

# SolarEdge Modbus Meter Installation Guide

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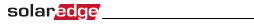
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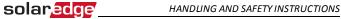


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# HANDLING AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

During installation, testing and inspection, adherence to all the handling and safety instructions is mandatory. Failure to do so may result in injury or loss of life and damage to the equipment.

# Safety Symbols

### WARNING!



Denotes a hazard. It calls attention to a procedure that, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in injury or loss of life. Do not proceed beyond a warning note until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met

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### NOTE

Denotes additional information about the current subject.



### IMPORTANT SAFETY FEATURE

Denotes information about safety issues.

Disposal requirements under the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) regulations:



### NOTE

Discard this product according to local regulations or send it back to SolarEdge.



# **Chapter 1: Introduction**

# **Terminology**

The following terms are used in this document:

- Export: The power injected to the grid.
- Import: The power purchased from the grid.
- Export/ Import meter: A meter that is installed at the grid connection point and reads the energy/power exported/imported to/from the grid.
- Consumption: The power consumed by the site.
- Consumption meter: A meter that is installed at the load consumption point and reads the energy/power consumed by the site.
- Self-consumption: The PV power consumed by the site and not fed into the grid.
- Production: The PV power produced by the PV system.
- Production meter: A meter that is installed at the inverter output and reads the energy/power produced by the PV system.

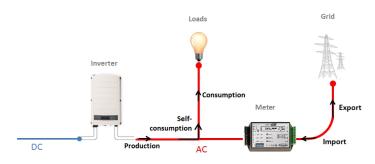


Figure 1: Terminology



# The SolarEdge Modbus Meter

The SolarEdge meter enables measuring the power and energy of the photovoltaic (PV) system.

The meter is used by the inverter for the following applications:

- · Consumption monitoring
- · Export limitation
- StorEdge Smart Energy Management on-grid applications

The SolarEdge inverter or the Control and Communication Gateway (CCG) reads the exported power from a meter installed at the grid connection point or reads the consumption from a meter installed at the load consumption point.



Figure 2: Typical installation with export meter

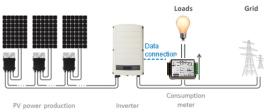


Figure 3: Typical installation with consumption meter



# **Meter Connection Options**

In a single inverter system, the meter is connected directly to the inverter.

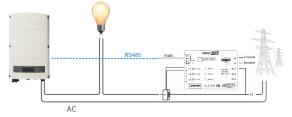


Figure 4: Single-inverter<sup>1</sup> connection

In a multiple inverter system, two options are available:

- The meter is connected to the RS485 port of one of the inverters. In this
  case, as the inverter's RS485 port is occupied by the meter, use an RS485
  Expansion Kit (available from SolarEdge) or ZigBee communication
  between the inverters.
- The meter is connected to one of the RS485 ports of a CCG. The CCG's second RS485 port can be used to create an RS485 bus for communication between the inverters. This option is illustrated in Figure 5.



Figure 5: Multi-inverter connection with CCG and meter

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This figure shows a single phase inverter connection. For three phase inverters, 3 CTs are required.





# **Chapter 2: Meter Installation**

The meter is connected to the inverter using RS485.

### **Installation Guidelines**

AC wire specifications: 1.3 to 2.0 mm diameter / 16-12 AWG stranded wire, 600 V, type THHN, MTW, or THWN.

RS485 wiring specifications:

- Cable type: Min. 3-wire shielded twisted pair (a 4-wire cable may be used)
- Wire cross-section area: 0.2-1 mm²/24-18 AWG (a CAT5 cable may be used)

### NOTE



If using a cable longer than 10 m/33 ft in areas where there is a risk of induced voltage surges by lightning, it is recommend to use external surge protection devices. For details refer to *External Lightning Protection Connection* on page 40. If grounded metal conduit are used for routing the communication wires, there is no need for a lightning protection device.

- The meter is considered "permanently connected equipment" and requires a disconnect means (circuit breaker, switch, or disconnect) and overcurrent protection (fuse or circuit breaker).
- The meter draws 10-30mA, therefore the rating of any switches, disconnects, fuses, and/or circuit breakers is determined by the wire gauge, the mains voltage, and the current interrupting rating required.
- The switch, disconnect, or circuit breaker must be located near the meter and be easily operated.
- Use circuit breakers or fuses rated for 20A or less.
- Use grouped circuit breakers when monitoring more than one line.



- The circuit breakers or fuses must protect the mains terminals labeled L1, L2, and L3. In the rare cases where neutral has overcurrent protection, the overcurrent protection device must interrupt both neutral and the ungrounded conductors simultaneously.
- The circuit protection / disconnect system must meet IEC 60947-1 and IEC 60947-3. as well as all national and local electrical codes.

# **Installing and Connecting the Meter**

Mount the meter either directly on a flat surface, or on a DIN rail using the DIN-rail clips supplied with the meter.

### To mount the meter directly on a surface:

- 1. Carefully remove the terminal blocks on both sides of the meter.
- Use the two mounting holes on both sides of the meter to mark the hole positions.

### NOTE

Do not use the meter as a drilling guide; the drill may damage the screw terminals and metal shavings may fall into the connectors.

Use the supplied screws to mount the meter. Do not over-tighten the screws, as long-term stress on the case can cause cracking.



Figure 6: Meter mounting holes



### To mount on a DIN rail using clips:

The supplied kit includes two DIN-rail mounting-clips and two screws.

- 1. Carefully remove the terminal blocks from both sides of the meter.
- Attach the DIN rail clips to the meter and fasten them using the supplied screws (torque 0.7 N\*m/0.4 lb\*ft). Make sure that the clips are correctly oriented, as shown below.



Figure 7: Mounting the meter on a DIN-rail

#### To install the CTs:

- 1. Turn off AC power before clamping on current transformers.
- Install the CTs around the conductor to be measured. Split-core CTs can be opened for installation around a conductor. A nylon cable tie may be secured around the CT to prevent accidental opening.
- 3. Install the CTs with the arrows pointing to the grid for consumption or export measurement.



### To wire the meter:

Refer to the connection diagram below If you connect two meters, refer to *Installing Two Meters* on page 27.

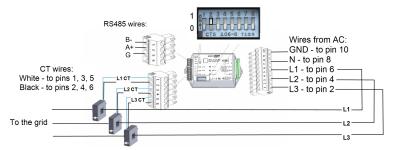


Figure 8: Meter connections

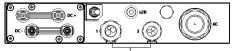
- 1. Verify that power is OFF before making connections.
- 2. Connect the AC side wires (meter input) using the 10-pin terminal block:
  - a. Loosen the appropriate screws on the 10-pin terminal block.
  - Connect each AC wire to the appropriate screw terminal (pins 6, 4, 2).
     Verify that the lines match the symbols printed on the meter front label.
  - c. Connect ground to pin 10 and neutral to pin 8.
  - d. Tighten the screws making sure the wires are fully inserted and cannot be pulled out easily.
  - Insert the 10-pin terminal block into the socket on the meter making sure it is fully seated in the meter.



- 3. Connect the CT wires to the 6-pin terminal block:
  - a. Connect the black and white wires according to the dots printed on the label: White to L1/L2/L3 white (pins 1/3/5), and black to L1/L2/L3 black (pins 2/4/6).
  - Insert the 6-pin terminal block into the socket on the meter making sure it is fully seated in the meter
- Connect the RS485 twisted pair cable to the 4-pin terminal block of the meter:
  - Connect the wires to the A+ and B- terminals, and connect the shield to the G terminal.
  - Insert the 4-pin terminal block into the socket on the meter making sure it is fully seated in the meter
- Check that the meter Modbus address is set to 2: DIP switch 2 (second from the left) is set to 1 (UP) and all other DIP switches are set to 0.

### To connect the meter to the inverter or CCG:

 If connecting to an inverter, remove the seal from one of the openings in communication gland #2 at the bottom of the inverter and insert the RS485 wires from the meter through the opening.



Communication glands

### Figure 9: Communication glands

Prepare to connect to one of the available RS485 ports of the device, as shown below:



 Inverter RS485-1 - pull out the 9-pin RS485 connector located on the communication board.

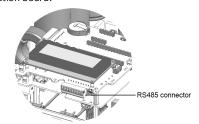


Figure 10: Inverter RS485 connector

• Inverter RS485 Expansion module - pull out the 3-pin connector

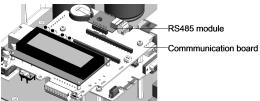


Figure 11: Inverter RS485 Expansion module

CCG - use one of the 3-pin connectors supplied with the CCG.
 Connect it to the RS485-2 connection on the CCG.

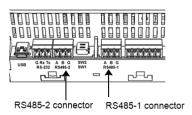


Figure 12: CCG RS485 connector



3. Connect the wires as shown below:

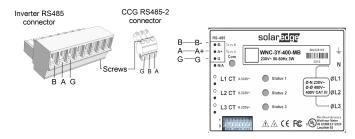


Figure 13: Meter RS485 connections

- If the SolarEdge device is at the end of the RS485 bus, terminate as follows:
  - Inverter Terminate by switching a termination DIP-switch inside the inverter to ON (top position). The switch is located on the communication board and is marked SW7.
  - CCG Terminate by switching the SW2 termination DIP-switch to ON.

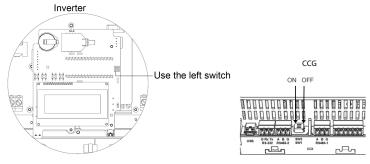


Figure 14: RS485 termination switch



# Chapter 3: SolarEdge Device Configuration

This section describes basic configuration of SolarEdge devices (inverter/CCG) for using a meter. In addition, configuration specific to the application being used is required in some cases. Refer to the following documents:

- Export Limitation <a href="http://www.solaredge.com/files/pdfs/products/feed-in\_limitation\_application\_note.pdf">http://www.solaredge.com/files/pdfs/products/feed-in\_limitation\_application\_note.pdf</a>
- Consumption and Production Monitoring -<a href="http://www.solaredge.com/files/pdfs/products/consumption\_production\_monitoring\_application\_note.pdf">http://www.solaredge.com/files/pdfs/products/consumption\_production\_monitoring\_application\_note.pdf</a>.
- StorEdge Smart Energy Management on-grid applications -<a href="http://www.solaredge.com/files/pdfs/storedge\_interface\_installation\_guide.pdf">http://www.solaredge.com/files/pdfs/storedge\_interface\_installation\_guide.pdf</a>

For configuring two connected meters refer to *Installing Two Meters* on page 27.

### To configure the SolarEdge device:

Use the four user buttons to control the LCD panel menus:

- Esc: Goes to the beginning of the currently entered parameter or to the previous menu.
- Up (1) and Down (2): Moves the cursor (>) to the relevant menu option.
- Enter (3): Used to select an option
- 1. Verify that the device ON/OFF switch is OFF.
- 2. Turn ON the AC switch of the main circuit board.



#### WARNING!

ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD. Do not touch uninsulated wires when the inverter cover is removed.



3. Press the Enter (3) button for at least five seconds. The following message is displayed:

```
Please enter
 Password
```

- Use the three right most buttons (Up-1, Down-2 and Enter-3) to type in the following default password: 12312312.
- 5. Scroll to the Communication menu and select RS485-X Conf (X represents the actual RS485 port to which the electricity meter is connected: 1 or E for the inverter; 1 or 2 or E for the CCG). The following screen is displayed:

```
Device Type <SE>
Protocol <M>
Device ID <1>
Slave Detect <#>
Slave List <#>
```

6. Select **Device Type**. the following screen is displayed:

```
SolarEdge < M >
Non-SE Logger <S>
Revenue Meter <M>
Multi-devices <M>
None
```

7. Select Revenue Meter, the following screen is displayed:

```
Device Type <MTR>
Protocol < W N >
Device ID <1>
CT Rating <0>
Meter Func. <None>
```



- 8. Configure the meter parameters as follows:
  - Select Protocol → WattNode.
  - Select Device ID: 2
  - Set the CT rating to the value that appears on the CT: CT Rating -<xxxxA>. The default is 5 Amperes. If the displayed rating is 0 or you cannot change the value, there is no communication with the meter. Check that the AC power to the meter is on.
  - Select Meter Func. and select one of the functionality options, according to the installed meter specifications and location.

```
Export+Import
Export
Consumption
Production
Import
None
```

- **Export+Import**: The meter is installed at the grid connection point and reads pulses from both directions - export and import energy.
- **Export**: The meter is installed at the grid connection point and reads the export energy.
- **Consumption**: The meter is installed at the load consumption point and reads the energy consumed by the site.
- Production: The meter is installed at the inverter output and reads the energy produced by the inverter.
- Import: The meter is installed at the grid connection point and reads the import energy.
- o None: No reading

The selected option is displayed in the RS485 Conf screen as <E+I>, <E>, <Cons>, <Prod>, <I>, <None>.



9. Exit Setup mode.

### NOTE



Calculated meter readings, such as self-consumption, are calculated using the data measured by the meter and the inverters. Calculated meters are only sent when Energy Manager is enabled (for details refer to

http://www.solaredge.com/files/pdfs/products/feed-in\_limitation\_application\_note.pdf).

### To verify meter connection:

- Press the Enter button or the LCD external button until the Communication status screen is displayed as shown below. This screen shows the number of external devices that communicate on each port, the device type, and the protocol to which each port was configured.
- Verify that the setting of the relevant RS485 port is correct and that the port is communicating with the meter.
  - For example, if the meter is connected to the RS485-1 port, the Communication status screen should display the following:

```
Dev Prot ##

RS485-1<MTR><WN>< 1>
RS485-2<---><-->
ZigBee <---><-->
```

Dev: the type of device configured to this port. MTR indicates a meter.

Prot: the communication protocol

## = 1: Indicates that the connection to the meter is successful.

 Press the Enter button or the LCD external button until reaching the meter status screen showing the total energy [Wh]. If there is more than one meter/function, there is a status screen for each one.



The following is an example of an Export meter:

```
Export Meter
Status: <OK>
<Error Message> T
otal[Wh]:XXXXXXX
```

Status: Displays OK if the meter is communicating with the inverter.

<Error message>: If an internal meter error occurs, it will be displayed here. Refer to Troubleshooting Meter Connection on page 21.

**Total [Wh]**: Displays the accumulated lifetime energy of the meter.

If the SolarEdge device is connected to the SolarEdge server this value will also be displayed in the monitoring portal.

### To display the meter serial number:

Enter Setup mode and select Information. The following screen is 1. displayed:

```
Versions
Error Log
Warning log
Hardware IDs
```

2. Select **Hardware IDs**. The following is displayed showing the ID of the inverter and any meter connected to it:

```
ID 5000FFFF 4E
RGM: 12345678
```



# Appendix A: Troubleshooting Meter Connection

This section describes how to troubleshoot meter-related installation and performance errors.

For troubleshooting dual-meter connection, refer to *Installing Two Meters* on page 27.

# Communication Status Screen Troubleshooting

The communication status screen should display the following:

```
Dev Prot # #

RS485-1<MTR><WN>< 1>
RS485-2<---><-->
ZigBee <---><-->
```

# **Device Type or Protocol are configured** incorrectly

If MTR (meter) is not displayed as the device type (DEV), or WN (WattNode) is not displayed as the Prot (protocol), configure the meter as follows.:

- Select Communication→RS485-x Conf→Device Type→ Revenue Meter.
- Select Communication → RS485-x Conf → Protocol → WattNode.
- Check that the Device ID under Communication → RS485-x Conf → Device ID is set to 2.
- Select Revenue Meter → Meter Func. → Export+Import / Export / Import / Consumption.



# Number of devices is not displayed

If <--> is displayed under the ## column in the Communication status screen, the meter is not communicating with the inverter. Check the following:

- Check the physical RS485 Modbus address and baud rate DIP switch setting: The second DIP-switch from the left is in 1 position; the rest are in 0 position.
- The meter configuration is as described above.
- There are no loose connections at the inverter connectors and at the meter, specifically the RS485 wiring.
- The wiring between the black 4-pin terminal block on the meter and the RS485 terminal block on the communication board is correct, as shown in Figure 8.
- Use a Voltmeter to measure the voltage on the meter 10-pin terminal block. The L1 – L2 line to line voltage should be 400 Vac ± 20% for threephase; 230V from L to N +/- 20% for single-phase.

# **Meter Status Screen Troubleshooting**

```
Production Meter
Status: < OK >
<Error Message >
Total [Wh]: XXXXXXX
```

# <OK> is not displayed

If **<OK>** is not displayed in the Status line of the status screen shown above, the meter is not communicating with the inverter. Check the following:

- There are no loose connections at the inverter communication board and at the meter.
- The wiring between the black 4-pin terminal block on the meter and the RS485 terminal block on the communication board is correct.



# An error message is displayed

- If Comm. Error is displayed in the meter status screen, verify proper connection of:
  - The RS485 cables and connectors
  - The AC connection of the meter.
- If Error 185 Meter Comm. Error message is displayed, contact SolarEdge support.

# Total [Wh] value is not advancing

If the Total [Wh] value displays a steady value although the the site is consuming power, check the following:

- There are no loose connections at the inverter connectors and at the meter, specifically the AC wiring on the meter 10-pin connector.
- The CT black and white cables are correctly connected to the 6-pin connector on the meter:
  - White CT wire is connected to the L1/L2 white dot.
  - Black CT wire is connected to the L1/L2 black dot.

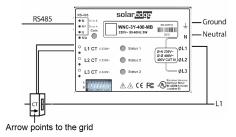


Figure 15: Meter Connection diagram



### **Meter Status LEDs**

### **Power Status LEDs**

The three status LEDs on the front of the meter can help indicate correct measurements and operation.

- · Normal operation indications:
  - At normal startup when power is first applied, all the LEDs light up sequentially for 1 sec.
  - The following table describes LED indications during normal operation:

LED color	Function	Indication
Red	Flashing ON/OFF	Appears only when the meter is connected at the grid connection point (CT directed towards the grid).  Indicates export power measurement.
Yellow	Flashing	Communication OK
Green	Flashing ON/OFF	When the meter is connected at the grid connection point it indicates import power measurement (CT directed towards the grid).  When the meter is connected at the load connection point it indicates consumption power measurement (CT directed towards the grid).  When the meter is used for production it indicates production power measurement (CT directed toward the inverter).
	ON for >3 sec	No current flow (zero current)



- Abnormal operation indications:
  - If all LEDs are off the meter is not operating. Perform all troubleshooting steps starting with checking the physical connections.
  - o The following table describes additional LED indications that require troubleshooting and repair.

LED color	Function	Indication	Troubleshooting
	ON for >3 sec.	Internal error	Contact SolarEdge Support.
	Flashing ON/OFF	Negative power for the phase	If the meter is connected at the load connection point or if the meter is used for production metering, check for reversed CTs, swapped CT wires, or CTs not matched with the lines.
	Flashing with	Voltage is too high	Disconnect power immediately!
Red	green LED	for this model	Check the line voltages and the meter ratings.
	Flashing with yellow LED	The line voltage is out of range (Vac ±20%). Specifically, the voltage is too low for the meter to operate correctly and the meter reboots repeatedly.	Verify that the voltage on the Vac screw terminals is within the range of ±20% of the nominal operating voltages printed in the white rectangle on the front label.
Yellow	ON for >3sec.	Power line frequency is below 45 Hz or above 70 Hz.	Check for the presence of high noise, for example, the meter is too close to an unfiltered variable frequency drive.
	Flashing with red LED	Voltage is too high for this model	Disconnect power immediately! Check the line voltages and the meter ratings.



### **Modbus Communication LEDs**

The communication LED is located at the upper left corner. The following are indications of the LED light:

LED color	Function	Indication	Troubleshooting
	Flashing	An invalid packet: bad baud rate, bad CRC, noise, bad parity, etc.	Check that the communication wires are connected correctly.
Red	ON	The address is set to zero: an invalid choice	Check that the Device ID is set to 2 in the RS485 Conf screen.
	Flashing with yellow LED	A possible address conflict (two devices with the same DIP switch address).	Check that the DIP- switches are set correctly. Check that the Device ID is set to 2 in the RS485 Conf screen.
Yellow	Flashing	Valid packets addressed to different devices.	N/A
Green	Flashing	A valid packet addressed to this device	N/A



# **Appendix B: Installing Two Meters**

You can connect up to two meters on the same bus.

If you connect two meters, install two wires into each screw terminal by twisting the wires together, inserting them into terminal, and securely tightening. RS485 wiring is daisy-chained between meters, as described in the following figure:

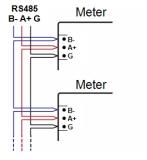


Figure 16: RS485 chain of meters



# **Connecting Two Meters**

- 1. Connect the twisted pair of wires to the meters as shown in Figure 17.
- Connect the meters to the inverter or CCG RS485 connector as illustrated below.

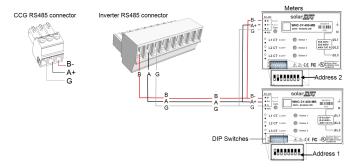


Figure 17: Meters connection to the inverter or CCG RS485 connector

- Check that the Modbus address of one of the meters is set to 2: DIP switch 2 (second from the left) is set to 1 (up) and all other DIP switches are set to 0 (down).
- Set the other meter to a different address (1): Move DIP switch 1 (first from left) to 1, and all other switches to 0.
- Terminate the SolarEdge device as described in Installing and Connecting the Meter on page 10.

# **Configuring Dual-meter Connection**

 Enter Setup mode, scroll to the Communication menu and select Communication → RS485-x Conf.



The following screen is displayed:

```
Device Type <SE>
Protocol <M>
Device ID <1>
Slave Detect <#>
Slave List <#>
```

2. Select Device Type. the following screen is displayed:

```
SolarEdge < M >
Non-SE Logger < S >
Revenue Meter < M >
Multi-devices < M >
None
```

3. Select Multi Devices. The following screen is displayed:

```
Device Type <MLT>
Meter 1 <WN,1>
Meter 2 <--->
```

Configure the parameters of the two meters as follows. Make sure that
the meter addresses (set in the previous section) correspond with the
device IDs and meter functions in the setting below.

The settings provided herein are an example of a Consumption meter set to address 1 and an Export+Import meter set to address 2.

• Select Meter 1. The following is displayed:

```
Device Type <MTR>
Protocol <WN>
Device ID <2>
CT Rating <0>
Meter Func. <None>
```



- Select Device Type → Revenue Meter.
- Select Protocol → WattNode.
- Set Device ID→1.
- Set the CT rating to the value that appears on the CT: CT Rating 
   <xxxxA>. The default is 5 Amperes. If the displayed rating is 0 or you cannot change the value, there is no communication with the meter. Check that the AC power to the meter is on.
- Select Meter Func.→ Consumption.
- Select Meter 2 and configure its settings:
  - Select Device Type → Revenue Meter
  - Select Protocol → WattNode
  - Verify that Device ID: 2
  - o Set CT Rating → <xxxxA>
  - Select Meter Func.→ Export+Import

# **Verifying Meter Connection**

 Press the Enter button or the LCD external button until the Communication status screen is displayed as shown below. When two meters are connected, a screen similar to the following should appear:

```
Dev Prot ##

RS485-1<MLT><02><02>
RS485-2<---><-->
ZigBee<---><--><-->
```

**Dev**: The type of device configured to this port. **MLT** indicates multiple meters.

Prot: The number of configured meters.



##: The number here indicates the number of communicating meters. For dual meters it should display 2. If not, refer to *Troubleshooting* below.

 Press the Enter button or the LCD external button until reaching the Meter status screen showing the total energy [Wh]. There is a status screen for each meter function. For example, for an export+import meter and a production meter, there will be three status screens: for export, import and production. The following is an example of an export meter:

```
Export Meter
Status: <OK>
<Error Message>
Total[Wh]:XXXXXX
```

**Status**: Displays OK if the meter is communicating with the communication board.

**<Error message>**: If an internal meter error occurs, it will be displayed here. Refer to *Troubleshooting Meter Connection* on page 21.

**Total [Wh]**: The amount of Watts per hour of the designated meter. If the SolarEdge device is connected to the SolarEdge server this value

will also be displayed in the monitoring portal.



# Troubleshooting Dual-meter Connection

### **Communication Status Screen**

### **Troubleshooting**

When two meters are connected on the same RS485 bus, the following should appear in the Communication status screen:

```
Dev Prot ##

RS485-1<MLT><02><02>
RS485-2<---><-->
ZigBee <---><-->
```

### Device Type or Protocol are configured incorrectly

If MLT (Multi) is not displayed as the device type (DEV), or 2 is not displayed as the number of meters under Prot (protocol), configure the meters as follows:

- Select Communication → RS485-x Conf → Device Type → Multi Devices. Select Device 1 or Device 2.
- Select Communication → RS485-x Conf → Protocol → WattNode.
- Select Revenue Meter → Meter Func. → Production, Consumption, Export, Import, or Export+Import.
- Check that the Device ID under Communication → RS485-x Conf → Device ID is set to 1 or 2.

# Number of devices is lower than configured or not displayed

If <--> or <01> is displayed under the ## column in the Communication status screen shown above, at least one of the meters is not communicating with the inverter. Check the following:



- Check the RS485 Modbus address and baud rate DIP switch settings: For meter with address 1 - its first DIP-switch from the left is in 1 position; the rest are in 0 position; for the meter with address 2 - its second from the left DIP-switch is in 2 position and the rest are 0.
- The meter configuration is as described above.
- There are no loose connections at the inverter connectors and at the meter, specifically the RS485 wiring.

# **Meter Status Screen Troubleshooting**

Refer to Meter Status Screen Troubleshooting on page 22.



# Appendix C: Meter Information Displayed in the Monitoring Portal

If your device is connected to the SolarEdge server, you can view the meter's readings in the monitoring portal. Verify that the meter type is set correctly in the Admin page > Logical Layout > Meter details:



Figure 18: Setting the Meter details in the monitoring portal

Calculated meter readings (also referred to as "virtual meters"), such as selfconsumption, are calculated using the data measured by the meter and the inverters.

The data from the inverters and from installed meters is displayed in the Dashboard and Charts tabs of the monitoring portal. The displayed data depends on the meter(s) location: grid connection point (export), or load consumption point (consumption). The following tables detail the displayed information per meter location.



### No meter installed:

Data	Displayed in Monitoring Dashboard	Displayed in Monitoring Charts
Production	<b>✓</b>	<b>&gt;</b>
Consumption	X	Х
Self-consumption	X	Х
Export	X	Х
Import	X	х

### Export meter:

Data	Displayed in Monitoring Dashboard	Displayed in Monitoring Charts
Production	<b>✓</b>	•
Consumption	✓ (calculated) <sup>1</sup>	✓ (calculated) <sup>1</sup>
Self-consumption	✓ (calculated)	✓ (calculated)
Export	X	<b>&gt;</b>
Import	X	>

### Consumption meter:

Data	Displayed in Monitoring Dashboard	Displayed in Monitoring Charts
Production	<b>~</b>	•
Consumption	~	~
Self-consumption	✓ (calculated)	✓ (calculated)
Export	Х	✓ (calculated)
Import	Х	Х

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Available from CPU version 2.10xx/3.14xx





# **Appendix D: Meter Technical**

# **Specifications**

ELECTRICAL SERVICE		
Operating Voltage Range - Line to Neutral / Line to Line	184-264.5 / 320-460	Vac
AC Frequency	50/ 60	Hz
Grids Supported - Single Phase; Three Phase <sup>1</sup>	L/N/PE;L1/L2/L3/N/PE	
Power Consumption (typ.)	1.8	W
COMMUNICATION		
Supported Communication Interfaces	RS485	
Response time	≤1 <sup>2</sup>	sec
Default Device ID (Modbus)	2	
ACCURACY (@ 25°C, PF:0.7- 1) <sup>3</sup>		
1% - 100% of Rated CT Current	±1.5	%
STANDARD COMPLIANCE		
Safety	IEC 61010-1	
Immunity	EN 61326, EN 61000-4-2, EN 61000-4-3, EN 61000-4-4, EN 61000-4-5, EN 61000-4-6, EN 61000-4-11	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>PE (Protective Earth) connection is not required for meter operation

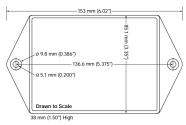
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>When the meter is connected at the grid connection point, and when RS485 is used for

multiple inverters <sup>3</sup>Using ACT-0750 CT models



Emissions	EN 55022 Class B	
INSTALLATION SPECIFICATIONS		
Dimensions (HxWxD)	85 x 153 × 38	mm
Weight	310	gm
Enclosure type	High impact, ABS and/or ABS/PC plastic UL 94V-0, IEC FV-0	
Operating Temperature Range	-30 to + 55	°C
Relative Humidity (noncondensing)	5 - 90	%
Protection Rating	Indoor (Outdoor when installed in an outdoor enclosure)	
Mounting Type	DIN Rail / Wall mount	
Pollution degree	>2 (normally non-conductive; temporary conductivity due to condensation)	

### Mechanical specifications:

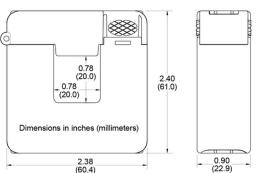




### **Current Transformers:**

CURRENT TRANSFORMER MODEL <sup>1</sup>	RATED RMS CURRENT (A)	DIMENSIONS (INTERNAL/ EXTERNAL) (mm)
SE-ACT-0750-50	50	
SE-ACT-0750-100	100	20 x 20 / 61 x 60.4
SE-ACT-0750-250	250	
SE-CTS-2000-1000	1000	50.8 x 50.8 / 121 x 127

### Mechanical specifications:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>One current transformer per phase; for other ratings contactSolarEdge.



# Appendix E: External Lightning **Protection Connection**

Protection devices are most often installed from each data line to the local earth ground, and should be selected to begin conducting current at a voltage as close to the system's normal communication level as possible, but never lower. For RS485 communication lines, the selected voltage rating is typically 6-8 V. Transient suppressors should be installed as close as possible to the port that is being protected, and the user must provide an extremely low impedance connection to the local earth ground of the SolarEdge device. This ground connection is crucial for proper suppression device operation. The ground connection should be made using a heavy gauge wire and kept as short as possible. If the cable between the SolarEdge device and the protection device must be longer than 1m/3.3 ft., a copper strap or a braided cable intended for grounding purposes must be used for the protection device to be effective. In addition to the high frequency nature of transients, extremely high current may flow.

A protective device with surge discharge ratings of In: 10kA 8/20µs and Imax: 20kA 8/20us is recommended.

Various lightning protection devices are available for RS485 communication lines.

The diagram below shows a connection example using the ISKRA ZAŠČITE VM-RS 485 data protocol protection device. A detailed datasheet can be found at: http://iskrazascite.si/uploads/datasheet/1396000869.pdf.

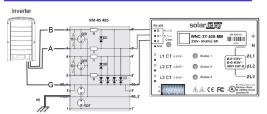


Figure 19: Protection connection

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