

# 200mA, Low Noise, Low Dropout Negative Micropower Regulator in ThinSOT

## FEATURES

- Low Profile (1mm) ThinSOT™ Package
- Low Noise:  $30\mu\text{V}_{\text{RMS}}$  (10Hz to 100kHz)
- Low Quiescent Current:  $30\mu\text{A}$
- Low Dropout Voltage: 340mV
- Output Current: 200mA
- Fixed Output Voltage:  $-5\text{V}$
- Adjustable Output from  $-1.22\text{V}$  to  $-20\text{V}$
- Positive or Negative Shutdown Logic
- $3\mu\text{A}$  Quiescent Current in Shutdown
- Stable with  $1\mu\text{F}$  Output Capacitor
- Stable with Aluminum, Tantalum, or Ceramic Capacitors
- Thermal Limiting

## APPLICATIONS

- Battery-Powered Instruments
- Low Noise Regulator for Noise-Sensitive Instrumentation
- Negative Complement to LT1761 Family of Positive LDOs

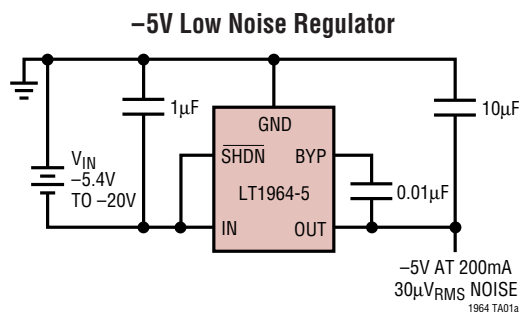
## DESCRIPTION

The LT®1964 is a micropower low noise, low dropout negative regulator. The device is capable of supplying 200mA of output current with a dropout voltage of 340mV. Low quiescent current ( $30\mu\text{A}$  operating and  $3\mu\text{A}$  shutdown) makes the LT1964 an excellent choice for battery-powered applications. Quiescent current is well controlled in dropout.

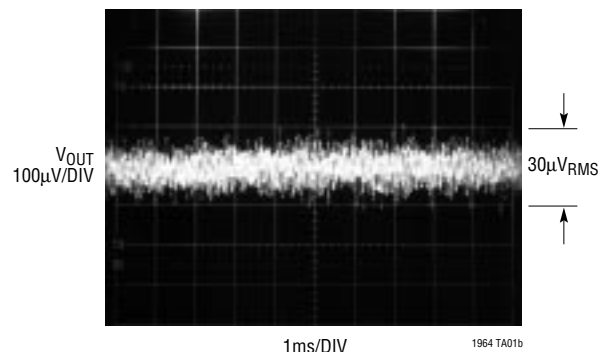
Other features of the LT1964 include low output noise. With the addition of an external  $0.01\mu\text{F}$  bypass capacitor, output noise is reduced to  $30\mu\text{V}_{\text{RMS}}$  over a 10Hz to 100kHz bandwidth. The LT1964 is capable of operating with small capacitors and is stable with output capacitors as low as  $1\mu\text{F}$ . Small ceramic capacitors can be used without the necessary addition of ESR as is common with other regulators. Internal protection circuitry includes reverse output protection, current limiting, and thermal limiting. The device is available with a fixed output voltage of  $-5\text{V}$  and as an adjustable device with a  $-1.22\text{V}$  reference voltage. The LT1964 regulators are available in a low profile (1mm) ThinSOT package.

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## TYPICAL APPLICATION



10Hz to 100kHz Output Noise



## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Note 1)

|  |            |  |                |
|--|------------|--|----------------|
| IN Pin Voltage .....                           | ±20V       | SHDN Pin Voltage                           |                |
| OUT Pin Voltage (Note 11) .....                | ±20V       | (with Respect to GND Pin) .....            | –20V, 15V      |
| OUT to IN Differential Voltage (Note 11) ..... | –0.5V, 20V | Output Short-Circuit Duration .....        | Indefinite     |
| ADJ Pin Voltage                                |            | Operating Junction Temperature             |                |
| (with Respect to IN Pin) (Note 11) .....       | –0.5V, 20V | Range (Note 10) .....                      | –40°C to 125°C |
| BYP Pin Voltage                                |            | Storage Temperature Range .....            | –65°C to 150°C |
| (with Respect to IN Pin) .....                 | ±20V       | Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec) ..... | 300°C          |
| SHDN Pin Voltage                               |            |  |                |
| (with Respect to IN Pin) (Note 11) .....       | –0.5V, 35V |  |                |

## PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION

|   |                   |   |                   |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| <p>S5 PACKAGE<br/>5-LEAD PLASTIC SOT-23<br/><math>T_{JMAX} = 150^{\circ}C</math>, <math>\theta_{JA} = 125^{\circ}C/W</math> to <math>250^{\circ}C/W</math><br/>(NOTE 13)<br/>SEE THE APPLICATIONS INFORMATION SECTION</p> | ORDER PART NUMBER | <p>S5 PACKAGE<br/>5-LEAD PLASTIC SOT-23<br/><math>T_{JMAX} = 150^{\circ}C</math>, <math>\theta_{JA} = 125^{\circ}C/W</math> to <math>250^{\circ}C/W</math><br/>(NOTE 13)<br/>SEE THE APPLICATIONS INFORMATION SECTION</p> | ORDER PART NUMBER |
|   | LT1964ES5-SD      |   | LT1964ES5-5       |
|   | S5 PART MARKING   |   | S5 PART MARKING   |
|   | LTVX              |   | LTVZ              |
|   | ORDER PART NUMBER |   | ORDER PART NUMBER |
|   | LT1964ES5-BYP     |   | LT1964ES5-5       |
|   | S5 PART MARKING   |   | S5 PART MARKING   |
|   | LTVY              |   | LTVZ              |

Consult LTC Marketing for parts specified with wider operating temperature ranges.

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS The ● denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range, otherwise specifications are at $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ .

| PARAMETER                                | CONDITIONS  | MIN      | TYP   | MAX    | UNITS |
|--|---|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| Regulated Output Voltage<br>(Notes 3, 9) | LT1964-5 $V_{IN} = -5.5V$ , $I_{LOAD} = -1mA$                         | –4.925   | –5    | –5.075 | V     |
|  | $-20V < V_{IN} < -6V$ , $-200mA < I_{LOAD} < -1mA$                    | ● –4.850 | –5    | –5.150 | V     |
| ADJ Pin Voltage<br>(Notes 2, 3, 9)       | LT1964 $V_{IN} = -2V$ , $I_{LOAD} = -1mA$                             | –1.202   | –1.22 | –1.238 | V     |
|  | $-20V < V_{IN} < -2.8V$ , $-200mA < I_{LOAD} < -1mA$                  | ● –1.184 | –1.22 | –1.256 | V     |
| Line Regulation                          | LT1964-5 $\Delta V_{IN} = -5.5V$ to $-20V$ , $I_{LOAD} = -1mA$        | ●        | 15    | 50     | mV    |
|  | LT1964 (Note 2) $\Delta V_{IN} = -2.8V$ to $-20V$ , $I_{LOAD} = -1mA$ | ●        | 1     | 12     | mV    |
| Load Regulation                          | LT1964-5 $V_{IN} = -6V$ , $\Delta I_{LOAD} = -1mA$ to $-200mA$        | ●        | 15    | 35     | mV    |
|  | $V_{IN} = -6V$ , $\Delta I_{LOAD} = -1mA$ to $-200mA$                 | ●        |       | 50     | mV    |
|  | LT1964 $V_{IN} = -2.8V$ , $\Delta I_{LOAD} = -1mA$ to $-200mA$        | ●        | 2     | 7      | mV    |
|  | $V_{IN} = -2.8V$ , $\Delta I_{LOAD} = -1mA$ to $-200mA$               | ●        |       | 15     | mV    |

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| PARAMETER  | CONDITIONS  |   | MIN   | TYP       | MAX          | UNITS               |
|--|---|---|-------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Dropout Voltage<br>$V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOMINAL)}$<br>(Notes 4, 5) | $I_{LOAD} = -1\text{mA}$<br>$I_{LOAD} = -1\text{mA}$  | ● |       | 0.1       | 0.15<br>0.19 | V<br>V              |
|  | $I_{LOAD} = -10\text{mA}$<br>$I_{LOAD} = -10\text{mA}$  | ● |       | 0.15      | 0.20<br>0.25 | V<br>V              |
|  | $I_{LOAD} = -100\text{mA}$<br>$I_{LOAD} = -100\text{mA}$  | ● |       | 0.26      | 0.33<br>0.39 | V<br>V              |
|  | $I_{LOAD} = -200\text{mA}$<br>$I_{LOAD} = -200\text{mA}$  | ● |       | 0.34      | 0.42<br>0.49 | V<br>V              |
| GND Pin Current<br>$V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOMINAL)}$<br>(Notes 4, 6) | $I_{LOAD} = 0\text{mA}$   | ● |       | 30        | 70           | $\mu\text{A}$       |
|  | $I_{LOAD} = -1\text{mA}$  | ● |       | 85        | 180          | $\mu\text{A}$       |
|  | $I_{LOAD} = -10\text{mA}$   | ● |       | 300       | 600          | $\mu\text{A}$       |
|  | $I_{LOAD} = -100\text{mA}$  | ● |       | 1.3       | 3            | $\text{mA}$         |
|  | $I_{LOAD} = -200\text{mA}$  | ● |       | 2.5       | 6            | $\text{mA}$         |
| Output Voltage Noise   | $C_{OUT} = 10\mu\text{F}$ , $C_{BYP} = 0.01\mu\text{F}$ , $I_{LOAD} = -200\text{mA}$ , $\text{BW} = 10\text{Hz}$ to $100\text{kHz}$     |   |       | 30        |              | $\mu\text{V}_{RMS}$ |
| ADJ Pin Bias Current   | (Notes 2, 7)  |   |       | 30        | 100          | $\text{nA}$         |
| Minimum Input Voltage (Note 12)<br>$I_{LOAD} = -200\text{mA}$  | LT1964-BYP  | ● |       | -1.9      | -2.8         | V                   |
|  | LT1964-SD   | ● |       | -1.6      | -2.2         | V                   |
| Shutdown Threshold   | $V_{OUT} = \text{Off to On (Positive)}$   | ● |       | 1.6       | 2.1          | V                   |
|  | $V_{OUT} = \text{Off to On (Negative)}$   | ● |       | -1.9      | -2.8         | V                   |
|  | $V_{OUT} = \text{On to Off (Positive)}$   | ● | 0.25  | 0.8       |              | V                   |
|  | $V_{OUT} = \text{On to Off (Negative)}$   | ● | -0.25 | -0.8      |              | V                   |
| SHDN Pin Current (Note 8)                                      | $V_{SHDN} = 0\text{V}$  |   | -1    | $\pm 0.1$ | 1            | $\mu\text{A}$       |
|  | $V_{SHDN} = 15\text{V}$   |   |       | 6         | 15           | $\mu\text{A}$       |
|  | $V_{SHDN} = -15\text{V}$  |   |       | -3        | -9           | $\mu\text{A}$       |
| Quiescent Current in Shutdown                                  | $V_{IN} = -6\text{V}$ , $V_{SHDN} = 0\text{V}$  | ● |       | 3         | 10           | $\mu\text{A}$       |
| Ripple Rejection   | $V_{IN} - V_{OUT} = -1.5\text{V(Avg)}$ , $V_{RIPPLE} = 0.5\text{V}_{P-P}$ ,<br>$f_{RIPPLE} = 120\text{Hz}$ , $I_{LOAD} = -200\text{mA}$ |   | 46    | 54        |              | $\text{dB}$         |
| Current Limit  | $V_{IN} = -6\text{V}$ , $V_{OUT} = 0\text{V}$   |   |       | 350       |              | $\text{mA}$         |
|  | $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOMINAL)} - 1.5\text{V}$ , $\Delta V_{OUT} = 0.1\text{V}$  | ● | 220   |           |              | $\text{mA}$         |
| Input Reverse Leakage Current                                  | $V_{IN} = 20\text{V}$ , $V_{OUT}$ , $V_{ADJ}$ , $V_{SHDN} = \text{Open Circuit}$  | ● |       |           | 1            | $\text{mA}$         |

**Note 1:** Absolute Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which the life of a device may be impaired.

**Note 2:** The LT1964 (adjustable version) is tested and specified for these conditions with the ADJ pin connected to the OUT pin.

**Note 3:** Operating conditions are limited by maximum junction temperature. The regulated output voltage specification will not apply for all possible combinations of input voltage and output current. When operating at maximum input voltage, the output current range must be limited. When operating at maximum output current, the input voltage range must be limited.

**Note 4:** To satisfy requirements for minimum input voltage, the LT1964 (adjustable version) is tested and specified for these conditions with an external resistor divider (two 249k resistors) for an output voltage of -2.44V. The external resistor divider will add a 5 $\mu\text{A}$  DC load on the output.

**Note 5:** Dropout voltage is the minimum input to output voltage differential needed to maintain regulation at a specified output current. In dropout, the output voltage will be equal to:  $(V_{IN} + V_{DROPOUT})$ .

**Note 6:** GND pin current is tested with  $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOMINAL)}$  and a current source load. This means the device is tested while operating in its dropout region. This is the worst-case GND pin current. The GND pin current will decrease slightly at higher input voltages.

**Note 7:** ADJ pin bias current flows out of the ADJ pin.

**Note 8:** Positive SHDN pin current flows into the SHDN pin. SHDN pin current is included in the GND pin current specification.

**Note 9:** For input-to-output differential voltages greater than 7V, a 50 $\mu\text{A}$  load is needed to maintain regulation.

**Note 10:** The LT1964E is guaranteed to meet performance specifications from 0°C to 125°C. Specifications over the -40°C to 125°C operating junction temperature range are assured by design, characterization and correlation with statistical process controls.

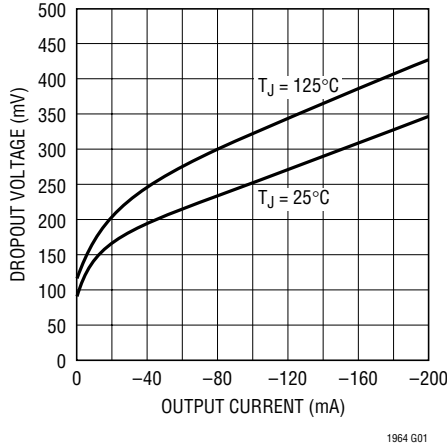
**Note 11:** A parasitic diode exists internally on the LT1964 between the OUT, ADJ and SHDN pins and the IN pin. The OUT, ADJ and SHDN pins cannot be pulled more than 0.5V more negative than the IN pin during fault conditions, and must remain at a voltage more positive than the IN pin during operation.

**Note 12:** For the LT1964-BYP, this specification accounts for the operating threshold of the SHDN pin, which is tied to the IN pin internally. For the LT1964-SD, the SHDN threshold must be met to ensure device operation.

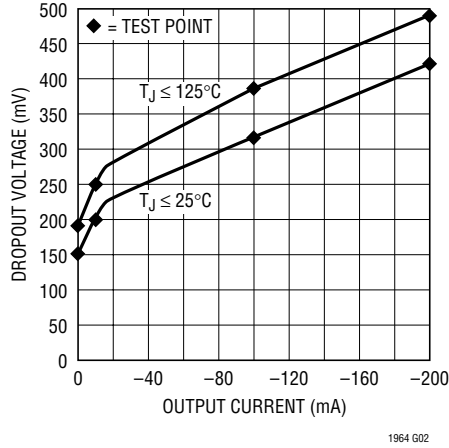
**Note 13:** Actual thermal resistance ( $\theta_{JA}$ ) junction to ambient will be a function of board layout. Junction-to-case thermal resistance ( $\theta_{JC}$ ) measured at Pin 2 is 60°C/W. See the Thermal Considerations section in the Applications Information.

# TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

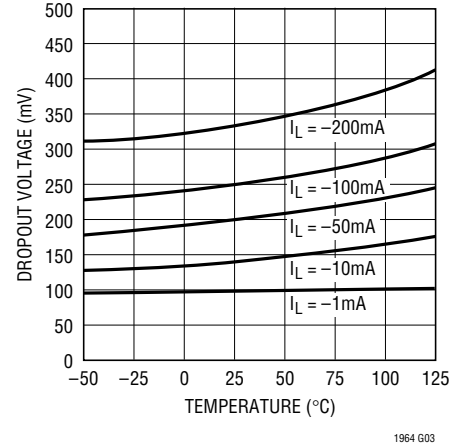
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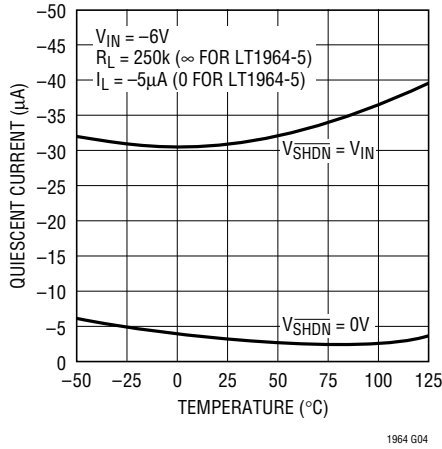
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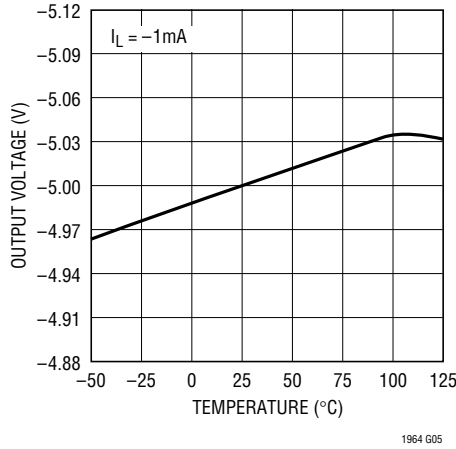
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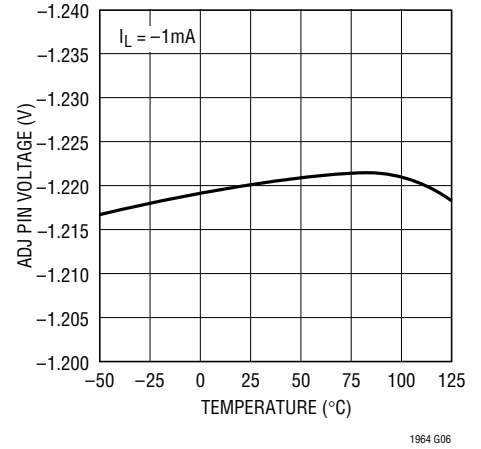
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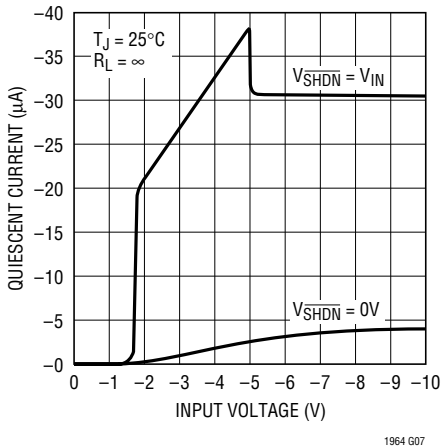
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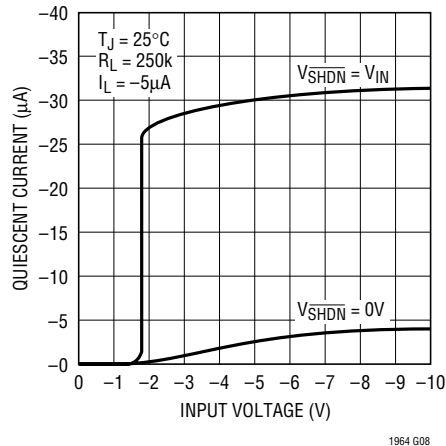
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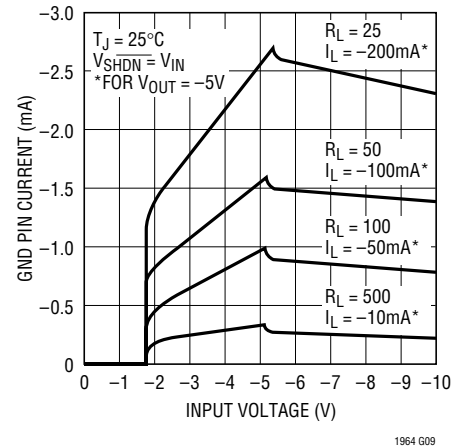
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Quiescent Current



LT1964-BYP, LT1964-SD  
Quiescent Current

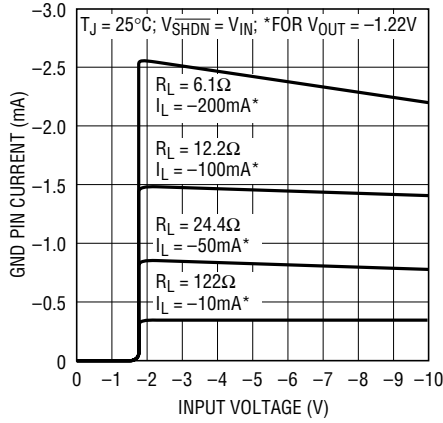


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GND Pin Current



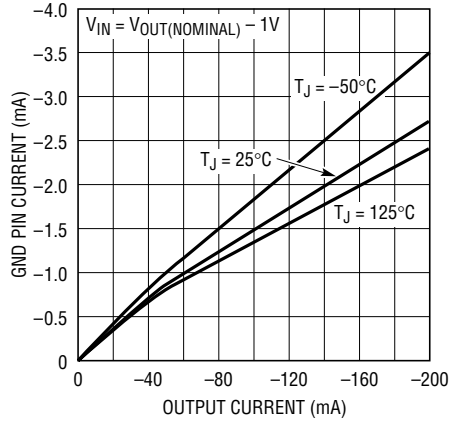
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**LT1964-BYP, LT1964-SD  
GND Pin Current**



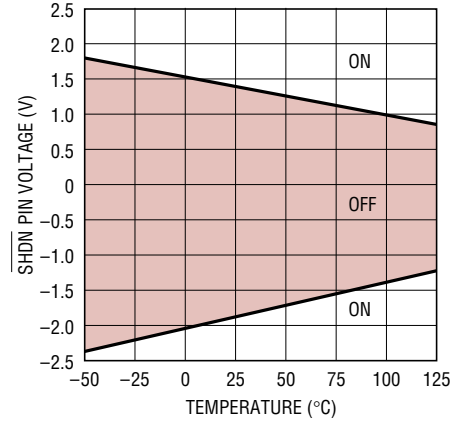
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**GND Pin Current vs I<sub>LOAD</sub>**



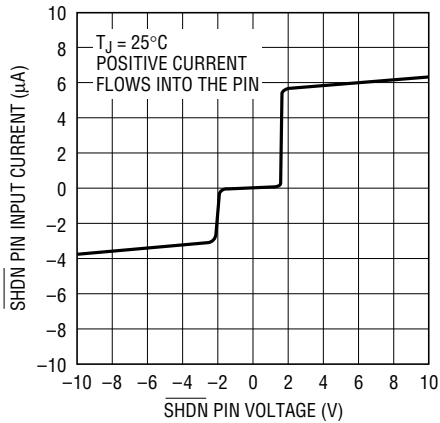
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**SHDN Pin Thresholds**



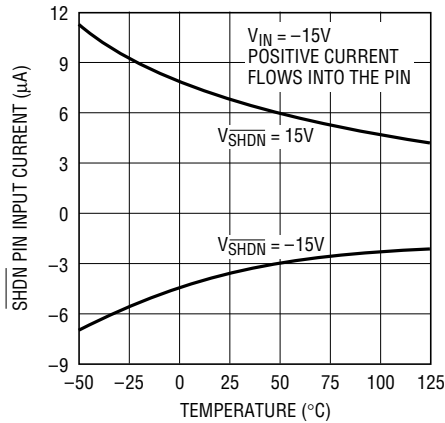
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**SHDN Pin Input Current**



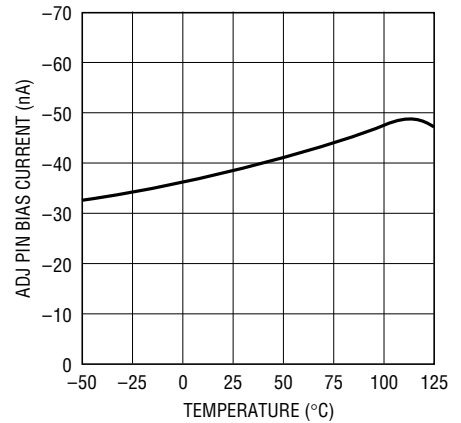
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**SHDN Pin Input Current**



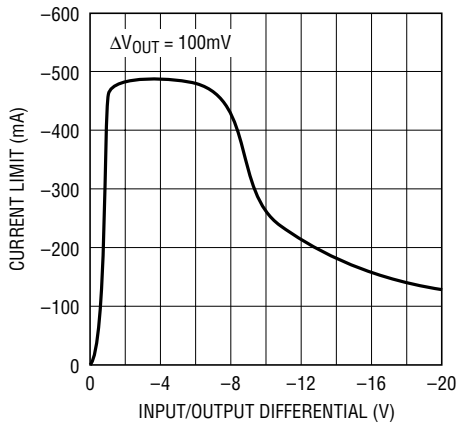
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**ADJ Pin Bias Current**



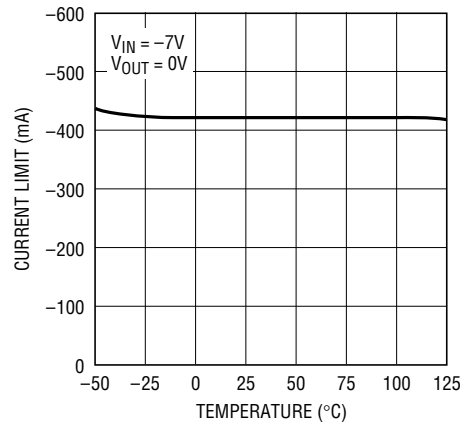
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**Current Limit**



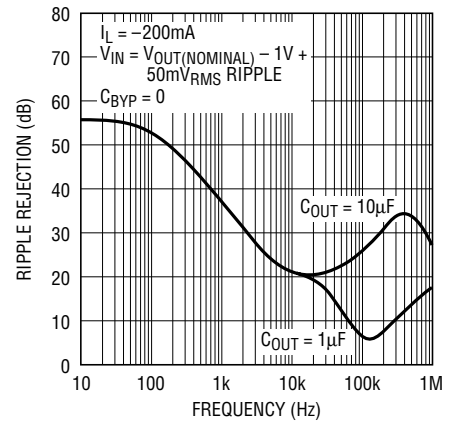
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**Current Limit**



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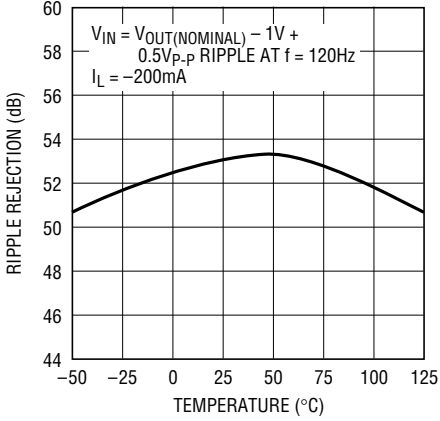
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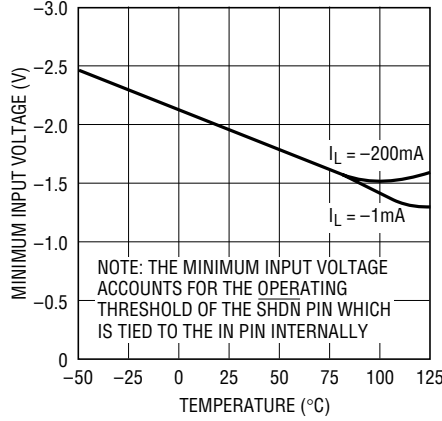
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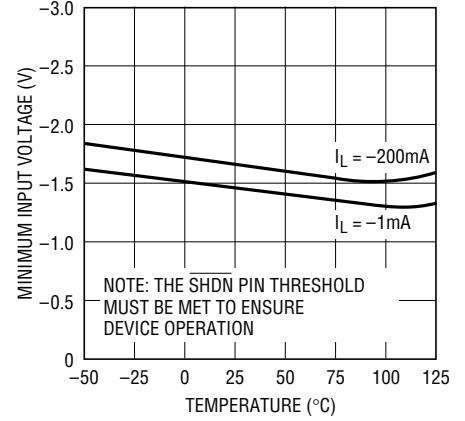
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LT1964-BYP Minimum Input Voltage



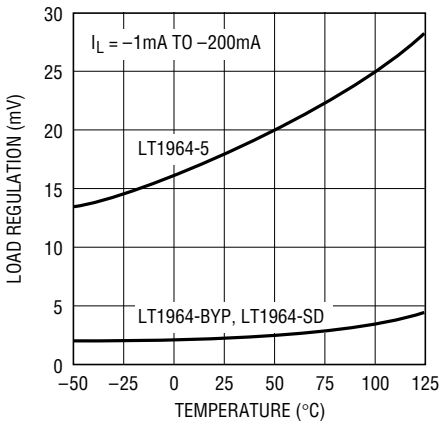
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LT1964-SD Minimum Input Voltage



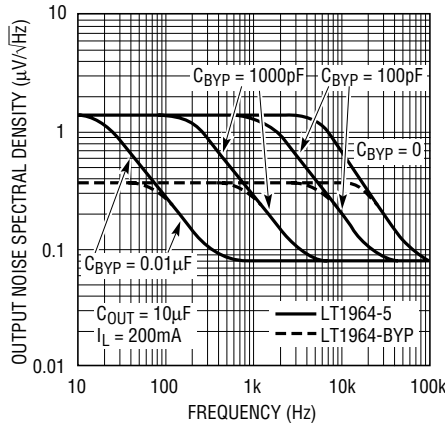
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Load Regulation



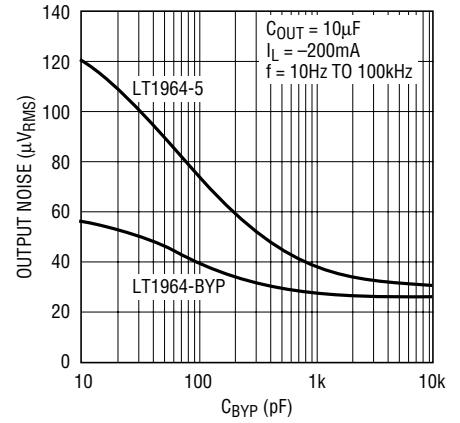
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Output Noise Spectral Density



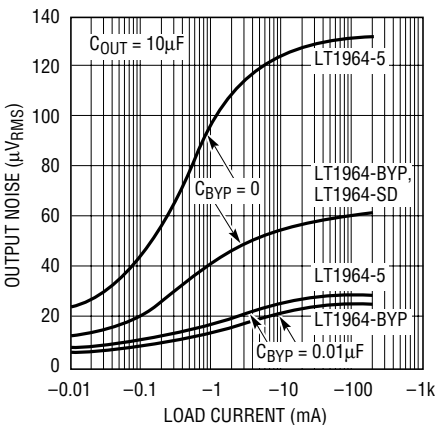
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RMS Output Noise vs Bypass Capacitor



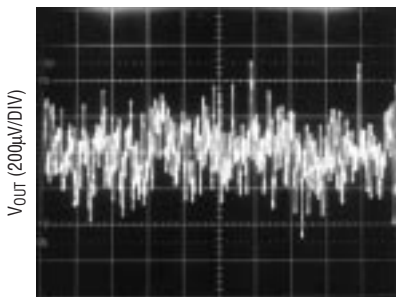
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RMS Output Noise vs Load Current



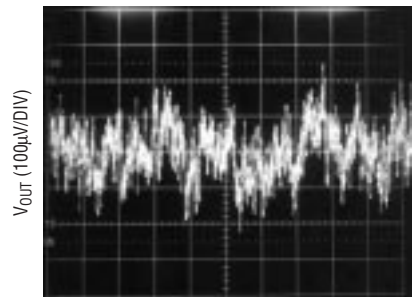
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LT1964-5, 10Hz to 100kHz Output Noise, CBYP = 0



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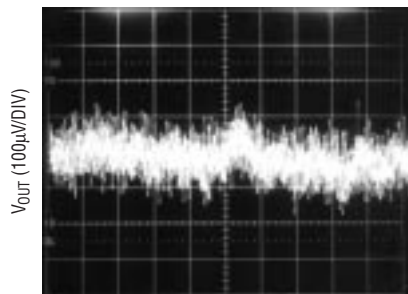
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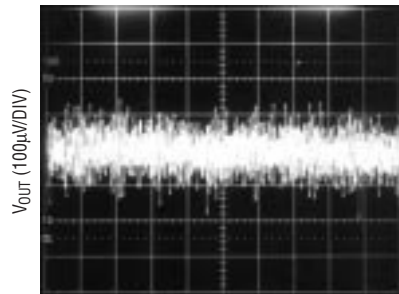
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LT1964-5, 10Hz to 100kHz Output Noise,  $C_{BYP} = 1000\mu\text{F}$



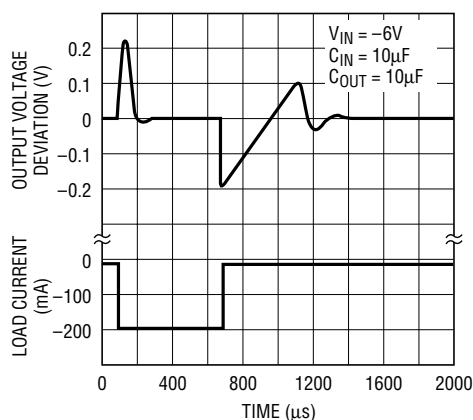
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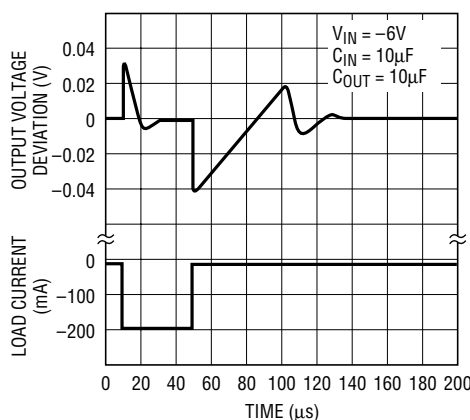
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LT1964-5, Transient Response,  $C_{BYP} = 0$



1964 G30

LT1964-5, Transient Response,  $C_{BYP} = 0.01\mu\text{F}$



1964 G31

## PIN FUNCTIONS

**GND (Pin 1):** Ground.

**IN (Pin 2):** Power is Supplied to the Device Through the Input Pin. A bypass capacitor is required on this pin if the device is more than six inches away from the main input filter capacitor. In general, the output impedance of a battery rises with frequency, so it is advisable to include a bypass capacitor in battery-powered circuits. A bypass capacitor in the range of  $1\mu\text{F}$  to  $10\mu\text{F}$  is sufficient.

**BYP (Pin 3, Fixed/–BYP devices):** The BYP Pin is used to Bypass the Reference of the LT1964 to Achieve Low Noise Performance from the Regulator. A small capacitor from the output to this pin will bypass the reference to lower the

output voltage noise. A maximum value of  $0.01\mu\text{F}$  can be used for reducing output voltage noise to a typical  $30\mu\text{V}_{\text{RMS}}$  over a 10Hz to 100kHz bandwidth. If not used, this pin must be left unconnected.

**SHDN (Pin 3/4, –SHDN/Fixed Devices):** The SHDN Pin is used to put the LT1964 into a Low Power Shutdown State. The SHDN pin is referenced to the GND pin for regulator control, allowing the LT1964 to be driven by either positive or negative logic. The output of the LT1964 will be off when the SHDN pin is pulled within  $\pm 0.8\text{V}$  of GND. Pulling the SHDN pin more than  $-1.9\text{V}$  or  $+1.6\text{V}$  will turn the LT1964 on. The SHDN pin can be driven by 5V logic or open

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collector logic with a pull-up resistor. The pull-up resistor is required to supply the pull-up current of the open collector gate, normally several microamperes, and the SHDN pin current, typically  $3\mu\text{A}$  out of the pin (for negative logic) or  $6\mu\text{A}$  into the pin (for positive logic). If unused, the SHDN pin must be connected to  $V_{\text{IN}}$ . The device will be shut down if the SHDN pin is open circuit. For the LT1964-BYP, the SHDN pin is internally connected to  $V_{\text{IN}}$ . A parasitic diode exists between the SHDN pin and the input of the LT1964. The SHDN pin cannot be pulled more negative than the input during normal operation, or more than 0.5V below the input during a fault condition.

**ADJ (Pin 4, Adjustable Devices only):** For the Adjustable LT1964, this is the Input to the Error Amplifier. The ADJ pin has a bias current of 30nA that flows out of the pin. The ADJ pin voltage is  $-1.22\text{V}$  referenced to ground, and the

output voltage range is  $-1.22\text{V}$  to  $-20\text{V}$ . A parasitic diode exists between the ADJ pin and the input of the LT1964. The ADJ pin cannot be pulled more negative than the input during normal operation, or more than 0.5V more negative than the input during a fault condition.

**OUT (Pin 5):** The Output Supplies Power to the Load. A minimum output capacitor of  $1\mu\text{F}$  is required to prevent oscillations. Larger output capacitors will be required for applications with large transient loads to limit peak voltage transients. A parasitic diode exists between the output and the input. The output cannot be pulled more negative than the input during normal operation, or more than 0.5V below the input during a fault condition. See the Applications Information section for more information on output capacitance and reverse output characteristics.

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The LT1964 is a 200mA negative low dropout regulator with micropower quiescent current and shutdown. The device is capable of supplying 200mA at a dropout voltage of 340mV. Output voltage noise can be lowered to  $30\mu\text{V}_{\text{RMS}}$  over a 10Hz to 100kHz bandwidth with the addition of a  $0.01\mu\text{F}$  reference bypass capacitor. Additionally, the reference bypass capacitor will improve transient response of the regulator, lowering the settling time for transient load conditions. The low operating quiescent current ( $30\mu\text{A}$ ) drops to  $3\mu\text{A}$  in shutdown. In addition to the low quiescent current, the LT1964 incorporates several protection features which make it ideal for use in battery-powered systems. In dual supply applications where the regulator load is returned to a positive supply, the output can be pulled above ground by as much as 20V and still allow the device to start and operate.

### Adjustable Operation

The adjustable version of the LT1964 has an output voltage range of  $-1.22\text{V}$  to  $-20\text{V}$ . The output voltage is set by the ratio of two external resistors as shown in Figure 1. The device servos the output to maintain the voltage at the ADJ

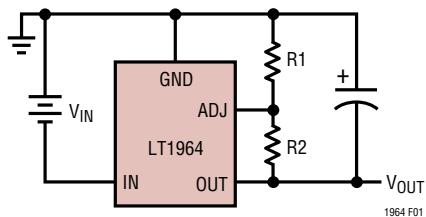
pin at  $-1.22\text{V}$  referenced to ground. The current in R1 is then equal to  $-1.22\text{V}/R1$  and the current in R2 is the current in R1 plus the ADJ pin bias current. The ADJ pin bias current, 30nA at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , flows through R2 out of the ADJ pin. The output voltage can be calculated using the formula in Figure 1. The value of R1 should be less than  $250\text{k}\Omega$  to minimize errors in the output voltage caused by the ADJ pin bias current. Note that in shutdown the output is turned off and the divider current will be zero. Curves of ADJ Pin Voltage vs Temperature and ADJ Pin Bias Current vs Temperature appear in the Typical Performance Characteristics section.

The adjustable device is tested and specified with the ADJ pin tied to the OUT pin and a  $5\mu\text{A}$  DC load (unless otherwise specified) for an output voltage of  $-1.22\text{V}$ . Specifications for output voltages greater than  $-1.22\text{V}$  will be proportional to the ratio of the desired output voltage to  $-1.22\text{V}$ ; ( $V_{\text{OUT}}/-1.22\text{V}$ ). For example, load regulation for an output current change of 1mA to 200mA is 2mV typical at  $V_{\text{OUT}} = -1.22\text{V}$ . At  $V_{\text{OUT}} = -12\text{V}$ , load regulation is:

$$(-12\text{V}/-1.22\text{V}) \cdot (2\text{mV}) = 19.6\text{mV}$$



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$$V_{OUT} = -1.22V \left(1 + \frac{R2}{R1}\right) - (I_{ADJ})(R2)$$

$$V_{ADJ} = -1.22V$$

$$I_{ADJ} = 30\text{nA at } 25^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\text{OUTPUT RANGE} = -1.22V \text{ TO } -20V$$

**Figure 1. Adjustable Operation**

### Bypass Capacitance and Low Noise Performance

The LT1964 may be used with the addition of a bypass capacitor from  $V_{OUT}$  to the BYP pin to lower output voltage noise. A good quality low leakage capacitor is recommended. This capacitor will bypass the reference of the LT1964, providing a low frequency noise pole. The noise pole provided by this bypass capacitor will lower the output voltage noise to as low as  $30\mu\text{V}_{\text{RMS}}$  with the addition of a  $0.01\mu\text{F}$  bypass capacitor. Using a bypass capacitor has the added benefit of improving transient response. With no bypass capacitor and a  $10\mu\text{F}$  output capacitor, a  $-10\text{mA}$  to  $-200\text{mA}$  load step will settle to within 1% of its final value in less than  $100\mu\text{s}$ . With the addition of a  $0.01\mu\text{F}$  bypass capacitor, the output will stay within 1% for the same  $-10\text{mA}$  to  $-200\text{mA}$  load step (see LT1964-5 Transient Response in the Typical Characteristics section). However, regulator start-up time is inversely proportional to the size of the bypass capacitor.

Higher values of output voltage noise may be measured if care is not exercised with regard to circuit layout and testing. Crosstalk from nearby traces can induce unwanted noise onto the output of the LT1964-X.

### Output Capacitance and Transient Response

The LT1964 is designed to be stable with a wide range of output capacitors. The ESR of the output capacitor affects stability, most notably with small capacitors. A minimum output capacitor of  $1\mu\text{F}$  with an ESR of  $3\Omega$  or less is recommended to prevent oscillations. The LT1964 is a micropower device and output transient response will be a function of output capacitance. Larger values of output capacitance decrease the peak deviations and provide improved transient response for larger load current changes. Bypass capacitors, used to decouple individual components powered by the LT1964, will increase the effective output capacitor value.

Extra consideration must be given to the use of ceramic capacitors. Ceramic capacitors are manufactured with a variety of dielectrics, each with different behavior across temperature and applied voltage. The most common dielectrics used are Z5U, Y5V, X5R, and X7R. The Z5U and Y5V dielectrics are good for providing high capacitances in a small package, but exhibit strong voltage and temperature coefficients as shown in Figures 2 and 3. When used with a  $-5\text{V}$  regulator, a  $10\mu\text{F}$  Y5V capacitor can exhibit an effective value as low as  $1\mu\text{F}$  to  $2\mu\text{F}$  over the operating temperature range. The X5R and X7R dielectrics result in more stable characteristics and are more suitable for use as the output capacitor. The X7R type has better stability across temperature, while the X5R is less expensive and is available in higher values.

Voltage and temperature coefficients are not the only sources of problems. Some ceramic capacitors have a piezoelectric response. A piezoelectric device generates voltage across its terminals due to mechanical stress, similar to the way a piezoelectric accelerometer or microphone works. For a ceramic capacitor the stress can be induced by vibrations in the system or thermal transients. The resulting voltages produced can cause appreciable amounts of noise, especially when a ceramic capacitor is used for noise bypassing. A ceramic capacitor produced Figure 4's trace in response to light tapping from a pencil. Similar vibration induced behavior can masquerade as increased output voltage noise.

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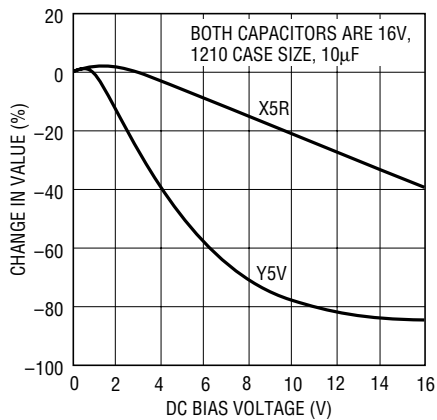


Figure 2. Ceramic Capacitor DC Bias Characteristics

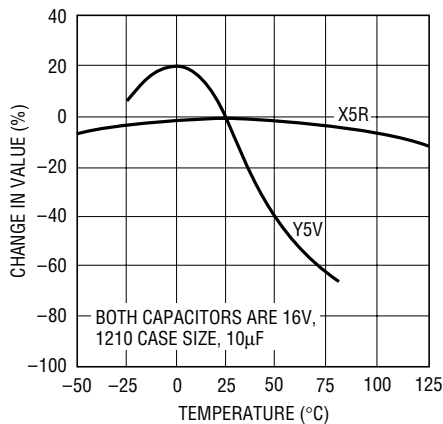


Figure 3. Ceramic Capacitor Temperature Characteristics

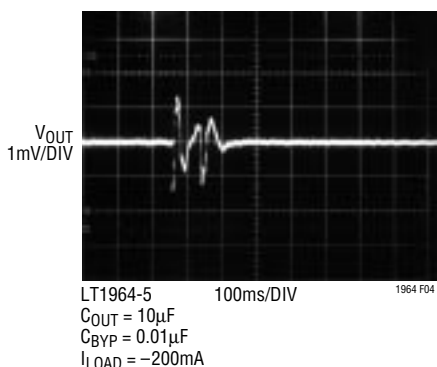


Figure 4. Noise Resulting from Tapping on a Ceramic Capacitor

### Thermal Considerations

The power handling capability of the device will be limited by the maximum rated junction temperature (125°C). The power dissipated by the device will be made up of two components:

1. Output current multiplied by the input/output voltage differential:  $I_{OUT} \cdot (V_{IN} - V_{OUT})$ , and
2. Ground pin current multiplied by the input voltage:  $I_{GND} \cdot V_{IN}$ .

The GND pin current can be found by examining the GND Pin Current curves in the Typical Performance Characteristics. Power dissipation will be equal to the sum of the two components listed above.

The LT1964 series regulators have internal thermal limiting designed to protect the device during overload conditions. For continuous normal conditions the maximum junction temperature rating of 125°C must not be exceeded. It is important to give careful consideration to all sources of thermal resistance from junction to ambient. Additional heat sources mounted nearby must also be considered.

For surface mount devices, heat sinking is accomplished by using the heat spreading capabilities of the PC board and its copper traces. Copper board stiffeners and plated through-holes can also be used to spread the heat generated by power devices.

The following table lists thermal resistance for several different board sizes and copper areas. All measurements were taken in still air on 3/32" FR-4 board with one ounce copper.

Table 1. Measured Thermal Resistance

| COPPER AREA         |                     | BOARD AREA          | THERMAL RESISTANCE (JUNCTION-TO-AMBIENT) |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| TOPSIDE*            | BACKSIDE            |                     |  |
| 2500mm <sup>2</sup> | 2500mm <sup>2</sup> | 2500mm <sup>2</sup> | 125°C/W                                  |
| 1000mm <sup>2</sup> | 2500mm <sup>2</sup> | 2500mm <sup>2</sup> | 125°C/W                                  |
| 225mm <sup>2</sup>  | 2500mm <sup>2</sup> | 2500mm <sup>2</sup> | 130°C/W                                  |
| 100mm <sup>2</sup>  | 2500mm <sup>2</sup> | 2500mm <sup>2</sup> | 135°C/W                                  |
| 50mm <sup>2</sup>   | 2500mm <sup>2</sup> | 2500mm <sup>2</sup> | 150°C/W                                  |

\*Device is mounted on topside.

The thermal resistance junction-to-case ( $\theta_{JC}$ ), measured at Pin 2, is 60°C/W.

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### Calculating Junction Temperature

Example: Given an output voltage of  $-5V$ , an input voltage range of  $-6V$  to  $-8V$ , an output current range of  $0mA$  to  $-100mA$ , and a maximum ambient temperature of  $50^{\circ}C$ , what will the maximum junction temperature be?

The power dissipated by the device will be equal to:

$$I_{OUT(MAX)} \cdot (V_{IN(MAX)} - V_{OUT}) + (I_{GND} \cdot V_{IN(MAX)})$$

where,

$$I_{OUT(MAX)} = -100mA$$

$$V_{IN(MAX)} = -8V$$

$$I_{GND} \text{ at } (I_{OUT} = -100mA, V_{IN} = -8V) = -2mA$$

so,

$$P = -100mA \cdot (-8V + 5V) + (-2mA \cdot -8V) = 0.32W$$

The thermal resistance (junction to ambient) will be in the range of  $125^{\circ}C/W$  to  $150^{\circ}C/W$  depending on the copper area. So the junction temperature rise above ambient will be approximately equal to:

$$0.32W \cdot 140^{\circ}C/W = 44.2^{\circ}C$$

The maximum junction temperature will then be equal to the maximum junction temperature rise above ambient plus the maximum ambient temperature or:

$$T_{JMAX} = 50^{\circ}C + 44.2^{\circ}C = 94.2^{\circ}C$$

### Protection Features

The LT1964 incorporates several protection features which make it ideal for use in battery-powered circuits. In addition to the normal protection features associated with monolithic regulators, such as current limiting and thermal limiting, the device is protected against reverse input voltages and reverse output voltages.

Current limit protection and thermal overload protection are intended to protect the device against current overload conditions at the output of the device. For normal operation, the junction temperature should not exceed  $125^{\circ}C$ .

The output of the LT1964 can be pulled above ground without damaging the device. If the input is left open circuit or grounded, the output can be pulled above ground by  $20V$ . For fixed voltage versions, the output will act like a large resistor, typically  $500k\Omega$  or higher, limiting current

flow to less than  $40\mu A$ . For adjustable versions, the output will act like an open circuit, no current will flow into the pin. If the input is powered by a voltage source, the output will sink the short-circuit current of the device and will protect itself by thermal limiting. In this case, grounding the SHDN pin will turn off the device and stop the output from sinking the short-circuit current.

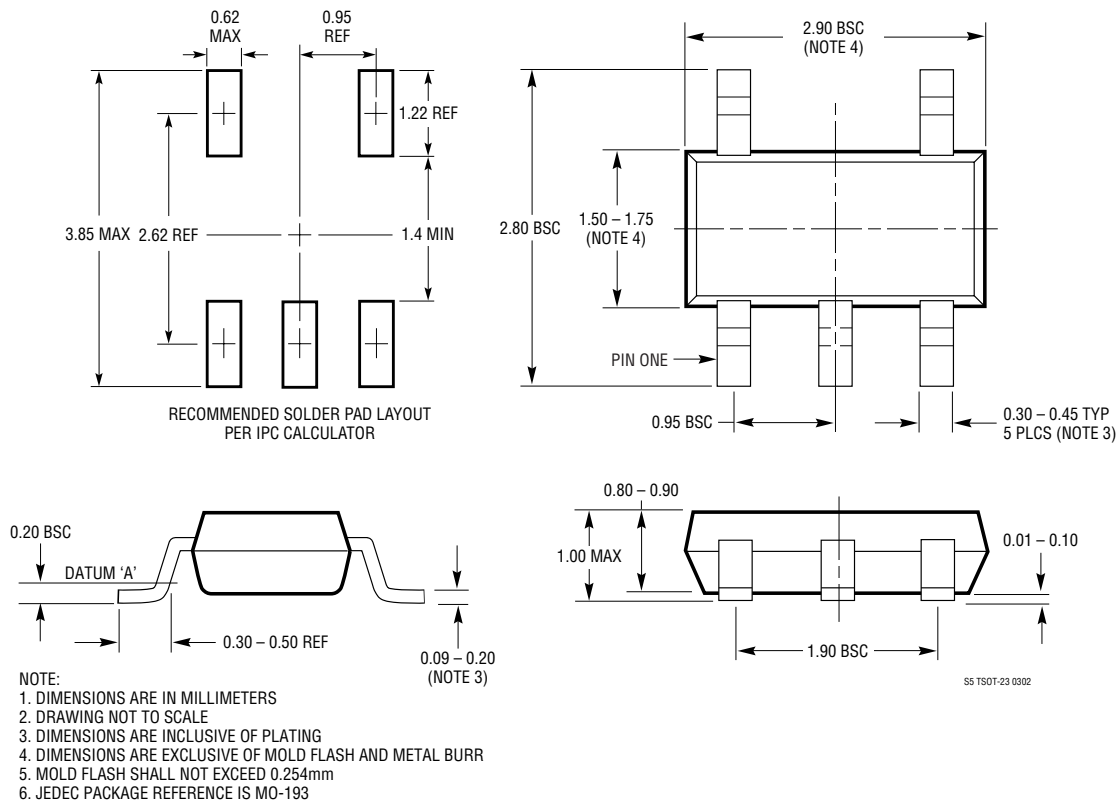
Like many IC power regulators, the LT1964 series have safe operating area protection. The safe area protection activates at input-to-output differential voltages greater than  $-7V$ . The safe area protection decreases the current limit as the input-to-output differential voltage increases and keeps the power transistor inside a safe operating region for all values of forward input to-output voltage. The protection is designed to provide some output current at all values of input-to-output voltage up to the device breakdown. A  $50\mu A$  load is required at input-to-output differential voltages greater than  $-7V$ .

When power is first turned on, as the input voltage rises, the output follows the input, allowing the regulator to start up into very heavy loads. During start-up, as the input voltage is rising, the input-to-output voltage differential is small, allowing the regulator to supply large output currents. With a high input voltage, a problem can occur wherein removal of an output short will not allow the output voltage to fully recover. Other regulators, such as the LT1175, also exhibit this phenomenon, so it is not unique to the LT1964 series.

The problem occurs with a heavy output load when the input voltage is high and the output voltage is low. Common situations are immediately after the removal of a short-circuit or when the SHDN pin is pulled high after the input voltage has already been turned on. The load line for such a load may intersect the output current curve at two points. If this happens, there are two stable operating points for the regulator. With this double intersection, the input supply may need to be cycled down to zero and brought up again to make the output recover.

**PACKAGE DESCRIPTION**

**S5 Package**  
**5-Lead Plastic TSOT-23**  
 (Reference LTC DWG # 05-08-1635)



**RELATED PARTS**

| PART NUMBER    | DESCRIPTION   | COMMENTS  |
|----------------|---|---|
| LT1120         | 125mA Micropower Low Dropout Regulator with Comparator and Shutdown | Includes 2.5V Reference and Comparator, $V_{IN} = 3.5V$ to $36V$ , $I_Q = 40\mu A$ , N8 Package |
| LT1121         | 150mA Micropower Low Dropout Regulator                              | $V_{IN} = 4.2V$ to $30V$ , $I_Q = 30\mu A$ ; ThinSOT, S8 and MS8 Packages                       |
| LT1129         | 700mA Micropower Low Dropout Regulator                              | $V_{IN} = 4.5V$ to $30V$ , $I_Q = 50\mu A$ ; DD and S8 Packages                                 |
| LT1175         | 800mA Negative Low Dropout Micropower Regulator                     | $V_{IN} = 4.5V$ to $20V$ , $I_Q = 45\mu A$ , 0.26V Dropout Voltage, S8 and ThinSOT Packages     |
| LT1611         | Inverting 1.4MHz Switching Regulator                                | -5V at 150mA from 5V Input, ThinSOT Package   |
| LT1761 Series  | 100mA, Low Noise, Low Dropout Micropower Regulators                 | $V_{IN} = 1.5V$ to $20V$ , $I_Q = 20\mu A$ , $20\mu V_{RMS}$ Noise, ThinSOT Package             |
| LT1762 Series  | 150mA, Low Noise, LDO Micropower Regulators                         | $V_{IN} = 1.5V$ to $20V$ , $I_Q = 25\mu A$ , $20\mu V_{RMS}$ Noise, MS8 Package                 |
| LT1763 Series  | 500mA, Low Noise, LDO Micropower Regulators                         | $V_{IN} = 1.5V$ to $20V$ , $I_Q = 30\mu A$ , $20\mu V_{RMS}$ Noise, S8 Package                  |
| LT1764A        | 3A, Low Noise, Fast Transient Response LDO                          | $V_{IN} = 1.5V$ to $20V$ , $40\mu V_{RMS}$ Noise; DD and T5 Packages                            |
| LT1931/LT1931A | Inverting 1.2MHz/2.2MHz Switching Regulators                        | -5V at 350mA from 5V Input, ThinSOT Package   |
| LT1962         | 300mA, Low Noise, LDO Micropower Regulator                          | $V_{IN} = 1.5V$ to $20V$ , $I_Q = 30\mu A$ , $20\mu V_{RMS}$ Noise, MS8 Package                 |
| LT1963A        | 1.5A, Low Noise, Fast Transient Response LDO                        | $V_{IN} = 1.5V$ to $20V$ , $40\mu V_{RMS}$ Noise; DD, T5, S8 and ThinSOT Packages               |

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