

**Micropower, Dual and  
Quad, Single Supply, Precision Op Amps**
**FEATURES**

- Available in 8-Pin SO Package
- 50 $\mu$ A Max Supply Current per Amplifier
- 70 $\mu$ V Max Offset Voltage
- 180 $\mu$ A Max Offset Voltage in 8-Pin SO
- 250pA Max Offset Current
- 0.6 $\mu$ V<sub>P-P</sub>, 0.1Hz to 10Hz Voltage Noise
- 3pA<sub>P-P</sub>, 0.1Hz to 10Hz Current Noise
- 0.4 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C Offset Voltage Drift
- 200kHz Gain Bandwidth Product
- 0.07V/ $\mu$ s Slew Rate
- Single Supply Operation
  - Input Voltage Range Includes Ground
  - Output Swings to Ground while Sinking Current
  - No Pull-Down Resistors Needed
- Output Sources and Sinks 5mA Load Current

**APPLICATIONS**

- Battery or Solar-Powered Systems
  - Portable Instrumentation
  - Remote Sensor Amplifier
  - Satellite Circuitry
- Micropower Sample-and-Hold
- Thermocouple Amplifier
- Micropower Filters

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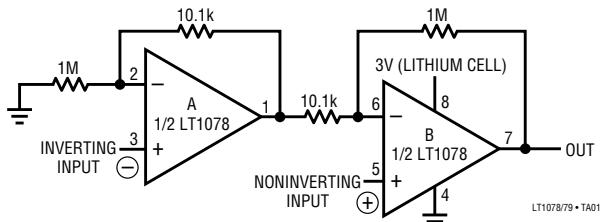
**DESCRIPTION**

The LT®1078 is a micropower dual op amp in 8-pin packages including the small outline surface mount package. The LT1079 is a micropower quad op amp offered in the standard 14-pin packages. Both devices are optimized for single supply operation at 5V. ±15V specifications are also provided.

Micropower performance of competing devices is achieved at the expense of seriously degrading precision, noise, speed and output drive specifications. The design effort of the LT1078/LT1079 was concentrated on reducing supply current without sacrificing other parameters. The offset voltage achieved is the lowest on any dual or quad nonchopper stabilized op amp—micropower or otherwise. Offset current, voltage and current noise, slew rate and gain bandwidth product are all two to ten times better than on previous micropower op amps.

The 1/f corner of the voltage noise spectrum is at 0.7Hz, at least three times lower than on any monolithic op amp. This results in low frequency (0.1Hz to 10Hz) noise performance which can only be found on devices with an order of magnitude higher supply current.

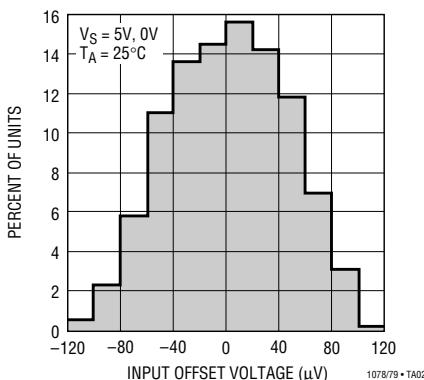
Both the LT1078 and LT1079 can be operated from a single supply (as low as one lithium cell or two Ni-Cad batteries). The input range goes below ground. The all-NPN output stage swings to within a few millivolts of ground while sinking current—no power consuming pull down resistors are needed.

**Single Battery, Micropower, Gain = 100, Instrumentation Amplifier**

**TYPICAL PERFORMANCE**

INPUT OFFSET VOLTAGE = 40 $\mu$ V	OUTPUT NOISE = 85 $\mu$ V <sub>P-P</sub> 0.1Hz TO 10Hz
INPUT OFFSET CURRENT = 0.2nA	= 300 $\mu$ V <sub>RMS</sub> OVER FULL BANDWIDTH
TOTAL POWER DISSIPATION = 240 $\mu$ W	INPUT RANGE = 0.03V TO 1.8V
COMMON MODE REJECTION = 110dB (AMPLIFIER LIMITED)	OUTPUT RANGE = 0.03V TO 2.3V
GAIN BANDWIDTH PRODUCT = 200kHz	(0.3mV $\leq$ V <sub>IN+</sub> - V <sub>IN-</sub> $\leq$ 23mV)

OUTPUTS SINK CURRENT—NO PULL-DOWN RESISTORS ARE NEEDED

**Distribution of Input Offset Voltage  
(LT1078 and LT1079 in H, J, N Packages)**



# LT1078/LT1079

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Supply Voltage .....	$\pm 22\text{V}$	Operating Temperature Range
Differential Input Voltage .....	$\pm 30\text{V}$	LT1078AM/LT1078M/
Input Voltage .....	Equal to Positive Supply Voltage	LT1079AM/LT1079M .....
..... 5V Below Negative Supply Voltage		-55°C to 125°C
Output Short-Circuit Duration .....	Indefinite	LT1078I/LT1079I .....
Storage Temperature Range		-40°C to 85°C
All Grades .....	-65°C to 150°C	LT1078AC/LT1078C/LT1078S/
		LT1079AC/LT1079C .....
		0°C to 70°C
		Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec) .....
		300°C

## PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION

TOP VIEW H PACKAGE 8-LEAD TO-5 METAL CAN	J8 PACKAGE 8-LEAD CERAMIC DIP	N8 PACKAGE 8-LEAD PDIP	TOP VIEW S8 PACKAGE 8-LEAD PLASTIC SO	
$T_{JMAX} = 150^\circ\text{C}$ , $\theta_{JA} = 150^\circ\text{C/W}$ , $\theta_{JC} = 45^\circ\text{C/W}$	$T_{JMAX} = 150^\circ\text{C}$ , $\theta_{JA} = 100^\circ\text{C/W}$ (J8)	$T_{JMAX} = 100^\circ\text{C}$ , $\theta_{JA} = 130^\circ\text{C/W}$ (N8)	NOTE: THIS PIN CONFIGURATION DIFFERS FROM THE 8-LEAD DIP PIN LOCATIONS. INSTEAD, IT FOLLOWS THE INDUSTRY STANDARD LT1013DS8 SO PACKAGE CONFIGURATION. FOR SIMILAR PERFORMANCE WITH TRADITIONAL DIP PINOUT, SEE THE LT2078	
<b>ORDER PART NUMBER</b>		<b>ORDER PART NUMBER</b>		
LT1078ACH LT1078MH		LT1078ACN8 LT1078AMJ8 LT1078CN8 LT1078IN8 LT1078MJ8		
		<b>PART MARKING</b>		
		1078		
TOP VIEW J PACKAGE 14-LEAD CERAMIC DIP	ORDER PART NUMBER	TOP VIEW N PACKAGE 14-LEAD PDIP	ORDER PART NUMBER	
	LT1079ACN LT1079CN LT1079IN LT1079MJ			
$T_{JMAX} = 150^\circ\text{C}$ , $\theta_{JA} = 100^\circ\text{C/W}$ (J) $T_{JMAX} = 110^\circ\text{C}$ , $\theta_{JA} = 130^\circ\text{C/W}$ (N)			<b>SW PACKAGE</b> 16-LEAD PLASTIC SO WIDE	
			NOTE: FOR 14-PIN NARROW PACKAGE SEE THE LT2079	
			$T_{JMAX} = 110^\circ\text{C}$ , $\theta_{JA} = 150^\circ\text{C/W}$	

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**  $V_S = 5V, 0V, V_{CM} = 0.1V, V_0 = 1.4V, T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS (NOTE 1)	LT1078AC/LT1079AC LT1078AM/LT1079AM			LT1078C/LT1079C LT1078I/LT1079I LT1078M/LT1079M LT1078S8/LT1079SW			UNITS
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	LT1078 LT1078IS8/LT1078S8 LT1079 LT1079ISW/LT1079SW	30	70		40	120		$\mu V$
					35	100	60	180	$\mu V$
							40	150	$\mu V$
							60	300	$\mu V$
$\Delta V_{OS}$ $\Delta$ Time	Long Term Input Offset Voltage Stability			0.4			0.5		$\mu V/Mo$
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current			0.05	0.25		0.05	0.35	nA
$I_B$	Input Bias Current			6	8		6	10	nA
$e_n$	Input Noise Voltage	0.1Hz to 10Hz (Note 2)		0.6	1.2		0.6		$\mu V_{P-P}$
	Input Noise Voltage Density	$f_0 = 10Hz$ (Note 2) $f_0 = 1000Hz$ (Note 2)		29	45		29		$nV\sqrt{Hz}$
				28	37		28		$nV\sqrt{Hz}$
$i_n$	Input Noise Current	0.1Hz to 10Hz (Note 2)		2.3	4.0		2.3		$pA_{P-P}$
	Input Noise Current Density	$f_0 = 10Hz$ (Note 2) $f_0 = 1000Hz$		0.06	0.10		0.06		$pA\sqrt{Hz}$
				0.02			0.02		$pA\sqrt{Hz}$
	Input Resistance Differential Mode Common Mode	(Note 3)	400	800	6	300	800	6	$M\Omega$ $G\Omega$
	Input Voltage Range		3.5 0	3.8 -0.3		3.5 0	3.8 -0.3		V V
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = 0V$ to $3.5V$	97	110		94	108		dB
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = 2.3V$ to $12V$	102	114		100	114		dB
$A_{VOL}$	Large-Signal Voltage Gain	$V_0 = 0.03V$ to $4V$ , No Load $V_0 = 0.03V$ to $3.5V$ , $R_L = 50k$	200 150	1000 600		150 120	1000 600		$V/mV$ $V/mV$
	Maximum Output Voltage Swing	Output Low, No Load Output Low, $2k$ to GND Output Low, $I_{SINK} = 100\mu A$		3.5 0.55 95	6 1.0 130		3.5 0.55 95	6 1.0 130	$mV$ $mV$ $mV$
		Output High, No Load Output High, $2k$ to GND		4.2 3.5	4.4 3.9		4.2 3.5	4.4 3.9	V V
SR	Slew Rate	$A_V = 1$ , $V_S = \pm 2.5V$	0.04	0.07		0.04	0.07		$V/\mu s$
GBW	Gain Bandwidth Product	$f_0 \leq 20kHz$		200			200		kHz
$I_S$	Supply Current per Amplifier			38	50		39	55	$\mu A$
	Channel Separation	$\Delta V_{IN} = 3V$ , $R_L = 10k$		130			130		dB
	Minimum Supply Voltage	(Note 4)		2.2	2.3		2.2	2.3	V

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$V_S = 5V$ ,  $0V$ ,  $V_{CM} = 0.1V$ ,  $V_0 = 1.4V$ ,  $-40^\circ C \leq T_A \leq 85^\circ C$  for I grades,  $-55^\circ C \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ C$  for AM/M grades, unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LT1078AM/LT1079AM			LT1078I/LT1079I LT1078M/LT1079M			UNITS
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	LT1078 LT1078IS8/LT1079 LT1079ISW	● ● ●	70 80 100	250 280 100	95 100 560	370 400 560	$\mu V$ $\mu V$ $\mu V$	
$\frac{\Delta V_{OS}}{\Delta T}$	Input Offset Voltage Drift (Note 5)	LT1078IS8 LT1079ISW	● ● ●	0.4	1.8	0.5 0.6 0.7	2.5 3.5 4.0	$\mu V/^\circ C$ $\mu V/^\circ C$ $\mu V/^\circ C$	
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current	LT1078I/LT1079I	● ●	0.07	0.50	0.07 0.1	0.70 1.0	nA nA	
$I_B$	Input Bias Current		●	7	10	7	12	nA	
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = 0.05V$ to $3.2V$	●	92	106	88	104	dB	
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = 3.1V$ to $12V$	●	98	110	94	110	dB	
$A_{VOL}$	Large-Signal Voltage Gain	$V_0 = 0.05V$ to $4V$ , No Load $V_0 = 0.05V$ to $3.5V$ , $R_L = 50k$	● ●	110 80	600 400	80 60	600 400	V/mV V/mV	
	Maximum Output Voltage Swing	Output Low, No Load Output Low, $I_{SINK} = 100\mu A$	● ●	4.5 125	8 170	4.5 125	8 170	mV mV	
		Output High, No Load Output High, $2k$ to GND	● ●	3.9 3.0	4.2 3.7	3.9 3.0	4.2 3.7	V V	
$I_S$	Supply Current per Amplifier		●	43	60	45	70	$\mu A$	

$V_S = 5V$ ,  $0V$ ,  $V_{CM} = 0.1V$ ,  $V_0 = 1.4V$ ,  $0^\circ C \leq T_A \leq 70^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LT1078AC/LT1079AC			LT1078C/LT1079C LT1078S8/LT1079SW			UNITS
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	LT1078 LT1079 LT1078S8 LT1079SW	● ● ● ●	50 60	150 180	60 70 85 90	240 270 350 480	$\mu V$ $\mu V$ $\mu V$ $\mu V$	
$\frac{\Delta V_{OS}}{\Delta T}$	Input Offset Voltage Drift (Note 5)	LT1078S8 LT1079SW	● ● ●	0.4	1.8	0.5 0.6 0.7	2.5 3.5 4.0	$\mu V/^\circ C$ $\mu V/^\circ C$ $\mu V/^\circ C$	
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current		●	0.06	0.35	0.06	0.50	nA	
$I_B$	Input Bias Current		●	6	9	6	11	nA	
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = 0V$ to $3.4V$	●	94	108	90	106	dB	
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = 2.6V$ to $12V$	●	100	112	97	112	dB	
$A_{VOL}$	Large-Signal Voltage Gain	$V_0 = 0.05V$ to $4V$ , No Load $V_0 = 0.05V$ to $3.5V$ , $R_L = 50k$	● ●	150 110	750 500	110 80	750 500	V/mV V/mV	
	Maximum Output Voltage Swing	Output Low, No Load Output Low, $I_{SINK} = 100\mu A$	● ●	4.0 105	7 150	4.0 105	7 150	mV mV	
		Output High, No Load Output High, $2k$ to GND	● ●	4.1 3.3	4.3 3.8	4.1 3.3	4.3 3.8	V V	
$I_S$	Supply Current per Amplifier		●	40	55	42	63	$\mu A$	

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** $V_S = \pm 15V$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LT1078AC/LT1079AC			LT1078C/LT1079C			UNITS
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	(Including LT1078IS8/LT1078S8) LT1079ISW/LT1079SW		50	250		70	350	$\mu V$
							80	500	$\mu V$
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current			0.05	0.25		0.05	0.35	nA
$I_B$	Input Bias Current			6	8		6	10	nA
	Input Voltage Range			13.5 -15.0	13.8 -15.3		13.5 -15.0	13.8 -15.3	V V
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = 13.5V, -15V$		100	114		97	114	dB
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = 5V, 0V$ to $\pm 18V$		102	114		100	114	dB
$A_{VOL}$	Large-Signal Voltage Gain	$V_0 = \pm 10V, R_L = 50k$ $V_0 = \pm 10V, R_L = 2k$		1000 400	5000 1100		1000 300	5000 1100	V/mV V/mV
$V_{OUT}$	Maximum Output Voltage Swing	$R_L = 50k$ $R_L = 2k$		$\pm 13.0$ $\pm 11.0$	$\pm 14.0$ $\pm 13.2$		$\pm 13.0$ $\pm 11.0$	$\pm 14.0$ $\pm 13.2$	V V
SR	Slew Rate			0.06	0.10		0.06	0.10	V/ $\mu s$
$I_S$	Supply Current per Amplifier			46	65		47	75	$\mu A$

 $V_S = \pm 15V, -40^\circ C \leq T_A \leq 85^\circ C$  for I grades,  $-55^\circ C \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ C$  for AM/M grades unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LT1078AM/LT1079AM			LT1078I/LT1079I			UNITS	
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX		
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	(Including LT1078IS8) LT1079ISW	● ●		90	430		120 130	600 825	$\mu V$ $\mu V$
$\frac{\Delta V_{OS}}{\Delta T}$	Input Offset Voltage Drift (Note 5)	LT1078IS8 LT1079ISW	● ● ●		0.5	1.8		0.6 0.7 0.8	2.5 3.8 5.0	$\mu V/^\circ C$ $\mu V/^\circ C$ $\mu V/^\circ C$
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current	LT1078I/LT1079I	● ●		0.07	0.50		0.07 0.1	0.70 1.0	nA nA
$I_B$	Input Bias Current		●		7	10		7	12	nA
$A_{VOL}$	Large-Signal Voltage Gain	$V_0 = \pm 10V, R_L = 5k$	●	200	700		150	700		V/mV
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = 13V, -14.9V$	●	94	110		90	110		dB
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = 5V, 0V$ to $\pm 18V$	●	98	110		94	110		dB
	Maximum Output Voltage Swing	$R_L = 5k$	●	$\pm 11.0$	$\pm 13.5$		$\pm 11.0$	$\pm 13.5$		V
$I_S$	Supply Current per Amplifier		●		52	80		54	95	$\mu A$

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** $V_S = \pm 15V, 0^\circ C \leq T_A \leq 70^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LT1078AC/LT1079AC			LT1078C/LT1079C LT1078S8/LT1079SW			UNITS
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	LT1078S8 LT1079SW	●	70	330	90	460	$\mu V$	
			●			100	540	$\mu V$	
			●			115	750	$\mu V$	
$\frac{\Delta V_{OS}}{\Delta T}$	Input Offset Voltage Drift (Note 5)	LT1078S8 LT1079SW	●	0.5	1.8	0.6	2.5	$\mu V/^\circ C$	
			●			0.7	3.8	$\mu V/^\circ C$	
			●			0.8	5.0	$\mu V/^\circ C$	
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current		●	0.06	0.35	0.06	0.50	nA	
$I_B$	Input Bias Current		●	6	9	6	11	nA	
$A_{VOL}$	Large-Signal Voltage Gain	$V_0 = \pm 10V, R_L = 5k$	●	300	1200	250	1200	V/mV	
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = 13V, -15V$	●	97	112	94	112	dB	
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = 5V, 0V$ to $\pm 18V$	●	100	112	97	112	dB	
	Maximum Output Voltage Swing	$R_L = 5k$	●	$\pm 11.0$	$\pm 13.6$	$\pm 11.0$	$\pm 13.6$	V	
$I_S$	Supply Current per Amplifier		●	49	73	50	85	$\mu A$	

The ● denotes specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range.

**Note 1:** Typical parameters are defined as the 60% yield of parameter distributions of individual amplifiers, i.e., out of 100 LT1079s (or 100 LT1078s) typically 240 op amps (or 120) will be better than the indicated specification.

**Note 2:** This parameter is tested on a sample basis only. All noise parameters are tested with  $V_S = \pm 2.5V, V_0 = 0V$ .

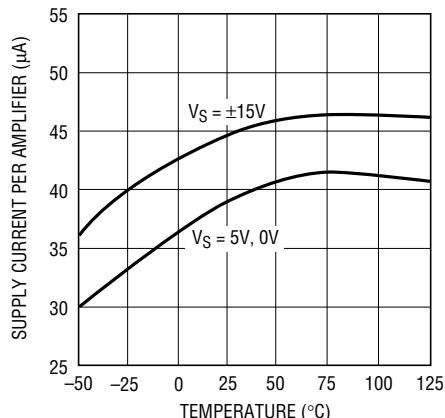
**Note 3:** This parameter is guaranteed by design and is not tested.

**Note 4:** Power supply rejection ratio is measured at the minimum supply voltage. The op amps actually work at 1.8V supply but with a typical offset skew of  $-300\mu V$ .

**Note 5:** This parameter is not 100% tested.

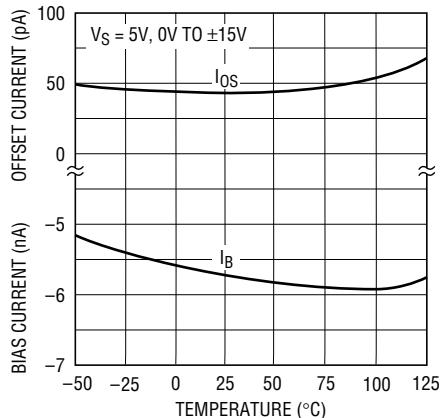
## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

**Supply Current vs Temperature**



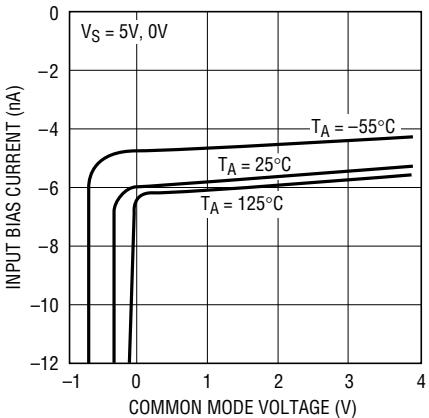
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**Input Bias and Offset Currents vs Temperature**



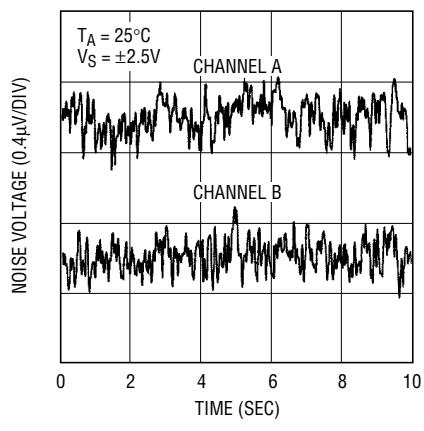
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**Input Bias Current vs Common Mode Voltage**



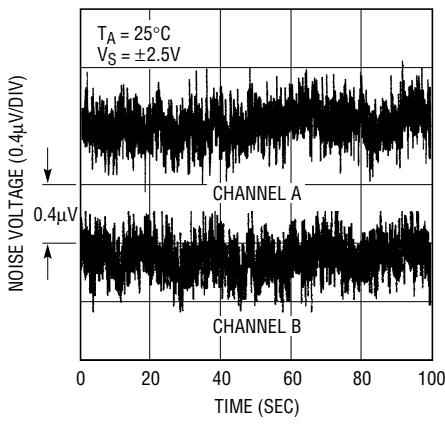
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**0.1Hz to 10Hz Noise**



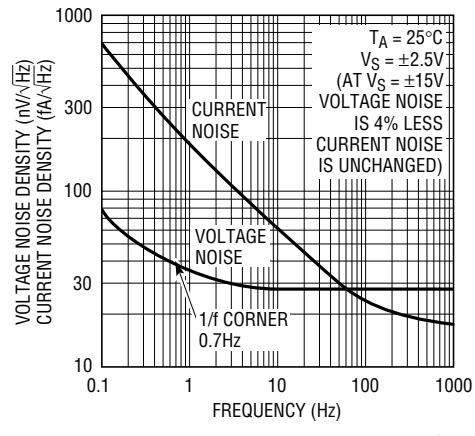
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**0.01Hz to 10Hz Noise**



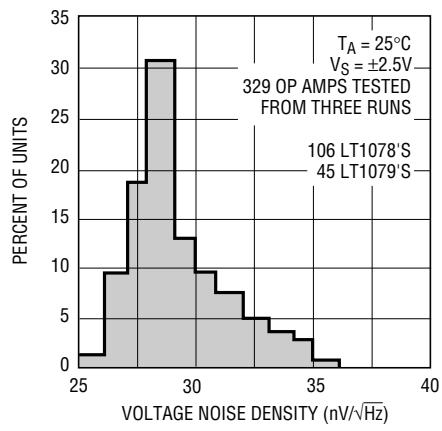
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**Noise Spectrum**



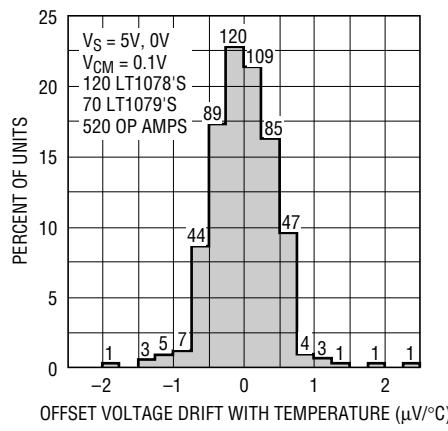
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**10Hz Voltage Noise Distribution**



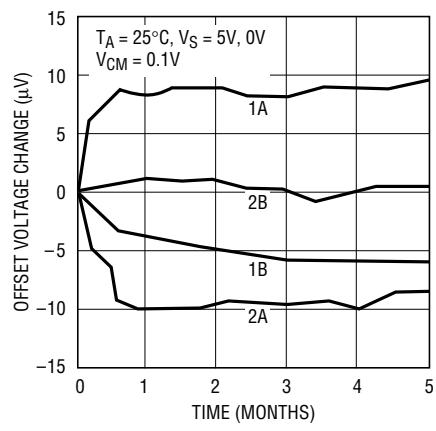
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**Distribution of Offset Voltage Drift with Temperature (In All Packages Except Surface Mount)**



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**Long Term Stability of Two Representative Units (LT1078)**

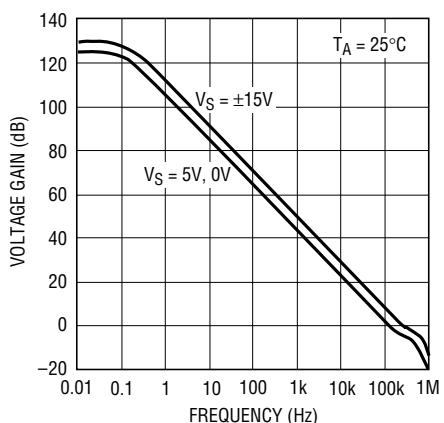


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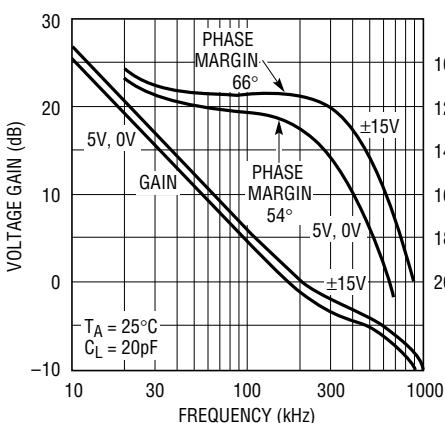
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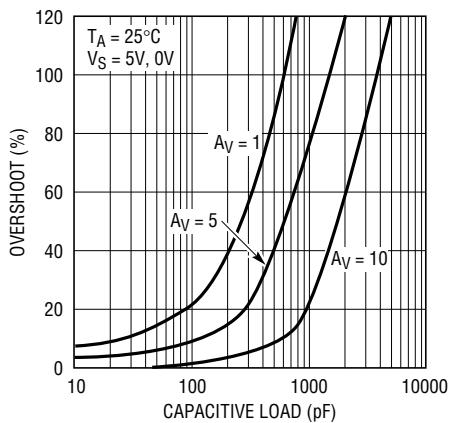
**Voltage Gain vs Frequency**



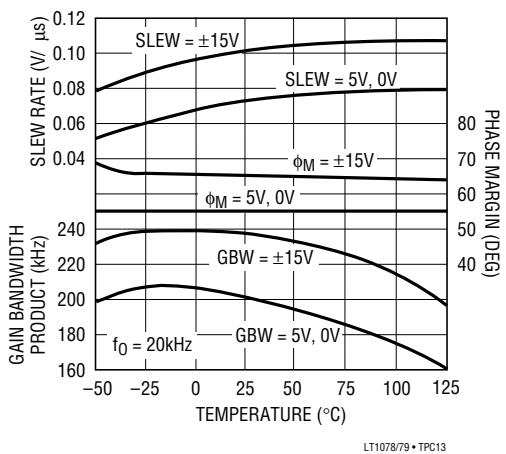
**Gain, Phase vs Frequency**



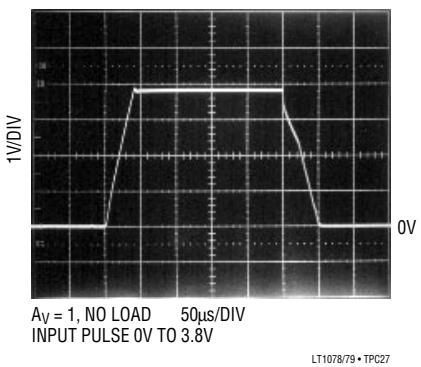
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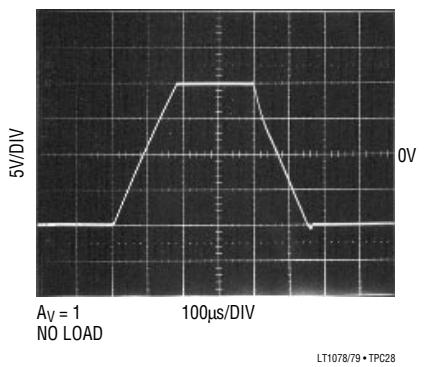
**Slew Rate, Gain Bandwidth Product and Phase Margin vs Temperature**



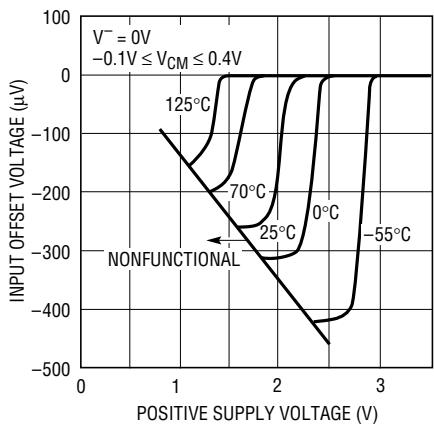
**Large-Signal Transient Response  
 $V_S = 5V, 0V$**



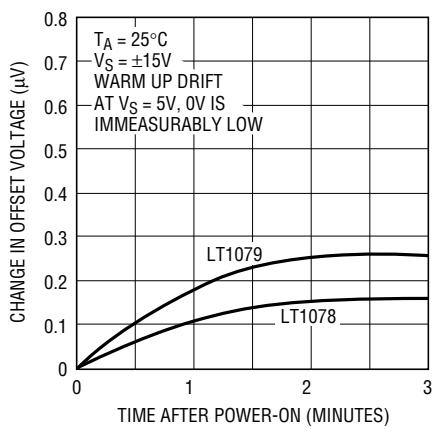
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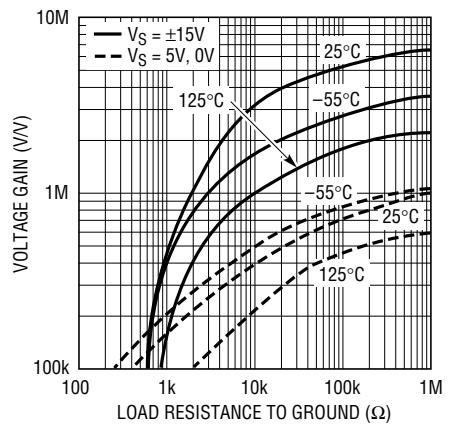
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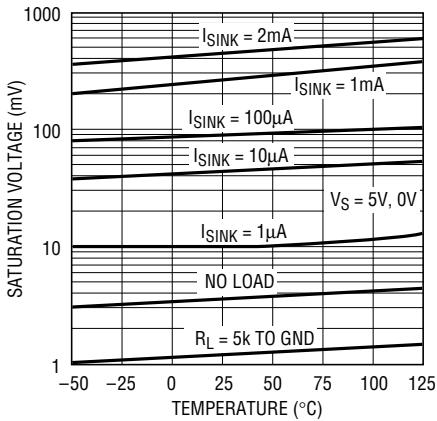


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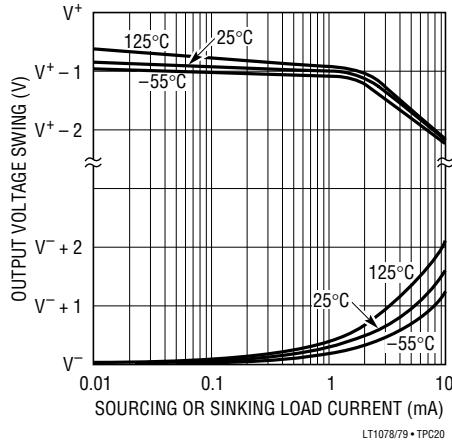
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**Output Saturation vs Temperature vs Sink Current**



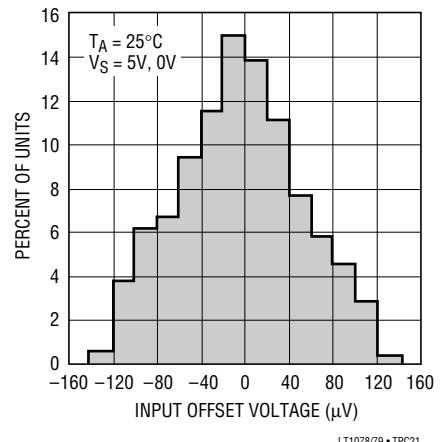
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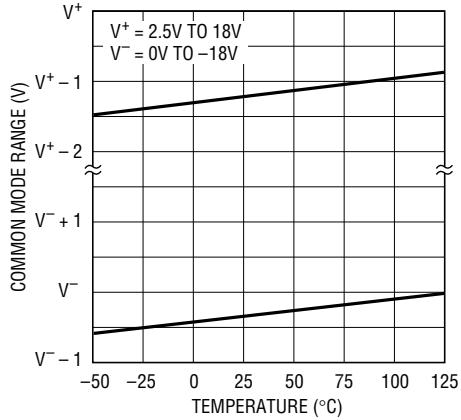
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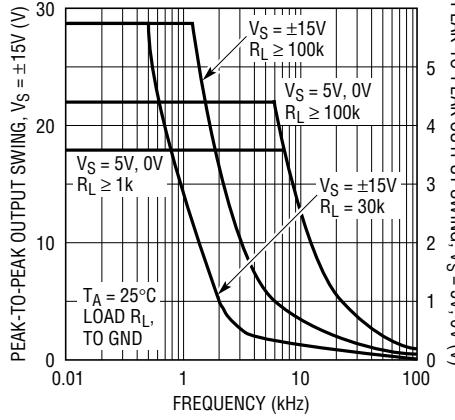
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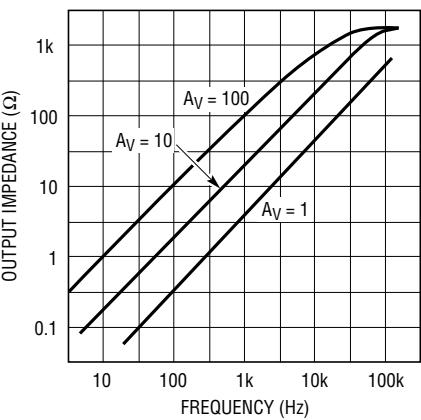
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**Undistorted Output Swing vs Frequency**



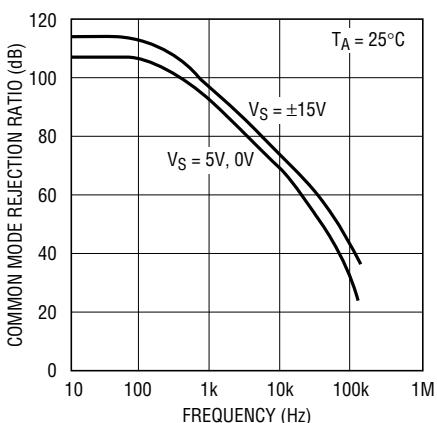
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**Closed Loop Output Impedance**



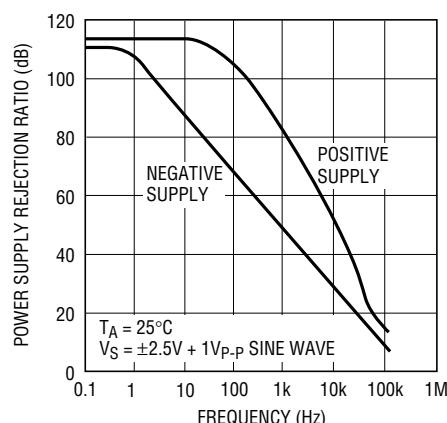
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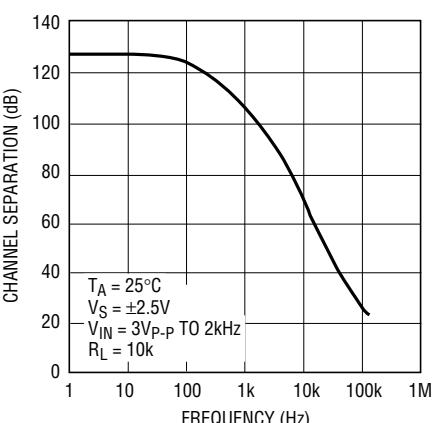
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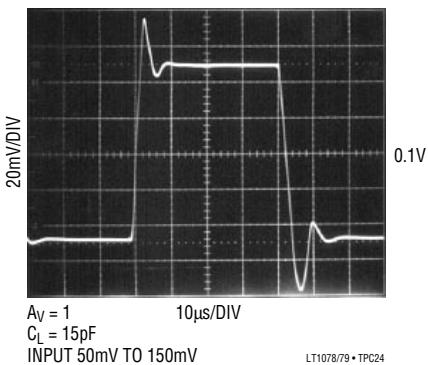
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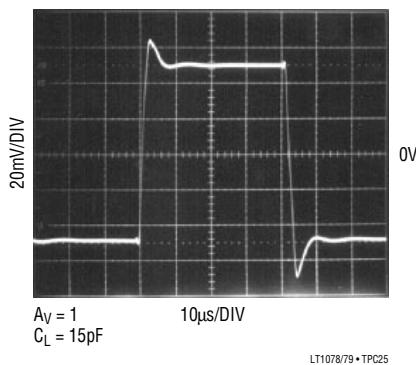
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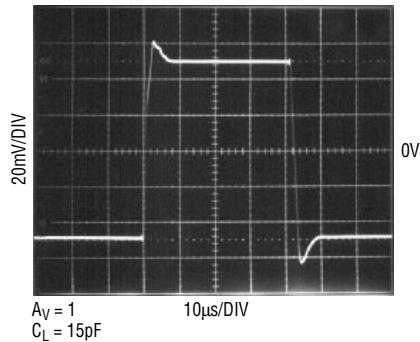
**Small-Signal Transient Response**  
 $V_S = 5V, 0V$



**Small-Signal Transient Response**  
 $V_S = \pm 2.5V$



**Small-Signal Transient Response**  
 $V_S = \pm 15V$

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The LT1078/LT1079 devices are fully specified with  $V^+ = 5V$ ,  $V^- = 0V$ ,  $V_{CM} = 0.1V$ . This set of operating conditions appears to be the most representative for battery-powered micropower circuits. Offset voltage is internally trimmed to a minimum value at these supply voltages. When 9V or 3V batteries or  $\pm 2.5V$  dual supplies are used, bias and offset current changes will be minimal. Offset voltage changes will be just a few microvolts as given by the PSRR and CMRR specifications. For example, if  $PSRR = 114\text{dB}$  ( $= 2\mu\text{V/V}$ ), at 9V the offset voltage change will be  $8\mu\text{V}$ . Similarly,  $V_S = \pm 2.5V$ ,  $V_{CM} = 0V$  is equivalent to a common mode voltage change of  $2.4V$  or a  $V_{OS}$  change of  $7\mu\text{V}$  if  $CMRR = 110\text{dB}$  ( $3\mu\text{V/V}$ ).

A full set of specifications is also provided at  $\pm 15V$  supply voltages for comparison with other devices and for completeness.

**Single Supply Operation**

The LT1078/LT1079 are fully specified for single supply operation, i.e., when the negative supply is  $0V$ . Input common mode range goes below ground and the output swings within a few millivolts of ground while sinking current. All competing micropower op amps either cannot swing to within  $600\text{mV}$  of ground (OP-20, OP-220, OP-420) or need a pull-down resistor connected to the output to swing to ground (OP-90, OP-290, OP-490, HA5141/42/44). This

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difference is critical because in many applications these competing devices cannot be operated as micropower op amps and swing to ground simultaneously.

As an example, consider the instrumentation amplifier shown on the front page. When the common mode signal is low and the output is high, amplifier A has to sink current. When the common mode signal is high and the output low, amplifier B has to sink current. The competing devices require a 12k pull-down resistor at the output of amplifier A and a 15k at the output of B to handle the specified signals. (The LT1078 does not need pull-down resistors.) When the common mode input is high and the output is high these pull-down resistors draw 300 $\mu$ A (150 $\mu$ A each), which is excessive for micropower applications.

The instrumentation amplifier is by no means the only application requiring current sinking capability. In seven of the nine single supply applications shown in this data sheet the op amps have to be able to sink current. In two of the applications the first amplifier has to sink only the 6nA input bias current of the second op amp. The competing devices, however, cannot even sink 6nA without a pull-down resistor.

Since the output of the LT1078/LT1079 cannot go exactly to ground, but can only approach ground to within a few millivolts, care should be exercised to ensure that the output is not saturated. For example, a 1mV input signal will cause the amplifier to set up in its linear region in the gain 100 configuration shown in Figure 1a, but is not

enough to make the amplifier function properly in the voltage follower mode, Figure 1b.

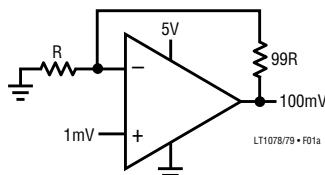


Figure 1a. Gain 100 Amplifier

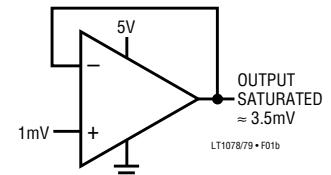


Figure 1b. Voltage Follower

Single supply operation can also create difficulties at the input. The driving signal can fall below 0V— inadvertently or on a transient basis. If the input is more than a few hundred millivolts below ground, two distinct problems can occur on previous single supply designs, such as the LM124, LM158, OP-20, OP-21, OP-220, OP-221, OP-420 (1 and 2), OP-90/290/490 (2 only):

1. When the input is more than a diode drop below ground, unlimited current will flow from the substrate ( $V^-$  terminal) to the input. This can destroy the unit. On the LT1078/LT1079, resistors in series with the input protect the devices even when the input is 5V below ground.
2. When the input is more than 400mV below ground (at 25°C), the input stage saturates and phase reversal occurs at the output. This can cause lockup in servo systems. Due to a unique phase reversal protection circuitry, the LT1078/LT1079 output does not reverse, as illustrated in Figure 2, even when the inputs are at -1V.

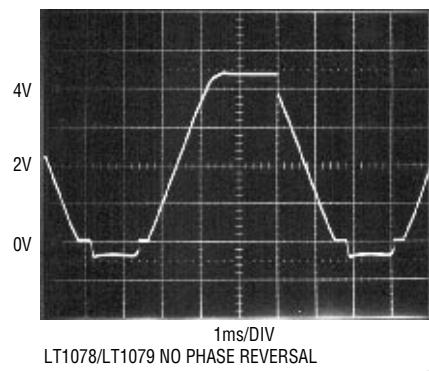
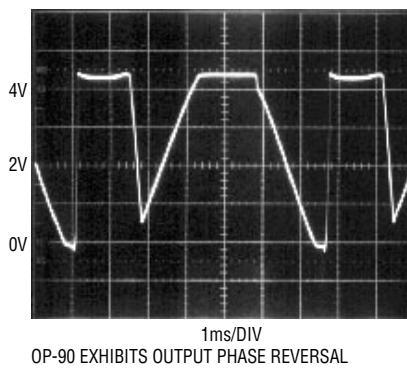
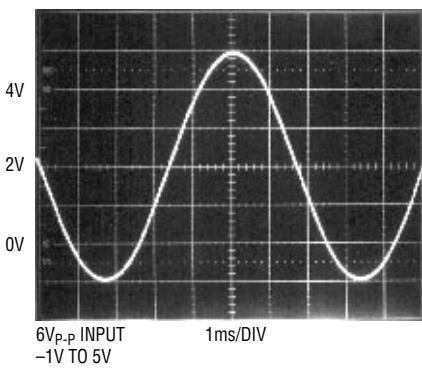


Figure 2. Voltage Follower with Input Exceeding the Negative Common Mode Range ( $V_S = 5V$ , 0V)

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### Matching Specifications

In many applications the performance of a system depends on the matching between two op amps, rather than the individual characteristics of the two devices. The two and three op amp instrumentation amplifier configurations shown in this data sheet are examples. Matching characteristics are not 100% tested on the LT1078/LT1079.

Some specifications are guaranteed by definition. For example, 70 $\mu$ V maximum offset voltage implies that mismatch cannot be more than 140 $\mu$ V. 97dB (= 14 $\mu$ V/V) CMRR means that worst-case CMRR match is 91dB (= 28 $\mu$ V/V). However, Table 1 can be used to estimate the expected matching performance at  $V_S = 5V, 0V$  between the two sides of the LT1078, and between amplifiers A and D, and between amplifiers B and C of the LT1079.

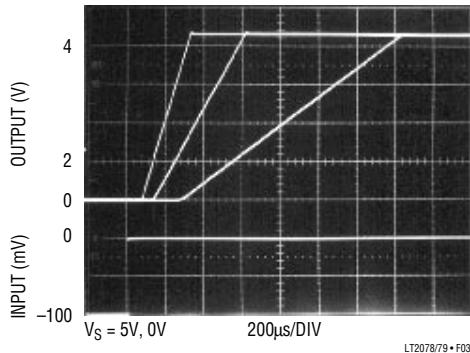
**Table 1**

		LT1078AC/LT1079AC/LT1078AM/LT1079AM		LT1078C/LT1079C/LT1078M/LT1079M		UNITS
PARAMETER		50% YIELD	98% YIELD	50% YIELD	98% YIELD	
$V_{OS}$ Match, $\Delta V_{OS}$	LT1078	30	110	50	190	$\mu$ V
	LT1079	40	150	50	250	$\mu$ V
Temperature Coefficient $\Delta V_{OS}$		0.5	1.2	0.6	1.8	$\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C
Average Noninverting $I_B$		6	8	6	10	nA
Match of Noninverting $I_B$		0.12	0.4	0.15	0.5	nA
CMRR Match		120	100	117	97	dB
PSRR Match		117	105	117	102	dB

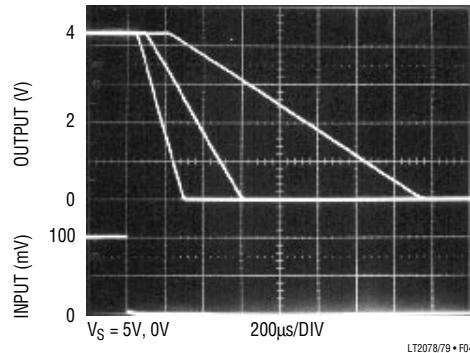
### Comparator Applications

The single supply operation of the LT1078/LT1079 and its ability to swing close to ground while sinking current

lends itself to use as a precision comparator with TTL compatible output.



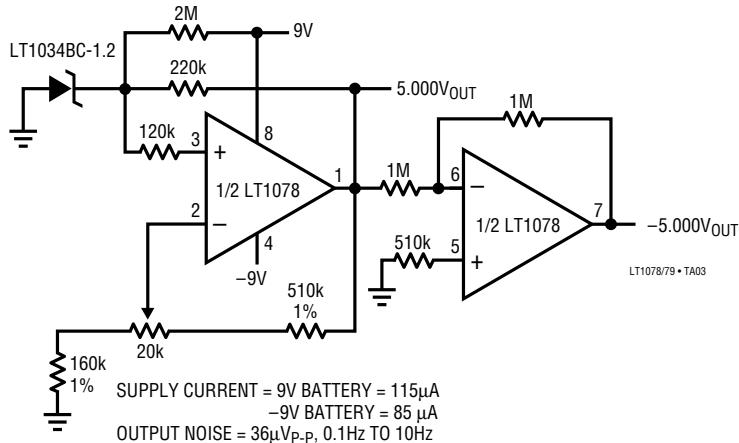
**Figure 3. Comparator Rise Response Time to 10mV, 5mV, 2mV Overdrives**



**Figure 4. Comparator Fall Response Time to 10mV, 5mV, 2mV Overdrives**

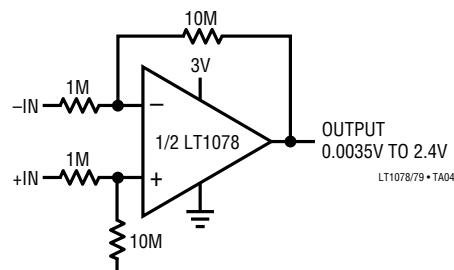
## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

### Micropower, 10ppm/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , $\pm 5\text{V}$ Reference



THE LT1078 CONTRIBUTES LESS THAN 3% OF THE TOTAL OUTPUT NOISE AND DRIFT WITH TIME AND TEMPERATURE. THE ACCURACY OF THE -5V OUTPUT DEPENDS ON THE MATCHING OF THE TWO 1M RESISTORS

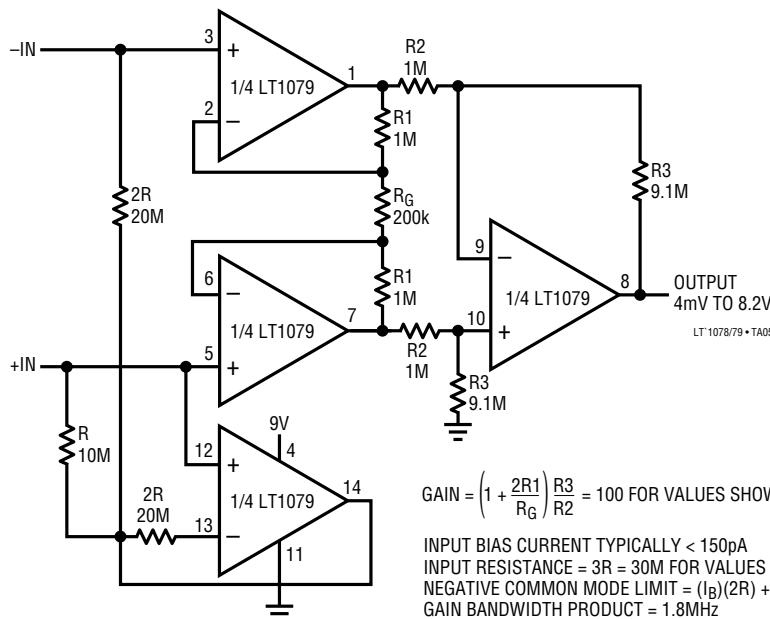
### Gain of 10 Difference Amplifier



BANDWIDTH: 20kHz  
OUTPUT OFFSET: 0.7mV  
OUTPUT NOISE: 80 µV<sub>P-P</sub> (0.1Hz TO 10Hz)  
260 µV<sub>RMS</sub> OVER FULL BANDWIDTH

THE USEFULNESS OF DIFFERENCE AMPLIFIERS IS LIMITED BY THE FACT THAT THE INPUT RESISTANCE IS EQUAL TO THE SOURCE RESISTANCE. THE PICOAMPERE OFFSET CURRENT AND LOW CURRENT NOISE OF THE LT1078 ALLOWS THE USE OF 1M SOURCE RESISTORS WITHOUT DEGRADATION IN PERFORMANCE. IN ADDITION, WITH MEGOHM RESISTORS MICROPOWER OPERATION CAN BE MAINTAINED

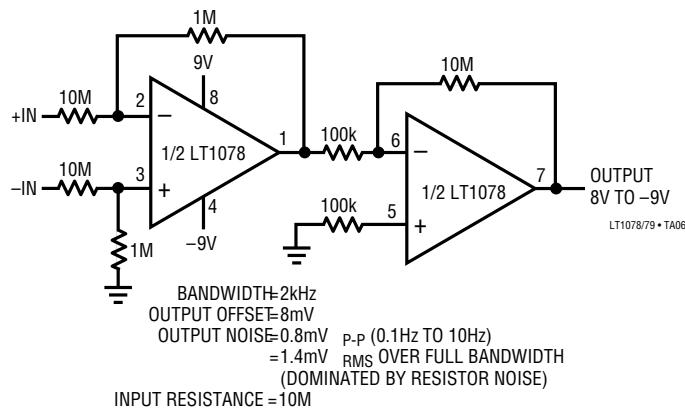
### Picoampere Input Current, Triple Op Amp Instrumentation Amplifier with Bias Current Cancellation



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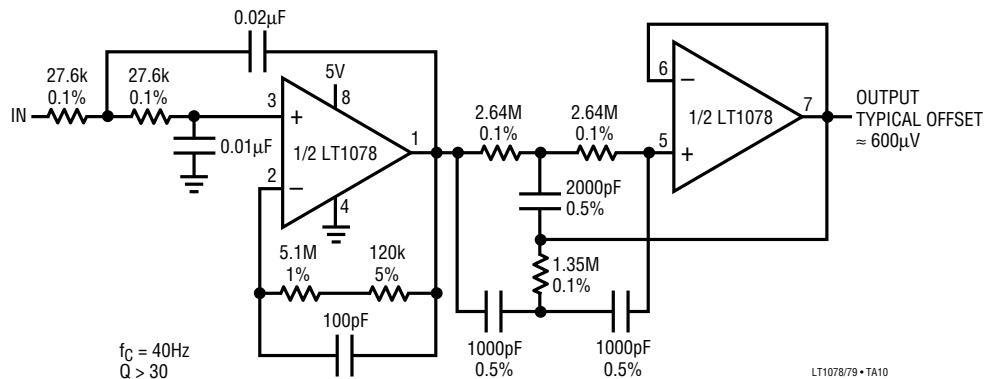
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**85V, -100V Common Mode Range  
Instrumentation Amplifier ( $A_V = 10$ )**

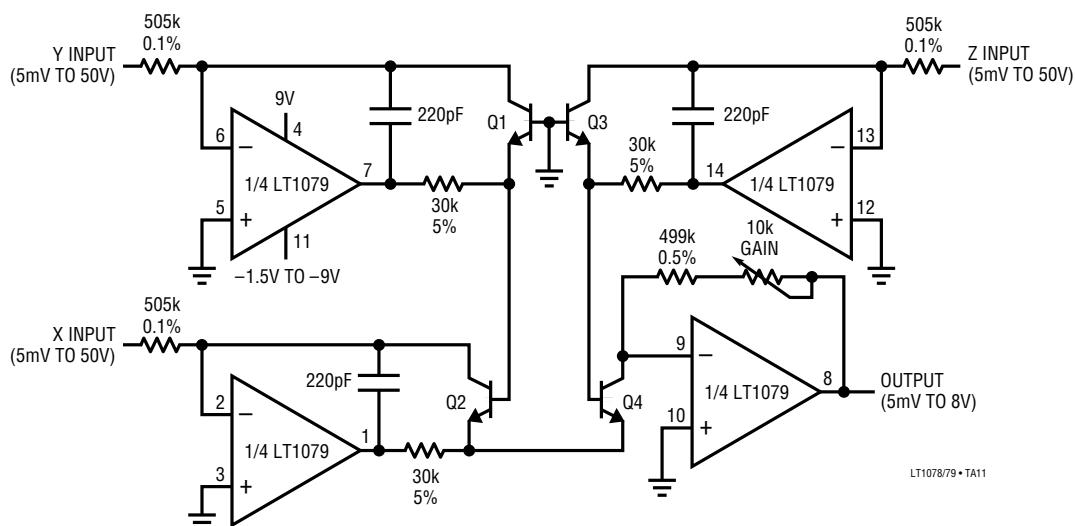


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Single Supply, Micropower, Second Order Lowpass Filter with 60Hz Notch



Micropower Multiplier/Divider



Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 = MAT-04  
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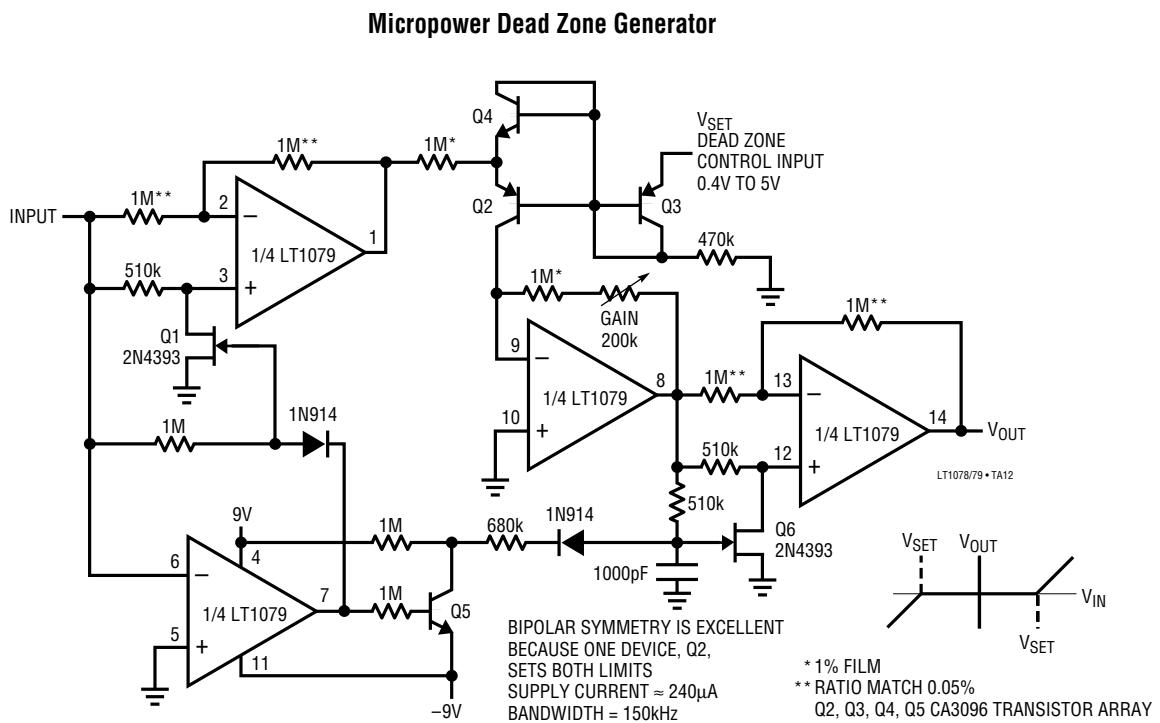
$$\text{OUTPUT} = \frac{(X)(Y)}{(Z)}, \text{ POSITIVE INPUTS ONLY}$$

$$\text{NEGATIVE SUPPLY CURRENT} = 165\mu\text{A} + \frac{X + Y + Z + \text{OUT}}{500\text{k}}$$

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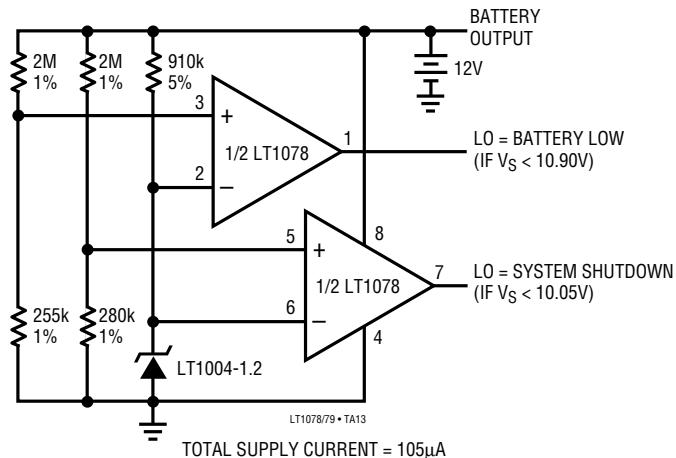
$$\text{BANDWIDTH } (< 3\text{V}_\text{P-P SIGNAL}): \text{X AND Y INPUTS} = 10\text{kHz} \\ \text{Z INPUT} = 4\text{kHz}$$

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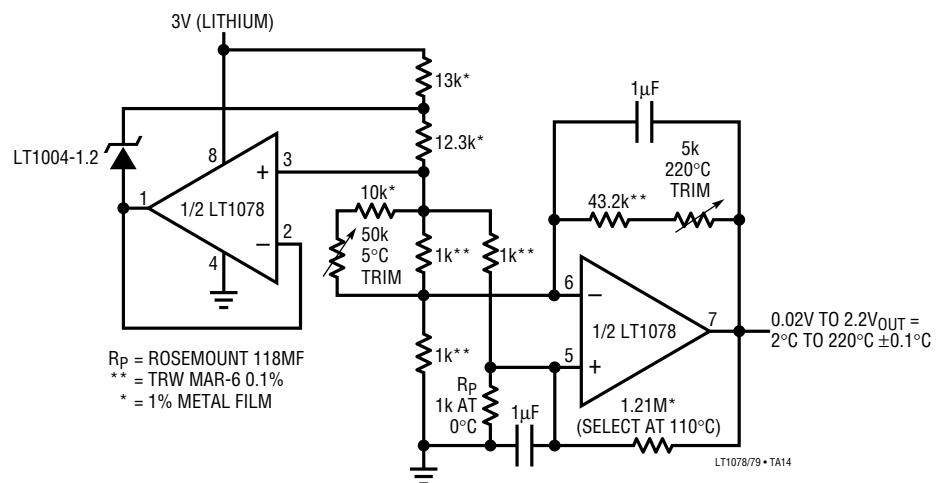


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**Lead-Acid Low-Battery Detector with System Shutdown**

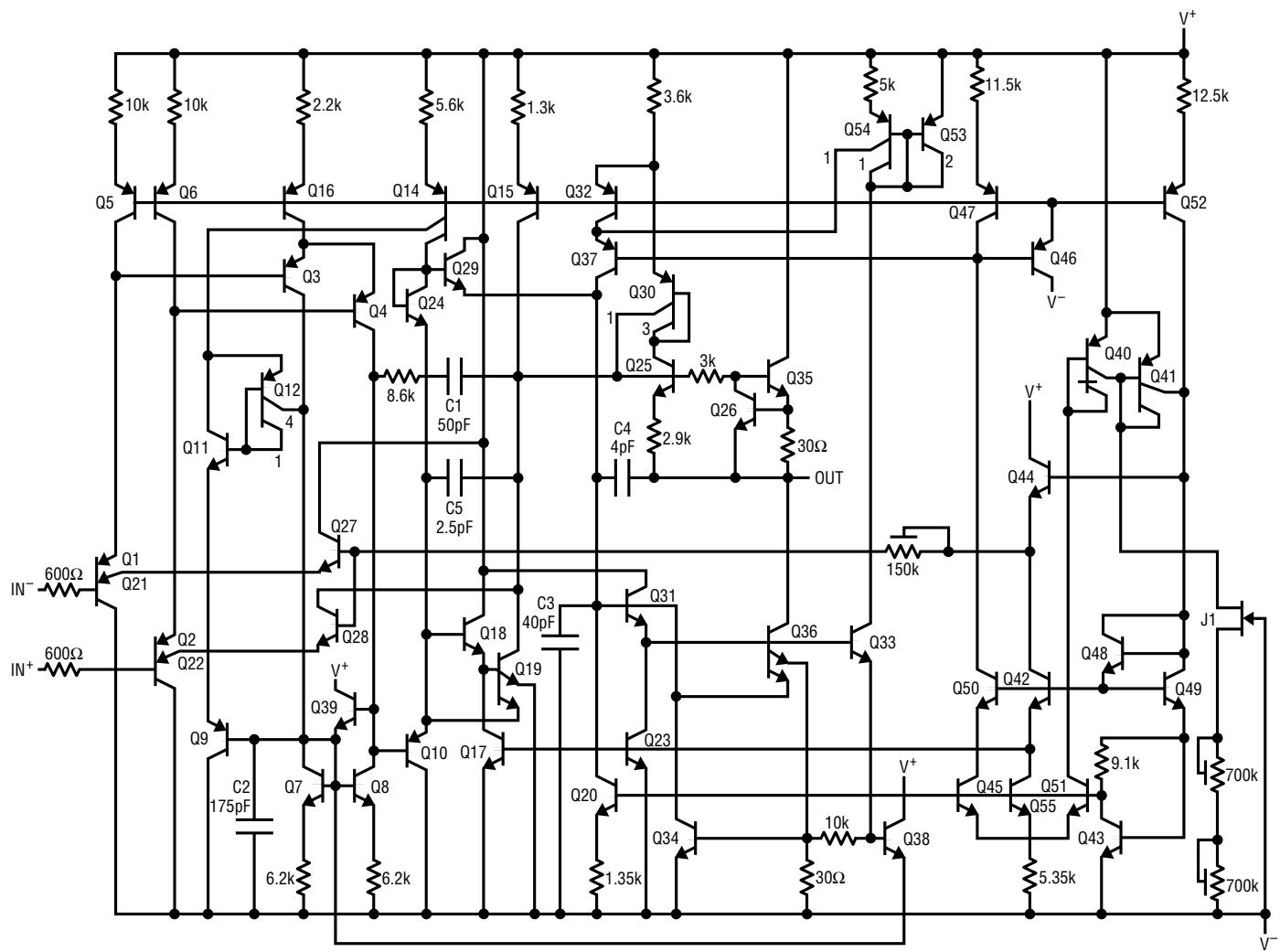


**Platinum RTD Signal Conditioner with Curvature Correction**



## SIMPLIFIED SCHEMATIC

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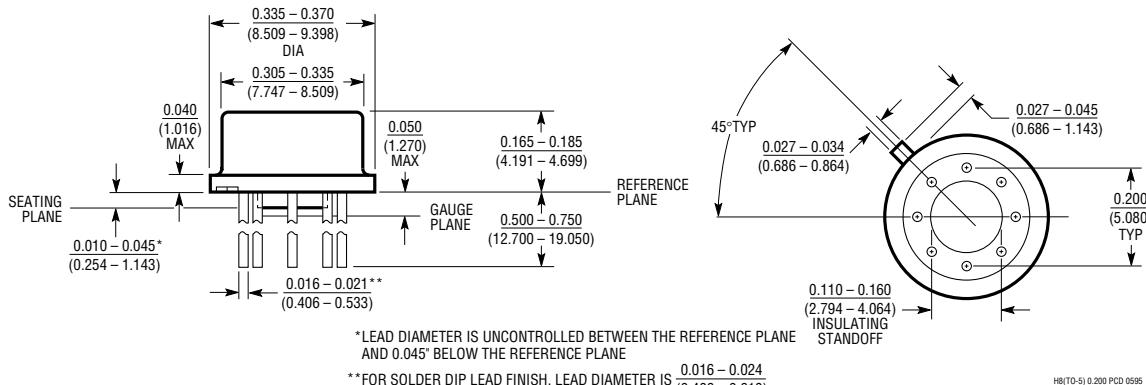


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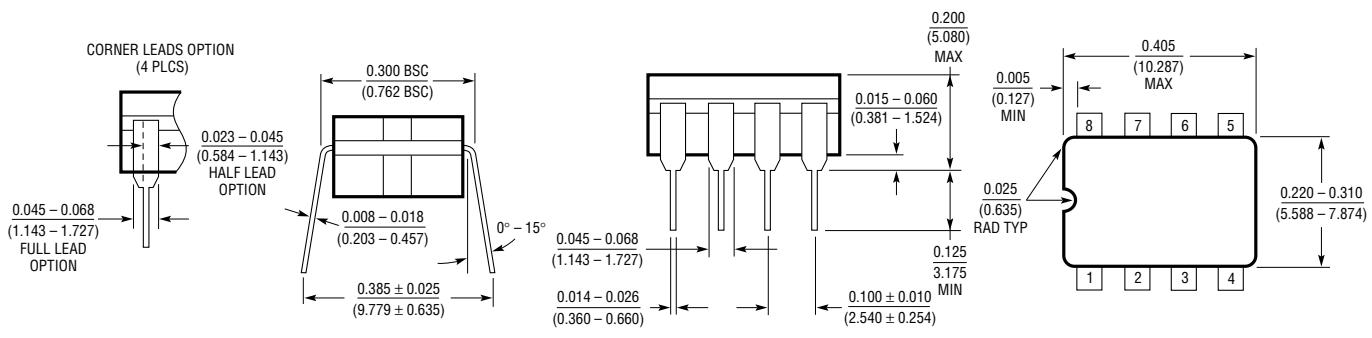
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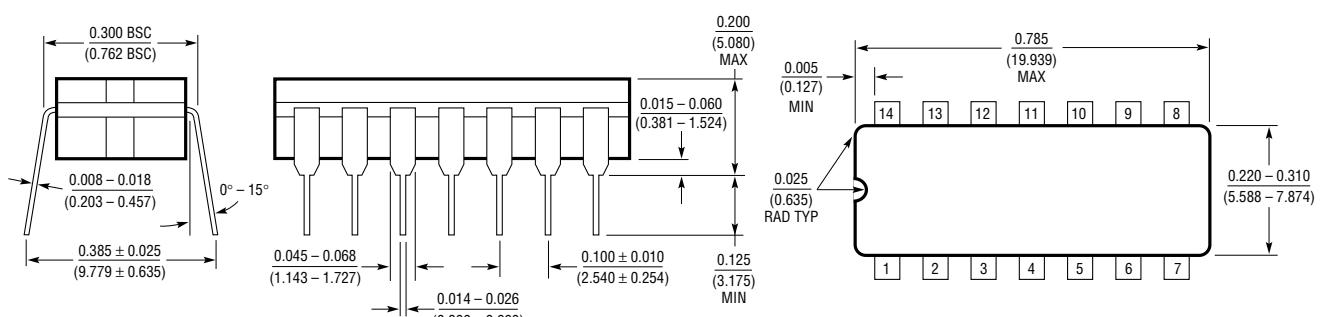
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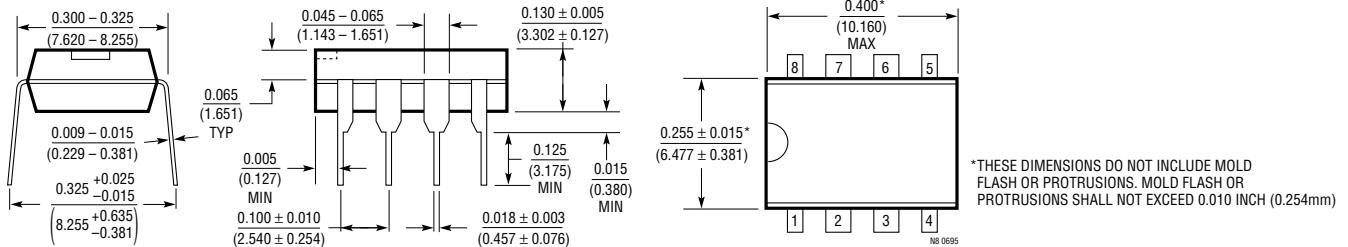


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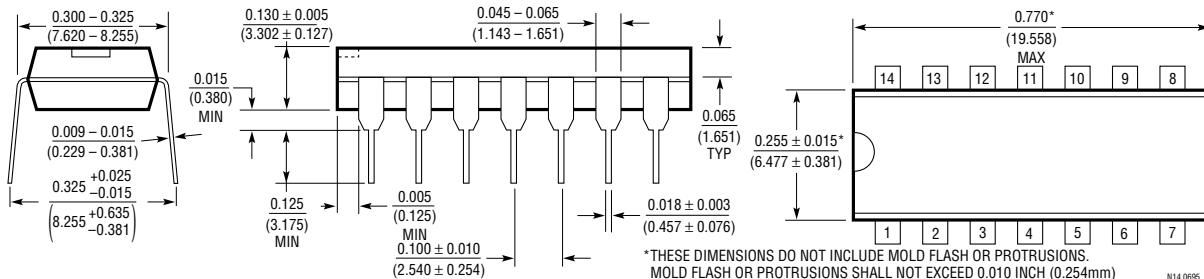


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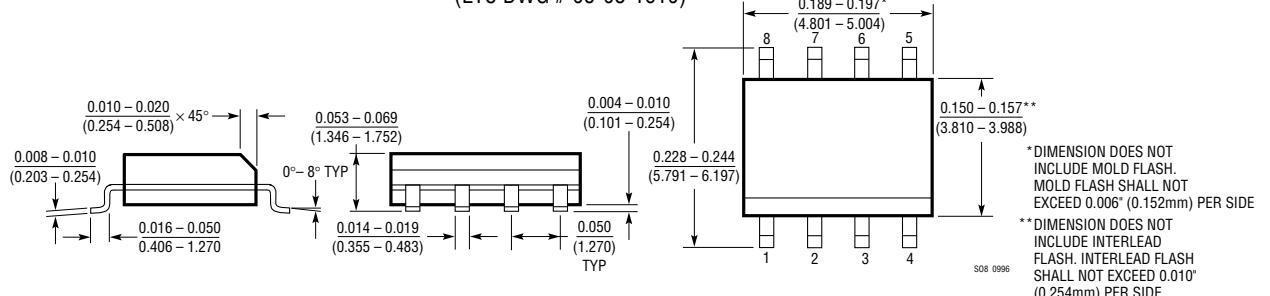
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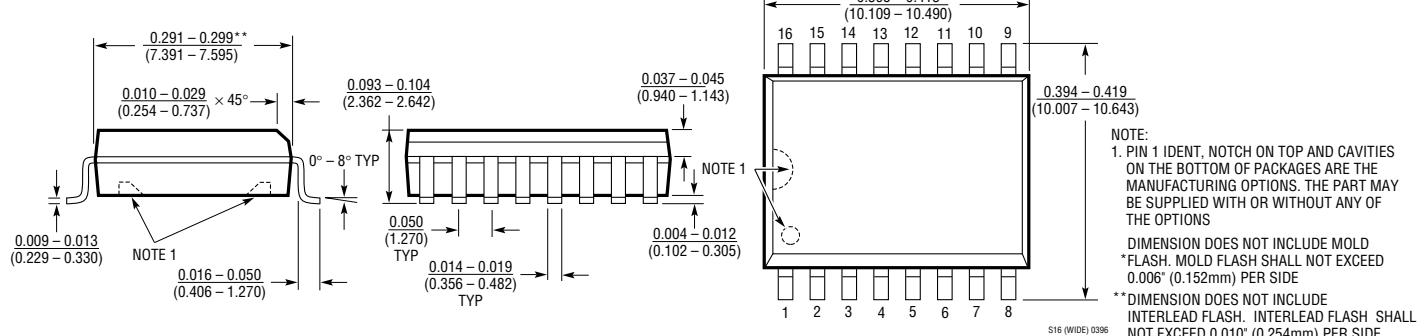
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**SW Package**  
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