

# 5A Low Dropout Fast Response Positive Adjustable and Fixed Voltage Regulators

The LT1585A is a low dropout 3-terminal voltage regulator with 5A output current capability.

Design has been optimized for low voltage applications where transient response and minimum input voltage are critical. This voltage regulator features a low dropout voltage and fast transient response. These improvements make them ideal for low voltage microprocessor applications requiring a regulated 2.5V to 3.6V output with an input supply below 7V.

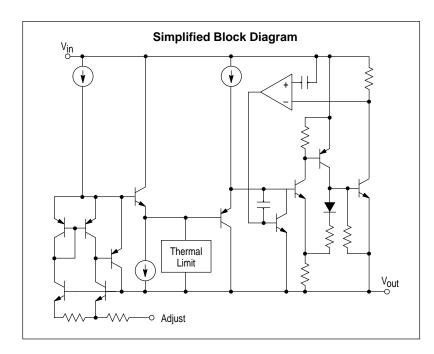
Current limits is trimmed to ensure specified output current and controlled short–circuit current. On–chip thermal limiting provides protection against any combination of overload that would create excessive junction temperatures. The LT1585A is available in the industry standard 3–pin TO–220 and D<sup>2</sup>PAK power package.

#### **Features**

- Fast Transient Response
- Guaranteed Dropout Voltage at Multiple Currents
- Load Regulation: 0.05% Typ
- Trimmed Current Limit
- On-Chip Thermal Limiting
- Standard 3-Pin Power Package

#### **Applications**

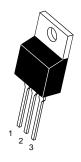
- Pentium<sup>®</sup> Processor Supplies
- Power PC<sup>™</sup> Supplies
- Other 2.5V to 3.6V Microprocessor Supplies
- Low Voltage Logic Supplies
- Battery-Powered Circuitry
- Post Regulator for Switching Supply



# LT1585A

# 5A LOW DROPOUT FAST RESPONSE POSITIVE ADJUSTABLE AND FIXED VOLTAGE REGULATOR

SILICON MONOLITHIC INTEGRATED CIRCUIT



#### T SUFFIX PLASTIC PACKAGE CASE 221A

CASE 221A

Adjustable output: Fixed 1.5V output: Pin 1. Adjust Pin 1. Gnd

2. V<sub>out</sub> 2. V<sub>out</sub> 3. V<sub>in</sub> 3. V<sub>in</sub>



CM SUFFIX
PLASTIC PACKAGE
CASE 936
(D<sup>2</sup>PAK)

#### **ORDERING INFORMATION**

Device	Tested Operating Temp. Range	Output Voltage Type	Package
LT1585ACT	0 to 125°C	ADJ.	TO-220
LT1585ACM	0 to 125°C	ADJ.	D2PAK
LT1585ACT-1.5	0 to 125°C	FIXED 1.5V	TO-220
LT1585ACM-1.5	0 to 125°C	FIXED 1.5V	D2PAK

# ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur)

Rating	Symbol	Pin#	Value	Unit
Maximum Supply Voltage	V <sub>in</sub>	3	12	V
Power Dissipation				
Case 221A (TO-220) (T <sub>J</sub> = +25°C)	PD		Internally Limited	W
Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient	$R_{\theta JA}$		65	°C/W
Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Case	$R_{\theta JC}$		5.0	°C/W
Case 936 (D <sup>2</sup> PAK) (T <sub>J</sub> = +25°C)	PD		Internally Limited	w
Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient	$R_{\theta JA}$		70	°C/W
Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Case	$R_{\theta JC}$		5.0	°C/W
Storage Temperature Range	T <sub>stg</sub>		-65 to 150	°C
Minimum ESD Rating (Human Body Model: C = 100pF, R = 1.5 k $\Omega$ )			3.0	kV
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.)			260	°C
Maximum Junction Temperature	TJ		150	°C

**OPERATING RATINGS** (Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is intended to be functional, but do not guarantee specific performance limits. For guaranteed specifications and test conditions, see the Electrical Characteristics)

Rating	Symbol	Pin#	Value	Unit
Operating Junction Temperature Range	TJ		0 to +125	°C
Supply Voltage		3	7.0	V

## **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** (0 < T<sub>J</sub> < +125°C, unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Symbol	Pin#	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Reference Voltage (LT1585A)	V <sub>ref</sub>	1				V
$(V_{in}-V_{out}) = 3V$ , $I_{out} = 10mA$ , $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$			1.238	1.250	1.262	
$1.5V \le (V_{in} - V_{out}) \le 5.75V$ , $10mA \le I_{out} \le 5A$			1.225	1.250	1.275	
Output Voltage (LT1585A-1.5)		2				V
$V_{in} = 5V$ , $T_J = 25$ °C, $I_{out} = 0$ mA			1.485	1.5	1.515	
$3V \le V_{in} \le 7V$ , $0mA \le I_{out} \le 5A$			1.470	1.5	1.530	
Line Regulation [Notes 1, 2]	Reg <sub>line</sub>	2				%
LT1585A: $2.75V \le V_{in} \le 7V$ , $I_{out} = 10mA$			-	0.005	0.2	İ
LT1585A–1.5: $3V \le V_{in} \le 7V$ , $I_{out} = 0mA$			-	0.005	0.2	
Load Regulation [Notes 1, 2]	Regload	2				%
LT1585A: $(V_{in}-V_{out}) = 3V$ , $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$ , $10mA \le I_{out} \le 5A$	1.544		-	0.05	0.3	
LT1585A–1.5: $V_{in} = 5V$ , $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$ , $0mA \le I_{out} \le 5A$			-	0.05	0.3	
LT1585A: $(V_{in}-V_{out}) = 3V$ , $10mA \le I_{out} \le 5A$			-	0.05	0.5	
LT1585A-1.5: $V_{in} = 5V$ , $0mA \le I_{out} \le 5A$			-	0.05	0.5	
Dropout Voltage	V <sub>in</sub> –V <sub>out</sub>					V
LT1585A: ΔV <sub>REF</sub> = 1%, I <sub>OUT</sub> = 3A			-	1.150	1.300	
LT1585A–1.5: $\Delta V_{OUT} = 1\%$ , $I_{OUT} = 3A$			-	1.150	1.300	
LT1585A: ΔV <sub>REF</sub> = 1%, I <sub>OUT</sub> = 5A			-	1.200	1.400	
LT1585A–1.5: $\Delta V_{OUT} = 1\%$ , $I_{OUT} = 5A$			-	1.200	1.400	
Current Limit [Note 3]	I <sub>Limit</sub>	2				Α
$(V_{in}-V_{out}) = 5.5V$			5.0	6.0	_	
Adjust Pin Current (LT1585A)	l <sub>Adj</sub>	1	_	55	120	μΑ
Adjust Pin Current Change (LT1585A) [Note 3]		1				μΑ
$1.5V \le (V_{in} - V_{out}) \le 5.75V$ , $10mA \le I_{out} \le 5A$			_	0.2	5.0	
Minimum Load Current (LT1585A) 1.5V ≤ (V <sub>in</sub> -V <sub>out</sub> ) ≤ 5.75V	ILoad min	2	_	2.0	10	mA
Quiescent Current (LT1585A–1.5) V <sub>in</sub> = 5V		1	_	7.0	13	mA
Ripple Rejection	RR	2				dB
LT1585A: $f = 120Hz$ , $C_{out} = 25\mu F T_{ant.}$ , $(V_{in} - V_{out}) = 3V$ , $I_{out} = 5A$			60	72	_	
LT1585A–1.5: $f = 120Hz$ , $C_{out} = 25\mu F T_{ant.}$ , $V_{in} = 4.5V$ , $I_{out} = 5A$			60	72	_	
Thermal Regulation $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$ , 30ms Pulse	T° <sub>Reg</sub>		_	0.004	_	%/W
Temperature Stability	T°Stab		_	0.5	_	%
Long Term Stability T <sub>J</sub> = 125°C, 1000 Hrs			_	0.03	1.0	%
RMS Output Noise (% of $V_{Out}$ ) $T_J = 25^{\circ}C$ , $10Hz \le f \le 10kHz$			_	0.003	_	%

NOTES 1. See thermal regulation specifications for changes in output voltage due to heating effects. Load and line regulation are measured at a constant junction temperature by low duty cycle pulse testing.

2. Line and load regulations are guaranteed up to the maximum power dissipation 28.8W for the LT1585A in T-package. Power dissipation is

Line and load regulations are guaranteed up to the maximum power dissipation 28.8W for the LT1585A in T-package. Power dissipation is
determined by input/output differential and the output current. Guaranteed maximum output power will not be available over the full input/output voltage range.
 The LT1585A has constant current limit with changes in input-to-output voltage.

Figure 1. Dropout Voltage vs Output Current

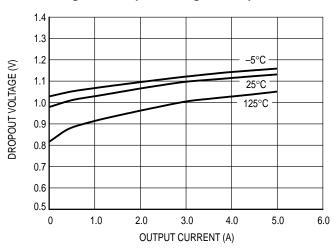


Figure 2. Short-Circuit Current vs Temperature

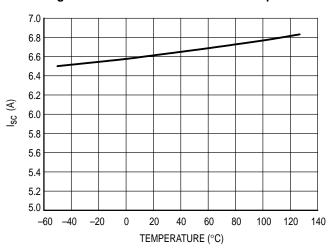


Figure 3. Load Regulation vs Temperature

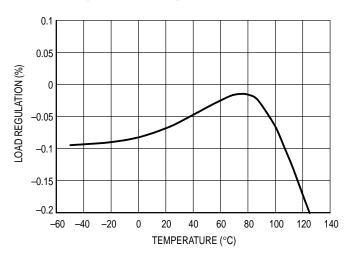


Figure 4. LT1585A Reference Voltage vs

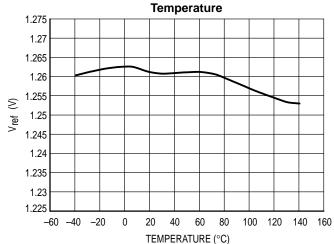


Figure 5. LT1585A-1.5 Output Voltage vs Temperature

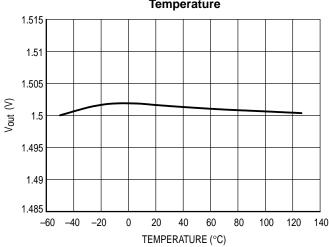


Figure 6. LT1585A–1.5 Quiescent Current vs Temperature

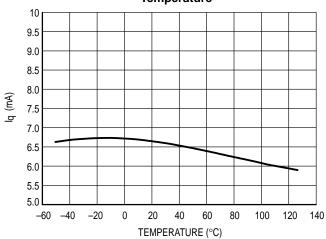


Figure 7. LT1585A Adjust Pin Current vs

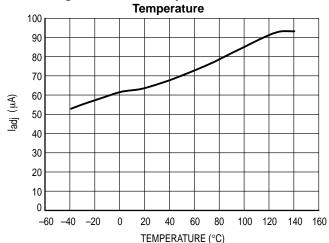
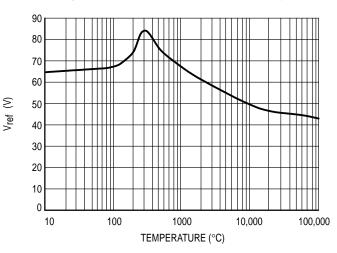


Figure 8. Ripple Rejection vs Frequency



# **OPERATING DESCRIPTION**

# APPLICATIONS INFORMATION General

The LT1585A 3–terminal adjustable positive voltage regulator is easy to use and has all the protection features expected in high performance linear regulators. The device is short–circuit protected, safe–area protected and provides thermal shutdown to turn off the regulator should the junction temperature exceed about 150°C.

The LT1585A voltage regulator requires an output capacitor for stability. However, the improved frequency compensation permits the use of capacitors with much lower ESR while still maintaining stability. This is critical in addressing the needs of modern, low voltage, high speed microprocessors.

Current generation microprocessors cycle load current from almost zero to amps in tens of nanoseconds. Output voltage tolerances are tighter and include transient response as part of the specification.

The LT1585A is specifically designed to meet the fast current load-step requirements of these microprocessors and save total cost by needing less output capacitance in order to maintain regulation.

#### Stability

The circuit design in the LT1585A requires the use of an output capacitor as part of the frequency compensation. For all operating conditions, the addition of a  $22\mu F$  solid tantalum or a  $100\mu F$  aluminium electrolytic on the output ensures stability. Normally, the LT1585A can use smaller value capacitors. Many different types of capacitors are available and have widely varying characteristics.

These capacitors differ in capacitor tolerance (sometimes ranging up to  $\pm 100\%$ ), equivalent series resistance, equivalent series inductance and capacitance temperature coefficient. The LT1585A frequency compensation optimizes frequency response with low ESR capacitors. In general, use capacitors with an ESR of less than 1  $\Omega$ .

On the LT1585A, bypassing the adjust pin improves ripple rejection and transient response. Bypassing the adjust pin increases the required output capacitor value. The value of  $22\mu F$  tantalum or  $100\mu F$  aluminium covers all cases of

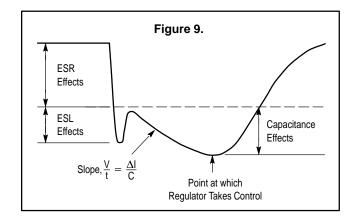
bypassing the adjust terminal. With no adjust pin bypassing, smaller values of capacitors provide equally good results.

Normally, capacitor values on the order of several hundred microfarads are used on the output of the regulators to ensure good transient response with heavy load current changes.

Output capacitance can increase without limit and larger values of output capacitance further improve the stability and transient response of the LT1585A.

Large load current changes are exactly the situation presented by modern microprocessors. The load current step contains higher order frequency components that the output decoupling network must handle until the regulator throttles to the load current level. Capacitors are not ideal elements and contain parasitic resistance and inductance. These parasitic elements dominate the change in output voltage at the beginning of a transient load step change.

The ESR of the output capacitors produces an instantaneous step in output voltage ( $\Delta V = \Delta I \bullet ESR$ ). The ESL of the output capacitors produces a droop proportional to the rate of change of output current ( $V = L \bullet \Delta I/\Delta t$ ). The output capacitance produces a change in output voltage proportional to the time until the regulator can respond ( $\Delta V = \Delta t \bullet \Delta I/C$ ). These transient effects are illustrated in Figure 9.



The use of capacitors with low ESR, low ESL and good high frequency characteristics is critical in meeting the output voltage tolerances of these high speed microprocessors. These requirements dictate a combination of high quality, surface mount tantalum capacitors and ceramic capacitors.

The location of the decoupling network is critical to transient response performance. Place the decoupling network as close as possible to the processor pins because trace runs from the decoupling capacitors to the processor pins are inductive. The ideal location for the decoupling network is actually inside the microprocessor socket cavity. In addition, use large power and ground plane areas to minimize distribution drops.

A possible stability problem that occurs in monolithic linear regulators is current limit oscillations. The LT1585A essentially has a flat current limit over the range of input supply voltage. The lower current limit rating and 12V maximum supply voltage rating for these devices permit this characteristic.

Current limit oscillations are typically nonexistent, unless the input and output decoupling capacitors for the regulators are mounted several inches from the terminals.

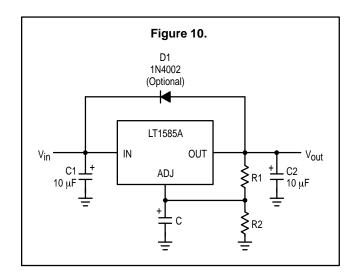
#### **Protection Diodes**

In normal operation, the LT1585A does not require any protection diodes. Older 3-terminal regulators require protection diodes between the output pin and the input pin or between the adjust pin and the output pin to prevent die overstress.

Built-in internal resistors limit internal current paths on the adjust pin. Therefore, even with bypass capacitors on the adjust pin, no protection diode is needed to ensure device safety under short-circuit conditions.

A protection diode between the input and output pins is usually not needed. An internal diode between the input and output pins on the LT1585A can handle microsecond surge currents of 50A to 100A. Even with large value output capacitors it is difficult to obtain those values of surge currents in normal operation. Only with large values of output capacitance, such as  $1000\mu F$  to  $500\mu F$ , and with the input pin instantaneously shorted to ground can damage occur. A crowbar circuit at the input of the LT1585A can generate those levels of current, and a diode from output to input is then recommended. This is shown in Figure 10. Usually, normal power supply cycling or system "hot plugging and unplugging" will not generate current large enough to do any damage.

The adjust pin can be driven on a transient basis  $\pm$  7V with respect to the output, without any device degradation. As with any IC regulator, exceeding the maximum input—to—output voltage differential causes the internal transistors to break down and none of the protection circuitry is then functional.

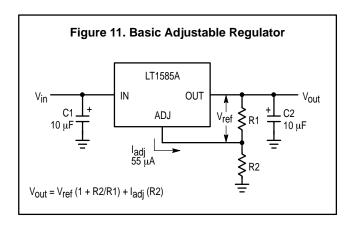


# Ripple Rejection

A bypass capacitor from the adjust pin to ground reduces the output ripple by the ratio of VOUT/1.25 V. The impedance of the adjust pin capacitor at the ripple frequency should be less than the value of R1 (typically in the rage of  $100\Omega$  to  $120\Omega)$  in the feedback divider network in Figure 10. Therefore, the value of the required adjust pin capacitor is a function of the input ripple frequency. For example, if R1 equals  $100\Omega$  and the ripple frequency equals 120Hz, the adjust pin capacitor should be  $22\mu\text{F}$ . At 10kHz, only  $0.22\mu\text{F}$  is needed.

#### **Output Voltage**

The LT1585A adjustable regulator develops a 1.25V reference voltage between the output pin and the adjust pin (see Figure 11). Placing a resistor R1 between these two terminals causes a constant current to flow through R1 and down through R2 to set the overall output voltage. Normally, this current is the specified minimum load current of 10mA. The current out of the adjust pin adds to the current from R1 and is typically  $55\mu A$ . Its output voltage contribution is small and only needs consideration when very precise output voltage setting is required.



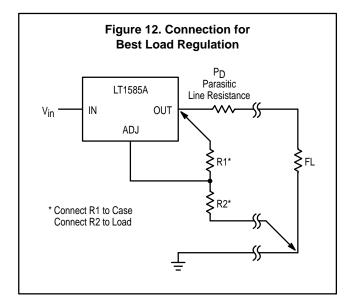
# **Load Regulation**

It is not possible to provide true remote load sensing because the LT1585A are 3–terminal devices. Load regulation is limited by the resistance of the wire connecting the regulators to the load. Load regulation per the data sheet specification is measured at the bottom of the package.

For adjustable voltage devices, negative side sensing is a true Kelvin connection with the bottom of the output divider returned to the negative side of the load. The best load regulation is obtained when the top of resistor divider R1 connects directly to the regulator output and not to the load. Figure 4 illustrates this point. If R1 connects to the load, the effective resistance between the regulator and the load is:

Rp (1 + R2/R1), Rp = Parasitic Line Resistance

The connection shown in Figure 11 does not multiply Rp by the divider ratio. As an example, Rp is about four milliohms per foot with 16–gauge wire. This translates to 4mV per foot at 1A load current. At higher load currents, this drop represents a significant percentage of the overall regulation. It is important to keep the positive lead between the regulator and the load as short as possible and to use large wire or PC board traces.



#### **Thermal Considerations**

The LT1585A protects the device under overload conditions with internal power and thermal limiting circuitry. However, for normal continuous load conditions, do not exceed maximum junction temperature ratings. It is important to consider all sources of thermal resistance from junction-to-ambient. These sources include the junction-to-case resistance, the case-to-heat sink interface resistance and the heat sink resistance. Thermal resistance specifications have been developed to more accurately reflect device temperature and ensure safe operating temperatures. The Electrical Characteristics section provides a separate thermal resistance and maximum junction temperature for both the control circuitry and the power transistor. Older regulators, with a single junction-to-case thermal resistance specification, use an average of the two values provided here and allow excessive junction temperatures under certain conditions of ambient temperature and heat sink resistance.

Calculate the maximum junction temperature for both sections to ensure that both thermal limits are met.

Junction—to—case thermal resistance is specified from the IC junction to the bottom of the case directly below the die. This is the lowest resistance path for heat flow. Proper mounting ensures the best thermal flow from this area of the package to the heat sink. It is strongly recommended to use thermal compound at the case—to—heat sink interface. Use a thermally conductive spacer if the case of the device must be electrically isolated and include its contribution to the total thermal resistance.

For example, using an LT1585ACT (TO-220 package) with an output adjusted to 3.3 V and assuming:

$$V_{in}$$
 (Max Continuous) = 5.25V (5V + 5%),  $V_{out}$  = 3.3V,  $I_{OUT}$  = 5A.

$$T_A = 70^{\circ}C$$
,  $\theta_{HEAT}$  SINK =  $3^{\circ}C/W$ 

 $\theta$ CASE-TO-HEAT SINK = 1°C/W (with Thermal Compound)

Power dissipation under these conditions is equal to:

$$P_D = (V_{in} - V_{out}) (I_{out}) = (5.25 - 3.3) (5) = 9.75W$$

Junction temperature will be equal to:

$$T_J = T_A + P_D (\theta_{HEAT} SINK + \theta_{CASE} - TO_{HEAT} SINK + \theta_{JC})$$

For the Control Section:

$$T_J = 70^{\circ}\text{C} + 9.75\text{W} (3^{\circ}\text{C/W} + 1^{\circ}\text{C/W} + 0.7^{\circ}\text{C/W})$$
  
= 115.8°C

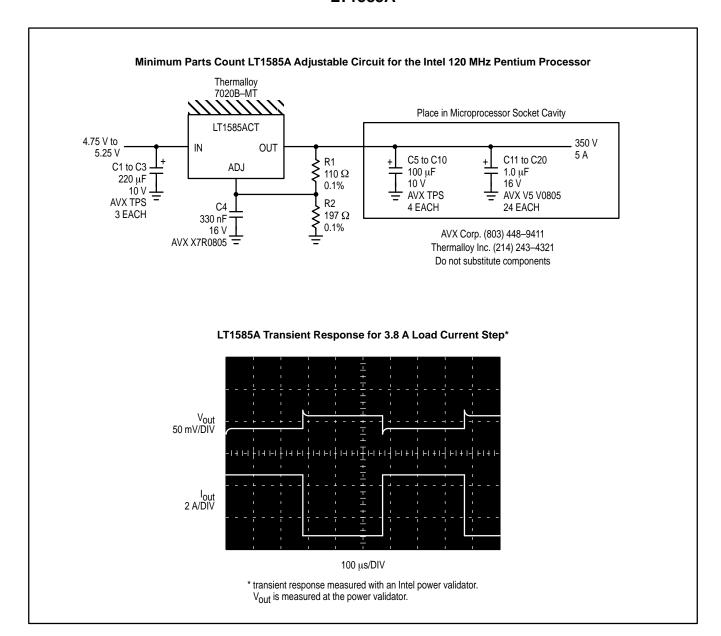
115.8°C < 125°C = T<sub>JMAX</sub> (Control Section Commercial Range)

For the Power Transistor:

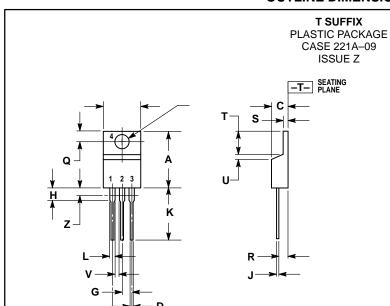
$$T_J = 70^{\circ}C + 9.75W (3^{\circ}C/W + 1^{\circ}C/W + 3^{\circ}C/W)$$
  
= 138.3°C

138.3°C < 150°C = T<sub>JMAX</sub> (Control Section Commercial Range)

In both cases the junction temperature is below the maximum rating for the respective sections, ensuring reliable operation.



# **OUTLINE DIMENSIONS**

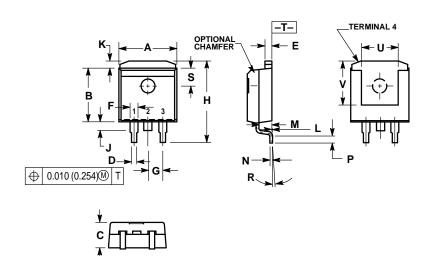


- NOTES:
  1. DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING PER ANSI Y14.5M, 1982.
  2. CONTROLLING DIMENSION: INCH.

  - DIMENSION Z DEFINES A ZONE WHERE ALL BODY AND LEAD IRREGULARITIES ARE

	INC	HES	MILLIMETERS		
DIM	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
Α	0.570	0.620	14.48	15.75	
В	0.380	0.405	9.66	10.28	
С	0.160	0.190	4.07	4.82	
D	0.025	0.035	0.64	0.88	
F	0.142	0.147	3.61	3.73	
G	0.095	0.105	2.42	2.66	
Н	0.110	0.155	2.80	3.93	
J	0.018	0.025	0.46	0.64	
K	0.500	0.562	12.70	14.27	
L	0.045	0.060	1.15	1.52	
N	0.190	0.210	4.83	5.33	
Q	0.100	0.120	2.54	3.04	
R	0.080	0.110	2.04	2.79	
S	0.045	0.055	1.15	1.39	
Т	0.235	0.255	5.97	6.47	
U	0.000	0.050	0.00	1.27	
٧	0.045		1.15		
Z		0.080	2.04		





#### NOTES:

- NOTES:

  1. DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING PER ANSI Y14.5M, 1982.

  2. CONTROLLING DIMENSION: INCH.

  3. TAB CONTOUR OPTIONAL WITHIN DIMENSIONS A AND K.

  4. DIMENSIONS U AND V ESTABLISH A MINIMUM MOUNTING SURFACE FOR TERMINAL 4.

  5. DIMENSIONS A AND B DO NOT INCLUDE MOLD FLASH OR GATE PROTRUSIONS. MOLD FLASH AND GATE PROTRUSIONS NOT TO EXCEED 0.025 (0.635) MAXIMUM.

	INC	HES	MILLIMETERS		
DIM	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
Α	0.386	0.403	9.804	10.236	
В	0.356	0.368	9.042	9.347	
С	0.170	0.180	4.318	4.572	
D	0.026	0.036	0.660	0.914	
E	0.045	0.055	1.143	1.397	
F	0.051	REF	1.295 REF		
G	0.100	BSC	2.540 BSC		
Н	0.539	0.579	13.691	14.707	
J	0.125 MAX		3.175 MAX		
K	0.050 REF		1.270 REF		
L	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.254	
M	0.088	0.102	2.235	2.591	
N	0.018	0.026	0.457	0.660	
P	0.058	0.078	1.473	1.981	
R	5° REF		5°REF		
S	0.116 REF		2.946 REF		
U	0.200 MIN		5.080 MIN		
٧	0.250	MIN	6.350 MIN		

Motorola reserves the right to make changes without further notice to any products herein. Motorola makes no warranty, representation or guarantee regarding the suitability of its products for any particular purpose, nor does Motorola assume any liability arising out of the application or use of any product or circuit, and specifically disclaims any and all liability, including without limitation consequential or incidental damages. "Typical" parameters which may be provided in Motorola data sheets and/or specifications can and do vary in different applications and actual performance may vary over time. All operating parameters, including "Typicals" must be validated for each customer application by customer's technical experts. Motorola does not convey any license under its patent rights nor the rights of others. Motorola products are not designed, intended, or authorized for use as components in systems intended for surgical implant into the body, or other applications intended to support or sustain life, or for any other application in which the failure of the Motorola product could create a situation where personal injury or death may occur. Should Buyer purchase or use Motorola products for any such unintended or unauthorized application, Buyer shall indemnify and hold Motorola and its officers, employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, and distributors harmless against all claims, costs, damages, and expenses, and reasonable attorney fees arising out of, directly or indirectly, any claim of personal injury or death associated with such unintended or unauthorized use, even if such claim alleges that Motorola was negligent regarding the design or manufacture of the part. Motorola and in are registered trademarks of Motorola, Inc. Motorola, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mfax is a trademark of Motorola, Inc.

#### How to reach us:

**USA/EUROPE/Locations Not Listed**: Motorola Literature Distribution; P.O. Box 5405, Denver, Colorado 80217. 1–303–675–2140 or 1–800–441–2447

JAPAN: Motorola Japan Ltd.; SPD, Strategic Planning Office, 141, 4–32–1 Nishi–Gotanda, Shinagawa–ku, Tokyo, Japan. 81–3–5487–8488

# Customer Focus Center: 1-800-521-6274

Mfax™: RMFAX0@email.sps.mot.com - TOUCHTONE 1-602-244-6609

Motorola Fax Back System - US & Canada ONLY 1-800-774-1848

- http://sps.motorola.com/mfax/

**ASIA/PACIFIC**: Motorola Semiconductors H.K. Ltd.; Silicon Harbour Centre, 2, Dai King Street, Tai Po Industrial Estate, Tai Po, N.T., Hong Kong. 852–26629298

HOME PAGE: http://motorola.com/sps/



LT1585A/D