Current Sense Amplifier, Reference and Comparators with POR

FEATURES

- Current Sense Amplifier
  - Fast Step Response: 500ns
  - Low Offset Voltage: 200µV Maximum
  - Low Gain Error: 0.2% Maximum
- Internal 400mV Precision Reference
- Internal Latching Comparators
  - Power-On Reset Capability
  - Fast Response Time: 500ns
  - Total Threshold Error: ±1.25% Maximum
  - Two Comparator Polarity Options
- Wide Supply Range: 2.7V to 60V
- Supply Current: 550µA
- Specified for –40°C to 125°C Temperature Range
- Available in 10-Lead MSOP Package

APPLICATIONS

- Overcurrent, Undercurrent and Fault Detection
- Current Shunt Measurement
- Battery Monitoring
- Motor Control
- Automotive Monitoring and Control
- Industrial Control

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DESCRIPTION

The LT®6119 is a complete high side current sense device that incorporates a precision current sense amplifier, an integrated voltage reference and two latching comparators. Two versions of the LT6119 are available. The LT6119-1 has the comparators connected in opposing polarity and the LT6119-2 has the comparators connected in the same polarity. The comparator latch functionality can be enabled or disabled and the comparators can be configured to reset upon power-on. The input and the open-drain outputs of the comparators are independent from the current sense amplifier. The comparator trip points and amplifier gain are configured with external resistors.

The overall propagation delay of the LT6119 is typically only 1.4µs, allowing for quick reaction to overcurrent and undercurrent conditions. The 1MHz bandwidth allows the LT6119 to be used for error detection in critical applications such as motor control. The high threshold accuracy of the comparators, combined with the ability to latch both comparators, ensures the LT6119 can capture high speed events.
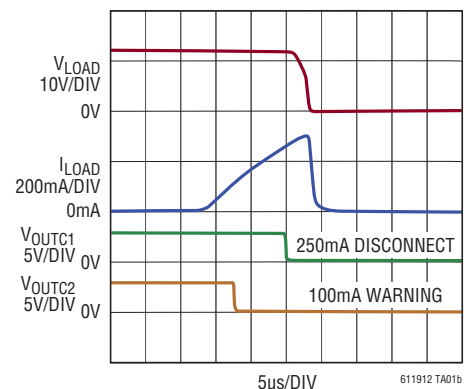
The LT6119 is fully specified for operation from –40°C to 125°C, making it suitable for industrial and automotive applications. The LT6119 is available in a small 10-lead MSOP.

TYPICAL APPLICATION

Fast Acting Fault Protection with Power-On Reset and Early Warning

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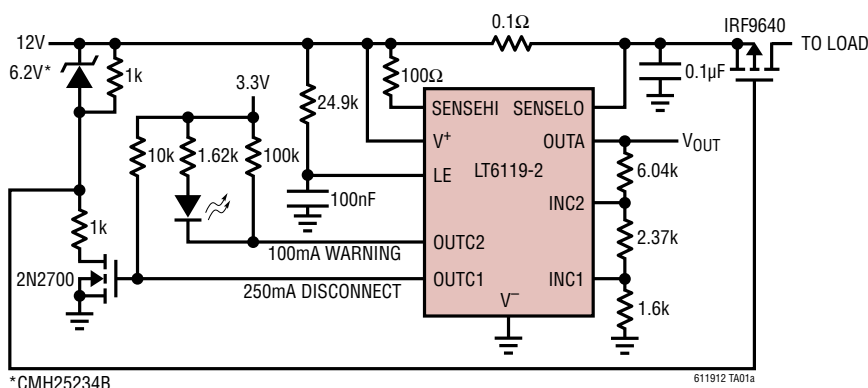
Response to Overcurrent Event

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

(Note 1)

Total Supply Voltage (V⁺ to V⁻) 60V
Maximum Voltage
(SENSELO, SENSEHI, OUTA) .... V⁺ + 1V
Maximum V⁺ – (SENSELO or SENSEHI) 33V
Maximum LE Voltage 60V
Maximum Comparator Input Voltage 60V
Maximum Comparator Output Voltage 60V
Input Current (Note 2) .... –10mA
SENSEHI, SENSELO Input Current .... ±10mA
Differential SENSEHI or SENSELO Input Current ... ±2.5mA
Amplifier Output Short-Circuit Duration (to V⁻) .. Indefinite
Operating Temperature Range (Note 3)
    LT6119I .... –40°C to 85°C
    LT6119H .... –40°C to 125°C
Specified Temperature Range (Note 3)
    LT6119I .... –40°C to 85°C
    LT6119H .... –40°C to 125°C
Maximum Junction Temperature .... 150°C
Storage Temperature Range .... –65°C to 150°C
Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec) .... 300°C

PIN CONFIGURATION

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                        TOP VIEW
   SENSELO   1  ┌───────────┐  10  SENSEHI
        LE   2  │           │   9  V⁺
      OUTC2  3  │           │   8  OUTA
      OUTC1  4  │           │   7  INC2
         V⁻  5  └───────────┘   6  INC1

              MS PACKAGE
         10-LEAD PLASTIC MSOP
    θJA = 160°C/W, θJC = 45°C/W
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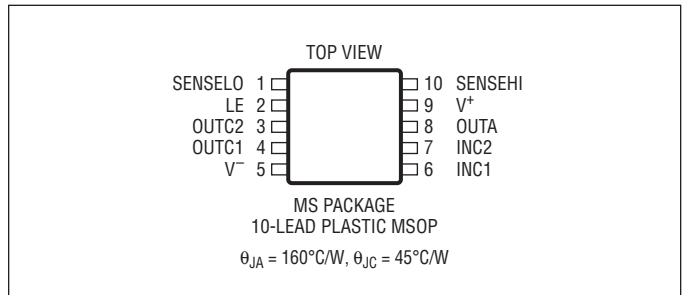
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LEAD FREE FINISH	TAPE AND REEL	PART MARKING*	PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	SPECIFIED TEMPERATURE RANGE
LT6119IMS-1#PBF	LT6119IMS-1#TRPBF	LTGNV	10-Lead Plastic MSOP	–40°C to 85°C
LT6119HMS-1#PBF	LT6119HMS-1#TRPBF	LTGNV	10-Lead Plastic MSOP	–40°C to 125°C
LT6119IMS-2#PBF	LT6119IMS-2#TRPBF	LTGNW	10-Lead Plastic MSOP	–40°C to 85°C
LT6119HMS-2#PBF	LT6119HMS-2#TRPBF	LTGNW	10-Lead Plastic MSOP	–40°C to 125°C

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The ● denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range, otherwise specifications are at T_A = 25°C. V$^+$ = 12V, V_{PULLUP} = V$^+$, V_{LE} = 2.7V, R_{IN} = 100Ω, R_{OUT} = R1 + R2 + R3 = 10k, gain = 100, R_C = 25.5k, C_L = C_{LC} = 2pF, unless otherwise noted. (See Figure 3)

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
V$^+$	Supply Voltage Range		●	2.7		60	V
I_S	Supply Current (Note 4)	V$^+$ = 2.7V, R_{IN} = 1k, V_{SENSE} = 5mV			475		µA
		V$^+$ = 60V, R_{IN} = 1k, V_{SENSE} = 5mV	●		600	700 1000	µA µA
	LE Pin Current	V_{LE} = 0V, V$^+$ = 60V			−100		nA
V_{IH}	LE Pin Input High	V$^+$ = 2.7V to 60V	●	1.5			V
V_{IL}	LE Pin Input Low	V$^+$ = 2.7V to 60V	●			0.5	V
Current Sense Amplifier							
V_{OS}	Input Offset Voltage	V_{SENSE} = 5mV V_{SENSE} = 5mV	●	−200 −300		200 300	µV µV
$\Delta V_{OS}/\Delta T$	Input Offset Voltage Drift	V_{SENSE} = 5mV	●		±0.8		µV/°C
I_B	Input Bias Current (SENSELO, SENSEHI)	V$^+$ = 2.7V to 60V	●		60	300 350	nA nA
I_{OS}	Input Offset Current	V$^+$ = 2.7V to 60V			±5		nA
I_{OUTA}	Output Current (Note 5)		●	1			mA
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio (Note 6)	V$^+$ = 2.7V to 60V	●	120 114	127		dB dB
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	V$^+$ = 36V, V_{SENSE} = 5mV, V_{ICM} = 2.7V to 36V			125		dB
		V$^+$ = 60V, V_{SENSE} = 5mV, V_{ICM} = 27V to 60V	●	110 103	125		dB dB
$V_{SENSE(MAX)}$	Full-Scale Input Sense Voltage (Note 5)	R_{IN} = 500Ω	●	500			mV
	Gain Error (Note 7)	V$^+$ = 2.7V to 12V V$^+$ = 12V to 60V, V_{SENSE} = 5mV to 100mV	●	−0.2	−0.08	0	% %
	SENSELO Voltage (Note 8)	V$^+$ = 2.7V, V_{SENSE} = 100mV, R_{OUT} = 2k V$^+$ = 60V, V_{SENSE} = 100mV	● ●	2.5 27			V V
	Output Swing High (V$^+$ to V_{OUTA})	V$^+$ = 2.7V, V_{SENSE} = 27mV	●			0.2	V
		V$^+$ = 12V, V_{SENSE} = 120mV	●			0.5	V
BW	Signal Bandwidth	I_{OUT} = 1mA I_{OUT} = 100µA			1 140		MHz kHz
t_r	Input Step Response (to 50% of Final Output Voltage)	V$^+$ = 2.7V, V_{SENSE} = 24mV Step, Output Rising Edge V$^+$ = 12V to 60V, V_{SENSE} = 100mV Step, Output Rising Edge			500 500		ns ns
t_{SETTLE}	Settling Time to 1%	V_{SENSE} = 10mV to 100mV, R_{OUT} = 2k			2		µs
Reference and Comparator							
$V_{TH(R)}$ (Note 9)	Rising Input Threshold Voltage (LT6119-1 Comparator 1 LT6119-2 Both Comparators)	V$^+$ = 2.7V to 60V	●	395	400	405	mV
$V_{TH(F)}$ (Note 9)	Falling Input Threshold Voltage (LT6119-1 Comparator 2)	V$^+$ = 2.7V to 60V	●	395	400	405	mV
V_{HYS}	V_{HYS} = $V_{TH(R)}$ − $V_{TH(F)}$	V$^+$ = 2.7V to 60V		3	10	15	mV
	Comparator Input Bias Current	$V_{INC1,2}$ = 0V, V$^+$ = 60V	●	−50			nA
V_{OL}	Output Low Voltage	$I_{OUTC1,C2}$ = 500µA, V$^+$ = 2.7V	●		60	150 220	mV mV
	High to Low Propagation Delay	5mV Overdrive 100mV Overdrive			3 0.5		µs µs

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SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
	Output Fall Time				0.08		µs
t_{RESET}	Reset Time				0.5		µs
t_{RPW}	Minimum LE Reset Pulse Width		●	2			µs

Note 1: Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any Absolute Maximum Rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

Note 2: Input and output pins have ESD diodes connected to ground. The SENSEHI and SENSELO pins have additional current handling capability specified as SENSEHI, SENSELO input current.

Note 3: The LT6119I is guaranteed to meet specified performance from –40°C to 85°C. LT6119H is guaranteed to meet specified performance from –40°C to 125°C.

Note 4: Supply current is specified with the comparator outputs high. When the comparator outputs go low the supply current will increase by 75µA typically per comparator.

Note 5: The full-scale input sense voltage and the maximum output current must be considered to achieve the specified performance.
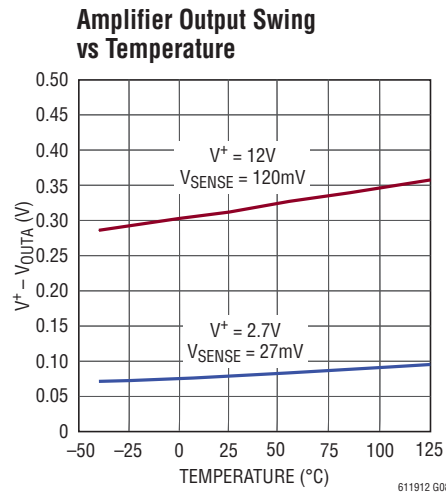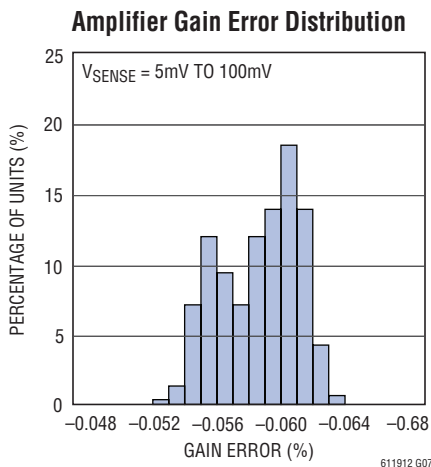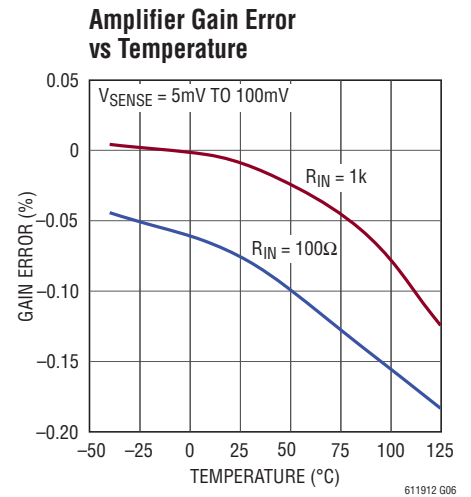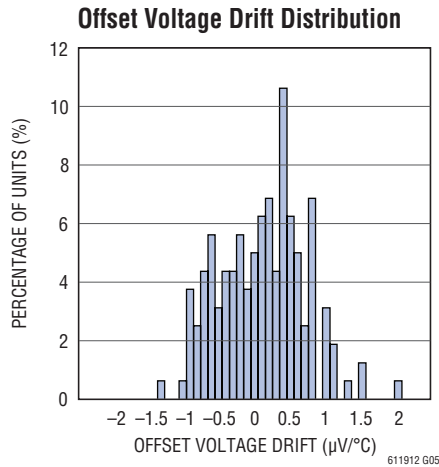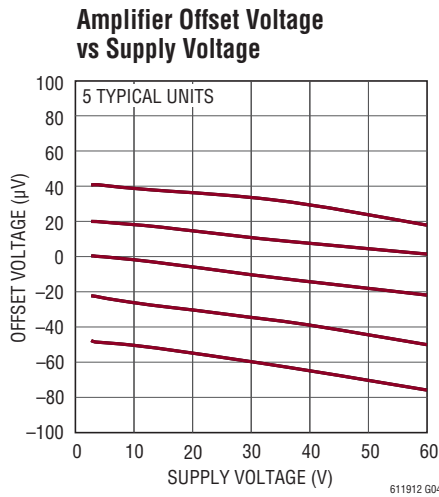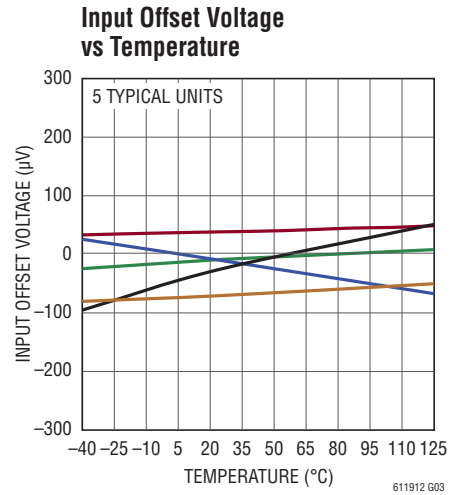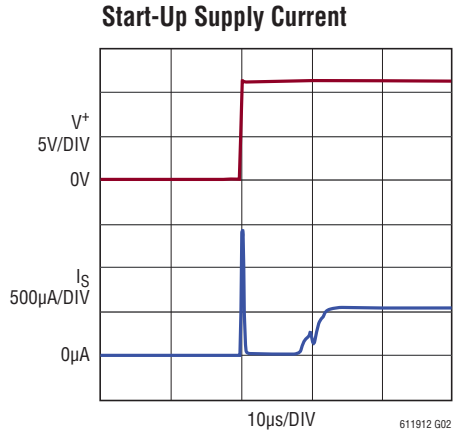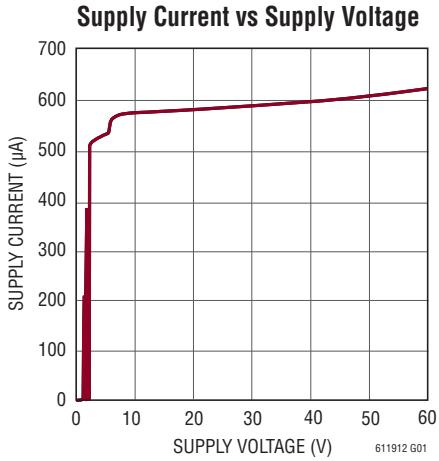
Note 6: Supply voltage and input common mode voltage are varied while amplifier input offset voltage is monitored.

Note 7: Specified gain error does not include the effects of external resistors R_{IN} and R_{OUT}. Although gain error is only guaranteed between 12V and 60V, similar performance is expected for V^+ < 12V, as well.

Note 8: Refer to SENSELO, SENSEHI Range in the Applications Information section for more information.

Note 9: The input threshold voltage which causes the output voltage of the comparator to transition from high to low is specified. The input voltage which causes the comparator output to transition from low to high is the magnitude of the difference between the specified threshold and the hysteresis.
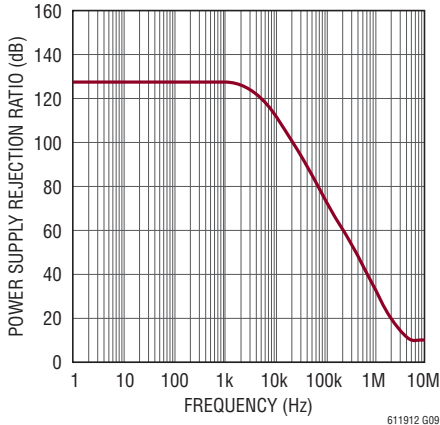
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Supply Current vs Supply Voltage

Start-Up Supply Current

Input Offset Voltage vs Temperature

Amplifier Offset Voltage vs Supply Voltage

Offset Voltage Drift Distribution

Amplifier Gain Error vs Temperature

Amplifier Gain Error Distribution

Amplifier Output Swing vs Temperature

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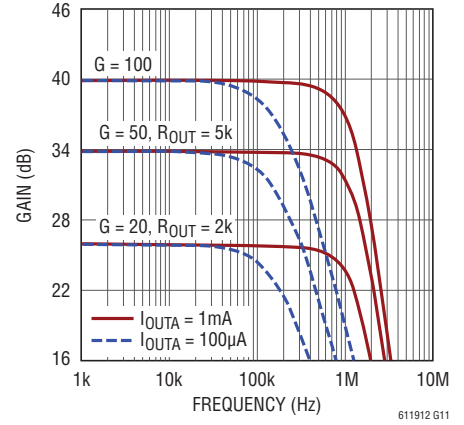
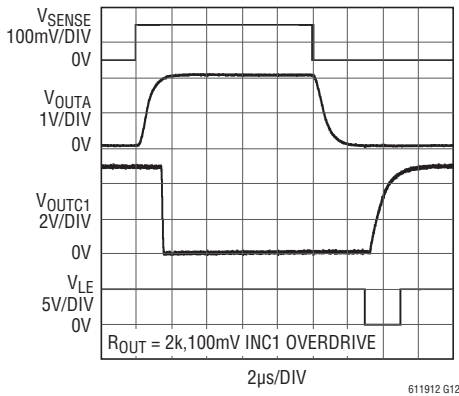**Power Supply Rejection Ratio vs Frequency**
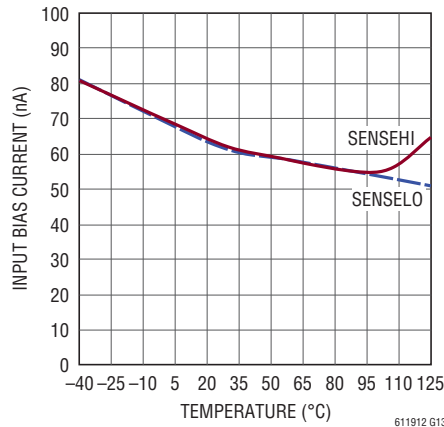
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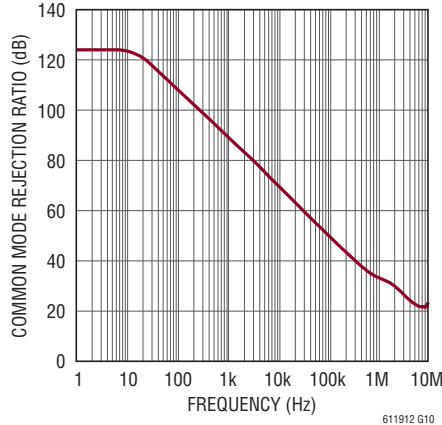
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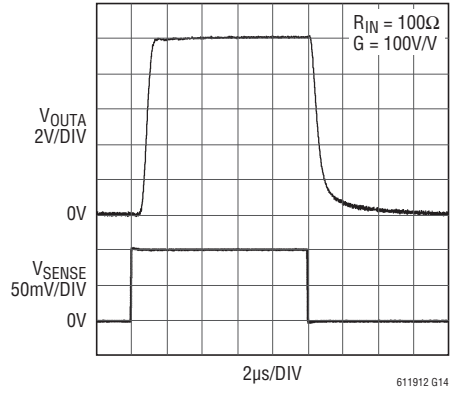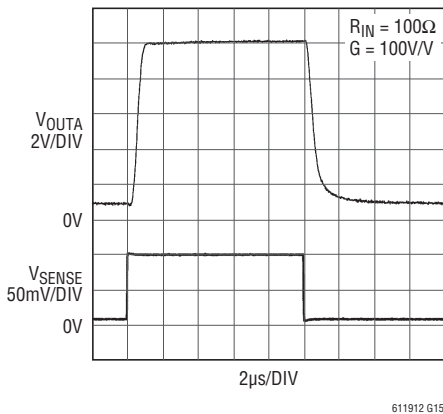
System Step Response

Amplifier Input Bias Current vs Temperature

Amplifier Step Response (V_{SENSE} = 0mV to 100mV)

Amplifier Step Response (V_{SENSE} = 10mV to 100mV)

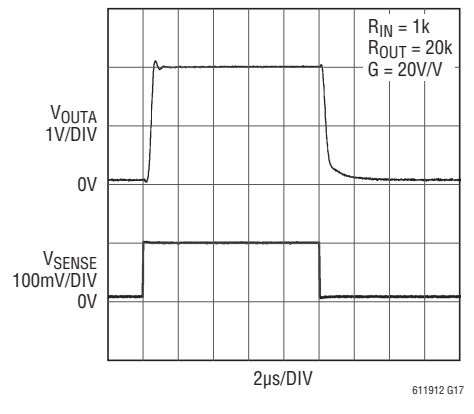**Amplifier Step Response (V_{SENSE} = 0mV to 100mV)**
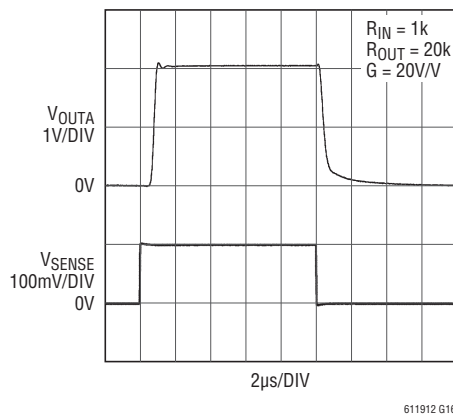
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Comparator Threshold Distribution

Comparator Threshold vs Temperature

Hysteresis Distribution

Hysteresis vs Temperature

Hysteresis vs Supply Voltage

LE Current vs Voltage

Comparator Input Bias Current vs Input Voltage

Comparator Input Bias Current vs Input Voltage

Comparator Output Low Voltage vs Output Sink Current

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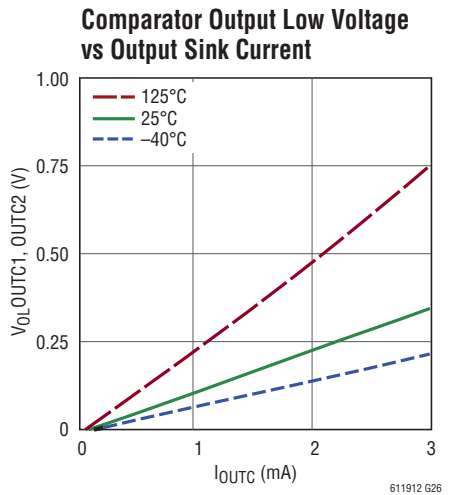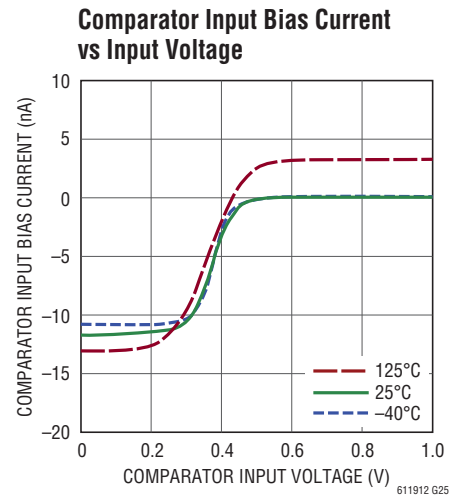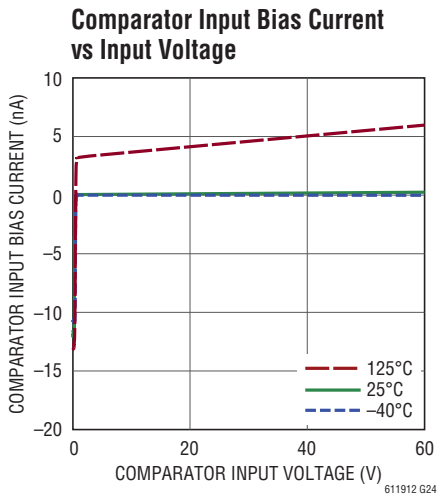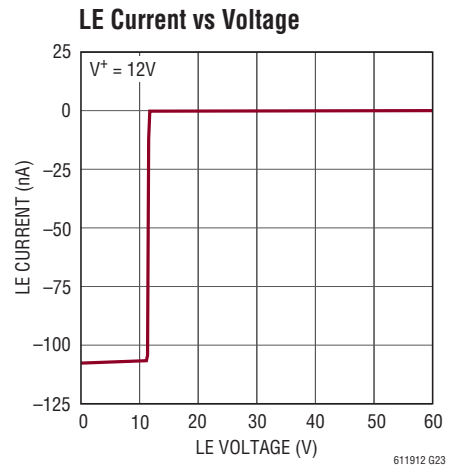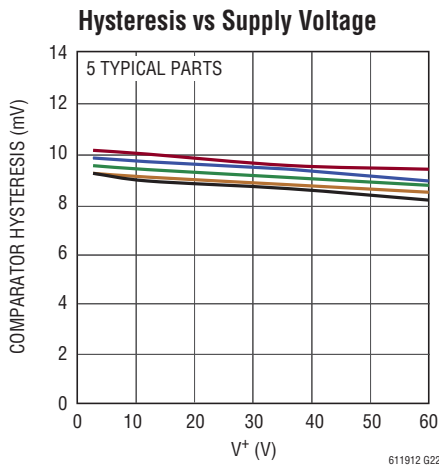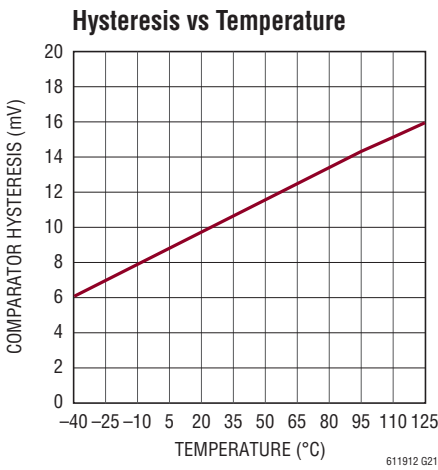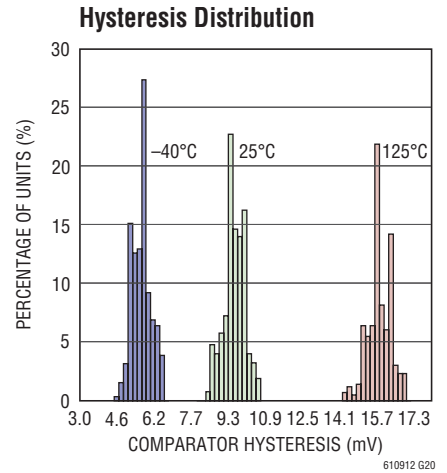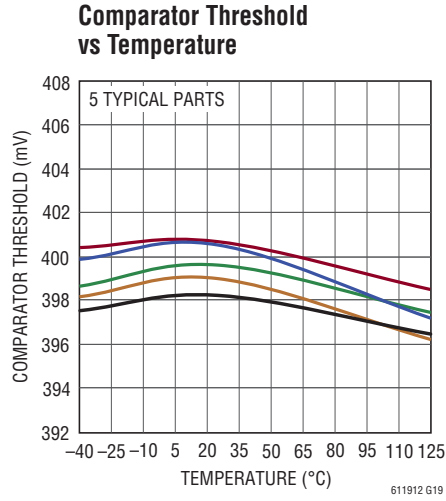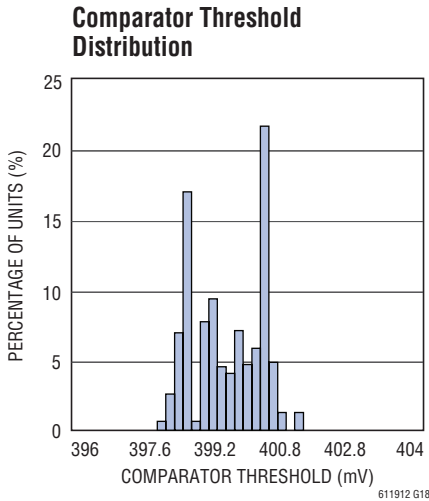
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Comparator Output Leakage Current vs Pull-Up Voltage

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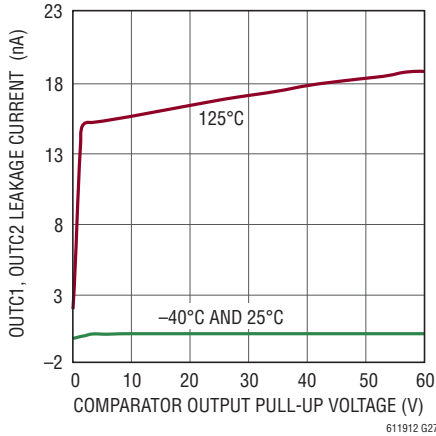
Comparator Propagation Delay vs Input Overdrive

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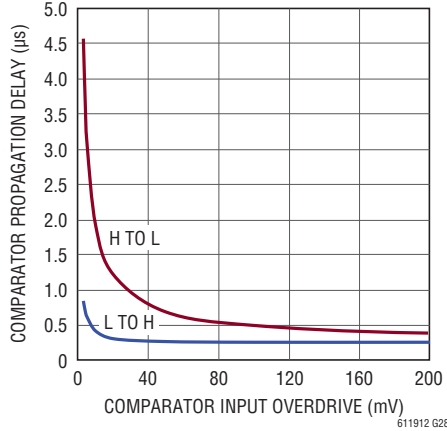
Comparator Rise/Fall Time vs Pull-Up Resistor

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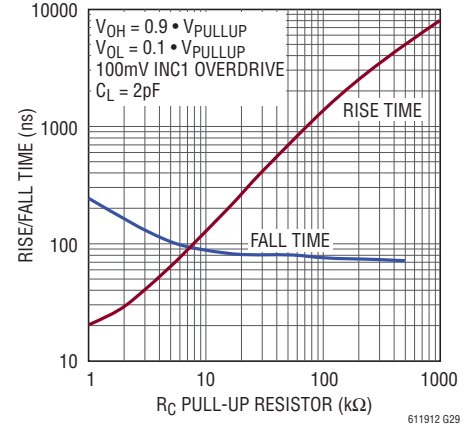
Comparator Step Response (5mV INC1 Overdrive)

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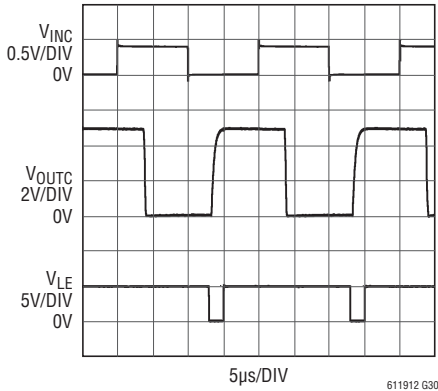
Comparator Step Response (100mV INC1 Overdrive)

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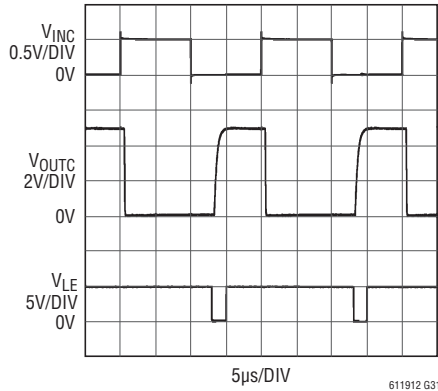
Comparator Reset Response

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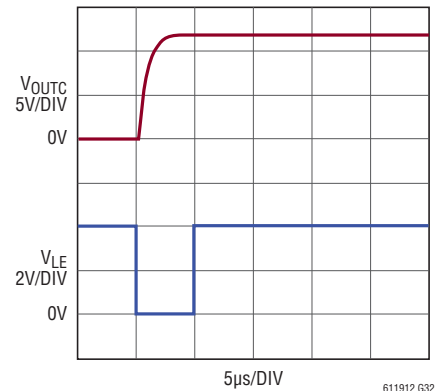
PIN FUNCTIONS

SENSELO (Pin 1): Sense Amplifier Input. This pin must be tied to the load end of the sense resistor.

LE (Pin 2): Latch Control Pin. When high, the comparator latch is enabled. With the comparator latch enabled, the comparator output will latch at a low level once tripped. When the LE input is low, the comparator latch is disabled and the comparator functions transparently.

OUTC2 (Pin 3): Open-Drain Comparator 2 Output. Off-state voltage may be as high as 60V above V⁻, regardless of V⁺ used.

OUTC1 (Pin 4): Open-Drain Comparator 1 Output. Off-state voltage may be as high as 60V above V⁻, regardless of V⁺ used.

V⁻ (Pin 5): Negative Supply Pin. This pin is normally connected to ground.

INC1 (Pin 6): Inverting Input of Comparator 1. The second input of this comparator is internally connected to the 400mV reference.

INC2 (Pin 7): Input of Comparator 2. For the LT6119-1 this is the noninverting input of comparator 2. For the LT6119-2 this is the inverting input of comparator 2. The second input of each of these comparators is internally connected to the 400mV reference.

OUTA (Pin 8): Current Output of the Sense Amplifier. This pin will source a current that is equal to the sense voltage divided by the external gain setting resistor, R_{IN}.

V⁺ (Pin 9): Positive Supply Pin. The V⁺ pin can be connected directly to either side of the sense resistor, R_{SENSE}. When V⁺ is tied to the load end of the sense resistor, the SENSEHI pin can go up to 0.2V above V⁺. Supply current is drawn through this pin.

SENSEHI (Pin 10): Sense Amplifier Input. The internal sense amplifier will drive SENSEHI to the same potential as SENSELO. A resistor (typically R_{IN}) tied from supply to SENSEHI sets the output current, $I_{OUT} = V_{SENSE}/R_{IN}$, where V_{SENSE} is the voltage developed across R_{SENSE}.

BLOCK DIAGRAMS

Figure 1. LT6119-1 Block Diagram (Comparators with Opposing Polarity)

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BLOCK DIAGRAMS

Figure 2. LT6119-2 Block Diagram (Comparators with the Same Polarity)

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

The LT6119 high side current sense amplifier provides accurate monitoring of currents through an external sense resistor. The input sense voltage is level-shifted from the sensed power supply to a ground referenced output and is amplified by a user-selected gain to the output. The output voltage is directly proportional to the current flowing through the sense resistor.
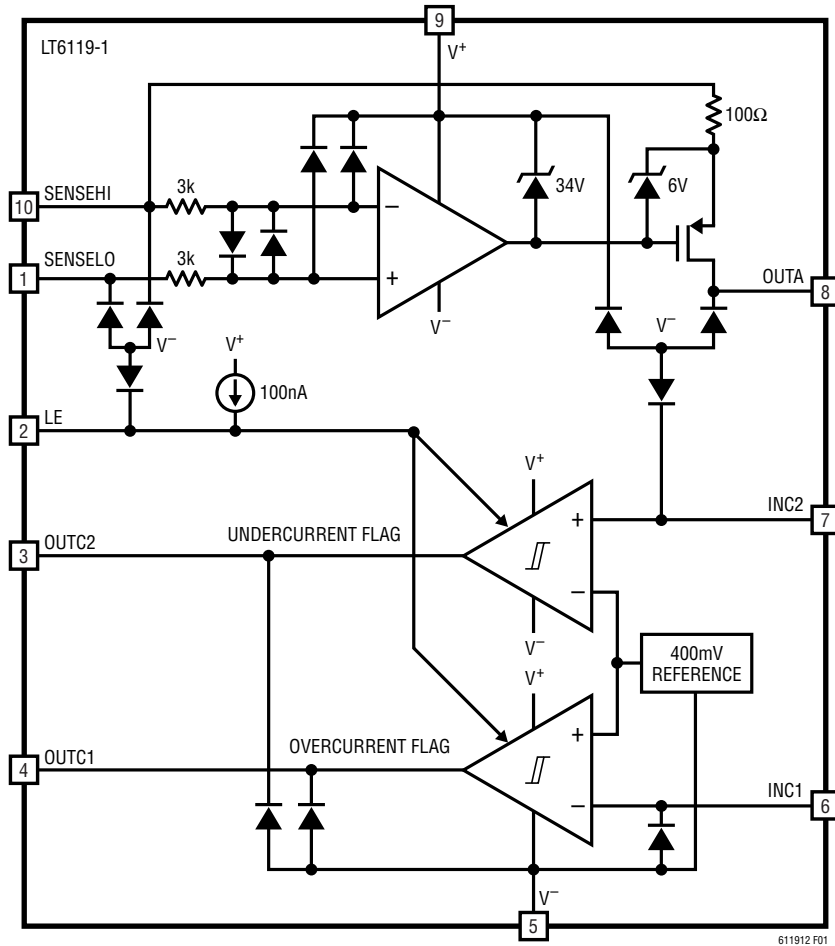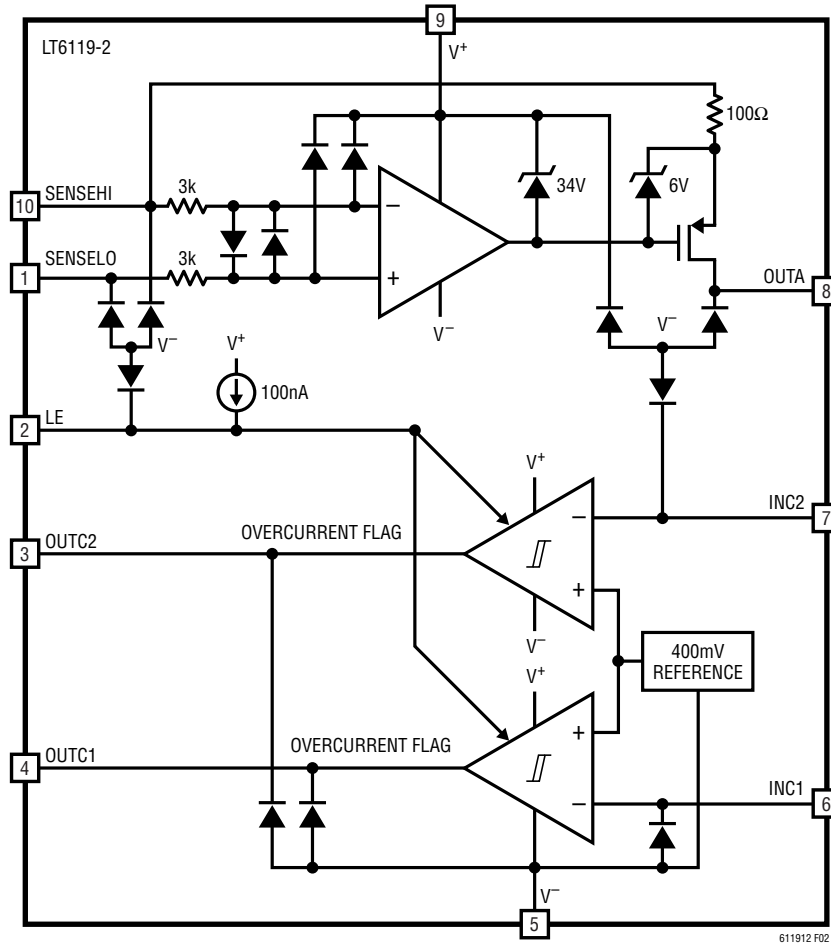
The LT6119 comparators have a threshold set with a built-in 400mV precision reference and have 10mV of hysteresis. The open-drain outputs can be easily used to level shift to digital supplies.

Amplifier Theory of Operation

An internal sense amplifier loop forces SENSEHI to have the same potential as SENSELO, as shown in Figure 3. Connecting an external resistor, R_{IN}, between SENSEHI and V_{SUPPLY} forces a potential, V_{SENSE}, across R_{IN}. A corresponding current, I_{OUTA}, equal to V_{SENSE}/R_{IN}, will flow through R_{IN}. The high impedance inputs of the sense amplifier do not load this current, so it will flow through an internal MOSFET to the output pin, OUTA.

The output current can be transformed back into a voltage by adding a resistor from OUTA to V^-(typically ground). The output voltage is then:

$$V_{OUT} = V^- + I_{OUTA} \bullet R_{OUT}$$

where $R_{OUT} = R1 + R2 + R3$, as shown in Figure 3.

Table 1. Example Gain Configurations

GAIN	R_{IN}	R_{OUT}	V_{SENSE} FOR V_{OUT} = 5V	I_{OUTA} AT V_{OUT} = 5V
20	499Ω	10k	250mV	500µA
50	200Ω	10k	100mV	500µA
100	100Ω	10k	50mV	500µA

Useful Equations

Input Voltage: $V_{SENSE} = I_{SENSE} \bullet R_{SENSE}$

Voltage Gain: $\dfrac{V_{OUT}}{V_{SENSE}} = \dfrac{R_{OUT}}{R_{IN}}$

Current Gain: $\dfrac{I_{OUTA}}{I_{SENSE}} = \dfrac{R_{SENSE}}{R_{IN}}$

Note that $V_{SENSE(MAX)}$ can be exceeded without damaging the amplifier, however, output accuracy will degrade as V_{SENSE} exceeds $V_{SENSE(MAX)}$, resulting in increased output current, I_{OUTA}.

Selection of External Current Sense Resistor

The external sense resistor, R_{SENSE}, has a significant effect on the function of a current sensing system and must be chosen with care.

First, the power dissipation in the resistor should be considered. The measured load current will cause power dissipation as well as a voltage drop in R_{SENSE}. As a result, the sense resistor should be as small as possible while still providing the input dynamic range required by the measurement. Note that the input dynamic range is the difference between the maximum input signal and the minimum accurately reproduced signal, and is limited primarily by input DC offset of the internal sense amplifier of the LT6119. To ensure the specified performance, R_{SENSE} should be small enough that V_{SENSE} does not exceed $V_{SENSE(MAX)}$ under peak load conditions. As an example, an application may require the maximum sense voltage be 100mV. If this application is expected to draw 2A at peak load, R_{SENSE} should be set to 50mΩ.

Once the maximum R_{SENSE} value is determined, the minimum sense resistor value will be set by the resolution or dynamic range required. The minimum signal that can be accurately represented by this sense amplifier is limited by the input offset. As an example, the LT6119 has a maximum input offset of 200µV. If the minimum current is 20mA, a sense resistor of 10mΩ will set V_{SENSE} to 200µV. This is the same value as the input offset. A larger sense resistor will reduce the error due to offset by increasing the sense voltage for a given load current. Choosing a 50mΩ R_{SENSE} will maximize the dynamic range and provide a system that has 100mV across the sense resistor at peak load (2A), while input offset causes an error equivalent to only 4mA of load current.

In the previous example, the peak dissipation in R_{SENSE} is 200mW. If a 5mΩ sense resistor is employed, then the effective current error is 40mA, while the peak sense voltage is reduced to 10mV at 2A, dissipating only 20mW.

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The low offset and corresponding large dynamic range of the LT6119 make it more flexible than other solutions in this respect. The 200µV maximum offset gives 68dB of dynamic range for a sense voltage that is limited to 500mV max.

Sense Resistor Connection

Kelvin connection of the SENSEHI and SENSELO inputs to the sense resistor should be used in all but the lowest power applications. Solder connections and PC board interconnections that carry high currents can cause significant error in measurement due to their relatively large resistances. One 10mm × 10mm square trace of 1oz copper is approximately 0.5mΩ. A 1mV error can be caused by as little as 2A flowing through this small interconnect. This will cause a 1% error for a full-scale V_{SENSE} of 100mV. A 10A load current in the same interconnect will cause a 5% error for the same 100mV signal. By isolating the sense traces from the high current paths, this error can be reduced by orders of magnitude. A sense resistor with integrated Kelvin sense terminals will give the best results. Figure 3 illustrates the recommended method for connecting the SENSEHI and SENSELO pins to the sense resistor.
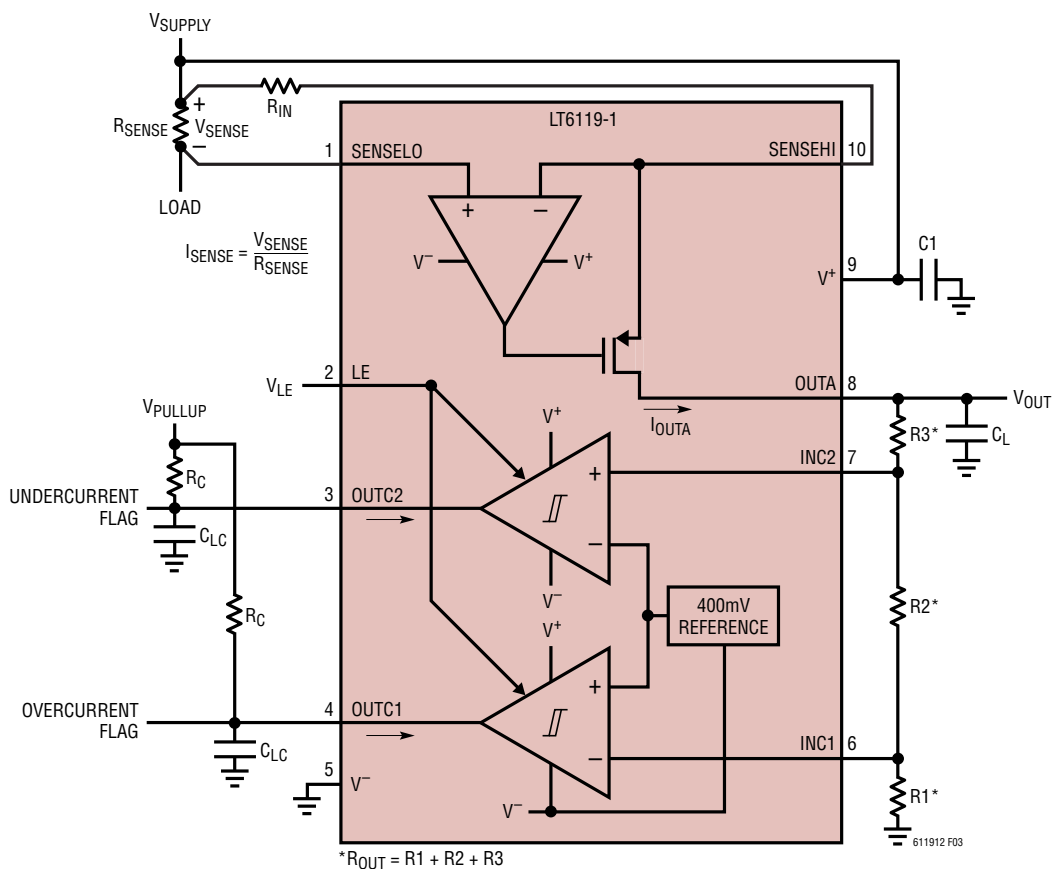

Figure 3. LT6119-1 Typical Connection

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Selection of External Input Gain Resistor, R_{IN}

R_{IN} should be chosen to allow the required speed and resolution while limiting the output current to 1mA. The maximum value for R_{IN} is 1k to maintain good loop stability. For a given V_{SENSE}, larger values of R_{IN} will lower power dissipation in the LT6119 due to the reduction in I_{OUT} while smaller values of R_{IN} will result in faster response time due to the increase in I_{OUT}. If low sense currents must be resolved accurately in a system that has a very wide dynamic range, a smaller R_{IN} may be used if the maximum I_{OUTA} current is limited in another way, such as with a Schottky diode across R_{SENSE} (Figure 4). This will reduce the high current measurement accuracy by limiting the result, while increasing the low current measurement resolution.
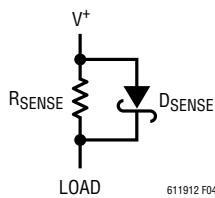
Figure 4. Shunt Diode Limits Maximum Input Voltage to Allow Better Low Input Resolution Without Overranging

This approach can be helpful in cases where occasional bursts of high currents can be ignored.

Care should be taken when designing the board layout for R_{IN}, especially for small R_{IN} values. All trace and interconnect resistances will increase the effective R_{IN} value, causing a gain error.

The power dissipated in the sense resistor can create a thermal gradient across a printed circuit board and consequently a gain error if R_{IN} and R_{OUT} are placed such that they operate at different temperatures. If significant power is being dissipated in the sense resistor then care should be taken to place R_{IN} and R_{OUT} such that the gain error due to the thermal gradient is minimized.

Selection of External Output Gain Resistor, R_{OUT}

The output resistor, R_{OUT}, determines how the output current is converted to voltage. V_{OUT} is simply $I_{OUTA} \cdot R_{OUT}$. Typically, R_{OUT} is a combination of resistors configured

as a resistor divider which has voltage taps going to the comparator inputs to set the comparator thresholds.

In choosing an output resistor, the maximum output voltage must first be considered. If the subsequent circuit is a buffer or ADC with limited input range, then R_{OUT} must be chosen so that $I_{OUTA(MAX)} \cdot R_{OUT}$ is less than the allowed maximum input range of this circuit.

In addition, the output impedance is determined by R_{OUT}. If another circuit is being driven, then the input impedance of that circuit must be considered. If the subsequent circuit has high enough input impedance, then almost any useful output impedance will be acceptable. However, if the subsequent circuit has relatively low input impedance, or draws spikes of current such as an ADC load, then a lower output impedance may be required to preserve the accuracy of the output. More information can be found in the Output Filtering section. As an example, if the input impedance of the driven circuit, $R_{IN(DRIVEN)}$, is 100 times R_{OUT}, then the accuracy of V_{OUT} will be reduced by 1% since:

$$V_{OUT} = I_{OUTA} \cdot \frac{R_{OUT} \cdot R_{IN(DRIVEN)}}{R_{OUT} + R_{IN(DRIVEN)}}$$

$$= I_{OUTA} \cdot R_{OUT} \cdot \frac{100}{101} = 0.99 \cdot I_{OUTA} \cdot R_{OUT}$$

Amplifier Error Sources

The current sense system uses an amplifier and resistors to apply gain and level-shift the result. Consequently, the output is dependent on the characteristics of the amplifier, such as gain error and input offset, as well as the matching of the external resistors.

Ideally, the circuit output is:

$$V_{OUT} = V_{SENSE} \cdot \frac{R_{OUT}}{R_{IN}}; \ V_{SENSE} = R_{SENSE} \cdot I_{SENSE}$$

In this case, the only error is due to external resistor mismatch, which provides an error in gain only. However, offset voltage, input bias current and finite gain in the amplifier can cause additional errors:

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Output Voltage Error, $\Delta V_{OUT(VOS)}$, Due to the Amplifier DC Offset Voltage, V_{OS}

$$\Delta V_{OUT(VOS)} = V_{OS} \bullet \frac{R_{OUT}}{R_{IN}}$$

The DC offset voltage of the amplifier adds directly to the value of the sense voltage, V_{SENSE}. As V_{SENSE} is increased, accuracy improves. This is the dominant error of the system and it limits the available dynamic range.

Output Voltage Error, $\Delta V_{OUT(IBIAS)}$, Due to the Bias Currents $I_B{}^+$ and $I_B{}^-$

The amplifier bias current $I_B{}^+$ flows into the SENSELO pin while $I_B{}^-$ flows into the SENSEHI pin. The error due to I_B is the following:

$$\Delta V_{OUT(IBIAS)} = R_{OUT}\left(I_B{}^+ \bullet \frac{R_{SENSE}}{R_{IN}} - I_B{}^- \right)$$

Since $I_B{}^+ \approx I_B{}^- = I_{BIAS}$, if $R_{SENSE} \ll R_{IN}$ then,

$$\Delta V_{OUT(IBIAS)} = -R_{OUT}(I_{BIAS})$$

It is useful to refer the error to the input:

$$\Delta V_{VIN(IBIAS)} = -R_{IN}(I_{BIAS})$$

For instance, if I_{BIAS} is 100nA and R_{IN} is 1k, the input referred error is 100µV. This error becomes less significant as the value of R_{IN} decreases. The bias current error can be reduced if an external resistor, $R_{IN}{}^+$, is connected as shown in Figure 5, the error is then reduced to:

$$V_{OUT(IBIAS)} = \pm R_{OUT} \bullet I_{OS}; \ I_{OS} = I_B{}^+ - I_B{}^-$$

Minimizing low current errors will maximize the dynamic range of the circuit.

Output Voltage Error, $\Delta V_{OUT(GAIN \ ERROR)}$, Due to External Resistors

The LT6119 exhibits a very low gain error. As a result, the gain error is only significant when low tolerance resistors are used to set the gain. Note the gain error is systematically negative. For instance, if 0.1% resistors are used for R_{IN} and R_{OUT} then the resulting worst-case gain error is –0.4% with R_{IN} = 100Ω. Figure 6 is a graph of the maximum gain error which can be expected versus the external resistor tolerance.

Figure 6. Gain Error vs Resistor Tolerance

Figure 5. $R_{IN}{}^+$ Reduces Error Due to I_B

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Output Current Limitations Due to Power Dissipation

The LT6119 can deliver a continuous current of 1mA to the OUTA pin. This current flows through R_{IN} and enters the current sense amplifier via the SENSEHI pin. The power dissipated in the LT6119 due to the output signal is:
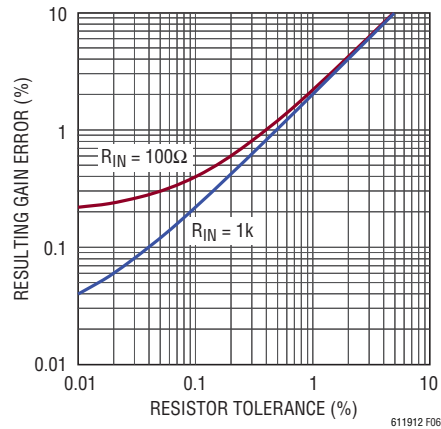
$$P_{OUT} = (V_{SENSEHI} - V_{OUTA}) \bullet I_{OUTA}$$

Since $V_{SENSEHI} \approx V^+$, $P_{OUTA} \approx (V^+ - V_{OUTA}) \bullet I_{OUTA}$

There is also power dissipated due to the quiescent power supply current:

$$P_S = I_S \bullet V^+$$

The comparator output current flows into the comparator output pin and out of the V^- pin. The power dissipated in the LT6119 due to each comparator is often insignificant and can be calculated as follows:

$$P_{OUTC1,C2} = (V_{OUTC1,C2} - V^-) \bullet I_{OUTC1,C2}$$

The total power dissipated is the sum of these dissipations:

$$P_{TOTAL} = P_{OUTA} + P_{OUTC1} + P_{OUTC2} + P_S$$

At maximum supply and maximum output currents, the total power dissipation can exceed 100mW. This will cause significant heating of the LT6119 die. In order to prevent damage to the LT6119, the maximum expected dissipation in each application should be calculated. This number can be multiplied by the θ_{JA} value, 160°C/W, to find the maximum expected die temperature. Proper heat sinking and thermal relief should be used to ensure that the die temperature does not exceed the maximum rating.

LE Pin

The LE pin is used to enable the comparator's output latch. When the LE pin is high, the output latch is enabled and the comparator outputs will stay low once tripped. When LE is low, the comparator output latches are disabled and the comparators operate transparently. To continuously operate the comparators transparently, the LE pin should be grounded. Do not leave the LE pin floating.

Power-On Reset

During start-up, the state of the comparator outputs cannot be guaranteed. To guarantee the correct state of the comparators outputs on start-up, a power-on reset (POR) is required. A POR can be implemented by holding the LE pin low until the LT6119 is in such a state that the comparator outputs are stable. This can be achieved by using an RC network between the LE, V^+ and GND, as shown in Figure 7. When power is applied to the LT6119, the RC network causes the voltage on the LE pin to remain below the V_{IL} (0.5V) threshold long enough for the comparator outputs to settle into the correct state. The LE pin should remain below 0.5V for at least 100µs after power-up in order to
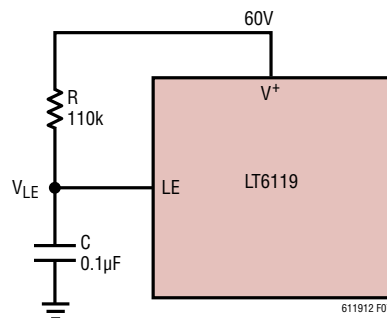

Figure 7. RC Network Achieves Power-On Reset

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guarantee a valid comparator outputs. The RC value can be determined with the following equation:

$$RC = \frac{t}{\ln\left(\dfrac{V^+}{V^+ - 0.5V}\right)}; \quad t \geq 100\mu S$$

The RC will need to be chosen based on the supply voltage of the circuit. Figure 8 can be used to easily determine an appropriate RC combination for an applications supply voltage range.
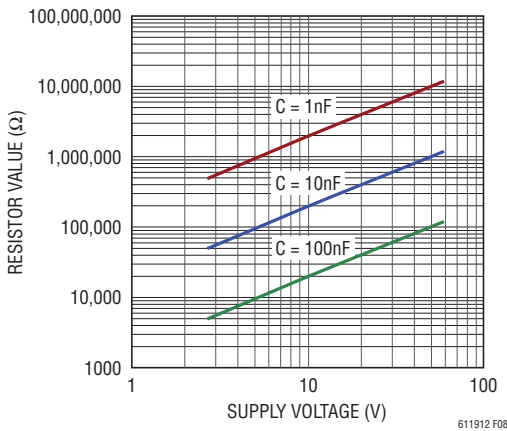

Figure 8. Minimum Resistance for Three Typical Capacitor Values

Output Filtering

The AC output voltage, V_{OUT}, is simply $I_{OUTA} \cdot Z_{OUT}$. This makes filtering straightforward. Any circuit may be used which generates the required Z_{OUT} to get the desired filter response. For example, a capacitor in parallel with R_{OUT} will give a lowpass response. This will reduce noise at the output, and may also be useful as a charge reservoir to keep the output steady while driving a switching circuit such as a MUX or ADC. This output capacitor in parallel with R_{OUT} will create an output pole at:

$$f_{-3dB} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot R_{OUT} \cdot C_L}$$

SENSELO, SENSEHI Range

The difference between V_{BATT} (see Figure 9) and V^+, as well as the maximum value of V_{SENSE}, must be considered to ensure that the SENSELO pin does not exceed the range listed in the Electrical Characteristics table. The SENSELO and SENSEHI pins of the LT6119 can function from 0.2V above the positive supply to 33V below it. These operating voltages are limited by internal diode clamps shown in Figures 1 and 2. On supplies less than 35.5V, the lower range is limited by $V^- + 2.5V$. This allows the monitored supply, V_{BATT}, to be separate from the LT6119 positive supply, as shown in Figure 9. Figure 10 shows the range of operating voltages for the SENSELO and SENSEHI inputs, for different supply voltage inputs (V^+).
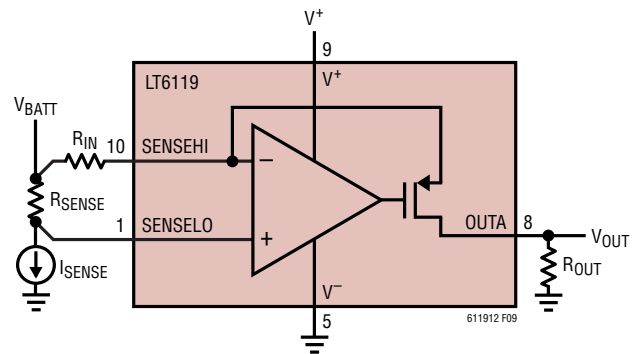

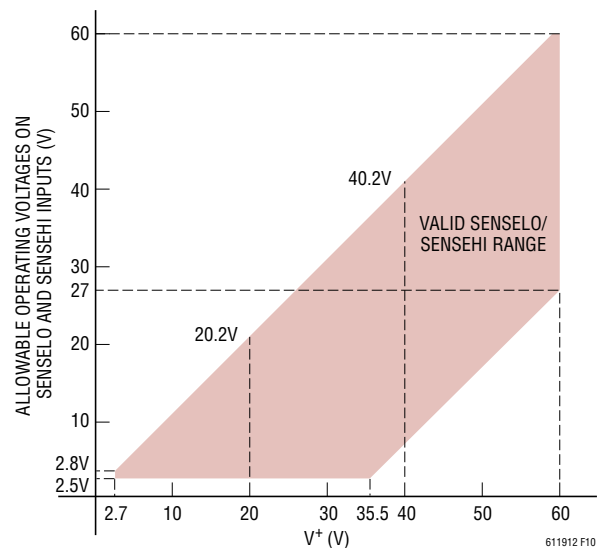**Figure 9. V⁺ Powered Separately from Load Supply (V_BATT)**

Figure 10. Allowable SENSELO, SENSEHI Voltage Range

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The SENSELO and SENSEHI range has been designed to allow the LT6119 to monitor its own supply current (in addition to the load), as long as V_{SENSE} is less than 200mV. This is shown in Figure 11.

Minimum Output Voltage

The output of the LT6119 current sense amplifier can produce a non-zero output voltage when the sense voltage is zero. This is a result of the sense amplifier V_{OS} being forced across R_{IN} as discussed in the Output Voltage Error, $\Delta V_{OUT(VOS)}$ section. Figure 12 shows the effect of the input offset voltage on the transfer function for parts at the V_{OS} limits. With a negative offset voltage, zero input sense voltage produces an output voltage. With a positive offset voltage, the output voltage is zero until the input sense voltage exceeds the input offset voltage. Neglecting V_{OS}, the output circuit is not limited by saturation of pull-down circuitry and can reach 0V.

Response Time

The LT6119 amplifier is designed to exhibit fast response to inputs for the purpose of circuit protection or current monitoring. This response time will be affected by the external components in two ways, delay and speed.

If the output current is very low and an input transient occurs, there may be an increased delay before the output voltage begins to change. The Typical Performance Characteristics show that this delay is short and it can be improved by increasing the minimum output current, either by increasing R_{SENSE} or decreasing R_{IN}. Note that the Typical Performance Characteristics are labeled with respect to the initial sense voltage.

The speed is also affected by the external components. Using a larger R_{OUT} will decrease the response time, since $V_{OUT} = I_{OUTA} \cdot Z_{OUT}$ where Z_{OUT} is the parallel combination
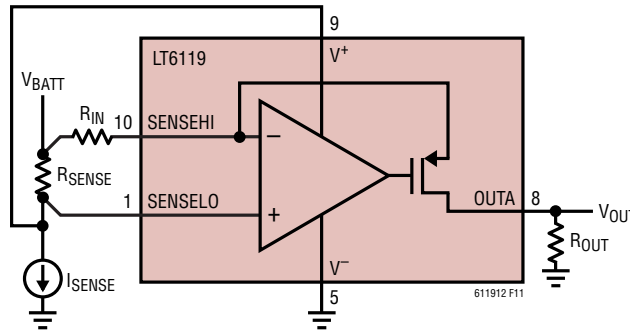

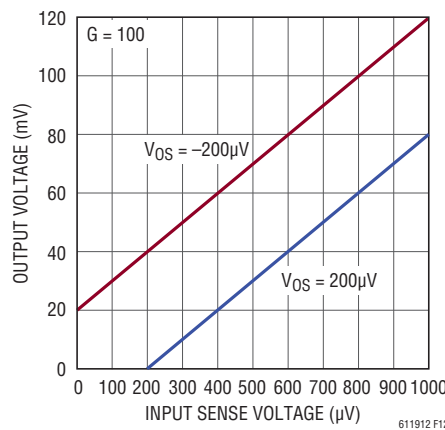Figure 11. LT6119 Supply Current Monitored with Load

Figure 12. Amplifier Output Voltage vs Input Sense Voltage

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of R_{OUT} and any parasitic and/or load capacitance. Note that reducing R_{IN} or increasing R_{OUT} will both have the effect of increasing the voltage gain of the circuit. If the output capacitance is limiting the speed of the system, R_{IN} and R_{OUT} can be decreased together in order to maintain the desired gain and provide more current to charge the output capacitance.

The response time of the comparators is the sum of the propagation delay and the fall time. The propagation delay is a function of the overdrive voltage on the input of the comparators. A larger overdrive will result in a lower propagation delay. This helps achieve a fast system response time to fault events. The fall time is affected by the load on the output of the comparator as well as the pull-up voltage.

The LT6119 amplifier has a typical response time of 500ns and the comparators have a typical response time of 500ns. When configured as a system, the amplifier output drives the comparator input causing a total system response time which is typically greater than that implied by the individually specified response times. This is due to the overdrive on the comparator input being determined by the speed of the amplifier output.

Internal Reference and Comparators

The integrated precision reference and comparators combined with the high precision current sense allow for rapid and easy detection of abnormal load currents. This is often critical in systems that require high levels of safety and reliability. The LT6119 comparators are optimized for fault detection and are designed with latching outputs. Latching outputs prevent faults from clearing themselves and require a separate system or user to reset the outputs. In applications where the comparator output can intervene and disconnect loads from the supply, latched outputs are required to avoid oscillation. Latching outputs are also useful for detecting problems that are intermittent. The comparator outputs on the LT6119 are always latching and there is no way to disable this feature.

Each of the comparators has one input available externally, with the two versions of the part differing by the polarity of those available inputs. The other comparator inputs are connected internally to the 400mV precision reference. The input threshold (the voltage which causes the output to transition from high to low) is designed to be equal to that of the reference. The reference voltage is established with respect to the device V^- connection.

Comparator Inputs

The comparator inputs can swing from V^- to 60V regardless of the supply voltage used. The input current for inputs well above the threshold is just a few pAs. With decreasing input voltage, a small bias current begins to be drawn out of the input near the threshold, reaching 50nA max when at ground potential. Note that this change in input bias current can cause a small nonlinearity in the OUTA transfer function if the comparator inputs are coupled to the amplifier output with a voltage divider. For example, if the maximum comparator input current is 50nA, and the resistance seen looking out of the comparator input is 1k, then a change in output voltage of 50μV will be seen on the analog output when the comparator input voltage passes through its threshold. If both comparator inputs are connected to the output then they must both be considered.

Setting Comparator Thresholds

The comparators have an internal precision 400mV reference. In order to set the trip points of the LT6119-1 comparators, the output currents, I_{OVER} and I_{UNDER}, as well as the maximum output current, I_{MAX}, must be calculated:

$$I_{OVER} = \frac{V_{SENSE(OVER)}}{R_{IN}}, \; I_{UNDER} = \frac{V_{SENSE(UNDER)}}{R_{IN}},$$

$$I_{MAX} = \frac{V_{SENSE(MAX)}}{R_{IN}}$$

where I_{OVER} and I_{UNDER} are the over and under currents through the sense resistor which cause the comparators to trip. I_{MAX} is the maximum current through the sense resistor.

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Depending on the desired maximum amplifier output voltage (V_{MAX}) the three output resistors, R1, R2 and R3, can be configured in two ways. If:

$$V_{MAX} > \left[\frac{400mV}{I_{OVER}} + \frac{400mV - I_{UNDER}(R1)}{I_{UNDER}} \right] I_{MAX}$$

then use the configuration shown in Figure 3. The desired trip points and full-scale analog output voltage for the circuit in Figure 3 can then be achieved using the following equations:

$$R1 = \frac{400mV}{I_{OVER}}$$

$$R2 = \frac{400mV - I_{UNDER}(R1)}{I_{UNDER}}$$

$$R3 = \frac{V_{MAX} - I_{MAX}(R1 + R2)}{I_{MAX}}$$

If:

$$V_{MAX} < \left[\frac{400mV}{I_{OVER}} + \frac{400mV - I_{UNDER}(R1)}{I_{UNDER}} \right] I_{MAX}$$
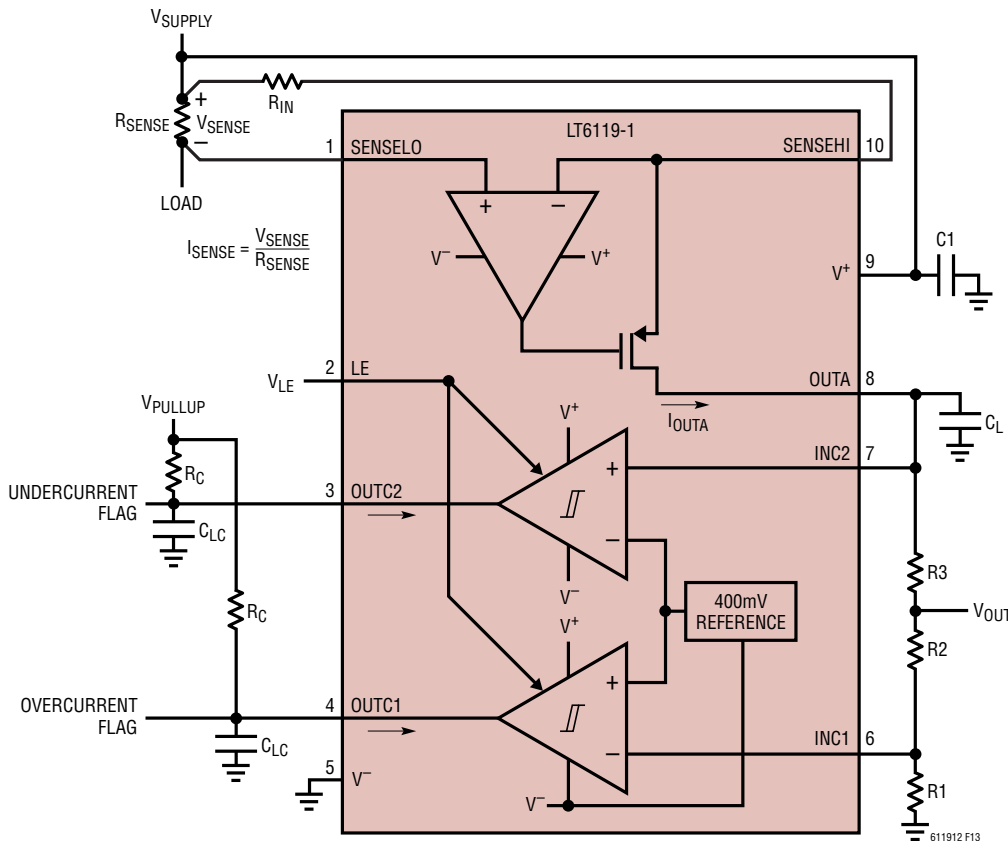
then use the configuration shown in Figure 13.

$$I_{SENSE} = \frac{V_{SENSE}}{R_{SENSE}}$$

Figure 13. Typical Configuration with Alternative R$_{OUT}$ Configuration

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The desired trip points and full-scale analog output voltage for the circuit in Figure 15 can be achieved as follows:

$$R1 = \frac{400mV}{I_{OVER}}$$

$$R2 = \frac{V_{MAX} - I_{MAX}(R1)}{I_{MAX}}$$

$$R3 = \frac{400mV - I_{UNDER}(R1+R2)}{I_{UNDER}}$$

Trip points for the LT6119-2 can be set by replacing I_{UNDER} with a second overcurrent, I_{OVER2}.

Hysteresis

Each comparator has a typical built-in hysteresis of 10mV to simplify design, ensure stable operation in the presence of noise at the inputs, and to reject supply noise that might be induced by state change load transients. The hysteresis is designed such that the threshold voltage is altered when the output is transitioning from low to high as is shown in Figure 14.
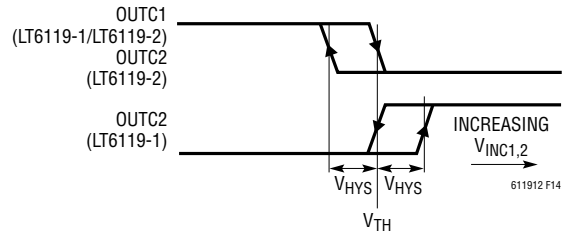

Figure 14. Comparator Output Transfer Characteristics

External positive feedback circuitry can be employed to increase the effective hysteresis if desired, but such circuitry will have an effect on both the rising and falling input thresholds, V_{TH} (the actual internal threshold remains unaffected).

Figure 15 shows how to add additional hysteresis to a noninverting comparator.

R6 can be calculated from the extra hysteresis being added, $V_{HYS(EXTRA)}$ and the amplifier output current which you want to cause the comparator output to trip, I_{UNDER}. Note that the hysteresis being added, $V_{HYS(EXTRA)}$, is in addition to the typical 10mV of built-in hysteresis.
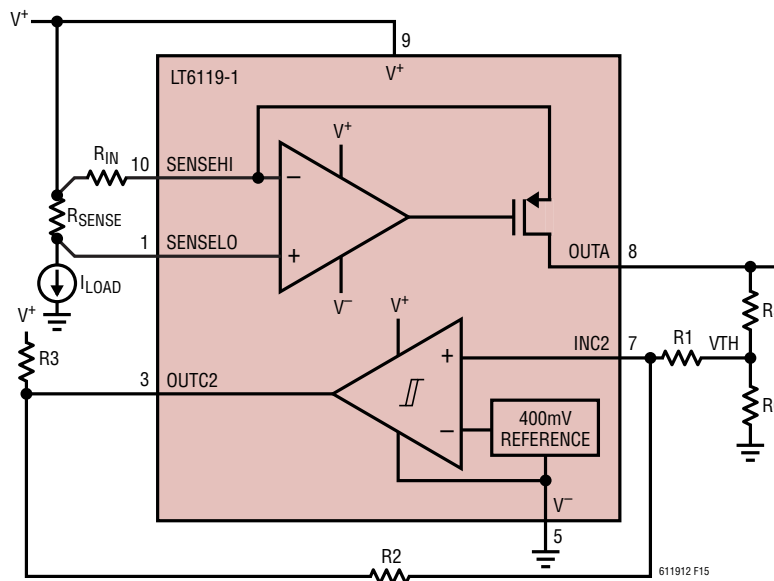
$$R6 = \frac{400mV - V_{HYS(EXTRA)}}{I_{UNDER}}$$

Figure 15. Noninverting Comparator with Added Hysteresis

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R1 should be chosen such that R1 >> R6 so that V_{OUTA} does not change significantly when the comparator trips.

R3 should be chosen to allow sufficient V_{OL} and comparator output rise time due to capacitive loading.

R2 can be calculated:

$$R2 = \frac{R1 \bullet \left(V^+ - 400mV\right) - \left(V_{HYS(EXTRA)} \bullet R3\right)}{V_{HYS(EXTRA)}}$$

For very large values of R2 PCB related leakage may become an issue. A tee network can be implemented to reduce the required resistor values.

The approximate total hysteresis will be:

$$V_{HYS} = 10mV + R1 \bullet \left(\frac{V^+ - 400mV}{R2 + R3}\right)$$

For example, to achieve I_{UNDER} = 100µA with 50mV of total hysteresis, R6 = 3.57k. Choosing R1 = 35.7k, R3 = 10k and V^+ = 5V results in R2 = 4.12M.

The analog output voltage will also be affected when the comparator trips due to the current injected into R6 by the positive feedback. Because of this, it is desirable to have (R1 + R2 + R3) >> R6. The maximum V_{OUTA} error caused by this can be calculated as:

$$\Delta V_{OUTA} = V^+ \bullet \left(\frac{R6}{R1 + R2 + R3 + R6}\right)$$

In the previous example, this is an error of 4.3mV at the output of the amplifier or 43µV at the input of the amplifier assuming a gain of 100.

When using the comparators with their inputs decoupled from the output of the amplifier, they may be driven directly by a voltage source. It is useful to know the threshold voltage equations with the additional hysteresis. The input falling edge threshold which causes the output to transition from high to low is:

$$V_{TH(F)} = 400mV \bullet R1 \bullet \left(\frac{1}{R1} + \frac{1}{R2 + R3}\right) - \left(\frac{V^+ \bullet R1}{R2 + R3}\right)$$

The input rising edge threshold which causes the output to transition from low to high is:

$$V_{TH(R)} = 410mV \bullet R1 \bullet \left(\frac{1}{R1} + \frac{1}{R2}\right)$$

Figure 16 shows how to add additional hysteresis to an inverting comparator.
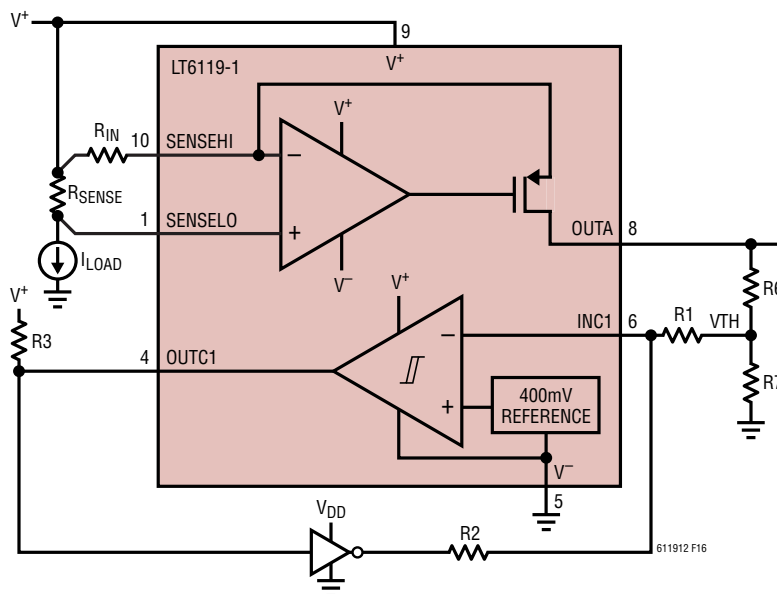

Figure 16. Inverting Comparator with Added Hysteresis

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R7 can be calculated from the amplifier output current which is required to cause the comparator output to trip, I_{OVER}.

$$R7 = \frac{400mV}{I_{OVER}}, \text{ Assuming } (R1+R2) \gg R7$$

To ensure $(R1 + R2) \gg R7$, R1 should be chosen such that $R1 \gg R7$ so that V_{OUTA} does not change significantly when the comparator trips.

R3 should be chosen to allow sufficient V_{OL} and comparator output rise time due to capacitive loading.

R2 can be calculated:

$$R2 = R1 \cdot \left(\frac{V_{DD} - 390mV}{V_{HYS(EXTRA)}} \right)$$

Note that the hysteresis being added, $V_{HYS(EXTRA)}$, is in addition to the typical 10mV of built-in hysteresis. For very large values of R2 PCB related leakage may become an issue. A tee network can be implemented to reduce the required resistor values.

The approximate total hysteresis is:

$$V_{HYS} = 10mV + R1 \cdot \left(\frac{V_{DD} - 390mV}{R2} \right)$$

For example, to achieve $I_{OVER} = 900\mu A$ with 50mV of total hysteresis, $R7 = 442\Omega$. Choosing R1 = 4.42k, R3 = 10k and $V_{DD} = 5V$ results in R2 = 513k.

The analog output voltage will also be affected when the comparator trips due to the current injected into R7 by the positive feedback. Because of this, it is desirable to have $(R1 + R2) \gg R7$. The maximum V_{OUTA} error caused by this can be calculated as:

$$\Delta V_{OUTA} = V_{DD} \cdot \left(\frac{R7}{R1+R2+R7} \right)$$

In the previous example, this is an error of 4.3mV at the output of the amplifier or 43µV at the input of the amplifier assuming a gain of 100.

Since the comparators can be used independently of the current sense amplifier, it is useful to know the threshold voltage equations with additional hysteresis. The input rising edge threshold which causes the output to transition from high to low is:

$$V_{TH(R)} = 400mV \cdot \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2} \right)$$

The input falling edge threshold which causes the output to transition from low to high is:

$$V_{TH(F)} = 390mV \cdot \left(1 + \frac{R1}{R2} \right) - V_{DD} \left(\frac{R1}{R2} \right)$$

Comparator Outputs

The comparator outputs can maintain a logic low level of 150mV while sinking 500µA. The outputs can sink higher currents at elevated V_{OL} levels, as shown in the Typical Performance Characteristics. Load currents are conducted to the V⁻ pin. The output off-state voltage may range between 0V and 60V with respect to V⁻, regardless of the supply voltage used. As with any open-drain device, the outputs may be tied together to implement wire-OR logic functions. The LT6119-1 can be used as a single-output window comparator in this way.

APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Reverse-Supply Protection

The LT6119 is not protected internally from external reversal of supply polarity. To prevent damage that may occur during this condition, a Schottky diode should be added in series with V^- (Figure 17). This will limit the reverse current through the LT6119. Note that this diode will limit the low voltage operation of the LT6119 by effectively reducing the supply voltage to the part by V_D.

Also note that the comparator reference, comparator output and LE input are referenced to the V^- pin. In

order to preserve the precision of the reference and to avoid driving the comparator inputs below V^-, R2 must connect to the V^- pin. This will shift the amplifier output voltage up by V_D. V_{OUTA} can be accurately measured differentially across R1 and R2. The comparator output low voltage will also be shifted up by V_D. The LE pin threshold is referenced to the V^- pin. In order to provide valid input levels to the LT6119 and avoid driving LE below V^- the negative supply of the driving circuit should be tied to V^-.
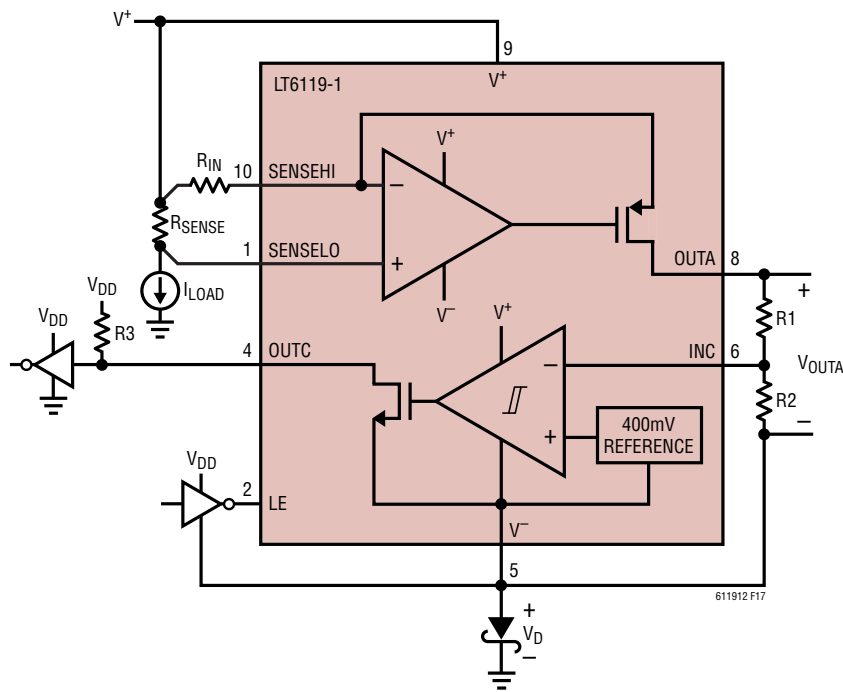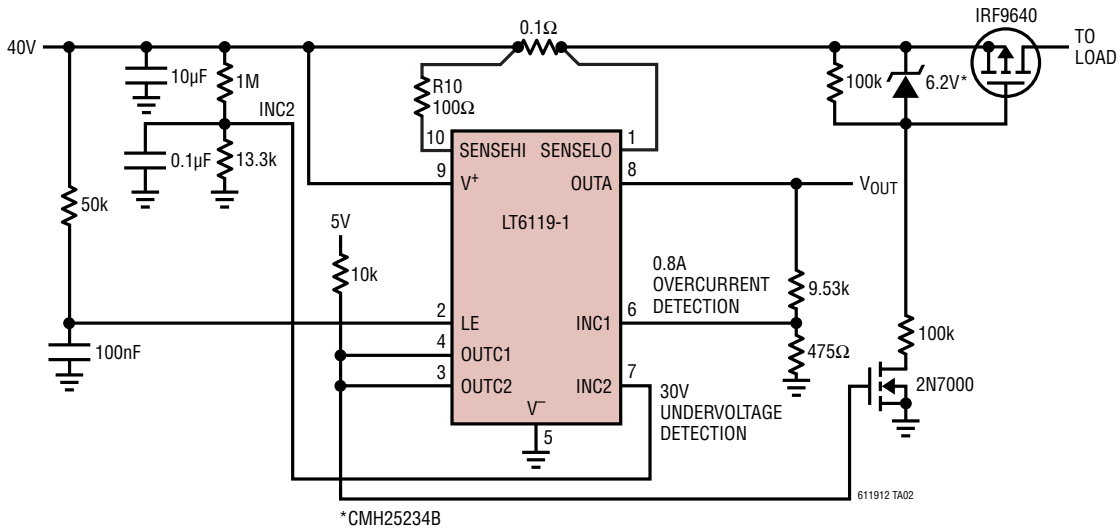

Figure 17. Schottky Prevents Damage During Supply Reversal

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TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

**Electronic Fuse and Undervoltage Detector with Power-On Reset**

The electronic fuse can be reset either by pulling the LE line low or by cycling the power to the system. The circuit is designed to have a 100µS power-on period. After power, while LE is still below the threshold, the comparator is kept transparent to allow for initial inrush current.

The comparators monitor for overcurrent and undervoltage conditions. If either fault condition is detected the battery will immediately be disconnected from the load. The latching comparator outputs ensure the battery stays disconnected from the load until an outside source resets the LT6119 comparator outputs.

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

MCU Interfacing with Hardware Interrupts
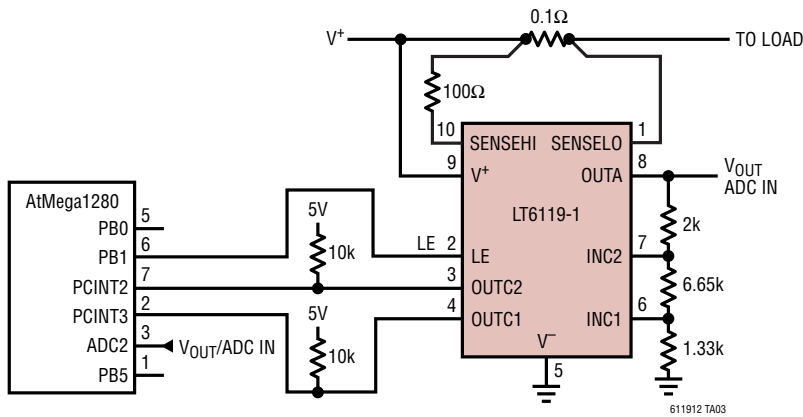
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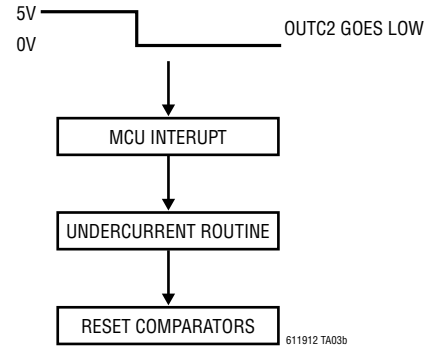
The comparators are set to have a 50mA undercurrent threshold and a 300mA overcurrent threshold. The MCU will receive the comparator outputs as hardware interrupts and immediately run an appropriate fault routine.

Simplified DC Motor Torque Control
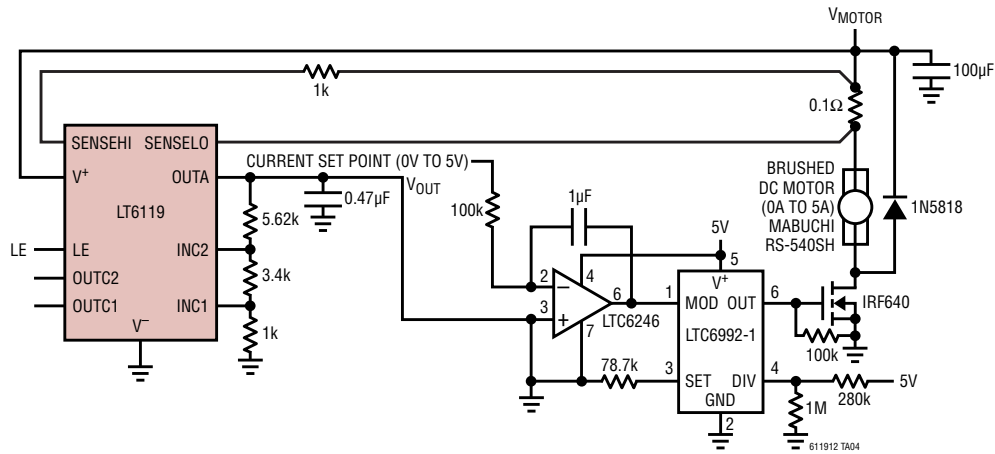
The figure shows a simplified DC motor control circuit. The circuit controls motor current, which is proportional to motor torque; the LT6119 is used to provide current feedback to a difference amplifier that controls the current in the motor. The LTC®6992 is used to convert the output of the difference amp to the motors PWM control signal.

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PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

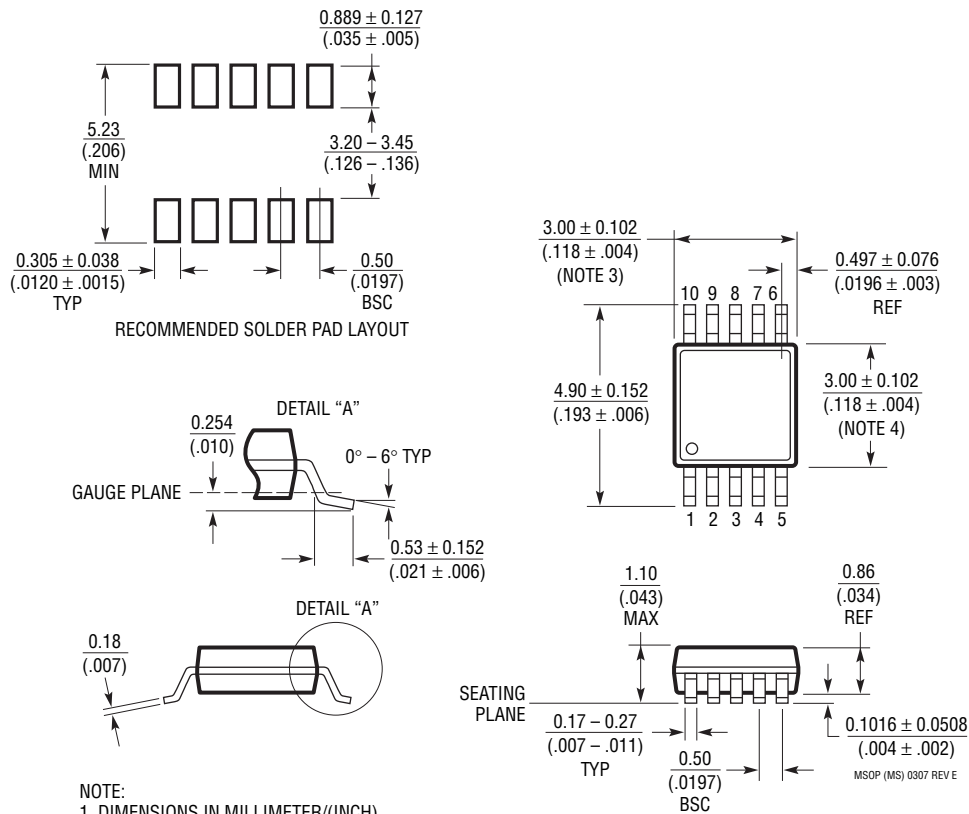Please refer to http://www.linear.com/designtools/packaging/ for the most recent package drawings.

MS Package
10-Lead Plastic MSOP
(Reference LTC DWG # 05-08-1661 Rev E)

$\dfrac{0.889 \pm 0.127}{(.035 \pm .005)}$

$\dfrac{5.23}{(.206)}$ MIN

$\dfrac{3.20 - 3.45}{(.126 - .136)}$

$\dfrac{0.305 \pm 0.038}{(.0120 \pm .0015)}$ TYP

$\dfrac{0.50}{(.0197)}$ BSC

RECOMMENDED SOLDER PAD LAYOUT

DETAIL "A"

$\dfrac{0.254}{(.010)}$

0° − 6° TYP

GAUGE PLANE

$\dfrac{0.53 \pm 0.152}{(.021 \pm .006)}$

DETAIL "A"

$\dfrac{0.18}{(.007)}$

$\dfrac{3.00 \pm 0.102}{(.118 \pm .004)}$ (NOTE 3)

$\dfrac{0.497 \pm 0.076}{(.0196 \pm .003)}$ REF

10 9 8 7 6

$\dfrac{4.90 \pm 0.152}{(.193 \pm .006)}$

$\dfrac{3.00 \pm 0.102}{(.118 \pm .004)}$ (NOTE 4)

1 2 3 4 5

$\dfrac{1.10}{(.043)}$ MAX

$\dfrac{0.86}{(.034)}$ REF

SEATING PLANE

$\dfrac{0.17 - 0.27}{(.007 - .011)}$ TYP

$\dfrac{0.50}{(.0197)}$ BSC

$\dfrac{0.1016 \pm 0.0508}{(.004 \pm .002)}$

MSOP (MS) 0307 REV E

NOTE:
1. DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETER/(INCH)
2. DRAWING NOT TO SCALE
3. DIMENSION DOES NOT INCLUDE MOLD FLASH, PROTRUSIONS OR GATE BURRS.
   MOLD FLASH, PROTRUSIONS OR GATE BURRS SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.152mm (.006") PER SIDE
4. DIMENSION DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERLEAD FLASH OR PROTRUSIONS.
   INTERLEAD FLASH OR PROTRUSIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.152mm (.006") PER SIDE
5. LEAD COPLANARITY (BOTTOM OF LEADS AFTER FORMING) SHALL BE 0.102mm (.004") MAX

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