



# High-Voltage, Low-Power Linear Regulator for Notebook Computers

MAX1615

## General Description

The MAX1615 is a micropower, SOT23-5 linear regulator that supplies always-on, keep-alive power to CMOS RAM and microcontrollers ( $\mu$ Cs) in systems with high-voltage batteries. Key features include wide input voltage range, low dropout voltage, and low quiescent supply current.

Despite its miserly  $8\mu\text{A}$  (max) no-load supply current, the MAX1615 has excellent line-transient response and AC PSRR. It provides a clean, fixed 5V or 3.3V output, even when subjected to fast supply-voltage changes that occur during the switchover from battery to AC adapter input power. The space-saving SOT23-5 package has excellent thermal characteristics and tolerates up to 571mW of power dissipation. Fault protection is provided by internal foldback current limiting and thermal-shutdown circuitry.

## Applications

CMOS/RTC Backup Power  
Microcontroller Power  
Notebook Computers  
Smart-Battery Packs  
PDAs and Handy-Terminals  
Battery-Powered Systems

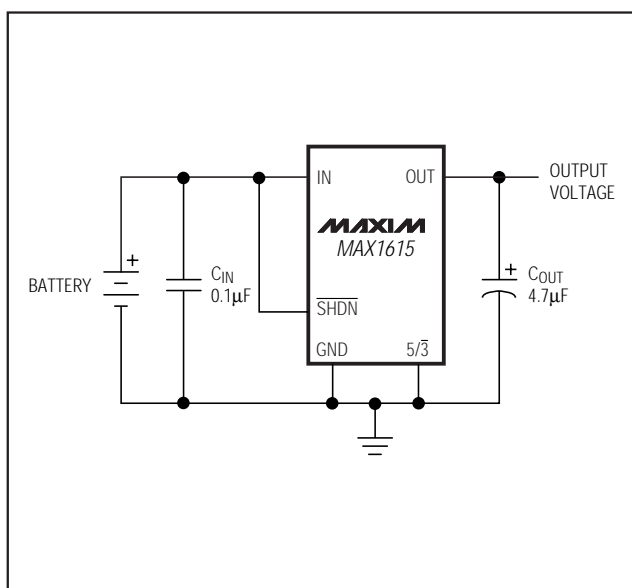
## Features

- ♦ Low Cost
- ♦ 4V to 28V Input Range
- ♦  $8\mu\text{A}$  (max) Quiescent Supply Current
- ♦  $<1\mu\text{A}$  Shutdown Supply Current
- ♦ 3.3V or 5V, Pin-Selectable Output
- ♦ 30mA Output Current
- ♦  $\pm 2\%$  Initial Output Accuracy
- ♦ Thermal-Overload Protection
- ♦ 5-Pin SOT23 Package

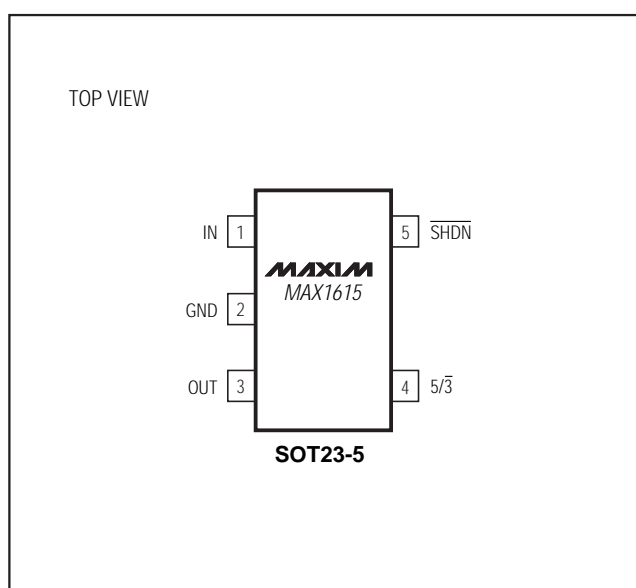
## Ordering Information

PART	TEMP. RANGE	PIN-PACKAGE	SOT TOP MARK
MAX1615EUK-T	-40°C to +85°C	5 SOT23-5	ABZD

## Typical Operating Circuit



## Pin Configuration



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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

IN to GND .....-0.3V to 30V  
 Terminal Voltages to GND  
    $\overline{\text{SHDN}}$  to GND .....-0.3V to ( $V_{\text{IN}} + 0.3\text{V}$ )  
    $5/\overline{3}$  to GND .....-0.3V to ( $V_{\text{OUT}} + 0.3\text{V}$ )  
   OUT to GND .....-0.3V to 30V  
   OUT Short-Circuit to GND .....30sec  
 Continuous OUT Current .....40mA

Continuous Power Dissipation ( $T_A = +70^\circ\text{C}$ , Note 1)  
   SOT23-5 (derate 7.1mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$  above  $+70^\circ\text{C}$ ) .....571mW  
 Operating Temperature Range  
   MAX1615EUK-T .....-40 $^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+85^\circ\text{C}$   
 Storage Temperature Range .....-65 $^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+160^\circ\text{C}$   
 Lead Temperature (soldering, 10sec) .....+300 $^\circ\text{C}$

**Note 1:** See *Operating Region and Power Dissipation* section.

Stresses beyond those listed under "Absolute Maximum Ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in the operational sections of the specifications is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

( $V_{\text{IN}} = 15\text{V}$ ,  $\overline{\text{SHDN}} = V_{\text{IN}}$ ,  $I_{\text{LOAD}} = 5\mu\text{A}$ ,  $T_A = T_{\text{MIN}}$  to  $T_{\text{MAX}}$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ .) (Note 2)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Input Voltage Range	V <sub>IN</sub>			4		28	V
Supply Current	I <sub>IN</sub>	SHDN = IN, T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C		6.2		8	μA
		SHDN = IN, V <sub>IN</sub> = 6V to 28V, T <sub>A</sub> = T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub>		15			
Minimum Load Current						5	μA
Shutdown Supply Current	I <sub>IN</sub>	SHDN = GND (shutdown mode)	T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C	1.5		3	μA
			T <sub>MIN</sub> = T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub>				
Dropout Supply Current		3/5 = OUT, V <sub>IN</sub> = 4V	T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C	55			μA
Output Voltage (Note 3)		V <sub>IN</sub> = 6V to 28V, 5/3 = GND, I <sub>LOAD</sub> = 1mA, T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C		3.26	3.33	3.40	V
		V <sub>IN</sub> = 6V to 28V, 5/3 = GND, I <sub>LOAD</sub> = 5μA to 30mA, T <sub>A</sub> = T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub>		3.15		3.48	
		V <sub>IN</sub> = 6V to 28V, 5/3 = OUT, I <sub>LOAD</sub> = 1mA, T <sub>A</sub> = +25°C		4.95	5.05	5.15	
		V <sub>IN</sub> = 6V to 28V, 5/3 = OUT, I <sub>LOAD</sub> = 5μA to 30mA, T <sub>A</sub> = T <sub>MIN</sub> to T <sub>MAX</sub>		4.75		5.25	
Dropout Voltage	ΔV <sub>DO</sub>	I <sub>LOAD</sub> = 30mA (Note 4)				350	mV
Output Current Limit		V <sub>IN</sub> = 6V		100			mA
OUT Reverse Leakage Current		IN = unconnected; V <sub>OUT</sub> forced to 5V		55			μA
Capacitive Load Requirements		(Notes 5, 6)		0.16			μF/mA
Start-Up Time Response		Rising edge of IN or SHDN to OUT within specification limits, R <sub>L</sub> = 500Ω, C <sub>OUT</sub> = 4.7μF, 5/3 = IN				1	ms
Start-Up Overshoot	V <sub>OSH</sub>	R <sub>L</sub> = 500Ω, C <sub>OUT</sub> = 10μF within 90% of nominal output voltage		0.5			%V <sub>OUT</sub>
SHDN Input Threshold Voltage	V <sub>IL</sub>			0.25		1.4	V
	V <sub>IH</sub>						
SHDN Input Current		V SHDN = 0V or 15V		-1	0.1	1	μA

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

( $V_{IN} = 15V$ ,  $\overline{SHDN} = V_{IN}$ ,  $I_{LOAD} = 5\mu A$ ,  $T_A = T_{MIN}$  to  $T_{MAX}$ , unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ .) (Note 2)

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Thermal-Shutdown Temperature	$T_{SHDN}$	$V_{\overline{SHDN}} = 0V$ or $15V$		150		$^\circ C$
Thermal-Shutdown Hysteresis	$\Delta T_{SHDN}$	$V_{\overline{SHDN}} = 0V$ or $15V$		20		$^\circ C$

**Note 2:** Limits are 100% production tested at  $T_A = +25^\circ C$ . Limits over the operating temperature range are guaranteed through correlation using standard quality-control (SQC) methods.

**Note 3:** Pulse tested at  $V_{IN} = 28V$ ,  $I_{LOAD} = 30mA$  to avoid exceeding package power-dissipation limits.

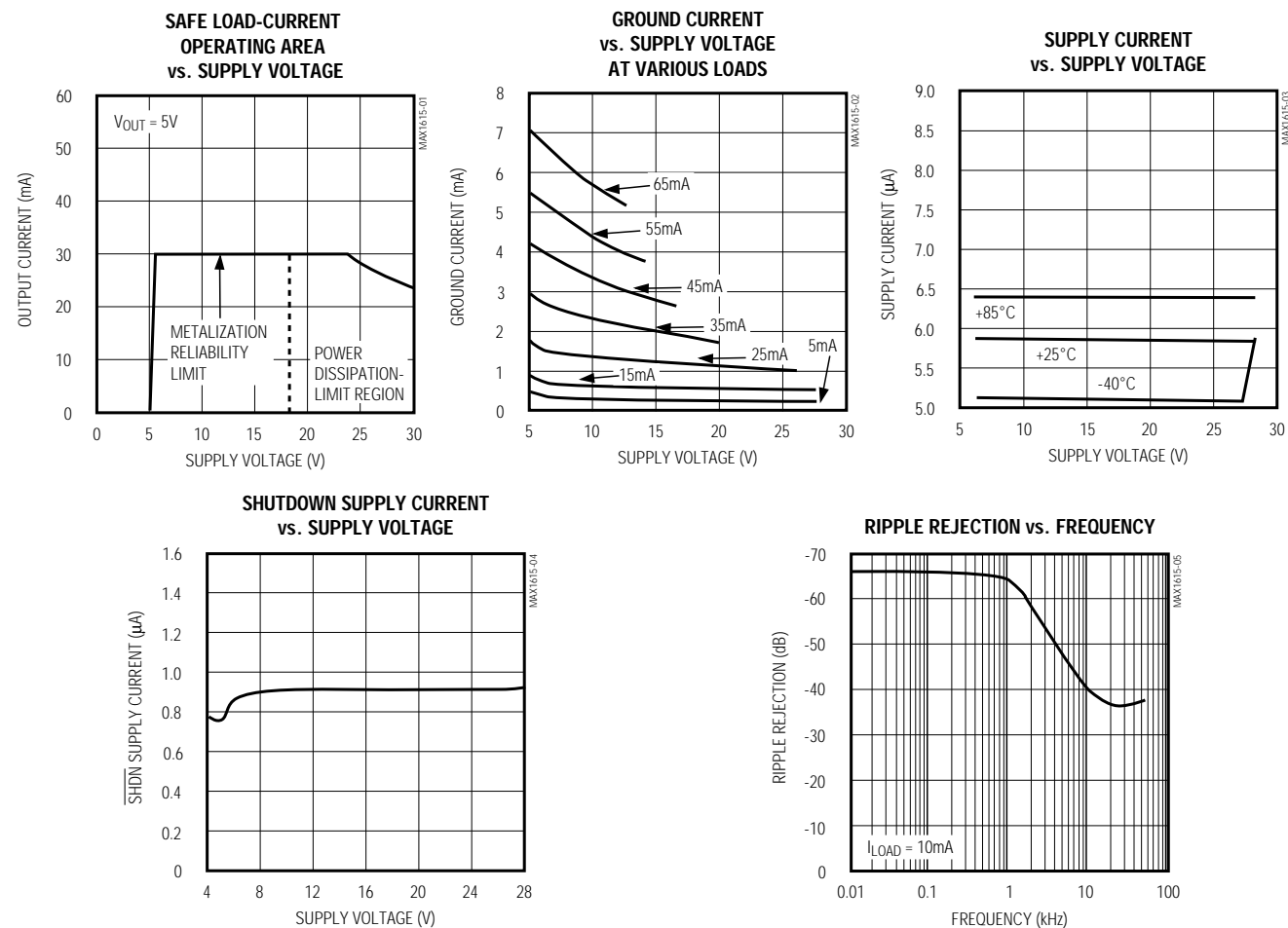
**Note 4:** Guaranteed by design. Tested with  $5/3 = OUT$ . Dropout voltage is tested by reducing the input voltage until  $V_{OUT}$  drops to 100mV below its nominal value, measured with  $V_{IN}$  starting 2V above  $V_{OUT}$ .

**Note 5:** Use at least 1 $\mu F$  minimum for light loads. Add 0.125 $\mu F/mA$  for loads greater than 100 $\mu A$ .

**Note 6:** Guaranteed by design.

## Typical Operating Characteristics

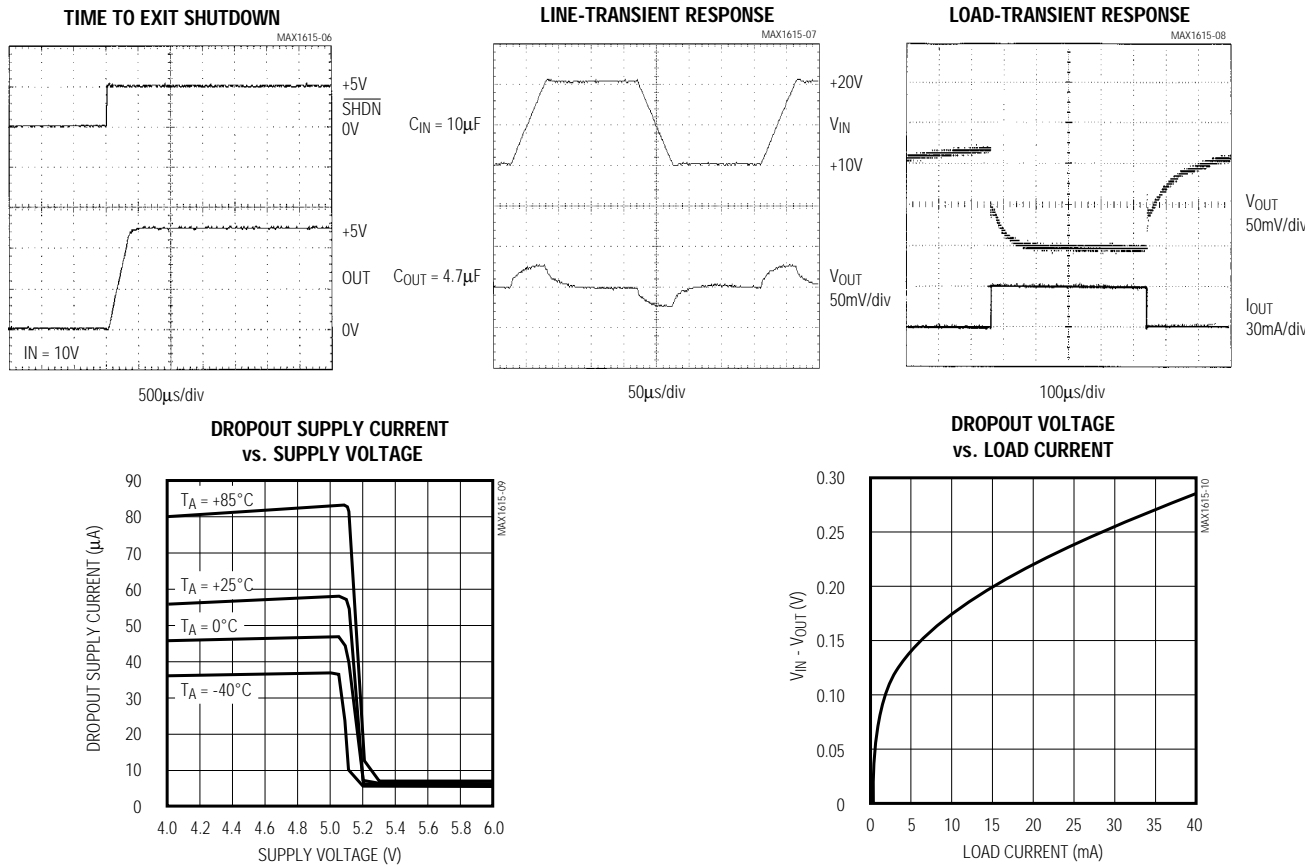
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## Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

( $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ , unless otherwise noted.)



## Pin Description

PIN	NAME	FUNCTION
1	IN	Positive Input Voltage. Connect to a +4V to +28V supply.
2	GND	Ground
3	OUT	Regulator Output
4	$5/\overline{3}$	Preset Output Voltage Select. Connect to GND for 3.3V output, or to OUT for 5.0V output.
5	$\overline{\text{SHDN}}$	Shutdown, active low input. Connect to IN if unused.

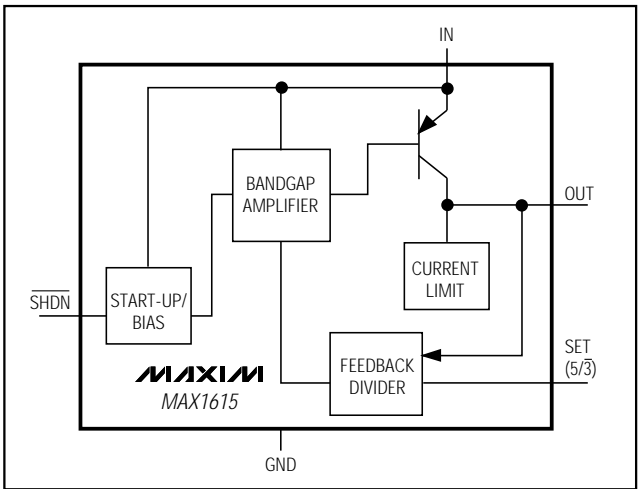


Figure 1. Block Diagram

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## Detailed Description

The MAX1615 low-quiescent-current linear regulator is designed primarily for high input voltage applications. It supplies a preselected 3.3V or 5.0V output for loads up to 30mA. The maximum output current is a function of the package's maximum power dissipation for a given temperature. A 5 $\mu$ A load is required to maintain output regulation.

Output voltage is fed back through an internal resistor voltage divider connected to OUT. Set the output voltage to either 3.3V or 5.0V with the 5/ $\sqrt{3}$  pin.

Select 5V output by connecting 5/ $\sqrt{3}$  to OUT, or 3.3V output by connecting 5/ $\sqrt{3}$  to GND.

## Shutdown

The device enters shutdown mode when  $\overline{\text{SHDN}}$  is low. In shutdown mode, the pass transistor, control circuit, reference, and all biases turn off, reducing the supply current to below 1 $\mu$ A. Connect SHDN to IN for normal operation.

## Current Limit

The MAX1615 includes a current limiter that monitors and controls the pass transistor's gate voltage, estimating the output current and typically limiting it to 100mA. The current limit exceeds the 30mA (max) safe operating limit. A repetitive short-circuit condition results in reduced reliability due to electron-metal migration. The output can be shorted to ground for 30 seconds without damaging the part.

## Thermal-Overload Protection

Thermal-overload protection limits total power dissipation in the MAX1615. When the junction temperature exceeds  $T_J = +150^\circ\text{C}$ , the thermal sensor sends a signal to the shutdown logic, turning off the pass transistor and allowing the IC to cool. The thermal sensor turns the pass transistor on again after the IC's junction temperature cools by  $+20^\circ\text{C}$  (typ), resulting in a pulsating output during continuous thermal-overload conditions.

Thermal-overload protection is designed to protect the MAX1615 in the event of fault conditions. Stressing the device with high-load currents and high input-output differential voltages (which result in die temperatures above  $+125^\circ\text{C}$ ) can cause a momentary overshoot (2% to 8% for 200ms) when the load is completely removed. Minimize this overshoot by raising the minimum load current from 5 $\mu$ A to 100 $\mu$ A. For continuous operation, do not exceed the absolute maximum junction-temperature rating of  $T_J = +150^\circ\text{C}$ .

## Operating Region and Power Dissipation

The MAX1615 maximum power dissipation depends on the thermal resistance of the case and circuit board, the temperature difference between the die junction and ambient air, and the rate of air flow. The device's power dissipation is  $P = I_{\text{OUT}} (V_{\text{IN}} - V_{\text{OUT}})$ . The power dissipation at  $+70^\circ\text{C}$  ambient is 571mW (see *Absolute Maximum Ratings*). The thermal resistance junction-to-case of the SOT23-5 package is  $81^\circ\text{C/W}$ , and the maximum safe junction temperature is  $+150^\circ\text{C}$ .

The GND pin performs the dual function of providing an electrical connection to ground and channeling heat away. Connect the GND pin to ground using a large pad or ground plane.

## Applications Information

### Capacitor Selection

Use 0.1 $\mu$ F minimum on the input. Higher values will improve line-transient response.

Use 1.0 $\mu$ F minimum on the output, or 4.7 $\mu$ F for the full 30mA load current. Otherwise, use 1 $\mu$ F plus 0.125 $\mu$ F/mA. The output capacitor effective series resistance (ESR) must be less than  $1\Omega$  for stable operation.

### Noise

The MAX1615 typically exhibits 5mVp-p of noise during normal operation. This is negligible in most applications. In applications that include analog-to-digital converters (ADCs) of more than 12 bits, consider the ADC's power-supply-rejection specifications.

### Transient Conditions

The *Typical Operating Characteristics* show the MAX1615's load-transient response. Two of the output response's components can be observed on the load-transient graph: a DC shift from the output impedance due to the different load currents, and the transient response. Typical step changes in the load current from 10mA to 20mA produce 50mV transients. Increasing the output capacitor's value attenuates transient spikes.

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Table 1. Surface-Mount Capacitor  
Manufacturers

TYPE	MANUFACTURER	CAPACITOR
Electrolytic	AVX	TPS series
	Matsuo	267 series
	Sprague	593D, 595 series
Ceramic	AVX	X7R
	Matsuo	X7R

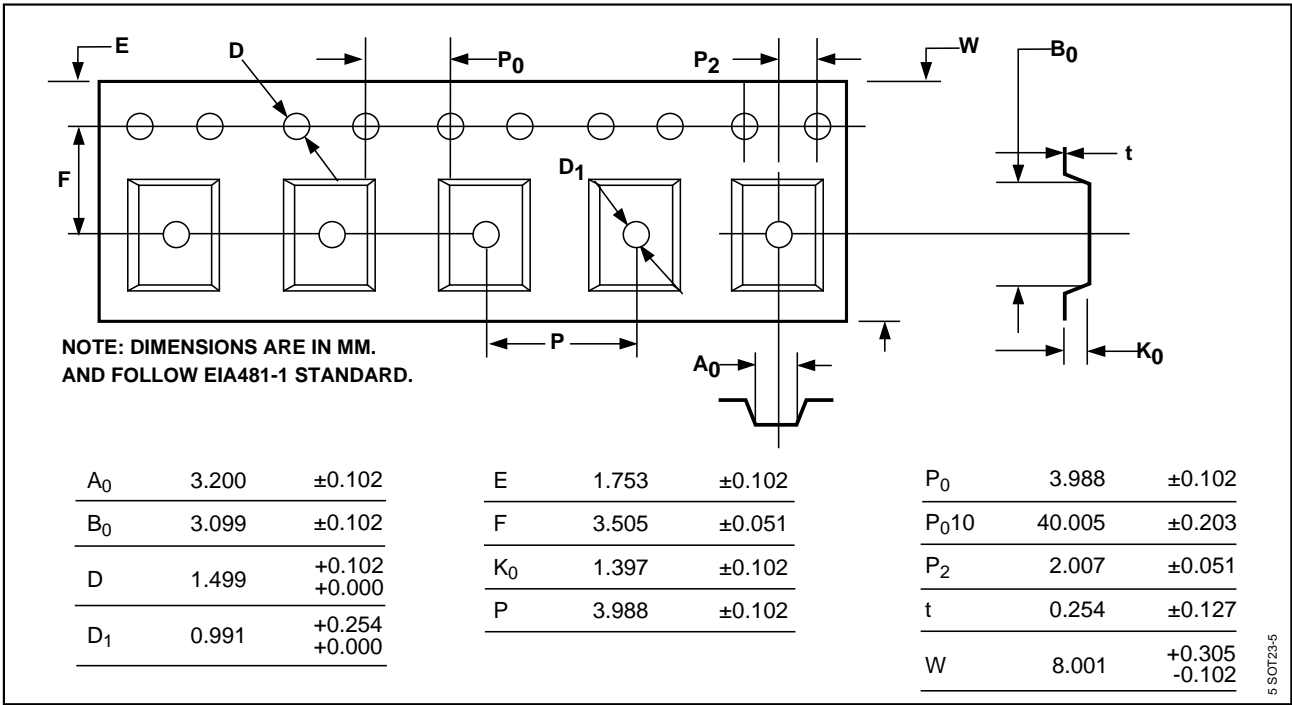
Table 2. Component Suppliers

SUPPLIER	PHONE	FAX
AVX	(803) 946-0690	(803) 626-3123
Matsuo	(714) 969-2491	(714) 960-6492
Sprague	(603) 224-1961	(603) 224-1430

Chip Information

TRANSISTOR COUNT: 386

Tape-and-Reel Information

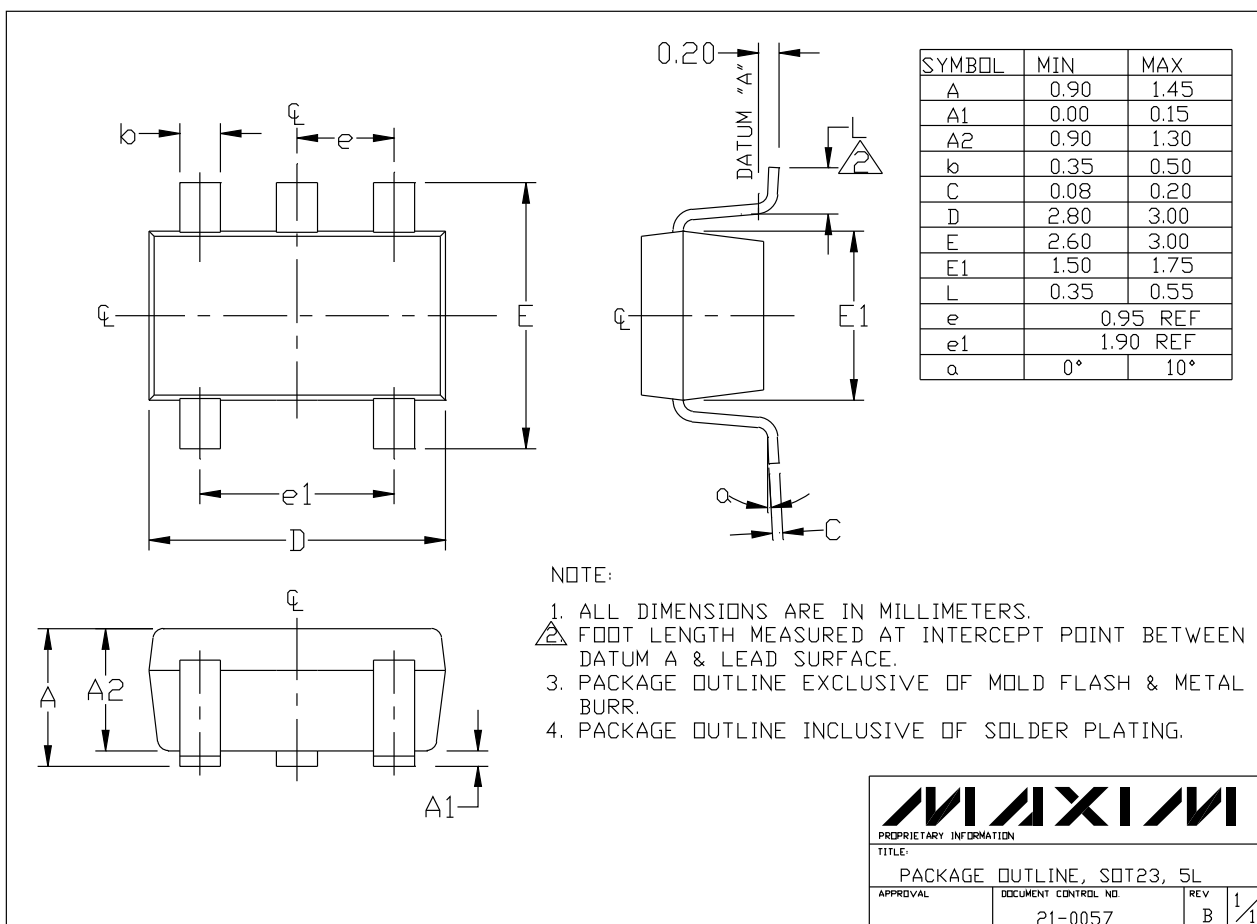


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## Package Information

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