# $1\mu A \ I_Q, \ 250mA \ Low-Dropout \ Linear \ Regulator$

### **General Description**

The RT9073 is a low-dropout (LDO) voltage regulators with enable function that operates from 1.2V to 5.5V. It provides up to 250mA of output current and offers low-power operation in miniaturized packaging.

The features of low quiescent current as low as  $1\mu$ A and almost zero disable current is ideal for powering the battery equipment to a longer service life. The RT9073 is stable with the ceramic output capacitor over its wide input range from 1.2V to 5.5V and the entire range of output load current (0mA to 250mA).

### **Ordering Information**

Package Type B : SOT-23-5 U5 : SC-70-5
Lead Plating System G : Green (Halogen Free and Pb Free)
Output Voltage
09 : 0.9V
1K : 1.05V
12 : 1.2V
15 : 1.5V
18 : 1.8V
19 : 1.9V
25 : 2.5V
27 : 2.7V
28 : 2.8V
29 : 2.9V
30 : 3.0V
33 : 3.3V
Special Request : Any Voltage
Between 0.9V and 3.3V under
specific business agreement
Pin Function RT9073 : With SNS Pin

Note :

Richtek products are :

 RoHS compliant and compatible with the current requirements of IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020.

RT9073N : Without SNS Pin

• Suitable for use in SnPb or Pb-free soldering processes.

### Features

- 1µA Ground Current at no Load
- PSRR = 75dB at 1kHz
- Adjustable Output Voltage Available by Specific Application
- ±2% Output Accuracy
- 250mA ( $V_{IN} \ge 2.3V$ ) Output Current with EN
- Low (0.1µA) Disable Current
- 1.2V to 5.5V Operating Input Voltage
- Dropout Voltage : 0.45V (typ.) at 250mA when V<sub>OUT</sub>  $\geq$  3V
- Support Fixed Output Voltage 0.9V, 1.05V, 1.2V, 1.5V, 1.8V, 1.9V, 2.5V, 2.7V, 2.8V, 2.9V, 3V, 3.3V
- Stable with Ceramic or Tantalum Capacitor
- Current Limit Protection
- Over Temperature Protection
- SOT-23-5 and SC-70-5 Packages Available

## Applications

- Portable, Battery Powered Equipment
- Ultra Low Power Microcontrollers
- Notebook Computers

### **Marking Information**

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# **Pin Configuration**

VOUT SNS/NC 5 4 2 3 VIN GND EN

SOT-23-5

(TOP VIEW)



SC-70-5

## **Functional Pin Description**

Pi	n No.	Pin Name	Pin Function			
SOT-23-5	SC-70-5					
1	1	VIN	Supply voltage input.			
2	2	GND	Ground.			
3	3	EN	Enable control input.			
SNS C		SNS	Output voltage sense.			
4 4 NC No internal connection. (RT9073N only)		No internal connection. (RT9073N only)				
5	5	VOUT	Output of the regulator.			

### **Functional Block Diagram**



### Operation

#### **Basic operation**

The RT9073 is a low quiescent current linear regulator designed especially for low external components system. The input voltage range is from 1.2V to 5.5V.

The minimum required output capacitance for stable operation is  $1\mu F$  effective capacitance after consideration of the temperature and voltage coefficient of the capacitor.

### **Output Transistor**

The RT9073 builds in a P-MOSFET output transistor which provides a low switch-on resistance for low dropout voltage applications.

#### **Error Amplifier**

The Error Amplifier compares the internal reference voltage with the output feedback voltage from the internal divider, and controls the Gate voltage of P-MOSFET to support good line regulation and load regulation at output voltage.

#### Enable

The RT9073 delivers the output power when it is set to enable state. When it works in disable state, there is no output power and the operation quiescent current is almost zero.

### **Current Limit Protection**

The RT9073 provides current limit function to prevent the device from damages during over-load or shorted-circuit condition. This current is detected by an internal sensing transistor.

#### **Over Temperature Protection**

The over temperature protection function will turn off the P-MOSFET when the junction temperature exceeds 150°C (typ.),  $V_{IN} \ge 1.5V$  and the output current exceeds 30mA. Once the junction temperature cools down by approximately 20°C, the regulator will automatically resume operation.

## Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 1)

• VIN, VOUT, SNS, EN to GND	0.3V to 6.5V
VOUT to VIN	6.5V to 0.3V
• Power Dissipation, $P_D @ T_A = 25^{\circ}C$	
SOT-23-5	0.45W
SC-70-5	0.29W
Package Thermal Resistance (Note 2)	
SOT-23-5, θ <sub>JA</sub>	218.1°C/W
SC-70-5, θ <sub>JA</sub>	342.3°C/W
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.)	260°C
Junction Temperature	150°C
Storage Temperature Range	65°C to 150°C
ESD Susceptibility (Note 3)	
HBM (Human Body Model)	2kV
MM (Machine Model)	200V

## Recommended Operating Conditions (Note 4)

Input Voltage, VIN	1.2V to 5.5V
Junction Temperature Range	–40°C to 125°C
Ambient Temperature Range	$-40^{\circ}$ C to $85^{\circ}$ C

### **Electrical Characteristics**

(V<sub>OUT</sub> + 1 < V<sub>IN</sub> < 5.5V,  $T_A$  = 25°C, unless otherwise specified)

Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit	
Output Voltage Range	Vout		0.9		3.3	V	
DC Output Accuracy		I <sub>LOAD</sub> = 1mA	-2	2 2		%	
		$0.9V \leq V_{OUT} < 1.2V$		0.5	0.65		
		$1.2V \leq V_{OUT} < 1.5V$		0.3	0.4		
Dropout Voltage		$1.5V \leq V_{OUT} < 1.8V$		0.2	0.24	V	
(I <sub>LOAD</sub> = 50mĂ) (Note 5)	Vdrop	$1.8V \leq V_{OUT} < 2.5V$		0.15	0.18		
		$2.5V \leq V_{OUT} < 3V$		0.1	0.15		
		$3V \leq V_{OUT}$		0.08	0.12		
	(Note 5) VDROP	$0.9V \leq V_{OUT} < 1.2V$		1.25	1.45	-	
		$1.2V \leq V_{OUT} < 1.5V$		1	1.2		
Dropout Voltage		$1.5V \leq V_{OUT} < 1.8V$		0.81	0.9	V	
(I <sub>LOAD</sub> = 250mA) (Note 5)		$1.8V \leq V_{OUT} < 2.5V$		0.68	0.8		
		$2.5V \leq V_{OUT} < 3V$		0.51	0.6	1	
		$3V \leq V_{OUT}$		0.45	0.6		
V <sub>CC</sub> Consumption Current	IQ	$\label{eq:lload} \begin{split} I_{LOAD} &= 0mA,  V_{OUT} \leq 5.5V, \\ V_{IN} \geq V_{OUT} + V_{DROP} \end{split}$		1	3	μA	

Paran	neter	Symbol	Test Conditions		Min	Тур	Max	Unit		
Shutdown GND	Current		V <sub>EN</sub> = 0V				0.1	0.5	μA	
Shutdown Leak	age Current		V <sub>EN</sub> = 0V, V <sub>OUT</sub>	= 0V			0.1	0.5	μA	
EN Input Curre	nt	I <sub>EN</sub>	V <sub>EN</sub> = 5.5V					0.1	μA	
			I <sub>LOAD</sub> = 10mA	1.2V	$\leq V_{IN} < 1.5 V$			0.6		
Line Degulation				1.5V	$\leq V_{IN} < 1.8V$			0.3	%	
Line Regulation	I			1.8V	$\leq V_{IN} < 2.1V$			0.1		
				2.1V	$\leq V_{IN} \leq 5.5V$			0.15		
Load Regulatio	n	ΔLOAD	5mA < I <sub>LOAD</sub> < 2	250mA				1	%	
Power Supply F Ratio	Rejection	PSRR	V <sub>IN</sub> = 3V, I <sub>LOAD</sub> = 50mA, C <sub>OUT</sub> = 1µF, V <sub>OUT</sub> = 2.5V, f = 1kHz			75		dB		
			Coυτ = 1μF,		V <sub>OUT</sub> = 0.9V		39			
	N I - i		$I_{LOAD} = 30mA,$		V <sub>OUT</sub> = 1.2V		46			
Output Voltage	NOISE		BW = 10Hz to 100kHz,		Vout = 1.8V		48		μVrms	
			$V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 2V$	'	V <sub>OUT</sub> = 3.3V		58			
Output Current	Limit	I <sub>LIM</sub>	Peak output cur	rent		260	350	500	mA	
Fold-Back Curr	ent Limit		V <sub>OUT</sub> = 0.5V x V <sub>OUT(normal)</sub>		150	270	390	mA		
Enable Input	Logic-High	Vih	V <sub>IN</sub> = 5V		1.2			V		
Voltage	Logic-Low	VIL	V <sub>IN</sub> = 5V				0.4	V		
Thermal Shutdo Temperature	own	T <sub>SD</sub>	$I_{LOAD} = 30 m A,  V_{IN} \geq 1.5 V$			150		°C		
Thermal Shutdo Hysteresis	Thermal Shutdown Hysteresis ΔT <sub>SD</sub>					20		°C		

Note 1. Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions may affect device reliability.

- Note 2.  $\theta_{JA}$  is measured at  $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$  on a high effective thermal conductivity four-layer test board per JEDEC 51-7.
- Note 3. Devices are ESD sensitive. Handling precaution is recommended.
- Note 4. The device is not guaranteed to function outside its operating conditions.
- Note 5. The dropout voltage is defined as  $V_{IN} V_{OUT}$ , when  $V_{OUT}$  is 98% of the normal value of  $V_{OUT}$ .

## **Typical Application Circuit**



Figure 1. Application with Sense Function



Figure 2. Application without Sense Function



Figure 3. Adjustable Output Voltage Application Circuit



## **Typical Operating Characteristics**







### **Application Information**

Like any low dropout linear regulator, the RT9073's external input and output capacitors must be properly selected for stability and performance. Use a 1µF or larger input capacitor and place it close to the IC's VIN and GND pins. Any output capacitor meeting the minimum 1m $\Omega$  ESR (Equivalent Series Resistance) and effective capacitance larger than 1µF requirement may be used. Place the output capacitor close to the IC's VOUT and GND pins. Increasing capacitance and decreasing ESR can improve the circuit's PSRR and line transient response.

#### Enable

The RT9073 has an EN pin to turn on or turn off the regulator, When the EN pin is in logic high, the regulator will be turned on. The shutdown current is almost  $0\mu A$  typical. The EN pin may be directly tied to  $V_{IN}$  to keep the part on. The Enable input is CMOS logic and cannot be left floating.

#### Adjustable Output Voltage Setting

Because of the small input current at the SNS pin, the RT9073 with SNS pin also can work as an adjustable output voltage LDO. Figure 3 gives the connections for the adjustable output voltage application. The resistor divider from VOUT to SNS sets the output voltage when in regulation.

The voltage on the SNS pin sets the output voltage and is determined by the values of R1 and R2. In order to keep a good temperature coefficient of output voltage, the values of R1 and R2 should be selected carefully to ignore the temperature coefficient of input current at the SNS pin. A current greater than  $50\mu$ A in the resistor divider is recommended to meet the above requirement. The adjustable output voltage can be calculated using the formula given in equation 1 :

$$V_{OUT} = \frac{R1 + R2}{R2} \times V_{SNS}$$
(1)

where  $V_{SNS}$  is determined by the output voltage selections in the ordering information of RT9073.

When we choose  $39k\Omega$  and  $15k\Omega$  as R1 and R2 respectively, and select a 0.9V output at SNS pin, the adjustable output voltage will be set to around 3.24V. Its

temperature coefficient in Figure 4 is still perfect in such kind of application.



Figure 4. Temperature Coefficient of Adjustable Output Voltage

The minimum recommended  $50\mu$ A in the resistor divider makes the application no longer an ultra low quiescent LDO. Figure 5 is another fine adjustable output voltage application can keep the LDO still operating in low power consumption. The fine tune range is recommended to be less than 50mV (R1  $\leq$  91k $\Omega$ ) in order to keep a good temperature coefficient of the output voltage.



Figure 5. Fine Adjustable Output Voltage Application Circuit

There isn't extra current consumption in the above application. But the temperature coefficient of output voltage will be degraded by the input current at SNS pin. If the tuning range is larger than 50mV, a compensation capacitor (56pF) is required to keep the stability of output voltage. The fine adjustable output voltage is calculated using the formula given in equation2 :

 $V_{OUT} = V_{SNS} + I_{SNS} \times R1$  (2)

where  $I_{SNS}$  is the input Current at SNS pin (typical 550nA at room temperature) and VSNS is determined by the output voltage selections in the ordering information of RT9073.

#### **Current Limit**

The RT9073 contains an independent current limiter, which monitors and controls the pass transistor's gate voltage, limiting the output current to 0.35A (typ.). The current limiting level is reduced to around 250mA named fold-back current limit when the output voltage is further decreased. The output can be shorted to ground indefinitely without damaging the part.

#### **Thermal Considerations**

For continuous operation, do not exceed absolute maximum junction temperature. The maximum power dissipation depends on the thermal resistance of the IC package, PCB layout, rate of surrounding airflow, and difference between junction and ambient temperature. The maximum power dissipation can be calculated by the following formula :

 $\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{D}(\mathsf{MAX})} = (\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{J}(\mathsf{MAX})} - \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{A}}) / \theta_{\mathsf{J}\mathsf{A}}$ 

where  $T_{J(MAX)}$  is the maximum junction temperature,  $T_A$  is the ambient temperature, and  $\theta_{JA}$  is the junction to ambient thermal resistance.

For recommended operating condition specifications the maximum junction temperature is 125°C and T<sub>A</sub> is the ambient temperature. The junction to ambient thermal resistance,  $\theta_{JA}$ , is layout dependent. For SOT-23-5 package, the thermal resistance,  $\theta_{JA}$ , is 218.1°C/W on a standard JEDEC 51-7 four-layer thermal test board. For SC-70-5 package, the thermal resistance,  $\theta_{JA}$ , is 342.3°C/W on a standard JEDEC 51-7 four-layer thermal test board. The maximum power dissipation at T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C can be calculated by the following formula :

 ${\sf P}_{D(MAX)}$  = (125°C - 25°C) / (218.1°CW) = 0.45W for SOT-23-5 package

 $\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{D}(\mathsf{MAX})}$  = (125°C - 25°C) / (342.3°CW) = 0.29W for SC-70-5 package

The maximum power dissipation depends on the operating ambient temperature for fixed  $T_{J(MAX)}$  and thermal resistance,  $\theta_{JA}$ . The derating curve in Figure 6 allows the designer to see the effect of rising ambient temperature on the maximum power dissipation.



Figure 6. Derating Curve of Maximum Power Dissipation

# **Outline Dimension**



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Cumb al	Dimensions	n Millimeters	<b>Dimensions In Inches</b>			
Symbol	Min Max		Min	Max		
А	0.889	1.295	0.035	0.051		
A1	0.000	0.152	0.000	0.006		
В	1.397	1.803	0.055	0.071		
b	0.356	0.559	0.014	0.022		
С	2.591	2.997	0.102	0.118		
D	2.692	3.099	0.106	0.122		
е	0.838	1.041	0.033	0.041		
Н	0.080	0.254	0.003	0.010		
L	0.300	0.610	0.012	0.024		

SOT-23-5 Surface Mount Package



Symbol	Dimensions	n Millimeters	<b>Dimensions In Inches</b>		
Symbol	Min Max		Min	Max	
А	0.800	1.100	0.031	0.044	
A1	0.000	0.100	0.000	0.004	
В	1.150	1.350	0.045	0.054	
b	0.150	0.400	0.006	0.016	
С	1.800	2.450	0.071	0.096	
D	1.800	2.250	0.071	0.089	
е	0.650		0.0	26	
Н	0.080	0.260	0.003	0.010	
L	0.210	0.460	0.008	0.018	

SC-70-5 Surface Mount Package

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