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# LM337L 3-Terminal Adjustable Regulator General Description

The LM337L is an adjustable 3-terminal negative voltage regulator capable of supplying 100mA over a 1.2V to 37V output range. It is exceptionally easy to use and requires only two external resistors to set the output voltage. Furthermore, both line and load regulation are better than standard fixed regulators. Also, the LM337L is packaged in a standard TO-92 transistor package which is easy to use.

In addition to higher performance than fixed regulators, the LM337L offers full overload protection. Included on the chip are current limit, thermal overload protection and safe area protection. All overload protection circuitry remains fully functional even if the adjustment terminal is disconnected.

Normally, only a single  $1\mu F$  solid tantalum output capacitor is needed unless the device is situated more than 6 inches from the input filter capacitors, in which case an input bypass is needed. A larger output capacitor can be added to improve transient response. The adjustment terminal can be bypassed to achieve very high ripple rejection ratios which are difficult to achieve with standard 3-terminal regulators.

Besides replacing fixed regulators, the LM337L is useful in a wide variety of other applications. Since the regulator is "floating" and sees only the input-to-output differential voltage, supplies of several hundred volts can be regulated as long as the maximum input-to-output differential is not exceeded.

Also, it makes an especially simple adjustable switching regulator, a programmable output regulator, or by connecting

a fixed resistor between the adjustment and output, the LM337L can be used as a precision current regulator. Supplies with electronic shutdown can be achieved by clamping the adjustment terminal to ground which programs the output to 1.2V where most loads draw little current.

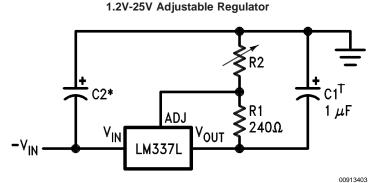
The LM337L is available in a standard TO-92 transistor package, SO-8 surface mount package, and in our new 12 mil diameter bump micro SMD package. The LM337L is rated for operation over a  $-25^{\circ}$ C to  $+125^{\circ}$ C range.

For applications requiring greater output current in excess of 0.5A and 1.5A, see LM137 series data sheets. For the positive complement, see series LM117 and LM317L data sheets.

#### **Features**

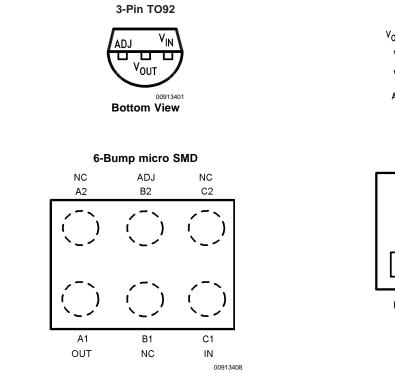
- Adjustable output down to 1.2V
- Guaranteed 100mA output current
- Line regulation typically 0.01%/V
- Load regulation typically 0.1%
- Current limit constant with temperature
- Eliminates the need to stock many voltages
- Standard 3-lead transistor package
- 80 dB ripple rejection
- Output is short circuit protected
- Available in the 6-Bump micro SMD package
- See AN-1112 for micro SMD considerations

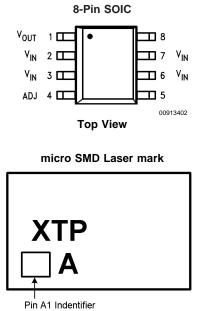
## **Typical Application**



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### **Connection Diagrams**





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**Ordering Information** 

Package	Part Number	Package Marking	Transport Media	NSC Drawing	
3-Pin TO92	LM337LZ	LM337LZ	1800 per Bag	Z03A	
8-Pin SOIC	LM337LM	LM337LM	Rails	M08A	
0-PIII 3010	LM337LMX		2.5k Units Tape and Reel	WIUOA	
6 Pump miero SMD	LM337LBL	PA	250 Units Tape and Reel	BLA06FNB	
6-Bump micro SMD	LM337LBLX	۲A	3k Units Tape and Reel	DLAUOFIND	

#### Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

If Military/Aerospace specified devices are required, please contact the National Semiconductor Sales Office/ Distributors for availability and specifications.

Power Dissipation	Internally Limited		
Input-Output Voltage Differential	40V		
Operating Junction			
Temperature Range	–25°C to +125°C		

Storage Temperature	–55°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature	
(Soldering, 10 sec.)	300°C
Plastic Package (Soldering 4 sec.)	260°C
ESD Rating	1.5kV (Note 5)

#### Electrical Characteristics (Note 2)

Parameter Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Units
Line Regulation	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C, \ 3V \le  V_{IN} - V_{OUT}  \le 40V,$		0.01	0.04	%/V
	(Note 3)				
Load Regulation	$T_A = 25^{\circ}C, 5mA \le I_{OUT} \le I_{MAX}, (Note 3)$		0.1	0.5	%
Thermal Regulation	T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C, 10ms Pulse		0.04	0.2	%/W
Adjustment Pin Current			50	100	μA
Adjustment Pin Current Change	$5mA \le I_L \le 100mA$		0.2	5	μA
	$3V \le  V_{IN} - V_{OUT}  \le 40V$				
Reference Voltage	$3V \le  V_{IN} - V_{OUT}  \le 40V$ , (Note 4)	1.20	1.25	1.30	V
	$10\text{mA} \le I_{OUT} \le 100\text{mA}, P \le 625\text{mW}$				
Line Regulation $3V \le  V_{IN} - V_{OUT}  \le 40V$ , (Note 3)			0.02	0.07	%/V
Load Regulation	$5mA \le I_{OUT} \le 100mA$ , (Note 3)		0.3	1.5	%
Temperature Stability	$T_{MIN} \le T_j \le T_{MAX}$		0.65		%
Minimum Load Current	$ V_{IN} - V_{OUT}  \le 40V$		3.5	5	mA
	$3V \le  V_{IN} - V_{OUT}  \le 15V$		2.2	3.5	mA
Current Limit	$3V \le  V_{IN} - V_{OUT}  \le 13V$	100	200	320	mA
	$ V_{IN} - V_{OUT}  = 40V$	25	50	120	mA
Rms Output Noise, % of $V_{OUT}$ $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ , $10Hz \le f \le 10kHz$			0.003		%
Ripple Rejection Ratio	$V_{OUT} = -10V, F = 120 \text{ Hz}, C_{ADJ} = 0$		65		dB
	$C_{ADJ} = 10 \mu F$	66	80		dB
Long-Term Stability	$T_A = 125^{\circ}C$		0.3	1	%

Note 1: "Absolute Maximum Ratings" indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is functional, but do not guarantee specific performance limits.

Note 2: Unless otherwise specified, these specifications apply –25°C  $\leq$  T<sub>J</sub>  $\leq$  + 125°C for the LM337L;  $|V_{IN} - V_{OUT}|$  = 5V and  $I_{OUT}$  = 40mA. Although power dissipation is internally limited, these specifications are applicable for power dissipations up to 625 mW.  $I_{MAX}$  is 100mA.

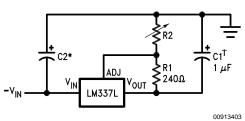
Note 3: Regulation is measured at constant junction temperature, using pulse testing with a low duty cycle. Changes in output voltage due to heating effects are covered under the specification for thermal regulation.

**Note 4:** Thermal resistance of the TO-92 package is 180°C/W junction to ambient with 0.4" leads from a PC board and 160°C/W junction to ambient with 0.125" lead length to PC board. The M package  $\theta_{JA}$  is 180°C/W in still air. The 6-Bump micro SMD package  $\theta_{JA}$  is 290°C/W in still air.

Note 5: Human body model,  $1.5k\Omega$  in series with 100pF.

# **Typical Applications**

#### 1.2V-25V Adjustable Regulator



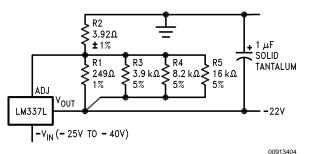
Full output current not available at high input-output voltages

$$-V_{\text{OUT}} = -1.25V\left(1 + \frac{\text{R2}}{240\Omega}\right)$$

 $^{\dagger}C1$  = 1µF solid tantalum or 10µF aluminum electrolytic required for stability

 $^{*}\text{C2}=1\mu F$  solid tantalum is required only if regulator is more than 4" from power supply filter capacitor

**Regulator with Trimmable Output Voltage** 



Trim Procedure:

- If V\_{OUT} is –23.08V or bigger, cut out R3 (if smaller, don't cut it out).

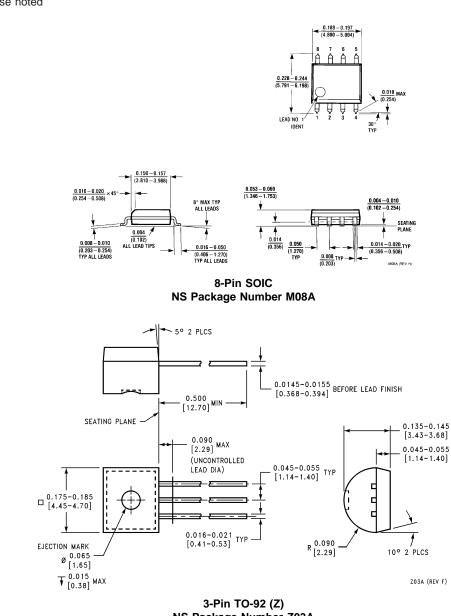
- Then if V<sub>OUT</sub> is -22.47V or bigger, cut out R4 (if smaller, don't).

— Then if  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  is –22.16V or bigger, cut out R5 (if smaller, don't).

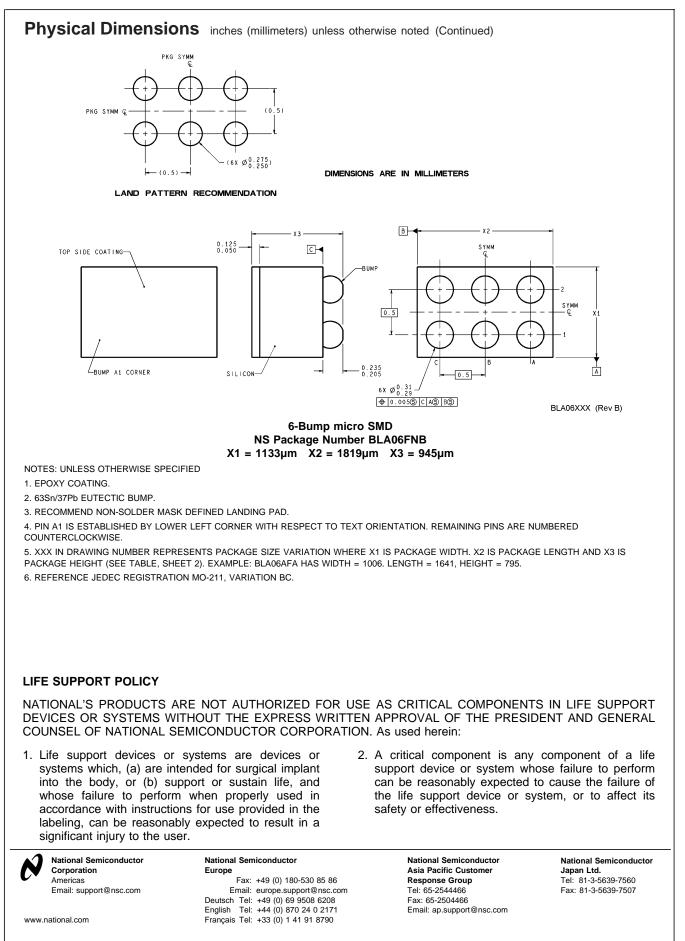
This will trim the output to well within 1% of  $-22.00 V_{DC}$ , without any of the expense or trouble of a trim pot (see LB-46). Of course, this technique can be used at any output voltage level.

# Physical Dimensions inches (millimeters) unless otherwise noted

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