

## NON-ISOLATED DC/DC CONVERTERS

8.3 Vdc - 14 Vdc Input

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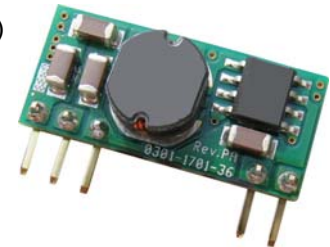
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POWER PRODUCTS

**VRBA-03A1Ax**

**RoHS Compliant**

**Rev.A**

- Non-Isolated
- Fixed Frequency
- High Efficiency
- High Power Density
- Active Low/High (Option)
- Under-Voltage Lockout (UVLO)
- OCP/SCP
- Remote On/Off
- Wide Trim Range
- Wide Input Range



### Description

The Bel VRBA-03A1Ax modules are a series of non-isolated dc/dc converters that deliver up to 3 A of output current with full load efficiency of 93% at 5.0 Vdc output. These modules provide precisely regulated voltage programmable via external resistor from 0.75 Vdc to 5.5 Vdc over a wide range of input voltage. Their open-frame construction and small footprint enable designers to develop cost and space-efficient solutions. Standard features include remote On/Off, programmable output voltage, over-temperature protection, over current protection, short circuit protection, and under-voltage lockout.

### Part Selection

| Output Voltage | Input Voltage | Max. Output Current | Max. Output Power | Typical Efficiency at 5.0V | Model Number Active High | Model Number Active Low |
|----------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0.75 V - 5.0 V | 8.3 V - 14 V  | 3 A                 | 15 W              | 93%                        | VRBA-03A1A0              | VRBA-03A1AL             |

- Notes:** 1. Add "G" suffix at the end of the model number to indicate Tray Packaging.  
2. All part numbers above indicate RoHS 6. Change the second letter "R" to "7" for RoHS 5 part numbers.

### Absolute Maximum Ratings

| Parameter                      | Min    | Typ | Max    | Notes |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----|--------|-------|
| Input Voltage (continuous)     | -0.3 V | -   | 15 V   |       |
| Output Enable Terminal Voltage | -0.3 V | -   | 15 V   |       |
| Ambient Temperature            | -40 °C | -   | 85 °C  |       |
| Storage Temperature            | -55 °C | -   | 125 °C |       |

**Note:** All specifications are typical at 25 °C unless otherwise stated.

### Input Specifications

| Parameter                 | Min   | Typ    | Max    | Notes |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Input Voltage             | 8.3 V | 12 V   | 14 V   |       |
| Input Current (full load) |       |        |        |       |
| Vo=5.0 V                  | -     | 1.35 A | 2.00 A |       |
| Vo=3.3 V                  | -     | 0.90 A | 1.37 A |       |
| Vo=0.75 V                 | -     | 0.24 A | 0.37 A |       |
| Input Current (no load)   |       |        |        |       |
| Vo=5.0 V                  | -     | 55 mA  | 65 mA  |       |
| Vo=3.3 V                  | -     | 40 mA  | 50 mA  |       |
| Vo=0.75 V                 | -     | 15 mA  | 20 mA  |       |

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### Input Specifications (continued)

| Parameter  | Min   | Typ                   | Max                   | Notes  |
|--|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Remote Off Input Current                           | -     | 3 mA                  | 6 mA                  |  |
| Input Reflected Ripple Current (pk-pk)<br>Vo=5.0 V | -     | 70 mA                 | 100 mA                | Tested with two 100 uF/25 V tantalum input capacitors & simulated source impedance of 1uH, 5 Hz to 20 MHz. |
| Vo=3.3 V   | -     | 60 mA                 | 90 mA                 |  |
| Vo=0.75 V  | -     | 25 mA                 | 40 mA                 |  |
| Input Reflected Ripple Current (rms)<br>Vo=5.0 V   | -     | 20 mA                 | 60 mA                 |  |
| Vo=3.3 V   | -     | 15 mA                 | 30 mA                 |  |
| Vo=0.75 V  | -     | 6 mA                  | 15 mA                 |  |
| I <sup>2</sup> t Inrush Current Transient          | -     | 0.01 A <sup>2</sup> s | 0.02 A <sup>2</sup> s |  |
| Turn-on Voltage Threshold                          | 7.6 V | 7.9 V                 | 8.2 V                 |  |
| Turn-off Voltage Threshold                         | 7.0 V | 7.8 V                 | 8.1 V                 |  |

### Output Specifications

| Parameter   | Min         | Typ                  | Max        | Notes   |   |
|---|-------------|----------------------|------------|---|---|
| Output Voltage Set Point                          | -2%Vo,set   | -                    | 2%Vo,set   | Vin=12 V, Io=Iomax, full load   |   |
| Output Voltage Set Point                          | -2.5%Vo,set | -                    | 3.5%Vo,set | Over all operating input voltages, resistive loads and temperature conditions                         |   |
| Load Regulation                                   | 0.5%Vo,set  | 0.4%Vo,set           | 0.5%Vo,set | Io=Iomin to Iomax   |   |
| Line Regulation                                   | 0.4%Vo,set  | 0.3%Vo,set           | 0.4%Vo,set | Vin=Vinmin to Vinmax  |   |
| Regulation Over Temperature<br>(-40 °C to +85 °C) | -           | 0.5%Vo,set           | 0.8%Vo,set |   |   |
| Output Current                                    | 0 A         | -                    | 3 A        |   |   |
| Current Limit Threshold                           | 4.2 A       | -                    | 11 A       |   |   |
| Short Circuit Surge Transient                     | -           | 0.1 A <sup>2</sup> s | -          |   |   |
| Ripple and Noise (pk-pk)<br>Vo=5.0 V              | -           | 80 mV                | 120 mV     | Tested with 0-20 MHz, with 10 uF/10 V tantalum capacitor and 1uF/10 V ceramic capacitor at the output |   |
| Vo=3.3 V  | -           | 55 mV                | 80 mV      |   |   |
| Vo=0.75 V   | -           | 25 mV                | 45 mV      |   |   |
| Ripple and Noise (rms)<br>Vo=5.0 V                | -           | 25 mV                | 45 mV      |   |   |
| Vo=3.3 V  | -           | 15 mV                | 25 mV      |   |   |
| Vo=0.75 V   | -           | 5 mV                 | 10 mV      |   |   |
| Turn on Time                                      | -           | 5 mS                 | 8 mS       |   |   |
| Overshoot at Turn on                              | -           | 0%                   | 3%         |   |   |
| Output Capacitance                                | 0 uF        | -                    | 1200 uF    |   |   |
| <b>Transient Response</b>                         |             |                      |            |   |   |
| 50% ~ 100% Max Load                               | All         | -                    | 200 mV     | 300 mV  | di/dt=2.5 A/uS; Vin=12 V; and with 10 uF/10 V tantalum capacitor and 1uF/10 V ceramic capacitor at the output |
| Settling Time                                     |             | -                    | 50 uS      | 80 uS   |   |
| 100% ~ 50% Max Load                               |             | -                    | 200 mV     | 300 mV  |   |
| Settling Time                                     |             | -                    | 50 uS      | 80 uS   |   |

**Note:** All specifications are typical at nominal input (Vin=12 V), full load at 25 °C unless otherwise stated.

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## General Specifications

| Parameter  | Min                                     | Typ               | Max         | Notes   |
|--|---|-------------------|-------------|---|
| Efficiency<br>Vo=5.0 V<br>Vo=3.3 V<br>Vo=0.75 V                              | 89%<br>86%<br>73%                       | 93%<br>90%<br>77% | -<br>-<br>- | Measured at Vin=12 V, full load (Current Source)            |
| Switching Frequency  | -                                       | 300 kHz           | -           |   |
| Over Temperature Shutdown  | -                                       | 135 °C            | -           |   |
| MTBF   | 8,791,825 hours                         |                   |             | Calculated Per Bell Core SR-332 (Io = 80% load; Ta = 25 °C) |
| Dimensions (Vertical Mount)<br>Inches (L x W x H)<br>Millimeters (L x W x H) | 0.9 x 0.4 x 0.243<br>22.9 x 10.2 x 6.16 |                   |             |   |
| Weight   | -                                       | 2.5 g             | -           |   |

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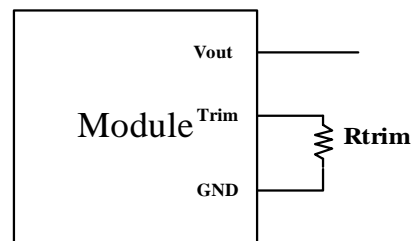
## Control Specifications

| Parameter                             | Min      | Typ | Max   | Notes   |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----|-------|---|
| <b>Remote On/Off</b>                  |          |     |       |   |
| Signal Low (Unit Off)                 | -0.3 V   | -   | 0.4 V | VRBA-03A1A0; Remote On/Off pin open, Unit on. |
| Signal High (Unit On)                 | 2.5 V    | -   | 14 V  |   |
| Signal Low (Unit On)                  | -0.3 V   | -   | 0.4 V | VRBA-03A1AL; Remote On/Off pin open, Unit on. |
| Signal High (Unit Off)                | 2.5 V    | -   | 14 V  |   |
| Output Voltage Trim Range (Wide Trim) | 0.7525 V | -   | 5.0 V |   |

## Output Trim Equations

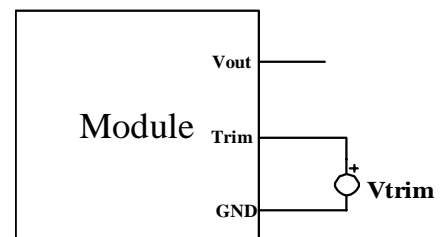
Equation for calculating the trim resistor (in kΩ) given the desired adjusted voltage (Vadj) is shown below. The Trim Up resistor should be connected between the Trim pin and Ground.

$$R_{trim} = \frac{10.507}{V_{adj} - 0.7525} - 1$$



Equation for calculating the trim voltage (in V) given the desired adjusted voltage (Vadj) is shown below. The Trim Up voltage should be connected between the Trim pin and Ground.

$$V_{trim} = 0.7 - 0.0667 \times (V_{adj} - 0.7525)$$



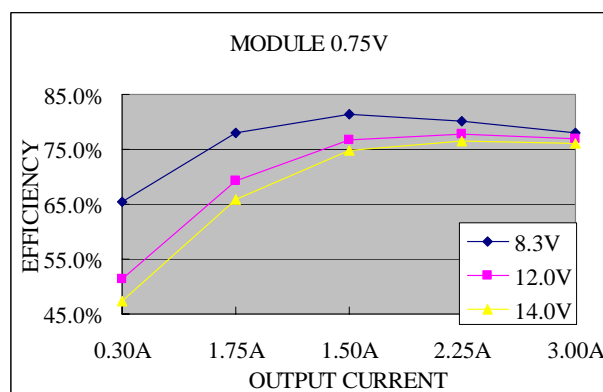
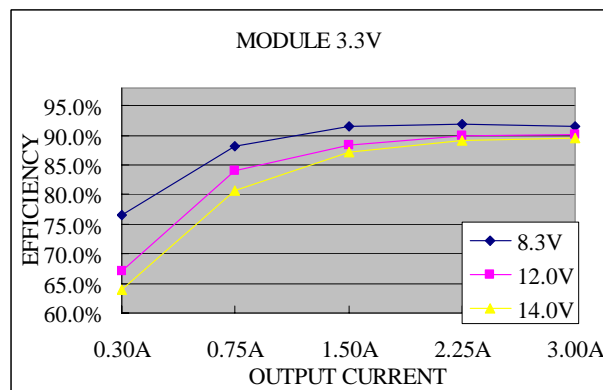
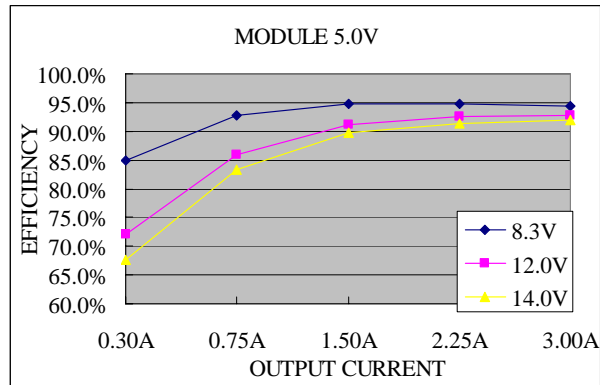
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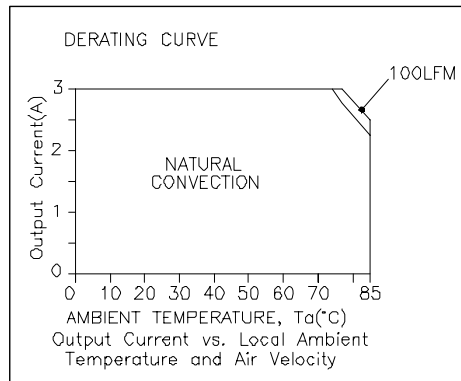
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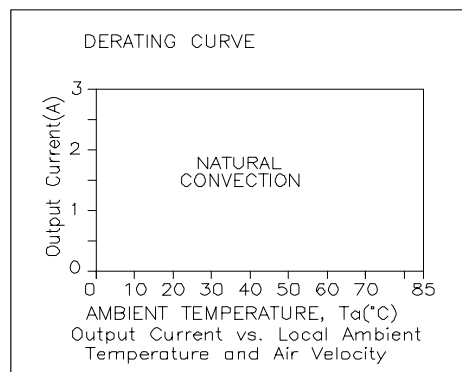
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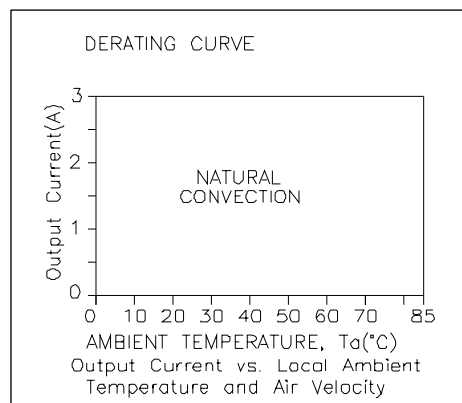
## Thermal Derating Curves



Vin=12 V, Vo=5.0 V



Vin=12 V, Vo=3.3 V



Vin=12 V, Vo=0.75 V

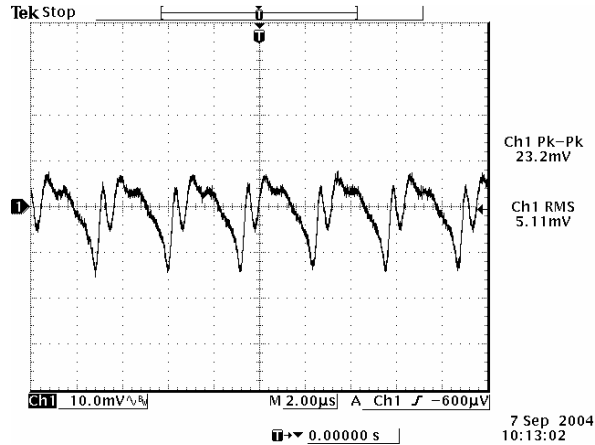
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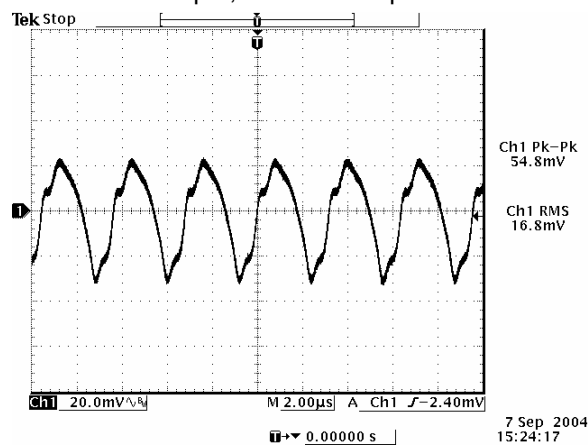
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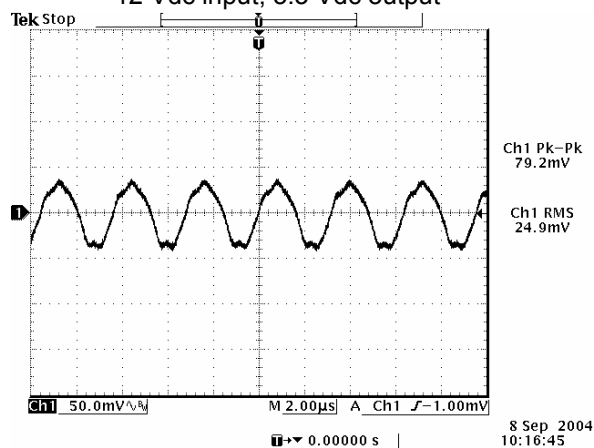
## Ripple and Noise Waveforms



12 Vdc input, 0.75 Vdc output



12 Vdc input, 3.3 Vdc output



12 Vdc input, 5.0 Vdc output

**Note:** Ripple and noise at full load, 0-20 MHz BW, with 10 uF/10 V tantalum cap and 1 uF/10 V ceramic cap at the output, and Ta=25 deg C.

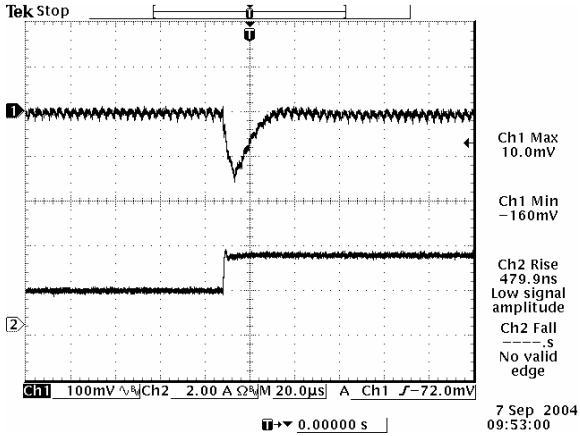
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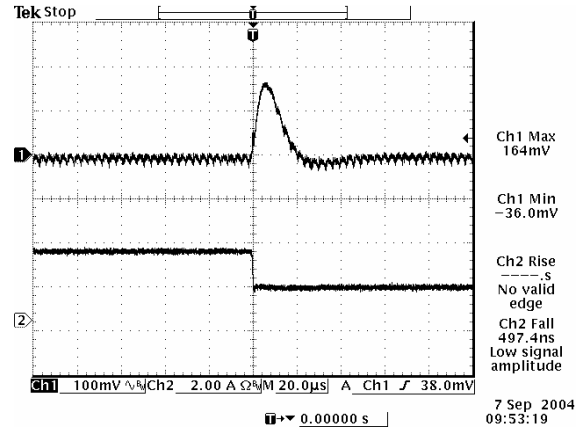
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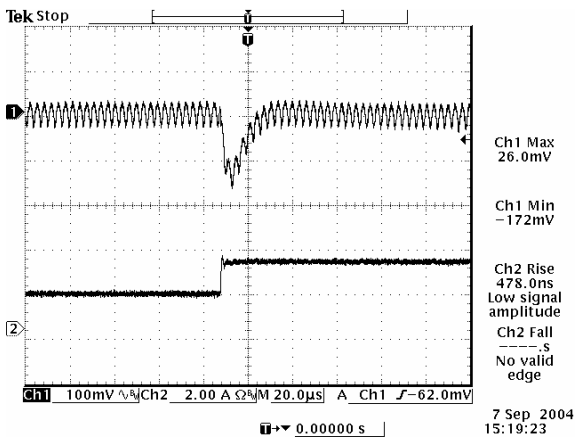
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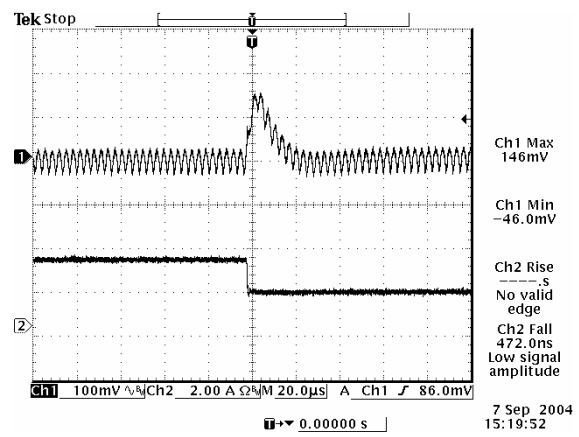
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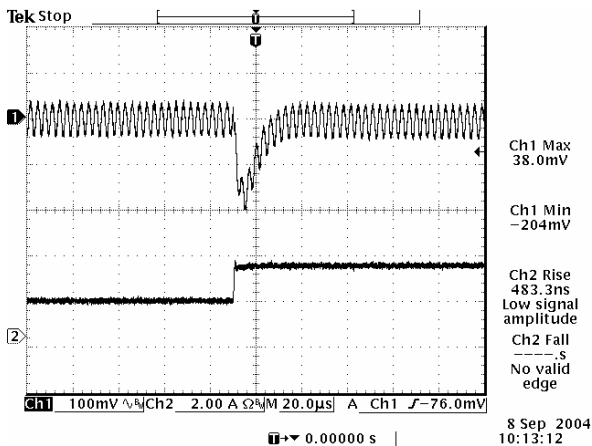
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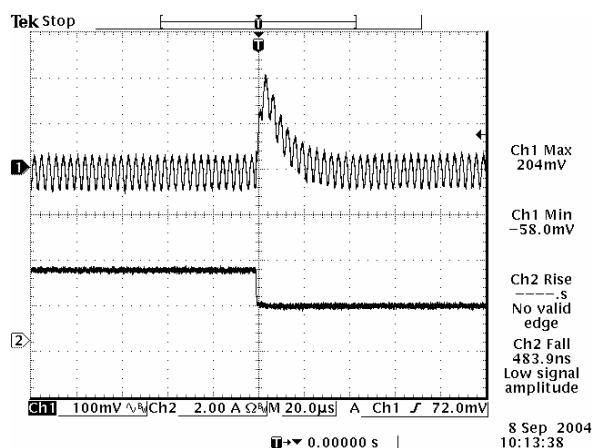
Transients 50% to 100% load 3.3 Vdc output



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**Note:** Transient response at 12 Vdc input, di/dt=2.5 A/uS, with 10 uF/10 V tantalum cap and 1 uF/10 V ceramic cap at the output, Ta=25 deg C.

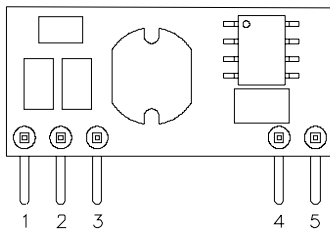
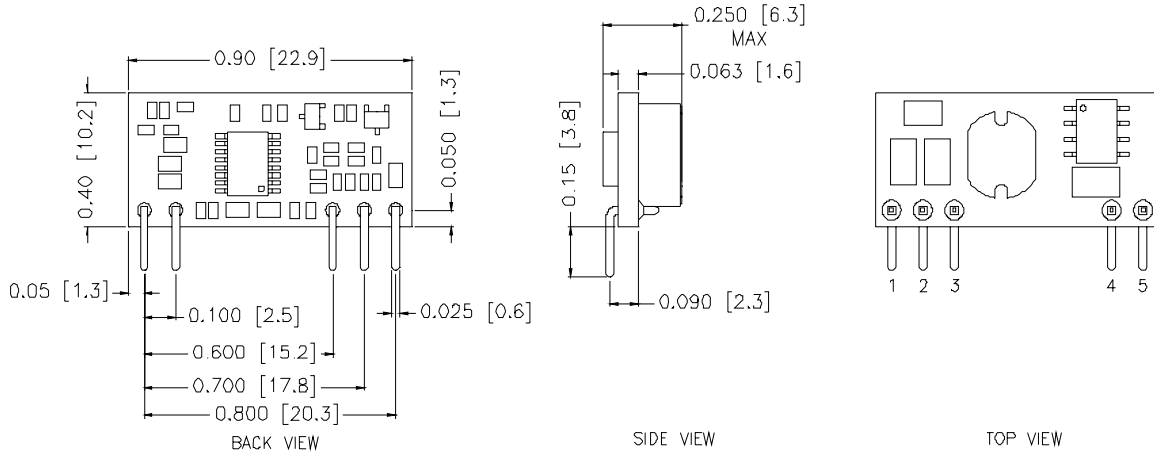
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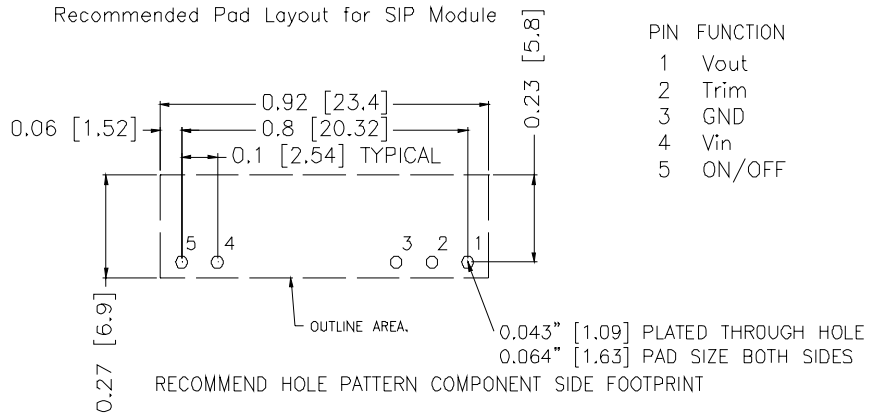
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## Mechanical Outline



Recommended Pad Layout for SIP Module



| PIN | FUNCTION |
|-----|----------|
| 1   | Vout     |
| 2   | Trim     |
| 3   | GND      |
| 4   | Vin      |
| 5   | ON/OFF   |

## Pin Connections

| Pin | Function      |
|-----|---------------|
| 1   | Vout          |
| 2   | Trim          |
| 3   | Ground        |
| 4   | Vin           |
| 5   | Remote On/Off |

## RoHS Compliance

Complies with the European Directive 2002/95/EC, calling for the elimination of lead and other hazardous substances from electronic products.



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