

## SolarMax Energy Systems

# PV inverter autonomous derating



## Overview

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A solar inverter's performance is closely tied to its operating temperature. When an inverter gets too hot, it intentionally reduces its power output to protect its internal components. This self-preservation mechanism is known as thermal derating. What is derating a solar inverter?

Derating is the controlled reduction of the inverter power. In normal operation, inverters operate at their maximum power point. At this operating point, the ratio between PV voltage and PV current results in the maximum power. The maximum power point changes constantly depending on solar irradiation levels and PV module temperature.

Does temperature derating affect a PV inverter?

In this case, the maximum DC voltage of the inverter acts more as a technical boundary than a normal operating curve. There is no PV array operating point that requires the inverter to feed in at full power at temperatures above 31°C (at 800 V). On principle, temperature derating has no negative effects on the inverter.

What is a temperature derating inverter?

Temperature derating prevents the sensitive semiconductors in the inverter from overheating. Once the permissible temperature on the monitored components is reached, the inverter shifts its operating point to a reduced power level. The power is reduced in steps. In extreme cases, the inverter will shut down completely.

What causes a PV system to derate?

Derating rarely occurs when the PV system is well matched. Derating is more common when the inverter is undersized relative to the PV array (see Section 2, page 2 for the causes of frequent temperature derating). You can determine the ideal design for your PV system with the "Sunny Design" software.

Why does a PV inverter not dissipate heat?

The inverter cannot dissipate heat due to unfavorable installation conditions. The inverter is operated in direct sunlight or at high ambient temperatures that prevent adequate heat dissipation. The PV array and inverter are mismatched (power of the PV array compared to the power of the inverter).

How do SolarEdge inverters & power optimizers work?

SolarEdge Inverters and Power Optimizers operate at full power and full current up to a specified maximum ambient temperature. When the ambient temperature exceeds the specified maximum, they continue to operate at reduced ratings to prevent damage to the devices.

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## Inverter Temperature Degradation

Dear Cleyson, Thank you for your question. In the simulation, the inverter derating will depend on the inverter temperature. By default, the inverter temperature is the same as ...

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## Technical Information

This document describes in graphic and tabular form the efficiency profile and the derating behavior in accordance with DIN EN 50524:2010 of the following SMA

inverters (status: ...

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Each modelling tool applies its irradiance and performance model algorithms before a number of derating factors are applied to determine the final system output. PVsyst provides extensive ...

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## The added value of coordinated PV inverter control

The sensitivity of inverter size  
Coordinated Inverter Control Summer week \*DC-AC derating factor 17% (PV system losses) \*\* 130% of the nominal PV output [kWp] Winter week Thank You!

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## What Causes Derating On Solar Inverter

This technical document illustrates the derating behavior of inverters and its





implications for performance, emphasizing the importance of managing operating conditions ...

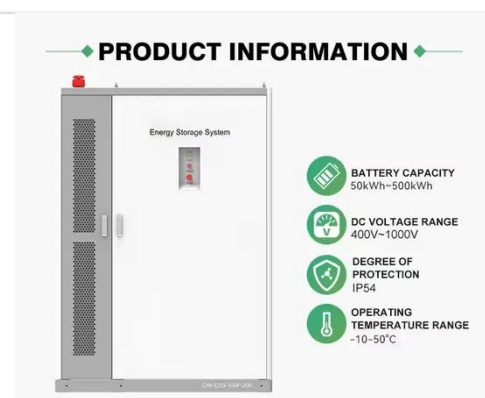
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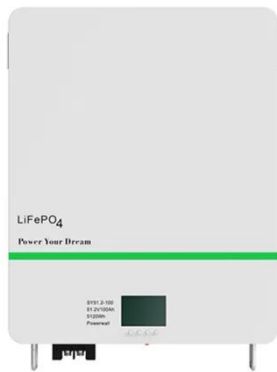
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## Understanding Different Types of Solar Inverters

This is a guide to types of solar inverters

based on output waveforms, power levels, applications, grid connections, and control methods.

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### **Status Messages Derating, Derating Idc, derat. Idc**

If the inverter has fans (e.g. all Sunny Mini Central and Sunny Boy SB 3300/3800 models), also check whether the fans are functional and not contaminated. Electric current ...

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