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# High Voltage, High-Side Current Sense Amplifier in SOT-23

## FEATURES

- **Supply Range:**  
5V to 100V, 105V Absolute Maximum (LTC6101HV)  
4V to 60V, 70V Absolute Maximum (LTC6101)
- **Low Offset Voltage: 300 $\mu$ V Max**
- **Fast Response: 1 $\mu$ s Response Time (0V to 2.5V on a 5V Output Step)**
- **Gain Configurable with 2 Resistors**
- **Low Input Bias Current: 170nA Max**
- **PSRR: 118dB Min**
- **Output Current: 1mA Max**
- **Low Supply Current: 250 $\mu$ A,  $V_S = 12$ V**
- **Operating Temperature Range: -40°C to 125°C**
- **Low Profile (1mm) SOT-23 (ThinSOT™) Package**

## APPLICATIONS

- Current Shunt Measurement
- Battery Monitoring
- Remote Sensing
- Power Management

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## DESCRIPTION

The LTC®6101/LTC6101HV are versatile, high voltage, high side current sense amplifiers. Design flexibility is provided by the excellent device characteristics; 300 $\mu$ V Max offset and only 375 $\mu$ A (typical at 60V) of current consumption. The LTC6101 operates on supplies from 4V to 60V and LTC6101HV operates on supplies from 5V to 100V.

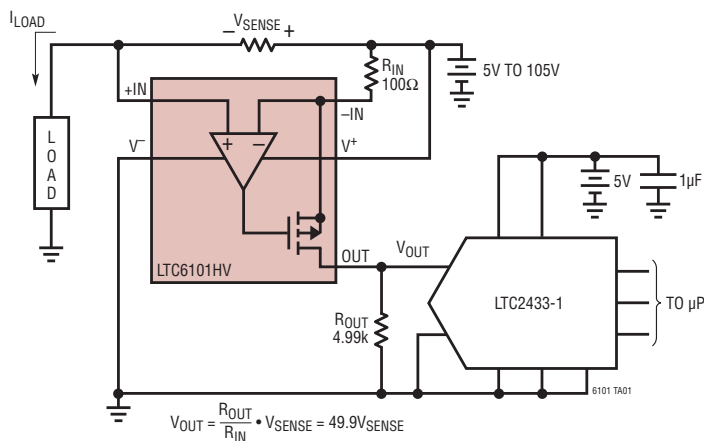
The LTC6101 monitors current via the voltage across an external sense resistor (shunt resistor). Internal circuitry converts input voltage to output current, allowing for a small sense signal on a high common mode voltage to be translated into a ground referenced signal. Low DC offset allows the use of a small shunt resistor and large gain-setting resistors. As a result, power loss in the shunt is reduced.

The wide operating supply range and high accuracy make the LTC6101 ideal for a large array of applications from automotive to industrial and power management. A maximum input sense voltage of 500mV allows a wide range of currents to be monitored. The fast response makes the LTC6101 the perfect choice for load current warnings and shutoff protection control. With very low supply current, the LTC6101 is suitable for power sensitive applications.

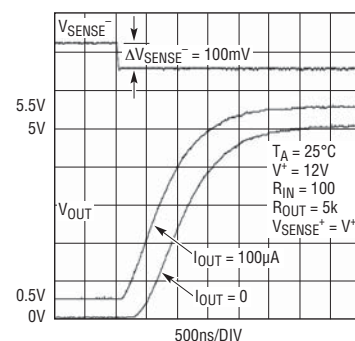
The LTC6101 is available in 5-lead SOT-23 and 8-lead MSOP packages.

## TYPICAL APPLICATION

**16-Bit Resolution Unidirectional Output into LTC2433 ADC**



**Step Response**



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# LTC6101/LTC6101HV

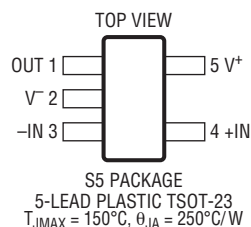
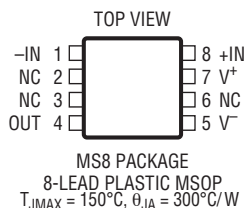
## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

(Note 1)

Total Supply Voltage ( $V^+$ to $V^-$ )	
LTC6101 .....	70V
LTC6101HV .....	105V
Minimum Input Voltage ( $-IN$ Pin) .....	( $V^+ - 4V$ )
Maximum Output Voltage (Out Pin) .....	9V
Input Current .....	$\pm 10mA$
Output Short-Circuit Duration (to $V^-$ ) .....	Indefinite
Operating Temperature Range	
LTC6101C/LTC6101HVC .....	$-40^\circ C$ to $85^\circ C$

LTC6101I/LTC6101HVI .....	$-40^\circ C$ to $85^\circ C$
LTC6101H/LTC6101HVH .....	$-40^\circ C$ to $125^\circ C$
Specified Temperature Range (Note 2)	
LTC6101C/LTC6101HVC .....	$0^\circ C$ to $70^\circ C$
LTC6101I/LTC6101HVI .....	$-40^\circ C$ to $85^\circ C$
LTC6101H/LTC6101HVH .....	$-40^\circ C$ to $125^\circ C$
Storage Temperature Range .....	$-65^\circ C$ to $150^\circ C$
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec) .....	$300^\circ C$

## PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION



ORDER PART NUMBER	MS8 PART MARKING*	ORDER PART NUMBER	S5 PART MARKING*
LTC6101ACMS8	LTBSB	LTC6101ACS5	LTBND
LTC6101AIMS8	LTBSB	LTC6101AIS5	LTBND
LTC6101AHMS8	LTBSB	LTC6101AHS5	LTBND
LTC6101HVACMS8	LTBSX	LTC6101BCS5	LTBND
LTC6101HVAIMS8	LTBSX	LTC6101CCS5	LTBND
LTC6101HVAHMS8	LTBSX	LTC6101BIS5	LTBND
		LTC6101CIS5	LTBND
		LTC6101BHS5	LTBND
		LTC6101CHS5	LTBND
		LTC6101HVACS5	LTBSZ
		LTC6101HVAIS5	LTBSZ
		LTC6101HVAHS5	LTBSZ
		LTC6101HVBCS5	LTBSZ
		LTC6101HVCCS5	LTBSZ
		LTC6101HVBIS5	LTBSZ
		LTC6101HVCIS5	LTBSZ
		LTC6101HVBHS5	LTBSZ
		LTC6101HVCHS5	LTBSZ

**Order Options** Tape and Reel: Add #TR

Lead Free: Add #PBF Lead Free Tape and Reel: Add #TRPBF

Lead Free Part Marketing: <http://www.linear.com/leadfree/>

Consult LTC Marketing for parts specified with wider operating temperature ranges.

\*The temperature grades and parametric grades are identified by a label on the shipping container.

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SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
$V_S$	Supply Voltage Range		●	4		60	V
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101A	●		$\pm 85$	$\pm 300$	$\mu V$
		$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101AC, LTC6101AI	●			$\pm 450$	$\mu V$
		$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101AH	●			$\pm 535$	$\mu V$
		$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101B	●		$\pm 150$	$\pm 450$ $\pm 810$	$\mu V$ $\mu V$
		$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101C	●		$\pm 400$	800 1200	$\mu V$ $\mu V$
$\Delta V_{OS}/\Delta T$	Input Offset Voltage Drift	$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , LTC6101A	●		$\pm 1$		$\mu V/^\circ C$
		$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , LTC6101B	●		$\pm 3$		$\mu V/^\circ C$
		$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , LTC6101C	●		$\pm 5$		$\mu V/^\circ C$
$I_B$	Input Bias Current	$R_{IN} = 1M$	●		100	170 245	nA nA
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current	$R_{IN} = 1M$	●		$\pm 2$	$\pm 15$	nA
$V_{SENSE(MAX)}$	Input Sense Voltage Full Scale	$V_{OS}$ within Specification, $R_{IN} = 1k$ (Note 3)	●	500			mV
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = 6V$ to 60V, $V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , Gain = 100	●	118 115	140		dB dB
		$V_S = 4V$ to 60V, $V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , Gain = 100	●	110 105	133		dB dB
$V_{OUT}$	Maximum Output Voltage	$12V \leq V_S \leq 60V$ , $V_{SENSE} = 88mV$	●	8			V
		$V_S = 6V$ , $V_{SENSE} = 330mV$ , $R_{IN} = 1k$ , $R_{OUT} = 10k$	●	3			V
		$V_S = 4V$ , $V_{SENSE} = 550mV$ , $R_{IN} = 1k$ , $R_{OUT} = 2k$	●	1			V
$V_{OUT(0)}$	Minimum Output Voltage	$V_{SENSE} = 0V$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101A	●		0	30	mV
		$V_{SENSE} = 0V$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101AC, LTC6101AI	●			45	mV
		$V_{SENSE} = 0V$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101AH	●			53.5	mV
		$V_{SENSE} = 0V$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101B	●		0	45 81	mV mV
		$V_{SENSE} = 0V$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101C	●		0	150 250	mV mV
$I_{OUT}$	Maximum Output Current	$6V \leq V_S \leq 60V$ , $R_{OUT} = 2k$ , $V_{SENSE} = 110mV$ , Gain = 20	●	1			mA
		$V_S = 4V$ , $V_{SENSE} = 550mV$ , Gain = 2, $R_{OUT} = 2k$	●	0.5			mA
$t_r$	Input Step Response (to 2.5V on a 5V Output Step)	$\Delta V_{SENSE} = 100mV$ Transient, $6V \leq V_S \leq 60V$ , Gain = 50			1		$\mu s$
		$V_S = 4V$			1.5		$\mu s$
BW	Signal Bandwidth	$I_{OUT} = 200\mu A$ , $R_{IN} = 100$ , $R_{OUT} = 5k$			140		kHz
		$I_{OUT} = 1mA$ , $R_{IN} = 100$ , $R_{OUT} = 5k$			200		kHz
$I_S$	Supply Current	$V_S = 4V$ , $I_{OUT} = 0$ , $R_{IN} = 1M$	●		220	450 475	$\mu A$ $\mu A$
		$V_S = 6V$ , $I_{OUT} = 0$ , $R_{IN} = 1M$	●		240	475 525	$\mu A$ $\mu A$
		$V_S = 12V$ , $I_{OUT} = 0$ , $R_{IN} = 1M$	●		250	500 590	$\mu A$ $\mu A$
		$V_S = 60V$ , $I_{OUT} = 0$ , $R_{IN} = 1M$ LTC6101AI, LTC6101AC, LTC6101BI, LTC6101BC, LTC6101CI, LTC6101CC	●		375	640	$\mu A$
		LTC6101AH, LTC6101BH, LTC6101CH	●			690 720	$\mu A$ $\mu A$

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SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
$V_S$	Supply Voltage Range	●	5		100	V
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101HVA		$\pm 85$	$\pm 300$	$\mu V$
		$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101HVAC, LTC6101HVAI	●		$\pm 450$	$\mu V$
		$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101HVAH	●		$\pm 535$	$\mu V$
		$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101HVB	●	$\pm 150$	$\pm 450$	$\mu V$
		$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101HVC	●	$\pm 400$	800 1200	$\mu V$ $\mu V$
$\Delta V_{OS}/\Delta T$	Input Offset Voltage Drift	$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , LTC6101HVA	●	$\pm 1$		$\mu V/^\circ\text{C}$
		$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , LTC6101HVB	●	$\pm 3$		$\mu V/^\circ\text{C}$
		$V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , LTC6101HVC	●	$\pm 5$		$\mu V/^\circ\text{C}$
$I_B$	Input Bias Current	$R_{IN} = 1M$	●	100	170 245	nA nA
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current	$R_{IN} = 1M$	●	$\pm 2$	$\pm 15$	nA
$V_{SENSE(MAX)}$	Input Sense Voltage Full Scale	$V_{OS}$ within Specification, $R_{IN} = 1k$ (Note 3)	●	500		mV
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = 6V$ to 100V, $V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , Gain = 100	●	118 115	140	dB dB
		$V_S = 5V$ to 100V, $V_{SENSE} = 5mV$ , Gain = 100	●	110 105	133	dB dB
$V_{OUT}$	Maximum Output Voltage	$12V \leq V_S \leq 100V$ , $V_{SENSE} = 88mV$	●	8		V
		$V_S = 5V$ , $V_{SENSE} = 330mV$ , $R_{IN} = 1k$ , $R_{OUT} = 10k$	●	3		V
$V_{OUT(0)}$	Minimum Output Voltage	$V_{SENSE} = 0V$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101HVA	●	0	30	mV
		$V_{SENSE} = 0V$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101HVAC, LTC6101HVAI	●		45	mV
		$V_{SENSE} = 0V$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101HVAH	●		53.5	mV
		$V_{SENSE} = 0V$ , Gain = 100, LTC6101HVB	●	0	45 81	mV mV
$I_{OUT}$	Maximum Output Current	$5V \leq V_S \leq 100V$ , $R_{OUT} = 2k$ , $V_{SENSE} = 110mV$ , Gain = 20	●	1		mA
		$\Delta V_{SENSE} = 100mV$ Transient, $6V \leq V_S \leq 100V$ , Gain = 50		1 1.5		$\mu s$ $\mu s$
BW	Signal Bandwidth	$I_{OUT} = 200\mu A$ , $R_{IN} = 100$ , $R_{OUT} = 5k$		140		kHz
		$I_{OUT} = 1mA$ , $R_{IN} = 100$ , $R_{OUT} = 5k$		200		kHz
$I_S$	Supply Current	$V_S = 5V$ , $I_{OUT} = 0$ , $R_{IN} = 1M$	●	200	450 475	$\mu A$ $\mu A$
		$V_S = 6V$ , $I_{OUT} = 0$ , $R_{IN} = 1M$	●	220	475 525	$\mu A$ $\mu A$
		$V_S = 12V$ , $I_{OUT} = 0$ , $R_{IN} = 1M$	●	230	500 590	$\mu A$ $\mu A$
		$V_S = 60V$ , $I_{OUT} = 0$ , $R_{IN} = 1M$	●	350	640 690	$\mu A$ $\mu A$
		LTC6101HVI, LTC6101HVC	●		720	$\mu A$
		LTC6101HVH	●		720	$\mu A$
		$V_S = 100V$ , $I_{OUT} = 0$ , $R_{IN} = 1M$		350	640	$\mu A$
		LTC6101HVAI, LTC6101HVAC, LTC6101HVBI,	●		690	$\mu A$
		LTC6101HVBC, LTC6101HVCI, LTC6101HVCC	●		720	$\mu A$
		LTC6101HVAH, LTC6101HVBH, LTC6101HVCH	●		720	$\mu A$
			●		720	$\mu A$

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

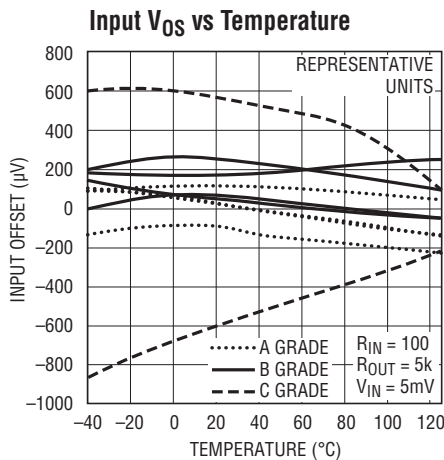
**Note 1:** Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any Absolute Maximum Rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

**Note 2:** The LTC6101C/LTC6101HVC are guaranteed to meet specified performance from 0°C to 70°C. The LTC6101C/LTC6101HVC are designed,

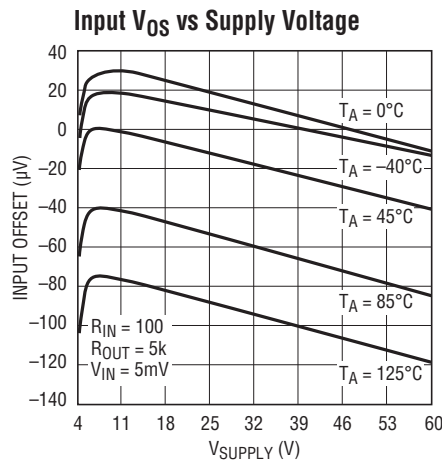
characterized and expected to meet specified performance from -40°C to 85°C but are not tested or QA sampled at these temperatures. LTC6101/LTC6101HVI are guaranteed to meet specified performance from -40°C to 85°C. The LTC6101H/LTC6101HVI are guaranteed to meet specified performance from -40°C to 125°C.

**Note 3:**  $R_{OUT} = 10k$  for  $6V \leq V_S \leq 100V$ ,  $R_{OUT} = 2k$  for  $V_S = 4V$ .

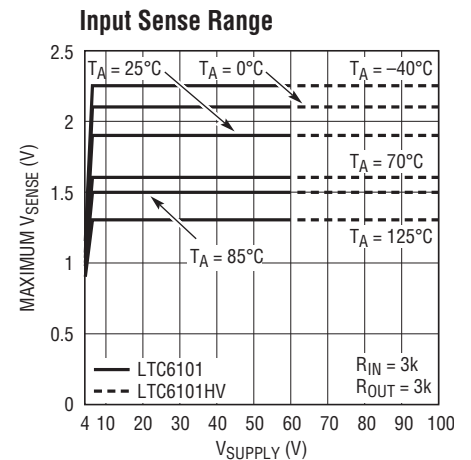
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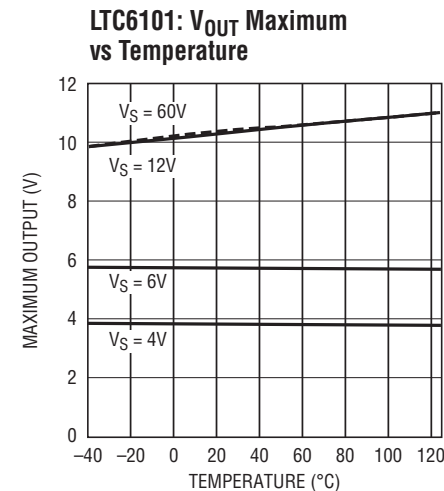
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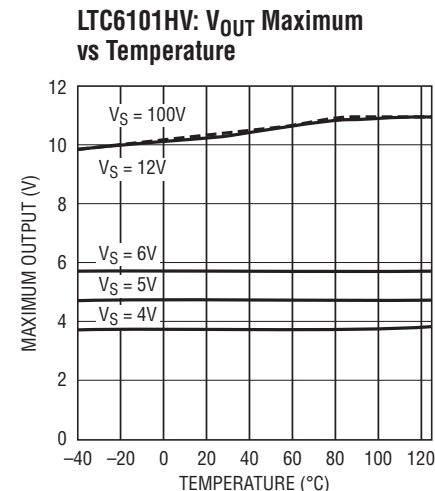
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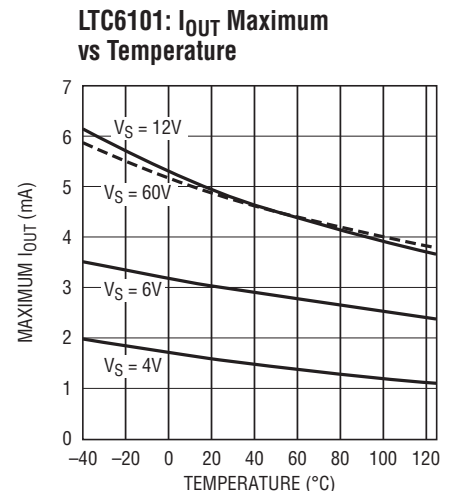
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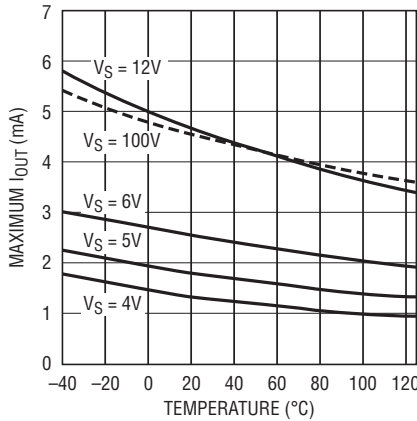
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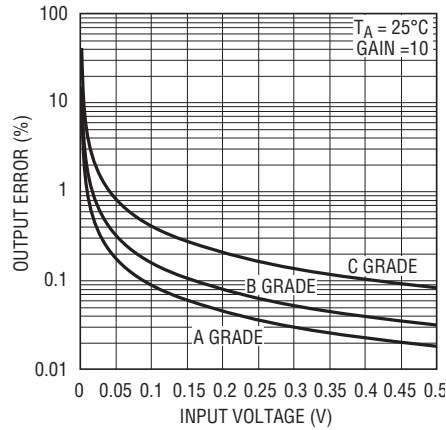
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**LTC6101HV:  $I_{OUT}$  Maximum vs Temperature**



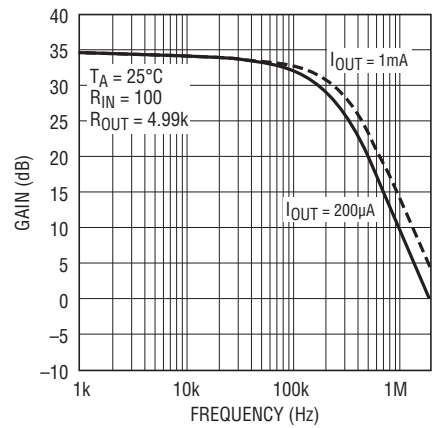
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**Output Error Due to Input Offset vs Input Voltage**



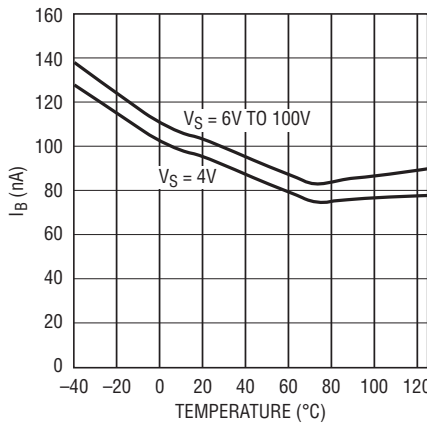
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**Gain vs Frequency**



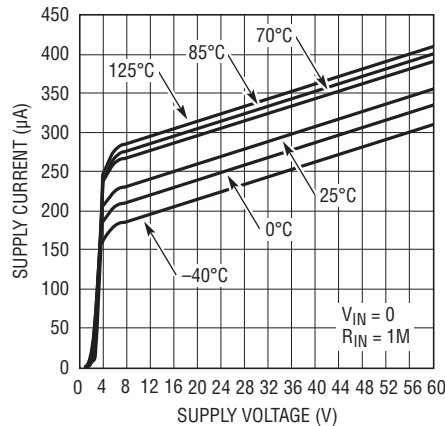
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**Input Bias Current vs Temperature**



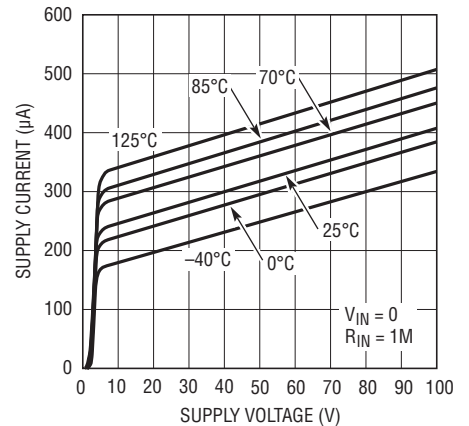
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**LTC6101: Supply Current vs Supply Voltage**



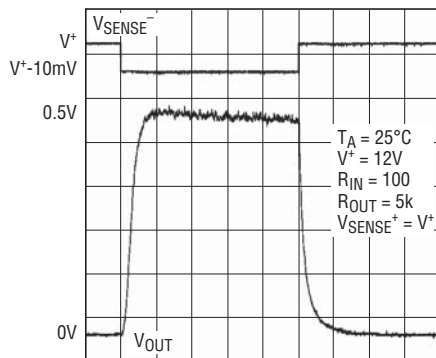
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**LTC6101HV: Supply Current vs Supply Voltage**



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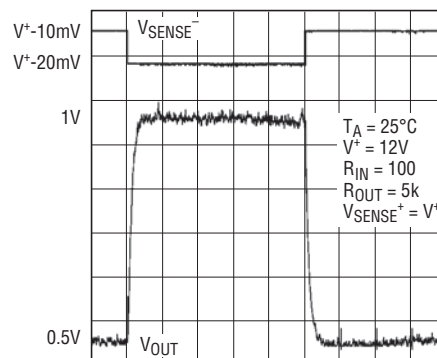
**Step Response 0mV to 10mV**



TIME (10µs/DIV)

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**Step Response 10mV to 20mV**

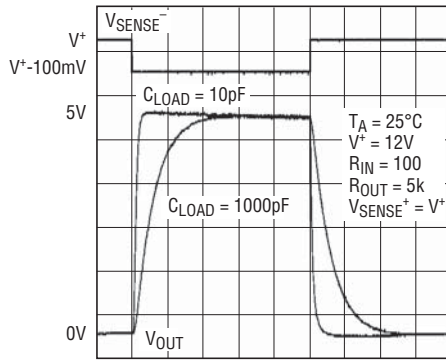


TIME (10µs/DIV)

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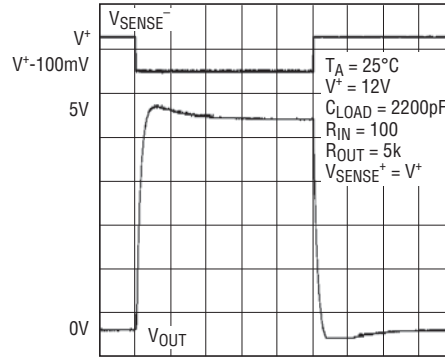
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TIME (10 $\mu s$ /DIV)

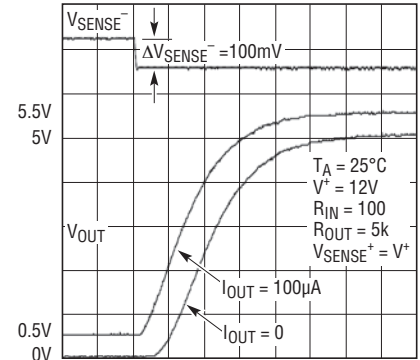
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Step Response 100mV

TIME (100 $\mu s$ /DIV)

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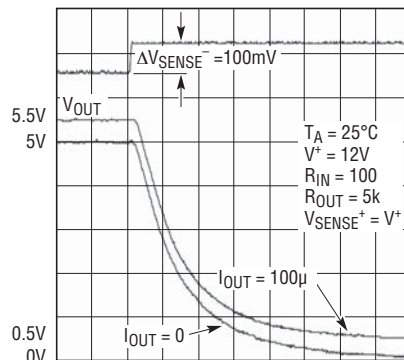
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TIME (500ns/DIV)

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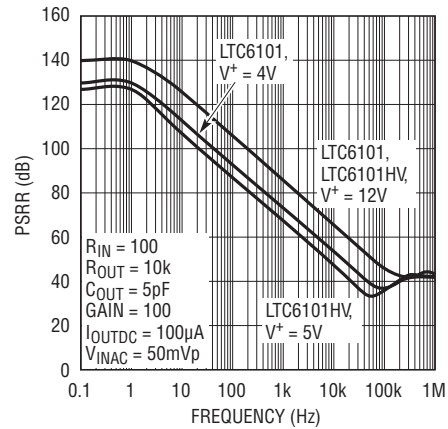
Step Response Falling Edge



TIME (500ns/DIV)

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PSRR vs Frequency



6101 G19



## PIN FUNCTIONS

**OUT:** Current Output. OUT will source a current that is proportional to the sense voltage into an external resistor.

**V<sup>-</sup>:** Negative Supply (or Ground for Single-Supply Operation).

**-IN:** The internal sense amplifier will drive IN<sup>-</sup> to the same potential as IN<sup>+</sup>. A resistor (R<sub>IN</sub>) tied from V<sup>+</sup> to IN<sup>-</sup> sets the output current I<sub>OUT</sub> = V<sub>SENSE</sub>/R<sub>IN</sub>. V<sub>SENSE</sub> is the voltage developed across the external R<sub>SENSE</sub> (Figure 1).

**+IN:** Must be tied to the system load end of the sense resistor, either directly or through a resistor.

**V<sup>+</sup>:** Positive Supply Pin. Supply current is drawn through this pin. **The circuit may be configured so that the LTC6101 supply current is or is not monitored along with the system load current.** To monitor only system load current, connect V<sup>+</sup> to the more positive side of the sense resistor. To monitor the total current, including the LTC6101 current, connect V<sup>+</sup> to the more negative side of the sense resistor.

## BLOCK DIAGRAM

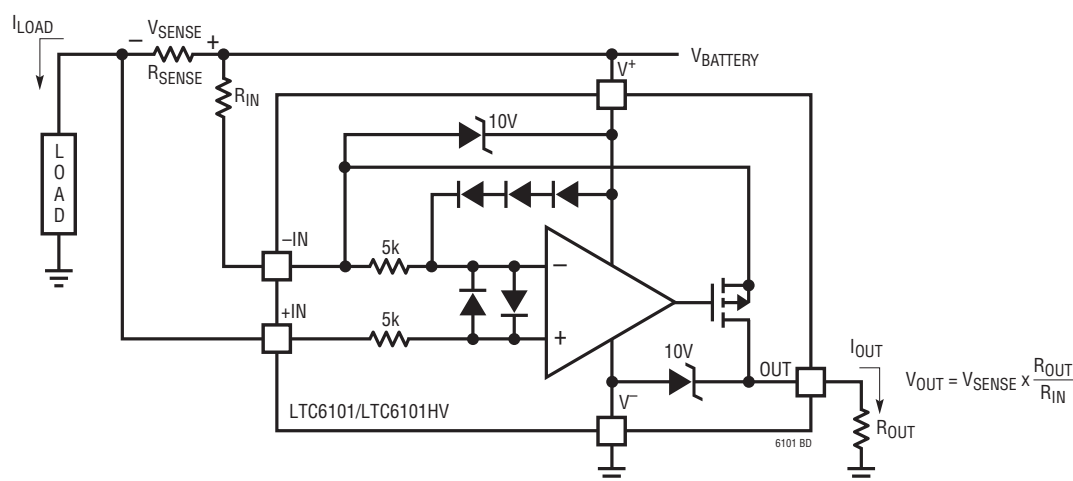


Figure 1. LTC6101/LTC6101HV Block Diagram and Typical Connection

## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

The LTC6101 high side current sense amplifier (Figure 1) provides accurate monitoring of current through a user-selected sense resistor. The sense voltage is amplified by a user-selected gain and level shifted from the positive power supply to a ground-referred output. The output signal is analog and may be used as is or processed with an output filter.

### Theory of Operation

An internal sense amplifier loop forces IN<sup>-</sup> to have the same potential as IN<sup>+</sup>. Connecting an external resistor, R<sub>IN</sub>, between IN<sup>-</sup> and V<sup>+</sup> forces a potential across R<sub>IN</sub> that is the same as the sense voltage across R<sub>SENSE</sub>. A corresponding current, V<sub>SENSE</sub>/R<sub>IN</sub>, will flow through R<sub>IN</sub>. The high impedance inputs of the sense amplifier will not conduct this input current, so it will flow through an internal MOSFET to the output pin.

The output current can be transformed into a voltage by adding a resistor from OUT to V<sup>-</sup>. The output voltage is then V<sub>O</sub> = V<sup>-</sup> + I<sub>OUT</sub> • R<sub>OUT</sub>.

## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

### Useful Gain Configurations

Gain	$R_{IN}$	$R_{OUT}$	$V_{SENSE}$ at $V_{OUT} = 5V$	$I_{OUT}$ at $V_{OUT} = 5V$
20	499	10k	250mV	500 $\mu$ A
50	200	10k	100mV	500 $\mu$ A
100	100	10k	50mV	500 $\mu$ A

### Selection of External Current Sense Resistor

The external sense resistor,  $R_{SENSE}$ , has a significant effect on the function of a current sensing system and must be chosen with care.

First, the power dissipation in the resistor should be considered. The system load current will cause both heat and voltage loss in  $R_{SENSE}$ . As a result, the sense resistor should be as small as possible while still providing the input dynamic range required by the measurement. Note that input dynamic range is the difference between the maximum input signal and the minimum accurately reproduced signal, and is limited primarily by input DC offset of the internal amplifier of the LTC6101. In addition,  $R_{SENSE}$  must be small enough that  $V_{SENSE}$  does not exceed the maximum input voltage specified by the LTC6101, even under peak load conditions. As an example, an application may require that the maximum sense voltage be 100mV. If this application is expected to draw 2A at peak load,  $R_{SENSE}$  should be no more than 50m $\Omega$ .

Once the maximum  $R_{SENSE}$  value is determined, the minimum sense resistor value will be set by the resolution or dynamic range required. The minimum signal that can be accurately represented by this sense amp is limited by the input offset. As an example, the LTC6101B has a typical input offset of 150 $\mu$ V. If the minimum current is 20mA, a sense resistor of 7.5m $\Omega$  will set  $V_{SENSE}$  to 150 $\mu$ V. This is the same value as the input offset. A larger sense resistor will reduce the error due to offset by increasing the sense voltage for a given load current.

Choosing a 50m $\Omega$   $R_{SENSE}$  will maximize the dynamic range and provide a system that has 100mV across the sense resistor at peak load (2A), while input offset causes an error equivalent to only 3mA of load current.

Peak dissipation is 200mW. If a 5m $\Omega$  sense resistor is employed, then the effective current error is 30mA, while the peak sense voltage is reduced to 10mV at 2A, dissipating only 20mW.

The low offset and corresponding large dynamic range of the LTC6101 make it more flexible than other solutions in this respect. The 150 $\mu$ V typical offset gives 60dB of dynamic range for a sense voltage that is limited to 150mV max, and over 70dB of dynamic range if the rated input maximum of 500mV is allowed.

### Sense Resistor Connection

Kelvin connection of the  $IN^-$  and  $IN^+$  inputs to the sense resistor should be used in all but the lowest power applications. Solder connections and PC board interconnections that carry high current can cause significant error in measurement due to their relatively large resistances. One 10mm x 10mm square trace of one-ounce copper is approximately 0.5m $\Omega$ . A 1mV error can be caused by as little as 2A flowing through this small interconnect. This will cause a 1% error in a 100mV signal. A 10A load current in the same interconnect will cause a 5% error for the same 100mV signal. By isolating the sense traces from the high-current paths, this error can be reduced by orders of magnitude. A sense resistor with integrated Kelvin sense terminals will give the best results. Figure 2 illustrates the recommended method.

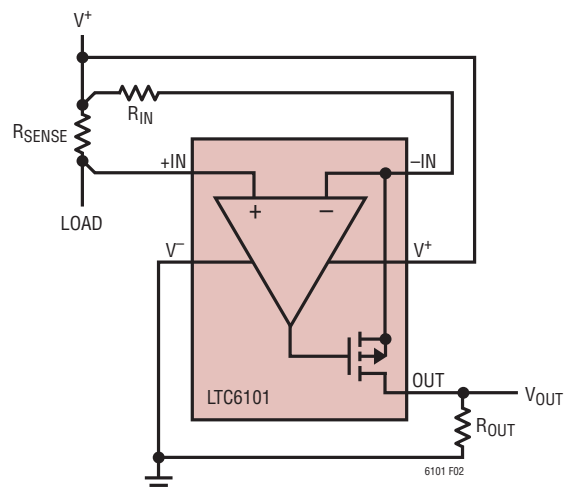


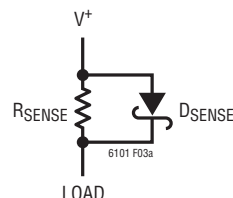
Figure 2. Kelvin Input Connection Preserves Accuracy Despite Large Load Current

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### Selection of External Input Resistor, $R_{IN}$

The external input resistor,  $R_{IN}$ , controls the transconductance of the current sense circuit. Since  $I_{OUT} = V_{SENSE}/R_{IN}$ , transconductance  $g_m = 1/R_{IN}$ . For example, if  $R_{IN} = 100$ , then  $I_{OUT} = V_{SENSE}/100$  or  $I_{OUT} = 1\text{mA}$  for  $V_{SENSE} = 100\text{mV}$ .

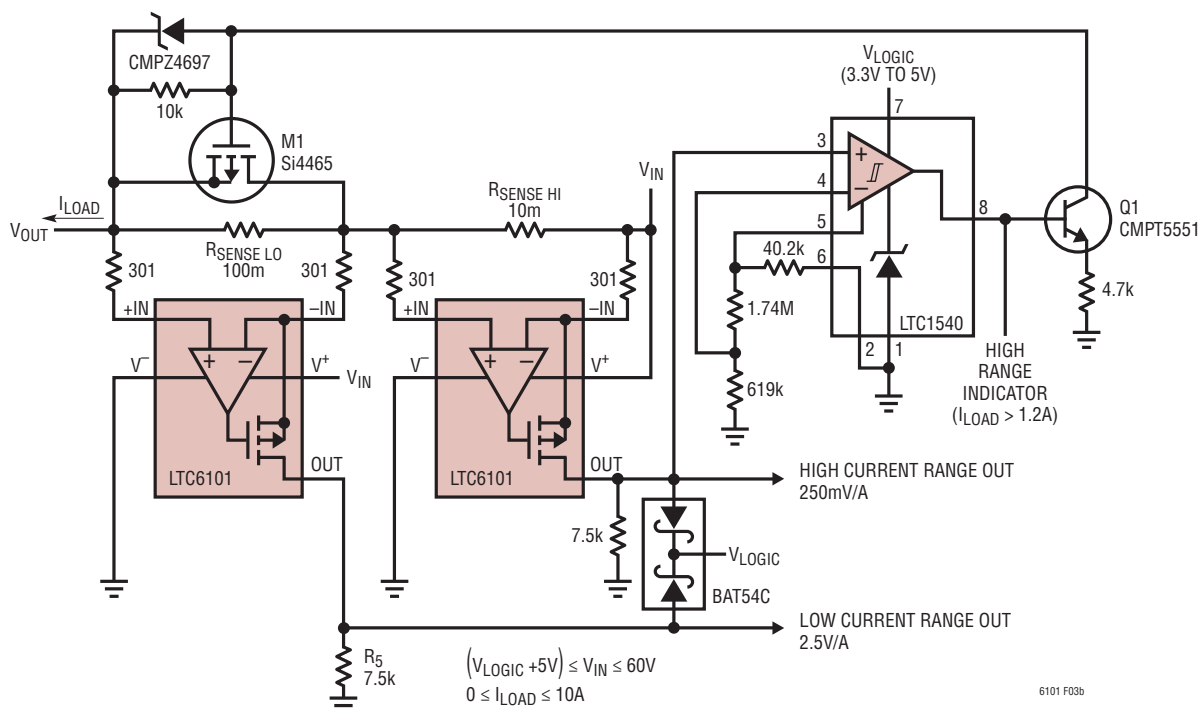
$R_{IN}$  should be chosen to allow the required resolution while limiting the output current. At low supply voltage,  $I_{OUT}$  may be as much as  $1\text{mA}$ . By setting  $R_{IN}$  such that the largest expected sense voltage gives  $I_{OUT} = 1\text{mA}$ , then the maximum output dynamic range is available. Output dynamic range is limited by both the maximum allowed output current and the maximum allowed output voltage, as well as the minimum practical output signal. If less dynamic range is required, then  $R_{IN}$  can be increased accordingly, reducing the max output current and power dissipation. If low sense currents must be resolved accurately in a system that has very wide dynamic range, a smaller  $R_{IN}$  than the max current spec allows may be used if the max current is limited in another way, such as with a Schottky diode across  $R_{SENSE}$  (Figure 3a). This will reduce the high current measurement accuracy by limiting the result, while increasing the low current measurement resolution.



**Figure 3a. Shunt Diode Limits Maximum Input Voltage to Allow Better Low Input Resolution Without Overranging**

This approach can be helpful in cases where occasional large burst currents may be ignored. It can also be used in a multirange configuration where a low current circuit is added to a high current circuit (Figure 3b). Note that a comparator (LTC1540) is used to select the range, and transistor M1 limits the voltage across  $R_{SENSE\ LO}$ .

Care should be taken when designing the board layout for  $R_{IN}$ , especially for small  $R_{IN}$  values. All trace and interconnect impedances will increase the effective  $R_{IN}$  value, causing a gain error. In addition, internal device resistance will add approximately  $0.2\Omega$  to  $R_{IN}$ .



**Figure 3b. Dual LTC6101s Allow High-Low Current Ranging**

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### Selection of External Output Resistor, $R_{OUT}$

The output resistor,  $R_{OUT}$ , determines how the output current is converted to voltage.  $V_{OUT}$  is simply  $I_{OUT} \cdot R_{OUT}$ .

In choosing an output resistor, the max output voltage must first be considered. If the circuit that is driven by the output does not limit the output voltage, then  $R_{OUT}$  must be chosen such that the max output voltage does not exceed the LTC6101 max output voltage rating. If the following circuit is a buffer or ADC with limited input range, then  $R_{OUT}$  must be chosen so that  $I_{OUT(MAX)} \cdot R_{OUT}$  is less than the allowed maximum input range of this circuit.

In addition, the output impedance is determined by  $R_{OUT}$ . If the circuit to be driven has high enough input impedance, then almost any useful output impedance will be acceptable. However, if the driven circuit has relatively low input impedance, or draws spikes of current, such as an ADC might do, then a lower  $R_{OUT}$  value may be required in order to preserve the accuracy of the output. As an example, if the input impedance of the driven circuit is 100 times  $R_{OUT}$ , then the accuracy of  $V_{OUT}$  will be reduced by 1% since:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{OUT} &= I_{OUT} \cdot \frac{R_{OUT} \cdot R_{IN(DRIVEN)}}{R_{OUT} + R_{IN(DRIVEN)}} \\ &= I_{OUT} \cdot R_{OUT} \cdot \frac{100}{101} = 0.99 \cdot I_{OUT} \cdot R_{OUT} \end{aligned}$$

### Error Sources

The current sense system uses an amplifier and resistors to apply gain and level shift the result. The output is then dependent on the characteristics of the amplifier, such as gain and input offset, as well as resistor matching.

Ideally, the circuit output is:

$$V_{OUT} = V_{SENSE} \cdot \frac{R_{OUT}}{R_{IN}}; V_{SENSE} = R_{SENSE} \cdot I_{SENSE}$$

In this case, the only error is due to resistor mismatch, which provides an error in gain only. However, offset voltage, bias current and finite gain in the amplifier cause additional errors:

### Output Error, $E_{OUT}$ , Due to the Amplifier DC Offset Voltage, $V_{OS}$

$$E_{OUT(VOS)} = V_{OS} \cdot (R_{OUT}/R_{IN})$$

The DC offset voltage of the amplifier adds directly to the value of the sense voltage,  $V_{SENSE}$ . This is the dominant error of the system and it limits the available dynamic range. The paragraph “Selection of External Current Sense Resistor” provides details.

### Output Error, $E_{OUT}$ , Due to the Bias Currents, $I_B(+)$ and $I_B(-)$

The bias current  $I_B(+)$  flows into the positive input of the internal op amp.  $I_B(-)$  flows into the negative input.

$$E_{OUT(IBIAS)} = R_{OUT}((I_B(+)) \cdot (R_{SENSE}/R_{IN}) - I_B(-))$$

Since  $I_B(+)) \approx I_B(-) = I_{BIAS}$ , if  $R_{SENSE} \ll R_{IN}$  then,

$$E_{OUT(IBIAS)} \approx -R_{OUT} \cdot I_{BIAS}$$

For instance if  $I_{BIAS}$  is 100nA and  $R_{OUT}$  is 1k $\Omega$ , the output error is 0.1mV.

Note that in applications where  $R_{SENSE} \approx R_{IN}$ ,  $I_B(+)$  causes a voltage offset in  $R_{SENSE}$  that cancels the error due to  $I_B(-)$  and  $E_{OUT(IBIAS)} \approx 0$ . In applications where  $R_{SENSE} < R_{IN}$ , the bias current error can be similarly reduced if an external resistor  $R_{IN}(+) = (R_{IN} - R_{SENSE})$  is connected as shown in Figure 4 below. Under both conditions:

$$E_{OUT(IBIAS)} = \pm R_{OUT} \cdot I_{OS}; I_{OS} = I_B(+)) - I_B(-))$$

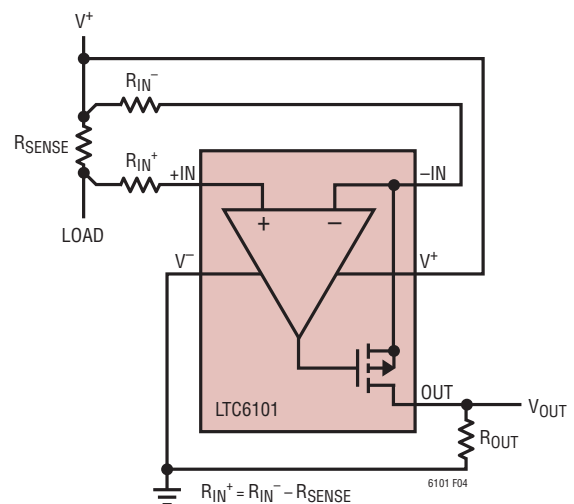


Figure 4. Second Input R Minimizes Error Due to Input Bias Current

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If the offset current,  $I_{OS}$ , of the LTC6101 amplifier is 2nA, the 100 microvolt error above is reduced to 2 microvolts. Adding  $R_{IN}^+$  as described will maximize the dynamic range of the circuit. For less sensitive designs,  $R_{IN}^+$  is not necessary.

Example:

If an  $I_{SENSE}$  range = (1A to 1mA) and  $(V_{OUT}/I_{SENSE}) = 3V/1A$

Then, from the Electrical Characteristics of the LTC6101,  $R_{SENSE} \approx V_{SENSE} (max) / I_{SENSE} (max) = 500mV/1A = 500m\Omega$

Gain =  $R_{OUT}/R_{IN} = V_{OUT} (max) / V_{SENSE} (max) = 3V/500mV = 6$

If the maximum output current,  $I_{OUT}$ , is limited to 1mA,  $R_{OUT}$  equals  $3V/1mA \approx 3.01 k\Omega$  (1% value) and  $R_{IN} = 3k\Omega/6 \approx 499\Omega$  (1% value).

The output error due to DC offset is  $\pm 900\mu V$  (typ) and the error due to offset current,  $I_{OS}$  is  $3k \times 2nA = \pm 6\mu V$  (typical), provided  $R_{IN}^+ = R_{IN}^-$ .

The maximum output error can therefore reach  $\pm 906\mu V$  or 0.03% ( $-70dB$ ) of the output full scale. Considering the system input 60dB dynamic range ( $I_{SENSE} = 1mA$  to 1A), the 70dB performance of the LTC6101 makes this application feasible.

### Output Error, $E_{OUT}$ , Due to the Finite DC Open Loop Gain, $A_{OL}$ , of the LTC6101 Amplifier

This error is inconsequential as the  $A_{OL}$  of the LTC6101 is very large.

### Output Current Limitations Due to Power Dissipation

The LTC6101 can deliver up to 1mA continuous current to the output pin. This current flows through  $R_{IN}$  and enters the current sense amp via the  $IN(-)$  pin. The power dissipated in the LTC6101 due to the output signal is:

$$P_{OUT} = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \cdot I_{OUT}$$

$$\text{Since } V_{IN} \approx V^+, P_{OUT} \approx (V^+ - V_{OUT}) \cdot I_{OUT}$$

There is also power dissipated due to the quiescent supply current:

$$P_Q = I_{DD} \cdot V^+$$

The total power dissipated is the output dissipation plus the quiescent dissipation:

$$P_{TOTAL} = P_{OUT} + P_Q$$

At maximum supply and maximum output current, the total power dissipation can exceed 100mW. This will cause significant heating of the LTC6101 die. In order to prevent damage to the LTC6101, the maximum expected dissipation in each application should be calculated. This number can be multiplied by the  $\theta_{JA}$  value listed in the package section on page 2 to find the maximum expected die temperature. This must not be allowed to exceed 150°C, or performance may be degraded.

As an example, if an LTC6101 in the S5 package is to be run at 55V  $\pm 5V$  supply with 1mA output current at 80°C:

$$P_{Q(MAX)} = I_{DD(MAX)} \cdot V^+(MAX) = 41.4mW$$

$$P_{OUT(MAX)} = I_{OUT} \cdot V^+(MAX) = 60mW$$

$$T_{RISE} = \theta_{JA} \cdot P_{TOTAL(MAX)}$$

$$T_{MAX} = T_{AMBIENT} + T_{RISE}$$

$$T_{MAX} \text{ must be } < 150^\circ C$$

$$P_{TOTAL(MAX)} \approx 96mW \text{ and the max die temp will be } 104^\circ C$$

If this same circuit must run at 125°C, the max die temp will increase to 150°C. (Note that supply current, and therefore  $P_Q$ , is proportional to temperature. Refer to Typical Performance Characteristics section.) In this condition, the maximum output current should be reduced to avoid device damage. Note that the MSOP package has a larger  $\theta_{JA}$  than the S5, so additional care must be taken when operating the LTC6101A/LTC6101HVA at high temperatures and high output currents.

The LTC6101HV can be used at voltages up to 105V. This additional voltage requires that more power be dissipated for a given level of current. This will further limit the allowed output current at high ambient temperatures.

It is important to note that the LTC6101 has been designed to provide at least 1mA to the output when required, and can deliver more depending on the conditions. Care must be taken to limit the maximum output current by proper choice of sense resistor and, if input fault conditions exist, external clamps.

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### Output Filtering

The output voltage,  $V_{OUT}$ , is simply  $I_{OUT} \cdot Z_{OUT}$ . This makes filtering straightforward. Any circuit may be used which generates the required  $Z_{OUT}$  to get the desired filter response. For example, a capacitor in parallel with  $R_{OUT}$  will give a low pass response. This will reduce unwanted noise from the output, and may also be useful as a charge reservoir to keep the output steady while driving a switching circuit such as a mux or ADC. This output capacitor in parallel with an output resistor will create a pole in the output response at:

$$f_{-3dB} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R_{OUT} \cdot C_{OUT}}$$

### Useful Equations

Input Voltage:  $V_{SENSE} = I_{SENSE} \cdot R_{SENSE}$

Voltage Gain:  $\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{SENSE}} = \frac{R_{OUT}}{R_{IN}}$

Current Gain:  $\frac{I_{OUT}}{I_{SENSE}} = \frac{R_{SENSE}}{R_{IN}}$

Transconductance:  $\frac{I_{OUT}}{V_{SENSE}} = \frac{1}{R_{IN}}$

Transimpedance:  $\frac{V_{OUT}}{I_{SENSE}} = R_{SENSE} \cdot \frac{R_{OUT}}{R_{IN}}$

### Input Common Mode Range

The inputs of the LTC6101 can function from 1.5V below the positive supply to 0.5V above it. Not only does this allow a wide  $V_{SENSE}$  range, it also allows the input reference to be separate from the positive supply (Figure 5). Note that the difference between  $V_{BATT}$  and  $V^+$  must be no more than the common mode range listed in the Electrical Characteristics table. If the maximum  $V_{SENSE}$  is less than 500mV, the LTC6101 may monitor its own supply current, as well as that of the load (Figure 6).

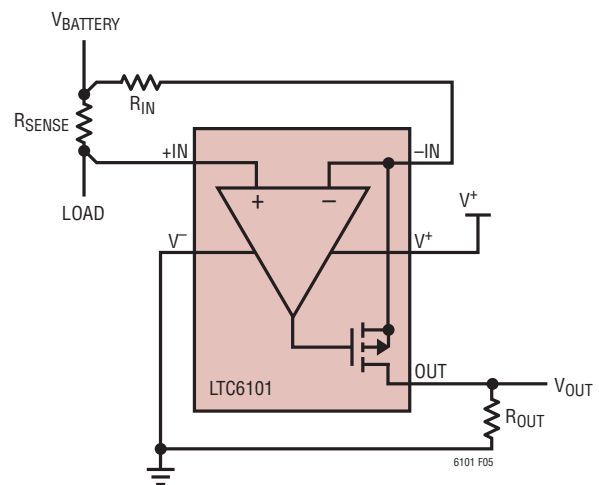


Figure 5.  $V^+$  Powered Separately from Load Supply ( $V_{BATT}$ )

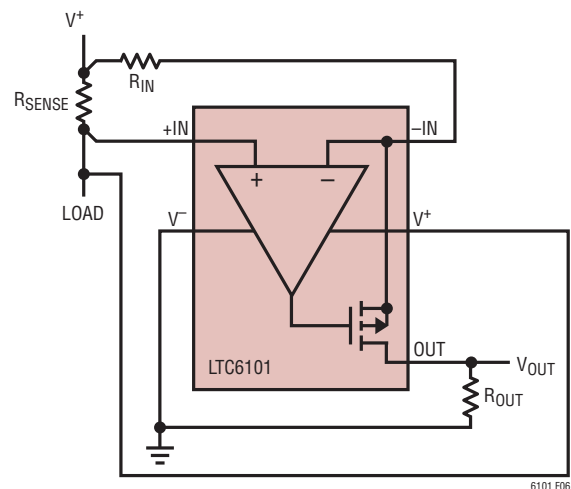


Figure 6. LTC6101 Supply Current Monitored with Load



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### Reverse Supply Protection

Some applications may be tested with reverse-polarity supplies due to an expectation of the type of fault during operation. The LTC6101 is not protected internally from external reversal of supply polarity. To prevent damage that may occur during this condition, a Schottky diode should be added in series with  $V^-$  (Figure 7). This will limit the reverse current through the LTC6101. Note that this diode will limit the low voltage performance of the LTC6101 by effectively reducing the supply voltage to the part by  $V_D$ .

In addition, if the output of the LTC6101 is wired to a device that will effectively short it to high voltage (such as through an ESD protection clamp) during a reverse supply condition, the LTC6101's output should be connected through a resistor or Schottky diode (Figure 8).

### Response Time

The LTC6101 is designed to exhibit fast response to inputs for the purpose of circuit protection or signal transmission. This response time will be affected by the external circuit in two ways, delay and speed.

If the output current is very low and an input transient occurs, there may be an increased delay before the output voltage begins changing. This can be improved by increasing the minimum output current, either by increasing  $R_{SENSE}$  or decreasing  $R_{IN}$ . The effect of increased output current is illustrated in the step response curves in the Typical Performance Characteristics section of this datasheet. Note that the curves are labeled with respect to the initial output currents.

The speed is also affected by the external circuit. In this case, if the input changes very quickly, the internal amplifier will slew the gate of the internal output FET (Figure 1) in order to maintain the internal loop. This results in current flowing through  $R_{IN}$  and the internal FET. This current slew rate will be determined by the amplifier and FET characteristics as well as the input resistor,  $R_{IN}$ . Using a smaller  $R_{IN}$  will allow the output current to increase more quickly, decreasing the response time at the output. This will also have the effect of increasing the maximum output current. Using a larger  $R_{OUT}$  will decrease the response time, since  $V_{OUT} = I_{OUT} \cdot R_{OUT}$ . Reducing  $R_{IN}$  and increasing  $R_{OUT}$  will both have the effect of increasing the voltage gain of the circuit.

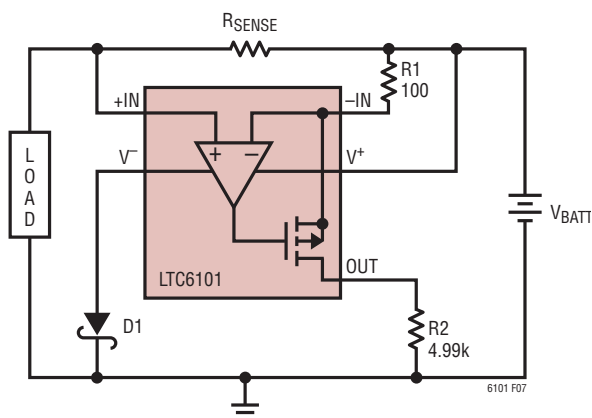


Figure 7. Schottky Prevents Damage During Supply Reversal

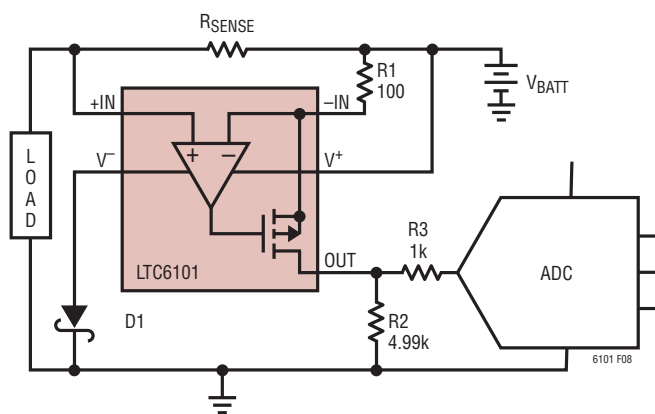
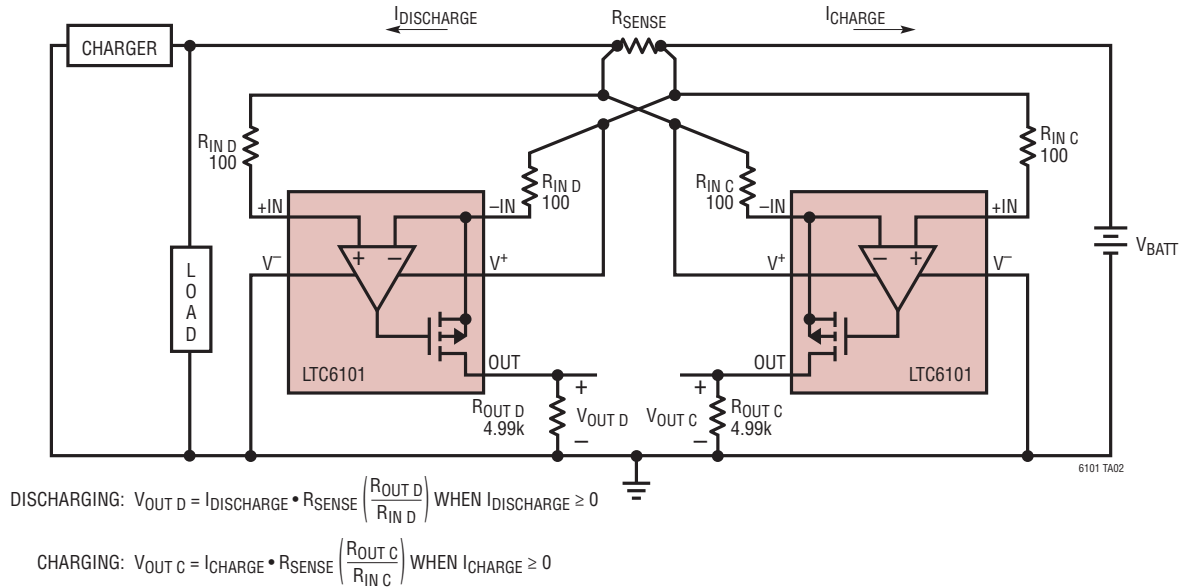


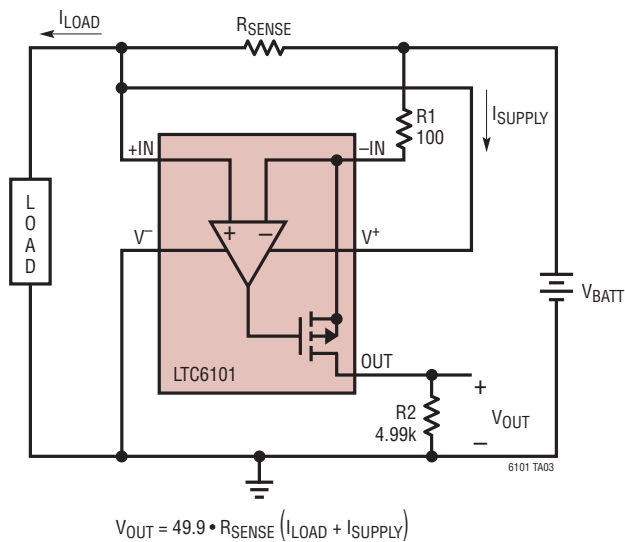
Figure 8. Additional Resistor R3 Protects Output During Supply Reversal

## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

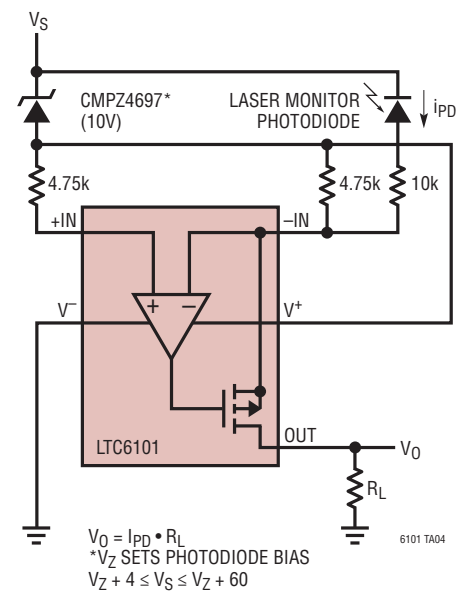
## Bidirectional Current Sense Circuit with Separate Charge/Discharge Output



## LTC6101 Monitors Its Own Supply Current



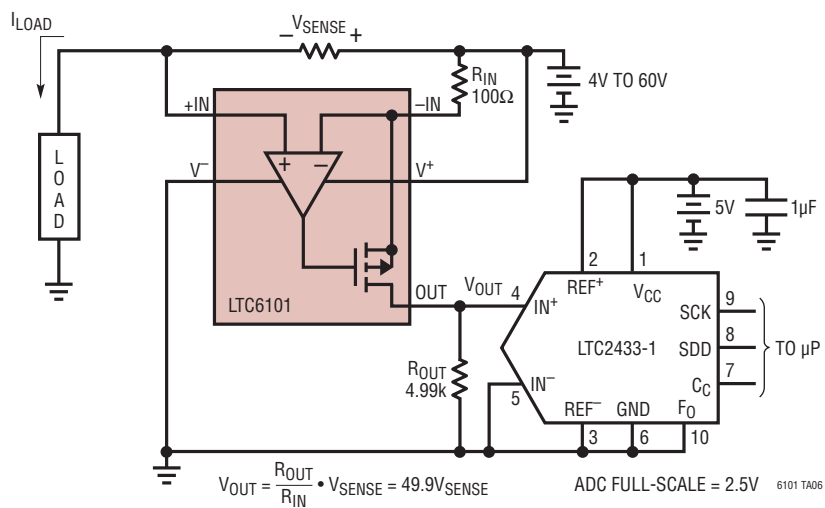
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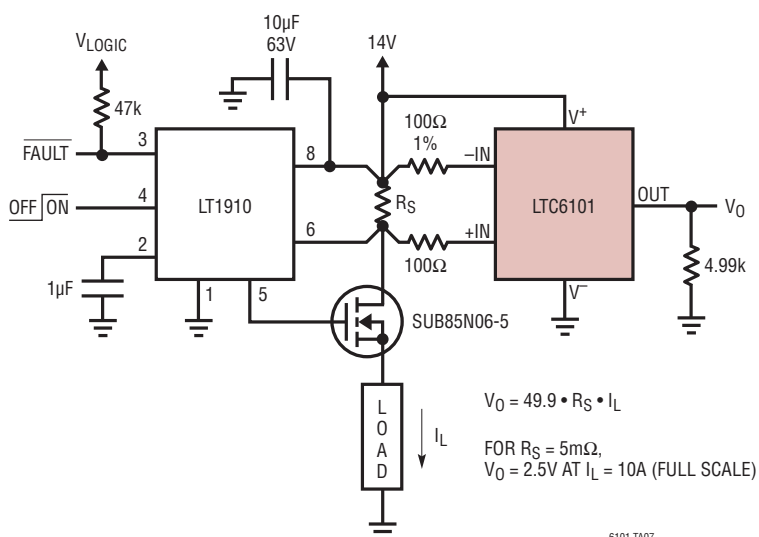


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### 16-Bit Resolution Unidirectional Output into LTC2433 ADC



### Intelligent High-Side Switch with Current Monitor



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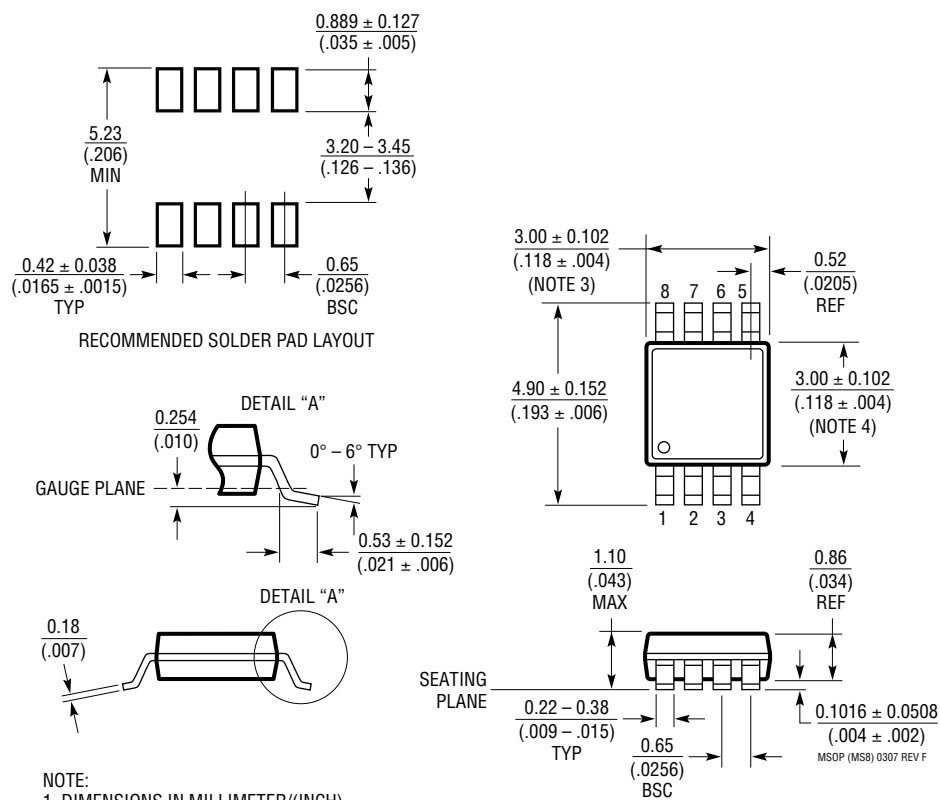
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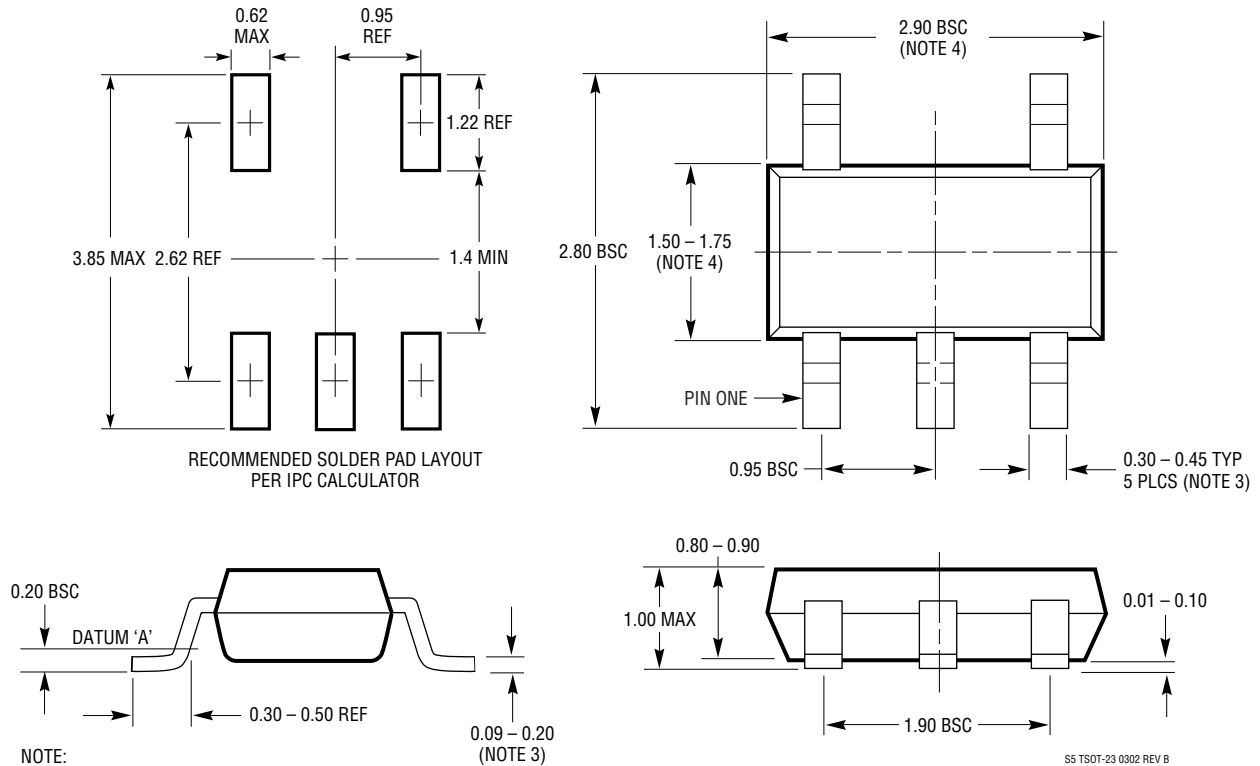


## NOTE:

1. DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETER/(INCH)
2. DRAWING NOT TO SCALE
3. DIMENSION DOES NOT INCLUDE MOLD FLASH, PROTRUSIONS OR GATE BURRS.  
MOLD FLASH, PROTRUSIONS OR GATE BURRS SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.152mm (.006") PER SIDE
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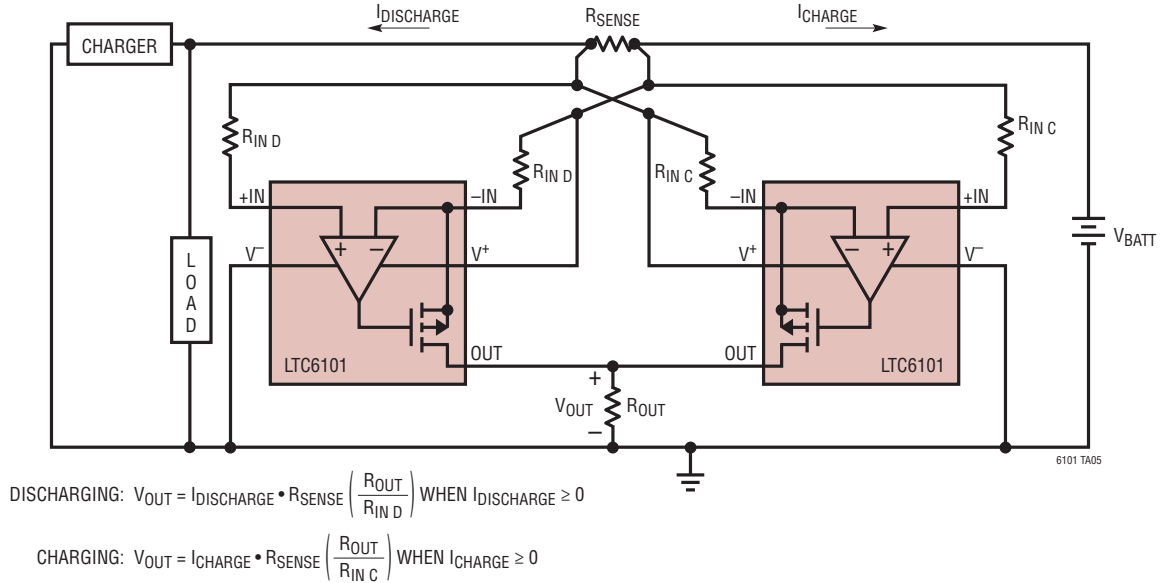
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**S5 Package**  
**5-Lead Plastic TSOT-23**  
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## TYPICAL APPLICATION

**Bidirectional Current Sense Circuit with Combined Charge/Discharge Output**



## RELATED PARTS

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
LT1636	Rail-to-Rail Input/Output, Micropower Op Amp	$V_{CM}$ Extends 44V above $V_{EE}$ , 55 $\mu$ A Supply Current, Shutdown Function
LT1637/LT1638/LT1639	Single/Dual/Quad, Rail-to-Rail, Micropower Op Amp	$V_{CM}$ Extends 44V above $V_{EE}$ , 0.4V/ $\mu$ s Slew Rate, >1MHz Bandwidth, <250 $\mu$ A Supply Current per Amplifier
LT1787/LT1787HV	Precision, Bidirectional, High Side Current Sense Amplifier	2.7V to 60V Operation, 75 $\mu$ V Offset, 60 $\mu$ A Current Draw
LTC1921	Dual -48V Supply and Fuse Monitor	$\pm 200$ V Transient Protection, Drives Three Optoisolators for Status
LT1990	High Voltage, Gain Selectable Difference Amplifier	$\pm 250$ V Common Mode, Micropower, Pin Selectable Gain = 1, 10
LT1991	Precision, Gain Selectable Difference Amplifier	2.7V to $\pm 18$ V, Micropower, Pin Selectable Gain = -13 to 14
LTC2050/LTC2051/LTC2052	Single/Dual/Quad Zero-Drift Op Amp	3 $\mu$ V Offset, 30nV/ $^{\circ}$ C Drift, Input Extends Down to $V_{-}$
LTC4150	Coulomb Counter/Battery Gas Gauge	Indicates Charge Quantity and Polarity
LT6100	Gain-Selectable High-Side Current Sense Amplifier	4.1V to 48V Operation, Pin-Selectable Gain: 10, 12.5, 20, 25, 40, 50V/V