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RTQ2551A

1A Ultra-Low Dropout Voltage LDO Regulators with Soft-Start

1 General Description

The RTQ2551A is a very low dropout linear regulator which operates from input voltage as low as 0.8V. The device is capable of supplying 1A of output current with a typical dropout voltage of only 50mV. A VBIAS supply is required to run the internal reference and LDO circuitry while output current comes directly from the VIN supply for high efficiency regulation. User-programmable soft-start limits the input inrush current and minimizes stress on the input power. The enable input and power good output allow easy sequencing with external regulators. This complete flexibility provides an easy-to-use robust power management solution for a wide variety of applications.

The RTQ2551A is stable with output capacitor greater than or equal to 2.2μF. A precise reference and error amplifier deliver 1% accuracy over load, line and temperature. Overcurrent limit and over-temperature protection are also included. The RTQ2551A is available in the WDFN-10L 3x3 package.

The recommended junction temperature range is –40°C to 125°C.

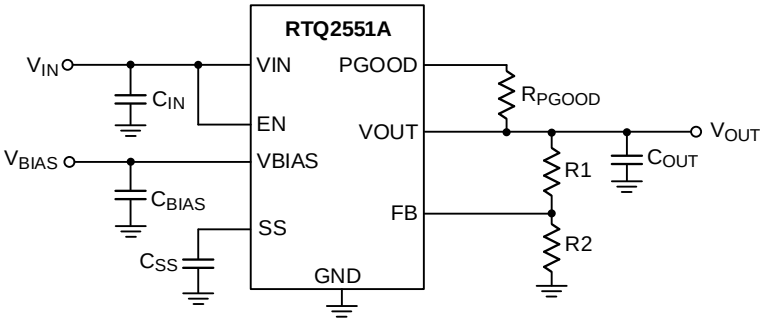
2 Features

- **Ultralow V_{IN} Range: 0.8V to 5.5V**
- **VBIAS Voltage Range: 2.7V to 5.5V**
- **VOUT Voltage Range: 0.8V to 3.6V**
- **Low Dropout: 50mV Typ. at 1A, V_{BIAS} = 5V**
- **1% Accuracy Over Line/Load/ Temperature**
- **PGOOD Indicator for Easy Sequence Control**
- **Programmable Soft-Start Provides Linear Voltage Startup**
- **Stable with Any Output Capacitor ≥ 2.2μF**
- **Overcurrent and Over-Temperature Protection**

3 Applications

- PCs, Servers, Modems, and Set-Top-Boxes
- FPGA Applications
- DSP Core and I/O Voltages
- Instrumentation
- Post-Regulation Applications
- Applications With Sequencing Requirements

4 Simplified Application Circuit



5 Ordering Information

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- Pin 1 Orientation
  (2): Quadrant 2, Follow EIA-481
- Package Type(1)
  QW: WDFN-10L 3x3 (W-Type)
- Lead Plating System
  G: Richtek Green Policy Compliant(2)

Note 1.

- Marked with (1) indicated: Compatible with the current requirements of IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020.
- Marked with (2) indicated: Richtek products are Richtek Green Policy compliant.

6 Marking Information

W8=: Product Code
YMDAN: Date Code

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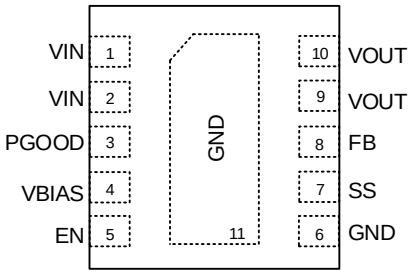
7 Pin Configuration

(TOP VIEW)

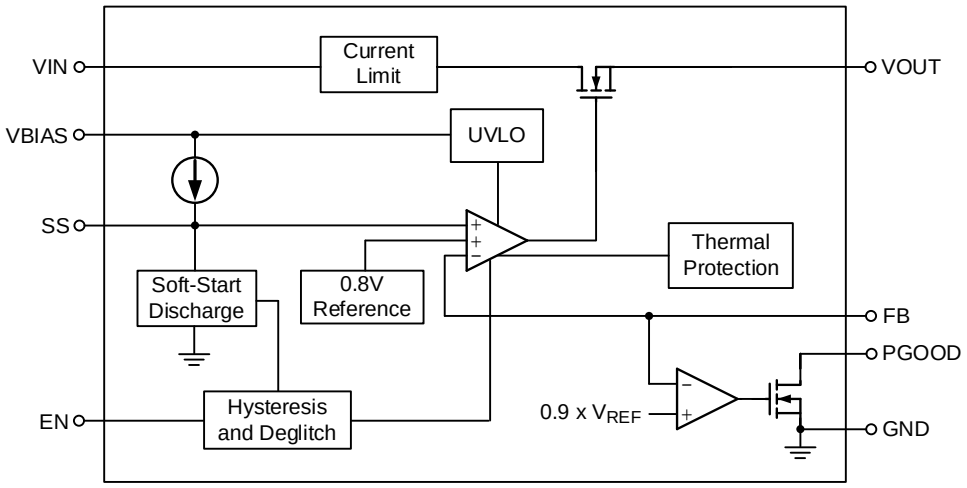


WDFN-10L 3x3

8 Functional Pin Description

Pin No.	Pin Name	Pin Function
1, 2	VIN	Power input of the device.
9, 10	VOUT	Regulated output voltage. A minimum of 2.2μF capacitor should be placed directly at this pin.
3	PGOOD	Power good indicator. An open-drain, active-high output that indicates the status of VOUT. A pull-up resistor from 10kΩ to 1MΩ should be connected from this pin to a supply of up to 5.5V.
4	VBIAS	Bias input pin. Providing input voltage for internal control circuitry.
5	EN	Chip enable (Active-High). Pulling this pin below 0.4V turns the regulator off, reducing the quiescent current to a fraction of its operating value. Connect to VIN if not being used.
6, 11 (Exposed Pad)	GND	Ground. The Exposed Pad must be soldered to a large PCB and connected to GND for maximum power dissipation.
7	SS	Connect a capacitor between this pin and the ground to set the soft-start ramp time of the output voltage.
8	FB	Feedback pin. Connect this pin to an external voltage divider to set the output voltage.

9 Functional Block Diagram



10 Absolute Maximum Ratings

(Note 2)

- Supply Input Voltage, VIN ---------- –0.3V to 6V
- Other Pins ---------- –0.3V to 6V
- Output Voltage, VOUT ---------- –0.3V to 6.3V
- Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.) ---------- 260°C
- Junction Temperature ---------- 150°C
- Storage Temperature Range ---------- –65°C to 150°C

Note 2. 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 may affect device reliability.

11 ESD Ratings

(Note 3)

- ESD Susceptibility

  HBM (Human Body Model) ---------- 2kV

Note 3. Devices are ESD sensitive. Handling precautions are recommended.

12 Recommended Operating Conditions

(Note 4)

- Supply Input Voltage, VIN ---------- 0.8V to 5.5V
- Junction Temperature Range---------- –40°C to 125°C

Note 4. The device is not guaranteed to function outside its operating conditions.

13 Thermal Information

(Note 5 and Note 6)

Thermal Parameter		WDFN-10L 3x3	Unit
θ_{JA}	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance (JEDEC standard)	40.4	°C/W
$\theta_{JC(Top)}$	Junction-to-case (top) thermal resistance	70.4	°C/W
$\theta_{JC(Bottom)}$	Junction-to-case (bottom) thermal resistance	13.6	°C/W
$\theta_{JA(EVB)}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance (specific EVB)	41.5	°C/W
$\Psi_{JC(Top)}$	Junction-to-top characterization parameter	1.5	°C/W
Ψ_{JB}	Junction-to-board characterization parameter	25.2	°C/W

Note 5. For more information about thermal parameter, see the Application and Definition of Thermal Resistances report, AN061.

Note 6. $\theta_{JA(EVB)}$, $\Psi_{JC(TOP)}$ and Ψ_{JB} are measured on a high effective-thermal-conductivity four-layer test board which is in size of 70mm x 50mm; furthermore, all layers with 1 oz. Cu. Thermal resistance/parameter values may vary depending on the PCB material, layout, and test environmental conditions.

14 Electrical Characteristics

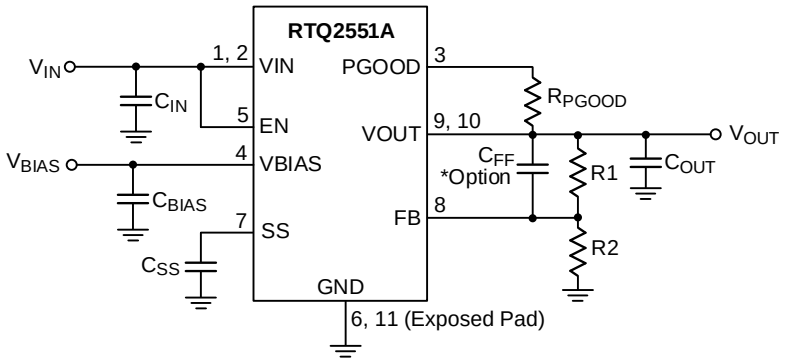
(V_{EN} = 1.1V, V_{IN} = V_{OUT} + 0.3V, V_{BIAS} = 5V, C_{BIAS} = 0.1µF, C_{IN} = C_{OUT} = 10µF, C_{SS} = 1nF, I_{OUT} = 50mA, T_J = -40°C to 125°C, otherwise specified. Typical values are at T_A = 25°C).

Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Input Voltage	V_{IN}		V_{OUT} + V_{DROP}	--	5.5	V
VBIAS Pin Voltage	V_{BIAS}		2.7	--	5.5	V
Internal Reference	V_{REF}	T_A = 25°C	0.796	0.8	0.804	V
Output Voltage Range	V_{OUT}	V_{IN} = 5V, I_{OUT} = 1A	V_{REF}	--	3.6	V
Accuracy		2.97V ≤ V_{BIAS} ≤ 5.5V, 50mA ≤ I_{OUT} ≤ 1A	–1	±0.5	1	%
Line Regulation	V_{LINE_REG}	$V_{OUT\ (Normal)}$ + 0.3 ≤ V_{IN} ≤ 5.5V	--	0.03	--	%/V
Load Regulation	V_{LOAD_REG}	50mA ≤ IOUT ≤ 1A	--	0.09	--	%/A
VIN Dropout Voltage	V_{DROP_VIN}	I_{OUT} = 1A, V_{BIAS} - $V_{OUT\ (Normal)}$ ≥ 3.25V	--	50	80	mV
VBIAS Dropout Voltage	V_{DROP_VBIAS}	I_{OUT} = 1A, V_{IN} = V_{BIAS}	--	--	1.2	V
		I_{OUT} = 0.5A, V_{IN} = V_{BIAS}	--	--	1.1	V
Current Limit	I_{LIM}	V_{OUT} = 80% × $V_{OUT\ (Normal)}$	--	1.6	--	A
Bias Pin Current	I_{BIAS}		--	1	2	mA
Shutdown Supply Current (I_{GND})	I_{SHDN}	V_{EN} = 0.4V	--	1	50	µA
Feedback Pin Current	I_{FB}		–1	0.15	1	µA
Power-Supply Rejection (VIN to VOUT)	PSRR (Note 7)	1kHz, I_{OUT} = 0.5A, V_{IN} = 1.8V, V_{OUT} = 1.5V	--	75	--	dB
		300kHz, I_{OUT} = 0.5A, V_{IN} = 1.8V, V_{OUT} = 1.5V	--	30	--	
Power-Supply Rejection (VBIAS to VOUT)		1kHz, I_{OUT} = 0.5A, V_{IN} = 1.8V, V_{OUT} = 1.5V	--	90	--	dB
		300kHz, I_{OUT} = 0.5A, V_{IN} = 1.8V, V_{OUT} = 1.5V	--	40	--	
Output Noise Voltage	Noise (Note 7)	100Hz to 100kHz, I_{OUT} = 0.5A, C_{SS} = 1nF	--	25 x V_{OUT}	--	µV_{RMS}
Minimum Startup Time	t_{STR} (Note 7)	R_{LOAD} for I_{OUT} = 1A, C_{SS} = open	--	200	--	µs
Soft-Start Charging Current	I_{SS}	V_{SS} = 0.4V	--	440	--	µA
EN Input Voltage Rising Threshold	V_{EN_R}		1.1	--	5.5	V
EN Input Voltage Falling Threshold	V_{EN_F}		0	--	0.4	V
EN Threshold Hysteresis	V_{EN_HYS}		--	50	--	mV
Enable Pin Deglitch Time	V_{EN_DG}		--	20	--	µs
Enable Pin Current	I_{EN}	V_{EN} = 5V	--	0.1	1	µA
PGOOD Trip Threshold	V_{IT}	V_{OUT} decreasing	85	90	94	%V_{OUT}

Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
PGOOD Trip Hysteresis	V_{HYS}		--	3	--	%V_{OUT}
PGOOD Output Low Voltage	V_{PGOOD_L}	I_{PGOOD} = 1mA(sinking), V_{OUT} < V_{IT}	--	--	0.3	V
PGOOD Leakage Current	V_{PGOOD_LK}	V_{PGOOD} = 5.25V, V_{OUT} > V_{IT}	--	0.1	1	μA
Over-Temperature Protection	T_{SD}	Shutdown, temperature increasing	--	165	--	°C
		Reset, temperature decreasing	--	140	--	

Note 7. Guaranteed by design.

15 Typical Application Circuit



*: The feedforward capacitor is optional for the transient response and circuit stability improvement.

Table 1. Suggested Component Value

VOUT(V)	R1 (kΩ)	R2 (kΩ)
0.8	Short	Open
0.9	0.619	4.99
1.0	1.13	4.52
1.05	1.37	4.42
1.1	1.87	4.99
1.2	2.49	4.99
1.5	4.12	4.75
1.8	3.57	2.87
2.5	3.57	1.69
3.3	3.57	1.15

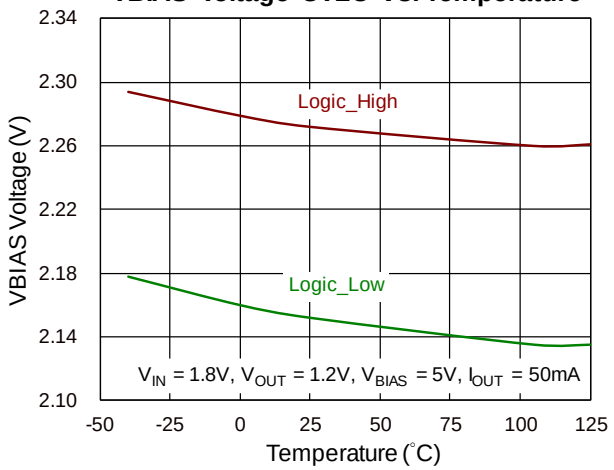
Table 2. Recommended External Components

Component	Description	Vendor P/N
CIN, *COUT	10μF, 16V, X7S, 0805	GCM21BC71C106KE36 (Murata)
CSS	1nF, 50V, X7R, 0603	GCD188R71H102KA01 (Murata)
CBIAS	0.1μF, 50V, X7R, 0603	GCJ188R71H104KA12 (Murata)

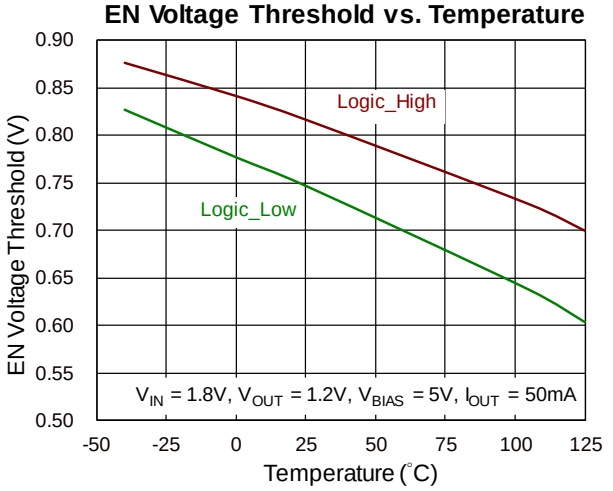
*: Considering the effective capacitance derated with biased voltage level, the COUT component needs satisfy the effective capacitance at least 2.2μF or above at targeted output level for stable and normal operation.

16 Typical Operating Characteristics

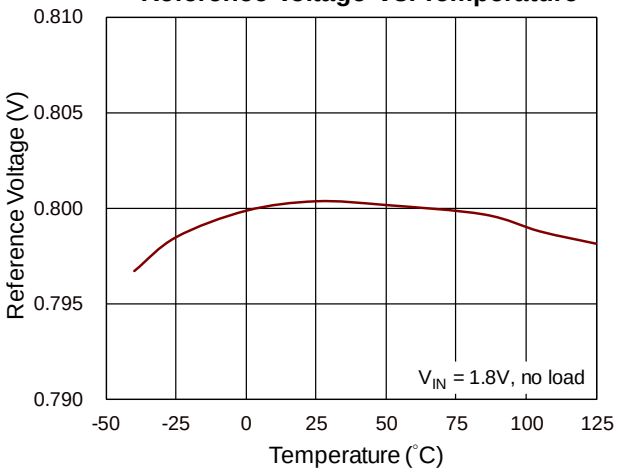
VBIAS Voltage UVLO vs. Temperature



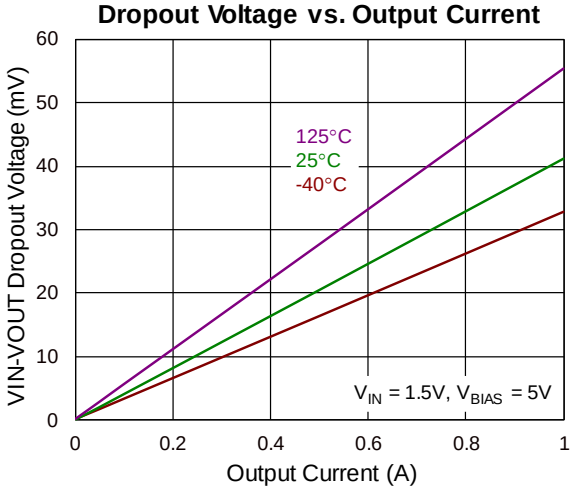
EN Voltage Threshold vs. Temperature



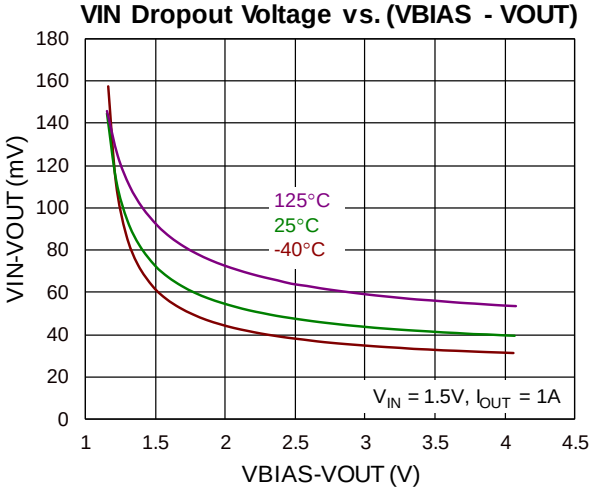
Reference Voltage vs. Temperature



Dropout Voltage vs. Output Current



VIN Dropout Voltage vs. (VBIAS - VOUT)



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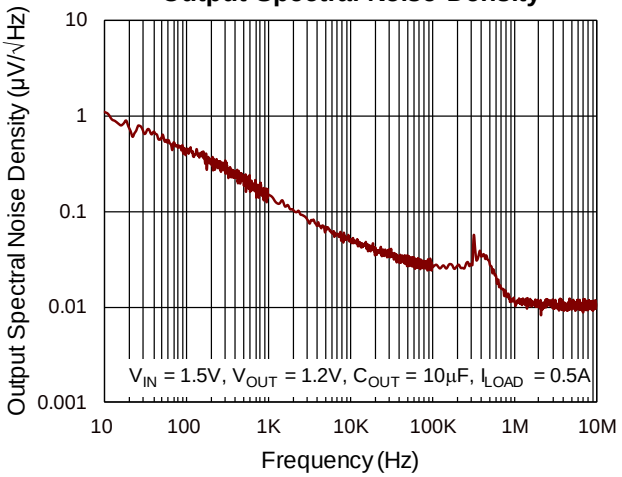
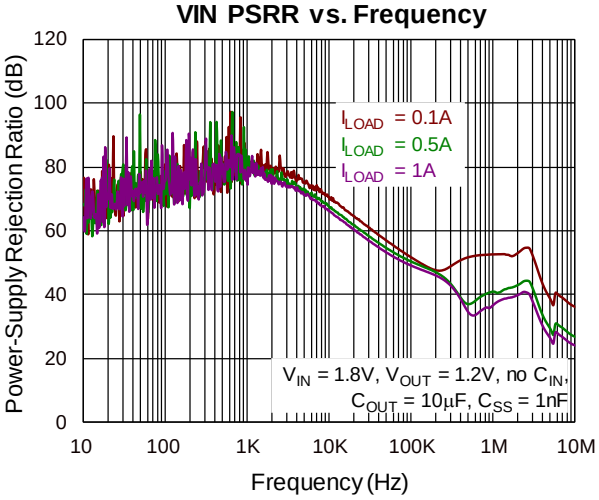
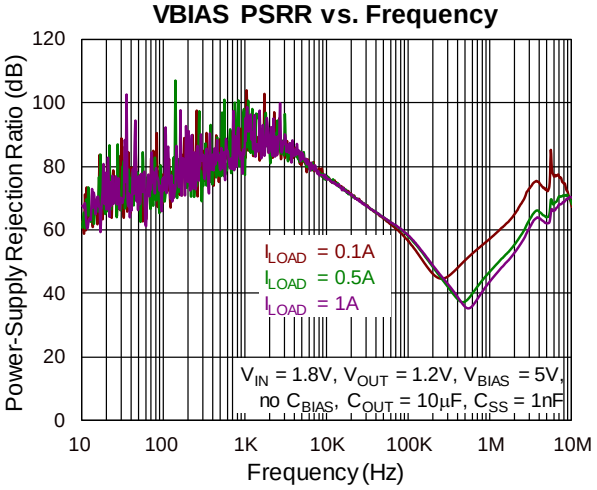


VIN PSRR vs. Frequency



VBIAS PSRR vs. Frequency



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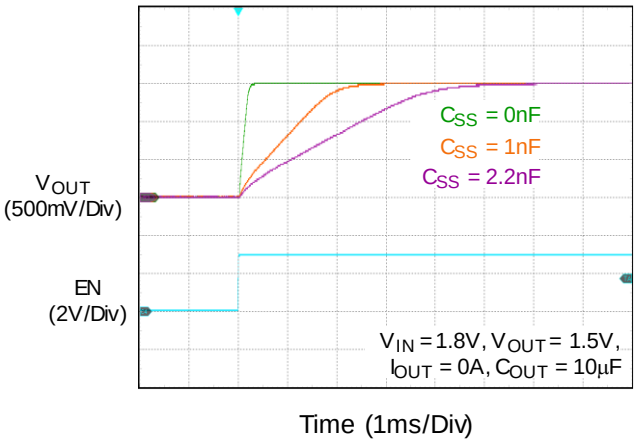
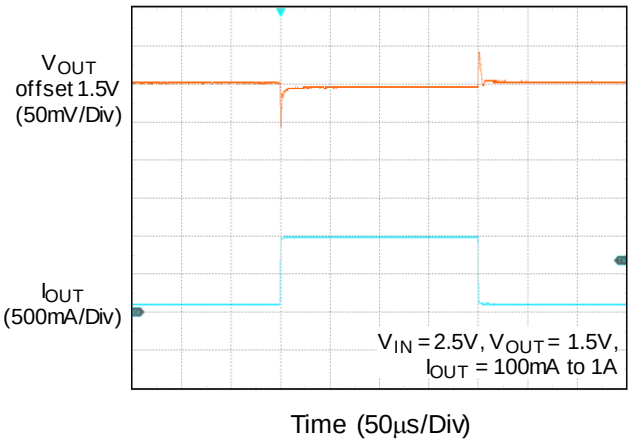


Load Transient Response



17 Operation

The RTQ2551A is a very low dropout linear regulator which operates from input voltage as low as 0.8V. It provides a highly accurate output that is capable of supplying 1A of output current with a typical dropout voltage of only 50mV. Output voltage range is from 0.8V to 3.6V.

17.1 VIN and VBIAS Supply

The VBIAS input supplies the internal reference and LDO circuitry while all output current comes directly from the VIN input for high efficiency regulation. With external V_{BIAS} 3.25V above V_{OUT}, offers the RTQ2551A very low dropout performance which allows the device to be used in place of a DC-DC converter and still achieve good efficiency. This provides designers to achieve the smallest, simplest, and lowest cost solution.

For applications where an auxiliary bias voltage is not available or low dropout is not required. In these applications, V_{BIAS} is suggested to be 1.2V above V_{OUT} and attention on power rating and thermal is needed.

17.2 Enable and Shutdown

The EN pin is active high. Apply a voltage above 1.1V ensures the LDO regulator turns on, while the regulator turns off if the V_{EN} belows 0.4V. The enable circuitry has typical 50mV hysteresis and deglitching for use with relatively slowly ramping analog signals. That helps avoid on-off cycling as a result of small glitches in the V_{EN} signal. A fast rise-time signal must be used to enable the RTQ2551A if precise turn-on timing is required. If not used, EN can be connected to either VIN or VBIAS. If EN is connected to VIN, it should be connected as close as possible to the largest capacitance on the input to prevent voltage droops on that line from triggering the enable circuit.

17.3 Soft-Start

The RTQ2551A includes a soft-start feature to prevent excessive current flow during start-up. When the LDO is enabled, an internal soft-start current (I_{SS}) charges the external soft-start capacitor (C_{SS}) to build a ramp-up voltage internally. The RTQ2551A achieve a linear and monotonic soft-start by tracking the voltage ramp until the voltage exceeds the internal reference. The soft-start ramp time can be calculated using Equation 1:

$$t_{SS}(S) = \frac{V_{REF} \times C_{SS}}{I_{SS}} = \frac{0.8V \times C_{SS}(F)}{0.44\mu A} \quad (1)$$

17.4 Power GOOD

When the output voltage is greater than V_{IT} + V_{HYS}, the output voltage is considered good and the open-drain PGOOD pin goes high impedance and is typically pulled high with external resistor. If V_{OUT} drops below V_{IT} or if V_{BIAS} drops below 1.9 V, the open-drain output turns on and pulls the PGOOD output low. The PGOOD pin also asserts when the device is disabled, OCP or OTP triggered.

17.5 Overcurrent Protection

The RTQ2551A has built-in overcurrent protection. When overcurrent (typ. 1.6A) is detected, the RTQ2551A foldback and limit the current at typical 1.2A. It allows the device to supply surges of up to 1.6A and prevent the device over-heating if short circuit happened.

17.6 Thermal Shutdown and Over-Temperature Protection

The RTQ2551A includes an over-temperature protection (OTP) circuitry to prevent overheating due to excessive power dissipation, and will shut down the LDO when the junction temperature exceeds approximately 165°C. It

will re enable the LDO once the junction temperature drops back to approximately 140°C. The RTQ2551A will cycle in and out of thermal shutdown without latch-up or damage until the overstress condition is removed. Long term overstress (T_J > 125°C) should be avoided as it can degrade the performance or shorten the life of the part.

Note that the over-temperature protection is intended to protect the device during momentary overload conditions. The protection is activated outside of the absolute maximum range of operation as a secondary fail-safe and therefore should not be relied upon operationally. Continuous operation above the specified absolute maximum operating junction temperature may impair device reliability or permanently damage the device.

18 Application Information

(Note 8)

The RTQ2551A is a low dropout regulator that features soft-start capability. It provides EN and PGOOD for easily system sequence control, and built-in overcurrent & thermal protection for safe operation.

18.1 Dropout Voltage

Because of two power supply inputs VIN and VBIAS and one VOUT regulator output, there are two Dropout voltages specified. The first is the VIN Dropout voltage is the voltage difference (V_{IN} – V_{OUT}) when V_{OUT} starts to decrease by percent specified in the Electrical Characteristics table.

The second, VBIAS dropout voltage is the voltage difference (V_{BIAS} – V_{OUT}) when VIN and VBIAS pins are joined together and V_{OUT} starts to decrease. This option allows the device to be used in applications where an auxiliary bias voltage is not available or low dropout is not required. In these applications, V_{BIAS} is suggested to be 1.2V above V_{OUT} and attention on power rating and thermal is needed.

18.2 Input, Output, and Bias Capacitor Selection

The device is designed to be stable for all available types and values of output capacitors ≥ 2.2μF. The device is also stable with multiple capacitors in parallel, which can be of any type or value. The capacitance required on the VIN and VBIAS pins strongly depends on the input supply source impedance. To counteract any inductance in the input, the minimum recommended capacitor for VIN is 1μF and minimum recommended capacitor for VBIAS is 0.1μF. If V_{IN} and V_{BIAS} are connected to the same supply, the recommended minimum capacitor for VBIAS is 4.7μF. Good quality, low ESR capacitors should be used on the input; ceramic X5R and X7R capacitors are preferred. These capacitors should be placed as close the pins as possible for optimum performance.

18.3 Adjusting the Output Voltage

The output voltage of the RTQ2551A is adjustable from 0.8V to 3.6V by external voltage divider resisters as shown in Typical Application Circuit. R1 and R2 can be calculated the output voltage. In order to achieve the maximum accuracy specifications, R2 should be ≤ 4.99kΩ.

18.4 Power Up Sequence Requirement

The RTQ2551A supports power on the input VIN, VBIAS, and EN pins in any order without damage the device. Generally, connecting the EN and VIN for most application is acceptable, as long as V_{IN} and V_{EN} is greater than the EN threshold (typ. = 1.1V) and the input ramp rate of VIN and VBIAS is faster than the output settled soft-start ramp rate. If the VIN/BIAS input source ramp rate is slower than the output settled soft-start time, the output will track the input supply ramp up level and minus the dropout voltage until it reaches the settled output voltage level. For the other case, If EN is connected with VBIAS, and the provided VIN is present before VBIAS, the output soft-start will as programmed. While V_{BIAS} and V_{EN} are present before V_{IN} is applied also the settled soft-start time has expired, then V_{OUT} tracks V_{IN} ramp up. If the soft-start time has not expired, output tracks V_{IN} ramp up until output reaches the value set by the charging soft- start capacitor.

18.5 Thermal Consideration

The junction temperature should never exceed the absolute maximum junction temperature $T_{J(MAX)}$, listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings, to avoid permanent damage to the device. The maximum allowable power dissipation depends on the thermal resistance of the IC package, the PCB layout, the rate of surrounding airflow, and the difference between the junction and ambient temperatures. The maximum power dissipation can be calculated using the following formula:

$P_{D(MAX)} = (T_{J(MAX)} – T_A) / \theta_{JA}$

where $T_{J(MAX)}$ is the maximum junction temperature, T_A is the ambient temperature, and θ_{JA} is the junction-to-ambient thermal resistance.

For continuous operation, the maximum operating junction temperature indicated under Recommended Operating Conditions is 125°C. The junction-to-ambient thermal resistance, $\theta_{JA(EVB)}$, is highly package dependent. For a WDFN-10L 3x3 package, the thermal resistance, $\theta_{JA(EVB)}$, is 41.5°C/W on a high effective-thermal-conductivity four- layer test board. The maximum power dissipation at T_A = 25°C can be calculated as below:

$P_{D(MAX)}$ = (125°C – 25°C) / (41.5°C/W) = 2.41W for a WDFN-10L 3x3 package.

The maximum power dissipation depends on the operating ambient temperature for the fixed $T_{J(MAX)}$ and the thermal resistance, $\theta_{JA(EVB)}$. The derating curve in Figure 1 allows the designer to see the effect of rising ambient temperature on the maximum power dissipation.

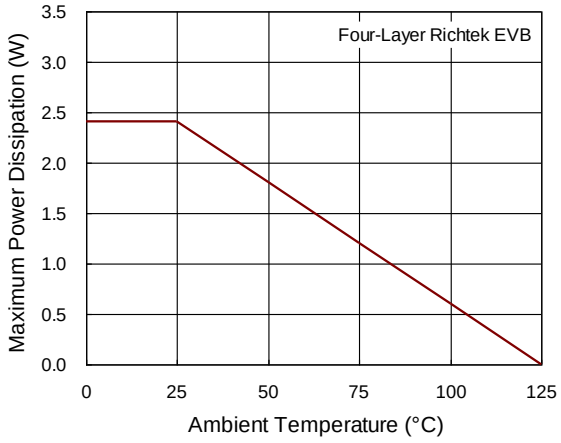


Figure 1. Derating Curve of Maximum Power Dissipation

18.6 Layout Considerations

For best performance of the RTQ2551A, the PCB layout suggestions below are highly recommended:

- Input capacitor must be placed as close as possible to IC to minimize the power loop area.
- Minimize the power trace length and avoid using vias for the input and output capacitors connection.

Figure 2 shows the example for the layout reference which helps the inductive parasitic components minimization, load transient reduction and good circuit stability.

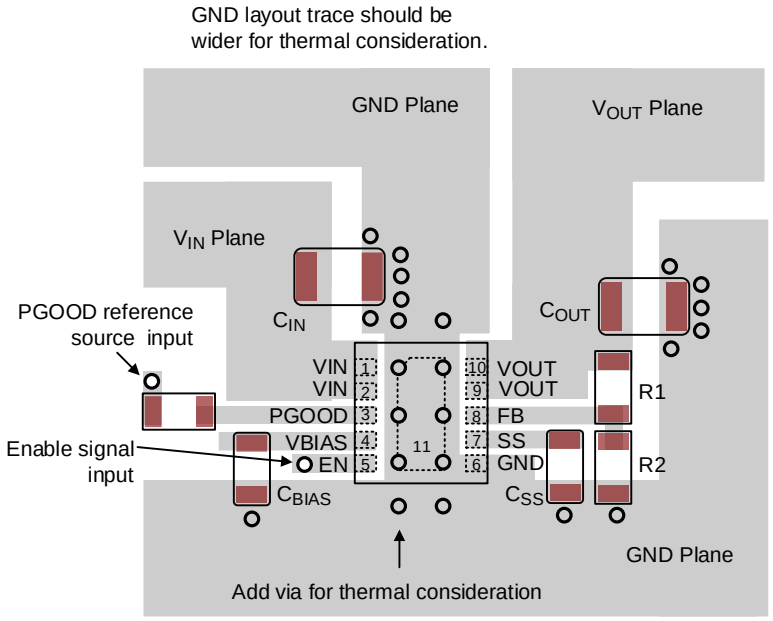
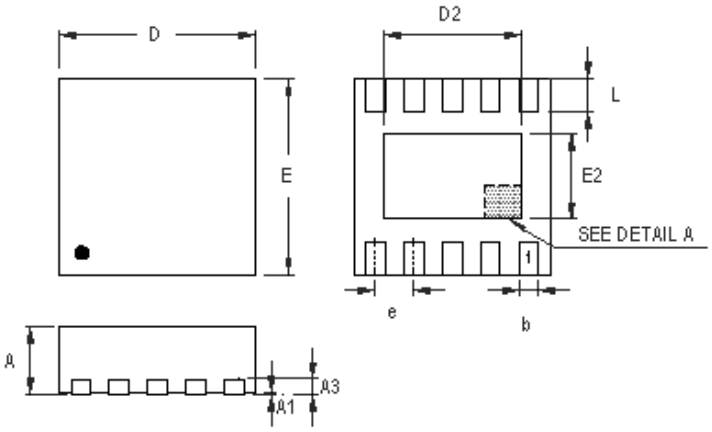
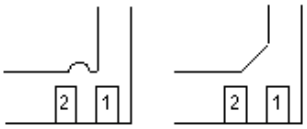


Figure 2. PCB Layout Guide

Note 8. The information provided in this section is for reference only. The customer is solely responsible for the designing, validating, and testing your product incorporating Richtek's product and ensure such product meets applicable standards and any safety, security, or other requirements.

19 Outline Dimension





DETAIL A

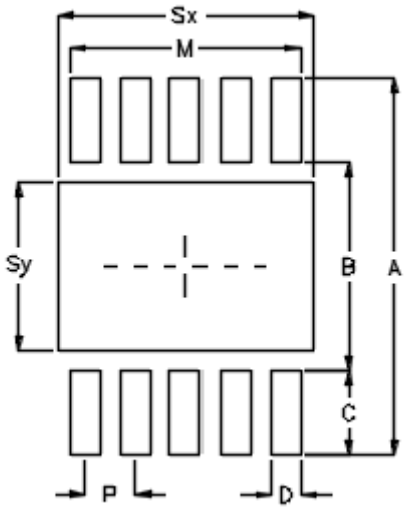
Pin #1 ID and Tie Bar Mark Options

Note : The configuration of the Pin #1 identifier is optional, but must be located within the zone indicated.

Symbol	Dimensions In Millimeters		Dimensions In Inches	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
A	0.700	0.800	0.028	0.031
A1	0.000	0.050	0.000	0.002
A3	0.175	0.250	0.007	0.010
b	0.180	0.300	0.007	0.012
D	2.950	3.050	0.116	0.120
D2	2.300	2.650	0.091	0.104
E	2.950	3.050	0.116	0.120
E2	1.500	1.750	0.059	0.069
e	0.500		0.020	
L	0.350	0.450	0.014	0.018

W-Type 10L DFN 3x3 Package

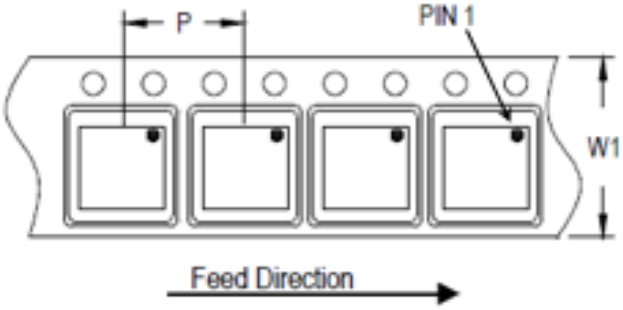
20 Footprint Information

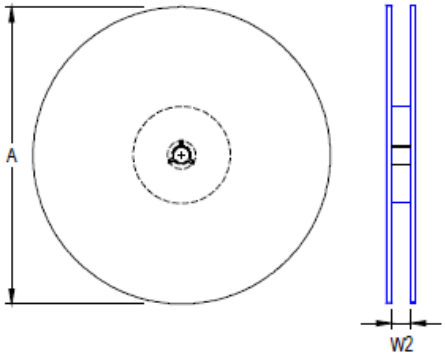


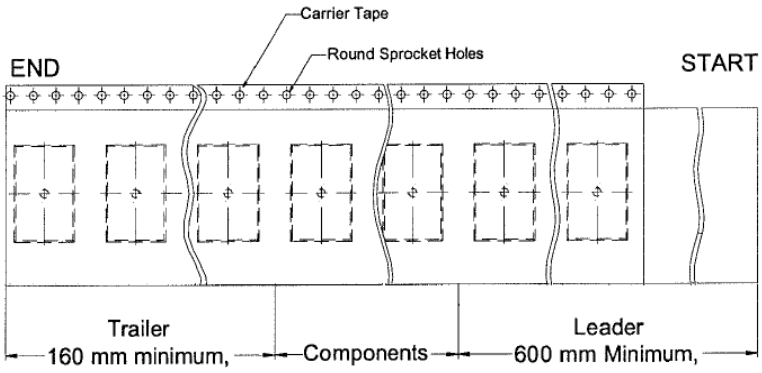
Package	Number of Pin	Footprint Dimension (mm)								Tolerance
		P	A	B	C	D	Sx	Sy	M	
V/W/U/X/ZDFN3*3-10	10	0.50	3.80	2.10	0.85	0.30	2.55	1.70	2.30	±0.05

21 Packing Information

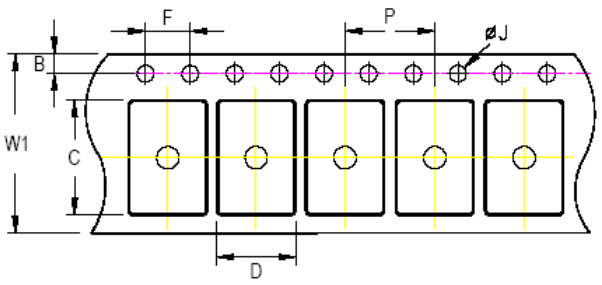
21.1 Tape and Reel Data







Package Type	Tape Size (W1) (mm)	Pocket Pitch (P) (mm)	Reel Size (A)		Units per Reel	Trailer (mm)	Leader (mm)	Reel Width (W2) Min./Max. (mm)
			(mm)	(in)				
QFN/DFN 3x3	12	8	180	7	1,500	160	600	12.4/14.4



C, D, and K are determined by component size. The clearance between the components and the cavity is as follows:

- For 12mm carrier tape: 0.5mm max.

Tape Size	W1	P		B		F		ØJ		H
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Max.
12mm	12.3mm	7.9mm	8.1mm	1.65mm	1.85mm	3.9mm	4.1mm	1.5mm	1.6mm	0.6mm

21.2 Tape and Reel Packing

Step	Photo/Description	Step	Photo/Description
1	 Reel 7”	4	 3 reels per inner box **Box A**
2	 HIC & Desiccant (1 Unit) inside	5	 12 inner boxes per outer box
3	 Caution label is on backside of Al bag	6	 Outer box **Carton A**

Container / Package	Reel		Box			Carton		
	Size	Units	Item	Reels	Units	Item	Boxes	Unit
QFN/DFN 3x3	7”	1,500	Box A	3	4,500	Carton A	12	54,000
			Box E	1	1,500	For Combined or Partial Reel.		

21.3 Packing Material Anti-ESD Property

Surface Resistance	Aluminum Bag	Reel	Cover tape	Carrier tape	Tube	Protection Band
Ω/cm^2	10^4 to 10^{11}	10^4 to 10^{11}	10^4 to 10^{11}	10^4 to 10^{11}	10^4 to 10^{11}	10^4 to 10^{11}

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22 Datasheet Revision History

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00	2023/12/6	Final	Electrical Characteristics on P7 Operation on P12
01	2024/3/8	Modify	General Description on P1 Features on P1 Electrical Characteristics on P7 Operation on P12, 13 Application Information on P14
02	2024/7/1	Modify	Ordering Information on P2 Electrical Characteristics on P7, P8 Packing Information on P20

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