Adjustable Constant Current Regulator & LED Driver

45 V, 90 – 160 mA ± 15%, 2.7 W Package

The adjustable constant current regulator (CCR) is a simple, economical and robust device designed to provide a cost effective solution for regulating current in LEDs. The CCR is based on patent- pending Self- Biased Transistor (SBT) technology and regulates current over a wide voltage range. It is designed with a negative temperature coefficient to protect LEDs from thermal runaway at extreme voltages and currents.

The CCR turns on immediately and is at 20% of regulation with only 0.5 V Vak. The R_{adj} pin allows $I_{reg(SS)}$ to be adjusted to higher currents by attaching a resistor between R_{adj} (Pin 3) and the Cathode (Pin 4). The R_{adj} pin can also be left open (No Connect) if no adjustment is required. It requires no external components allowing it to be designed as a high or low-side regulator. The high anodecathode voltage rating withstands surges common in Automotive, Industrial and Commercial Signage applications. This device is available in a thermally robust package, which is lead-free RoHS compliant and uses halogen- free molding compound. For the AEC-Q101 part please see the NSI45090JD datasheet.

Features

- Robust Power Package: 2.7 Watts
- Adjustable up to 160 mA
- Wide Operating Voltage Range
- Immediate Turn-On
- Voltage Surge Suppressing Protecting LEDs
- SBT (Self-Biased Transistor) Technology
- Negative Temperature Coefficient
- Eliminates Additional Regulation
- These Devices are Pb–Free, Halogen Free/BFR Free and are RoHS Compliant

Applications

- Automobile: Chevron Side Mirror Markers, Cluster, Display & Instrument Backlighting, CHMSL, Map Light
- AC Lighting Panels, Display Signage, Decorative Lighting, Channel Lettering
- Switch Contact Wetting
- Application Note AND8391/D Power Dissipation Considerations
- Application Note AND8349/D Automotive CHMSL



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ORDERING INFORMATION

Device	Package	Shipping [†]
NSI45090DDT4G	DPAK (Pb-Free)	2500/Tape & Reel

†For information on tape and reel specifications, including part orientation and tape sizes, please refer to our Tape and Reel Packaging Specifications Brochure, BRD8011/D.

MAXIMUM RATINGS (T_A = 25°C unless otherwise noted)

Rating		Symbol	Value	Unit
Anode-Cathode Voltage		Vak Max	45	V
Reverse Voltage		V _R	500	mV
Operating and Storage Junction Temperature Range		T _J , T _{stg}	–55 to +150	°C
ESD Rating:	Human Body Model Machine Model	ESD	Class 3A Class B	

Stresses exceeding Maximum Ratings may damage the device. Maximum Ratings are stress ratings only. Functional operation above the Recommended Operating Conditions is not implied. Extended exposure to stresses above the Recommended Operating Conditions may affect device reliability.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (T_A = 25°C unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Steady State Current @ Vak = 7.5 V (Note 1)	I _{reg(SS)}	76.5	90	103.5	mA
Voltage Overhead (Note 2)	Voverhead		1.8		V
Pulse Current @ Vak = 7.5 V (Note 3)	I _{reg(P)}	86.2	103	119.6	mA
Capacitance @ Vak = 7.5 V (Note 4)	С		17		pF
Capacitance @ Vak = 0 V (Note 4)	С		70		pF

I_{reg(SS)} steady state is the voltage (Vak) applied for a time duration ≥ 80 sec, using FR-4 @ 300 mm² 2 oz. Copper traces, in still air. 1.

2. Voverhead = Vin - VLEDs. Voverhead is typical value for 65% I_{reg(SS)}. 3. I_{reg(P)} non-repetitive pulse test. Pulse width t \leq 300 µsec. 4. f = 1 MHz, 0.02 V RMS.

THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Symbol	Max	Unit
Total Device Dissipation (Note 5) T _A = 25°C Derate above 25°C	PD	1771 14.16	mW mW/°C
Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient (Note 5)	R _{0JA}	70.6	°C/W
Thermal Reference, Junction-to-Lead 4 (Note 5)	$R_{\psi JL4}$	6.8	°C/W
Total Device Dissipation (Note 6) T _A = 25°C Derate above 25°C	P _D	2083 16.67	mW mW/°C
Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient (Note 6)	$R_{ hetaJA}$	60	°C/W
Thermal Reference, Junction-to-Lead 4 (Note 6)	$R_{\psi JL4}$	6.3	°C/W
Total Device Dissipation (Note 7) T _A = 25°C Derate above 25°C	PD	2080 16.64	mW mW/°C
Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient (Note 7)	$R_{\theta JA}$	60.1	°C/W
Thermal Reference, Junction-to-Lead 4 (Note 7)	$R_{\psi JL4}$	6.5	°C/W
Total Device Dissipation (Note 8) T _A = 25°C Derate above 25°C	PD	2441 19.53	mW mW/°C
Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient (Note 8)	R _{θJA}	51.2	°C/W
Thermal Reference, Junction-to-Lead 4 (Note 8)	$R_{\psi JL4}$	5.9	°C/W
Total Device Dissipation (Note 9) T _A = 25°C Derate above 25°C	P _D	2309 18.47	mW mW/°C
Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient (Note 9)	$R_{\theta JA}$	54.1	°C/W
Thermal Reference, Junction-to-Lead 4 (Note 9)	$R_{\psi JL4}$	6.2	°C/W
Total Device Dissipation (Note 10) T _A = 25°C Derate above 25°C	PD	2713 21.71	mW mW/°C
Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient (Note 10)	R _{0JA}	46.1	°C/W
Thermal Reference, Junction-to-Lead 4 (Note 10)	$R_{\psi JL4}$	5.7	°C/W
Junction and Storage Temperature Range	T _J , T _{stg}	-55 to +150	°C

NOTE: Lead measurements are made by non-contact methods such as IR with treated surface to increase emissivity to 0.9.

Lead temperature measurement by attaching a T/C may yield values as high as 30% higher °C/W values based upon empirical measurements and method of attachment.

5. FR-4 @ 300 mm², 1 oz. copper traces, still air. 6. FR-4 @ 300 mm², 2 oz. copper traces, still air. 7. FR-4 @ 500 mm², 1 oz. copper traces, still air. 8. FR-4 @ 500 mm², 2 oz. copper traces, still air. 9. FR-4 @ 700 mm², 1 oz. copper traces, still air. 10.FR-4 @ 700 mm², 2 oz. copper traces, still air.

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES

Minimum FR-4 @ 300 mm², 2 oz Copper Trace, Still Air





Figure 7. Power Dissipation vs. Ambient Temperature @ $T_J = 150^{\circ}C$

APPLICATIONS



Figure 8. Typical Application Circuit (30 mA each LED String)

Number of LED's that can be connected is determined by: D1 is a reverse battery protection diode LED's = ($(V_{in} - Q_X V_F - D1 V_F)/LED V_F$) Example: $V_{in} = 12 Vdc$, $Q_X V_F = 3.5 Vdc$, D1VF = 0.7 VLED $V_F = 2.2 Vdc$ @ 30 mA (12 Vdc - 4.2 Vdc)/2.2 Vdc = 3 LEDs in series.



Figure 9. Typical Application Circuit (90 mA each LED String)

Number of LED's that can be connected is determined by: D1 is a reverse battery protection diode Example: $V_{in} = 12 \text{ Vdc}$, $Q_X V_F = 3.5 \text{ Vdc}$, D1VF = 0.7 VLED $V_F = 2.6 \text{ Vdc} @ 90 \text{ mA}$ (12 Vdc - (3.5 + 0.7 Vdc))/2.6 Vdc = 3 LEDs in series. Number of Drivers = LED current/30 mA 90 mA/30 mA = 3 Drivers (Q1, Q2, Q3)

ON Semiconductor CCR Design	Resistor Biased Design
Constant brightness over full Supply Voltage (more efficient), see Figure 10	Large variations in brightness over full Automotive Supply Voltage
Little variation of power in LEDs, see Figure 11	Large variations of current (power) in LEDs
Constant current extends LED strings lifetime, see Figure 10	High Supply Voltage/ Higher Current in LED strings limits lifetime
Current decreases as voltage increases, see Figure 10	Current increases as voltage increases
Current supplied to LED string decreases as temperature increases (self-limiting), see Figure 2	LED current decreases as temperature increases
Single resistor is used for current select	Requires costly inventory (need for several resistor values to match LED intensity)
Fewer components, less board space required	More components, more board space required
Surface mount component	Through-hole components







Current Regulation: Pulse Mode $(I_{reg(P)})$ vs DC Steady-State $(I_{reg(SS)})$

There are two methods to measure current regulation: Pulse mode $(I_{reg(P)})$ testing is applicable for factory and incoming inspection of a CCR where test times are a minimum. (t \leq 300 µs). DC Steady-State $(I_{reg(SS)})$ testing is applicable for application verification where the CCR will be operational for seconds, minutes, or even hours. ON Semiconductor has correlated the difference in $I_{reg(P)}$ to





 $I_{reg(SS)}$ for stated board material, size, copper area and copper thickness. $I_{reg(P)}$ will always be greater than $I_{reg(SS)}$ due to the die temperature rising during $I_{reg(SS)}$. This heating effect can be minimized during circuit design with the correct selection of board material, metal trace size and weight, for the operating current, voltage, board operating temperature (T_A) and package. (Refer to Thermal Characteristics table).





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