

## LM79XX Series 3-Terminal Negative Regulators

### General Description

The LM79XX series of 3-terminal regulators is available with fixed output voltages of  $-5V$ ,  $-12V$ , and  $-15V$ . These devices need only one external component—a compensation capacitor at the output. The LM79XX series is packaged in the TO-220 power package and is capable of supplying 1.5A of output current.

These regulators employ internal current limiting safe area protection and thermal shutdown for protection against virtually all overload conditions.

Low ground pin current of the LM79XX series allows output voltage to be easily boosted above the preset value with a

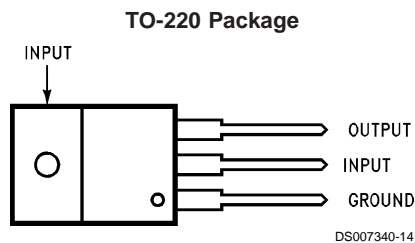
resistor divider. The low quiescent current drain of these devices with a specified maximum change with line and load ensures good regulation in the voltage boosted mode.

For applications requiring other voltages, see LM137 datasheet.

### Features

- Thermal, short circuit and safe area protection
- High ripple rejection
- 1.5A output current
- 4% tolerance on preset output voltage

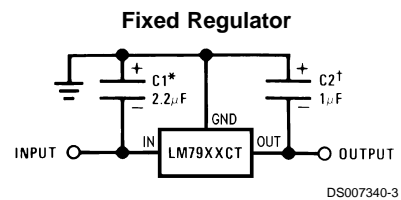
### Connection Diagrams



**Front View**

**Order Number LM7905CT, LM7912CT or LM7915CT  
See NS Package Number TO3B**

### Typical Applications



\*Required if regulator is separated from filter capacitor by more than 3". For value given, capacitor must be solid tantalum. 25µF aluminum electrolytic may be substituted.

†Required for stability. For value given, capacitor must be solid tantalum. 25µF aluminum electrolytic may be substituted. Values given may be increased without limit.

For output capacitance in excess of 100µF, a high current diode from input to output (1N4001, etc.) will protect the regulator from momentary input shorts.

**Absolute Maximum Ratings** (Note 1)

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

Input Voltage

 $(V_o = -5V)$  $(V_o = -12V \text{ and } -15V)$ 

-25V

-35V

Input-Output Differential

 $(V_o = -5V)$ 

25V

 $(V_o = -12V \text{ and } -15V)$ 

30V

Power Dissipation (Note 2)

Internally Limited

Operating Junction Temperature Range

0°C to +125°C

Storage Temperature Range

-65°C to +150°C

Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.)

230°C

**Electrical Characteristics**

Conditions unless otherwise noted:  $I_{OUT} = 500mA$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2.2\mu F$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1\mu F$ ,  $0^\circ C \leq T_J \leq +125^\circ C$ , Power Dissipation  $\leq 1.5W$ .

Part Number			LM7905C			Units	
Output Voltage			-5V				
Input Voltage (unless otherwise specified)			-10V				
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max		
$V_o$	Output Voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ C$ $5mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1A$ , $P \leq 15W$	-4.8	-5.0	-5.2	V	
			-4.75		-5.25	V	
				(-20 $\leq V_{IN} \leq -7$ )		V	
$\Delta V_o$	Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$ , (Note 3)		8	50	mV	
				(-25 $\leq V_{IN} \leq -7$ )		V	
				2	15	mV	
				(-12 $\leq V_{IN} \leq -8$ )		V	
$\Delta V_o$	Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$ , (Note 3) $5mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5A$ $250mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 750mA$		15	100	mV	
				5	50	mV	
$I_Q$	Quiescent Current	$T_J = 25^\circ C$		1	2	mA	
$\Delta I_Q$	Quiescent Current Change	With Line  With Load, $5mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1A$			0.5	mA	
				(-25 $\leq V_{IN} \leq -7$ )		V	
					0.5	mA	
$V_n$	Output Noise Voltage	$T_A = 25^\circ C$ , $10Hz \leq f \leq 100Hz$		125		$\mu V$	
			Ripple Rejection	$f = 120Hz$	54	66	dB
						(-18 $\leq V_{IN} \leq -8$ )	
	Dropout Voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ C$ , $I_{OUT} = 1A$		1.1		V	
$I_{OMAX}$	Peak Output Current	$T_J = 25^\circ C$		2.2		A	
			Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 5mA$ , $0^\circ C \leq T_J \leq 100^\circ C$		0.4	

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Part Number			LM7912C			LM7915C			Units
Output Voltage			-12V			-15V			
Input Voltage (unless otherwise specified)			-19V			-23V			
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max	
$V_o$	Output Voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ C$ $5mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1A$ , $P \leq 15W$	-11.5	-12.0	-12.5	-14.4	-15.0	-15.6	V
			-11.4		-12.6	-14.25		-15.75	V
				(-27 $\leq V_{IN} \leq -14.5$ )		(-30 $\leq V_{IN} \leq -17.5$ )		V	
$\Delta V_o$	Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$ , (Note 3)		5	80		5	100	mV
				(-30 $\leq V_{IN} \leq -14.5$ )		(-30 $\leq V_{IN} \leq -17.5$ )		V	
				3	30		3	50	mV
				(-22 $\leq V_{IN} \leq -16$ )		(-26 $\leq V_{IN} \leq -20$ )		V	
$\Delta V_o$	Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$ , (Note 3)							

## Electrical Characteristics (Continued)

Conditions unless otherwise noted:  $I_{OUT} = 500\text{mA}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2.2\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1\mu\text{F}$ ,  $0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq +125^\circ\text{C}$ , Power Dissipation  $\leq 1.5\text{W}$ .

Part Number		LM7912C			LM7915C			Units	
Output Voltage		-12V			-15V				
Input Voltage (unless otherwise specified)		-19V			-23V				
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions			Min	Typ	Max		
		$5\text{mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5\text{A}$			15	200	15	200	mV
		$250\text{mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 750\text{mA}$			5	75	5	75	mV
$I_Q$	Quiescent Current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.5	3	1.5	3	mA
$\Delta I_Q$	Quiescent Current Change	With Line			0.5			0.5	mA
					$(-30 \leq V_{IN} \leq -14.5)$			$(-30 \leq V_{IN} \leq -17.5)$	V
		With Load, $5\text{mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1\text{A}$			0.5			0.5	mA
$V_n$	Output Noise Voltage	$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $10\text{Hz} \leq f \leq 100\text{Hz}$			300			375	$\mu\text{V}$
	Ripple Rejection	$f = 120\text{Hz}$			54	70	54	70	dB
					$(-25 \leq V_{IN} \leq -15)$			$(-30 \leq V_{IN} \leq -17.5)$	V
	Dropout Voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $I_{OUT} = 1\text{A}$			1.1			1.1	V
$I_{OMAX}$	Peak Output Current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			2.2			2.2	A
	Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage	$I_{OUT} = 5\text{mA}$ , $0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 100^\circ\text{C}$			-0.8			-1.0	$\text{mV}/^\circ\text{C}$

**Note 1:** Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. Operating Ratings indicate conditions for which the device is intended to be functional, but do not guarantee Specific Performance limits. For guaranteed specifications and test conditions, see the Electrical Characteristics.

**Note 2:** Refer to Typical Performance Characteristics and Design Considerations for details.

**Note 3:** Regulation is measured at a constant junction temperature by pulse testing with a low duty cycle. Changes in output voltage due to heating effects must be taken into account.

## Design Considerations

The LM79XX fixed voltage regulator series has thermal overload protection from excessive power dissipation, internal short circuit protection which limits the circuit's maximum current, and output transistor safe-area compensation for reducing the output current as the voltage across the pass transistor is increased.

Although the internal power dissipation is limited, the junction temperature must be kept below the maximum specified temperature ( $125^\circ\text{C}$ ) in order to meet data sheet specifications. To calculate the maximum junction temperature or heat sink required, the following thermal resistance values should be used:

Package	Typ $\theta_{JC}$ $^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$	Max $\theta_{JC}$ $^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$	Typ $\theta_{JA}$ $^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$	Max $\theta_{JA}$ $^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$
TO-220	3.0	5.0	60	40

$$P_{D\text{ MAX}} = \frac{T_{J\text{ Max}} - T_A}{\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CA}} \text{ or } \frac{T_{J\text{ Max}} - T_A}{\theta_{JA}}$$

$$\theta_{CA} = \theta_{CS} + \theta_{SA} \text{ (without heat sink)}$$

Solving for  $T_J$ :

$$T_J = T_A + P_D (\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CA}) \text{ or } \\ = T_A + P_D \theta_{JA} \text{ (without heat sink)}$$

Where:

$$T_J = \text{Junction Temperature} \\ T_A = \text{Ambient Temperature} \\ P_D = \text{Power Dissipation}$$

$\theta_{JA}$  = Junction-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance

$\theta_{JC}$  = Junction-to-Case Thermal Resistance

$\theta_{CA}$  = Case-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance

$\theta_{CS}$  = Case-to-Heat Sink Thermal Resistance

$\theta_{SA}$  = Heat Sink-to-Ambient Thermal Resistance

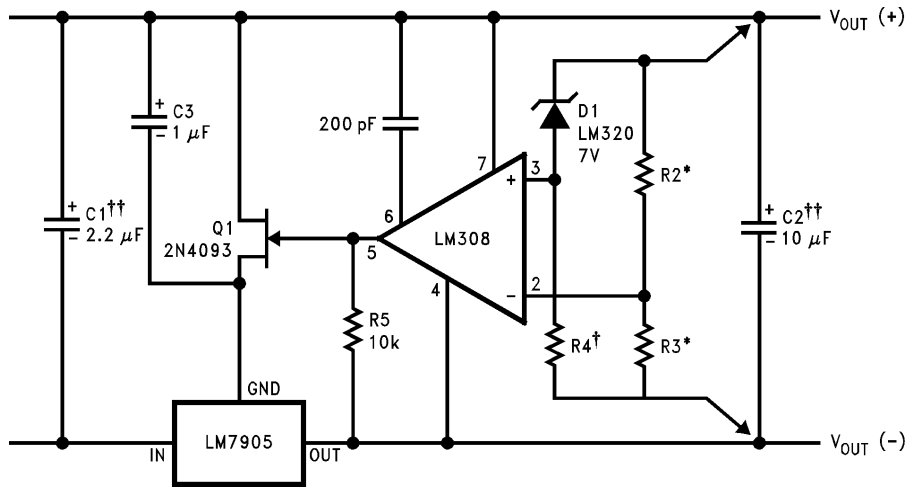
## Typical Applications

Bypass capacitors are necessary for stable operation of the LM79XX series of regulators over the input voltage and output current ranges. Output bypass capacitors will improve the transient response by the regulator.

The bypass capacitors, (2.2μF on the input, 1.0μF on the output) should be ceramic or solid tantalum which have good

high frequency characteristics. If aluminum electrolytics are used, their values should be 10μF or larger. The bypass capacitors should be mounted with the shortest leads, and if possible, directly across the regulator terminals.

High Stability 1 Amp Regulator



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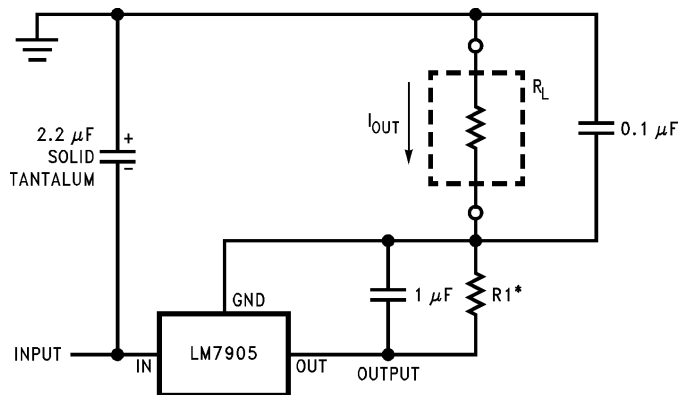
Load and line regulation < 0.01% temperature stability ≤ 0.2%

†Determine Zener current

††Solid tantalum

\*Select resistors to set output voltage. 2 ppm/°C tracking suggested

Current Source

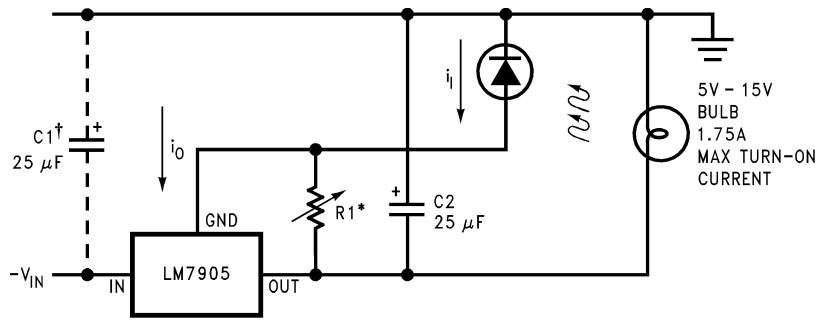


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$$I_{OUT} = 1 \text{ mA} + \frac{5V}{R1}$$

Typical Applications (Continued)

Light Controller Using Silicon Photo Cell

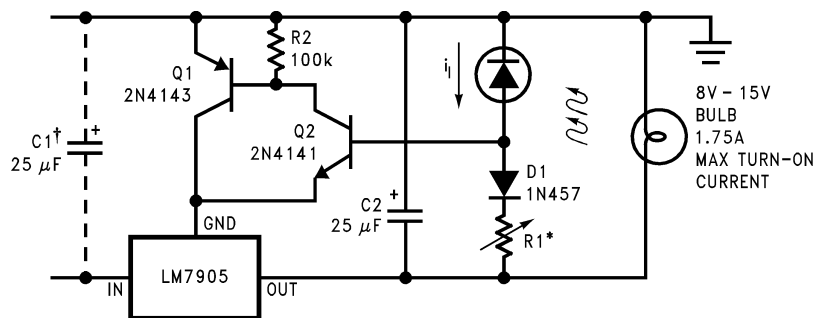


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\*Lamp brightness increase until  $i_i = i_Q (= 1 \text{ mA}) + 5V/R1$ .

†Necessary only if raw supply filter capacitor is more that 2" from LM7905CT

High-Sensitivity Light Controller

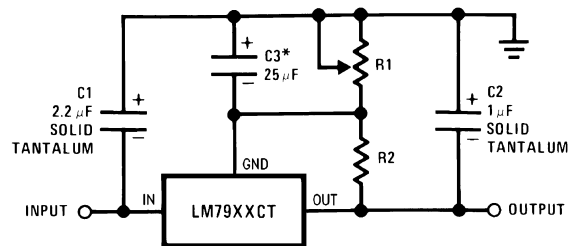


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\*Lamp brightness increases until  $i_i = 5V/R1$  ( $i_i$  can be set as low as  $1 \mu\text{A}$ )

†Necessary only if raw supply filter capacitor is more that 2" from LM7905

Variable Output



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\*Improves transient response and ripple rejection. Do not increase beyond  $50 \mu\text{F}$ .

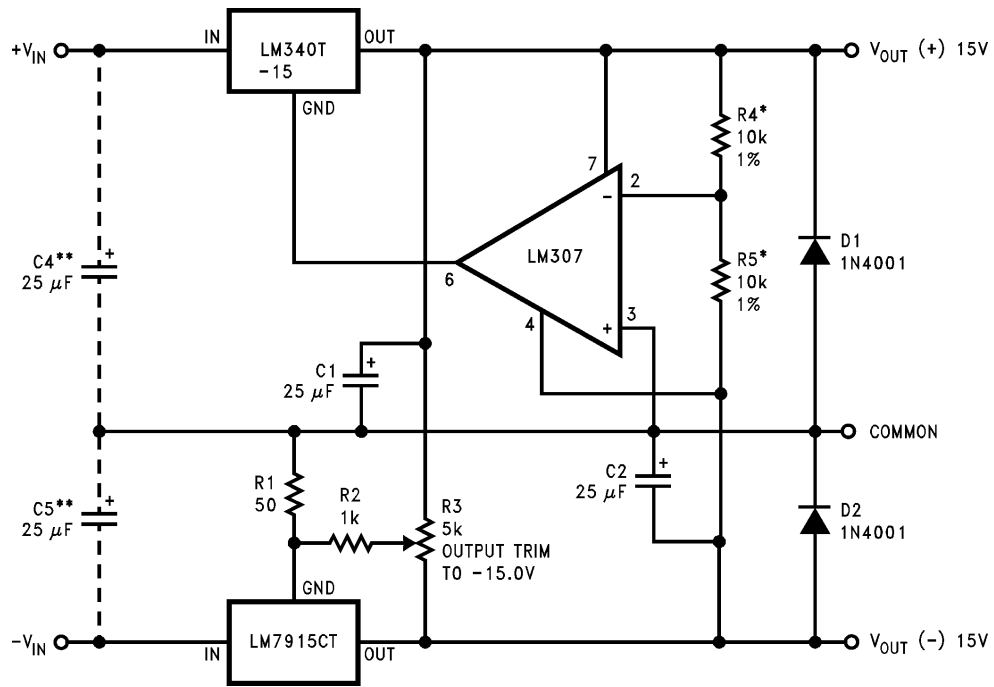
$$V_{OUT} = V_{SET} \left( \frac{R1 + R2}{R2} \right)$$

Select R2 as follows:

LM7905CT	300Ω
LM7912CT	750Ω
LM7915CT	1k

Typical Applications (Continued)

±15V, 1 Amp Tracking Regulators



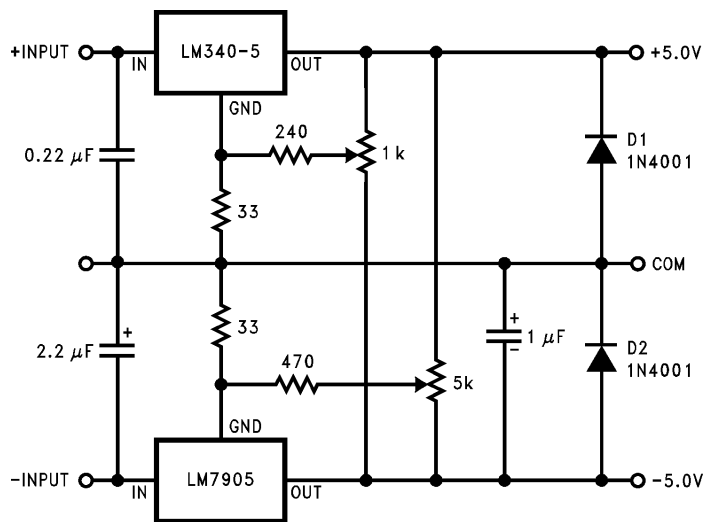
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	(-15)	(+15)
Load Regulation at $\Delta I_L = 1A$	40mV	2mV
Output Ripple, $C_{IN} = 3000\mu F, I_L = 1A$	100 $\mu Vms$	100 $\mu Vms$
Temperature Stability	50mV	50mV
Output Noise $10Hz \leq f \leq 10kHz$	150 $\mu Vms$	150 $\mu Vms$

\*Resistor tolerance of R4 and R5 determine matching of (+) and (-) outputs.

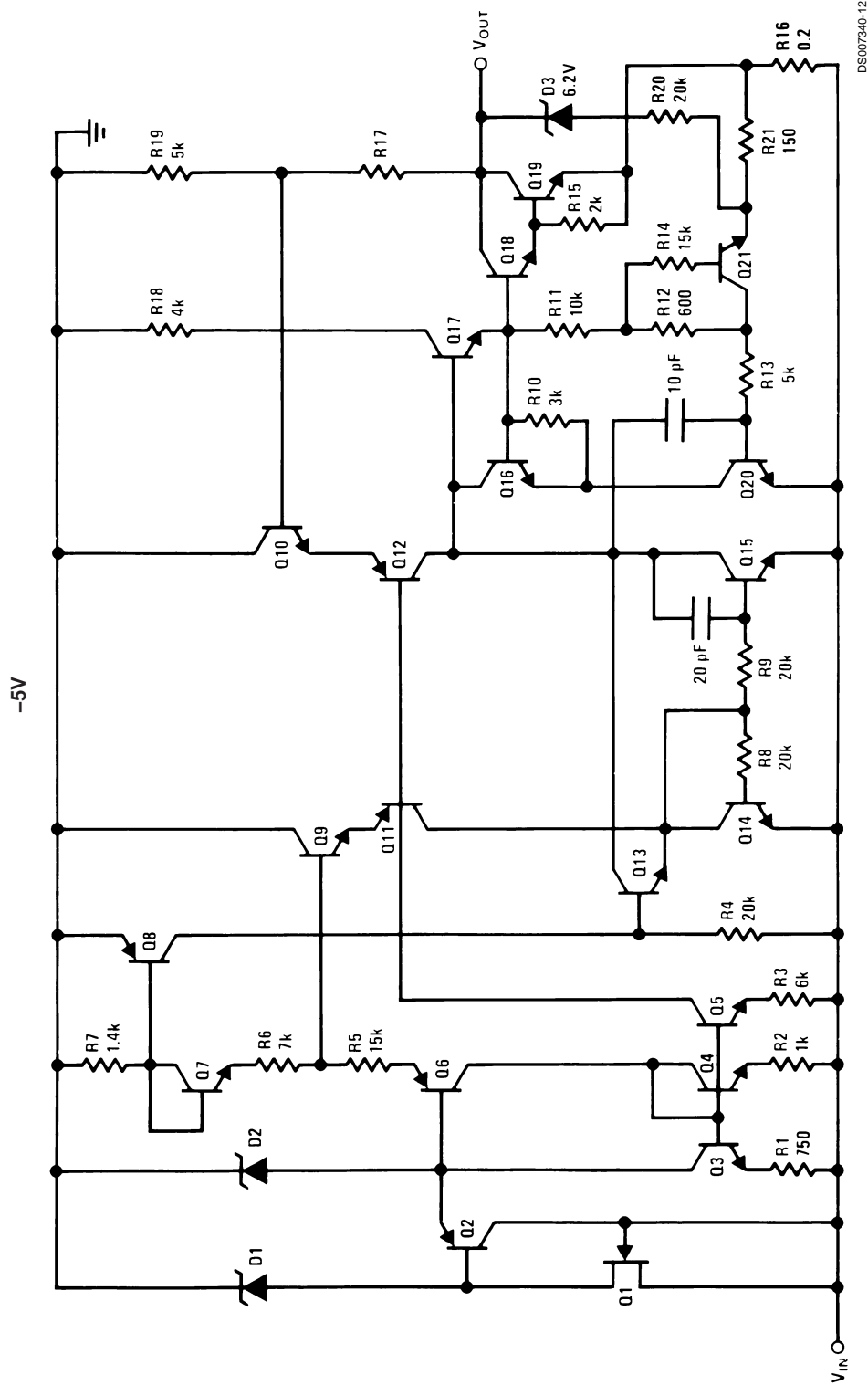
\*\*Necessary only if raw supply filter capacitors are more than 3" from regulators.

Dual Trimmed Supply



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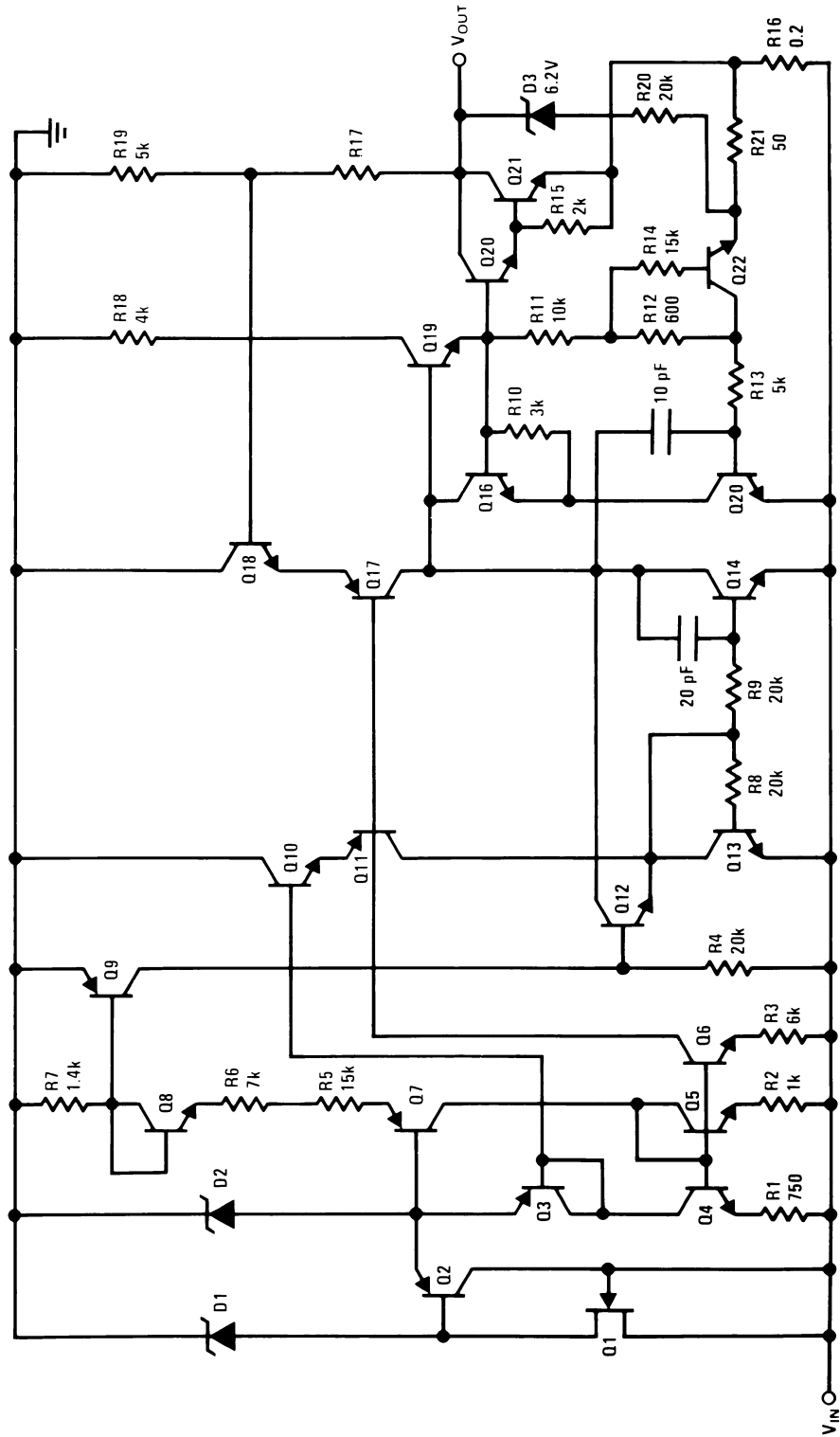
# Schematic Diagrams



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Schematic Diagrams (Continued)

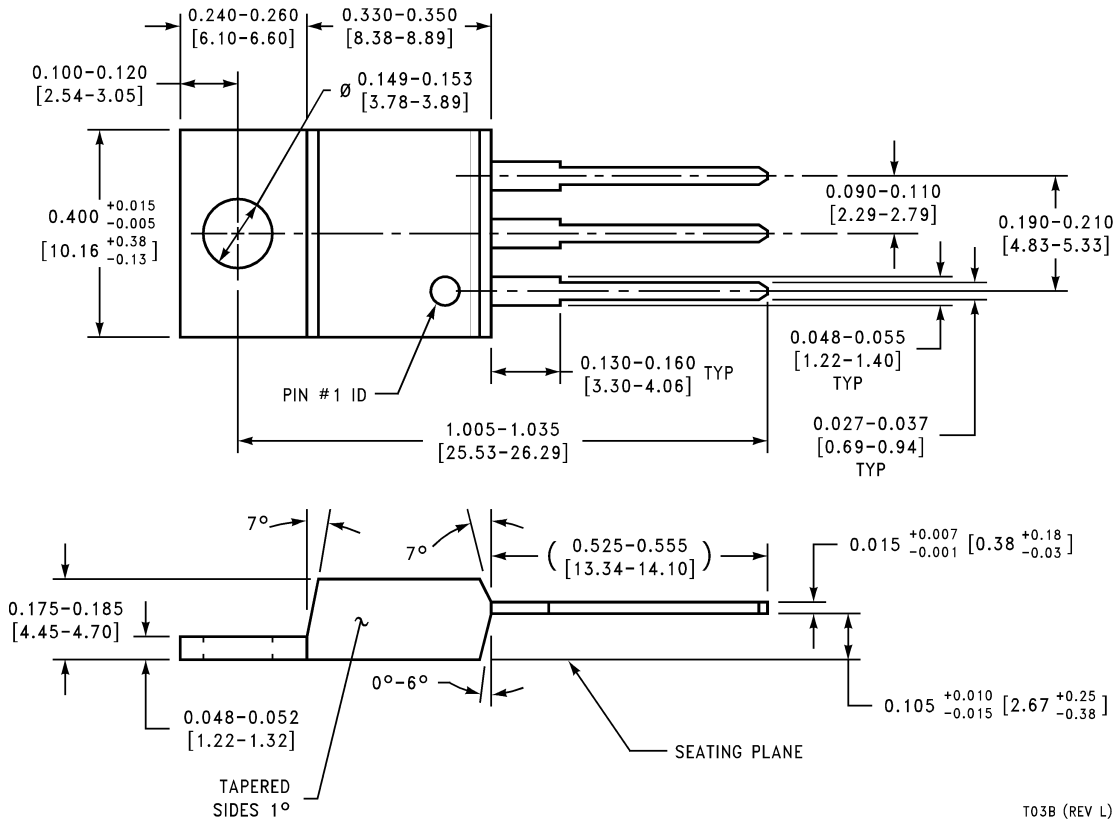
-12V and -15V



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**Physical Dimensions** inches (millimeters) unless otherwise noted




**TO-220 Outline Package (T)**  
**Order Number LM7905CT, LM7912CT or LM7915CT**  
**NS Package Number T03B**

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