



# LM117/LM217/LM317

## 1.2V to 37V Adjustable voltage regulators

### Feature summary

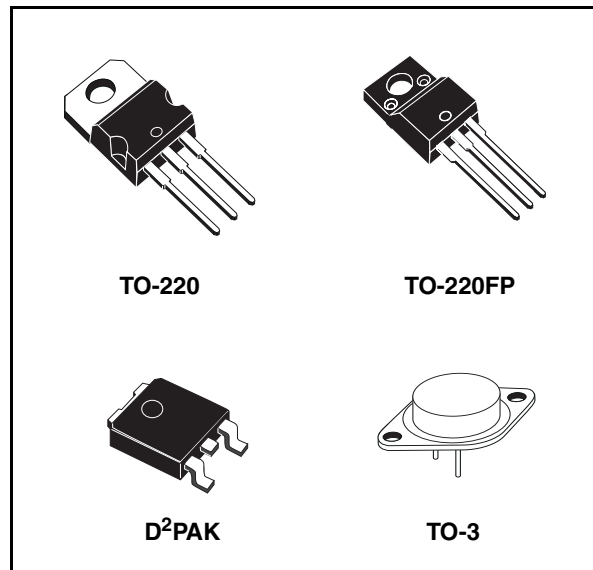
- Output voltage range: 1.2 to 37V
- Output current in excess of 1.5A
- 0.1% Line and load regulation
- Floating operation for high voltages
- Complete series of protections: current limiting, thermal shutdown and SOA control

### Description

The LM117/LM217/LM317 are monolithic integrated circuit in TO-220, TO-220FP, TO-3 and D<sup>2</sup>PAK packages intended for use as positive adjustable voltage regulators.

They are designed to supply more than 1.5A of load current with an output voltage adjustable over a 1.2 to 37V range.

The nominal output voltage is selected by means of only a resistive divider, making the device exceptionally easy to use and eliminating the stocking of many fixed regulators.

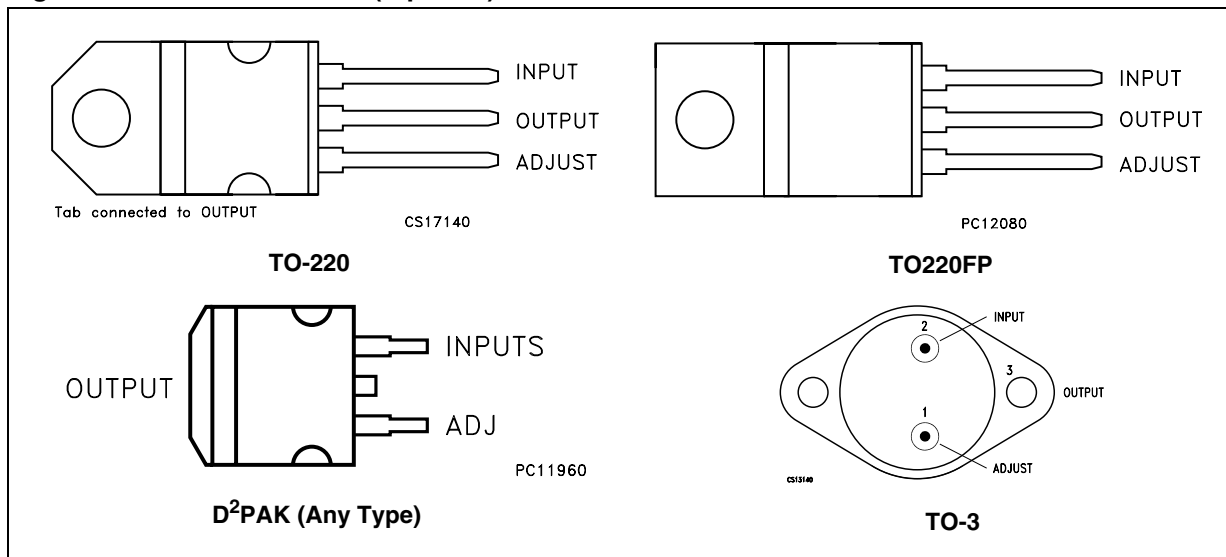


### Order code

Part number	Package			
	TO-220	D <sup>2</sup> PAK	TO-220FP	TO-3
LM117				LM117K
LM217	LM217T	LM217D2T		LM217K
LM317	LM317T	LM317D2T	LM317P	LM317K

# 1 Pin configuration

Figure 1. Pin connections (top view)



## 2 Maximum ratings

**Table 1. Absolute maximum ratings**

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
$V_I - V_O$	Input-Reference Differential Voltage	40	V
$I_O$	Output Current	Internally Limited	
$T_{op}$	Operating Junction Temperature for:	LM117	-55 to 150
		LM217	-25 to 150
		LM317	0 to 125
$P_{tot}$	Power Dissipation	Internally Limited	
$T_{stg}$	Storage Temperature	-65 to 150	°C

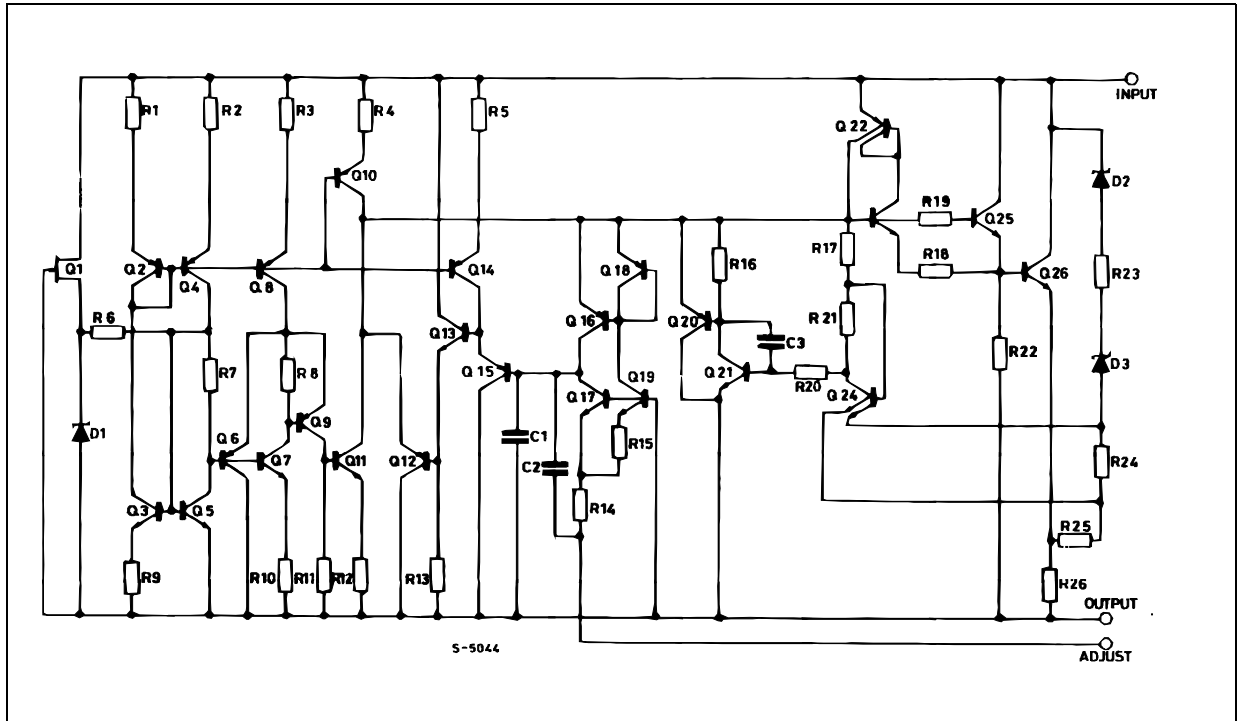
*Note: Absolute Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which damage to the device may occur. Functional operation under these condition is not implied*

**Table 2. Thermal Data**

Symbol	Parameter	D <sup>2</sup> PAK	TO-220	TO-220FP	TO-3	Unit
$R_{thJC}$	Thermal resistance junction-case	3	3	5	4	°C/W
$R_{thJA}$	Thermal resistance junction-ambient	62.5	50	60	35	°C/W

### 3 Diagram

Figure 2. Schematic diagram



## 4 Electrical characteristics

**Table 3. Electrical characteristics for LM117/LM217** ( $V_1 - V_O = 5\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 500\text{ mA}$ ,  $I_{MAX} = 1.5\text{ A}$  and  $P_{MAX} = 20\text{ W}$ ,  $T_J = -55\text{ to }150^\circ\text{C}$  for LM117,  $T_J = -25\text{ to }150^\circ\text{C}$  for LM217, unless otherwise specified)

Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions		Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$\Delta V_O$	Line regulation	$V_1 - V_O = 3\text{ to }40\text{ V}$	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		0.01	0.02	%V
					0.02	0.05	
$\Delta V_O$	Load regulation	$V_O \leq 5\text{ V}$ $I_O = 10\text{ mA to }I_{MAX}$	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		5	15	mV
					20	50	
		$V_O \geq 5\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 10\text{ mA to }I_{MAX}$	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		0.1	0.3	%
					0.3	1	
$I_{ADJ}$	Adjustment pin current			50	100	$\mu\text{A}$	
$\Delta I_{ADJ}$	Adjustment pin current	$V_1 - V_O = 2.5\text{ to }40\text{ V}$	$I_O = 10\text{ mA to }I_{MAX}$		0.2	5	$\mu\text{A}$
$V_{REF}$	Reference voltage (between pin 3 and pin 1)	$V_1 - V_O = 2.5\text{ to }40\text{ V}$	$I_O = 10\text{ mA to }I_{MAX}$ $P_D \leq P_{MAX}$	1.2	1.25	1.3	V
$\Delta V_O/V_O$	Output voltage temperature stability				1		%
$I_{O(min)}$	Minimum load current	$V_1 - V_O = 40\text{ V}$			3.5	5	mA
$I_{O(max)}$	Maximum load current	$V_1 - V_O \leq 15\text{ V}$ , $P_D < P_{MAX}$		1.5	2.2		A
		$V_1 - V_O = 40\text{ V}$ , $P_D < P_{MAX}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			0.4		
eN	Output noise voltage (percentage of $V_O$ )	B = 10Hz to 100KHz, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			0.003		%
SVR	Supply voltage rejection <sup>(1)</sup>	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $f = 120\text{Hz}$	$C_{ADJ}=0$		65		dB
			$C_{ADJ}=10\mu\text{F}$	66	80		

1.  $C_{ADJ}$  is connected between pin 1 and ground.

**Table 4. Electrical characteristics for LM317** ( $V_I - V_O = 5\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 500\text{ mA}$ ,  $I_{MAX} = 1.5\text{ A}$  and  $P_{MAX} = 20\text{ W}$ ,  $T_J = 0\text{ to }125^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise specified)

Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	
$\Delta V_O$	Line regulation	$V_I - V_O = 3\text{ to }40\text{ V}$	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		0.01	0.04	%V
					0.02	0.07	
$\Delta V_O$	Load regulation	$V_O \leq 5\text{ V}$ $I_O = 10\text{ mA to }I_{MAX}$	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		5	25	mV
					20	70	
		$V_O \geq 5\text{ V}$ , $I_O = 10\text{ mA to }I_{MAX}$	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		0.1	0.5	%
					0.3	1.5	
$I_{ADJ}$	Adjustment pin current			50	100	$\mu\text{A}$	
$\Delta I_{ADJ}$	Adjustment pin current	$V_I - V_O = 2.5\text{ to }40\text{ V}$ $I_O = 10\text{ mA to }I_{MAX}$		0.2	5	$\mu\text{A}$	
$V_{REF}$	Reference voltage (between pin 3 and pin 1)	$V_I - V_O = 2.5\text{ to }40\text{ V}$ $I_O = 10\text{ mA to }I_{MAX}$ $P_D \leq P_{MAX}$	1.2	1.25	1.3	V	
$\Delta V_O/V_O$	Output voltage temperature stability			1		%	
$I_{O(min)}$	Minimum load current	$V_I - V_O = 40\text{ V}$		3.5	10	mA	
$I_{O(max)}$	Maximum load current	$V_I - V_O \leq 15\text{ V}$ , $P_D < P_{MAX}$	1.5	2.2		A	
		$V_I - V_O = 40\text{ V}$ , $P_D < P_{MAX}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		0.4			
eN	Output noise voltage (percentage of $V_O$ )	$B = 10\text{ Hz to }100\text{ kHz}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		0.003		%	
SVR	Supply voltage rejection <sup>(1)</sup>	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$	$C_{ADJ} = 0$		65	dB	
			$C_{ADJ} = 10\mu\text{F}$	66	80		

1.  $C_{ADJ}$  is connected between pin 1 and ground.

# 5 Typical characteristics

Figure 3. Output current vs input-output differential voltage

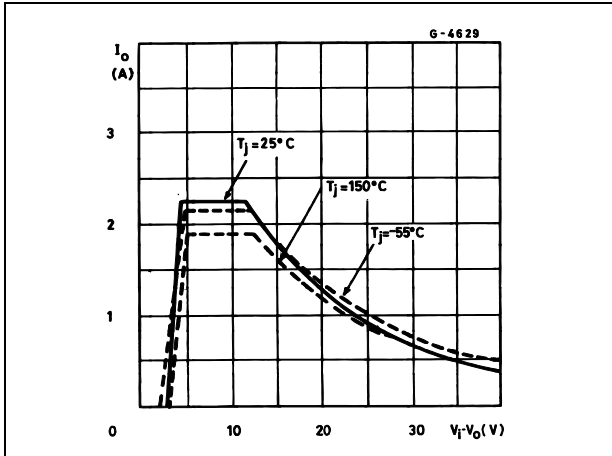


Figure 4. Dropout voltage vs junction temperature

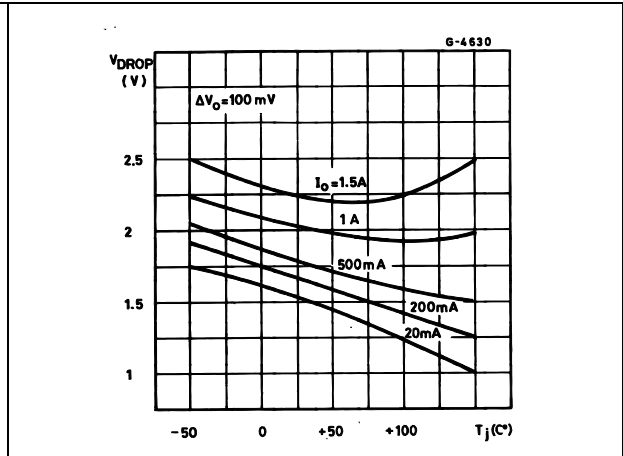


Figure 5. Reference voltage vs junction

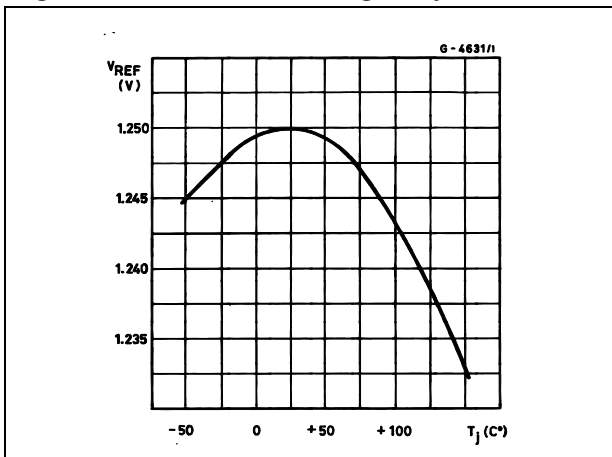
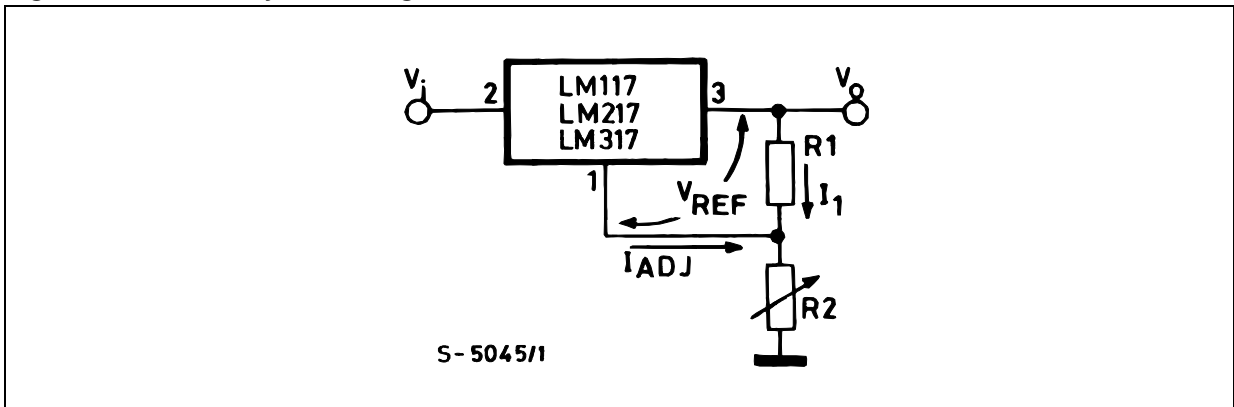


Figure 6. Basic adjustable regulator



## 6 Application information

The LM117/217/317 provides an internal reference voltage of 1.25V between the output and adjustments terminals. This is used to set a constant current flow across an external resistor divider (see [Figure 3.](#)), giving an output voltage  $V_O$  of:

$$V_O = V_{REF} (1 + R_2/R_1) + I_{ADJ} R_2$$

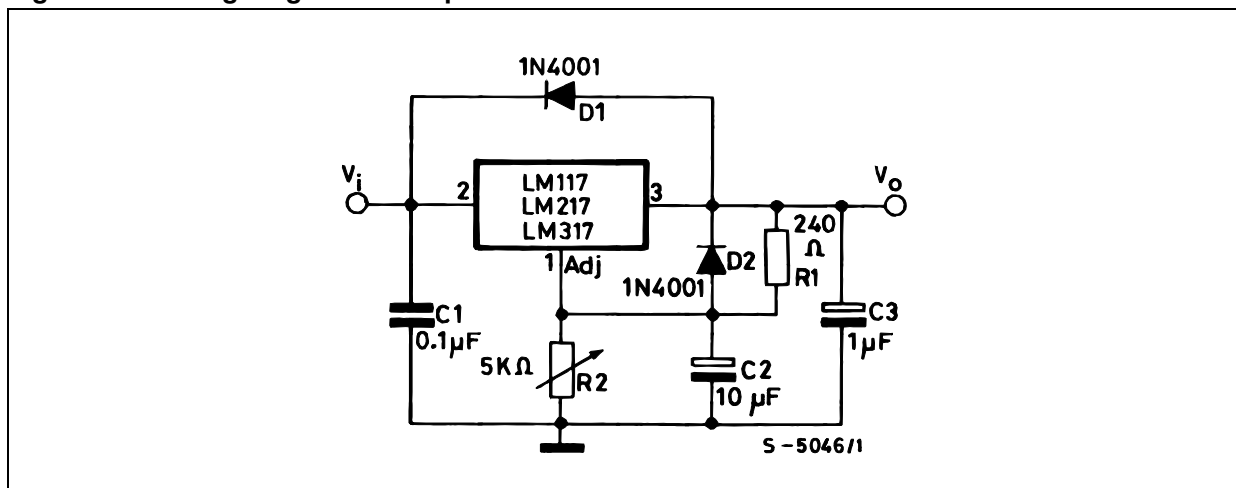
The device was designed to minimize the term  $I_{ADJ}$  (100 $\mu$ A max) and to maintain it very constant with line and load changes. Usually, the error term  $I_{ADJ} \times R_2$  can be neglected. To obtain the previous requirement, all the regulator quiescent current is returned to the output terminal, imposing a minimum load current condition. If the load is insufficient, the output voltage will rise. Since the LM117/217/317 is a floating regulator and "sees" only the input-to-output differential voltage, supplies of very high voltage with respect to ground can be regulated as long as the maximum input-to-output differential is not exceeded. Furthermore, programmable regulator are easily obtainable and, by connecting a fixed resistor between the adjustment and output, the device can be used as a precision current regulator. In order to optimize the load regulation, the current set resistor  $R_1$  (see [Figure 3.](#)) should be tied as close as possible to the regulator, while the ground terminal of  $R_2$  should be near the ground of the load to provide remote ground sensing. Performance may be improved with added capacitance as follow:

An input bypass capacitor of 0.1 $\mu$ F

An adjustment terminal to ground 10 $\mu$ F capacitor to improve the ripple rejection of about 15 dB (CADJ).

An 1 $\mu$ F tantalum (or 25 $\mu$ F Aluminium electrolytic) capacitor on the output to improve transient response. In addition to external capacitors, it is good practice to add protection diodes, as shown in [Figure 4.](#) D1 protect the device against input short circuit, while D2 protect against output short circuit for capacitance discharging.

**Figure 7. Voltage regulator with protection diodes**



*Note:* D1 protect the device against input short circuit, while D2 protects against output short circuit for capacitors discharging.



Figure 8. Slow Turn-on 15V Regulator

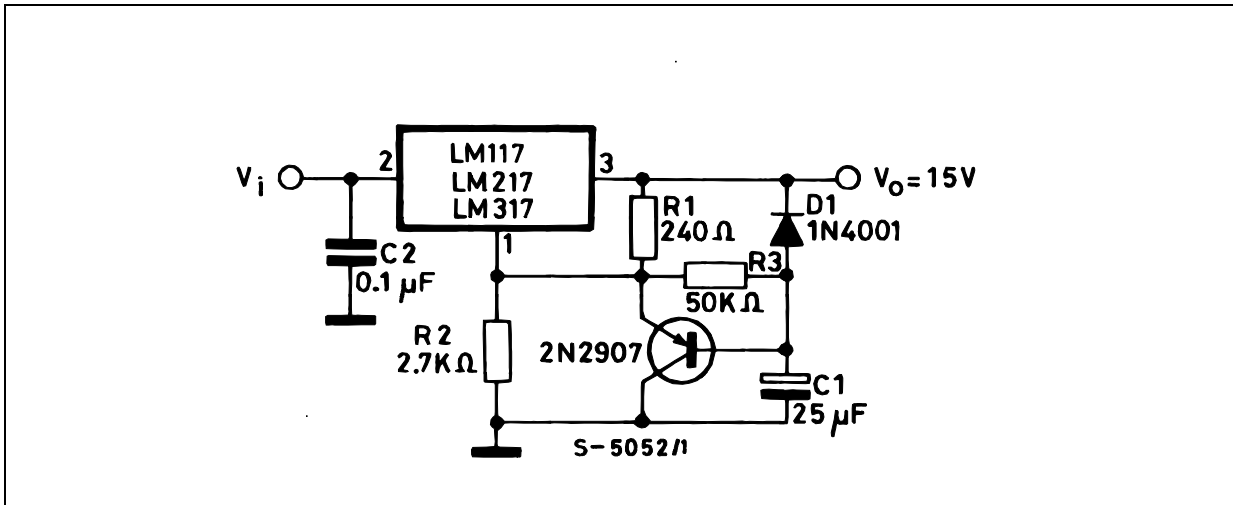


Figure 9. Current regulator

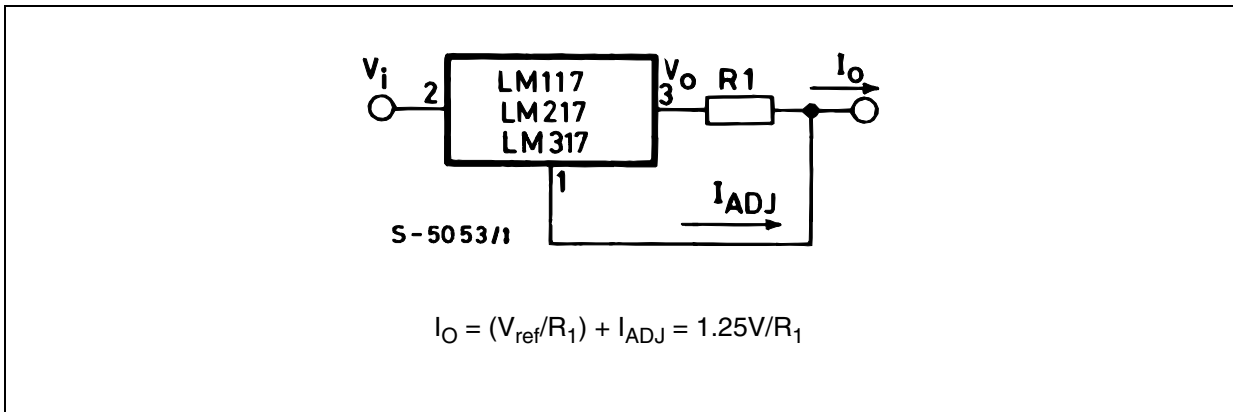


Figure 10. 5V Electronic shut-down regulator

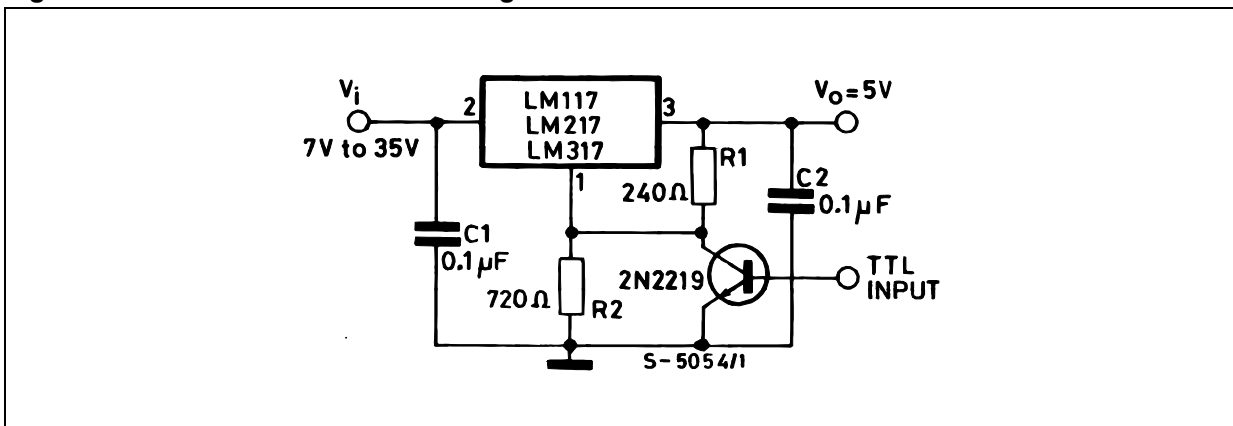
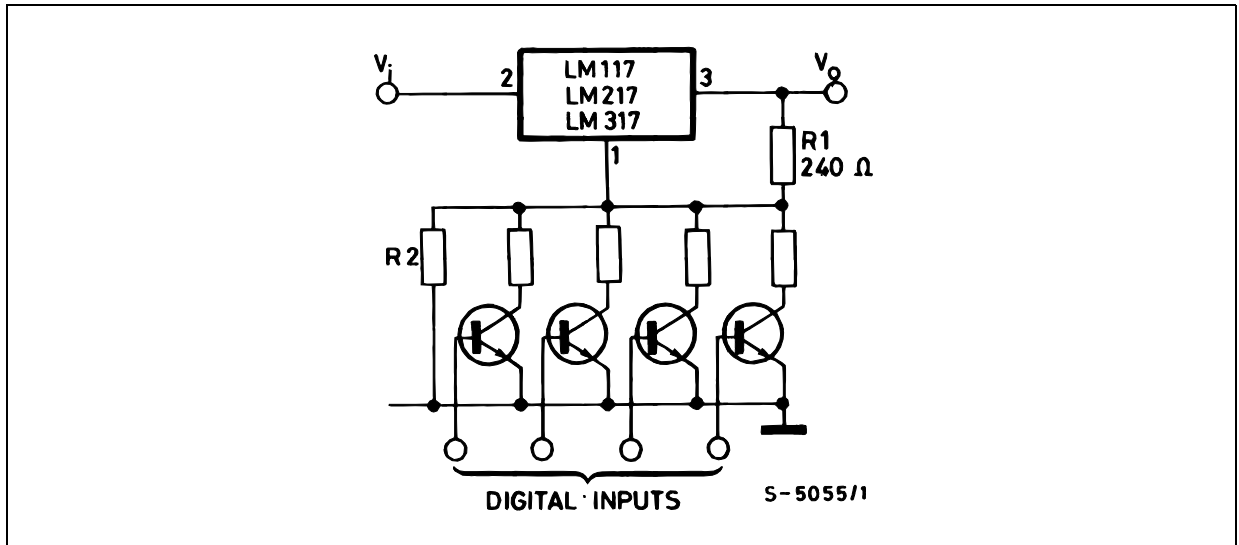
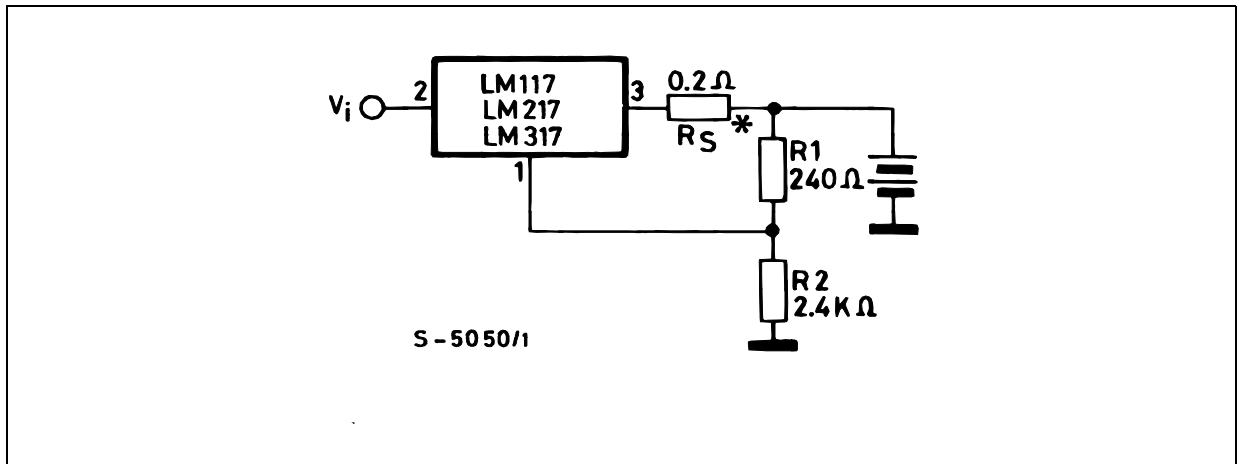


Figure 11. Digitally selected outputs



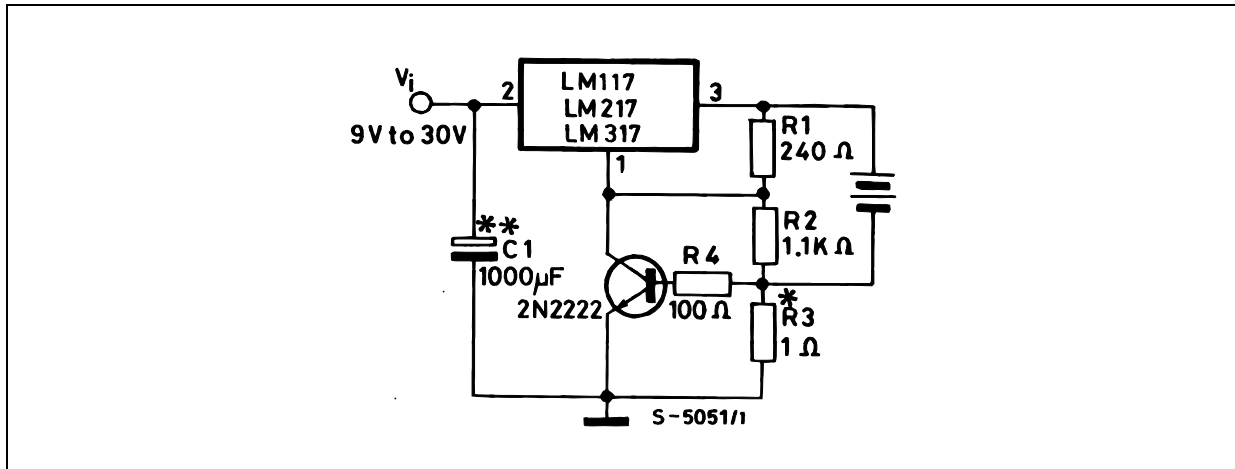
(R<sub>2</sub> sets maximum V<sub>O</sub>)

Figure 12. Battery charger (12V)



\* R<sub>S</sub> sets output impedance of charger  $Z_O = R_S (1 + R_2/R_1)$ . Use of R<sub>S</sub> allows low charging rates whit fully charged battery.

Figure 13. Current limited 6V Charger



\*  $R3$  sets peak current (0.6A for 1  $\Omega$ ).

\*\*  $C1$  recommended to filter out input transients.