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# 1.425V to 3.6V Input, 1A, 0.2V Dropout LDO Regulators

## General Description

The MAX8516/MAX8517/MAX8518 low-dropout linear regulators operate from input voltages as low as 1.425V and are able to deliver up to 1A of continuous output current with a maximum dropout voltage of only 200mV. The output voltage can be set from 0.5V to ( $V_{IN} - 0.2V$ ) and is 1.4% accurate over load and line variations, from 0°C to +85°C.

These regulators use small, 1µF ceramic input capacitors and 4.7µF ceramic output capacitors to deliver 1A output current. High bandwidth provides excellent transient response and limits the output voltage deviation to 45mV for a 20mA to 1A load step, with only a 4.7µF ceramic output capacitor, and the voltage deviations can be reduced further by increasing the output capacitor.

Designed with an internal p-channel MOSFET pass transistor, the MAX8516/MAX8517/MAX8518 feature low 340µA (typ) supply current during dropout conditions. Soft-start reduces inrush current. Other features include a logic-controlled shutdown mode, short-circuit protection, and thermal-overload protection.

The MAX8517 features a power-OK (POK) output that transitions high when the regulator output is within ±10% of its nominal output voltage. The MAX8518 features a 150ms power-on reset output.

The parts are packaged in a 10-pin µMAX® package that includes an exposed pad for optimal power dissipation.

## Applications

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Servers         | Post Regulators |
| Storage         | Notebooks       |
| Networking      | PDA's           |
| Base Stations   | ATE             |
| Optical Modules |                 |

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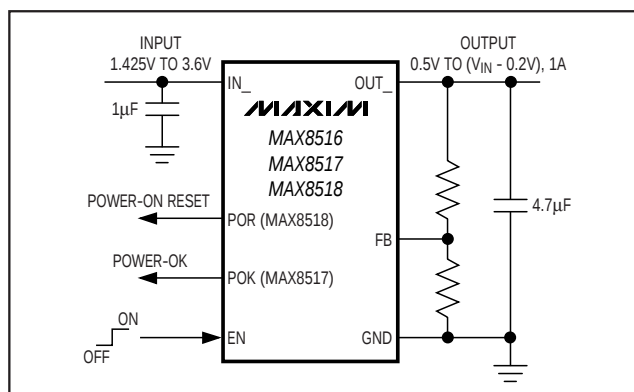
## Features

- ◆ 1.425V to 3.6V Input Voltage Range
- ◆ Guaranteed 200mV Dropout at 1A Output Current
- ◆ ±1.4% Output Accuracy Over Load, Line, and Temperature (0°C to +85°C), ±0.6% Initial Accuracy
- ◆ Compatible with Ceramic Capacitors
- ◆ Fast Transient Response
- ◆ 320µA Operating Supply Current
- ◆ <25µA Shutdown Supply Current
- ◆ Short-Circuit Protection
- ◆ Thermal-Overload Protection
- ◆ Soft-Start Limits Inrush Current

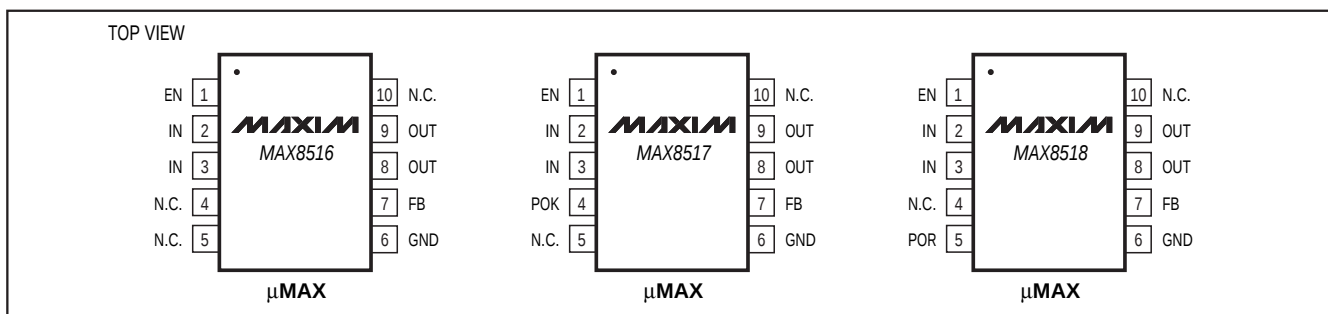
## Ordering Information

| PART       | TEMP RANGE     | PIN-PACKAGE |
|------------|----------------|-------------|
| MAX8516EUB | -40°C to +85°C | 10 µMAX     |
| MAX8517EUB | -40°C to +85°C | 10 µMAX     |
| MAX8518EUB | -40°C to +85°C | 10 µMAX     |

## Typical Operating Circuit



## Pin Configurations

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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

IN, EN, POK (MAX8517), POR (MAX8518),  
 FB to GND .....-0.3V to +4.0V  
 OUT to GND .....-0.3V to (IN + 0.3V)  
 Output Short-Circuit Duration.....Continuous  
 Continuous Power Dissipation  
 (T<sub>A</sub> = +70°C, EP soldered to PC board ground)  
 10-Pin  $\mu$ MAX (derate 10.3mW/°C above +70°C) .....824mW

Operating Temperature Range .....-40°C to +85°C  
 Junction Temperature .....+150°C  
 Storage Temperature Range .....-65°C to +150°C  
 Lead Temperature (soldering, 10s) .....+300°C

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(Circuit of Figure 1. V<sub>IN</sub> = +1.8V, V<sub>OUT</sub> = +1.5V, EN = IN, I<sub>OUT</sub> = 1mA, T<sub>A</sub> = -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise noted.) (Note 1)

| PARAMETER                                             | CONDITIONS                                                                                                       | MIN     | TYP   | MAX   | UNITS |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|----|
| IN                                                    |                                                                                                                  |         |       |       |       |    |
| Input Voltage Range                                   |                                                                                                                  | 1.425   |       | 3.600 | V     |    |
| Input Undervoltage Lockout                            | V <sub>IN</sub> rising, 70mV hysteresis                                                                          | 1.32    | 1.35  | 1.38  | V     |    |
| OUT                                                   |                                                                                                                  |         |       |       |       |    |
| Output Voltage Range                                  |                                                                                                                  | 0.5     |       | 3.4   | V     |    |
| Load Regulation                                       | I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1mA to 1A                                                                                     |         | 0.1   |       | %/A   |    |
| Line Regulation                                       | V <sub>IN</sub> = 1.425V to 3.6V, V <sub>OUT</sub> = 1.225V, I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1mA                              | -0.15   | 0     | +0.15 | %/V   |    |
| Dropout Voltage (V <sub>IN</sub> - V <sub>OUT</sub> ) | V <sub>IN</sub> = 1.425V, I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1A, V <sub>FB</sub> = 480mV                                         |         | 100   | 200   | mV    |    |
| Current Limit                                         | V <sub>IN</sub> = 3.6V, V <sub>OUT</sub> = 3V, V <sub>FB</sub> = 480mV                                           | 1.6     | 2     | 2.4   | A     |    |
| Output Shutdown Leakage                               | V <sub>IN</sub> = 3.6V, V <sub>OUT</sub> = 0, V <sub>EN</sub> = 0                                                |         | 0.25  | 25    | μA    |    |
| FB                                                    |                                                                                                                  |         |       |       |       |    |
| FB Threshold Accuracy                                 | I <sub>OUT</sub> = 10mA, T <sub>A</sub> = +85°C                                                                  | 497     | 500   | 503   | mV    |    |
|                                                       | V <sub>OUT</sub> = 1.225V to 3V, V <sub>IN</sub> = V <sub>OUT</sub> + 0.2V to 3.6V, I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1mA to 1A | 493     |       | 507   |       |    |
| FB Input Bias Current                                 | V <sub>FB</sub> = 0.5V, V <sub>IN</sub> = 3.6V                                                                   |         | 0.001 | 1     | μA    |    |
| GND                                                   |                                                                                                                  |         |       |       |       |    |
| GND Supply Current                                    | V <sub>IN</sub> = 3.6V, V <sub>OUT</sub> = 3V, I <sub>OUT</sub> = 100mA                                          |         | 320   |       | μA    |    |
|                                                       | Dropout, V <sub>IN</sub> = 3.6V, V <sub>FB</sub> = 480mV                                                         |         | 340   | 600   |       |    |
| GND Shutdown Current                                  | V <sub>IN</sub> = 3.6V, EN = GND                                                                                 |         | 0.25  | 25    | μA    |    |
| POK (MAX8517 ONLY)                                    |                                                                                                                  |         |       |       |       |    |
| POK Threshold                                         | V <sub>FB</sub> moving out of regulation, V <sub>HYS</sub> = 10mV, I <sub>N</sub> = 1.425V to 3.6V               | FB high | 540   | 550   | 560   | mV |
|                                                       |                                                                                                                  | FB low  | 440   | 450   | 460   |    |
| POK Output Voltage Low                                | V <sub>FB</sub> = 0.4V or 0.6V, I <sub>POK</sub> = 1mA                                                           |         | 25    | 200   | mV    |    |
| POK Output Current High                               | V <sub>POK</sub> = 3.6V                                                                                          |         | 0.001 | 1     | μA    |    |
| POK Fault Delay Time                                  | From FB to POK                                                                                                   | 25      | 50    | 100   | μs    |    |

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

(Circuit of Figure 1.  $V_{IN} = +1.8V$ ,  $V_{OUT} = +1.5V$ ,  $EN = IN$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 1mA$ ,  $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$  to  $+85^{\circ}C$ , unless otherwise noted.) (Note 1)

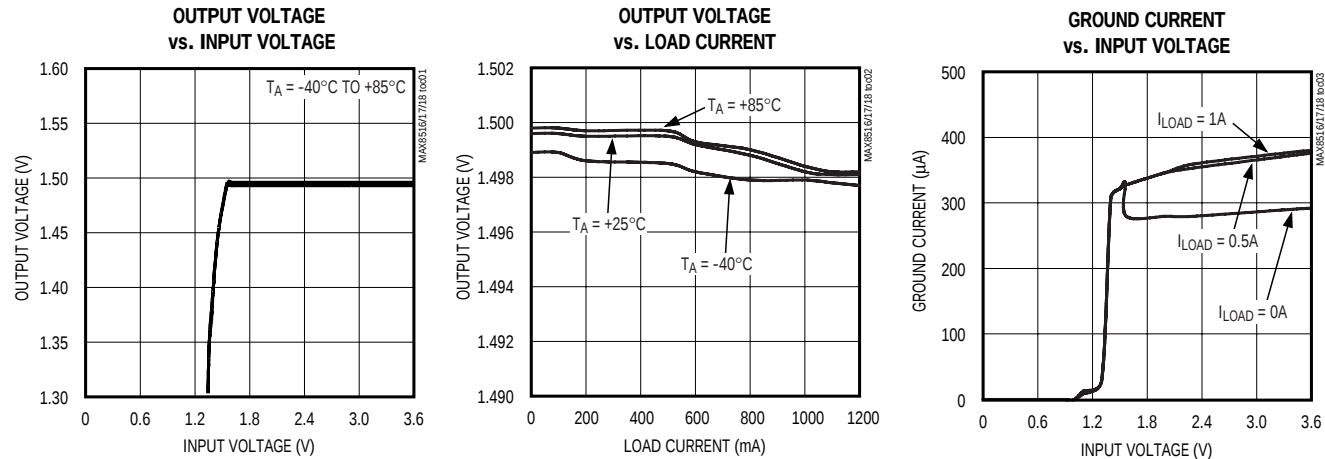
| PARAMETER                  | CONDITIONS                                                                         |                        | MIN  | TYP   | MAX | UNITS |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------|-------|-----|-------|
| POR (MAX8518 ONLY)         |                                                                                    |                        |      |       |     |       |
| POR Reset Threshold        | V <sub>FB</sub> falling, V <sub>HYS</sub> = 10mV, V <sub>IN</sub> = 1.425V to 3.6V |                        | 440  | 450   | 460 | mV    |
| POR Output Voltage Low     | V <sub>FB</sub> = 0.4V or 0.6V, I <sub>POR</sub> = 1mA                             |                        |      | 25    | 200 | mV    |
| POR Output Current High    | V <sub>POR</sub> = 3.6V                                                            |                        |      | 0.001 | 1   | μA    |
| POR Rising Delay Time      | From FB to POR                                                                     |                        | 105  | 150   | 210 | ms    |
| EN                         |                                                                                    |                        |      |       |     |       |
| Enable Input Threshold     | V <sub>IN</sub> = 1.425V to 3.6V                                                   | EN rising              | 1.2  |       |     | V     |
|                            |                                                                                    | EN falling             | 0.4  |       |     |       |
| Enable Input Bias Current  | V <sub>EN</sub> = 0 or 3.6V                                                        |                        | -1   |       | +1  | μA    |
| THERMAL SHUTDOWN           |                                                                                    |                        |      |       |     |       |
| Thermal-Shutdown Threshold | Output on or off                                                                   | T <sub>J</sub> rising  | +165 |       |     | °C    |
|                            |                                                                                    | T <sub>J</sub> falling | +150 |       |     |       |
| OUTPUT TRANSIENT           |                                                                                    |                        |      |       |     |       |
| Load Transient             | I <sub>OUT</sub> = 20mA to 1A to 20mA, t <sub>RISE</sub> = t <sub>FALL</sub> = 1μs |                        |      | 3     |     | %     |
| Line Transient             | δV <sub>IN</sub> = 0.5V, t <sub>RISE</sub> = t <sub>FALL</sub> = 5μs               |                        |      | 3     |     | %     |

**Note 1:** Specifications to  $-40^{\circ}C$  are guaranteed by design, not production tested.

**Note 2:** Measurements at high current are pulse tested, such that the junction temperature is ambient temperature. Minimum supply voltage for output accuracy must be at least 1.425V.

## Typical Operating Characteristics

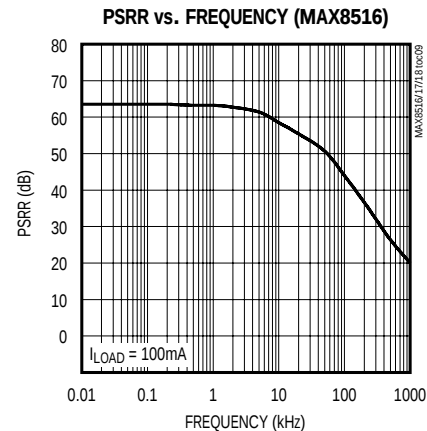
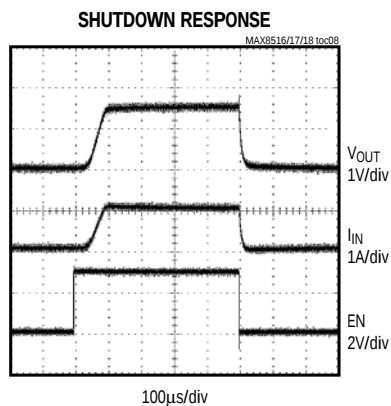
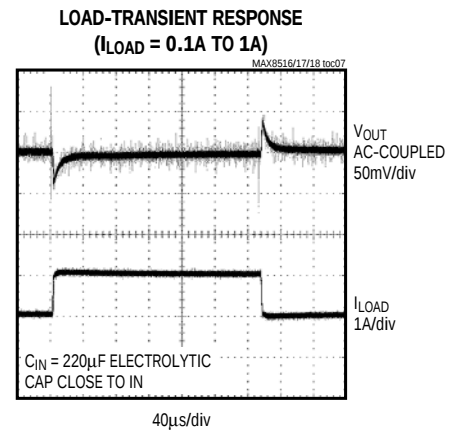
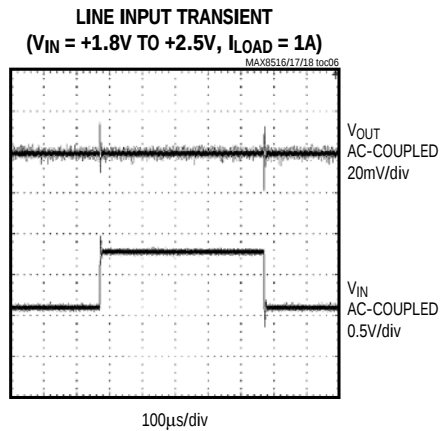
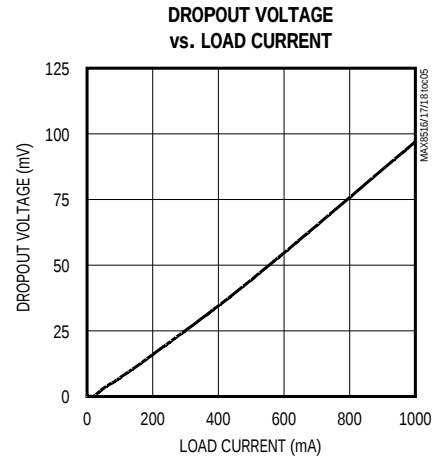
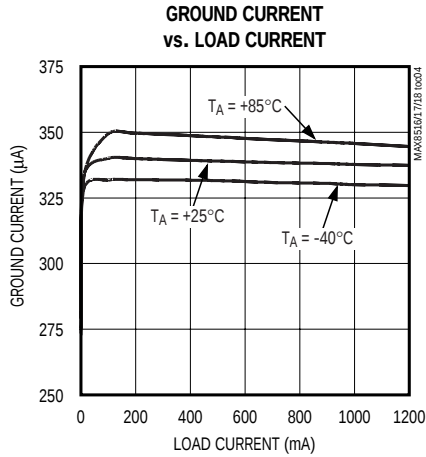
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## Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

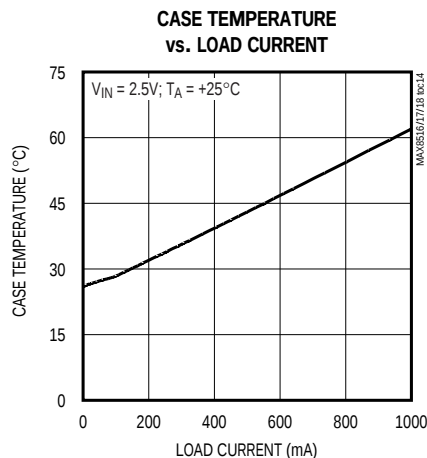
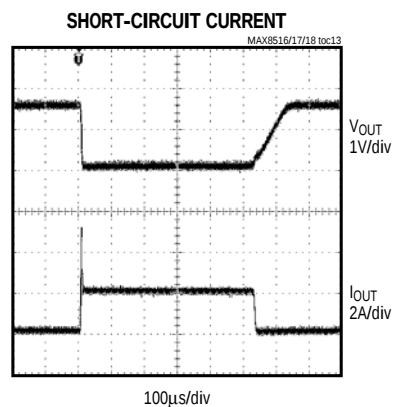
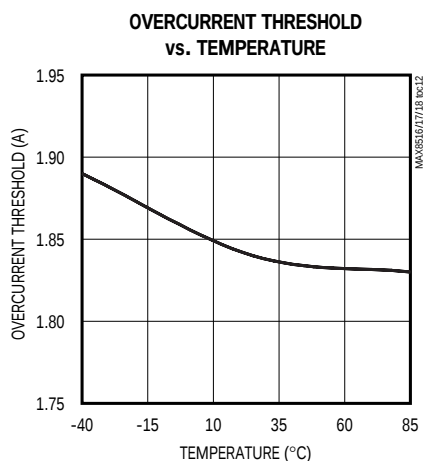
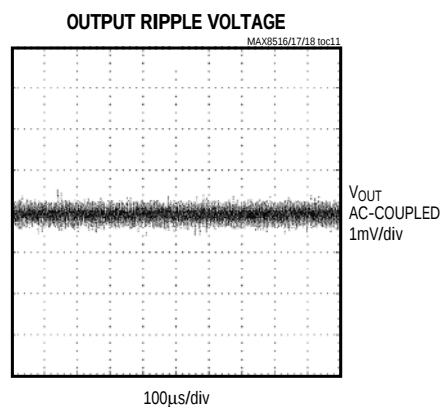
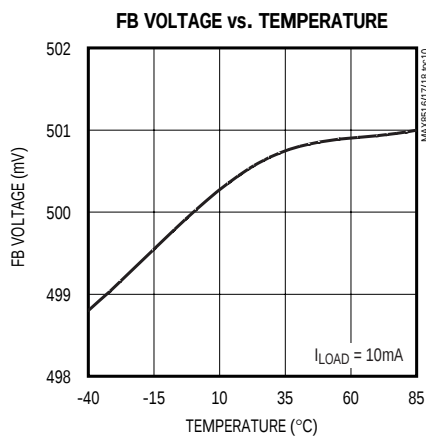
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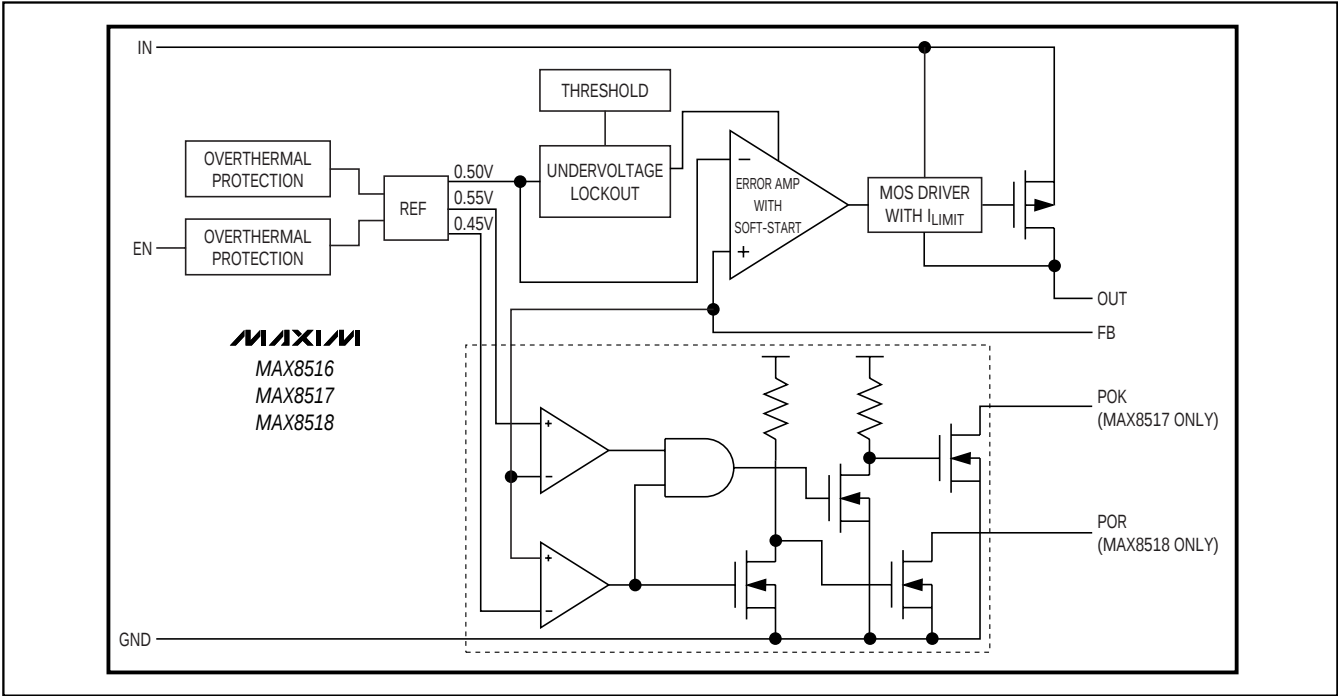


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## Pin Description

| PIN      |         |         | NAME | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------|---------|---------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MAX8516  | MAX8517 | MAX8518 |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1        | 1       | 1       | EN   | Enable Input. Set low to place the device in low-current shutdown mode. Set high for normal operation.                                                                                         |
| 2, 3     | 2, 3    | 2, 3    | IN   | Regulator Input. $V_{IN}$ can range from +1.425V to +3.6V. Bypass with a 1 $\mu$ F or higher ceramic capacitor to GND.                                                                         |
| 4, 5, 10 | 5, 10   | 4, 10   | N.C. | No Connection. Pin 10 is internally pulled down to GND with a 10k $\Omega$ resistor. Leave floating.                                                                                           |
| 6        | 6       | 6       | GND  | Ground                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 7        | 7       | 7       | FB   | Feedback Pin. Connect to output through a voltage-divider to set the output.                                                                                                                   |
| 8, 9     | 8, 9    | 8, 9    | OUT  | Regulator Output. Bypass with a 4.7 $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor to GND (a smaller capacitor can be used if maximum load is less than 1A, i.e., $C_{OUT} = I_{OUT(max)} \times (1\mu F/200mA)$ ). |
| —        | 4       | —       | POK  | Power-OK Output (MAX8517 Only). Open-drain output. Connect to a positive supply with a pullup resistor. If not used, leave pin unconnected. See the <i>Detailed Description</i> .              |
| —        | —       | 5       | POR  | Power-On Reset Output. Open-drain output. Connect to a positive supply with a pullup resistor. If not used, leave pin unconnected (see the <i>Detailed Description</i> for more details).      |
| EP       |         |         | GND  | Exposed Pad on the Underside of the Package. Solder to the ground plane for proper heat dissipation.                                                                                           |

## Functional Diagram



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## Detailed Description

The MAX8516/MAX8517/MAX8518 are low-input, low-dropout, PMOS regulators capable of delivering up to 1A of output current with as little as 200mV of headroom from input to output. The PMOS output stage can be driven from input voltages down to +1.425V without sacrificing stability or transient performance. Since these regulators have a PMOS output device, supply current is not a significant function of load or input headroom.

### Internal P-Channel Pass Transistor

The MAX8516/MAX8517/MAX8518 feature a 100mΩ (typ) p-channel MOSFET pass transistor. Unlike similar designs using PNP pass transistors, p-channel MOSFETs require no base drive, which reduces quiescent current. PNP-based regulators also waste considerable current in dropout when the pass transistor saturates and use high base-drive currents under large loads. The MAX8516/MAX8517/MAX8518 do not suffer from these problems and consume only 340μA (typ) of quiescent current under heavy loads, as well as in dropout.

### Short-Circuit/Thermal Fault Protection

The MAX8516/MAX8517/MAX8518 are fully protected from a short circuit at the output through current-limiting and thermal-overload circuitry. In the fault condition when the output is shorted to ground, the output current is limited to 2A. Under these conditions, the part quickly heats up. When the junction temperature reaches +165°C, the thermal-overload circuitry turns off the output, allowing the part to cool down. When the junction temperature cools to +150°C, the output turns back on and tries to reestablish regulation. Current limiting and thermal protection continue until the fault is removed. For continuous operation, do not exceed the absolute maximum junction-temperature rating of  $T_J = +150^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

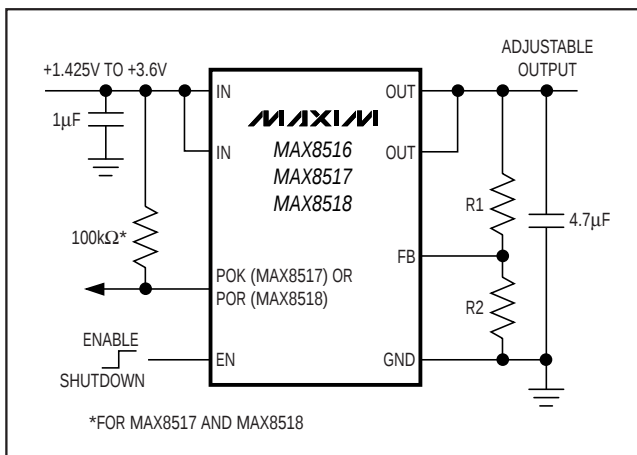


Figure 1. Typical Application Circuit

## Output Voltage Selection

The MAX8516/MAX8517/MAX8518 feature an adjustable output voltage from 0.5V to 3.4V, using two external resistors connected as a voltage-divider to FB as shown in Figure 1. The output voltage is set by the following equation:

$$V_{OUT} = V_{FB} \left( 1 + \frac{R1}{R2} \right)$$

where typically  $V_{FB} = 0.5\text{V}$ . Choose  $R2 \leq 5\text{k}\Omega$  to optimize quiescent current, accuracy, and high-frequency power-supply rejection. To simplify resistor selection:

$$R1 = R2 \left( \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{FB}} - 1 \right)$$

## Soft-Start

Inherent soft-start limits inrush current. Peak inrush current is dependent on the value of  $C_{OUT}$  and can be calculated as follows:

$$I_{INRUSH} = I_{LOAD} + \left( \frac{C_{OUT}(\mu\text{F})}{66} \right)$$

## Shutdown Mode

The MAX8516/MAX8517/MAX8518 include an enable input. To shut down the device, pull EN to GND. For normal operation, connect the EN to IN. During shutdown, an internal 10kΩ resistor pulls down the output.

## Power-OK (MAX8517 Only)

The MAX8517 features a power-OK (POK) output to indicate the status of the output. POK remains high when the regulator output is within  $\pm 10\%$  of its nominal output voltage. If the output voltage falls or rises outside this range, POK transitions low. This open-drain output requires an external pullup resistor to IN. An internal delay circuit prevents POK from switching for 50μs (typ) after the trip threshold is initially reached. If the part is in shutdown mode, POK is low.

## Power-On Reset (MAX8518 Only)

The MAX8518 features a power-on reset (POR) output that transitions high 140ms (typ) after the output has risen above 90% of its final value. This open-drain output requires an external pullup resistor to IN. If the part is in shutdown mode, falls below 90% of the nominal output voltage, or experiences a short-circuit or thermal fault, POR immediately transitions low.

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## Operating Region and Power Dissipation

The maximum power dissipation depends on the thermal resistance of the IC package and circuit board, the temperature difference between the die junction and ambient air, and the rate of airflow. The power dissipated in the device is  $P = I_{OUT} \times (V_{IN} - V_{OUT})$ .

The package features an exposed thermal pad on its underside. This pad lowers the thermal resistance of the package by providing a direct heat conduction path from the die to the PC board.

Additionally, the ground pins (GND) perform the dual function of providing an electrical connection to system ground and channeling heat away. Connect the exposed backside pad and GND to the system ground using a large pad or ground plane, or multiple vias to the ground plane layer.

## Applications Information

### Capacitor Selection and Regulator Stability

Capacitors are required at the MAX8516/MAX8517/MAX8518 inputs and outputs for stable operation over the full temperature range and with load currents up to 1A. Connect a 1 $\mu$ F capacitor between IN and ground and a 4.7 $\mu$ F capacitor with low equivalent series resistance (ESR) between OUT and ground for 1A output current. The input capacitor ( $C_{IN}$ ) lowers the source impedance of the input supply. If input-supply source impedance is high, place a larger input capacitor close to IN to prevent  $V_{IN}$  sagging due to load transients. Smaller output capacitors can be used for output currents less than 1A. Calculate  $C_{OUT}$  as follows:

$$C_{OUT} = I_{OUT(MAX)} \times (1\mu F / 200mA)$$

## Noise, PSRR, and Transient Response

The MAX8516/MAX8517/MAX8518 are designed to operate with low dropout voltages and low quiescent currents while still maintaining good noise, transient response, and AC rejection (see the *Typical Operating Characteristics* for a plot of Power-Supply Rejection Ratio (PSRR) vs. Frequency). When operating from noisy sources, improved supply-noise rejection and transient response can be achieved by increasing the values of the input and output bypass capacitors and through passive filtering techniques. The MAX8516/MAX8517/MAX8518 load-transient response graphs (see the *Typical Operating Characteristics*) show two components of the output response: a DC shift from the output impedance due to the load current change, and the transient response. A typical transient overshoot for a step change in the load current from 20mA to 1A is 45mV. Use larger output ceramic capacitors greater than 4.7 $\mu$ F up to 50 $\mu$ F to attenuate the overshoot.

## Chip Information

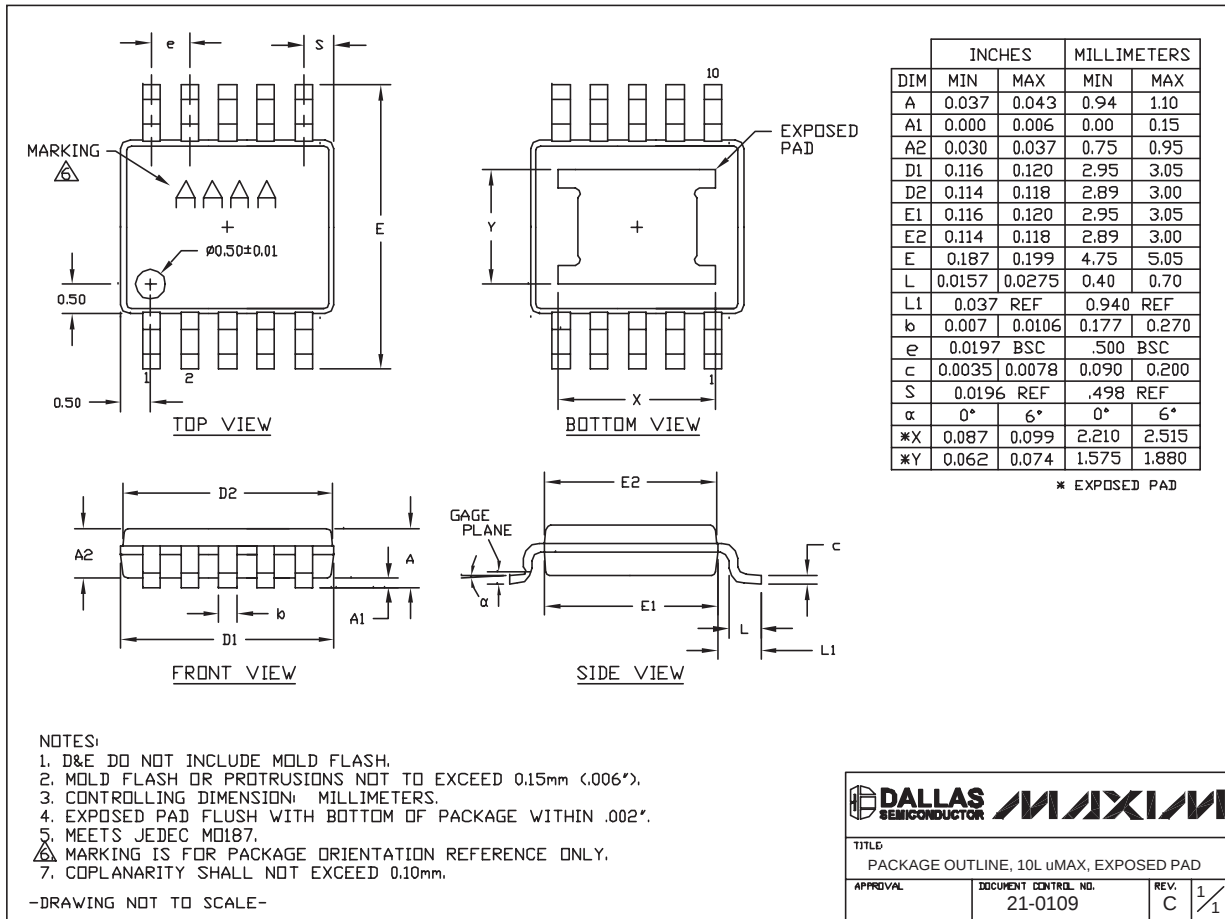
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## Package Information

(The package drawing(s) in this data sheet may not reflect the most current specifications. For the latest package outline information, go to [www.maxim-ic.com/packages](http://www.maxim-ic.com/packages).)



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