LM2900, LM3900
QUADRUPLE NORTON OPERATIONAL AMPLIFIERS

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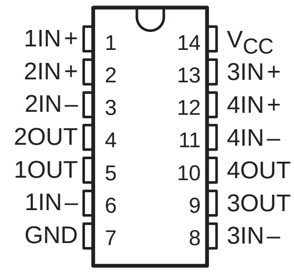
- **Wide Range of Supply Voltages, Single or Dual Supplies**
- **Wide Bandwidth**
- **Large Output Voltage Swing**
- **Output Short-Circuit Protection**
- **Internal Frequency Compensation**
- **Low Input Bias Current**
- **Designed to Be Interchangeable With National Semiconductor LM2900 and LM3900, Respectively**

N PACKAGE
(TOP VIEW)



description

These devices consist of four independent, high-gain frequency-compensated Norton operational amplifiers that were designed specifically to operate from a single supply over a wide range of voltages. Operation from split supplies is also possible. The low supply current drain is essentially independent of the magnitude of the supply voltage. These devices provide wide bandwidth and large output voltage swing.

The LM2900 is characterized for operation from –40°C to 85°C, and the LM3900 is characterized for operation from 0°C to 70°C.

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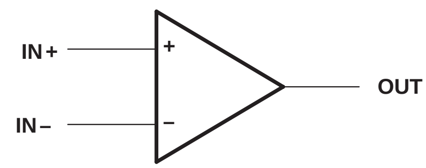

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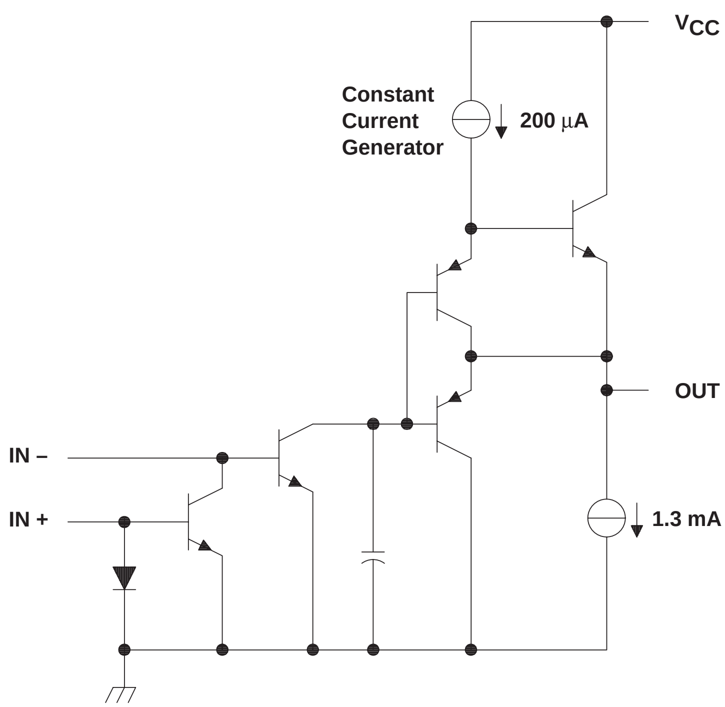

absolute maximum ratings over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

	LM2900	LM3900	UNIT
Supply voltage, V_{CC} (see Note 1)	36	36	V
Input current	20	20	mA
Duration of output short circuit (one amplifier) to ground at (or below) 25°C free-air temperature (see Note 2)	unlimited	unlimited	
Continuous total dissipation	See Dissipation Rating Table		
Operating free-air temperature range	–40 to 85	0 to 70	°C
Storage temperature range	–65 to 150	–65 to 150	°C
Lead temperature 1,6 mm (1/16 inch) from case for 10 seconds	260	260	°C

NOTES: 1. All voltage values, except differential voltages, are with respect to the network ground terminal.
2. Short circuits from outputs to V_{CC} can cause excessive heating and eventual destruction.

DISSIPATION RATING TABLE

PACKAGE	$T_A \le 25°C$ POWER RATING	DERATING FACTOR ABOVE $T_A = 25°C$	$T_A = 70°C$ POWER RATING	$T_A = 85°C$ POWER RATING
N	1150 mW	9.2 mW/°C	736 mW	598 mW

recommended operating conditions

	LM2900		LM3900		UNIT
	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	
Supply voltage, V_{CC} (single supply)	4.5	32	4.5	32	V
Supply voltage, V_{CC+} (dual supply)	2.2	16	2.2	16	V
Supply voltage, V_{CC-} (dual supply)	–2.2	–16	–2.2	–16	V
Input current (see Note 3)		–1		–1	mA
Operating free-air temperature, T_A	–40	85	0	70	°C

NOTE 3: Clamp transistors are included that prevent the input voltages from swinging below ground more than approximately –0.3 V. The negative input currents that may result from large signal overdrive with capacitive input coupling must be limited externally to values of approximately –1 mA. Negative input currents in excess of –4 mA causes the output voltage to drop to a low voltage. These values apply for any one of the input terminals. If more than one of the input terminals are simultaneously driven negative, maximum currents are reduced. Common-mode current biasing can be used to prevent negative input voltages.

electrical characteristics, V_{CC} = 15 V, T_A = 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

PARAMETER		TEST CONDITIONS†		LM2900			LM3900			UNIT
				MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
I_{IB}	Input bias current (inverting input)	I_{I+} = 0	T_A = 25°C		30	200		30	200	nA
			T_A = Full range		300			300		
	Mirror gain	I_{I+} = 20 µA to 200 µA, T_A = Full range, See Note 4		0.9		1.1	0.9		1.1	µA/µA
	Change in mirror gain				2%	5%		2%	5%	
	Mirror current	V_{I+} = V_{I-}, T_A = Full range, See Note 4			10	500		10	500	µA
A_{VD}	Large-signal differential voltage amplification	V_O = 10 V, R_L = 10 kΩ, f = 100 Hz		1.2	2.8		1.2	2.8		V/mV
r_i	Input resistance (inverting input)				1			1		MΩ
r_o	Output resistance				8			8		kΩ
B_1	Unity-gain bandwidth (inverting input)				2.5			2.5		MHz
k_{SVR}	Supply voltage rejection ratio ($\Delta V_{CC}/\Delta V_{IO}$)				70			70		dB
V_{OH}	High-level output voltage	I_{I+} = 0, I_{I-} = 0	R_L = 2 kΩ	13.5			13.5			V
			V_{CC} = 30 V, No load		29.5			29.5		
V_{OL}	Low-level output voltage	I_{I+} = 0, I_{I-} = 10 µA, R_L = 2 kΩ			0.09	0.2		0.09	0.2	V
I_{OS}	Short-circuit output current (output internally high)	I_{I+} = 0, I_{I-} = 0, V_O = 0		–6	–18		–6	–10		mA
	Pulldown current			0.5	1.3		0.5	1.3		mA
I_{OL}	Low-level output current‡	I_{I-} = 5 µA, V_{OL} = 1 V			5			5		mA
I_{CC}	Supply current (four amplifiers)	No load			6.2	10		6.2	10	mA

† All characteristics are measured under open-loop conditions with zero common-mode voltage unless otherwise specified. Full range for T_A is –40°C to 85°C for LM2900 and 0°C to 70°C for LM3900.
‡ The output current-sink capability can be increased for large-signal conditions by overdriving the inverting input.
NOTE 4: These parameters are measured with the output balanced midway between V_{CC} and GND.

operating characteristics, $V_{CC\pm}$ = ±15 V, T_A = 25°C

PARAMETER			TEST CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
SR	Slew rate at unity gain	Low-to-high output	V_O = 10 V, C_L = 100 pF, R_L = 2 kΩ		0.5		V/µs
		High-to-low output			20		

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS†

**INPUT BIAS CURRENT (INVERTING INPUT)
vs
FREE-AIR TEMPERATURE**

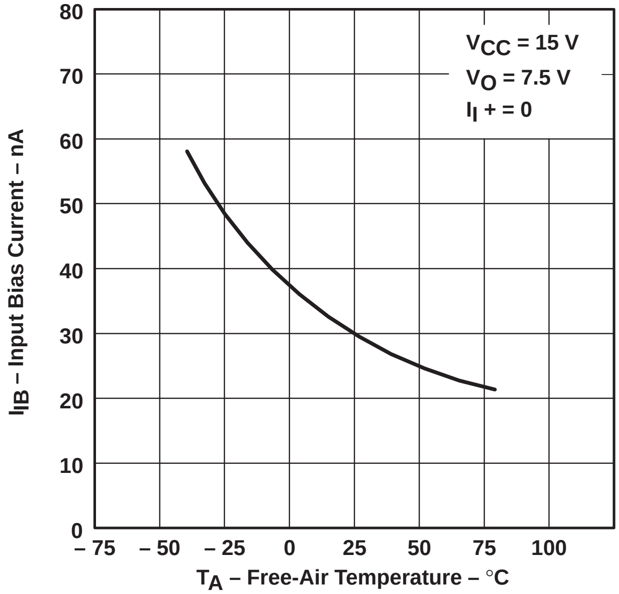

Figure 1

**MIRROR GAIN
vs
FREE-AIR TEMPERATURE**

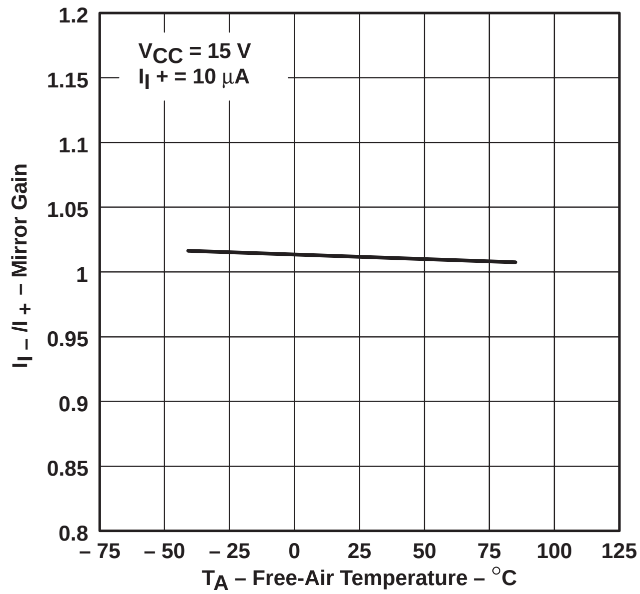

Figure 2

**LARGE SIGNAL
DIFFERENTIAL VOLTAGE AMPLIFICATION
vs
FREQUENCY**

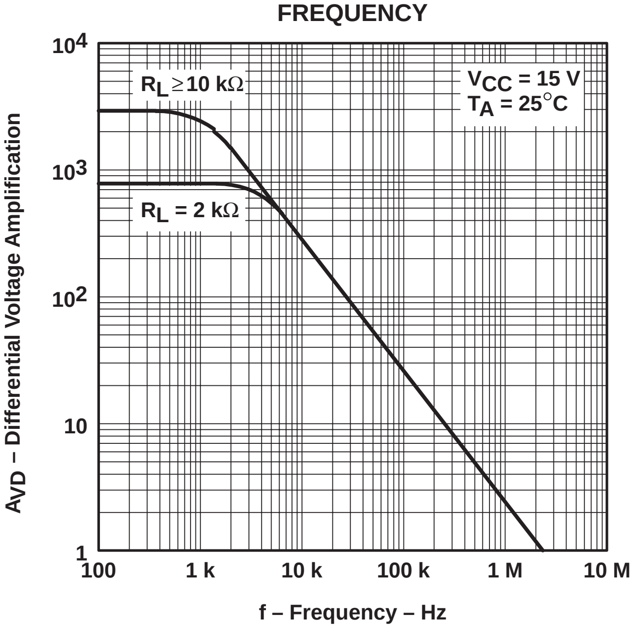

Figure 3

**LARGE SIGNAL
DIFFERENTIAL VOLTAGE AMPLIFICATION
vs
SUPPLY VOLTAGE**

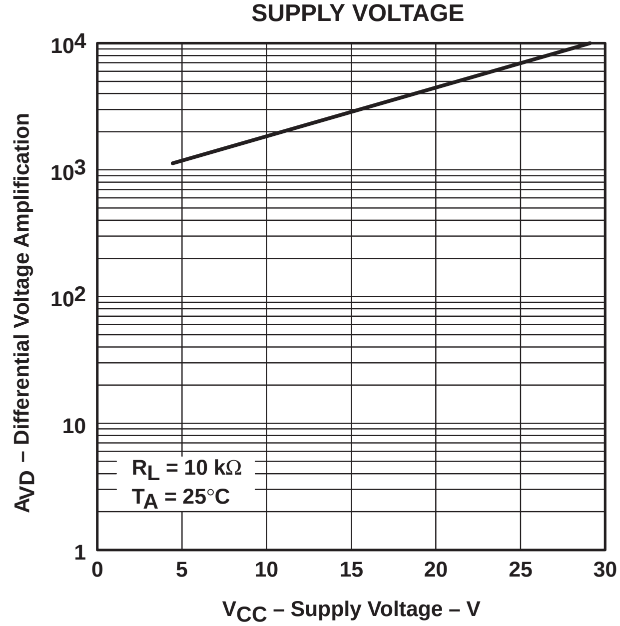

Figure 4

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LARGE SIGNAL DIFFERENTIAL VOLTAGE AMPLIFICATION vs FREE-AIR TEMPERATURE

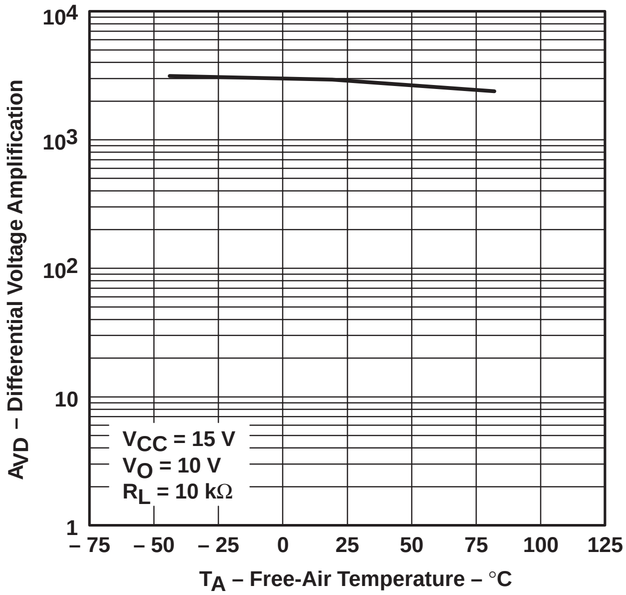


Figure 5

SUPPLY VOLTAGE REJECTION RATIO vs FREQUENCY

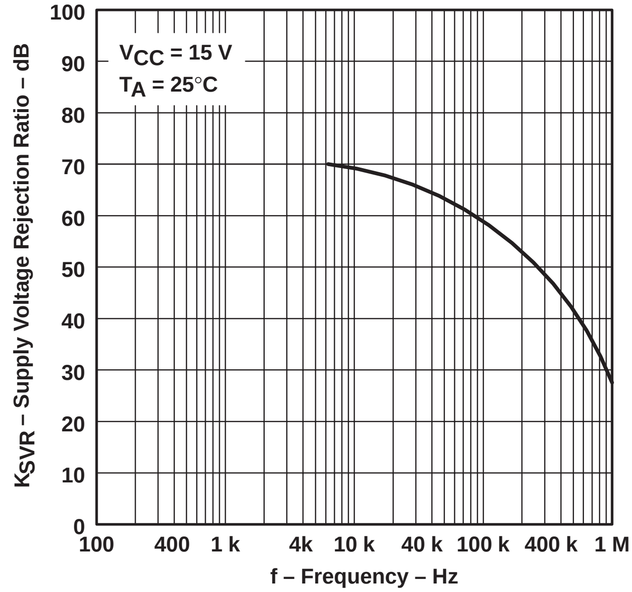


Figure 6

PEAK-TO-PEAK OUTPUT VOLTAGE vs FREQUENCY

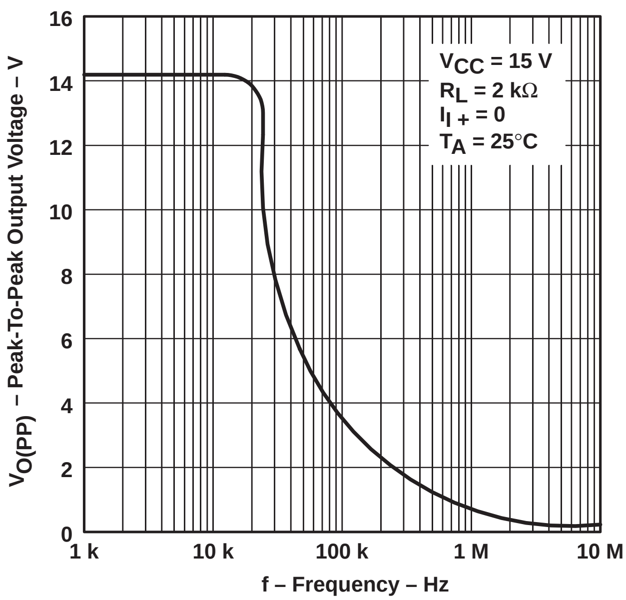
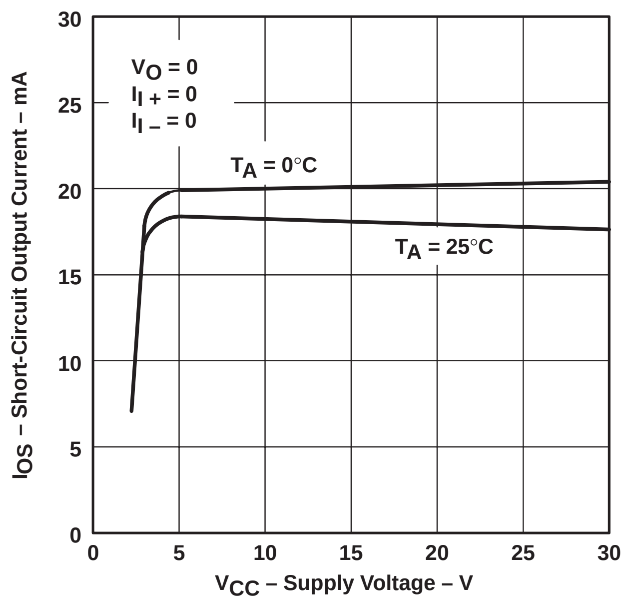


Figure 7

SHORT-CIRCUIT OUTPUT CURRENT (OUTPUT INTERNALLY HIGH) vs SUPPLY VOLTAGE



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LOW-LEVEL OUTPUT CURRENT vs SUPPLY VOLTAGE

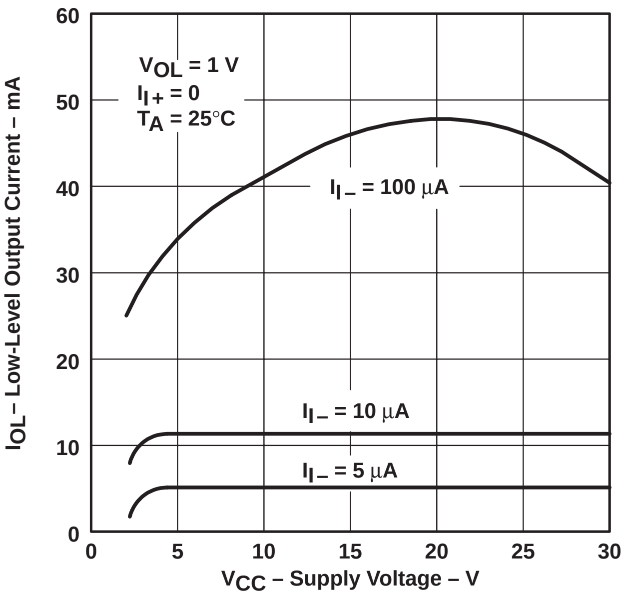


Figure 9

PULLDOWN CURRENT vs SUPPLY VOLTAGE

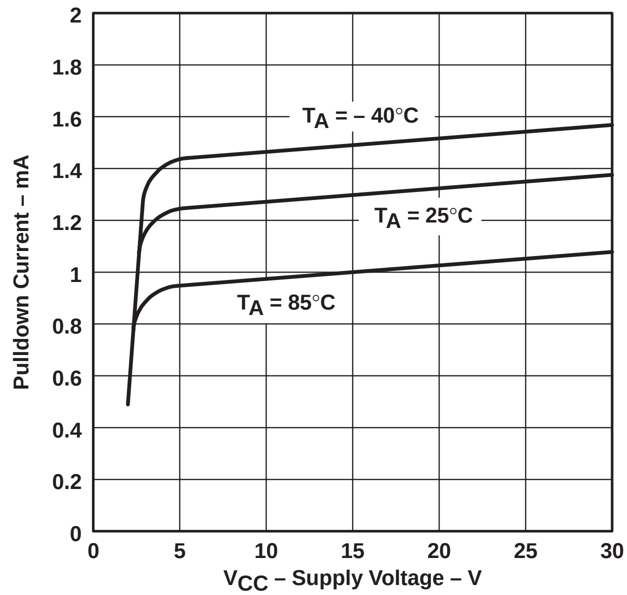


Figure 10

PULLDOWN CURRENT vs FREE-AIR TEMPERATURE

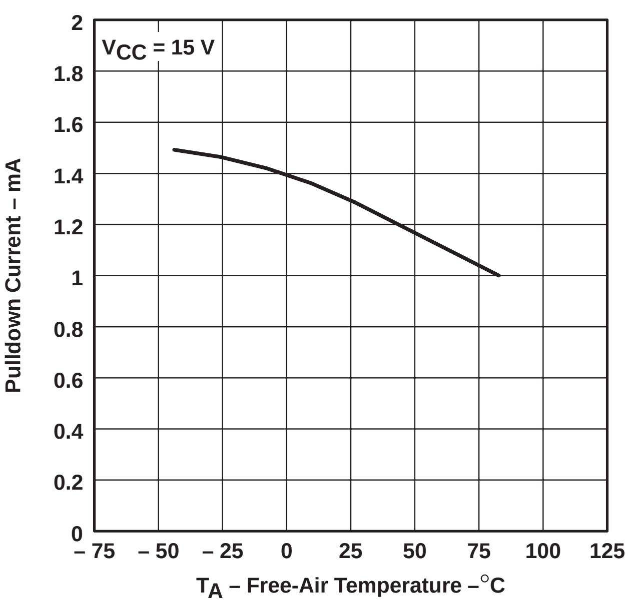
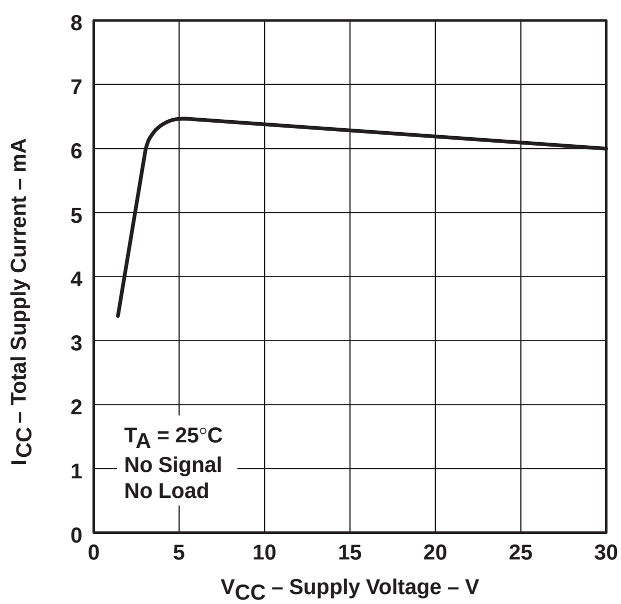


Figure 11

TOTAL SUPPLY CURRENT vs SUPPLY VOLTAGE



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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Norton (or current-differencing) amplifiers can be used in most standard general-purpose operational amplifier applications. Performance as a dc amplifier in a single-power-supply mode is not as precise as a standard integrated-circuit operational amplifier operating from dual supplies. Operation of the amplifier can best be understood by noting that input currents are differenced at the inverting input terminal and this current then flows through the external feedback resistor to produce the output voltage. Common-mode current biasing is generally useful to allow operating with signal levels near (or even below) ground.

Internal transistors clamp negative input voltages at approximately –0.3 V but the magnitude of current flow has to be limited by the external input network. For operation at high temperature, this limit should be approximately –100 μA.

Noise immunity of a Norton amplifier is less than that of standard bipolar amplifiers. Circuit layout is more critical since coupling from the output to the noninverting input can cause oscillations. Care must also be exercised when driving either input from a low-impedance source. A limiting resistor should be placed in series with the input lead to limit the peak input current. Current up to 20 mA will not damage the device, but the current mirror on the noninverting input will saturate and cause a loss of mirror gain at higher current levels, especially at high operating temperatures.

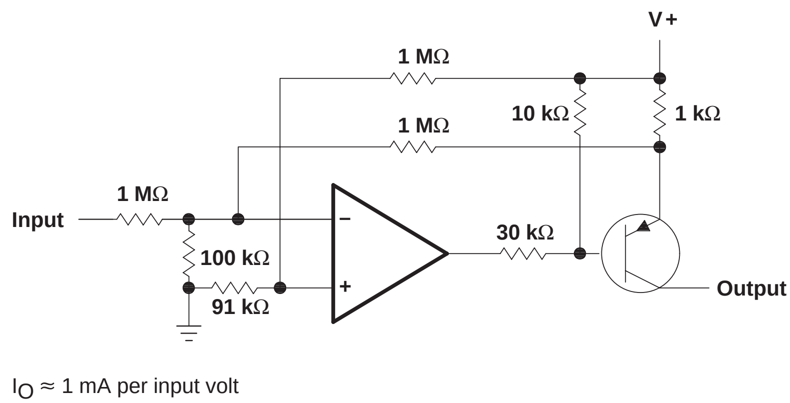

Figure 13. Voltage-Controlled Current Source

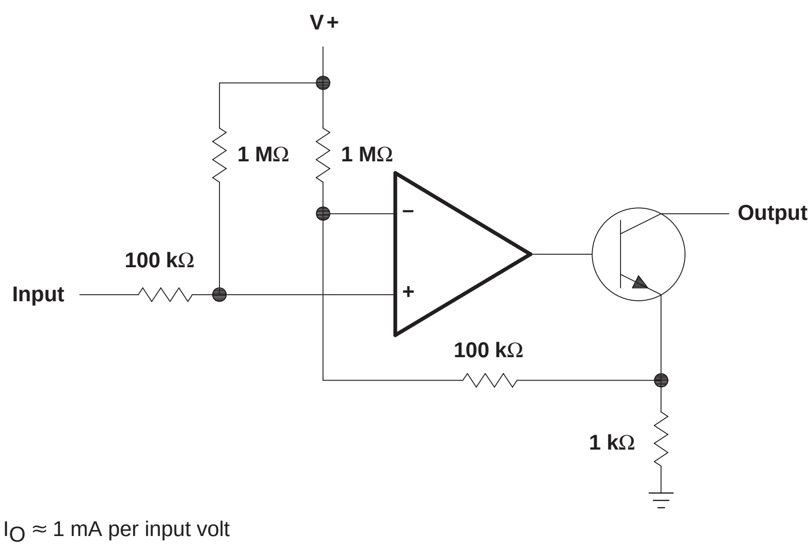

Figure 14. Voltage-Controlled Current Sink

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