



LT1787/LT1787HV

# Precision, High Side Current Sense Amplifiers

## FEATURES

- **Input Offset Voltage: 75 $\mu$ V (Max)**
- **60V Supply Operation (LT1787HV)**
- **12-Bit Dynamic Range**
- Operating Current: 60 $\mu$ A
- User-Selectable External Sense Resistor
- Bidirectional High Side Current Sensing
- Unidirectional or Bidirectional Output
- Input Noise Filtering
- Available in 8-Lead SO and MSOP Packages

## APPLICATIONS

- Battery Monitoring
- Power Monitoring
- Portable Phones
- Cellular Phones
- Portable Test/Measurement Systems
- Battery-Operated Systems

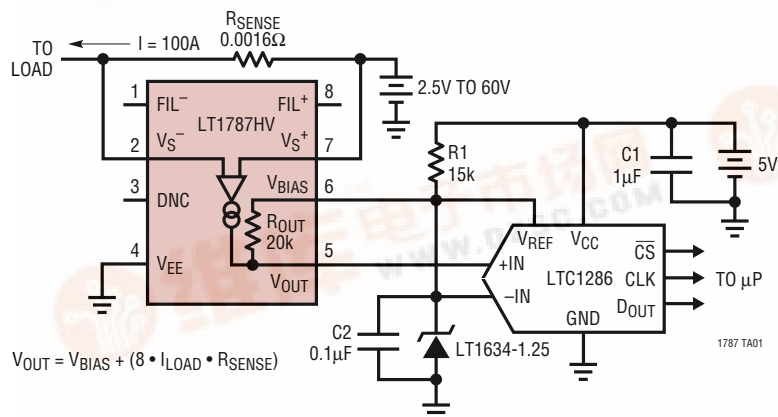
## DESCRIPTION

The LT<sup>®</sup>1787 is a complete micropower precision high side current sense amplifier. The LT1787 monitors bidirectional currents via the voltage across an external sense resistor. A current or voltage output depicts the direction and magnitude of the sense current. The LT1787 delivers greater than a 12-bit dynamic range with ultralow 40μV input offset voltage compared to a typical 250mV full-scale input voltage. A fixed gain of 8 is set by onboard precision resistors. Input signal filtering is easily implemented with a capacitor between the FIL<sup>-</sup> and FIL<sup>+</sup> pins. The LT1787HV operates from 2.5V to 60V total supply voltage and the LT1787 operates from 2.5V to 36V total supply voltage. Both versions have a PSRR in excess of 120dB. The LT1787/LT1787HV draw only 60μA and are available in 8-lead SO and MSOP packages.

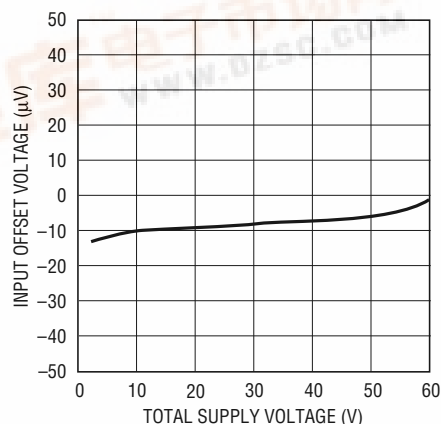
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## TYPICAL APPLICATION

## 12-Bit Dynamic Resolution Unidirectional Output into LTC®1286 ADC



### Input Offset Voltage vs Supply Voltage



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## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Notes 1, 2)

Differential Sense Voltage .....	$\pm 10\text{V}$	Operating Temperature Range .....	$-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $85^{\circ}\text{C}$
Total Supply Voltage (LT1787) .....	40V	Specified Temperature Range (Note 3) ...	$-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $85^{\circ}\text{C}$
Total Supply Voltage (LT1787HV) .....	65V	Storage Temperature Range .....	$-65^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $150^{\circ}\text{C}$
Output Voltage .....	$(V_{EE} - 0.3\text{V})$ to $(V_{EE} + 35\text{V})$	Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec) .....	$300^{\circ}\text{C}$
Output Bias Voltage .....	$(V_{EE} - 0.3\text{V})$ to $(V_{EE} + 35\text{V})$		

## PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION

<p>TOP VIEW</p> <p>MS8 PACKAGE 8-LEAD PLASTIC MSOP</p> <p>* DO NOT CONNECT</p> <p><math>T_{JMAX} = 150^{\circ}\text{C}</math>, <math>\theta_{JA} = 250^{\circ}\text{C/W}</math></p>	<p>ORDER PART NUMBER</p> <p>LT1787CMS8 LT1787IMS8 LT1787HVCMS8 LT1787HVIMS8</p> <p>MS8 PART MARKING</p> <p>LTGM LTGN LTKJ LTKK</p>	<p>TOP VIEW</p> <p>S8 PACKAGE 8-LEAD PLASTIC SO</p> <p>* DO NOT CONNECT</p> <p><math>T_{JMAX} = 150^{\circ}\text{C}</math>, <math>\theta_{JA} = 190^{\circ}\text{C/W}</math></p>	<p>ORDER PART NUMBER</p> <p>LT1787CS8 LT1787IS8 LT1787HVCS8 LT1787HVIS8</p> <p>S8 PART MARKING</p> <p>1787 1787I 1787HV 787HVI</p>
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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (Note 4)

The ● denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range, otherwise specifications are at  $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Total supply =  $(V_S - V_{EE}) = 2.5\text{V}$  to  $36\text{V}$  (LT1787),  $2.5\text{V}$  to  $60\text{V}$  (LT1787HV) unless otherwise specified.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
$V_S, V_S^+$	Sense Amplifier Supply Voltage	Single Supply Operation (LT1787)	● 2.5		36	V
		Single Supply Operation (LT1787HV)	● 2.5		60	V
$V_{SENSE}$	Input Sense Voltage Full Scale	$V_{SENSE} = V_S^+ - V_S^-$ , $V_S = 10\text{V}$ , $V_{BIAS} = 5\text{V}$ , $A_V = 8 \pm 10\%$	● 500			mV
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage (S8)	$I_{OUT} = 0$ , $V_S$ Supply = 5V				
		$0^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 70^{\circ}\text{C}$	● -75	$\pm 40$	75	$\mu\text{V}$
		$-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 85^{\circ}\text{C}$	● -135		135	$\mu\text{V}$
			● -200		200	$\mu\text{V}$
		$I_{OUT} = 0$ (LT1787)				
		$0^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 70^{\circ}\text{C}$	● -100		100	$\mu\text{V}$
		$-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 85^{\circ}\text{C}$	● -160		160	$\mu\text{V}$
			● -225		225	$\mu\text{V}$
		$I_{OUT} = 0$ (LT1787HV)				
		$0^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 70^{\circ}\text{C}$	● -100		100	$\mu\text{V}$
		$-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 85^{\circ}\text{C}$	● -160		160	$\mu\text{V}$
			● -225		225	$\mu\text{V}$
	Input Offset Voltage (MS8)	$I_{OUT} = 0$ , $V_S$ Supply = 5V				
		$0^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 70^{\circ}\text{C}$	● -125	$\pm 40$	125	$\mu\text{V}$
		$-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 85^{\circ}\text{C}$	● -230		230	$\mu\text{V}$
			● -250		250	$\mu\text{V}$
		$I_{OUT} = 0$ (LT1787)				
		$0^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 70^{\circ}\text{C}$	● -150		150	$\mu\text{V}$
		$-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 85^{\circ}\text{C}$	● -250		250	$\mu\text{V}$
			● -280		280	$\mu\text{V}$
		$I_{OUT} = 0$ (LT1787HV)				
		$0^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 70^{\circ}\text{C}$	● -150		150	$\mu\text{V}$
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SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
V <sub>OS</sub> TC	Temperature Coefficient of V <sub>OS</sub>	V <sub>S</sub> Supply = 5V (Note 5)		0.5		2	μV/°C
I <sub>OUT(0)</sub>	No-Load Output Current Error	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V		4			nA
V <sub>OUT(0)</sub>	No-Load Output Voltage Error (S8)	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>S</sub> Supply = 5V 0°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ 70°C −40°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ 85°C	● ● ●	−600 −1080 −1600	600 1080 1600		μV μV μV
	No-Load Output Voltage Error (MS8)	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>S</sub> Supply = 5V 0°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ 70°C −40°C ≤ T <sub>A</sub> ≤ 85°C	● ● ●	−1000 −1840 −2000	1000 1840 2000		μV μV μV
g <sub>m</sub>	Tranconductance, I <sub>OUT</sub> /V <sub>SENSE</sub>	±V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 10mV, 50mV, 100mV, 150mV, 250mV, V <sub>S</sub> Supply = Total Supply +  V <sub>SENSE</sub>		400			μA/V
A <sub>V</sub>	Gain, V <sub>OUT</sub> /V <sub>SENSE</sub>	±V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 100mV, V <sub>S</sub> Supply = 5V	●	7.6	8	8.4	V/V
	Output Voltage Gain Error		●	−5	2	5	%
V <sub>S</sub> PSRR	V <sub>S</sub> Supply Rejection Ratio	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>S</sub> Supply = 2.5V to 36V (LT1787)	●	120	135		dB
		V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>S</sub> Supply = 2.5V to 60V (LT1787HV)	●	120	135		dB
V <sub>EE</sub> PSRR	Negative Supply Rejection Ratio	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>S</sub> Supply = 15V, V <sub>BIAS</sub> = 0V, V <sub>EE</sub> = −1V to −15V (LT1787)	●	100	130		dB
		V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>S</sub> Supply = 40V, V <sub>BIAS</sub> = 0V, V <sub>EE</sub> = −1V to −15V (LT1787HV)	●	100	130		dB
$\frac{\Delta V_{OS}}{\Delta V_{BIAS}}$	Change in Input Offset Voltage with Change in V <sub>BIAS</sub> Voltage	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>S</sub> Supply = 36V, V <sub>BIAS</sub> = 0.5V to 25V (LT1787)	●	100	130		dB
		V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>S</sub> Supply = 60V, V <sub>BIAS</sub> = 0.5V to 25V (LT1787HV)	●	100	130		dB
I <sub>S</sub> <sup>+</sup> (0)	Positive Input Sense Current	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V	●	10		20	μA
I <sub>S</sub> <sup>−</sup> (0)	Negative Input Sense Current	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V	●	50		100	μA
I <sub>EE</sub> (0)	Negative Supply Current	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V	●	60		120	μA
I <sub>OUT</sub>	Output Current	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = ±128mV		±50			μA
V <sub>OUT</sub>	Output Voltage	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = ±128mV, V <sub>S</sub> <sup>+</sup> ≥ 3.3V		V <sub>BIAS</sub> ±1.024			V
	Ripple Rejection	V <sub>S</sub> <sup>+</sup> = V <sub>S</sub> <sup>−</sup> = 20V, ΔV <sub>S</sub> Supply = 1V, f = 1kHz	●	80	88		dB
V <sub>OMIN</sub>	Minimum Output Voltage	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 0V, V <sub>BIAS</sub> = 0V	●	30		45	mV
		V <sub>SENSE</sub> = V <sub>S</sub> <sup>+</sup> − V <sub>S</sub> <sup>−</sup> = −128mV, V <sub>BIAS</sub> = 0V		10			mV
	Unipolar Output Saturation Voltage	V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 2mV, V <sub>BIAS</sub> = 0V	●	32		50	mV
		V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 4mV, V <sub>BIAS</sub> = 0V	●	38		55	mV
		V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 5mV, V <sub>BIAS</sub> = 0V	●	43		60	mV
		V <sub>SENSE</sub> = 6mV, V <sub>BIAS</sub> = 0V	●	49		65	mV
V <sub>OMAX</sub>	Maximum Output Voltage			V <sub>S</sub> <sup>+</sup> − 0.75			V
R <sub>G1A</sub> , R <sub>G2A</sub>	Input Gain-Setting Resistor	Pin 1 to Pin 2, Pin 7 to Pin 8		1.25			kΩ
R <sub>OUT</sub>	Output Resistor	Pin 5 to Pin 6		20			kΩ

**Note 1:** Absolute Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which the life of a device may be impaired.

**Note 2:** ESD (Electrostatic Discharge) sensitive devices. Extensive use of ESD protection devices are used internal to the LT1787/LT1787HV, however, high electrostatic discharge can damage or degrade the device. Use proper ESD handling precautions.

**Note 3:** The LT1787C/LT1787HVC are guaranteed to meet specified performance from  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $70^\circ$  and are designed, characterized and

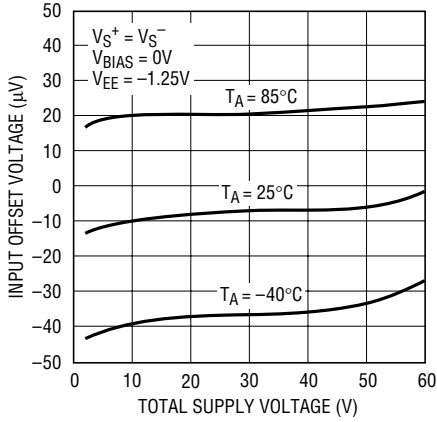
expected to meet these extended temperature limits, but are not tested at  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  and  $85^\circ\text{C}$ . The LT1787I/LT1787HVI are guaranteed to meet the extended temperature limits.

**Note 4:** Testing done at  $V_{BIAS} = 1.25\text{V}$ ,  $V_{EE} = 0\text{V}$  unless otherwise specified.

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

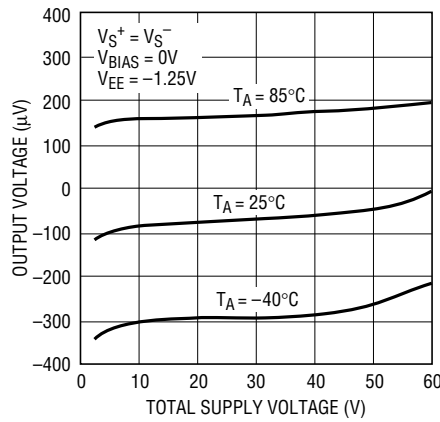
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**Input Offset Voltage vs Supply Voltage**



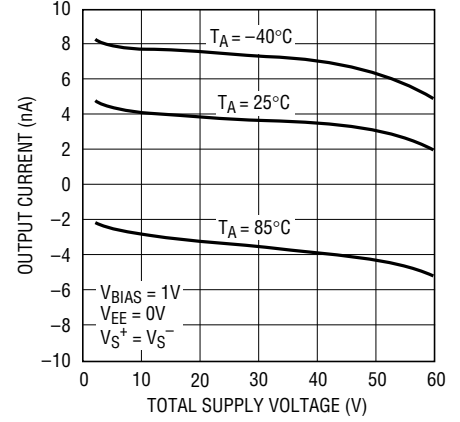
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**No Load Output Voltage vs Supply Voltage**



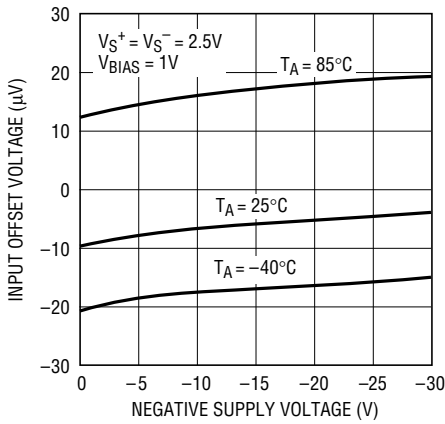
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**No Load Output Current vs Supply Voltage**



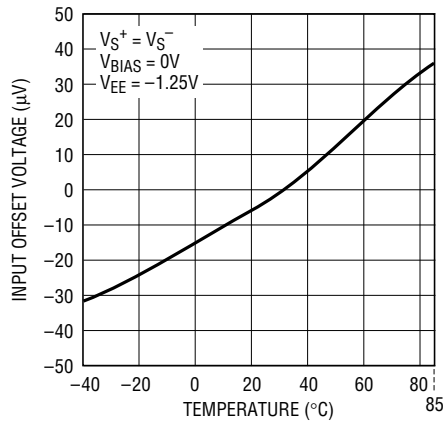
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**Input Offset Voltage vs Negative Supply Voltage**



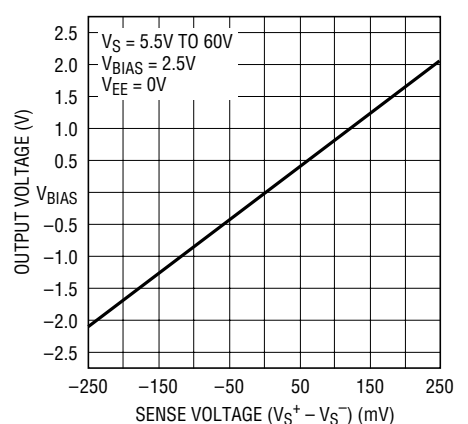
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**Input Offset Voltage vs Temperature**



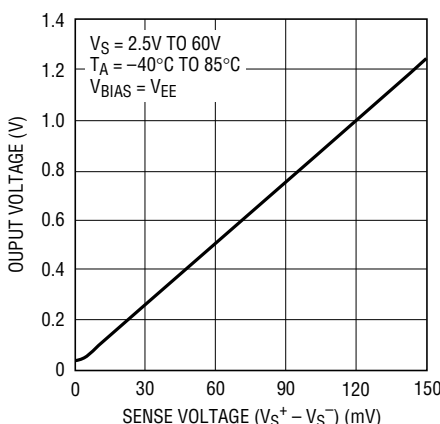
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**Output Voltage vs Sense Voltage (Bidirectional Mode)**



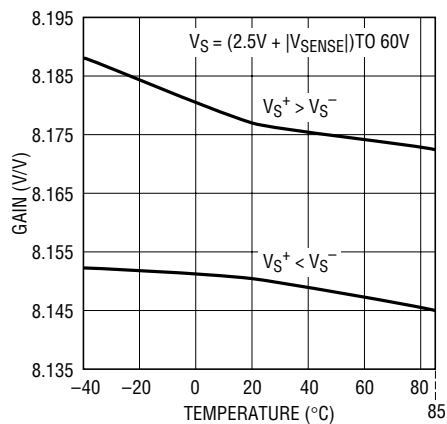
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**Output Voltage vs Sense Voltage (Unidirectional Mode)**



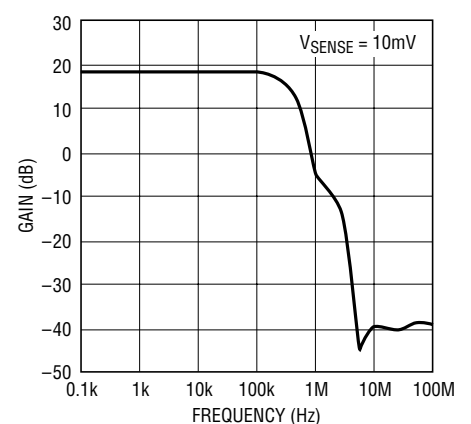
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**Gain vs Temperature**



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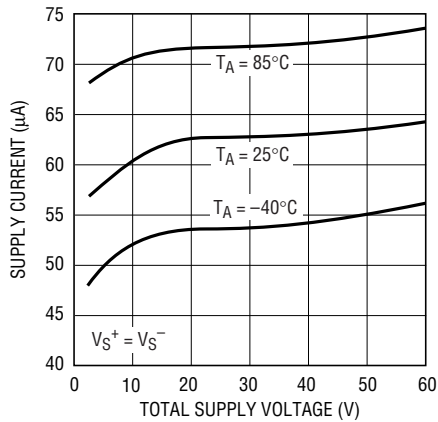
**Gain vs Frequency**



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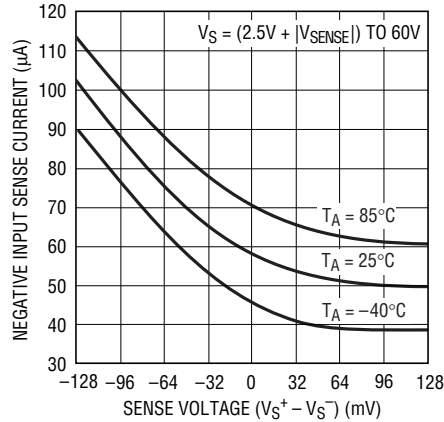
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Supply Current vs Supply Voltage



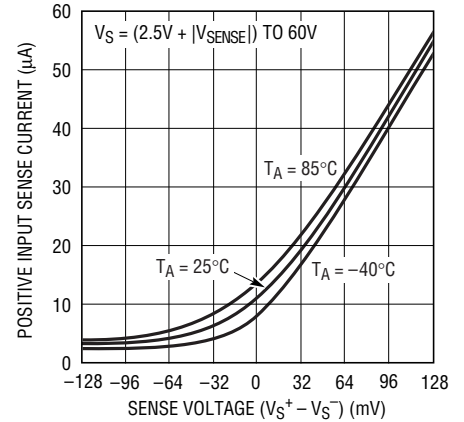
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Negative Input Sense Current vs Sense Voltage



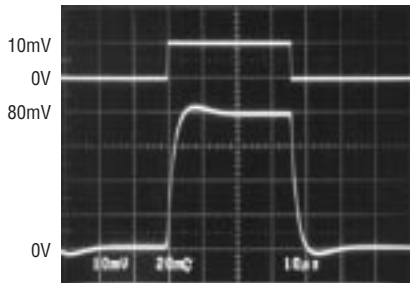
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Positive Input Sense Current vs Sense Voltage



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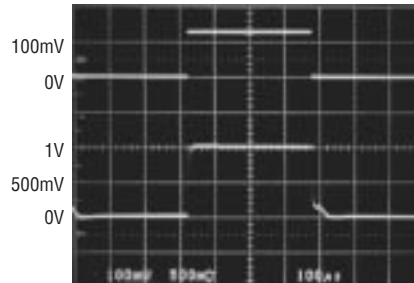
Step Response at  
 $V_{\text{SENSE}} = 0\text{V to } 10\text{mV}$



$C_{\text{OUT}} = 0\text{pF}$

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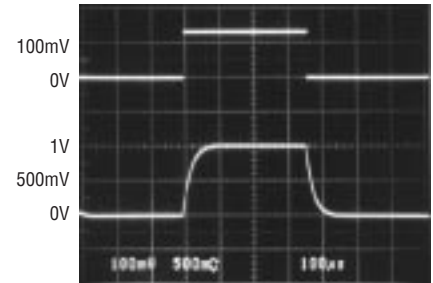
Step Response at  
 $V_{\text{SENSE}} = 0\text{V to } 128\text{mV}$



$C_{\text{OUT}} = 0\text{pF}$

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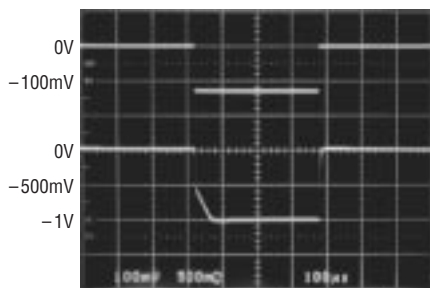
Step Response at  
 $V_{\text{SENSE}} = 0\text{V to } 128\text{mV}$



$C_{\text{OUT}} = 1000\text{pF}$

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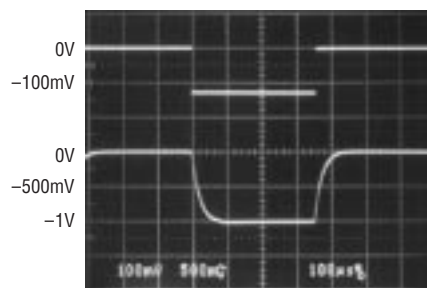
Step Response at  
 $V_{\text{SENSE}} = 0\text{V to } -128\text{mV}$



$C_{\text{OUT}} = 0$

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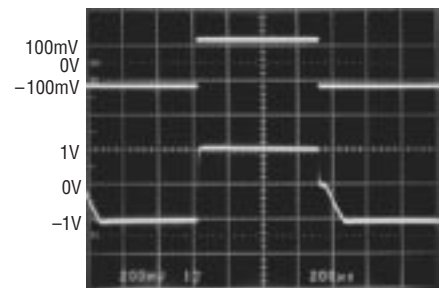
Step Response at  
 $V_{\text{SENSE}} = 0\text{V to } -128\text{mV}$



$C_{\text{OUT}} = 1000\text{pF}$

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Step Response at  
 $V_{\text{SENSE}} = -128\text{mV to } 128\text{mV}$

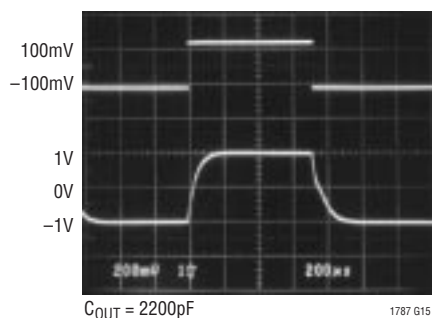


$C_{\text{OUT}} = 0$

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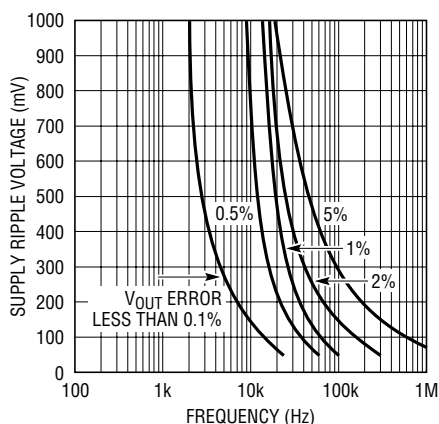
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Step Response at  
 $V_{SENSE} = 128\text{mV}$  to  $-128\text{mV}$



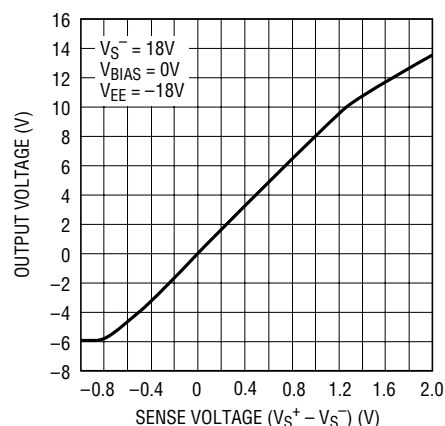
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$V_{OUT}$  Error vs Supply Ripple  
Voltage ( $V_{SENSE} = \pm 128\text{mV}$ )



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Output Voltage vs Sense Voltage



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## PIN FUNCTIONS

**FIL<sup>-</sup>, FIL<sup>+</sup> (Pins 1, 8):** Negative and Positive Filter Terminals. Differential mode noise can be filtered by connecting a capacitor across FIL<sup>-</sup> and FIL<sup>+</sup>. Pole frequency  $f_{-3\text{dB}} = 1/(2\pi RC)$ ,  $R = 1.25\text{k}\Omega$ .

**$V_S^-$  (Pin 2):** Negative Input Sense Terminal. Negative sense voltage will result in an output sinking current proportional to the sense current.  $V_S^-$  is connected to an internal gain-setting resistor  $R_{G1A}$  and supplies bias current to the internal amplifier.

**DNC (Pin 3):** Do Not Connect. Connected internally. Do not connect external circuitry to this pin.

**$V_{EE}$  (Pin 4):** Negative Supply or Ground for Single Supply Operation.

**$V_{OUT}$  (Pin 5):** Voltage Output or Current Output proportional to the magnitude of the sense current flowing through  $R_{SENSE}$ . For bidirectional current sensing operation,  $V_{OUT} = A_V \cdot V_{SENSE} + V_{OUT(0)} + V_{BIAS}$ ,

where:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{OUT} &> V_{BIAS} \text{ for } V_S^+ > V_S^- \\ V_{OUT} &< V_{BIAS} \text{ for } V_S^+ < V_S^- \end{aligned}$$

$V_{OUT(0)}$  is the no load output voltage at  $V_{SENSE} = 0\text{V}$ .

**$V_{BIAS}$  (Pin 6):** Output Bias Pin. For single supply, bidirectional current sensing operation,  $V_{BIAS}$  is connected to an external bias voltage, so that at  $V_{SENSE} = 0\text{V}$ ,  $V_{OUT} = V_{OUT(0)} + V_{BIAS}$ . For dual supply, bidirectional current sensing operation,  $V_{BIAS}$  is connected to ground. Thus,  $V_{OUT} = V_{OUT(0)}$  at  $V_{SENSE} = 0\text{V}$ .

**$V_S^+$  (Pin 7):** Positive Input Sense Terminal. Positive sense voltage will result in an output sourcing current proportional to the sense current.  $V_S^+$  is connected to an internal gain-setting resistor  $R_{G2A}$ . Connecting a supply to  $V_S^+$  and a load to  $V_S^-$  will allow the LT1787 to measure its own supply current.

## BLOCK DIAGRAM

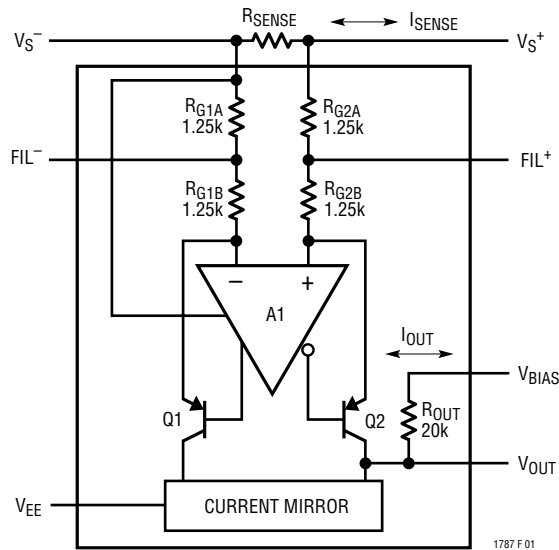


Figure 1. LT1787 Functional Diagram

## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

The LT1787 high side current sense amplifier (Figure 1) provides accurate bidirectional monitoring of current through a user-selected sense resistor. The sense voltage is amplified by a fixed gain of 8 and level shifted from the positive power supply to the ground referenced outputs. The output signal may be used in a variety of ways to interface with subsequent signal processing circuitry. Input and output filtering are easily implemented to eliminate aliasing errors.

### Theory of Operation

Inputs  $V_S^+$  and  $V_S^-$  apply the sense voltage to matched resistors  $R_{G1}$  and  $R_{G2}$ . The opposite ends of resistors  $R_{G1}$  and  $R_{G2}$  are forced to be at equal potentials by the voltage gain of amplifier A1. The currents through  $R_{G1}$  and  $R_{G2}$  are forced to flow through transistors Q1 and Q2 and are summed at node  $V_{OUT}$  by the 1:1 current mirror. The net current from  $R_{G1}$  and  $R_{G2}$  flowing through resistor  $R_{OUT}$  gives a voltage gain of eight. Positive sense voltages result in  $V_{OUT}$  being positive with respect to pin  $V_{BIAS}$ .

Pins  $V_{EE}$ ,  $V_{BIAS}$  and  $V_{OUT}$  may be connected in a variety of ways to interface with subsequent circuitry. Split supply

and single supply output configurations are shown in the following sections.

Supply current for amplifier A1 is drawn from the  $V_S^-$  pin. The user may choose to include this current in the monitored current through  $R_{SENSE}$  by careful choice of connection polarity.

### Selection of External Current Sense Resistor

External  $R_{SENSE}$  resistor selection is a delicate trade-off between power dissipation in the resistor and current measurement accuracy. The LT1787 makes this decision less difficult than with competitors' products. The maximum sense voltage may be as large as  $\pm 500\text{mV}$  to get maximum resolution, however, high current applications will not want to suffer this much power dissipation in the sense resistor. The LT1787's input offset voltage of  $40\mu\text{V}$  gives high resolution for low sense voltages. This wide operating dynamic range gives the user wide latitude in tailoring the range and resolution of his supply monitoring function.



## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

Kelvin connection of the LT1787's  $V_S^+$  and  $V_S^-$  inputs to the sense resistor should be used in all but the lowest power applications. Solder connections and PC board interconnect resistance (approximately  $0.5\text{m}\Omega$  per square) can be a large error in high current systems. A 5-Amp application might choose a  $20\text{m}\Omega$  sense resistor to give a  $100\text{mV}$  full-scale input to the LT1787. Input offset voltage will limit resolution to  $2\text{mA}$ . Neglecting contact resistance at solder joints, even one square of PC board copper at each resistor end will cause an error of 5%. This error will grow proportionately higher as monitored current levels rise to tens or hundreds of amperes.

### Input Noise Filtering

The LT1787 provides input signal filtering pins  $\text{FIL}^+$  and  $\text{FIL}^-$  that are internally connected to the midpoint taps of resistors  $R_{G1}$  and  $R_{G2}$ . These pins may be used to filter the input signal entering the LT1787's internal amplifier, and should be used when fast current ripple or transients may flow through the sense resistor. High frequency signals above the  $300\text{kHz}$  bandwidth of the LT1787's internal amplifier will cause errors. A capacitor connected between  $\text{FIL}^+$  and  $\text{FIL}^-$  creates a single pole low pass filter with corner frequency:

$$f_{-3\text{dB}} = 1/(2\pi RC)$$

where  $R = 1.25\text{k}$ . A  $0.01\mu\text{F}$  capacitor creates a pole at  $12.7\text{kHz}$ , a good choice for many applications.

Common mode filtering from the  $\text{FIL}^+$  and  $\text{FIL}^-$  pins should not be attempted, as mismatch in the capacitors from  $\text{FIL}^+$  and  $\text{FIL}^-$  will create AC common mode errors. Common mode filtering must be done at the power supply output.

### Output Signal Range

The LT1787's output signal is developed by summing the net currents through  $R_{G1}$  and  $R_{G2}$  into output resistor  $R_{\text{OUT}}$ . The pins  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  and  $V_{\text{BIAS}}$  may be connected in numerous configurations to interface with following circuitry in either single supply or split supply applications. Care must be used in connecting the output pins to preserve signal accuracy. Limitations on the signal swing

at  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  are imposed by the negative supply,  $V_{\text{EE}}$ , and the input voltage  $V_S^+$ . In the negative direction, internal circuit saturation with loss of accuracy occurs for  $V_{\text{OUT}} < 70\text{mV}$  with absolute minimum swing at  $30\text{mV}$  above  $V_{\text{EE}}$ .  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  may swing positive to within  $0.75\text{V}$  of  $V_S^+$  or a maximum of  $35\text{V}$ , a limit set by internal junction breakdown. Within these constraints, an amplified, level shifted representation of the  $R_{\text{SENSE}}$  voltage is developed across  $R_{\text{OUT}}$ .

### Split Supply Bipolar Output Swing

Figure 2 shows the LT1787 used with split power supplies. The  $V_{\text{BIAS}}$  pin is connected to ground, and the output signal appears at the  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  pin. Bidirectional input currents can be monitored with the output swinging positive for current flow from  $V_S^+$  and  $V_S^-$ . Input currents in the opposite direction cause  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  to swing below ground. Figure 2 shows an optional output capacitor connected from  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  to ground. This capacitor may be used to filter the output signal before it is processed by other circuitry. Figure 3 shows the voltage transfer function of the LT1787 used in this configuration.

### Single Supply with Shifted $V_{\text{BIAS}}$

Figure 4 shows the LT1787 used in a single supply mode with the  $V_{\text{BIAS}}$  pin shifted positive using an external LT1634 voltage reference. The  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  output signal can swing above and below  $V_{\text{BIAS}}$  to allow monitoring of positive or negative currents through the sense resistor, as shown in Figure 5. The choice of reference voltage is not critical except for the precaution that adequate headroom must be provided for  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  to swing without saturating the internal circuitry. The component values shown in Figure 4 allow operation with  $V_S$  supplies as low as  $3.1\text{V}$ .

### Operation with A/D Converter

Figure 6 shows the LT1787 operating with the LTC1286 A/D converter. This low cost circuit is capable of 12-bit resolution of unipolar currents. The  $-\text{IN}$  pin of the A/D converter is biased at  $1\text{V}$  by the resistor divider  $R1$  and  $R2$ . This voltage increases as sense current increases, with the



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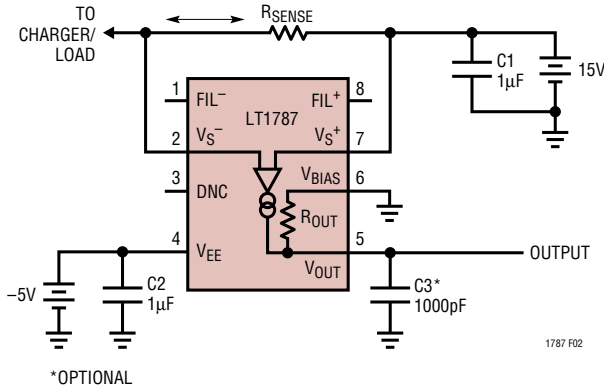


Figure 2. Split Supply Operation

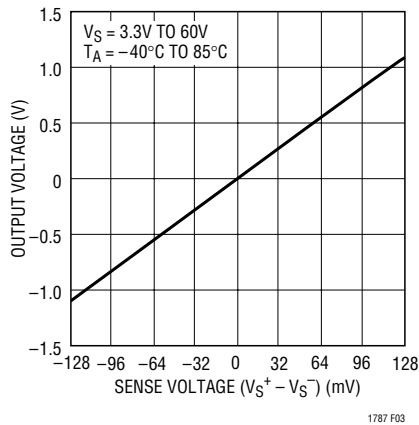


Figure 3. Split Supply Output Voltage

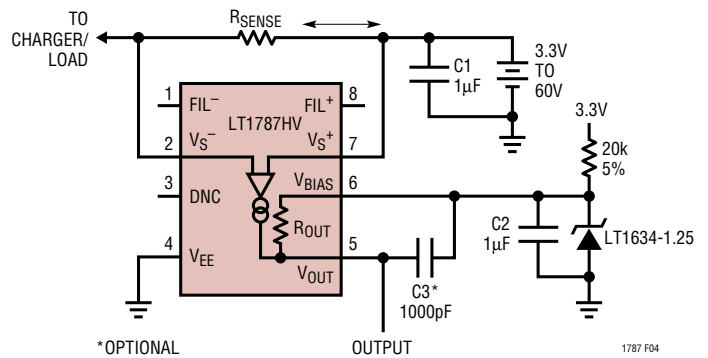


Figure 4. Charge/Discharge Current Monitor on Single Supply with  $V_{BIAS} = 1.25V$

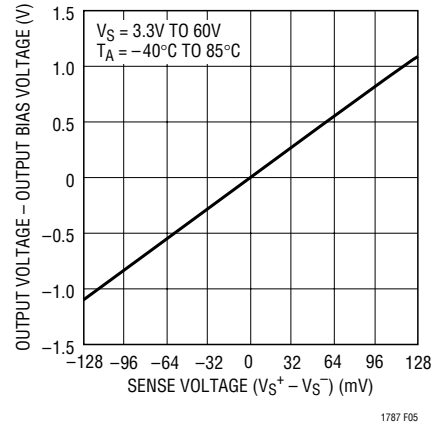


Figure 5. Single Supply Output Voltage with  $V_{BIAS} = 1.25V$

amplified sense voltage appearing between the A/D converters -IN and +IN terminals. The front page of the data sheet shows a similar circuit which uses a voltage reference for improved accuracy and signal range. The LTC1286 converter uses sequential sampling of its -IN and +IN inputs. Accuracy is degraded if the inputs move between sampling intervals. A filter capacitor from FIL+ to FIL- as well as a filter capacitor from VBIAS to VOUT may be necessary if the sensed current changes more than 1LSB within a conversion cycle.

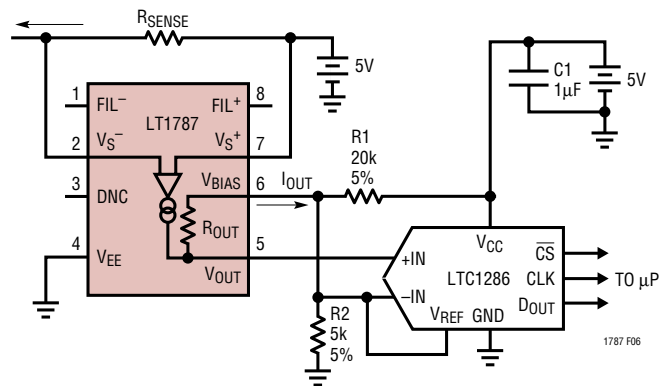


Figure 6. Unidirectional Output into A/D with Fixed Supply at  $V_{S+}$

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### Buffered Output Operation

Figure 7 shows the LT1787's outputs buffered by an operational amplifier configured as an I/V converter. This configuration is ideal for monitoring very low voltage supplies. The LT1787's  $V_{OUT}$  pin is held equal to the reference voltage appearing at the op amp's noninverting input. This allows monitoring  $V_S$  supplies as low as 2.5V. The op amp's output may swing from ground to its positive supply voltage. The low impedance output of the op amp may drive following circuitry more effectively than the high output impedance of the LT1787. The I/V converter configuration also works well with split supply voltages.

### Single Supply Unidirectional Operation

Figure 8 shows the simplest connection in which the LT1787 may be used. The  $V_{BIAS}$  pin is connected to ground, and the  $V_{OUT}$  pin swings positive with increasing sense current. The LT1787's outputs can swing as low as 30mV as shown in Figure 9. Accuracy is sacrificed at small

output levels, but this is not a limitation in protection circuit applications or where sensed currents do not vary greatly. Increased low level accuracy can be obtained by level shifting  $V_{BIAS}$  above ground. The level shifting may be done with resistor dividers, voltage references or a simple diode. Accuracy is ensured if the output signal is sensed differentially between  $V_{BIAS}$  and  $V_{OUT}$ .

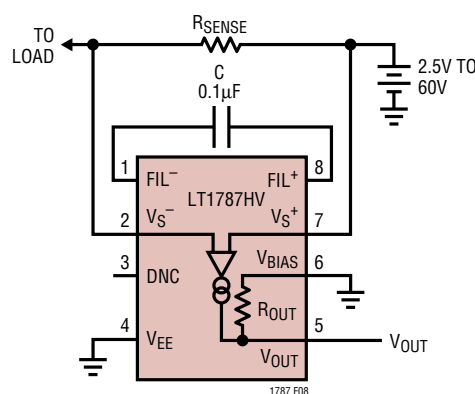


Figure 8. Unidirectional Current Sensing Mode

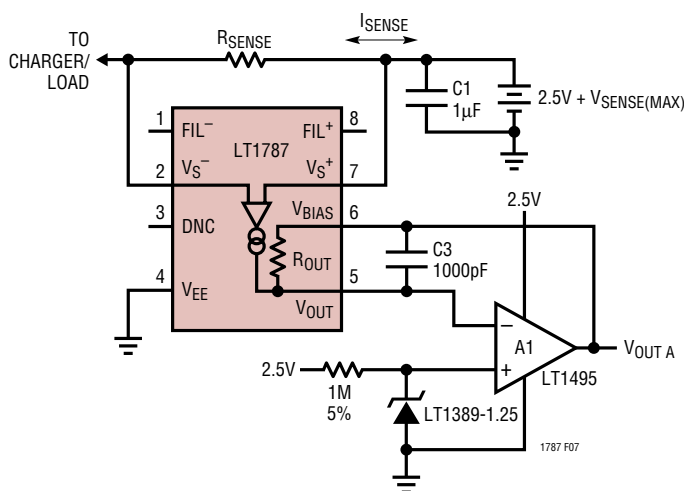


Figure 7. Single Supply 2.5V Bidirectional Operation with External Voltage Reference and I/V Converter

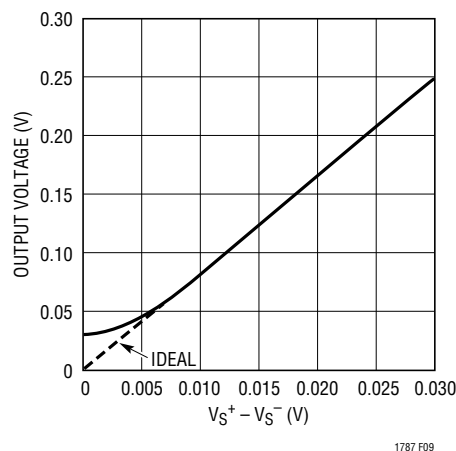


Figure 9. Expanded Scale of Unidirectional Output

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### Adjusting Gain Setting

The LT1787 may be used in all operating modes with an external resistor used in place of the internal 20k  $R_{OUT}$  resistor. When an external resistor is used, leave the  $V_{BIAS}$  pin floating or connected to the  $V_{OUT}$  pin. This will remove the internal  $R_{OUT}$  from the circuit.

The voltage gain will be  $g_m \cdot R_{OUT}$  where  $g_m$  is the LT1787's transconductance, 400 $\mu$ A/V typical. A nominal gain of 40 may be obtained with an external 100k resistor used in place of the internal 20k  $R_{OUT}$ :

$$A_V = g_m \cdot R_{OUT} = 400\mu\text{A/V} \cdot 100\text{k} = 40$$

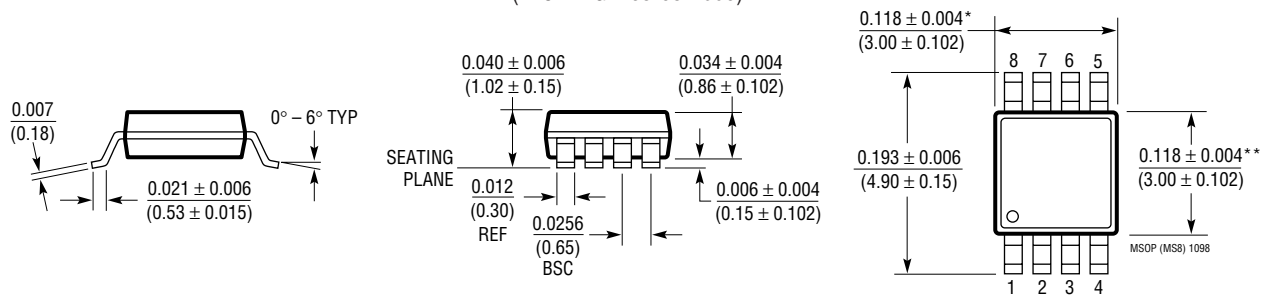
The transconductance  $g_m$  is set by on-chip resistors on the LT1787. These resistors match well but have loose absolute tolerance. This will normally require that the external gain setting resistor be trimmed for initial accuracy. After trimming, the temperature stability of the  $g_m$  and therefore gain will be  $-200\text{ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$ .

The only limitations placed upon the resistor choice is care must be taken not to saturate the internal circuitry by violating the  $V_{OMAX}$  specification of  $V_S + -0.75\text{V}$ .

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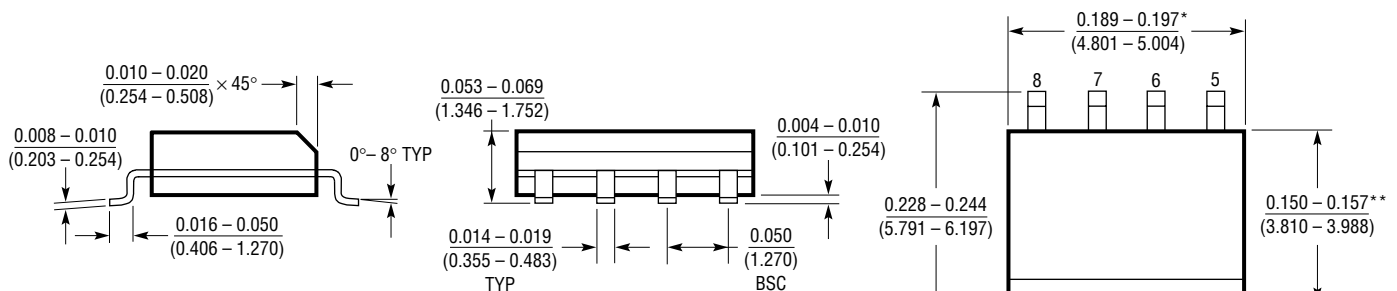
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## TYPICAL APPLICATION

OPTIONAL SINGLE SUPPLY OPERATION:  
DISCONNECT  $V_{BIAS}$  FROM GROUND  
AND CONNECT IT TO  $V_{REF}$ .  
REPLACE  $-5V$  SUPPLY WITH GROUND.  
OUTPUT CODE FOR ZERO CURRENT WILL BE  $\sim 2430$

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
LTC1043	Dual Precision Instrumentation Switched Capacitor Building Block	120dB CMRR, 3V to 18V Operation
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