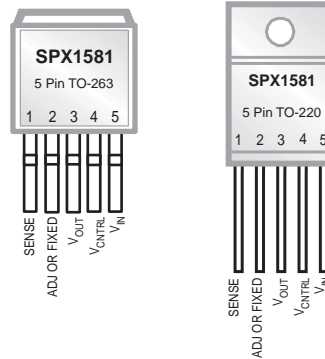# 5A Ultra Low Dropout Voltage Regulator
Fast Response, Adjustable & Fixed

FEATURES

- Low Dropout Voltage 500mV at 5A Full Load Current
- Adjustable Ouput Down to 1.2V from ATX Power Supply
- Fixed Output Voltages of 3.3V, 2.8V and 2.5V
- Extremely Tight Load and Line Regulation
- Standard 5-Terminal Low Cost TO-220 and TO-263

APPLICATIONS

- 3.3V to 2.8V ATX Power Supplies
- 3.3V to 2.9V for Portable PENTIUM™ Processor
- 5V to 3.5V VRE Supply
- High efficiency "Green" Computer Systems

SPX1581
5 Pin TO-263
1 2 3 4 5

SENSE | ADJ OR FIXED | V_{OUT} | V_{CNTRL} | V_{IN}

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DESCRIPTION

The SPX1581 is a 5A Low Dropout Regulator with extremely low dropout voltage. The adjustable version requires only two external resistors to set the output voltage. The fixed version has a preset output of 3.3V, 2.8V or 2.5V and does not require any external resistors. The SPX1581 features a low dropout of 400mV(Typ.) and offers fast transient response. This device is suitable for Pentium applications requiring 2.8V, 2.5V from 3.3V ATX power supplies, where a low current input voltage 1V greater than the output voltage is needed. With an external sense pin the load regulation is less than 1mV. This device is an excellent choice for the use of powering low voltage microprocessors that require a lower dropout, fast transient response to regulate from 3.3V and 5V supplies. The SPX1581 is also an excellent choice as a post regulator for switching supplies applications.

The SPX1581 offers protection against over-current faults, reversed input polarity, over temperature operation and positive and negative transient voltage.

The SPX1581 is offered in a 5 pin TO-220 and TO-263 compatible with industry standard 5-terminal regulators. For 7A, 3A and 1.5A ultra low dropout versions refer to SPX1580, SPX1582 and SPX1583 data sheets respectively.

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS CIRCUIT
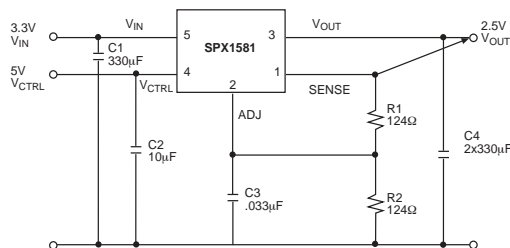
(1) V_{CTRL} needed when $V_{IN} < 5V$.
(2) $V_{OUT} = V_{REF} (1+R_2/R_1)+I_{ADJ} R_2$.
(3) V_{REF} is measured across adjust to sense.
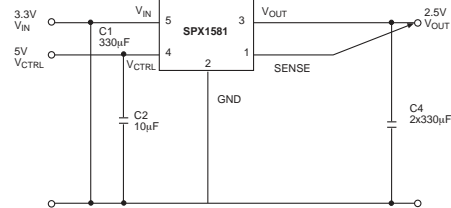
Adjustable Regulator

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Typical Fixed Regulator

Power Dissipation .... Internally Limited
Storage Temperature Range .... -65°C to +150°C

Operating Junction Temperature Range
SPX1581 Control Section .... 0°C to +125°C
SPX1581 Power Transistor .... 0°C to +150°C

Input Supply Voltage 6V
V_{CTRL} Input Voltage 13V

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Electrical characteristics at $V_{OUT} = V_{SENSE}$, $V_{ADJ} = 0V$, $T_A = 25°C$, $C_{CTL} = C_{PWR} = C_{OUT} = 33\mu F$ tantalum cap otherwise specified. The ♦ denotes the specifications which apply over full temperature range -40°C to +85°C, unless otherwise specified.

PARAMETER	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	♦	CONDITIONS
2.5V Version						
Output Voltage	2.450	2.5	2.550	V		V_{CTRL} = 6.0V to 12V, V_{IN} = 3.0V to 5.0V, I_O =10mA
	2.400		2.600		♦	I_O = 10mA to 5A
2.8V Version						
Output Voltage	2.744	2.8	2.856	V		V_{CTRL} = 6.3V to 12V, V_{IN} =3.3V to 12V, I_O =10mA
	2.688		2.912		♦	I_O = 10mA to 5A
3.3V Version						
Output Voltage	3.234	3.3	3.366	V		V_{CTRL} = 6.3V to 12V, V_{IN} = 3.3V + 0.8V, I_O =10mA
	3.168	3.3	3.432		♦	I_O = 10mA to 5A
All Voltage Options						
Reference Voltage	1.238	1.25	1.263	V		V_{CTRL} = 2.75V, V_{IN} = 2.00V, I_O = 10mA
						V_{CTRL}=2.7V to 12V,V_{IN} = 2.05V to 5.5V,I_O=10mA to 5A
Line Regulation				mV		V_{CTRL} = 2.5V to 12V, V_{IN} = 1.75V to 5.5V, I_O=10mA
		1.0	3.0		♦	V_{ADJ}=0V
Load Regulation (Note 1)		1.0	5.0	mV	♦	V_{CTRL} = 2.75V, V_{IN} = 2.1V, I_O=10mA to 5A, V_{ADJ} = 0V
Dropout Voltage Min. V_{CTRL}		1.10	1.25	V		V_{ADJ} = 0V
(Note 2) (V_{CTRL} - V_{OUT})						V_{IN} = 2.05V, I_O = 1A
Dropout Voltage Min. V_{IN}		0.40	0.50	V		V_{ADJ} = 0V
(Note 2) (V_{IN} - V_{OUT})						V_{IN} = 2.75V, I_O = 5A
Current Limit	5.1			A		V_{CTRL} = 2.75V, V_{IN} = 2.05V, ΔV_{OUT} = 100mV, V_{ADJ} = 0V
Minimum Load Current		5	10	mA	♦	V_{CTRL} = 5V, V_{IN}=3.3V, V_{ADJ}=0V
Thermal Regulation		0.002	0.02	%/W		30ms Pulse
Ripple Rejection	60	80		dB		V_{CTRL} = 3.75V, V_{IN} = 3.75V, I_O = 2.5A, V_{ADJ}=0V
						T_J=25, V_{RIPPLE}=1Vpp at 120Hz
Control Pin Current		60	120	mA	♦	V_{ADJ} = 0V
						V_{CTRL} = 2.75V, V_{IN} = 2.05V, I_O = 5A
Adjustble Pin Current		50		µA		V_{CTRL} = 2.75V, V_{IN} = 2.05V, V_{ADJ}=0V, I_O = 10mA
			120		♦	
Thermal Resistance			3	°C/W		Junction to Case (θ_{JC})
TO-220-5			50	°C/W		Junction to Ambient (θ_{JA})
Thermal Resistance			3	°C/W		Junction to Case (θ_{JC})
TO-263-5			60	°C/W		Junction to Ambient (θ_{JA})

Note 1: Low duty cycle pulse testing with Kelvin connections is required in order to maintain accurate data.
**Note 2:** Dropout voltage is defined as the minimum differential between V_{IN} and V_{OUT} or V_{CTRL} and V_{OUT} required to maintain regulation at V_{OUT} 95% Nominal V_{OUT}.
Note 3: V_{REF} is measured across Adjust pin to Sense pin.

PIN NUMBER	PIN NAME	DESCRIPTION
1	SENSE	Allows Kelvin sense of V_{OUT} at the load. (Positive side of the reference voltage of the device).
2	ADJ	Negative side of the reference voltage for the device. Adding a small bypass capacitor from the ADJ pin to ground will improve the transient response.
3	V_{OUT}	Power output of the device.
4	V_{CTRL}	Supply pin for the control circuitry of the device. The current flow into this pin will be about 1% of the output current. V_{CTRL} must be between 1.0V and 1.3V greater than the output voltage for the device to regulate.
5	V_{IN}	Output load current is supplied through this pin. V_{IN} must be between 0.1V and 0.8V greater than the output voltage for this device to regulate.

Note that TAB is internally connected to Pin 3.

FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM
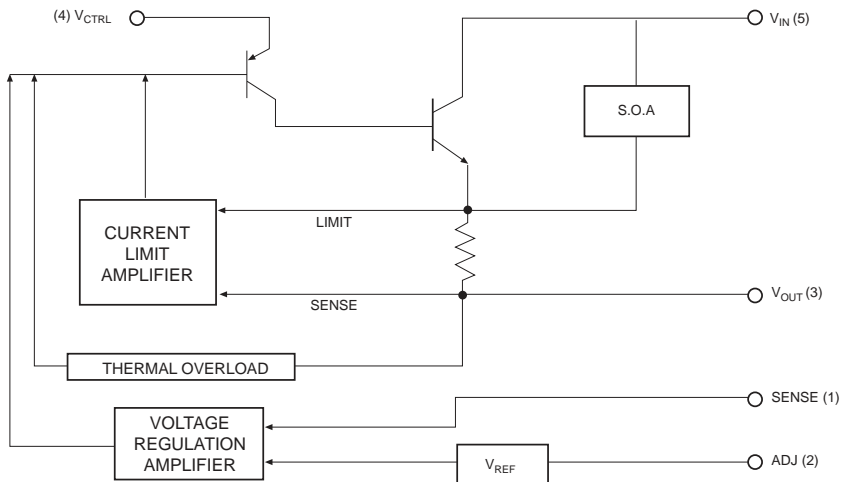
The SPX1581 is designed as a high performance and low cost solution for application requiring a lower dropout than traditional NPN regulators.

The SPX1581 uses a separate input voltage V_{CTRL} ($V_{CTRL} \geq V_{OUT} + 1.3V$) to minimize the dropout voltage. This allows the 2.5V power for the load to come from a 3.3V system supply.
As added benefit this will reduce the heat dissipation*, and lower heatsink and cooling fan cost.

A typical application would use 5V for V_{IN} and 3.3V for V_{CTRL} from a motherboard power supply to provide a nominal 2.5V output. Using the sense pin allows Kelvin measure the output, reducing resistance-associated errors.

The SPX1581 can power the 2.5V core voltage for microprocessors such as a Pentium™, P55C™, AMD5k86™ and K6™ and the IBM PowerPC™ 603EV and 604EV processors. Power sequencing of V_{IN} and V_{CTRL} is required. Apply V_{IN} before V_{CTRL} for proper operation

* The reduction of heat dissipation is a result of the increase of the regulator efficiency (efficiency = V_{OUT}/V_{IN}).

Adjustable Regulator Design
1.25V reference voltage is being developed between the SENSE pin and the ADJ pin of the SPX1581. Adding two external resistors (see fig 1.) will allow setting the output voltage from 1.25V to 6V. R_1 is chosen so that this current is specified minimum load current of 10mA. R_2 is given by the formula: $V_{OUT} = V_{REF} (1+ R_2/R_1) + I_{ADJ} (R_2)$. The current flowing from the ADJ pin is typicaly 50μA. This ADJ pin contributes to the final V_{OUT} but is usually neglected. Connecting the sense pin to the top of the resistor divider will improve load regualtion.

Lowering Noise
Using the SENSE pin to Kelvin the load will increase accuracy of the output voltage during load regulation. For the fixed voltage device, adding a capacitor at the GND pin will improve transient response. This capacitor is chosen in the range of 1μF to 0.1μF and will depend on the amount of output capacitance in the system.

Power Up Sequencing

The SPX158x requires a power up sequence in that V_{IN} must applied before V_{CTRL} to prevent a latch up condition. If this is not possible then a series 10Ω resistor should be added to the V_{CTRL} input to prevent the device from entering a latch up if V_{CTRL} is applied before V_{IN}.
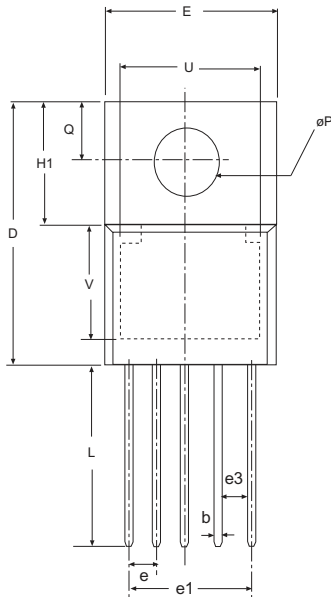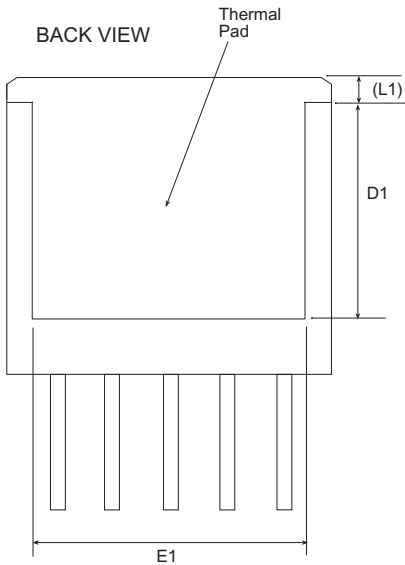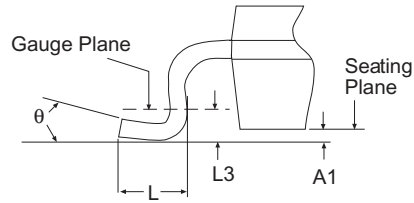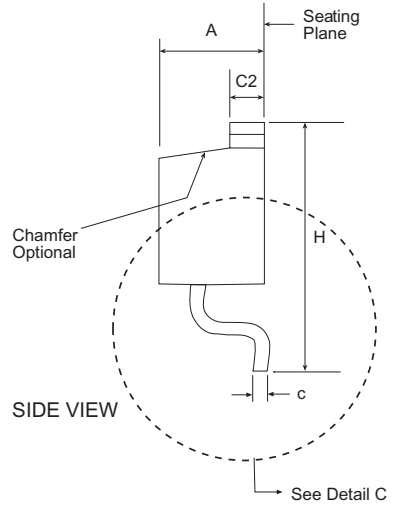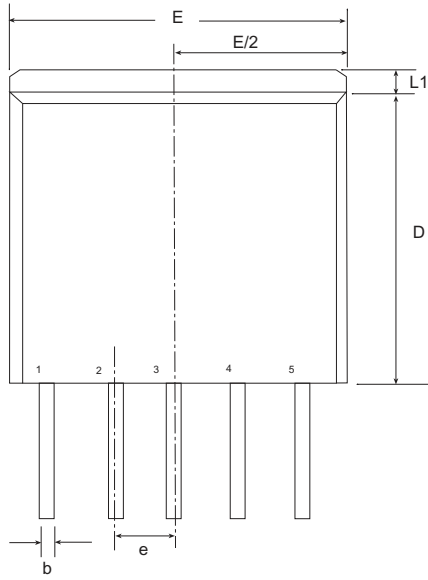
Package Outline Drawing

POS	INCHES		MILLIMETERS	
	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
A	.160	.190	4.06	4.83
b	.025	.040	0.63	1.04
C1	.014	.022	0.36	0.56
D	.560	.590	14.22	14.99
E	.385	.415	9.78	10.54
e	.062	.072	1.57	1.83
e1	.263	.273	6.68	6.93
e3	.030	.040	0.76	1.02
F	.045	.055	1.14	1.40
H1	.234	.258	5.94	6.55
J1	.090	.115	2.29	2.92
ϕP	.146	.156	3.71	3.96
Q	.103	.113	2.62	2.87
L	.540	.560	13.72	14.22
α	3°	7°	3°	7°
U	.30 REF		7.62 REF	
V	.24 REF		6.10 REF	
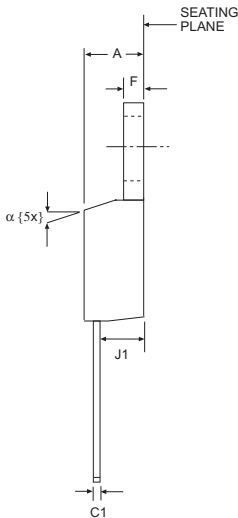
NOTE:
1. DIMENSION C1 APPLY FOR TIN PLATE FINISH.
2. FOR SOLDER DIP LEAD FINISH, DIMENSION C1 SHOULD BE .015"-.027"(0.38-0.69MM).
3. J1 DIMENSION TO BE GOVERNED BY FINAL VISUAL OUTGOING SPEC, CSM-220-017 (i.e. Y-AXIS BEND LEAD ALLOWED FOR 1 LEAD THICKNESS.

FRONT VIEW

SIDE VIEW

Seating Plane

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See Detail C

DETAIL C

Gauge Plane

Seating Plane

BACK VIEW

Thermal Pad

5 Pin TO-263 JEDEC TO-263			Variation BA		
	Inches Controlling Dimension			Millimeters Conversion Factor: 1 Inch = 25.40 mm		
SYMBOL	MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX
A	0.160	-	0.190	4.06	-	4.83
A1	0.000	-	0.010	0.00	-	0.25
b	0.020	-	0.039	0.51	-	0.99
c	0.015	-	0.029	0.38	-	0.74
c2	0.045	-	0.065	11.43	-	5.84
D	0.330	-	0.380	8.38	-	9.65
D1	0.270	-	-	6.86	-	-
E	0.380	-	0.420	9.65	-	10.67
E1	0.245	-	-	6.22	-	-
e	.067 BSC			17.02 BSC		
H	0.575	-	0.625	14.61	-	15.88
L	0.070	-	0.110	1.78	-	2.79
L1	-	-	0.066	-	-	1.68
L3	.010 BSC			2.54 BSC		
Θ	0°	-	8°	0°	-	8°
SIPEX Pkg Signoff Date/Rev:			JL Jan18-06/Rev A		

Part Number	Accuracy	Output Voltage	Packages
SPX1581U5	2.0%	Adj	5-Pin TO-220
SPX1581U5-2-5	2.0%	2.5V	5-Pin TO-220
SPX1581U5-2-8	2.0%	2.8V	5-Pin TO-220
SPX1581U5-3-3	2.0%	3.3V	5-Pin TO-220
SPX1581T5	2.0%	Adj	5-Pin TO-263
SPX1581T5/TR	2.0%	Adj	5-Pin TO-263
SPX1581T5-2-5	2.0%	2.5V	5-Pin TO-263
SPX1581T5-2-5/TR	2.0%	2.5V	5-Pin TO-263
SPX1581T5-3-3	2.0%	3.3V	5-Pin TO-263
SPX1581T5-3-3/TR	2.0%	3.3V	5-Pin TO-263

Available in lead free packaging. To order add "-L" suffix to part number.

Example: SPX1581T5-3-3/TR = standard; SPX1581T5-L-3-3/TR = lead free

/TR = Tape and Reel

Pack quantity is 500 for TO-263.

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