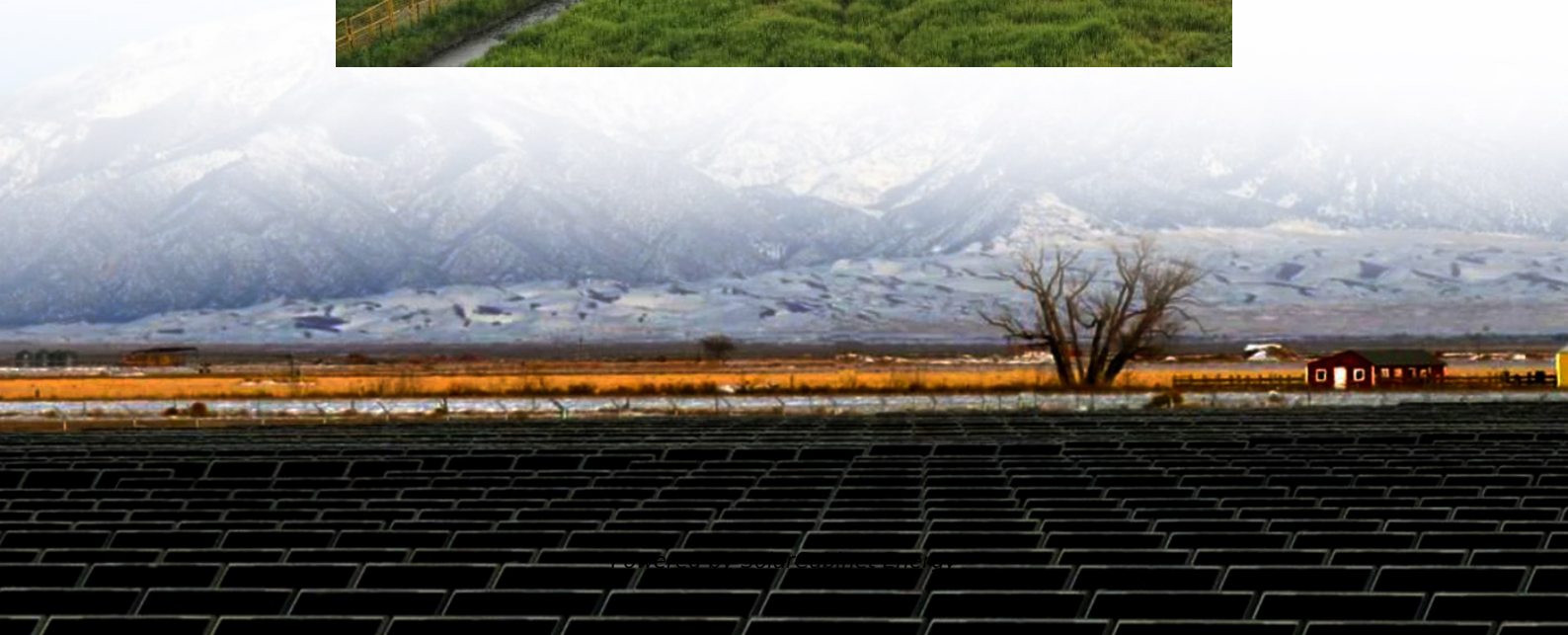


Converting grid-connected inverters to off-grid





Overview

Yes, an on-grid inverter can be used as off-grid to give you power when the grid goes off. You can do this by feeding the system with a pure sine wave so it thinks the grid is up. If you have one of the latest PV installations, you will have a hybrid inverter that works even when the grid is off. How does an off-grid inverter work?

The off-grid inverter does not connect to the public power grid. It contains a solar charging controller and an automatic generator. The power from the solar panel is first stored in a battery and then it is channeled to the grid from the battery or consumed directly from the battery.

How does a grid tie inverter work?

The grid-tie inverter works in large-scale solar power stations. The main difference between these systems and off-grid inverters is that they do not store any energy into batteries. All the solar power generated is converted to AC and synchronized with the grid. The off-grid inverter does not connect to the public power grid.

How do I convert from an on-grid to off-grid Solar System?

In summary, converting from an on-grid to off-grid solar system requires careful consideration of various factors such as system compatibility, energy storage capacity, wiring adjustments, financial implications, and maintenance requirements.

Can a GT inverter be attached to a grid?

While the grid is attached you have a large sink to push current into, so generally not a problem (Hawaii and California disagree and have formalized frequency shifting rules so they can control GT inverters). The problem is when the grid goes out your backup system disconnects from the grid so it doesn't backfeed into the grid.

Will a grid tie inverter work with an Offgrid inverters?



The grid tie inverter will happily co-exist with the offgrid inverter (proven by myself and others) and backfeeding excess power to the batteries can be prevented by the use of in-line rectifier diodes: Rectifier diodes will only conduct electrical current in one direction.

Should I move from an on-grid to an off-GRI Solar System?

When considering moving from an on-grid to an off-grid solar system, it's vital to analyze the compatibility of various component types and how they integrate into the overall system. Solar panels capture sunlight and convert it into electricity, while the charge controller regulates the power flow from the solar panels to the batteries.



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