

# μA7900 SERIES

## 3-TERMINAL NEGATIVE VOLTAGE REGULATORS

### FAIRCHILD LINEAR INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION** — The μA7900 series of monolithic 3-Terminal Negative Regulators is manufactured using the Fairchild Planar® epitaxial process. These negative regulators are intended as complements to the popular μA7800 series of positive voltage regulators, and they are available in the same voltage options from -5 to -24 V. The 7900s employ internal current limiting, safe-area protection, and thermal shutdown, making them virtually indestructible.

- OUTPUT CURRENT IN EXCESS OF 1 A
- INTERNAL THERMAL OVERLOAD PROTECTION
- INTERNAL SHORT CIRCUIT CURRENT LIMITING
- OUTPUT TRANSISTOR SAFE AREA COMPENSATION
- AVAILABLE IN THE TO-220 AND THE TO-3 PACKAGE
- OUTPUT VOLTAGES ARE 5, 6, 8, 12, 15, 18 AND 24 V

#### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

##### Input Voltage

(5 V through 18 V)  
(24 V)

-35 V

-40 V

Internally Limited

##### Internal Power Dissipation

##### Storage Temperature Range

TO-3 (Al. or Steel)  
TO-220

-65°C to +150°C

-55°C to +150°C

##### Operating Junction Temperature Range

Military (μA7900)  
Commercial (μA7900C)

-55°C to +150°C

0°C to +150°C

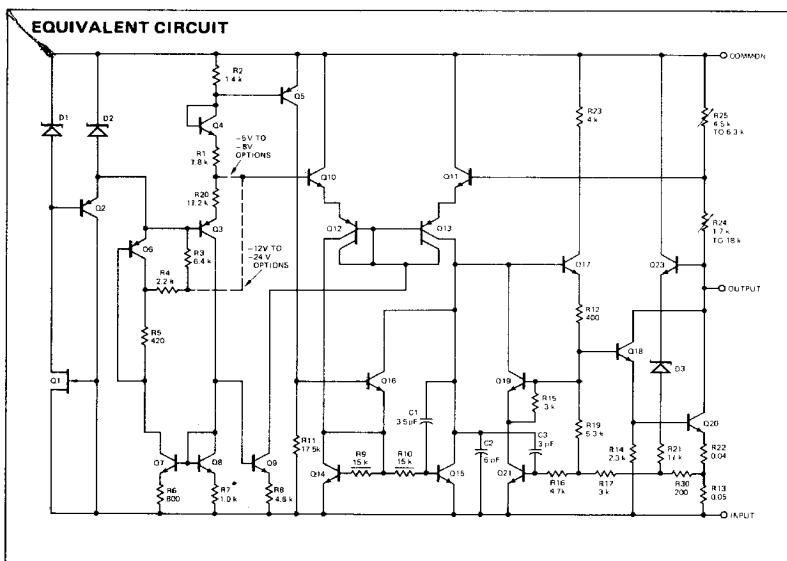
##### Lead Temperature

TO-3 (Soldering, 60 s)  
TO-220 (Soldering, 10 s)

300°C

230°C

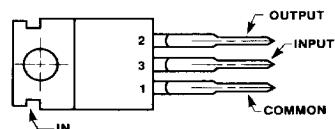
NOTE: The convention for Negative Regulators is the Algebraic value, thus -15 is less than -10 V.



\*Planar is a patented Fairchild process.

#### CONNECTION DIAGRAMS

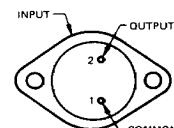
##### TO-220 PACKAGE (TOP VIEW)



#### ORDER INFORMATION

OUTPUT VOLTAGE	TYPE	PART NO.
-5 V	μA7905C	μA7905C
-6 V	μA7906C	μA7906C
-8 V	μA7908C	μA7908C
-12 V	μA7912C	μA7912C
-15 V	μA7915C	μA7915C
-18 V	μA7918C	μA7918C
-24 V	μA7924C	μA7924C

##### TO-3 PACKAGE (TOP VIEW)



#### ORDER INFORMATION

OUTPUT VOLTAGE	TYPE	PART NO.
-5 V	μA7905	μA7905KM
-6 V	μA7906	μA7906KM
-8 V	μA7908	μA7908KM
-12 V	μA7912	μA7912KM
-15 V	μA7915	μA7915KM
-18 V	μA7918	μA7918KM
-24 V	μA7924	μA7924KM
-5 V	μA7905C	μA7905KC
-6 V	μA7906C	μA7906KC
-8 V	μA7908C	μA7908KC
-12 V	μA7912C	μA7912KC
-15 V	μA7915C	μA7915KC
-18 V	μA7918C	μA7918KC
-24 V	μA7924C	μA7924KC

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## μA7908

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**  $V_{IN} = -14 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 500 \text{ mA}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $-55^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

CHARACTERISTICS	CONDITIONS (Note 1)		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Output Voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		-7.7	-8.0	-8.3	V
Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$-10.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -25 \text{ V}$		6.0	80	mV
		$-11 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -17 \text{ V}$		2.0	40	mV
Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5 \text{ A}$		12	80	mV
		$250 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 750 \text{ mA}$		4.0	40	mV
Output Voltage		$-11.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -23 \text{ V}$				
		$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$	-7.6	57	-8.4	V
		$P \leq 15 \text{ W}$				
Quiescent Current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.0	2.0	mA
Quiescent Current Change	with line	$-11.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -25 \text{ V}$			1.0	mA
	with load	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$			0.5	mA
Output Noise Voltage		$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}, 10 \text{ Hz} \leq f \leq 100 \text{ kHz}$		25	80	$\mu\text{V}/\text{V}_{OUT}$
Ripple Rejection		$f = 120 \text{ Hz}, -11.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -21.5 \text{ V}$	54	60		dB
Dropout Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 1.0 \text{ A}, T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.1	2.3
Peak Output Current		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		1.3	2.1	A
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 5 \text{ mA}, -55^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ\text{C}$			0.3	$\text{mV}^\circ\text{C}/\text{V}_{OUT}$
Short Circuit Current		$V_{IN} = -35 \text{ V}, T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.2	A

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## μA7908C

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**  $V_{IN} = -14 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 500 \text{ mA}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

CHARACTERISTICS	CONDITIONS (Note 1)		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Output Voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		-7.7	-8.0	-8.3	V
Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$-10.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -25 \text{ V}$		6.0	160	mV
		$-11 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -17 \text{ V}$		2.0	80	mV
Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5 \text{ A}$		12	160	mV
		$250 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 750 \text{ mA}$		4.0	80	mV
Output Voltage		$-10.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -23 \text{ V}$				
		$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$	-7.6	52	-8.4	V
		$P \leq 15 \text{ W}$				
Quiescent Current		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		1.0	2.0	mA
Quiescent Current Change	with line	$-10.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -25 \text{ V}$			1.0	mA
	with load	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$			0.5	mA
Output Noise Voltage		$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}, 10 \text{ Hz} \leq f \leq 100 \text{ kHz}$		200		$\mu\text{V}$
Ripple Rejection		$f = 120 \text{ Hz}, -11.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -21.5 \text{ V}$	54	60		dB
Dropout Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 1.0 \text{ A}, T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.1	V
Peak Output Current		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			2.1	A
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 5 \text{ mA}, 0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$			-0.6	$\text{mV}^\circ\text{C}$

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NOTE:

- All characteristics except noise voltage and ripple rejection ratio are measured using pulse techniques ( $t_w \leq 10 \text{ ms}$ , duty cycle  $\leq 5\%$ ). Output voltage changes due to changes in internal temperature must be taken into account separately.

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## $\mu$ A7912

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**  $V_{IN} = -19 V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 500 mA$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2 \mu F$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu F$ ,  $-55^\circ C \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ C$ , unless otherwise specified.

CHARACTERISTICS		CONDITIONS (Note 1)		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
Output Voltage		$T_J = 25^\circ C$		-11.5	-12.0	-12.5	V	
Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	$-14.5 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -30 V$			10	120	mV	
		$-16 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -22 V$			3.0	60	mV	
Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	$5 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5 A$			12	120	mV	
		$250 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 750 mA$			4.0	60	mV	
Output Voltage		$-15.5 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -27 V$		-11.4	12.6	12.6	V	
Quiescent Current		$5 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 A$						
Quiescent Current Change	with line	$-15 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -30 V$			1.5	3.0	mA	
	with load	$5 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 A$				0.5	mA	
Output Noise Voltage		$T_A = 25^\circ C$ , $10 Hz \leq f \leq 100 kHz$			25	80	$\mu V/V_{OUT}$	
Ripple Rejection		$f = 120 Hz$ , $-15 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -25 V$		54	60		dB	
Dropout Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 1.0 A$ , $T_J = 25^\circ C$				1.1	2.3	
Peak Output Current		$T_J = 25^\circ C$			1.3	2.1	A	
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 5 mA$ , $-55^\circ C \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ C$				0.3	$mV/^\circ C/V_{OUT}$	
Short Circuit Current		$V_{IN} = -35 V$ , $T_J = 25^\circ C$				1.2	A	

## $\mu$ A7912C

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**  $V_{IN} = -19 V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 500 mA$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2 \mu F$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu F$ ,  $0^\circ C \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ C$ , unless otherwise specified.

CHARACTERISTICS		CONDITIONS (Note 1)		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
Output Voltage		$T_J = 25^\circ C$		-11.5	-12.0	-12.5	V	
Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	$-14.5 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -30 V$			10	240	mV	
		$-16 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -22 V$			3.0	120	mV	
Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	$5 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5 A$			12	240	mV	
		$250 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 750 mA$			4.0	120	mV	
Output Voltage		$-14.5 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -27 V$		-11.4	12.6	12.6	V	
Quiescent Current		$5 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 A$						
Quiescent Current Change	with line	$-14.5 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -30 V$				1.0	mA	
	with load	$5 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 A$				0.5	mA	
Output Noise Voltage		$T_A = 25^\circ C$ , $10 Hz \leq f \leq 100 kHz$			300		$\mu V$	
Ripple Rejection		$f = 120 Hz$ , $-15 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -25 V$		54	60		dB	
Dropout Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 1.0 A$ , $T_J = 25^\circ C$				1.1	V	
Peak Output Current		$T_J = 25^\circ C$				2.1	A	
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 5 mA$ , $0^\circ C \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ C$				-0.8	$mV/^\circ C$	

NOTE:

- All characteristics except noise voltage and ripple rejection ratio are measured using pulse techniques ( $t_w \leq 10 ms$ , duty cycle  $\leq 5\%$ ). Output voltage changes due to changes in internal temperature must be taken into account separately.

## μA7905

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**  $V_{IN} = -10 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 500 \text{ mA}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $-55^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

CHARACTERISTICS		CONDITIONS (Note 1)		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Output Voltage		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		-4.8	-5.0	-5.2	V
Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$-7 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -25 \text{ V}$		3	50	mV	
		$-8 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -12 \text{ V}$		1	25	mV	
Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5 \text{ A}$		15	50	mV	
		$250 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 750 \text{ mA}$		5	25	mV	
Output Voltage		$-8.0 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -20 \text{ V}$		-4.70	(6%)	-5.30	V
Quiescent Current		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.0	2.0	mA
Quiescent Current Change	with line	$-8 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -25 \text{ V}$				1.3	mA
	with load	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$				0.5	mA
Output Noise Voltage		$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}, 10 \text{ Hz} \leq f \leq 100 \text{ kHz}$			25	80	$\mu\text{V}/V_{OUT}$
Ripple Rejection		$f = 120 \text{ Hz}, -8 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -18 \text{ V}$		54	60		dB
Dropout Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 1.0 \text{ A}, T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.1	2.3	V
Peak Output Current		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.3	2.1	A
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 5 \text{ mA}, -55^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ\text{C}$				0.3	$\text{mV}/^\circ\text{C}$
Short Circuit Current		$V_{IN} = -35 \text{ V}, T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$				1.2	A

## μA7905C

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**  $V_{IN} = -10 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 500 \text{ mA}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

CHARACTERISTICS		CONDITIONS (Note 1)		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Output Voltage		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		-4.8	-5.0	-5.2	V
Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$-7 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -25 \text{ V}$		3.0	100	mV	
		$-8 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -12 \text{ V}$		1.0	50	mV	
Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5 \text{ A}$		15	100	mV	
		$250 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 750 \text{ mA}$		5.0	50	mV	
Output Voltage		$-7 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -20 \text{ V}$		-4.75	5.0	-5.25	V
Quiescent Current		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.0	2.0	mA
Quiescent Current Change	with line	$-7 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -25 \text{ V}$				1.3	mA
	with load	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$				0.5	mA
Output Noise Voltage		$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}, 10 \text{ Hz} \leq f \leq 100 \text{ kHz}$			125		$\mu\text{V}$
Ripple Rejection		$f = 120 \text{ Hz}, -8 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -18 \text{ V}$		54	60		dB
Dropout Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 1.0 \text{ A}, T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.1		V
Peak Output Current		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			2.1		A
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 5 \text{ mA}, 0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$			-0.4		$\text{mV}/^\circ\text{C}$

## NOTE:

- All characteristics except noise voltage and ripple rejection ratio are measured using pulse techniques ( $t_w \leq 10 \text{ ms}$ , duty cycle  $\leq 5\%$ ). Output voltage changes due to changes in internal temperature must be taken into account separately.

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## $\mu$ A7906

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**  $V_{IN} = -11 V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 500 mA$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2 \mu F$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu F$ ,  $-55^\circ C \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ C$ , unless otherwise specified.

CHARACTERISTICS		CONDITIONS (Note 1)		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Output Voltage		$T_J = 25^\circ C$		-5.75	-6.0	-6.25	V
Line Regulation		$T_J = 25^\circ C$	$-8 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -25 V$		5.0	(60)	mV
			$-9 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -13 V$		1.5	30	mV
Load Regulation		$T_J = 25^\circ C$	$5 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5 A$		14	60	mV
			$250 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 750 mA$		4.0	30	mV
Output Voltage			$-9 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -21 V$				
			$5 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 A$	-5.65	(5.60)	-6.35	V
			$p \leq 15 W$				
Quiescent Current		$T_J = 25^\circ C$			1.0	2.0	mA
Quiescent Current Change	with line		$-9 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -25 V$			1.3	mA
	with load		$5 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 A$			0.5	mA
Output Noise Voltage			$T_A = 25^\circ C$ , $10 Hz \leq f \leq 100 kHz$		25	80	$\mu V/V_{OUT}$
Ripple Rejection			$f = 120 Hz$ , $-9 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -19 V$	54	60		dB
Dropout Voltage			$I_{OUT} = 1.0 A$ , $T_J = 25^\circ C$		1.1	2.3	V
Peak Output Current			$T_J = 25^\circ C$		1.3	2.1	A
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage			$I_{OUT} = 5 mA$ , $-55^\circ C \leq T_J \leq +150^\circ C$			0.3	$mV^\circ C/V_{OUT}$
Short Circuit Current			$V_{IN} = -35 V$ , $T_J = 25^\circ C$			1.2	A

## $\mu$ A7906C

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**  $V_{IN} = -11 V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 500 mA$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2 \mu F$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu F$ ,  $0^\circ C \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ C$ , unless otherwise specified.

CHARACTERISTICS		CONDITIONS (Note 1)		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Output Voltage		$T_J = 25^\circ C$		-5.75	-6.0	-6.25	V
Line Regulation		$T_J = 25^\circ C$	$-8 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -25 V$		5.0	120	-mV
			$-9 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -13 V$		1.5	60	mV
Load Regulation		$T_J = 25^\circ C$	$5 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5 A$		14	120	mV
			$250 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 750 mA$		4.0	60	mV
Output Voltage			$-8 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -21 V$				
			$5 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 A$	-5.7		-6.3	V
			$p \leq 15 W$				
Quiescent Current		$T_J = 25^\circ C$			1.0	2.0	mA
Quiescent Current Change	with line		$-8 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -25 V$			1.3	mA
	with load		$5 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 A$			0.5	mA
Output Noise Voltage			$T_A = 25^\circ C$ , $10 Hz \leq f \leq 100 kHz$		150		$\mu V$
Ripple Rejection			$f = 120 Hz$ , $-9 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -19 V$	54	60		dB
Dropout Voltage			$I_{OUT} = 1.0 A$ , $T_J = 25^\circ C$		1.1		V
Peak Output Current			$T_J = 25^\circ C$		2.1		A
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage			$I_{OUT} = 5 mA$ , $0^\circ C \leq V_{IN} \leq 125^\circ C$		-0.4		$mV^\circ C$

NOTE:

- All characteristics except noise voltage and ripple rejection ratio are measured using pulse techniques ( $t_w \leq 10 ms$ , duty cycle  $\leq 5\%$ ). Output voltage changes due to changes in internal temperature must be taken into account separately.

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**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**  $V_{IN} = -23 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 500 \text{ mA}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $-55^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

CHARACTERISTICS		CONDITIONS (Note 1)		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
Output Voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			-14.4	-15.0	-15.6	V	
Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$-17.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -30 \text{ V}$			11	150	mV	
		$-20 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -26 \text{ V}$			3.0	75	mV	
Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5 \text{ A}$			12	150	mV	
		$250 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 750 \text{ mA}$			4.0	75	mV	
Output Voltage		$-18.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -30 \text{ V}$						
		$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$		-14.25	58	-15.75	V	
Quiescent Current		$p \leq 15 \text{ W}$						
Quiescent Current Change	with line	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$				1.5	3.0	mA
	with load	$-18.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -30 \text{ V}$				1.0	mA	
		$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$				0.5	mA	
Output Noise Voltage		$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}, 10 \text{ Hz} \leq f \leq 100 \text{ kHz}$				25	80	$\mu\text{A}/V_{OUT}$
Ripple Rejection		$f = 120 \text{ Hz}, -18.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -28.5 \text{ V}$		54	60		dB	
Dropout Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 1.0 \text{ A}, T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$				1.1	2.3	V
Peak Output Current		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.3	2.1	3.3	A
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 5 \text{ mA}, -55^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ\text{C}$				-1.0	1.3	$\text{mV}^\circ\text{C}/V_{OUT}$
Short Circuit Current		$V_{IN} = -35 \text{ V}, T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$				1.2		A

## μA7915C

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**  $V_{IN} = -23 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 500 \text{ mA}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

CHARACTERISTICS		CONDITIONS (Note 1)		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
Output Voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			-14.4	-15.0	-15.6	V	
Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$-17.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -30 \text{ V}$			11	300	mV	
		$-20 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -26 \text{ V}$			3.0	150	mV	
Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5 \text{ A}$			12	300	mV	
		$250 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 750 \text{ mA}$			4.0	150	mV	
Output Voltage		$-17.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -30 \text{ V}$						
		$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$		-14.25	58	-15.75	V	
Quiescent Current		$p \leq 15 \text{ W}$						
Quiescent Current Change	with line	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$				1.5	3.0	mA
	with load	$-17.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -30 \text{ V}$				1.0	mA	
		$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$				0.5	mA	
Output Noise Voltage		$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}, 10 \text{ Hz} \leq f \leq 100 \text{ kHz}$				375		$\mu\text{V}$
Ripple Rejection		$f = 120 \text{ Hz}, -18.5 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -28.5 \text{ V}$		54	60		dB	
Dropout Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 1.0 \text{ A}, T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$				1.1		V
Peak Output Current		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$				2.1		A
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 5 \text{ mA}, 0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$				-1.0		$\text{mV}^\circ\text{C}$

## NOTE:

- All characteristics except noise voltage and ripple rejection ratio are measured using pulse techniques ( $t_w \leq 10 \text{ ms}$ , duty cycle  $\leq 5\%$ ). Output voltage changes due to changes in internal temperature must be taken into account separately.

## μA7918

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:  $V_{IN} = -27 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 500 \text{ mA}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $-55^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

CHARACTERISTICS		CONDITIONS (Note 1)		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Output Voltage		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		-17.3	-18.0	-18.7	V
Line Regulation		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$-21 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -33 \text{ V}$		15	180	mV
			$-24 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -30 \text{ V}$		5.0	90	mV
Load Regulation		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5 \text{ A}$		12	180	mV
			$250 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 750 \text{ mA}$		4.0	90	mV
Output Voltage			$-22 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -33 \text{ V}$				
			$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$	-17.1	50	-18.9	V
			$p \leq 15 \text{ W}$				
Quiescent Current		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.5	3.0	mA
Quiescent Current Change	with line		$-22 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -33 \text{ V}$			1.0	mA
	with load		$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$			0.5	mA
Output Noise Voltage			$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}, 10 \text{ Hz} \leq f \leq 100 \text{ kHz}$		25	80	$\mu\text{V}/V_{OUT}$
Ripple Rejection			$f = 120 \text{ Hz}, -22 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -32 \text{ V}$	54	60		dB
Dropout Voltage			$I_{OUT} = 1.0 \text{ A}, T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.1	V
Peak Output Current			$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		1.3	2.1	A
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage			$I_{OUT} = 5 \text{ mA}, 0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ\text{C}$			0.3	$\text{mV}^\circ\text{C}/V_{OUT}$
Short Circuit Current			$V_{IN} = -35 \text{ V}, T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.2	A

## μA7918C

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:  $V_{IN} = -27 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 500 \text{ mA}$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

CHARACTERISTICS		CONDITIONS (Note 1)		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Output Voltage		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		-17.3	-18.0	-18.7	V
Line Regulation		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$-21 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -33 \text{ V}$		15	360	mV
			$-24 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -30 \text{ V}$		5.0	180	mV
Load Regulation		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5 \text{ A}$		12	360	mV
			$250 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 750 \text{ mA}$		4.0	180	mV
Output Voltage			$-21 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -33 \text{ V}$				
			$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$	-17.1	50	-18.9	V
			$p \leq 15 \text{ W}$				
Quiescent Current		$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.5	3.0	mA
Quiescent Current Change	with line		$-21 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -33 \text{ V}$			1.0	mA
	with load		$5 \text{ mA} \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 \text{ A}$			0.5	mA
Output Noise Voltage			$T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}, 10 \text{ Hz} \leq f \leq 100 \text{ kHz}$		450		$\mu\text{V}$
Ripple Rejection			$f = 120 \text{ Hz}, -22 \text{ V} \leq V_{IN} \leq -32 \text{ V}$	54	60		dB
Dropout Voltage			$I_{OUT} = 1.0 \text{ A}, T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			1.1	V
Peak Output Current			$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			2.1	A
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage			$I_{OUT} = 5 \text{ mA}, 0^\circ\text{C} \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ\text{C}$			-1.0	$\text{mV}^\circ\text{C}$

## NOTE:

- All characteristics except noise voltage and ripple rejection ratio are measured using pulse techniques ( $t_W \leq 10 \text{ ms}$ , duty cycle  $\leq 5\%$ ). Output voltage changes due to changes in internal temperature must be taken into account separately.

$\mu$ A7924

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**  $V_{IN} = -33 V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 500 mA$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2 \mu F$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu F$ ,  $-55^\circ C \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ C$ , unless otherwise specified.

CHARACTERISTICS		CONDITIONS (Note 1)		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
Output Voltage		$T_J = 25^\circ C$		-23.0	-24.0	-25.0	V	
Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	-27 V $\leq V_{IN} \leq -38 V$			18	240	mV	
		-30 V $\leq V_{IN} \leq -36 V$			6.0	120	mV	
Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	5 mA $\leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5 A$			12	240	mV	
		250 mA $\leq I_{OUT} \leq 750 mA$			4.0	120	mV	
Output Voltage		$-28 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -38 V$		-22.8		-25.2	V	
Quiescent Current		$5 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 A$ $p \leq 15 W$						
Quiescent Current Change	with line	$-28 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -38 V$				1.0	mA	
	with load	5 mA $\leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 A$				0.5	mA	
Output Noise Voltage		$T_A = 25^\circ C$ , 10 Hz $\leq f \leq 100 kHz$			25	80	$\mu V/V_{OUT}$	
Ripple Rejection		$f = 120 Hz$ , $-28 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -38 V$		54	60		dB	
Dropout Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 1.0 A$ , $T_J = 25^\circ C$				1.1	2.3	
Peak Output Current		$T_J = 25^\circ C$			1.3	2.1	A	
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 5 mA$ , $0^\circ C \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ C$				0.3	$mV/^\circ C/V_{OUT}$	
Short Circuit Current		$V_{IN} = -35 V$ , $T_J = 25^\circ C$				1.2	A	

 $\mu$ A7924C

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**  $V_{IN} = -33 V$ ,  $I_{OUT} = 500 mA$ ,  $C_{IN} = 2 \mu F$ ,  $C_{OUT} = 1 \mu F$ ,  $0^\circ C \leq T_J \leq 150^\circ C$ , unless otherwise specified.

CHARACTERISTICS		CONDITIONS (Note 1)		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
Output Voltage		$T_J = 25^\circ C$		-23.0	-24.0	-25.0	V	
Line Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	-27 V $\leq V_{IN} \leq -38 V$			18	480	mV	
		-30 V $\leq V_{IN} \leq -36 V$			6.0	240	mV	
Load Regulation	$T_J = 25^\circ C$	5 mA $\leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.5 A$			12	480	mV	
		250 mA $\leq I_{OUT} \leq 750 mA$			4.0	240	mV	
Output Voltage		$-27 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -38 V$		-22.8		-25.2	V	
Quiescent Current		$5 mA \leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 A$ $p \leq 15 W$						
Quiescent Current Change	with line	$-27 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -38 V$				1.0	mA	
	with load	5 mA $\leq I_{OUT} \leq 1.0 A$				0.5	mA	
Output Noise Voltage		$T_A = 25^\circ C$ , 10 Hz $\leq f \leq 100 kHz$			600		$\mu V$	
Ripple Rejection		$f = 120 Hz$ , $-28 V \leq V_{IN} \leq -38 V$		54	60		dB	
Dropout Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 1.0 A$ , $T_J = 25^\circ C$				1.1	V	
Peak Output Current		$T_J = 25^\circ C$				2.1	A	
Average Temperature Coefficient of Output Voltage		$I_{OUT} = 5 mA$ , $0^\circ C \leq T_J \leq 125^\circ C$				-1.0	$mV/^\circ C$	

## NOTE:

- All characteristics except noise voltage and ripple rejection ratio are measured using pulse techniques ( $t_w \leq 10 ms$ , duty cycle  $\leq 5\%$ ). Output voltage changes due to changes in internal temperature must be taken into account separately.

## DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

The μA7900 fixed voltage regulator series has thermal overload protection from excessive power, internal short circuit protection which limits the circuit's maximum current, and output transistor safe area compensation for reducing the output current as the voltage across the pass transistor is increased.

Although the internal power dissipation is limited, the junction temperature must be kept below the maximum specified temperature (150°C for 7900, 125°C for 7900C) in order to meet data sheet specifications. To calculate the maximum junction temperature or heat sink required, the following thermal resistance values should be used:

Package	TYP	MAX	TYP	MAX
	$\theta_{JC}$	$\theta_{JC}$	$\theta_{JA}$	$\theta_{JA}$
TO-3	3.5°C/W	5.5°C/W	40°C/W	45°C/W
TO-220	3.0°C/W	5.0°C/W	60°C/W	65°C/W

$$P_D(\text{MAX}) = \frac{T_J(\text{MAX}) - T_A}{\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CA}} \text{ or } \frac{T_J(\text{MAX}) - T_A}{\theta_{JA}} \quad (\text{Without a heat sink})$$

$$\theta_{CA} = \theta_{CS} + \theta_{SA}$$

$$\text{Solving for } T_J: T_J = T_A + P_D(\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CA}) \text{ or } T_A + P_D\theta_{JA} \quad (\text{Without heat sink})$$

Where  $T_J$  = Junction Temperature

$\theta_{JC}$  = Junction to Case Thermal Resistance

$T_A$  = Ambient Temperature

$\theta_{CA}$  = Case to Ambient Thermal Resistance

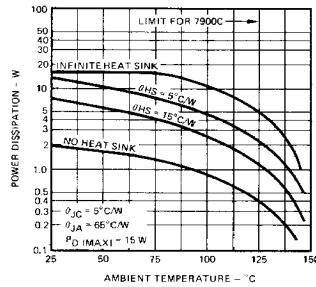
$P_D$  = Power Dissipation

$\theta_{CS}$  = Case to Heat Sink Thermal Resistance

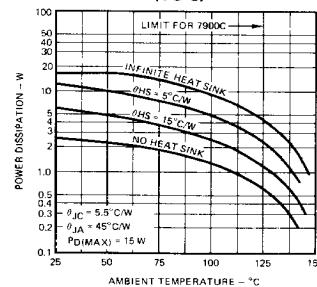
$\theta_{JA}$  = Junction to Ambient Thermal Resistance

$\theta_{SA}$  = Heat Sink to Ambient Thermal Resistance

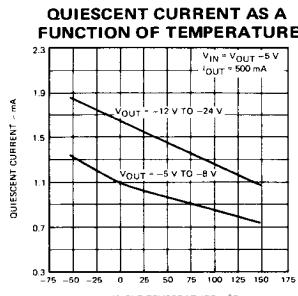
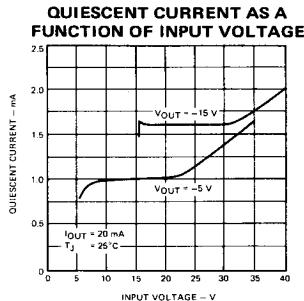
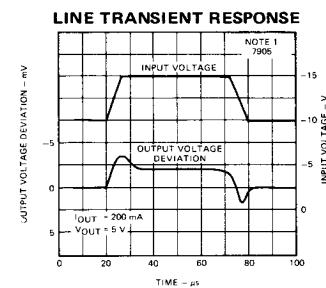
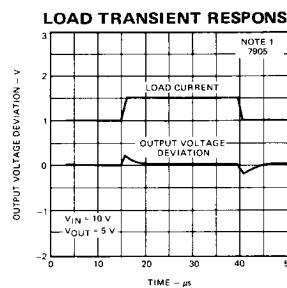
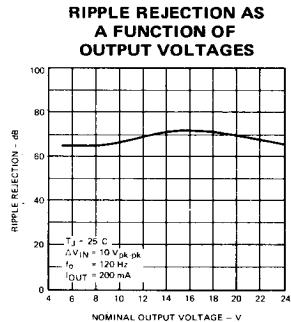
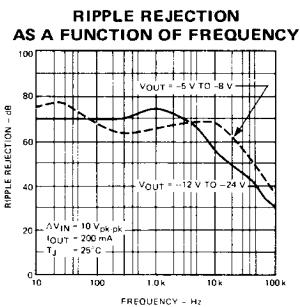
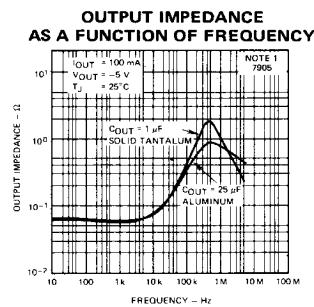
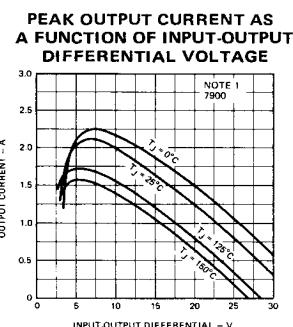
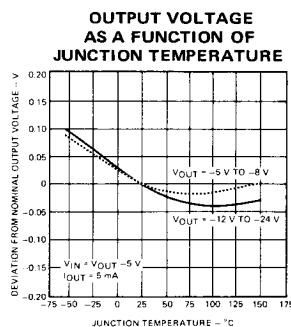
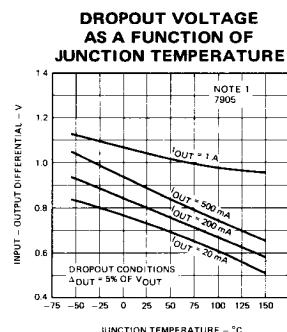
WORST CASE POWER DISSIPATION  
AS A FUNCTION OF  
AMBIENT TEMPERATURE  
(TO-220)



WORST CASE POWER DISSIPATION  
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(TO-3)



## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES

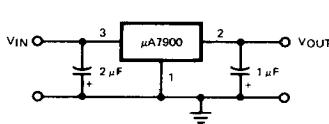


NOTE 1: The other μA7900 series devices have similar performance curves.

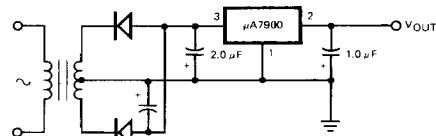
## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

Bypass capacitors are recommended for stable operation of the μA7900 series of regulators over the input voltage and output current ranges. Output bypass capacitors will improve the transient response of the regulator.

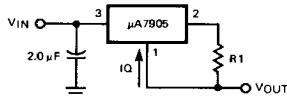
The bypass capacitors, (2 μF on the input, 1 μF on the output) should be ceramic or solid tantalum which have good high frequency characteristics. If aluminum electrolytics are used, their values should be 10 μF or larger. The bypass capacitors should be mounted with the shortest leads, and if possible, directly across the regulator terminals.



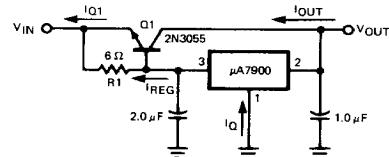
FIXED OUTPUT REGULATOR



NEGATIVE OUTPUT VOLTAGE CIRCUIT



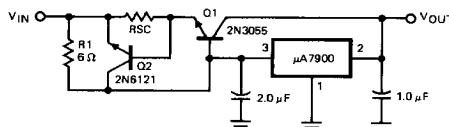
$$\text{OUTPUT CURRENT} = \frac{5.0 \text{ V}}{R_1} + I_Q$$



$$R_1 = \frac{V_{BE}(Q1)}{I_{REG}} \quad I_{Q1} = \beta(Q1) I_{REG}$$

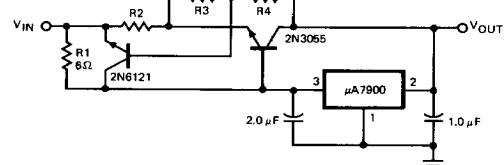
BASIC CURRENT REGULATOR

HIGH CURRENT VOLTAGE REGULATOR

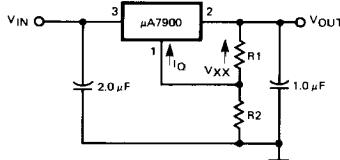


$$R_{SC} = \frac{V_{BE}(Q2)}{I_{SC}}$$

HIGH OUTPUT CURRENT, SHORT CIRCUIT PROTECTED

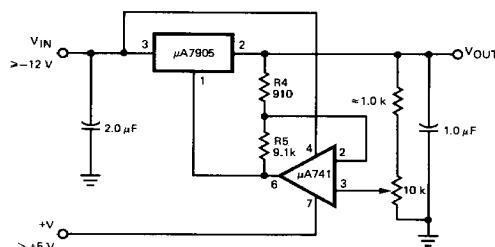


HIGH OUTPUT CURRENT, FOLDBACK CURRENT LIMITED



$$|V_{OUT}| = V_{XX} \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) + I_Q R_2$$

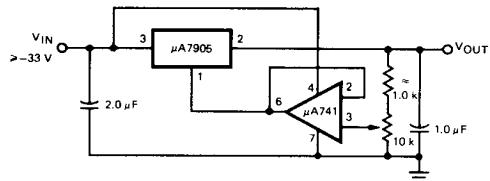
VARIABLE OUTPUT VOLTAGE REGULATOR



VARIABLE OUTPUT VOLTAGE, -0.5 V TO -10 V

## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS (Cont'd)

## VARIABLE OUTPUT VOLTAGE, -30 V TO -7 V

OPERATIONAL AMPLIFIER SUPPLY ( $\pm 15\text{ V} @ 1.0\text{ A}$ )