Evaluating the ADM7154 and ADM7155 Linear Regulators

REGULATOR FEATURES

- Input voltage range: 2.3 V to 5.5 V
- Maximum output current: 600 mA
- Low noise
- 0.9 μV rms total integrated noise from 100 Hz to 100 kHz
- 1.6 μV rms total integrated noise from 10 Hz to 100 kHz
- Initial accuracy: ±0.5%
- Fixed 3.3 V (ADM7154) and adjustable (ADM7155) output versions
- 8-lead LFCSP and 8-lead SOIC packages

EVALUATION KIT CONTENTS

- ADM7154CP-3.3EVALZ, ADM7154RD-1.8EVALZ, or ADM7155CP-02-EVALZ evaluation board

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- DC power supply
- Multimeters for voltage and current measurements
- Electronic or resistive loads

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The ADM7154CP-3.3EVALZ, ADM7154RD-1.8EVALZ, and ADM7155CP-02-EVALZ evaluation boards are used to demonstrate the functionality of the ADM7154 and ADM7155 linear regulators, respectively.

Simple device measurements, such as line and load regulation, dropout, and ground current, can be demonstrated with just a single voltage source, a voltmeter, an ammeter, and load resistors.

For more details about the linear regulators, refer to the ADM7154 and ADM7155 data sheets.
EVALUATION BOARD HARDWARE

EVALUATION BOARD CONFIGURATIONS

The evaluation boards arrive supplied with different components depending on which version is ordered. Components common to both versions are C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, J1, and J2.

Resistors R1 and R2 are used for the ADM7155 adjustable output option. The output voltage ($V_{OUT}$) is set by

$$V_{OUT} = 1.2 \, V \times (1 + R1/R2)$$

Table 1. Evaluation Board Hardware Components

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<th>Component</th>
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<tr>
<td>U1</td>
<td>Linear regulator</td>
<td>ADM7154ARDZ-1.8/ADM7154ACPZ-3.3/ADM7155ACPZ-02 linear regulator.</td>
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<td>C1</td>
<td>Input capacitor</td>
<td>10 μF input bypass capacitor.</td>
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<td>C3</td>
<td>$V_{REF}$ capacitor</td>
<td>1 μF $V_{REF}$ bypass capacitor.</td>
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<td>C4</td>
<td>BYP capacitor</td>
<td>1 μF bypass capacitor.</td>
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<td>C5</td>
<td>$V_{REG}$ capacitor</td>
<td>10 μF $V_{REG}$ bypass capacitor.</td>
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<td>C6 and C7</td>
<td>Output capacitor</td>
<td>Optional output capacitors.</td>
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<td>R1</td>
<td>Output divider</td>
<td>Sets output voltage with R2 in adjustable option. Short R1 for fixed output voltages.</td>
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<tr>
<td>R2</td>
<td>Output divider</td>
<td>Sets output voltage with R1 in adjustable option.</td>
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1 Component varies depending on the evaluation board ordered.
OUTPUT VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS

Figure 3 shows how the evaluation board can be connected to a voltage source and a voltmeter for basic output voltage accuracy measurements. A resistor can be used as the load for the regulator. Ensure that the resistor has a power rating adequate to handle the power dissipation. Alternatively, an electronic load can also be used in place of a resistor. Ensure that the voltage source can supply enough current for the expected load levels.

Use the following steps to connect to a voltage source and voltmeter:

1. Connect the negative terminal (−) of the voltage source to one of the GND pads on the evaluation board.
2. Connect the positive terminal (+) of the voltage source to the VIN pad of the evaluation board.
3. Connect a load between the VOUT pad and one of the GND pads.
4. Connect the negative terminal (−) of the voltmeter to one of the GND pads.
5. Connect the positive terminal (+) of the voltmeter to the VOUT pad.

The voltage source can then be turned on. If JP1 is inserted, connecting EN to VIN for automatic startup, the regulator powers up.
If the load current is greater than about 200 mA, it is recommended that the user connect the voltmeter as close as possible to the output capacitor to reduce the effects of IR drops.

**LINE REGULATION**

The output of the regulator is monitored and the input is varied for line regulation measurements. For good line regulation, the output must change as little as possible with varying input levels. To ensure that the device is not in dropout during this measurement, \( V_{IN} \) must be varied between \( V_{OUTNOM} + 0.5 \text{ V} \) (or 2.3 V, whichever is greater) and \( V_{IN\text{MAX}} \). For example, for an ADM7154 with a fixed 3.3 V output, \( V_{IN} \) must be varied between 3.8 V and 5.5 V. This measurement can be repeated under different load conditions. Figure 5 shows the typical line regulation performance of an ADM7154 with a fixed 3.3 V output.

**LOAD REGULATION**

The output of the regulator is monitored and the load is varied for load regulation measurements. For good load regulation, the output must change as little as possible with varying loads. The input voltage must be held constant during this measurement. The load current can be varied from 0 mA to 600 mA. Figure 6 shows the typical load regulation performance of an ADM7154 with a fixed 3.3 V output for an input voltage of 3.8 V.

**DROPOUT VOLTAGE**

Measure dropout voltage using the configuration shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4. Dropout voltage is defined as the input to output voltage differential when the input voltage is set to the nominal output voltage. This applies only for output voltages greater than 2.3 V. Dropout voltage increases with larger loads. For more accurate measurements, use a second voltmeter to monitor the input voltage across the input capacitor. The input supply voltage may need adjusting to account for IR drops, especially if large load currents are used. Figure 7 shows a typical curve of dropout voltage measurements vs. load current.
GROUND CURRENT MEASUREMENTS

Figure 8. Ground Current Measurement, LFCSP

Figure 9. Ground Current Measurement, SOIC
Figure 8 and Figure 9 show how the evaluation board is connected to a voltage source and an ammeter for ground current measurements. A resistor can be used as the load for the regulator. Ensure that the resistor has a power rating adequate to handle the expected power dissipation. Alternatively, an electronic load can also be used in place of a resistor. Ensure that the voltage source used can supply enough current for the expected load levels.

Use the following steps to connect to a voltage source and ammeter:

1. Connect the positive terminal (+) of the voltage source to the VIN pad on the evaluation board.
2. Connect the positive terminal (+) of the ammeter to one of the GND pads of the evaluation board.
3. Connect the negative terminal (−) of the ammeter to the negative (−) terminal of the voltage source.
4. Connect a load between the negative (−) terminal of the voltage source and the VOUT pad of the evaluation board.

Then, the voltage source can be turned on. If JP1 is inserted, connecting EN to VIN for automatic startup, the regulator powers up.

**GROUND CURRENT CONSUMPTION**

Ground current measurements determine how much current the internal circuits of the regulator are consuming while the circuits perform the regulation function. To be efficient, the regulator needs to consume as little current as possible. Typically, the regulator uses the maximum current when supplying its largest load level (600 mA). Figure 10 shows the typical ground current consumption vs. load current at an input voltage of 3.8 V for an output voltage of 3.3 V.

![Figure 10. Ground Current vs. Load Current (I\text{LOAD})](image)

When the device is disabled (EN = GND), the ground current drops to less than 2 μA.
Figure 11. Evaluation Board Schematic

C1 - VIN DECOUPLING CAPACITOR
C2 - VOUT STABILITY CAPACITOR
C3, C4 - INTERNAL REFERENCE BYPASS
C5 - VREG BYPASS CAPACITOR
R1, R2 - SET OUTPUT VOLTAGE FOR ADM715x
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<td>3</td>
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<td>Sullins Connector Solutions</td>
<td>PEC025AAAN</td>
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<td>Resistor, 1%, 0603 case</td>
<td>Vishay Dale</td>
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ESD Caution

ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

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