# Three-Terminal Adjustable Output Positive Voltage Regulator

The LM317M is an adjustable three–terminal positive voltage regulator capable of supplying in excess of 500 mA over an output voltage range of 1.2 V to 37 V. This voltage regulator is exceptionally easy to use and requires only two external resistors to set the output voltage. Further, it employs internal current limiting, thermal shutdown and safe area compensation, making it essentially blow–out proof.

The LM317M serves a wide variety of applications including local, on–card regulation. This device also makes an especially simple adjustable switching regulator, a programmable output regulator, or by connecting a fixed resistor between the adjustment and output, the LM317M can be used as a precision current regulator.

- Output Current in Excess of 500 mA
- Output Adjustable between 1.2 V and 37 V
- Internal Thermal Overload Protection
- Internal Short Circuit Current Limiting
- Output Transistor Safe-Area Compensation
- Floating Operation for High Voltage Applications
- Eliminates Stocking Many Fixed Voltages

#### **Simplified Application**



\* =  $C_{in}$  is required if regulator is located an appreciable distance from power supply filter. \*\* =  $C_O$  is not needed for stability, however, it does improve transient response.

$$V_{out} \, = \, 1.25 \ V \left( 1 \, + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) \, + \, I_{Adj} \, R_2$$

Since  $I_{Adj}$  is controlled to less than 100  $\mu\text{A},$  the error associated with this term is negligible in most applications.



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Heatsink Surface (shown as terminal 4 in case outline drawing) is connected to Pin 2.

PIN ASSIGNMENT				
1 Adjust				
2	Vout			
3	V <sub>in</sub>			

#### ORDERING INFORMATION

See detailed ordering and shipping information in the package dimensions section on page 10 of this data sheet.

#### MAXIMUM RATINGS (T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Input–Output Voltage Differential	VI-VO	40	Vdc
Power Dissipation (Package Limitation) (Note 1) Plastic Package, T Suffix, Case 221A $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Air Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Case Plastic Package, DT Suffix, Case 369A $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Air Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Air	PD θJA θJC PD θJA	Internally Limited 70 5.0 Internally Limited 92	°C/W °C/W °C/W
Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Case Plastic Package, ST Suffix, Case 318E T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Air Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Case	<sup>θ</sup> JC PD <sup>θ</sup> JA <sup>θ</sup> JC	5.0 Internally Limited 245 15	°C/W °C/W °C/W
Operating Junction Temperature Range	Тј	-40 to +125	°C
Storage Temperature Range	T <sub>stg</sub>	-65 to +150	°C

**NOTE:** 1. Figure 23 provides thermal resistance versus pc board pad size.

#### **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** ( $V_I - V_O = 5.0 V$ ; $I_O = 0.1 A$ , $T_J = T_{Iow}$ to $T_{high}$ [Note 1], unless otherwise noted.)

Characteristics	Figure	Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Line Regulation (Note 2) $T_A = 25^{\circ}C, 3.0 \text{ V} \le \text{V}_I - \text{V}_O \le 40 \text{ V}$	1	Reg <sub>line</sub>	-	0.01	0.04	%/V
Load Regulation (Note 2) $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ , 10 mA $\le I_O \le 0.5$ A $V_O \le 5.0$ V $V_O \ge 5.0$ V	2	Reg <sub>load</sub>		5.0 0.1	25 0.5	mV % VO
Adjustment Pin Current	3	l <sub>Adj</sub>	-	50	100	μΑ
Adjustment Pin Current Change 2.5 V $\leq$ VI–VO $\leq$ 40 V, 10 mA $\leq$ IL $\leq$ 0.5 A, PD $\leq$ Pmax	1,2	Δl <sub>Adj</sub>	-	0.2	5.0	μΑ
Reference Voltage 3.0 V $\leq$ VI–VO $\leq$ 40 V, 10 mA $\leq$ IO $\leq$ 0.5 A, PD $\leq$ Pmax:	3	V <sub>ref</sub>	1.200	1.250	1.300	V
Line Regulation (Note 2) 3.0 V $\leq$ V <sub>I</sub> -V <sub>O</sub> $\leq$ 40 V	1	Reg <sub>line</sub>	-	0.02	0.07	%/V
Load Regulation (Note 2) 10 mA $\leq$ I <sub>O</sub> $\leq$ 0.5 A V <sub>O</sub> $\leq$ 5.0 V V <sub>O</sub> $\geq$ 5.0 V	2	Reg <sub>load</sub>		20 0.3	70 1.5	mV % VO
Temperature Stability $(T_{low} \le T_J \le T_{high})$	3	TS	-	0.7	-	%Vo
Minimum Load Current to Maintain Regulation $(V_I - V_O = 40 V)$	3	I <sub>Lmin</sub>	-	3.5	10	mA
	3	I <sub>max</sub>	0.5 0.15	0.9 0.25	-	A
RMS Noise, % of V <sub>O</sub> T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C, 10 Hz $\leq$ f $\leq$ 10 kHz	-	N	-	0.003	-	% V <sub>O</sub>
Ripple Rejection, $V_O = 10$ V, f = 120 Hz (Note 3) Without $C_{Adj}$ $C_{Adj} = 10 \ \mu F$	4	RR	_ 66	65 80		dB
Long–Term Stability, $T_J = T_{high}$ (Note 4) $T_A= 25^{\circ}C$ for Endpoint Measurements	3	S	-	0.3	1.0	%/1.0 k Hrs.

**NOTES:** 1.  $T_{low}$  to  $T_{high} = 0^{\circ}$  to +125°C for LM317M  $T_{low}$  to  $T_{high} = -40^{\circ}$  to +125°C for LM317MB 2. Load and line regulation are specified at constant junction temperature. Changes in V<sub>O</sub> due to heating effects must be taken into account separately. Pulse testing with low duty cycle is used.

 C<sub>Adj</sub>, when used, is connected between the adjustment pin and ground.
Since Long–Term Stability cannot be measured on each device before shipment, this specification is an engineering estimate of average stability from lot to lot.

### Representative Schematic Diagram



# Figure 1. Line Regulation and ${\bigtriangleup I}_{\mbox{Adj}}/\mbox{Line Test Circuit}$







#### Figure 3. Standard Test Circuit









#### **APPLICATIONS INFORMATION**

#### **Basic Circuit Operation**

The LM317M is a three–terminal floating regulator. In operation, the LM317M develops and maintains a nominal 1.25 V reference ( $V_{ref}$ ) between its output and adjustment terminals. This reference voltage is converted to a programming current ( $I_{PROG}$ ) by  $R_1$  (see Figure 17), and this constant current flows through  $R_2$  to ground. The regulated output voltage is given by:

$$V_{out} = V_{ref} \left( 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) + I_{Adj} R_2$$

Since the current from the terminal  $(I_{Adj})$  represents an error term in the equation, the LM317M was designed to control  $I_{Adj}$  to less than 100 µA and keep it constant. To do this, all quiescent operating current is returned to the output terminal. This imposes the requirement for a minimum load current. If the load current is less than this minimum, the output voltage will rise.

Since the LM317M is a floating regulator, it is only the voltage differential across the circuit which is important to performance, and operation at high voltages with respect to ground is possible.





#### Load Regulation

The LM317M is capable of providing extremely good load regulation, but a few precautions are needed to obtain maximum performance. For best performance, the programming resistor ( $R_1$ ) should be connected as close to the regulator as possible to minimize line drops which effectively appear in series with the reference, thereby degrading regulation. The ground end of  $R_2$  can be returned near the load ground to provide remote ground sensing and improve load regulation.

#### **External Capacitors**

A 0.1  $\mu$ F disc or 1.0  $\mu$ F tantalum input bypass capacitor (C<sub>in</sub>) is recommended to reduce the sensitivity to input line impedance.

The adjustment terminal may be bypassed to ground to improve ripple rejection. This capacitor ( $C_{Adj}$ ) prevents ripple from being amplified as the output voltage is increased. A 10  $\mu$ F capacitor should improve ripple rejection about 15 dB at 120 Hz in a 10 V application.

Although the LM317M is stable with no output capacitance, like any feedback circuit, certain values of external capacitance can cause excessive ringing. An output capacitance (CO) in the form of a 1.0  $\mu$ F tantalum or 25  $\mu$ F aluminum electrolytic capacitor on the output swamps this effect and insures stability.

#### **Protection Diodes**

When external capacitors are used with any IC regulator it is sometimes necessary to add protection diodes to prevent the capacitors from discharging through low current points into the regulator.

Figure 18 shows the LM317M with the recommended protection diodes for output voltages in excess of 25 V or high capacitance values ( $C_O > 25 \,\mu\text{F}, C_{Adj} > 5.0 \,\mu\text{F}$ ). Diode D<sub>1</sub> prevents C<sub>O</sub> from discharging thru the IC during an input short circuit. Diode D<sub>2</sub> protects against capacitor C<sub>Adj</sub> discharging through the IC during an output short circuit. The combination of diodes D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> prevents C<sub>Adj</sub> from discharging through the IC during an input short circuit.

#### Figure 18. Voltage Regulator with Protection Diodes







 $\begin{array}{l} V_{O} < P_{OV} + 1.25 \ V + V_{SS} \\ I_{Lmin} - I_{P} < I_{O} < 500 \ mA - I_{P} \\ As \ shown \ O < I_{O} < 495 \ mA \end{array}$ 





#### Figure 20. 5 V Electronic Shutdown Regulator



D1 protects the device during an input short circuit.

Figure 22. Current Regulator



Figure 23. DPAK Thermal Resistance and Maximum Power Dissipation versus P.C.B. Copper Length



Figure 24. SOT–223 Thermal Resistance and Maximum Power Dissipation versus P.C.B. Copper Length



#### **ORDERING INFORMATION**

Device	Operating Temperature Range	Package	Shipping	
LM317MT	$T_J = 0^{\circ}C$ to $125^{\circ}C$	TO-220	50 units/rail	
LM317MDT	$T_J = 0^{\circ}C$ to $125^{\circ}C$	DPAK	75 units/rail	
LM317MDTRK	$T_J = 0^{\circ}C$ to $125^{\circ}C$	DPAK	2500 units/Tape & Reel	
LM317MSTT3	$T_J = 0^{\circ}C$ to $125^{\circ}C$	SOT-223	4000 units/Tape & Reel	
LM317MBT	$T_J = -40^{\circ}C$ to $125^{\circ}C$	TO-220	50 units/rail	
LM317MBDT	$T_J = -40^{\circ}C$ to $125^{\circ}C$	DPAK	75 units/rail	
LM317MBDTRK	$T_J = -40^{\circ}C$ to $125^{\circ}C$	DPAK	2500 units/Tape & Reel	
LM317MBSTT3	$T_J = -40^{\circ}C$ to $125^{\circ}C$	SOT-223	4000 units/Tape & Reel	

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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
К	0.500	0.562	12.70	14.27
L	0.045	0.060	1.15	1.52
Ν	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
V	0.045		1.15	
Ζ		0.080		2.04

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	INC	INCHES		IETERS			
DIN	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX			
Α	0.249	0.263	6.30	6.70			
В	0.130	0.145	3.30	3.70			
С	0.060	0.068	1.50	1.75			
D	0.024	0.035	0.60	0.89			
F	0.115	0.126	2.90	3.20			
G	0.087	0.094	2.20	2.40			
Н	0.0008	0.0040	0.020	0.100			
J	0.009	0.014	0.24	0.35			
K	0.060	0.078	1.50	2.00			
L	0.033	0.041	0.85	1.05			
M	0 °	10 °	0 °	10 °			
S	0.264	0.287	6.70	7.30			

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	INCHES		MILLIN	IETERS
DIM	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
Α	0.235	0.250	5.97	6.35
В	0.250	0.265	6.35	6.73
С	0.086	0.094	2.19	2.38
D	0.027	0.035	0.69	0.88
Е	0.033	0.040	0.84	1.01
F	0.037	0.047	0.94	1.19
G	0.180 BSC		4.58 BSC	
Н	0.034	0.040	0.87	1.01
J	0.018	0.023	0.46	0.58
К	0.102	0.114	2.60	2.89
L	0.090 BSC		2.29 BSC	
R	0.175	0.215	4.45	5.46
S	0.020	0.050	0.51	1.27
U	0.020		0.51	
٧	0.030	0.050	0.77	1.27
Z	0.138		3.51	

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