

# **$\mu$ A78G • $\mu$ A79G**

## **4-Terminal Adjustable Voltage Regulators**

Linear Division Voltage Regulators

### Description

The  $\mu$ A78G and  $\mu$ A79G are 4-terminal adjustable voltage regulators. They are designed to deliver continuous load currents of up to 1.0 A with a maximum input voltage of +40 V for the positive regulator  $\mu$ A78G and -40 V for the negative regulator  $\mu$ A79G. Output current capability can be increased to greater than 1.0 A through use of one or more external transistors. The output voltage range of the  $\mu$ A78G positive voltage regulator is +5 V to +30 V and the output voltage range of the negative  $\mu$ A79G is -30 V to -2.2 V. For systems requiring both a positive and negative, the  $\mu$ A78G and  $\mu$ A79G are excellent for use as a dual tracking regulator with appropriate external circuitry. These 4-terminal voltage regulators are constructed using the Fairchild Planar process.

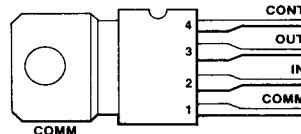
- Output Current In Excess Of 1 A
- $\mu$ A78G Positive Output +5 To +30 V
- $\mu$ A79G Negative Output -30 To -2.2 V
- Internal Thermal Overload Protection
- Internal Short Circuit Protection
- Output Transistor Safe-Area Protection

### Absolute Maximum Ratings

Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to +150°C
Operating Junction Temperature Range	0°C to 150°C
Lead Temperature (soldering, 10 s)	265°C
Power Dissipation	Internally Limited
Input Voltage	
$\mu$ A78G	+40 V
$\mu$ A79G	-40 V
Control Lead Voltage	
$\mu$ A78G	0 V $\leq$ V+ $\leq$ V <sub>O</sub>
$\mu$ A79G	V <sub>O</sub> - $\leq$ V- $\leq$ 0 V

### Connection Diagram

**4-Lead TO-202 Package  
(Top View)**



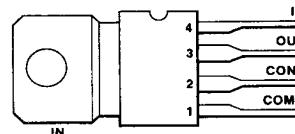
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Heat sink tabs connected to common through device substrate.

### Order Information

Device Code	Package Code	Package Description
$\mu$ A78GU1C	8Z	Power Watt

**Connection Diagram  
4-Lead TO-202 Package  
(Top View)**



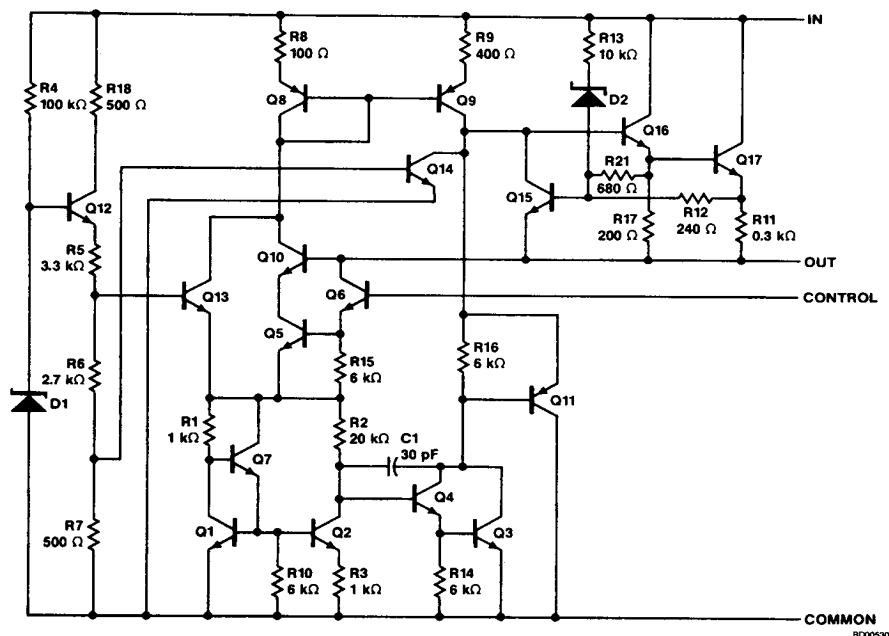
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Heat sink tabs connected to input through device substrate. Not recommended for direct electrical connection.

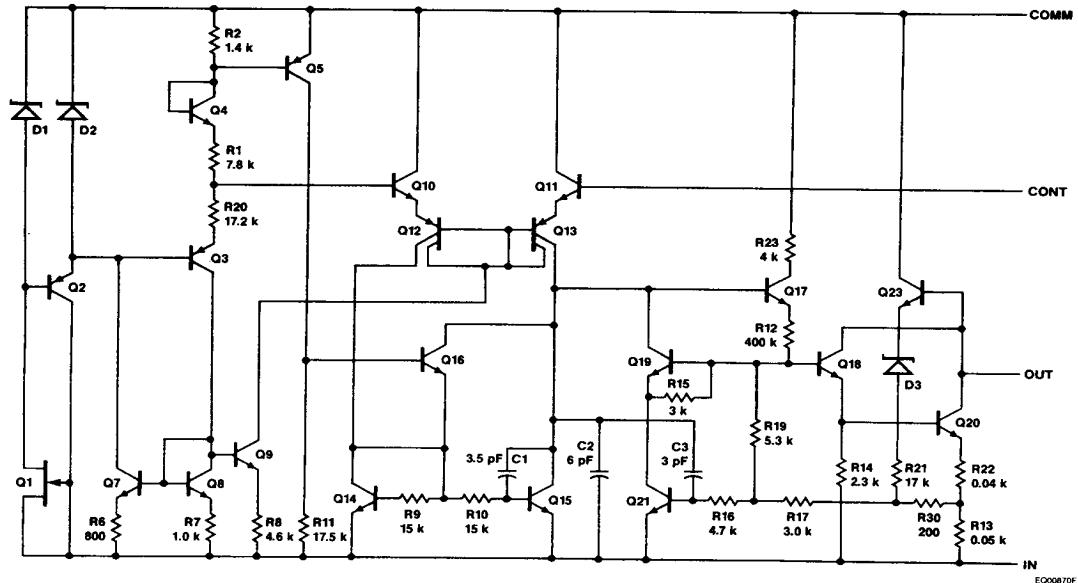
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**$\mu$ A78G Equivalent Circuit**



**$\mu$ A79G Equivalent Circuit (Note 1)**



**Note**

1. All Resistor values in ohms

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## $\mu$ A78G

**Electrical Characteristics**  $0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $C_I = 0.33 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 0.1 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $V_I = 10 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 500 \text{ mA}$ ,  
Test Circuit 1, unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Characteristic	Condition <sup>1,3</sup>		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$V_{IR}$	Input Voltage Range	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		7.5		40	V
$V_{OR}$	Output Voltage Range	$V_I = V_O + 5.0 \text{ V}$		5.0		30	V
$V_O$	Output Voltage Tolerance	$V_O + 3.0 \text{ V} \leq V_I \leq V_O + 15 \text{ V}$ , $5.0 \text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$ $P_D \leq 15 \text{ W}$ , $V_I \text{ max} = 38 \text{ V}$		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		4.0	% $V_O$
$V_O$ LINE	Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_O \leq 10 \text{ V}$ ( $V_O + 2.5 \text{ V}$ ) $\leq V_I \leq (V_O + 20 \text{ V})$				1.0	% $V_O$
$V_O$ LOAD	Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_I = V_O + 5.0 \text{ V}$	$250 \text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 750 \text{ mA}$ $5.0 \text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 1.5 \text{ A}$			1.0	% $V_O$
$I_C$	Control Lead Current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.0	5.0	$\mu\text{A}$
						8.0	
$I_Q$	Quiescent Current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			3.2	6.0	$\text{mA}$
						7.0	
$\Delta V_I / \Delta V_O$	Ripple Rejection	$8.0 \text{ V} \leq V_I \leq 18 \text{ V}$ , $f = 2400 \text{ Hz}$ $V_O = 5.0 \text{ V}$ , $I_C = 350 \text{ mA}$		68	78		dB
$N_O$	Noise	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $10 \text{ Hz} < f < 100 \text{ kHz}$ , $V_O = 5.0 \text{ V}$ , $I_O = 5.0 \text{ mA}$			8.0	40	$\mu\text{V}/V_O$
$V_{DO}$	Dropout Voltage <sup>2</sup>				2.0	2.5	V
$I_{OS}$	Output Short Circuit Current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_I = 30 \text{ V}$			.750	1.2	A
$I_{pk}$	Peak Output Current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		1.3	2.2	3.3	A
$\Delta V_O / \Delta T$	Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage	$V_O = 5.0 \text{ V}$ , $I_O = 5.0 \text{ mA}$	$T_A = -55^\circ\text{C} \text{ to } +25^\circ\text{C}$ $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C} \text{ to } 125^\circ\text{C}$			0.4	$\text{mV}/^\circ\text{C}/V_O$
$V_C$	Control Lead Voltage (Reference)	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		4.8	5.0	5.2	
				4.75		5.25	

### Notes

- $V_O$  is defined for the  $\mu$ A78G as  $V_O = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_2}(-5.0)$ ;  
the  $\mu$ A79G as  $V_O = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_2}(-2.23)$ .
- Dropout Voltage is defined as that input/output voltage differential which causes the output voltage to decrease by 5% of its initial value.
- All characteristics except noise voltage and ripple rejection ratio are measured using pulse techniques ( $t_w \leq 10 \text{ ms}$ , duty cycle  $\leq 5\%$ ). Output voltage changes due to changes in internal temperature must be taken into account separately.

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## $\mu$ A79G

**Electrical Characteristics**  $0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$  for  $\mu$ A79G,  $V_I = -10\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 500\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 2.0\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 1.0\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ , Test Circuit 2 and Note 3, unless otherwise specified.

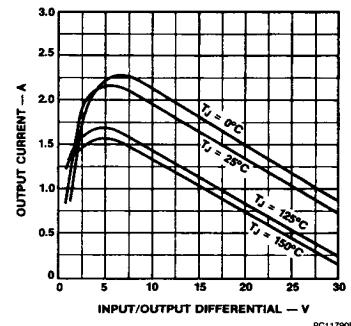
Symbol	Characteristic	Condition <sup>1</sup>		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$V_{IR}$	Input Voltage Range	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		-40		-7.0	V
$V_{OR}$	Nominal Output Voltage Range	$V_I = V_O - 5.0\text{ V}$		-30		-2.23	V
$V_O$	Output Voltage Tolerance	$V_O - 15\text{ V} \leq V_I \leq V_O - 3.0\text{ V}$ $5.0\text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 1.0\text{ A}$ $P_D \leq 15\text{ W}$ , $V_{I\ Max} = -3.8\text{ V}$	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			4.0	% $V_O$
$V_O$ LINE	Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_O \geq -10\text{ V}$ ( $V_O - 20\text{ V}$ ) $\leq V_I \leq (V_O - 2.5\text{ V})$				1.0	% $V_O$
$V_O$ LOAD	Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_I = V_O - 5.0\text{ V}$	$250\text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 750\text{ mA}$ $5.0\text{ mA} \leq I_O \leq 1.5\text{ A}$			1.0	% $V_O$
$I_C$	Control Lead Current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			0.4	2.0	$\mu\text{A}$
						3.0	
$I_Q$	Quiescent Current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			0.5	2.5	$\text{mA}$
						3.0	
$\Delta V_I / \Delta V_O$	Ripple Rejection	$V_O = -8.0\text{ V}$ , $V_I = -13\text{ V}$ , $f = 2400\text{ Hz}$ , $I_C = 350\text{ mA}$		50	60		dB
$N_O$	Noise	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $10\text{ Hz} \leq f \leq 100\text{ kHz}$ , $V_O = -8.0\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 5.0\text{ mA}$			25	80	$\mu\text{V}/V_O$
$V_{DO}$	Dropout Voltage <sup>2</sup>				1.1	2.3	V
$I_{OS}$	Output Short Circuit Current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_I = -30\text{ V}$			0.25	1.2	A
$I_{pk}$	Peak Output Current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		1.3	2.1	3.3	A
$\Delta V_O / \Delta T$	Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage	$V_O = -5.0\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 5.0\text{ mA}$	$T_A = -55^\circ\text{C}$ to $+25^\circ\text{C}$ $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ to $125^\circ\text{C}$			0.3	$\text{mV}/^\circ\text{C}/V_O$
$V_C$	Control Lead Voltage (Reference)	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		-2.32	-2.23	-2.14	V
				-2.35		-2.11	

### Notes

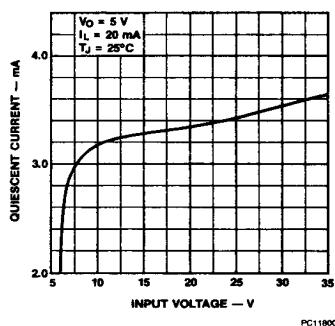
- $V_O$  is defined for the  $\mu$ A78G as  $V_O = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1 + R_2}(5.0)$ ;  
the  $\mu$ A79G as  $V_O = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_2}(-2.23)$ .
- Dropout voltage is defined as that input/output voltage differential which causes the output voltage to decrease by 5% of its initial value.
- The convention for negative regulators is the algebraic value, thus  $-15\text{ V}$  is less than  $-10\text{ V}$ .
- All characteristics except noise voltage and ripple rejection ratio are measured using pulse techniques ( $t_w \leq 10\text{ ms}$ , duty cycle  $\leq 5\%$ ). Output voltage changes due to changes in internal temperature must be taken into account separately.

**Typical Performance Curves for  $\mu$ A78G**

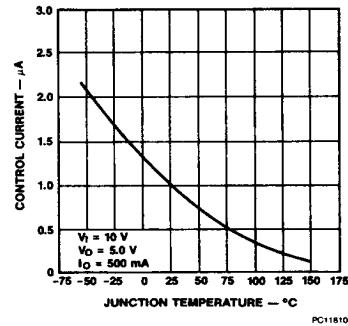
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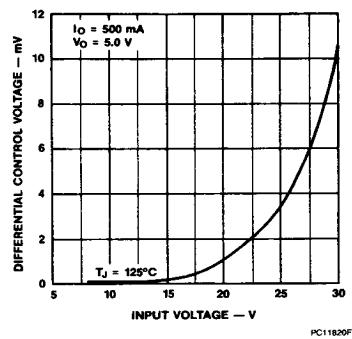
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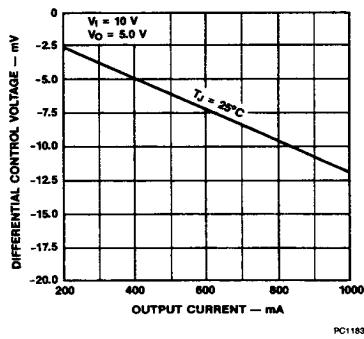
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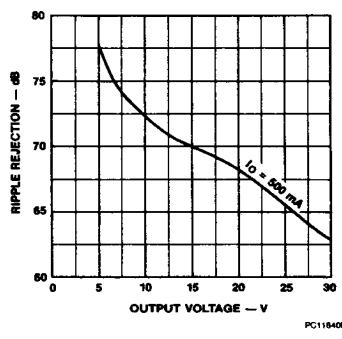
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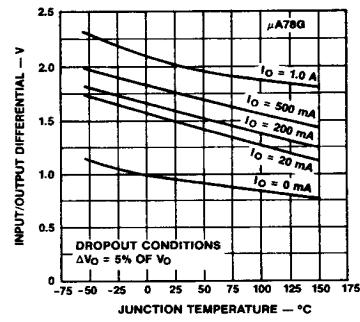
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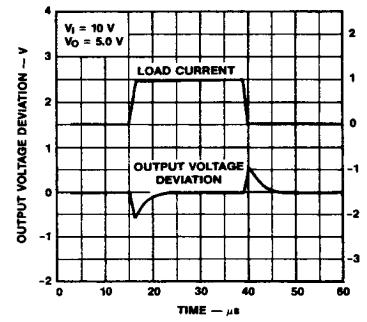
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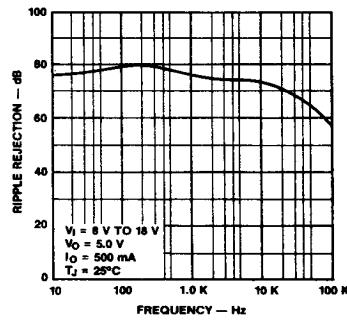
**Dropout Voltage vs  
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**Load Transient Response**

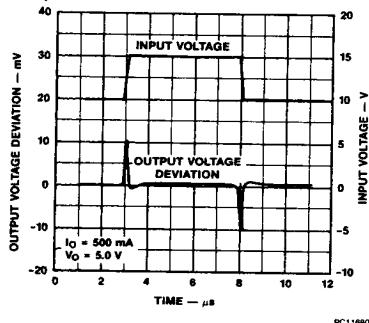


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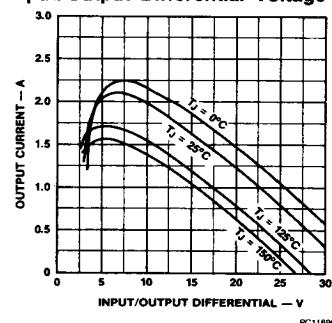


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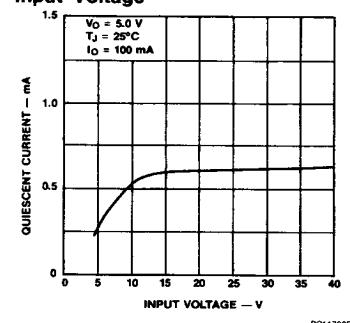
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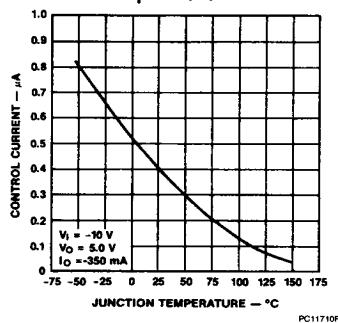
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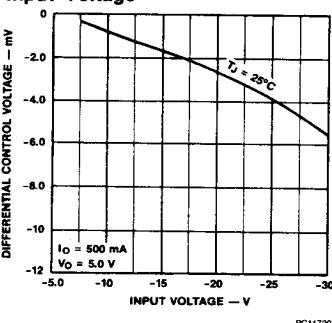
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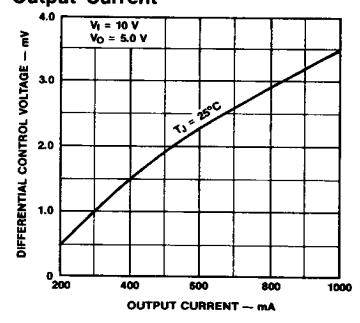
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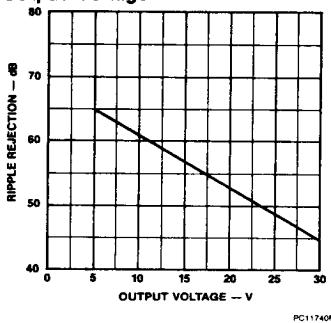
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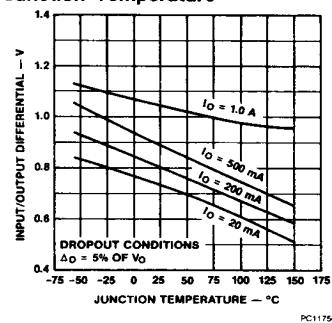
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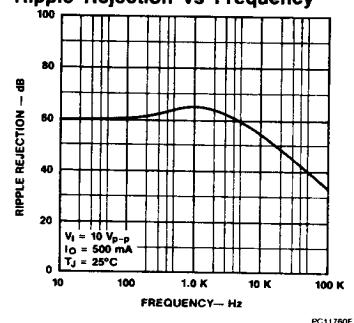
**Ripple Rejection vs  
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**Dropout Voltage vs  
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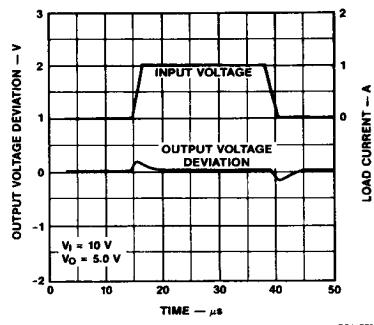


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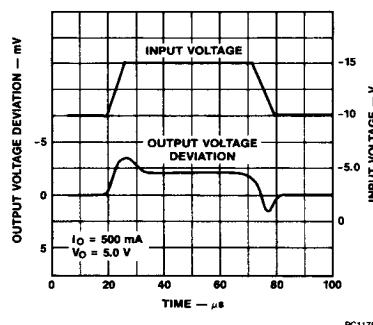


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#### Load Transient Response

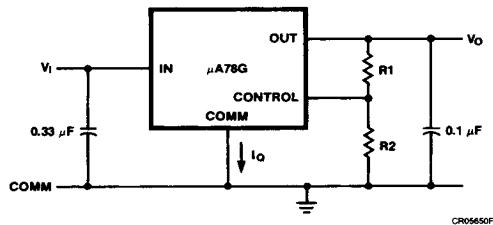


#### Line Transient Response



### Test Circuits

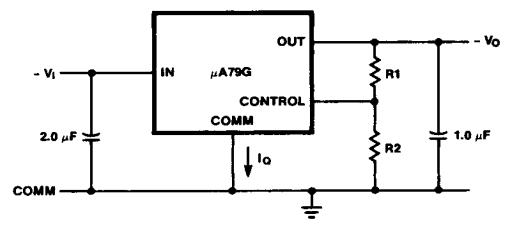
#### μA78G Test Circuit 1



$$V_O = \left( \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_2} \right) V_{CONT}$$

$V_{CONT}$  Nominal = 5.0 V

#### μA79G Test Circuit 2



$$V_O = \left( \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_2} \right) V_{CONT}$$

$V_{CONT}$  Nominal = -2.23 V

Recommended R2 current ≈ 1.0 mA  
 $\therefore R_2 = 5.0 \text{ k}\Omega$  ( $\mu\text{A78G}$ )  
 $R_2 = 2.2 \text{ k}\Omega$  ( $\mu\text{A79G}$ )

### Design Considerations

The μA78G and μA79G Adjustable Voltage Regulators have an output voltage which varies from  $V_{CONT}$  to typically

$$V_I - 2.0 \text{ V by } V_O = V_{CONT} \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_2}$$

The nominal reference in the μA78G is 5.0 V and μA79G is -2.23 V. If we allow 1.0 mA to flow in the control string to eliminate bias current effects, we can make  $R_2 = 5.0 \text{ k}\Omega$  in the μA78G. Then, the output voltage is;  $V_O = (R_1 + R_2) V$ , where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are in  $\text{k}\Omega$ s.

Example: If  $R_2 = 5.0 \text{ k}\Omega$  and  $R_1 = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$  then  
 $V_O = 15 \text{ V}$  nominal, for the μA78G  
 $R_2 = 2.2 \text{ k}\Omega$  and  $R_1 = 12.8 \text{ k}\Omega$  then  
 $V_O = -15.2 \text{ V}$  nominal, for the μA79G

By proper wiring of the feedback resistors, load regulation of the device can be improved significantly.

Both μA78G and μA79G regulators have thermal overload protection from excessive power, internal short circuit protection which limits each circuit's maximum current, and output transistor safe-area protection for reducing the output current as the voltage across each pass transistor is increased.

Although the internal power dissipation is limited, the junction temperature must be kept below the maximum specified temperature 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 °C/W	Max °C/W	Typ °C/W	Max °C/W
Power Watt	$\theta_{JC}$	$\theta_{JC}$	$\theta_{JA}$	$\theta_{JA}$
	7.5	11	75	80

$$P_D \text{ Max} = \frac{T_J \text{ Max} - T_A}{\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CA}} \text{ or}$$

$$= \frac{T_J \text{ Max} - T_A}{\theta_{JA}} \text{ (without a heat sink)}$$

$$\theta_{CA} = \theta_{CS} + \theta_{SA}$$

Solving for  $T_J$ :

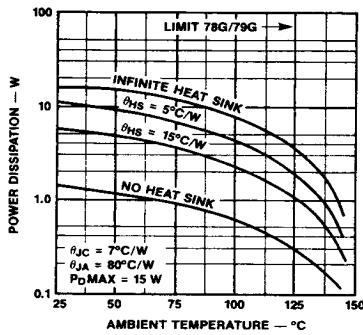
$$T_J = T_A + P_D(\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CA}) \text{ or}$$

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

Where:

- $T_J$  = Junction Temperature
- $T_A$  = Ambient Temperature
- $P_D$  = 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 resistance
- $\theta_{SA}$  = Heat sink to ambient thermal resistance

#### $\mu$ A78G and $\mu$ A79G Power Tab (U1) Package Worst Case Power Dissipation vs Ambient Temperature

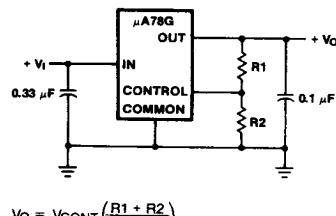


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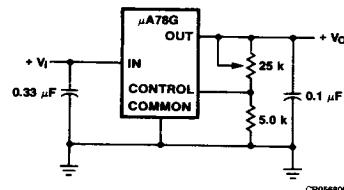
#### Typical Applications For $\mu$ A78G (Note 1)

Bypassing of the input and output ( $0.33 \mu\text{F}$  and  $0.1 \mu\text{F}$ , respectively) is necessary.

#### Basic Positive Regulator



#### Positive 5.0 V to 30 V Adjustable Regulator

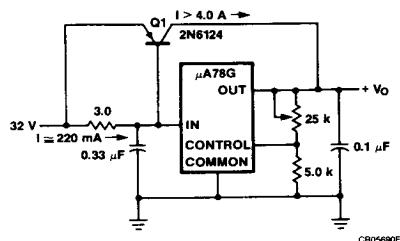


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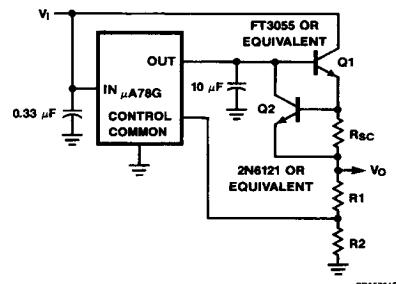
1. All resistor values in ohms.

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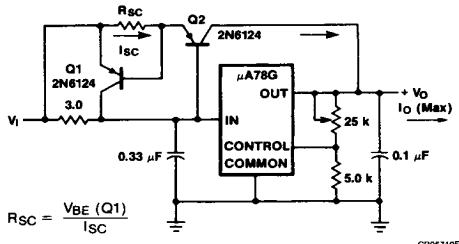
**Positive 5.0 V to 30 V Adjustable Regulator  
( $I_O > 5.0$  A) (Note 2)**



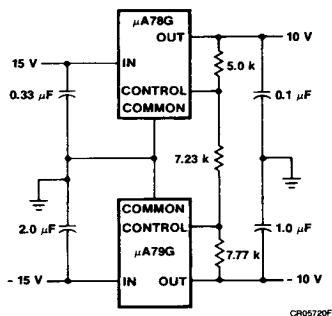
**Positive High Current, Short Circuit Protected Regulator**



**Positive High Current Short Circuit, Protected Regulator**



**$\pm 10$  V, 1.0 A  
Dual Tracking Regulator (Note 3)**



**Notes**

1. All resistor values in ohms.
2. External series pass device is not short circuit protected.
3. If load is not ground referenced, connect reverse biased diodes from outputs to ground.