

Triple Linear Regulator Controllers

General Description

The RT9174 is a triple linear regulator controller designed for motherboard application.

The regulators are intended to regulate the computer system AGP (2X/4X) power, the 2.5V clock power, and the 1.8V power for North/South Bridge core voltage and/or cache memory circuits. All controllers can drive NPN or NMOSFET pass transistor. A special scheme empoly driver voltage could be higher than V_{DD} when driving NMOSFET through the 12V power.

The RT9174 future a small SOP-8 package for saving board area. It also builds in current limiting and thermal shutdown protection function.

Ordering Information

RT9174C S

- Package type
S : SOP-8
- Operating temperature range
C: Commercial standard

Features

- Integrated Three Linear Controllers in a SOP-8 Package
- Driving NPN or NMOSFET
- Sourcing (> 100mA) and Sinking (> 5mA) Driver
- Tri-State Output Driver
- Low Internal 0.8V Reference
- Adjustable Output Voltage Setting
- High Output Stability
- V_{DDQ} 1.5/3.3V Automatic Changing for AGP
- Wide 3V ~ 8V Input Voltage Range
- Current Limiting and Thermal Protection

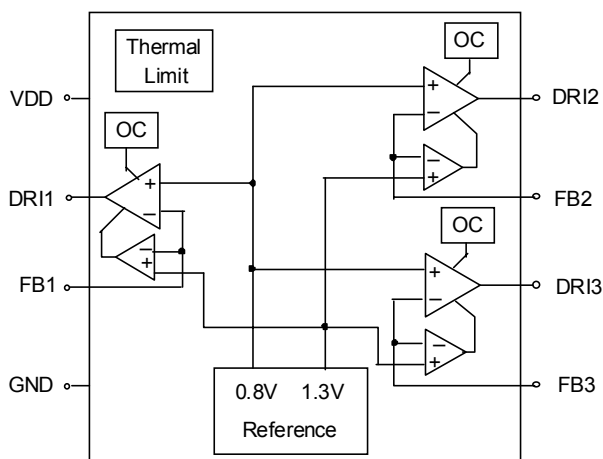
Applications

- Mother Boards Power Supply
- Graphic Cards

Pin Configurations

Part Number	Pin Configurations
RT9174CS (Plastic SOP-8)	TOP VIEW VDD [1] [8] DRI 3 DRI 1 [2] [7] FB3 FB1 [3] [6] DRI 2 GND [4] [5] FB2

Function Block Diagram



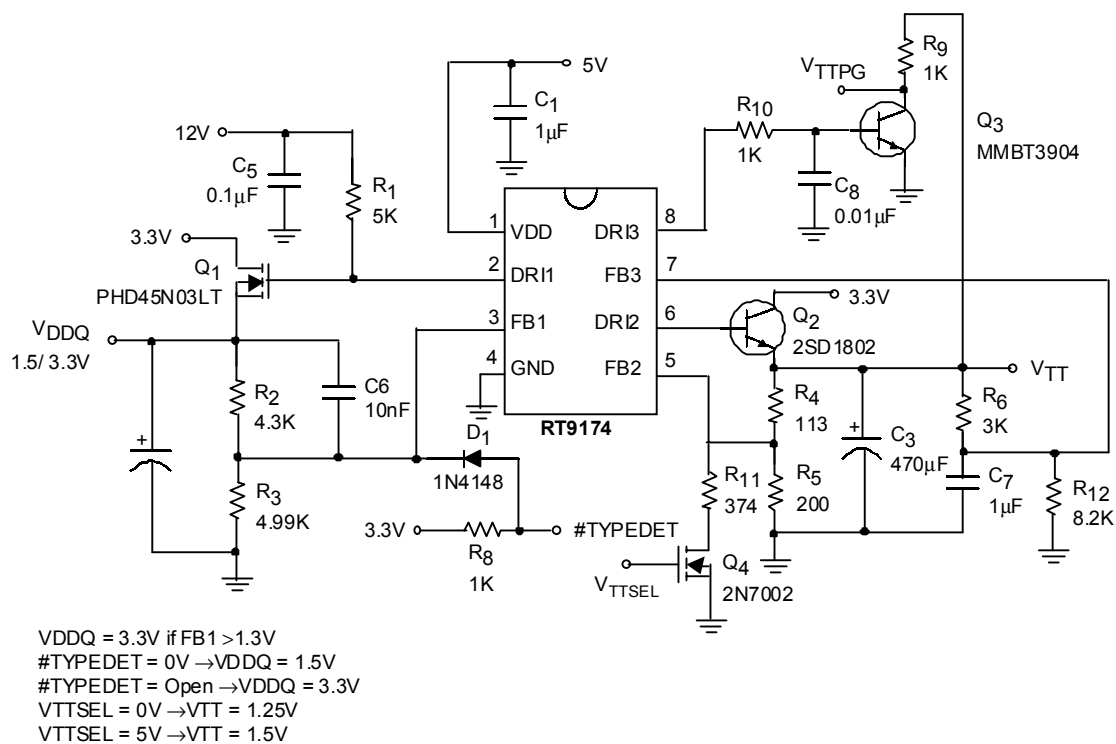


Fig 2. Dual LDOs with V_{TTPG} for VRM8.5 Application

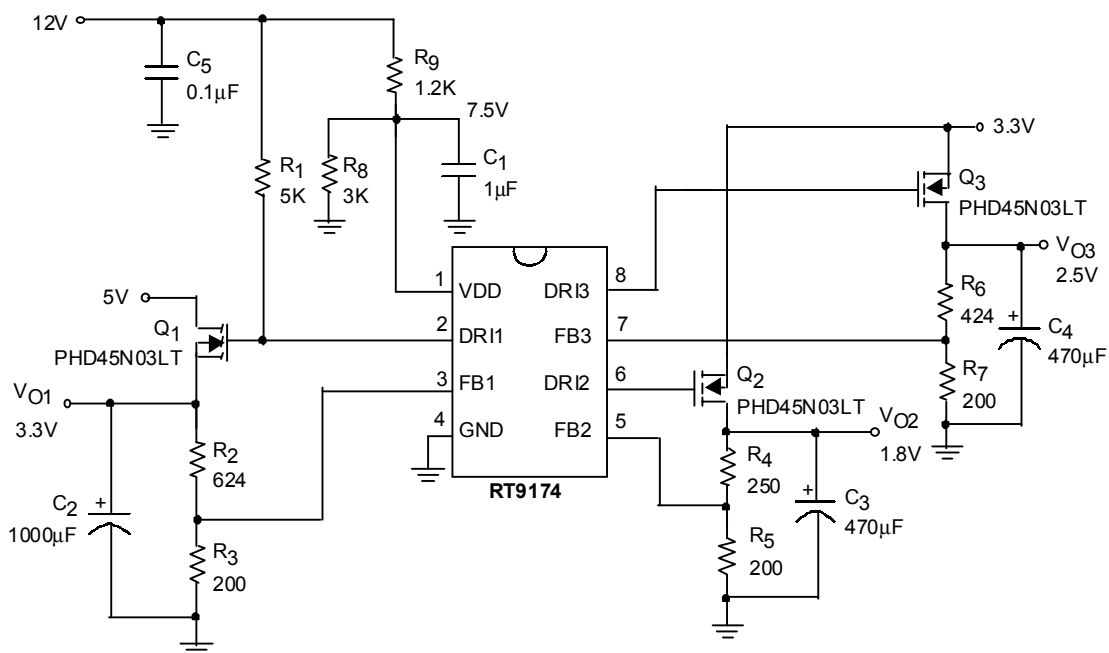


Fig 3. Triple LDOs Driving MOS Application

Absolute Maximum Ratings

- Input Voltage V_{DD} 8V
- Feedback FB1/FB2/FB3 -0.3 ~ 8V
- Driver DRI1/DRI2/DRI3 -0.3 ~ 12V
- Power Dissipation, P_D @ $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$
 SOP-8 0.625W
- Package Thermal Resistance
 SOP-8, θ_{JA} 160°C/W
- Operating Junction Temperature Range $-40^\circ\text{C} \sim 125^\circ\text{C}$
- Storage Temperature Range $65^\circ\text{C} \sim 150^\circ\text{C}$

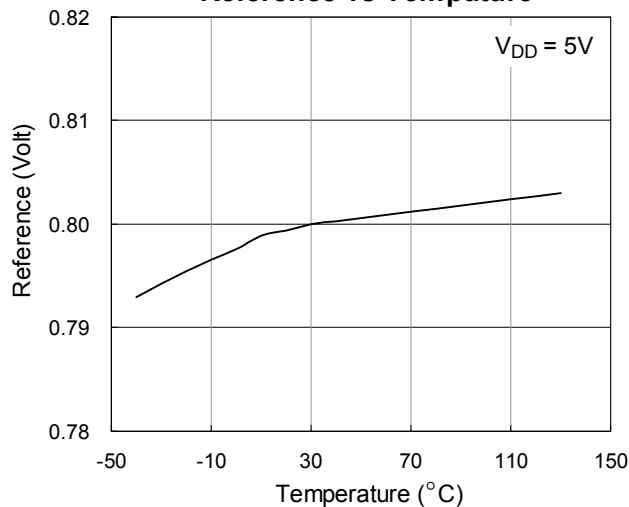
Electrical Characteristics

($V_{DD} = 5\text{V}$, $C_{IN} = 1\mu\text{F}$, $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, unless otherwise specified)

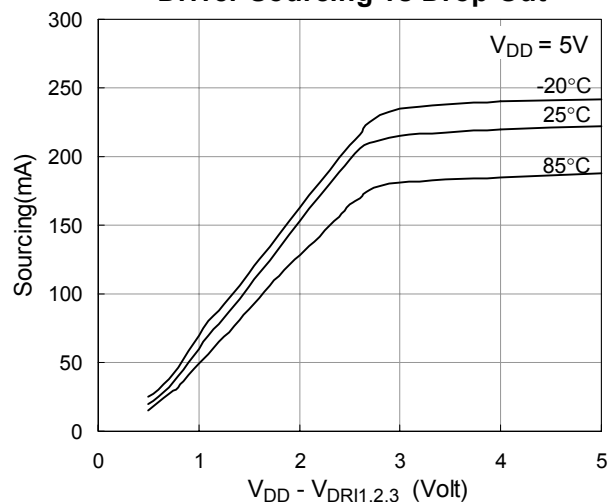
Parameter	Symbol	Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Supply Current	I_{DD}	No Load		0.8	2	mA
Feedback Reference Voltage	V_{REF}	No Load	0.78	0.8	0.82	V
Line Regulation	ΔV_{LINE}	$V_{DD} = 4\text{V} \sim 7\text{V}$		2	10	mV
Load Regulation	ΔV_{LOAD}	Source 100mA, DRI1/DRI2/DRI3 = 2.5V		5	10	mV
		Sink 5mA, DRI1/DRI2/DRI3 = 2.5V		10	15	
Driving Capability	I_O	Sourcing, DRI1/DRI2/DRI3 = 2.5V	100			mA
		Sink DRI1/DRI2/DRI3 = 2.5V	5			
Driver Current Limiting	I_{CL}	Sourcing, DRI1/DRI2/DRI3 = 2.5V		300	700	mA
		Sink DRI1/DRI2/DRI3 = 2.5V		40	150	
Driver Tri-State Threshold	V_{TS}	Sweep FB1/FB2/FB3 to Driver Output Off	1.0	1.35	2.0	V
Thermal Limit				150		$^\circ\text{C}$
Power On Reset Voltage	POR			2.4		V

Typical Operating Characteristics

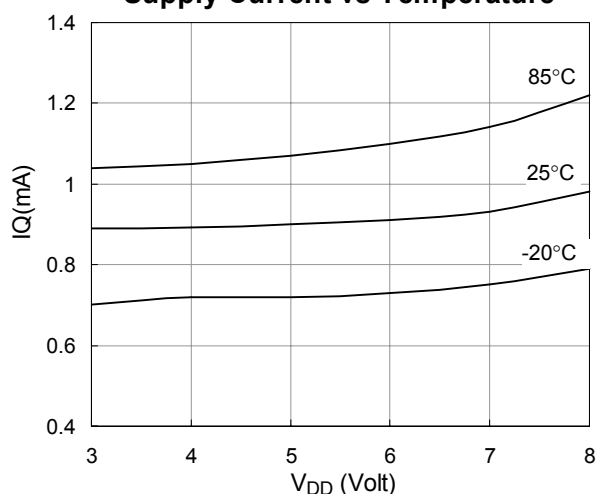
Reference vs Temperature



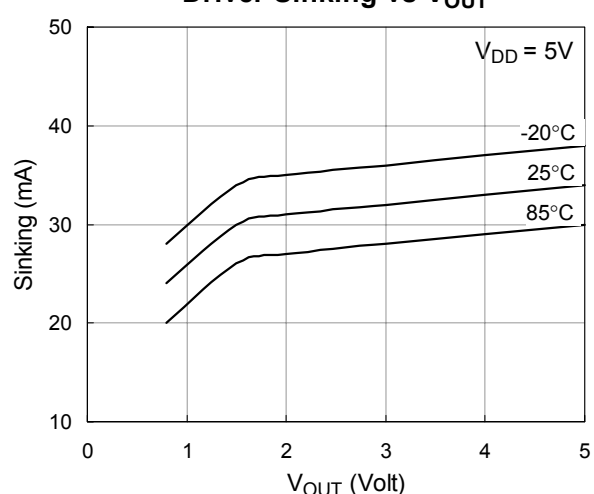
Driver Sourcing vs Drop Out



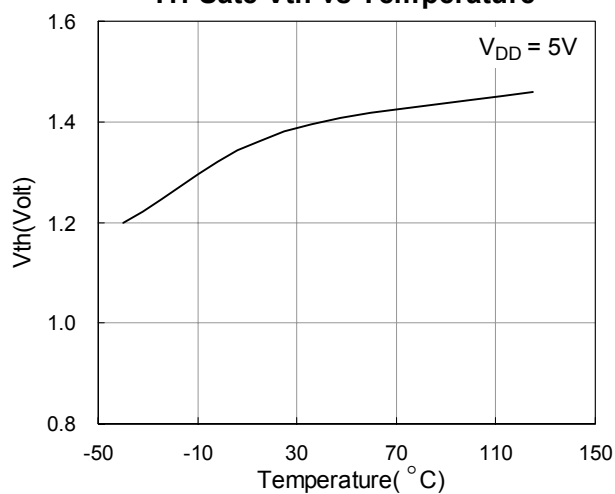
Supply Current vs Temperature



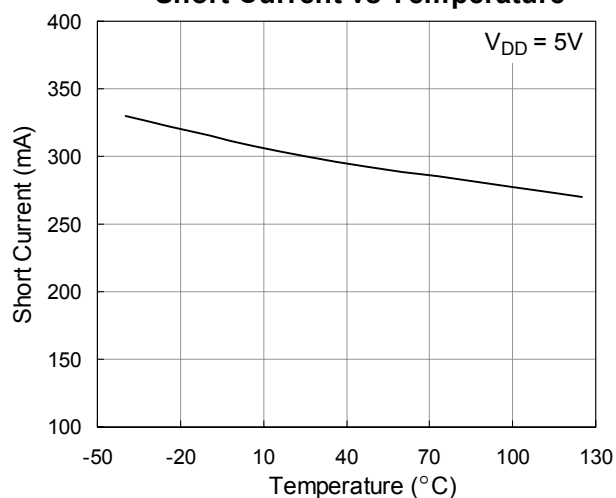
Driver Sinking vs V_{OUT}



Tri-Sate Vth vs Temperature



Short Current vs Temperature



Applications Information

Capacitors Selection

A 0.1 μ F minimum capacitor is recommended between V_{DD} and ground to increase stability. The linear controllers use dominant pole compensation integrated into the error amplifier and are sensitive to output capacitor selection. When driving external pass transistor, normally a minimum 470 μ F capacitor must be placed at output for stability and good transient response. When using internal pass transistor, just need 10 μ F capacitor for stable.

Pass Transistor Selection

The RT9174 are designed specifically to driver external NPN or NMOSFET pass transistor for up to 5A output current. The driver could deliver more 100mA when driving NPN transistor and sinking for a pull up resistor load when driving a NMOSFET.

Typically pass transistor with NPN $h_{fe} > 50$ at I_{max} or NMOSFET R_{ds-on} 100m Ω are suitable in most application.

Output Voltage Setting

The RT9174 develop a 0.8V reference voltage, especially suit for low voltage application. As shown in Fig. 4, the output voltage could be easy set by R1 & R2 resistor. The divided resistor must keep below 1K Ω for quick response and stability.

Tri-state Operation

A special Tri-state design is employed in the RT9174 for AGP 2X/4X power supply. Typical application shown the detail circuit. In AGP 2X SELECT = open, FB1 will be pulled up over 1.3V through R_8 to trip the Tri-state threshold. R_8 has to meet the following relationship:

$$R_8 < 0.75 (V_{33} - 1.3) \times R_2,$$

$$\text{if } \frac{R_3 + R_2}{R_3} \times 0.8 = 1.5.$$

When in AGP 4X SELECT = GND, V_{DDQ} will work in normal 1.5V setting.

Layout Considerations

There are two critical layout considerations. One is the divider resistors should be located to RT9174 as possible to avoid inducing any noise. The second is C_{OUT} should be put at near the pass transistor to avoid oscillation.

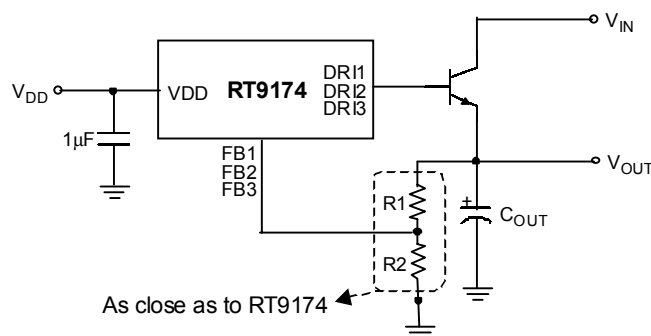
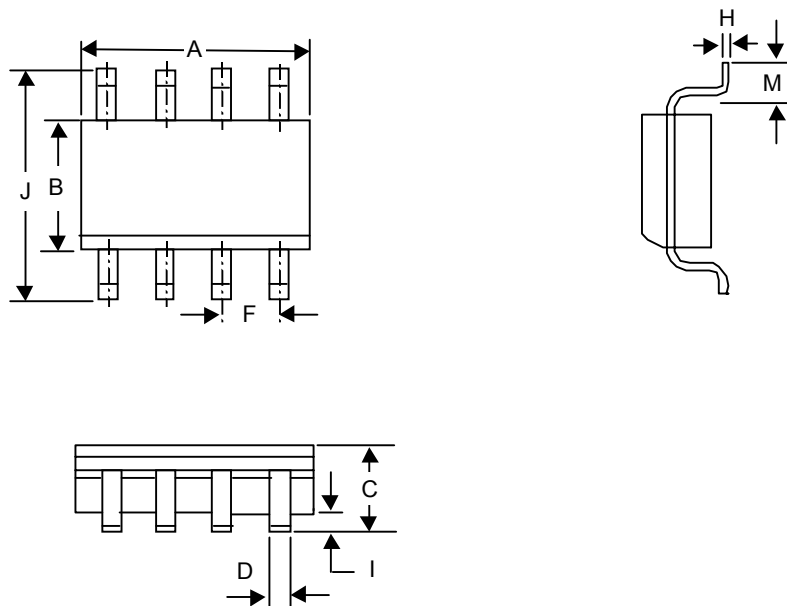


Fig 4

Package Information



Symbol	Dimensions In Millimeters		Dimensions In Inches	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
A	4.801	5.004	0.189	0.197
B	3.810	3.988	0.150	0.157
C	1.346	1.753	0.053	0.069
D	0.330	0.508	0.013	0.020
F	1.194	1.346	0.047	0.053
H	0.178	0.254	0.007	0.010
I	0.102	0.254	0.004	0.010
J	5.791	6.198	0.228	0.244
M	0.406	1.270	0.016	0.050

8-Lead SOP Plastic Package

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