

## ContainerPower Energy Solutions

# Grid-tied inverter development kit



## Overview

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What is a grid-tied solar micro-inverter?

Designed for various industrial applications—including central inverters, single-phase string inverters, and modular micro inverters—this grid-tied solar micro-inverter solution provides a robust, adaptable platform for advancing solar energy systems worldwide.

What is grid connected solar microinverter reference design?

Microchip's Grid-Connected Solar Microinverter Reference Design demonstrates the flexibility and power of SMPS dsPIC® Digital Signal Controllers in Grid-Connected Solar Microinverter systems. This reference design has a maximum output power of 215 Watts and ensures maximum power point tracking for PV panel voltages between 20V to 45V DC.

What is a solar micro inverter?

Solar micro inverters are an emerging segment of the solar power industry. Rather than linking every solar panel in an installation to a central inverter, solar micro inverter-based installations link smaller, or “micro,” inverters individually to each solar panel.

What is a single-phase grid-connected inverter?

A single-phase grid-connected inverter, with unipolar pulse-width modulation, operates from a DC voltage source and is characterized by four modes of operation or states. Two modes take place during the positive load current period and two modes in the negative load current period, as shown in Table 6. Table 6.

What is a dual-stage inverter for grid-connected applications?

Table 1. The dual-stage inverter for grid-connected applications includes a DC-DC converter to amplify the voltage and a DC-AC inverter to control the current injected into the grid. Figure 3. The DC-DC converter is depicted in

Figure 3 together with the DC-AC converter and LCL filter.

What happens if an inverter fails to deliver power to the grid?

If the voltage or frequency exceeds the high or low limits, the inverter ceases to deliver power to the grid. These conditions are also used to implement a passive method for island operation detection. An island operation occurs when the utility power is disconnected for maintenance or fault reasons while the inverter is still delivering power.

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