

ABB Solar inverters

Quick Installation Guide

PVI-6.0/8.0/10.0/12.5-TL-OUTD

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In addition to what is explained below, the safety and installation information provided in the installation manual must be read and followed. The technical documentation and the interface and management software for the product are available at the website.

The device must be used in the manner described in the manual. If this is not the case the safety devices guaranteed by the inverter might be ineffective.

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Bolts and screws for wall mounting	5 + 5
D.18 Washer	5
L-key, TORX TX20	1
M20 Cable gland	1
M40 Cable gland	1
Two-hole gasket for M20 signal cable glands and cap TGM58	1 + 1

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Connector for connecting the configurable relay	2
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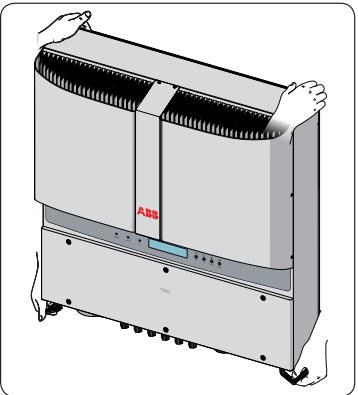
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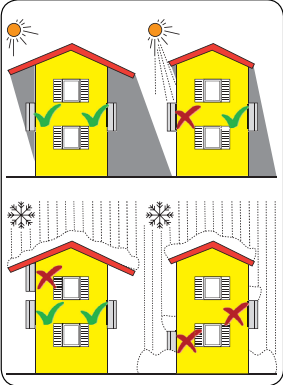
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Equipment weight				Mass weight
Model				
PVI-6.0-TL-OUTD	PVI-8.0-TL-OUTD	PVI-10.0-TL-OUTD	PVI-12.5-TL-OUTD	<41.0 Kg
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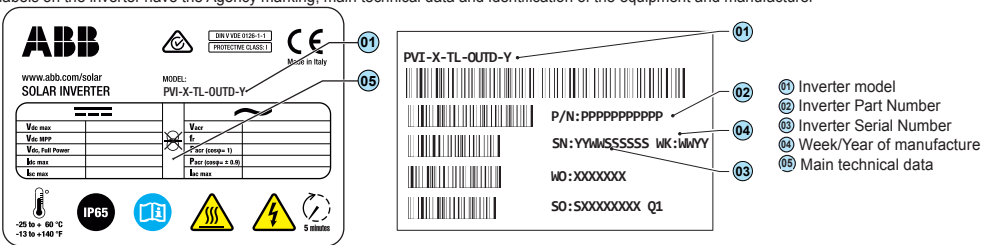


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- Consult the technical data to check the environmental parameters to be observed
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- Less efficient cooling and therefore a greater likelihood of the device going into derating because of high internal temperatures
- Reduction in the dielectric resistance of the air that, in the presence of high operating voltages (DC input), can create electric arcs (discharges) that can reach the point of damaging the inverter
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The labels on the inverter have the Agency marking, main technical data and identification of the equipment and manufacturer



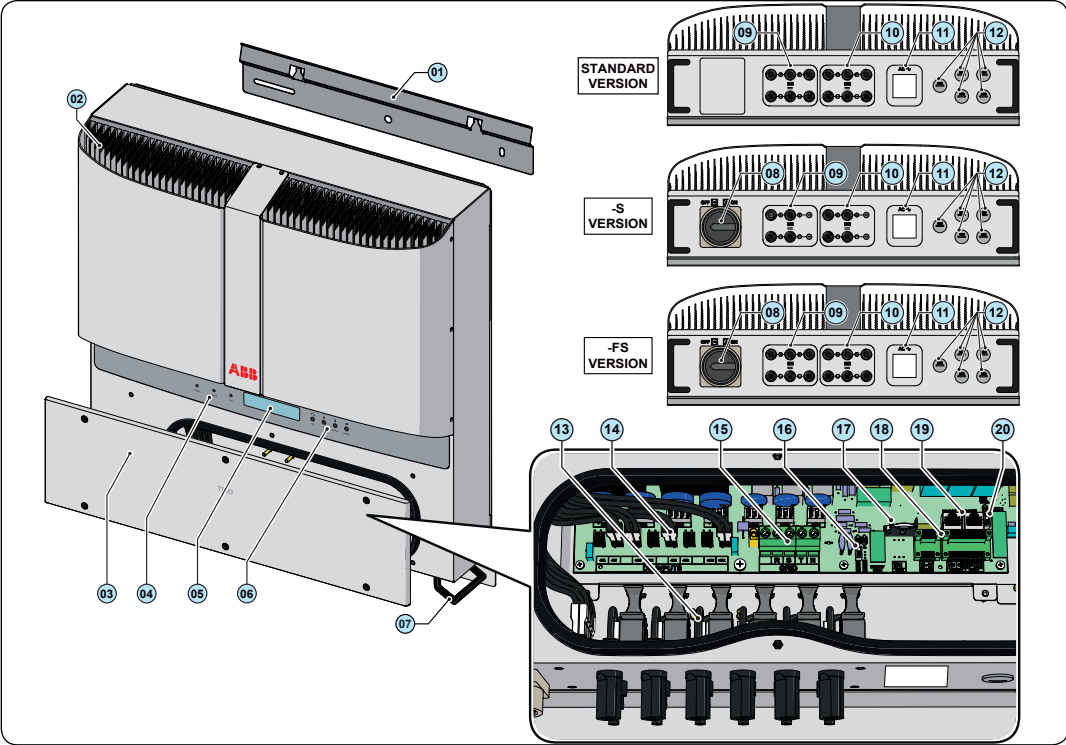
The labels attached to the equipment must NOT be removed, damaged, dirtied, hidden, etc...
If the service password is requested, the field to be used is the serial number -SN: YYWWSSSSSS-

In the manual and/or in some cases on the equipment, the danger or hazard zones are indicated with signs, labels, symbols or icons.

Always refer to instruction manual	General warning - Important safety information	Hazardous voltage	Hot surfaces
Protection rating of equipment	Temperature range	Without isolation transformer	Direct and alternating currents, respectively
Positive pole and negative pole of the input voltage (DC)	Always use safety clothing and/or personal safety devices	Point of connection for grounding protection	Time need to discharge stored energy

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The models of inverter to which this guide refers are available in 4 power ratings: 6.0 kW, 8.0 kW, 10.0 kW and 12.5 kW. Three types are available for each model: Standard, with DC disconnect switch (Version -S) or with DC input protection fuses combined with DC disconnect switch (Version -FS).



Main components				
01 Bracket	05 Display	09 Input connectors (MPPT1)	13 fuse board (*only version -FS)	17 Internal battery
02 Heatsink	06 Keyboard	10 Input connectors (MPPT2)	14 DC Input terminal block	18 Signal terminal block
03 Front cover	07 Handles	11 AC cable gland	15 AC Output terminal block	19 RJ45 Connectors
04 LED Panel	08 DC Disconnect switch	12 Service cable glands	16 Channel configuration switch	20 RS485 line termination switch

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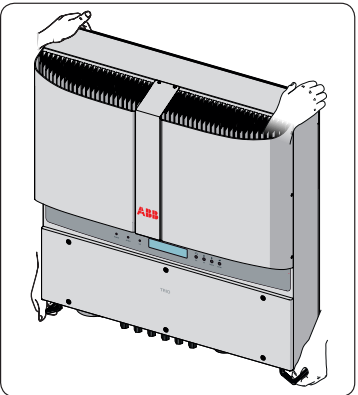
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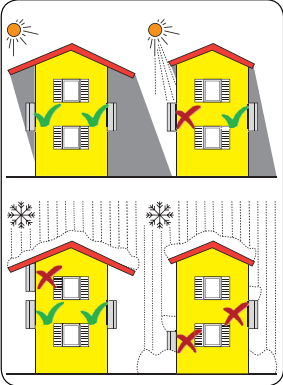
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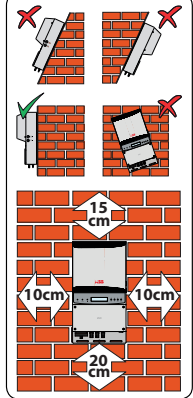
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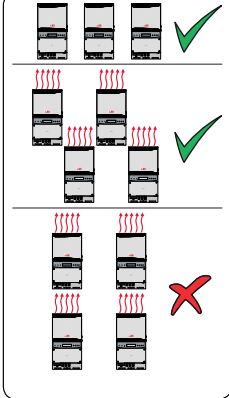
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Choice of installation location



Installation position
- Install on a wall or strong structure capable of bearing the weight of the equipment
- Install in safe, easy to reach places
- If possible, install at eye-level so that the display and status LEDs can be seen easily
- Install at a height that considers the heaviness of the equipment
- Install vertically with a maximum inclination of +/- 5°
- Choose a place with enough space around the unit to permit easy installation and removal of the object from the mounting surfaces; comply with the indicated minimum distances
- For a multiple installation, position the inverters side by side; if the space available does not allow this arrangement, position the inverters in a staggered arrangement as shown in the figure so that heat dissipation is not affected by other inverters

Final installation of the inverter must not compromise access to any disconnection devices that may be located externally.
Please refer to the warranty terms and conditions available on the website and evaluate any possible exclusion due to improper installation.

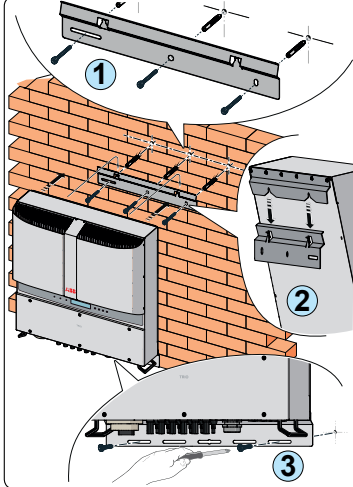


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Wall mounting

During installation, do not place the inverter with its front facing towards the ground.

- Position the bracket 01 so that it is perfectly level on the wall and use it as a boring template.
- Drill the 3 holes required using a drill with 10mm bit. The holes must be about 70mm deep. On bracket 01 there are 3 fastening holes.
- Fix the bracket to the wall with the 3 wall anchors, 10mm in diameter, supplied. (Step 1).
- Hook the inverter to the bracket springs in correspondence with the insertion points in the bracket on the back of the inverter (Step 2).
- Drill 2 holes in correspondence with the slots on the inverter lower bracket, using a drill with a 10 mm diameter bit. The holes must be approximately 70 mm deep.
- Anchor the lower part of the inverter using No. 2 plugs with a diameter of 10 mm, supplied (Step 3).
- Unscrew the 6 screws and open the front cover 06 in order to make all the necessary connections.
- Once the connections have been made, close the cover by tightening the 6 screws on the front to a minimum tightening torque of 1.5 Nm.



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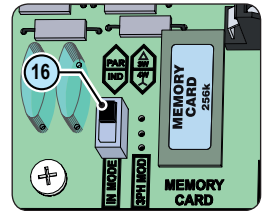
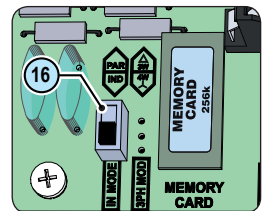
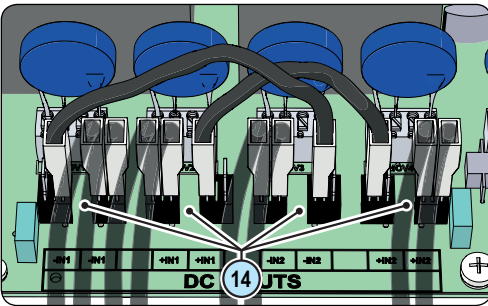
All versions of the inverter are equipped with two input channels (therefore with double maximum power point tracker MPPT) independent of each other, which can however be connected in parallel using a single MPPT.


Configuration of independent channels (default configuration)

This configuration involves the use of the two input channels (MPPT) in independent mode. This means that the jumpers between the two channels (positive and negative) of the DC input terminal block 14 must not be installed and the switch 16 located on the main board must be set to "IND".


Configuration of parallel-connected channels


This configuration uses the two input channels (MPPT) connected in parallel. This means that the jumpers between the two channels (positive and negative) of the DC input terminal block 14 must be installed and the switch 16 located on the main board must be set to "PAR".



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Check for correct polarity in the input strings and absence of any leakage to ground in the PV generator. When exposed to sunlight, the PV panels supply DC direct voltage to the inverter.

The inside of the inverter may only be accessed after the equipment has been disconnected from the grid and from the photovoltaic generator.
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Warning! The inverters to which this document relates to are WITHOUT ISOLATION TRANSFORMER (transformer-less). This type involves the use of insulated photovoltaic panels (IEC61730 Class A Rating) and the need to maintain the photovoltaic generator floating with respect to earth: no pole of the generator must be connected to earth.
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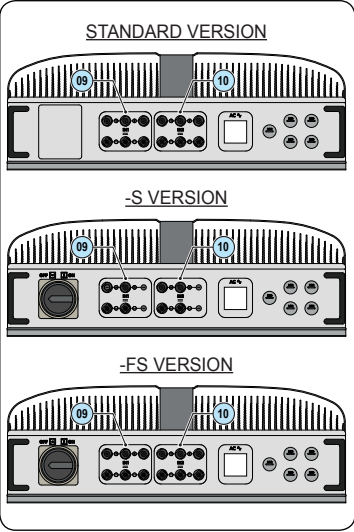
Each input is equipped with protection fuses on the -FS model: check that the fuse current rating is the correct size for the photovoltaic modules installed.

For the string connections it is necessary to use the quick fit connectors (multicontact or weidmüller) located on the bottom of the mechanic (9, 10).

The number of quick fit connectors changes based on the model of inverter.

	STANDARD VERSION	-FS VERSION	-S VERSION
No. of input channels	2		2
No. of quick fit connectors	12 (6 pairs)		8 (4 pairs)

- Crimp the Multicontact/Weidmüller MC4/MM4 quick fit connector counterparts (supplied) to the string cables or to the cables wired to the DC disconnect switches (external)
- Connect all the strings included in the design of the system and always check the tightness of the connectors
- If some of the string inputs should not be used you must proceed to verify the presence of covers on DC input connectors and then install them should they be absent: this operation is necessary for the tightness of the inverter and to avoid damaging the free connector that could be used at a later date.



Load protection breaker (AC disconnect switch) and line cable sizing

To protect the AC connection line of the inverter, we recommend installing a device for protection against over current and leakage with the following characteristics:

	PVI-6.0-TL-OUTD	PVI-8.0-TL-OUTD	PVI-10.0-TL-OUTD	PVI-12.5-TL-OUTD
Type	Automatic circuit breaker with differential thermal magnetic protection			
Nominal Voltage / Nominal Current	400 Vac / 16 A	400 Vac / 16 A	400 Vac / 20 A	400 Vac / 25 A
Magnetic protection characteristic	B/C			
Number of poles	3/4			
Type of differential protection	A/AC			
Differential sensitivity	300 mA			

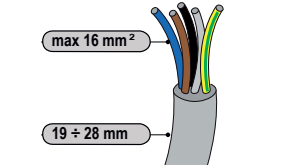
ABB declares that the ABB transformerless inverters, in terms of their construction, do not inject continuous ground fault currents and therefore there is no requirement that the differential protection installed downstream of the inverter be type B in accordance with IEC 60755 / A.2.

Characteristics and sizing of the line cable

For the connection of the inverter to the grid, you can choose between a star connection (3 phases + neutral) and a delta connection (3 phases). The cross-section of the AC line conductor must be sized in order to prevent unwanted disconnections of the inverter from the grid due to high impedance of the line that connects the inverter to the power supply point.

Cross-section of the line conductor	Maximum length of the line conductor			
	PVI-6.0-TL	PVI-8.0-TL	PVI-10.0-TL	PVI-12.5-TL
4 mm ²	55 m	43 m	34 m	28 m*
6 mm ²	80 m	65 m	51 m	42 m
10 mm ²	135 m	108 m	85 m	70 m
16 mm ²	210 m	173 m	136 m	113 m

* Up to 45 °C Ambient temperature





The values are calculated in nominal power conditions, taking into account:
1. a power loss of not more than 1% along the line
2. copper cable, with HEPR rubber insulation, laid in free air

Warning! Before performing any of the operations described below, ensure the AC line downstream the inverter has been correctly disconnected

- Remove the protective film located on the hole to be used for the AC cables (11)
- Insert the M40 cable gland in the hole and secure it using the special M40 lock nut (supplied)

Warning! To ensure environmental protection IP65 it is necessary to fix the cable gland to the inverter chassis with a minimum tightening torque of 8.0 Nm

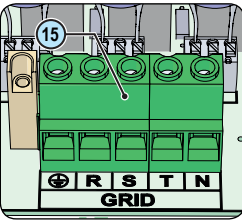
- Strip 10 mm of sheathing from the AC grid connection cables
- Plug the AC line cable into the inverter, passing it through the previously installed cable gland
- Connect the protective earth (yellow-green) cable to the contact labelled with the  symbol on the terminal block (15)

Warning! ABB inverters should be earthed (PE) via the terminal with the protective earth label , using a cable with an appropriate cross-section of the conductor for the maximum ground fault current that the generating system might experience

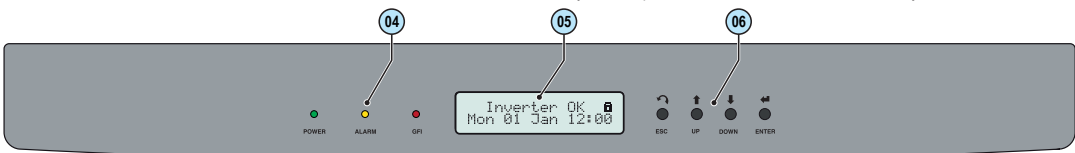
- Connect the neutral cable (normally blue) to the terminal labelled with the letter **N**
- Connect the phase cables to the terminals labelled with the letters **R, S and T**

Warning! The AC cables must be tightened on the terminal block with a minimum torque of 1.5 Nm

Once the connection to the terminal board (15) is complete, screw in the cable gland firmly (tightening torque 5.0Nm) and check the tightness.



LEDs and BUTTONS, in various combinations, can be used to view the status or carry out complex actions that are described more fully in the manual.



LED POWER	GREEN On if the inverter is working correctly. Flashes when checking the grid or if there is insufficient sunlight.
LED ALARM	YELLOW The inverter has detected an anomaly. The anomaly is shown on the display.
LED GFI	RED Ground fault on the DC side of the PV generator. The error is shown on the display.

ESC	It is used to access the main menu, to go back to the previous menu or to go back to the previous digit to be edited
UP	It is used to scroll up the menu options or to shift the numerical scale in ascending order
DOWN	It is used to scroll down the menu options or to shift the numerical scale in descending order
ENTER	It can be used to confirm an action, to access the submenu for the selected option (indicated by the > symbol) or to switch to the next digit to be edited

ABB inverters are equipped with a graphic Display (9), consisting of 2 lines of 16 characters each, which can be used to:

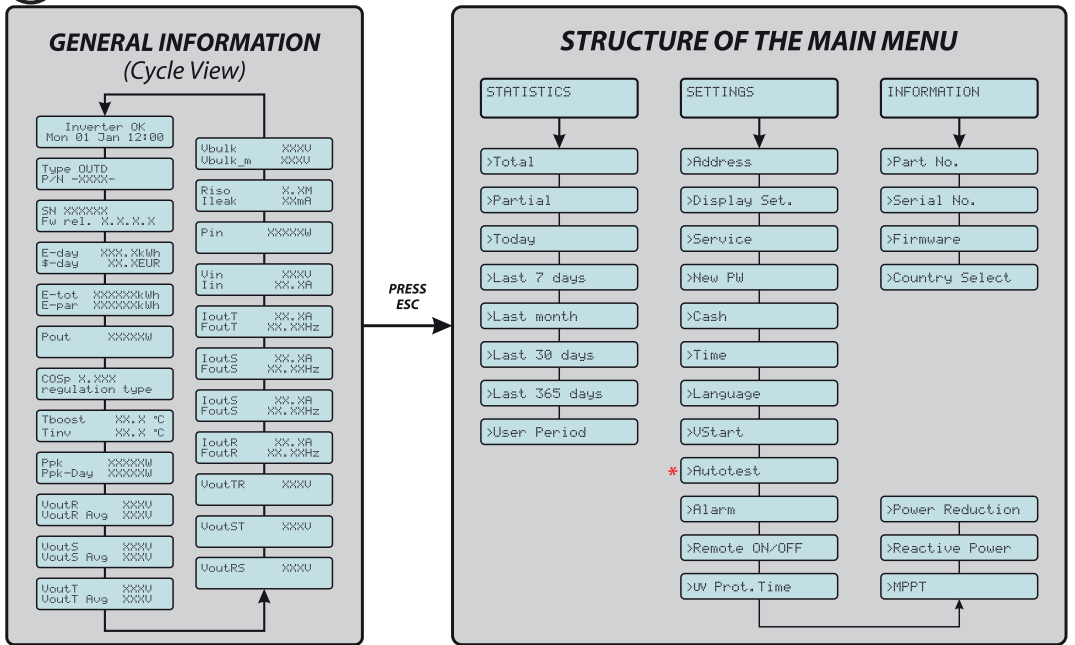
- Display the operating state of the inverter and the statistical data
- Display the service messages for the operator
- Display the alarm and fault messages for the operator
- Changing the settings of the inverter

During the normal operation of the inverter the display cycles through the **GENERAL INFORMATION**. This information relates to the input and output parameters and the inverter identification parameters. By pressing **ENTER** it is possible to lock scrolling on a screen to be constantly displayed.

Press **ESC** to access the three main menus, which have the following functions:

- **STATISTICS:** Displays the statistics
- **SETTINGS:** Modify the settings of the inverter
- **INFO:** View service messages for the operator

 Refer to the manual for details regarding use and functions available in the menu



* Available only for grid standard CEI021 IN and CEI021 EX

Each cable which must be connected to the connectors of the communication and control signals must pass through one of the five service cable glands (12). An M20 cable gland (that takes cables from 7 mm to 13 mm in diameter) and a gasket with two holes to insert into the cable gland which enables two separate cables of a maximum diameter of 5 mm to be accommodated, are available

Warning! To ensure environmental protection IP65 it is necessary to fix the cable glands to the inverter chassis with a minimum tightening torque of 7 Nm

Connection to the RS485 communication line

The RS485 communication port is the inverter's communication port. The ABB inverters use an RS485 HALF-DUPLEX communication line made up of two transmission and reception cables (+T/R and -T/R) and a communication reference cable (RTN): all three cables must be connected in daisy-chain configuration. The chain connection can be made without distinction by using the RJ45 connector couples (19) (one for in and one for out) or the terminal block (20). The last inverter in the daisy chain must be "terminated" or the 120 Ohm communication line termination resistance must be activated by switching the dip-switch (20).


Using the alarm terminal block

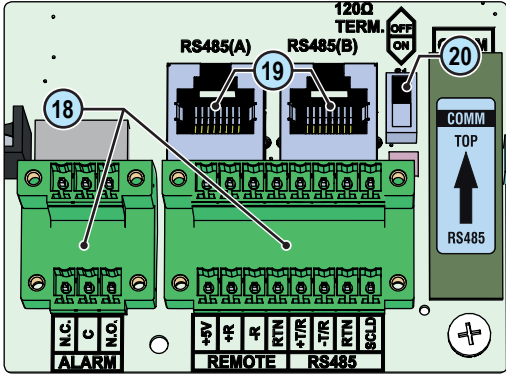
Terminal block (18) connecting to the configurable relay that allows connection of external devices which, according to the mode selected in the menu **"SETTINGS > Alarm"** can, for example, signal malfunctions. The operating modes that can be set are: Production, Alarm, Alarm (Configurable) and Crepuscular.

The ALARM contact can be used only with systems that ensure a safety isolating additional at least (supplementary insulation in relation to the DC input voltage)

Using the REMOTE terminal block

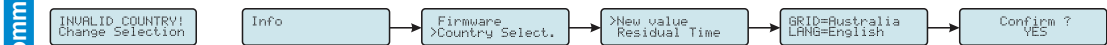
The REMOTE terminal block (18), if suitably configured, allows the "Remote ON/OFF" function to be used: this function allows remote disconnection of the inverter from the grid

 For further information regarding the configuration and use of the communication and control signals terminal block, please see the manual



The inverter commissioning procedure is as follows:

- Switch the integrated switch (20) (versions -S and -FS) to the ON position or close the external switches: If the input voltage applied to one of the two input channels is greater than the minimum starting voltage, the inverter will start up.
- When the inverter is turned on for the first time you will be asked to select the "Country" of installation. This selection allows the inverter to automatically configure its parameters to ensure that compliance with local standards; the default language corresponding to the selected "Country" will also be set.



Warning! After the grid standard was set you have 24 hours to make any changes to the grid standard value; 24 hours later the "Country Select." functionality will be blocked, and any subsequent changes can only be made using a password provided on request by ABB

- After you have set the "Country" value, the message "Initializing...Please Wait" is displayed. Depending on the input voltage value, the inverter will show various messages on the display and change the behaviour of the three LED (20):

INPUT VOLTAGE	DISPLAY MESSAGE	LED STATUS	DESCRIPTION
Vin < Vstart	Waiting Sun	Green = FLASHING Yellow = OFF Red = OFF	The input voltage is not sufficient to permit connection to the grid.
Vin > Vstart	Missing Grid	Green = FLASHING Yellow = ON Red = OFF	There is sufficient input voltage to permit connection to the grid: the inverter waits until there is grid voltage to carry out the parallel connection.

The inverter is powered ONLY by the voltage coming from the photovoltaic generator: presence of grid voltage alone IS NOT SUFFICIENT to permit the inverter to start up.

- With the inverter in "Missing Grid" status, close the AC switch downstream the inverter so as to supply the grid voltage to the inverter: the inverter performs the grid voltage check, measures the photovoltaic generator insulation resistance against earth and carries out other self-diagnosis checks. During the checks before the parallel with the grid, the green LED keeps flashing, the others are off.

During the grid voltage check and measurement of the insulation resistance, the values for the grid voltage and frequency and the insulation resistance measured by the inverter are shown on the display. The inverter completes parallel connection with the grid SOLELY if the grid parameters meet the ranges provided for by the regulations in force and if the insulation resistance is greater than 1Mohm.

- If the preliminary checks for parallel connection to the grid are successful, the inverter connects to the grid and begins to export power to the grid. At this stage, the display shows the inverter's parameters in cycles. The green LED stays lit whereas the others are off.

Characteristics and technical data

Input				
Absolute Maximum Input Voltage ($V_{max,abs}$)	900 V			
Input Activation Voltage (V_{start})	360 V (adj. 250...500 V)			
Input Operating Range ($V_{dmin}...V_{dmax}$)	0.7 x $V_{start}...850$ V			
Rated DC Input Power (P_{dc})	6200 Wp	8250 Wp	10300 Wp	12800 Wp
Number of Independent MPPTs	2			
Maximum Input Power for each MPPT ($P_{MPPT,max}$)	4200 W	5500 W	6500 W	8000 W
MPPT input DC Voltage Range ($V_{MPPT,min,f}...V_{MPPT,max,f}$) at P_{ac}	200...750 V	270...750 V	300...750 V	360...750 V
Maximum DC Input Current ($I_{dc,max}$) / for each MPPT ($I_{MPPT,max}$)	34.0 A / 17.0 A	34.0 A / 17.0 A	34.0 A / 17.0 A	36.0 A / 18.0 A
Maximum Input Short Circuit Current for each MPPT	22.0 A			
Maximum Backfeed current (from AC to DC side)	Negligible			
Number of DC Inputs Pairs for each MPPT	2 (-S Version), 3 (Standard and -FS Version)			
DC Connection Type	Tool Free PV Connector WM / MC4			
Input protection				
Reverse Polarity Protection	Inverter protection only, from limited current source, for standard and -S versions, and for -FS version when max 2 strings are connected			
Input Overvoltage Protection for each MPPT - Varistor	2			
Photovoltaic Array Isolation Control	According to local standard			
DC Switch Rating (-S Version)	Max. 25.0 A / 1000 V			
Fuse Rating (-FS Version)	Max. 12.0 A / 1000 V			
Output				
AC Grid Connection Type	Three phase 3W or 4W+PE			
Rated AC Power (P_{ac})	6000 W	8000 W	10000 W	12500 W
Maximum AC Output Power ($P_{ac,max}$)	6600 W ⁽⁶⁾	8900 W ⁽¹⁾	11000 W ⁽²⁾	13800 W ⁽³⁾
Rated AC Grid Voltage (V_{ac})	400 V			
AC Voltage Range	320...480 Vac ⁽⁴⁾			
Maximum AC Output Current ($I_{ac,max}$)	10.0 A	13.0 A	16.6 A	20.0 A
Inrush Current	Negligible			
Maximum Output Fault Current	<25Arms (100mS)			
Rated Output Frequency (f)	50 Hz / 60 Hz			
Output Frequency Range ($f_{min}...f_{max}$)	47...53 / 57...63 Hz ⁽⁵⁾			
Nominal Power Factor ($\cos\phi_{inv}$)	>0.995 (adj. ± 0.9 with P_{ac} = 8.0 kW, ± 0.8 with max 6.67kVA)	>0.995 (adj. ± 0.9 with P_{ac} = 8.0 kW, ± 0.8 with max 8.9kVA)	>0.995 (adj. ± 0.9 with P_{ac} = 10.0 kW, ± 0.8 with max 11.5kVA)	>0.995 (adj. ± 0.9 with P_{ac} = 12.5 kW, ± 0.8 with max 13.8kVA)
Total Harmonic Distortion of Current				
AC Connection Type	Screw terminal block			
Output protection				
Anti-Islanding Protection	According to local standard			
Maximum AC Overcurrent Protection	12.0 A	15.0 A	19.0 A	22.0 A
Output Overvoltage Protection - Varistor	3, plus gas arrester			
Operating performance				
Maximum Efficiency (η_{max})	97.6%	97.6%	97.8%	97.8%
Weighted Efficiency (EURO/CEC)	96.5% /-	96.8% /-	97.1% /-	97.2% /-
Power Input Treshold	30.0 W			
Stand-by Consumption	< 10.0 W			
Communication				
Wired Local Monitoring	PVI-USB-RS232 485 (opt.), PVI-DESKTOP (opt.)			
Remote Monitoring	PVI-AEC-EVO (opt.), VSN700 Data Logger(opt.)			
Wireless Local Monitoring	PVI-DESKTOP (opt.) with PVI-RADIOMODULE (opt.)			
User Interface	LCD Display with 16 characters x 2 line			
Environmental				
Ambient Temperature Range	-25...+60°C / -13...140°F with derating above 55°C/131°F			-25...+60°C / -13...140°F with derating above 50°C/122°F
Storage Temperature	-40...80°C (-40...+176°F)			
Relative Humidity	0...100% condensing			
Environmental pollution classification for external environment	3			
Noise Emission	< 50 dB(A) @ 1 m			
Maximum Operating Altitude without Derating	2000 m / 6560 ft			
Environmental Category	External			
Physical				
Environmental Protection Rating	IP 65			
Cooling	Natural			
Dimension (H x W x D)	716 x 645 x 224 mm / 28.2 x 25.4 x 8.8 inch			
Weight	< 41 kg / 90.4 lb			
Mounting System	Wall bracket			
Overvoltage Category in accordance with IEC 62109-1	II (DC input) III (AC output)			
Safety				
Isolation Level	Transformerless (TL)			
Safety Class	I			
Marking	CE (50Hz only)			

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