# Ultra Low Noise 150 mA Low Dropout Voltage Regulator with ON/OFF Control

The NCP623 low dropout linear regulator can deliver up to 150 mA of output current with a typical dropout voltage of 180 mV. This low dropout feature helps to maintain a regulated output voltage for a longer period of time as the lifetime of the battery decreases.

It is the ideal choice for noise sensitive environments like portable applications where noise performance and space are at a premium. The typical output noise voltage specification is 25  $\mu V_{RMS}$ . The space saving package choices include a Micro8<sup>TM</sup> or DFN6. An additional noise saving feature of this device is its ability to filter choppy signals on the power supply by providing a typical DC ripple rejection of -90 dB and -70 dB at 1.0 kHz.

The NCP623 is designed to work with very low ESR capacitors such as ceramic capacitors which are common in the industry now.

Additional features such as thermal shutdown and short-circuit protection provide for a robust system design.

#### Features

- Very Low Quiescent Current 170 μA (ON, no load), 100 nA (OFF, no load)
- Very Low Dropout Voltage, Typical Value is 137 mV at an Output Current of 100 mA
- Very Low Noise with External Bypass Capacitor (10 nF), Typically 25  $\mu V_{RMS}$  over 100 Hz to 100 kHz
- Internal Thermal Shutdown
- Extremely Tight Line Regulation Typically -90 dB
- Ripple Rejection -70 dB @ 1.0 kHz
- Line Transient Response: 1.0 mV for  $\Delta V_{in} = 3.0 \text{ V}$
- Extremely Tight Load Regulation, Typically 20 mV at  $\Delta I_{out} = 150 \text{ mA}$
- Multiple Output Voltages Available
- Logic Level ON/OFF Control (TTL-CMOS Compatible)
- Output Capacitor ESR Can Vary from 0  $\Omega$  to 3.0  $\Omega$
- Pb-Free Packages are Available

### Applications

• All Portable Systems, Battery Powered Systems, Cellular Telephones, Radio Control Systems, Toys and Low Voltage Systems



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#### Note: Microdot may be in either location)

### PIN CONNECTIONS



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Figure 1. NCP623 Block Diagram

#### MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Power Supply Voltage	V <sub>in</sub>	12	V
Power Dissipation and Thermal Resistance Maximum Power Dissipation Case 488AE (DFN6, 3x3) MN Suffix Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Air Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Case Case 846A (Micro8) DM Suffix Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Air Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Case	P <sub>D</sub> R <sub>θJA</sub> **psi–JC* or Ψ <sub>JC</sub> R <sub>θJA</sub> R <sub>θJC</sub>	Internally Limited 161 13 240 105	W °C/W
Operating Ambient Temperature Range	T <sub>A</sub>	-40 to +85	°C
Maximum Junction Temperature	T <sub>Jmax</sub>	150	°C
Storage Temperature Range	T <sub>stg</sub>	-60 to +150	°C
ESD Protection – Human Body Model – Machine Model	V <sub>ESD</sub>	2000 200	V

Stresses exceeding Maximum Ratings may damage the device. Maximum Ratings are stress ratings only. Functional operation above the Recommended Operating Conditions is not implied. Extended exposure to stresses above the Recommended Operating Conditions may affect device reliability. \*"C" ("case") is defined as the solder-attach interface between the center of the exposed pad on the bottom of the package, and the board to

which it is attached.

\*\* Refer to the JEDEC Specs (51-2, 51-6).

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Characteristics	Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
CONTROL ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS					
Input Voltage Range	V <sub>ON/OFF</sub>	2.5	-	V <sub>in</sub>	V
ON/OFF Input Current (All versions) V <sub>ON/OFF</sub> = 2.4 V	I <sub>ON/OFF</sub>	_	2.5	_	μA
ON/OFF Input Voltages (All versions) Logic "0", i.e. OFF State Logic "1", i.e. ON State	V <sub>ON/OFF</sub>	_ 2.2		0.3	V
CURRENTS PARAMETERS					
Current Consumption in OFF State (All versions) OFF Mode Current: V <sub>IN</sub> = V <sub>out</sub> +1.0 V, I <sub>out</sub> = 0 mA	IQ <sub>OFF</sub>	_	0.1	2.0	μA

OFF Mode Current: V <sub>IN</sub> = V <sub>out</sub> +1.0 V, I <sub>out</sub> = 0 mA		-	0.1	2.0	
Current Consumption in ON State (All versions) ON Mode Sat Current: V <sub>in</sub> = V <sub>out</sub> + 1.0 V, I <sub>out</sub> = 0 mA	IQ <sub>ON</sub>	_	170	200	μΑ
Current Consumption in Saturation ON State (All versions) ON Mode Sat Current: $V_{IN}$ = 2.5 V or $V_{in}$ = $V_{out}$ – 0.4 V (Whichever is Higher), $I_{out}$ = 0 mA	IQ <sub>SAT</sub>	_	900	1400	μΑ
Current Limit V <sub>in</sub> = V <sub>out</sub> + 1.0 V, (All versions) (Note 1)	I <sub>MAX</sub>	175	210	-	mA
V <sub>in</sub> = V <sub>out</sub> + 1.0 V, T <sub>A</sub> = 25°C, 1.0 mA < I <sub>out</sub> < 150 mA 2.5 Suffix 2.8 Suffix 3.0 Suffix 4.0 Suffix 4.5 Suffix 5.0 Suffix	V <sub>out</sub>	2.45 2.74 2.94 3.23 3.92 4.41 4.90	2.5 2.8 3.0 3.3 4.0 4.5 5.0	2.55 2.86 3.06 3.37 4.08 4.59 5.1	V
V <sub>in</sub> = V <sub>out</sub> + 1.0 V, -40°C < T <sub>A</sub> < 85°C, 1.0 mA < I <sub>out</sub> < 150 mA 2.5 Suffix 2.8 Suffix 3.0 Suffix 3.3 Suffix 4.0 Suffix 4.5 Suffix 5.0 Suffix	V <sub>out</sub>	2.41 2.70 2.89 3.18 3.86 4.34 4.83	2.5 2.8 3.0 3.3 4.0 4.5 5.0	2.59 2.90 3.11 3.42 4.14 4.66 5.17	V

#### LINE AND LOAD REGULATION, DROPOUT VOLTAGES

Line Regulation (All versions)		Reg <sub>line</sub>				mV
$V_{out}$ + 1.0 V < $V_{in}$ < 12 V, $I_{out}$ = 60 mA			-	2.0	10	
Load Regulation (All versions)	$V_{in} = V_{out} + 1.0 V$	Reg <sub>load</sub>				mV
			-	8.0	25	
I <sub>out</sub> = 1.0 to 60 mA			-	15	35	
			-	20	45	
l <sub>out</sub> = 1.0 to 100 mA						
l <sub>out</sub> = 1.0 to 150 mA						
Dropout Voltage (All versions)		V <sub>in</sub> –				mV
		Vout	-	30	90	
l <sub>out</sub> = 10 mA			-	137	230	
l <sub>out</sub> = 100 mA			-	180	260	
l <sub>out</sub> = 150 mA						

<b>ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS</b> (For typical values $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$ , for min/max values $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to $+85^{\circ}C$ , Max $T_J = 150^{\circ}C$ )
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Characteristics	Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
DYNAMIC PARAMETERS					
Ripple Rejection (All versions) $V_{in} = V_{out} + 1.0 V$ , $V_{pp} = 1.0 V$ , $f = 1.0 kHz$ , $I_{out} = 60 mA$		60	70	-	dB
Line Transient Response $V_{in} = V_{out} + 1.0 V$ to $V_{out} + 4.0 V$ , $I_{out} = 60 mA$ , $d(V_{in})/dt = 15 mV/\mu s$		_	1.0	_	mV
Output Noise Voltage (All versions) $C_{out} = 1.0 \ \mu\text{F}, I_{out} = 60 \ \text{mA}, f = 100 \ \text{Hz} \text{ to } 100 \ \text{kHz}$	V <sub>RMS</sub>				μVrms
C <sub>bypass</sub> = 10 nF			25 40	-	
C <sub>bypass</sub> = 1.0 nF		-	65	-	

Output Rise Time (All versions) $C_{out} = 1.0 \ \mu$ F, I <sub>out</sub> = 30 mA, V <sub>ON/OFF</sub> = 0 to 2.4 V 1% of ON/OFF Signal to 99% of Nominal Output Voltage	t <sub>r</sub>				
Without Bypass Capacitor		-	40 1.1	-	μs ms
With C <sub>bypass</sub> = 10 nF					
THERMAL SHUTDOWN					
Thermal Shutdown (All versions)		-	150	-	°C

 $V_{N}$ 

nV/

 $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ 

230

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C<sub>bypass</sub> = 0 nF

Output Noise Density  $C_{out}$  = 1.0  $\mu$ F, I<sub>out</sub> = 60 mA, f = 1.0 kHz

1. I<sub>MAX</sub> (Output Current Limit) is the current measured when the output voltage drops below 0.3 V with respect to V<sub>out</sub> at I<sub>out</sub> = 30 mA.

## DEFINITIONS

**Load Regulation** – The change in output voltage for a change in load current at constant chip temperature.

**Dropout Voltage** – The input/output differential at which the regulator output no longer maintains regulation against further reductions in input voltage. Measured when the output drops 100 mV below its nominal value (which is measured at 1.0 V differential), dropout voltage is affected by junction temperature, load current and minimum input supply requirements.

**Output Noise Voltage** – The RMS AC voltage at the output with a constant load and no input ripple, measured over a specified frequency range.

**Maximum Power Dissipation** – The maximum total dissipation for which the regulator will operate within specifications.

**Quiescent Current** – Current which is used to operate the regulator chip and is not delivered to the load.

**Line Regulation** – The change in input voltage for a change in the input voltage. The measurement is made under conditions of low dissipation or by using pulse techniques such that the average chip temperature is not significantly affected.

**Line Transient Response** – Typical over– and undershoot response when input voltage is excited with a given slope.

**Thermal Protection** – Internal thermal shutdown circuitry is provided to protect the integrated circuit in the event that the maximum junction temperature is exceeded. When activated, typically 150°C, the regulator turns off. This feature is provided to prevent catastrophic failures from accidental overheating.

**Maximum Package Power Dissipation** – The maximum package power dissipation is the power dissipation level at which the junction temperature reaches its maximum value i.e.  $125^{\circ}$ C. The junction temperature is rising while the difference between the input power (V<sub>CC</sub> X I<sub>CC</sub>) and the output power (V<sub>out</sub> X I<sub>out</sub>) is increasing.

Depending on ambient temperature, it is possible to calculate the maximum power dissipation, maximum load current or maximum input voltage (see Application Hints: Protection).

The maximum power dissipation supported by the device is a lot increased when using appropriate application design. Mounting pad configuration on the PCB, the board material and also the ambient temperature are affected the rate of temperature rise. It means that when the  $I_C$  has good thermal conductivity through PCB, the junction temperature will be "low" even if the power dissipation is great.

The thermal resistance of the whole circuit can be evaluated by deliberately activating the thermal shutdown of the circuit (by increasing the output current or raising the input voltage for example).

Then you can calculate the power dissipation by subtracting the output power from the input power. All variables are then well known: power dissipation, thermal shutdown temperature (150°C for NCP623) and ambient temperature.

#### **APPLICATION HINTS**

**Input Decoupling** – As with any regulator, it is necessary to reduce the dynamic impedance of the supply rail that feeds the component. A 1.0  $\mu$ F capacitor either ceramic or tantalum is recommended and should be connected close to the NCP623 package. Higher values will correspondingly improve the overall line transient response.

**Output Decoupling** – Output capacitors exhibiting ESRs ranging from a few m $\Omega$  up to 3.0  $\Omega$  can safely be used. The minimum decoupling value is 1.0  $\mu$ F and can be augmented to fulfill stringent load transient requirements. The regulator works with ceramic chip capacitors as well as tantalum devices.

**Noise Performances** – Unlike other LDOs, the NCP623 is a true low–noise regulator. With a 10 nF bypass capacitor, it typically reaches 25  $\mu$ VRMS overall noise between 100 Hz and 100 kHz. Spectral density graphics as well as noise dependency versus bypass capacitor information is included in this datasheet.

The bypass capacitor impacts the startup phase of the NCP623 as depicted by the data-sheet curves. A typical 1.0 ms settling time is achieved with a 10 nF bypass capacitor. However, due to its low-noise architecture, the NCP623 can operate without bypass and thus offers a typical 20  $\mu$ s startup phase. In that case, the typical output noise stays lower than 65  $\mu$ VRMS between 100 Hz – 100 kHz.

**Protections** – The NCP623 includes several protections functions. The output current is internally limited to a minimum of 175 mA while temperature shutdown occurs if the die heats up beyond 150°C. These value lets you assess the maximum differential voltage the device can sustain at a given output current before its protections come into play.

The maximum dissipation the package can handle is given by:

$$P_{max} = \frac{T_{Jmax} - T_A}{R_{\theta JA}}$$

If  $T_{Jmax}$  is internally limited to 150°C, then the NCP623 can dissipate up to 595 mW @ 25°C.

The power dissipated by the NCP623 can be calculated from the following formula:

$$Ptot = \langle V_{in} \cdot I_{gnd}(I_{out}) \rangle + \langle V_{in} - V_{out} \rangle \cdot I_{out}$$

or

$$Vin_{max} = \frac{Ptot + V_{out} \cdot I_{out}}{I_{gnd} + I_{out}}$$

If a 150 mA output current is needed, the ground current is extracted from the data-sheet curves: 6.5 mA @ 150 mA. For a NCP623NW28R2 (2.8 V), the maximum input voltage will then be 6.48 V, a rather comfortable margin.

**Typical Application** – The following figure portraits the typical application for the NCP623 where both input/output decoupling capacitors appear.



Figure 2. A Typical NCP623 Application with Recommended Capacitor Values (DFN6)



Figure 3. A Typical NCP623 Application with Recommended Capacitor Values (Micro8)

**NCP623 Wake-up Improvement** – In portable applications, an immediate response to an enable signal is vital. If noise is not a concern, the NCP623 without a bypass capacitor settles in nearly 20  $\mu$ s and typically delivers 65  $\mu$ VRMS between 100 Hz and 100 kHz.

In ultra low–noise systems, the designer needs a 10 nF bypass capacitor to decrease the noise down to 25  $\mu$ VRMS between 100 Hz and 100 kHz. With the addition of the 10 nF capacitor, the wake–up time expands up to 1.0 ms as shown on the data–sheet curves. If an immediate response is wanted, Figure 5 provides a solution to charge the bypass

capacitor with the enable signal without degrading the noise response of the NCP623.

At power–on, C4 is discharged. When the control logic sends its wake–up signal by going high, the PNP base is momentarily tied to ground. The PNP switch closes and immediately charges the bypass capacitor C1 toward its operating value. After a few  $\mu$ s, the PNP opens and becomes totally transparent to the regulator.

This circuit improves the response time of the regulator which drops from 1.0 ms down to 30  $\mu$ s. The value of C4 needs to be tweaked in order to avoid any bypass capacitor overload during the wake–up transient.



Figure 4. A PNP Transistor Drives the Bypass Pin when Enable Goes High (DFN6)



Figure 5. A PNP Transistor Drives the Bypass Pin when Enable Goes High (Micro8)



Figure 6. NCP623 Wake-up Improvement with Small PNP Transistor

The PNP connected to the bypass pin does not degrade the noise response of the NCP623. Figure 7 displays the noise

density using the setup in Figure 5. The typical noise level is  $26 \mu V_{RM}$  (100 Hz to 25 kHz) at  $I_{OUT}$  = 60 mA.





## **TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS**



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Temperature



Figure 18. Quiescent Current versus Temperature

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Figure 19. Output Voltage Settling Time versus Bypass Capacitor



Figure 21. Output Voltage Settling Shape C<sub>bypass</sub> = 3.3 nF



Figure 20. Output Voltage Settling Shape C<sub>bypass</sub> = 10 nF



Figure 22. Output Voltage Settling Shape without Bypass Capacitor

## **TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS**



Figure 23. Line Transient Response



Y1: OUTPUT CURRENT, Y2: OUTPUT VOLTAGE



	-	$\bigcap$		Y1
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– V <sub>in</sub> = 3.8 V			 	 Y2
Y1 = 50 mA/div		$\mathbf{I}$		
Y2 = 20 mV/div X = 100 μs				
T <sub>amb</sub> = 25°C	-			

Y1: OUTPUT CURRENT, Y2: OUTPUT VOLTAGE





Y1: OUTPUT CURRENT, Y2: OUTPUT VOLTAGE

Figure 25.  $I_{Slope}$  = 100 mA/µs (Large Scale)  $I_{out} = 3.0 \text{ mA}$  to 150 mA



Y1: OUTPUT CURRENT, Y2: OUTPUT VOLTAGE

Figure 27.  $I_{Slope}$  = 2.0 mA/µs (Large Scale) l<sub>out</sub> = 3.0 mA to 150 mA





### **ORDERING INFORMATION**

Device	Version	Marking	Package	Shipping <sup>†</sup>
NCP623DM-28R2G	2.8 V	LJA	Micro8 (Pb–Free)	
NCP623DM-30R2G	3.0 V	LBJ	Micro8 (Pb–Free)	
NCP623DM-33R2G	3.3 V	LFW	Micro8 (Pb–Free)	4000 Tape & Reel
NCP623DM-40R2	4.0 V	LGN	Micro8	
NCP623DM-40R2G	4.0 V	LGN	Micro8 (Pb–Free)	
NCP623DM-50R2G	5.0 V	LFX	Micro8 (Pb–Free)	
NCP623MN-25R2G	2.5 V	25	DFN6, 3x3 (Pb–Free)	
NCP623MN-28R2G	2.8 V	28	DFN6, 3x3 (Pb–Free)	
NCP623MN-30R2G	3.0 V	30	DFN6, 3x3 (Pb–Free)	
NCP623MN-33R2	3.3 V	33	DFN6, 3x3	
NCP623MN-33R2G	3.3 V	33	DFN6, 3x3 (Pb–Free)	3000 Tape & Reel
NCP623MN-40R2	4.0 V	40	DFN6, 3x3	
NCP623MN-40R2G	4.0 V	40	DFN6, 3x3 (Pb–Free)	
NCP623MN-50R2G	5.0 V	50	DFN6, 3x3 (Pb–Free)	

+For information on tape and reel specifications, including part orientation and tape sizes, please refer to our Tape and Reel Packaging Specifications Brochure, BRD8011/D.

### **PACKAGE DIMENSIONS**

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NOTES:

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	М	ILLIMETE	RS	INCHES				
DIM	MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX		
Α			1.10			0.043		
A1	0.05	0.08	0.15	0.002	0.003	0.006		
b	0.25	0.33	0.40	0.010	0.013	0.016		
с	0.13	0.18	0.23	0.005	0.007	0.009		
D	2.90	3.00	3.10	0.114	0.118	0.122		
E	2.90	3.00	3.10	0.114	0.118	0.122		
е		0.65 BSC		0.026 BSC				
L	0.40	0.55	0.70	0.016	0.021	0.028		
HE	4.75	4.90	5.05	0.187	0.193	0.199		

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\*For additional information on our Pb-Free strategy and soldering details, please download the ON Semiconductor Soldering and Mounting Techniques Reference Manual, SOLDERRM/D.

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