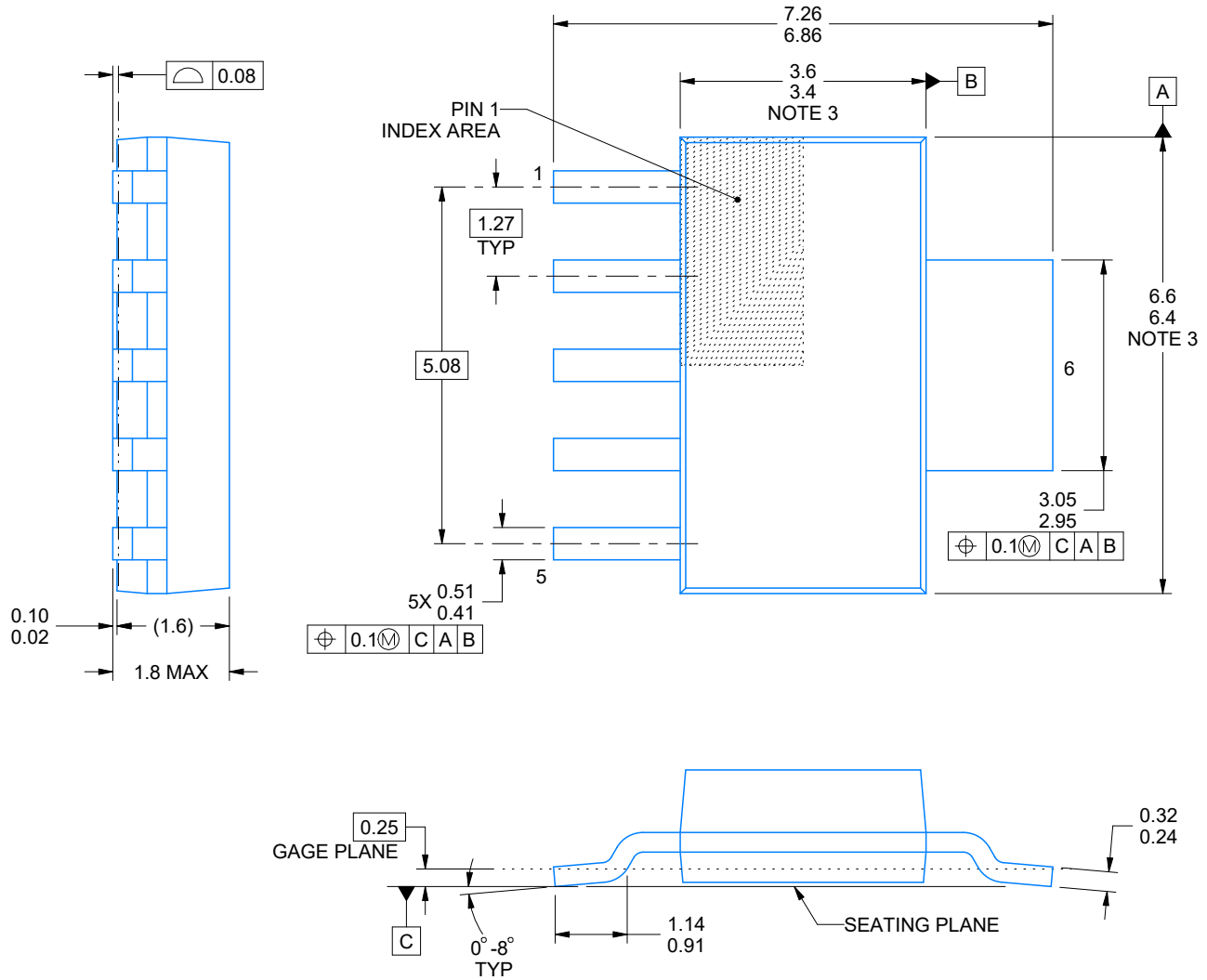
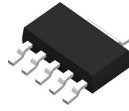
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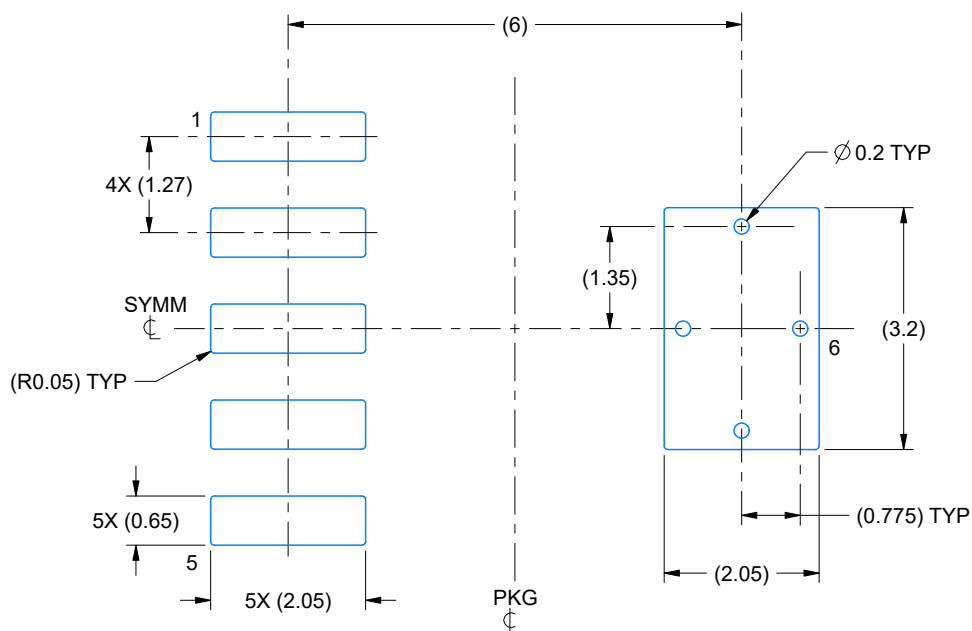
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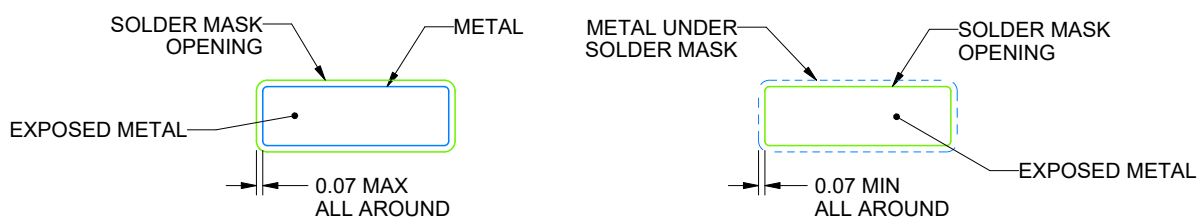
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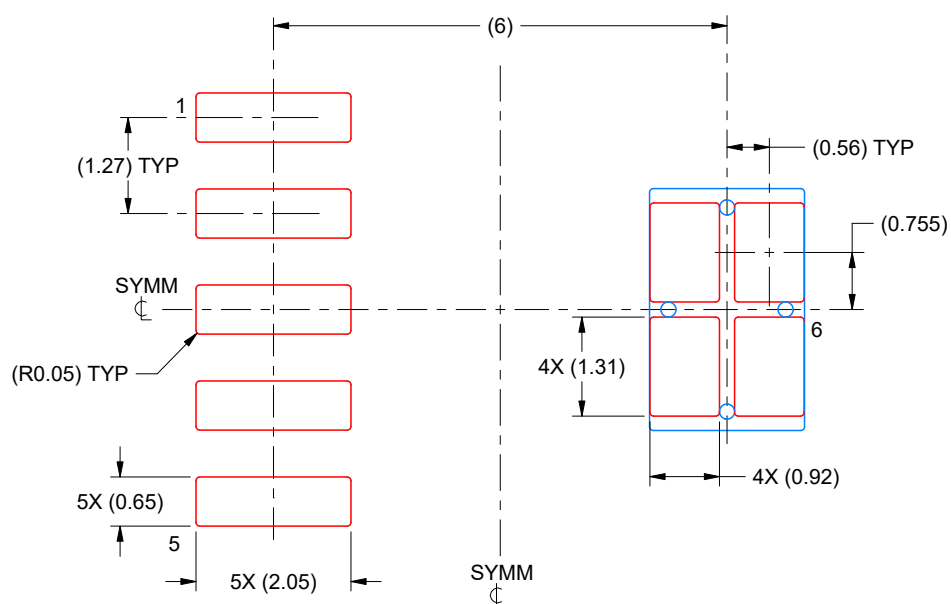
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