

## ContainerPower Energy Solutions

# Solar inverter voltage is high



## Overview

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Check your inverter's maximum DC input voltage and ensure your solar array is designed within that limit—even during cold weather conditions. What causes a solar inverter voltage to rise?

Here are the main causes of voltage rise: When a solar system produces more power than the home is consuming, the excess electricity needs to be exported back to the grid. For this to happen, the voltage from the solar inverter must be slightly higher than the grid voltage to “push” the energy from the inverter to the grid.

What causes a solar inverter to fail?

The AC voltage overrange is the most common failure of the solar inverter connected with the PV grid system. This is because the grid voltage is not constant and it will change with the changing of the load and current. At the same time, the output voltage of the inverter will be affected by the grid voltage.

How does a solar inverter work?

When a solar system produces more power than the home is consuming, the excess electricity needs to be exported back to the grid. For this to happen, the voltage from the solar inverter must be slightly higher than the grid voltage to “push” the energy from the inverter to the grid. This difference in voltage is what creates the voltage rise.

What happens if a solar inverter is connected in a wrong way?

If the AC wire of the solar inverter is connected in a wrong way, the AC voltage overrange failure may be caused. If the phase wire and zero wire are connected wrongly, then the inverter A phase will show that the line voltage is 380V and the B, C will show that the phase voltage is 220V.

When should a solar inverter be stopped?

The solar inverter operation shall be stopped when it exceeds this range. The rated voltage of the single-phase grid is 230V. when the grid voltage is lower than 195.5V or is higher than 253V, principally the inverter shall be stopped. The rated voltage of the three-phase grid is 400V.

What is the protection range of a solar inverter?

Based on the national standard, the protection range of the under-voltage and over-voltage at the AC output side is the 85%-110% of the rated voltage. The solar inverter operation shall be stopped when it exceeds this range.

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