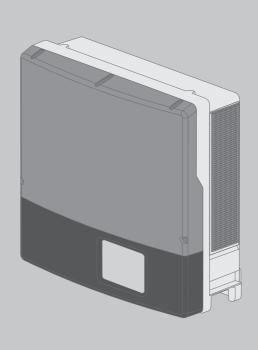


Service Manual

SUNNY TRIPOWER 20000TL / 25000TL



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1 Information on this Document

1.1 Validity

This document describes how to rectify certain errors and how to replace defective components. This document supplements the documents that are enclosed with each product and does not replace any locally applicable standards or directives. Read and observe all documents supplied with the product.

This document is valid for the following device types:

- STP 20000TL-30 (Sunny Tripower 20000TL)
- STP 25000TL-30 (Sunny Tripower 25000TL)

1.2 Target Group

The tasks described in this document must only be performed by qualified persons. 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

1.3 Symbols

Symbol	Explanation
▲ DANGER	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury
▲ WARNING	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, can result in death or serious injury
▲ CAUTION	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, can result in minor or moderate injury
NOTICE	Indicates a situation which, if not avoided, can result in property damage
i	Information that is important for a specific topic or goal, but is not safety-relevant
	Indicates a requirement for meeting a specific goal
\square	Desired result
×	A problem that might occur

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1.4 Nomenclature

Complete designation	Designation in this document
Sunny Tripower	Inverter, product

2 Safety

2.1 Safety Information

This section contains safety information that must be observed at all times when working on or with the product.

To prevent personal injury and property damage and to ensure long-term operation of the product, read this section carefully and observe all safety information at all times.

A DANGER

Danger to life due to high voltages of the PV array

When exposed to sunlight, the PV array generates dangerous DC voltage which is present in the DC conductors and the live components of the inverter. Touching the DC conductors or the live components can lead to lethal electric shocks. If you disconnect the DC connectors from the inverter under load, an electric arc may occur leading to electric shock and burns.

- Do not touch uninsulated cable ends.
- Do not touch the DC conductors.
- Do not touch any live components of the inverter.
- Have the inverter mounted, installed and commissioned only by qualified persons with the appropriate skills.
- If an error occurs, have it rectified by qualified persons only.
- Prior to performing any work on the inverter, disconnect it from all voltage sources as described in this document (see Section 2.2 "Disconnecting the Inverter from Voltage Sources", page 7).

A DANGER

Danger to life due to electric shock

Touching an ungrounded PV module or array frame can cause a fatal electric shock.

 Connect and ground the PV modules, array frame and electrically conductive surfaces so that there is continuous conduction. Observe the applicable local regulations.

A CAUTION

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Risk of burns due to hot enclosure parts

Some parts of the enclosure can get hot during operation.

Do not touch any parts other than the lower enclosure lid of the inverter during operation.

NOTICE

Damage to the seal of the enclosure lids in subfreezing conditions

If you open the upper and lower enclosure lids in subfreezing conditions, the seals on the enclosure lids can be damaged. This can lead to moisture entering the inverter.

- Do not open the inverter at ambient temperatures lower than -5°C.
- If a layer of ice has formed on the seal of the lid in subfreezing conditions, remove it prior to
 opening the enclosure lids of the inverter (e.g. by melting the ice with warm air). Observe the
 applicable safety regulations.

2.2 Disconnecting the Inverter from Voltage Sources

Prior to performing any work on the inverter, always disconnect it from all voltage sources as described in this section. Always adhere to the prescribed sequence.

NOTICE

Damage to the seal of the enclosure lids in subfreezing conditions

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 opening the enclosure lids of the inverter (e.g. by melting the ice with warm air). Observe the
 applicable safety regulations.

NOTICE

Destruction of the measuring device due to overvoltage

• Only use measuring devices with a DC input voltage range of 1,000 V or higher.

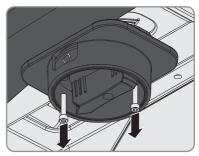
Procedure:

- Disconnect the circuit breaker from all three line conductors and secure it against reconnection.
- 2. Turn the DC load-break switch to the position **O**.

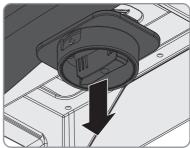


- 3. If the multifunction relay is used, switch off any supply voltage to the load.
- 4. Wait until the LEDs have gone out and, if necessary, the load connected to the multifunction relay has been switched off.
- 5. Use a current clamp to ensure that no current is present in the DC cables.

6. Unscrew the two screws on the DC load-break switch using an Allen key (AF 3).



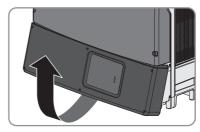
7. Pull the DC load-break switch down and out of the recess.



8. Remove all six screws from the lower enclosure lid using an Allen key (AF 3).



9. Lift and remove the lower enclosure lid from below.



10. **A** CAUTION

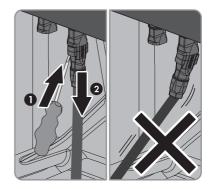
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Risk of burns when touching the DC protective cover

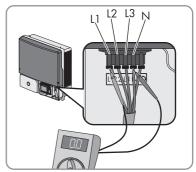
The DC protective cover can get hot during operation.

• Do not touch the DC protective cover.

11. Release and remove all DC connectors. Insert a slotted screwdriver or an angled screwdriver (blade width 3.5 mm) into one of the slide slots and pull the DC connectors out downwards. Do not pull on the cable.



- 12. Ensure that no voltage is present at the DC inputs of the inverter.
- 13. Use an appropriate measuring device to ensure that no voltage is present at the AC connecting terminal plate between L1 and N, L2 and N, and L3 and N. Insert the test probe of the multimeter into the round opening of the terminal.



- 14. Use an appropriate measuring device to ensure that no voltage is present at the AC connecting terminal plate between L1 and PE, L2 and PE, and L3 and PE. Insert the test probe into the round opening of each terminal.
- 15. Ensure that no voltage is present between any terminal of the multifunction relay and PE of the AC connecting terminal plate.

16. **A DANGER**

Danger to life due to high voltages in the inverter

The capacitors in the inverter take 20 minutes to discharge.

- Wait 20 minutes before opening the upper enclosure lid.
- Do not open the DC protective cover.

17. **NOTICE**

Damage to the inverter due to electrostatic discharge

Touching electronic components can cause damage to or destroy the inverter through electrostatic discharge.

• Ground yourself before touching any component.

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3 Cleaning the Inverter

NOTICE

Damage to the inverter due to the use of cleaning agents

• If the inverter is dirty, clean the enclosure, the enclosure lid, the type label and the LEDs using only clean water and a cloth.

4 Troubleshooting

4.1 Event Messages

Message	Cause
Update file OK	The update file found is valid.
Set parameter	The parameter change has been adopted.
Parameters set successfully	The parameter changes were successfully adopted.
Memory card is being read	Memory card is being searched for update file and the update file is being checked.
No new update on the memory card	An update file that has already been used is on the memory card.
Grid parameter locked	The parameters are locked and you cannot change them.
Update communication	The inverter is updating the communication component.
Update main CPU	The inverter is updating the inverter component.
Update RS4851 module	The inverter is updating the corresponding component.
Update Speedwire	The inverter is updating the corresponding component.
Webconnect update	The inverter is updating the corresponding component.
Update language table	The inverter is updating the corresponding component.
Update completed	The inverter has successfully completed the update.
Grid parameter unchanged	The selected rotary switch position is not assigned or the grid parameters cannot be changed.
Inst. code valid	The entered Grid Guard code is valid. Protected parameters have now been unlocked and you can adjust the parameters. The parameters will be automatically locked again after ten feed-in hours.
Self-test	The self-test is being carried out.

4.2 Error Messages

The communication product (e.g. Sunny Explorer) displays the warnings and errors that apply to the inverter, the utility grid or the PV array. The warning or error is identified by an event number and the corresponding message.

Event number	Message, cause and corrective measures
101 to 103	Grid fault
	The grid voltage or grid impedance at the connection point of the inverter is too high. The inverter has disconnected from the utility grid.
	Corrective measures:
	 Check whether the grid voltage at the connection point of the inverter is permanently in the permissible range.
	If the grid voltage is outside the permissible range due to local grid conditions, contact the grid operator. The grid operator must agree with an adjustment of the voltage at the feed-in point or with a change of the monitored operating limits.
	If the grid voltage is permanently within the permissible range and this message is still displayed, contact the SMA Service Line.
202 to 203	Grid fault
	The utility grid has been disconnected, the AC cable is damaged or the grid voltage at the connection point of the inverter is too low. The inverter has disconnected from the utility grid.
	Corrective measures:
	1. Make sure that the circuit breaker is switched on.
	2. Make sure that the AC cable is not damaged.
	3. Make sure that the AC cable is correctly connected.
	 Check whether the grid voltage at the connection point of the inverter is permanently in the permissible range.
	If the grid voltage is outside the permissible range due to local grid conditions, contact the grid operator. The grid operator must agree with an adjustment of the voltage at the feed-in point or with a change of the monitored operating limits.
	If the grid voltage is permanently within the permissible range and this message is still displayed, contact the SMA Service Line.

Event number	Message, cause and corrective measures
301	Grid fault
	The ten-minute average value of the grid voltage is no longer within the permissible range. The grid voltage or grid impedance at the connection point is too high. The inverter disconnects from the utility grid to maintain power quality.
	Corrective measures:
	 Check whether the grid voltage at the connection point of the inverter is permanently in the permissible range.
	If the grid voltage is outside the permissible range due to local grid conditions, contact the grid operator. The grid operator must agree with an adjustment of the voltage at the feed-in point or with a change of the monitored operating limits.
	If the grid voltage is permanently within the permissible range and this message is still displayed, contact the SMA Service Line.
401 to 404	Grid fault
	The inverter is no longer in grid-parallel operation and has stopped feeding into the utility grid.
	Corrective measures:
	 Check the grid connection for significant short-term frequency fluctuations
501	Grid fault
	The power frequency is not within the permissible range. The inverter has disconnected from the utility grid.
	Corrective measures:
	 If possible, check the power frequency and observe how often fluctuations occur.
	If fluctuations occur frequently and this message is displayed often, contact the grid operator. The grid operator must approve changes to the operating parameters of the inverter.
	If the grid operator gives its approval, discuss any changes to the operating parameters with the SMA Service Line.
601	Grid fault
	The inverter has detected an excessively high proportion of direct current in the grid current.
	Corrective measures:
	1. Check the grid connection for direct current.
	If this message is displayed frequently, contact the grid operator and check whether the monitoring threshold on the inverter can be raised.

Event number	Message, cause and corrective measures
701	Frequency not permitted > Check parameter
	The power frequency is not within the permissible range. The inverter has disconnected from the utility grid.
	Corrective measures:
	 If possible, check the power frequency and observe how often fluctuations occur.
	If fluctuations occur frequently and this message is displayed often, contact the grid operator. The grid operator must approve changes to the operating parameters of the inverter.
	If the grid operator gives its approval, discuss any changes to the operating parameters with the SMA Service Line.
1302	Waiting for grid voltage > Installation failure grid connection > Check grid and fuses
	The inverter has detected an error in the AC cabling. The inverter cannot connect to the utility grid.
	Corrective measures:
	 Ensure that the AC connection is correct (see the operating manual for inverter at www.SMA-Solar.com).
	Ensure that the country data set has been configured correctly. Select the parameter Set country standard or CntrySet and check its value.
1501	Reconnection fault grid
	The changed country data set or the value of a parameter you have set does not correspond to the local requirements. The inverter cannot connect to the utility grid.
	Corrective measures:
	 Ensure that the country data set has been configured correctly. Select the parameter Set country standard or CntrySet and check its value.
3301	Unstable operation > Generator output too low
	There is not enough power at the DC input of the inverter for stable operation. This may be caused by snow on the PV modules or insufficient irradiation. The inverter interrupts feed-in operation and can no longer connect to the utility grid.
	Corrective measures:
	1. If irradiation is too low, wait for it to increase.
	If this message is displayed frequently, ensure that the PV array has been correctly rated and wired.

Event number	Message, cause and corrective measures
3302	Unstable operation > Abort self-test
	There is not enough power at the DC input of the inverter for stable operation. This may be caused by snow on the PV modules or insufficient irradiation. The inverter interrupts feed-in operation and can no longer connect to the utility grid.
	Corrective measures:
	 If irradiation is too low, wait for it to increase.
	If this message is displayed frequently, ensure that the PV array has been correctly rated and wired.
3303	Unstable operation > Data storage blocked
	There is not enough power at the DC input of the inverter for stable operation. This may be caused by snow on the PV modules or insufficient irradiation. The inverter interrupts feed-in operation and can no longer connect to the utility grid.
	Corrective measures:
	 If irradiation is too low, wait for it to increase.
	If this message is displayed frequently, ensure that the PV array has beer correctly rated and wired.
3401 to 3402	DC overvoltage > Disconnect PV array
	Overvoltage at the DC input. This can destroy the inverter.
	Corrective measures:
	 Immediately disconnect the inverter from all voltage sources (see Section 2.2, page 7).
	Check whether the DC voltage is below the maximum input voltage of the inverter.
	If the DC voltage is below the maximum input voltage of the inverter, reconnect the DC connectors to the inverter.
	If the DC voltage is above the maximum input voltage of the inverter, ensure that the PV array has been correctly rated or contact the installer of the PV array.
	3. If this message is repeated frequently, contact the SMA Service Line.
3501	Insulation resistance > Check generator
	The inverter has detected a ground fault in the PV array.
	Corrective measures:
	 Check the PV system for ground faults (see Section 7, page 26).

Event number	Message, cause and corrective measures
3601	High leakage current > Check PV array
	The leakage currents of the inverter and the PV array are too high. There is a ground fault, a residual current or a malfunction.
	The inverter interrupts feed-in operation immediately after exceeding a threshold and then automatically reconnects to the utility grid. If this process happens five times a day, the inverter disconnects from the utility grid and terminates feed-in.
	Corrective measures:
	 Check the PV system for ground faults (see Section 7, page 26).
3701	Residual current too high > Check generator
	The inverter has detected a residual current due to temporary grounding of the PV array.
	Corrective measures:
	 Check the PV system for ground faults (see Section 7, page 26).
3801 to 3802	DC overcurrent > Check generator
	Overcurrent at the DC input. The inverter briefly interrupts feed-in operation.
	Corrective measures:
	 If this message is displayed frequently, ensure that the PV array has been correctly rated and wired.
3901 to 3902	Waiting for DC start cond. > Start conditions not met
	The feed-in conditions for the utility grid are not yet fulfilled.
	Corrective measures:
	1. If irradiation is too low, wait for it to increase.
	 If this message is displayed frequently in the morning, increase the voltage limit for starting grid feed-in. Change the parameter Minimum voltage input or A.VStr, B.VStr.
	If this message is displayed frequently with medium irradiation, ensure that the PV array is correctly rated.
6001 to 6438	Self-diagnosis > Interference of device
	The cause must be determined by the SMA Service Line.
	Corrective measures:
	Contact the SMA Service Line.
6501 to 6511	Self-diagnosis > Interference of device
	The inverter has switched off due to excessive temperature.
	Corrective measures:
	1. Clean the fans (see Section 5, page 21).
	2. Ensure that the inverter has sufficient ventilation.

Event number	Message, cause and corrective measures
6512	Minimum operating temperature not reached
	The inverter will only recommence grid feed-in once the temperature has reached at least -25°C.
6603 to 6604	Self-diagnosis > Overload
	The cause must be determined by the SMA Service Line.
	Corrective measures:
	Contact the SMA Service Line.
6606	Interference of device
	The cause must be determined by the SMA Service Line.
	Corrective measures:
	Contact the SMA Service Line.
6701 to 6702	Communication disturbed
6801 to 6802	Self-diagnosis > Input A defective
	The cause must be determined by the SMA Service Line.
	Corrective measures:
	Contact the SMA Service Line.
6901 to 6902	Self-diagnosis > Input B defective
	The cause must be determined by the SMA Service Line.
	Corrective measures:
	Contact the SMA Service Line.
7001 to 7002	Sensor fault, fan permanently on
	The cause must be determined by the SMA Service Line.
	Corrective measures:
	Contact the SMA Service Line.
7101	SD card defective
	The SD memory card is not formatted.
	Corrective measures:
	Re-format the SD memory card.
	Re-save the files to the SD memory card.
7102	Parameter file not found or defective
	The parameter file was not found or is defective. The update failed. The inverter continues feeding power into the grid.
	Corrective measures:
	 Copy the parameter file to the correct folder again.

Event number	Message, cause and corrective measures
7105	Parameter setting failed
	Parameters could not be set using the memory card. The inverter continues feeding power into the grid.
	Corrective measures:
	 Ensure that the parameters are set correctly.
	Ensure that the SMA Grid Guard code is available.
7106	Update file defective
	Update file on the memory card is defective.
	Corrective measures:
	Reformat the memory card.
	 Re-save the files to the memory card.
7110	No update file found
	No update file has been found.
	Corrective measures:
	 Copy the update file to the memory card folder. Select the folder \UPDATE.
7201 to 7202	Data storage not poss.
	Internal error. The inverter continues to feed into the utility grid.
	Corrective measures:
	Contact the SMA Service Line.
7303	Update main CPU failed
	The cause must be determined by the SMA Service Line.
	Corrective measures:
	Contact the SMA Service Line.
7305	Update RS485I module failed
	Update of RS485i module failed.
	Corrective measures:
	Retry update.
	• If the error recurs, contact the SMA Service Line.
7311	Update language table failed
	Updating the language table failed.
	Corrective measures:
	Retry update.
	If the error recurs, contact the SMA Service Line.

Event number	Message, cause and corrective measures
7316	Update Speedwire module failed
	Updating the Speedwire module failed.
	Corrective measures:
	Retry update.
	If the error recurs, contact the SMA Service Line.
7326	Webconnect update failed
	Update of Webconnect module failed.
	Corrective measures:
	Retry update.
	If the error recurs, contact the SMA Service Line.
7701 to 7703	Self-diagnosis > Interference of device
	The cause must be determined by the SMA Service Line.
	Corrective measures:
	Contact the SMA Service Line.
8001	Derating occurred
	The inverter has reduced its power output for more than ten minutes due to excessive temperature.
	Corrective measures:
	 Clean the cooling fins on the rear of the enclosure and the air ducts on the top using a soft brush.
	 Ensure that the inverter has sufficient ventilation.
8101 to 8104	Communication disturbed
	The cause must be determined by the SMA Service Line.
	Corrective measures:
	Contact the SMA Service Line.
9002	Installer code invalid
	The SMA Grid Guard code entered is incorrect. The operating parameters are still protected and cannot be changed.
	Corrective measures:
	Enter the correct SMA Grid Guard code.

Event number	Message, cause and corrective measures
9003	Grid parameter locked
	The parameters are now locked. You cannot change the parameters.
	Corrective measures:
	 Unlock the parameters with the SMA Grid Guard code.
9005	Changing grid parameters not possible > Ensure DC supply.
	PV power is too low for setting the country data set. As soon as sufficient irradiation is available, the inverter assumes the setting automatically.

5 Cleaning the Fans

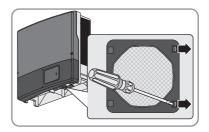
5.1 Cleaning the Fan at the Bottom

First clean the fan at the bottom of the inverter and then clean the fan on the left-hand side of the enclosure.

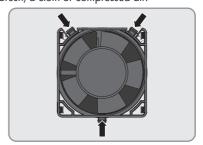
Procedure:

Danger to life due to electric shock

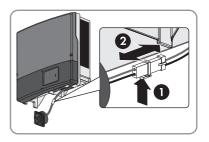
- Disconnect the inverter from all voltage sources (see Section 2.2 "Disconnecting the Inverter from Voltage Sources", page 7).
- 2. Wait for the fan to stop rotating.
- 3. Remove the fan guard and clean it:
 - Use a screwdriver to push the two locking tabs at the right-hand edge of the fan guard to the right-hand side and remove them from the retainer.



- Carefully remove the fan guard.
- Clean the fan guard with a soft brush, a paint brush, a cloth or compressed air.
- 4. Press the locking tabs on the fan toward the center of the fan.



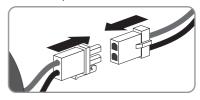
- 5. Carefully remove the fan from the inverter.
- 6. Release and remove the fan plug.



7. **NOTICE**

Damage to the fan due to compressed air

- Clean the fan only with a soft brush, a paint brush, or a damp cloth.
- 8. After cleaning, insert the fan plug back into the pin connector until it snaps into place.



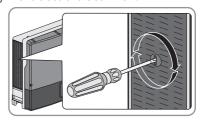
- 9. Insert the fan into the inverter until it snaps into place.
- 10. Push the fan guard into the retainer until it snaps into place.
- 11. Clean the fan on the left-hand side of the enclosure (see Section 5.2 "Cleaning the Fan on the Left-Hand Side of the Enclosure", page 22).

5.2 Cleaning the Fan on the Left-Hand Side of the Enclosure

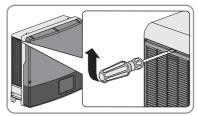
1. A DANGER

Danger to life due to electric shock

- Ensure that the inverter is disconnected from all voltage sources (see Section 2.2 "Disconnecting the Inverter from Voltage Sources", page 7).
- 2. Remove the ventilation grids on the left-hand and right-hand sides and clean them:
 - Turn the rotary fastener of the ventilation grid with a flat-blade screwdriver until the notch is in a vertical position.



 Remove the ventilation grid. Use a screwdriver to gently lever open the ventilation grid.

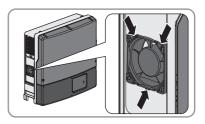


• Clean the ventilation grid with a soft brush, a paint brush, or compressed air.

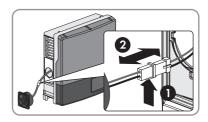
3. **NOTICE**

Damage to the inverter due to foreign bodies

- Do not remove the ventilation grids permanently, otherwise foreign bodies could penetrate the enclosure.
- 4. Wait for the fan to stop rotating.
- 5. Press the locking tabs on the fan toward the center of the fan.



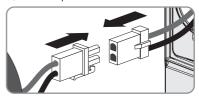
- 6. Carefully remove the fan from the inverter.
- 7. Release and remove the fan plug.



8. **NOTICE**

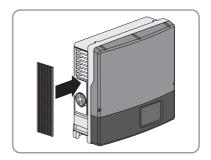
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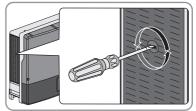


- 10. Insert the fan into the inverter until it snaps into place.
- 11. Attach the ventilation grids on the right-hand and left-hand side of the inverter:

• Reinsert the ventilation grid until it snaps into place.



 Turn the rotary lock of the ventilation grid with a flat-blade screwdriver until the slot is in a horizontal position and the arrows point to the right.



- Ensure that the ventilation grid is securely in place.
- 12. Recommission the inverter (see Section 11, page 35).
- 13. Check the fans to ensure that they are working properly (see Section 6, page 25).

6 Checking the Function of the Fans

You can check the function of the fans by setting a parameter.

The basic procedure for changing operating parameters is described in the manual fo the inverter or the communication product (see the operating manual of the inverter or communication product).

Procedure:

- 1. Select the parameter Fan test or FanTst and set to On.
- 2. Save settings.
- Check whether air is being drawn in through the bottom and is coming out of the upper ventilation grids and whether the fans are making any unusual noises.
 - If no air is being drawn in through the bottom, no air is coming out of the ventilation grids, or the fans are making unusual noises, then the fans were presumably installed improperly. Check whether the fans have been installed correctly.
 - If the fans were installed correctly, contact the SMA Service Line.
- 4. Select the parameter Fan test or FanTst and set to Off.
- 5. Save settings.

7 Checking the PV System for Ground Faults

If the inverter displays the event numbers 3501, 3601 or 3701, there could be a ground fault. The electrical insulation from the PV system to ground is defective or insufficient.

A WARNING

Danger to life due to electric shock

In the event of a ground fault, high voltages can be present.

- Touch the cables of the PV array on the insulation only.
- Do not touch any parts of the substructure or frame of the PV array.
- Do not connect PV strings with ground faults to the inverter.

NOTICE

Destruction of the measuring device due to overvoltage

• Only use measuring devices with a DC input voltage range of 1,000 V or higher.

Procedure:

In order to check the PV system for ground faults, perform the following actions in the prescribed order. The exact procedure is described in the sections below.

- Check the PV system for ground faults by measuring the voltage.
- If the voltage measurement was not successful, check the PV system via insulation resistance measurement for ground faults.

Test by Measuring the Voltage

Proceed as follows to check each string in the PV system for ground faults.

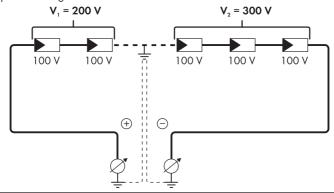
Procedure:

Danger to life due to high voltages

- Disconnect the inverter from all voltage sources (see Section 2.2, page 7).
- 2. Measure the voltages:
 - Measure the voltages between the positive terminal and the ground potential (PE).
 - Measure the voltage between the negative terminal and the ground potential (PE).
 - Measure the voltages between the positive and negative terminals.
 If the following results are present at the same time, there is a ground fault in the PV system:
 - All measured voltages are stable.
 - ☑ The sum of the two voltages to ground potential is approximately equal to the voltage between the positive and negative terminals.
 - If a ground fault is present, determine the location of the ground fault via the ratio of the two measured voltages and eliminate the ground fault.

Example: Location of the ground fault

The example shows a ground fault between the second and third PV module.



- If a definite ground fault cannot be measured and the message is still displayed, measure the insulation resistance.
- Reconnect the strings without ground faults to the inverter and recommission the inverter (see Section 11, page 35).

Test by Measuring the Insulation Resistance

If the voltage measurement does not accurately indicate a ground fault, the insulation resistance measurement can provide more detailed results.

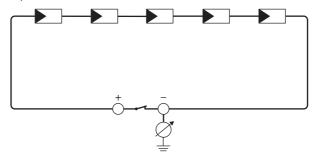


Figure 1: Schematic diagram of the measurement

i Calculating the insulation resistance

The expected total resistance of the PV system or of an individual string can be calculated using the following formula:

$$\frac{1}{R_{\text{total}}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$

The exact insulation resistance of a PV module can be obtained from the module manufacturer or the datasheet.

For the resistance of a PV module an average value can be assumed: for thin-film PV modules approximately 40 MOhm and for polycrystalline and monocrystalline PV modules approximately 50 MOhm per PV module (for further information on calculating the insulation resistance see the Technical Information "Insulation Resistance (Riso) of Non-Galvanically Isolated PV Systems" at www.SMA-Solar.com).

Required devices:

- ☐ Suitable device for safe disconnection and short-circuiting
- ☐ Measuring device for insulation resistance

i Device required for safe disconnection and short-circuiting of the PV array

The insulation resistance can only be measured with a suitable device for safe disconnection and short-circuiting of the PV array. If no suitable device is available, the insulation measurement must not be carried out.

Procedure:

- 1. Calculate the expected insulation resistance per string.
- 2. A DANGER

Danger to life due to high voltages

- Disconnect the inverter from all voltage sources (see Section 2.2, page 7).
- 3. Install the short circuit device.
- 4. Connect the measuring device for insulation resistance.
- 5. Short-circuit the first string.
- Set the test voltage. The test voltage should be as close as possible to the maximum system voltage of the PV modules but must not exceed it (see datasheet of the PV modules).
- 7 Measure the insulation resistance
- 8. Eliminate the short circuit.
- 9. Measure the remaining strings in the same manner.
 - If the insulation resistance of a string deviates considerably from the theoretically calculated value, there is a ground fault present in the that string.
- 10. Reconnect only those strings to the inverter from which the ground fault has been eliminated.
- 11. Reconnect all other strings to the inverter.
- 12. Recommission the inverter (see Section 11, page 35).
- 13. If the inverter still displays an insulation error, contact the SMA Service Line. The PV modules might not be suitable for the inverter in the present quantity.

8 Checking the Function of the Surge Arresters

Surge arresters are wearing parts. Their functionality diminishes with age or following repeated exposure to overvoltage. It is therefore possible for the surge arresters to lose their protective function over time.

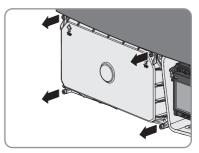
Check the function of each surge arrester as described in the following.

Procedure:

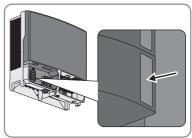
1. A DANGER

Danger to life due to electric shock

- Disconnect the inverter from all voltage sources (see Section 2.2, page 7).
- Wait 20 minutes before removing the DC protective cover.
- Release the screws on the DC protective cover using an Allen key (AF 3), lift the DC protective cover upwards from below and remove it.



3. Check whether one of the surge arresters is defective.



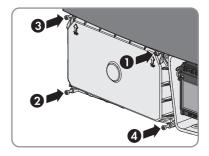
If no stripe is visible next to the type designation in the surge arrester's inspection window, then the surge arrester is in good condition.

If a red stripe is visible next to the type designation in the surge arrester's inspection window, then the surge arrester is defective. SMA Solar Technology AG recommends replacing all surge arresters and the DC varistors since the cause of the failure usually affects all surge arresters to the same extent.

- Order new surge arresters and DC varistors (see Section 14 "Spare Parts", page 46).
- If new surge arresters and DC varistors are available, replace all surge arresters (see Section 9, page 31) and DC varistors (see Section 10, page 33).

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4. Tighten all four screws on the DC protective cover with an Allen key (AF 3) in the sequence 1 to 4 (torque: $3 \text{ Nm} \pm 0.3 \text{ Nm}$).



5. Recommission the inverter (see Section 11, page 35).

9 Replacing the Surge Arrester

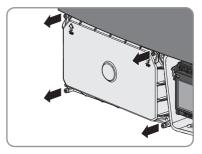
If at least one surge arrester is defective, SMA Solar Technology AG recommends replacing all surge arresters and the DC varistors.

Procedure:

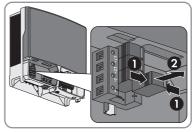
1. A DANGER

Danger to life due to electric shock

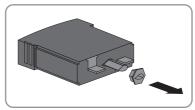
- Disconnect the inverter from all voltage sources and open the lower enclosure lid (see Section 2.2, page 7).
- Wait 20 minutes before removing the DC protective cover.
- Release the screws of the DC protective cover using an Allen key (AF 3), lift the DC protective cover upwards from below and remove it.



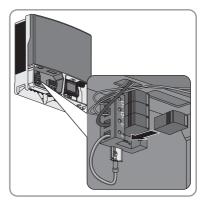
Pull all surge arresters out of the slots. To do so, squeeze the grooved areas on the left and right sides of the surge arrester.



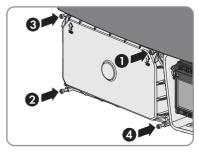
 Remove the red protective ring from the middle contact on the bottom of each surge arrester.



5. Plug the new surge arresters into the slots provided until they lock into place with the locking tabs. The inspection window on each surge arrester must face to the right.



- 6. Ensure that each surge arrester is securely inserted into its slot.
- 7. Tighten all four screws on the DC protective cover with an Allen key (AF 3) in the sequence 1 to 4 (torque: $3\ Nm \pm 0.3\ Nm$).



8. Replace the varistors (see Section 10, page 33).

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10 Replacing the Varistors

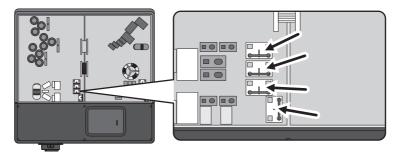


Figure 2: Varistors inside the inverter

NOTICE

Destruction of the inverter due to overvoltage

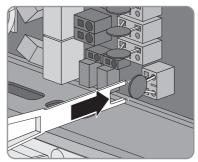
If varistors are missing, the inverter is no longer protected against overvoltage.

- Do not operate the inverter without varistors in PV systems with a high risk of overvoltages.
- Do not recommission the inverter until the defective varistors have been replaced.

1. A DANGER

Danger to life due to high voltages

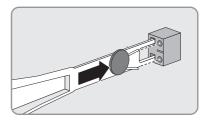
- Disconnect the inverter from all voltage sources (see Section 2.2, page 7).
- Wait 20 minutes before removing the upper enclosure lid to allow residual voltages to discharge.
- Loosen the screws on the upper enclosure lid using an Allen key (AF 4) and remove the enclosure lid.
- 3. Insert the insertion tool into the clamping contacts of the connecting terminal plate.



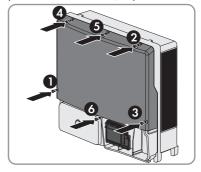
4. Remove the varistor from the connecting terminal plate.

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 Insert the new varistor into the connecting terminal plate. The labeling on the varistor must face the insertion tool.



- 6. Remove the insertion tool from the clamping contacts of the connecting terminal plate.
- 7. Position the DC protective cover at the upper edge, flip it down and fasten it (torque: 3.5 Nm).
- Position the upper enclosure lid with the six screws and conical spring washers on the enclosure and tighten it using an Allen key (AF 4) in the order 1 to 6 (torque: 6 Nm ± 0.3 Nm). The teeth on the conical spring washers must face the enclosure lid.



9. Recommission the inverter (see Section 11, page 35).

11 Recommissioning the Inverter

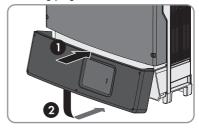
If you have disconnected the inverter from all voltage sources (e.g. for configuration purposes) and want to recommission it, proceed as follows.

Requirements:

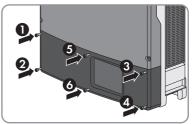
- ☐ The inverter must be correctly mounted.
- ☐ The DC connectors must be correctly assembled.
- \square The AC cable must be connected correctly.

Procedure:

- Make sure that the AC cable is routed so that it cannot be damaged by the partition in the lower enclosure lid.
- 2. Connect the assembled DC connectors to the inverter.
 - ☑ The DC connectors snap into place.
- 3. Seal all unused DC inputs using the DC connectors with sealing plugs.
- Insert the lower enclosure lid from above and fold it down. The screws must protrude from the lower enclosure lid.



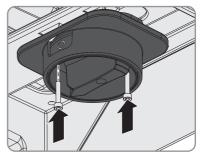
5. Tighten all six screws with an Allen key (AF 3) in the order 1 to 6 (torque: 2.0 Nm ± 0.3 Nm). By tightening the screws in the prescribed order, you avoid warping the enclosure lid, which would keep it from sealing correctly. Useful hint: If the screws fall out of the lower enclosure lid, insert the long screw into the lower middle hole and the five short screws into the other holes.



6. Set the DC load-break switch to position **O** so that both mounting screws are visible.

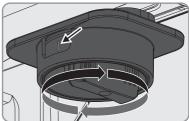


- 7. Insert the DC load-break switch firmly into the recess on the inverter. During this process, the DC load-break switch must still be in position O and aligned so that the screws are positioned over the threads.
- 8. Fasten the two screws using an Allen key (AF 3) (torque: 2 Nm ± 0.2 Nm).



Turn the DC load-break switch of the inverter to position I.

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- 10. Switch on the circuit breaker of all three line conductors.
- All three LEDs start to glow and the start-up phase begins. The start-up phase may take several minutes.
- ☑ The green LED is glowing. Feed-in operation begins.
- ★ The green LED is flashing?
 Possible cause of error: the DC input voltage is still too low or the inverter is monitoring the utility grid.
 - Once the DC input voltage is sufficiently high and the grid connection conditions are met, the inverter will start operation.
- * The red LED is glowing and an error message and event number appear in the display?
 - Eliminate the error (see Section 4 "Troubleshooting", page 11).

12 Procedure for Receiving a Replacement Device

Under fault conditions, your inverter may need to be replaced. If this is the case, you will receive a replacement device fitted with two transport lids. Prior to returning your inverter to SMA Solar Technology AG, you must replace the upper and lower enclosure lids of your inverter with the corresponding transport lids and remove any installed accessories from the defective inverter and install them in the replacement device.

NOTICE

Damage to the seal of the enclosure lids in subfreezing conditions

If you open the upper and lower enclosure lids in subfreezing conditions, the seals on the enclosure lids can be damaged. This can lead to moisture entering the inverter.

- Do not open the inverter at ambient temperatures lower than -5 °C.
- If a layer of ice has formed on the seal of the lid in subfreezing conditions, remove it prior to
 opening the enclosure lids of the inverter (e.g. by melting the ice with warm air). Observe the
 applicable safety regulations.

NOTICE

Damage to the inverter due to moisture and dust intrusion

Dust or moisture intrusion can damage the inverter and impair its functionality.

- Close all enclosure openings of the inverter tightly.
- Never open the inverter when it is raining or snowing, or the humidity is over 95%.

NOTICE

Damage to the inverter due to electrostatic discharge

Touching electronic components can cause damage to or destroy the inverter through electrostatic discharge.

• Ground yourself before touching any component.

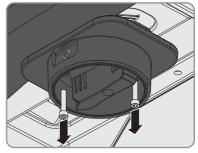
Procedure:

A DANGER

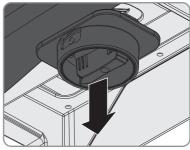
Danger to life due to high voltages

- Decommission the defective inverter (see Section 13, page 43).
- Wait 20 minutes before removing the upper enclosure lid to allow residual voltages to discharge.
- Loosen the screws on the defective inverter's upper enclosure lid using an Allen key (AF 4) and remove the enclosure lid.
- Remove any installed interfaces from the defective inverter (see the manual for the communication interface).
- If surge arresters are present, remove the surge arresters from the defective inverter (see Section 9, page 31).

- 5. Remove the DC load-break switch from the defective inverter:
 - Unscrew the two screws using an Allen key (AF 3).



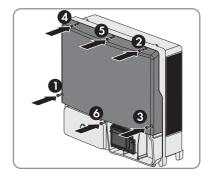
 Pull the DC load-break switch down and out of the recess.



- Retain the DC load-break switch as the replacement device will be fitted with the existing DC load-break switch.
- On the replacement device, loosen all screws on the upper transport lid with an Allen key (AF 4) and remove the transport lid.
- 7. On the replacement device, loosen all screws on the lower transport lid with an Allen key (AF 3), lift the transport lid from below and remove it.

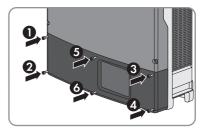


8. Mount the upper transport lid from the replacement device on the defective inverter. Position the upper transport lid with the six screws and conical spring washers on the enclosure of the defective enclosure and fasten it using an Allen key (AF 4) in the order 1 to 6 (torque: 6 Nm ± 0.3 Nm). The teeth on the conical spring washers must face the enclosure lid.

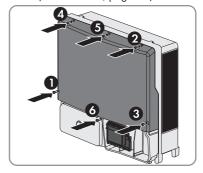


- Mount the lower transport lid from the replacement device on the defective inverter. Insert the lower transport lid from above and flip it down. The screws must protrude from the lower enclosure lid.
- 10. Tighten all six screws of the lower transport lid with an Allen key (AF 3) in the order 1 to 6 (torque: 2.0 Nm ± 0.3 Nm). By tightening the screws in the prescribed order, you avoid warping the lid, which would keep it from sealing correctly.

 Useful hint: If the screws fall out of the lower enclosure lid, insert the long screw into the lower middle hole and the five short screws into the other holes.



- 11. Mount the replacement device and make the electrical connections (see the operating manual of the inverter).
- 12. If needed, install interfaces in the replacement device and connect the interfaces (see the interface manual).
- 13. If needed, install a surge arrester in the replacement device (see Section 9, page 31).
- 14. Mount the defective upper enclosure lid of the inverter on the replacement device. Position the upper enclosure lid with the six screws and conical spring washers on the defective enclosure of the inverter and fasten it using an Allen key (AF 4) in the order 1 to 6 (torque: 6 Nm ± 0.3 Nm). The teeth on the conical spring washers must face the enclosure lid.

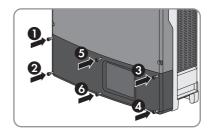


15. Mount the defective lower enclosure lid of the inverter on the replacement device. Insert the lower enclosure lid from above and flip it down. The screws must protrude from the lower enclosure lid.

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other holes.

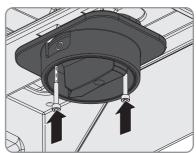
16. Tighten all six screws in the lower enclosure lid with an Allen key (AF 3) in the order 1 to 6 (torque: 2 Nm ± 0.3 Nm). By tightening the screws in the prescribed order, you avoid warping the lid, which would keep it from sealing correctly.
Useful hint: If the screws fall out of the lower enclosure lid, insert the long screw into the lower middle hole and the five short screws into the



- 17. Mount the DC load-break switch on the replacement unit.
 - Set the DC load-break switch to the position
 O so that both mounting screws are visible.



- Insert the DC load-break switch firmly into the recess on the inverter. The DC load-break switch must remain at position O and be aligned so that the screws are positioned over the threads.
- Tighten the two screws using an Allen key (AF 3) (torque: 2 Nm ± 0.2 Nm).



18. Turn the DC load-break switch of the inverter to the position I.

- 19. Switch on the circuit breaker of all three line conductors.
 - All three LEDs start to glow and the start-up phase begins. The start-up phase may take several minutes.
 - ☑ The green LED is glowing. Feed-in operation begins.
 - **★** The green LED is flashing?

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- Possible cause of error: the DC input voltage is still too low or the inverter is monitoring the utility grid.
 - Once the DC input voltage is sufficiently high and the grid connection conditions are met, the inverter will start operation.
- **★** The red LED is glowing and an error message and event number appear in the display?
 - Eliminate the error (see Section 4 "Troubleshooting", page 11).
- Pack the defective inverter in the packaging of the replacement device and arrange with SMA Solar Technology AG for it to be picked up.

13 Decommissioning the Inverter

A CAUTION

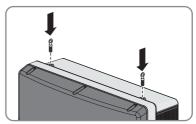
Risk of injury when lifting the inverter, or if it is dropped

The inverter weighs 61 kg. There is risk of injury if the inverter is lifted incorrectly or dropped while being transported or when attaching it to or removing it from the wall mounting bracket.

 Carry and lift the inverter in an upright position with several people without tilting it. With one hand grasp the recessed grip, and with the other hand support the top part of the enclosure. This will prevent the inverter tipping forward.



 If the inverter is to be transported and lifted with a crane, remove the filler plugs on the top of the inverter and screw the eye bolts into the threads.



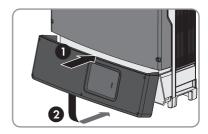
Procedure:

DANGER

Danger to life due to high voltages

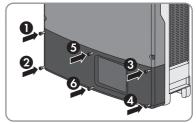
- Disconnect the inverter from all voltage sources (see Section 2.2, page 7).
- Remove the AC cable from the inverter. Press the locking levers all the way upward and pull the conductors out of the connecting terminal plate for the AC cable.
- 3. Press down the locking levers of the connecting terminal plate for the AC cable.
- 4. If the multi-function relay or the SMA Power Control Module are used, remove the connection cable from the inverter.
- If other cables (e.g. data cables or network cables) are connected, remove them from the inverter.

 Insert the lower enclosure lid from above and fold it down. The screws must protrude from the lower enclosure lid



7. Tighten all six screws with an Allen key (AF 3) in the order 1 to 6 (torque: 2.0 Nm ± 0.3 Nm). By tightening the screws in the prescribed order, you avoid warping the lid, which would keep it from sealing correctly.

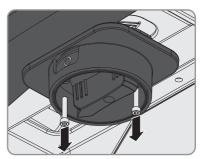
Useful hint: If the screws fall out of the lower enclosure lid, insert the long screw into the lower middle hole and the five short screws into the other holes



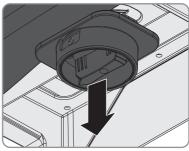
8. **A** CAUTION

Risk of burns due to hot enclosure parts

- Wait 30 minutes for the enclosure to cool down.
- 9. Disassemble the DC load-break switch:
 - Unscrew the two screws using an Allen key (AF 3).



 Pull the DC load-break switch down and out of the recess.



- If the inverter is disassembled due to a device replacement, keep the DC load-break switch in a safe place until the new inverter is installed. The new inverter will be delivered without DC load-break switch and the present DC load-break switch will be required for installation.
- 10. Using an Allen key (AF 4), unscrew the two M5x10 cylindrical screws by which the inverter is fastened to the rear panel.
- 11. Raise the inverter to remove it from the rear panel.
- 12. If the inverter is to be stored or shipped in packaging, pack the inverter and, if present, the DC load-break switch. Use the original packaging or packaging that is suitable for the weight and dimensions of the inverter.
- 13. Dispose of the inverter in accordance with the locally applicable disposal regulations for electronic waste.

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14 Spare Parts

You will find the spare parts for your product in the following overview. If required, these can be ordered from SMA Solar Technology AG or your distributor.

Designation	Short description	SMA order number
Replacement varistors	Set with four thermally-monitored varistors incl. insertion tool	1AA-326-000-004
Insertion tool for replacing varistors	Insertion tool for varistors	66-0059
Surge arrester type II	Type II surge arrester for input A and input B	DC_SPD_KIT3-10
SUNCLIX DC connector	Field plug for conductor cross- sections of 2.5 mm² to 6 mm²	SUNCLIX-FC6-SET
Ventilation grid	Ventilation grid set (right and left) as spare part	45-1089980

15 Contact

If you have technical problems with our products, contact the SMA Service Line. We need the following information in order to provide you with the necessary assistance:

- Inverter device type
- Inverter serial number
- Inverter firmware version
- Special country-specific settings of the inverter (if applicable)
- Type and quantity of PV modules connected
- · Mounting location and altitude of the inverter
- Inverter message
- · Optional equipment, e.g. communication products
- Operating mode of the multifunction relay (if present)

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