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## μA78L00 Series 3-Terminal Positive Voltage Regulators

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### Description

The #A78L00 series of 3-Terminal Positive Voltage Regulators is constructed using the Fairchild Planar epitaxial process. These regulators employ internal current-limiting and thermal-shutdown, making them essentially indestructible. If adequate heat sinking is provided, they can deliver up to 100 mA output current. They are intended as fixed voltage regulators in a wide range of applications including local or on-card regulation for elimination of noise and distribution problems associated with single-point regulation. In addition, they can be used with power pass elements to make high-current voltage regulators. The µA78L00 used as a Zener diode/resistor combination replacement, offers an effective output impedance improvement of typically two orders of magnitude, along with lower quiescent current and lower noise.

- OUTPUT CURRENT UP TO 100 mA
- NO EXTERNAL COMPONENTS
- INTERNAL THERMAL OVERLOAD PROTECTION
- INTERNAL SHORT CIRCUIT CURRENT LIMITING
- AVAILABLE IN JEDEC TO-92
- OUTPUT VOLTAGES OF 5 V, 6.2 V, 8.2 V, 9 V, 12 V, 15 V
- OUTPUT VOLTAGE TOLERANCES OF ±5% OVER THE TEMPERATURE RANGE

#### Absolute Maximum Ratings

Input Voltage	
5.0 V to 15 V	35 V
Internal Power Dissipation	Internally Limited
Storage Temperature Range	-55°C to + 150°C
Operating Junction	
Temperature Ranges	
µA78L00C (Commercial)	0°C to + 125°C
Pin Temperatures	
(Soldering, 10 s)	260°C

#### Connection Diagram TO-92 Package





(Top View)

### **Order Information**

Туре	Package	Code	Part No.
μA78L05AC	Molded	EI	µA78L05AWC
μA78L62AC	Molded	EI	µA78L62AWC
μA78L82AC	Molded	EI	µA78L82AWC
μA78L09AC	Molded	EI	µA78L09AWC
μA78L12AC	Molded	El	μA78L12AWC
μA78L15AC	Molded	El	μA78L15AWC

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## **Equivalent Circuit**



#### µA78L05AC and µA78L05AV (Note 2)

Electrical Characteristics  $V_{IN}$  = 10 V,  $I_{OUT}$  = 40 mA, 0°C  $\leq T_J \leq 125$ °C,  $C_{IN}$  = 0.33  $\mu$ F,  $C_{OUT}$  = 0.1  $\mu$ F, unless otherwise specified. (Note 1)

Characteristic		Condition		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Output Voltage T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C			4.8	5.0	5.2	V	
Line Regulation		$T_{1} = 25^{\circ}C$	$7 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 20 \text{ V}$		55	150	mV
Line Regulation		$T_J = 25^{\circ}C$	$8 V \leq V_{IN} \leq 20 V$		45	100	mV
Load Regulation		$T_{1} = 25^{\circ}C$	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 100 \text{ mA}$	1	11	60	mV
Load Regulation		$T_J = 25^{\circ}C$	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 40 \text{ mA}$		5.0	30	mV
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		$7 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 20 \text{ V}$	$1 \text{ mA} \le I_{\text{OUT}} \le 40 \text{ mA}$	4.75		5.25	v
Output Voltage		$7 V \le V_{IN} \le V_{Max}$ (Note 3)	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 70 \text{ mA}$	4.75		5.25	v
Quiescent Current				2.0	5.5	mA	
Quiescent Current	with line	$8 V \le V_{IN} \le 20 V$				1.5	mA
Change	with load	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 40 \text{ m}$	A			0.1	mA
Output Noise Voltag	e	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ , 10 Hz $\leq f \leq$ 100 kHz			40		μV
Temperature Coeffic	cient of	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 5 mA			-0.65		mV/°C
Ripple Rejection		f = 120 Hz, 8 V $\leq$ V <sub>IN</sub> $\leq$ 18 V, T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C		41	49		dB
Dropout Voltage T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C				1.7		V	
Peak Output/Short-Circuit Current		T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C			140		mA
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## μ**A78L62AC**

Electrical Characteristics  $V_{IN} = 12 V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 40 mA$ , 0°C  $\leq T_J \leq 125$ °C,  $C_{IN} = 0.33 \mu$ F,  $C_{OUT} = 0.1 \mu$ F, unless otherwise specified. (Note 1)

Characteristic		Condition		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Output Voltage		$T_J = 25^{\circ}C$	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C 5		6.2	6.45	V
Line Regulation		T <sub>1</sub> = 25°C	$8.5 V \leq V_{IN} \leq 20 V$		65	175	mV
			$9 V \leq V_{IN} \leq 20 V$		55	125	mV
Load Regulation		T,1 = 25°C	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 100 \text{ mA}$		13	80	m∨
		$1_{\rm J} = 25^{\circ}{\rm C}$	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 40 \text{ mA}$		6.0	40	mν
		$8.5 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 20 \text{ V}$	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 40 \text{ mA}$	5.90		6.5	v
Output Voltage		8.5 V $\leq$ V <sub>IN</sub> $\leq$ V <sub>Max</sub> (Note 3)	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 70 \text{ mA}$	5.90		6.5	v
Quiescent Current			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		2.0	5.5	mA
Quiescent Current	with line	$8.0 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 20 \text{ V}$				1.5	mA
Change	with load	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 40 \text{ m}$	A			0.1	mA
Output Noise Voltag	je	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ , 10 Hz $\leq f \leq 100$ kHz		1	50		μV
Temperature Coeffic	cient of	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 5 mA			-0.75		mV/°C
Ripple Rejection		$      f = 120 \text{ Hz}, 10 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 20 \text{ V},                                   $		40	46		dB
Dropout Voltage T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C				1.7		v	
$\frac{1}{Peak Output / Short-Circuit} T_{J} = 25^{\circ}C$		$T_{J} = 25^{\circ}C$			140		mA

## μ**A78L82AC**

Electrical Characteristics  $V_{IN}$  = 14 V,  $I_{OUT}$  = 40 mA, 0°C  $\leq T_J \leq 125$ °C,  $C_{IN}$  = 0.33  $\mu$ F,  $C_{OUT}$  = 0.1  $\mu$ F, unless otherwise specified. (Note 1)

Characteristic		Condition	Condition		Тур	Max	Unit
Output Voltage		$T_J = 25^{\circ}C$		7.87	8.2	8.53	v
Line Regulation		T <sub>.1</sub> = 25°C	$11 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 23 \text{ V}$		80	175	mV
Line Regulation		11 - 25 C	$12 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 23 \text{ V}$		70	125	mV
Load Regulation		$I_{\rm LI} = 25^{\circ}C \qquad \qquad 1 \text{ mA} \le I_{\rm OUT} \le 100 \text{ mA}$		15	80	mV	
Load Regulation		13 - 25 0	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 40 \text{ mA}$	1	8.0	40	mV
Output Voltage		$11 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 23 \text{ V}$	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 40 \text{ mA}$	7.8		8.5	V
		$\begin{array}{l} 11 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq \text{V}_{\text{Max}} \\ \text{(Note 3)} \end{array}$	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 70 \text{ mA}$	7.8		8.6	v
Quiescent Current					2.1	5.5	mA
Quiescent Current	with line	$12~V \le V_{\text{IN}} \le 23~V$				1.5	mA
Change	with load	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 40 \text{ m}$	A			0.1	mA
Output Noise Voltag	je	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ , 10 Hz $\le f \le 100 \text{ kHz}$			60		μV
Temperature Coeffic VOUT	cient of	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 5 mA			-0.8		mV/°(
Ripple Rejection		$f = 120 \text{ Hz}, 12 \text{ V} \le \text{V}_{IN} \le 22 \text{ V}, \\ T_J = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$		39	45		dB
Dropout Voltage T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C				1.7	1	V	
Peak Output / Short-Circuit Current		$T_J = 25^{\circ}C$	·····	1	140		mA

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## μ**Α78L09AC**

Electrical Characteristics  $V_{IN} = 15 V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 40 mA$ ,  $0^{\circ}C \le T_{J} \le 125^{\circ}C$ ,  $C_{IN} = 0.33 \mu$ F,  $C_{OUT} = 0.1 \mu$ F, unless otherwise specified. (Note 1)

Characteristic		Condition		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Output Voltage		$T_J = 25^{\circ}C$		8.64	9.0	9.36	V
Line Regulation		] = 25°C ⊢	$11.5 V \le V_{IN} \le 24 V$		90	200	mV
			$13 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 24 \text{ V}$		100	150	mV
Load Regulation		T.I = 25°C	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 100 \text{ mA}$		20	90	mV
		11 - 25 C	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 40 \text{ mA}$		10	45	mV
		$11.5 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 24 \text{ V}$	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 40 \text{ mA}$	8.55		9.45	V
Output Voltage		$\begin{array}{l} 11.5 \ V \leq V_{\rm IN} \leq V_{\rm Max} \\ \text{(Note 3)} \end{array}$	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 70 \text{ mA}$	8.55		9.45	v
Quiescent Current		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		1	2.1	5.5	mA
Quiescent Current	with line	$11.5~V \le V_{\text{IN}} \le 24~V$				1.5	mA
Change	with load	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 40 \text{ m/}$	A			0.1	mA
Output Noise Voltag	e	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ , 10 Hz $\leq f \leq$ 100 kHz			70		μV
Temperature Coeffic	cient of	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 5 mA			-0.9		mV/°C
Ripple Rejection		f = 120 Hz, 15 V $\leq$ V $_{\rm IN}$ $\leq$ 25 V, T $_{\rm J}$ = 25 °C		38	44		dB
Dropout Voltage	ut Voltage T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C		1	1.7		V	
Peak Output/Short- Current	Circuit	$T_J = 25^{\circ}C$			140		mA

## μ**A78L12AC**

Electrical Characteristics  $V_{IN}$  = 19 V,  $I_{OUT}$  = 40 mA, 0°C  $\leq$  T<sub>J</sub>  $\leq$  125°C,  $C_{IN}$  = 0.33  $\mu$ F,  $C_{OUT}$  = 0.1  $\mu$ F, unless otherwise specified. (Note 1)

Characteristic		Condition		Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Output Voltage		T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C		11.5	12	12.5	V
Line Regulation		T, = 25°C	$14.5 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 27 \text{ V}$		120	250	m∨
		1 20 0	16 V $\leq$ V <sub>IN</sub> $\leq$ 27 V		100	200	mV
Load Regulation		T = 25°C	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 100 \text{ mA}$		20	100	mV
		TJ = 25°C ⊢	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 40 \text{ mA}$		10	50	mV
*			$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 40 \text{ mA}$	11.4		12.6	V
Output Voltage		$\begin{array}{l} 14.5 \ V \leq V_{\rm IN} \leq V_{\rm Max} \\ \text{(Note 3)} \end{array}$	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 70 \text{ mA}$	11.4		12.6	v
Quiescent Current					2.1	5.5	mA
Quiescent Current with line 16		$16 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 27 \text{ V}$				1.5	mA
Change	with load	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 40 \text{ mA}$				0.1	mA
Output Noise Voltág	e	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ , 10 Hz $\leq f \leq$ 100 kHz			80		μV
Temperature Coeffic VOUT	ient of	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 5 mA			-1.0		mV/°(
Ripple Rejection		f = 120 Hz, 15 V $\leq$ V $_{\rm IN}$ $\leq$ 25 V, T $_{\rm J}$ = 25 °C		37	42		dB
Dropout Voltage T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C				1.7		V	
Peak Output/Short-Circuit Current		T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C			140		mA

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#### µA78L15AC Electrical Charact

cal Characteristics	$V_{IN} = 23 \text{ V}, I_{OUT} = 40 \text{ mA}, 0^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_{J} \leq 125^{\circ}\text{C}, C_{IN} = 0.33 \mu\text{F}, C_{OUT} = 0.1 \mu\text{F},$
	unless otherwise specified. (Note 1)

Characteristic		Condition	Condition		Тур	Max	Unit
Output Voltage		T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C		14.4	15	15.6	V
Line Regulation		I J = 25°C . ⊢	$17.5 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 30 \text{ V}$		130	300	mV
			$20~V \le V_{\text{IN}} \le 30~V$		110	250	mV
Load Regulation		$T_{1} = 25^{\circ}C$	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 100 \text{ mA}$	[	25	150	mV
Load negulation		$T_J = 25^{\circ}C$	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 40 \text{ mA}$		12	75	mV
Output Voltage		$17.5~V \le V_{\text{IN}} \le 30~V$	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 40 \text{ mA}$	14.25	†	15.75	v
		$\begin{array}{l} 17.5 \ V \leq V_{\rm IN} \leq V_{\rm Max} \\ ({\rm Note \ 2}) \end{array}$	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 70 \text{ mA}$	14.25		15.75	v
Quiescent Current					2.2	5.5	mA
Quiescent Current	with line	$20~V \le V_{\text{IN}} \le 30~V$				1.5	mA
Change	with load	$1 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 40 \text{ m/}$	A		1	0.1	mA
Output Noise Voltag	e	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ , 10 Hz $\leq f \leq$ 100 kHz			90		μV
Temperature Coeffic VOUT	cient of	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 5 mA			-1.3		mV/°C
Ripple Rejection		$f = 120 \text{ Hz}, 18.5 \text{ V} \le \text{V}_{IN} \le 28.5 \text{ V}, T_J = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$		34	39		dB
Dropout Voltage T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C		· Britteric	T	1.7		V	
Peak Output/Short-Circuit T <sub>J</sub> =		T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C		-	140		mA

#### Notes

 The maximum steady state usable output current and input voltage are very dependent on the heat sinking and/or lead length of the package. The data above represent pulse test conditions with junction temperatures as indicated at the initiation of tests.

2. Power Dissipation  $\leq$  .75 W.

## **Typical Performance Curves**



# Dropout Voltage as a Function of Junction Temperature



## Quiescent Current as a Function of Temperature



## Note Other μA78L00 Series devices have similar curves.

μ**A7808** 

Electrical Characteristics	$V_{IN}$ = 14 V, $I_{OUT}$ = 500 mA, -55°C $\leq$ T <sub>J</sub> $\leq$ 150°C, C <sub>IN</sub> =	= 0.33 $\mu$ F, C <sub>OUT</sub> = 0.1 $\mu$ F,
	unless otherwise specified.	

Characteristic	aracteristic Condition (Note)		Note)	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Output Voltage				7.7	8.0	8.3	V
Line Regulation		T 25°C	$10.5 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 25 \text{ V}$		6.0	80	mV
Line Regulation		1 - 25 0	$11 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 17 \text{ V}$		2.0	40	m∨
Load Regulation		T_] = 25°C	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 1.5 \text{ A}$		12	100	mV
Load Regulation		1] = 25 C	$250~\text{mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 750~\text{mA}$		4.0	40	mV
Output Voltage		$\begin{array}{l} 11.5 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{I}} \\ 5 \text{ mA} \leq \text{I}_{\text{OU}} \\ \text{P} \leq 15 \text{ W} \end{array}$		7.6		8.4	v
Quiescent Current		T <sub>.J</sub> = 25°C			4.3	6.0	mA
Quiescent Current Change	with line	$11.5 V \leq V_{IN} \leq 25 V$				0.8	mA
Quescen Current Change	with load	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OU}$	T ≤ 1.0 A			0.5	mA
Output Noise Voltage		$T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ , 10 Hz $\leq f \leq 100$ kHz			8	40	μV/Vout
Ripple Rejection		$f = 120 \text{ Hz}, 11.5 \text{ V} \le \text{V}_{IN} \le 21.5 \text{ V}$		62	72		dB
Dropout Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 1.0 \text{ A}, T_{J} = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$			2.0	2.5	V
Output Resistance		f = 1 kHz			16		mΩ
Short-Circuit Current		$T_{\rm J} = 25^{\circ} {\rm C},$	V <sub>IN</sub> = 35 V		0.75	1.2	A
Peak Output Current		$T_J = 25^{\circ}C$		1.3	2.2	3.3	A
Average Temperature Coef	ficient of	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 5 mA	$-55^\circ\text{C} \le \text{T}_\text{J} \le +25^\circ\text{C}$			0.4	mV/°C/
Output Voltage		001 - 5 114	+25°C $\leq$ T <sub>J</sub> $\leq$ 150°C			0.3	Vout

## μ**Α7808C**

Electrical Characteristics VIN = 14 V, I<sub>OUT</sub> = 500 mA, 0°C  $\leq$  T<sub>J</sub>  $\leq$  125°C, C<sub>IN</sub> = 0.33  $\mu$ F, C<sub>OUT</sub> = 0.1  $\mu$ F, unless otherwise specified.

Characteristic		Condition (	Note)	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Output Voltage		Tj = 25°C		7.7	8.0	8.3	V
Line Regulation		T 25°C	$10.5 V \le V_{\rm IN} \le 25 V$	<b></b>	6.0	160	mV
		1] = 25 C	$11 \text{ V} \leq \text{V}_{\text{IN}} \leq 17 \text{ V}$		2.0	80	mV
Load Regulation		T_] = 25°C	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 1.5 \text{ A}$		12	160	mV
Load Regulation		1] - 25 C	$250~\text{mA} \leq I_{\text{OUT}} \leq 750~\text{mA}$		4.0	80	mV
Output Voltage		$\begin{array}{l} 10.5 \text{ V} \leq \text{V} \\ 5 \text{ mA} \leq \text{I}_{OL} \\ \text{P} \leq 15 \text{ W} \end{array}$		7.6		8.4	v
Quiescent Current		$T_J = 25^{\circ}C$			4.3	8.0	mA
Quiescent Current Change	with line	$10.5 V \leq V_{IN} \leq 25 V$				1.0	mA
Quescent Gurrent Change	with load	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$				0.5	mA
Output Noise Voltage		$T_A$ = 25°C, 10 Hz $\leq$ f $\leq$ 100 kHz			52		μV
Ripple Rejection		f = 120 Hz, 11.5 V $\leq$ V <sub>IN</sub> $\leq$ 21.5 V		56	72		dB
Dropout Voltage		I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1.0	A, $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$		2.0		V
Output Resistance		f = 1 kHz			16		mΩ
Short-Circuit Current		$T_{\rm J} = 25^{\circ}{\rm C},$	V <sub>IN</sub> = 35 V		450		mA
Peak Output Current		TJ = 25°C			2.2		Α
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage		$I_{OUT}$ = 5 mA, 0°C $\leq$ T <sub>J</sub> $\leq$ 125°C			0.8		mV/°C

### The TO-92 Package

The TO-92 package thermal paths are complex. In addition to the path through the molding compound to ambient temperature, there is another path through the pins, in parallel with the case path, to ambient temperature, as shown in *Figure 1*.

The total thermal resistance in this model is then:

$$\theta_{JA} = \frac{(\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CA})(\theta_{JL} + \theta_{LA})}{\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CA} + \theta_{JL} + \theta_{LA}}$$

- Where: $\theta_{\rm JC}$  = thermal resistance of the case between the regulator die and a point on the case directly above the die location.
  - $\theta_{CA}$  = thermal resistance between the case and air at ambient temperature.
  - θ<sub>JL</sub> = thermal resistance from transistor die through the collector lead to a point 1/16 inch below the regulator case.
  - $\theta_{LA}$  = total thermal resistance of the collector-base-emitter pins to ambient temperature.

 $\theta_{JA}$  = junction to ambient thermal resistance.

## TO-92 Thermal Equivalent Circuit Fig. 1



#### Methods of Heat Sinking

With two external thermal resistances in each leg of a parallel network available to the circuit designer as variables, he can choose the method of heat sinking most applicable to his particular situation. To demonstrate, consider the effect of placing a small 72°C/W flag type heat sink, such as the Staver F1-7D-2, on the 78LXX molded case. The heat sink effectively replaces the  $\theta_{CA}$  (Figure 2) and the new thermal resistance,  $\theta'_{JA}$ , is

 $\theta'_{JA} = 145^{\circ}C/W$  (assuming .125 inch lead length)

The net change of 15°C/W increases the allowable power dissipation to 0.86 W with an inserted cost of 1-2 cents. A still further decrease in  $\theta_{JA}$  could be achieved by using a heat sink rated at 46°C/W, such as the Staver FS-7A. Also, if the case sinking does not provide an adequate reduction in total  $\theta_{JA}$ , the other external thermal resistance,  $\theta_{LA}$ , may be reduced by shortening the lead length from package base to mounting medium. However, one point must be kept in mind. The lead thermal path includes a thermal resistance,  $\theta_{SA}$ , from the pins at the mounting point to ambient, that is, the mounting medium.  $\theta_{LA}$  is then equal to  $\theta_{LS} + \theta_{SA}$ . The new model is shown in *Figure 2*.

In the case of a socket,  $\theta_{SA}$  could be as high as 270°C/W, thus causing a net increase in  $\theta_{JA}$  and a consequent decrease in the maximum dissipation capability. Shortening the lead length may return the net  $\theta_{JA}$  to the original value, but pin sinking would not be accomplished.

In those cases where the regulator is inserted into a copper clad printed circuit board, it is advantageous to have a maximum area of copper at the entry points of the pins. While it would be desirable to rigorously define the effect of PC board copper, the real world variables are too great to allow anything more than a few general observations.

The best analogy for PC board copper is to compare it with parallel resistors. Beyond some point, additional resistors are not significantly effective; beyond some point, additional copper area is not effective.

#### TO-92 Thermal Equivalent Circuit (Pin at Other Than Ambient Temperature) Fig. 2



## **High Dissipation Applications**





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When it is necessary to operate a  $\mu$ A78L00 regulator with a large input-output differential voltage, the addition of series resistor R1 will extend the output current range of the device by sharing the total power dissipation between R1 and the regulator.

$$R1 = \frac{V_{IN(Min)} - V_{OUT} - 2.0 V}{I_{L}(Max) + I_{Q}}$$

where IQ is the regulator quiescent current.

Regulator power dissipation at maximum input voltage and maximum load current is now

$$P_{D(Max)} = (V_1 - V_{OUT}) I_{L(Max)} + V_1 I_Q$$

where

 $V_1 = V_{IN(Max)} - (I_{L(Max)} + I_Q) R1$ 

The presence of R1 will affect load regulation according to the equation:

load regulation (at constant VIN)

- = load regulation (at constant V1)
- + (line regulation, mV per V)

 $\times$  (RI)  $\times$  ( $\Delta$ IL).

As an example, consider a 15 V regulator with a supply voltage of 30  $\pm$ 5 V, required to supply a maximum load current of 30 mA. I<sub>Q</sub> is 4.3 mA, and minimum load current is to be 10 mA.

$$R1 = \frac{25 - 15 - 2}{30 + 4.3} = \frac{34.3}{8} \simeq 240 \ \Omega$$
  
V<sub>1</sub> = 35 - (30 + 4.3).24 = 35 - 8.2 = 26.8 V

 $P_{D(Max)} = (26.8 - 15) 30 + 26.8 (4.3)$ 

= 354 + 115

= 470 mW, which permit operation up to 70°C in most applications.

Line regulation of this circuit is typically 110 mV for an input range of 25-35 V at a constant load current; i.e. 11 mV/V.

Load regulation = constant V<sub>1</sub> load regulation (typically 10 mV, 10-30 mA I<sub>L</sub>)

- + (11 mV/V) × 0.24 × 20 mA (typically 53 mV)
- = 63 mV for a load current change of 20 mA at a constant V<sub>IN</sub> of 30 V.

## **Typical Applications**



Notes

- 1. To specify an output voltage, substitute voltage value for "00".
- Bypass Capacitors are recommended for optimum stability and transient response and should be located as close as possible to the regulator.