

LM123/LM323A/LM323 3-Amp, 5-Volt Positive Regulator

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FEATURES

- **Guaranteed 1% initial accuracy (A version)**
- **3 amp output current**
- **Internal current and thermal limiting**
- **0.01Ω typical output impedance**
- **7.5V minimum input voltage**
- **30W power dissipation**
- **P⁺ Product Enhancement tested**

DESCRIPTION

The LM123 is a three-terminal positive regulator with a preset 5V output and a load driving capability of 3 amps. New circuit design and processing techniques are used to provide the high output current without sacrificing the regulation characteristics of lower current devices.

The LM323A offers improved precision over the standard LM323. Parameters with tightened specifications include output voltage tolerance, line regulation, and load regulation.

The 3 amp regulator is virtually blowout proof. Current limiting, power limiting, and thermal shutdown provide the same high level of reliability obtained with these techniques in the LM109 1 amp regulator.

No external components are required for operation of the LM123. If the device is more than 4 inches from the filter capacitor, however, a 1 μF solid tantalum capacitor should be used on the input. A 0.1 μF or larger capacitor may be used on the output to reduce load transient spikes created by fast switching digital logic, or to swamp out stray load capacitance.

An overall worst case specification for the combined effects of input voltage, load currents, ambient temperature, and power dissipation ensure that the LM123 will perform satisfactorily as a system element.

For applications requiring other voltages, see LM150 series adjustable regulator data sheet.

Operation is guaranteed over the junction temperature range –55°C to +150°C for LM123, –40°C to +125°C for LM323A, and 0°C to +125°C for LM323. A hermetic TO-3 package is used for high reliability and low thermal resistance.

Connection Diagram

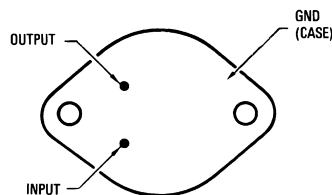


Figure 1. Metal Can Package See NS Package Number K02C



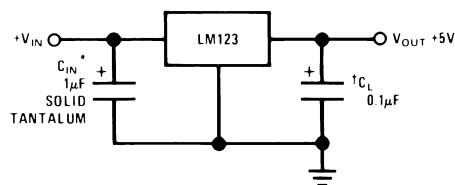
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Typical Applications



*Required if LM123 is more than 4" from filter capacitor.

†Regulator is stable with no load capacitor into resistive loads.

Figure 2. Basic 3 Amp Regulator



These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.

Absolute Maximum Ratings ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾

Input Voltage	20V
Power Dissipation	Internally Limited
Operating Junction Temperature Range	
LM123	-55°C to +150°C
LM323A	-40°C to +125°C
LM323	0°C to +125°C
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.)	300°C
ESD Tolerance (Note 5)	2000V

- (1) "Absolute Maximum Ratings" indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is functional, but do not guarantee specific performance limits.
- (2) Refer to RETS123K drawing for LM123K military specifications.

LM123 Electrical Characteristics ⁽¹⁾

Parameter	Conditions	LM123			Units
		Min	Typ	Max	
Output Voltage	$T_j = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$	4.7	5	5.3	V
	$V_{IN} = 7.5\text{V}, I_{OUT} = 0\text{A}$				
	$7.5\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 15\text{V}$	4.6		5.4	V
Line Regulation ⁽²⁾	$0\text{A} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 3\text{A}, P \leq 30\text{W}$				
	$T_j = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$		5	25	mV
	$7.5\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 15\text{V}$				
Load Regulation ⁽²⁾	$T_j = 25^{\circ}\text{C}, V_{IN} = 7.5\text{V},$		25	100	mV
	$0\text{A} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 3\text{A}$				
	$7.5\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 15\text{V},$		12	20	mA
Quiescent Current	$0\text{A} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 3\text{A}$				
	$T_j = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$		40		μVrms
	$10\text{ Hz} \leq f \leq 100\text{ kHz}$				
Short Circuit Current Limit	$T_j = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$				
	$V_{IN} = 15\text{V}$		3	4.5	A
	$V_{IN} = 7.5\text{V}$		4	5	A
Long Term Stability				35	mV
Thermal Resistance Junction to Case ⁽³⁾			2		$^{\circ}\text{C/W}$

- (1) Unless otherwise noted, specifications apply for $-55^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_j \leq +150^{\circ}\text{C}$ for the LM123, $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_j \leq +125^{\circ}\text{C}$ for the LM323A, and $0^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_j \leq +125^{\circ}\text{C}$ for the LM323. Although power dissipation is internally limited, specifications apply only for $P \leq 30\text{W}$.
- (2) Load and line regulation are specified at constant junction temperature. Pulse testing is required with a pulse width $\leq 1\text{ ms}$ and a duty cycle $\leq 5\%$.
- (3) Without a heat sink, the thermal resistance of the TO-3 package is about 35°C/W . With a heat sink, the effective thermal resistance can only approach the specified values of 2°C/W , depending on the efficiency of the heat sink.

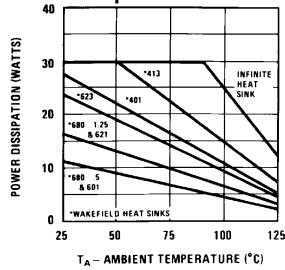
LM323A/LM323 Electrical Characteristics ⁽¹⁾

Parameter	Conditions	LM323A			LM323			Units
		Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	
Output Voltage	$T_j = 25^\circ\text{C}$	4.95	5	5.05	4.8	5	5.2	V
	$V_{IN} = 7.5\text{V}, I_{OUT} = 0\text{A}$							
	$7.5\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 15\text{V}$	4.85		5.15	4.75		5.25	V
Line Regulation ⁽²⁾	$0\text{A} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 3\text{A}, P \leq 30\text{W}$							
	$T_j = 25^\circ\text{C}$		5	10		5	25	mV
	$7.5\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 15\text{V}$							
Load Regulation ⁽²⁾	$T_j = 25^\circ\text{C}, V_{IN} = 7.5\text{V},$		25	50		25	100	mV
	$0\text{A} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 3\text{A}$							
	$7.5\text{V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 15\text{V},$		12	20		12	20	mA
Quiescent Current	$0\text{A} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 3\text{A}$							
	$T_j = 25^\circ\text{C}$		40			40		μVrms
	$10\text{ Hz} \leq f \leq 100\text{ kHz}$							
Short Circuit Current Limit	$T_j = 25^\circ\text{C}$							
	$V_{IN} = 15\text{V}$		3	4.5		3	4.5	A
	$V_{IN} = 7.5\text{V}$		4	6		4	5	A
Long Term Stability				35			35	mV
Thermal Resistance Junction to Case ⁽³⁾			2			2		$^\circ\text{C/W}$

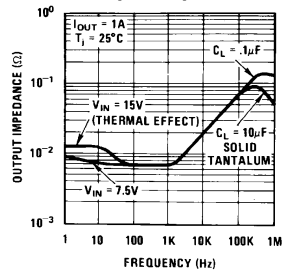
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Typical Performance Characteristics

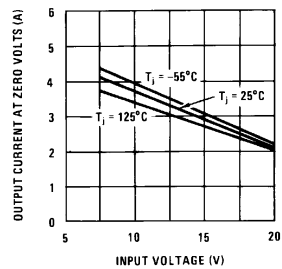
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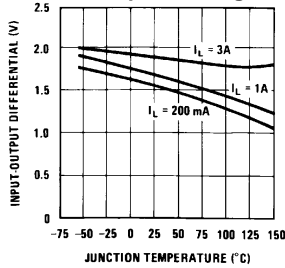
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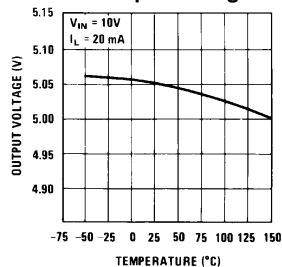
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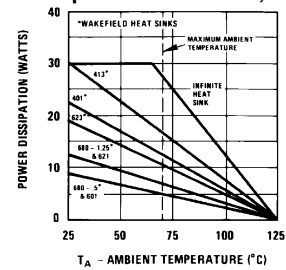
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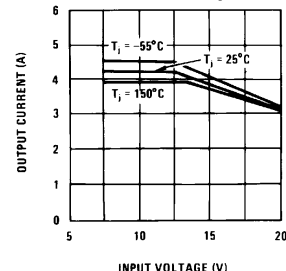
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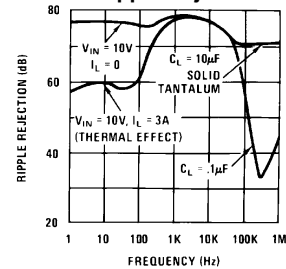
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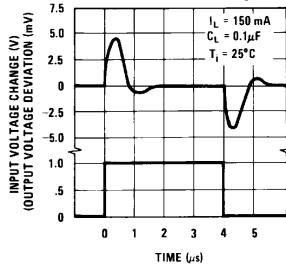
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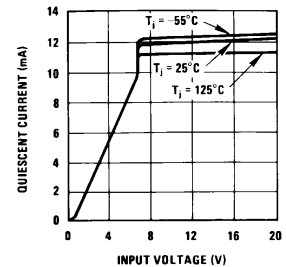
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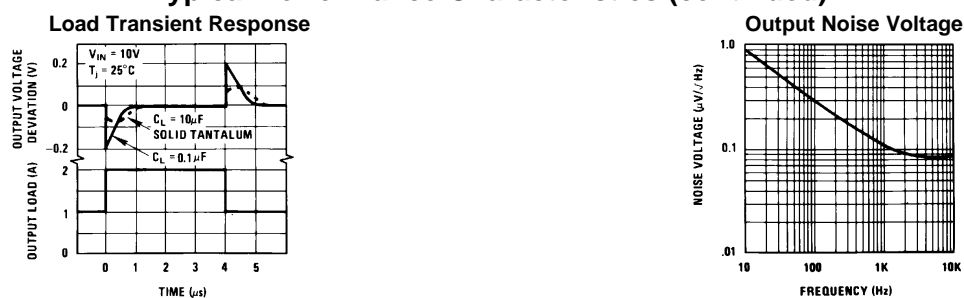
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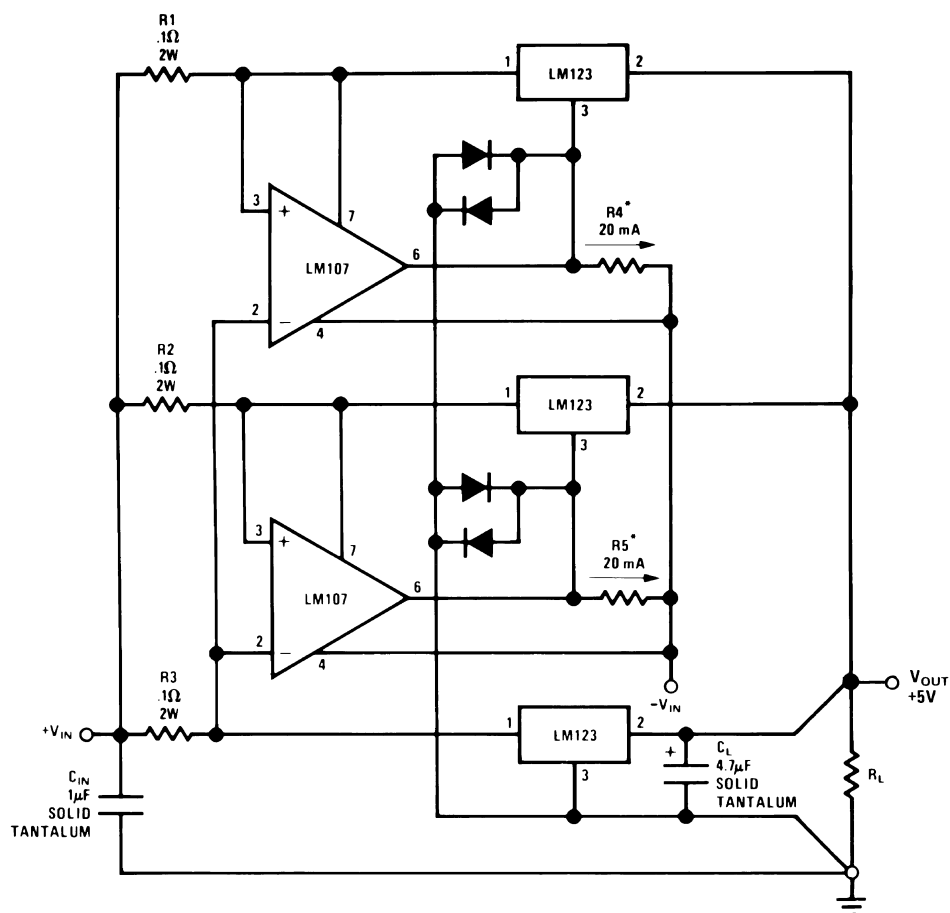
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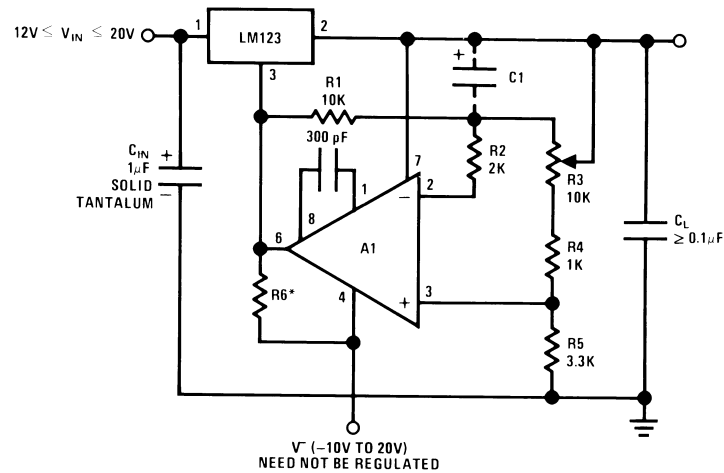


Typical Applications



*Select for 20 mA Current from Unregulated Negative Supply

Figure 3. 10 Amp Regulator with Complete Overload Protection



$$*R6 = \frac{V-}{12 \text{ mA}}$$

A₁—LM101A

C₁—2 μF Optional—Improves Ripple Rejection, Noise, and Transient Response

Figure 4. Adjustable Regulator 0V–10V @ 3A

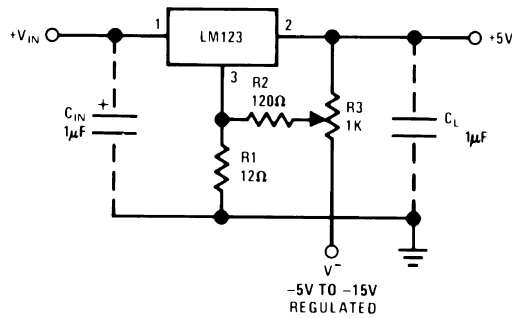
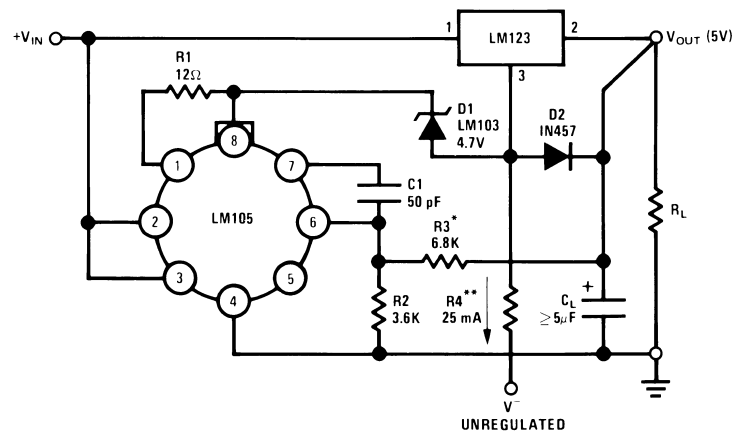


Figure 5. Trimming Output to 5V

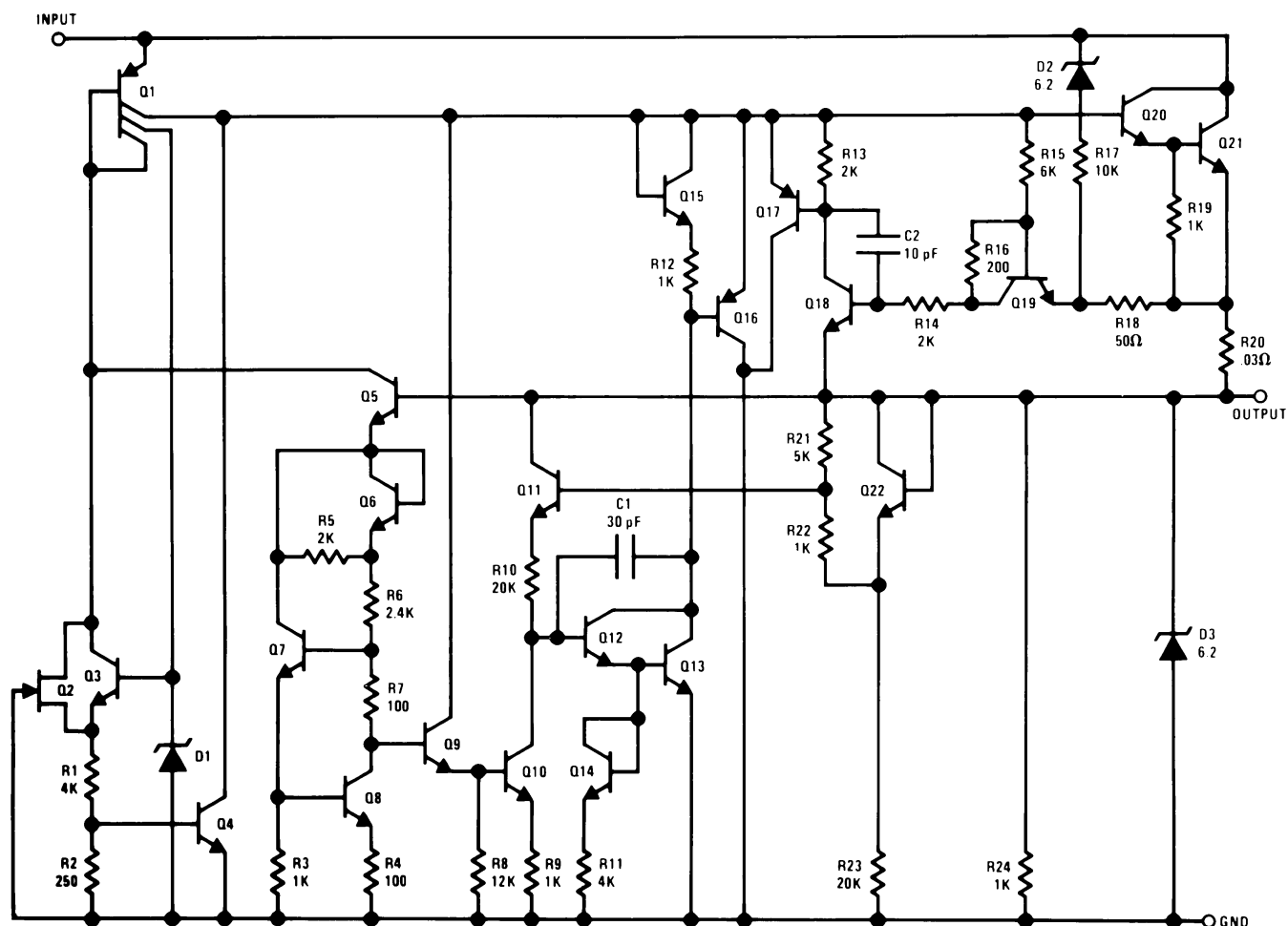


*Select to Set Output Voltage

**Select to Draw 25 mA from V-

Figure 6. Adjustable Output 5V–10V 0.1% Regulation

Schematic Diagram



PACKAGING INFORMATION

Orderable Device	Status (1)	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan (2)	Lead/Ball Finish	MSL Peak Temp (3)	Op Temp (°C)	Top-Side Markings (4)	Samples
LM323K STEEL	ACTIVE	TO-3	NDS	2	50	TBD	Call TI	Call TI	0 to 125	LM323K STEEL	Samples
LM323K STEEL/NOPB	ACTIVE	TO-3	NDS	2	50	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	POST-PLATE	Level-1-NA-UNLIM	0 to 125	LM323K STEEL	Samples

(1) The marketing status values are defined as follows:

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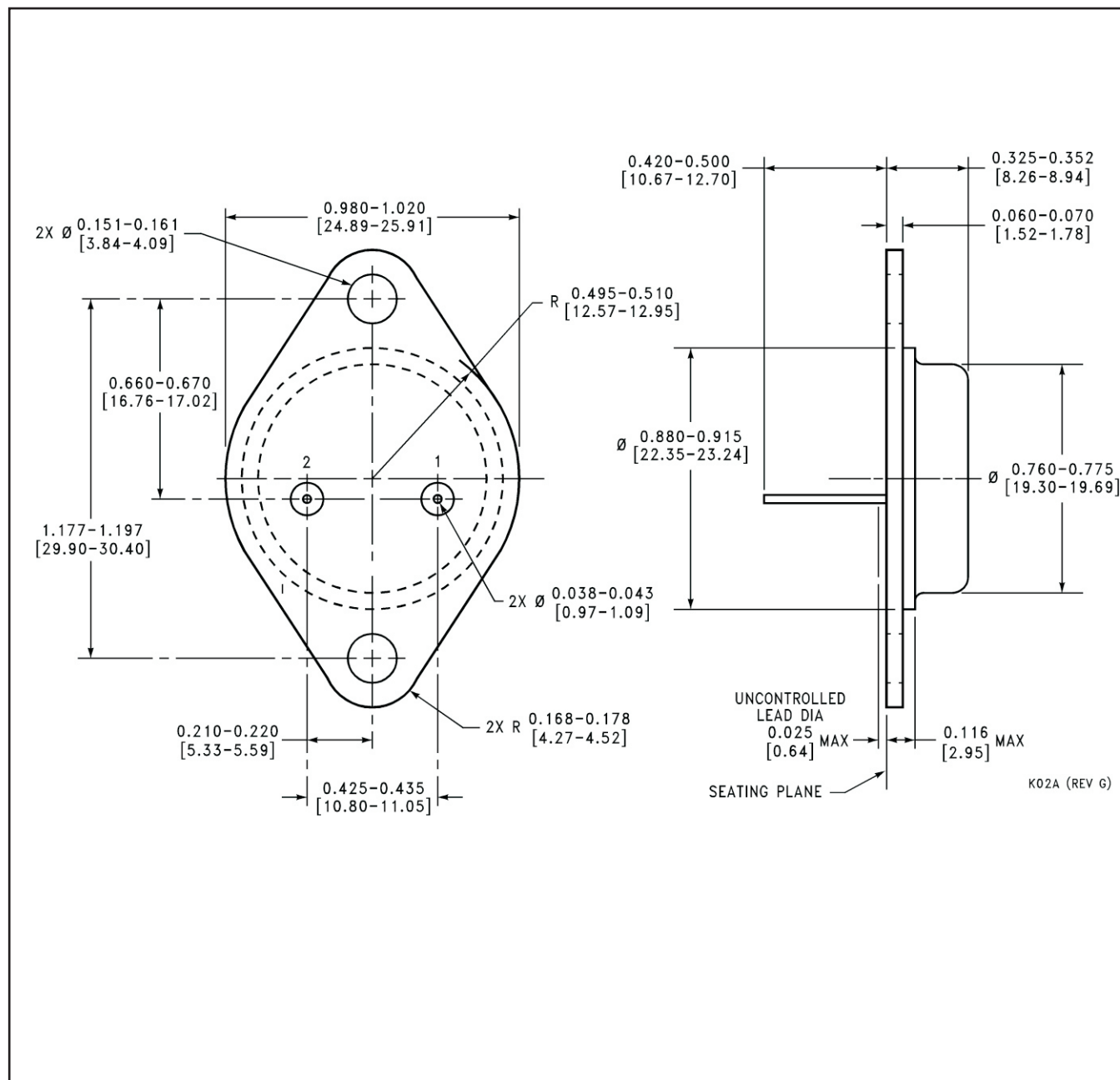
(3) MSL, Peak Temp. -- The Moisture Sensitivity Level rating according to the JEDEC industry standard classifications, and peak solder temperature.

(4) Only one of markings shown within the brackets will appear on the physical device.

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