

General Description

The LTA199 series of bidirectional zero-drift current sense amplifier can sense drops across shunts at common-mode voltages from -0.3V to 30V , independent of the supply voltage. Unidirectional operation allows the LTA199 series to measure currents through a resistive shunt in one direction, while bidirectional operation allows the device to measure currents through a resistive shunt in two directions. The low offset of the zero-drift architecture enables current sensing with maximum drops across the shunt as low as shunt drops on the order of 10mV .

The LTA199 series operates from a single $+2.7\text{V}$ to $+30\text{V}$ power supply, drawing a maximum of $250\mu\text{A}$ of supply current. The device is specified from -40°C to $+125^\circ\text{C}$, and offered in SC70-6L package.

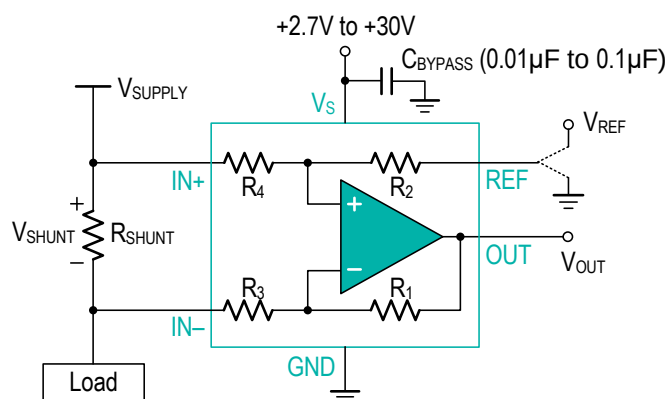
Features and Benefits

- Wide common-mode range: -0.3V to 30V
- Maximum $\pm 150\mu\text{V}$ Offset voltage at $V_{\text{SENSE}}=0\text{V}$
- Accuracy
 - Maximum $\pm 1\%$ Gain Error
 - Maximum $1\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C}$ Offset Drift
 - Maximum $10\text{ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$ Gain Drift
- Choice of Gains:
 - LTA199G1: $50\text{V}/\text{V}$
 - LTA199G2: $100\text{V}/\text{V}$
 - LTA199G3: $200\text{V}/\text{V}$
- Quiescent Current: Maximum $250\mu\text{A}$ at $T_A=+25^\circ\text{C}$
- Package: SC70-6L

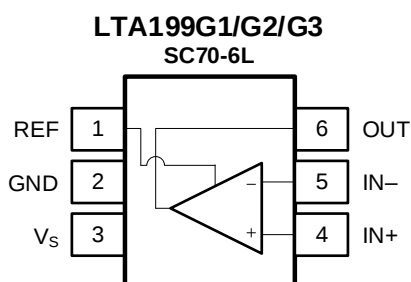
Applications

- Power Management
- Battery Chargers
- Electronic Cigarettes
- Smart Phones and Tablets
- Notebook Computers
- Telecommunications Equipment
- Welding Equipment

Block Diagram and Pin Configuration (Top View)



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LTA199G1, LTA199G2, LTA199G3

Bi-directional, Zero-Drift Current Sense Amplifiers

Pin Description

Symbol	Description
IN-	Inverting input of the amplifier.
IN+	Non-inverting input of the amplifier.
OUT	Amplifier output. The voltage range extends to within millivolt of each supply rail.
REF	Reference voltage
V _S	Positive power supply. Typically, the voltage is from +2.7V to +30V. A bypass capacitor of 0.1μF as close to the part as possible should be used between power supply pin and ground pin.
GND	Negative power supply.

Ordering Information

Orderable Type Number	Package Name	Package Quantity	Eco Class	Marking Code
LTA199G1XC6/R6	SC70-6L	3 000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	9H1
LTA199G2XC6/R6	SC70-6L	3 000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	9H2
LTA199G3XC6/R6	SC70-6L	3 000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	9H3

Limiting Value

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134).

Supply Voltage, V _S to GND	+30V
Analog Input (IN+, IN-), Differential (V _{IN+} - V _{IN-})	-30V to +30V
Analog Input (IN+, IN-), Common-Mode	(GND - 0.3V) to +30V
REF Input	(GND - 0.3V) to (V _S + 0.3V)
Output	(GND - 0.3V) to (V _S + 0.3V)
Input Current Into All Pins	5mA
Storage Temperature Range	-65°C to +150°C
Junction Temperature	150°C
Lead Temperature Range (Soldering 10 sec)	260°C

ESD Rating

Parameter	Item	Value	Unit
Electrostatic Discharge Voltage	Human body model (HBM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-001	±3 000	V
	Charged device model (CDM), per ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC JS-002	±2 000	

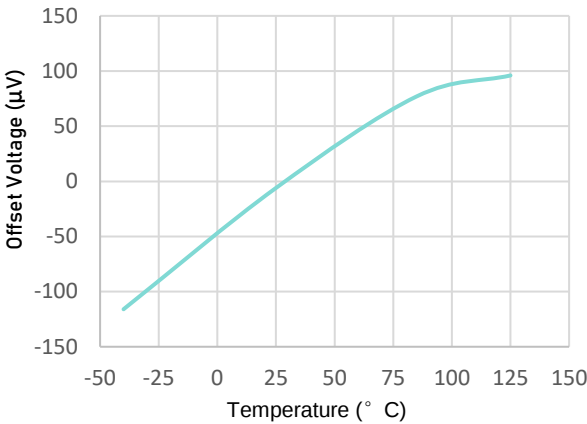
Electrical Characteristics

$T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_S = +5.0\text{V}$, $V_{IN+} = 12\text{V}$, $V_{SENSE} = V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}$ and $V_{REF} = V_S/2$, unless otherwise noted.
 Boldface limits apply over the specified temperature range, $T_A = -40$ to $+125^\circ\text{C}$.

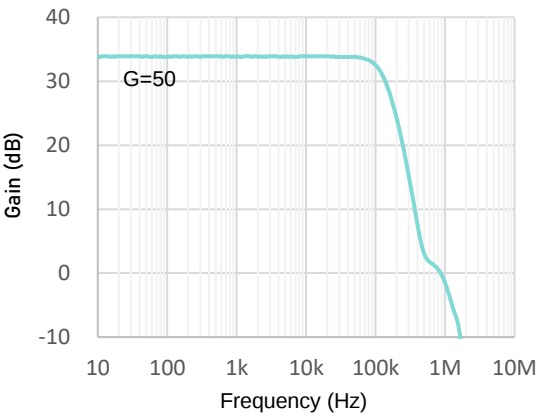
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
INPUT CHARACTERISTICS						
V _{OS}	Referred-to-input offset voltage	V _{SENSE} = 0mV		± 25	± 150	μV
V _{OS} TC	Offset voltage drift	over Temperature		0.4	1	μV/°C
I _B	Input bias current	V _{SENSE} = 0mV		23.5		μA
I _{OS}	Input offset current	V _{SENSE} = 0mV		± 0.4		μA
V _{CM}	Common-mode input voltage range		-0.3		30	V
CMRR	Common-mode rejection ratio	V _{IN+} = 0 V to +26V, V _{SENSE} = 0mV	90	105		dB
OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS						
G	Gain	LTA199G1		50		V/V
		LTA199G2		100		
		LTA199G3		200		
E _G	Gain error	V _{SENSE} = -5mV to 5mV		± 0.1	± 1	%
E _G TC	Gain error drift	over Temperature		3	10	ppm/°C
	Nonlinearity Error	V _{SENSE} = -5mV to 5mV		± 0.01		%
C _L	Maximum Capacitive Load	No sustained oscillation		1		nF
V _{OH}	Swing to V _S rail	R _L = 10kΩ to GND		V _S -30		mV
V _{OL}	Swing to GND	R _L = 10kΩ to V _S		V _{GND} +2		
DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE						
BW	Bandwidth	LTA199G1, C _{LOAD} = 10pF		120		kHz
		LTA199G2, C _{LOAD} = 10pF		50		
		LTA199G3, C _{LOAD} = 10pF		22		
SR	Slew rate			1.5		V/μs
NOISE PERFORMANCE						
e _n	Voltage noise density	Referred-to-input		30		nV/√Hz
POWER SUPPLY						
V _S	Operating supply voltage		+2.7		+30	V
PSRR	Power-supply rejection ratio	V _S = +2.7V to +18V, V _{IN+} = +18V, V _{SENSE} = 0mV		± 4	± 20	μV/V
I _Q	Quiescent current	V _{SENSE} = 0mV		150	250	μA
	over Temperature				290	
THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS						
T _A	Operating temperature		-40		+125	°C
θ _{JA}	Package Thermal Resistance	SC70-6L		250		°C/W

Typical Performance Characteristics

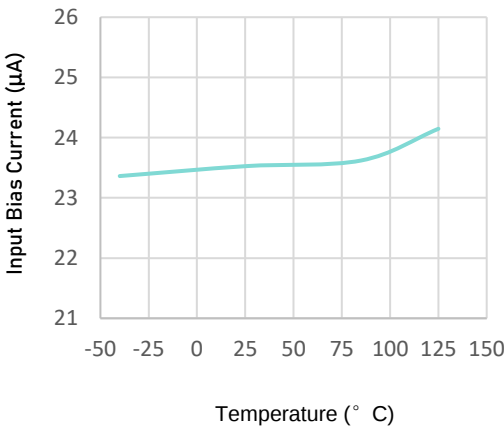
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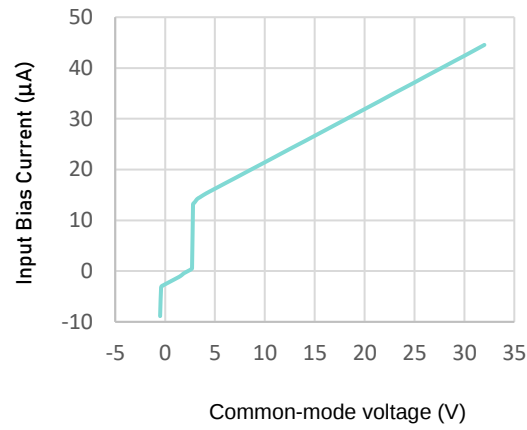
Offset Voltage vs. Temperature



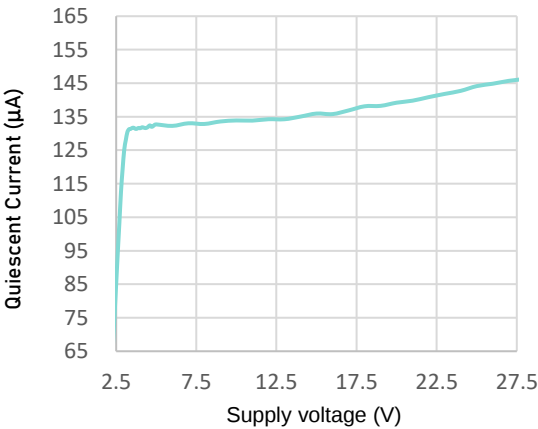
Gain vs. Frequency



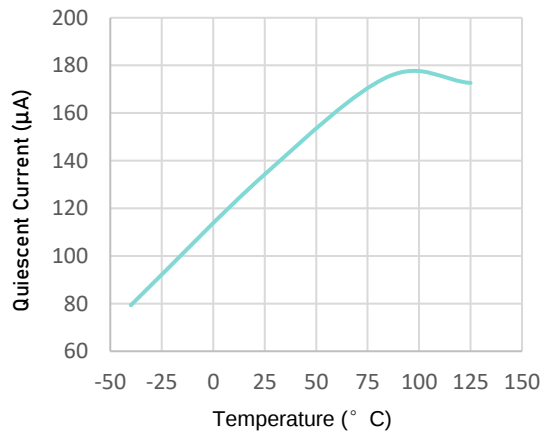
Input Bias Current vs. Temperature



Input Bias Current vs. Common-mode voltage with power supply=5V



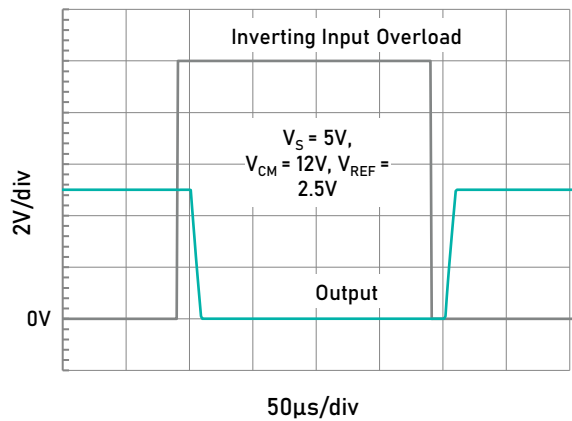
Quiescent Current vs. Supply Voltage



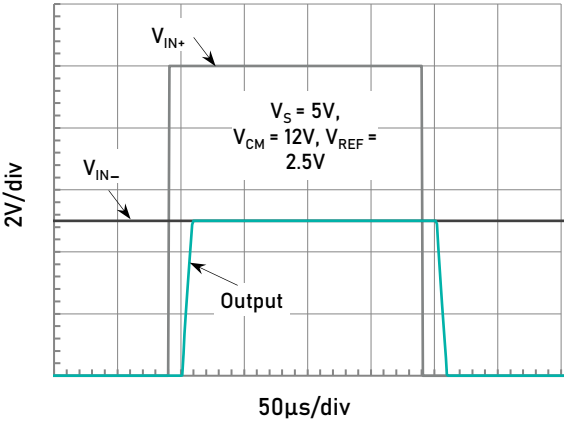
Quiescent Current vs. Temperature

Typical Performance Characteristics (continued)

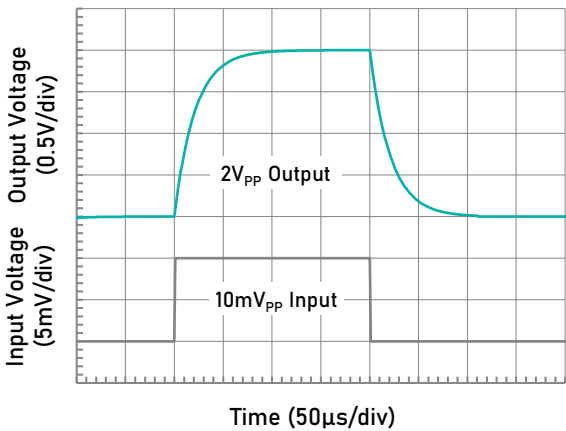
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Inverting Differential Input Overload



Noninverting Differential Input Overload



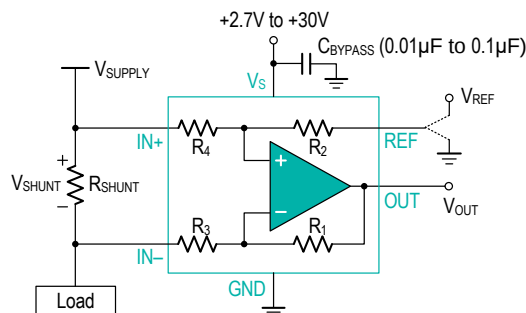
Step Response (10mV_{pp} Input Step)

Application Notes

BASIC CONNECTIONS

Figure 1 shows the basic connections for the LTA199. The input pins, IN+ and IN–, should be connected as closely as possible to the shunt resistor to minimize any resistance in series with the shunt resistance.

Power-supply bypass capacitors are required for stability. Applications with noisy or high-impedance power supplies may require additional decoupling capacitors to reject power-supply noise. Connect bypass capacitors close to the device pins.



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Figure 1. Typical Application

POWER SUPPLY

The input circuitry of the LTA199 can accurately measure beyond its power-supply voltage, V_S . For example, the V_S power supply can be 5V, whereas the load power-supply voltage can be as high as +18V. However, the output voltage range of the OUT terminal is limited by the voltages on the power-supply pin. Note also that the LTA199 can withstand the full –0.3V to +30V range in the input pins, regardless of whether the device has power applied or not.

SELECTING R_S

The zero-drift offset performance of the LTA199 offers several benefits. Most often, the primary advantage of the low offset characteristic enables lower full-scale drops across the shunt. For example, non-zero-drift current sense amplifiers typically require a full-scale range of 100mV.

The LTA199 of current sense amplifier gives equivalent accuracy at a full-scale range on the order of 10mV. This accuracy reduces shunt dissipation by an order of magnitude with many additional benefits.

Alternatively, there are applications that must measure current over a wide dynamic range that can take advantage of the low offset on the low end of the measurement. Most often, these applications can use the lower gain of 50 to accommodate larger shunt drops on the upper end of the scale.

UNIDIRECTIONAL OPERATION

Unidirectional operation allows the LTA199 to measure currents through a resistive shunt in one direction. The most frequent case of unidirectional operation sets the output at ground by connecting the REF pin to ground. In unidirectional applications where the highest possible accuracy is desirable at very low inputs, bias the REF pin to a convenient value above 50mV to get the device output swing into the linear range for zero inputs.

A less frequent case of unipolar output biasing is to bias the

output by connecting the REF pin to the supply; in this case, the quiescent output for zero input is at quiescent supply. This configuration would only respond to negative currents (inverted voltage polarity at the device input).

BIDIRECTIONAL OPERATION

Bidirectional operation allows the LTA199 to measure currents through a resistive shunt in two directions. In this case, the output can be set anywhere within the limits of what the reference inputs allow (that is, between 0V to V_{S+}). Typically, it is set at half-scale for equal range in both directions. In some cases, however, it is set at a voltage other than half-scale when the bidirectional current is nonsymmetrical.

The quiescent output voltage is set by applying voltage to the reference input. Under zero differential input conditions the output assumes the same voltage that is applied to the reference input.

INPUT FILTERING

An obvious and straightforward filtering location is at the device output. However, this location negates the advantage of the low output impedance of the internal buffer. The only other filtering option is at the device input pins. This location, though, does require consideration of the $\pm 30\%$ tolerance of the internal resistances. Figure 2 shows a filter placed at the inputs pins.

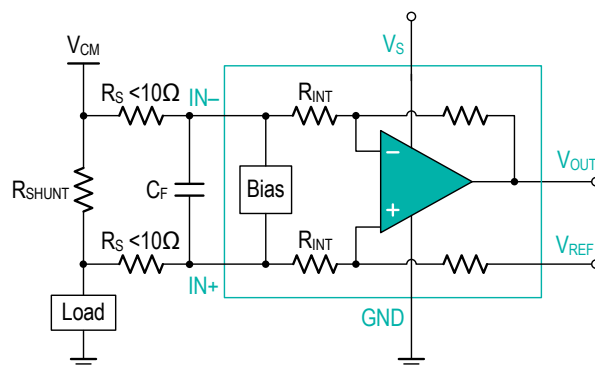


Figure 2. Filter at Input Pins

The addition of external series resistance, however, creates an additional error in the measurement so the value of these series resistors should be kept to 10Ω or less if possible to reduce impact to accuracy. The internal bias network shown in Figure 2 present at the input pins creates a mismatch in input bias currents when a differential voltage is applied between the input pins. If additional external series filter resistors are added to the circuit, the mismatch in bias currents results in a mismatch of voltage drops across the filter resistors. This mismatch creates a differential error voltage that subtracts from the voltage developed at the shunt resistor. This error results in a voltage at the device input pins that is different than the voltage developed across the shunt resistor. Without the additional series resistance, the mismatch in input bias currents has little effect on device operation. The amount of error these external filter resistor add to the measurement can be calculated using Equation 2 where the gain error factor is calculated using Equation 1.

The amount of variance in the differential voltage present at the device input relative to the voltage developed at the

Application Notes (continued)

shunt resistor is based both on the external series resistance value as well as the internal input resistors, R_{INT} as shown in Figure 2. The reduction of the shunt voltage reaching the device input pins appears as a gain error when comparing the output voltage relative to the voltage across the shunt resistor. A factor can be calculated to determine the amount of gain error that is introduced by the addition of external series resistance. The equation used to calculate the expected deviation from the shunt voltage to what is seen at the device input pins is given in Equation 1:

$$\text{Gain Error Factor} = \frac{1250 \times R_{INT}}{1250 \times R_S + 1250 \times R_{INT} + R_S \times R_{INT}}$$

where:

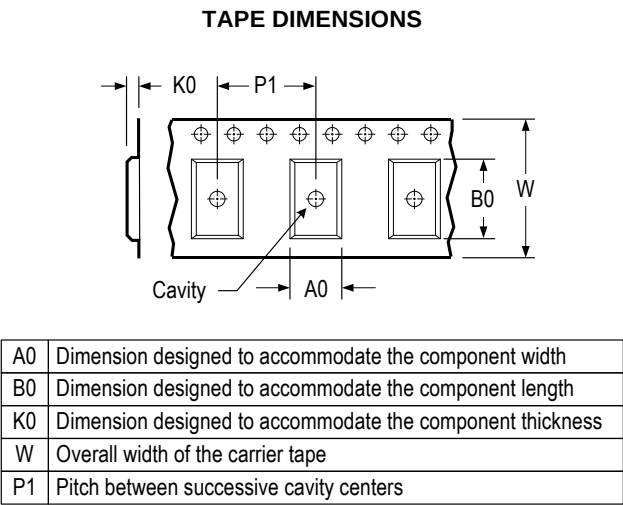
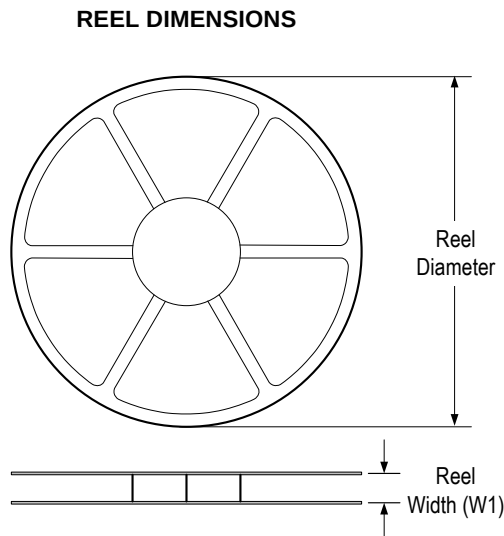
R_{INT} is the internal input resistor (R_3 and R_4 , $10k\Omega$), and R_S is the external series resistance.

The gain error that can be expected from the addition of the external series resistors can then be calculated based on Equation 2:

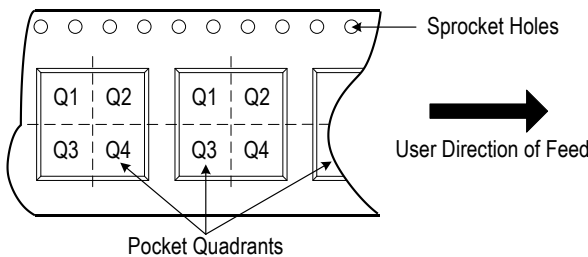
$$\text{Gain Error (\%)} = 100 - (100 \times \text{Gain Error Factor})$$

For LTA199, a series resistance of 10Ω results in a gain error factor of 0.991. The corresponding gain error is then calculated using Equation 2, resulting in a gain error of approximately 0.89% solely because of the external 10Ω series resistors.

Tape and Reel Information



QUADRANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR PIN 1 ORIENTATION IN TAPE

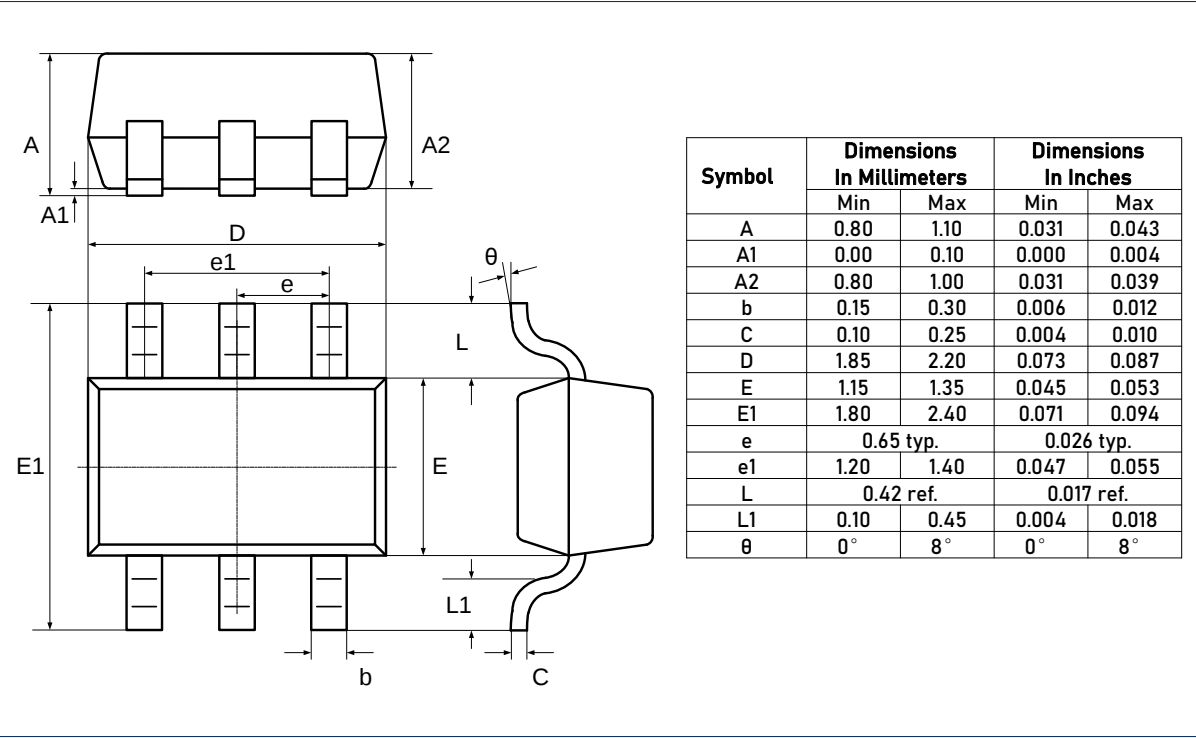


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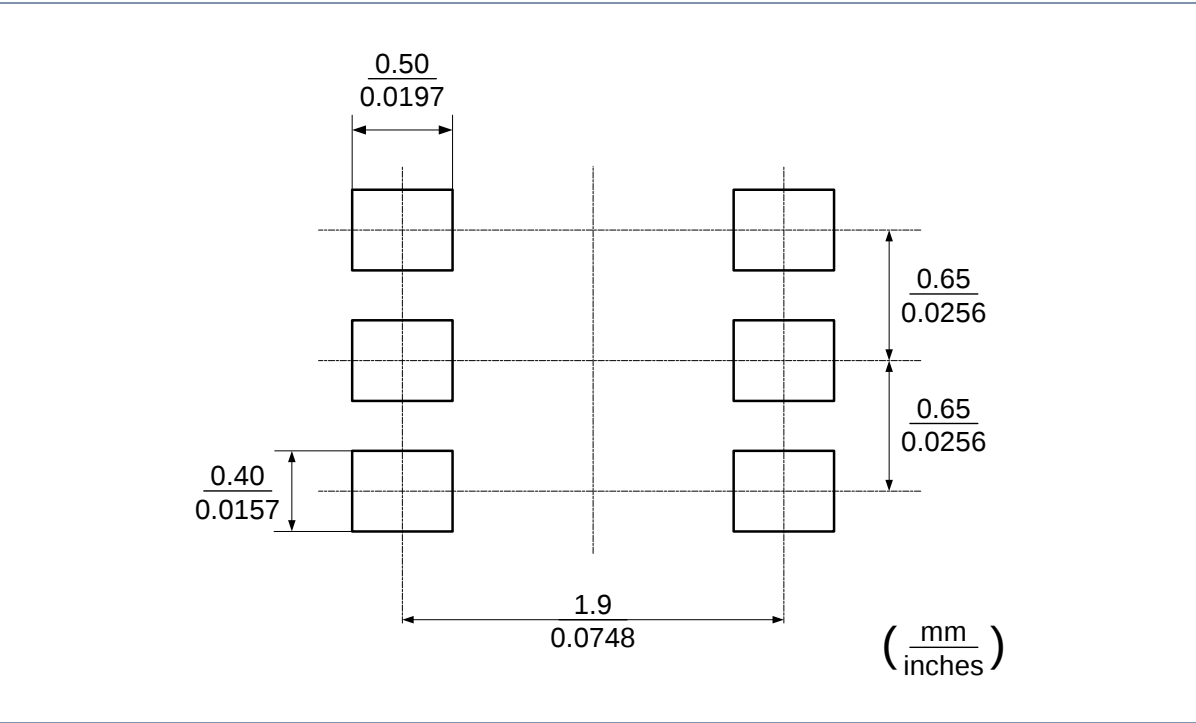
Device	Package Type	Pins	SPQ	Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin 1 Quadrant
LTA199G1XC6/R6	SC70	6	3 000	178	10.0	4.0	3.5	1.5	4.0	8.0	Q3
LTA199G2XC6/R6	SC70	6	3 000	178	10.0	4.0	3.5	1.5	4.0	8.0	Q3
LTA199G3XC6/R6	SC70	6	3 000	178	10.0	4.0	3.5	1.5	4.0	8.0	Q3

Package Outlines

DIMENSIONS, SC70-6L(SOT363)



RECOMMENDED SOLDERING FOOTPRINT, SC70-6L (SOT363)



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