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PHOTOVOLTAIC INVERTERS – DATA SHEET AND NAME PLATE

1 Scope

This International Standard describes data sheet and name plate information for photovoltaic inverters in grid parallel operation.

The object of this standard is to provide minimum information required to configure a safe and optimal system with photovoltaic inverters.

In this context, data sheet information is a technical description separate from the photovoltaic inverter. The name plate is a sign of durable construction on or in the photovoltaic inverter. The name plate may be inside the photovoltaic inverter only if the name plate is visible once a door is opened in normal use.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60664-1, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60721-2-1, *Classification of environmental conditions – Part 2-1: Environmental conditions appearing in nature – Temperature and humidity*

IEC 62109-1, *Safety of power converters for use in photovoltaic power systems – Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 216, *Writing paper and certain classes of printed matter – Trimmed sizes – A and B series, and indication of machine direction*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 Input side (PV generator)

3.1.1

maximum input voltage

V_{dcmax}

allowed maximum voltage at the inverter input

3.1.2**minimum input voltage** V_{dcmin}

minimum input voltage for the inverter to energize the utility grid, independent of mode of operation

3.1.3**start-up input voltage** $V_{dcstart}$

input voltage at which the inverter starts energizing the utility grid

3.1.4**rated input voltage** $V_{dc,r}$

input voltage specified by the manufacturer, to which other data sheet information refers

3.1.5**maximum MPP voltage** V_{mppmax}

maximum voltage at which the inverter can deliver its rated power

3.1.6**minimum MPP voltage** V_{mppmin}

minimum voltage at which the inverter can deliver its rated power

3.1.7**maximum input current** I_{dcmax}

maximum current at which the inverter can operate. If the inverter has multiple MPP inputs, I_{dcmax} is related to each single input

3.2 Output side (grid connection)**3.2.1****maximum grid voltage** V_{acmax}

maximum voltage at which the inverter can energize the grid

3.2.2**minimum grid voltage** V_{acmin}

minimum voltage at which the inverter can energize the grid

3.2.3**rated grid voltage** $V_{ac,r}$

utility grid voltage to which other data sheet information refers

3.2.4**maximum output current** I_{acmax}

maximum output current that the inverter can deliver

3.2.5**rated power** $P_{ac,r}$

active power the inverter can deliver in continuous operation

3.2.6**rated frequency** f_r

utility grid frequency at which the inverter performs as specified

3.2.7**maximum frequency** f_{\max}

maximum frequency at which the inverter can energize the grid

3.2.8**minimum frequency** f_{\min}

minimum frequency at which the inverter can energize the grid

3.2.9**night-time power loss**

power loss of the inverter, which is supplied from the public grid, when no solar generator power is present

3.2.10**cos $\phi_{ac,r}$**

minimum power factor for which the inverter can output the rated active power

3.2.11**nominal operation power factor**

power factor operating at nominal power

3.2.12**power factor of operation range**

range of power factor for the range operation of the inverter

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4 Data sheet information**4.1 General**

Technical products are usually brought into the market with a documentation providing information to the user regarding the operating conditions and its intended purpose. A data sheet specifies a product to the extent that the contained data could be consulted for planning or dimensioning. The size and organization of the data sheet are left to the manufacturer. It is however recommendable to be limited to a double-side printed on A4 sheet, according to ISO 216, whereby a topic-specific separation is favourable.

4.2 Short description

In short the characteristics of the inverter are to be described. Special characteristics of the inverters can be mentioned. For better identification of the equipment, its photo or its true design drawing should be included on the data sheet. The internal design of the inverter should be represented in a clear way (e.g. by means of a block diagram). The topology type should be indicated too.

4.3 Conformity

The conformity to relevant norms and standards shall be shown in the data sheet.

4.4 Electrical parameters

4.4.1 General

The electrical parameters from 4.4.2 to 4.4.3 are to be regarded as minimum requirement for a professional system integration of an inverter.

4.4.2 The following parameters of the input side shall be indicated:

V_{dcmax} , V_{dcmin} , $V_{dcstart}$ ¹⁾, $V_{dc,r}$, V_{mppmax} , V_{mppmin} , I_{dcmax} , number of independent MPP inputs (if applicable), $P_{dc,r}$, P_{dcmax} , t_{start}

The maximum voltage of the connected solar generator should be determined in individual cases from the planner. The maximum input voltage of the inverter should not be exceeded at any time.

The specification of maximum and minimum MPP voltage may also be indicated as ranges.

4.4.3 The following parameters of the output side shall be indicated:

V_{acmax} , V_{acmin} , $V_{ac,r}$, I_{acmax} , $P_{ac,r}$, f_r , f_{min} , f_{max} , $\cos\phi_{ac,r}$, $I_{ac,r}$, P_{acmax} , THD , η_{max}

The power factor should be displayed over the range of power and not only at rated power. Additionally the number of phases to be connected at the output and the number of phases fed in have to be noted.

The specification of the maximum and minimum output voltages and frequencies may be specified in each case as ranges. If only one value is given, the default status at delivery should be used.

4.5 Characterisation of the operating performance

4.5.1 The indication of the rated power ($P_{ac,r}$) refers to the respective rated values of the connected grid (e.g. 230 V/50 Hz). The rated power is given at the rated input voltage, rated power and the ambient temperature of $(25 \pm 3)^\circ\text{C}$. This value shall be obtained after temperature rise test.

NOTE In addition, the ability of the inverter to supply the rated power even at higher ambient temperatures can be stated together with the time the inverter can supply this power (e.g. 40°C for 2 h or 35°C unlimited).

4.5.2 Night-time power loss is to be specified, including the internal power source.

4.5.3 The operating efficiency has to be specified in tabular form at least for the three input voltages (V_{mppmax} , $V_{dc,r}$, and V_{mppmin}) and eight output powers (5 %, 10 %, 20 %, 25 %, 30 %, 50 %, 75 %, and 100 %, where these percentages indicate the ratio of $P_{ac}/P_{ac,r}$). A graphical representation is optional (example: Figure 1).

¹⁾ The indication of the start-up input voltage is necessary only if the input voltage is used as switching on criterion for the inverter.

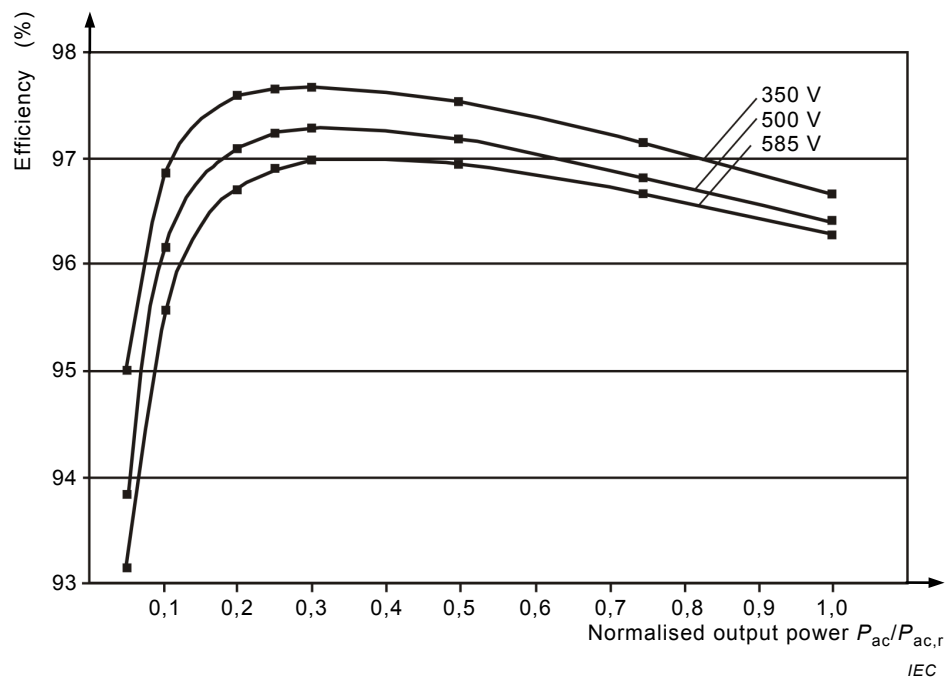


Figure 1 – Representation of the inverter efficiency

4.5.4 For the purpose of self-protection routines can be implemented into the inverter, which prevent a damage (current – power – temperature derating). Any self-protection routine that causes derating shall be described in tabular or graphical form over the entire permitted operation range (see example in Figure 2).

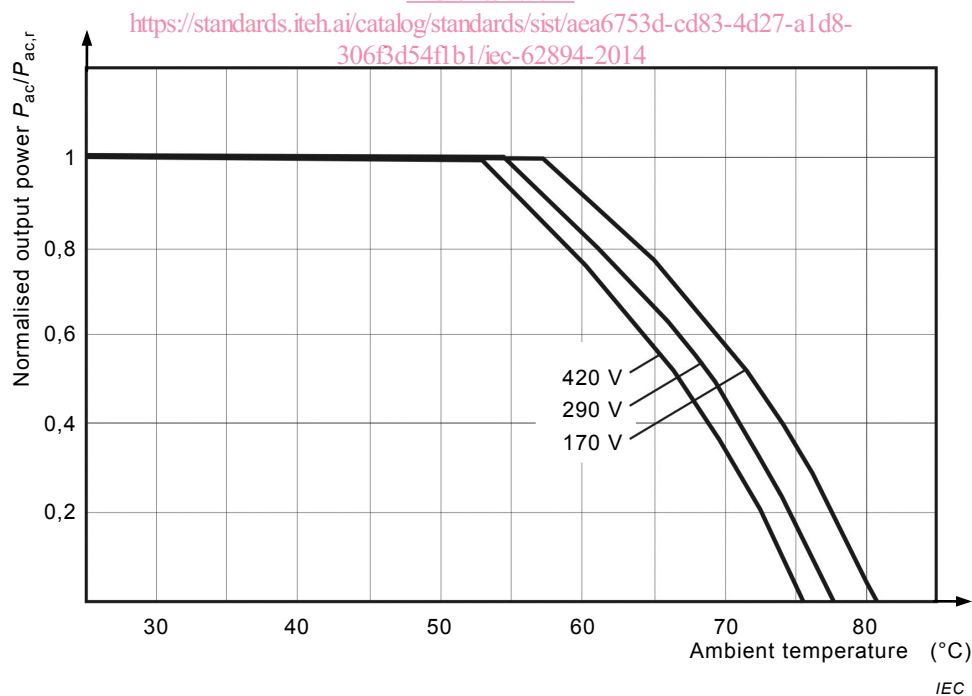


Figure 2 – Power reduction with increased ambient temperatures

4.6 Safety

The following data concerning the safety of inverters shall be contained in the data sheet:

- safety class system according to IEC 62109-1;

- data for galvanic separation (with or without transformer);
- kind of integrated utility interface (indication of the sets of local rules, regulations or laws);
- the method of active detection of loss of mains should be clearly indicated;
- time to reconnect after disconnection due to loss of mains should be indicated.

4.7 Operating conditions

The operating conditions for the inverters are differentiated (unprotected in the open, protected in the open, air-conditioned in interiors, without air-condition in interiors).

The degree of severity depends on the use of the inverter and is to be specified by the manufacturer. For inverters to be used in the outdoor the indication of the appropriate climatic class shall be specified according to IEC 60721-2-1 by the manufacturer. Further data concerning the operating conditions of inverters should be contained in the data sheet:

- rated range of the ambient temperature in which the inverter is to be operated may be according to IEC 60721-2-1;
- permissible maximum value for the relative humidity (non-condensing);
- maximum noise emission, to be given if over 75 dB.

4.8 Fitting and construction

4.8.1 Physical characteristics

- Degree of protection according to IEC 60529;
- Overvoltage category according IEC 60664-1;
- Input and output side connection technology.
- Number of input DC connectors (pairs) and number of input DC connectors per MPP input.
- Physical dimensions including protruding parts (width, depth, height).
- Weight.

If applicable the type and manufacturer of the input and output connector should be given.

4.8.2 Other characteristics

- Existing disconnecting device at the input side (if any).
- Cooling principle (convection, forced cooling).
- Name and address of the manufacturer and of market importer, if applicable.
- Communication protocol(s) used should be indicated as well.
- Warranty period should be indicated.

5 Details on the name plate

The following list represents the minimum required information, which should be contained on a name plate for a photovoltaic inverter. Additional information can however be supplied by the manufacturer.

The minimum requirements for the production of a name plate are according to IEC 62109-1:

- name and origin of the manufacturer and/or market importer;
- model or type name;
- serial number;
- electrical parameters: V_{dcmax} , V_{mppmin} , V_{mppmax} , I_{dcmax} , $P_{ac,r}$, $V_{ac,r}$, f_r , I_{acmax} ;
- degree of protection;