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# LM317L-N 3-Terminal Adjustable Regulator

Check for Samples: LM317L-N

## **FEATURES**

- Adjustable Output Down to 1.2V
- **Guaranteed 100mA Output Current**
- Line Regulation Typically 0.01%V
- Load Regulation Typically 0.1%
- **Current Limit Constant with Temperature**
- Eliminates the Need to Stock Many Voltages
- **Standard 3-lead Transistor Package**
- **80dB Ripple Rejection**
- Available in TO-92, SOIC-8, or 6-DSBGA Package
- **Output is Short Circuit Protected**
- See AN-1112 for DSBGA Considerations •

# DESCRIPTION

The LM317L-N is an adjustable 3-terminal positive voltage regulator capable of supplying 100mA over a 1.2V to 37V output range. It is exceptionally easy to use and requires only two external resistors to set the output voltage. Further, both line and load regulation are better than standard fixed regulators. Also, the LM317L-N is available packaged in a standard TO-92 transistor package which is easy to use.

In addition to higher performance than fixed regulators, the LM317L-N offers full overload protection. Included on the chip are current limit, thermal overload protection and safe area protection. All overload protection circuitry remains fully functional even if the adjustment terminal is disconnected.

### Connection Diagram



Figure 1. TO-92 Plastic package

Normally, no capacitors are needed unless the device is situated more than 6 inches from the input filter capacitors in which case an input bypass is needed. An optional output capacitor can be added to improve transient response. The adjustment terminal can be bypassed to achieve very high ripple rejection ratios which are difficult to achieve with standard 3-terminal regulators.

Besides replacing fixed regulators, the LM317L-N is useful in a wide variety of other applications. Since the regulator is "floating" and sees only the input-tooutput differential voltage, supplies of several hundred volts can be regulated as long as the maximum input-to-output differential is not exceeded.

Also, it makes an especially simple adjustable switching regulator, a programmable output regulator, or by connecting a fixed resistor between the adjustment and output, the LM317L-N can be used as a precision current regulator. Supplies with electronic shutdown can be achieved by clamping the adjustment terminal to ground which programs the output to 1.2V where most loads draw little current.

The LM317L-N is available in a standard TO-92 transistor package, the SOIC-8 package, and 6-DSBGA package. The LM317L-N is rated for operation over a -40°C to 125°C range.



Figure 2. 8-Pin SOIC - Top View



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\*NC = Not Internally connected.

#### Figure 3. 6-DSBGA - Top View (Bump Side Down)

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 Rating <sup>(1)(2)</sup>

Power Dissipation	Internally Limited	
Input-Output Voltage Differential	40V	
Operating Junction Temperature Range	−40°C to +125°C	
Storage Temperature	−55°C to +150°C	
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 4 seconds)	260°C	
Output is Short Circuit Protected ESD Susceptibility	Human Body Mode <sup>(3)</sup>	2kV

(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) If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the Texas Instruments Sales Office/Distributors for availability and specifications.

(3) The human body model is a 100pF capacitor discharged through a  $1.5k\Omega$  resistor into each pin.

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#### Electrical Characteristics (1)

Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Units
Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^{\circ}C, 3V \le (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \le 40V, I_L \le 20mA^{(2)}$		0.01	0.04	%/V
Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^{\circ}C, 5mA \le I_{OUT} \le I_{MAX}$ <sup>(2)</sup>		0.1	0.5	%
Thermal Regulation	T <sub>J</sub> = 25°C, 10ms Pulse		0.04	0.2	%/W
Adjustment Pin Current			50	100	μA
Adjustment Pin Current	$5mA \le I_L \le 100mA$		0.2	5	μA
Change	$3V \le (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \le 40V, P \le 625mW$				
Reference Voltage	$3V \le (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \le 40V^{(3)}$ $5mA \le I_{OUT} \le 100mA, P \le 625mW$	1.20	1.25	1.30	V
Line Regulation	$3V \le (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \le 40V, I_L \le 20mA^{(2)}$		0.02	0.07	%/V
Load Regulation	$5mA \le I_{OUT} \le 100mA^{(2)}$		0.3	1.5	%
Temperature Stability	$T_{MIN} \le T_J \le T_{Max}$		0.65		%
Minimum Load Current	$(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \le 40V$		3.5	5	mA
	$3V \le (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \le 15V$		1.5	2.5	
Current Limit	$3V \le (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \le 13V$	100	200	300	mA
	$(V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) = 40V$	25	50	150	mA
Rms Output Noise, % of $V_{OUT}$	$T_J = 25^{\circ}C$ , $10Hz \le f \le 10kHz$		0.003		%
Ripple Rejection Ratio	$V_{OUT} = 10V, f = 120Hz, C_{ADJ} = 0$		65		dB
	$C_{ADJ} = 10 \mu F$	66	80		dB
Long-Term Stability	T <sub>J</sub> = 125°C, 1000 Hours		0.3	1	%
	Z Package 0.4" Leads		180		°C/W
Junction to Ambient	Z Package 0.125 Leads		160		°C/W
Thermal Resistance	SOIC-8 Package		165		°C/W
	6-DSBGA		290		°C/W

Unless otherwise noted, these specifications apply: -25°C ≤ T<sub>j</sub> ≤ 125°C for the LM317L-N; V<sub>IN</sub> - V<sub>OUT</sub> = 5V and I<sub>OUT</sub> = 40mA. Although power dissipation is internally limited, these specifications are applicable for power dissipations up to 625mW. I<sub>MAX</sub> is 100mA.
 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.

Thermal resistance of the TO-92 package is 180°C/W junction to ambient with 0.4" leads from a PC board and 160°C/W junction to (3) ambient with 0.125" lead length to PC board.

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T<sub>i</sub> = 125<sup>6</sup>C

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### **Typical Performance Characteristics**



**Current Limit** 

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# **Typical Performance Characteristics (continued)**





# APPLICATION HINTS

In operation, the LM317L-N develops a nominal 1.25V reference voltage, V<sub>RFF</sub>, between the output and adjustment terminal. The reference voltage is impressed across program resistor R1 and, since the voltage is constant, a constant current I<sub>1</sub> then flows through the output set resistor R2, giving an output voltage of

$$V_{\text{OUT}} = V_{\text{REF}} \left( 1 + \frac{\text{R2}}{\text{R1}} \right) + I_{\text{ADJ}}(\text{R2})$$

Since the 100µA current from the adjustment terminal represents an error term, the LM317L-N was designed to minimize IADJ and make it very constant with line and load changes. To do this, all quiescent operating current is returned to the output establishing a minimum load current requirement. If there is insufficient load on the output, the output will rise.

## **EXTERNAL CAPACITORS**

An input bypass capacitor is recommended in case the regulator is more than 6 inches away from the usual large filter capacitor. A 0.1µF disc or 1µF solid tantalum on the input is suitable input bypassing for almost all applications. The device is more sensitive to the absence of input bypassing when adjustment or output capacitors are used, but the above values will eliminate the possibility of problems.

The adjustment terminal can be bypassed to ground on the LM317L-N to improve ripple rejection and noise. This bypass capacitor prevents ripple and noise from being amplified as the output voltage is increased. With a 10µF bypass capacitor 80dB ripple rejection is obtainable at any output level. Increases over 10µF do not appreciably improve the ripple rejection at frequencies above 120Hz. If the bypass capacitor is used, it is sometimes necessary to include protection diodes to prevent the capacitor from discharging through internal low current paths and damaging the device.

In general, the best type of capacitors to use is solid tantalum. Solid tantalum capacitors have low impedance even at high frequencies. Depending upon capacitor construction, it takes about 25µF in aluminum electrolytic to equal 1µF solid tantalum at high frequencies. Ceramic capacitors are also good at high frequencies; but some types have a large decrease in capacitance at frequencies around 0.5MHz. For this reason, a 0.01µF disc may seem to work better than a  $0.1\mu$ F disc as a bypass.

Although the LM317L-N is stable with no output capacitors, like any feedback circuit, certain values of external capacitance can cause excessive ringing. This occurs with values between 500pF and 5000pF. A 1µF solid tantalum (or 25µF aluminum electrolytic) on the output swamps this effect and insures stability.

### LOAD REGULATION

The LM317L-N is capable of providing extremely good load regulation but a few precautions are needed to obtain maximum performance. The current set resistor connected between the adjustment terminal and the output terminal (usually 240 $\Omega$ ) should be tied directly to the output of the regulator rather than near the load. This eliminates line drops from appearing effectively in series with the reference and degrading regulation. For example, a 15V regulator with 0.05 $\Omega$  resistance between the regulator and load will have a load regulation due to line resistance of  $0.05\Omega \times I_{\rm I}$ . If the set resistor is connected near the load the effective line resistance will be  $0.05\Omega$  (1 + R2/R1) or in this case, 11.5 times worse.

Figure 16 shows the effect of resistance between the regulator and  $240\Omega$  set resistor.

With the TO-92 package, it is easy to minimize the resistance from the case to the set resistor, by using two separate leads to the output pin. The ground of R2 can be returned near the ground of the load to provide remote ground sensing and improve load regulation.

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Figure 16. Regulator with Line Resistance in Output Lead

#### THERMAL REGULATION

When power is dissipated in an IC, a temperature gradient occurs across the IC chip affecting the individual IC circuit components. With an IC regulator, this gradient can be especially severe since power dissipation is large. Thermal regulation is the effect of these temperature gradients on output voltage (in percentage output change) per watt of power change in a specified time. Thermal regulation error is independent of electrical regulation or temperature coefficient, and occurs within 5ms to 50ms after a change in power dissipation. Thermal regulation depends on IC layout as well as electrical design. The thermal regulation of a voltage regulator is defined as the percentage change of  $V_{OUT}$ , per watt, within the first 10ms after a step of power is applied. The LM317L-N specification is 0.2%/W, maximum.

In the Thermal Regulation curve at the bottom of the Typical Performance Characteristics page, a typical LM317L-N's output changes only 7mV (or 0.07% of  $V_{OUT} = -10V$ ) when a 1W pulse is applied for 10ms. This performance is thus well inside the specification limit of 0.2%/W × 1W = 0.2% maximum. When the 1W pulse is ended, the thermal regulation again shows a 7mV change as the gradients across the LM317L-N chip die out. Note that the load regulation error of about 14mV (0.14%) is additional to the thermal regulation error.

#### **PROTECTION DIODES**

When external capacitors are used with *any* IC regulator it is sometimes necessary to add protection diodes to prevent the capacitors from discharging through low current points into the regulator. Most 10µF capacitors have low enough internal series resistance to deliver 20A spikes when shorted. Although the surge is short, there is enough energy to damage parts of the IC.

When an output capacitor is connected to a regulator and the input is shorted, the output capacitor will discharge into the output of the regulator. The discharge current depends on the value of the capacitor, the output voltage of the regulator, and the rate of decrease of  $V_{IN}$ . In the LM317L-N, this discharge path is through a large junction that is able to sustain a 2A surge with no problem. This is not true of other types of positive regulators. For output capacitors of 25  $\mu$ F or less, the LM317L-N's ballast resistors and output structure limit the peak current to a low enough level so that there is no need to use a protection diode.

The bypass capacitor on the adjustment terminal can discharge through a low current junction. Discharge occurs when *either* the input or output is shorted. Internal to the LM317L-N is a  $50\Omega$  resistor which limits the peak discharge current. No protection is needed for output voltages of 25V or less and  $10\mu$ F capacitance. Figure 17 shows an LM317L-N with protection diodes included for use with outputs greater than 25V and high values of output capacitance.



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$$\begin{split} V_{OUT} &= V_{REF} \left(1 + \frac{R2}{R1}\right) + I_{ADJ}(R2) \\ D1 \text{ protects against C1} \\ D2 \text{ protects against C2} \end{split}$$



#### LM317L-N DSBGA Light Sensitivity

Exposing the LM317L-N DSBGA package to bright sunlight may cause the V<sub>REF</sub> to drop. In a normal office environment of fluorescent lighting the output is not affected. The LM317 DSBGA does not sustain permanent damage from light exposure. Removing the light source will cause LM317L-N's V<sub>REF</sub> to recover to the proper value.







# **Typical Applications**

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\*Sets maximum  $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{OUT}}$ 

Figure 18. Digitally Selected Outputs



Figure 19. High Gain Amplifier



 $12 \leq \mathsf{R1} \leq 240$ 





Figure 21. Precision Current Limiter



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Figure 22. Slow Turn-On 15V Regulator



+Solid tantalum
\*Discharges C1 if output is shorted to ground

#### Figure 23. Adjustable Regulator with Improved Ripple Rejection



Figure 24. High Stability 10V Regulator





Short circuit current is approximately 600 mV/R3, or 60mA (compared to LM317L-NZ's 200mA current limit). At 25mA output only 3/4V of drop occurs in R3 and R4.





Full output current not available at high input-output voltages





Figure 27. Regulator With 15mA Short Circuit Current



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\*All outputs within ± 100mV †Minimum load -5mA

#### Figure 29. Adjusting Multiple On-Card Regulators with Single Control\*



Figure 30. 100mA Current Regulator



\*Minimum load current ≈ 2 mA

#### Figure 31. 1.2V–12V Regulator with Minimum Program Current

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Figure 32. 50mA Constant Current Battery Charger for Nickel-Cadmium Batteries



\*Minimum output ≈ 1.2V





\*Sets peak current,  $I_{PEAK}$  = 0.6V/R1 \*\*1000 $\mu F$  is recommended to filter out any input transients.

Figure 34. Current Limited 6V Charger



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Figure 35. Short Circuit Protected 80V Supply



Q1, Q2: NSD134 or similar C1, C2: 1µF, 200V mylar\*\* \*Heat sink

Figure 36. Basic High Voltage Regulator





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Q1, Q2: NSD134 or similar

C1, C2: 1µF, 200V mylar\*\*

\*Heat sink

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A1 = LM301A, LM307, or LF13741 only R1, R2 = matched resistors with good TC tracking

Figure 38. Tracking Regulator



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#### **Trim Procedure:**

- If V<sub>OUT</sub> is 23.08V or higher, cut out R3 (if lower, don't cut it out).

- Then if V<sub>OUT</sub> is 22.47V or higher, cut out R4 (if lower, don't).

- Then if V<sub>OUT</sub> is 22.16V or higher, cut out R5 (if lower, don't).

This will trim the output to well within  $\pm 1\%$  of 22.00 V<sub>DC</sub>, without any of the expense or uncertainty of a trim pot (see LB-46). Of course, this technique can be used at any output voltage level.





\*R1–R4 from thin-film network, Beckman 694-3-R2K-D or similar







Full output current not available at high input-output voltages †Optional—improves transient response

\*Needed if device is more than 6 inches from filter capacitors

$$\dagger \dagger V_{\text{OUT}} = 1.25 V \left( 1 + \frac{\text{H2}}{\text{R1}} \right) + I_{\text{ADJ}} \left( \text{R}_2 \right)$$











Figure 43. Lamp Flasher



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Orderable Device	Status (1)	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan (2)	Lead/Ball Finish	MSL Peak Temp	Op Temp (°C)	Top-Side Markings	Samples
LM317LITP/NOPB	ACTIVE	DSBGA	YPB	6	250	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	SNAGCU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	P 1	Samples
LM317LITPX/NOPB	ACTIVE	DSBGA	YPB	6	3000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	SNAGCU	Level-1-260C-UNLIM	-40 to 125	P 1	Samples
LM317LM/NOPB	ACTIVE	SOIC	D	8	95	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM		LM317 LM	Samples
LM317LMX	ACTIVE	SOIC	D	8	2500	TBD	CU SNPB	Level-1-235C-UNLIM		LM317 LM	Samples
LM317LMX/NOPB	ACTIVE	SOIC	D	8	2500	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU SN	Level-1-260C-UNLIM		LM317 LM	Samples
LM317LZ/LFT1	ACTIVE	TO-92	LP	3	2000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	SNCU	Level-1-NA-UNLIM		LM317 LZ	Samples
LM317LZ/LFT2	ACTIVE	TO-92	LP	3	2000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	SNCU	Level-1-NA-UNLIM		LM317 LZ	Samples
LM317LZ/LFT3	ACTIVE	TO-92	LP	3	2000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	SNCU	Level-1-NA-UNLIM		LM317 LZ	Samples
LM317LZ/LFT4	ACTIVE	TO-92	LP	3	2000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	SNCU	Level-1-NA-UNLIM		LM317 LZ	Samples
LM317LZ/LFT7	ACTIVE	TO-92	LP	3	2000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	SNCU	Level-1-NA-UNLIM		LM317 LZ	Samples
LM317LZ/NOPB	ACTIVE	TO-92	LP	3	1800	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	SNCU	Level-1-NA-UNLIM	-40 to 125	LM317 LZ	Samples

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Device	Package Type	Package Drawing		SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
LM317LITP/NOPB	DSBGA	YPB	6	250	178.0	8.4	1.09	1.75	0.66	4.0	8.0	Q1
LM317LITPX/NOPB	DSBGA	YPB	6	3000	178.0	8.4	1.09	1.75	0.66	4.0	8.0	Q1
LM317LMX	SOIC	D	8	2500	330.0	12.4	6.5	5.4	2.0	8.0	12.0	Q1
LM317LMX/NOPB	SOIC	D	8	2500	330.0	12.4	6.5	5.4	2.0	8.0	12.0	Q1

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Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)
LM317LITP/NOPB	DSBGA	YPB	6	250	203.0	190.0	41.0
LM317LITPX/NOPB	DSBGA	YPB	6	3000	206.0	191.0	90.0
LM317LMX	SOIC	D	8	2500	349.0	337.0	45.0
LM317LMX/NOPB	SOIC	D	8	2500	349.0	337.0	45.0

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- B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
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- Body width does not include interlead flash. Interlead flash shall not exceed 0.017 (0,43) each side.
- E. Reference JEDEC MS-012 variation AA.





- 🖄 Lead dimensions are not controlled within this area.
- $\overline{\bigtriangleup}$  Falls within JEDEC TO-226 Variation AA (TO-226 replaces TO-92).
- E. Shipping Method:
  - Straight lead option available in either bulk pack or tape & reel.
  - Formed lead option available in tape & reel or ammo pack.
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