

ADJUSTABLE LED DRIVER

FEATURES

- Adjustable Constant Current up to 500 mA (±5%)
- Wide Input Voltage Range up to 42 V
- Low Drop Voltage
- Open-Load Detection
- Overtemperature Protection
- Short-Circuit Proof
- Reverse-Polarity Proof
- Wide Temperature Range: –40°C to 150°C

DRJ (QFN) PACKAGE (TOP VIEW) **PWM** 80 ST Exposed NC _)クI Thermal **GND** Q 66 7)3 Pad D REF

NC - No internal connection

DESCRIPTION/ORDERING INFORMATION

The TL4242 is an integrated adjustable constant-current source, driving loads up to 500 mA. The output current level can be adjusted via an external resistor. The device is designed to supply high-power LEDs (for example, OSRAM Dragon LA W57B) under the severe conditions of automotive applications, resulting in constant brightness and extended LED lifetime. It is provided in the DRJ (QFN) package. Protection circuits prevent damage to the device in case of overload, short circuit, reverse polarity, and overheat. The connected LEDs are protected against reverse polarity as well as excess voltages up to 45 V.

The integrated PWM input of the TL4242 permits LED brightness regulation by pulse-width modulation (PWM). Due to the high input impedance of the PWM input, the LED driver can be operated as a protected high-side switch.

The TL4242 is characterized for operation from -40°C to 150°C.

An external shunt resistor in the ground path of the connected LEDs is used to sense the LED current. A regulation loop holds the voltage drop at the shunt resistor at a constant level of 177 mV (typical). The constant-current level can be adjusted by selecting the shunt resistance, R_{REF} . Calculate the typical output current using the equation:

$$I_{Q,tvp} = V_{REF}/R_{REF}$$

where V_{REF} is the reference voltage (typically 177 mV) (see *Reference Electrical Characteristics*). The equation applies for R_{REF} = 0.39 Ω to 10 Ω .

The output current is shown as a function of the reference resistance in Figure 1. With the PWM input, the LED brightness can be regulated via duty cycle. Also, PWM = L sets the TL4242 in sleep mode, resulting in a very low current consumption of <1 μ A (typical). Due to the high impedance of the PWM input (see Figure 4), the PWM pin also can be used as an enable input.

ORDERING INFORMATION(1)

TJ	PACK	AGE ⁽²⁾	ORDERABLE PART NUMBER	TOP-SIDE MARKING
-40°C to 150°C	QFN – DRJ	Reel of 1000	TL4242DRJR	T4242

⁽¹⁾ For the most current package and ordering information, see the Package Option Addendum at the end of this document, or see the TI web site at www.ti.com.



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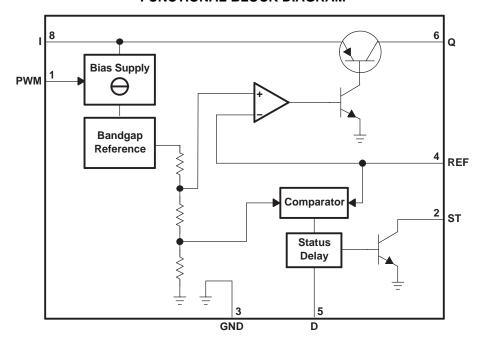
⁽²⁾ Package drawings, thermal data, and symbolization are available at www.ti.com/packaging.



TERMINAL FUNCTIONS

NO.	NAME	DESCRIPTION
1	PWM	Pulse-width modulation input. If not used, connect to I.
2	ST	Status output. Open-collector output. Connect to an external pullup resistor ($R_{PULLUP} \ge 4.7 \text{ k}\Omega$).
3	GND	Ground
4	REF	Reference input. Connect to a shunt resistor.
5	D	Status delay. To set status reaction delay, connect to GND with a capacitor. If no delay is needed, leave open.
6	Q	Output
7	NC	No internal connection
8	I	Input. Connect directly to GND as close as possible to the device with a 100-nF ceramic capacitor.
	Thermal Pad	The thermal pad must be soldered directly to the PCB. It may be connected to ground or left floating.

FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM





ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS(1)

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

			MIN	MAX	UNIT
V_{CC}	Supply voltage range ⁽²⁾		-42	45	V
		D	-0.3	7	V
V_{I}	Input voltage range	PWM	-40	40	V
		REF	-1	16	V
V	Output valtage range	Q	-1	41	V
Vo	Output voltage range	ST	-0.3	40	V
		PWM		±1	mA
IO	Output current range	REF		±2	mA
		ST		±5	mA
0	Thermal impedance innation to embient(3)	JESD 51-5 ⁽⁴⁾		49.5	°C/W
θ_{JA}	Thermal impedance, junction to ambient ⁽³⁾	JESD 51-7 ⁽⁵⁾		114.4	C/VV
$\theta_{\sf JP}$	Thermal impedance, junction to pad ⁽³⁾			4.4	°C/W
T_J	Virtual-junction temperature range		-40	150	°C
T _{stg}	Storage temperature range		-50	150	°C

⁽¹⁾ Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under Recommended Operating Conditions is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

(2) All voltage values are with respect to the network ground terminal.

(4) The package thermal impedance is calculated in accordance with JESD 51-5.

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

		MIN	MAX	UNIT
V_{CC}	Supply voltage	4.5	42	V
V _{ST}	Status (ST) output voltage		16	V
V_{PWM}	PWM voltage	0	40	V
C _D	Status delay (D) capacitance	0	2.2	μF
R _{REF}	Reference (REF) resistor	0	10	Ω
TJ	Virtual-junction temperature	-40	150	°C

OVERALL DEVICE ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

over recommended operating free-air temperature range, $V_I = 13.5 \text{ V}$, $R_{REF} = 0.47 \Omega$, $V_{PWM,H}$, $T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 150°C, all voltages with respect to ground (unless otherwise noted)

	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
I_{qL}	Supply current	V _Q = 6.6 V		12	22	mA
I_{qOFF}	Supply current, off mode	$PWM = L, T_J < 85^{\circ}C$		0.1	2	μΑ

⁽³⁾ Maximum power dissipation is a function of $T_J(max)$, θ_{JA} , and T_A . The maximum allowable power dissipation at any allowable ambient temperature is $P_D = (T_J(max) - T_A)/\theta_{JA}$. Operating at the absolute maximum T_J of 150°C can affect reliability.

⁽⁵⁾ The package thermal impedance is calculated in accordance with JESD 51-7.



OUTPUT ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

over recommended operating free-air temperature range, $V_I = 13.5 \text{ V}$, $R_{REF} = 0.47 \Omega$, $V_{PWM,H}$, $T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 150°C, all voltages with respect to ground (unless otherwise noted)

	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS		TYP	MAX	UNIT
		$V_Q - V_{REF}^{(1)} = 6.6 \text{ V}$	357	376	395	
	Output current	$V_Q - V_{REF} = 6.6 \text{ V}, R_{REF} = 1 \Omega$	168	177	185	m Λ
IQ	Output current	$V_{Q} - V_{REF} = 6.6 \text{ V}, R_{REF} = 0.39 \Omega$	431	454	476	mA
		$V_Q - V_{REF} = 5.4 \text{ V to } 7.8 \text{ V}, V_I = 9 \text{ V to } 16 \text{ V}$	357	376	395	
I _{Qmax}	Output current limit	$R_{REF} = 0 \Omega$		600		mA
V_{dr}	Drop voltage	I _Q = 300 mA		0.35	0.7	V

⁽¹⁾ $V_Q - V_{REF}$ equals the forward voltage sum of the connected LEDs (see Figure 3).

PWM INPUT ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

over recommended operating free-air temperature range, $V_I = 13.5 \text{ V}$, $R_{REF} = 0.47 \Omega$, $V_{PWM,H}$, $T_J = -40 ^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 150 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, all voltages with respect to ground (unless otherwise noted)

	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V _{PWM,} H	High-level PWM voltage		2.6			V
V _{PWM} ,	Low-level PWM voltage				0.7	٧
$I_{\text{PWM},H}$	High-level PWM input current	V _{PWM} = 5 V		220	500	μΑ
$I_{\text{PWM},L}$	Low-level PWM input current	V _{PWM} = 0 V	-1		1	μΑ
t _{PWM,O}	Delay time, turn on	70% of I _{Qnom} , See Figure 6	0	15	40	μs
t _{PWM,O}	Delay time, turn off	30% of I _{Qnom} , See Figure 6	0	15	40	μs

REFERENCE (REF) ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

over recommended operating free-air temperature range, $V_I = 13.5 \text{ V}$, $R_{REF} = 0.47 \Omega$, $V_{PWM,H}$, $T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 150°C, all voltages with respect to ground (unless otherwise noted)

	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V_{REF}	Reference voltage	$R_{REF} = 0.39 \Omega$ to 1 Ω	168	177	185	mV
I _{REF}	Reference input current	V _{REF} = 180 mV	-1	0.1	1	μΑ

STATUS OUTPUT (ST) ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

over recommended operating free-air temperature range, V_I = 13.5 V, R_{REF} = 0.47 Ω , $V_{PWM,H}$, T_J = -40°C to 150°C, all voltages with respect to ground (unless otherwise noted)

	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
V_{IQL}	Lower status-switching threshold	ST = L	15	25		mV
V_{IQH}	Upper status-switching threshold	ST = H		30	40	mV
V_{STL}	Low-level status voltage	I _{ST} = 1.5 mA			0.4	V
I _{STLK}	Leakage current	V _{ST} = 5 V			5	μΑ

STATUS DELAY (D) ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

over recommended operating free-air temperature range, $V_I = 13.5 \text{ V}$, $R_{REF} = 0.47 \Omega$, $V_{PWM,H}$, $T_J = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 150°C, all voltages with respect to ground (unless otherwise noted)

	PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
t _{STHL}	Delay time, status reaction	C _D = 47 nF, ST H→L	6	10	14	ms
t _{STLH}	Delay time, status release	$C_D = 47 \text{ nF, ST L} \rightarrow H$		10	20	μs



TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

IPWM - PWM Current - µA

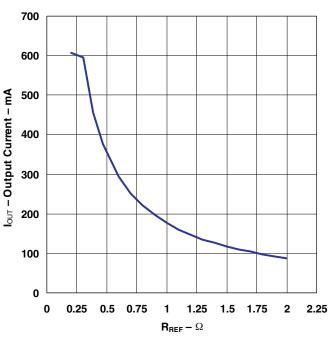


Figure 1. Output Current vs External Resistor

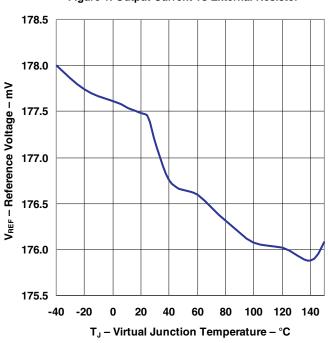


Figure 3. Reference Voltage vs Junction Temperature

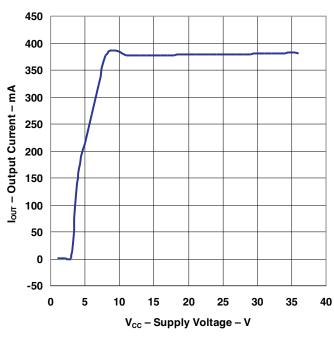


Figure 2. Output Current vs Supply Voltage

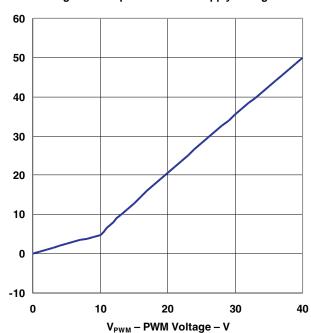


Figure 4. PWM Pin Input Current vs PWM Voltage



APPLICATION INFORMATION

Figure 5 shows a typical application with the TL4242 LED driver. The three LEDs are driven by a supply current that is adjusted by the resistor, R_{REF} , preventing brightness variations due to forward voltage spread of the LEDs. The luminosity spread arising from the LED production process can be compensated via software by an appropriate duty cycle applied to the PWM pin. Therefore, it is not necessary to select LEDs for forward voltage or luminosity classes. The minimum supply voltage calculates as the sum of the LED forward voltages, the TL4242 drop voltage (maximum 0.7 V at a LED current of 300 mA) and the maximum voltage drop at the shunt resistor R_{REF} of 185 mV (max).

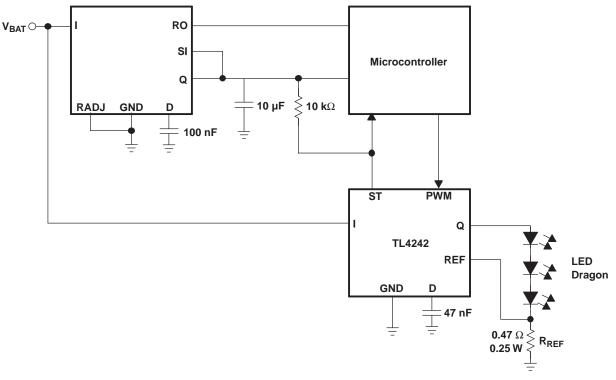


Figure 5. Application Circuit

The status output of the LED driver (ST) detects an open-load condition, enabling supervision of correct LED operation. An LED failure is detected as a voltage drop at the shunt resistor (R_{REF}) below 25 mV (typ). In this case, the status output pin (ST) is set low after a delay time adjustable by an optional capacitor connected to pin D.

The functionality and timing of ST and PWM are shown in Figure 6. The status delay can be adjusted via the capacitor connected to pin D. Delay time scales linearly with capacitance, C_D :



$$t_{\text{STHL},\text{typ}} = \frac{C_{\text{D}}}{47 \, \text{nF}} \times \, 10 \; \text{ms}$$

$$t_{\text{STLH,typ}} = \frac{C_{\text{D}}}{47 \; \text{nF}} \times \, 10 \; \mu \text{s}$$

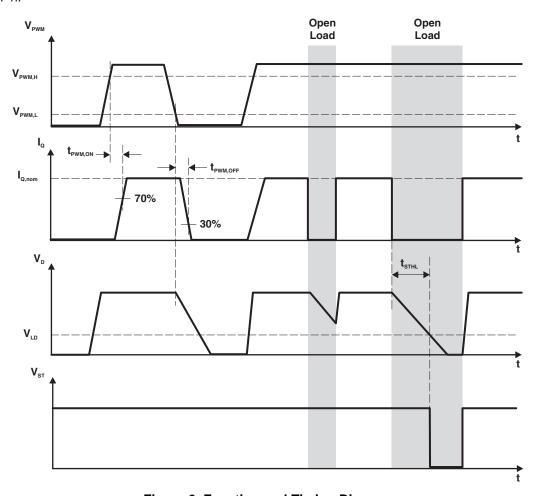


Figure 6. Function and Timing Diagram



PACKAGE OPTION ADDENDUM

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PACKAGING INFORMATION

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Orderable Device	Status	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	Package Qty	Eco Plan	Lead/Ball Finish	MSL Peak Temp	Op Temp (°C)	Device Marking (4/5)	Samples
TL4242DRJR	ACTIVE	SON	DRJ	8	1000	Green (RoHS & no Sb/Br)	CU NIPDAU	Level-3-260C-168 HR	-40 to 125	T4242	Samples

(1) The marketing status values are defined as follows:

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(3) MSL, Peak Temp. -- The Moisture Sensitivity Level rating according to the JEDEC industry standard classifications, and peak solder temperature.

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• Automotive: TL4242-Q1

NOTE: Qualified Version Definitions:

• Automotive - Q100 devices qualified for high-reliability automotive applications targeting zero defects

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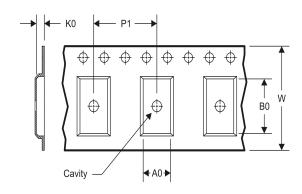
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TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION

REEL DIMENSIONS



TAPE DIMENSIONS



A0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component width
В0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component length
K0	Dimension designed to accommodate the component thickness
W	Overall width of the carrier tape
P1	Pitch between successive cavity centers

TAPE AND REEL INFORMATION

*All dimensions are nominal

Device	Package Type	Package Drawing			Reel Diameter (mm)	Reel Width W1 (mm)	A0 (mm)	B0 (mm)	K0 (mm)	P1 (mm)	W (mm)	Pin1 Quadrant
TL4242DRJR	SON	DRJ	8	1000	180.0	12.4	4.25	4.25	1.15	8.0	12.0	Q2

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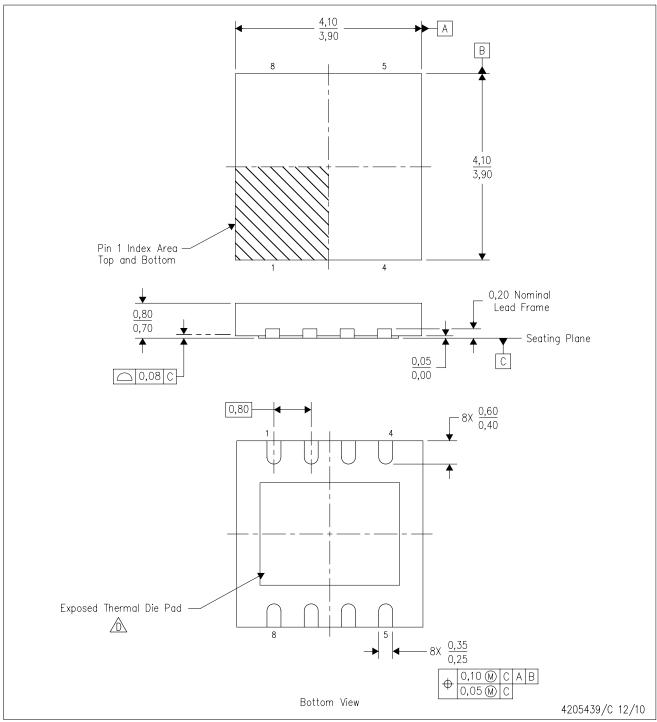


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Device	Package Type	Package Drawing	Pins	SPQ	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Height (mm)	
TL4242DRJR	SON	DRJ	8	1000	210.0	185.0	35.0	

DRJ (S-PWSON-N8)

PLASTIC SMALL OUTLINE NO-LEAD



NOTES: A. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M—1994.

- B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
- C. SON (Small Outline No-Lead) package configuration.

The package thermal pad must be soldered to the board for thermal and mechanical performance. See the Product Data Sheet for details regarding the exposed thermal pad dimensions.

E. Package complies to JEDEC MO-229 variation WGGB.



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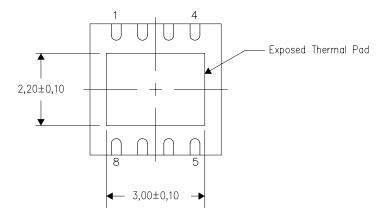
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THERMAL INFORMATION

This package incorporates an exposed thermal pad that is designed to be attached directly to an external heatsink. The thermal pad must be soldered directly to the printed circuit board (PCB). After soldering, the PCB can be used as a heatsink. In addition, through the use of thermal vias, the thermal pad can be attached directly to the appropriate copper plane shown in the electrical schematic for the device, or alternatively, can be attached to a special heatsink structure designed into the PCB. This design optimizes the heat transfer from the integrated circuit (IC).

For information on the Quad Flatpack No-Lead (QFN) package and its advantages, refer to Application Report, QFN/SON PCB Attachment, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLUA271. This document is available at www.ti.com.

The exposed thermal pad dimensions for this package are shown in the following illustration.



Bottom View

Exposed Thermal Pad Dimensions

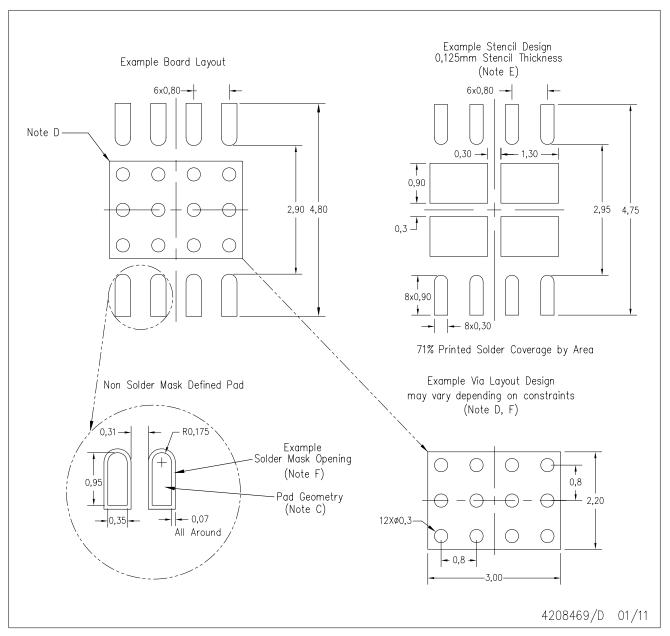
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NOTE: All linear dimensions are in millimeters



DRJ (S-PWSON-N8)

SMALL PACKAGE OUTLINE NO-LEAD



NOTES: A. All linear dimensions are in millimeters.

- B. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
- C. Publication IPC-7351 is recommended for alternate designs.
- D. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. Refer to Application Note, Quad Flat—Pack Packages, Texas Instruments Literature No. SLUA271, and also the Product Data Sheets for specific thermal information, via requirements, and recommended board layout. These documents are available at www.ti.com https://www.ti.com.
- E. Laser cutting apertures with electropolish and also rounding corners will offer better paste release. Customers should contact their board assembly site for stencil design recommendations. Refer to IPC 7525 for stencil design considerations.
- F. Customers should contact their board fabrication site for solder mask tolerances and vias tenting recommendations for vias placed in the thermal pad.



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