

## **3A, 23V, 340kHz Synchronous Rectified Step-Down Converter**

### ❖ GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The AX3484 is a monolithic synchronous buck regulator. The device integrates two 100mΩ MOSFETs, and provides 3A of continuous load current over a wide input voltage of 4.75V to 23V. Current mode control provides fast transient response and Cycle-by-Cycle current limit.

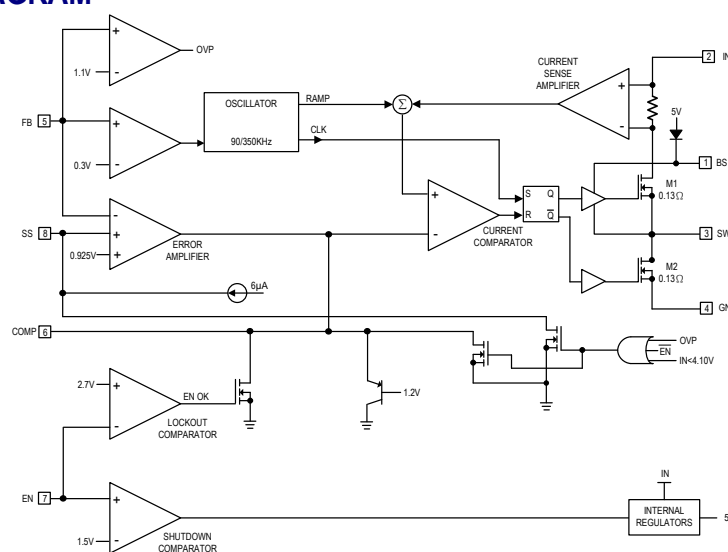
An adjustable soft-start prevents inrush current at turn-on, and in shutdown mode the supply current drops to 1μA.

This device, available in an 8-pin SOP with exposed pad package, provides a very compact solution with minimal external components.

### ❖ FEATURES

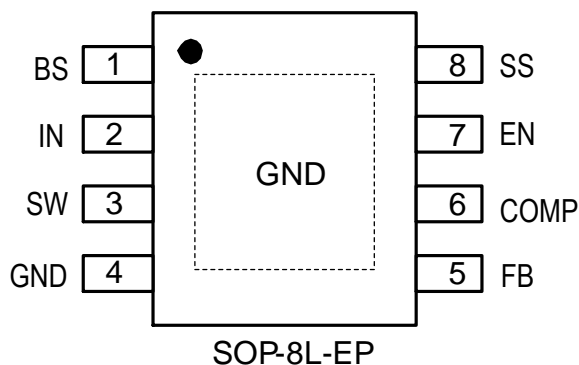
- 3A Output Current
- Wide 4.75V to 23V Operating Input Range
- Integrated 100mΩ Power MOSFET Switches
- Output adjust from  $V_{FB}$  to 20V
- Up to 95% Efficiency
- Programmable Soft-Start
- Stable with Low ESR Ceramic Output Capacitors
- Fixed 350KHz Frequency
- Cycle-by-Cycle Over Current Protection
- Thermal shutdown and short circuit protections

### ❖ BLOCK DIAGRAM



**❖ PIN ASSIGNMENT**

The package of AX3484 is SOP-8L-EP; the pin assignment is given by:  
(Top View)



| Name        | Description  |
|-------------|--|
| <b>BS</b>   | High-Side Gate Drive Boost Input. BS supplies the drive for the high-side N-Channel MOSFET switch. Connect a 0.01 $\mu$ F or greater capacitor from SW to BS to power the high side switch.  |
| <b>IN</b>   | Power Input. IN supplies the power to the IC, as well as the step-down converter switches. Drive IN with a 4.75V to 23V power source. Bypass IN to GND with a suitably large capacitor to eliminate noise on the input to the IC. See Input Capacitor.               |
| <b>SW</b>   | Power Switching Output. SW is the switching node that supplies power to the output. Connect the output LC filter from SW to the output load. Note that a capacitor is required from SW to BS to power the high-side switch.  |
| <b>GND</b>  | Ground.  |
| <b>FB</b>   | Feedback Input. FB senses the output voltage to regulate that voltage. Drive FB with a resistive voltage divider from the output voltage. The feedback threshold is 0.925V. See Setting the Output Voltage.  |
| <b>COMP</b> | Compensation Node. COMP is used to compensate the regulation control loop. Connect a series RC network from COMP to GND to compensate the regulation control loop. In some cases, an additional capacitor from COMP to GND is required. See Compensation Components. |
| <b>EN</b>   | Enable Input. EN is a digital input that turns the regulator on or off. Drive EN high to turn on the regulator, drive it low to turn it off. Pull up with 100k $\Omega$ resistor for automatic startup.  |
| <b>SS</b>   | Soft-Start Control Input. SS controls the soft start period. Connect a capacitor from SS to GND to set the soft-start period. A 0.1 $\mu$ F capacitor sets the soft-start period to 15ms. To disable the soft-start feature, leave SS unconnected.                   |

**❖ ORDER/MARKING INFORMATION**

| Order Information   | Top Marking   |
|---|---|
| <p><b>AX3484 XX X</b></p> <p>Package Type<br/>ES: SOP-8L-EP</p> <p>Packing<br/>Blank: Tube<br/>A : Taping</p> | <p>Logo ← <b>AX</b> 3 4 8 4 → Part number</p> <p>YYWWX → ID code:internal</p> <p>WW: 01~52</p> <p>Year: 10=2010<br/>11=2011</p> |

**❖ ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (at T<sub>A</sub>=25°C)**

| Characteristics                             | Symbol           | Rating                                       | Unit |
|---|------------------|--|------|
| Input Voltage                               | V <sub>IN</sub>  | -0.3 to +24                                  | V    |
| Switch Node Voltage                         | V <sub>SW</sub>  | -1V to V <sub>IN</sub> +0.3V                 | V    |
| Boost Voltage                               | V <sub>BS</sub>  | V <sub>SW</sub> - 0.3 to V <sub>SW</sub> + 6 | V    |
| All Other Pins                              |                  | -0.3 to +6                                   | V    |
| Lead Temperature                            |                  | 260  | °C   |
| Storage Temperature                         |                  | -65 to +150                                  | °C   |
| Junction Temperature                        | T <sub>J</sub>   | 150  | °C   |
| Output Voltage                              | V <sub>OUT</sub> | 0.925 to 20                                  | V    |
| Ambient Operating Temperature               |                  | -40 to +85                                   | °C   |
| Thermal Resistance from Junction to case    | θ <sub>JC</sub>  | 15   | °C/W |
| Thermal Resistance from Junction to ambient | θ <sub>JA</sub>  | 40   | °C/W |

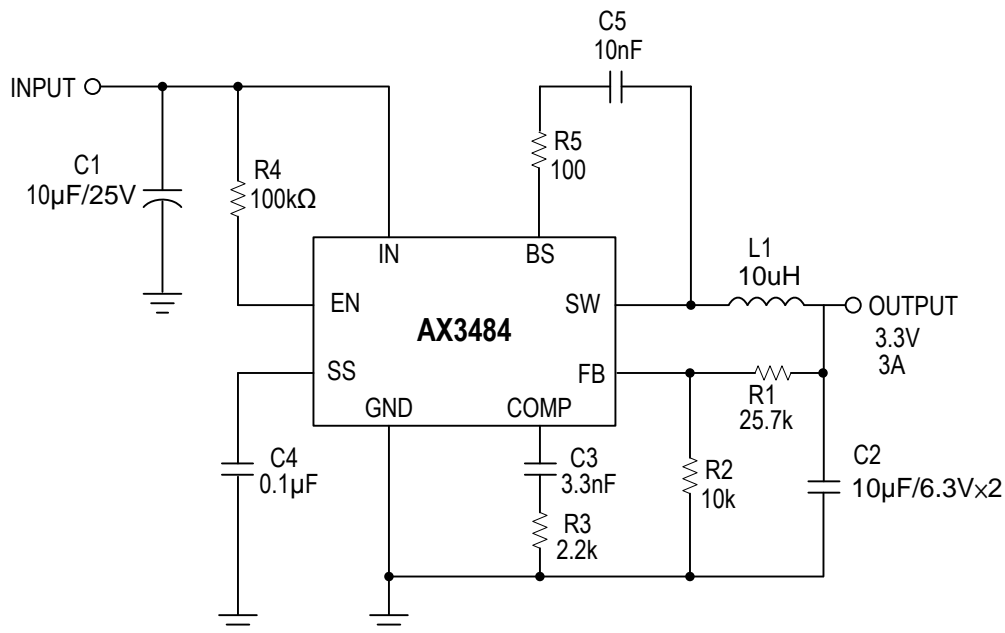
Note: θ<sub>JA</sub> is measured with the PCB copper area of approximately 1 in<sup>2</sup>(Multi-layer).

**❖ ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

 ( $V_{IN} = 12V$ ,  $T_A = +25^{\circ}C$ , unless otherwise noted.)

| Characteristics                          | Symbol        | Conditions                   | Min   | Typ   | Max   | Units       |
|--|---------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Operating Voltage                        | $V_{IN}$      |                              | 4.75  | -     | 23    | V           |
| Shutdown Supply Current                  | $I_{SD}$      | $V_{EN} = 0V$                | -     | 1     | 3.0   | $\mu A$     |
| Feedback Voltage                         | $V_{FB}$      | $4.75V \leq V_{IN} \leq 23V$ | 0.900 | 0.925 | 0.950 | V           |
| High-Side Switch On Resistance (Note)    | $R_{DS(ON)1}$ |                              | -     | 100   | -     | m $\Omega$  |
| Low-Side Switch On Resistance (Note)     | $R_{DS(ON)2}$ |                              | -     | 100   | -     | m $\Omega$  |
| High-Side Switch Leakage Current         |               | $V_{EN} = 0V, V_{SW} = 0V$   | -     | -     | 10    | $\mu A$     |
| Switch Current Limit                     |               |                              | 3.8   | -     | -     | A           |
| Oscillation Frequency                    | $F_{OSC1}$    |                              | 280   | 350   | 430   | KHz         |
| Short Circuit Oscillation Frequency      | $F_{OSC2}$    | $V_{FB} = 0V$                | -     | 90    | -     | KHz         |
| Maximum Duty Cycle                       | $D_{MAX}$     | $V_{FB} = 0.8V$              | -     | 90    | -     | %           |
| EN Shutdown Threshold Voltage            | ENH           | $V_{EN}$ Rising              | 1.1   | 1.5   | 2.0   | V           |
| EN Shutdown Threshold Voltage Hysteresis |               |                              | -     | 210   | -     | mV          |
| EN Lookout Threshold Voltage             |               |                              | 2.4   | 2.7   | 3.0   | V           |
| EN Lookout Hysteresis                    |               |                              | -     | 210   | -     | mV          |
| Soft-Start Current                       | $I_{SS}$      | $V_{SS} = 0V$                | -     | 6     | -     | $\mu A$     |
| Soft-Start Period                        |               | $C_{SS} = 0.1\mu F$          | -     | 15    | -     | ms          |
| Thermal Shutdown                         | $T_{SD}$      |                              | -     | 160   | -     | $^{\circ}C$ |
| Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis              | $T_{SH}$      |                              | -     | 35    | -     | $^{\circ}C$ |

Note: Guaranteed by design.

**❖ APPLICATION CIRCUIT**


$$V_{OUT} = V_{FB} \times \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2}\right), \quad V_{FB} = 0.925V, \quad R2 \text{ suggest } 10k \sim 30k\Omega$$

Table Recommended Component Selection

| V <sub>IN</sub> (V) | V <sub>OUT</sub> (V) | R1 (KΩ) | R2 (KΩ) | R3 (KΩ) | C3 (nF) | L1 (µH) | C <sub>OUT</sub> (µF) |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| 12                  | 5                    | 44.1    | 10      | 2.2     | 3.3     | 15      | 10 X 2                |
| 5 or 12             | 3.3                  | 25.7    | 10      | 2.2     | 3.3     | 10      | 10 X 2                |
| 5 or 12             | 1.8                  | 9.5     | 10      | 2.2     | 3.3     | 4.7     | 10 X 2                |
| 5 or 12             | 1.2                  | 3       | 10      | 2.2     | 3.3     | 3.3     | 10 X 2                |
| 5 or 12             | 1                    | 0.81    | 10      | 2.2     | 3.3     | 2.2     | 10 X 2                |

## ❖ FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS

The AX3484 is a synchronous rectified, current-mode, step-down regulator. It regulates input voltages from 4.75V to 23V down to an output voltage as low as 0.925V, and supplies up to 3A of load current.

The AX3484 uses current-mode control to regulate the output voltage. The output voltage is measured at FB through a resistive voltage divider and amplified through the internal Transconductance error amplifier. The voltage at the COMP pin is compared to the switch current measured internally to control the output voltage.

The converter uses internal N-Channel MOSFET switches to step-down the input voltage to the regulated output voltage. Since the high side MOSFET requires a gate voltage greater than the input voltage, a boost capacitor connected between SW and BS is needed to drive the high side gate. The boost capacitor is charged from the internal 5V rail when SW is low.

## ❖ APPLICATION INFORMATION

### COMPONENT SELECTION

#### Setting the Output Voltage

The output voltage is set using a resistive voltage divider from the output voltage to FB pin. The voltage divider divides the output voltage down to the feedback voltage by the ratio:

$$V_{FB} = V_{OUT} \times \frac{R2}{R1 + R2}$$

Where  $V_{FB}$  is the feedback voltage and  $V_{OUT}$  is the output voltage.  
Thus the output voltage is:

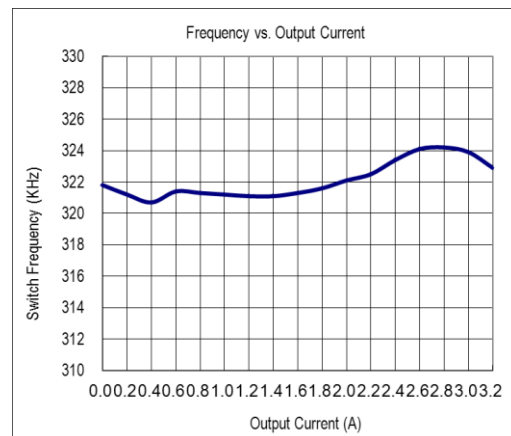
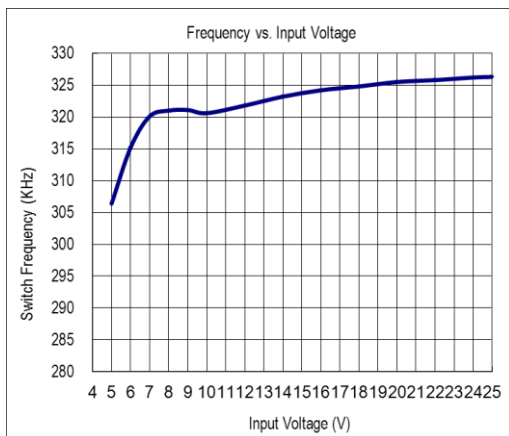
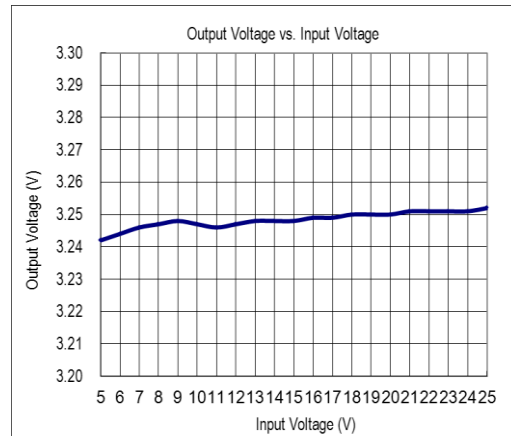
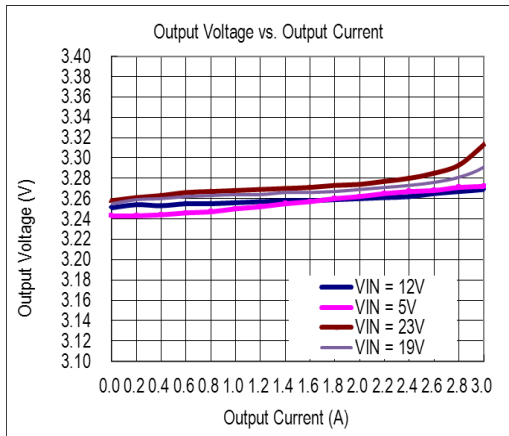
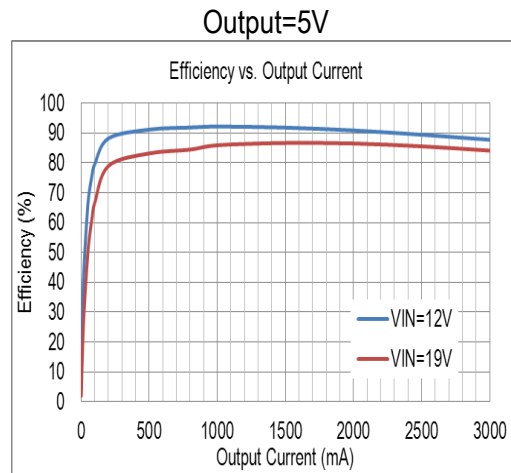
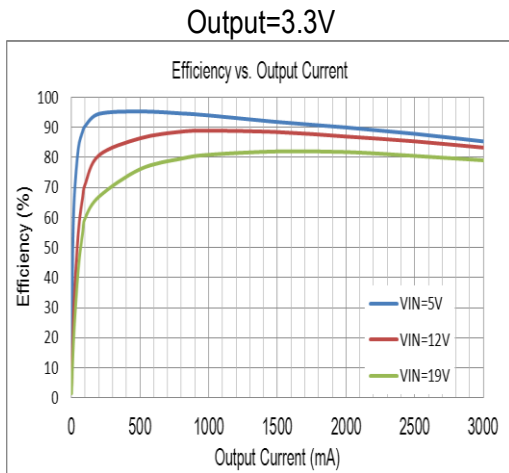
$$V_{OUT} = 0.925 \times \frac{R1 + R2}{R2}$$

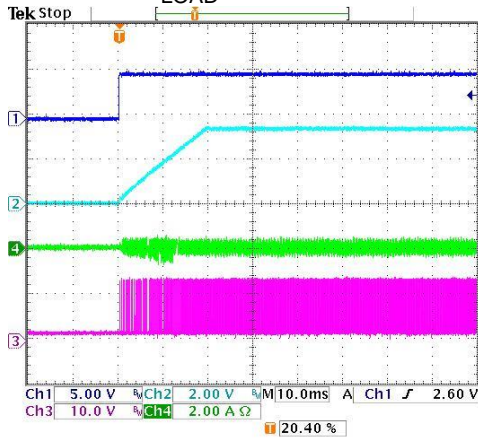
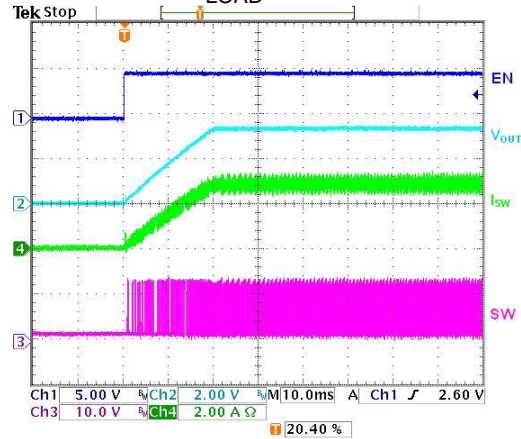
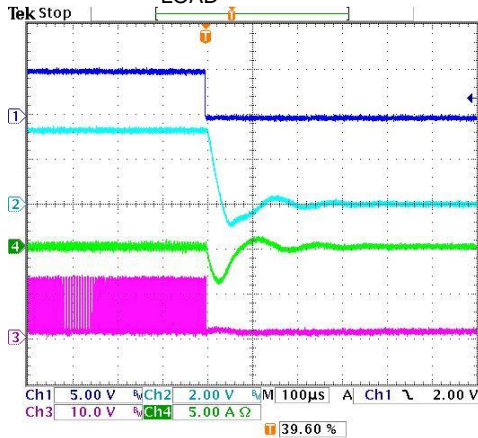
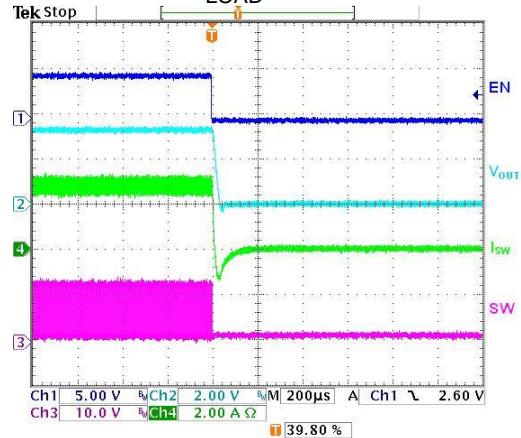
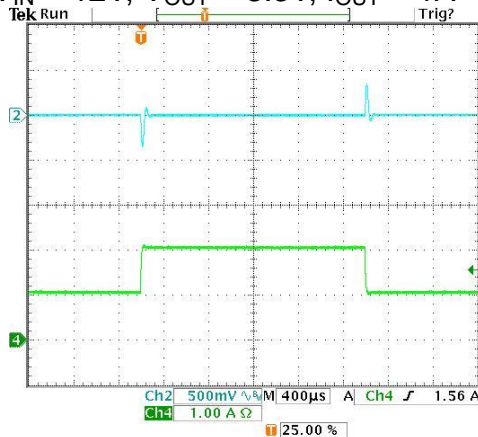
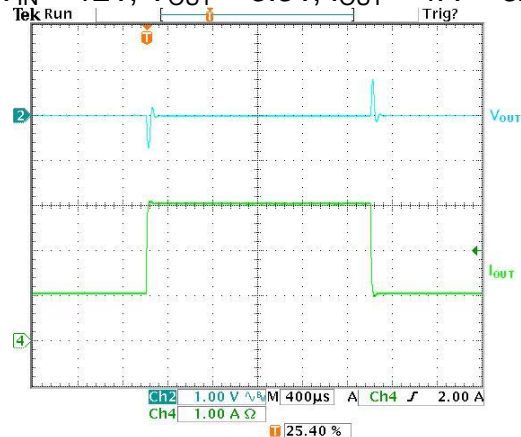
$R2$  can be as high as 100k $\Omega$ , but a typical value is 10k $\Omega$ . Using the typical value for  $R2$ ,  $R1$  is determined by:

$$R1 = 10.811 \times (V_{OUT} - 0.925) \text{ (k}\Omega\text{)}$$

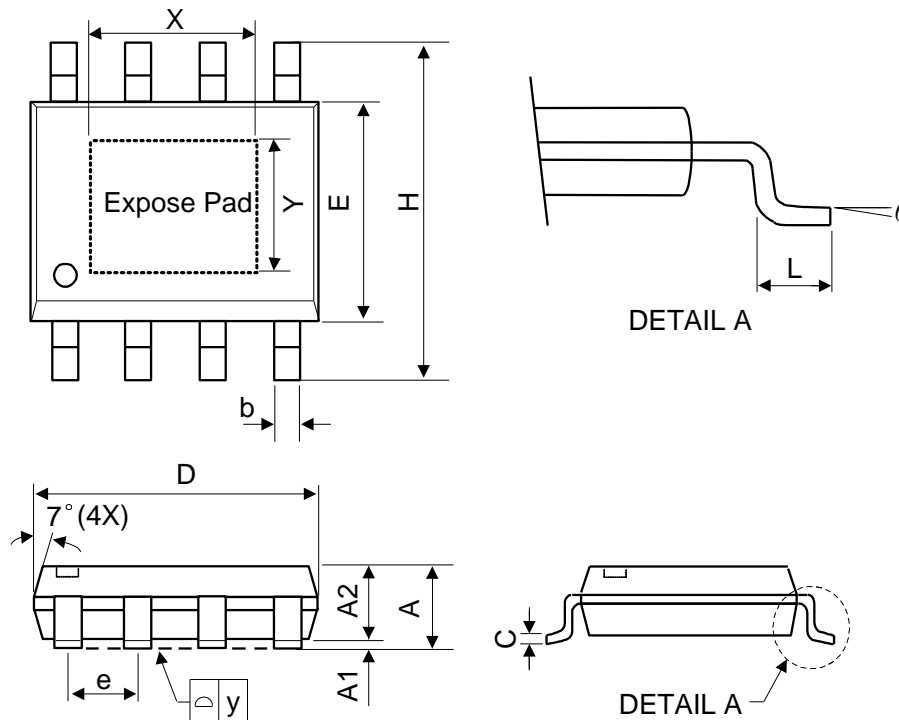
For example, for a 3.3V output voltage,  $R2$  is 10k $\Omega$ , and  $R1$  is 25.7k $\Omega$ .

❖ TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS



**❖ TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS (COUNTINOUS)**
 $V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 3.3V,$   
 $I_{LOAD} = \text{No Load}$ 

 $V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 3.3V,$   
 $I_{LOAD} = 3A$ 

 $V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 3.3V,$   
 $I_{LOAD} = \text{No Load}$ 

 $V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 3.3V,$   
 $I_{LOAD} = 3A$ 

 $V_{IN} = 12V, V_{OUT} = 3.3V, I_{OUT} = 1A \leftrightarrow 2A$ 

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**❖ PACKAGE OUTLINES**


| Symbol | Dimensions in Millimeters |      |      | Dimensions in Inches |       |       |
|--------|---------------------------|------|------|----------------------|-------|-------|
|        | Min.                      | Nom. | Max. | Min.                 | Nom.  | Max.  |
| A      | -                         | -    | 1.75 | -                    | -     | 0.069 |
| A1     | 0                         | -    | 0.15 | 0                    | -     | 0.06  |
| A2     | 1.25                      | -    | -    | 0.049                | -     | -     |
| C      | 0.1                       | 0.2  | 0.25 | 0.0075               | 0.008 | 0.01  |
| D      | 4.7                       | 4.9  | 5.1  | 0.185                | 0.193 | 0.2   |
| E      | 3.7                       | 3.9  | 4.1  | 0.146                | 0.154 | 0.161 |
| H      | 5.8                       | 6    | 6.2  | 0.228                | 0.236 | 0.244 |
| L      | 0.4                       | -    | 1.27 | 0.015                | -     | 0.05  |
| b      | 0.31                      | 0.41 | 0.51 | 0.012                | 0.016 | 0.02  |
| e      | 1.27 BSC                  |      |      | 0.050 BSC            |       |       |
| y      | -                         | -    | 0.1  | -                    | -     | 0.004 |
| X      | -                         | 2.34 | -    | -                    | 0.092 | -     |
| Y      | -                         | 2.34 | -    | -                    | 0.092 | -     |
| θ      | 0°                        | -    | 8°   | 0°                   | -     | 8°    |

Mold flash shall not exceed 0.25mm per side  
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