

## Negative voltage regulators

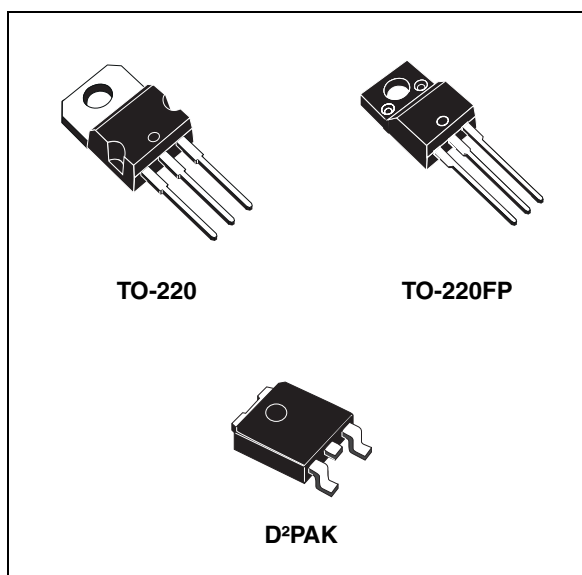
### Features

- Output current up to 1.5 A
- Output voltages of -5; -8; -12; -15; -20 V
- Thermal overload protection
- Short circuit protection
- Output transition SOA protection

### Description

The L79xxC series of three-terminal negative regulators is available in TO-220, TO-220FP and D<sup>2</sup>PAK packages and several fixed output voltages, making it useful in a wide range of applications. These regulators can provide local on-card regulation, eliminating the distribution problems associated with single point regulation; furthermore, having the same voltage option as the L78xx positive standard series, they are particularly suited for split power supplies. If adequate heat sinking is provided, they can deliver over 1.5 A output current.

Although designed primarily as fixed voltage regulators, these devices can be used with external components to obtain adjustable voltages and currents.



**Table 1. Device summary**

Part numbers	Order codes			Output voltages
	TO-220 (A type)	D <sup>2</sup> PAK	TO-220FP	
L7905C	L7905CV	L7905CD2T-TR	L7905CP	-5 V
L7908C	L7908CV			-8 V
L7912C	L7912CV	L7912CD2T-TR	L7912CP	-12 V
L7915C	L7915CV	L7915CD2T-TR	L7915CP	-15 V
L7920C		L7920CD2T-TR <sup>(1)</sup>		-20 V

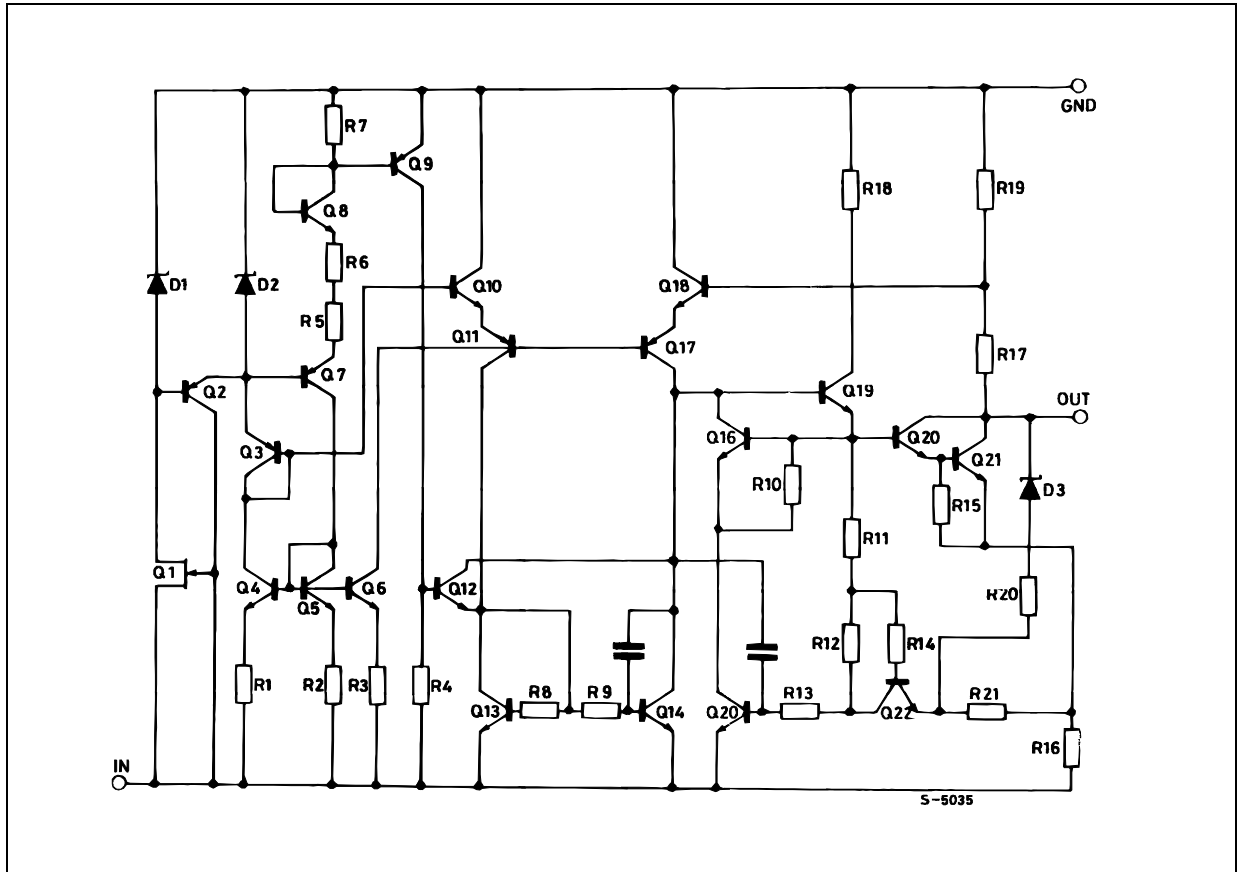
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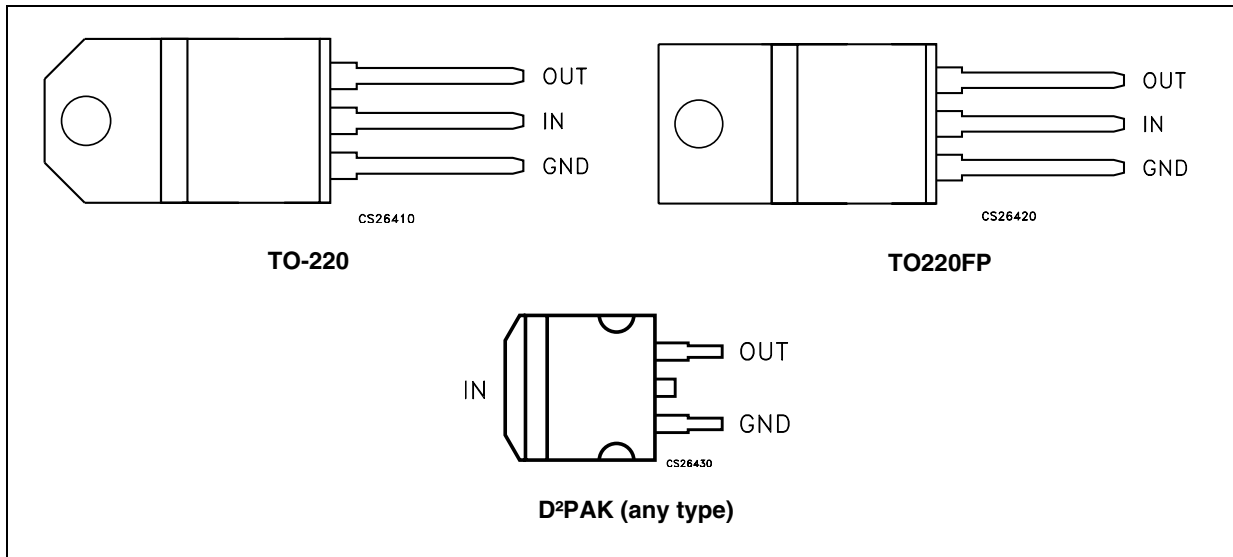
# 1 Diagram

Figure 1. Schematic diagram



## 2 Pin configuration

Figure 2. Pin connections (top view)



### 3 Maximum ratings

**Table 2. Absolute maximum ratings**

Symbol	Parameter		Value	Unit
$V_I$	DC input voltage	for $V_O = -5$ to $-18$ V	-35	V
		for $V_O = -20$ to $-24$ V	-40	
$I_O$	Output current		Internally limited	
$P_D$	Power dissipation		Internally limited	
$T_{STG}$	Storage temperature range		-65 to 150	°C
$T_{OP}$	Operating junction temperature range		0 to 150	°C

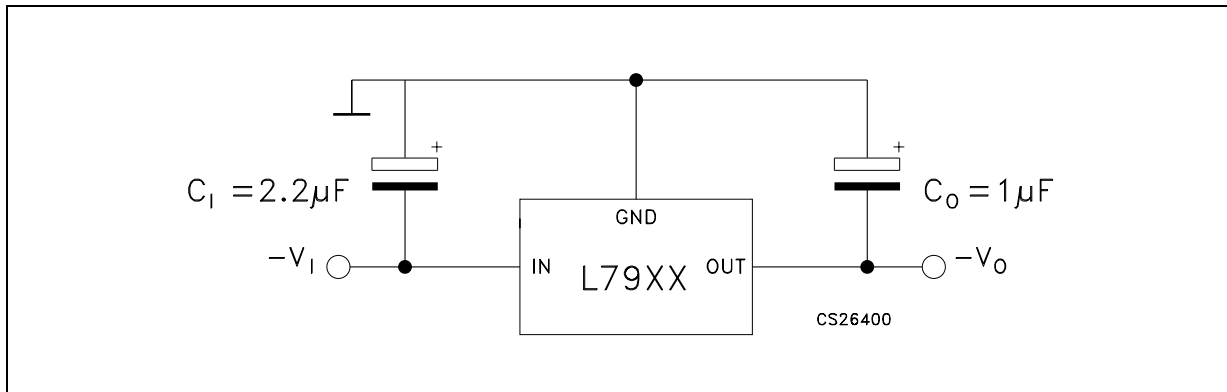
*Note: Absolute maximum ratings are those values beyond which damage to the device may occur. Functional operation under these condition is not implied.*

**Table 3. Thermal data**

Symbol	Parameter	D <sup>2</sup> PAK	TO-220	TO-220FP	Unit
$R_{thJC}$	Thermal resistance junction-case	3	3	5	°C/W
$R_{thJA}$	Thermal resistance junction-ambient	62.5	50	60	°C/W

# 4 Test circuit

Figure 3. Test circuit



## 5 Electrical characteristics

Refer to the test circuits,  $T_J = 0$  to  $125$  °C,  $V_I = -10$  V,  $I_O = 500$  mA,  $C_I = 2.2$   $\mu$ F,  $C_O = 1$   $\mu$ F unless otherwise specified.

**Table 4. Electrical characteristics of L7905C**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$V_O$	Output voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	-4.8	-5	-5.2	V
$V_O$	Output voltage	$I_O = -5$ mA to $-1$ A, $P_O \leq 15$ W $V_I = -8$ to $-20$ V	-4.75	-5	-5.25	V
$\Delta V_O^{(1)}$	Line regulation	$V_I = -7$ to $-25$ V, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			100	mV
		$V_I = -8$ to $-12$ V, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			50	
$\Delta V_O^{(1)}$	Load regulation	$I_O = 5$ mA to $1.5$ A, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			100	mV
		$I_O = 250$ to $750$ mA, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			50	
$I_d$	Quiescent current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			3	mA
$\Delta I_d$	Quiescent current change	$I_O = 5$ mA to $1$ A			0.5	mA
		$V_I = -8$ to $-25$ V			1.3	
$\Delta V_O/\Delta T$	Output voltage drift	$I_O = 5$ mA		-0.4		mV/°C
eN	Output noise voltage	$B = 10$ Hz to $100$ kHz, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		100		$\mu$ V
SVR	Supply voltage rejection	$\Delta V_I = 10$ V, $f = 120$ Hz	54	60		dB
$V_d$	Dropout voltage	$I_O = 1$ A, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $\Delta V_O = 100$ mV		1.4		V
$I_{sc}$	Short circuit current			2.1		A

1. Load and line regulation are specified at constant junction temperature. Changes in  $V_O$  due to heating effects must be taken into account separately. Pulse testing with low duty cycle is used.

Refer to the test circuits,  $T_J = 0$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_I = -14\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 500\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 2.2\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$  unless otherwise specified.

**Table 5. Electrical characteristics of L7908C**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$V_O$	Output voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	-7.7	-8	-8.3	V
$V_O$	Output voltage	$I_O = -5\text{ mA to } -1\text{ A}$ , $P_O \leq 15\text{ W}$ $V_I = -11.5\text{ to } -23\text{ V}$	-7.6	-8	-8.4	V
$\Delta V_O^{(1)}$	Line regulation	$V_I = -10.5\text{ to } -25\text{ V}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			160	mV
		$V_I = -11\text{ to } -17\text{ V}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			80	
$\Delta V_O^{(1)}$	Load regulation	$I_O = 5\text{ mA to } 1.5\text{ A}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			160	mV
		$I_O = 250\text{ to } 750\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			80	
$I_d$	Quiescent current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			3	mA
$\Delta I_d$	Quiescent current change	$I_O = 5\text{ mA to } 1\text{ A}$			0.5	mA
		$V_I = -11.5\text{ to } -25\text{ V}$			1	
$\Delta V_O/\Delta T$	Output voltage drift	$I_O = 5\text{ mA}$		-0.6		mV/ $^\circ\text{C}$
eN	Output noise voltage	$B = 10\text{ Hz to } 100\text{ kHz}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		175		$\mu\text{V}$
SVR	Supply voltage rejection	$\Delta V_I = 10\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$	54	60		dB
$V_d$	Dropout voltage	$I_O = 1\text{ A}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $\Delta V_O = 100\text{ mV}$		1.1		V
$I_{sc}$	Short circuit current			1.5		A

1. Load and line regulation are specified at constant junction temperature. Changes in  $V_O$  due to heating effects must be taken into account separately. Pulse testing with low duty cycle is used.



Refer to the test circuits,  $T_J = 0$  to  $125$  °C,  $V_I = -19$  V,  $I_O = 500$  mA,  $C_I = 2.2$   $\mu$ F,  $C_O = 1$   $\mu$ F unless otherwise specified.

**Table 6. Electrical characteristics of L7912C**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$V_O$	Output voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	-11.5	-12	-12.5	V
$V_O$	Output voltage	$I_O = -5$ mA to $-1$ A, $P_O \leq 15$ W $V_I = -15.5$ to $-27$ V	-11.4	-12	-12.6	V
$\Delta V_O^{(1)}$	Line regulation	$V_I = -14.5$ to $-30$ V, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			240	mV
		$V_I = -16$ to $-22$ V, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			120	
$\Delta V_O^{(1)}$	Load regulation	$I_O = 5$ mA to $1.5$ A, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			240	mV
		$I_O = 250$ to $750$ mA, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			120	
$I_d$	Quiescent current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			3	mA
$\Delta I_d$	Quiescent current change	$I_O = 5$ mA to $1$ A			0.5	mA
		$V_I = -15$ to $-30$ V			1	
$\Delta V_O/\Delta T$	Output voltage drift	$I_O = 5$ mA		-0.8		mV/°C
eN	Output noise voltage	$B = 10$ Hz to $100$ kHz, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		200		$\mu$ V
SVR	Supply voltage rejection	$\Delta V_I = 10$ V, $f = 120$ Hz	54	60		dB
$V_d$	Dropout voltage	$I_O = 1$ A, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $\Delta V_O = 100$ mV		1.1		V
$I_{sc}$	Short circuit current			1.5		A

1. Load and line regulation are specified at constant junction temperature. Changes in  $V_O$  due to heating effects must be taken into account separately. Pulse testing with low duty cycle is used.

Refer to the test circuits,  $T_J = 0$  to  $125\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $V_I = -23\text{ V}$ ,  $I_O = 500\text{ mA}$ ,  $C_I = 2.2\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_O = 1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$  unless otherwise specified.

**Table 7. Electrical characteristics of L7915C**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$V_O$	Output voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	-14.4	-15	-15.6	V
$V_O$	Output voltage	$I_O = -5\text{ mA to } -1\text{ A}$ , $P_O \leq 15\text{ W}$ $V_I = -18.5\text{ to } -30\text{ V}$	-14.3	-15	-15.7	V
$\Delta V_O^{(1)}$	Line regulation	$V_I = -17.5\text{ to } -30\text{ V}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			300	mV
		$V_I = -20\text{ to } -26\text{ V}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			150	
$\Delta V_O^{(1)}$	Load regulation	$I_O = 5\text{ mA to } 1.5\text{ A}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			300	mV
		$I_O = 250\text{ to } 750\text{ mA}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			150	
$I_d$	Quiescent current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			3	mA
$\Delta I_d$	Quiescent current change	$I_O = 5\text{ mA to } 1\text{ A}$			0.5	mA
		$V_I = -18.5\text{ to } -30\text{ V}$			1	
$\Delta V_O/\Delta T$	Output voltage drift	$I_O = 5\text{ mA}$		-0.9		mV/°C
eN	Output noise voltage	$B = 10\text{ Hz to } 100\text{ kHz}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		250		$\mu\text{V}$
SVR	Supply voltage rejection	$\Delta V_I = 10\text{ V}$ , $f = 120\text{ Hz}$	54	60		dB
$V_d$	Dropout voltage	$I_O = 1\text{ A}$ , $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $\Delta V_O = 100\text{ mV}$		1.1		V
$I_{sc}$	Short circuit current			1.3		A

1. Load and line regulation are specified at constant junction temperature. Changes in  $V_O$  due to heating effects must be taken into account separately. Pulse testing with low duty cycle is used.

Refer to the test circuits,  $T_J = 0$  to  $125$  °C,  $V_I = -29$  V,  $I_O = 500$  mA,  $C_I = 2.2$   $\mu$ F,  $C_O = 1$   $\mu$ F unless otherwise specified.

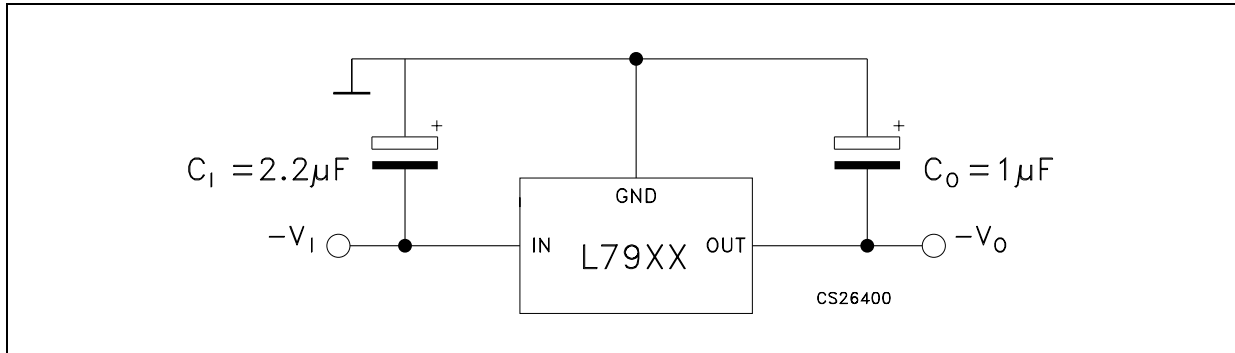
**Table 8. Electrical characteristics of L7920C**

Symbol	Parameter	Test conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
$V_O$	Output voltage	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$	-19.2	-20	-20.8	V
$V_O$	Output voltage	$I_O = -5$ mA to $-1$ A, $P_O \leq 15$ W $V_I = -24$ to $-35$ V	-19	-20	-21	V
$\Delta V_O^{(1)}$	Line regulation	$V_I = -23$ to $-35$ V, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			400	mV
		$V_I = -26$ to $-32$ V, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			200	
$\Delta V_O^{(1)}$	Load regulation	$I_O = 5$ mA to $1.5$ A, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			400	mV
		$I_O = 250$ to $750$ mA, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			200	
$I_d$	Quiescent current	$T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$			3	mA
$\Delta I_d$	Quiescent current change	$I_O = 5$ mA to $1$ A			0.5	mA
		$V_I = -24$ to $-35$ V			1	
$\Delta V_O/\Delta T$	Output voltage drift	$I_O = 5$ mA		-1.1		mV/°C
eN	Output noise voltage	$B = 10$ Hz to $100$ kHz, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$		350		$\mu$ V
SVR	Supply voltage rejection	$\Delta V_I = 10$ V, $f = 120$ Hz	54	60		dB
$V_d$	Dropout voltage	$I_O = 1$ A, $T_J = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , $\Delta V_O = 100$ mV		1.1		V
$I_{sc}$	Short circuit current			0.9		A

1. Load and line regulation are specified at constant junction temperature. Changes in  $V_O$  due to heating effects must be taken into account separately. Pulse testing with low duty cycle is used.

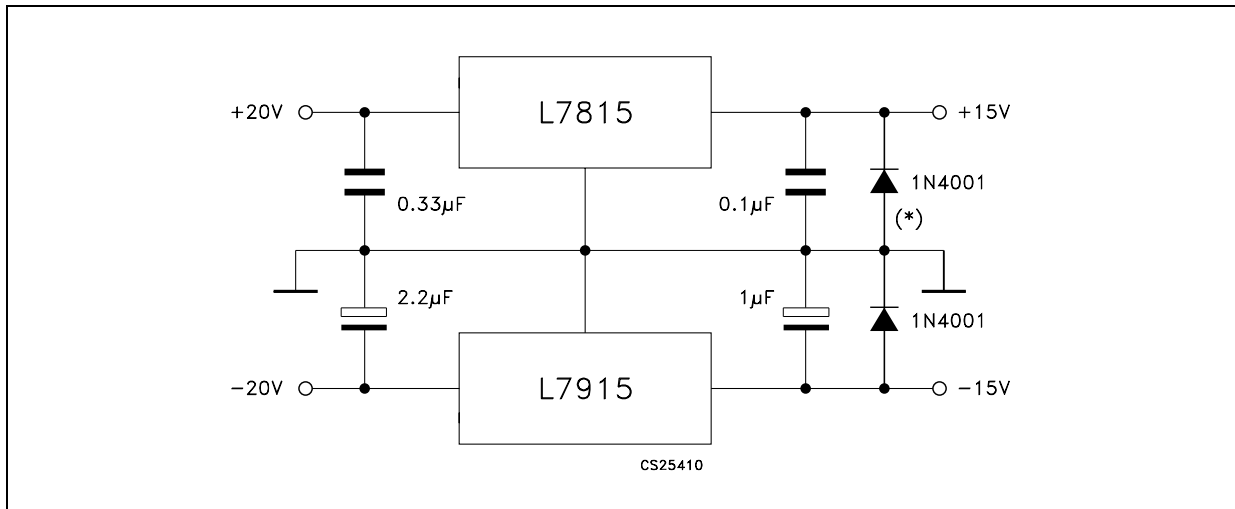
## 6 Application information

Figure 4. Fixed output regulator



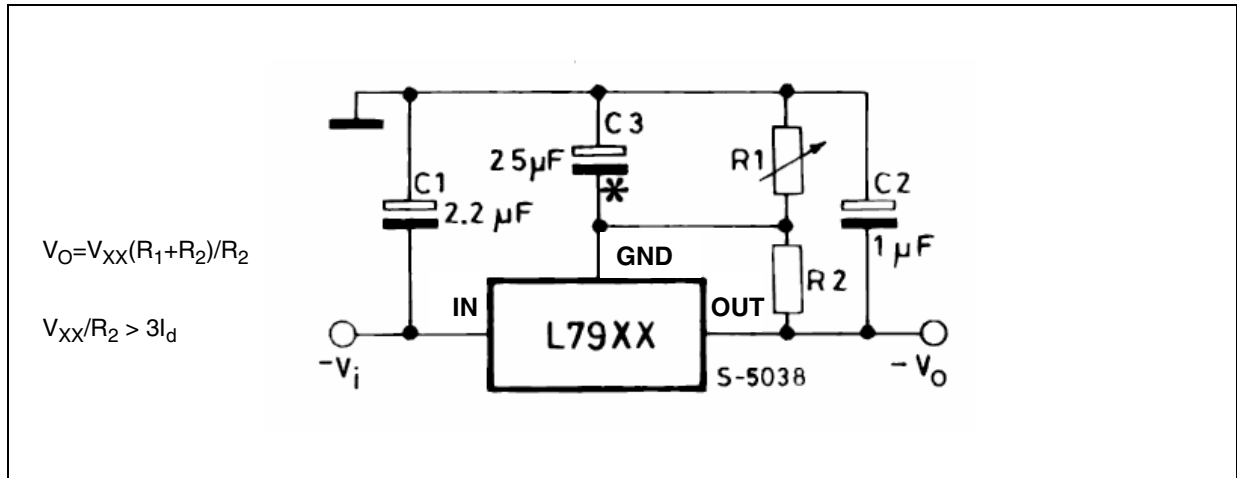
1. To specify an output voltage, substitute voltage value for "XX".
2. Required for stability. For value given, capacitor must be solid tantalum. If aluminium electrolytic are used, at least ten times value should be selected. C1 is required if regulator is located an appreciable distance from power supply filter.
3. To improve transient response. If large capacitors are used, a high current diode from input to output (1N4001 or similar) should be introduced to protect the device from momentary input short circuit.

Figure 5. Split power supply ( $\pm 15\text{ V} - 1\text{ A}$ )



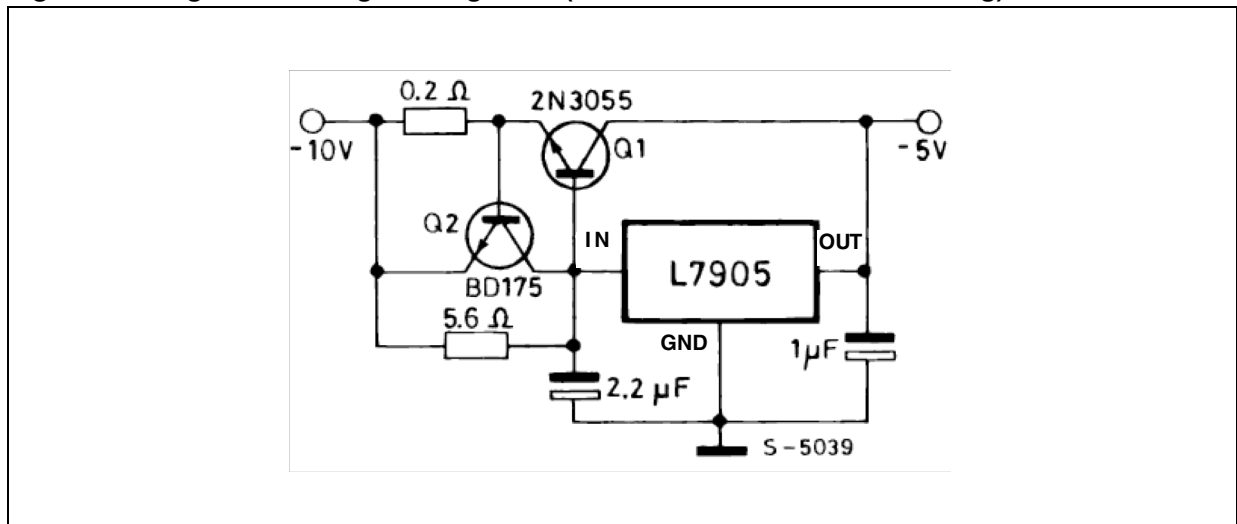
(\*) Against potential latch-up problems.

Figure 6. Circuit for increasing output voltage



C3 Optional for improved transient response and ripple rejection.

Figure 7. High current negative regulator (-5 V / 4 A with 5 A current limiting)



## 7 Package mechanical data

In order to meet environmental requirements, ST offers these devices in different grades of ECOPACK® packages, depending on their level of environmental compliance. ECOPACK® specifications, grade definitions and product status are available at: [www.st.com](http://www.st.com). ECOPACK® is an ST trademark.

**Table 9. TO-220 mechanical data**

Dim.	Type STD - ST Dual Gauge			Type STD - ST Single Gauge		
	mm.			mm.		
	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.
A	4.40		4.60	4.40		4.60
b	0.61		0.88	0.61		0.88
b1	1.14		1.70	1.14		1.70
c	0.48		0.70	0.48		0.70
D	15.25		15.75	15.25		15.75
D1		1.27				
E	10.00		10.40	10.00		10.40
e	2.40		2.70	2.40		2.70
e1	4.95		5.15	4.95		5.15
F	1.23		1.32	0.51		0.60
H1	6.20		6.60	6.20		6.60
J1	2.40		2.72	2.40		2.72
L	13.00		14.00	13.00		14.00
L1	3.50		3.93	3.50		3.93
L20		16.40			16.40	
L30		28.90			28.90	
∅P	3.75		3.85	3.75		3.85
Q	2.65		2.95	2.65		2.95

*In spite of some difference in tolerances, the packages are compatible.*

Figure 8. Drawing dimension TO-220 (type STD-ST Dual Gauge)

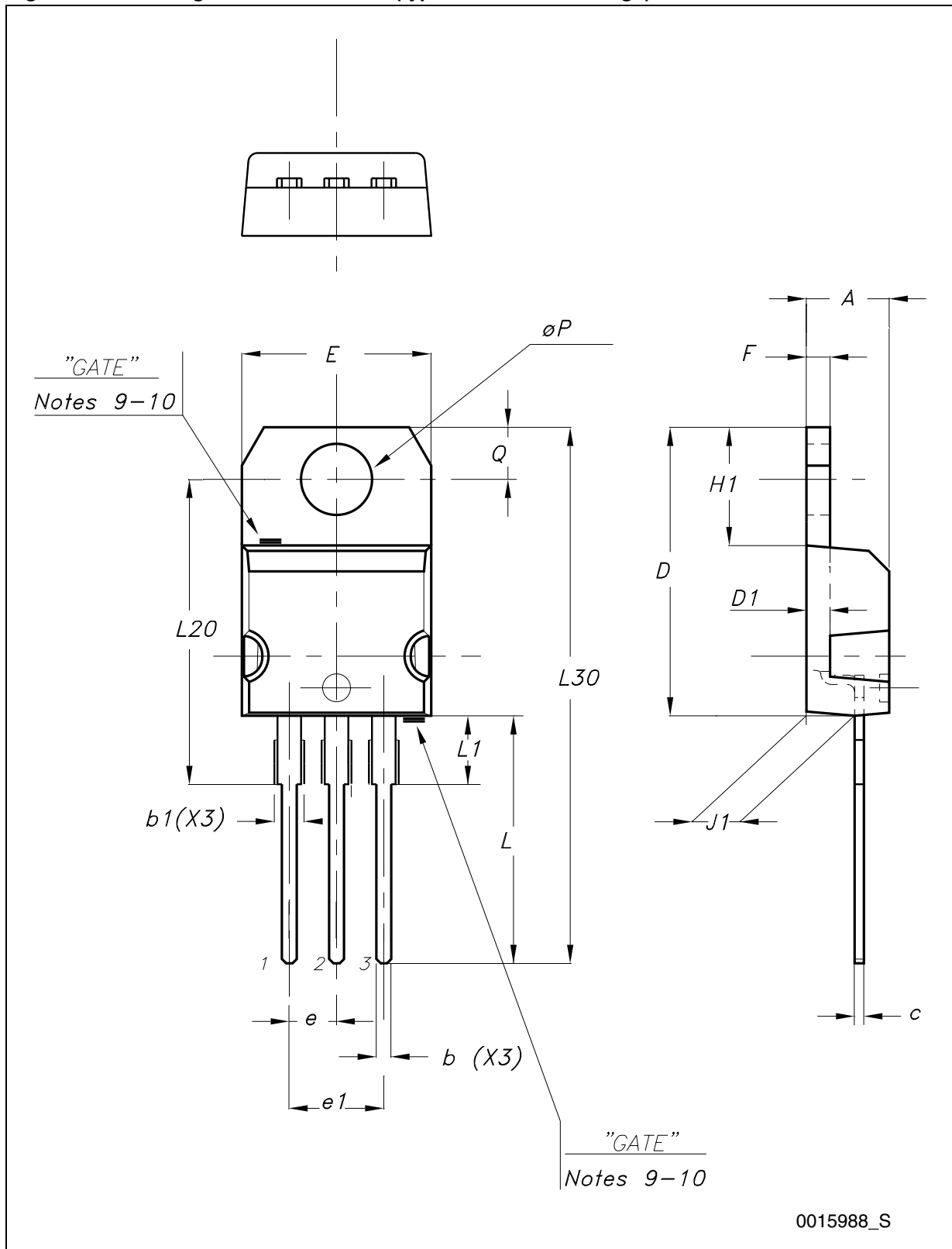


Figure 9. Drawing dimension TO-220 (type STD-ST Single Gauge)

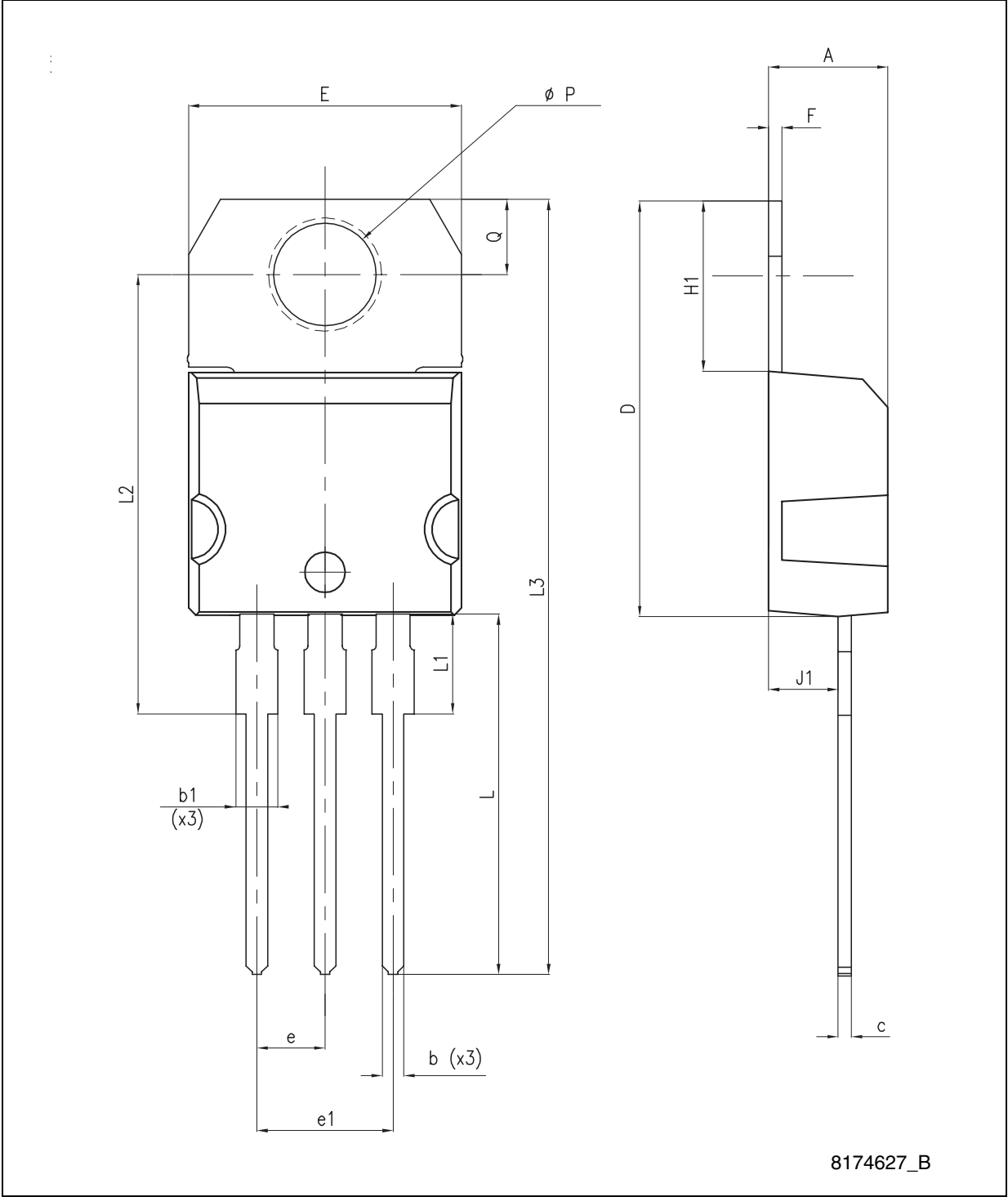




Figure 10. Drawing dimension tube for TO-220 Dual Gauge (mm)

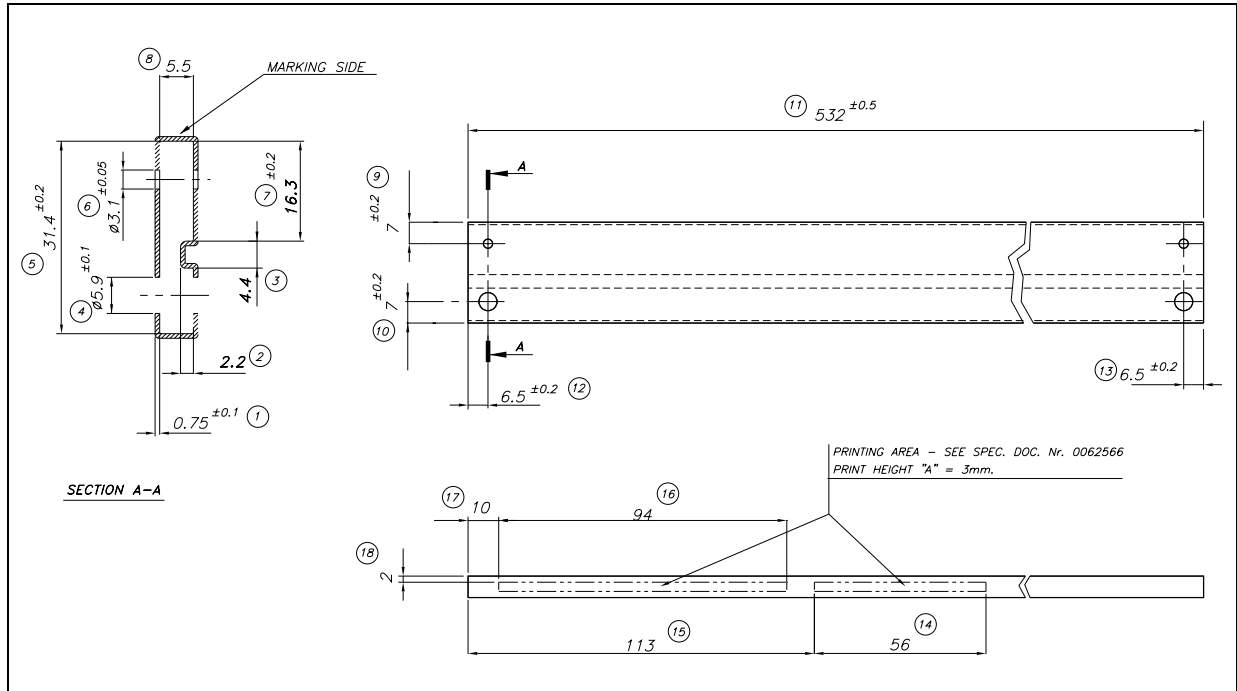
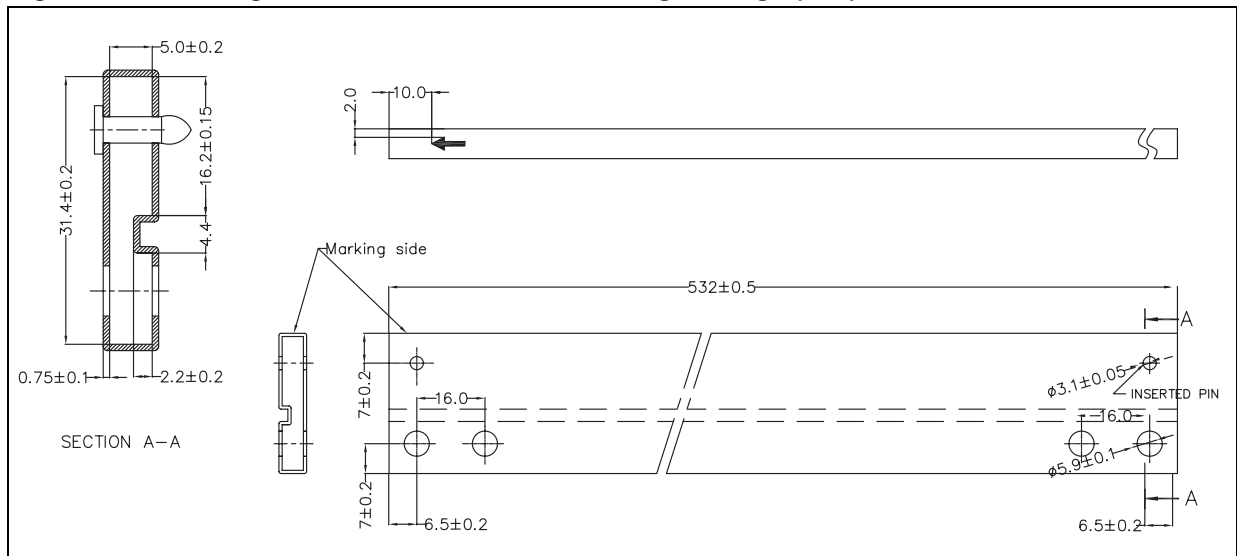


Figure 11. Drawing dimension tube for TO-220 Single Gauge (mm)



**TO-220FP mechanical data**

Dim.	mm.			inch.		
	Min.	Typ	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.
A	4.40		4.60	0.173		0.181
B	2.5		2.7	0.098		0.106
D	2.5		2.75	0.098		0.108
E	0.45		0.70	0.017		0.027
F	0.75		1	0.030		0.039
F1	1.15		1.50	0.045		0.059
F2	1.15		1.50	0.045		0.059
G	4.95		5.2	0.194		0.204
G1	2.4		2.7	0.094		0.106
H	10.0		10.40	0.393		0.409
L2		16			0.630	
L3	28.6		30.6	1.126		1.204
L4	9.8		10.6	0.385		0.417
L5	2.9		3.6	0.114		0.142
L6	15.9		16.4	0.626		0.645
L7	9		9.3	0.354		0.366
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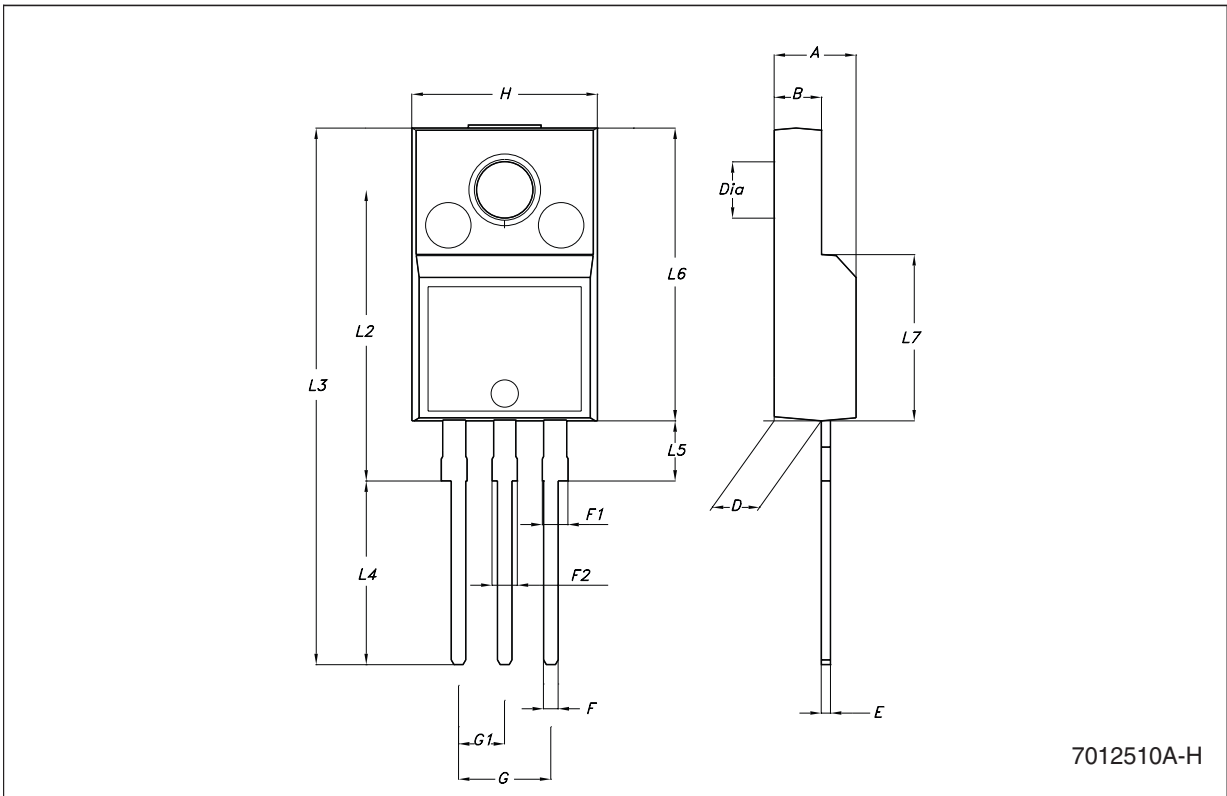


Figure 12. Drawing dimension D<sup>2</sup>PAK (type STD-ST)

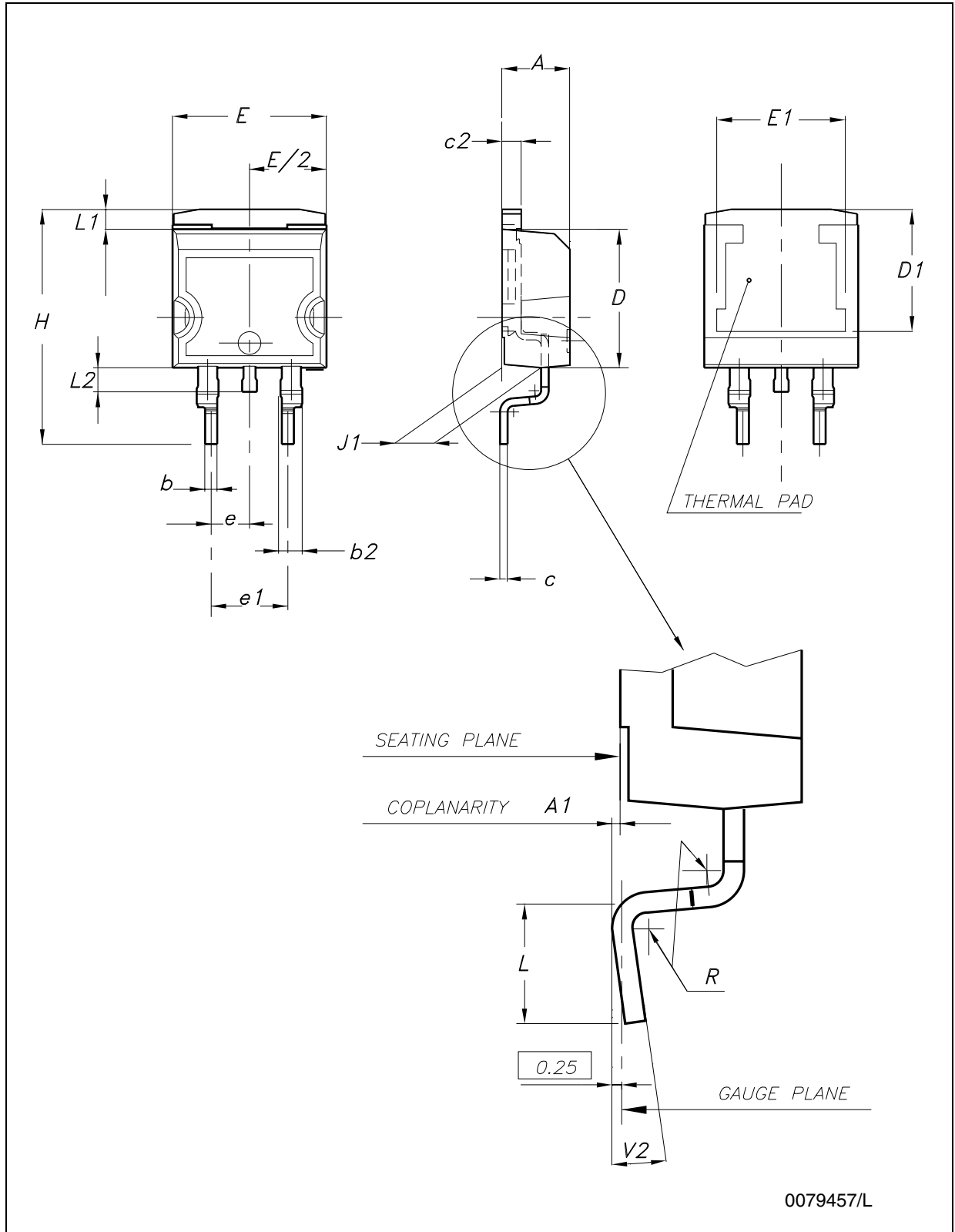


Figure 13. Drawing dimension D<sup>2</sup>PAK (type WOOSEOK-subcon.)

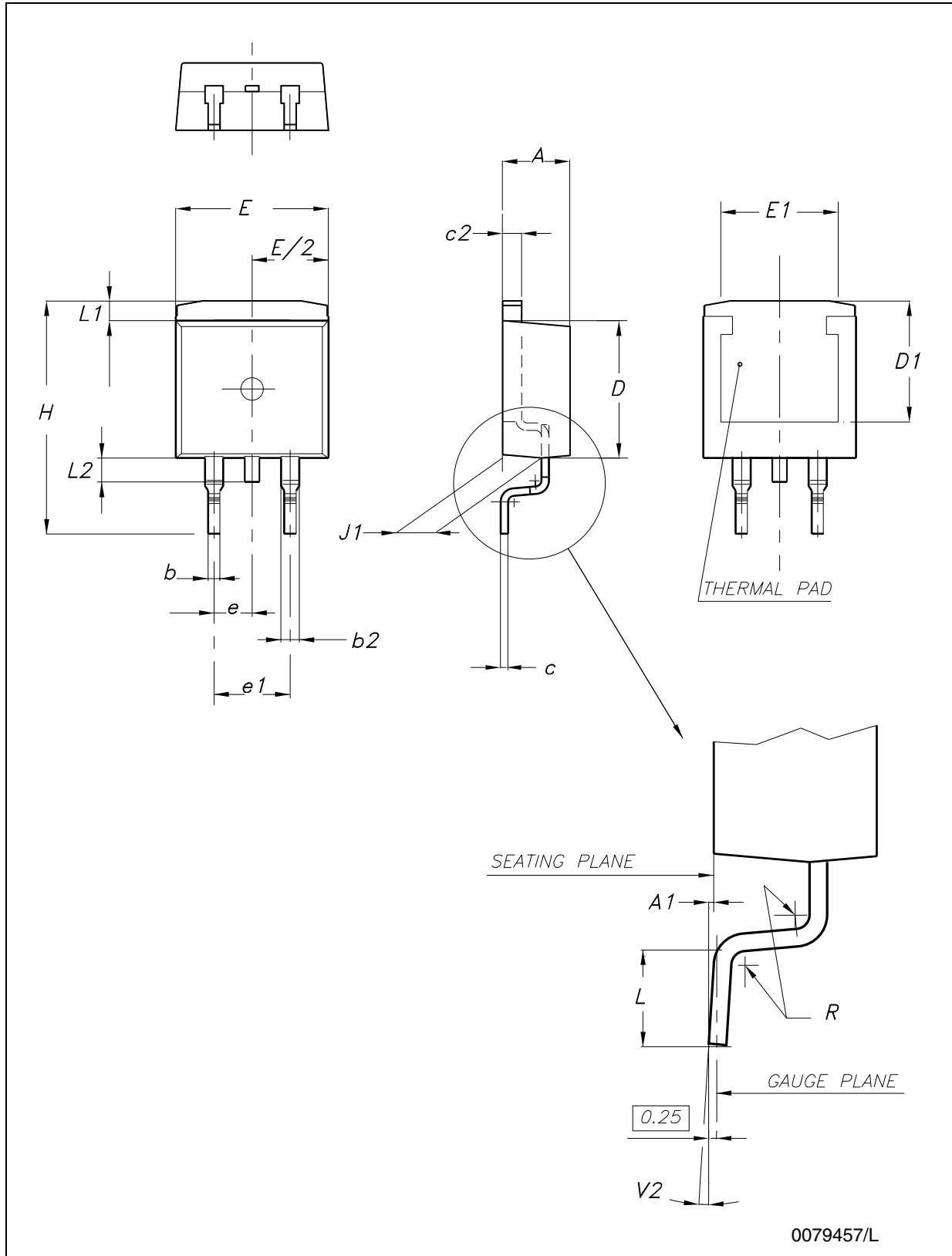


Table 10. D<sup>2</sup>PAK mechanical data

Dim.	Type STD-ST			Type WOOSEOK-subcon.		
	mm.			mm.		
	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.
A	4.40		4.60	4.30		4.70
A1	0.03		0.23	0		0.20
b	0.70		0.93	0.70		0.90
b2	1.14		1.70	1.17		1.37
c	0.45		0.60	0.45	0.50	0.60
c2	1.23		1.36	1.25	1.30	1.40
D	8.95		9.35	9	9.20	9.40
D1	7.50			7.50		
E	10		10.40	9.80		10.20
E1	8.50			7.50		
e		2.54			2.54	
e1	4.88		5.28		5.08	
H	15		15.85	15	15.30	15.60
J1	2.49		2.69	2.20		2.60
L	2.29		2.79	1.79		2.79
L1	1.27		1.40	1		1.40
L2	1.30		1.75	1.20		1.60
R		0.4			0.30	
V2	0°		8°	0°		3°

Note: The D<sup>2</sup>PAK package coming from the subcontractor WOOSEOK is fully compatible with the ST's package suggested footprint.

Figure 14. D<sup>2</sup>PAK footprint recommended data

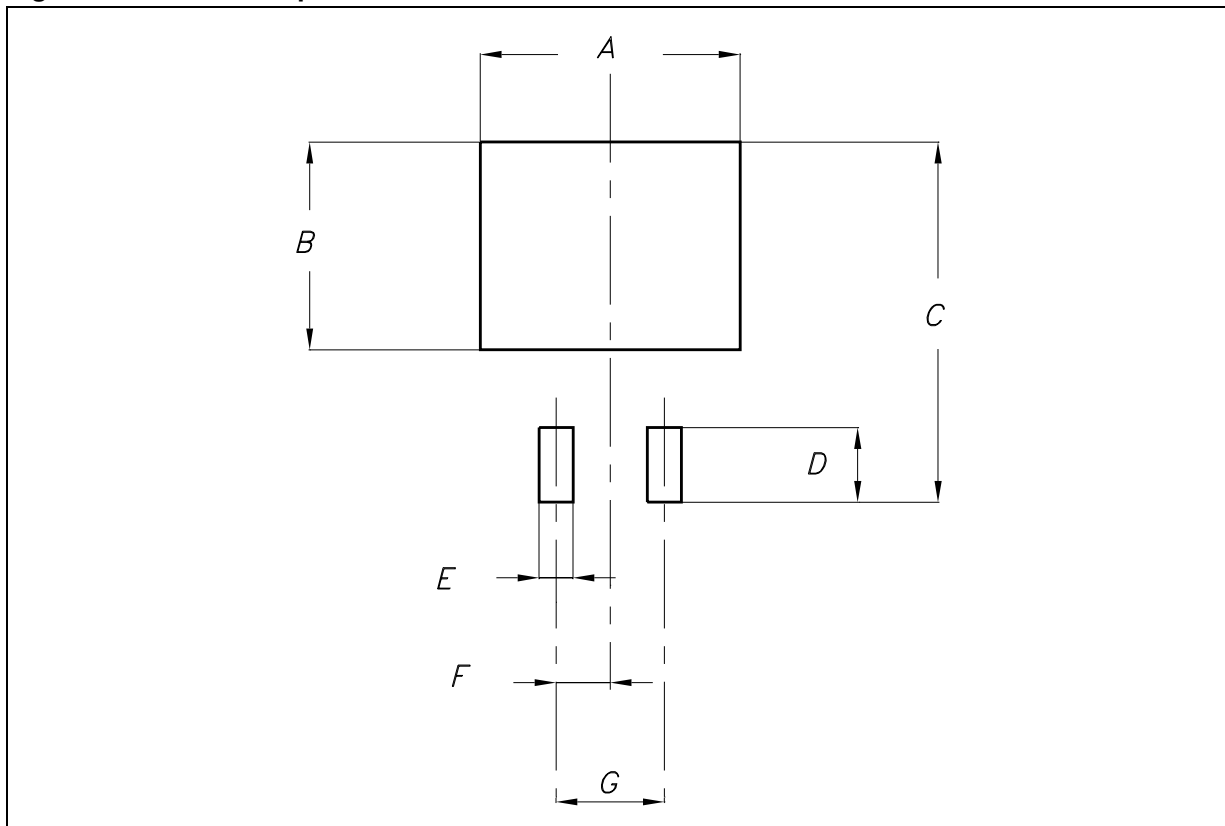
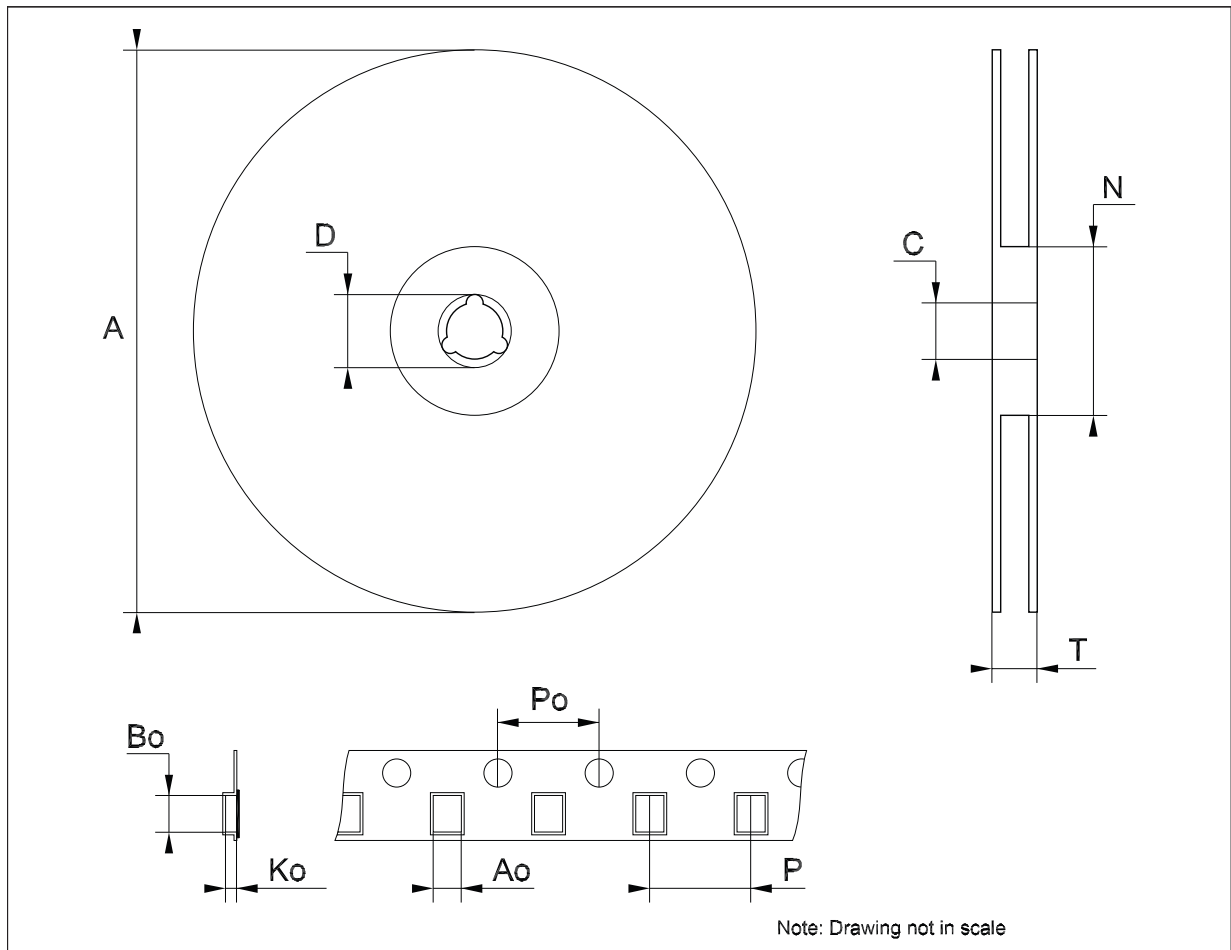


Table 11. Footprint data

Dim.	Values	
	mm.	inch.
A	12.20	0.480
B	9.75	0.384
C	16.90	0.665
D	3.50	0.138
E	1.60	0.063
F	2.54	0.100
G	5.08	0.200

**Tape & reel D<sup>2</sup>PAK-P<sup>2</sup>PAK-D<sup>2</sup>PAK/A-P<sup>2</sup>PAK/A mechanical data**

Dim.	mm.			inch.		
	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.
A			180			7.086
C	12.8	13.0	13.2	0.504	0.512	0.519
D	20.2			0.795		
N	60			2.362		
T			14.4			0.567
Ao	10.50	10.6	10.70	0.413	0.417	0.421
Bo	15.70	15.80	15.90	0.618	0.622	0.626
Ko	4.80	4.90	5.00	0.189	0.193	0.197
Po	3.9	4.0	4.1	0.153	0.157	0.161
P	11.9	12.0	12.1	0.468	0.472	0.476



## 8 Revision history

**Table 12. Document revision history**

Date	Revision	Changes
22-Jun-2004	9	Order codes updated Table 3.
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26-May-2010	18	Modified: V <sub>I</sub> parameter <a href="#">Table 2 on page 5</a> .



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