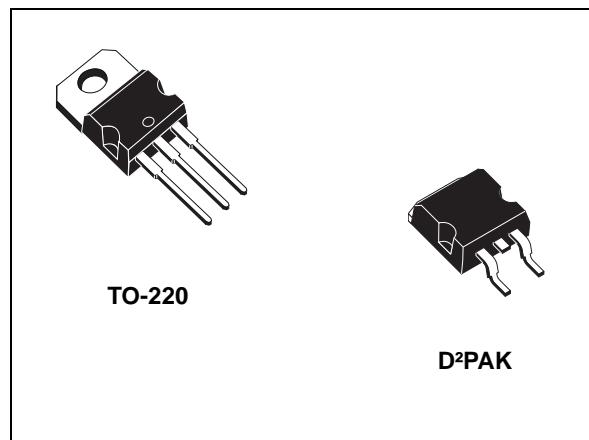


## 1.5 A very low drop voltage regulator IC

Datasheet - production data



**Table 1. Device summary**

Order code		Output voltages
TO-220	D <sup>2</sup> PAK	
L4940V5	L4940D2T5-TR	5 V
L4940V85		8.5 V
	L4940D2T12-TR	12 V

## Features

- Precise 5, 8.5, 12 V outputs
- Low dropout voltage (450 mV typ. at 1 A)
- Very low quiescent current
- Thermal shutdown
- Short-circuit protection
- Reverse polarity protection

## Description

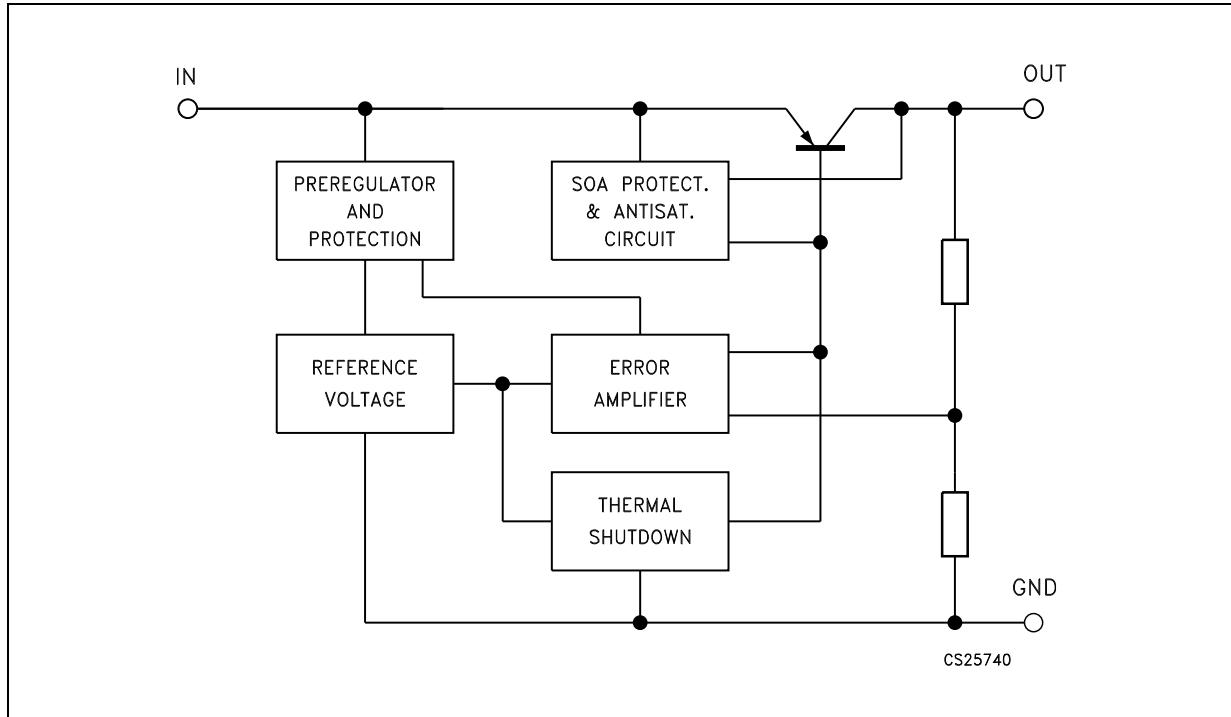
The L4940 series of three-terminal positive regulators is available in TO-220 and D<sup>2</sup>PAK packages and with several fixed output voltages, making it useful in a wide range of industrial and consumer applications. Thanks to their very low input/output voltage drop, these devices are particularly suitable for battery-powered equipment, reducing consumption and prolonging battery-life. Each type employs internal current limiting, anti-saturation circuit, thermal shutdown and safe area protection.

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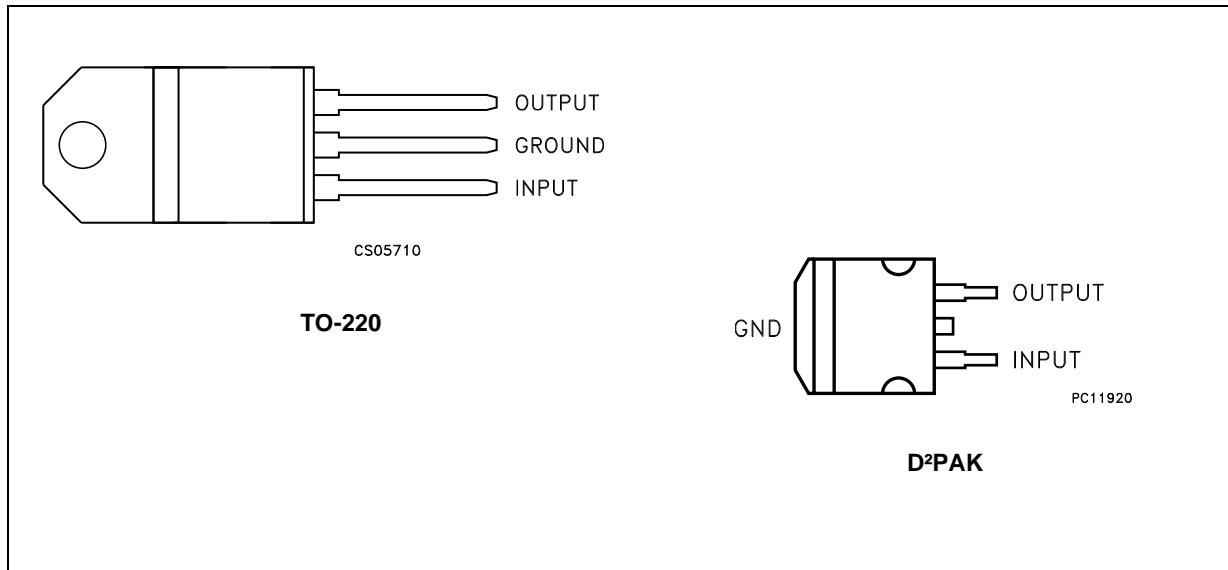
# 1 Block diagram

Figure 1. Block diagram



## 2 Pin configuration

Figure 2. Pin connections (top view)



### 3 Maximum ratings

**Table 2. Absolute maximum ratings**

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
$V_I$	Forward input voltage	30	V
$V_{IR}$	Reverse input voltage	$V_O = 5 \text{ V}, R_O = 100 \Omega$	-15
		$V_O = 8.5 \text{ V}, R_O = 180 \Omega$	-15
		$V_O = 12 \text{ V}, R_O = 240 \Omega$	-15
$I_O$	Output current	Internally limited	mA
$P_D$	Power dissipation	Internally limited	mW
$T_{stg}$	Storage temperature range	-40 to +150	°C
$T_{op}$	Operating junction temperature range	-40 to +150	°C

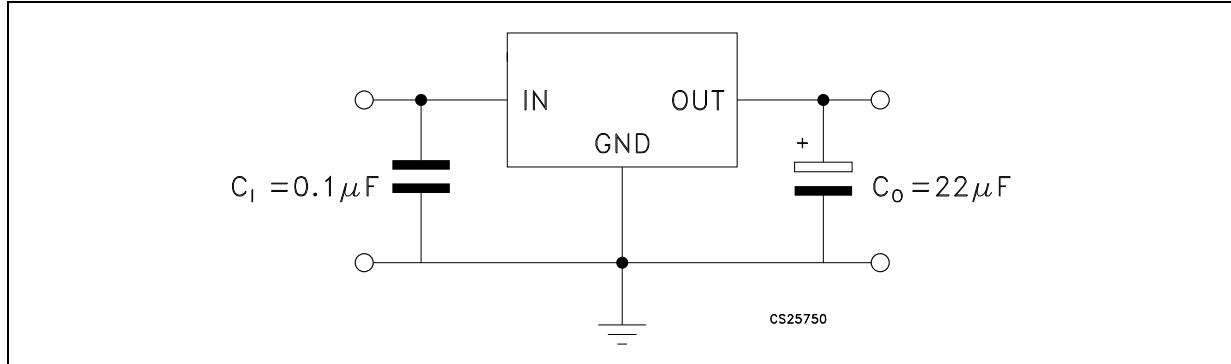
**Note:** *Absolute maximum ratings are those values beyond which damage to the device may occur. Functional operation under these conditions is not implied.*

**Table 3. Thermal data**

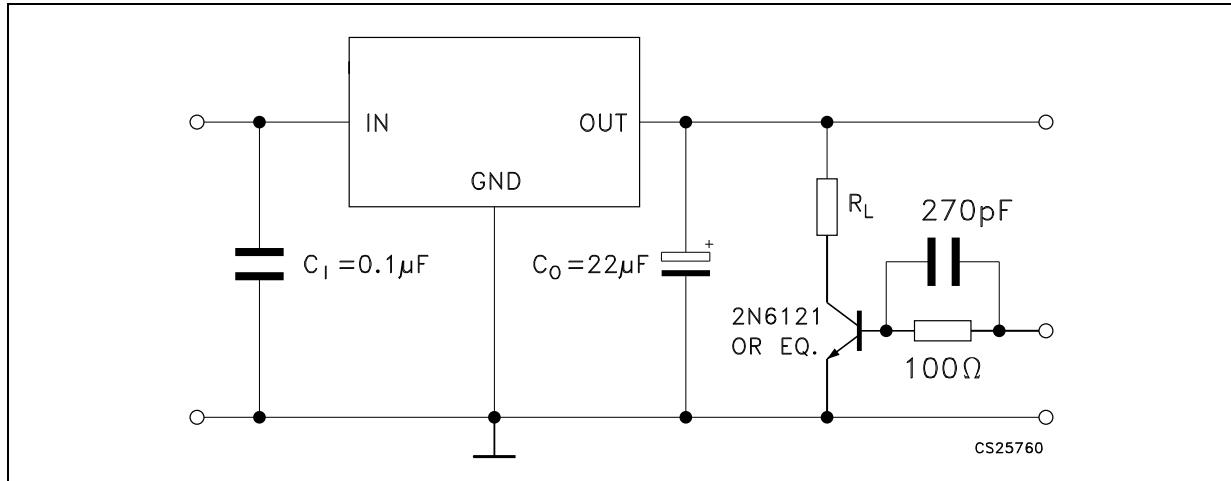
Symbol	Parameter	TO-220	D <sup>2</sup> PAK	Unit
$R_{thJC}$	Thermal resistance junction-case	3	3	°C/W
$R_{thJA}$	Thermal resistance junction-ambient	50	62.5	°C/W

## 4 Test circuits

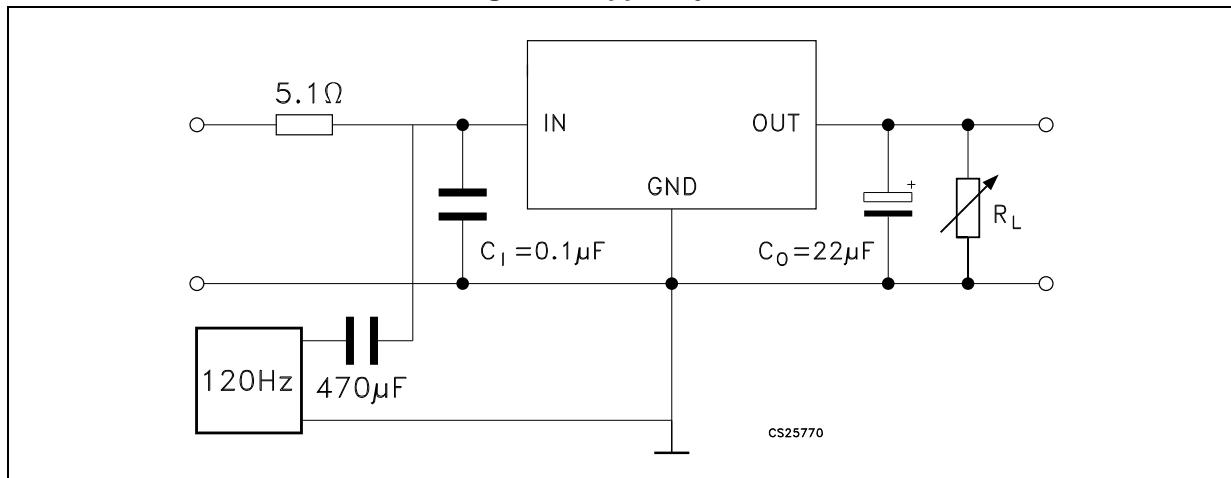
**Figure 3. DC parameters**



**Figure 4. Load regulation**



**Figure 5. Ripple rejection**



## 5 Electrical characteristics

Refer to test circuit,  $V_I = 7 \text{ V}$ ,  $C_I = 0.1 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 22 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

**Table 4. L4940#5 electrical characteristics**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$V_O$	Output voltage	$I_O = 500 \text{ mA}$	4.9	5	5.1	V
$V_O$	Output voltage	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA} \text{ to } 1.5 \text{ A}$ , $V_I = 6.5 \text{ to } 15 \text{ V}$	4.8	5	5.2	V
$V_I$	Maximum input voltage	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA}$			17	V
$\Delta V_O$	Line regulation	$V_I = 6 \text{ to } 17 \text{ V}$ , $I_O = 5 \text{ mA}$		4	10	mV
$\Delta V_O$	Load regulation	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA} \text{ to } 1.5 \text{ A}$		8	25	mV
		$I_O = 0.5 \text{ A} \text{ to } 1 \text{ A}$		5	15	mV
$I_q$	Quiescent current	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA}$		5	8	mA
		$I_O = 1.5 \text{ A}$ , $V_I = 6.5 \text{ V}$		30	50	mA
$\Delta I_q$	Quiescent current change	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA}$			3	mA
		$I_O = 1.5 \text{ A}$ , $V_I = 6.5 \text{ to } 16 \text{ V}$			15	mA
$\Delta V_O / \Delta T$	Output voltage drift			0.5		mV/°C
SVR	Supply voltage rejection	$f = 120 \text{ Hz}$ , $I_O = 1 \text{ A}$	58	68		dB
$V_d$	Dropout voltage	$I_O = 0.5 \text{ A}$		200	400	mV
		$I_O = 1.5 \text{ A}$		500	900	mV
$I_{sc}$	Short-circuit current	$V_I = 14 \text{ V}$		2	2.7	A
		$V_I = 6.5 \text{ V}$		2.2	2.9	

Refer to test circuit,  $V_I = 10.5 \text{ V}$ ,  $C_I = 0.1 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 22 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

**Table 5. L4940#85 electrical characteristics**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$V_O$	Output voltage	$I_O = 500 \text{ mA}$	8.3	8.5	8.7	V
$V_O$	Output voltage	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA} \text{ to } 1.5 \text{ A}$ , $V_I = 10.2 \text{ to } 15 \text{ V}$	8.15	8.5	8.85	V
$V_I$	Maximum input voltage	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA}$			17	V
$\Delta V_O$	Line regulation	$V_I = 9.5 \text{ to } 17 \text{ V}$ , $I_O = 5 \text{ mA}$		4	9	mV
$\Delta V_O$	Load regulation	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA} \text{ to } 1.5 \text{ A}$		12	30	mV
		$I_O = 0.5 \text{ A} \text{ to } 1 \text{ A}$		8	16	mV
$I_q$	Quiescent current	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA}$		4	8	mA
		$I_O = 1.5 \text{ A}$ , $V_I = 10.2 \text{ V}$		30	50	mA
$\Delta I_q$	Quiescent current change	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA}$			2.5	mA
		$I_O = 1.5 \text{ A}$ , $V_I = 10.2 \text{ to } 16 \text{ V}$			15	mA

**Table 5. L4940#85 electrical characteristics (continued)**

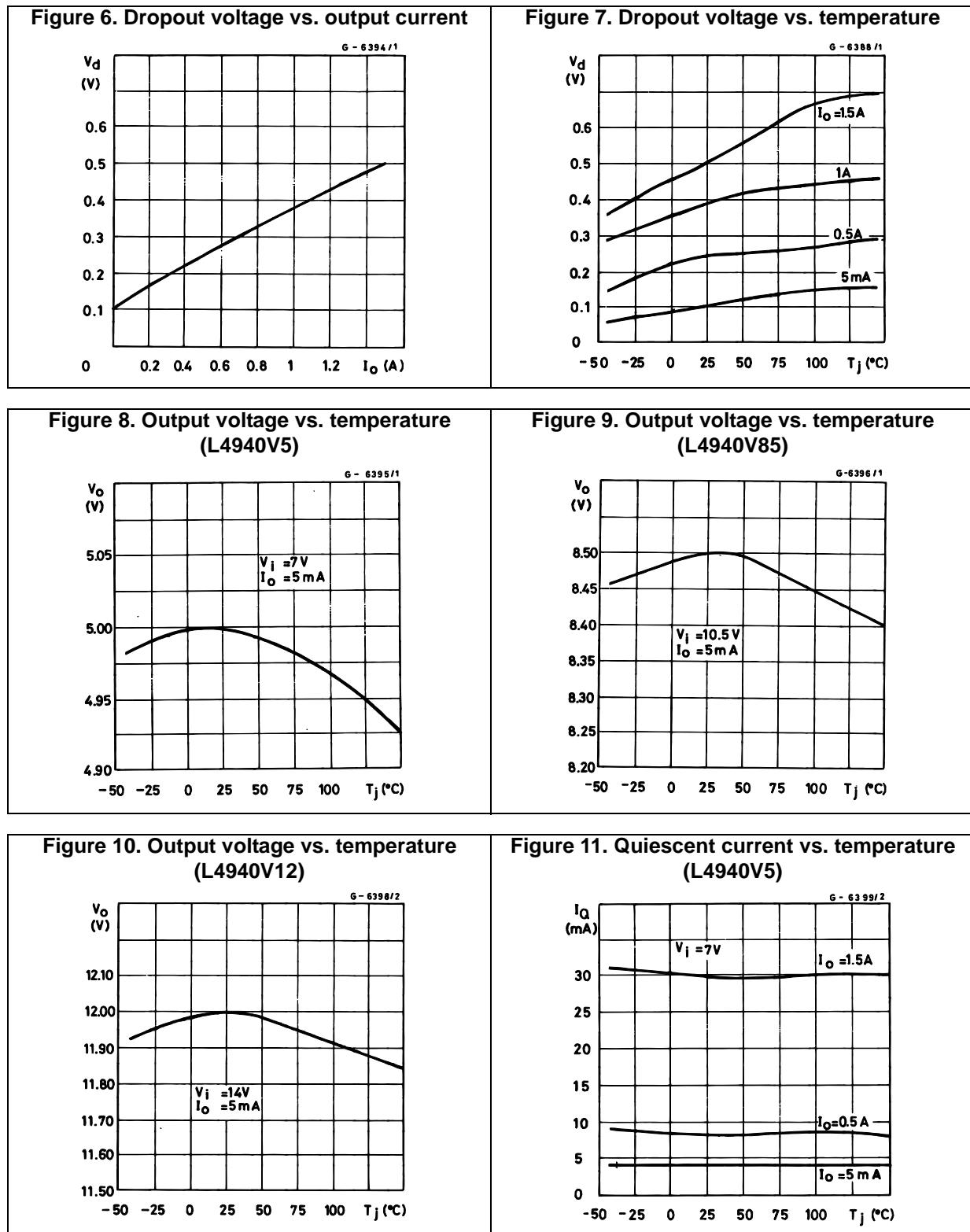
Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$\Delta V_O / \Delta T$	Output voltage drift			0.8		mV/°C
SVR	Supply voltage rejection	f = 120 Hz, $I_O = 1 \text{ A}$	58	66		dB
$V_d$	Dropout voltage	$I_O = 0.5 \text{ A}$		200	400	mV
		$I_O = 1.5 \text{ A}$		500	900	mV
$I_{sc}$	Short-circuit current	$V_I = 14 \text{ V}$		2	2.7	A
		$V_I = 10.2 \text{ V}$		2.2	2.9	

Refer to test circuit,  $V_I = 14 \text{ V}$ ,  $C_I = 0.1 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 22 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified.

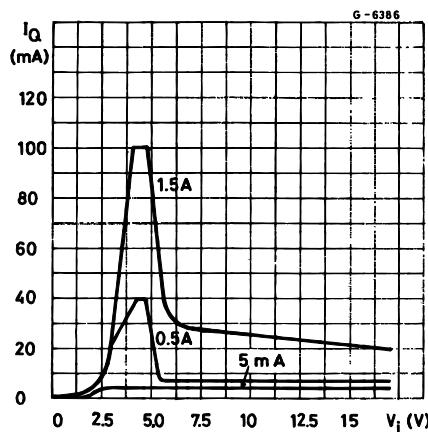
**Table 6. L4940#12 electrical characteristics**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$V_O$	Output voltage	$I_O = 500 \text{ mA}$	11.75	12	12.25	V
$V_O$	Output voltage	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA} \text{ to } 1.5 \text{ A}$ , $V_I = 13.8 \text{ to } 15 \text{ V}$	11.5	12	12.5	V
$V_I$	Maximum input voltage	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA}$			17	V
$\Delta V_O$	Line regulation	$V_I = 13 \text{ to } 17 \text{ V}$ , $I_O = 5 \text{ mA}$		3	7	mV
$\Delta V_O$	Load regulation	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA} \text{ to } 1.5 \text{ A}$		15	35	mV
		$I_O = 0.5 \text{ A} \text{ to } 1 \text{ A}$		10	25	mV
$I_q$	Quiescent current	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA}$		4	8	mA
		$I_O = 1.5 \text{ A}$ , $V_I = 13.8 \text{ V}$		30	50	mA
$\Delta I_q$	Quiescent current change	$I_O = 5 \text{ mA}$			1.5	mA
		$I_O = 1.5 \text{ A}$ , $V_I = 13.8 \text{ to } 16 \text{ V}$			10	mA
$\Delta V_O / \Delta T$	Output voltage drift			1.2		mV/°C
SVR	Supply voltage rejection	f = 120 Hz, $I_O = 1 \text{ A}$	55	61		dB
$V_d$	Dropout voltage	$I_O = 0.5 \text{ A}$		200	400	mV
		$I_O = 1.5 \text{ A}$		500	900	mV
$I_{sc}$	Short-circuit current	$V_I = 14 \text{ V}$		2	2.7	A
$Z_O$	Output impedance	f = 120 Hz, $I_O = 0.5 \text{ A}$		40		$\text{m}\Omega$

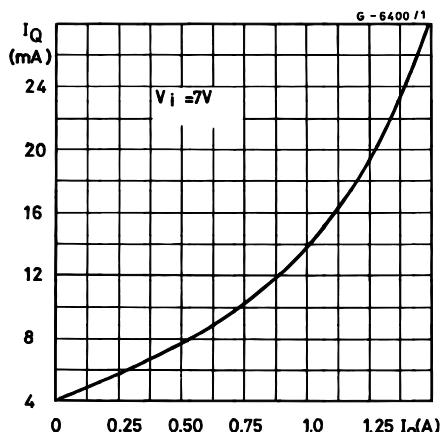
## 6 Performance characteristics



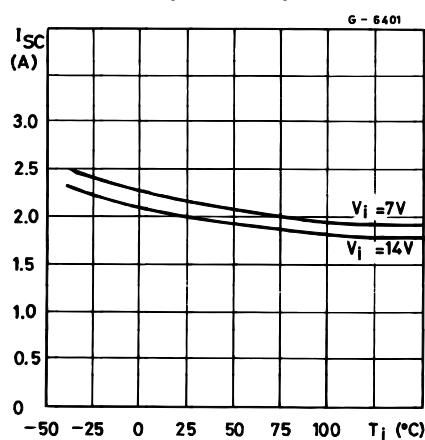
**Figure 12. Quiescent current vs. input voltage (L4940V5)**



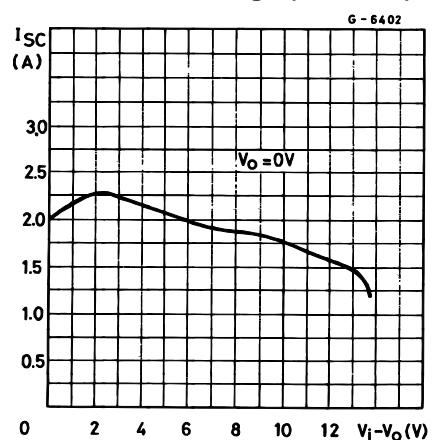
**Figure 13. Quiescent current vs. output current (L4940V5)**



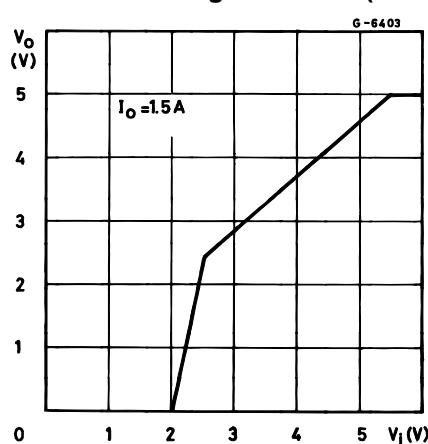
**Figure 14. Short-circuit current vs. temperature (L4940V5)**



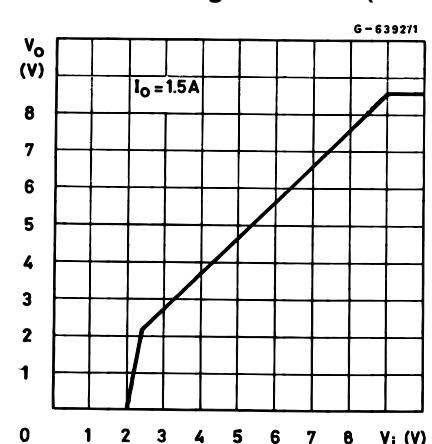
**Figure 15. Peak output current vs. input/output differential voltage (L4940V5)**

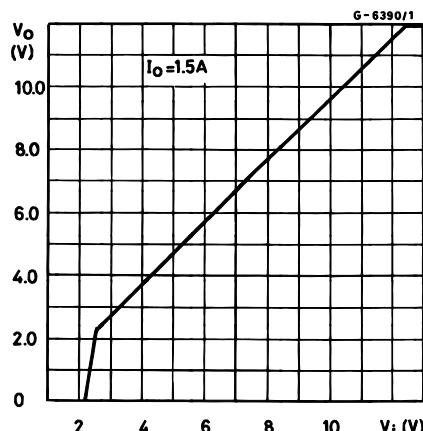
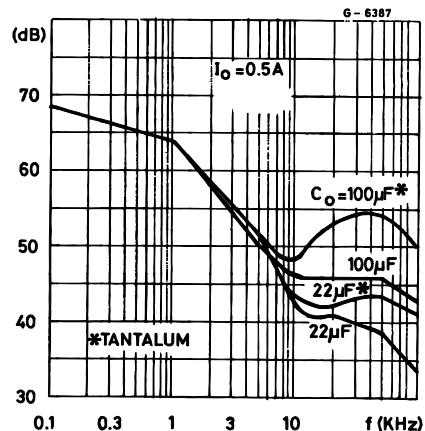
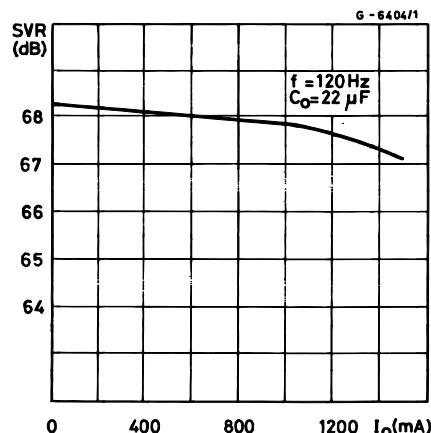
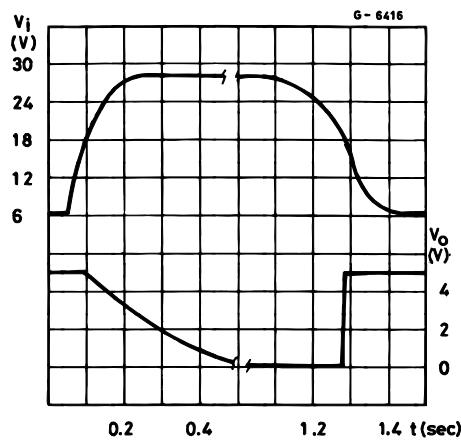
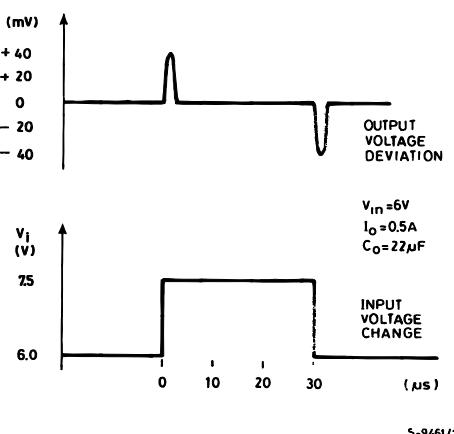
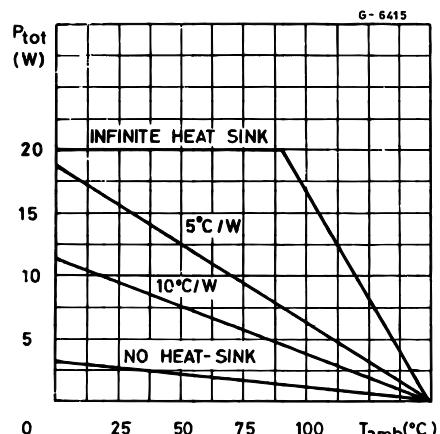


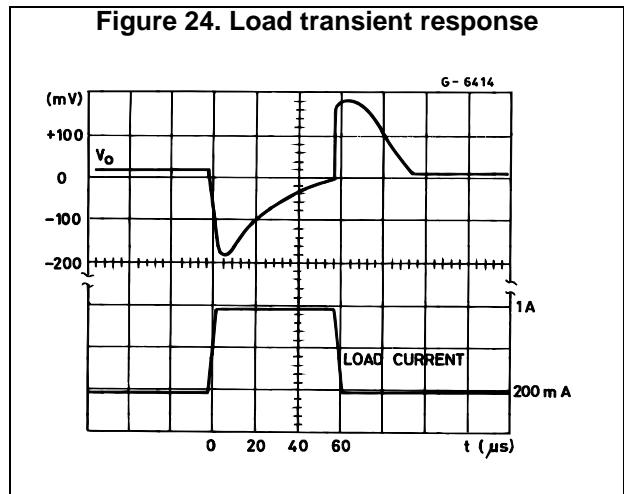
**Figure 16. Low voltage behavior (L4940V5)**



**Figure 17. Low voltage behavior (L4940V85)**



**Figure 18. Low voltage behavior (L4940V12)****Figure 19. Supply voltage rejection vs. frequency (L4940V5)****Figure 20. Supply voltage rejection vs. output current (L4940V5)****Figure 21. Load dump characteristics (L4940V5)****Figure 22. Line transient response (L4940V5)****Figure 23. Total power dissipation**



## 7 Application circuits

Figure 25. Distributed power supply with the L4960, L4940 and the L4941

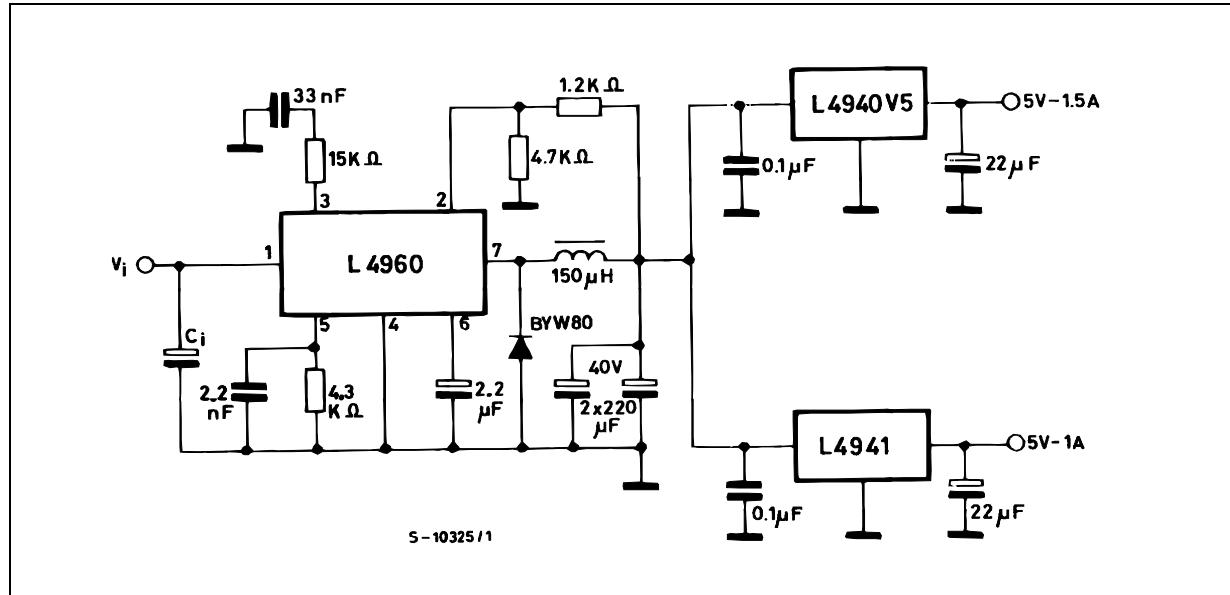
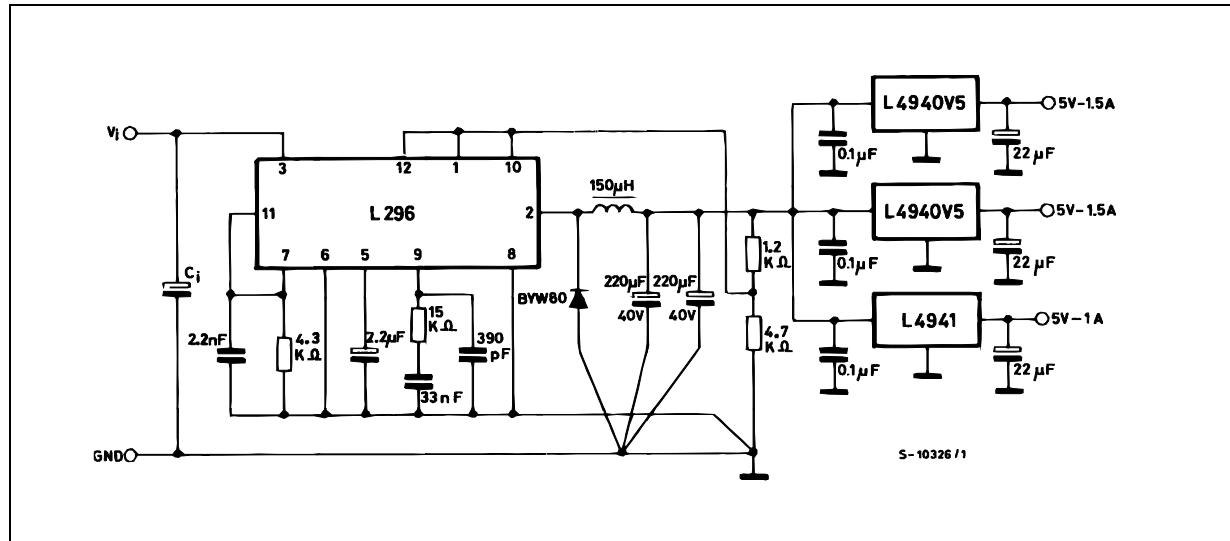
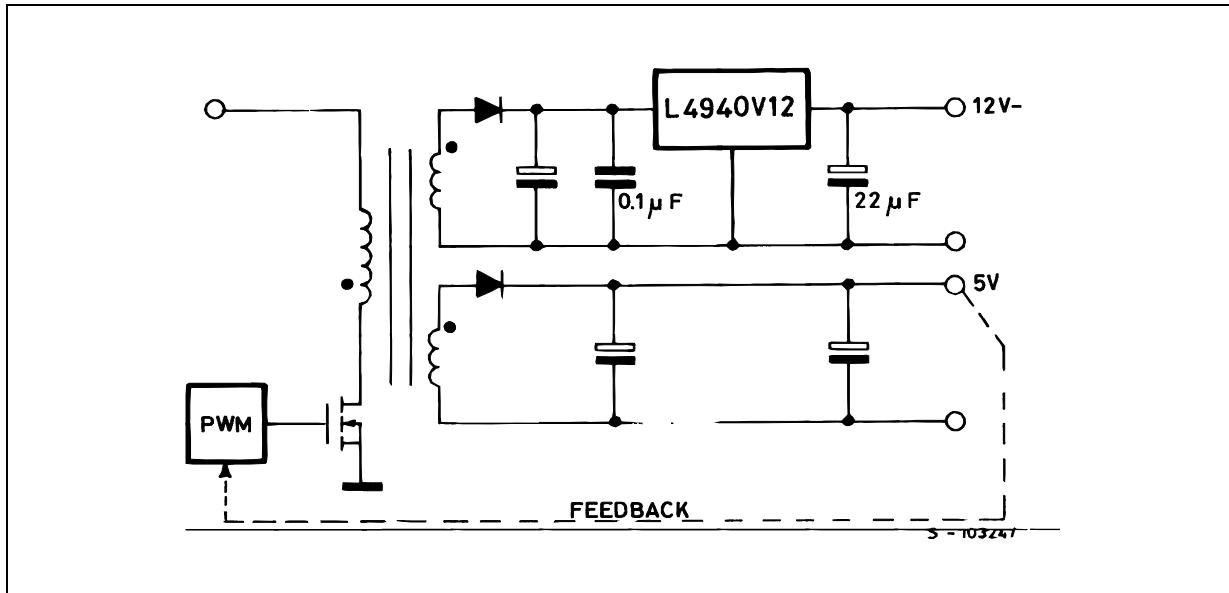


Figure 26. Distributed power supply with the L296, L4940, and the L4941



Note: Advantages of these applications are:

On-card regulation with short-circuit and thermal protection on each output. Very high total system efficiency due to the switching pre-regulation and very low drop post-regulation.

**Figure 27. Secondary regulation for switch mode power supply with the L4940**

Note: Advantages of this configuration are:

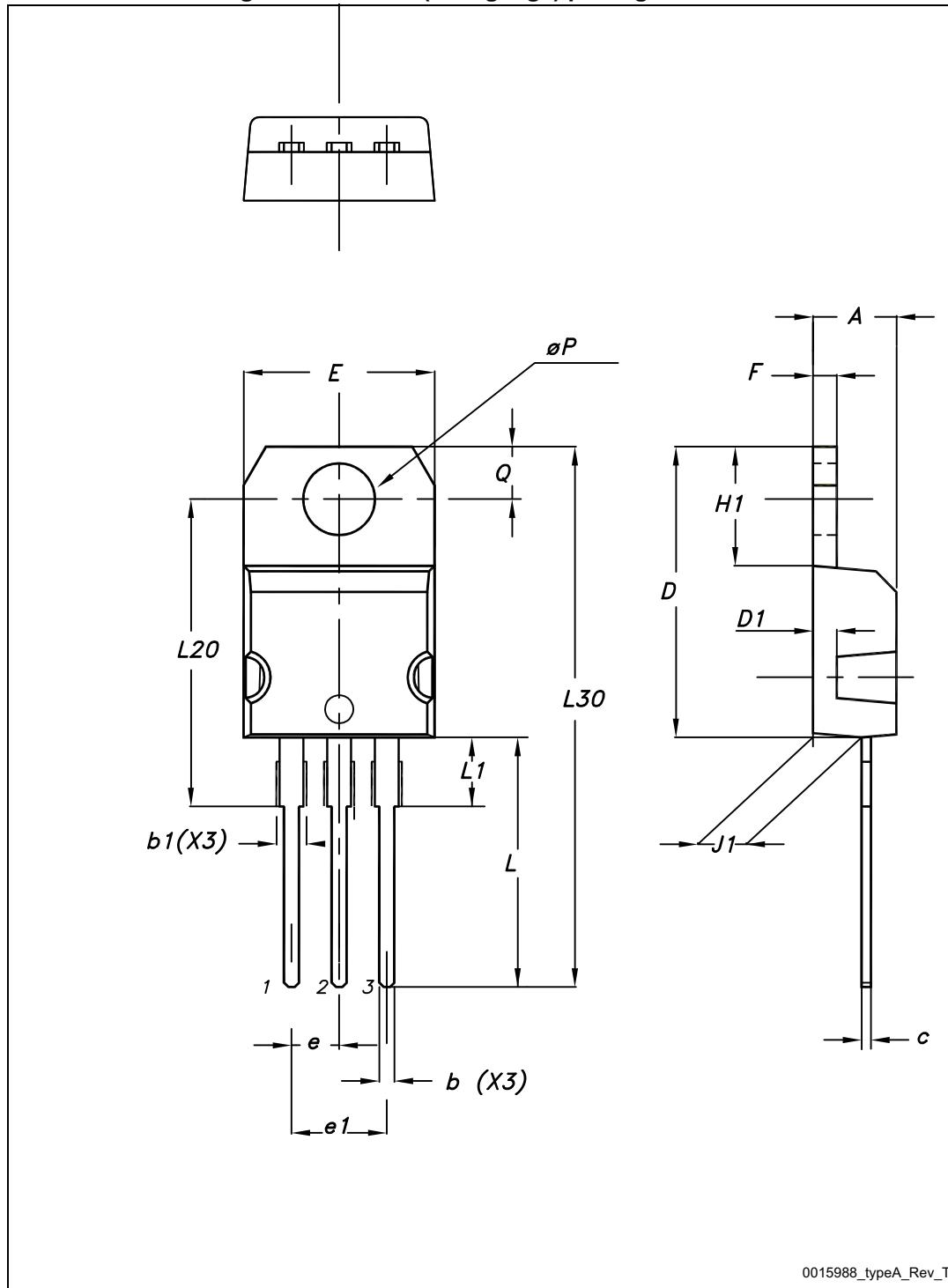
Very high regulation (line and load on both the output voltage. 12 V output short-circuit and thermal protection. Very high efficiency on the 12 V output due to the low drop regulator.

## 8 Package information

In order to meet environmental requirements, ST offers these devices in different grades of ECOPACK® packages, depending on their level of environmental compliance. ECOPACK® specifications, grade definitions and product status are available at: [www.st.com](http://www.st.com).  
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## 8.1 TO-220 (dual gauge) package information

Figure 28. TO-220 (dual gauge) package outline

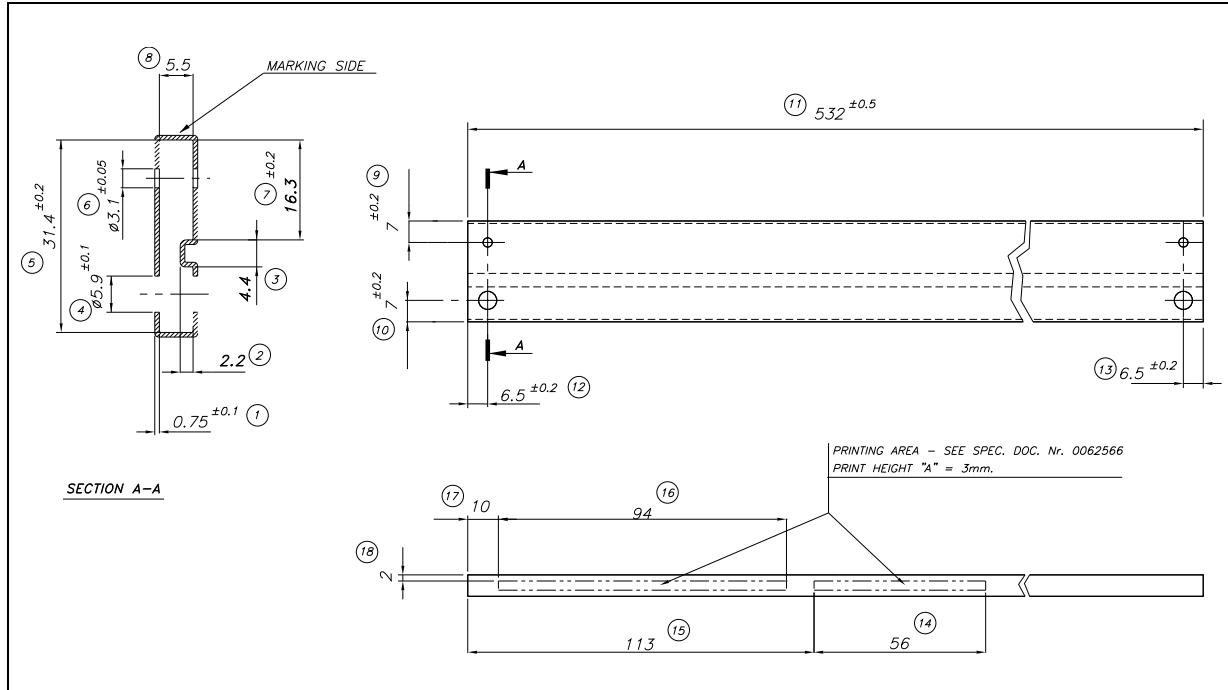


**Table 7. TO-220 (dual gauge) mechanical data**

Dim.	mm		
	Min.	Typ.	Max.
A	4.40		4.60
b	0.61		0.88
b1	1.14		1.70
c	0.48		0.70
D	15.25		15.75
D1		1.27	
E	10		10.40
e	2.40		2.70
e1	4.95		5.15
F	1.23		1.32
H1	6.20		6.60
J1	2.40		2.72
L	13		14
L1	3.50		3.93
L20		16.40	
L30		28.90	
ØP	3.75		3.85
Q	2.65		2.95

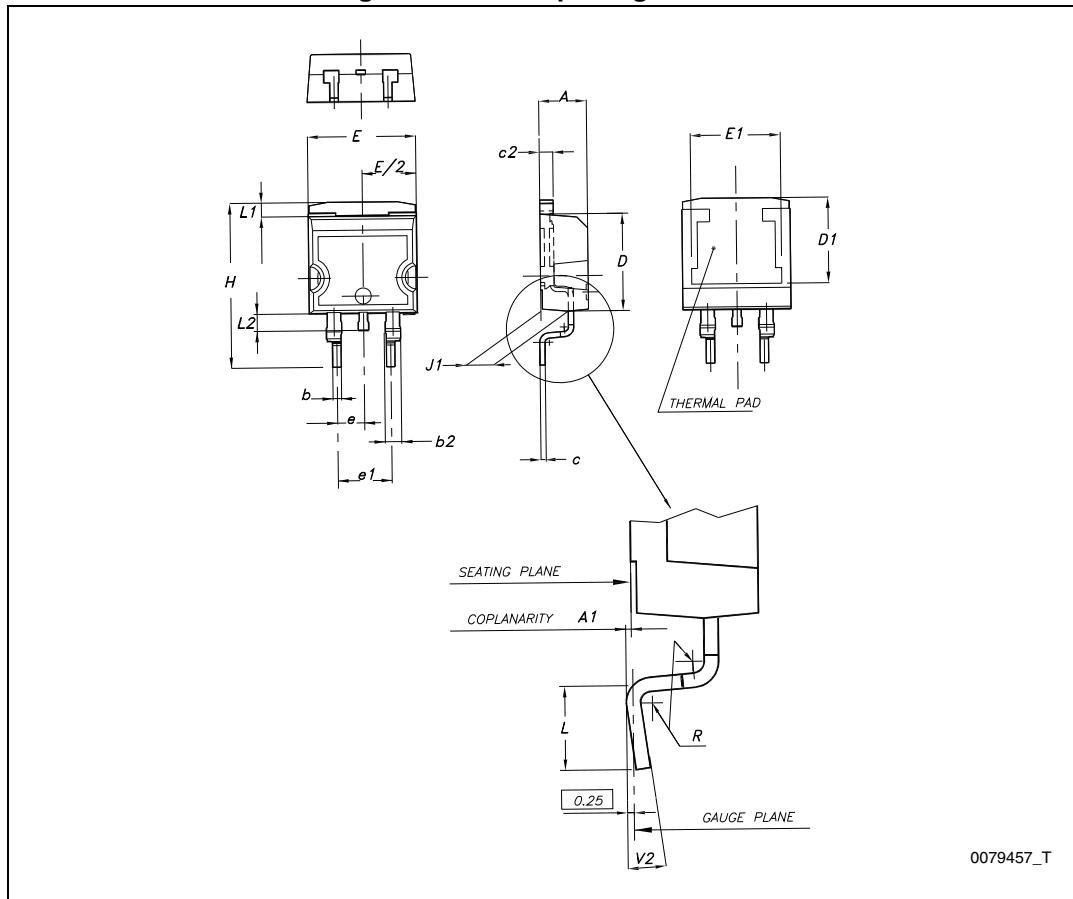
## 8.2 TO-220 (dual gauge) packing information

Figure 29. Tube for TO-220 (dual gauge) outline (mm.)



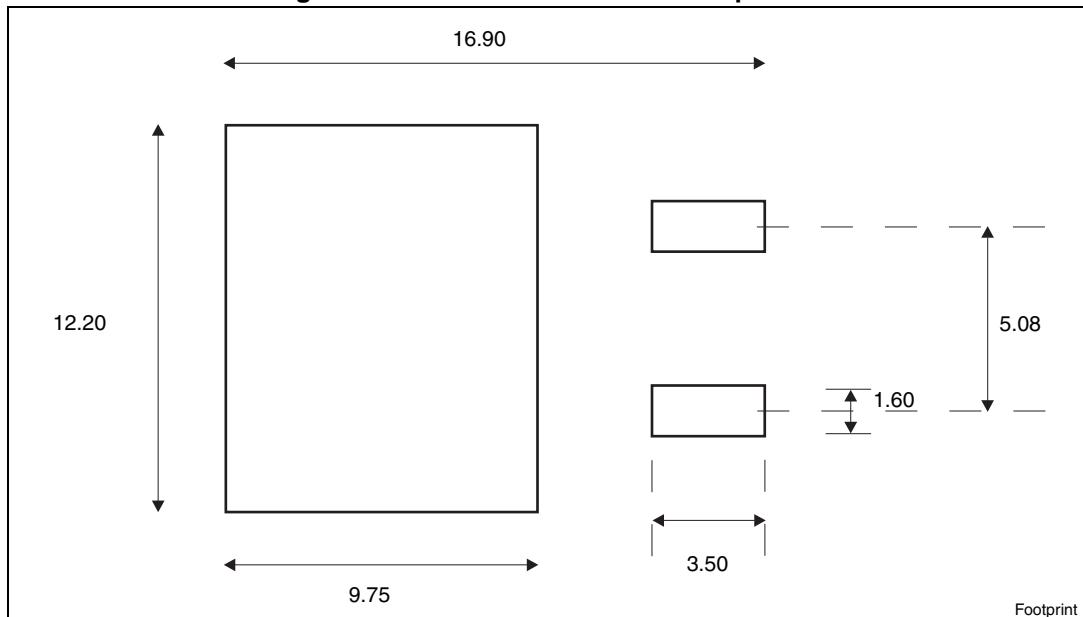
### 8.3 D<sup>2</sup>PAK package information

Figure 30. D<sup>2</sup>PAK package outline



**Table 8. D<sup>2</sup>PAK mechanical data**

Dim.	mm		
	Min.	Typ.	Max.
A	4.40		4.60
A1	0.03		0.23
b	0.70		0.93
b2	1.14		1.70
c	0.45		0.60
c2	1.23		1.36
D	8.95		9.35
D1	7.50		
E	10		10.40
E1	8.50		
e		2.54	
e1	4.88		5.28
H	15		15.85
J1	2.49		2.69
L	2.29		2.79
L1	1.27		1.40
L2	1.30		1.75
R		0.4	
V2	0°		8°

**Figure 31. D<sup>2</sup>PAK recommended footprint<sup>(a)</sup>**

Footprint

a. All dimensions are in millimeters.

## 8.4 D<sup>2</sup>PAK packing information

Figure 32. D<sup>2</sup>PAK tape outline

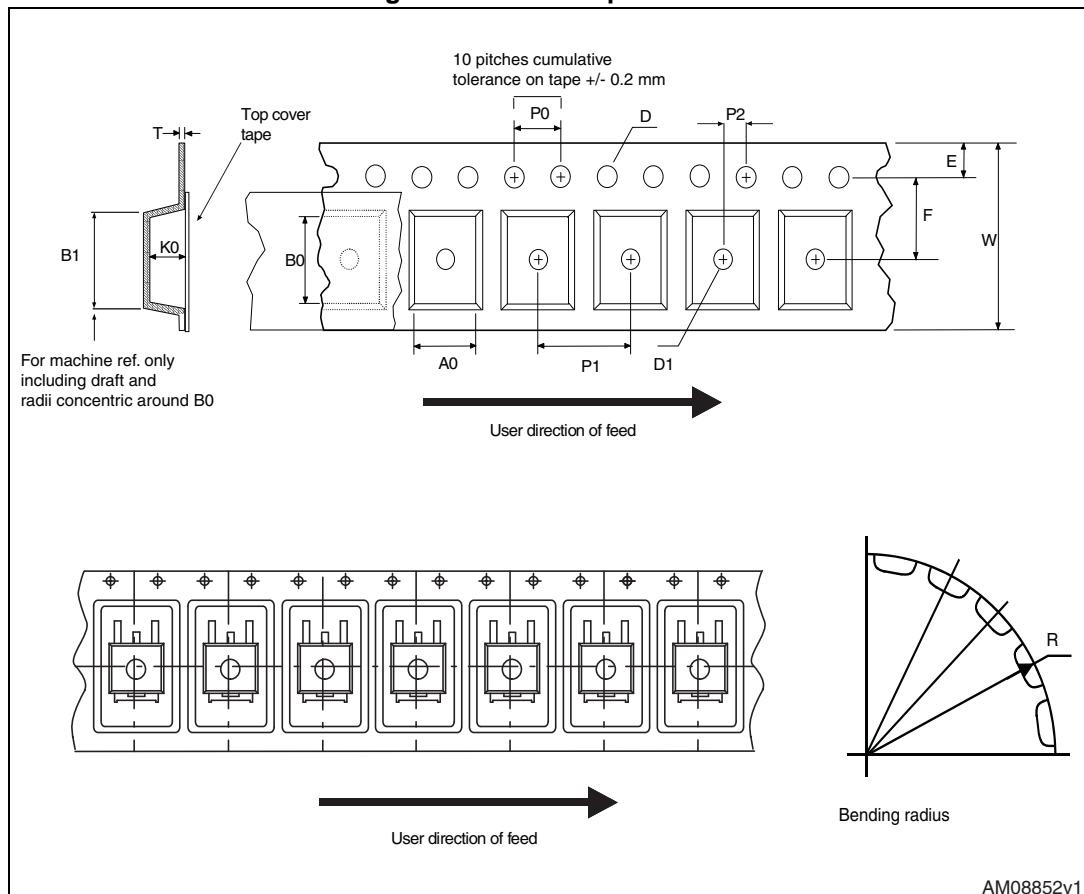
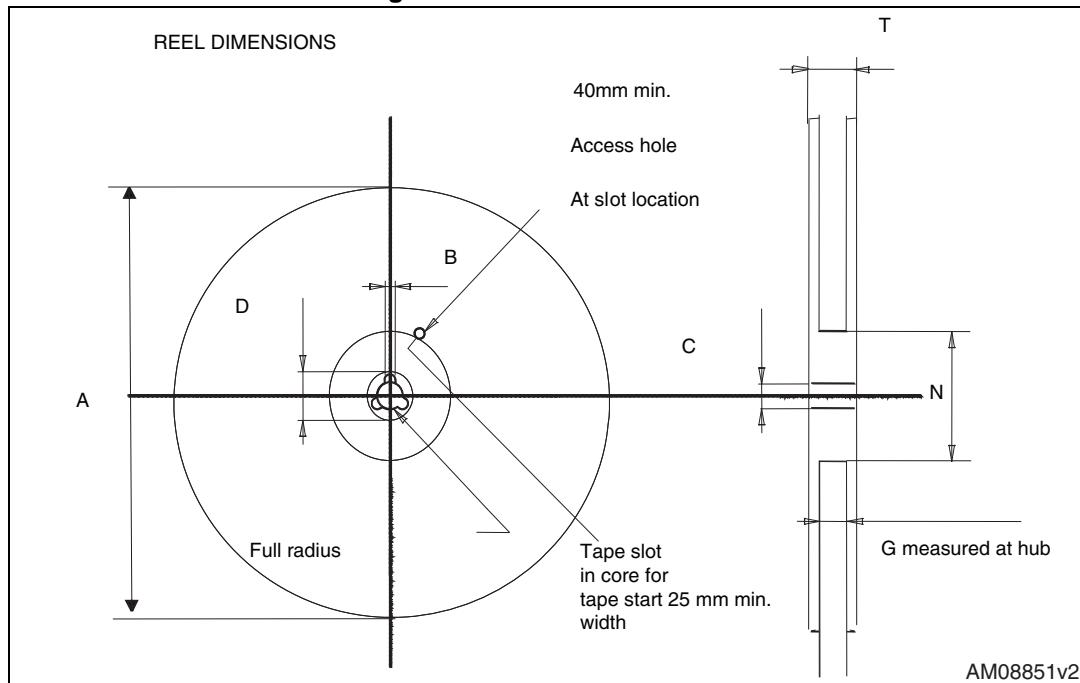


Figure 33. D<sup>2</sup>PAK reel outlineTable 9. D<sup>2</sup>PAK tape and reel mechanical data

Tape			Reel		
Dim.	mm		Dim.	mm	
	Min.	Max.		Min.	Max.
A0	10.5	10.7	A		330
B0	15.7	15.9	B	1.5	
D	1.5	1.6	C	12.8	13.2
D1	1.59	1.61	D	20.2	
E	1.65	1.85	G	24.4	26.4
F	11.4	11.6	N	100	
K0	4.8	5.0	T		30.4
P0	3.9	4.1			
P1	11.9	12.1	Base qty		1000
P2	1.9	2.1	Bulk qty		1000
R	50				
T	0.25	0.35			
W	23.7	24.3			

## 9 Revision history

**Table 10. Document revision history**

Date	Revision	Changes
04-Feb-2005	6	Added new package D <sup>2</sup> PAK/A.
18-Sep-2006	7	Order codes and new template have been updated.
31-May-2007	8	Order codes have been updated.
19-Sep-2007	9	Added <a href="#">Table 1</a> to cover page.
20-Feb-2008	10	Modified: <a href="#">Table 1 on page 1</a> .
29-Jul-2009	11	Modified: <a href="#">Table 1 on page 1</a> .
16-Dec-2009	12	Modified: <a href="#">Table 6 on page 8</a> .
04-Nov-2013	13	The L4940XX5, L4940XX85, L4940XX10, L4940XX12 have been changed into the L4940. Updated: the title and the description in cover page. Updated <a href="#">Section 4: Test circuits</a> , <a href="#">Section 5: Electrical characteristics</a> , <a href="#">Section 6: Performance characteristics</a> and <a href="#">Section 8: Package information</a> . Added <a href="#">Section 8.4: D<sup>2</sup>PAK packing information</a> . Minor text changes.
08-Apr-2015	14	Updated title in <a href="#">Table 1: Device summary</a> . Updated <a href="#">Section 8: Package information</a> . Minor text changes.