## Low Dropout Voltage Tracking Regulator

The NCV4250–2C is a monolithic integrated low dropout tracking voltage regulator designed to provide a buffered output voltage that closely tracks the reference input voltage. The part can be used in automotive applications with remote sensors or any situation where it is necessary to isolate the output of the other regulator. The NCV4250–2C also enables the user to bestow a quick upgrade to their module when added current is needed and the existing regulator cannot provide.

## Features

- Up to 50 mA Source Capability
- Low Output Tracking Tolerance
- Low Dropout (typ. 120 mV @ 10 mA)
- Low Quiescent Current in Stand-by Mode
- Wide Input Voltage Operating Range
- Protection Features:
  - Current Limitation
  - Thermal Shutdown
  - Reverse Input Voltage and Reverse Bias Voltage
- AEC-Q100 Grade 1 Qualified and PPAP Capable
- This is a Pb–Free Device

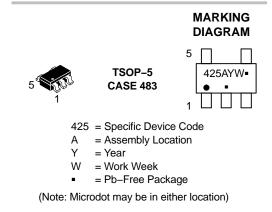
## **Typical Applications**

• Off the Module Loads (e.g. Sensors Power Supply)

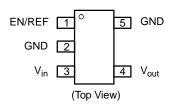


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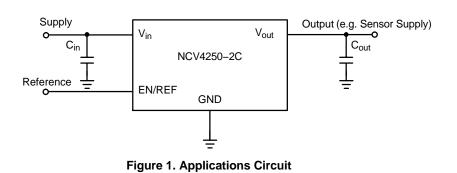


**PIN CONNECTIONS** 



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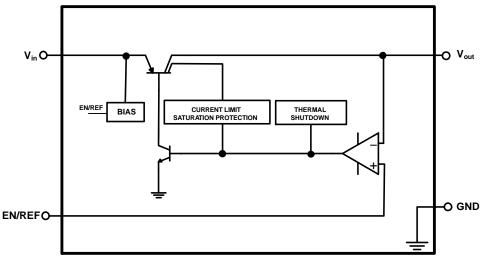


Figure 2. Block Diagram

## **PIN FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

| Pin No.<br>TSOP-5 | Pin Name         | Description   |
|-------------------|------------------|---|
| 1                 | EN/REF           | Enable / Reference.<br>Connect the reference to this pin. A low signal disables the IC; a high signal switches it on.<br>The reference voltage can be connected directly or by a voltage divider for lower output voltages. |
| 2                 | GND              | Power Supply Ground.  |
| 3                 | V <sub>in</sub>  | Positive Power Supply Input. Connect 0.1 $\mu$ F capacitor to ground.   |
| 4                 | V <sub>out</sub> | Tracker Output Voltage. Connect 1 $\mu$ F capacitor with ESR < 3 $\Omega$ to ground.  |
| 5                 | GND              | Power Supply Ground.  |

## **ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

| Rating                                    | Symbol              | Min  | Мах | Unit |
|---|---------------------|------|-----|------|
| Input Voltage DC (Note 1)<br>DC           | V <sub>in</sub>     | -42  | 45  | V    |
| Output Voltage                            | V <sub>out</sub>    | –1   | 40  | V    |
| Enable / Reference Input Voltage DC<br>DC | V <sub>EN/REF</sub> | -0.3 | 40  | V    |
| Maximum Junction Temperature              | T <sub>J(max)</sub> | -40  | 150 | °C   |
| Storage Temperature                       | T <sub>STG</sub>    | -55  | 150 | °C   |

Stresses exceeding those listed in the Maximum Ratings table may damage the device. If any of these limits are exceeded, device functionality should not be assumed, damage may occur and reliability may be affected. 1. Refer to ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS and APPLICATION INFORMATION for Safe Operating Area.

## ESD CAPABILITY (Note 2)

| Rating                           | Symbol | Min | Max | Unit |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|------|
| ESD Capability, Human Body Model |        | -3  | 3   | kV   |

This device series incorporates ESD protection and is tested by the following methods: ESD Human Body Model tested per AEC-Q100-002 (JS-001-2010)

Field Induced Charge Device Model ESD characterization is not performed on plastic molded packages with body sizes < 50 mm<sup>2</sup> due to the inability of a small package body to acquire and retain enough charge to meet the minimum CDM discharge current waveform characteristic defined in JEDEC JS-002-2014.

## LEAD SOLDERING TEMPERATURE AND MSL (Note 3)

| Rating                     | Symbol | Min | Max | Unit |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|-----|------|
| Moisture Sensitivity Level |        |     | 1   | -    |

3. For more information, please refer to our Soldering and Mounting Techniques Reference Manual, SOLDERRM/D

## THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

| Rating   | Symbol                                | Value     | Unit |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------|------|
| Thermal Characteristics, TSOP–5<br>Thermal Resistance, Junction–to–Air (Note 4)<br>Thermal Resistance, Junction–to–Lead 2 (Note 4) | R <sub>θJA</sub><br>R <sub>ΨJL2</sub> | 136<br>49 | °C/W |

4. Values based on copper area of 645 mm<sup>2</sup> (or 1 in<sup>2</sup>) of 1 oz copper thickness and FR4 PCB substrate.

## **RECOMMENDED OPERATING RANGES**

| Rating                           | Symbol | Min | Max | Unit |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|------|
| Input Voltage                    |        | 4   | 40  | V    |
| Enable / Reference Input Voltage |        | 2.5 | 36  | V    |
| Junction Temperature             |        | -40 | 150 | °C   |

Functional operation above the stresses listed in the Recommended Operating Ranges is not implied. Extended exposure to stresses beyond the Recommended Operating Ranges limits may affect device reliability.

## **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

 $V_{in}$  = 13.5 V,  $V_{EN/REF}$  > = 2.5 V,  $C_{in}$  = 0.1  $\mu$ F,  $C_{out}$  = 1  $\mu$ F, for typical values  $T_J$  = 25°C, for min/max values  $T_J$  = -40°C to 150°C; unless otherwise noted. (Note 5)

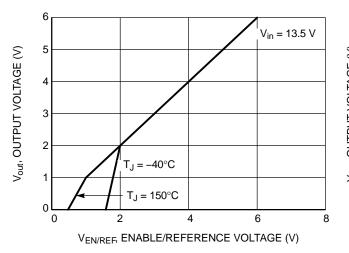
| Parameter  | Test Conditions   | Symbol               | Min      | Тур       | Max       | Unit     |
|--|---|----------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| REGULATOR OUTPUT   |   |                      |          |           |           |          |
| Output Voltage Tracking Accuracy   | $V_{in} = 6 V$ to 16 V, $I_{out} = 1 mA$ to 10 mA                             | $\Delta V_{out}$     | -5       | _         | 5         | mV       |
| Output Voltage Tracking Accuracy   | $V_{in} = 6 V$ to 28 V, $I_{out} = 1 mA$ to 50 mA                             | $\Delta V_{out}$     | -25      | -         | 25        | mV       |
| Output Voltage Tracking Accuracy   | $V_{in} = 6 V$ to 40 V, $I_{out} = 1 mA$ to 10 mA                             | $\Delta V_{out}$     | -25      | -         | 25        | mV       |
| Line Regulation  | $V_{in} = 6 V$ to 40 V, $I_{out} = 10 mA$                                     | Reg <sub>line</sub>  | -10      | -         | 10        | mV       |
| Load Regulation  | I <sub>out</sub> = 1 mA to 30 mA  | Reg <sub>load</sub>  | -15      | -         | 15        | mV       |
| Dropout Voltage (Note 6)   | $I_{out}$ = 10 mA, $V_{EN/REF}$ > 4 V   | V <sub>DO</sub>      | -        | 120       | 300       | mV       |
| DISABLE AND QUIESCENT CURRENTS   |   |                      |          |           |           |          |
| Disable Current<br>Stand-by Mode   | $V_{EN/REF} \le 0.4 \text{ V}, \text{ T}_{J} \le 85^{\circ}\text{C}$          | I <sub>DIS</sub>     | -        | 14        | 20        | μA       |
| Quiescent Current, $I_q = I_{in} - I_{out}$  | l <sub>out</sub> <= 1 mA<br>l <sub>out</sub> <= 30 mA                         | Ι <sub>q</sub>       | -        | 75<br>0.6 | 150<br>3  | μA<br>mA |
| Current Consumption<br>Dropout Region, I <sub>q</sub> = I <sub>in</sub> – I <sub>out</sub> | $V_{EN/REF} = V_{in} = 5 \text{ V}, I_{out} = 0 \text{ mA}$                   | Ι <sub>q</sub>       | -        | 0.1       | 1         | mA       |
| CURRENT LIMIT PROTECTION   |   |                      |          |           |           |          |
| Current Limit  | $V_{out} = (V_{EN/REF} - 0.1 V)$  | I <sub>LIM</sub>     | 51       | 90        | 120       | mA       |
| REVERSE CURRENT PROTECTION   |   |                      |          |           |           |          |
| Reverse Current  | $V_{in} = 0 \text{ V}, V_{out} = 16 \text{ V}, V_{EN/REF} = 5 \text{ V}$      | I <sub>out_rev</sub> | -5       | -0.1      | -         | mA       |
| Reverse Current at Negative Input Voltage  | $V_{in} = -16$ V, $V_{out} = 0$ V, $V_{EN/REF} = 5$ V                         | I <sub>in_rev</sub>  | -5       | -0.02     | -         | mA       |
| PSRR   |   |                      |          |           |           |          |
| Power Supply Ripple Rejection  | f = 100 Hz, 1 V <sub>pp</sub>   | PSRR                 | -        | 70        | -         | dB       |
| ENABLE   |   |                      |          |           |           |          |
| Enable / Reference Input Threshold Voltage<br>Logic Low<br>Logic High                      | V <sub>out</sub> = 0 V;<br>  V <sub>out</sub> - V <sub>EN/REF</sub>   < 25 mV | $V_{th(EN/REF)}$     | _<br>2.5 |           | 0.4<br>36 | V        |
| Enable / Reference Input Current   | V <sub>EN/REF</sub> = 5 V   | I <sub>EN/REF</sub>  | -        | 0.1       | 0.5       | μΑ       |
| THERMAL SHUTDOWN   |   | · · · · · ·          |          | -         |           |          |
| Thermal Shutdown Temperature (Note 7)  |   | T <sub>SD</sub>      | 151      | 175       | 200       | °C       |
|  |   |                      |          |           |           |          |

Product parametric performance is indicated in the Electrical Characteristics for the listed test conditions, unless otherwise noted. Product performance may not be indicated by the Electrical Characteristics if operated under different conditions.

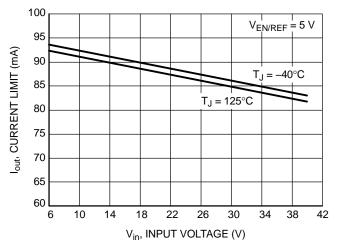
5. Performance guaranteed over the indicated operating temperature range by design and/or characterization tested at T<sub>A</sub> ≈ T<sub>J</sub>. Low duty cycle pulse techniques are used during testing to maintain the junction temperature as close to ambient as possible.
Measured when output voltage falls 100 mV below the regulated voltage at V<sub>in</sub> = 13.5 V.

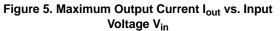
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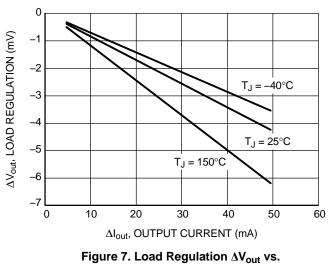
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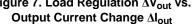












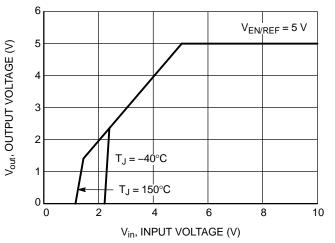


Figure 4. Output Voltage Vout vs. Input Voltage Vin

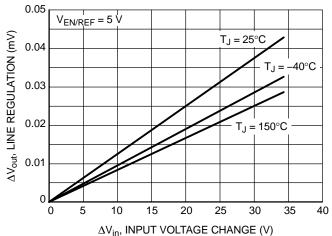
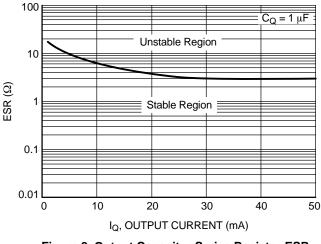
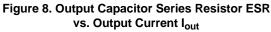
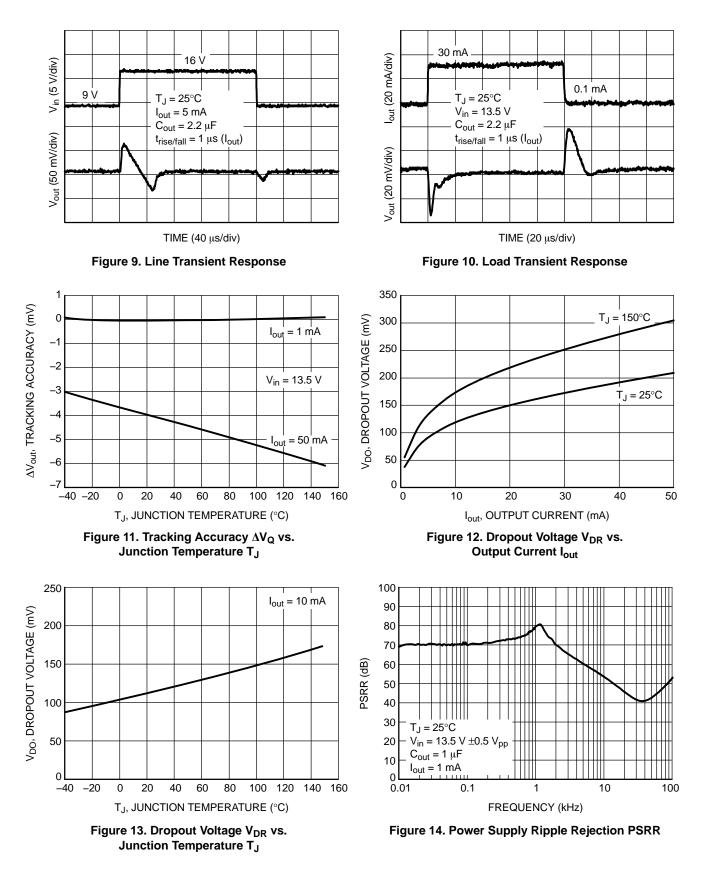


Figure 6. Line Regulation  $\Delta V_{out}$  vs. Input Voltage Change  $\Delta V_{in}$ 

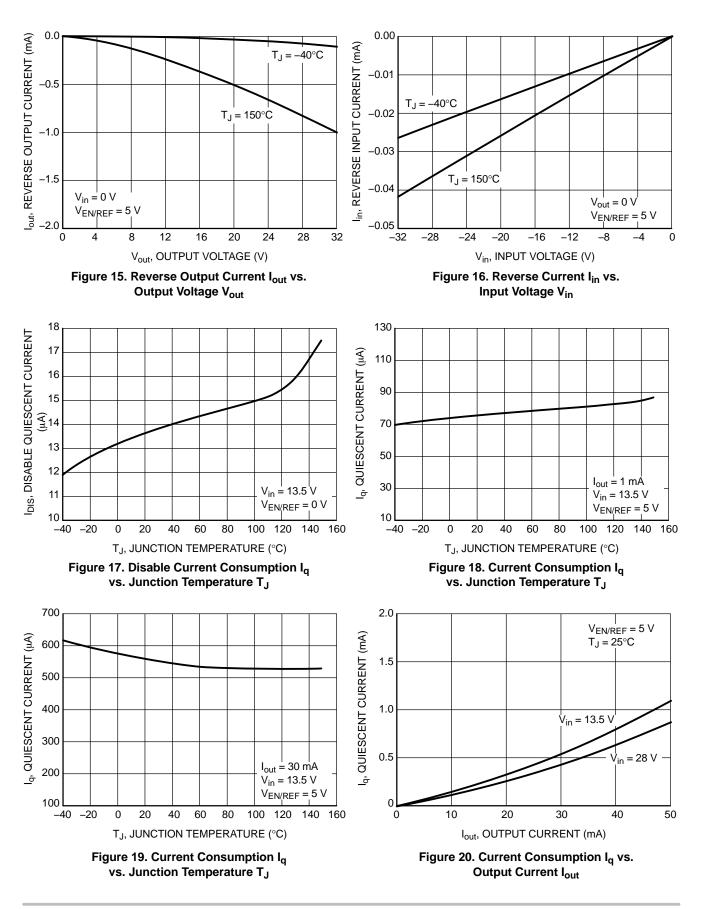




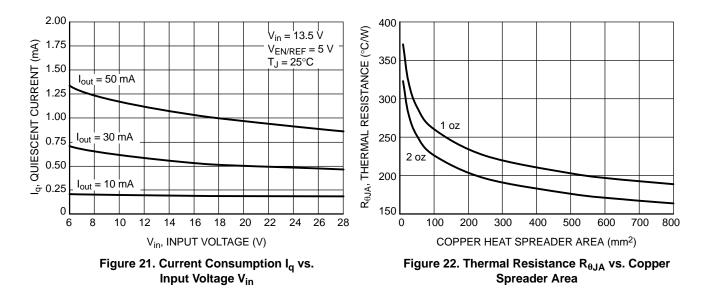
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## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

The NCV4250–2C tracking regulator is self–protected with internal thermal shutdown and internal current limit. Typical characteristics are shown in Figure 3 to Figure 22.

#### Input Decoupling (C<sub>in</sub>)

A ceramic or tantalum 0.1  $\mu$ F capacitor is recommended and should be connected close to the NCV4250–2C package. Higher capacitance and lower ESR will improve the overall line and load transient response.

If extremely fast input voltage transients are expected then appropriate input filter must be used in order to decrease rising and/or falling edges below 50 V/ $\mu$ s for proper operation. The filter can be composed of several capacitors in parallel.

#### Output Decoupling (Cout)

The output capacitor for the NCV4250C–2C is required for stability. Without it, the regulator output will oscillate. Actual size and type may vary depending upon the application load and temperature range. Capacitor effective series resistance (ESR) is also a factor in the IC stability. Worst–case is determined at the minimum ambient temperature and maximum load expected.

The output capacitor can be increased in size to any desired value above the minimum. One possible purpose of this would be to maintain the output voltage during brief conditions of negative input transients that might be characteristic of a particular system.

The capacitor must also be rated at all ambient temperatures expected in the system. To maintain regulator stability down to  $-40^{\circ}$ C, a capacitor rated at that temperature must be used.

#### **Tracking Regulator**

The output voltage  $V_{out}$  is controlled by comparing it to the voltage applied at pin EN/REF and driving a PNP pass transistor accordingly. The control loop stability depends on the output capacitor  $C_{out}$ , the load current, the chip temperature and the poles/zeros introduced by the integrated circuit.

Protection circuitry prevent the IC as well as the application from destruction in case of catastrophic events. These safeguards contain output current limitation, reverse polarity protection as well as thermal shutdown in case of over temperature.

In order to avoid excessive power dissipation that could never be handled by the pass element and the package.

The maximum output current is decreased at high input voltages.

The over temperature protection circuit prevents the IC from immediate destruction under fault conditions (e. g. Output continuously short–circuited) by reducing the output current. A thermal balance below 200°C junction temperature is established. Please note that a junction temperature above 150°C is outside the maximum ratings and reduces the IC lifetime.

The NCV4250–2C allows a negative supply voltage. However, several small currents are flowing into the IC. For details see electrical characteristics table and typical performance graphs. The thermal protection circuit is not operating during reverse polarity condition.

#### **Thermal Considerations**

As power in the NCV4250–2C increases, it might become necessary to provide some thermal relief. The maximum power dissipation supported by the device is dependent upon board design and layout. Mounting pad configuration on the PCB, the board material, and the ambient temperature affect the rate of junction temperature rise for the part. When the NCV4250–2C has good thermal conductivity through the PCB, the junction temperature will be relatively low with high power applications. The maximum dissipation the NCV4250–2C can handle is given by:

$$P_{D(MAX)} = \frac{\left(T_{J(MAX)} - T_{A}\right)}{R_{\theta JA}}$$
 (eq. 1)

Since  $T_J$  is not recommended to exceed 150°C, then the NCV4250–2C soldered on 645 mm<sup>2</sup>, 1 oz copper area, FR4 can dissipate up to 0.65 W when the ambient temperature ( $T_A$ ) is 25°C. See Figure 22 for R<sub>thJA</sub> versus PCB area. The power dissipated by the NCV4250–2C can be calculated from the following equations:

 $P_{D} \approx V_{in} (I_{q} @ I_{out}) + I_{out} (V_{in} - V_{out})$ 

or

$$V_{in(MAX)} \approx \frac{P_{D(MAX)} + (V_{out} \times I_{out})}{I_{out} + I_{g}}$$
 (eq. 3)

(eq. 2)

## Hints

 $V_{in}$  and GND printed circuit board traces should be as wide as possible. When the impedance of these traces is high, there is a chance to pick up noise or cause the regulator to malfunction. Place external components, especially the output capacitor, as close as possible to the NCV4250–2C and make traces as short as possible.

#### **ORDERING INFORMATION**

| Device          | Package             | Shipping <sup>†</sup> |  |  |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| NCV4250-2CSNT1G | TSOP–5<br>(Pb–Free) | 3000 / Tape & Reel    |  |  |

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