

9 Application and Implementation

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9.1 Application Information

The flexibility of the LM317 allows it to be configured to take on many different functions in DC power applications.

9.2 Typical Application

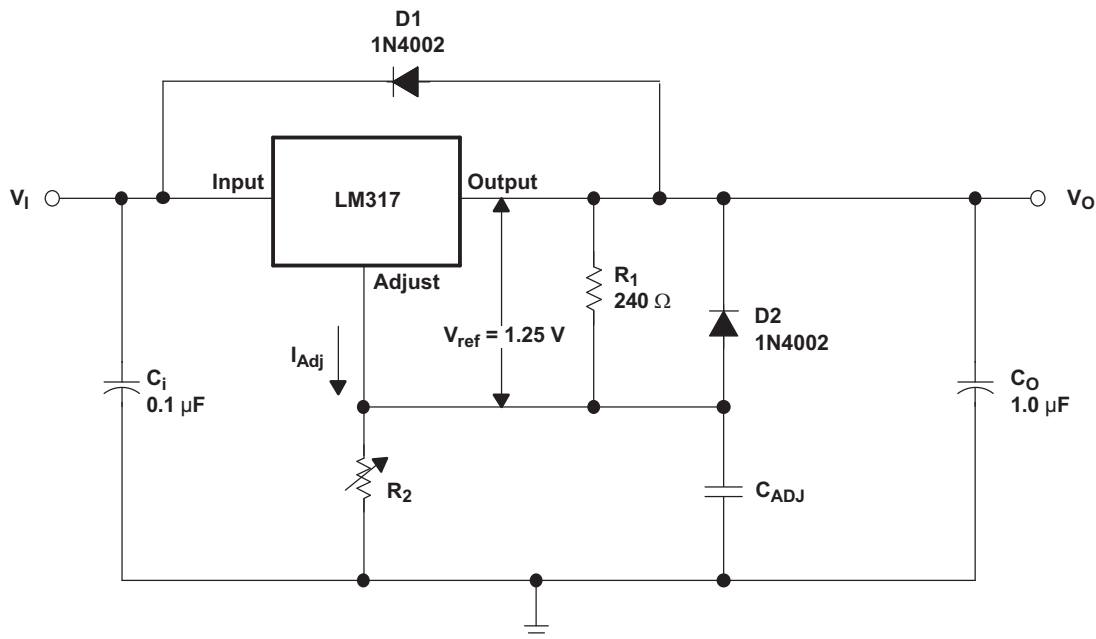


Figure 9. Adjustable Voltage Regulator

9.2.1 Design Requirements

- R₁ and R₂ are required to set the output voltage.
- C_{ADJ} is recommended to improve ripple rejection. It prevents amplification of the ripple as the output voltage is adjusted higher.
- C_i is recommended, particularly if the regulator is not in close proximity to the power-supply filter capacitors. A 0.1-μF or 1-μF ceramic or tantalum capacitor provides sufficient bypassing for most applications, especially when adjustment and output capacitors are used.
- C_O improves transient response, but is not needed for stability.
- Protection diode D₂ is recommended if C_{ADJ} is used. The diode provides a low-impedance discharge path to prevent the capacitor from discharging into the output of the regulator.
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9.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure

V_O is calculated as shown in Equation 1. I_{ADJ} is typically 50 μA and negligible in most applications.

$$V_O = V_{REF} (1 + R_2 / R_1) + (I_{ADJ} \times R_2) \quad (1)$$