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UC1832
UC2832/3
UC3832/3

Precision Low Dropout Linear Controllers

FEATURES

- Precision 1% Reference
- Over-Current Sense Threshold Accurate to 5%
- Programmable Duty-Ratio Over-Current Protection
- 4.5 V to 36 V Operation
- 100mA Output Drive, Source, or Sink
- Under-Voltage Lockout

Additional Features of the UC2832 series:

- Adjustable Current Limit to Current Sense Ratio
- Separate $+V_{IN}$ terminal
- Programmable Driver Current Limit
- Access to V_{REF} and E/A(+)
- Logic-Level Disable Input

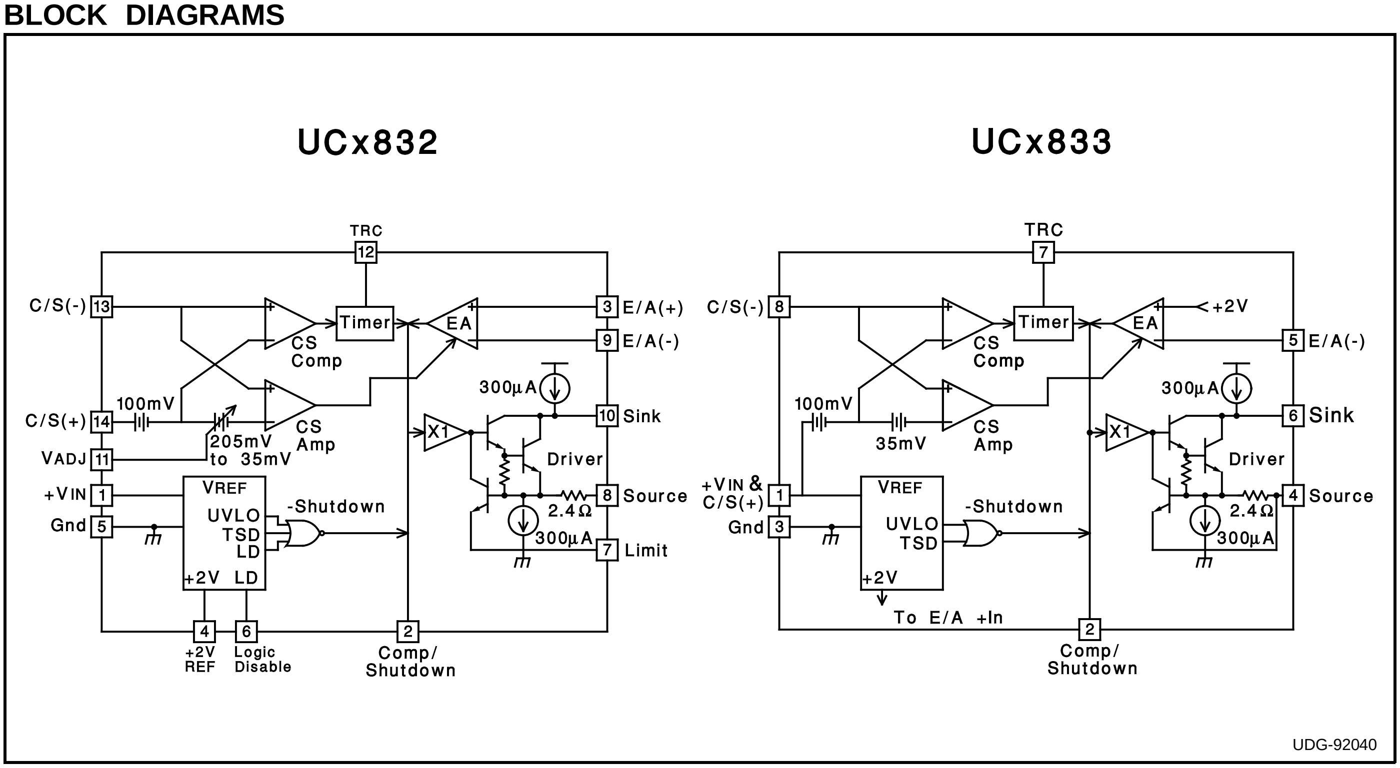
DESCRIPTION

The UC2832 and UC3833 series of precision linear regulators include all the control functions required in the design of very low dropout linear regulators. Additionally, they feature an innovative duty-ratio current limiting technique which provides peak load capability while limiting the average power dissipation of the external pass transistor during fault conditions. When the load current reaches an accurately programmed threshold, a gated-astable timer is enabled, which switches the regulator's pass device off and on at an externally programmable duty-ratio. During the on-time of the pass element, the output current is limited to a value slightly higher than the trip threshold of the duty-ratio timer. The constant-current-limit is programmable on the UCx832 to allow higher peak current during the on-time of the pass device. With duty-ratio control, high initial load demands and short circuit protection may both be accommodated without extra heat sinking or foldback current limiting. Additionally, if the timer pin is grounded, the duty-ratio timer is disabled, and the IC operates in constant-voltage/constant-current regulating mode.

These IC's include a 2 Volt (±1%) reference, error amplifier, UVLO, and a high current driver that has both source and sink outputs, allowing the use of either NPN or PNP external pass transistors. Safe operation is assured by the inclusion of under-voltage lockout (UVLO) and thermal shutdown.

The UC3833 family includes the basic functions of this design in a low-cost, 8-pin mini-dip package, while the UC2832 series provides added versatility with the availability of 14 pins. Packaging options include plastic (N suffix), or ceramic (J suffix). Specified operating temperature ranges are: commercial (0°C to 70°C), order UC3832/3 (N or J); and industrial (–40°C to 85°C), order UC2832/3 (N or J). Surface mount packaging is also available.

BLOCK DIAGRAMS



ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Supply Voltage +VIN 40V
Driver Output Current (Sink or Source) 450mA
Driver Sink to Source Voltage 40V
TRC Pin Voltage. . . . . –0.3V to 3.2V
Other Input Voltages. . . . . –0.3V to +VIN
Operating Junction Temperature (note 2) . . . –55°C to +150°C
Storage Temperature . . . . –65°C to +150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 Seconds) . . . . 300°C

Note 1: Unless otherwise indicated, voltages are referenced to ground and currents are positive into, negative out of, the specified terminals.
Note 2: See Unitrode Integrated Circuits databook for information regarding thermal specifications and limitations of packages.

CONNECTION DIAGRAMS

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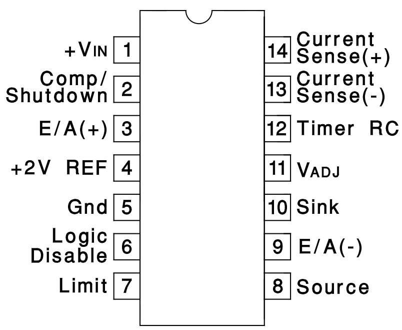
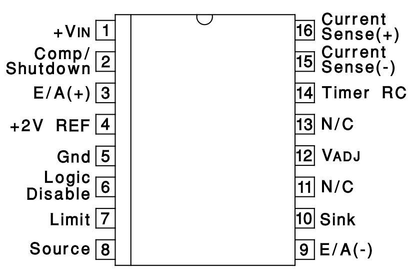
DIL-14 (Top View)
J Or N Package



SOIC-16 (Top View)
DW Package



LCC-20 & PLCC-20
L & Q Package
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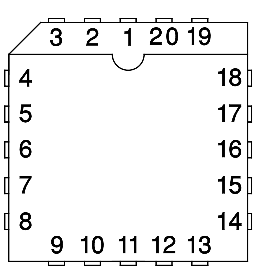
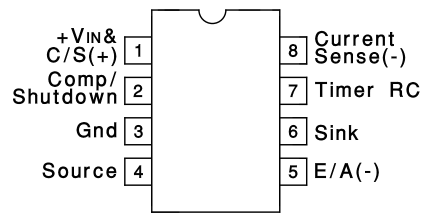


PACKAGE PIN FUNCTION	
FUNCTION	**PIN**
N/C	1
+VIN	2
Comp/Shutdown	3
E/A(+)	4
+2V REF	5
N/C	6
Gnd	7
Logic Disable	8
Limit	9
Source	10
N/C	11
E/A(-)	12
Sink	13
VADJ	14
N/C	15-17
Timer RC	18
Current Sense(-)	19
Current Sense(+)	20

UC3833

DIL-8 (Top View)
J Or N Package



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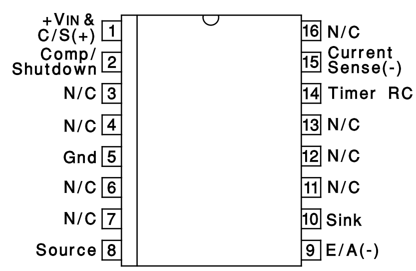

LCC-20 & PLCC-20
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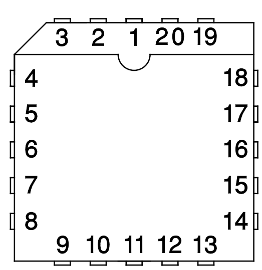


PACKAGE PIN FUNCTION	
FUNCTION	**PIN**
+VIN & C/S(+)	1
N/C	2
N/C	3
N/C	4
Comp/Shutdown	5
Gnd	6
N/C	7
N/C	8
N/C	9
Source	10
N/C	11
E/A(-)	12
N/C	13
N/C	14
Sink	15
Timer RC	16
Current Sense(+)	17
N/C	18-20

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS: Unless otherwise stated, specifications hold for T_A = 0°C to 70°C for the UC3832/3, –40°C to 85°C for the UC2832/3, $+V_{IN}$ = 15V, Driver sink = $+V_{IN}$, C/S(+) voltage = $+V_{IN}$. T_A=T_J.

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Input Supply					
Supply Current	$+V_{IN}$ = 6 V		6.5	10	mA
	$+V_{IN}$ = 36 V		9.5	15	mA
	Logic Disable = 2 V (UCx832 only)		3.3		mA
Reference Section					
Output Voltage (Note 3)	T_J = 25°C, I_{DRIVER} = 10 mA	1.98	2.00	2.02	V
	over temperature, I_{DRIVER} = 10 mA	1.96	2.00	2.04	V
Load Regulation (UCx832 only)	I_O = 0 to 10 m	-10	-5.0		mV
Line Regulation	$+V_{IN}$ = 4.5 V to 36 V, I_{DRIVER} = 10 m		0.033	0.5	mV/V
Under-Voltage Lockout Threshold			3.6	4.5	V
Logic Disable Input (UCx832 only)					
Threshold Voltage		1.3	1.4	1.5	V
Input Bias Current	Logic Disable = 0 V	-5.0	-1.0		µA
Current Sense Section					
Comparator Offset		95	100	105	mV
	Over Temperature	93	100	107	mV
Amplifier Offset (UCx833 only)		110	135	170	mV
Amplifier Offset (UCx832 only)	V_{ADJ} = Open	110	135	170	mV
	V_{ADJ} = 1 V	180	235	290	mV
	V_{ADJ} = 0 V	250	305	360	mV
Input Bias Current	V_{CM} = $+V_{IN}$	65	100	135	µA
Input Offset Current (UCx832 only)	V_{CM} = $+V_{IN}$	-10		10	µA
Amplifier CMRR (UCx832 only)	V_{CM} = 4.1 V to + V_{IN} + 0.3		80		dB
Transconductance	I_{COMP} = ±100 µA		65		mS
V_{ADJ} Input Current (UCx832 only)	V_{ADJ} = 0V	-10	-1		µA
Timer					
Inactive Leakage Current	C/S(+) = C/S(-) = $+V_{IN}$; TRC pin = 2 V		0.25	1.0	µA
Active Pullup Current	C/S(+) = $+V_{IN}$, C/S(-) = $+V_{IN}$ - 0.4V; TRC pin = 0 V	-345	-270	-175	µA
Duty Ratio (note 4)	ontime/period, R_T = 200k, C_T = 0.27µF		4.8		%
Period (notes 4,5)	ontime + offtime, R_T = 200k, C_T = 0.27µF		36		ms
Upper Trip Threshold (Vu)			1.8		V
Lower Trip Threshold (Vl)			0.9		V
Trip Threshold Ratio	Vu/Vl		2.0		V/V
Error Amplifier					
Input Offset Voltage (UCx832 only)	V_{CM} = V_{COMP} = 2 V	-8.0		8.0	mV
Input Bias Current	V_{CM} = V_{COMP} = 2 V	-4.5	-1.1		µA
Input Offset Current (UCx832 only)	V_{CM} = V_{COMP} = 2 V	-1.5		1.5	µA
AVOL	V_{COMP} = 1 V to 13 V	50	70		dB
CMRR (UCx832 only)	V_{CM} = 0V to $+V_{IN}$ - 3 V	60	80		dB
PSRR (UCx832 only)	V_{CM} = 2 V, $+V_{IN}$ = 4.5 V to 36		90		dB
Transconductance	I_{COMP} = ±10 µA		43		mS
VOH	I_{COMP} = 0, Volts below $+V_{IN}$		.95	1.3	V
VOL	I_{COMP} = 0		.45	0.7	V
IOH	V_{COMP} = 2 V	-700	-500	-100	µA

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (cont.)

Unless otherwise stated, specifications hold for TA = 0°C to 70°C for the UC3832/3, –40°C to 85°C for the UC2832/3, +VIN = 15 V, Driver sink = +V_{IN}, C/S(+) voltage = +V_{IN}. T_A=T_J.

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Error Amplifier (cont.)					
IOL	V_{COMP} = 2 V, C/S(-) = +V_{IN}	100	500	700	µA
	V_{COMP} = 2 V, C/S(-) = +V_{IN} - 0.4 V	2	6		mA
Driver					
Maximum Current	Driver Limit & Source pins common; T_J = 25°C	200	300	400	mA
	Over Temperature	100	300	450	mA
Limiting Voltage (UCx832 only)	Driver Limit to Source voltage at current limit, I_{SOURCE} = -10 mA; T_J = 25°C (Note 6)		.72		V
Internal Current Sense Resistance	T_J = 25°C (Note 6)		2.4		Ω
Pull-Up Current at Driver Sink	Compensation/Shutdown = 0.4 V; Driver Sink = +V_{IN} - 1V	-800	-300	-100	µA
	Compensation/Shutdown = 0.4 V, +V_{IN} = 36 V; Driver Sink = 35 V	-1000	-300	-75	µA
Pull-Down Current at Driver Source	Compensation/Shutdown = 0.4 V; Driver Source = 1 V	150	300	700	µA
Saturation Voltage Sink to Source	Driver Source = 0 V; Driver Current = 100 mA		1.5		V
Maximum Source Voltage	Driver Sink = +V_{IN}, Driver Current = 100 mA Volts below + V_{IN}		3.0		V
UVLO Sink Leakage	+V_{IN} = C/S(+) = C/S(-) = 2.5 V, Driver Sink = 15 V, Driver Source = 0 V, TA = 25°C		25		µA
Maximum Reverse Source Voltage	Compensation/Shutdown = 0 V; I_{SOURCE} = 100 µA, +V_{IN} = 3 V		1.6		V
Thermal Shutdown			160		°C

Note 3: On the UCx833 this voltage is defined as the regulating level at the error amplifier inverting input, with the error amplifier driving V_{SOURCE} to 2 V.

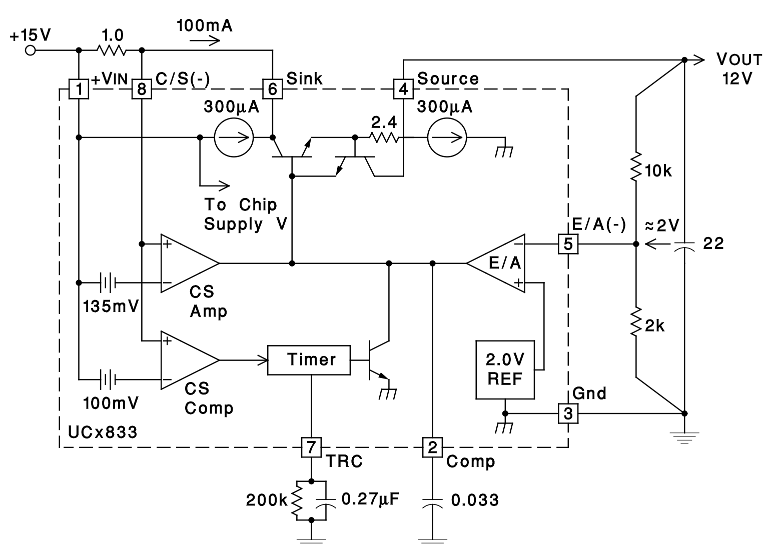
Note 4: These parameters are first-order supply-independent, however both may vary with supply for +V_{IN} less than about 4 V. This supply variation will cause a slight change in the timer period and duty cycle, although a high off-time/on-time ratio will be maintained.

Note 5: With recommended R_T value of 200k, $T_{OFF} \approx R_T C_T * \ln(Vu/Vl) \pm 10\%$.

Note 6: The internal current limiting voltage has a temperature dependence of approximately -2.0 mV/°C, or -2800 ppm/°C. The internal 2.4 Ω sense resistor has a temperature dependance of approximately +1500 ppm/°C.

APPLICATION AND OPERATION INFORMATION

NPN Pass (Local 100mA Regulator) (UCx833)



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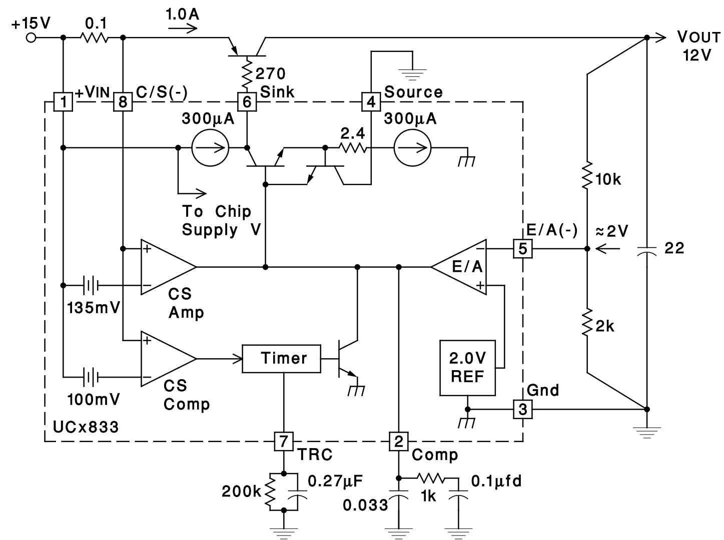
PNP Pass (Low Drop-Out Regulator) (UCx833)



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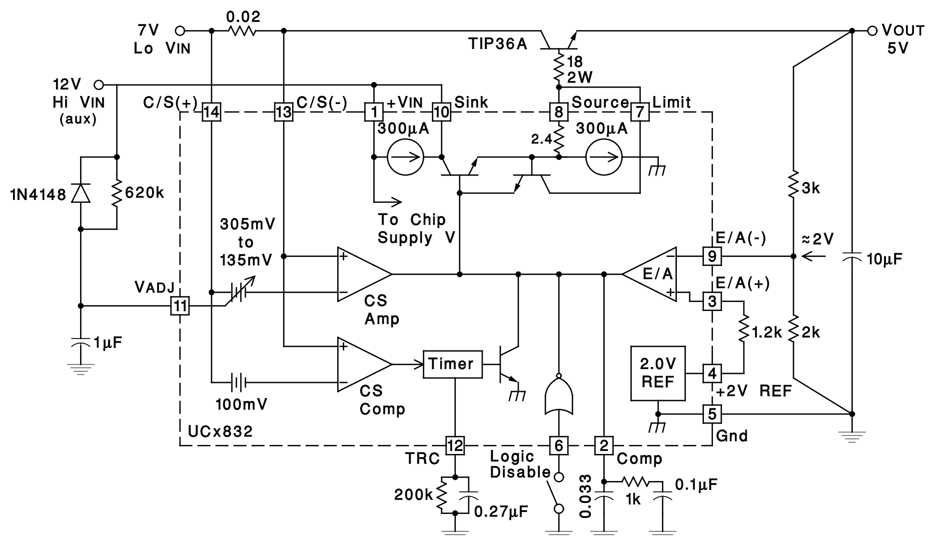
NPN Pass (Medium Power, Low Drop-Out Regulator) (UCx832)



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Estimating Maximum Load Capacitance

For any power supply, the rate at which the total output capacitance can be charged depends on the maximum output current available and on the nature of the load. For a constant-current current-limited power supply, the output will come up if the load asks for less than the maximum available short-circuit limit current.

To guarantee recovery of a duty-ratio current-limited power supply from a short-circuited load condition, there is a maximum total output capacitance which can be charged for a given unit ON time. The design value of ON time can be adjusted by changing the timing capacitor. Nominally, $T_{ON} = 0.693 \times 10k \times C_T$.

Typically, the IC regulates output current to a maximum of $I_{MAX} = K \times I_{TH}$, where I_{TH} is the timer trip-point current,

and $$K = \frac{\text{Current Sense Amplifier Offset Voltage}}{100mA}$$

≈1.35 for UCx833, and is variable from 1.35 to 3.05 with V_{ADJ} for the UCx832.

For a worst-case constant-current load of value just less than I_{TH}, C_{MAX} can be estimated from:

$$C_{MAX} = ((K-1)I_{TH})\left(\frac{T_{ON}}{V_{OUT}}\right),$$

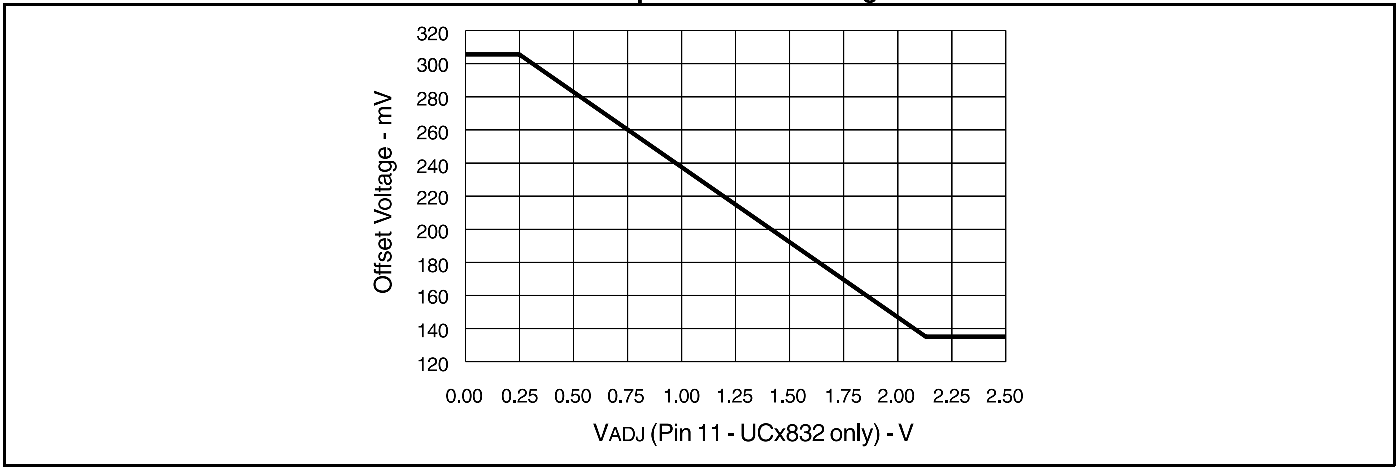
where V_{OUT} is the nominal regulator output voltage.

For a resistive load of value R_L, the value of C_{MAX} can be estimated from:

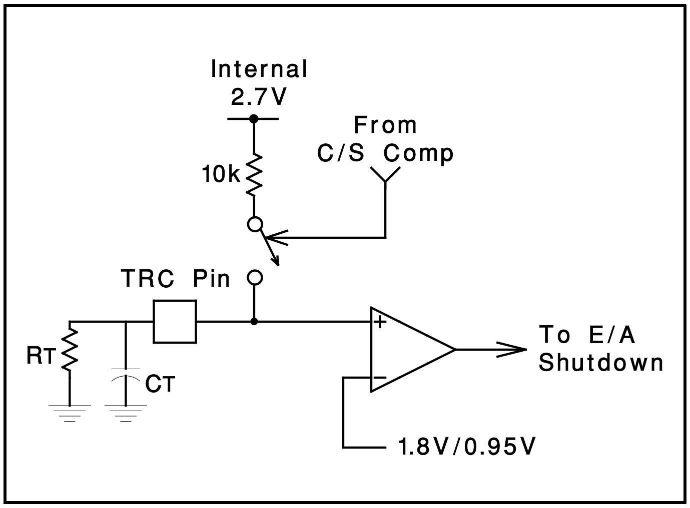
$$C_{MAX} = \frac{T_{ON}}{R_L} \bullet \frac{1}{\ln\left[\left(1 - \frac{V_{OUT}}{K \bullet I_{TH} \bullet R_L}\right)^{-1}\right]}.$$

APPLICATION AND OPERATION INFORMATION (cont.)

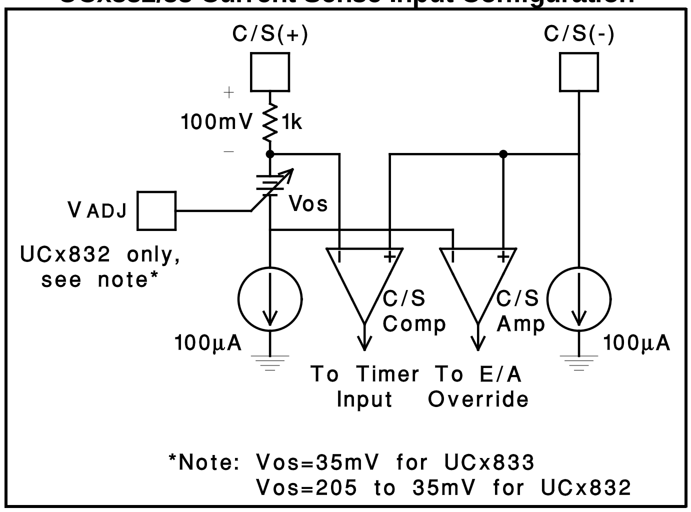
Current Sense Amplifier Offset Voltage vs VADJ



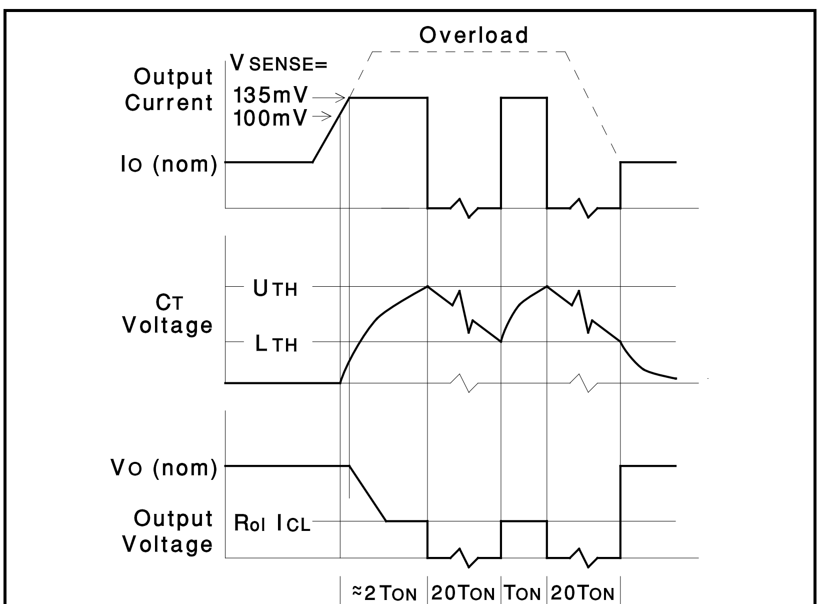
UCx832/33 Timer Function



UCx832/33 Current Sense Input Configuration



Load current, timing capacitor voltage, and output voltage of the regulator under fault conditions.



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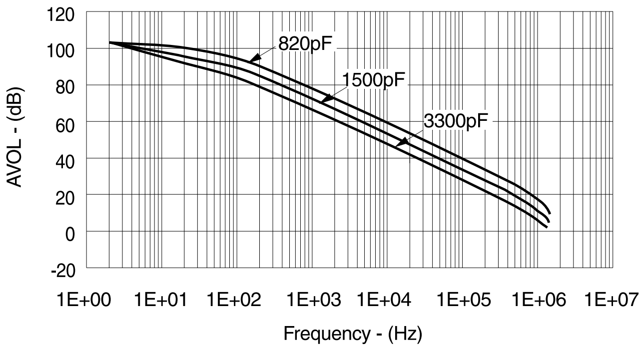
UCx832 Error Amplifier

AVOL vs Frequency and CC



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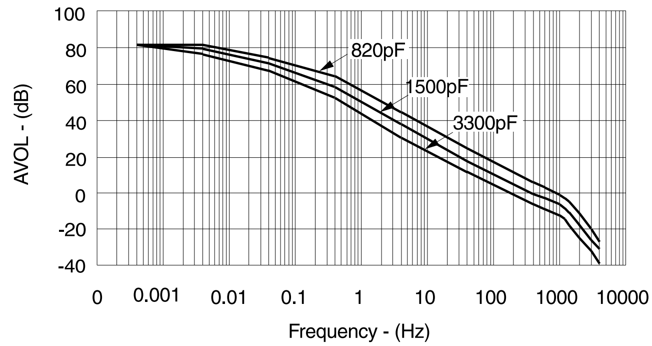
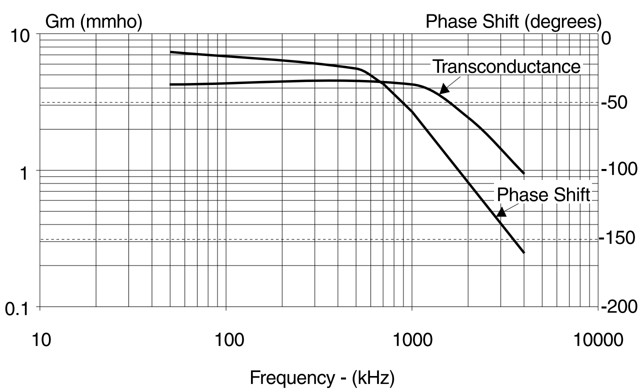


UCx832 Error Amplifier

Transconductance and Phase vs Frequency



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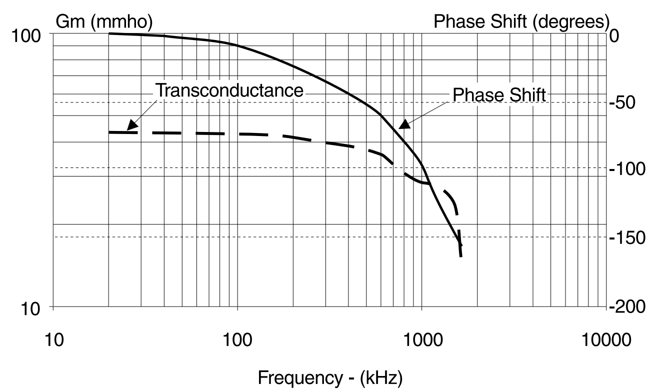

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