General Description

The LM35 series are precision integrated-circuit temperature sensors, whose output voltage is linearly proportional to the Celsius (Centigrade) temperature. The LM35 thus has an advantage over linear temperature sensors calibrated in °Kelvin, as the user is not required to subtract a large constant voltage from its output to obtain convenient Centigrade scaling. The LM35 does not require any external calibration or trimming to provide typical accuracies of ±0.5°C at room temperature and ±3°C over a full −55°C to +150°C temperature range. Low cost is assured by trimming and calibration at the wafer level. The LM35’s low output impedance, linear output, and precise inherent calibration make interfacing to readout or control circuitry especially easy. It can be used with single power supplies, or with plus and minus supplies. As it draws only 60 μA from its supply, it has very low self-heating, less than 0.1°C in still air. The LM35 is rated to operate over a −55°C to +150°C temperature range, while the LM35C is rated for a −40°C to +110°C range (−10°C with improved accuracy). The LM35 series is available packaged in hermetic TO-46 transistor packages, while the LM35C, LM35CA, and LM35D are also available in the plastic TO-92 transistor package. The LM35D is also available in an 8-lead surface mount small outline package and a plastic TO-202 package.

Features

- Calibrated directly in °C (Celsius, Centigrade)
- Linear +10.0 mV/°C scale factor
- 0.5°C accuracy guaranteeable (at +25°C)
- Rated for full −55°C to +150°C range
- Suitable for remote applications
- Low cost due to wafer-level trimming
- Operates from 4 to 30 volts
- Less than 60 μA current drain
- Low self-heating, 0.08°C in still air
- Nonlinearity only ±0.2°C typical
- Low impedance output, 0.1 Ω for 1 mA load

Connection Diagrams

TO-46 Metal Can Package

TO-92 Plastic Package

SO-8 Small Outline Molded Package

Typical Applications

FIGURE 1. Basic Centigrade Temperature Sensor (±2°C to +150°C)

FIGURE 2. Full-Range Centigrade Temperature Sensor

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Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 10)

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**Supply Voltage**
+ 35V to −0.2V

**Output Voltage**
+ 6V to −1.0V

**Output Current**
10 mA

Storage Temp., TO-46 Package, −60°C to +180°C
TO-92 Package, −60°C to +150°C
SO-8 Package, −65°C to +150°C
TO-202 Package, −85°C to +150°C

Lead Temp.: TO-46 Package, (Soldering, 10 seconds) 300°C
TO-92 Package, (Soldering, 10 seconds) 260°C
TO-202 Package, (Soldering, 10 seconds) +230°C

Electrical Characteristics (Note 1) (Note 6)

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<td>Accuracy</td>
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<td>Minimum Temperature for Rated Accuracy</td>
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Note 1: Unless otherwise noted, these specifications apply: −55°C ≤ \( T_J \) ≤ +150°C for the LM35 and LM35A; −40°C ≤ \( T_J \) ≤ +110°C for the LM35C and LM35CA; and 0°C ≤ \( T_J \) ≤ +100°C for the LM353D. \( V_S = +5V \); \( V_O = 0V \); and \( I_{LOAD} = 50 \mu A \), in the circuit of Figure 2. These specifications also apply from +2°C to \( T_{MAX} \) in the circuit of Figure 1. Specifications in boldface apply over the full rated temperature range.

Note 2: Thermal resistance of the TO-46 package is 400°C/W, junction to ambient, and 24°C/W junction to case. Thermal resistance of the TO-92 package is 180°C/W junction to ambient. Thermal resistance of the small outline molded package is 220°C/W junction to ambient. Thermal resistance of the TO-202 package is 85°C/W junction to ambient. For additional thermal resistance information see table in the Applications section.
## Electrical Characteristics (Note 1) (Note 6) (Continued)

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<td>Long Term Stability</td>
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Note 3: Regulation is measured at constant junction temperature, using pulse testing with a low duty cycle. Changes in output due to heating effects can be computed by multiplying the internal dissipation by the thermal resistance.

Note 4: Tested Limits are guaranteed and 100% tested in production.

Note 5: Design Limits are guaranteed (but not 100% production tested) over the indicated temperature and supply voltage ranges. These limits are not used to calculate outgoing quality levels.

Note 6: Specifications in *boldface* apply over the full rated temperature range.

Note 7: Accuracy is defined as the error between the output voltage and $10\text{mV}/^\circ C$ times the device's case temperature, at specified conditions of voltage, current, and temperature (expressed in °C).

Note 8: Nonlinearity is defined as the deviation of the output-voltage-versus-temperature curve from the best-fit straight line, over the device's rated temperature range.

Note 9: Quiescent current is defined in the circuit of Figure 1.

Note 10: Absolute Maximum Ratings indicate limits beyond which damage to the device may occur. DC and AC electrical specifications do not apply when operating the device beyond its rated operating conditions. See Note 1.

Note 11: Human body model, 100 pF discharged through a 1.5 kΩ resistor.

Note 12: See AN-450 “Surface Mounting Methods and Their Effect on Product Reliability” or the section titled “Surface Mount” found in a current National Semiconductor Linear Data Book for other methods of soldering surface mount devices.
Typical Performance Characteristics

Thermal Resistance
- Junction to Air

Thermal Time Constant
- in Still Air

Thermal Response in Stirred Oil Bath

Minimum Supply Voltage vs. Temperature
(Typical)

Quiescent Current vs. Temperature
(In Circuit of Figure 1)

Accuracy vs. Temperature
(Guaranteed)

Start-Up Response

Noise Voltage

TL/H/5516–17

TL/H/5516–18

TL/H/5516–22
Applications

The LM35 can be applied easily in the same way as other integrated-circuit temperature sensors. It can be glued or cemented to a surface and its temperature will be within about 0.01°C of the surface temperature.

This presumes that the ambient air temperature is almost the same as the surface temperature; if the air temperature were much higher or lower than the surface temperature, the actual temperature of the LM35 die would be at an intermediate temperature between the surface temperature and the air temperature. This is especially true for the TO-92 plastic package, where the copper leads are the principal thermal path to carry heat into the device, so its temperature might be closer to the air temperature than to the surface temperature.

To minimize this problem, be sure that the wiring to the LM35, as it leaves the device, is held at the same temperature as the surface of interest. The easiest way to do this is to cover up these wires with a bead of epoxy which will insure that the leads and wires are all at the same temperature as the surface, and that the LM35 die's temperature will not be affected by the air temperature.

The TO-46 metal package can also be soldered to a metal surface or pipe without damage. Of course, in that case the V- terminal of the circuit will be grounded to that metal. Alternatively, the LM35 can be mounted inside a sealed-end metal tube, and can then be dipped into a bath or screwed into a threaded hole in a tank. As with any IC, the LM35 and accompanying wiring and circuits must be kept insulated and dry, to avoid leakage and corrosion. This is especially true if the circuit may operate at cold temperatures where condensation can occur. Printed-circuit coatings and varnishes such as Humiseal and epoxy paints or dips are often used to insure that moisture cannot corrode the LM35 or its connections.

These devices are sometimes soldered to a small lightweight heat fin, to decrease the thermal time constant and speed up the response in slowly-moving air. On the other hand, a small thermal mass may be added to the sensor, to give the steadiest reading despite small deviations in the air temperature.

Typical Applications

**CAPACITIVE LOADS**

Like most micropower circuits, the LM35 has a limited ability to drive heavy capacitive loads. The LM35 by itself is able to drive 50 pf without special precautions. If heavier loads are anticipated, it is easy to isolate or decouple the load with a resistor; see Figure 3. Or you can improve the tolerance of capacitance with a series R-C damper from output to ground; see Figure 4.

When the LM35 is applied with a 200Ω load resistor as shown in Figure 5, 6, or 8, it is relatively immune to wiring capacitance because the capacitance forms a bypass from ground to input, not on the output. However, as with any linear circuit connected to wires in a hostile environment, its performance can be affected adversely by intense electromagnetic sources such as relays, radio transmitters, motors with arcing brushes, SCR transients, etc, as its wiring can act as a receiving antenna and its internal junctions can act as rectifiers. For best results in such cases, a bypass capacitor from V_IN to ground and a series R-C damper such as 75Ω in series with 0.2 or 1 μF from output to ground are often useful. These are shown in Figures 13, 14, and 16.
Typical Applications (Continued)

**FIGURE 5. Two-Wire Remote Temperature Sensor (Grounded Sensor)**

**FIGURE 6. Two-Wire Remote Temperature Sensor (Output Referred to Ground)**

**FIGURE 7. Temperature Sensor, Single Supply, −55°C to +150°C**

**FIGURE 8. Two-Wire Remote Temperature Sensor (Output Referred to Ground)**

**FIGURE 9. 4-To-20 mA Current Source (0°C to +100°C)**

**FIGURE 10. Fahrenheit Thermometer**
Typical Applications (Continued)

FIGURE 11. Centigrade Thermometer (Analog Meter)

FIGURE 12. Expanded Scale Thermometer (50° to 80° Fahrenheit, for Example Shown)

FIGURE 13. Temperature To Digital Converter (Serial Output) (+128°C Full Scale)

FIGURE 14. Temperature To Digital Converter (Parallel TRI-STATE® Outputs for Standard Data Bus to µP Interface) (128°C Full Scale)
**Typical Applications** (Continued)

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**FIGURE 15. Bar-Graph Temperature Display (Dot Mode)**

* = 1% or 2% film resistor
-Trim Rb for Va = 3.075V
-Trim Rc for Vc = 1.955V
-Trim Ra for Va = 0.075V + 100mV/°C × Tambient
-Example, Va = 2.275V at 20°C

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**FIGURE 16. LM35 With Voltage-To-Frequency Converter And Isolated Output**

(2°C to 150°C; 20 Hz to 1500 Hz)
Physical Dimensions inches (millimeters)

TO-46 Metal Can Package (H)
Order Number LM35H, LM35AH, LM35CH, LM35CAH, or LM35DH
NS Package Number H03H

SO-8 Molded Small Outline Package (M)
Order Number LM35DM
NS Package Number M08A
Physical Dimensions inches (millimeters) (Continued)

TO-92 Plastic Package (Z)
Order Number LM35CZ, LM35CAZ or LM35DZ
NS Package Number Z03A

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