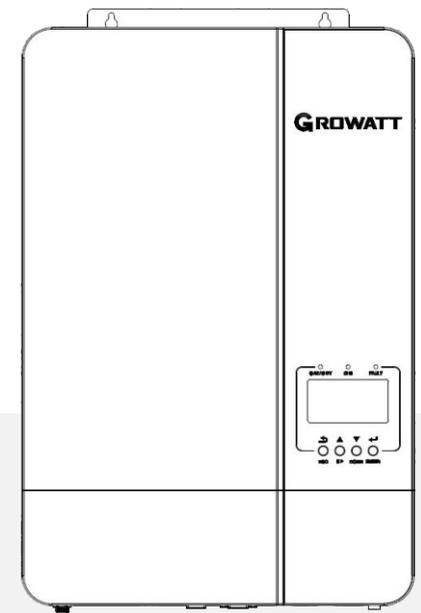


**Off Grid Solar Inverter  
SPF 3500 ES  
SPF 5000 ES**



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## Information on this Manual

### Validity

This manual is valid for the following devices:

- ▶ SPF 3500 ES
- ▶ SPF 5000 ES

### Scope

This manual describes the assembly, installation, operation and troubleshooting of this unit. Please read this manual carefully before installations and operations.

### Target Group

This document is intended for qualified persons and end users. Tasks that do not require any particular qualification can also be performed by end users. Qualified persons must have the following skills:

- ▶ Knowledge of how an inverter works and is operated
- ▶ Training in how to deal with the dangers and risks associated with installing and using electrical devices and installations
- ▶ Training in the installation and commissioning of electrical devices and installations
- ▶ Knowledge of the applicable standards and directives
- ▶ Knowledge of and compliance with this document and all safety information

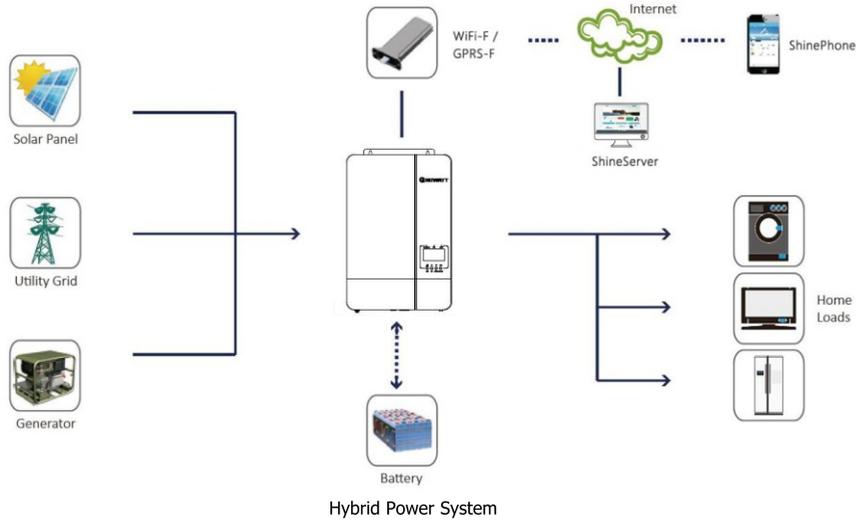
### Safety Instructions



**WARNING: This chapter contains important safety and operating instructions. Read and keep this manual for future reference.**

1. Please be clear which kind of battery system you want, lithium battery system or lead-acid battery system, if you choose the wrong system, energy storage system can't work normally.
2. Before using the unit, read all instructions and cautionary marking on the unit, the batteries and all appropriate sections of this manual. The company has the right not to quality assurance, if not according to the instructions of this manual for installation and cause equipment damage.
3. All the operation and connection please professional electrical or mechanical engineer.
4. All the electrical installation must comply with the local electrical safety standards.
5. When install PV modules in the daytime, installer should cover the PV modules by opaque materials, otherwise it will be dangerous as high terminal voltage of modules in the sunshine.
6. **CAUTION**-To reduce risk of injury, charge only deep-cycle lead-acid type rechargeable batteries and lithium batteries. Other types of batteries may burst, causing personal injury and damage.
7. Do not disassemble the unit. Take it to a qualified service center when service or repair is required. Incorrect re-assembly may result in a risk of electric shock or fire.
8. To reduce risk of electric shock, disconnect all wirings before attempting any maintenance or cleaning. Turning off the unit will not reduce this risk.
9. **NEVER** charge a frozen battery.
10. For optimum operation of this inverter, please follow required spec to select appropriate cable size. It's very important to correctly operate this inverter.
11. Be very cautious when working with metal tools on or around batteries. A potential risk exists to drop a tool to spark or short circuit batteries or other electrical parts and could cause an explosion.
12. Please strictly follow installation procedure when you want to disconnect AC or DC terminals. Please refer to INSTALLATION section of this manual for the details.
13. **GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS** -This inverter should be connected to a permanent grounded wiring system. Be sure to comply with local requirements and regulation to install this inverter.
14. **NEVER** cause AC output and DC input short circuited. Do NOT connect to the mains when DC input short circuits.
15. Make sure the inverter is completely assembled, before the operation.
16. This is a class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

## Introduction



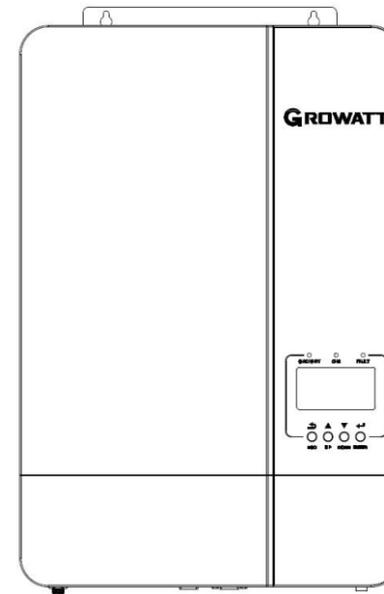
This is a multifunctional off grid solar inverter, integrated with a MPPT solar charge controller, a high frequency pure sine wave inverter and a UPS function module in one machine, which is perfect for off grid backup power and self-consumption applications. This inverter can work with or without batteries.

The whole system also need other devices to achieve complete running such as PV modules, generator, or utility grid. Please consult with your system integrator for other possible system architectures depending on your requirements. The WiFi / GPRS module is a plug-and-play monitoring device to be installed on the inverter. With this device, users can monitor the status of the PV system from the mobile phone or from the website anytime anywhere.

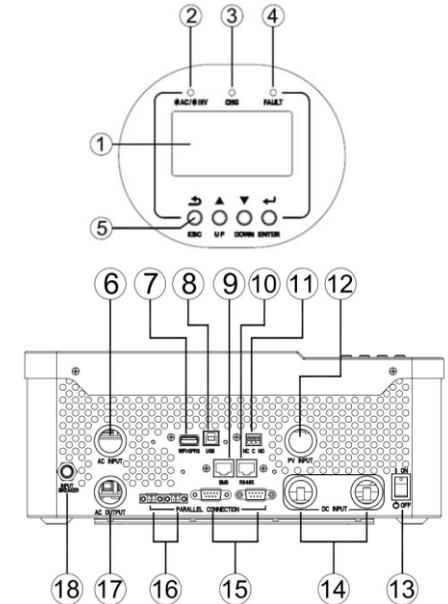
## Features

- ▶ Rated power 3.5KW to 5KW, power factor 1
- ▶ MPPT ranges 120V~430V, 450Voc
- ▶ High frequency inverter with small size and light weight
- ▶ Pure sine wave AC output
- ▶ Solar and utility grid can power loads at the same time
- ▶ With CAN/RS485 for BMS communication
- ▶ With the ability to work without battery
- ▶ Parallel operation up to 6 unit (only with battery connected)
- ▶ WIFI/ GPRS remote monitoring (optional)

## Product Overview



1. LCD display
3. Charging indicator
5. Function buttons
7. WiFi/GPRS communication port
9. BMS communication port (support CAN/RS485 protocol)
11. Dry contact
13. Power on/off switch
15. Parallel communication ports
17. AC output



2. Status indicator
4. Fault indicator
6. AC input
8. USB communication port
10. RS485 communication port (for expansion)
12. PV input
14. Battery input
16. Current sharing ports
18. Circuit breaker

# Installation

## Unpacking and Inspection

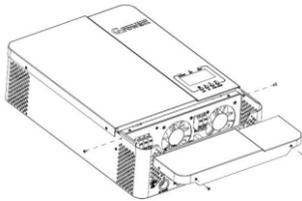
Before installation, please inspect the unit. Be sure that nothing inside the package is damaged. You should have received the following items in the package:

- ▶ The unit x 1
- ▶ User manual x 1
- ▶ Communication cable x 1
- ▶ Current sharing cable x 1
- ▶ Parallel communication cable x 1

Note: The Software CD is no longer provided, if necessary, please download it from the official website [www.ginverter.com](http://www.ginverter.com)

## Preparation

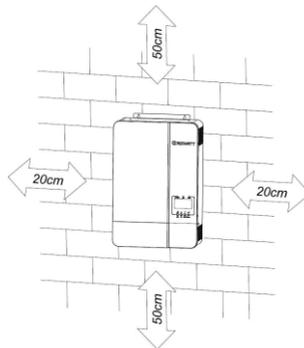
Before connecting all wiring, please take off bottom cover by removing two screws as shown below.



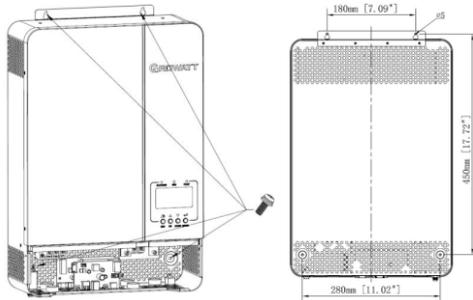
## Mounting the Unit

Consider the following points before selecting where to install:

- ▶ Do not mount the inverter on flammable construction materials.
- ▶ Mount on a solid surface
- ▶ Install this inverter at eye level in order to allow the LCD display to be read at all times.
- ▶ The ambient temperature should be between 0°C and 55°C to ensure optimal operation.
- ▶ The recommended installation position is to be adhered to the wall vertically.
- ▶ Be sure to keep other objects and surfaces as shown in the right diagram to guarantee sufficient heat dissipation and to have enough space for removing wires.



**! SUITABLE FOR MOUNTING ON CONCRETE OR OTHER NON-COMBUSTIBLE SURFACE ONLY.**



Install the unit by screwing three screws. It's recommended to use M4 or M5 screws.

## Battery Connection

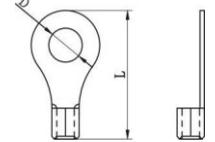
### Lead-acid Battery Connection

User can choose proper capacity lead acid battery with a nominal voltage at 48V. Also, you need to choose battery type as "AGM(default) or FLD"

**CAUTION:** For safety operation and regulation compliance, it's requested to install a separate DC over-current protector or disconnect device between battery and inverter. It may not be requested to have a disconnect device in some applications, however, it's still requested to have over-current protection installed. Please refer to typical amperage in below table as required fuse or breaker size.

**WARNING!** All wiring must be performed by a qualified person.  
**WARNING!** It's very important for system safety and efficient operation to use appropriate cable for battery connection. To reduce risk of injury, please use the proper recommended cable and terminal size as below.

Ring terminal:



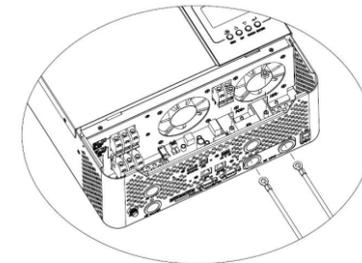
### Recommended battery cable and terminal size:

Model	Wire Size	Torque value
SPF 3500 ES	1 * 4 AWG	2-3 Nm
SPF 5000 ES	1 * 2 AWG	2-3 Nm

**Note: For lead acid battery, the recommended charge current is 0.2C(C≠ battery capacity)**

Please follow below steps to implement battery connection:

1. Assemble battery ring terminal based on recommended battery cable and terminal size.
2. Connect all battery packs as units requires. It's suggested to connect at least 200Ah capacity battery for SPF 3500 ES /SPF 5000 ES.
3. Insert the ring terminal of battery cable flatly into battery connector of inverter and make sure the bolts are tightened with torque of 2Nm. Make sure polarity at both the battery and the inverter/charge is correctly connected and ring terminals are tightly screwed to the battery terminals.



**! WARNING: Shock Hazard**  
 Installation must be performed with care due to high battery voltage in series.

**! CAUTION!!** Do not place anything between the flat part of the inverter terminal and the ring terminal. Otherwise, overheating may occur.  
**CAUTION!!** Do not apply anti-oxidant substance on the terminals before terminals are connected tightly.  
**CAUTION!!** Before making the final DC connection or closing DC breaker/disconnector, be sure positive (+) must be connected to positive (+) and negative (-) must be connected to negative (-).

### Lithium Battery Connection

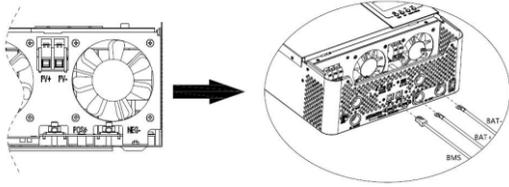
If choosing lithium battery for SPF 3500 ES /SPF 5000 ES, you are allowed to use the lithium battery only which we have configured. There're two connectors on the lithium battery, RJ45 port of BMS and power cable.

Please follow below steps to implement lithium battery connection:

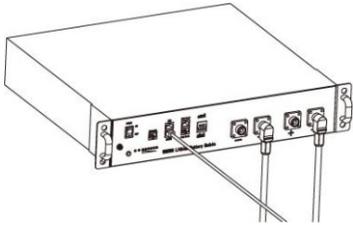
1. Assemble battery ring terminal based on recommended battery cable and terminal size (same as Lead acid, see section Lead-acid Battery connection for details) .

2. Insert the ring terminal of battery cable flatly into battery connector of inverter and make sure the bolts are tightened with torque of 2-3Nm. Make sure polarity at both the battery and the inverter/charge is correctly connected and ring terminals are tightly screwed to the battery terminals.

3. Connect the end of RJ45 of battery to BMS communication port(RS485 or CAN) of inverter.



4. The other end of RJ45 insert to battery communication port(RS485 or CAN).



**Note:** If choosing lithium battery, make sure to connect the BMS communication cable between the battery and the inverter. You need to choose battery type as "lithium battery".

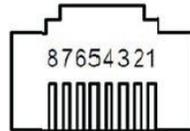
### Lithium battery communication and setting

In order to communicate with battery BMS, you should set the battery type to "LI" in Program 5. Then the LCD will switch to Program 36, which is to set the protocol type. There are several protocols in the inverter. Please get instruction from Growatt to choose which protocol to match the BMS.

#### 1. Connect the end of RJ45 of battery to BMS communication port of inverter

Make sure the lithium battery BMS port connects to the inverter is Pin to Pin, the inverter BMS port pin and RS485 port pin assignment shown as below:

Pin number	BMS port	RS485 port (for expansion)
1	RS485B	RS485B
2	RS485A	RS485A
3	--	--
4	CANH	--
5	CANL	--
6	--	--
7	--	--
8	--	--



### LCD setting

To connect battery BMS, need to set the battery type as "LI" in Program 05.

After set "LI" in Program 05, it will switch to choose communication protocol. You can choose RS485 communication protocol which is from L01 to L50, and you can also choose CAN communication protocol which is from L51 to L99.

05	Battery type	AGM (default)	BATT AGM 005°
		Flooded	BATT FLD 005°
		Lithium (only suitable when communicated with BMS)	BATT LI 005°
		User-Defined	BATT USE 005°
		If "User-Defined" is selected, battery charge voltage and low DC cut-off voltage can be set up in program 19, 20 and 21.	
		User-Defined 2 (suitable when lithium battery without BMS communication)	
		BATT US2 005°	
		If "User-Defined 2" is selected, battery charge voltage and low DC cut-off voltage can be set up in program 19, 20 and 21. It is recommended to set to the same voltage in program 19 and 20(full charging voltage point of lithium battery). The inverter will stop charging when the battery voltage reaches this setting.	

36	RS485 Communication protocol	Protocol 1	PtCL L01 036°	
		Protocol 2	PtCL L02 036°	
		:	:	
		:	:	
			Protocol 50	PtCL L50 036°
	CAN Communication protocol	Protocol 51	PtCL L51 036°	
		Protocol 52	PtCL L52 036°	
		:	:	
:		:		
		Protocol 99	PtCL L99 036°	

**Note:** When the battery type set to Li, the setting option 12, 13, 21 will change to display percent.

**Note:** When the battery type set as "LI", the Maximum charge current can't be modified by the user. When the communication fail, the inverter will cut off output.

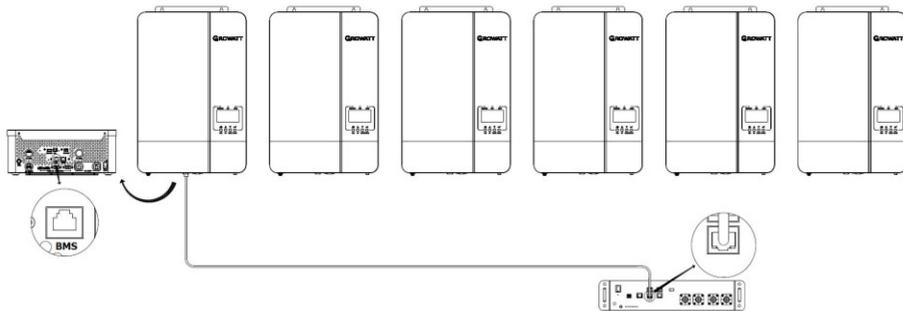
12	Setting SOC point back to utility source when selecting "SBU priority" or "Solar first" in program 01	 Default 50%, 6%~95% Settable
13	Setting SOC point back to battery mode when selecting "SBU priority" or "Solar first" in program 01	 Default 95%, 10%~100% Settable

21	Low DC cut-off SOC If "LI" is selected in program 5, this program can be set up	 Default 20%, 5%~50% Settable
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**Note:** Any questions about communicating with BMS, please consult with Growatt.

### Communicating with battery BMS in parallel system

If need to use communicate with BMS in a parallel system, you should make sure to connect the BMS communication cable between the battery and one inverter of the parallel system. It's recommended to connect to the master inverter of the parallel system.



## AC Input/Output Connection

**CAUTION!!** Before connecting to AC input power source, please install a **separate** AC breaker between inverter and AC input power source. This will ensure the inverter can be securely disconnected during maintenance and fully protected from over current of AC input. The recommended spec of AC breaker is 40A for SPF 3500 ES and 50A for SPF 5000 ES.

**CAUTION!!** There are two terminal blocks with "IN" and "OUT" markings. Please do NOT mis-connect input and output connectors.

**WARNING!** All wiring must be performed by a qualified personnel.

**WARNING!** It's very important for system safety and efficient operation to use appropriate cable for AC input connection. To reduce risk of injury, please use the proper recommended cable size as below.

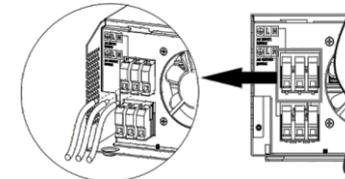
### Suggested cable requirement for AC wires

Model	Gauge	Torque Value
SPF 3500 ES	1 * 10 AWG	1.2-1.6 Nm
SPF 5000 ES	1 * 8 AWG	1.2-1.6 Nm

Please follow below steps to implement AC input/output connection:

1. Before making AC input/output connection, be sure to open DC protector or disconnecter first.
2. Remove insulation sleeve 10mm for six conductors. And shorten phase L and neutral conductor N 3mm.
3. Insert AC input wires according to polarities indicated on terminal block and tighten the terminal screws. Be sure to connect PE protective conductor (⊕) first.

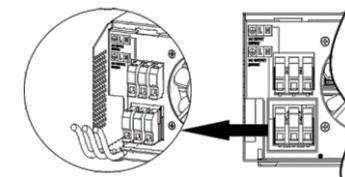
⊕ → **Ground (yellow-green)**  
 L → **LINE (brown or black)**  
 N → **Neutral (blue)**



**WARNING:** Be sure that AC power source is disconnected before attempting to hardwire it to the unit.

4. Then, insert AC output wires according to polarities indicated on terminal block and tighten terminal screws. Be sure to connect PE protective conductor (⊕) first.

⊕ → **Ground (yellow-green)**  
 L → **LINE (brown or black)**  
 N → **Neutral (blue)**



5. Make sure the wires are securely connected.

### CAUTION: Important

Be sure to connect AC wires with correct polarity. If L and N wires are connected reversely, it may cause utility short-circuited when these inverters are worked in parallel operation.

**CAUTION:** Appliances such as air conditioner are required at least 2~3 minutes to restart because it's required to have enough time to balance refrigerant gas inside of circuits. If a power shortage occurs and recovers in a short time, it will cause damage to your connected appliances. To prevent this kind of damage, please check with manufacturer of air conditioner that if it's equipped with time-delay function before installation. Otherwise, this off grid solar inverter will trig overload fault and cut off output to protect your appliance but sometimes it still causes internal damage to the air conditioner.

## PV Connection

**CAUTION:** Before connecting to PV modules, please install **separately** a DC circuit breaker between inverter and PV modules.

**WARNING!** All wiring must be performed by a qualified personnel.

**WARNING!** It's very important for system safety and efficient operation to use appropriate cable for PV module connection. To reduce risk of injury, please use the proper recommended cable size as below.

Model	Wire Size	Torque value
SPF 3500 ES	1 * 12 AWG	1.2-1.6 Nm
SPF 5000 ES	1 * 12 AWG	1.2-1.6 Nm

## PV Module Selection:

When selecting proper PV modules, please be sure to consider below parameters:

- Open circuit Voltage (Voc) of PV modules not exceeds max. PV array open circuit voltage of inverter.
- Open circuit Voltage (Voc) of PV modules should be higher than min. battery voltage.

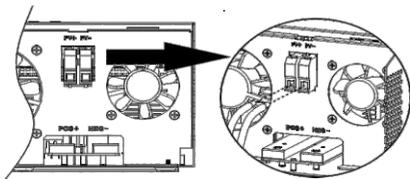
INVERTER MODEL	SPF 3500 ES	SPF 5000 ES
Max. PV Array Open Circuit Voltage	450Vdc	
Start-up Voltage	150Vdc	
PV Array MPPT Voltage Range	120Vdc~430Vdc	

Please follow below steps to implement PV module connection:

- Remove insulation sleeve 10 mm for positive and negative conductors.



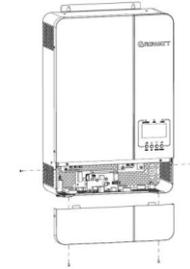
- Check correct polarity of connection cable from PV modules and PV input connectors. Then, connect positive pole (+) of connection cable to positive pole (+) of PV input connector. Connect negative pole (-) of connection cable to negative pole (-) of PV input connector.



- Make sure the wires are securely connected.

## Final Assembly

After connecting all wiring, please put bottom cover back by screwing two screws as shown below.



## Communication Connection

Please use supplied communication cable to connect to inverter and PC. Follow on-screen instruction to install the monitoring software. For the detailed software operation, please check user manual of software. The monitoring software is downloadable from our website [www.ginverter.com](http://www.ginverter.com).

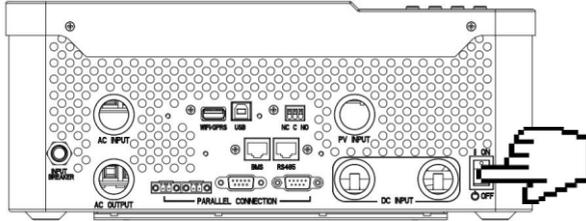
## Dry Contact Signal

There is one dry contact(3A/250VAC) available on the rear panel. It could be used to deliver signal to external device when battery voltage reaches warning level.

Unit Status	Condition	Dry contact port:			
		NC & C	NO & C		
Power Off	Unit is off and no output is powered	Close	Open		
Power On	Output is powered from Utility		Close	Open	
	Output is powered from Battery or Solar	Program 01 set as Utility first	Battery voltage (SOC) < Low DC warning voltage(SOC)	Open	Close
			Battery voltage(SOC) > Setting value in Program 13 or battery charging reaches floating stage	Close	Open
	Program 01 is set as SBU or Solar first		Battery voltage (SOC) < Setting value in Program 12	Open	Close
		Battery voltage (SOC) > Setting value in Program 13 or battery charging reaches floating stage	Close	Open	

## Operation

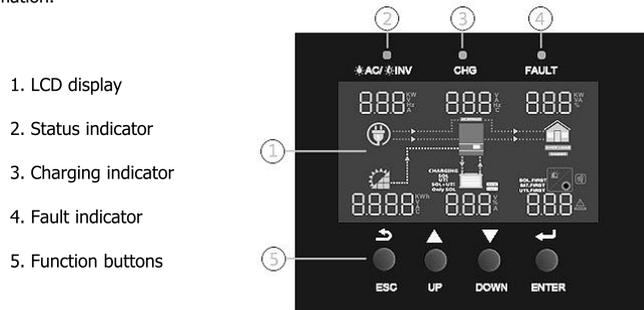
### Power ON/OFF



Once the unit has been properly installed and the batteries are connected well, simply press On/Off switch (located on the button of the case) to turn on the unit.

### Operation and Display Panel

The operation and display panel, shown in below chart, is on the front panel of the inverter. It includes three indicators, four function keys and a LCD display, indicating the operating status and input/output power information.



1. LCD display
2. Status indicator
3. Charging indicator
4. Fault indicator
5. Function buttons

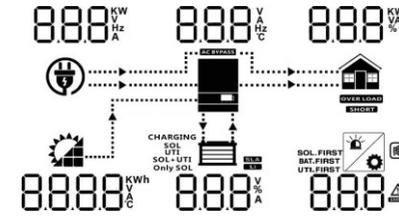
### LED Indicator

LED Indicator		Messages	
☀️ AC / ⚡️ INV	Green	Solid On	Output is powered by utility in Line mode.
		Flashing	Output is powered by battery or PV in battery mode.
🔋 CHG	Green	Solid On	Battery is fully charged.
		Flashing	Battery is charging.
⚠️ FAULT	Red	Solid On	Fault occurs in the inverter.
		Flashing	Warning condition occurs in the inverter.

### Function Buttons

Button	Description
ESC	To exit setting mode
UP	To go to previous selection
DOWN	To go to next selection
ENTER	To confirm the selection in setting mode or enter setting mode

## LCD Display Icons



Icon	Description
<b>AC Input Information</b>	
	AC input icon
	Indicate AC input power, AC input voltage, AC input frequency, AC input current
	Indicate AC power loads in bypass
<b>PV Input Information</b>	
	PV input icon
	Indicate PV power, PV voltage, PV current, etc
<b>Output Information</b>	
	Inverter icon
	Indicate output voltage, output current, output frequency, inverter temperature
<b>Load Information</b>	
	Load icon
	Indicate power of load, power percentage of load
	Indicate overload happened
	Indicate short circuit happened
<b>Battery Information</b>	
	Indicate battery level by 0-24%, 25-49%, 50-74% and 75-100% in battery mode and charging status in line mode.
	Indicate battery voltage, battery percentage, battery current
	Indicate SLA battery
	Indicate lithium battery
	Indicate charging source priority: solar first, solar and utility, or only solar
<b>Other Information</b>	
	Indicate output source priority: solar first, utility first, SBU mode or SUB mode
	Indicate warning code or fault code
	Indicate a warning or a fault is happening
	Indicate it's during setting values
	Indicate the alarm is disabled

In battery mode, battery icon will present Battery Capacity

Load Percentage	Battery Voltage	LCD Display
Load >50%	< 1.717V/cell	
	1.717V/cell ~ 1.8V/cell	
	1.8 ~ 1.883V/cell	
	> 1.883 V/cell	
50%> Load > 20%	< 1.817V/cell	
	1.817V/cell ~ 1.9V/cell	
	1.9 ~ 1.983V/cell	

Saving mode disable (default)

04 Power saving mode  
enable/disable

CUT<sup>4</sup> 420<sup>v</sup> 02<sup>i</sup>

- 21 Low DC cut-off voltage.  
If self-defined is selected in program 5, this program can be set up.  
Low DC cut-off voltage will be fixed to setting value no matter what percentage of load is connected.

Default 42.0V, 40.0V~48.0V Settable

When reach Low DC cut-off voltage:

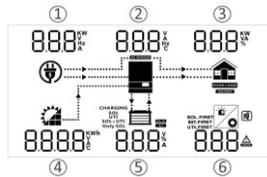
- 1) If battery power is only power source available, inverter will shut down.
- 2) If PV energy and battery power are available, inverter will charge battery without AC output.
- 3) If PV energy, battery power and utility are all available, inverter will transfer to line mode and provide output power to loads, and charge the battery at the same time.

Single: P<sup>1</sup>LL 51 0 02<sup>3</sup> Parallel:

- 23 AC output mode  
\*This setting is only available when the inverter is in standby mode (Switch off).  
**Note:** Parallel operation can only work when battery connected

## Display Information

The LCD display information will be switched in turns by pressing "UP" or "DOWN" key. The selectable information is switched as below order: voltage, frequency, current, power, firmware version.



Setting Information	LCD display
① AC Input voltage ② Output voltage ③ Load percentage ④ PV input voltage ⑤ Battery voltage ⑥ Warning or Fault code (Default Display Screen)	
① AC Input frequency ② Output frequency ③ Load power in VA ④ PV energy sum in KWH ⑤ Battery percentage ⑥ Warning or Fault code	
① AC Input current ② Output current ③ Load percentage ④ PV input current ⑤ Battery charging current ⑥ Warning or Fault code	
① AC input power in Watts ② Inverter temperature ③ Load power in Watts ④ PV energy sum in KWH ⑤ Battery percentage ⑥ Warning or Fault code	
Firmware version (CPU1: 040-00-b21; CPU2:041-00-b21)	
Time (15:20:10, December 15, 2018)	

## Operating Mode Description

Operation mode	Description	LCD display	
Standby mode / Power saving mode  <b>Note:</b> *Standby mode: The inverter is not turned on yet but at this time, the inverter can charge battery without AC output. *Power saving mode: If enabled, the output of inverter will be off when connected load is pretty low or not detected.	No output is supplied by the unit but it still can charge batteries.	Charging by utility and PV energy. 	Charging by utility 
Fault mode Note: *Fault mode: Errors are caused by inside circuit error or external reasons such as over temperature, output short circuited and so on.	PV energy and utility can charge batteries.	Charging by PV energy 	No charging 
		Charging by utility and PV energy 	Charging by utility 
Line Mode	The unit will provide output power from the mains. It can also charge the battery at line mode.	Charging by PV energy 	Charging by utility 
		No battery connected 	
Battery Mode	The unit will provide output power from battery and PV power.	Power from battery and PV energy 	Power from battery only 

# Parallel Installation Guide

## Introduction

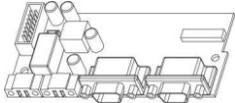
This inverter can be used in parallel with two different operation modes.

1. Parallel operation in single phase with up to 6 units.
2. Maximum 6 units work together to support 3-phase equipment. Four units support one phase maximum.

**Note:** If the package includes share current cable and parallel cable, the inverter is default supported parallel operation. You may skip section 3. If not, please purchase parallel kit and install this unit by following instruction from professional technical personnel in local dealer.

## Package Contents

In parallel kit, you will find the following items in the package:



Parallel board



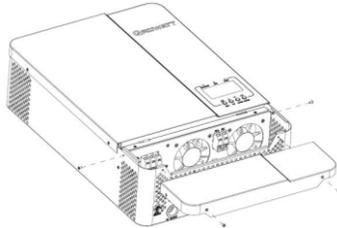
Parallel communication cable



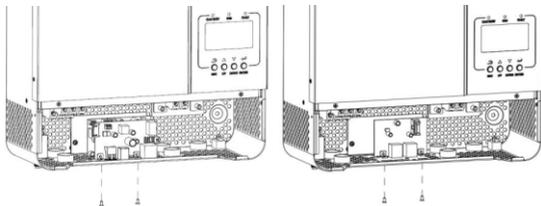
Current sharing cable

## Parallel Board Installation

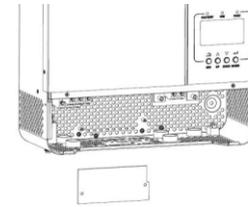
**Step 1:** Remove wire cover by unscrewing all screws.



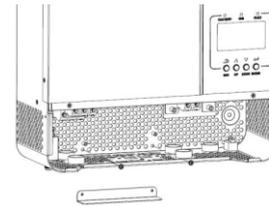
**Step 2:** Remove WiFi/GPRS communication board and CAN/RS485 communication board by unscrewing screws as below chart, and remove 2-pin and 6-pin cables.



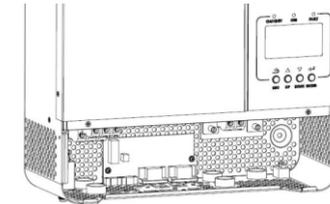
**Step 3:** Remove two screws as below chart and remove 2-pin and 14-pin cables. Take out the board under the communication boards.



**Step 4:** Remove two screws as below chart to take out cover of parallel communication.



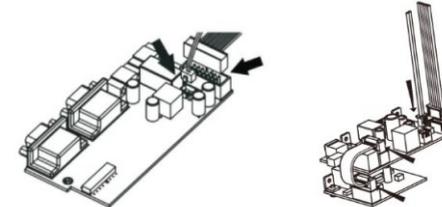
**Step 5:** Install new parallel board with 2 screws tightly.



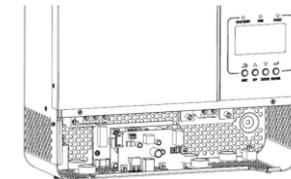
**Step 6:** Re-connect 2-pin and 14-pin to original position of parallel board, and re-connect 2-pin and 6-pin to original position of communication board.

Parallel board

Communication board



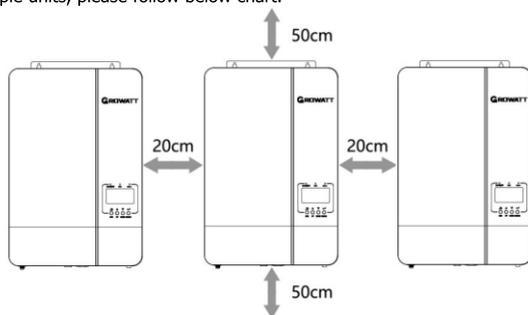
**Step 7:** Put communication boards back to the unit.



**Step 8:** Put wire cover back to the unit. Now the inverter is providing parallel operation function.

## Mounting the Unit

When installing multiple units, please follow below chart.



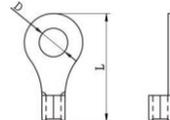
**Note:** For proper air circulation to dissipate heat, allow a clearance of approx. 20cm to the side and approx. 50 cm above and below the unit. Be sure to install each unit in the same level.

## Wiring Connection

The cable size of each inverter is shown as below

Recommended battery cable and terminal size for each inverter:

Ring terminal:



Model	Wire Size	Torque value
SPF 3500 ES	1 * 4 AWG	2-3 Nm
SPF 5000 ES	1 * 2 AWG	2-3 Nm

**WARNING:** Be sure the length of all battery cables is the same. Otherwise, there will be voltage difference between inverter and battery to cause parallel inverters not working.

You need to connect the cables of each inverter together. Take the battery cables for example: You need to use a connector or bus-bar as a joint to connect the battery cables together, and then connect to the battery terminal. The cable size used from joint to battery should be X times cable size in the tables above. "X" indicates the number of inverters connected in parallel.

Regarding AC input and output, please also follow the same principle.

Recommended AC input and output cable size for each inverter:

Model	Gauge	Torque Value
SPF 3500 ES	1 * 10 AWG	1.2-1.6 Nm
SPF 5000 ES	1 * 8 AWG	1.2-1.6 Nm

**CAUTION!!** Please install the breaker at the battery and AC input side. This will ensure the inverter can be securely disconnected during maintenance and fully protected from over current of battery or AC input.

Recommended breaker specification of battery for each inverter:

Model	1 unit*
SPF 3500 ES	100A / 60VDC
SPF 5000 ES	150A / 60VDC

\*If you want to use only one breaker at the battery side for the whole system, the rating of the breaker should be X times current of 1 unit. "X" indicates the number of inverters connected in parallel.

Recommended breaker specification of AC input with single phase:

Model	2 units	3 units	4 units	5 units	6 units
SPF 3500 ES	80A/230VAC	120A/230VAC	160A/230VAC	200A/230VAC	240A/230VAC
SPF 5000 ES	100A/230VAC	150A/230VAC	200A/230VAC	250A/230VAC	300A/230VAC

**Note1:** You can use 40A breaker for SPF 3500 ES and 50A for SPF 5000 ES for only 1 unit, and each inverter has a breaker at its AC input.

**Note2:** Regarding three phase system, you can use 4 poles breaker, the rating is up to the current of the phase which has the maximum units. Or you can follow the suggestion of note 1.

Recommended battery capacity

Inverter parallel numbers	2	3	4	5	6
Battery Capacity	400AH	600AH	800AH	1000AH	1200AH

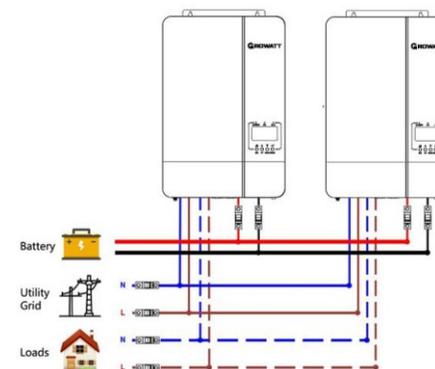
**WARNING!** Be sure that all inverters will share the same battery bank. Otherwise, the inverters will transfer to fault mode.

## Parallel Operation in Single Phase

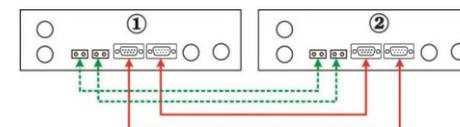
**WARNING!** All inverters must be connected to the same batteries and ensure each group of cables from the inverters to the batteries in the same length.

Two inverters in parallel:

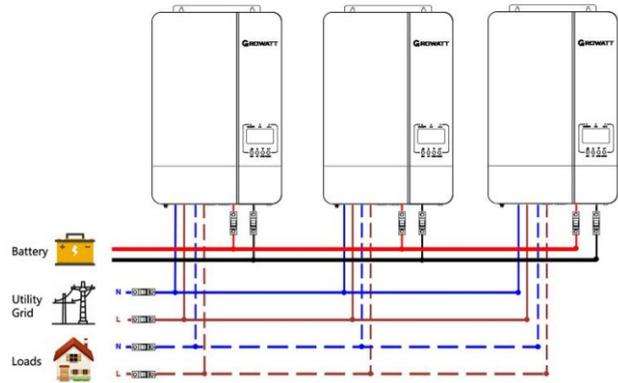
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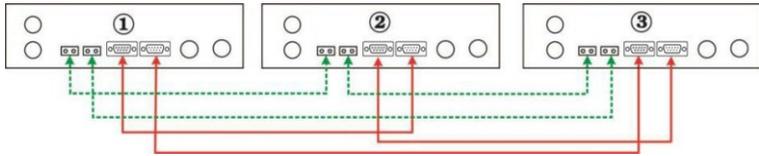
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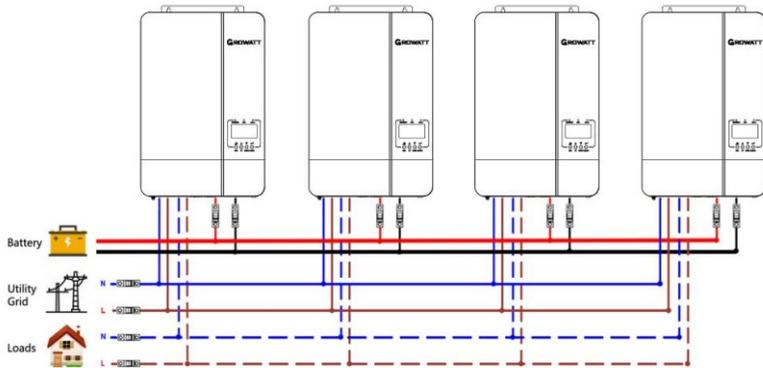
Three inverters in parallel:  
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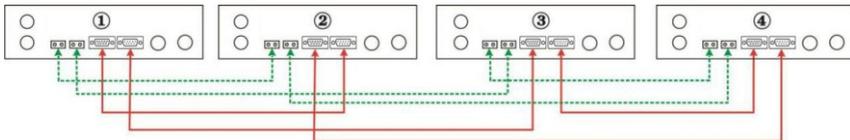
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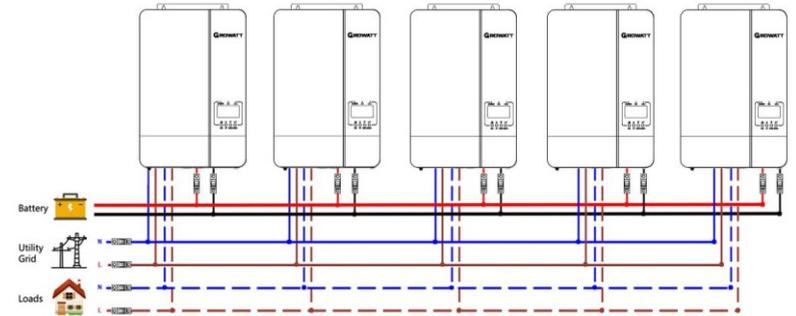
Four inverters in parallel:  
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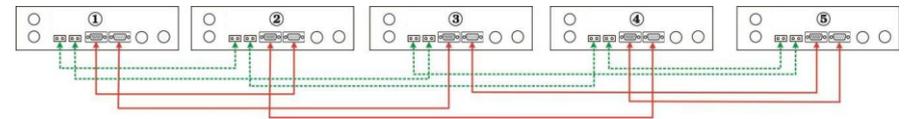
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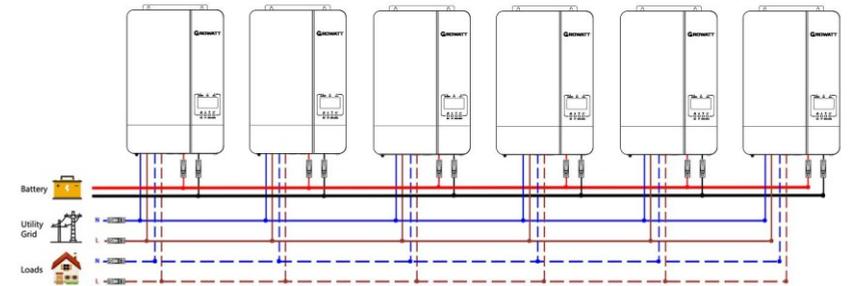
Five inverters in parallel:  
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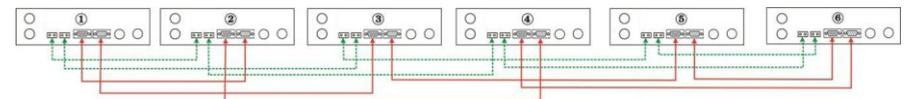
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Six inverters in parallel:  
**Power Connection**



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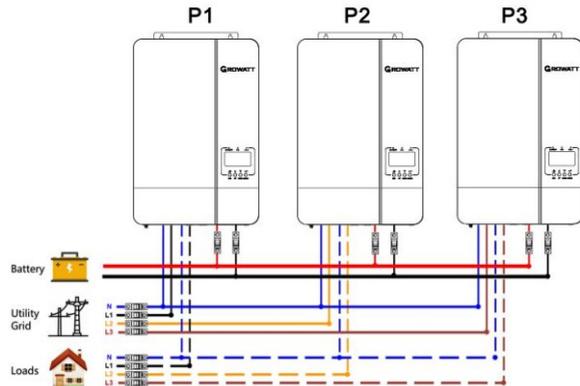


## Parallel Operation in Three Phase

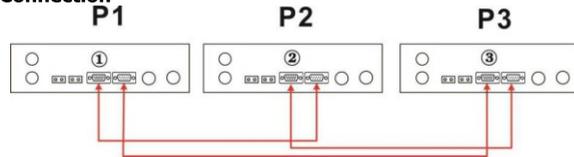
**WARNING!** All inverters must be connected to the same batteries and ensure each group of cables from the inverters to the batteries in the same length.

One inverter in each phase:

### Power Connection

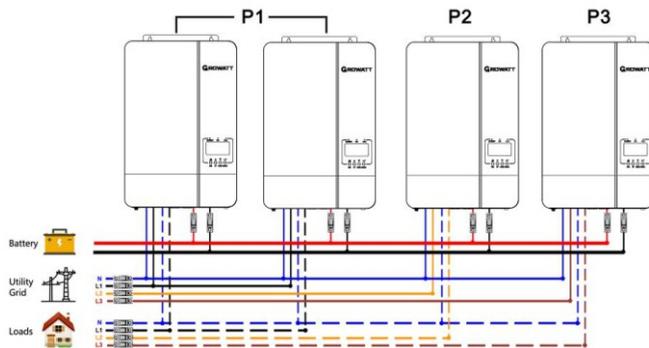


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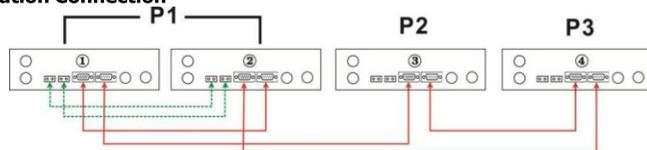


Two inverters in one phase and only one inverter for the remaining phases:

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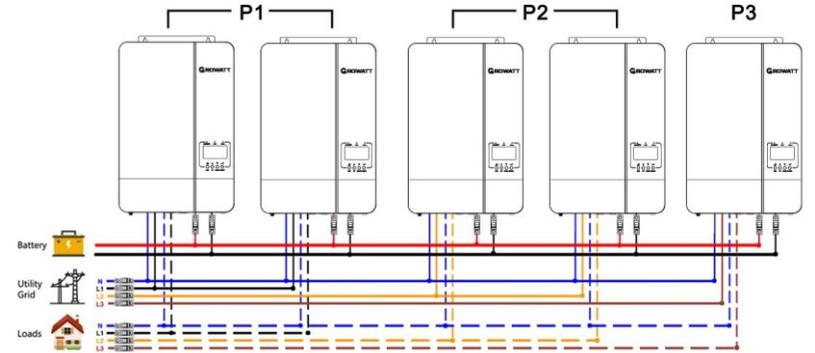


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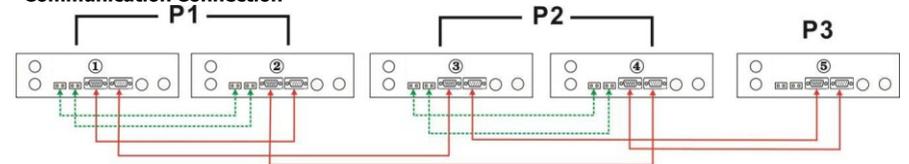


Two inverters in two phases and only one inverter for the remaining phase:

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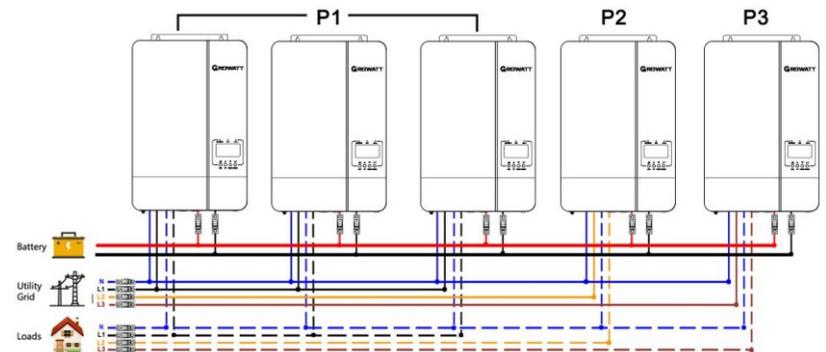


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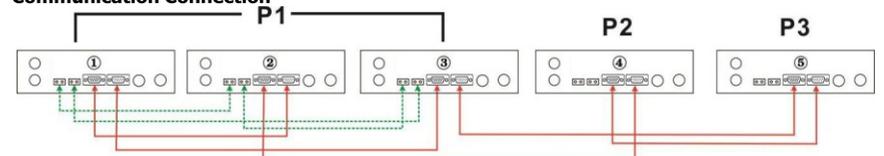


Three inverters in one phase and only one inverter for the remaining two phases:

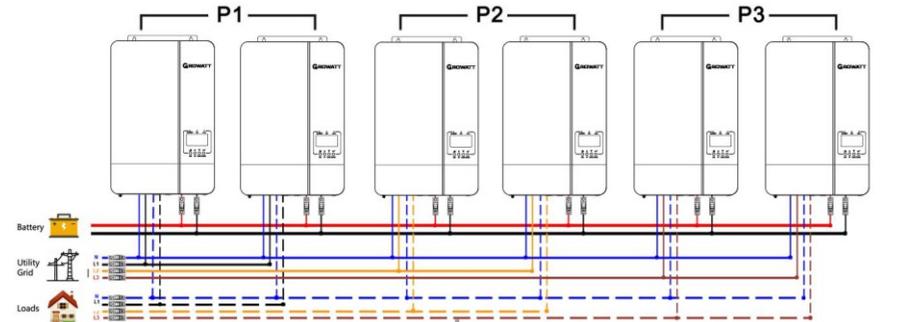
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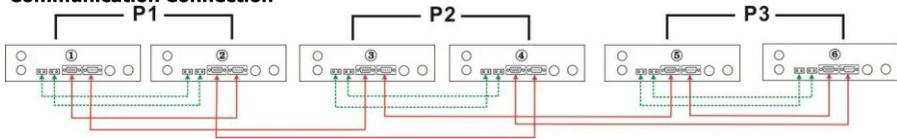
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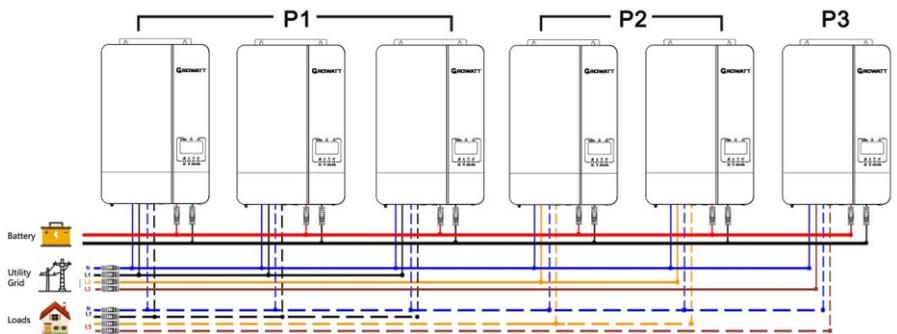
Two inverters in each phase:  
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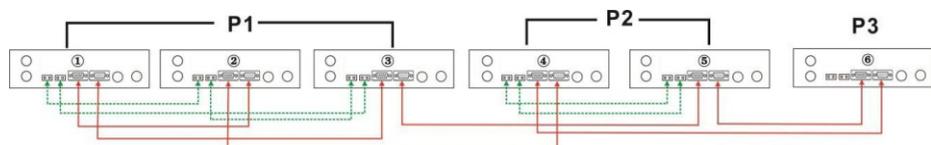
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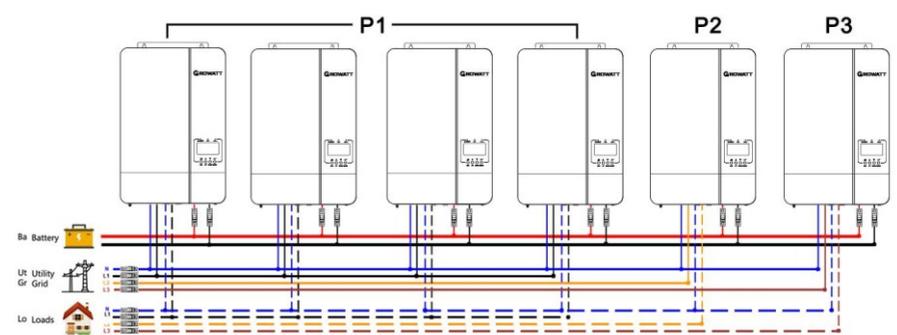
Three inverters in one phase, two inverters in second phase and one inverter for the third phase:  
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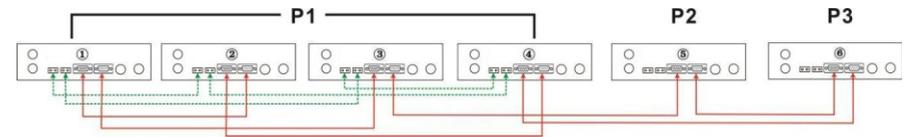
**Communication Connection**



Four inverters in one phase and one inverter for the other two phases:  
**Power Connection**



**Communication Connection**



**WARNING:** Do not connect the current sharing cable between the inverters which are in different phases. Otherwise, it may damage the inverters.

### PV Connection

Please refer to user manual of single unit for PV Connection on Page 10.

**CAUTION:** Each inverter should connect to PV modules separate.

### LCD Setting and Display

Refer to Program 23 on Page 18

#### Parallel in Single Phase

Step 1: Check the following requirements before commissioning:

- ⌘ Correct wire connection
- ⌘ Ensure all breakers in Line wires of load side are open and each Neutral wires of each unit are connected together.

Step 2: Turn on each unit and set "PAL" in LCD setting program 23 of each unit. And then shut down all units.

**Note:** It's necessary to turn off switch when setting LCD program. Otherwise, the setting can not be programmed.  
 Step 3: Turn on each unit.

LCD display in Master unit	LCD display in Slave unit

**Note:** Master and slave units are randomly defined.

Step 4: Switch on all AC breakers of Line wires in AC input. It's better to have all inverters connect to utility at the same time. If not, it will display warning 15.

LCD display in Master unit	LCD display in Slave unit

Step 5: If there is no more fault alarm, the parallel system is completely installed.

Step 6: Please switch on all breakers of Line wires in load side. This system will start to provide power to the load.

### Parallel in Three Phase

Step 1: Check the following requirements before commissioning:

- ⌘ Correct wire connection
- ⌘ Ensure all breakers in Line wires of load side are open and each Neutral wires of each unit are connected together.

Step 2: Turn on all units and configure LCD program 23 as P1, P2 and P3 sequentially. Then shut down all units.

**Note:** It's necessary to turn off switch when setting LCD program. Otherwise, the setting can not be programmed.

Step 3: Turn on all units sequentially. Please turn on HOST inverter first, then turn on the rest one by one.

LCD display in L1-phase unit	LCD display in L2-phase unit	LCD display in L3-phase unit

Step 4: Switch on all AC breakers of Line wires in AC input. If AC connection is detected and three phases are matched with unit setting, they will work normally. Otherwise, they will display warning 15/16 and will not work in the line mode.

LCD display in L1-phase unit	LCD display in L2-phase unit	LCD display in L3-phase unit

Step 5: If there is no more fault alarm, the system to support 3-phase equipment is completely installed.

Step 6: Please switch on all breakers of Line wires in load side. This system will start to provide power to the load.

**Note 1:** If there's only one inverter in L1-phase, the LCD will show as "HST". If there is more than one inverter in L1-phase, the LCD of the HOST inverter will show as "HST", the rest of L1-phase inverters will show as "3P1".

**Note 2:** To avoid overload occurring, before turning on breakers in load side, it's better to have whole system in operation first.

**Note 3:** Transfer time for this operation exists. Power interruption may happen to critical devices, which cannot bear transfer time.

## Fault Reference Code

Fault Code	Fault Event	Icon on
01	Fan is locked	01-
02	Over temperature	02-
03	Battery voltage is too high	03-
04	Battery voltage is too low	04-
05	Output short circuited	05-
06	Output voltage is too high.	06-
07	Overload time out	07-
08	Bus voltage is too high	08-
09	Bus soft start failed	09-
51	Over current or surge	51-
52	Bus voltage is too low	52-
53	Inverter soft start failed	53-
55	Over DC voltage in AC output	55-
56	Battery connection is open	56-
57	Current sensor failed	57-
58	Output voltage is too low	58-
60	Negative power fault	60-
61	PV voltage is too high	61-
62	Internal communication error	62-
80	CAN fault	80-
81	Host loss	81-

## Warning Indicator

Warning Code	Warning Event	Audible Alarm	Icon flashing
01	Fan is locked when inverter is on.	Beep 3 times every second	01 <sup>△</sup>
02	Over temperature	Beep once every second	02 <sup>△</sup>
03	Battery is over-charged	Beep once every second	03 <sup>△</sup>
04	Low battery	Beep once every second	04 <sup>△</sup>
07	Overload	Beep once every 0.5 second	07 <sup>△</sup>
10	Output power derating	Beep twice every 3 seconds	10 <sup>△</sup>
12	Solar charger stops due to low battery	Beep once every second	12 <sup>△</sup>
13	Solar charger stops due to high PV voltage	Beep once every second	13 <sup>△</sup>
14	Solar charger stops due to overload	Beep once every second	14 <sup>△</sup>
15	Parallel input utility grid different	Beep once every second	15 <sup>△</sup>
16	Parallel input phase error	Beep once every second	16 <sup>△</sup>
17	Parallel output phase loss	Beep once every second	17 <sup>△</sup>
18	Buck over current	Beep once every second	18 <sup>△</sup>
19	Battery disconnect	No beep	19 <sup>△</sup>
20	BMS communication error	Beep once every second	20 <sup>△</sup>
21	PV power insufficient	Beep once every second	21 <sup>△</sup>
22	Parallel forbidden without battery	Beep once every second	22 <sup>△</sup>
25	Parallel inverters' capacity different	Beep once every second	25 <sup>△</sup>
33	BMS communication loss	Beep once every second	33 <sup>△</sup>
34	Cell over voltage	Beep once every second	34 <sup>△</sup>
35	Cell under voltage	Beep once every second	35 <sup>△</sup>
36	Total over voltage	Beep once every second	36 <sup>△</sup>
37	Total under voltage	Beep once every second	37 <sup>△</sup>
38	Discharge over voltage	Beep once every second	38 <sup>△</sup>
39	Charge over voltage	Beep once every second	39 <sup>△</sup>
40	Discharge over temperature	Beep once every second	40 <sup>△</sup>
41	Charge over temperature	Beep once every second	41 <sup>△</sup>
42	Mosfet over temperature	Beep once every second	42 <sup>△</sup>
43	Battery over temperature	Beep once every second	43 <sup>△</sup>
44	Battery under temperature	Beep once every second	44 <sup>△</sup>
45	System shut down	Beep once every second	45 <sup>△</sup>

## Battery Equalization

Equalization function is added into charge controller. It reverses the buildup of negative chemical effects like stratification, a condition where acid concentration is greater at the bottom of the battery than at the top. Equalization also helps to remove sulfate crystals that might have built up on the plates. If left unchecked, this condition, called sulfation, will reduce the overall capacity of the battery. Therefore, it's recommended to equalize battery periodically.

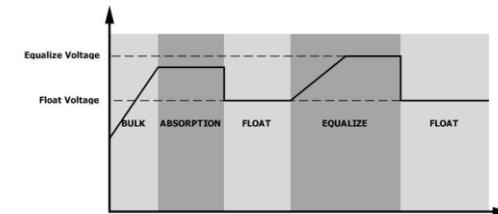
- **How to Apply Equalization Function**

You must enable battery equalization function in monitoring LCD setting program 43 first. Then, you may apply this function in device by either one of following methods:

1. Setting equalization interval in program 47.
2. Active equalization immediately in program 48.

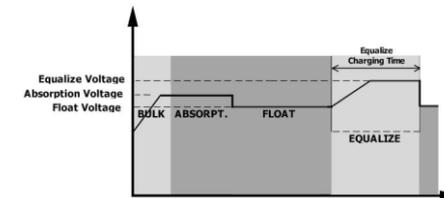
- **When to Equalize**

In float stage, when the setting equalization interval (battery equalization cycle) is arrived, or equalization is active immediately, the controller will start to enter Equalize stage.

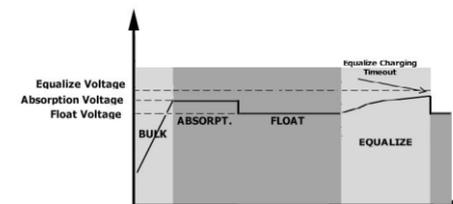


- **Equalize charging time and timeout**

In Equalize stage, the controller will supply power to charge battery as much as possible until battery voltage raises to battery equalization voltage. Then, constant-voltage regulation is applied to maintain battery voltage at the battery equalization voltage. The battery will remain in the Equalize stage until setting battery equalized time is arrived.



However, in Equalize stage, when battery equalized time is expired and battery voltage doesn't rise to battery equalization voltage point, the charge controller will extend the battery equalized time until battery voltage achieves battery equalization voltage. If battery voltage is still lower than battery equalization voltage when battery equalized timeout setting is over, the charge controller will stop equalization and return to float stage.



# Specifications

Table 1 Line Mode Specifications

INVERTER MODEL	SPF 3500 ES	SPF 5000 ES
<b>Input Voltage Waveform</b>	Sinusoidal (utility or generator)	
<b>Nominal Input Voltage</b>	230Vac	
<b>Low Loss Voltage</b>	170Vac±7V (UPS); 90Vac±7V (Appliances)	
<b>Low Loss Return Voltage</b>	180Vac±7V (UPS); 100Vac±7V (Appliances)	
<b>High Loss Voltage</b>	280Vac±7V	
<b>High Loss Return Voltage</b>	270Vac±7V	
<b>Max AC Input Voltage</b>	300Vac	
<b>Nominal Input Frequency</b>	50Hz / 60Hz (Auto detection)	
<b>Low Loss Frequency</b>	40±1Hz	
<b>Low Loss Return Frequency</b>	42±1Hz	
<b>High Loss Frequency</b>	65±1Hz	
<b>High Loss Return Frequency</b>	63±1Hz	
<b>Output Short Circuit Protection</b>	Circuit Breaker	
<b>Efficiency (Line Mode)</b>	>95% ( Rated R load, battery full charged )	
<b>Transfer Time</b>	10ms typical, 20ms Max@ Single <30ms @ Parallel	
<b>Output power derating:</b> When AC input voltage drops to 170V, the output power will be derated.		

Table 2 Inverter Mode Specifications

INVERTER MODEL	SPF 3500 ES	SPF 5000 ES
<b>Rated Output Power</b>	3.5KVA/3.5KW	5KVA/5KW
<b>Output Voltage Waveform</b>	Pure Sine Wave	
<b>Output Voltage Regulation</b>	230Vac±5%	
<b>Output Frequency</b>	50Hz	
<b>Nominal Output Current</b>	15.2A	21.7A
<b>Max. Output Fault Current/ Duration</b>	80A/ 300µs	
<b>Max. Output Overcurrent Protection</b>	58A	65A
<b>Peak Efficiency</b>	93%	
<b>Overload Protection</b>	5s@≥150% load; 10s@110%~150% load	
<b>Surge Capacity</b>	2* rated power for 5 seconds	
<b>Nominal DC Input Voltage</b>	48Vdc	
<b>Cold Start Voltage(Lead-Acid Mode)</b>	46.0Vdc	
<b>Cold Start SOC(Li Mode)</b>	Default 30%, Low DC Cut-off SOC +10%	
<b>Low DC Warning Voltage (Lead-Acid Mode)</b>	44.0Vdc @ load < 20% 42.8Vdc @ 20% ≤ load < 50% 40.4Vdc @ load ≥ 50%	
<b>Low DC Warning Return Voltage (Lead-Acid Mode)</b>	46.0Vdc @ load < 20% 44.8Vdc @ 20% ≤ load < 50% 42.4Vdc @ load ≥ 50%	
<b>Low DC Cut-off Voltage (Lead-Acid Mode)</b>	42.0Vdc @ load < 20% 40.8Vdc @ 20% ≤ load < 50% 38.4Vdc @ load ≥ 50%	
<b>Low DC Cut-off Voltage (Li Mode)</b>	42.0Vdc	
<b>Low DC Warning SOC (Li Mode)</b>	Low DC Cut-off SOC +5%	
<b>Low DC Warning Return SOC (Li Mode)</b>	Low DC Cut-off SOC +10%	
<b>Low DC Cut-off SOC(Li Mode)</b>	Default 20%, 5%~50% settable	
<b>High DC Recovery Voltage</b>	56.4Vdc(C.V. charging voltage)	
<b>High DC Cut-off Voltage</b>	60.8Vdc	
<b>No Load Power Consumption</b>	<60W	

Table 3 Charge Mode Specifications

Utility Charging Mode		
INVERTER MODEL	SPF 3500 ES	SPF 5000 ES
<b>Charging Algorithm</b>	3-Step	
<b>Max. AC Charging Current</b>	60Amp(@V <sub>I/P</sub> =230Vac)	80Amp(@V <sub>I/P</sub> =230Vac)
<b>Bulk Charging Voltage</b>	<b>Flooded Battery</b>	58.4Vdc
	<b>AGM / Gel Battery</b>	56.4Vdc
<b>Floating Charging Voltage</b>	54Vdc	
<b>Charging Curve</b>		
MPPT Solar Charging Mode		
<b>Max. PV Array Power</b>	4500W	6000W
<b>Max. PV Input Current</b>	22A	
<b>Start-up Voltage</b>	150Vdc ± 10Vdc	
<b>PV Array MPPT Voltage Range</b>	120Vdc~430Vdc	
<b>Max. PV Array Open Circuit Voltage</b>	450Vdc	
<b>Max. Inverter Back Feed Current To The Array</b>	0A	
<b>Max. PV Charging Current</b>	80A	100A
<b>Max. Charging Current (AC Charger Plus Solar Charger)</b>	80A	100A

Table 4 General Specifications

INVERTER MODEL	SPF 3500 ES	SPF 5000 ES
<b>Safety Certification</b>	CE	
<b>Operating Temperature Range</b>	0°C to 55°C	
<b>Storage temperature</b>	-15°C ~ 60°C	
<b>Humidity</b>	5% to 95% Relative Humidity (Non-condensing)	
<b>Altitude</b>	<2000m	
<b>Dimension(D*W*H), mm</b>	485 x 330 x 135	
<b>Net Weight, kg</b>	11.5	12

## Trouble Shooting

Problem	LCD/LED/Buzzer	Explanation	What to do
Unit shuts down Automatically during startup process.	LCD/LEDs and buzzer will be active for 3 seconds and then complete off.	The battery voltage is too low . (<1.91V/Cell)	1. Re-charge battery. 2. Replace battery.
No response after power on.	No indication.	1.The battery voltage is far too low. (<1.4V/Cell) 2.Battery polarity is connected reversed.	1. Check if batteries and the wiring are connected well. 2. Re-charge battery. 3. Replace battery.
Mains exist but the unit works in battery mode.	Input voltage is 0 on the LCD and green LED is flashing.	Input protector is tripped.	Check if AC breaker is tripped and AC wiring is connected well.
	Green LED is flashing.	Insufficient quality of AC power (Shore or Generator)	1.Check if AC wires are too thin and/or too long. 2.Check if generator (if applied) is working well or if input voltage range setting is correct. (UPS→Appliance)
	Green LED is flashing.	Set "Battery First" or "Solar First" as the priority of output source.	Change output source priority to Utility first.
When it's turned on, internal relay is switching on and off repeatedly.	LCD display and LEDs are flashing	Battery is disconnected.	Check if battery wires are connected well.
Buzzer beeps continuously and red LED is on. (Fault code)  Buzzer beeps once every second, and red LED is flashing. (Warning code)	Fault code 01	Fan fault.	1.Check whether all fans are working properly. 2.Replace the fan.
	Fault code 02	Internal temperature of component is over 100°C.	1. Check whether the air flow of the unit is blocked or whether the ambient temperature is too high. 2. Check whether the thermistor plug is loose.
	Fault code 03	Battery is over-charged.	Restart the unit, if the error happens again, please return to repair center.
		The battery voltage is too high.	Check if spec and quantity of batteries are meet requirements.
	Warning code 04	The battery voltage/SOC is too low.	1. Measure battery voltage in DC input. 2. Check battery SOC in LCD when use Li battery 3. Recharge the battery.
	Fault code 05	Output short circuited.	Check if wiring is connected well and remove abnormal load.
	Fault code 06/58	Output abnormal (Inverter voltage is higher than 280Vac or lower than 80Vac).	1. Reduce the connected load. 2. Restart the unit, if the error happens again, please return to repair center.
Fault code 07	The inverter is overload 110% and time is up.	Reduce the connected load by switching off some equipment.	

Buzzer beeps continuously and red LED is on. (Fault code)	Fault code 08	Bus voltage is too high.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If you connect to a lithium battery without communication, check whether the voltage points of the program 19 and 21 are too high for the lithium battery.</li> <li>2. Restart the unit, if the error happens again, please return to repair center.</li> </ol>
	Fault code 09/53/57	Internal components failed.	Restart the unit, if the error happens again, please return to repair center.
	Warning code 15	The input status is different in parallel system.	Check if AC input wires of all inverters are connected well.
	Warning code 16	Input phase is not correct.	Change the input phase S and T wiring.
	Warning code 17	The output phase not correct in parallel.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make sure the parallel setting are the same system (single or parallel; 3P1, 3P2, 3P3).</li> <li>2. Make sure all phases inverters are power on.</li> </ol>
	Warning code 20	Li battery can't communicate to the inverter.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check whether communication line is correct connection between inverter and battery.</li> <li>2. Check whether BMS protocol type is correct setting.</li> </ol>
	Fault code 51	Over current or surge.	Restart the unit, if the error happens again, please return to repair center.
	Fault code 52	Bus voltage is too low.	
	Fault code 55	Output voltage is unbalanced	
	Buzzer beeps once every second, and red LED is flashing. (Warning code)	Fault code 56	Battery is not connected well or fuse is burnt.
	Fault code 60	Negative power fault	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check whether the AC output connected to the grid input.</li> <li>2. Check whether Program 8 settings are the same for all parallel inverters</li> <li>3. Check whether the current sharing cables are connected well in the same parallel phases.</li> <li>4. Check whether all neutral wires of all parallel units are connected together.</li> <li>5. If problem still exists, contact repair center.</li> </ol>
	Fault code 80	CAN fault	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check whether the parallel communication cables are connected well.</li> <li>2. Check whether Program 23 settings are right for the parallel system.</li> <li>3. If problem still exists, contact repair center</li> </ol>
	Fault code 81	Host loss	

Note: To restart the inverter, all power sources need to be disconnected. After the LCD screen light is off, only use the battery to boot.