

LM2991QML Negative Low Dropout Adjustable Regulator

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FEATURES

- Output voltage adjustable from $-2V$ to $-25V$
- Output current in excess of 1A
- Dropout voltage typically 0.6V at 1A load
- Low quiescent current
- Internal short circuit current limit
- Internal thermal shutdown with hysteresis
- TTL, CMOS compatible $\overline{ON/OFF}$ switch

- Functional complement to the LM2941 series

APPLICATIONS

- Post switcher regulator
- Local, on-card, regulation
- Battery operated equipment

DESCRIPTION

The LM2991 is a low dropout adjustable negative regulator with a output voltage range between $-2V$ to $-25V$. The LM2991 provides up to 1A of load current and features a $\overline{On/Off}$ pin for remote shutdown capability.

The LM2991 uses new circuit design techniques to provide a low dropout voltage, low quiescent current and low temperature coefficient precision reference. The dropout voltage at 1A load current is typically 0.6V and a guaranteed worst-case maximum of 1V over the entire operating temperature range. The quiescent current is typically 1 mA with a 1A load current and an input-output voltage differential greater than 3V. A unique circuit design of the internal bias supply limits the quiescent current to only 9 mA (typical) when the regulator is in the dropout mode ($V_O - V_I \leq 3V$).

The LM2991 is short-circuit proof, and thermal shutdown includes hysteresis to enhance the reliability of the device when inadvertently overloaded for extended periods.

Connection Diagrams

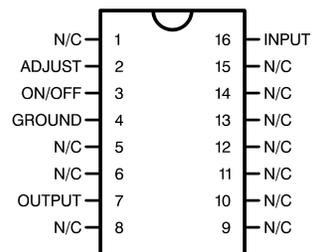


Figure 1. Top View



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Recommended Operating Conditions ⁽¹⁾ (continued)

Operating Temperature Range (T_A)	$-55^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq +125^{\circ}\text{C}$
Maximum Input Voltage (Operational)	-26V

Quality Conformance Inspection
Table 1. Mil-Std-883, Method 5005 - Group A

Subgroup	Description	Temp °C
1	Static tests at	+25
2	Static tests at	+125
3	Static tests at	-55
4	Dynamic tests at	+25
5	Dynamic tests at	+125
6	Dynamic tests at	-55
7	Functional tests at	+25
8A	Functional tests at	+125
8B	Functional tests at	-55
9	Switching tests at	+25
10	Switching tests at	+125
11	Switching tests at	-55
12	Settling time at	+25
13	Settling time at	+125
14	Settling time at	-55

LM2991 Electrical Characteristics DC Parameters

The following conditions apply, unless otherwise specified.

DC: $V_I = -10V$, $V_O = -3V$, $I_O = 1A$, $C_O = 47\mu F$, $R_L = 2.7K\Omega$

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Notes	Min	Max	Units	Sub-groups
V_{Ref}	Reference Voltage	$5mA \leq I_O \leq 1A$		-1.23 4	-1.18 6	V	1
		$5mA \leq I_O \leq 1A$, $V_O - 1V \geq V_I \geq -26V$		-1.27	-1.15	V	2, 3
V_O	Output Voltage Range				-3.0	V	1
		$V_I = -26V$		-24		V	1
				-25		V	2, 3
V_{RLine}	Line Regulation	$I_O = 5mA$, $V_O - 1V \geq V_I \geq -26V$		-26	+26	mV	1, 2, 3
V_{RLoad}	Load Regulation	$50mA \leq I_O \leq 1A$		-12	+12	mV	1
				-15	+15	mV	2, 3
V_{DO}	Dropout Voltage	$I_O = 0.1A$, $\Delta V_O \leq 100mV$			0.2	V	1
					0.3	V	2, 3
		$I_O = 1A$, $\Delta V_O \leq 100mV$			0.8	V	1
					1.0	V	2, 3
I_Q	Quiescent Current	$I_O \leq 1A$			5.0	mA	1, 2, 3
	Dropout Quiescent Current	$V_I = V_O$, $I_O \leq 1A$			50	mA	1, 2, 3
V_{ON}	Output Noise	10Hz - 100KHz, $I_O = 5mA$			450	μV	1
					500	μV	2, 3
	\overline{ON}/OFF Input Voltage	$V_O : ON$			0.6	V	1, 2, 3
		$V_O : OFF$		2.4		V	1, 2, 3
	\overline{ON}/OFF Input Current	$\overline{VON}/OFF = 0.6V$ ($V_O : ON$)			10	μA	1
					25	μA	2, 3
		$\overline{VON}/OFF = 2.4V$ ($V_O : OFF$)			100	μA	1
					150	μA	2, 3
I_L	Output Leakage Current	$V_I = -26V$, $\overline{VON}/OFF = 2.4V$, $V_O = 0V$			250	μA	1
					300	μA	2, 3
I_{Limit}	Current Limit	$V_O = 0V$		1.5	2.5	A	1
				1.0	4.0	A	2, 3

LM2991 Electrical Characteristics AC Parameters

The following conditions apply, unless otherwise specified.

AC: $V_I = -10V$, $V_O = -3V$, $I_O = 1A$, $C_O = 47\mu F$, $R_L = 2.7K\Omega$

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Notes	Min	Max	Units	Sub-groups
RR	Ripple Rejection	$V_{Ripple} = 1V_{RMS}$, $F_{Ripple} = 1KHz$, $I_O = 5mA$		50		dB	1

LM2991 Electrical Characteristics DC Drift Parameters

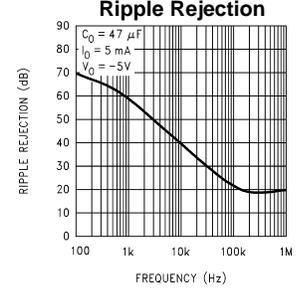
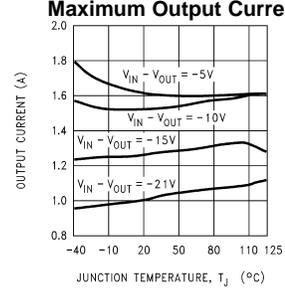
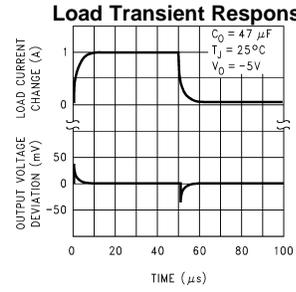
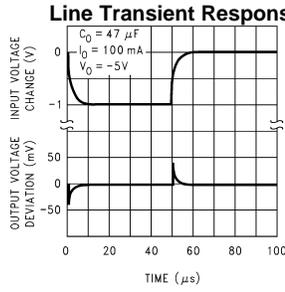
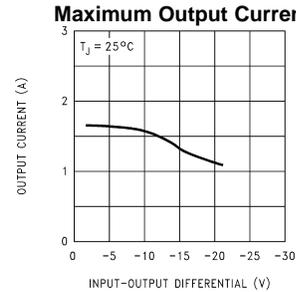
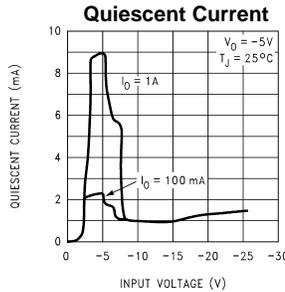
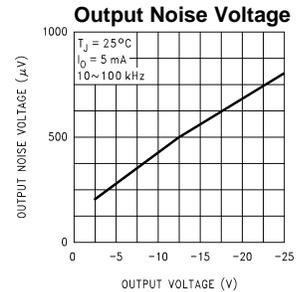
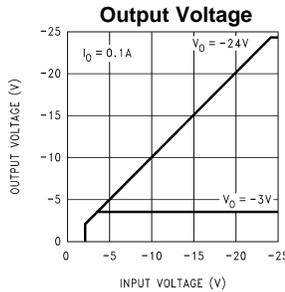
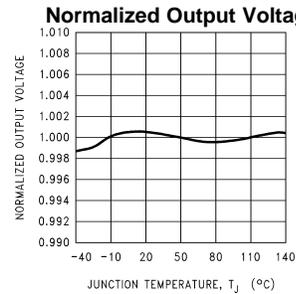
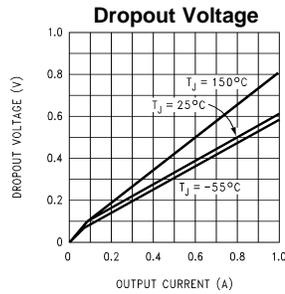
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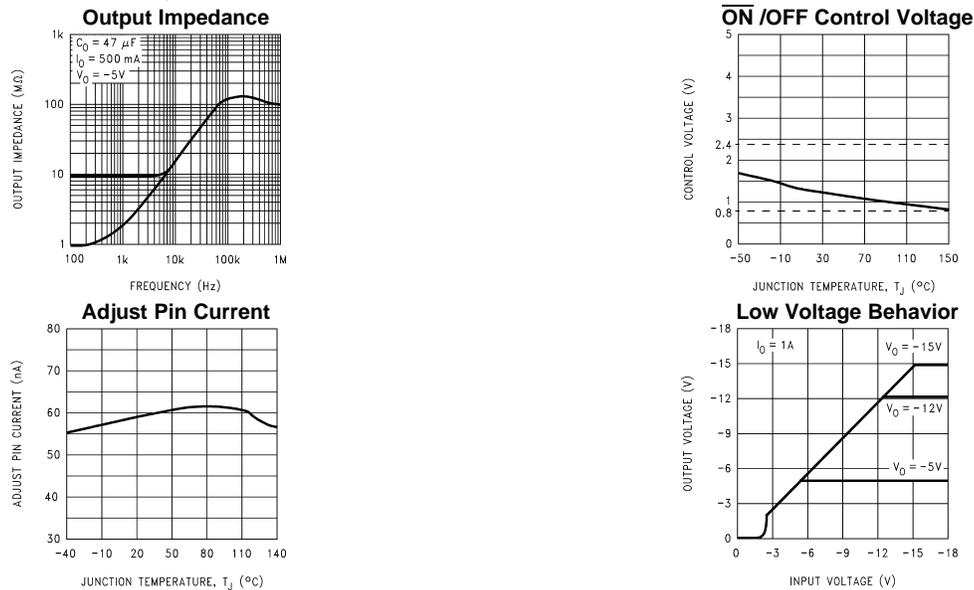
Deltas not required on B-Level product. Deltas required for S-Level product ONLY.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Notes	Min	Max	Units	Sub-groups
V_{Ref}	Reference Voltage	$5mA \leq I_O \leq 1A$			± 20	mV	1

Typical Performance Characteristics



Typical Performance Characteristics (continued)



Application Hints

EXTERNAL CAPACITORS

Like any low-dropout regulator, external capacitors are required to stabilize the control loop. These capacitors must be correctly selected for proper performance.

INPUT CAPACITOR

An input capacitor is required if the regulator is located more than 6" from the input power supply filter capacitor (or if no other input capacitor is present).

A solid Tantalum or ceramic capacitor whose value is at least 1 μF is recommended, but an aluminum electrolytic ($\geq 10 \mu\text{F}$) may be used. However, aluminum electrolytics should not be used in applications where the ambient temperature can drop below 0°C because their internal impedance increases significantly at cold temperatures.

OUTPUT CAPACITOR

The output capacitor must meet the ESR limits shown in the graph, which means it must have an ESR between about 25 mΩ and 10Ω.

A solid Tantalum (value $\geq 1 \mu\text{F}$) is the best choice for the output capacitor. An aluminum electrolytic ($\geq 10 \mu\text{F}$) may be used if the ESR is in the stable range.

It should be noted that the ESR of a typical aluminum electrolytic will increase by as much as 50X as the temperature is reduced from 25°C down to -40°C, while a Tantalum will exhibit an ESR increase of about 2X over the same range. For this and other reasons, aluminum electrolytics should not be used in applications where low operating temperatures occur.

The lower stable ESR limit of 25 mΩ means that ceramic capacitors can not be used directly on the output of an LDO. A ceramic ($\geq 2.2 \mu\text{F}$) can be used on the output if some external resistance is placed in series with it (1Ω recommended). Dielectric types X7R or X5R must be used if the temperature range of the application varies more than $\pm 25^\circ\text{C}$ from ambient to assure the amount of capacitance is sufficient.

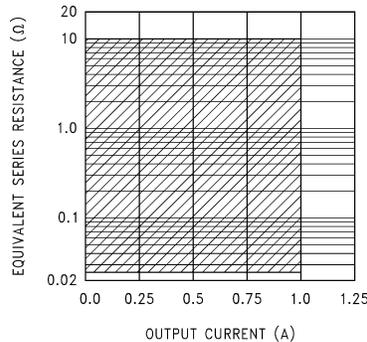
CERAMIC BYPASS CAPACITORS

Many designers place distributed ceramic capacitors whose value is in the range of 1000 pF to 0.1 μF at the power input pins of the IC's across a circuit board. These can cause reduced phase margin or oscillations in LDO regulators.

The advent of multi-layer boards with dedicated power and ground planes has removed the trace inductance that (previously) provided the necessary "decoupling" to shield the output of the LDO from the effects of bypass capacitors.

These capacitors should be avoided if possible, and kept as far away from the LDO output as is practical.

Figure 2. Output Capacitor ESR Range



MINIMUM LOAD

A minimum load current of 500 μ A is required for proper operation. The external resistor divider can provide the minimum load, with the resistor from the adjust pin to ground set to 2.4 k Ω .

SETTING THE OUTPUT VOLTAGE

The output voltage of the LM2991 is set externally by a resistor divider using the following equation:

$$V_{OUT} = V_{REF} \times (1 + R_2/R_1) - (I_{ADJ} \times R_2) \quad (1)$$

where $V_{REF} = -1.21V$. The output voltage can be programmed within the range of $-3V$ to $-24V$, typically an even greater range of $-2V$ to $-25V$. The adjust pin current is about 60 nA, causing a slight error in the output voltage. However, using resistors lower than 100 k Ω makes the adjust pin current negligible. For example, neglecting the adjust pin current, and setting R_2 to 100 k Ω and V_{OUT} to $-5V$, results in an output voltage error of only 0.16%.

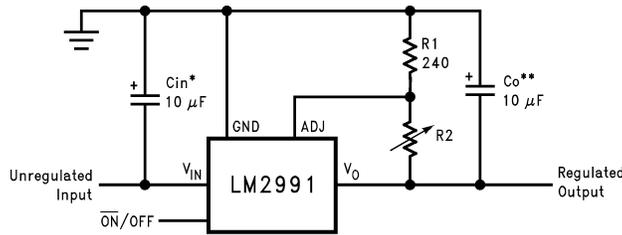
ON/OFF PIN

The LM2991 regulator can be turned off by applying a TTL or CMOS level high signal to the $\overline{ON/OFF}$ pin (see Adjustable Current Sink Application).

FORCING THE OUTPUT POSITIVE

Due to an internal clamp circuit, the LM2991 can withstand positive voltages on its output. If the voltage source pulling the output positive is DC, the current must be limited to 1.5A. A current over 1.5A fed back into the LM2991 could damage the device. The LM2991 output can also withstand fast positive voltage transients up to 26V, without any current limiting of the source. However, if the transients have a duration of over 1 mS, the output should be clamped with a Schottky diode to ground.

Typical Applications



$$V_O = V_{Ref} (1 + R2/R1)$$

*Required if the regulator is located further than 6 inches from the power supply filter capacitors. A 1 μ F solid tantalum or a 10 μ F aluminum electrolytic capacitor is recommended.

**Required for stability. Must be at least a 10 μ F aluminum electrolytic or a 1 μ F solid tantalum to maintain stability. May be increased without bound to maintain regulation during transients. Locate the capacitor as close as possible to the regulator. The equivalent series resistance (ESR) is critical, and should be less than 10 Ω over the same operating temperature range as the regulator.

Figure 3. Fully Isolated Post-Switcher Regulator

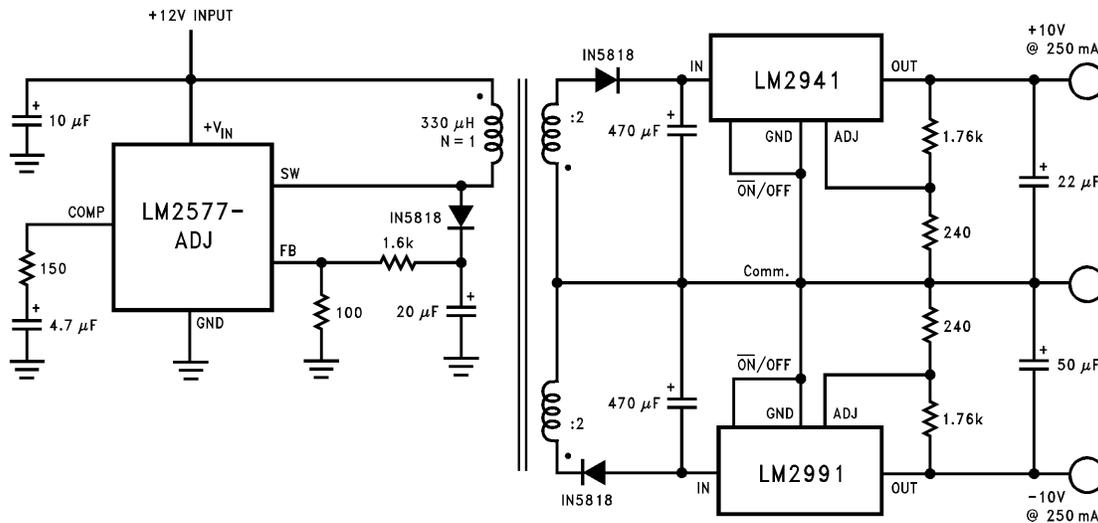


Figure 4. Adjustable Current Sink

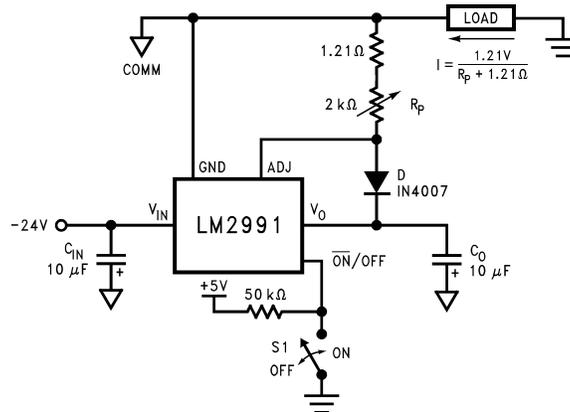


Table 2. Revision History

Released	Revision	Section	Changes
03/10/06	A	New Release, Corporate format	1 MDS data sheet converted into one Corp. data sheet format. MNLM2991-X Rev 1A1 will be archived.

Table 2. Revision History (continued)

Released	Revision	Section	Changes
05–Oct-2011	B	Ordering Information, Absolute Maximum Ratings	Added new 'GW' NSID and —02 SMD part number. Added Theta JA & Theta JC as well as the weight for the 'GW' device. LM2991QML Rev A will be archived.

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Orderable Device	Status (1)	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan (2)	Lead/Ball Finish	MSL Peak Temp (3)	Samples (Requires Login)
5962-9650502QXA	ACTIVE	CLGA	NAC	16	42	TBD	CU SNPB	Level-1-NA-UNLIM	
LM2991GW-QML	ACTIVE	CLGA	NAC	16	42	TBD	CU SNPB	Level-1-NA-UNLIM	

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OBSOLETE: TI has discontinued the production of the device.

(2) Eco Plan - The planned eco-friendly classification: Pb-Free (RoHS), Pb-Free (RoHS Exempt), or Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br) - please check <http://www.ti.com/productcontent> for the latest availability information and additional product content details.

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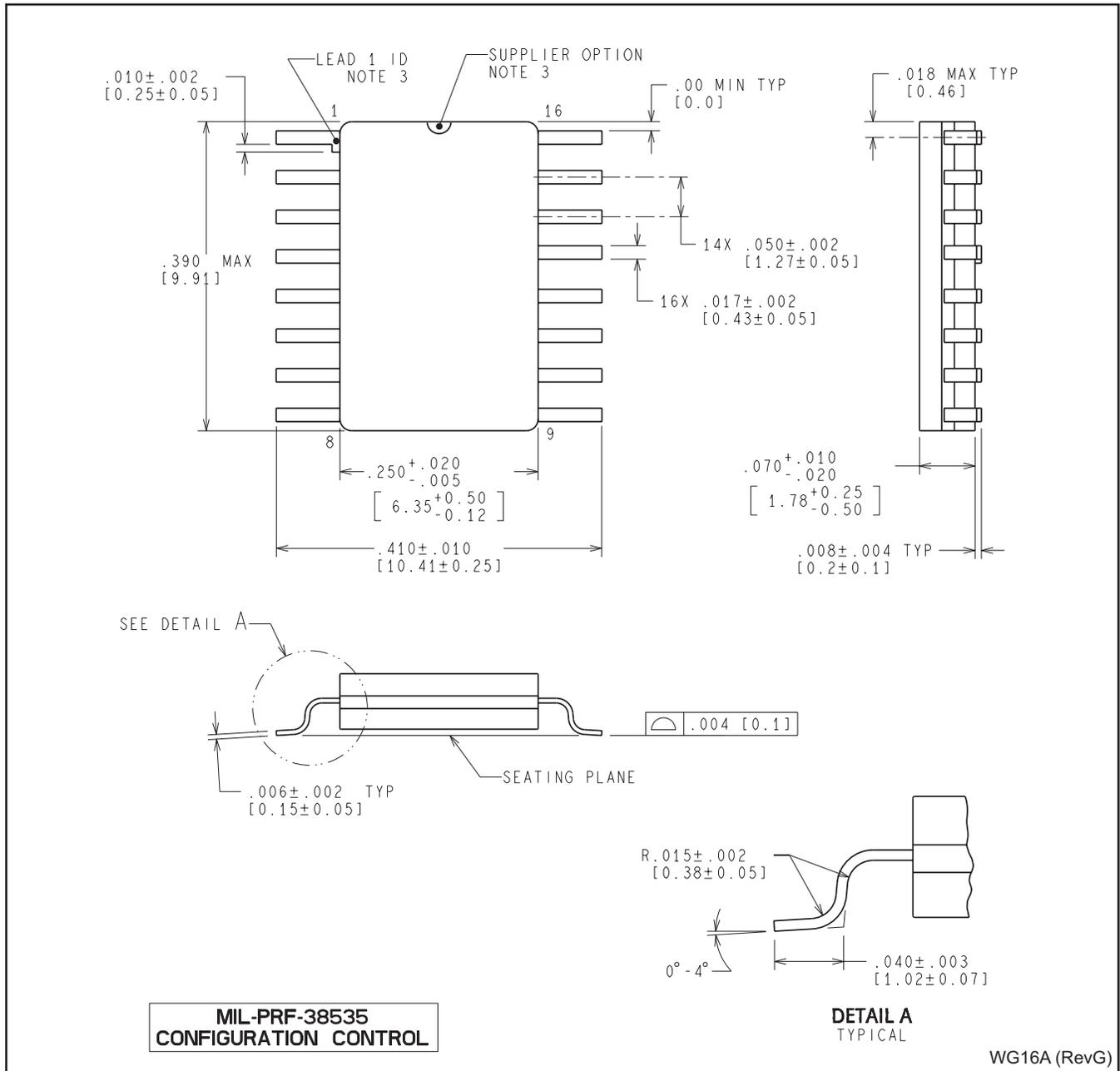
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(3) MSL, Peak Temp. -- The Moisture Sensitivity Level rating according to the JEDEC industry standard classifications, and peak solder temperature.

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