

# Micropower DC-DC Converter Adjustable and Fixed 5V, 12V

## FEATURES

- No Design Required
- Operates at Supply Voltages From 1.0V to 30V
- Consumes Only 95 $\mu$ A Supply Current
- Works in Step-Up or Step-Down Mode
- Only Three External Off-the-Shelf Components Required
- Low-Battery Detector Comparator On-Chip
- User-Adjustable Current Limit
- Internal 1A Power Switch
- Fixed or Adjustable Output Voltage Versions
- Space-Saving 8-Pin MiniDIP or SO8 Package

## APPLICATIONS

- Pagers
- Cameras
- Single-Cell to 5V Converters
- Battery Backup Supplies
- Laptop and Palmtop Computers
- Cellular Telephones
- Portable Instruments
- 4mA-20mA Loop Powered Instruments
- Hand-Held Inventory Computers
- Battery-Powered  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  Particle Detectors

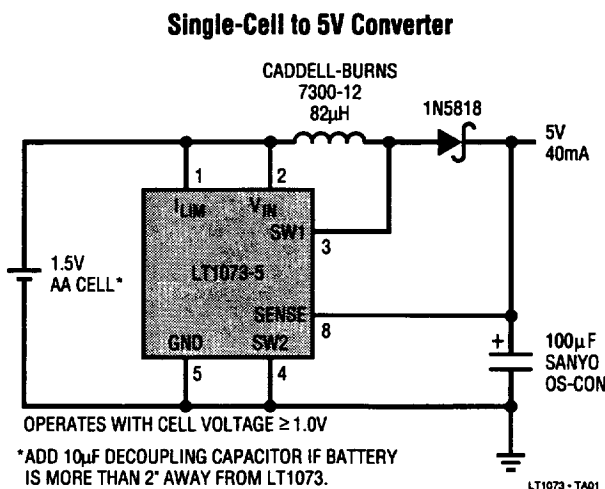
## DESCRIPTION

The LT1073 is a versatile micropower DC-DC converter. The device requires only three external components to deliver a fixed output of 5V or 12V. The very low minimum supply voltage of 1.0V allows the use of the LT1073 in applications where the primary power source is a single cell. An on-chip auxiliary gain block can function as a low-battery detector or linear post-regulator.

Average current drain of the LT1073-5 used as shown in the Typical Application circuit below is just 135 $\mu$ A unloaded, making it ideal for applications where long battery life is important. The circuit shown can deliver 5V at 40mA from an input as low as 1.25V, and 5V at 10mA from a 1.00V input.

The device can easily be configured as a step-up or step-down converter, although for most step-down applications or input sources greater than 3V, the LT1173 is recommended. Switch current limiting is user-adjustable by adding a single external resistor. Unique reverse-battery protection circuitry limits reverse current to safe, non-destructive levels at reverse supply voltages up to 1.6V.

## TYPICAL APPLICATION



**Single Alkaline "AA" Cell Operating Hours vs DC Load Current**

