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## 1 About this manual

This Installation and user manual (hereinafter referred to as the manual) describes the installation, electrical connection, commissioning, maintenance and fault elimination procedures of following products:

ESI 3K-S1, ESI 3.68K-S1, ESI 4K-S1, ESI 4.6K-S1, ESI 5K-S1, ESI 5K-S1-A, ESI 6K-S1

- ▶ Carefully read this manual before use!
  - ▶ Treat this manual as an integral component of the device.
  - ▶ Keep this manual in close proximity to the device, including when it is handed over to another user or moved to a different location.
- 
- ▶ This manual is for qualified electricians. The tasks described in this manual only can be performed by qualified electricians.

This manual contains important safety information on installation, operation and maintenance of the device.

- ▶ Read and observe all given safety information.

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## 1.2 Presentation of warnings

This manual contains information on safe operation and uses symbols to ensure the safety of persons and property as well as the efficient operation of the inverter.

- ▶ Read through the following symbol explanations carefully in order to prevent injury or property damage.

### 1.2.1 Warnsymbol

|   |  |
|---|--|
|  | <p>The general danger symbol warns of risk of serious injury when used with the signal words CAUTION, WARNING, and DANGER.</p> |
|---|--|

### 1.2.2 Signalwords

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <p><b>DANGER</b></p>  | <p>Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.</p>   |
| <p><b>WARNING</b></p> | <p>Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.</p>  |
| <p><b>CAUTION</b></p> | <p>Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.</p> |
| <p><b>NOTICE</b></p>  | <p>Indicates a danger that results in damage to or destruction of the inverter.</p>                     |

### 1.2.3 Sectional warnings

Sectional warnings refer to a complete section and are structured as follows:

|   |
|---|
|  <b>WARNING</b>  |
| <p><b>Type and source of danger</b></p> <p><b>Consequences for non observance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Avoiding the danger</li> </ul> |

### 1.2.4 Embedded warnings

Embedded warnings are part of an action sequence and are placed right before the dangerous step.

**WARNING** Combination of type/source of danger, consequences for non observance and avoiding the danger.

### 1.3 Presentation of action instructions

This table shows the sequence of Action steps:

| Symbol         | Function  |
|----------------|---|
| ✓              | This describes an action requirement                                    |
| 1.<br>2.<br>3. | This is the sequence of action steps that must be followed step by step |
| ▶              | This is a single action step  |
| ↳              | This describes the result of the action                                 |

### 1.4 Note

Notes are presented in a grey bar.

- ▶ Provides tips essential to the optimal operation of the product.

## 2 Basic Safety Information



- ▶ If you have any questions or problems after reading the following information, please contact SOFAR.

This chapter details the safety information pertaining to the installation and operation of the device.

### 2.1 Requirement for Installation and Maintenance

#### 2.1.1 Common requirements

The product must be installed in full compliance with national and local power grid standards and regulations.

Before installing and adjusting the produce, please read all of instructions, cautions and warnings in this manual.

Before connecting the product to the electrical utility grid, contact the local utility company for allowance. Also, this connection must be made only by qualified electrician.

When any maintenance or repair is required, please contact the nearest authorized maintenance center. If you don't know which service center is closest to you, please contact your local distributor. Don't repair the product by yourself, which may lead serious injury or damage.

Before installing and maintaining the device, using the DC switch to cut off the high voltage direct current of the photovoltaic array. Otherwise, the high voltage may cause serious injury.

- ▶ The product should be placed in a well-ventilated place. Do not place the product in a sealed or air-tight position or cabinet, otherwise it will affect the operation performance and system life of the energy storage system.
- ▶ Avoid direct sunlight. Do not place this product near stoves and fire sources. Otherwise, the lithium battery in the product system will leak or even explode.
- ▶ The maintenance personnel of this product must understand the knowledge and skills related to inverter and battery maintenance.
- ▶ ESI Series products are transformerless inverter which requires the positive pole and negative pole of the PV array are NOT grounded. Otherwise, it will cause inverter failure. In the PV system, all non-current-carrying metal parts (such as mounting frame, combiner box enclosure, etc.) should be connected to earthed.
- ▶ Reminder: Do not disassemble and destroy the battery. The toxic electrolyte in the battery can damage your skin and eyes.
- ▶ Caution: Comply with the following requirements during the installation and maintenance of the product:
  - A) Remove watches, rings and other metal objects from your body.
  - B) Use tools with insulated handles.
  - C) Wear rubber gloves and shoes.
  - D) Do not place tools or metal objects on the battery.
  - E) Close the inverter before connecting/disconnecting the battery and the energy storage inverter.
  - F) Battery +/- pole shall be isolated from ground.

## 2.1.2 Installation and maintenance personnel requirements

When the product is in the running state, some parts may be electrified and hot. Improper use, improper installation or operation may result in serious injury to person or property. Transport, loading, unloading, installation, start-up and maintenance operations must be performed by a qualified electrical engineer (all accident precautions in force in the user's country must be followed!) SOFAR will not be responsible for any personal injury or property injury caused by improper use.

### 2.1.3 Installation location requirement

Please install the product according to the following section. Place inverter in an appropriate bearing capacity object (such as solid brick wall, or strength equivalent mounting surface, etc.) and make sure inverter vertical placed. A proper installation location must have enough space for fire engine access in order for maintenance if faulty occur. Ensure the inverter is installed in a wall ventilated environment and have enough air-cooling cycle. Air humidity should less than 90%.

### 2.1.4 Transport Requirement

Inverter is in the good electrical and physical condition when it ship out from factory. During transport, inverter must be placed in its original package or other proper package. Transportation company should responsible for any damage during transport period.

If you find any packing problems that may cause the damage of inverter or any visible damage, please notice the responsible transportation company immediately. You can ask your installer or SOFAR for help is necessary.

This product contains battery module through UN38.3, belongs to the ninth category of dangerous goods. Therefore, loading and unloading must comply with local laws and regulations and industry standards during transportation. Rough loading and unloading may cause short circuit or damage to batteries in containers, which may result in battery leakage, breakage, explosion, or fire.

- ▶ Shipping complies with the IMDG CODE and the International Maritime Dangerous Goods CODE.
- ▶ For land transportation, comply with ADR or JT T617 shipping requirements.
- ▶ Comply the regulatory requirements of the transport regulatory authorities of the country of origin, route and destination.
- ▶ Comply with international regulations for the transport of dangerous goods and the supervision requirements of the corresponding national transport regulatory authorities.

## 2.1.5 Electrical Connection

Please comply with all the current electrical regulations about accident prevention in dealing with the current inverter.

### **DANGER**

- ▶ Before the electrical connection, use opaque material to cover the PV modules or disconnect PV string DC switch. PV arrays will produce dangerous voltage if it is exposure under sun. When installing a battery, check the positive and negative terminals of the battery and turn off the battery.

### **WARNING**

#### **All operation must accomplish by certified electrical engineer**

- ▶ Must be trained
- ▶ Completely read the manual operation and understand all information.
- ▶ Must get permission by local utility company before connecting to grid and the connection must be done by certified electrical engineers.

### **NOTICE**

- ▶ Must get permission by local utility company before connecting to grid and the connection must be done by certified electrical engineers.

## 2.1.6 Operation Cautions

### DANGER

**Touching the utility grid or the terminal conductors can lead to lethal electric shock or fire!**

- ▶ Do not touch non-insulated cable ends, DC conductors and any live components.
- ▶ Attention to any electrical relevant instruction and document.

### NOTICE

- ▶ Enclosure or internal components may get hot during operation. Please wear insulated gloves.

## 2.1.7 Maintenance and Repair Cautions

### DANGER

- ▶ Before any repair work, turn OFF the AC circuit breaker between the product and electrical grid first, then turn OFF the DC switch.
- ▶ After turning OFF the AC circuit breaker and DC switch wait for at least 5 minutes before carry any maintenance or repair work.

### NOTICE

- ▶ Product should not work again until removing all faults. If any repair work is required, please contact local authorized service center.
- ▶ Should not open the product cover without authorized permit, SOFARSOALR does not take any responsibility for that.

## 2.1.8 EMC/Noise Level

Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) refers to that on electrical equipment functions in a given electromagnetic environment without any trouble or error, and impose no unacceptable effect upon the environment. Therefore, EMC represents the quality characters of an electrical equipment.

- ▶ The inherent noise-immune character: immunity to internal electrical noise
- ▶ External noise immunity: immunity to electromagnetic noise of external system

Noise emission level: influence of electromagnetic emission upon environment

|  <b>DANGER</b>  |
|--|
| <p><b>Electromagnetic radiation from the product may be harmful to health!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Please do not continue to stay away from the product in less than 20cm when it is working</li> </ul> |

## 2.2 Symbols and Signs

|  <b>DANGER</b>  |
|--|
| <p><b>High voltage of inverter may be harmful to health!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Only certified engineer can operate the product.</li> <li>▶ Juveniles, Disable, should not use this product.</li> <li>▶ Keep this product out of the reach of children.</li> </ul> |

|  <b>CAUTION</b>   |
|--|
| <p><b>Caution of burn injuries due to hot enclosure!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Only touch the screen and pressing key of the product while it is working</li> </ul> |

**NOTICE**

- ▶ PV array should be grounded in accordance to the requirements of the local electrical grid company

**⚠ WARNING**

- ▶ Ensure the maximum DC voltage input is less than the product's maximum DC voltage (including in low temperature condition). Any damage cause by over-voltage, SOFAR will not take the responsibility including warranty

The product has some safety symbols on it. Please read and fully understand the content of the symbols before installation.

**2.2.1 Sings on the inverter module**

| Symbols   | Name   | Explanation   |
|---|--|---|
|    | This is a residual voltage in the inverter module! | After disconnect with the DC side, there is a residual voltage in the inverter module, operator should wait for 5 minutes to ensure the capacitor is completely discharged.                                     |
|  | Caution of high voltage and electric shock         | The inverter module operates at high voltages. Prior to performing any work on the product, disconnect the product from voltage sources. All work on the product must be carried out by qualified persons only. |
|  | Caution of hot surface                             | The inverter module can get hot during operation. Avoid contact during operation. Prior to performing any work on the product, allow the product to cool down sufficiently.                                     |
|  | Comply with European standard (CE) certification   | The product complies with the CE Certification  |

| Symbols   | Name                             | Explanation   |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
|  | Grounding Terminal               | Connect the inverter module to the ground bar for grounding protection                                      |
|  | Observe the documentation        | Read all documentation supplied with the product before install   |
|  | Positive pole and negative pole  | Positive pole and negative pole of the input voltage (DC)   |
|  | Temperature                      | Indicated the temperature allowance range   |
|  | This side up                     | Inverter must always be transported, handled and stored in such a way that the arrows always point upwards. |
|  | RCM (Regulatory Compliance Mark) | The product complies with the requirements of the applicable Australian standards                           |

## 3 Product Introduction

### 3.1 Product Overview

#### 3.1.1 Product Brief Introduction

ESI 3-6K-S1 series inverters support multi-power segment operation. Including PV, energy storage, grid connection, EPS and other corresponding functions in one. PV is two independent MPPT tracking channels, suitable for different installation environments. The ESI 3-6K-S1 inverter can be installed with or without batteries. If the inverter needs to be used with batteries, it can only use BTS 5K battery model. The battery type is LiFePO<sub>4</sub> (LFP). The maximum energy storage capacity is 5kWh-30kWh. The inverter has the advantages of multiple working modes in operation. Under different modes, energy can be managed and distributed according to the actual situation to meet different needs. Flexible monitoring mode, support RS485. Also support: WIFI/Bluetooth remote control function.

The main features are as follows:

- ▶ Stack integrated design, convenient installation, simple maintenance.
- ▶ Built-in battery pack equalization management unit to improve battery available capacity.
  - ▶ Photovoltaic maximum input current 16A, applicable to large current and double-sided module.
  - ▶ Battery side complete electrical isolation, safer system.
  - ▶ UPS function to ensure the stable operation of critical load.
  - ▶ Supports a mixture of new and old batteries.
  - ▶ Supports battery switch off with a button.

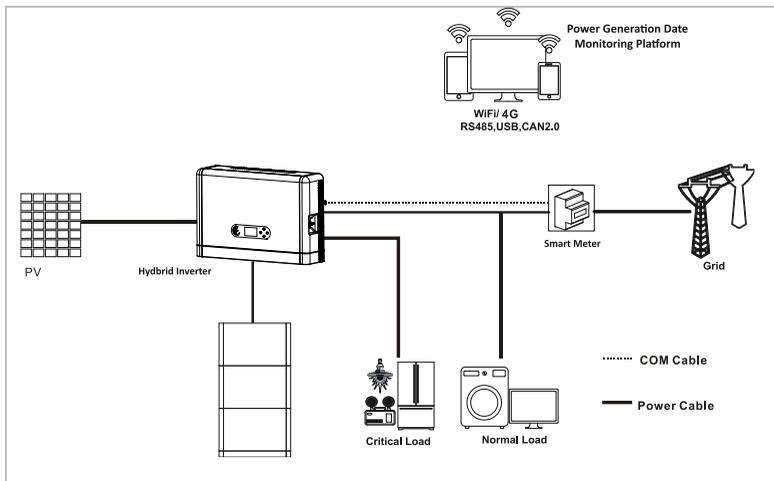


Figure 3-1 ESI series application principle diagram

### 3.2 Product Model Description



Figure 3-2 Inverter Model Identifiers

Table 3-1 Inverter Model demonstration

| NO. | Meaning        | Specification   |
|-----|----------------|---|
| ①   | Product Model  | Stacked optical storage all in one machine  |
| ②   | Power Grade    | 5K, the power grade of inverter is 5kw.<br>Power grade list:<br>3kw/3.68kw/4kw/4.6kw/5kw/6kw                            |
| ③   | Inverter Model | Single-phase hybrid energy storage inverter   |
| ④   | Function Code  | If there is A, it means the machine cannot be overloaded; if there is no A, the machine can be overloaded by 1.1 times. |

### 3.3 Product Capacity Description

The ESI series residential energy storage system supports power and capacity expansion and supports up to six inverter modules in parallel. One inverter module supports up to six batteries expansion modules.

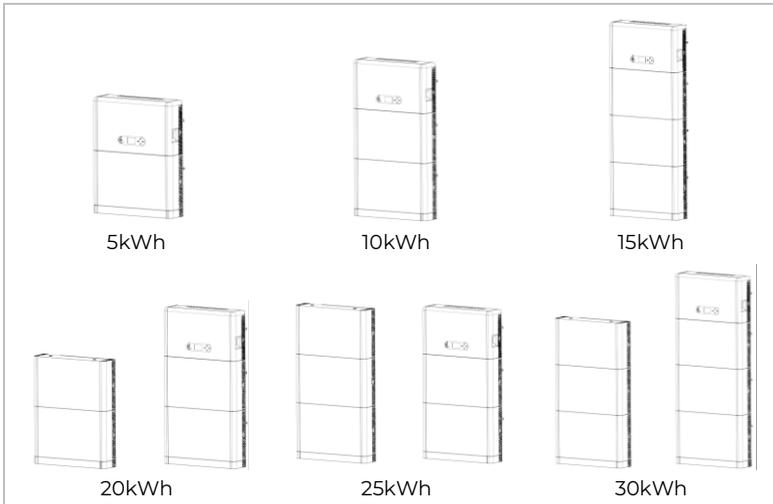


Figure 3-3 Storage Capacity Description

- ▶ This product contains only inverter modules.

### 3.4 Product Appearance

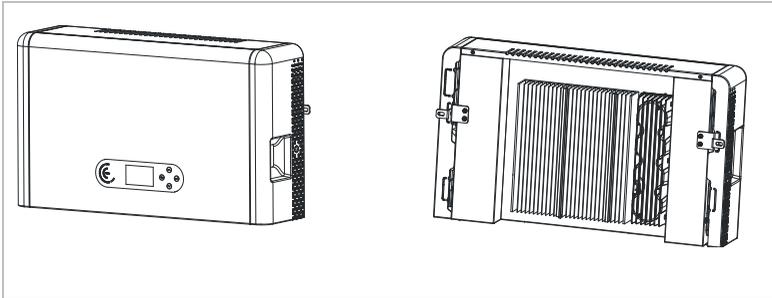


Figure 3-4 Inverter front side and back side

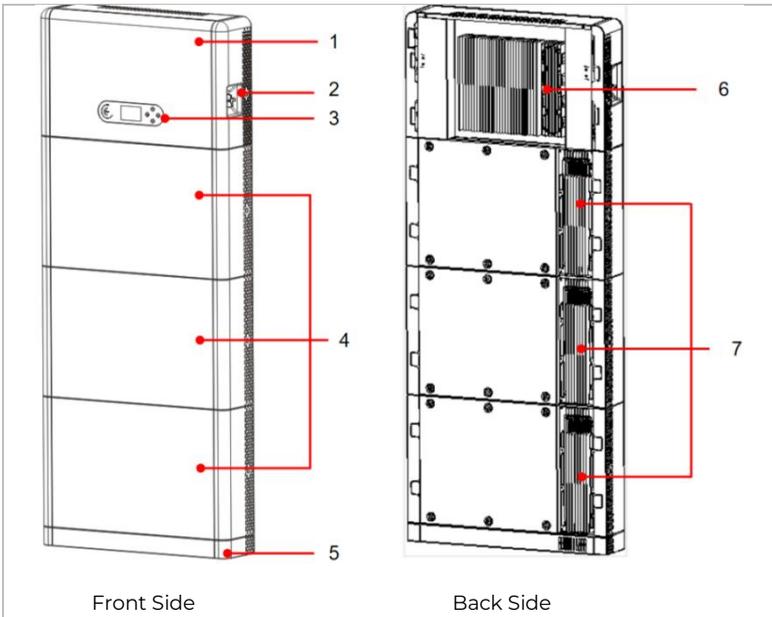


Figure 3-5 System front side and back side

|   |                    |   |                         |
|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | Inverter           | 5 | Pedestal                |
| 2 | DC Switch          | 6 | Inverter Radiator       |
| 3 | LCD display screen | 7 | Battery Module Radiator |
| 4 | Battery Module     |   |                         |

3.4.1 Inverter Port

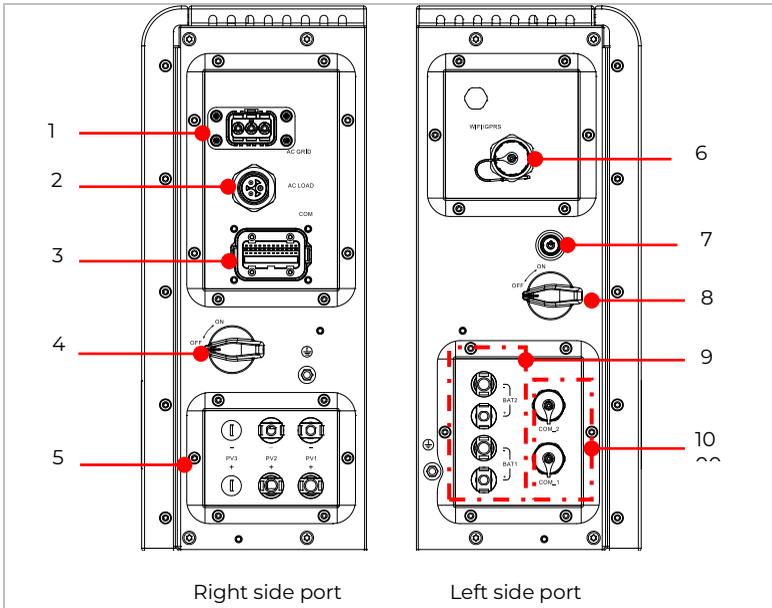


Figure 3-6 Inverter port diagram

|   |                      |    |                         |
|---|----------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 1 | Grid connection port | 6  | WIFI/4G port            |
| 2 | Load connection port | 7  | Battery button switch   |
| 3 | Inverter signal port | 8  | Battery DC switch       |
| 4 | PV DC Switch         | 9  | Battery connection port |
| 5 | PV input port        | 10 | Battery signal port     |

### 3.5 Buttons and Indicator Lights

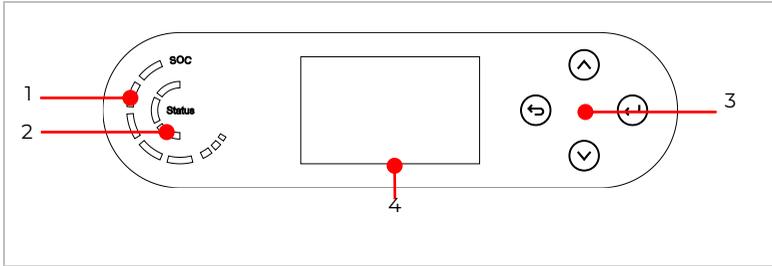


Figure 3-7 Buttons and indicator lights

|   |                         |   |            |
|---|-------------------------|---|------------|
| 1 | System power indicator  | 3 | Buttons    |
| 2 | System status indicator | 4 | LCD screen |

#### 3.5.1 Buttons

- ▶ Press “back” to the previous screen or enter the main interface.
- ▶ Press “up” to the upper menu option or value plus 1.
- ▶ Press “down” to the lower menu option or value minus 1.
- ▶ Press “ok” to select the current menu option or switch to the next digit.

#### 3.5.2 System status indicator

| System Status     | Indicator  |             |           |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
|                   | Blue light | Green light | Red light |
| On-grid           | ON         |             |           |
| Standby (On-grid) | Flashing   |             |           |
| Off-grid          |            | ON          |           |
| Alarm             |            |             | ON        |

### 3.5.3 Battery capacity indicator

| Icon  | Battery capacity | Capacity explanation   |
|---|------------------|--|
|    | 80%-100%         | The battery capacity is full   |
|    | 60%-80%          |  |
|    | 40%-60%          |  |
|    | 20%-40%          |  |
|    | 5%-20%           | The battery capacity is insufficient, and the battery generates a low voltage alarm. |
|  | 0%-5%            | The battery enters the standby state   |

### 3.6 Product label

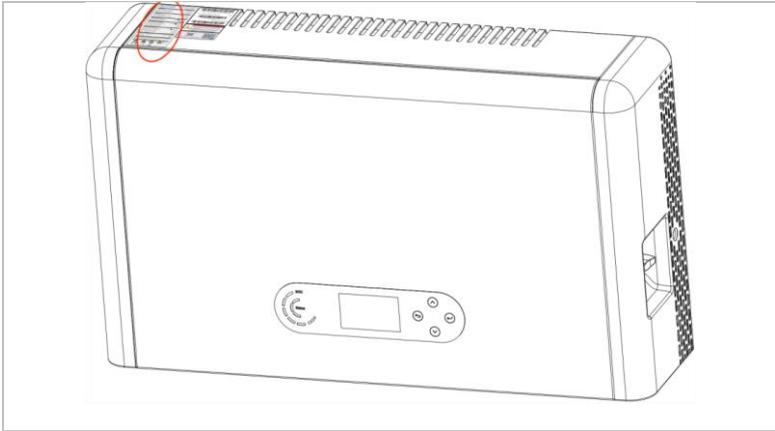


Figure 3-8 The location of the label

- ▶ The picture is only for reference, please make the object as the standard.

## 4 Product Installation

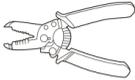
### 4.1 Checking Before Installation

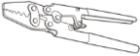
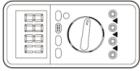
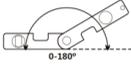
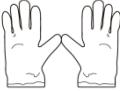
#### Checking Outer Packing Materials

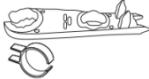
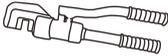
Before opening the battery and inverter package, check whether the outer package is damaged, such as holes and cracks, and check the inverter and battery model. If any damage is found or the inverter and battery model does not match your requirements, please do not open the product package and contact your distributor as soon as possible.

### 4.2 Installation Tools

Before installation, prepare the following tools:

| NO | Tool  | Model  | Function                            |
|----|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1  |    | Hammer drill<br>Recommend<br>Drill @ $\Phi 8\text{mm}$ | Used to drill holes on the wall.    |
| 2  |    | Screwdriver  | Remove and install screws and wires |
| 3  |  | Cross screwdriver                                      | Remove and install screws and wires |
| 4  |  | Wire stripper  | Used to peel cable                  |

| NO | Tool  | Model                 | Function   |
|----|---|-----------------------|--|
| 5  |    | M6 socket head wrench | Secure the backplane and inverter  |
| 6  |    | Crimping Tool         | Use to crimp cable on grid side, load side and CT extensive cable  |
| 7  |    | Multimeter            | Check whether the cable connection is correct, the positive and negative terminals of the battery are correct, and the grounding is reliable |
| 8  |    | Marker                | Mark signs   |
| 9  |    | Measuring tape        | Measure distance   |
| 10 |  | Level                 | Ensure the rear panel is properly installed  |
| 11 |  | ESD gloves            | Installer wear when installing product   |
| 12 |  | Safety goggle         | Installer wear when drill holes  |

| NO | Tool  | Model          | Function   |
|----|---|----------------|--|
| 13 |  | Mask           | Installer wear when drill holes                  |
| 14 |  | Removal Tool   | Remove the output terminal of the battery module |
| 15 |  | sleeve         | Install Fixed support rack                       |
| 16 |  | Crimping tools | Used to crimp OT connector                       |

### 4.3 Installation environment

- ▶ Choose a dry, clean, neat and convenient location for installation.
- ▶ Machine ambient temperature: -10°C~50°C;
- ▶ Relative humidity: 5-95% (non-condensing);
- ▶ The product should be placed in a well-ventilated place;
- ▶ There are no inflammable and explosive objects near the installation position of the product;
- ▶ The product system inverter AC over-voltage level is three;
- ▶ The highest altitude of the installation environment is 4000m.

The installation position of the product should be chosen to avoid direct sunlight and snow position.

▶ If the inverter is installed outdoors, please refer to the following diagram. Make sure to install a canopy above the inverter to prevent

it from being exposed to direct sunlight or getting wet by rain, etc., which could cause the machine to malfunction.

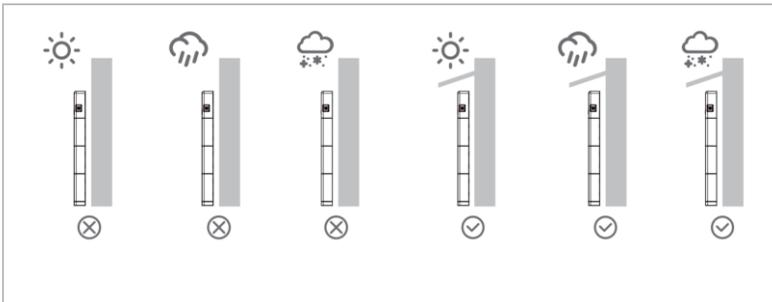
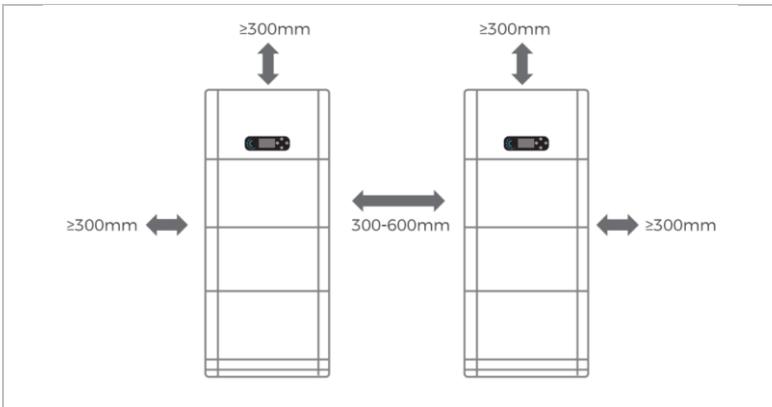


Figure 4-1 Installation Environment Diagram

### 4.4 Installation Space

To ensure sufficient space for installation and heat dissipation, reserve sufficient space around the ESI series household energy storage system. The requirements are as follows:



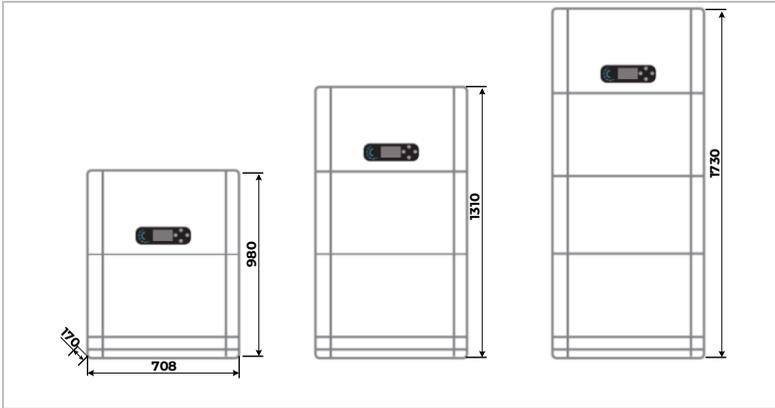


Figure 4-2 Installation space diagram

### 4.5 Product Installation

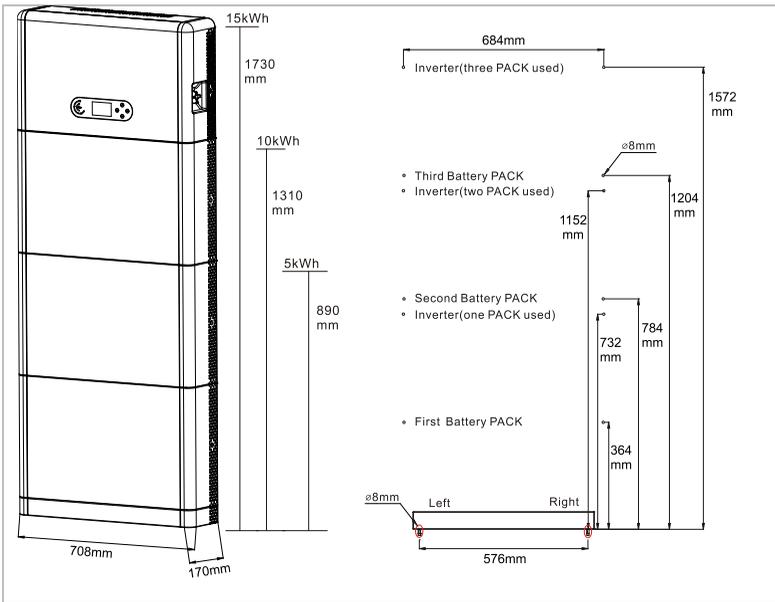


Figure 4-3 ESI series installation dimensions diagram

► **Pedestal installation**

**Procedure:**

1. Place the pedestal against a wall and keep it 10 to 25mm away from the wall. Adjust the hole positions using a level, and mark the hole positions using a marker.
2. To install the pedestal, remove the pedestal, drill holes using a hammer drill ( $\varnothing$  8mm, depth range 60-65 mm), and tighten expansion screws to ensure that the base is securely installed.
3. Use a marker to mark holes for securing the battery modules and inverters based on the dimensions shown in Figure 4.4

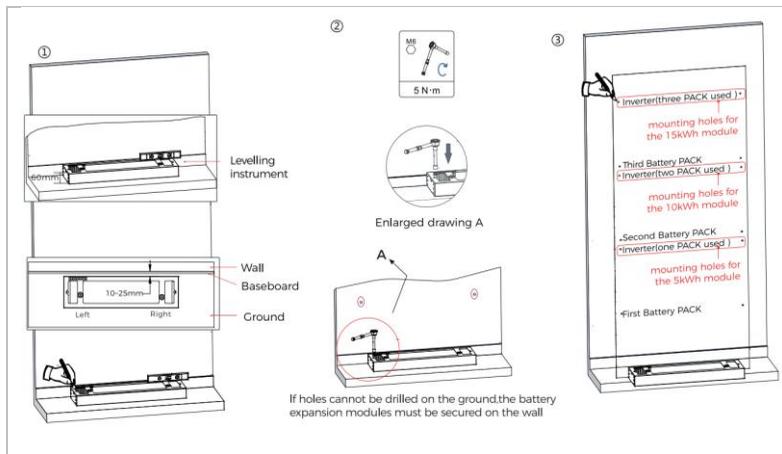


Figure 4-4 Pedestal installation

► **Fixed installation between modules**

**Procedure:**

1. Align the first battery module on the floor pedestal.
2. Install connectors on both sides and tighten the six screws using a cross screwdriver.
3. Install the remaining battery modules and inverters from bottom to top. (Before installing the next module, ensure that the screws on the side connectors of the previous module are firmly installed.)

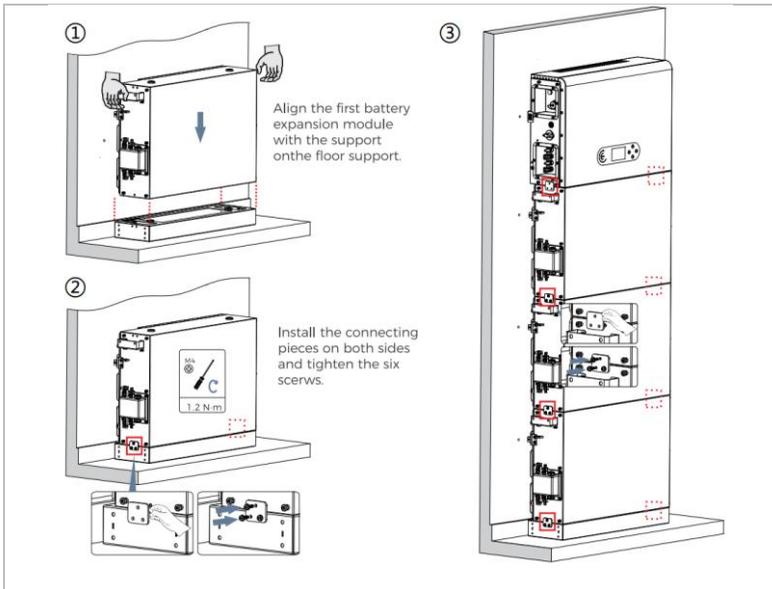


Figure 4-5 Battery module and inverter installation diagram

► **Support rack installation:**

**Procedure:**

1. Drill holes with a hammer drill ( $\varnothing$  8mm, depth range 60-65 mm). Reposition and drill the holes, if the original one has a large deviation.
2. Install the support rack B on the wall, and fastening expansion bolt.
3. Adjust the support rack A, make sure the holes are matched between rack A and rack B.
4. Connect and fix the rack A and rack B with M6\*16 screws.

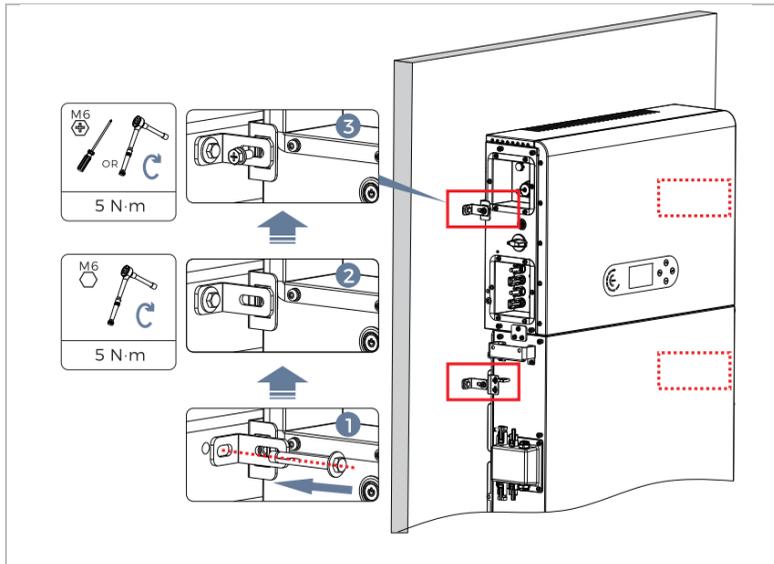
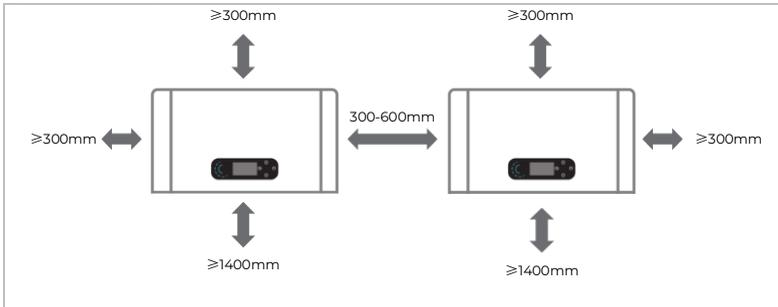


Figure 4-6 Schematic diagram of wall fixing installation

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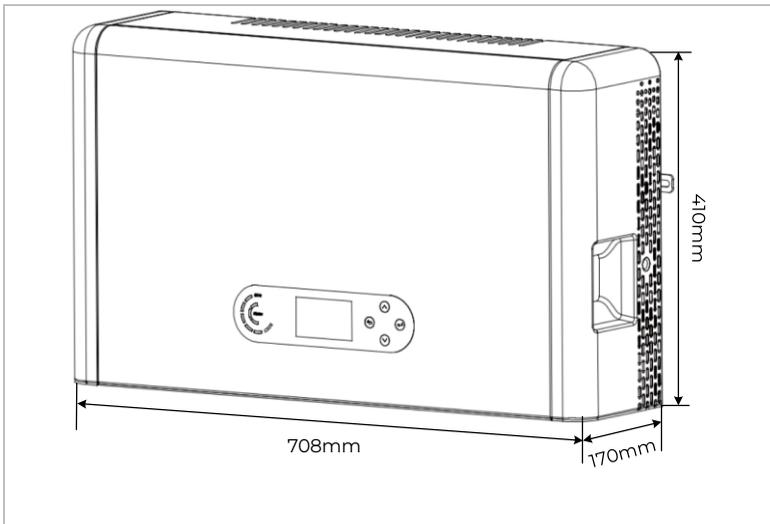
### 4.6.1 Installation Space

To ensure sufficient space for installation and heat dissipation, adequate clearance must be reserved around the ESI series when used as a photovoltaic system. The requirements are as follows.



### 4.6.2 Product Installation

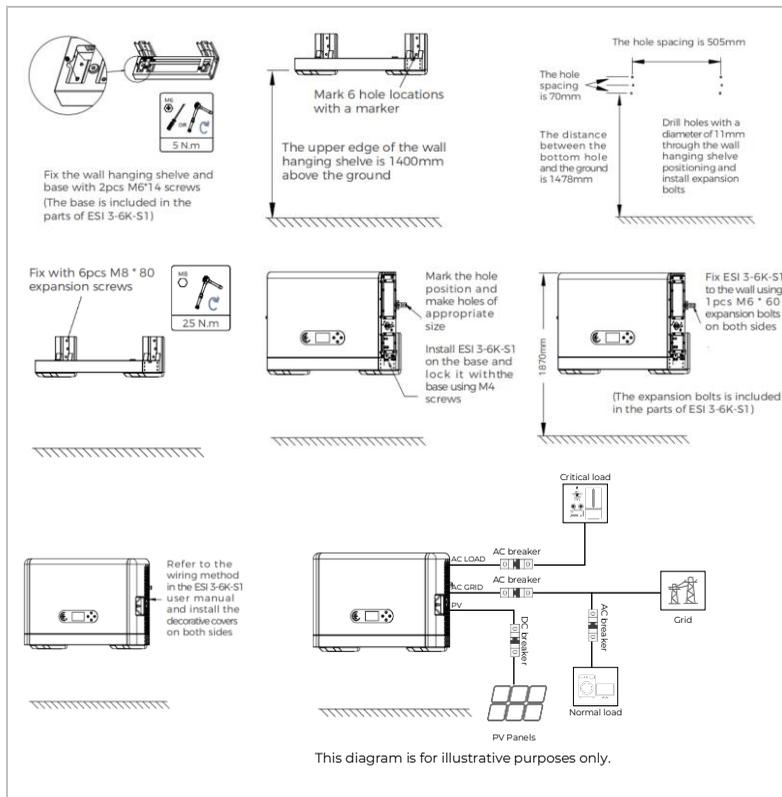
Inverter module: W\*H\*D=708\*410\*170 mm



### 4.6.3 Pedestal installation

**Procedure:**

1. Use a marker to mark holes for securing inverters based on the dimensions
2. If the ESI series is to be installed as a PV unit (Bracket purchase required), begin by drilling holes with an electric hammer (8 mm in diameter, 60–65 mm in depth). Then, tighten the expansion bolts to secure the mounting bracket firmly in place.
3. Secure the inverter's wall-mounted brackets to ensure the unit is firmly fixed in place.



### 4.7 Attentions Before Connection

**⚠ CAUTION**

- ▶ The voltage in the power conversion circuit of this product is very high. Fatal danger of electric shock or severe burns. All electrical connections of photovoltaic modules, inverters and battery systems must be carried out by qualified personnel. Wear rubber gloves and protective clothing (protective glasses and boots) when operating high voltage/current systems such as inverters and battery systems.

**⚠ CAUTION**

- ▶ This product is mainly applied to photovoltaic energy storage systems for household use. If not used according to the instructions, the protection provided by the equipment may be damaged.

### 4.8 Preparation of Connection Cables

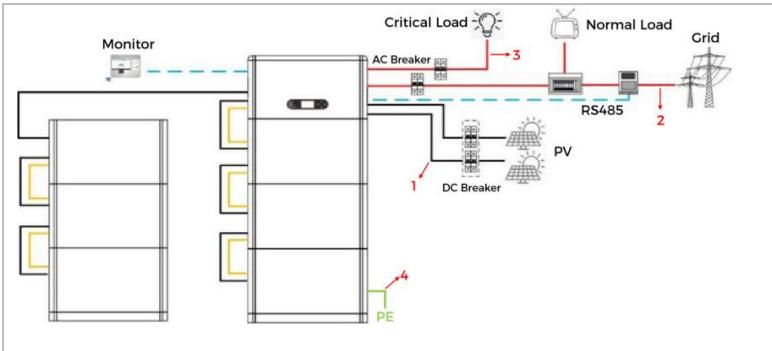


Figure 4-7 System connection diagram

Table 4-1 Cables prepared by customers

| No | Cable                    | Recommended specifications |
|----|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1  | PV connection cable      | UL10269 12AWG              |
| 2  | AC Grid connection cable | UL10269 8AWG               |
| 3  | EPS connection cable     | UL10269 10AWG              |
| 4  | Grounding cable          | UL10269 8AWG               |
| 5  | BAT connection cable     | UL10269 10AWG              |

## 4.9 Electrical Connection for Internal System

### 4.9.1 Internal protection grounding cable connection

Connect the grounding cables of the battery module and inverter as shown in Figure 4-8. The recommended wire gauge for the grounding cable should be consistent with or larger than that of the AC grid cable. For copper grounding cables: 6–16 mm<sup>2</sup> (10 mm<sup>2</sup> recommended).

|   |
|---|
|  <b>CAUTION</b>  |
| <p><b>Be sure to ground for safety.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The protective grounding of the chassis shell cannot replace the PGND cable of the LOAD Port. Ensure that the two PGND cables are reliably connected.</li> <li>▶ When multiple inverters are deployed, ensure that the protection ground points of all inverters are equipotential connected.</li> </ul> |

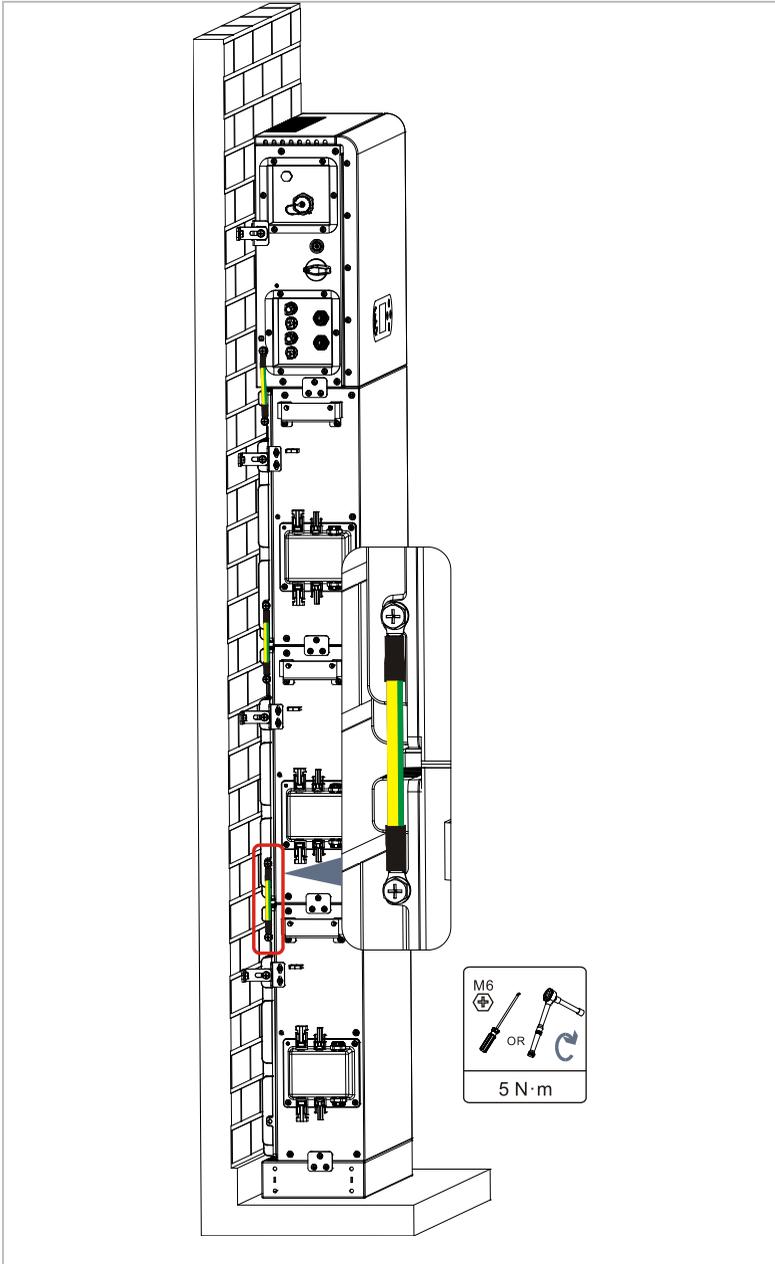


Figure 4-8 Internal grounding cable connection

### 4.9.2 Power cables connection

As shown in Figure 5-3, connect the power ports (BAT+, BAT-) of the inverter to the cascading positive and negative power cables (B+, B-) of the battery module. Connect the remaining battery modules from top to bottom, and secure the cables with cable ties. Ensure that the cables are securely connected.

- ▶ The pre-wired power cables between the battery and the inverter are supplied with the battery. If installers need to prepare cables and connectors on-site, please contact the manufacturer for instructions.

#### Precautions during installation:

If the system capacity is greater than 15kWh, the batteries are connected to the inverter's battery input interface in two independent groups.

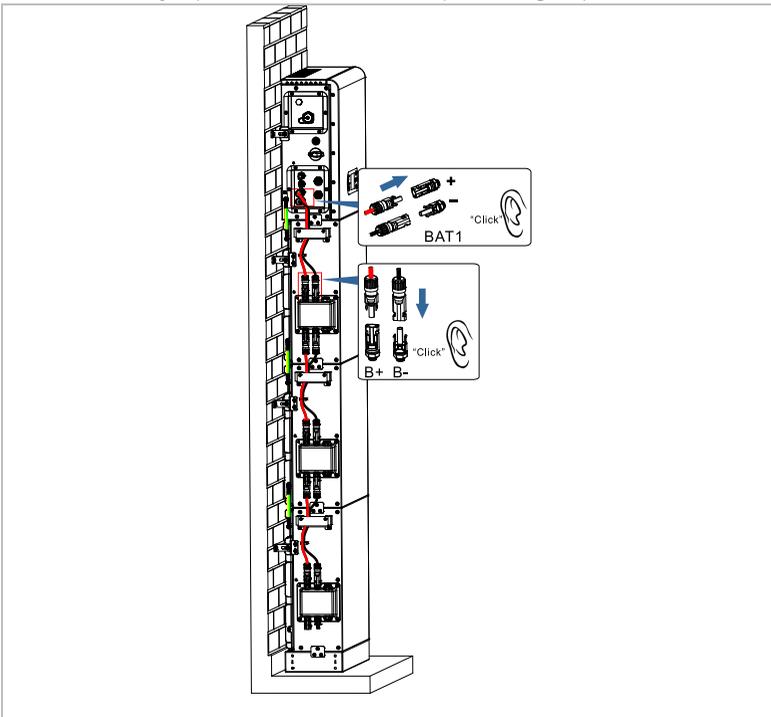


Figure 4-9 Connection of battery internal DC terminal

### 4.9.3 Internal communication cable connection

Connect the communication terminals of the inverter and battery module from top to bottom according to 5-4 in the following figure, and secure them with cable ties. For the communication cable, tighten the large nut and then the small nut. In addition, install a matching terminal resistance on the communication interface of the last battery module in the system.

- The communication connector and pre-wired communication cable between the battery and the inverter are supplied with the battery.

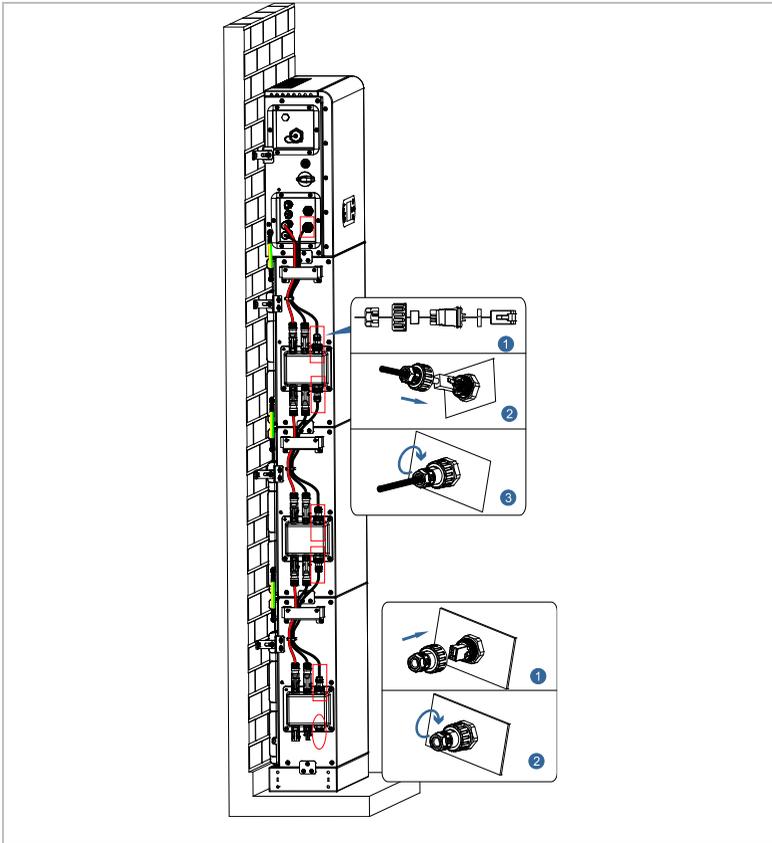


Figure 4-10 Internal signal cable connection

### 4.9.4 Data collector connection

Connect the standard WIFI/4G collector in the inverter package according to 5-5 in the following figure.

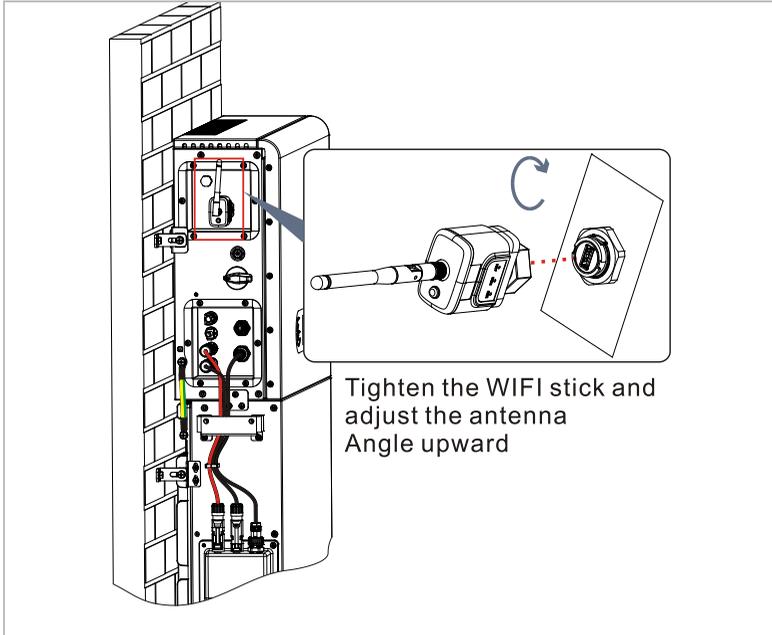


Figure 4-11 WIFI/4G connection

## 4.10 External Electrical Connection

### 4.10.1 External ground Connection of the PGND cable

**Procedure 1** Crimp OT terminals

**Precautions:**

1. When stripping the cable, do not scratch the core of the cable.
2. The conductor crimping plate of an OT terminal is pressed to form a cavity that completely covers the conductor core and tightly binds the OT terminal.
3. The crimping line can be covered with heat shrink tubing or insulation tape.

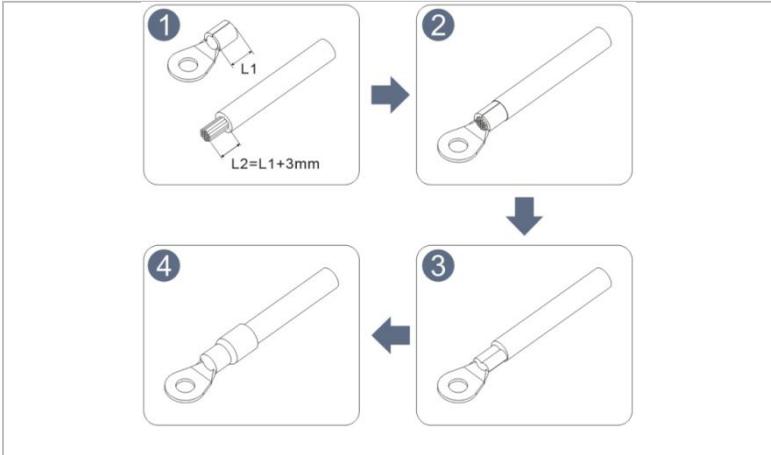


Figure 4-12 Diagram of Crimping OT terminals

**Procedure 2** The OT terminal is crimped properly, and the ground cable is connected to the position shown in the following figure.

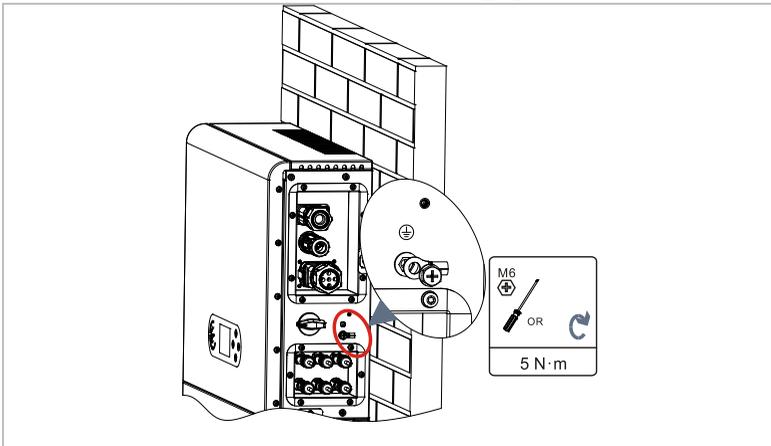


Figure 4-13 Connect the grounding wire

### 4.10.2 PV module connection

Recommended DC input cable specifications

| CAS (mm <sup>2</sup> ) |                   | External cable diameter(mm <sup>2</sup> ) |
|------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Range                  | Recommended value |   |
| 4.0~6.0                | 4.0               | 4.5~7.8                                   |

**Connection Procedure:**

**Step 1:** Prepare PV positive and negative power cables.

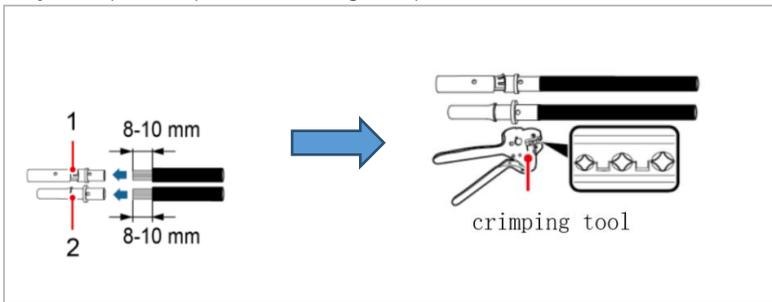


Figure 4-14 Prepare PV positive and negative power cable

|   |                    |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Positive connector | 2 | Negative connector |
|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|

**Step 2:** Insert the crimped photovoltaic positive and negative power cable into the corresponding photovoltaic connector.

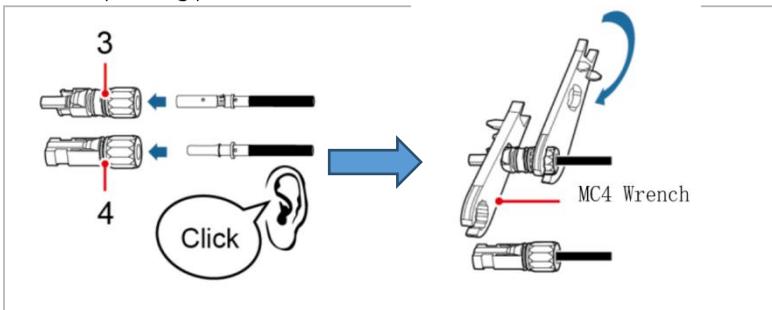


Figure 4-15 Prepare PV positive and negative connectors

|   |                    |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| 3 | Positive connector | 4 | Negative connector |
|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|

**Step 3:** Ensure that the DC voltage of each PV string is less than 600V and the polarity of PV cables are correct. Insert the positive and negative connectors into the corresponding PV region of the ESI series inverter until a click is heard. As the figure 5-10 showing.

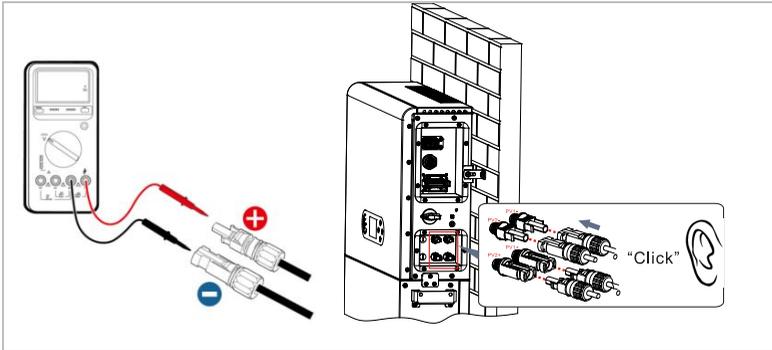


Figure 4-16 Connect PV connector

**⚠ CAUTION**

- ▶ Ensure that the DC switch is turned off before removing the PV positive and negative connectors.

**▶ Follow-up Step**

Disconnect the PV connector using an MC4 wrench, as shown in Figure 5-11.

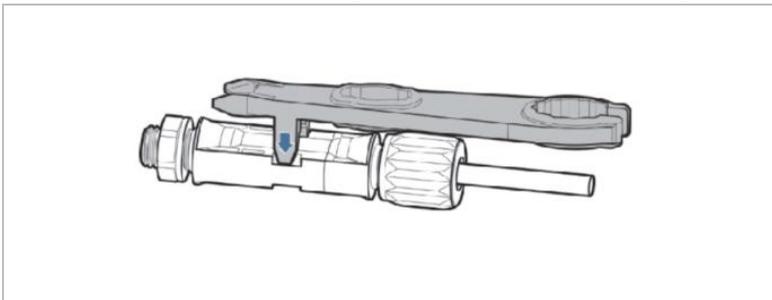
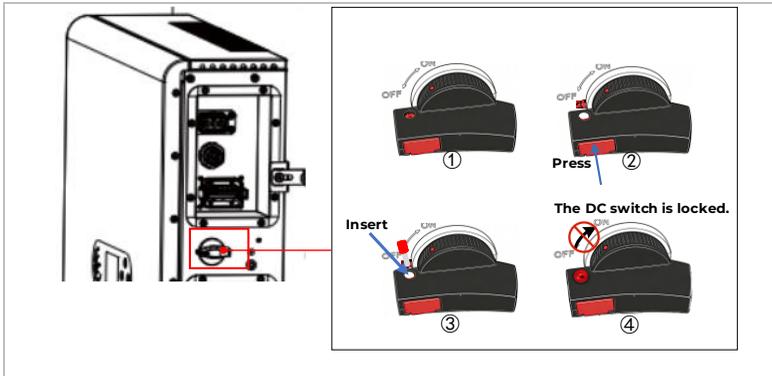


Figure 4-17 Disconnect PV connectors

► **Lock the DC Switch**

Before maintenance, please be sure to lock the DC switch by following the steps below:

1. If the DC switch is in the “ON” position, please rotate it 90° counterclockwise to set it to the “OFF” position, as shown in figure 4-18①
2. When the DC switch is in the “OFF” position, press the switch until the small hole on the left side of the switch is fully exposed, as shown in figure 4-18②.
3. Insert a round pin with a diameter of 5 mm and a length of at least 25 mm (self-supplied) into the hole, as shown in figure 4-18③. The switch is now locked, as shown in figure 4-18④.



**4.10.3 Grid connection**

**Install AC wiring terminals**

Take out AC wiring terminals from the carton of the inverter, strip and install cables according to the cable specifications listed in Table 5-1.

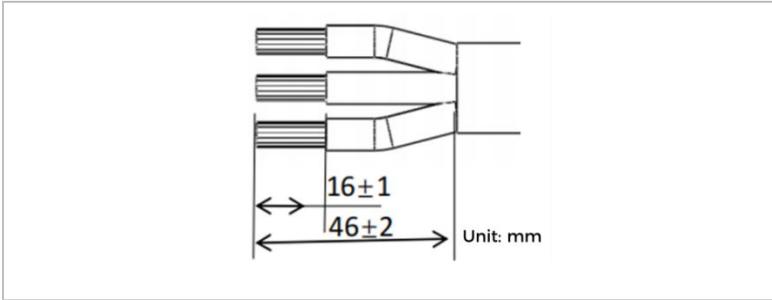


Figure 4-18 Wire stripping size

Table 4-2 Recommended cable specifications

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| AC Grid cable              | Copper wire cable:6-16mm <sup>2</sup> (Recommend 10mm <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Additional Grounding cable | The same as that of the PE wire in the AC Grid cable                 |

**Installation Step**

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After riveting the peeling wire to the insulation terminal, thread it into the lock wire nut and the main body.

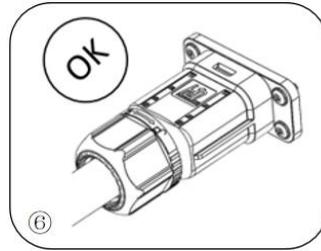
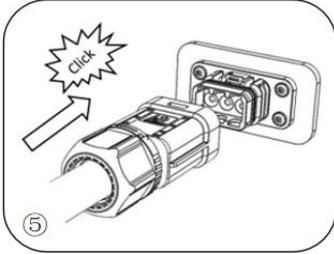
Insert the cable into the rubber core according to the wire sequence, make the insulation terminal flush with the surface of the rubber core, and press the screw torque  $2.0 \pm 0.1$  n.m.

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The body is inserted into the core and a click is heard

Tighten the nut with an open wrench and make a "click" sound

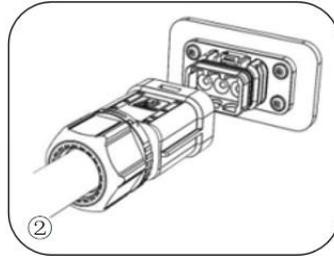
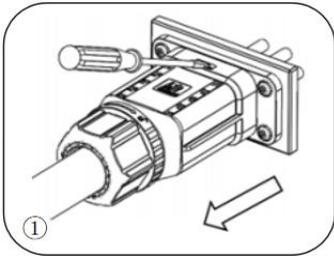


Insert the female end of the wire into the male end and hear a "click" sound.

Installation complete

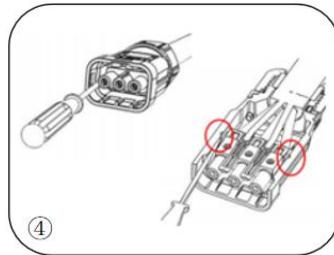
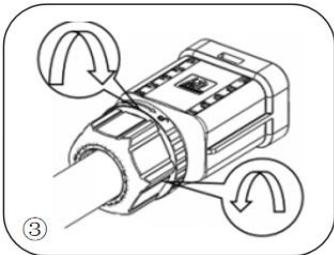
Figure 4-19 Installation Procedure Diagram

**Removal Step**



Use a screwdriver to point at the unlocking position, hold the cable driver, and pull it back to separate the male and female.

The female connector is separated from the board connector.



|  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>Hold the unlocking buckle with one hand and rotate it in the direction indicated, while rotate the nut in the opposite direction with the other hand.</p> | <p>Remove the red circles on both sides using a screwdriver.</p> |
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Figure 4-20 Removal procedure

Connect the AC wiring terminals to the corresponding AC Grid ports, as shown in the following figure.

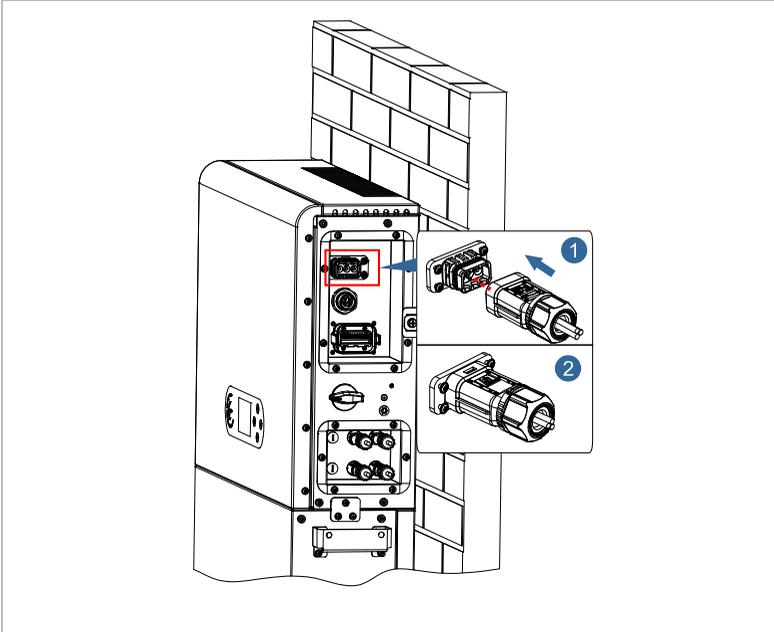


Figure 4-21 Grid connection

### 4.10.4 EPS connection

According to the cable specifications given in Table 5-1, peel the cable according to the following figure 5-16. Then install the EPS connector according to Figure 5-17. Finally, insert the installed EPS connector into the corresponding position of the inverter according to Figure 5-18.

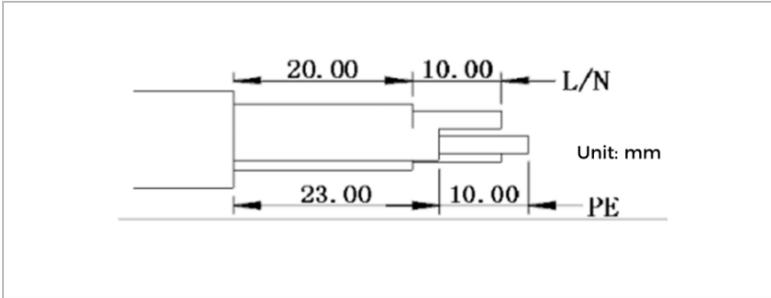


Figure 4-22 Stripping diagram

Table 4-3 Recommended cable specifications

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| EPS cable                  | Copper wire cable: 6mm <sup>2</sup>                  |
| Additional Grounding cable | The same as that of the PE wire in the AC Grid cable |

#### Install procedure

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Crimp terminal

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L/N/PE are labeled here

Insert the cable into the butt terminal

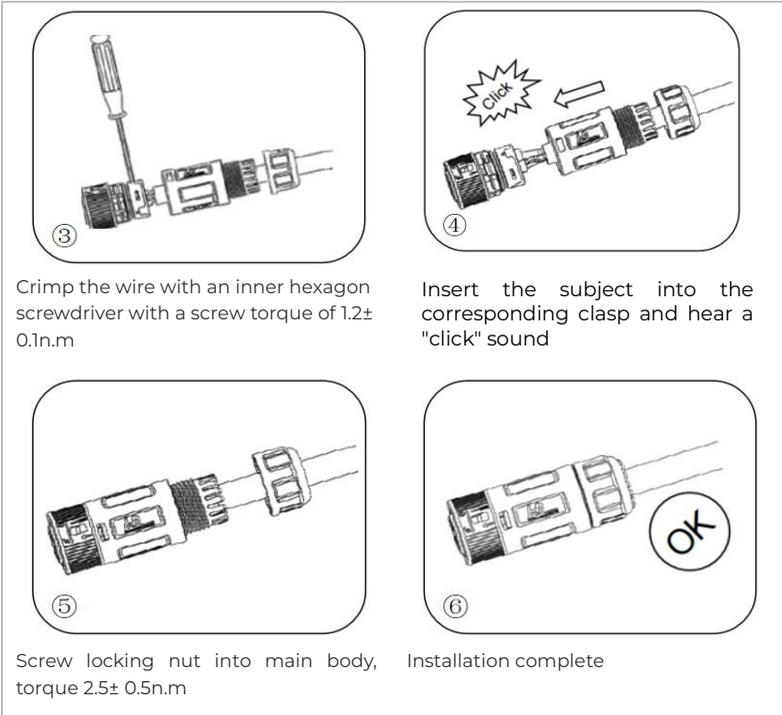


Figure 4-23 EPS Connector installation

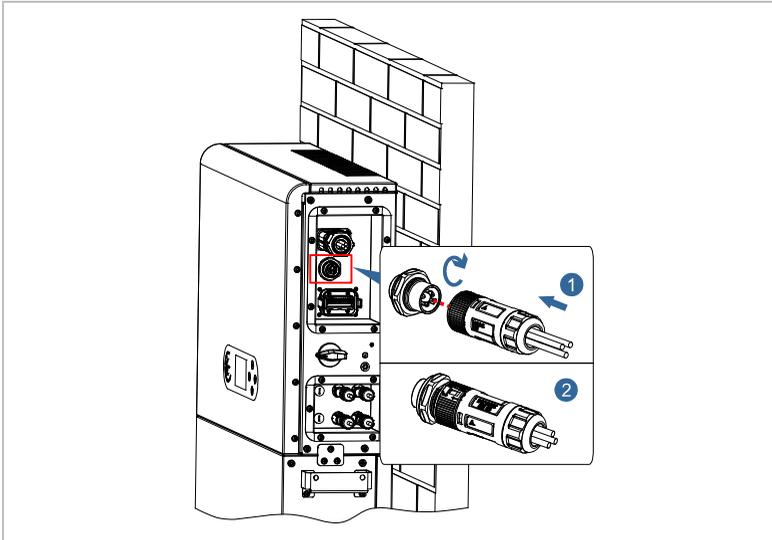


Figure 4-24 EPS connection

- ▶ The EPS connector must be connected to the inverter port, even if it is not used.

### 4.10.5 COM-Multi function communication connection

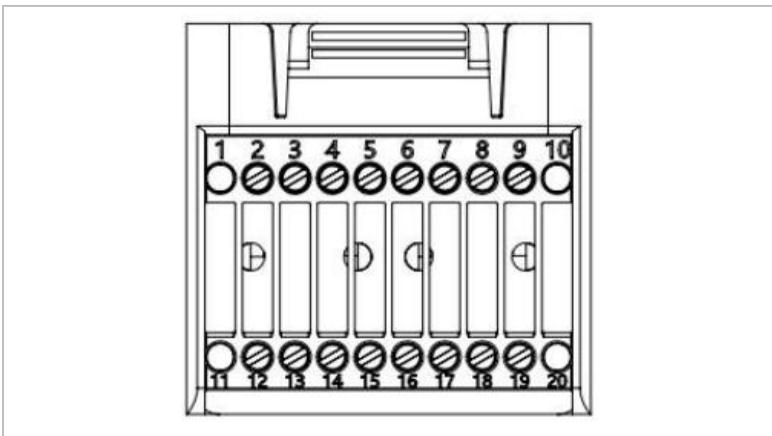


Figure 4-25 COM port diagram

Table 4-4 Port description

| PIN | Definition | Function                                     | Comment  |
|-----|------------|--|--|
| 1   | N/A        | N/A  |  |
| 2   | UC-A       | RS485 differential signal -A                 | Inverter monitoring 485 signal   |
| 3   | UC-B       | RS485 differential signal -B                 |  |
| 4   | EN+        | RS485 differential signal +                  | Battery 485 signal   |
| 5   | EN-        | RS485 differential signal -                  |  |
| 6   | MET-A      | RS485 differential signal -A                 | Smart meter 485 signal   |
| 7   | MET-B      | RS485 differential signal -B                 |  |
| 8   | CANH       | CAN high data                                | Battery CAN communication signal   |
| 9   | CANL       | CAN low data                                 |  |
| 10  | N/A        | N/A  |  |
| 11  | N/A        | N/A  |  |
| 12  | REF GEN/0  | Logic interface signal                       | ( DRMS ) Logical interfaces use for below standard Australia ( AS4777 ) , Europe General ( 50549 ) , German ( 4105 ) |
| 13  | DRM1/5     |  |  |
| 14  | DRM4/8     |  |  |
| 15  | DRM2/6     |  |  |
| 16  | COM LOAD/0 |  |  |
| 17  | DRM3/7     |  |  |
| 18  | CT+        | Current transformer output positive terminal | Current transformer communication signal   |
| 19  | CT-        | Current transformer output negative pole     |  |
| 20  | N/A        | N/A  |  |

**Link Port**

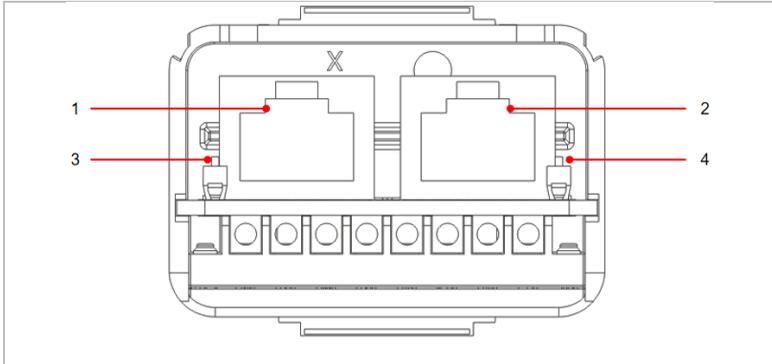


Figure 4-26 Link Port diagram

Table 4-5 Link Port description

| Icon | Define                 | Function                    | Comment  |
|------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1    | Link Port 1            | Parallel signal output      | Parallel signal port (RJ45)                                      |
| 2    | Link Port 0            | Parallel signal input       |  |
| 3    | Link Port 1 dip switch | Match resistance on and off | The dial switch has ON (dial up) and 1 (dial down). 1 means off. |
| 4    | Link Port 0 dip switch |                             |  |

The wire stripping is divided into 2 to 9 holes and 12 to 19 holes. The wire stripping size is defined according to the cable.

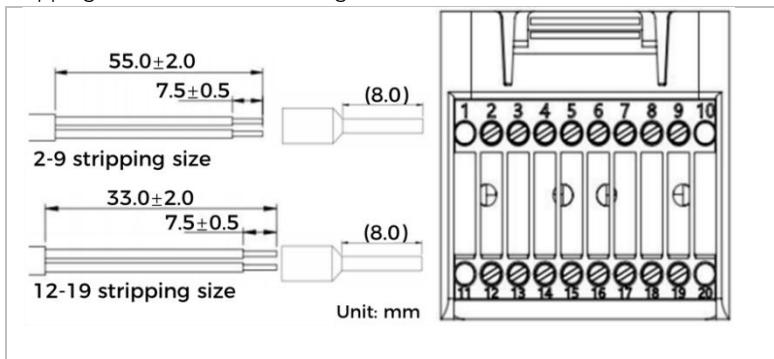


Figure 4-27 Schematic diagram of wire stripping size

1. **RS485**(Wired monitoring or inverter cascade monitoring)

Refer to the figure shown below, connect the RS485+ and RS485- of the inverter to the TX+ and TX- of the RS485→ USB adapter, and connect the COM port of the adapter to the computer.

- ▶ The length of the RS485 communication cable should be less than 1000 m.

Connect pins as shown (2pin and 3pin)

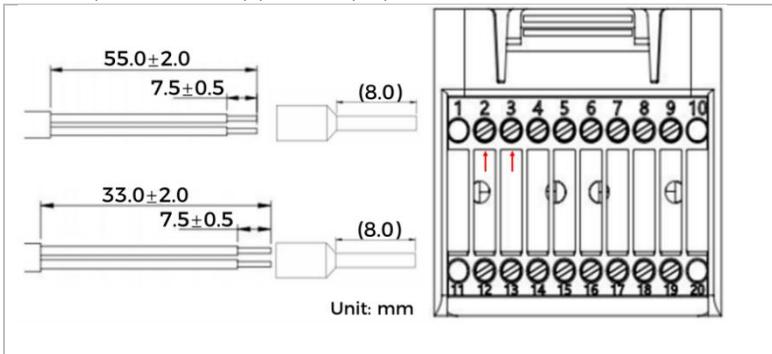


Figure 4-28 RS485 wiring diagram

RS485 wires are connected in parallel between inverters.

- ▶ When multiple inverters are connected via RS485 wires, set communication address to differentiate the inverters, please refer to this manual <6.4.1 System setting -> 6. Communication Addr>.

2. **Logic interface**

The logic interface pin definitions and circuit connections are as follows:  
Logic interface pin is defined according to different standard requirements

- ▶ **Logic interface for AS/NZS 4777.2:2020**, also known as inverter demand response modes (DRMs).

The inverter will detect and initiate a response to all supported demand response commands within 2 s. The inverter will continue to respond while the mode remains asserted.

Table 4-6 Function description of the DRMs terminal

| Pin NO. | Function   |
|---------|------------|
| 12      | REF GEN/0  |
| 13      | DRM1/5     |
| 14      | DRM4/8     |
| 15      | DRM2/6     |
| 16      | COM LOAD/0 |
| 17      | DRM3/7     |

► **Logic interface for EN50549-1:2019**, is in order to cease active power output within five seconds following an instruction being received at the input interface.

The inverter can be connected to a RRCR (Radio Ripple Control Receiver) in order to dynamically limit the output power of all the inverters in the installation.

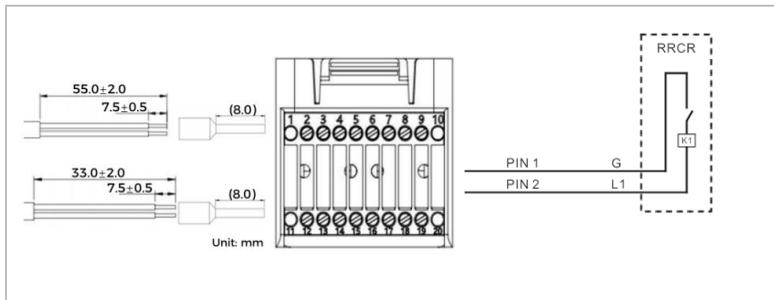


Figure 4-29 DRMs wiring diagram

Table 4-7 Function description of the terminal

| COM Pin NO.  | Pin name | Description           | Connected to (RRCR) |
|--------------|----------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| PIN 16(PIN2) | L1       | Relay contact 1 input | K1 - Relay 1 output |

|              |   |     |                     |
|--------------|---|-----|---------------------|
| PIN 12(PIN1) | G | GND | K1 - Relay 1 output |
|--------------|---|-----|---------------------|

The inverter is preconfigured to the following RRRCR power levels, close is 1, open is 0.

| L1 | Active Power | Power drop rate | Cos( $\varphi$ ) |
|----|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1  | 0%           | <5 seconds      | 1                |
| 0  | 100%         | /               | 1                |

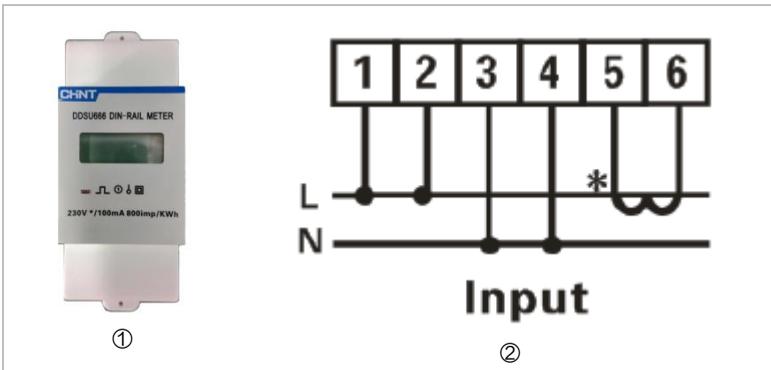
► If the DRMs function is required, a DRED device must be purchased externally.

3. Meter/CT

PIN6 and PIN7 of COM are used for meter communication, the electricity meter is shown in the Figure 5-24①, PIN6 and PIN7 correspond to 7, 8 respectively on the electricity meter, as shown in Figure 5-24③.

The connection mode is shown in Figure 5-24②. The 1/2 and 3/4 on the electricity meter are connected to voltage signals L and N respectively. And the current needs to be connected through the current transformer 6, 7 correspond to the current transformer.

NOTE: The direction of the current transformer is shown in Figure 5-24④.



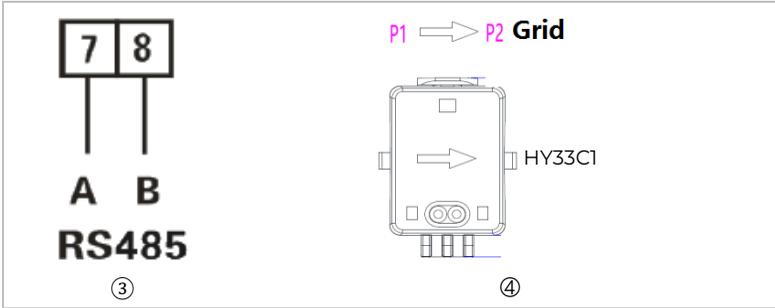


Figure 4-30 Meter

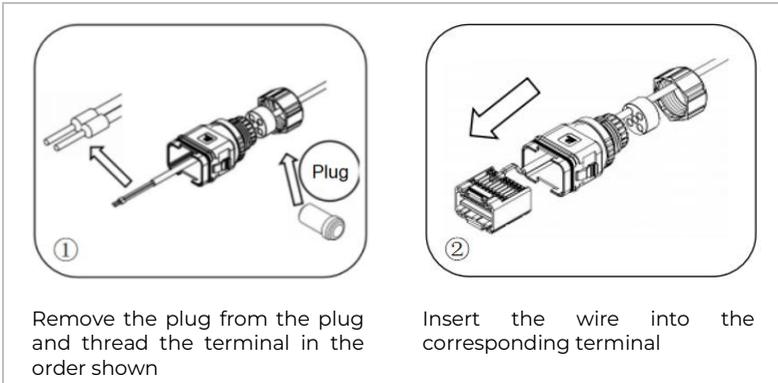
If you need to use the CT alone, attach the CT to PIN18 and PIN19.

There are two ways to get grid current information:

Plan A: CT (default) Plan B: Meter +CT

If you need to use the meter +CT scheme, please contact SOFAR staff to purchase the appropriate meter and CT.

COM Installation procedure for connecting cables



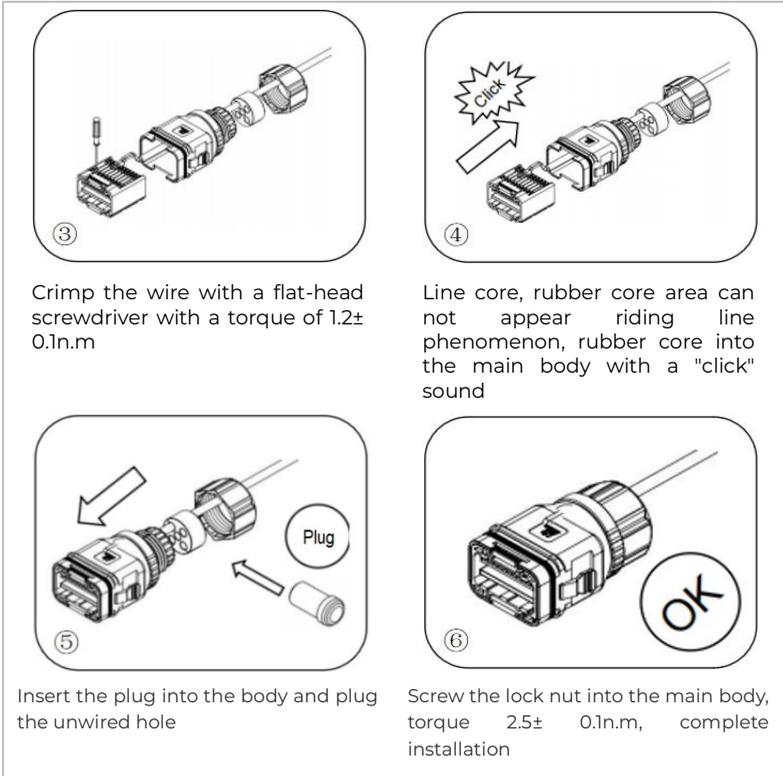


Figure 4-31 Procedure for connecting COM cables

Insert the stripped COM connector into the corresponding port of the inverter, as shown in the following figure.

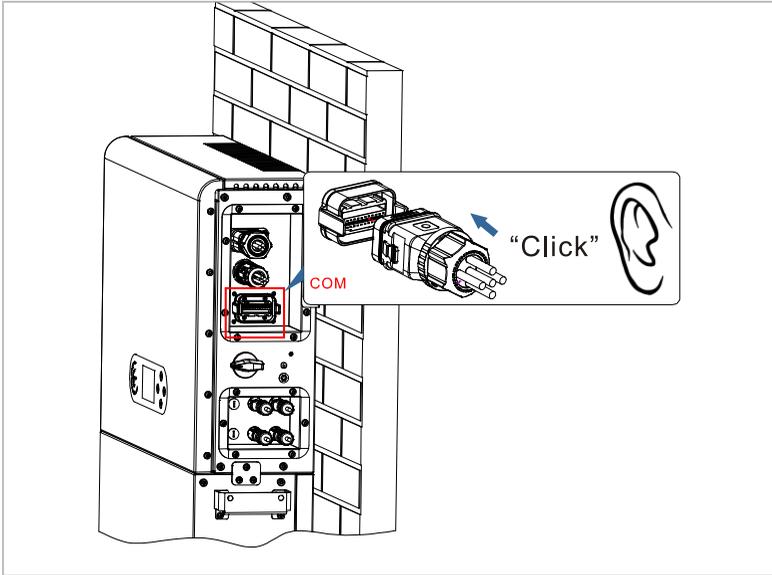


Figure 4-32 COM connection

#### 4. Feed-in limit function

The feed-in limit function can be used to limit the power fed back into the grid. In order to achieve this function, power measurement devices must be installed according to the system.

Single-phase limit: The power output of the inverter to the power grid does not exceed the set power limit value.

**NOTE:**

1. For the Single-phase limit setting, the current sensor must be properly connected to the L line on the meter. The meter wiring is shown in Figure 5-24. In addition, refer to 6.3.2(3) for feed-in limit settings.
2. If communication with the smart meter is interrupted, the inverter limits its output power to the set power limit value.

### 4.10.6 Smart Meter /CT

Refer to the COM interface description in Figure 4.4.5-6 Meter, the RS485A and RS485B of the electricity meter should be connected to pin6 and pin7 of the COM port of the inverter.

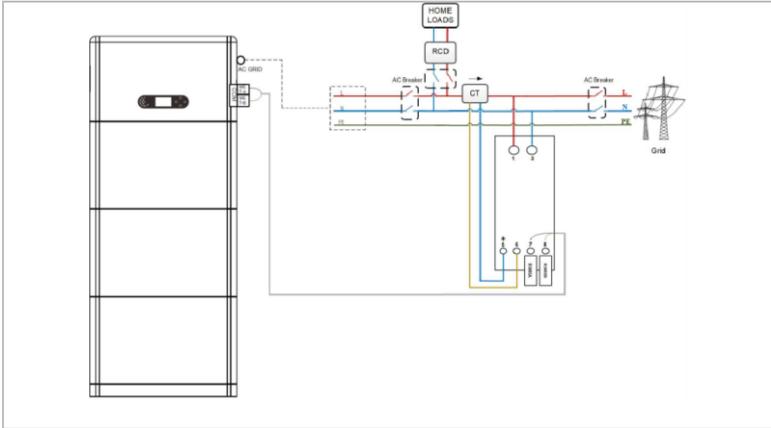


Figure 4-33 Smart meter/CT connection diagram

### 4.11 Install the cover

After electrical connections are complete and cable connections are correct and reliable, install the external protective cover and secure it using screws.

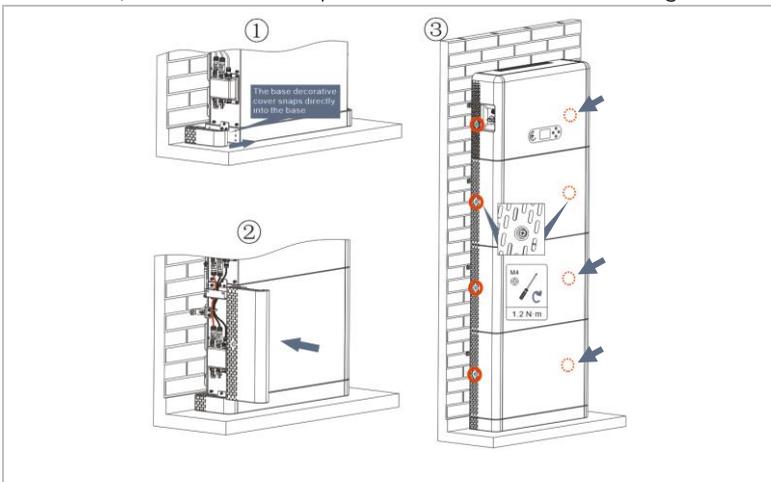


Figure 4-34 Install the cover

### 4.12 Parallel system

Refer to figure 5-29 below and connect the system in parallel according to the success of the master and slave (up to 6 units). The dip switch inside the COM 24-PIN connector of the first and last system inverter should be moved to the position of ON.

The inverter has not been tested to AS/NZS 4777.2:2020 for multiple inverter combinations and/or multiple phase inverter combinations so combinations should not be used or external devices should be used in accordance with the requirements of AS/NZS 4777.1.

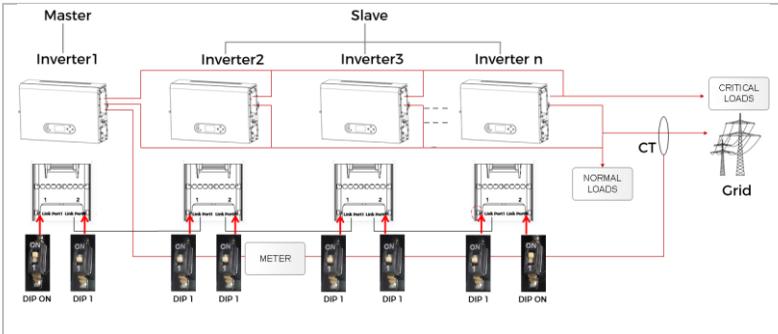


Figure 4-35 System parallel diagram

### 4.13 System Electrical Topology

SOFAR has already integrated RCMU (residual current monitoring unit) inside inverter. If the electrical grid needs to install an RCD, a type-A RCD with rated residual current of 100mA or higher is suggested.

ESI series household energy storage system is mainly composed of PV modules, BTS 5K battery modules, inverters, AC switches, load and distribution units, smart meters /CT, and power grid.

The inverters AC GRID and AC LOAD are wired with different N and PE wires depending on the regulatory requirements in different regions. For users in Australia, South Africa and New Zealand, please use the System Electrical Topology in Figure 5-31.

System 1: N and PE lines are wired separately in the distribution box

The wiring method in Figure 5-30 is applicable to areas without special requirements for distribution system wiring.

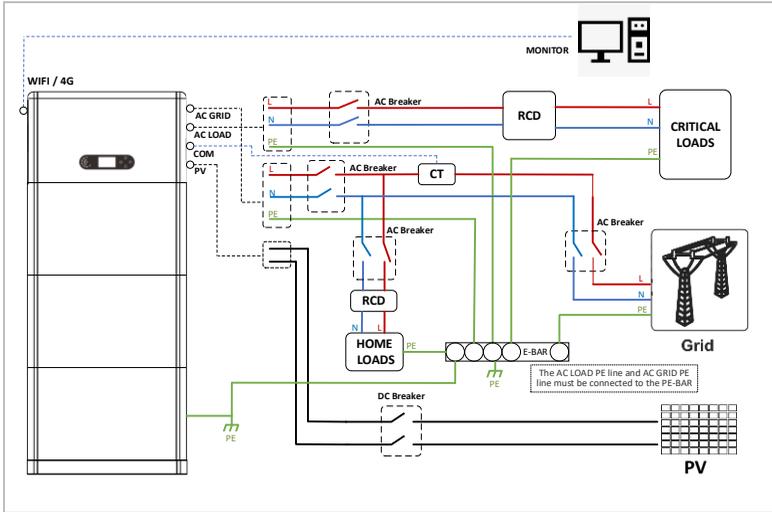


Figure 4-36 System Electrical Topology (General)

1. Ensure that the AC LOAD PE line and AC GRID PE line must be connected to the PE-BAR in the distribution box, as shown in the diagram. Otherwise, the inverter may be abnormal in off-grid mode.
2. Check whether NeutralPointGrounding is enabled, if not, enable it manually.

2. Advanced setting



Enter PASSWORD

11. NeutralPointGrounding

11. NeutralPointGrounding



Disable

Enable

**System 2: N and PE lines are connected together in the distribution box**

The wiring method in Figure 4.7-2 is applicable to areas where N and PE are connected together in the distribution box, such as Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, etc.

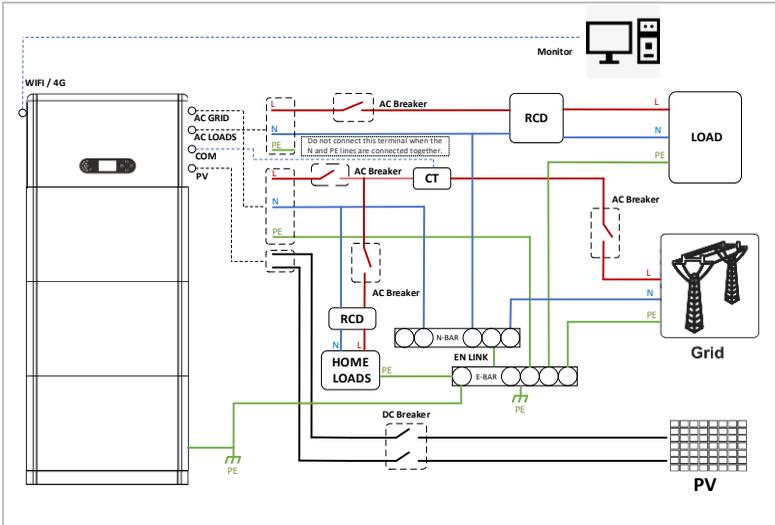


Figure 4-37 System Electrical Topology  
(For Australia, South Africa and New Zealand)

⚠ **DANGER**

**Install Residual current device (RCD) in front of the load**

- ▶ **RCD is necessary for critical load, but optional for normal load.**
- ▶ In off-grid mode, the Entry master switch is unprotected and load leakage could lead to shock danger.
- ▶ All RCDs connected to Loads are Type B and its rated earth leakage action current <30mA.

 **DANGER****Be sure to ensure that the output is grounded**

- ▶ In system 1, The PE line of the inverter's AC GRID port and AC LOAD port must be grounded through the PE-Bar, otherwise there may be a risk of leakage.
- ▶ In system 2, NeutralPointGrounding is disabled by default. No manual setup required.

## 5 Commissioning

### 5.1 Checking Before System Starting

Please double check the following items before running

1. The product should be completely fixed on the pedestal bracket, and the connection with the wall should be tight and firm.
2. The PV+/PV- line is firmly connected, the polarity is correct, and the voltage is in line with the accessible range.
3. BAT+/BAT- cables are firmly connected, the polarity is correct, and the voltage meets the accessible range.
4. Grid/load cable connections are firm/correct.
5. The inverter power grid port is correctly connected to the power grid and the AC circuit breaker is disconnected.
6. The inverter load port is correctly connected to the emergency load, and the circuit breaker is disconnected.

### 5.2 Electrify for the First Time ( Important )

**Important: Please follow the steps below to turn on the inverter.**

1. Ensure that the phase connected to the inverter of the product does not generate power.
2. Switch the DC switch on the PV side of the product to ON.
3. Switch the DC switch on the battery side of the product to ON, and press the battery black start button to activate the battery.
4. Turn on the AC circuit breaker between the inverter power grid port and the power grid.
5. Turn on the AC circuit breaker between the inverter load port and the emergency load.
6. Press the system power button, and the inverter starts running. The system status indicator is blue.
7. When the inverter is running, set the following parameters.

Table 5-1 Setting parameter



[1] If the collector or mobile APP is connected to the monitoring system, the time has been calibrated to the local time.

[2] Refer to the grid code table below and select country and code.

[3] Appears only when UK grid code is selected.

► If you select the UK grid code, all passwords will be changed to which you set.

Figure 5-1 Safety parameter import

| Code |     | Region    | Grid Code         | Description  |
|------|-----|-----------|-------------------|--|
| 000  | 000 | Germany   | VDE-AR-N 4105     | Germany low-voltage  |
| 001  | 000 | Italia    | CEI 0-21 Internal | Italy low-voltage ≤11kVA   |
|      | 002 |           | CEI 0-21 External | Italy low-voltage >11kVA   |
|      | 003 |           | CEI 0-21 Areti    | CEI 0-21 Areti   |
| 002  | 000 | Australia | Australia-A       | New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, south Australia, Australian Capital Territory, Jervis Bay Territory |
|      | 008 |           | Australia-B       | Western Australia , Northern Territory   |
|      | 009 |           | Australia-C       | Tasmania   |

| Code |     | Region     | Grid Code           | Description                      |
|------|-----|------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 003  | 002 | Spain      | NTS 631-BCD         | Spain NTS typeB/C/D              |
|      | 003 |            | UNE 217002<br>RD647 | Spain UNE+RD                     |
|      | 004 |            | Spain island        | Spain island                     |
|      | 006 |            | NTS typeA           | Spain NTS typeA                  |
| 004  | 000 | Turkey     | EN 50549-1          | Turkey                           |
| 005  | 000 | Denmark    | Denmark             | Denmark                          |
|      | 001 |            | DK-TR322            | DK-TR 322                        |
|      | 002 |            | Western Denmark     | Western Denmark                  |
|      | 003 |            | Eastern Denmark     | Eastern Denmark                  |
| 006  | 000 | Greece     | GR-Continent        | GR-Continent                     |
|      | 001 |            | GR-Island           | GR-Island                        |
| 007  | 000 | Netherland | EN 50549-1          | Netherland low-voltage           |
| 008  | 000 | Belgium    | C10/11              | Belgium                          |
|      | 002 |            | Belgium-LV          | Belgium-LV                       |
| 009  | 000 | UK         | G99                 | UK output current > 16A          |
|      | 001 |            | G98                 | UK output curren ≤ 16A           |
|      | 002 |            | G99/Ni              | Nor Ireland output current > 16A |
|      | 003 |            | G98/Ni              | Nor Ireland output current ≤ 16A |
| 010  | 000 | China      | NB/T 32004-B        | NB/T 32004-B                     |
|      | 009 |            | NB/T 32004-A        | NB/T 32004-A                     |
| 011  | 000 | France     | France              | France                           |
|      | 001 |            | FRArrete23          | FRArrete23                       |
|      | 003 |            | France VFR 2019     | France VFR 2019                  |
|      | 004 |            | VDE 0126<br>Enedis  | VDE 0126 Enedis                  |
|      | 006 |            | VFR 2019 Enedis     | VFR 2019 Enedis                  |

| Code |     | Region             | Grid Code              | Description   |
|------|-----|--------------------|------------------------|---|
|      | 007 |                    | EN 50549-1             | EN 50549-1  |
| 012  | 000 | Poland             | Poland-A               | Poland-A: ≤0.2MW  |
| 013  | 000 | Austria            | TOR Erzg.-A cos $\phi$ | Austria TOR A < 250kW and nominal voltage < 110kV         |
|      | 001 |                    | TOR Erzg.-A Q-U        | Austria TOR A < 250kW and nominal voltage < 110kV         |
| 015  | 000 | Switzerland        | EN 50549-1             | Switzerland-A   |
| 018  | 001 | EN 50549           | EN 50549-1             | EN 50549-1 230V 50Hz                                      |
| 019  | 000 | IEC 61727          | IEC 61727              | IEC61727 230V 50Hz  |
| 021  | 000 | Sweden             | Sweden                 | EN 50549-1  |
|      | 001 |                    | Sweden typeA           | Sweden typeA  |
| 022  | 000 | User defined-50 Hz | User def.-50 Hz        | User defined-50 Hz  |
| 024  | 000 | Cyprus             | Cyprus                 | Cyprus  |
|      | 001 |                    | CY-LV-RES              | CY-LV-RES   |
|      | 002 |                    | CY-LN/MV-COM           | CY-LN/MV-COM  |
|      | 003 |                    | CY-LV/MV-UT            | CY-LV/MV-UT   |
| 027  | 000 | New Zealand        | New Zealand            | New Zealand   |
| 029  | 000 | Slovakia           | SK-VSD                 | SK-VSD  |
|      | 001 |                    | SK-SSE                 | SK-SSE  |
|      | 002 |                    | SK-ZSD                 | SK-ZSD  |
| 030  | 000 | Czechia            | EN 50549-1             | EN 50549-1  |
|      | 002 |                    | PPDS 2023-A1           | AC ≤16A,typeA1  |
|      | 003 |                    | PPDS 2023              | AC > 16A,typeA2/B/C/D                                     |
| 031  | 000 | Slovenia           | SIST EN 50549-1        | Slovenia  |
| 039  | 001 | Ireland            | EN 50549-1             | sigle phase inverter≤6KVA;<br>three phase inverter ≤11KVA |

| Code |     | Region       | Grid Code   | Description    |
|------|-----|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| 044  | 000 | South Africa | NRS 097-2-1 | South Africa-A |
| 123  | 000 | Romania      | ANRE 208    | Romania        |
| 125  | 000 | Finland      | EN 50549-1  | Finland        |

### CAUTION

- ▶ It's very important to make sure that you have selected the correct country code according to requirements of local authority.
- ▶ Please consult qualified electrical engineer or personnel from electrical safety authorities about this.
- ▶ SHENZHEN SOFARSOLAR Co., Ltd. is not responsible for any consequences arising out of incorrect country code selection.

Table 5-2 Default values for other Settings

| Item                | Default status |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Energy Storage Mode | Self-use Mode  |
| EPS Mode            | Disable        |
| Set Feed-in Limit   | Disable        |
| IV Curve Scan       | Disable        |
| Logic Interface     | Disable        |

## 5.3 Steps of Shutdown

**Important: Please follow the steps below to turn off the inverter.**

1. Close the AC circuit breaker between the inverter grid port and the grid to ensure that the machine is in standby mode;
2. Switch the DC switch on PV side of the product to OFF;
3. Press the battery switch button to turn off the battery output, switch the DC switch on the battery side of the product to OFF, and the blue indicator light of the system status goes out;

- Close the AC circuit breaker between the inverter load port and the emergency load.

### 5.4 Menu

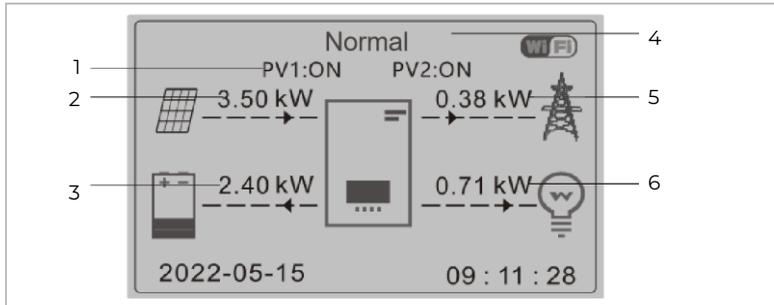


Figure 5-2 Main interface

|   |  |   |                                 |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Circulates current PV and battery statue | 4 | Display current inverter status |
| 2 | PV Power                                 | 5 | Grid Power                      |
| 3 | Battery Power                            | 6 | Loads Power                     |

In the main interface, press “” button to enter Grid/Battery/PV parameter page.

|                |   |                           |
|----------------|---|---------------------------|
| Main interface |  | Grid Information          |
|                |   | Grid Voltage.....***.V    |
|                |   | Grid Power.....*.kW       |
|                |   | Grid Frequency.....**.Hz  |
|                |   | Total Load Power.....*.kW |
|                |  | Battery Information       |
|                |   | Batt Voltage.....***.V    |
|                |   | Batt Current.....**.A     |

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
|  | Batt Power..... **.*kW    |
|  | Batt Temperature..... *°C |
|  | Batt SOC..... **%         |
|  | Batt Cycles..... **T      |
|  | <b>PV Information</b>     |
|  | PV1 Voltage ..... **.*V   |
|  | PV1 Current..... **.*A    |
|  | PV1 Power..... **.*kW     |
|  | PV2 Voltage ..... **.*V   |
|  | PV2 Current..... **.*A    |
|  | PV2 Power..... **.*kW     |
|  | PV-Ext Power..... **.*kW  |

In the main interface, press button to enter main menu. The main menu has the following six options.

Main Interface

|  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
|  | 1.System Settings               |
|  | 2.Advanced Settings             |
|  | 3.Energy Statistic              |
|  | 4.System Information            |
|  | 5.Event List                    |
|  | 6.Software Update               |
|  | 7.Battery Real-time Information |

### 5.4.1 System Setting

|                  |   |                       |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1.System Setting |  | 1.Language Settings   |
|                  |   | 2.Time                |
|                  |   | 3.Safety Param.       |
|                  |   | 4.Energy Storage Mode |
|                  |   | 5.Auto Test[[]]       |
|                  |   | 6.EPS Mode            |
|                  |   | 7.Communication Addr. |

[[]]Appears only when Italian grid code is selected.

#### 1. Language Settings

Used to set the menu display language.

|                     |   |             |   |
|---------------------|---|-------------|---|
| 1.Language Settings |  | 1.中文        |  |
|                     |   | 2.English   |   |
|                     |   | 3.Italiano  |   |
|                     |   | 4.Português |   |
|                     |   | 5.Deutsch   |   |
|                     |   | 6.Čeština   |   |
|                     |   | 7.Française |   |
|                     |   | 8.Español   |   |
|                     |   | 9.Polski    |   |
|                     |   | 10.Suomi    |   |

**2. System Time**

Set the system time for the inverter.

2.Time Time 2022-05-13 17:07:00

**3. Safety Parameter.**

**Enter PASSWORD**

3.Safety Param. 1.Select safety regulations

Select the correct safety regulations according to the Table 6-1.

**4. Energy Storage Mode**

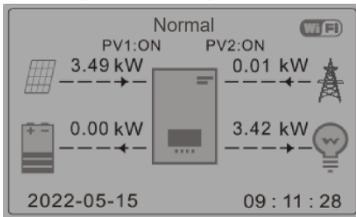
4.Energy Storage Mode

|                         |
|-------------------------|
| 1.Self-use Mode         |
| 2.Time-of-use Mode      |
| 3.Timing Mode           |
| 4.Passive Mode          |
| 5.Peak Shaving Mode     |
| 6.Feed-in Priority      |
| 7.Battery Priority Mode |

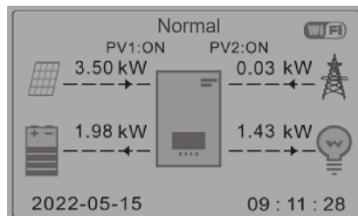
**▶ 4.1 Self-use Mode**

In Self-use mode, inverter will automatically charge & discharge the battery.

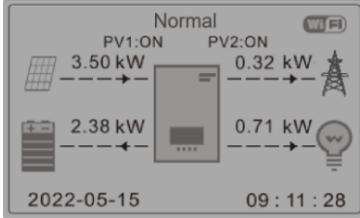
1)If PV power = load power (including emergency load and ordinary load), the inverter will not charge and discharge the battery.



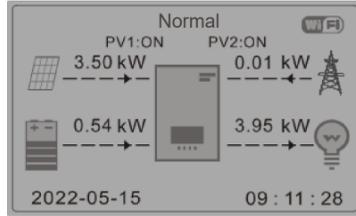
2)If PV generation > LOAD consumption, the surplus power will be stored in the battery.



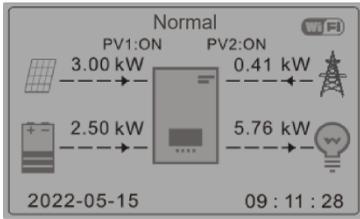
3) If the battery is fully charged or has reached its maximum charging power, the remaining power is sent to the grid (with Feed-in Limitation enabled, the remaining power is not sent to the grid).



4) If the PV power is less than the load power, the inverter will supply power to the load through battery discharge.



5) If the PV power plus battery power is still less than the load power, the inverter will purchase power from the grid to supply power to the load.



► **4.2 Time-of-use Mode**

If electricity is more expensive in high demand time (peak rate) & electricity is much cheaper in low demand time (off-peak rate). You can select an off-peak period to charge your battery. Outside the off-peak charge period, inverter is working in Auto Mode.

If your family normally go to work/school on weekdays & stay at home on weekends, which means the home electricity consumption is much higher on weekends. Thus, you need to store some cheap electricity on weekends only. This is possible using our Time-of-use mode.

In summer, if your PV system can produce more electricity than your home electricity consumption. Then you don't need to set an off-peak charge period to charge your battery in summer at all. You can select an effective date

(normally winter) for Time-of-use mode in this case. Outside the effective date, inverter is working in Auto Mode.

You can set multiple Time-of-use rules to meet your more complex requirement. Right now, we support 4 rules maximum (rule 0/1/2/3).

|                    |  |                                    |        |         |        |
|--------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|
| 2.Time-of-use Mode |  | Time-of-use Mode                   |        |         |        |
|                    |  | Rules: 0: Disabled                 |        |         |        |
|                    |  | From                               | To     | SOC     | Charge |
|                    |  | 02h00m -                           | 04h00m | 70%     | 01000W |
|                    |  | Effective Date                     |        |         |        |
|                    |  | Dec. 22                            | -      | Mar. 21 |        |
|                    |  | Weekday select                     |        |         |        |
|                    |  | Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat. Sun. |        |         |        |

▶ **4.3 Timing Mode**

Changing the value of a rule can set multiple timing rules.

|               |  |                            |           |
|---------------|--|----------------------------|-----------|
| 3.Timing Mode |  | Timing Mode                |           |
|               |  | Rules: 0: Enabled/Disabled |           |
|               |  | Charge Start               | 22 h 00 m |
|               |  | Charge End                 | 05 h 00 m |
|               |  | Charge Power               | 02000 W   |
|               |  | DisCharge Start            | 14 h 00m  |
|               |  | DisCharge End              | 16 h 00m  |
|               |  | DisCharge Power            | 02500 W   |

▶ **4.4 Passive Mode**

4.Passive Mode 

For more detailed information, please ask representative of SOFAR to get a copy of passive mode communication protocol.

▶ **4.5 Peak Shaving Mode**

Users can set the threshold for allowing priority purchase of electricity from the grid.

5.Peak Shaving Mode 

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Peak Shaving Mode     |        |
| Priority Import Power | 00.1KW |

▶ **4.6 Feed-in Priority**

Priority is given to power supply load. Excess power generated is first sold to the grid. Charging of the battery only occurs when the power sold exceeds the preset limit. This is suitable for scenarios with high grid connection benefits.

6.Feed-in Priority 

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Feed-in Priority      |        |
| Priority Export Power | 03.0KW |

▶ **4.7 Battery Priority Mode**

Under sufficient photovoltaic power conditions, priority is given to charging the battery first. If there is excess energy, it will be used for load operation. This mode is mainly used for storing energy in the battery.

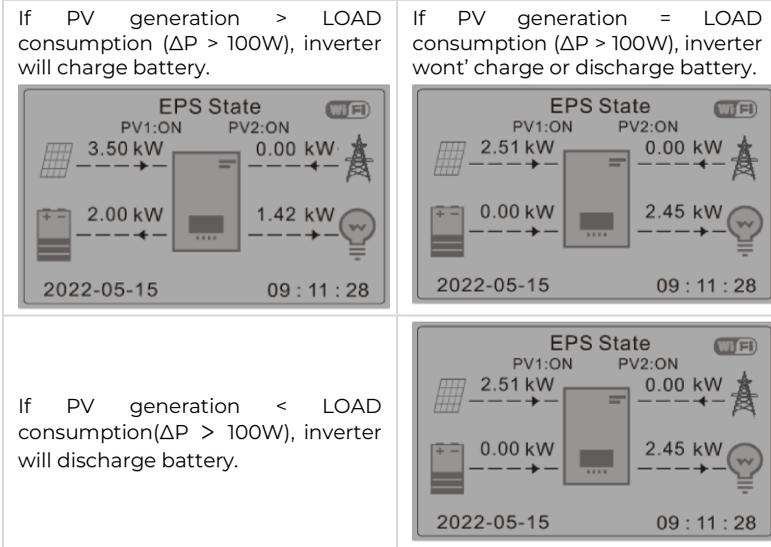
7.Battery Priority Mode 

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Battery Priority Mode       |      |
| Battery Priority Cutoff SOC | 080% |

5. **EPS Mode**

5.EPS Mode 

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 1.EPS Mode Control |  |
|--------------------|---|



6. Communication Addr

|                      |  |                       |  |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| 6.Communication Addr |  | 1.Communication Addr. |  |
|                      |  | 2.Baud Rate           |  |

5.4.2 Advanced Setting

|                    |  |                                |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 2.Advanced setting |  | <b>Enter PASSWORD</b>          |
|                    |  | 1.Battery Parameter            |
|                    |  | 2.Battery Active               |
|                    |  | 3.Set Feed-in Limit            |
|                    |  | 4.Set Generation limit control |
|                    |  | 5.IV Curve Scan                |
|                    |  | 6.Logic Interface              |
|                    |  | 7.Factory Reset                |
|                    |  | 8.Reset Password [ ]           |

|                          |
|--------------------------|
| 9.Parallel Settings      |
| 10.Reset Bluetooth       |
| 11.CT Calibration        |
| 12.NeutralPointGrounding |
| 13.Set PCC Power Offset  |

[1]Appears only when UK grid code is selected.

**1. Battery Parameter**

|                     |   |                  |   |
|---------------------|---|------------------|---|
| 1.Battery Parameter |  | 1.Battery Number |  |
|                     |   | 2.Battery1       |  |

▶ **1.1 Battery Number**

Group 1 represents the number of cascading battery modules for the BAT1 port of the inverter.

Group 2 represents the number of battery modules connected to the BAT2 port of the inverter.

▶ **1.2 Battery 1**

|             |   |                            |
|-------------|---|----------------------------|
| 2.Battery 1 |  | 1.Depth of Discharge       |
|             |   | 2.Enable Force Full Charge |
|             |   | 3.Save                     |

▶ **Depth of Discharge**

For example: if Depth of Discharge = 50% & EPS Depth of Discharge = 80%.

While grid is connected: Inverter won't discharge the battery when its SOC is less than 50%.

In case of blackout: Inverter will work in EPS mode (if EPS mode is enabled) & keep discharging the battery till battery SOC is less than 20%.

|                      |   |                    |
|----------------------|---|--------------------|
| 3.Depth of Discharge |  | Depth of Discharge |
|----------------------|---|--------------------|

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| (on-grid)          | 80% |
| Depth of Discharge |     |
| (off-grid)         | 80% |

**2. Battery Active**

2.Battery Active



|                       |
|-----------------------|
| 1.Auto Active Control |
| 2.Force Active        |

**3. Set Feed-in Limit**

Users can limit the maximum power sent from the system to the grid by enabling Feed-in Limit. Counter current power is the maximum power expected to be sent to the grid (e.g., 0KW means no energy is fed into the grid).

3.Set Feed-in Limit



|                           |
|---------------------------|
| 1.Feed-in Limit           |
| 2.Hard Limit Control      |
| 3.Feed-in Power           |
| 4.PCC Limit Scheme Config |

**▶ 3.4PCC Limit Scheme Config**

4.PCC Limit Scheme Config



|                         |
|-------------------------|
| 1.PCC Limit bit         |
| 2.Device type           |
| 3.Current limit percent |
| 4.Lock enable bit       |
| 5.Reset flag bit        |
| 6.Lock flag bit cleared |
| 7.Status query          |

**4. Set Generation limit control**

4.Set Generation limit control



|                                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Generation soft limit control |       |
| Disable                          |       |
| Enable                           | 0.0KW |
| 2.Generation hard limit control  |       |
| Disable                          |       |
| Enable                           | 0.0KW |

**5. IV Curve Scan**

When a component of PV modules is blocked or abnormal, multiple power peaks occur, the maximum power peaks can be traced by enabling this function.

The user can enter the scan period to make the inverter scan immediately.

5.IV Curve Scan



|                |
|----------------|
| 1.Scan Control |
| 2.Scan Period  |
| 3.Force Scan   |



|         |
|---------|
| Enable  |
| Disable |
| ***min  |

**6. Logical Interface**

Enables or disables a logical interface. This feature is only available under certain safety regulations.

6.Logical Interface



|       |         |
|-------|---------|
| DRM0: | Enable  |
| DRMn: | Disable |



**7. Factory Reset**

7.Factory Reset



|                     |
|---------------------|
| 1.Clear Energy Data |
| 2.Clear Events      |
| 3.Factory Reset     |



▶ **6.1 Clear Energy Data**

Clear the total energy yield of the inverter.

|                     |  |        |  |                   |
|---------------------|--|--------|--|-------------------|
| 1.Clear Energy Data |  | Cancel |  | Enter<br>PASSWORD |
|---------------------|--|--------|--|-------------------|

▶ **6.2 Clear Events**

Clear the history events of the inverter.

|                |  |        |  |
|----------------|--|--------|--|
| 2.Clear Events |  | Cancel |  |
|----------------|--|--------|--|

**8. Reset Password**

|                  |  |  |  |
|------------------|--|--|--|
| 7.Reset Password |  | Please Set the Password<br>****<br>Cancel      Confirm |  |
|                  |  | User Password Set to<br>****<br>Cancel      Confirm    |  |

**9. Parallel Setting**

For the parallel system, please refer to <4.6 Parallel System >.

|                     |  |  |
|---------------------|--|--|
| 8.Parallel Settings |  | 1.Parallel control<br>2.Set Master/Slave<br>3.Set Parallel Address<br>4.Save |
|---------------------|--|--|

**1.Parallel control:** Enable or disable the parallel function. This function must be enabled on both the master and slave machines.

**2.Set master and slave:** Set the master and slave. Select one inverter as the master and the others as slave machines.

**3.Set parallel address:** Set the parallel address for each inverter. In a parallel system, each inverter should have a parallel address that does not duplicate that of other machines. (Note: Parallel addresses are different from communications addresses used for monitoring.)

**4.Save:** Be sure to save after the settings.

10. **Reset Bluetooth**

|                   |   |                 |   |         |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|---|---------|
| 9.Reset Bluetooth |  | Please Confirm! |  | Succeed |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|---|---------|

11. **CT Calibration**

Used to calibrate the orientation and phase of the CT. The battery should be charged or discharged when using this feature.

|                   |   |                       |   |                |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------|---|----------------|
| 10.CT Calibration |  | Start CT Calibration? |  | Succeed/Failed |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------|---|----------------|

12. **NeutralPointGrounding**

|                           |   |         |
|---------------------------|---|---------|
| 11. NeutralPointGrounding |  | Disable |
|                           |   | Enable  |

13. **Set PCC Power Offset**

|                         |   |         |
|-------------------------|---|---------|
| 12.Set PCC Power Offset |  | Disable |
|                         |   | Enable  |

5.4.3 **Energy Statistic**

|                    |   |                     |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| 3.Energy Statistic |  | Today               |
|                    |   | PV .....**kWh       |
|                    |   | Load .....**kWh     |
|                    |   | Export.....**kWh    |
|                    |   | Import.....**kWh    |
|                    |   | Charge.....**kWh    |
|                    |   | Discharge.....**kWh |



|                     |
|---------------------|
| Month               |
| PV .....**kWh       |
| Load .....**kWh     |
| Export.....**kWh    |
| Import.....**kWh    |
| Charge.....**kWh    |
| Discharge.....**kWh |



|                     |
|---------------------|
| Year                |
| PV .....**kWh       |
| Load .....**kWh     |
| Export.....**kWh    |
| Import.....**kWh    |
| Charge.....**kWh    |
| Discharge.....**kWh |



|                     |
|---------------------|
| Lifetime            |
| PV .....**kWh       |
| Load .....**kWh     |
| Export.....**kWh    |
| Import.....**kWh    |
| Charge.....**kWh    |
| Discharge.....**kWh |

5.4.4 System Information

|                      |   |                 |
|----------------------|---|-----------------|
| 4.System Information |  | 1.Inverter Info |
|                      |   | 2.Battery Info  |
|                      |   | 3.Safety Param. |
|                      |   | 4.PCU Info      |
|                      |   | 5.BMS Info      |

1. Inverter Info

|                 |   |                       |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1.Inverter Info |    | Inverter Info (1)     |
|                 |   | Product SN            |
|                 |   | Hardware Version      |
|                 |   | Power Level           |
|                 |    | Inverter Info (2)     |
|                 |   | Software Version      |
|                 |   | Country               |
|                 |   | Safety Lib Version    |
|                 |    | Inverter Info (3)     |
|                 |   | Energy Storage Mode   |
|                 |   | RS485 Address         |
|                 |  | Inverter Info (4)     |
|                 |   | Logic Interface       |
|                 |   | Power Factor          |
|                 |   | Inverter Info (5)     |
|                 |   | Feed-in Limit         |
|                 |   | Insulation Resistance |

**2. Battery Info**

|                |  |                         |
|----------------|--|-------------------------|
| 2.Battery Info |  | Battery 1 Info (1)      |
|                |  | Battery Type            |
|                |  | Battery Capacity        |
|                |  | Depth of Discharge      |
|                |  | Battery 1 Info (2)      |
|                |  | Max Charge (A)          |
|                |  | Max Discharge (A)       |
|                |  | Force Full Charge Start |
|                |  | Force Full Charge End   |

**3. Safety parameters.**

|                      |  |                   |
|----------------------|--|-------------------|
| 3.Safety parameters. |  | Safety Param.(1)  |
|                      |  | OVP 1             |
|                      |  | OVP 2             |
|                      |  | UVP 1             |
|                      |  | UVP 2             |
|                      |  | Safety Param. (2) |
|                      |  | OF1 1             |
|                      |  | OF1 2             |
|                      |  | UFP 1             |
|                      |  | UFP 2             |
|                      |  | Safety Param.(3)  |
|                      |  | OVP 10mins        |

**4. PCU Info**

|            |  |                   |
|------------|--|-------------------|
| 4.PCU Info |  | PCU Info(1)       |
|            |  | PCU serial number |

|                      |
|----------------------|
| PCU hardware version |
| PCU software version |

5. BMS Info

|            |   |                      |
|------------|---|----------------------|
| 5.BMS Info |  | BMS Info(1)          |
|            |   | BMS serial number    |
|            |   | BMS Software Version |
|            |   | Battery Discharge    |

5.4.5 Event List

Once a fault occurs, the fault information is displayed on the event list page. The event list displays the current event records, including the event ID and occurrence time of each event. You can access the event list screen on the main screen to view detailed information about real-time events. Events are listed by occurrence time, and the latest events are listed first.

|                                |   |                              |   |                    |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 5.Event List                   |  | 1.Current event              |  | ID042 IsoFault     |
|                                |   | 2.History event              |   |                    |
| 2.Historical Fault Information |  | 1.ID001<br>2020-4-3 14:11:45 |  | 1.ID001 Grid OVP   |
|                                |   | 2.ID005<br>2020-4-3 11:26:38 |   | 2.ID005 GFCI Fault |

5.4.6 Software Update

You can upgrade the software using the USB flash drive to maximize the performance of the product and avoid abnormal operation caused by software bugs.

The upgrade file folder name is firmware. These three upgrade file names are:  
 HYD3-6K-HV\_ARM\_N2.bin,  
 HYD3-6K-HV\_DSPM\_D0.bin,  
 HYD3-6K-HV\_DSPTS\_N4.bin.

**Step 1** Insert the USB drive into the computer.

**Step 2** SOFAR will send the upgraded firmware to the users who need to upgrade. After receiving the file, decompress it and save it in a USB flash drive.

**Step 3** Insert the USB disk into the USB/WiFi interface of the machine.

**Step 4** Turn on DC switch.

**Step 5**

6.Software Update



**Enter PASSWORD**

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| Update (PCS)          |
| Update (BMS)          |
| Update (PCU)          |
| Update(sofar)         |
| Update safety package |

**Step 6** If the following error occurs, upgrade again. If this situation persists for several times, contact technical support for help.

|                    |                     |                 |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| USB error          | DSPM file error     | DSPS file error |
| ARM file error     | Upgrading DSPM fail |                 |
| Upgrading ARM fail | Upgrading DSPS fail |                 |

**Step 7** After the upgrading, turn off the DC switch, wait for the LCD screen to go off, then restore the Wi-Fi connection, and then turn on the DC switch and AC switch again, and the inverter will enter the running state. You can view the current software version in System Info >> Software Version.

**5.4.7 Battery real-time Info**

7.Battery real-time Info



|            |
|------------|
| 1.BMS Info |
| 2.PCU Info |

**1. BMS Info**

1.BMS Info



|                          |
|--------------------------|
| <b>BMS Info (BMSI)</b>   |
| Batt Voltage.....****.*V |

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Batt Current.....     | **.*A |
| Max Charge.....       | **.*A |
| Max Discharge.....    | **.*A |
| Batt SOC.....         | **%   |
| Batt SOH.....         | **%   |
| Batt Temperature..... | **°C  |
| Batt Cycles.....      | **T   |

2. **PCU Info**

2.PCU Info



|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| PCU Info (PCU1)       |        |
| PCU low voltage.....  | ****.V |
| PCU high voltage..... | ****.V |
| PCU low power.....    | **.*kW |
| PCU state.....        | ****   |
| Internal temp.....    | **°C   |
| radiator temp.....    | **°C   |

► LCD menu may be modified without notice, please refer to the actually displayed interfaces as final. The latest menu can be downloaded from the official website.

**5.5 Monitoring description**

The operation information (generated energy, alert, operation status) of the inverter can be transferred to PC or uploaded to the server via WiFi(4G is optional). Users can choose to use web or APP for monitoring and viewing according to their needs. You need to register an account and bind the device with the WiFi/4G SN number. The SN number of the WiFi/4G shall be affixed to the package box and the WiFi/4G.

Web: <https://home.solarmanpv.com> (Recommended browser: Chrome58、Firefox49、IE9 and above version)

## 6 Trouble shooting and maintenance

### 6.1 Troubleshooting

▶ This section describes the potential errors for this product. Please read carefully for the following tips when doing the troubleshooting:

▶ View the warning or error information and error codes displayed on the display to record all error information

▶ If no error message is displayed on the LCD, perform the following steps to check whether the current installation status meets the operating requirements of the inverter:

—Is inverter be installed in a clean, dry, ventilated environment?

— Is the DC switch turn off?

— Are the cable cross section area and length meet the requirement?

— Are the input and output connection and wiring in good condition?

— Are the configuration settings correctly for the particular installation?

— Is the display panel properly connected to the communication cable and intact?

▶ To view the recorded fault information, perform the following steps: On the home screen, press "XXX" to enter the main menu. Select "Events" and press "XXXX" to enter.

▶ Ground fault alarm

The integrated inverters in this product comply with the ground fault alarm monitoring of IEC 62109-2 clause 13.9. If a grounding fault alarm occurs, the fault will be displayed on the LCD screen with red light on, and the fault can also be found in the fault history. For the machine equipped with WiFi/4G data collector, the alarm information can be seen on the corresponding monitoring website or received through the APP on the mobile phone.

- ▶ List of common events

Table 6-1 List of common events

| ID No. | Name             | Description                           | Solution   |
|--------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| ID001  | Grid overvoltage | The grid voltage is too high          | <p>If the alarm occurs occasionally, the possible cause is that the electric grid is abnormal occasionally. Inverter will automatically return to normal operating status when the electric grid's back to normal.</p> <p>If the alarm occurs frequently, check whether the grid voltage/frequency is within the acceptable range. If yes, please check the AC circuit breaker and AC wiring of the inverter.</p> <p>If the grid voltage/frequency is NOT within the acceptable range and AC wiring is correct, but the alarm occurs repeatedly, contact SOFAR technical support to change the grid over-voltage, under-voltage, over-frequency, under-frequency protection points after obtaining approval from the local electrical grid operator.</p> |
| ID002  | Grid undervolt   | The grid voltage is too low           |  |
| ID003  | Grid overfreq    | The grid frequency is too high        |  |
| ID004  | Grid underfreq   | The grid frequency is too low         |  |
| ID005  | GFCI Fault       | Charge Leakage Fault                  | <p>Internal faults of inverter. Switch OFF inverter, wait for 5 minutes, then switch ON inverter. Check whether the problem is solved. If not, please contact SOFAR technical support.</p>   |
| ID008  | IslandFault      | Island protection error               |  |
| ID009  | GridOVP Instantl | Transient overvoltage of grid voltage |  |
| ID012  | InvOVP           | Inverter voltage error                |  |
| ID013  | Reflux OverLoad  | Feed-in Limit function is faulty      |  |
| ID032  | N-PE fault       | Neutral ground fault                  |  |

| ID No. | Name             | Description                                      | Solution  |
|--------|------------------|--|---|
| ID042  | IsoFault         | Low insulation impedance                         | Check the insulation resistance between the photovoltaic array and ground (ground), if there is a short circuit, the fault should be repaired in time. If not solved, please contact SOFAR technical support.   |
| ID043  | PEConnectFault   | Ground fault                                     | Check ac output PE wire for grounding.  |
| ID045  | CT Disconnect    | CT Disconnected                                  | Check whether the CT connection is correct  |
| ID046  | Reversal Connect | Input reverse connection error                   | Check whether the DC input connection is correct  |
| ID047  | Parallel Fault   | Parallel Fault                                   | Check whether parallel is enabled. Check whether parallel addresses overlap. Check whether the parallel network is connected properly.  |
| ID049  | Temp Fault_Bat   | Battery temperature protection                   | <p>Make sure the inverter is installed in a place free from direct sunlight.</p> <p>Make sure the inverter is installed in a cool/well-ventilated place.</p> <p>Ensure that the inverter is installed vertically and the ambient temperature is lower than the upper limit of the inverter temperature.</p> |
| ID050  | TemFault Radiat1 | Radiator temperature protection                  |   |
| ID057  | TemFault Env1    | Ambient temperature protection                   |   |
| ID059  | TemFault Inv1    | Module temperature protection                    |   |
| ID065  | VbusRms Unbalan  | Unbalanced bus voltage RMS                       | <p>Internal faults of inverter. Switch OFF inverter, wait for 5 minutes, then switch ON inverter. Check whether the problem is solved. If not, please contact SOFAR technical support.</p>  |
| ID066  | VbusInst Unbalan | The transient value of bus voltage is unbalanced |   |
| ID067  | BusUVP           | Bus undervoltage during grid connection          |   |
| ID068  | BusZVP           | Bus voltage low                                  |   |

| ID No. | Name             | Description   | Solution   |
|--------|------------------|---|--|
| ID069  | PVOVP            | PV over-voltage   | Check whether the PV series voltage (Voc) is higher than the maximum input voltage of the inverter. If yes, adjust the number of PV modules in series and reduce the PV string voltage to fit the input voltage range of the inverter. After correction, the inverter will automatically return to normal state. |
| ID070  | BatOVP           | Bat over-voltage  | Check whether the battery overvoltage Settings are inconsistent with battery specifications  |
| ID072  | SwBus RmsOVP     | Inverter bus voltage RMS software overvoltage                 | Internal faults of inverter. Switch OFF inverter, wait for 5 minutes, then switch ON inverter. Check whether the problem is solved. If not, please contact SOFAR technical support.  |
| ID073  | SwBus InstantOVP | Inverter bus voltage instantaneous value software overvoltage |  |
| ID081  | SwBat OCP        | Battery overcurrent protection by software                    |  |
| ID082  | DciOCP           | Dci overcurrent protection                                    |  |
| ID083  | SwOCP Instant    | Output instantaneous current protection                       |  |
| ID084  | SwBuck BoostOCP  | BuckBoost software overcurrent                                |  |
| ID085  | SwAc RmsOCP      | The output RMS overcurrent                                    |  |
| ID086  | SwPvOCP Instant  | PV overcurrent software protection                            |  |

| ID No. | Name            | Description                       | Solution  |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| ID087  | Ipv Unbalance   | PV flows in uneven parallel       |   |
| ID088  | Iac Unbalance   | Unbalanced output current         |   |
| ID098  | HwBusOVP        | Inverter bus hardware overvoltage |   |
| ID099  | HwBuckBoostOCP  | BuckBoost hardware overcurrent    |   |
| ID100  | HwBatOCP        | Battery hardware overcurrent      |   |
| ID102  | HwPVOC P        | PV hardware overcurrent           |   |
| ID103  | HwACOC P        | Ac output hardware overcurrent    |   |
| ID105  | Meter Comm Lose | Meters communication fault        | Check whether the meter is enabled. Check whether the meter wiring is correct   |
| ID110  | Overload1       | Overload Protection               | Check whether the load power is greater than the inverter output power  |
| ID113  | OverTem Derate  | Overtemperature derating          | <p>Make sure the inverter is installed in a place free from direct sunlight.</p> <p>Make sure the inverter is installed in a cool/well-ventilated place.</p> <p>Ensure that the inverter is installed vertically and the ambient temperature is lower than the upper limit of the inverter temperature.</p> |
| ID114  | Freq Derating   | Frequency derating                | Make sure the grid frequency and voltage are within acceptable range.   |
| ID116  | Volt Derating   | Voltage derating                  |   |

| ID No. | Name                     | Description                                  | Solution   |
|--------|--------------------------|--|--|
| ID124  | LowBattery               | Battery Low                                  | Check whether the battery voltage is too low or the battery depth of discharge is too low.   |
| ID125  | Bat Discharge Prohibited | Battery Discharge Prohibit                   |  |
| ID129  | HwAcOCP                  | Output hardware overcurrent permanent fault  | Internal faults of inverter. Switch OFF inverter, wait for 5 minutes, then switch ON inverter. Check whether the problem is solved.<br>If not, please contact SOFAR technical support. |
| ID130  | BusOVP                   | Bus overvoltage permanent fault              |  |
| ID131  | HwBusOVP                 | Bus hardware overvoltage permanent fault     |  |
| ID132  | Ipv Unbalance            | PV unbalance current permanent fault         |  |
| ID133  | EPSBatOCP                | EPS mode battery overcurrent                 |  |
| ID134  | AcOCP Instant            | Output transient overcurrent permanent fault |  |
| ID135  | Iac Unbalance            | Output current imbalance permanent fault     |  |
| ID138  | PVOCP Instant            | Input overcurrent permanent fault            |  |
| ID139  | HwPVOC P                 | Input hardware overcurrent permanent fault   |  |
| ID140  | RelayFail                | Relay permanent fault                        |  |
| ID141  | Vbus Unbalance           | Bus unbalance permanent fault                |  |
| ID142  | SpdFail(DC)              | DC SPD fault                                 |  |

| ID No. | Name            | Description                         | Solution   |
|--------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| ID145  | USBFault        | USB fault                           | Check the USB port of the inverter.  |
| ID152  | SafetyVer Fault | Safety parameter version error      | Please contact SOFAR technical support.  |
| ID153  | SciLose(D C)    | SCI communication error (DC)        |  |
| ID154  | SciLose(A C)    | SCI communication error (AC)        |  |
| ID156  | SoftVer Error   | Inconsistent software versions      | Contact technical support to obtain the upgrade software.  |
| ID157  | BMS1 Comm Fault | Lithium battery communication error | Make sure the battery you use is compatible with the inverter. CAN communication is recommended. Check whether the communication cable or port between the battery and the inverter is faulty.                       |
| ID162  | Remote Shutdown | Remote shutdown                     | The inverter is shut down remotely.  |
| ID163  | Drms0 Shutdown  | Drms0 shutdown                      | The inverter is Drms0 shut down.   |
| ID177  | BMS OVP         | BMS over-voltage alarm              | The lithium battery is faulty. Shut down the inverter and lithium battery. Wait for 5 minutes and start the inverter and lithium battery. Check whether the problem is rectified. If not, contact technical support. |
| ID178  | BMS UVP         | BMS under-voltage alarm             | Please make sure the battery is installed in a cool well-ventilated place. If The battery is installed correctly, please contact technical support.  |
| ID179  | BMS OTP         | BMS high temperature alarm          |  |
| ID180  | BMS UTP         | BMS low temperature alarm           |  |

| ID No. | Name                 | Description  | Solution   |
|--------|----------------------|--|--|
| ID181  | BMS OCP              | BMS charge and discharge overcurrent               | Power off and wait for 2 hours. If the problem is not solved, please contact technical support.  |
| ID182  | BMS Short            | BMS Short circuit alarm                            |  |
| ID808  | HS1 HighTemp Warning | Radiator 1 high temperature alarm                  | Please make sure the battery is installed in a cool well-ventilated place. If The battery is installed correctly, please contact technical support.            |
| ID809  | Env HighTempWarning  | Ambient high temperature alarm                     |  |
| ID813  | StopChg Warning      | Charging prohibition alarm                         | If the battery is almost fully, no action is required. Otherwise, please contact technical support.  |
| ID814  | StopDchg Warning     | Discharging prohibition alarm                      | If the battery is almost empty, no action is required. Otherwise, please contact technical support.  |
| ID864  | HS1 OverTemp Fault   | Over temperature protection of radiator 1          | Power off and wait for 2 hours. If the problem is not solved, please contact technical support.  |
| ID865  | OverTemp Fault_Env   | Over temperature protection of ambient temperature |  |
| ID867  | Can1Com mFault       | Can1 communication failure                         | If this fault occurs occasionally, wait a few minutes to see whether the problem is solved. If this fault occurs frequently, please contact technical support. |
| ID872  | SwBus InstantOV P    | Bus software overvoltage                           |  |
| ID873  | SwBus InstantUV P    | Bus software undervoltage                          |  |
| ID874  | SwBat InstantOV P    | Battery software overvoltage                       |  |

| ID No. | Name                 | Description                            | Solution   |
|--------|----------------------|--|--|
| ID875  | SwBat InstantUVP     | Battery software undervoltage          |  |
| ID876  | SwBat InstantOCP     | Battery software overcurrent           |  |
| ID879  | HwOCP                | Hardware overcurrent                   | Restart the battery and wait for minutes. If the problem is not resolved, please contact technical support.  |
| ID880  | Unrecover BusAvgOV   | Permanent bus overvoltage              |  |
| ID881  | Unrecover BatAvgUV   | Permanent battery undervoltage         |  |
| ID882  | Unrecover OCPIstant  | Permanent Instant overcurrent          | Check whether the wiring is correct and restart the battery. If the problem is not resolved, please contact technical support.                                 |
| ID883  | Unrecover HwOCP      | Permanent hardware overcurrent         |  |
| ID894  | Unrecover BatActFail | Permanent battery activation failed    |  |
| ID895  | Unrecover BusRPP     | Permanent bus reverse connection       |  |
| ID899  | BMS OVOCP            | BMS overvoltage and overcurrent fault  | If this fault occurs occasionally, wait a few minutes to see whether the problem is solved. If this fault occurs frequently, please contact technical support. |
| ID900  | SwBat AvgOCP         | Battery average overcurrent protection |  |
| ID901  | SwAvg OverloadP      | Average overload protection            |  |

| ID No. | Name      | Description                         | Solution |
|--------|-----------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| ID903  | SwCBCO CP | Software CBC overcurrent protection |          |

- ▶ This table only shows part of the events, please go to our website for details.
- ▶ The events whose ID number over 800 are related to the battery module BTS 5K.

## 6.2 Daily Maintenance

This product usually does not require maintenance or calibration, but ensure that the inverter and the heat sink of the battery module are not covered by dust or dirt.

- ▶ Clean the inverter and battery modules:

Please clean the inverter with an air blower, a dry & soft cloth or a soft bristle brush. Do NOT clean the inverter with water, corrosive chemicals, detergent, etc.

- ▶ Clean radiator:

In order to ensure the normal function and long service life of the product, it is necessary to ensure that there is enough air flow space around the radiator at the rear of the product, and there is no material around the radiator that obstructs the air flow, such as dust or snow, must be removed. Clean the radiator with compressed air, a soft cloth, or a soft brush. Do not use water, corrosive chemicals, cleaning agents, or strong detergents to clean the heat sink.

## 7 Datasheet

- The following parameters may change without notice, please refer to the user manual and dataSheet on our website.

| Model                                 | ESI<br>3K-S1     | ESI<br>3.68K-S1 | ESI<br>4K-S1 | ESI<br>4.6K-S1 | ESI<br>5K-S1 | ESI<br>5K-S1-A | ESI<br>6K-S1 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>PV (Input)</b>                     |                  |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Recommended Max. PV Power             | 6000 Wp          | 7360 Wp         | 8000 Wp      | 9200 Wp        | 10000 Wp     | 10000 Wp       | 12000 Wp     |
| Max. Input Voltage                    | 550 Vd.c.        |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Start-up Voltage[1]                   | 100 Vd.c.        |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Rated Input Voltage                   | 360 Vd.c.        |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| MPPT Voltage Range                    | 85-520 Vd.c.     |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Number of MPPT                        | 2                |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Max. Number of Input Strings per MPPT | 1/1              |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Max. Input Current                    | 16/16 A          |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Backfeed Current                      | 0 A              |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Max. Isc                              | 22.5/22.5 A      |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| <b>Battery</b>                        |                  |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Voltage Range                         | 350-435 Vd.c.    |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Nominal Battery Voltage               | 400 Vd.c.        |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Number of Battery Input Channels      | 2                |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Max. Charging Power                   | 3 kW             | 3.68 kW         | 4 kW         | 4.6 kW         | 5 kW         | 5 kW           | 6 kW         |
| Max. Discharging Power                | 3 kW             | 3.68 kW         | 4 kW         | 4.6 kW         | 5 kW         | 5 kW           | 6 kW         |
| Max. Charging Current                 | 20 A             |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Max. Discharging Current              | 20 A             |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Battery Type[2]                       | Lithium-ion      |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| BMS Communication                     | CAN              |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| <b>AC Backup (Output)</b>             |                  |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Rated Voltage                         | L+N+PE,230 Va.c. |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Rated Frequency                       | 50/60 Hz         |                 |              |                |              |                |              |
| Rated Power                           | 3 kW             | 3.68 kW         | 4 kW         | 4.6 kW         | 5 kW         | 5 kW           | 6 kW         |
| Rated Current                         | 13.0 A           | 16.0 A          | 17.4 A       | 20.0 A         | 21.7 A       | 22.7 A         | 26 A         |

|  |                         |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Rated Apparent Power                       | 3 kVA                   | 3.68 kVA        | 4 kVA           | 4.6 kVA         | 5 kVA          | 5 kVA          | 6 kVA          |
| Max. Apparent Power                        | 3.3 kVA                 | 3.68 kVA        | 4.4kVA          | 4.6 kVA         | 5.5 kVA        | 5 kVA          | 6.6 kVA        |
| Max. Current                               | 14.3 A                  | 16.0 A          | 19.1 A          | 20.0 A          | 23.9 A         | 22.7 A         | 28.7 A         |
| Peak Apparent Power                        | 4500 VA,<br>10s         | 5520 VA,<br>10s | 6000 VA,<br>10s | 6900 VA,<br>10s | 7500VA,<br>10s | 7500VA,<br>10s | 9000VA,<br>10s |
| Inrush Current                             | 60A, 200 ms             |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| Max. Output Fault Current                  | 32 A                    |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| Power Factor Range                         | 0.8 lagging-0.8 leading |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| THDv (@ linear load)                       | <3%                     |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| Switching Time                             | 10 ms default           |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| <b>AC Grid (Input and Output)</b>          |                         |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| Rated Voltage                              | L+N+PE,230 Va.c.        |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| Rated Frequency                            | 50/60 Hz                |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| Rated Output Power                         | 3 kW                    | 3.68 kW         | 4 kW            | 4.6 kW          | 5 kW           | 5 kW           | 6 kW           |
| Rated Output Current                       | 13.0 A                  | 16.0 A          | 17.4 A          | 20.0 A          | 21.7 A         | 21.7 A         | 26.1 A         |
| Rated Apparent Power                       | 3 kVA                   | 3.68 kVA        | 4 kVA           | 4.6 kVA         | 5 kVA          | 5 kVA          | 6 kVA          |
| Max. Apparent Power                        | 3.3 kVA                 | 3.68 kVA        | 4.4 kVA         | 4.6 kVA         | 5.5 kVA        | 5 kVA          | 6.6 kVA        |
| Max. Output Current                        | 15.0 A                  | 16.0 A          | 20.0 A          | 20.9 A          | 25.0 A         | 22.7 A         | 30.0 A         |
| Inrush Current                             | 60 A, 200 ms            |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| Max. Output Fault Current                  | 32 A                    |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| Power Factor Range                         | 0.8 lagging-0.8 leading |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| THDi                                       | <3%                     |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| Max. Input Current                         | 26.1 A                  | 32.0 A          | 34.8 A          | 40.0 A          | 43.5 A         | 43.5 A         | 52.2 A         |
| <b>Efficiency</b>                          |                         |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| Max. MPPT Efficiency                       | 99.9%                   |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| Max. Efficiency                            | 97.7%                   | 97.7%           | 97.7%           | 97.8%           | 97.8%          | 97.8%          | 97.8%          |
| European Efficiency                        | 97.0%                   | 97.0%           | 97.0%           | 97.1%           | 97.1%          | 97.1%          | 97.1%          |
| Max. Efficiency of Charging/Discharging[3] | 97.0%                   |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| <b>Protection</b>                          |                         |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| DC Switch                                  | Yes                     |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| PV Reverse Connection Protection           | Yes                     |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |
| Battery Reverse Connection Protection      | Yes                     |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |

## DATASHEET

|                                 |                                       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Output Short Circuit Protection | Yes                                   |
| Output Overcurrent Protection   | Yes                                   |
| Output Overvoltage Protection   | Yes                                   |
| Insulation Impedance Detection  | Yes                                   |
| Residual Current Detection      | Yes                                   |
| Anti-islanding Protection       | Method (Active frequency shift)       |
| Surge Protection                | PV:Type II, AC:Type II                |
| <b>General Parameter</b>        |                                       |
| Inverter Topology               | Non-isolation                         |
| Protective Class                | Class I                               |
| IP Rating                       | IP65                                  |
| Overvoltage Category            | AC III, DC II                         |
| Operating Temperature Range     | -10°C to +50°C (derating above +45°C) |
| Relative Humidity Range         | 5%-95%                                |
| Max. Operating Altitude         | 4000 m (derating above 2000 m)        |
| Standby Self-consumption[4]     | <10 W                                 |
| Dimensions(W*H*D)               | 708*410*170 mm                        |
| Cooling Mode                    | Natural                               |
| Weight                          | 26 kg                                 |
| Communication                   | CAN/RS485/WiFi, Optional:4G/LAN       |
| Display                         | LCD & APP                             |

[1] Minimum PV voltage to start MPPT operation.

[2] Please refer to document “SOFAR inverter Model compatible battery list”

[3] Battery-AC maximum efficiency of battery charge and discharge

[4] Standby loss at rated input voltage



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