

# Picoamp Input Current, Microvolt Offset, Low Noise Op Amp

## FEATURES

- OP-07 Type Performance:  
at 1/8th of OP-07's Supply Current  
at 1/20th of OP-07's Bias and Offset Currents
- *Guaranteed* Offset Voltage: 25 $\mu$ V Max
- *Guaranteed* Bias Current: 100pA Max
- *Guaranteed* Drift: 0.6 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C Max
- Low Noise, 0.1Hz to 10Hz: 0.5 $\mu$ V<sub>P-P</sub>
- *Guaranteed* Low Supply Current: 500 $\mu$ A Max
- *Guaranteed* CMRR: 114dB Min
- *Guaranteed* PSRR: 114dB Min
- *Guaranteed* Operation at  $\pm 1.2$ V Supplies

## APPLICATIONS

- Replaces OP-07 While Saving Power
- Precision Instrumentation
- Charge Integrators
- Wide Dynamic Range Logarithmic Amplifiers
- Light Meters
- Low Frequency Active Filters
- Thermocouple Amplifiers

## DESCRIPTION

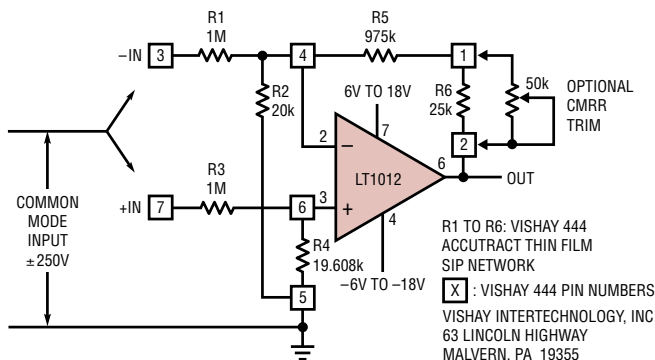
The LT<sup>®</sup>1012 is an internally compensated universal precision operational amplifier which can be used in practically all precision applications. The LT1012 combines picoampere bias currents (which are maintained over the full  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $125^{\circ}\text{C}$  temperature range), microvolt offset voltage (and low drift with time and temperature), low voltage and current noise, and low power dissipation. The LT1012 achieves precision operation on two Ni-Cad batteries with 1mW of power dissipation. Extremely high common mode and power supply rejection ratios, practically unmeasurable warm-up drift, and the ability to deliver 5mA load current with a voltage gain of one million round out the LT1012's superb precision specifications.

The all around excellence of the LT1012 eliminates the necessity of the time consuming error analysis procedure of precision system design in many applications; the LT1012 can be stocked as the universal internally compensated precision op amp.

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## TYPICAL APPLICATION

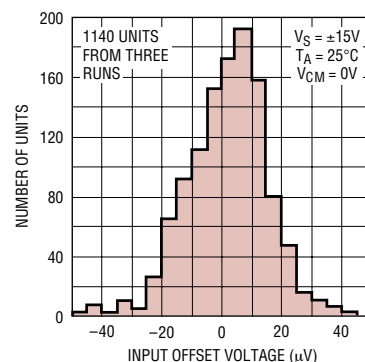
### $\pm 250$ V Common Mode Range Instrumentation Amplifier ( $A_V = 1$ )



COMMON MODE REJECTION RATIO = 74dB (RESISTOR LIMITED)  
WITH OPTIONAL TRIM = 130dB  
OUTPUT OFFSET (TRIMMABLE TO ZERO) = 500 $\mu$ V  
OUTPUT OFFSET DRIFT = 10 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C  
INPUT RESISTANCE = 1M

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### Typical Distribution of Input Offset Voltage



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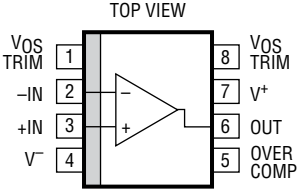
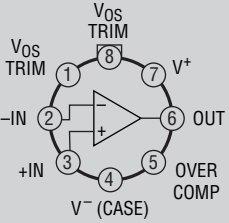
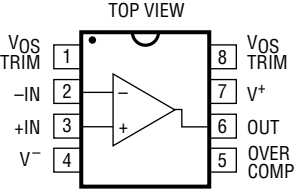
# LT1012A/LT1012

## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS (Note 1)

Supply Voltage .....  $\pm 20\text{V}$   
 Differential Input Current (Note 1) .....  $\pm 10\text{mA}$   
 Input Voltage .....  $\pm 20\text{V}$   
 Output Short Circuit Duration ..... Indefinite

Operating Temperature Range  
 LT1012AM/LT1012M (**OBSOLETE**)....  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $125^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 LT1012I .....  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $85^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 LT1012AC/LT1012C  
 LT1012D/LT1012S8 .....  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 Storage Temperature Range .....  $-65^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $150^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec) .....  $300^{\circ}\text{C}$

## PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION

 <p>S8 PACKAGE 8-LEAD PLASTIC SO <math>T_{JMAX} = 100^{\circ}\text{C}</math>, <math>\theta_{JA} = 170^{\circ}\text{C/W}</math></p>	<p>TOP VIEW</p>  <p>H PACKAGE 8-LEAD TO-5 METAL CAN <math>T_{JMAX} = 150^{\circ}\text{C}</math>, <math>\theta_{JA} = 150^{\circ}\text{C/W}</math>, <math>\theta_{JC} = 45^{\circ}\text{C/W}</math></p>	 <p>N8 PACKAGE 8-LEAD PDIP <math>T_{JMAX} = 100^{\circ}\text{C}</math>, <math>\theta_{JA} = 130^{\circ}\text{C/W}</math></p>
ORDER PART NUMBER	ORDER PART NUMBER	ORDER PART NUMBER
LT1012S8	LT1012AMH LT1012MH LT1012ACH LT1012CH LT1012DH  <b>OBSOLETE PACKAGE</b> Consider the S8 or N8 Packages for Alternate Source	LT1012ACN8 LT1012CN8 LT1012DN8 LT1012IN8
PART MARKING		
1012		

Consult LTC Marketing for parts specified with wider operating temperature ranges.

# ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$V_S = \pm 15V$ ,  $V_{CM} = 0V$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LT1012AM/AC			LT1012M/I			LT1012C			UNITS
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	(Note 3)		8 20	25 90		8 20	35 90		10 25	50 120	$\mu V$ $\mu V$
	Long Term Input Offset Voltage Stability			0.3			0.3			0.3		$\mu V/month$
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current	(Note 3)		15 25	100 150		15 25	100 150		20 30	150 200	pA pA
$I_B$	Input Bias Current	(Note 3)		$\pm 25$ $\pm 35$	$\pm 100$ $\pm 150$		$\pm 25$ $\pm 35$	$\pm 100$ $\pm 150$		$\pm 30$ $\pm 40$	$\pm 150$ $\pm 200$	pA pA
$e_n$	Input Noise Voltage	0.1Hz to 10Hz		0.5			0.5			0.5		$\mu V_{P-P}$
$e_n$	Input Noise Voltage Density	$f_0 = 10Hz$ (Note 4) $f_0 = 1000Hz$ (Note 5)		17 14	30 22		17 14	30 22		17 14	30 22	$nV/\sqrt{Hz}$ $nV/\sqrt{Hz}$
$i_n$	Input Noise Current Density	$f_0 = 10Hz$		20			20			20		$fA/\sqrt{Hz}$
$A_{VOL}$	Large Signal Voltage Gain	$V_{OUT} = \pm 12V$ , $R_L \geq 10k\Omega$ $V_{OUT} = \pm 10V$ , $R_L \geq 2k\Omega$	300 300	2000 1000		300 200	2000 1000		200 200	2000 1000		V/mV V/mV
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = \pm 13.5V$	114	132		114	132		110	132		dB
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = \pm 1.2V$ to $\pm 20V$	114	132		114	132		110	132		dB
	Input Voltage Range		$\pm 13.5$	$\pm 14$		$\pm 13.5$	$\pm 14$		$\pm 13.5$	$\pm 14$		V
$V_{OUT}$	Output Voltage Swing	$R_L = 10k\Omega$	$\pm 13$	$\pm 14$		$\pm 13$	$\pm 14$		$\pm 13$	$\pm 14$		V
	Slew Rate		0.1	0.2		0.1	0.2		0.1	0.2		V/ $\mu s$
$I_S$	Supply Current	(Note 3)		370 380	500 600		380 380	600		380 380	600	$\mu A$ $\mu A$

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SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LT1012D			LT1012S8			UNITS
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	(Note 3)		12 25	60		15 25	120 180	$\mu V$ $\mu V$
	Long Term Input Offset Voltage Stability			0.3			0.4		$\mu V/month$
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current	(Note 3)		20 30	150		50 60	280 380	pA pA
$I_B$	Input Bias Current	(Note 3)		$\pm 30$ $\pm 40$	$\pm 150$		$\pm 80$ $\pm 120$	$\pm 300$ $\pm 400$	pA pA
$e_n$	Input Noise Voltage	0.1Hz to 10Hz		0.5			0.5		$\mu V_{P-P}$
$e_n$	Input Noise Voltage Density	$f_0 = 10Hz$ (Note 5) $f_0 = 1000Hz$ (Note 5)		17 14	30 22		17 14	30 22	nV/ $\sqrt{Hz}$ nV/ $\sqrt{Hz}$
$i_n$	Input Noise Current Density	$f_0 = 10Hz$		20			20		fA/ $\sqrt{Hz}$
$A_{VOL}$	Large-Signal Voltage Gain	$V_{OUT} = \pm 12V, R_L \geq 10k\Omega$ $V_{OUT} = \pm 10V, R_L \geq 2k\Omega$	200 200	2000 1000		200 120	2000 1000		V/mV V/mV
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = \pm 13.5V$	110	132		110	132		dB
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = \pm 1.2V$ to $\pm 20V$	110	132		110	132		dB
	Input Voltage Range		$\pm 13.5$	$\pm 14.0$		$\pm 13.5$	$\pm 14.0$		V
$V_{OUT}$	Output Voltage Swing	$R_L = 10k\Omega$	$\pm 13$	$\pm 14$		$\pm 13$	$\pm 14$		V
	Slew Rate		0.1	0.2		0.1	0.2		V/ $\mu s$
$I_S$	Supply Current	(Note 3)		380	600		380	600	$\mu A$

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** The ● denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range of  $-55^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 125^{\circ}\text{C}$  for LT1012AM and LT1012M, and  $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 85^{\circ}\text{C}$  for LT1012I.  $V_S = \pm 15\text{V}$ ,  $V_{CM} = 0\text{V}$ , unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		LT1012AM			LT1012M/I			UNITS
				MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	(Note 3)	●	30	60		30	180		$\mu\text{V}$
			●	40	180		40	250		$\mu\text{V}$
	Average Temperature Coefficient of Input Offset Voltage		●	0.2	0.6		0.2	1.5		$\mu\text{V}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current	(Note 3)	●	30	250		30	250		$\text{pA}$
			●	70	350		70	350		$\text{pA}$
	Average Temperature Coefficient of Input Offset Current		●	0.3	2.5		0.3	2.5		$\text{pA}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
$I_B$	Input Bias Current	(Note 3)	●	$\pm 80$	$\pm 600$		$\pm 80$	$\pm 600$		$\text{pA}$
			●	$\pm 150$	$\pm 800$		$\pm 150$	$\pm 800$		$\text{pA}$
	Average Temperature Coefficient of Input Bias Current		●	0.6	6.0		0.6	6.0		$\text{pA}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
$A_{VOL}$	Large-Signal Voltage Gain	$V_{OUT} = \pm 12\text{V}$ , $R_L \geq 10\text{k}\Omega$	●	200	1000		150	1000		$\text{V}/\text{mV}$
		$V_{OUT} = \pm 10\text{V}$ , $R_L \geq 2\text{k}\Omega$	●	200	600		100	600		$\text{V}/\text{mV}$
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = \pm 13.5\text{V}$	●	110	128		108	128		dB
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = \pm 1.5\text{V}$ to $\pm 20\text{V}$	●	110	126		108	126		dB
	Input Voltage Range		●	$\pm 13.5$			$\pm 13.5$			V
$V_{OUT}$	Output Voltage Swing	$R_L = 10\text{k}\Omega$	●	$\pm 13$	$\pm 14$		$\pm 13$	$\pm 14$		V
$I_S$	Supply Current		●	400	650		400	800		$\mu\text{A}$

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The ● denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range of  $0^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 70^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  $V_S = \pm 15\text{V}$ ,  $V_{CM} = 0\text{V}$ , unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		LT1012AC			LT1012C			UNITS
				MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	(Note 3)	●	20	60		20	100		$\mu\text{V}$
			●	30	160		30	200		$\mu\text{V}$
	Average Temperature Coefficient of Input Offset Voltage		●	0.2	0.6		0.2	1.0		$\mu\text{V}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current	(Note 3)	●	25	230		35	230		$\text{pA}$
			●	40	300		45	300		$\text{pA}$
	Average Temperature Coefficient of Input Offset Current		●	0.3	2.5		0.3	2.5		$\text{pA}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
$I_B$	Input Bias Current	(Note 3)	●	$\pm 35$	$\pm 230$		$\pm 35$	$\pm 230$		$\text{pA}$
			●	$\pm 50$	$\pm 300$		$\pm 50$	$\pm 300$		$\text{pA}$
	Average Temperature Coefficient of Input Bias Current		●	0.3	2.5		0.3	2.5		$\text{pA}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
$A_{VOL}$	Large-Signal Voltage Gain	$V_{OUT} = \pm 12\text{V}$ , $R_L \geq 10\text{k}\Omega$	●	200	1500		150	1500		$\text{V}/\text{mV}$
		$V_{OUT} = \pm 10\text{V}$ , $R_L \geq 2\text{k}\Omega$	●	200	1000		150	800		$\text{V}/\text{mV}$
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = 13.5\text{V}$	●	110	130		108	130		$\text{dB}$
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = \pm 1.3\text{V}$ to $\pm 20\text{V}$	●	110	128		108	128		$\text{dB}$
	Input Voltage Range		●	$\pm 13.5$			$\pm 13.5$			$\text{V}$
$V_{OUT}$	Output Voltage Swing	$R_L = 10\text{k}\Omega$	●	$\pm 13$	$\pm 14$		$\pm 13$	$\pm 14$		$\text{V}$
$I_S$	Supply Current		●	400	600		400	800		$\mu\text{A}$

# ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The ● denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range of  $0^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_A \leq 70^{\circ}\text{C}$ .  $V_S = \pm 15\text{V}$ ,  $V_{CM} = 0\text{V}$ , unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		LT1012D			LT1012S8			UNITS
				MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	(Note 3)	●	25	140		30	200		$\mu\text{V}$
			●	40			45	270		$\mu\text{V}$
	Average Temperature Coefficient of Input Offset Voltage		●	0.3	1.7		0.3	1.8		$\mu\text{V}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current	(Note 3)	●	35	380		60	380		$\text{pA}$
			●	45			80	500		$\text{pA}$
	Average Temperature Coefficient of Input Offset Current		●	0.35	4.0		0.4	4.0		$\text{pA}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
$I_B$	Input Bias Current	(Note 3)	●	$\pm 50$	$\pm 420$		$\pm 100$	$\pm 420$		$\text{pA}$
			●	$\pm 65$			$\pm 150$	$\pm 550$		$\text{pA}$
	Average Temperature Coefficient of Input Bias Current		●	0.4	5.0		0.5	5.0		$\text{pA}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
$A_{VOL}$	Large-Signal Voltage Gain	$V_{OUT} = \pm 12\text{V}$ , $R_L \geq 10\text{k}\Omega$	●	150	1500		150	1500		$\text{V}/\text{mV}$
		$V_{OUT} = \pm 10\text{V}$ , $R_L \geq 2\text{k}\Omega$	●	150	800		100	800		$\text{V}/\text{mV}$
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = \pm 13.5\text{V}$	●	108	130		108	130		$\text{dB}$
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = \pm 1.3\text{V}$ to $\pm 20\text{V}$	●	108	128		108	128		$\text{dB}$
	Input Voltage Range		●	$\pm 13.5$			$\pm 13.5$			$\text{V}$
$V_{OUT}$	Output Voltage Swing	$R_L = 10\text{k}\Omega$	●	$\pm 13$	$\pm 14$		$\pm 13$	$\pm 14$		$\text{V}$
$I_S$	Supply Current		●	400	800		400	800		$\mu\text{A}$

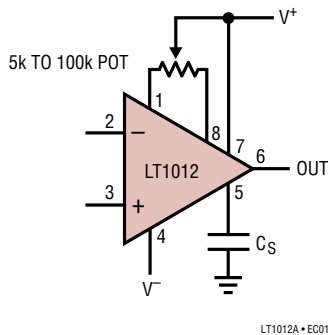
**Note 1:** Absolute Maximum Ratings are those values beyond which the life of a device may be impaired.

**Note 2:** Differential input voltages greater than 1V will cause excessive current to flow through the input protection diodes unless limiting resistance is used.

**Note 3:** These specifications apply for  $V_{MIN} \leq V_S \leq \pm 20\text{V}$  and  $-13.5\text{V} \leq V_{CM} \leq 13.5\text{V}$  (for  $V_S = \pm 15\text{V}$ ).  $V_{MIN} = \pm 1.2\text{V}$  at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $\pm 1.3\text{V}$  from  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $\pm 1.5\text{V}$  from  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $125^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

**Note 4:** 10Hz noise voltage density is sample tested on every lot. Devices 100% tested at 10Hz are available on request.

**Note 5:** This parameter is tested on a sample basis only.



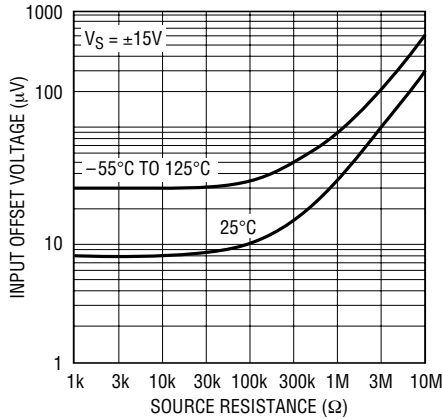
## Optional Offset Nulling and Overcompensation Circuits

Input offset voltage can be adjusted over a  $\pm 800\mu\text{V}$  range with a 5k to 100k potentiometer.

The LT1012 is internally compensated for unity gain stability. The overcompensation capacitor,  $C_S$ , can be used to improve capacitive load handling capability, to narrow noise bandwidth, or to stabilize circuits with gain in the feedback loop.

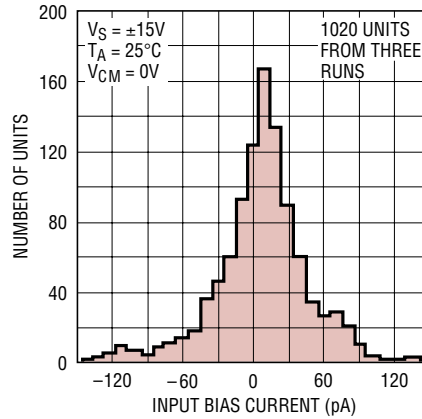
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**Offset Voltage vs Source Resistance (Balanced or Unbalanced)**



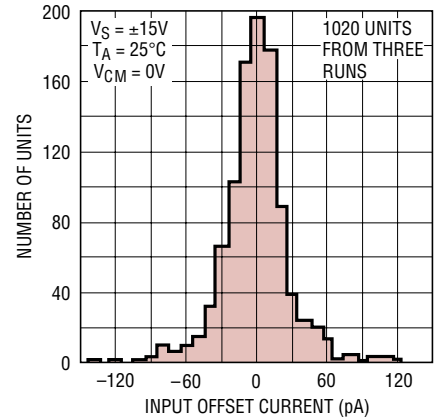
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**Typical Distribution of Input Bias Current**



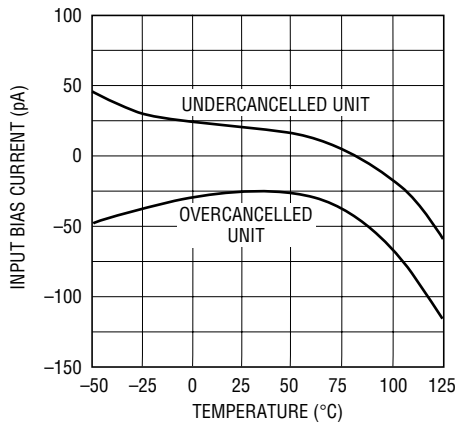
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**Typical Distribution of Input Offset Current**



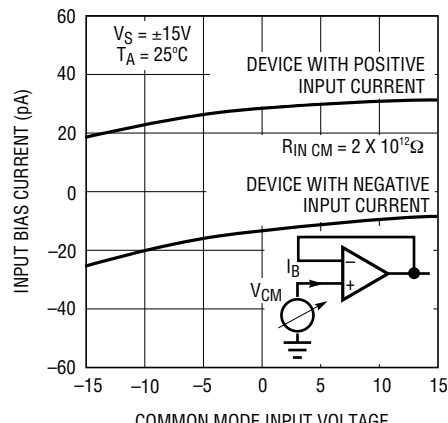
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**Input Bias Current vs Temperature**



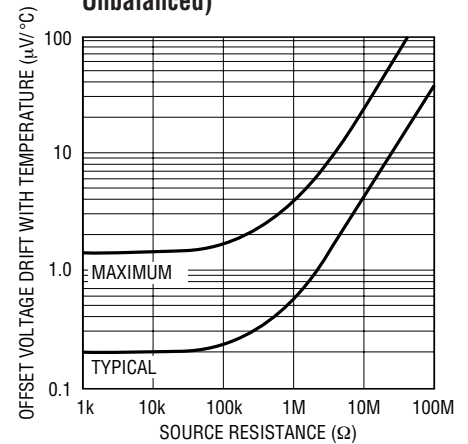
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**Input Bias Current Over Common Mode Range**



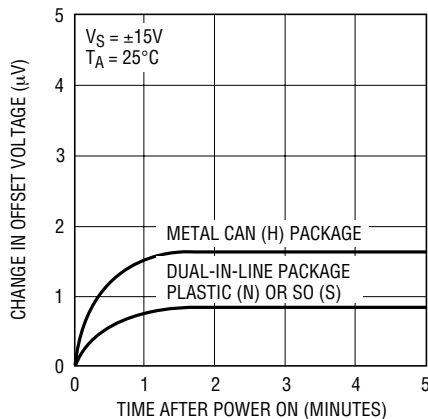
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**Offset Voltage Drift vs Source Resistance (Balanced or Unbalanced)**



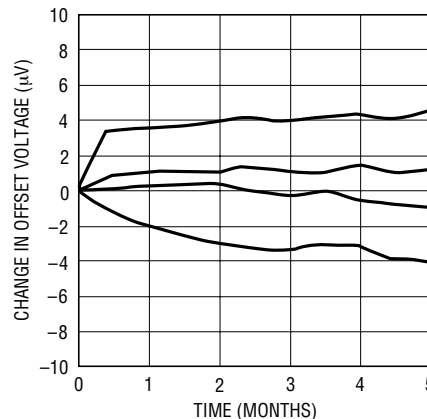
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**Warm-Up Drift**



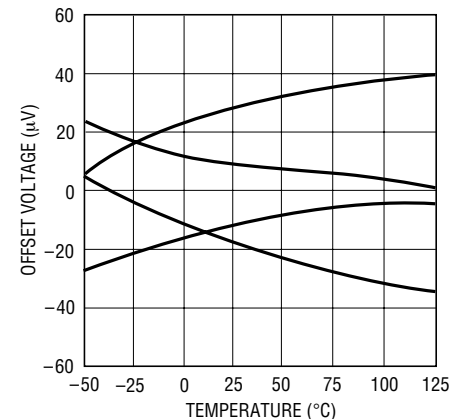
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**Long Term Stability of Four Representative Units**



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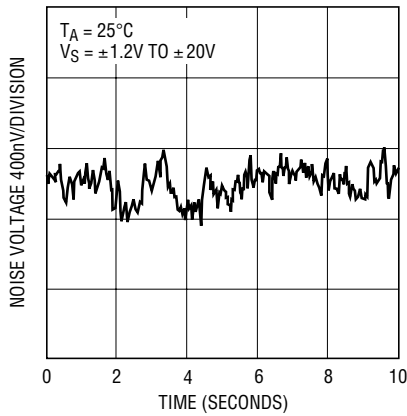
**Offset Voltage Drift with Temperature of Four Representative Units**



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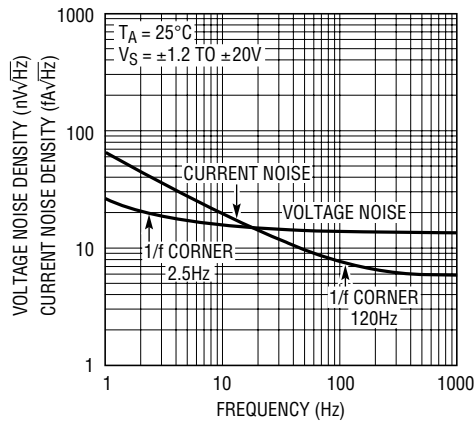
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0.1Hz to 10Hz Noise



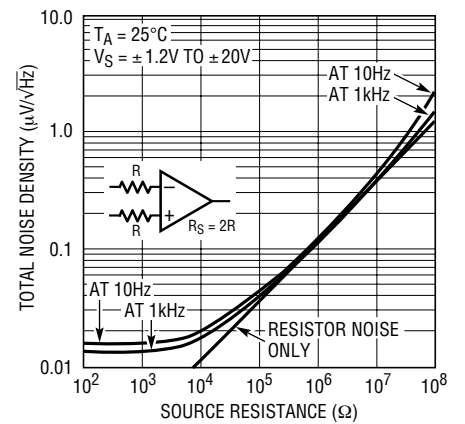
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Noise Spectrum



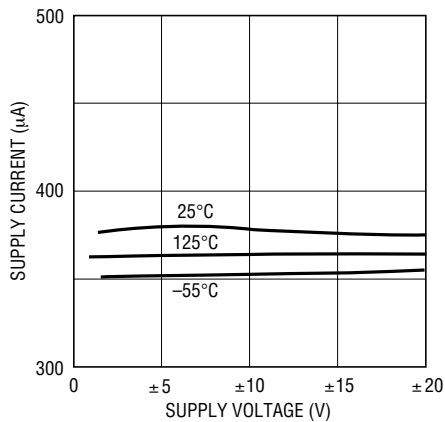
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Total Noise vs Source Resistance



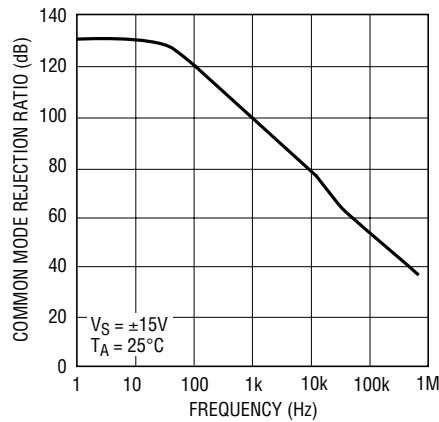
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Supply Current vs Supply Voltage



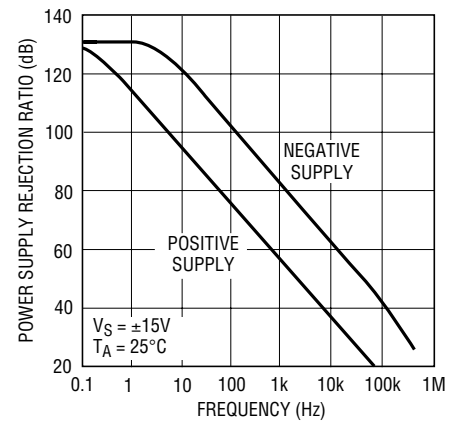
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Common Mode Rejection vs Frequency



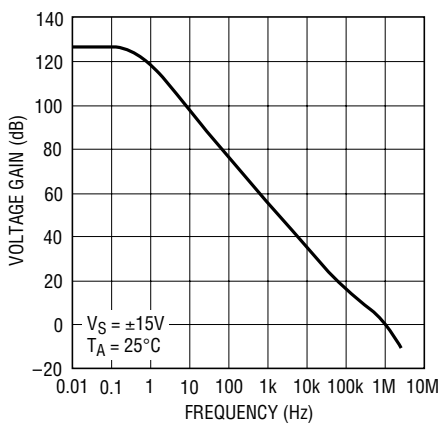
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Power Supply Rejection vs Frequency



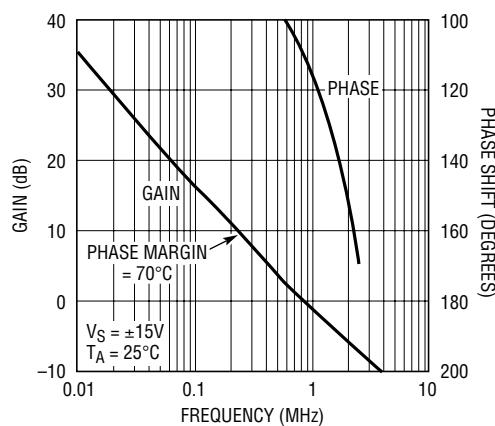
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Voltage Gain vs Frequency



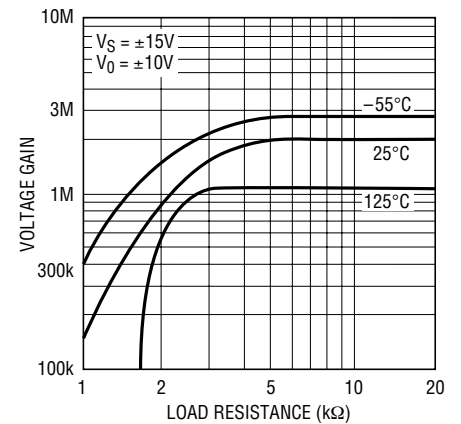
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Gain, Phase Shift vs Frequency



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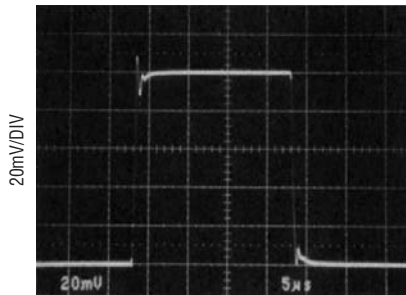
Voltage Gain vs Load Resistance



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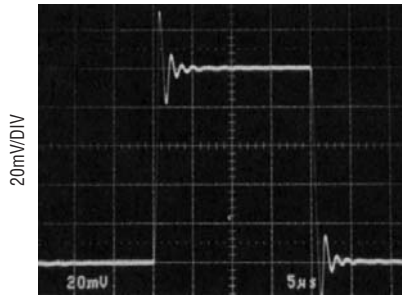
## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Small-Signal Transient Response



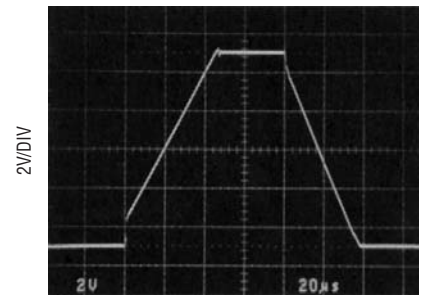
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 $C_{LOAD} = 100\text{pF}$

Small-Signal Transient Response



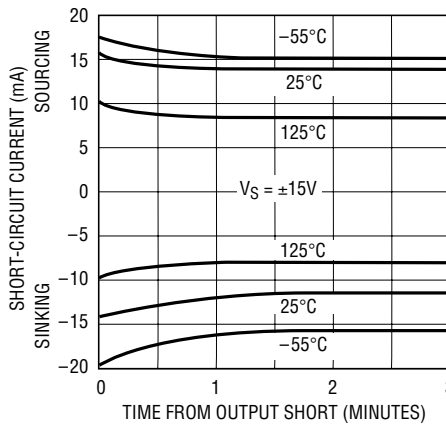
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Large-Signal Transient Response



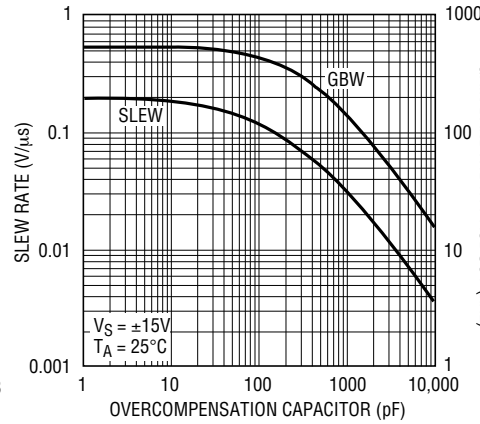
$A_V = +1$   
 $20\mu\text{s}/\text{DIV}$

Output Short-Circuit Current vs Time



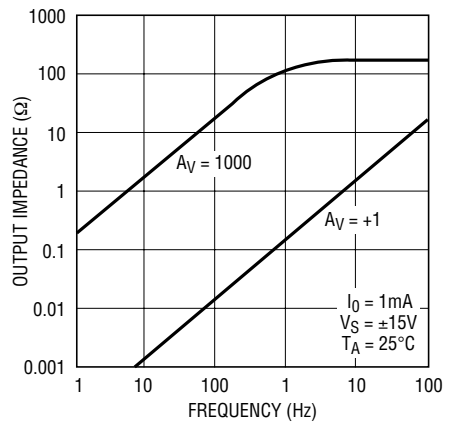
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Slew Rate, Gain Bandwidth Product vs Overcompensation Capacitor



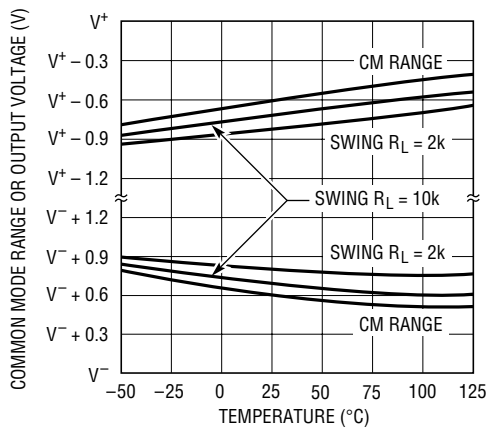
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Closed-Loop Output Impedance



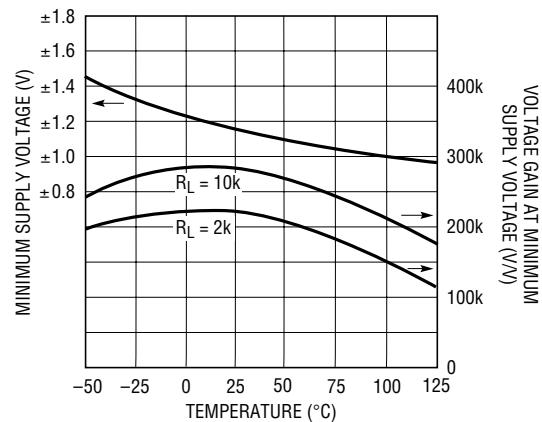
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Common Mode Range and Voltage Swing at Minimum Supply Voltage



LT1012A • TPC22

Minimum Supply Voltage, Voltage Gain at  $V_{MIN}$



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## APPLICATIONS INFORMATION

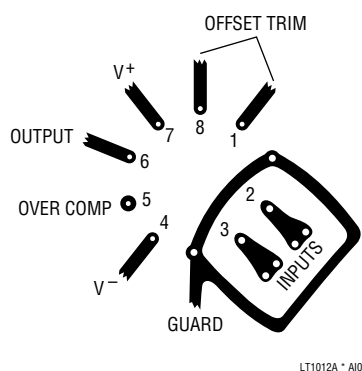
The LT1012 may be inserted directly into OP-07, LM11, 108A or 101A sockets with or without removal of external frequency compensation or nulling components. The LT1012 can also be used in 741, LF411, LF156 or OP-15 applications provided that the nulling circuitry is removed.

Although the OP-97 is a copy of the LT1012, the LT1012 directly replaces and upgrades OP-97 applications. The LT1012C and D have lower offset voltage and drift than the OP-97F. The LT1012A has lower supply current than the OP-97A/E. In addition, all LT1012 grades guarantee operation at  $\pm 1.2\text{V}$  supplies.

### Achieving Picoampere/Microvolt Performance

In order to realize the picoampere/microvolt level accuracy of the LT1012, proper care must be exercised. For example, leakage currents in circuitry external to the op amp can significantly degrade performance. High quality insulation should be used (e.g. Teflon, Kel-F); cleaning of all insulating surfaces to remove fluxes and other residues will probably be required. Surface coating may be necessary to provide a moisture barrier in high humidity environments.

Board leakage can be minimized by encircling the input circuitry with a guard ring operated at a potential close to that of the inputs: in inverting configurations the guard ring should be tied to ground, in non-inverting connections to the inverting input at Pin 2. Guarding both sides of the printed circuit board is required. Bulk leakage reduction depends on the guard ring width. Nanoampere level leakage into the offset trim terminals can affect offset voltage and drift with temperature.



Microvolt level error voltages can also be generated in the external circuitry. Thermocouple effects caused by temperature gradients across dissimilar metals at the contacts to the input terminals can exceed the inherent drift of the amplifier. Air currents over device leads should be minimized, package leads should be short, and the two input leads should be as close together as possible and maintained at the same temperature.

### Noise Testing

For application information on noise testing and calculations, please see the LT1008 data sheet.

### Frequency Compensation

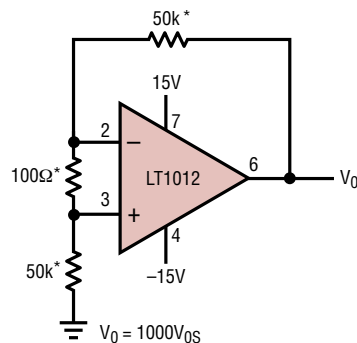
The LT1012 can be overcompensated to improve capacitive load handling capability or to narrow noise bandwidth. In many applications, the feedback loop around the amplifier has gain (e.g. logarithmic amplifiers); overcompensation can stabilize these circuits with a single capacitor.

The availability of the compensation terminal permits the use of feedforward frequency compensation to enhance slew rate. The voltage follower feedforward scheme bypasses the amplifier's gain stages and slews at nearly  $10\text{V}/\mu\text{s}$ .

The inputs of the LT1012 are protected with back-to-back diodes. Current limiting resistors are not used, because the leakage of these resistors would prevent the realization of picoampere level bias currents at elevated temperatures. In the voltage follower configuration, when the input is driven by a fast, large signal pulse ( $>1\text{V}$ ), the input protection diodes effectively short the output to the input during slewing, and a current, limited only by the output short-circuit protection will flow through the diodes.

The use of a feedback resistor, as shown in the voltage follower feedforward diagram, is recommended because this resistor keeps the current below the short-circuit limit, resulting in faster recovery and settling of the output.

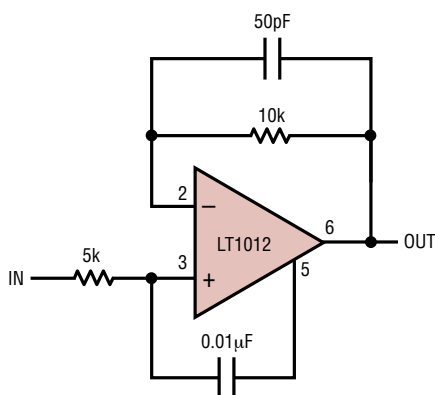
### Test Circuit for Offset Voltage and its Drift with Temperature



\*RESISTORS MUST HAVE LOW THERMOELECTRIC  
POTENTIAL

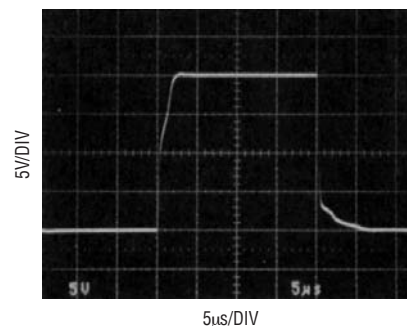
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## Follower Feedforward Compensation



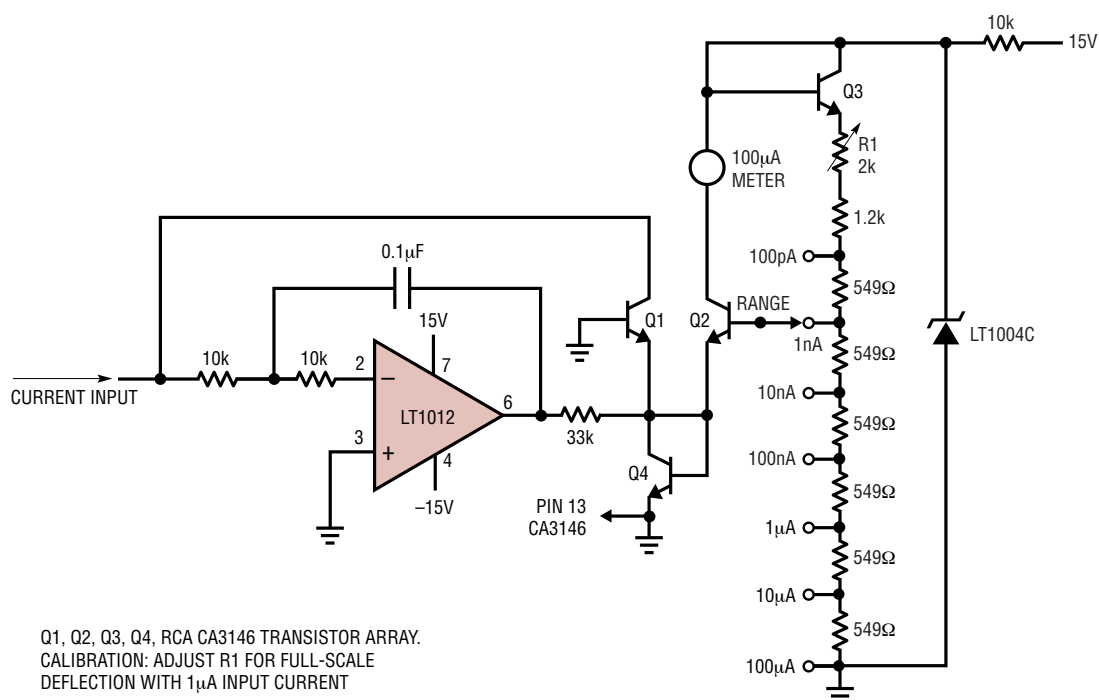
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## Pulse Response of Feedforward Compensation



## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

### Ammeter with Six Decade Range



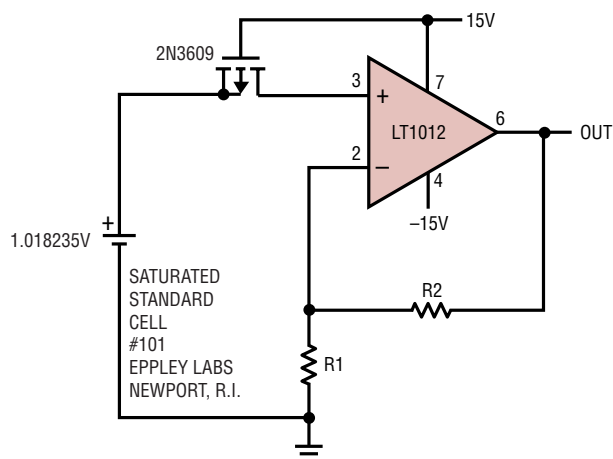
Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, RCA CA3146 TRANSISTOR ARRAY.  
CALIBRATION: ADJUST R1 FOR FULL-SCALE  
DEFLECTION WITH 1 $\mu$ A INPUT CURRENT

AMP/MEETER MEASURES CURRENTS FROM 100pA TO 100μA WITHOUT THE USE OF EXPENSIVE HIGH VALUE RESISTORS. ACCURACY AT 100μA IS LIMITED BY THE OFFSET VOLTAGE BETWEEN Q1 AND Q2 AND, AT 100pA, BY THE INVERTING BIAS CURRENT OF THE LT1012

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## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

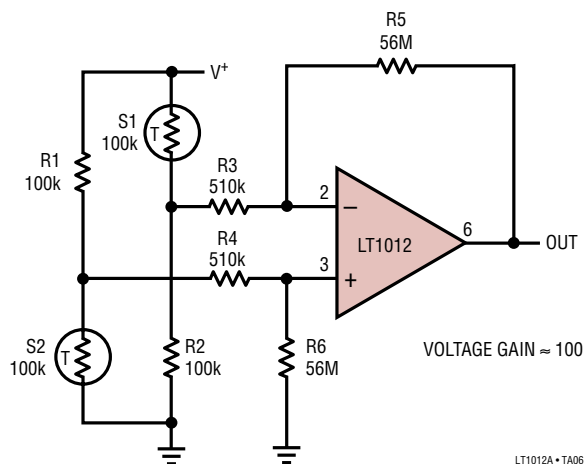
**Saturated Standard Cell Amplifier**



THE TYPICAL 30pA BIAS CURRENT OF THE LT1012 WILL DEGRADE THE STANDARD CELL BY ONLY 1ppm/YEAR. NOISE IS A FRACTION OF A ppm. UNPROTECTED GATE MOSFET ISOLATES STANDARD CELL ON POWER DOWN

LT1012A • TA05

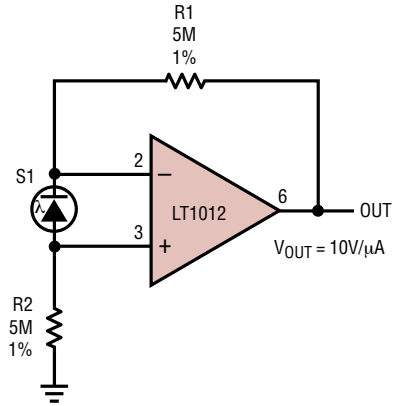
**Amplifier for Bridge Transducers**



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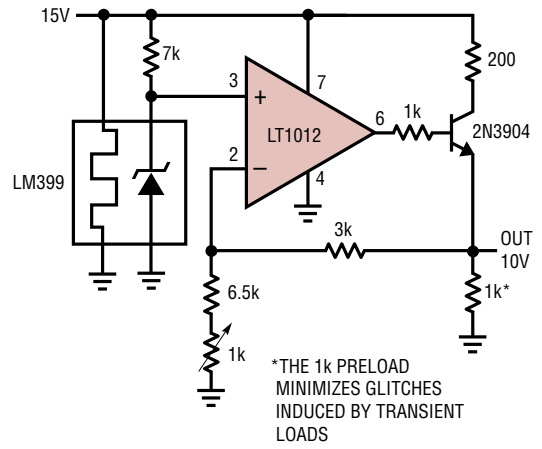
## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

### Amplifier for Photodiode Sensor



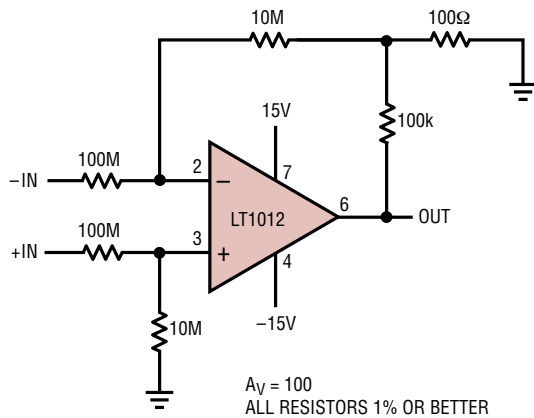
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### Buffered Reference for A-to-D Converters



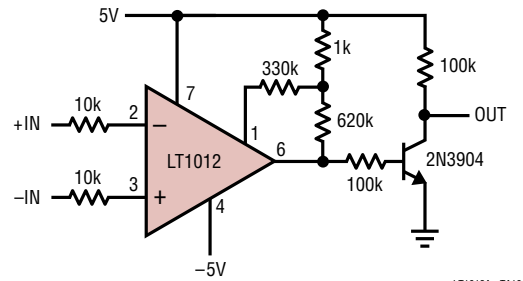
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### Instrumentation Amplifier with $\pm 100\text{V}$ Common Mode Range



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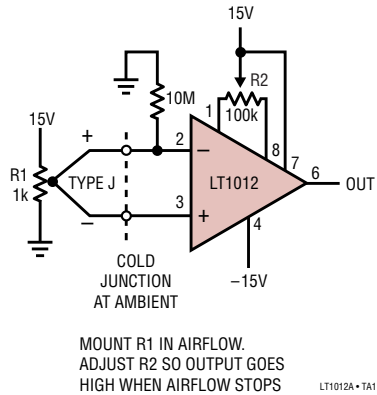
### Low Power Comparator with $< 10\mu\text{V}$ Hysteresis



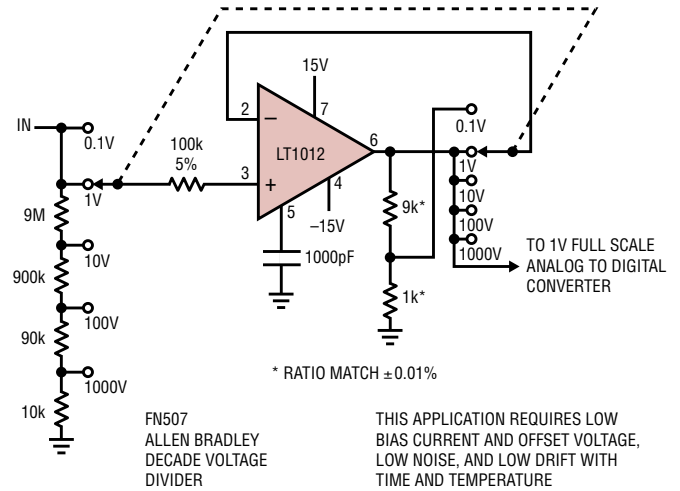
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# TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

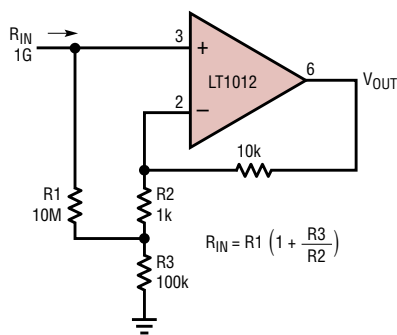
**Air Flow Detector**



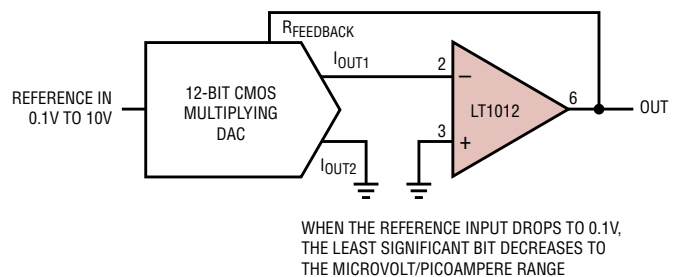
**Input Amplifier for 4.5 Digit Voltmeter**



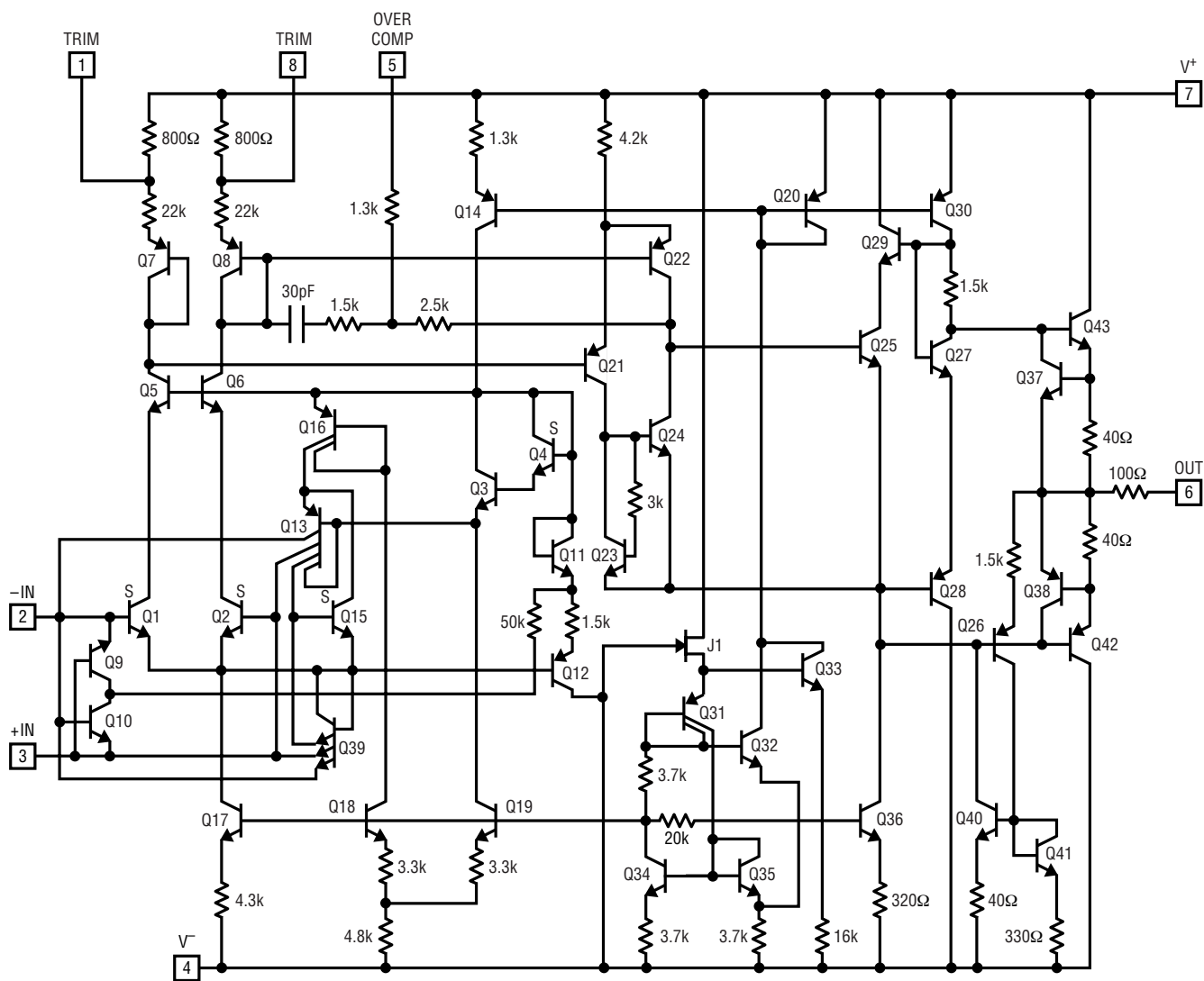
**Resistor Multiplier**



**“No Trims” 12-Bit Multiplying DAC Output Amplifier**

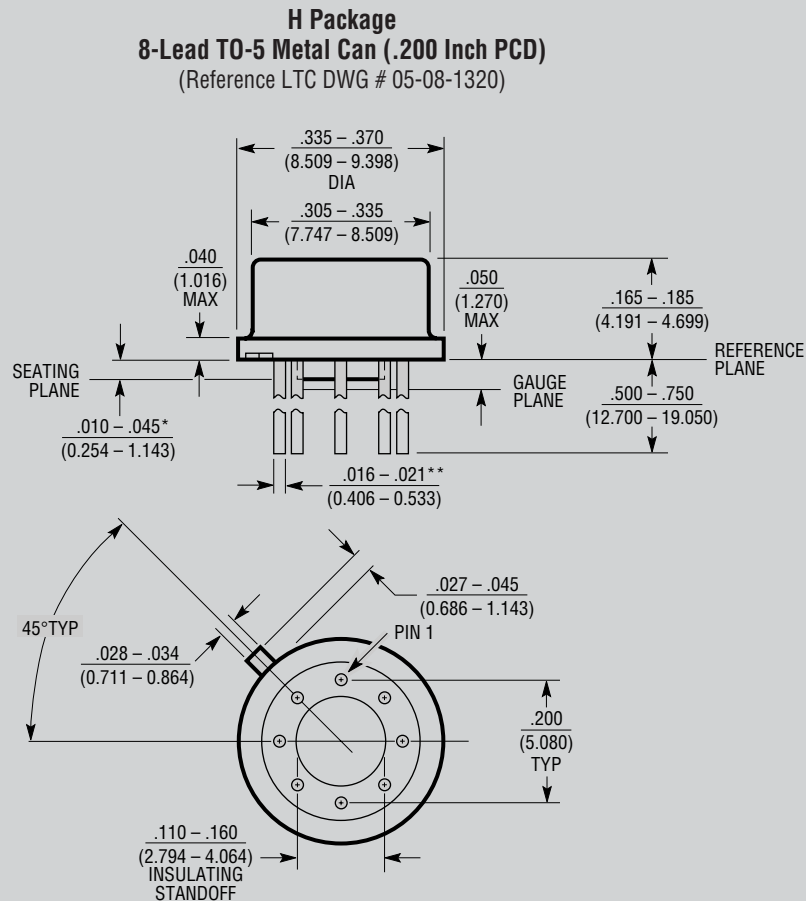


SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



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# PACKAGE DESCRIPTION



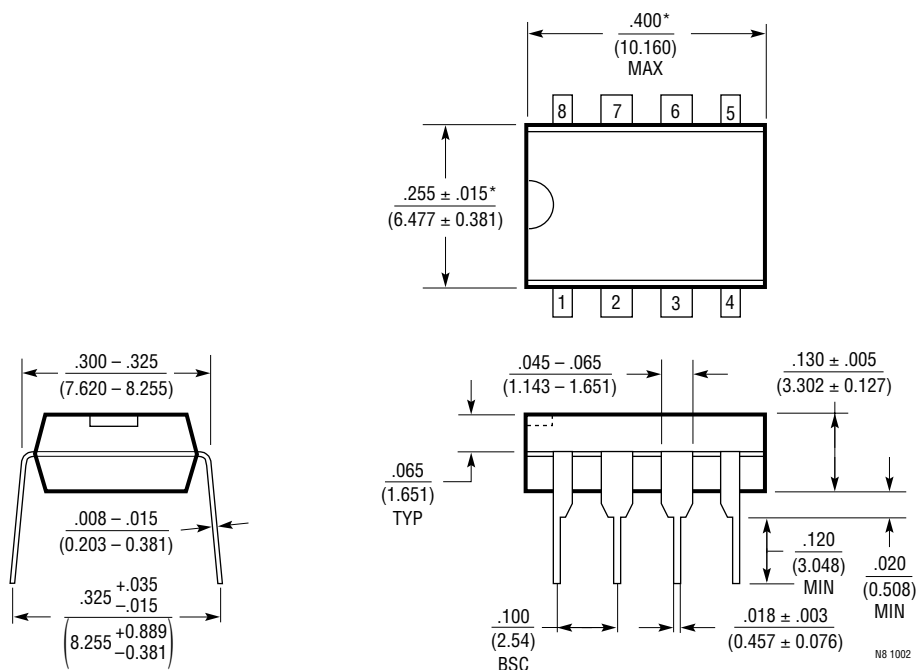
\*LEAD DIAMETER IS UNCONTROLLED BETWEEN THE REFERENCE PLANE AND THE SEATING PLANE

\*\*FOR SOLDER DIP LEAD FINISH, LEAD DIAMETER IS  $\frac{.016 - .024}{(0.406 - 0.610)}$  H8(TO-5) 0.200 PCD 0801

## OBSOLETE PACKAGE

## PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

**N8 Package**  
**8-Lead PDIP (Narrow .300 Inch)**  
 (Reference LTC DWG # 05-08-1510)



NOTE:  
 1. DIMENSIONS ARE  $\frac{\text{INCHES}}{\text{MILLIMETERS}}$

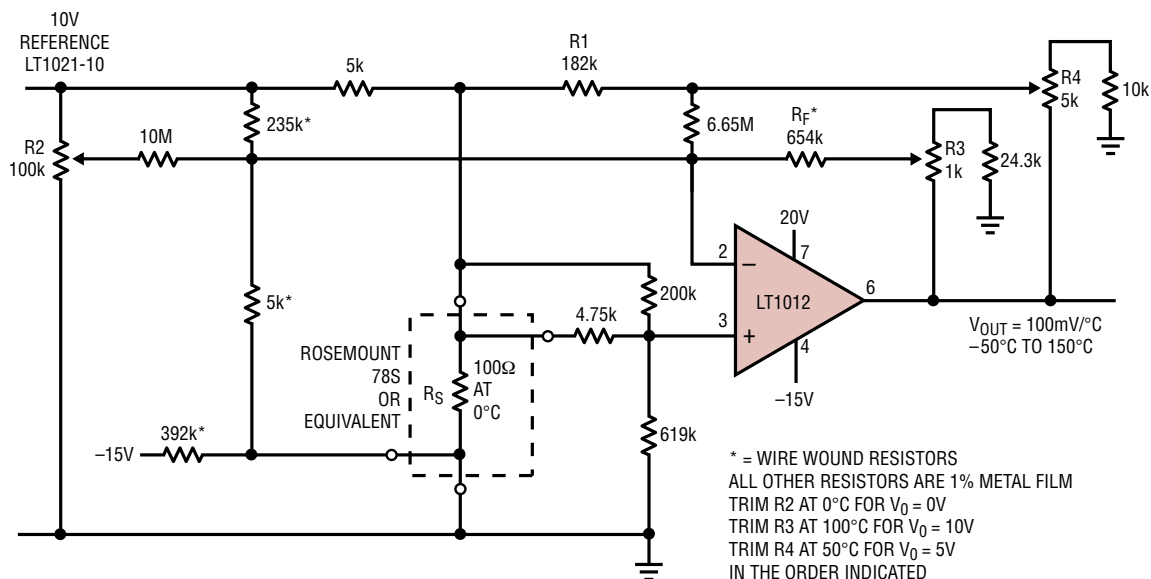
\*THESE DIMENSIONS DO NOT INCLUDE MOLD FLASH OR PROTRUSIONS.  
 MOLD FLASH OR PROTRUSIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED .010 INCH (0.254mm)

N8 1002



## TYPICAL APPLICATION

### Kelvin-Sensed Platinum Temperature Sensor Amplifier



POSITIVE FEEDBACK (R1) LINEARIZES THE  
INHERENT PARABOLIC NONLINEARITY OF  
THE PLATINUM SENSOR AND REDUCES  
ERRORS FROM 1.2°C TO 0.004°C OVER  
THE -50°C TO 150°C RANGE

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