

# NCP146

## 300 mA CMOS Low Dropout Regulator

The NCP146 is 300 mA LDO that provides the engineer with a very stable, accurate voltage with low noise suitable for space constrained, noise sensitive applications. In order to optimize performance for battery operated portable applications, the NCP146 employs the dynamic quiescent current adjustment for very low  $I_Q$  consumption at no-load.

### Features

- Operating Input Voltage Range: 1.7 V to 5.5 V
- Available in Fixed Voltage Options: 1.8 V
- Very Low Quiescent Current of Typ. 50  $\mu$ A
- Low Dropout: 280 mV Typical at 300 mA
- $\pm 1\%$  Accuracy at Room Temperature
- High Power Supply Ripple Rejection: 75 dB at 1 kHz
- Thermal Shutdown and Current Limit Protections
- Stable with a 1  $\mu$ F Ceramic Output Capacitor
- Available in SOIC-8 Package
- These Devices are Pb-Free, Halogen Free/BFR Free and are RoHS Compliant

### Typical Applications

- Home Automation, Factory Automation
- Portable Medical Equipment
- Other Battery Powered Applications

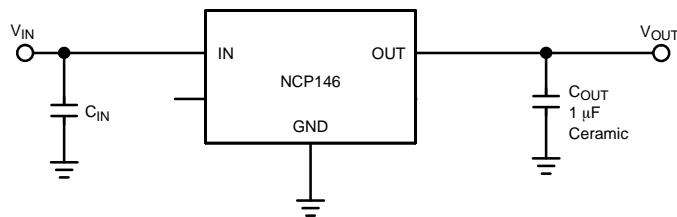
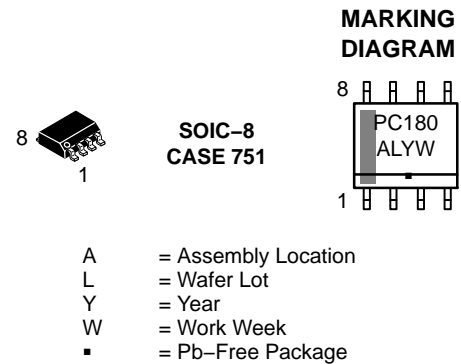


Figure 1. Typical Application Schematic

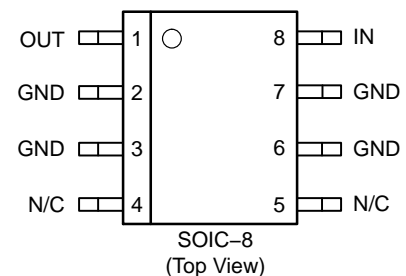


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### PIN CONNECTIONS



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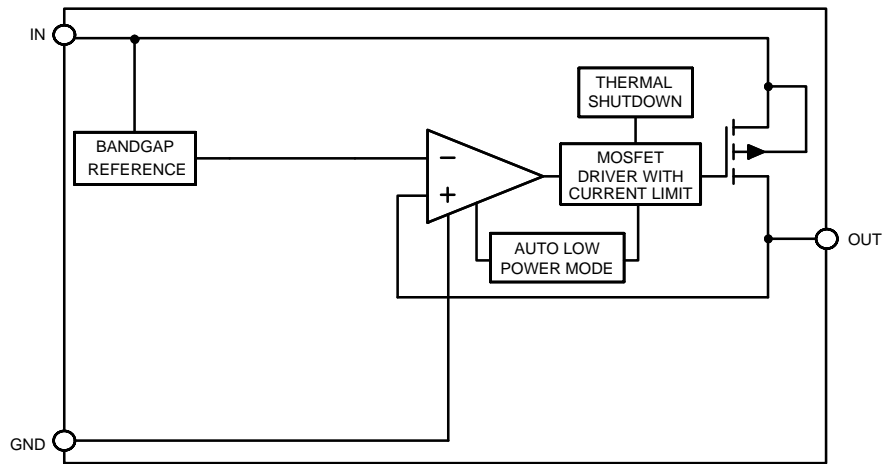


Figure 2. Simplified Schematic Block Diagram

## PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Pin No.	Pin Name	Description
1	OUT	Regulated output voltage pin. A small ceramic capacitor with minimum value of 1 $\mu$ F is needed from this pin to ground to assure stability.
2, 3, 6, 7	GND	Power supply ground.
8	IN	Input pin. A small capacitor is needed from this pin to ground to assure stability.
4, 5	N/C	Not connected. This pin can be tied to ground to improve thermal dissipation.

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Input Voltage (Note 1)	$V_{IN}$	-0.3 V to 6 V	V
Output Voltage	$V_{OUT}$	-0.3 V to $V_{IN} + 0.3$ V or 6 V	V
Output Short Circuit Duration	tSC	$\infty$	s
Maximum Junction Temperature	$T_{J(MAX)}$	150	$^{\circ}$ C
Storage Temperature	$T_{STG}$	-55 to 150	$^{\circ}$ C
ESD Capability, Human Body Model (Note 2)	ESD <sub>HBM</sub>	2000	V
ESD Capability, Machine Model (Note 2)	ESD <sub>MM</sub>	200	V

Stresses exceeding those listed in the Maximum Ratings table may damage the device. If any of these limits are exceeded, device functionality should not be assumed, damage may occur and reliability may be affected.

1. Refer to ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS and APPLICATION INFORMATION for Safe Operating Area.
2. This device series incorporates ESD protection and is tested by the following methods:  
 ESD Human Body Model tested per EIA/JESD22-A114,  
 ESD Machine Model tested per EIA/JESD22-A115,  
 Latchup Current Maximum Rating tested per JEDEC standard: JESD78.

## THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS (Note 3)

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Thermal Characteristics, SOIC-8 Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Air	$R_{\theta JA}$	161	$^{\circ}$ C/W

3. Single component mounted on 1 oz, FR 4 PCB with 645 mm<sup>2</sup> Cu area.

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 85^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $V_{IN} = 2.8\text{ V}$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 1\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ . Typical values are at  $T_J = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Min./Max. are for  $T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $T_J = +85^{\circ}\text{C}$  respectively (Note 4).

Parameter	Test Conditions	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Operating Input Voltage		$V_{IN}$	1.7		5.5	V
Output Voltage Accuracy	$-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 85^{\circ}\text{C}$	$V_{OUT}$	-2		+3	%
Line Regulation	$V_{OUT} + 0.5\text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5\text{ V}$	$\text{Reg}_{LINE}$		0.01	0.1	%/V
Load Regulation	$I_{OUT} = 1\text{ mA to }150\text{ mA}$	$\text{Reg}_{LOAD}$		15		mV
Load Regulation	$I_{OUT} = 1\text{ mA to }300\text{ mA}$			30		
Load Transient	$I_{OUT} = 1\text{ mA to }300\text{ mA}$ or $300\text{ mA to }1\text{ mA}$ in $1\text{ }\mu\text{s}$ , $C_{OUT} = 1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$	$\text{Tran}_{LOAD}$		-50/ +30		mV
Dropout Voltage (Note 5)	$I_{OUT} = 300\text{ mA}$	$V_{DO}$		280		mV
Output Current Limit	$V_{OUT} = 90\% V_{OUT(nom)}$	$I_{CL}$	300	600		mA
Quiescent Current	$I_{OUT} = 0\text{ mA}$	$I_Q$		50	95	$\mu\text{A}$
Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_{IN} = 2.8\text{ V}$ , $V_{OUT} = 1.8\text{ V}$ $I_{OUT} = 150\text{ mA}$	$f = 1\text{ kHz}$	$\text{PSRR}$	75		dB
Output Noise Voltage	$V_{IN} = 2.8\text{ V}$ , $V_{OUT} = 1.8\text{ V}$ , $I_{OUT} = 150\text{ mA}$ $f = 10\text{ Hz to }100\text{ kHz}$	$V_N$		70		$\mu\text{V}_{rms}$
Thermal Shutdown Temperature	Temperature increasing from $T_J = +25^{\circ}\text{C}$	$T_{SD}$		160		$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis	Temperature falling from $T_{SD}$	$T_{SDH}$		20		$^{\circ}\text{C}$

Product parametric performance is indicated in the Electrical Characteristics for the listed test conditions, unless otherwise noted. Product performance may not be indicated by the Electrical Characteristics if operated under different conditions.

- Performance guaranteed over the indicated operating temperature range by design and/or characterization. Production tested at  $T_J = T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Low duty cycle pulse techniques are used during testing to maintain the junction temperature as close to ambient as possible.
- Characterized when  $V_{OUT}$  falls 100 mV below the regulated voltage at  $V_{IN} = V_{OUT(NOM)} + 1\text{ V}$ .

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

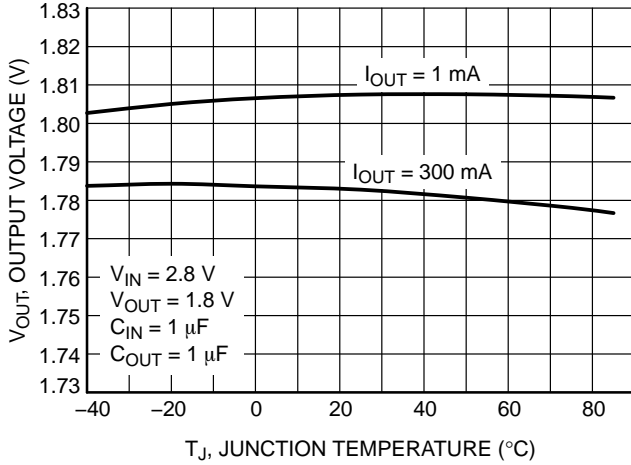


Figure 3. Output Voltage vs. Temperature

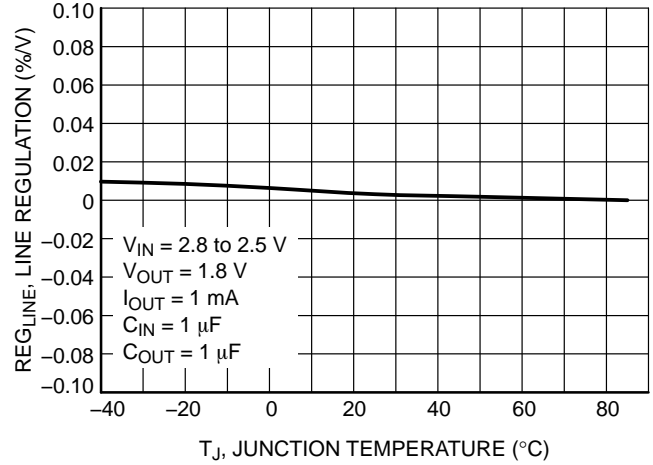


Figure 4. Line Regulation vs. Temperature

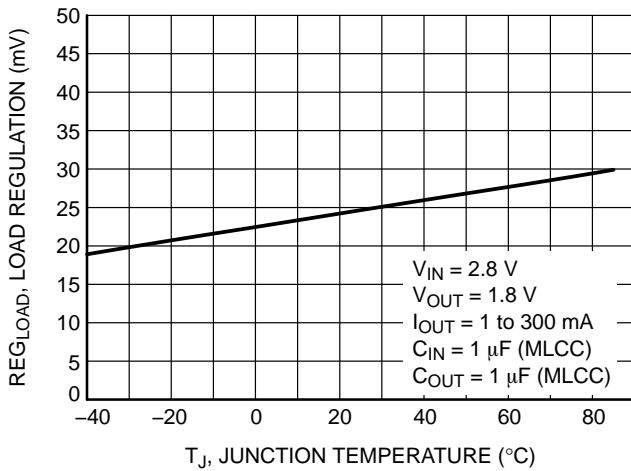


Figure 5. Load Regulation vs. Temperature

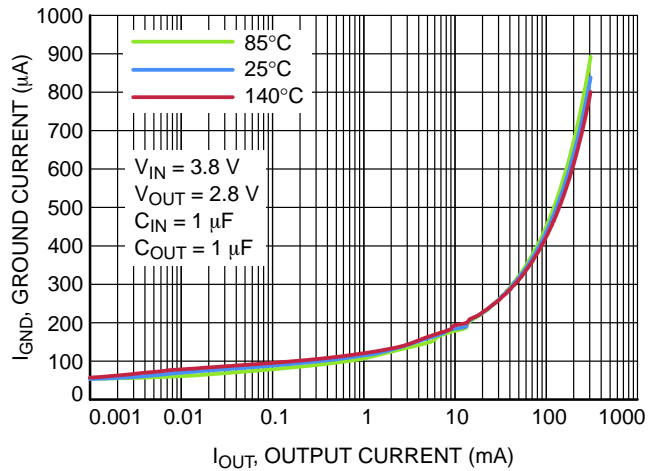


Figure 6. Ground Current vs. Output Current

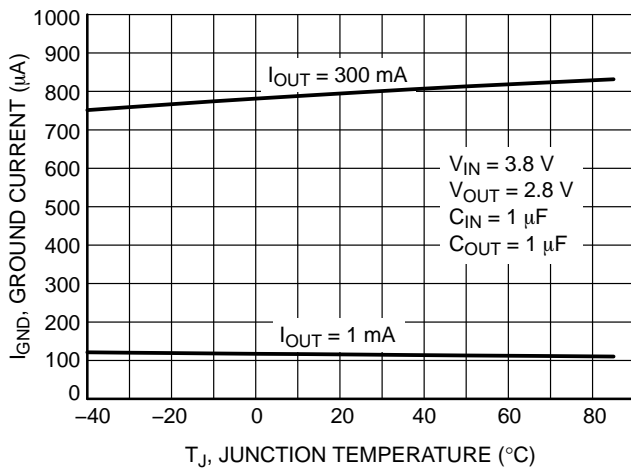


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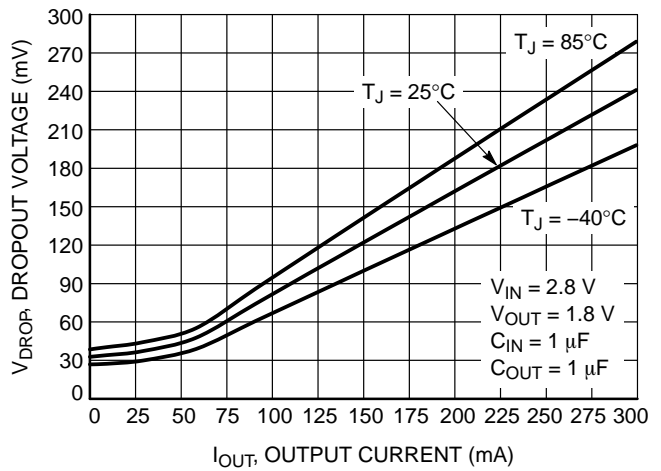


Figure 8. Dropout Voltage vs. Output Current

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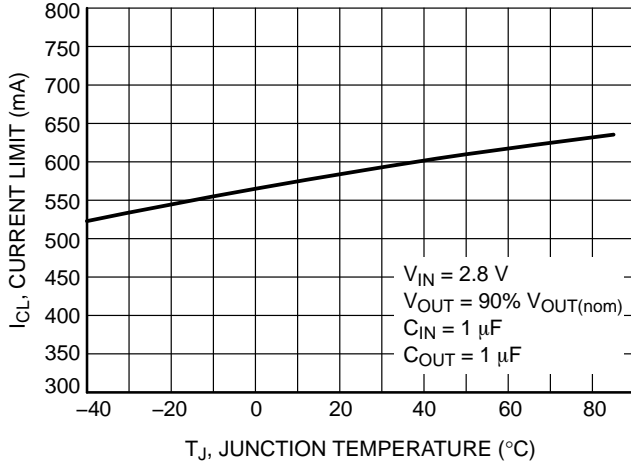


Figure 9. Current Limit vs. Temperature

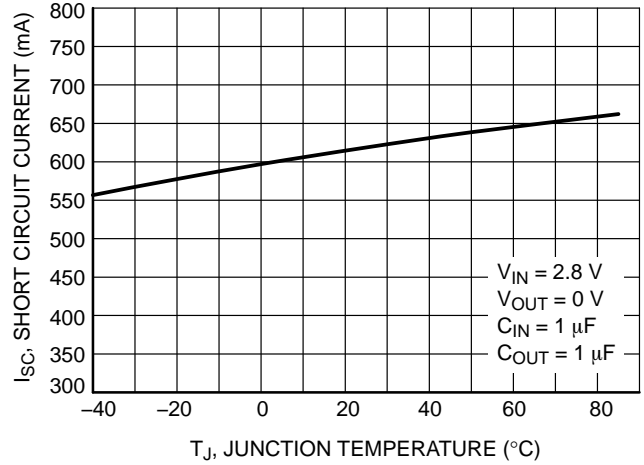


Figure 10. Short Circuit Current vs. Temperature

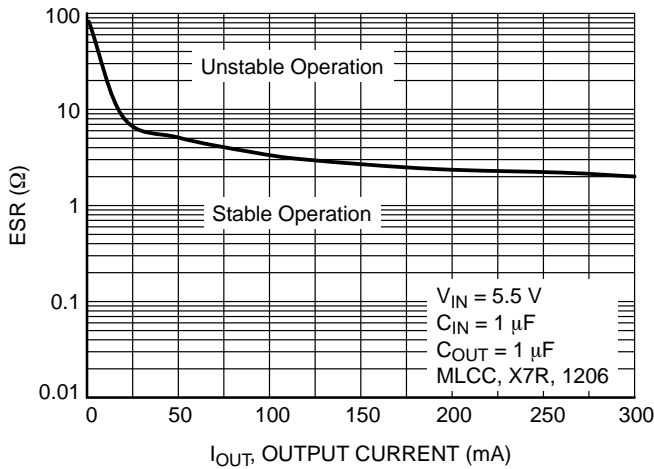


Figure 11. Output Capacitor ESR vs. Output Current

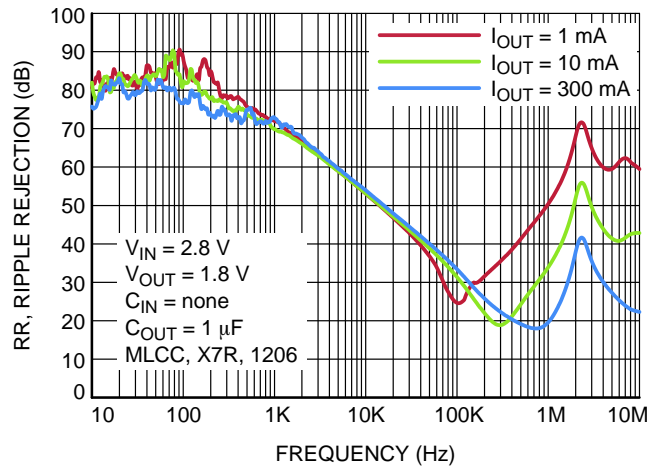


Figure 12. Power Supply Rejection Ratio, C<sub>OUT</sub> = 1 μF

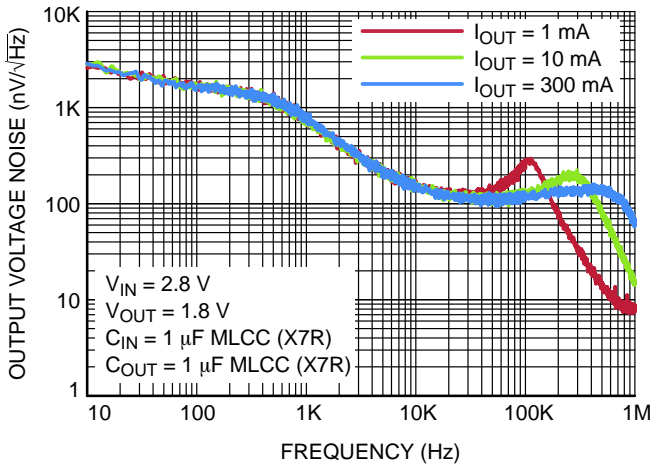


Figure 13. Output Voltage Noise Spectral Density

I <sub>OUT</sub>	RMS Output Noise (μV)	
	10 Hz – 100 kHz	100 Hz – 100 kHz
1 mA	59.97	57.07
10 mA	60.22	57.17
300 mA	70.35	67.79

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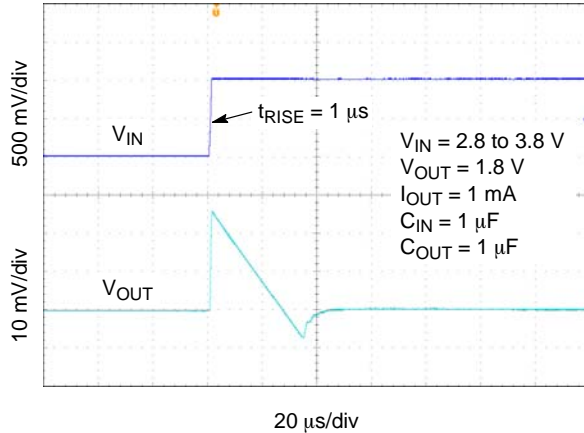


Figure 14. Line Transient Response – Rising Edge

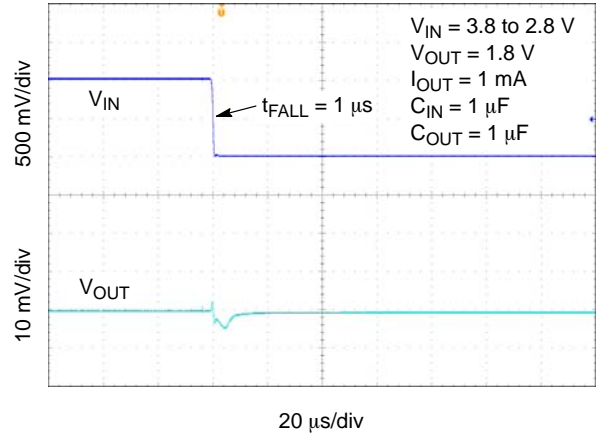


Figure 15. Line Transient Response – Falling Edge

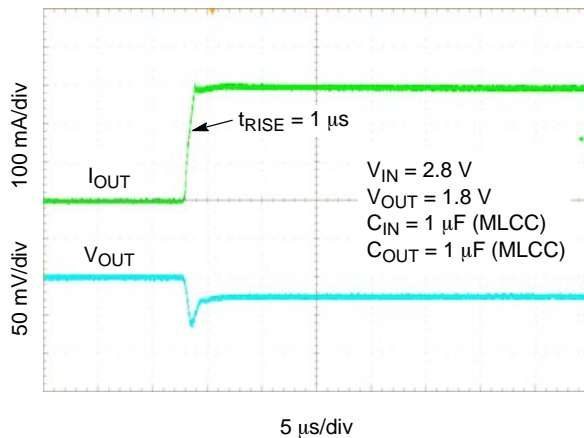


Figure 16. Load Transient Response – Rising Edge

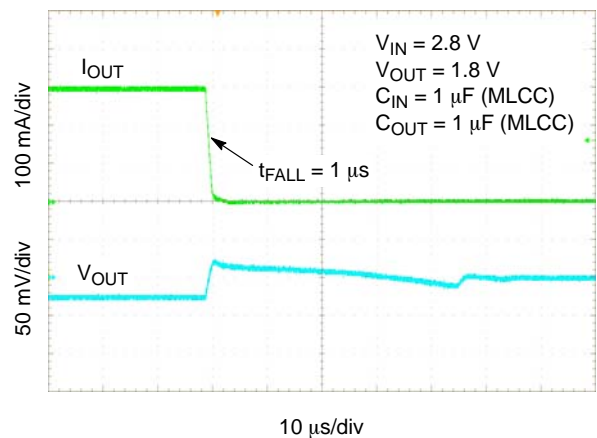


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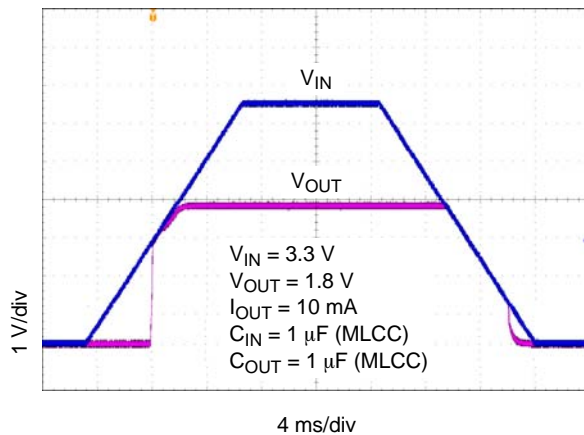


Figure 18. Turn-on/off – Slow Rising  $V_{IN}$

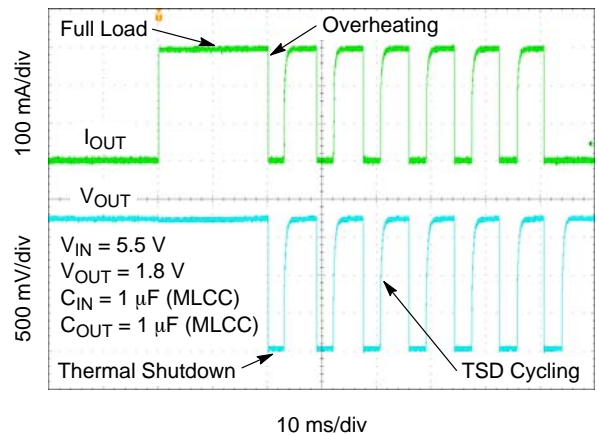


Figure 19. Short Circuit and Thermal Shutdown

## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

### General

The NCP146 is a high performance 300 mA Low Dropout Linear Regulator. This device delivers very high PSRR (over 75 dB at 1 kHz) and excellent dynamic performance as load/line transients. In connection with very low quiescent current this device is very suitable for various battery powered applications such as tablets, cellular phones, wireless and many others. The device is fully protected in case of output overload, output short circuit condition and overheating, assuring a very robust design.

### Input Capacitor Selection ( $C_{IN}$ )

It is recommended to connect at least a 1  $\mu$ F Ceramic X5R or X7R capacitor as close as possible to the IN pin of the device. This capacitor will provide a low impedance path for unwanted AC signals or noise modulated onto constant input voltage. There is no requirement for the min. /max. ESR of the input capacitor but it is recommended to use ceramic capacitors for their low ESR and ESL. A good input capacitor will limit the influence of input trace inductance and source resistance during sudden load current changes. Larger input capacitor may be necessary if fast and large load transients are encountered in the application.

### Output Decoupling ( $C_{OUT}$ )

The NCP146 requires an output capacitor connected as close as possible to the output pin of the regulator. The recommended capacitor value is 1  $\mu$ F and X7R or X5R dielectric due to its low capacitance variations over the specified temperature range. The NCP146 is designed to remain stable with minimum effective capacitance of 0.22  $\mu$ F to account for changes with temperature, DC bias and package size. Especially for small package size capacitors such as 0402 the effective capacitance drops rapidly with the applied DC bias.

There is no requirement for the minimum value of Equivalent Series Resistance (ESR) for the  $C_{OUT}$  but the maximum value of ESR should be less than 2  $\Omega$ . Larger output capacitors and lower ESR could improve the load transient response or high frequency PSRR. It is not recommended to use tantalum capacitors on the output due to their large ESR. The equivalent series resistance of tantalum capacitors is also strongly dependent on the temperature, increasing at low temperature.

### Output Current Limit

Output Current is internally limited within the IC to a typical 600 mA. The NCP146 will source this amount of current measured with a voltage drops on the 90% of the nominal  $V_{OUT}$ . If the Output Voltage is directly shorted to ground ( $V_{OUT} = 0$  V), the short circuit protection will limit the output current to 630 mA (typ). The current limit and short circuit protection will work properly over whole temperature range and also input voltage range. There is no limitation for the short circuit duration.

### Thermal Shutdown

When the die temperature exceeds the Thermal Shutdown threshold ( $T_{SD} - 160^{\circ}\text{C}$  typical), Thermal Shutdown event is detected and the device is disabled. The IC will remain in this state until the die temperature decreases below the Thermal Shutdown Reset threshold ( $T_{SDU} - 140^{\circ}\text{C}$  typical). Once the IC temperature falls below the  $140^{\circ}\text{C}$  the LDO is enabled again. The thermal shutdown feature provides the protection from a catastrophic device failure due to accidental overheating. This protection is not intended to be used as a substitute for proper heat sinking.

### Power Dissipation

As power dissipated in the NCP146 increases, it might become necessary to provide some thermal relief. The maximum power dissipation supported by the device is dependent upon board design and layout. Mounting pad configuration on the PCB, the board material, and the ambient temperature affect the rate of junction temperature rise for the part. For reliable operation junction temperature should be limited to  $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$

The maximum power dissipation the NCP146 can handle is given by:

$$P_{D(\text{MAX})} = \frac{[125^{\circ}\text{C} - T_A]}{\theta_{JA}} \quad (\text{eq. 1})$$

The power dissipated by the NCP146 for given application conditions can be calculated from the following equations:

$$P_D \approx V_{IN}(I_{\text{GND}}@I_{\text{OUT}}) + I_{\text{OUT}}(V_{IN} - V_{\text{OUT}}) \quad (\text{eq. 2})$$

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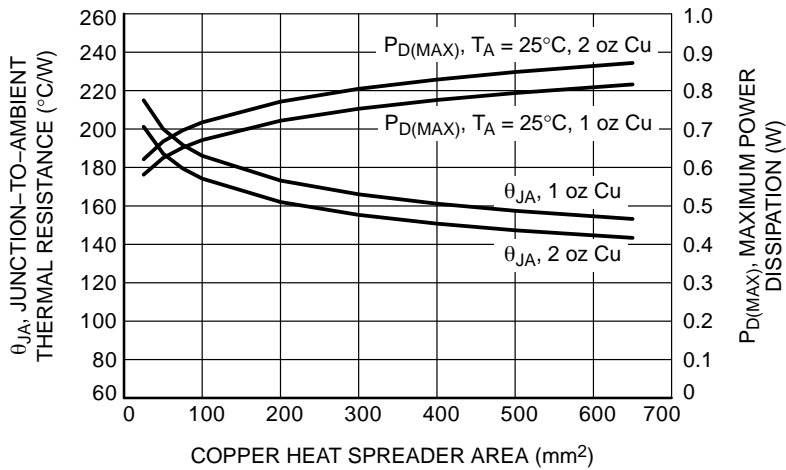


Figure 20.  $\theta_{JA}$  vs. Copper Area

### Reverse Current

The PMOS pass transistor has an inherent body diode which will be forward biased in the case that  $V_{OUT} > V_{IN}$ . Due to this fact in cases, where the extended reverse current condition can be anticipated the device may require additional external protection.

### Power Supply Rejection Ratio

The NCP146 features very good Power Supply Rejection ratio. If desired the PSRR at higher frequencies in the range 100 kHz – 10 MHz can be tuned by the selection of  $C_{OUT}$  capacitor and proper PCB layout.

### PCB Layout Recommendations

To obtain good transient performance and good regulation characteristics place  $C_{IN}$  and  $C_{OUT}$  capacitors close to the device pins and make the PCB traces wide. In order to minimize the solution size, use 0402 capacitors. Larger copper area connected to the pins will also improve the device thermal resistance. The actual power dissipation can be calculated from the equation above (Equation 2). Expose pad should be tied the shortest path to the GND pin.

### ORDERING INFORMATION

Device	Voltage Option	Marking	Package	Shipping†
NCP146CD180R2G	1.8 V	PC180	SOIC-8 (Pb-Free)	3000 / Tape & Reel

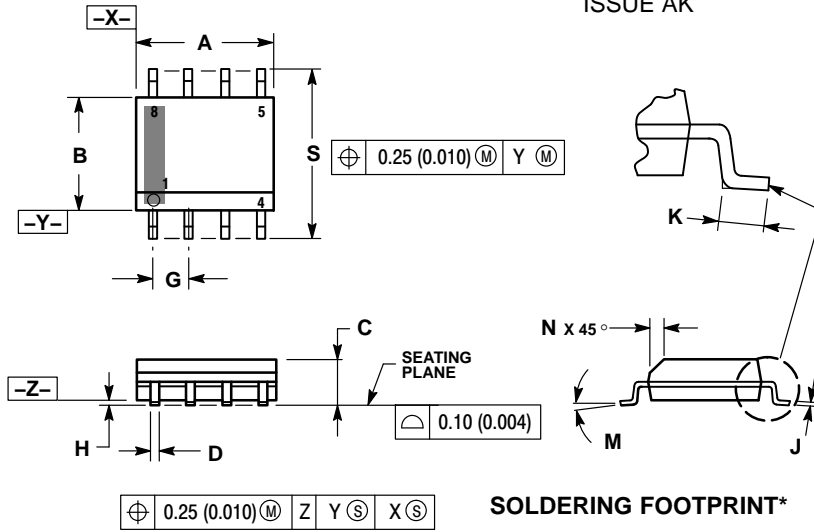
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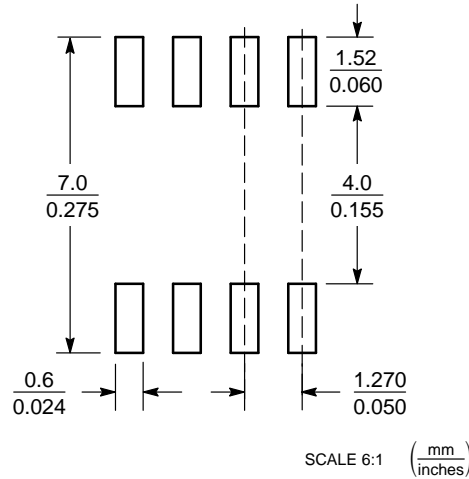


#### NOTES:

1. DIMENSIONING AND TOLERANCING PER ANSI Y14.5M, 1982.
2. CONTROLLING DIMENSION: MILLIMETER.
3. DIMENSION A AND B DO NOT INCLUDE MOLD PROTRUSION.
4. MAXIMUM MOLD PROTRUSION 0.15 (0.006) PER SIDE.
5. DIMENSION D DOES NOT INCLUDE DAMBAR PROTRUSION. ALLOWABLE DAMBAR PROTRUSION SHALL BE 0.127 (0.005) TOTAL IN EXCESS OF THE D DIMENSION AT MAXIMUM MATERIAL CONDITION.
6. 751-01 THRU 751-06 ARE OBSOLETE. NEW STANDARD IS 751-07.

DIM	MILLIMETERS		INCHES	
	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
A	4.80	5.00	0.189	0.197
B	3.80	4.00	0.150	0.157
C	1.35	1.75	0.053	0.069
D	0.33	0.51	0.013	0.020
G	1.27 BSC		0.050 BSC	
H	0.10	0.25	0.004	0.010
J	0.19	0.25	0.007	0.010
K	0.40	1.27	0.016	0.050
M	0°	8°	0°	8°
N	0.25	0.50	0.010	0.020
S	5.80	6.20	0.228	0.244

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