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# **LP3996**

# Dual Linear Regulator with 300mA and 150mA Outputs and Power-On-Reset

# **General Description**

The LP3996 is a dual low dropout regulator with power-onreset circuit. The first regulator can source 150mA, while the second is capable of sourcing 300mA and has a power-onreset function included.

The LP3996 provides 1.5% accuracy requiring an ultra low quiescent current of 35µA. Separate enable pins allow each output of the LP3996 to be shut down, drawing virtually zero current.

The LP3996 is designed to be stable with small footprint ceramic capacitors down to 1uF. An external capacitor may be used to set the POR delay time as required.

The LP3996 is available in fixed output voltages and comes in a 10 pin, 3mm x 3mm, LLP package. .

#### **Features**

- 2 LDO Outputs with Independent Enable
- 1.5% Accuracy at Room Temperature, 3% over Temperature
- Power-On-Reset Function with Adjustable Delay
- Thermal Shutdown Protection
- Stable with Ceramic Capacitors

# **Key Specifications**

■ Input Voltage Range

2.0V to 6.0V

■ Low Dropout Voltage

210mV at 300mA

■ Ultra-Low I<sub>O</sub> (enabled)

35μΑ

■ Virtually Zero I<sub>O</sub> (disabled)

<10nA

## **Package**

All available in Lead Free option.

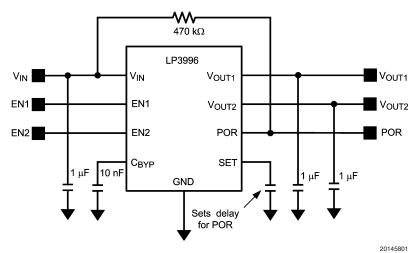
10 pin LLP 3mm x 3mm

For other package options contact your NSC sales office.

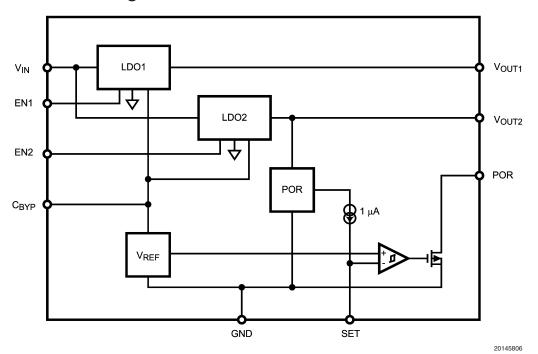
# **Applications**

- Cellular Handsets
- PDA's
- Wireless Network Adaptors

# **Typical Application Circuit**



# **Functional Block Diagram**



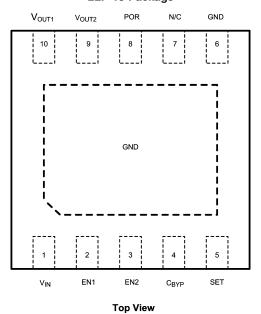
# **Pin Descriptions**

#### LLP-10 Package

Pin No	Symbol	Name and Function				
1	V <sub>IN</sub>	Voltage Supply Input. Connect a 1µF capacitor between this				
		pin and GND.				
2	EN1	Enable Input to Regulator 1. Active high input.				
		High = On. Low = OFF.				
3	EN2	Enable Input to Regulator 2. Active high input.				
		High = On. Low = OFF.				
4	C <sub>BYP</sub>	Internal Voltage Reference Bypass. Connect a 10nF capacitor				
		from this pin to GND to reduce output noise and improve line				
		transient and PSRR.				
		This pin may be left open.				
5	SET	Set Delay Input. Connect a capacitor between this pin and				
		GND to set the POR delay time. If left open, there will be no				
		delay.				
6	GND	Common Ground pin. Connect externally to exposed pad.				
7	N/C	No Connection. Do not connect to any other pin.				
8	POR	Power-On Reset Output. Open drain output. Active low				
		indicates under-voltage output on Regulator 2. A pull-up				
		resistor is required for correct operation.				
9	V <sub>OUT2</sub>	Output of Regulator 2. 300mA maximum current output.				
		Connect a 1µF capacitor between this pin and GND.				
10	V <sub>OUT1</sub>	Output of Regulator 1. 150mA maximum current output.				
		Connect a 1µF capacitor between this pin and GND.				
Pad	GND	Common Ground. Connect to Pin 6.				

# **Connection Diagram**

#### LLP-10 Package



See NS package number SDA10A

# **Ordering Information (LLP-10)**

For other voltage options, please contact your local NSC sales office

Output Voltage (V)	Order Number	Spec	Package Marking	Supplied As		
0.8 / 3.3	LP3996SD-0833	NOPB	L167B	1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SDX-0833	NOPB		4500 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SD-0833			1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SDX-0833			4500 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
1.5 / 2.5	LP3996SD-1525	NOPB	L168B	1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SDX-1525	NOPB		4500 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SD-1525			1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SDX-1525			4500 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
2.8 / 2.8	LP3996SD-2828	NOPB	L171B	1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SDX-2828	NOPB		4500 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SD-2828			1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SDX-2828			4500 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
3.0 / 3.0	LP3996SD-3030	NOPB	L172B	1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SDX-3030	NOPB		4500 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SD-3030			1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SDX-3030			4500 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
3.0 / 3.3	LP3996SD-3033	NOPB	L170B	1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SDX-3033	NOPB		4500 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SD-3033			1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SDX-3033			4500 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
3.3 / 0.8	LP3996SD-3308	NOPB	L188B	1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SDX-3308	NOPB		4500 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SD-3308			1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
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3.3 / 3.3	LP3996SD-3333	NOPB	L173B	1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SDX-3333	NOPB		4500 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SD-3333			1000 Units, Tape-and-Reel		
	LP3996SDX-3333			4500 Units, Tape-and-Reel		

# **Absolute Maximum Ratings**

(Notes 1, 2)

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

Input Voltage to GND -0.3V to 6.5V  $V_{OUT1}, \, V_{OUT2}$  EN1 and EN2 -0.3V to  $(V_{IN} + 0.3V)$  with

Voltage to GND 0.3V to 0.3V to 0.3V with Voltage to GND 0.3V to 0.

Junction Temperature ( $T_{J-MAX}$ ) 150°C Lead/Pad Temp. (Note 3) 235°C

Storage Temperature -65°C to 150°C

Continuous Power Dissipation Internally Limited(Note 4)

ESD Rating(Note 5)

Human Body Model 2.0kV Machine Model 200V

# Operating Ratings(Notes 1, 2)

Input Voltage 2.0V to 6.0V EN1, EN2, POR Voltage 0 to  $(V_{IN} + 0.3V)$  to

6.0V (max)

Junction Temperature -40°C to 125°C

Ambient Temperature T<sub>A</sub>Range -40°C to 85°C

(Note 6)

## Thermal Properties(Note 1)

Junction To Ambient Thermal

Resistance(Note 7)

θ<sub>JA</sub>LLP-10 Package 55°C/W

#### Electrical Characteristics(Notes 2, 8)

Unless otherwise noted,  $V_{EN} = 950 \text{mV}$ ,  $V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 1.0 \text{V}$ , or 2.0 V, whichever is higher, where  $V_{OUT}$  is the higher of  $V_{OUT1}$  and  $V_{OUT2}$ .  $C_{IN} = 1 \mu \text{F}$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 1 \text{ mA}$ ,  $C_{OUT1} = C_{OUT2} = 1.0 \mu \text{F}$ . Typical values and limits appearing in normal type apply for  $T_A = 25 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Limits appearing in **boldface** type apply over the full junction temperature range for operation,  $-40 \text{ to } +125 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Cumbal	Daman atau		Conditions		Limit		I I a it a
Symbol	Parameter				Min	Max	Units
V <sub>IN</sub>	Input Voltage	(Note 9)	(Note 9)		2	6	V
$\Delta V_{OUT}$	Output Voltage Tolerance	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1mA	1.5V < V <sub>OUT</sub> ≤ 3.3V		-2.5	+2.5	
					-3.75	+3.75	%
			V <sub>OUT</sub> ≤ 1.5V		-2.75	+2.75	/0
					-4	+4	
	Line Regulation Error	$V_{IN} = (V_{OUT(NO)})$	<sub>M)</sub> + 1.0V) to 6.0V	0.03		0.3	%/V
	Load Regulation Error	$I_{OUT} = 1 \text{mA to}$ (LDO 1)	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1mA to 150mA (LDO 1)			155	- μV/mA
		$I_{OUT} = 1 \text{mA to } 3$ (LDO 2)	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1mA to 300mA (LDO 2)			85	
V <sub>DO</sub>	Dropout Voltage I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1mA to 150mA (LDO 1)		110		220	.,	
		$I_{OUT} = 1 \text{mA to } 3$ (LDO 2)	I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1mA to 300mA (LDO 2)			550	- mV
l <sub>a</sub>	Quiescent Current		LDO 1 ON, LDO 2 ON I <sub>OUT1</sub> = I <sub>OUT2</sub> = 0mA			100	μΑ
		LDO 1 ON, LDO	LDO 1 ON, LDO 2 OFF I <sub>OUT1</sub> = 150mA			110	
		LDO 1 OFF, LD	LDO 1 OFF, LDO 2 ON I <sub>OUT2</sub> = 300mA			110	
			LDO 1 ON, LDO 2 ON I <sub>OUT1</sub> = 150mA, I <sub>OUT2</sub> = 300mA			170	
		$V_{EN1} = V_{EN2} =$	$V_{EN1} = V_{EN2} = 0.4V$			10	nA
I <sub>SC</sub>	Short Circuit Current Limit	LDO 1	LDO 1 LDO 2			750	m A
		LDO 2				840	mA
I <sub>OUT</sub>	Maximum Output Current	LDO 1	LDO 1		150		mA
		LDO 2	LDO 2				1 IIIA

# Electrical Characteristics(Notes 2, 8) (Continued)

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Symbol	Parameter	Conditions		Tun	Limit		Units	
Symbol	Parameter			Тур	Min	Max	Units	
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio (Note 11)	$f = 1kHz, I_{OUT}$ = 1mA to	LDO1	58				
		150mA C <sub>BYP</sub> = 10nF	LDO2	70			dB	
		$f = 20kHz, I_{OUT}$ = 1mA to	LDO1	45			_ ub	
		$150mA$ $C_{BYP} = 10nF$	LDO2	60				
e <sub>n</sub>	Output noise Voltage (Note 11)	BW = 10Hz to 100kHz	V <sub>OUT</sub> = 0.8V	36			— μV <sub>RMS</sub>	
		C <sub>BYP</sub> = 10nF	V <sub>OUT</sub> = 3.3V	75				
T <sub>SHUTDOWN</sub>	Thermal Shutdown	Temperature		160			°c	
		Hysteresis		20				
	trol Characteristics							
I <sub>EN</sub>	Input Current at V <sub>EN1</sub> or V <sub>EN2</sub>	$V_{EN} = 0.0V$		0.005		0.1	μΑ	
		V <sub>EN</sub> = 6V		2		5	, m	
$V_{IL}$	Low Input Threshold at $V_{EN1}$ or $V_{EN2}$					0.4	V	
$V_{IH}$	High Input Threshold at V <sub>EN1</sub> or				0.95		V	
	V <sub>EN2</sub>						,	
POR Output	Characteristics							
$V_{TH}$	Low Threshold % 0f V <sub>OUT2 (NOM)</sub>	Flag ON			88			
	High Threshold % 0f V <sub>OUT2</sub>	Flag OFF				96	%	
I <sub>POR</sub>	Leakage Current	Flag OFF, V <sub>POR</sub> = 6.5V		30			nA	
V <sub>OL</sub>	Flag Output Low Voltage	I <sub>SINK</sub> = 250μA		20			mV	
Timing Cha	racteristics						•	
T <sub>ON</sub>	Turn On Time (Note 11)	To 95% Level C <sub>BYP</sub> = 10nF		300			μs	
Transient Response	Line Transient Response  δV <sub>OUT</sub>   (Note 11)	<u> </u>		20				
·	Load Transient Response  δV <sub>OUT</sub>   (Note 11)	$T_{rise} = T_{fall} = 1 \mu s$	LDO 1 I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1mA to 150mA	175			mV (pk - pk)	
			LDO 2 I <sub>OUT</sub> = 1mA to 300mA	150				
SET Input C	characteristics							
I <sub>SET</sub>	SET Pin Current Source	V <sub>SET</sub> = 0V		1.3			μA	
$V_{TH(SET)}$	SET Pin Threshold Voltage	POR = High		1.25			V	

# Electrical Characteristics(Notes 2, 8) (Continued)

- Note 1: Absolute Maximum Ratings are limits beyond which damage can occur. Operating Ratings are conditions under which operation of the device is guaranteed. Operating Ratings do not imply guaranteed performance limits. For guaranteed performance limits and associated test conditions, see the Electrical Characteristics tables.
- Note 2: All Voltages are with respect to the potential at the GND pin.
- Note 3: For detailed soldering specifications and information, please refer to National Semiconductor Application Note AN-1187, Leadless Leadframe Package.
- Note 4: Internal thermal shutdown circuitry protects the device from permanent damage.
- Note 5: The human body model is 100pF discharged through a 1.5kΩ resistor into each pin. The machine model is a 200pF capacitor discharged directly into each pin.
- Note 6: The maximum ambient temperature  $(T_{J(max-op)} = 125^{\circ}C)$ , the maximum power dissipation of the device in the application  $(P_{D(max)})$ , and the junction to ambient thermal resistance of the part/package in the application  $(\theta_{JA})$ , as given by the following equation:  $T_{A(max)} = T_{J(max-op)} (\theta_{JA} \times P_{D(max)})$ .
- Note 7: Junction to ambient thermal resistance is dependant on the application and board layout. In applications where high maximum power dissipation is possible, special care must be paid to thermal dissipation issues in board design.
- Note 8: Min Max limits are guaranteed by design, test or statistical analysis. Typical numbers are not guaranteed, but do represent the most likely norm.
- Note 9:  $V_{IN(MIN)} = V_{OUT(NOM)} + 0.5V$ , or 2.0V, whichever is higher.
- Note 10: Dropout voltage is voltage difference between input and output at which the output voltage drops to 100mV below its nominal value. This parameter only for output voltages above 2.0V
- Note 11: This electrical specification is guaranteed by design.

# **Output Capacitor, Recommended Specifications**

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Nom	Limit		Units
	Farameter	Conditions		Min	Max	Ullits
C <sub>OUT</sub>	Output Capacitance	Capacitance (Note 12)	1.0	0.7		μF
		ESR		5	500	mΩ

**Note 12:** The Capacitor tolerance should be 30% or better over temperature. The full operating conditions for the application should be considered when selecting a suitable capacitor to ensure that the minimum value of capacitance is always met. Recommended capacitor is X7R. However, depending on the application, X5R, Y5V and Z5U can also be used. (See capacitor section in Applications Hints).

## **Transient Test Conditions**

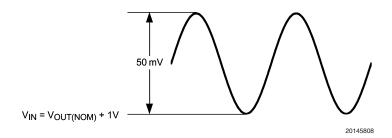


FIGURE 1. PSRR Input Signal

# Transient Test Conditions (Continued)

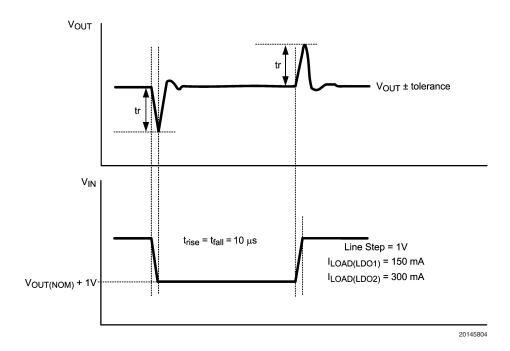


FIGURE 2. Line Transient Input Test Signal

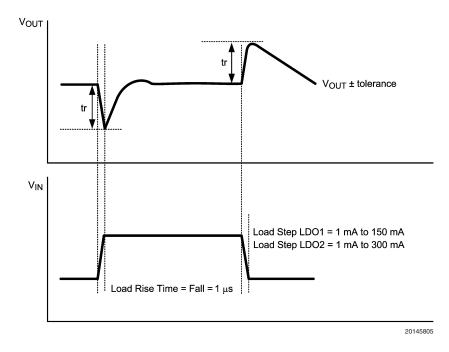
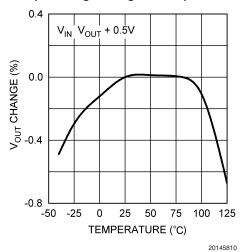


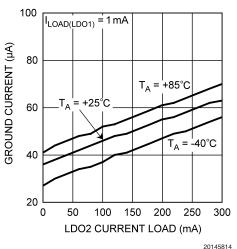
FIGURE 3. Load Transient Input Signal

# **Typical Performance Characteristics.** Unless otherwise specified, $C_{IN}$ = 1.0µF Ceramic, $C_{OUT1}$ = $C_{OUT2}$ = 1.0µF Ceramic, $C_{BYP}$ = 10nF, $V_{IN}$ = $V_{OUT2(NOM)}$ + 1.0V, $T_A$ = 25°C, $V_{OUT1(NOM)}$ = 3.3V, $V_{OUT2(NOM)}$ = 3.3V, Enable pins are tied to $V_{IN}$ .

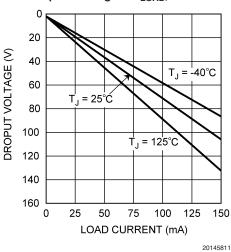
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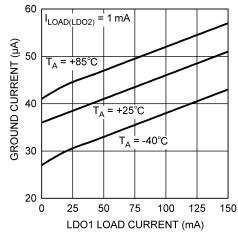
#### **Ground Current vs Load Current, LDO2**



## Dropout Voltage vs I<sub>LOAD</sub>, LDO1

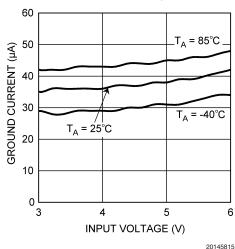


#### **Ground Current vs Load Current, LDO1**

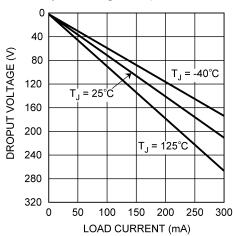


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## Ground Current vs $V_{IN}$ . $I_{LOAD} = 1mA$



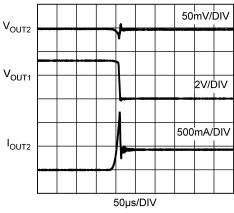
Dropout Voltage vs I<sub>LOAD</sub>, LDO2



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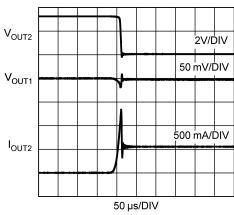
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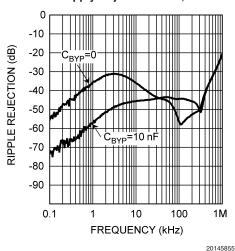
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#### Short Circuit Current, LDO2

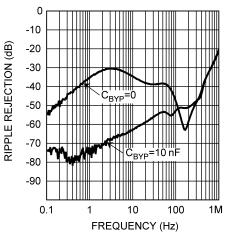


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#### Power Supply Rejection Ratio, LDO1

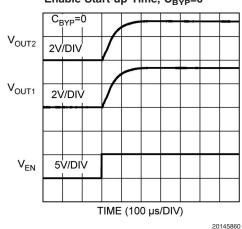


Power Supply Rejection Ratio, LDO2

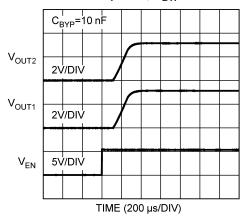


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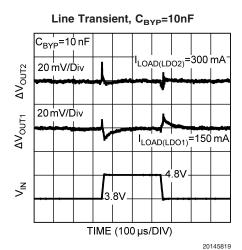
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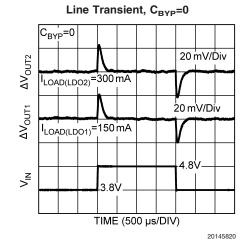


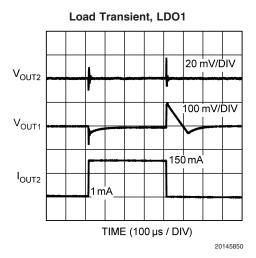
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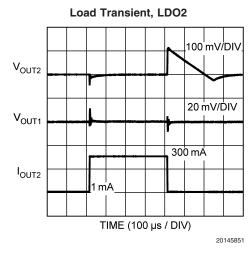


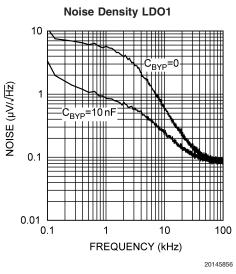
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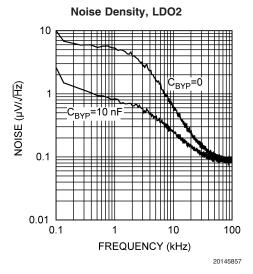




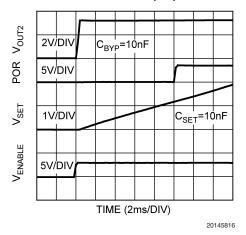




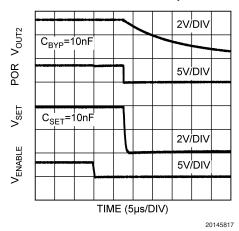




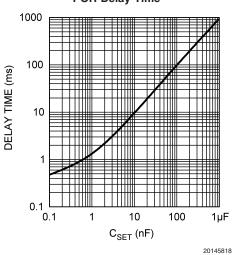
#### Power-on-Reset Start-up Operation



#### Power-on-Reset Shutdown Operation



#### **POR Delay Time**



# **Application Hints**

#### **OPERATION DESCRIPTION**

The LP3996 is a low quiescent current, power management IC, designed specifically for portable applications requiring minimum board space and smallest components. The LP3996 contains two independently selectable LDOs. The first is capable of sourcing 150mA at outputs between 0.8V and 3.3V. The second can source 300mA at an output voltage of 0.8V to 3.3V. In addition, LDO2 contains power good flag circuit, which monitors the output voltage and indicates when it is within 8% of its nominal value. The flag will also act as a power-on-reset signal and, by adding an external capacitor; a delay may be programmed for the POR output.

#### **INPUT CAPACITOR**

An input capacitor is required for stability. It is recommended that a  $1.0\mu F$  capacitor be connected between the LP3996 input pin and ground (this capacitance value may be increased without limit).

This capacitor must be located a distance of not more than 1cm from the input pin and returned to a clean analogue ground. Any good quality ceramic, tantalum, or film capacitor may be used at the input.

**Important:** Tantalum capacitors can suffer catastrophic failures due to surge current when connected to a low-impedance source of power (like a battery or a very large capacitor). If a tantalum capacitor is used at the input, it must be guaranteed by the manufacturer to have a surge current rating sufficient for the application.

There are no requirements for the ESR (Equivalent Series Resistance) on the input capacitor, but tolerance and temperature coefficient must be considered when selecting the capacitor to ensure the capacitance will remain approximately 1.0µF over the entire operating temperature range.

#### **OUTPUT CAPACITOR**

The LP3996 is designed specifically to work with very small ceramic output capacitors. A 1.0µF ceramic capacitor (temperature types Z5U, Y5V or X7R) with ESR between  $5m\Omega$  to  $500m\Omega,$  is suitable in the LP3996 application circuit.

For this device the output capacitor should be connected between the  $\rm V_{\rm OUT}$  pin and ground.

It is also possible to use tantalum or film capacitors at the device output,  $C_{OUT}$  (or  $V_{OUT}$ ), but these are not as attractive for reasons of size and cost (see the section Capacitor Characteristics).

The output capacitor must meet the requirement for the minimum value of capacitance and also have an ESR value that is within the range  $5m\Omega$  to  $500m\Omega$  for stability.

#### **NO-LOAD STABILITY**

The LP3996 will remain stable and in regulation with no external load. This is an important consideration in some circuits, for example CMOS RAM keep-alive applications.

#### **CAPACITOR CHARACTERISTICS**

The LP3996 is designed to work with ceramic capacitors on the output to take advantage of the benefits they offer. For capacitance values in the range of 0.47µF to 4.7µF, ceramic capacitors are the smallest, least expensive and have the lowest ESR values, thus making them best for eliminating

high frequency noise. The ESR of a typical  $1.0\mu F$  ceramic capacitor is in the range of  $20m\Omega$  to  $40m\Omega$ , which easily meets the ESR requirement for stability for the LP3996.

For both input and output capacitors, careful interpretation of the capacitor specification is required to ensure correct device operation. The capacitor value can change greatly, depending on the operating conditions and capacitor type.

In particular, the output capacitor selection should take account of all the capacitor parameters, to ensure that the specification is met within the application. The capacitance can vary with DC bias conditions as well as temperature and frequency of operation. Capacitor values will also show some decrease over time due to aging. The capacitor parameters are also dependant on the particular case size, with smaller sizes giving poorer performance figures in general. As an example, Figure 4 shows a typical graph comparing different capacitor case sizes in a Capacitance vs. DC Bias plot. As shown in the graph, increasing the DC Bias condition can result in the capacitance value falling below the minimum value given in the recommended capacitor specifications table (0.7µF in this case). Note that the graph shows the capacitance out of spec for the 0402 case size capacitor at higher bias voltages. It is therefore recommended that the capacitor manufacturers' specifications for the nominal value capacitor are consulted for all conditions, as some capacitor sizes (e.g. 0402) may not be suitable in the actual application.

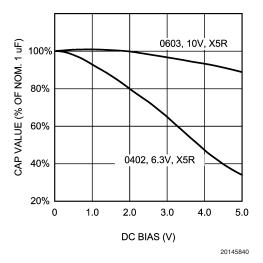


FIGURE 4. Graph Showing a Typical Variation in Capacitance vs DC Bias

The ceramic capacitor's capacitance can vary with temperature. The capacitor type X7R, which operates over a temperature range of -55°C to +125°C, will only vary the capacitance to within ±15%. The capacitor type X5R has a similar tolerance over a reduced temperature range of -55°C to +85°C. Many large value ceramic capacitors, larger than 1µF are manufactured with Z5U or Y5V temperature characteristics. Their capacitance can drop by more than 50% as the temperature varies from 25°C to 85°C. Therefore X7R is recommended over Z5U and Y5V in applications where the ambient temperature will change significantly above or below 25°C.

Tantalum capacitors are less desirable than ceramic for use as output capacitors because they are more expensive when comparing equivalent capacitance and voltage ratings in the  $0.47\mu F$  to  $4.7\mu F$  range.

## Application Hints (Continued)

Another important consideration is that tantalum capacitors have higher ESR values than equivalent size ceramics. This means that while it may be possible to find a tantalum capacitor with an ESR value within the stable range, it would have to be larger in capacitance (which means bigger and more costly) than a ceramic capacitor with the same ESR value. It should also be noted that the ESR of a typical tantalum will increase about 2:1 as the temperature goes from 25°C down to -40°C, so some guard band must be allowed.

#### **ENABLE CONTROL**

The LP3996 features active high enable pins for each regulator, EN1 and EN2, which turns the corresponding LDO off when pulled low. The device outputs are enabled when the enable lines are set to high. When not enabled the regulator output is off and the device typically consumes 2nA.

If the application does not require the Enable switching feature, one or both enable pins should be tied to  $V_{\text{IN}}$  to keep the regulator output permanently on.

To ensure proper operation, the signal source used to drive the enable inputs must be able to swing above and below the specified turn-on / off voltage thresholds listed in the Electrical Characteristics section under  $V_{\rm II}$  and  $V_{\rm IH}$ .

#### **POWER-ON-RESET**

The POR pin is an open-drain output which will be set to Low whenever the output of LDO2 falls out of regulation to approximately 90% of its nominal value. An external pull-up resistor, connected to  $V_{\rm OUT}$  or  $V_{\rm IN}$ , is required on this pin. During start-up, or whenever a fault condition is removed, the POR flag will return to the High state after the output reaches approximately 96% of its nominal value. By connecting a capacitor from the SET pin to GND, a delay to the rising condition of the POR flag may be introduced. The delayed signal may then be used as a Power-on -Reset for a microprocessor within the user's application.

The duration of the delay is determined by the time to charge the delay capacitor to a threshold voltage of 1.25V at 1.2µA from the SET pin as in the formula below.

$$t_{DELAY} = \frac{V_{TH(SET)} \times C_{SET}}{I_{SET}}$$

A  $0.1\mu F$  capacitor will introduce a delay of approximately 100ms.

#### **BYPASS CAPACITOR**

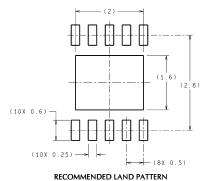
The internal voltage reference circuit of the LP3996 is connected to the  $C_{\rm BYP}$  pin via a high value internal resistor. An external capacitor, connected to this pin, forms a low-pass filter which reduces the noise level on both outputs of the device. There is also some improvement in PSSR and line transient performance. Internal circuitry ensures rapid charging of the  $C_{\rm BYP}$  capacitor during start-up. A 10nF, high quality ceramic capacitor with either NPO or COG dielectric is recommended due to their low leakage characteristics and low noise performance.

#### SAFE AREA OF OPERATION

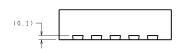
Due consideration should be given to operating conditions to avoid excessive thermal dissipation of the LP3996 or triggering its thermal shutdown circuit. When both outputs are enabled, the total power dissipation will be  $P_{D(LDO1)} + P_{D(LDO2)} \label{eq:power} Where P_D = (V_{IN} - V_{OUT}) \times I_{OUT} \mbox{ for each LDO.}$ 

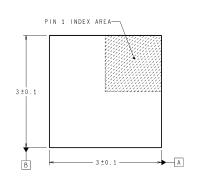
In general, device options which have a large difference in output voltage will dissipate more power when both outputs are enabled, due to the input voltage required for the higher output voltage LDO. In such cases, especially at elevated ambient temperature, it may not be possible to operate both outputs at maximum current at the same time.

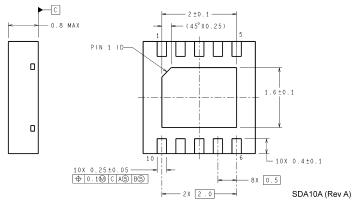
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