ABB solar inverters

Quick Installation Guide
PVI-3.0/3.6/4.2-TL-OUTD

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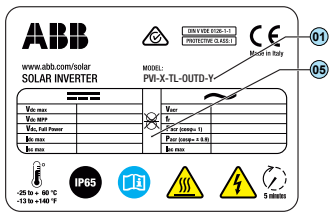
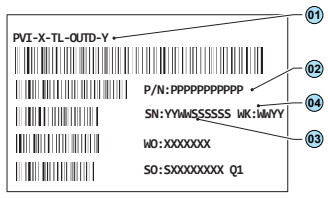
In addition to what is explained below, the safety and installation information provided in the installation manual must be read and followed. The technical documentation and the interface and management software for the product are available at the website.
The device must be used in the manner described in the manual. If this is not the case the safety devices guaranteed by the inverter might be ineffective.

1. Labels and Symbols

The labels on the inverter have the Agency marking, main technical data and identification of the equipment and manufacturer





01 Inverter model
02 Inverter Part Number
03 Inverter Serial Number
04 Week/Year of manufacture
05 Main technical data

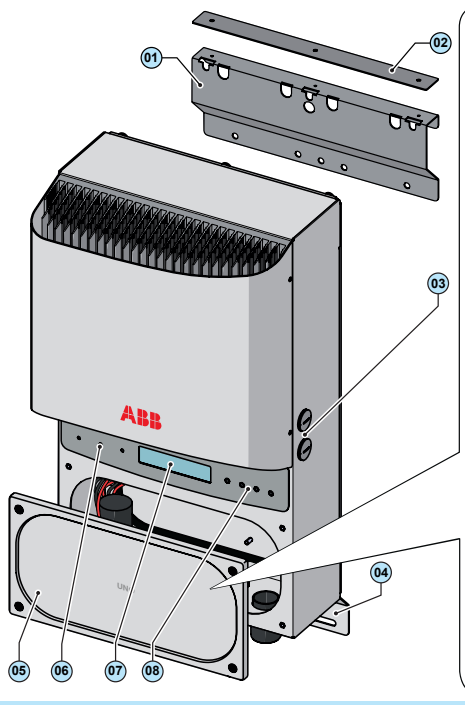
The labels attached to the equipment must NOT be removed, damaged, dirtied, hidden,etc...
If the service password is requested, the field to be used is the serial number -SN: YYWWSSSSSS-

In the manual and/or in some cases on the equipment, the danger or hazard zones are indicated with signs, labels, symbols or icons.

Always refer to instruction manual	General warning - Important safety information	Hazardous voltage	Hot surfaces
IP65 Protection rating of equipment	Temperature range	Without isolation transformer	Direct and alternating currents, respectively
+ − Positive pole and negative pole of the input voltage (DC)	Always use safety clothing and/or personal safety devices	Point of connection for grounding protection	Time need to discharge stored energy

2. Inverter Models and Components

The models of inverter to which this guide refers are available in 3 power ratings: 3.0 kW, 3.6 kW and 4.2 kW.
Two types are available for each model: Standard or with DC disconnect switch (Version -S).



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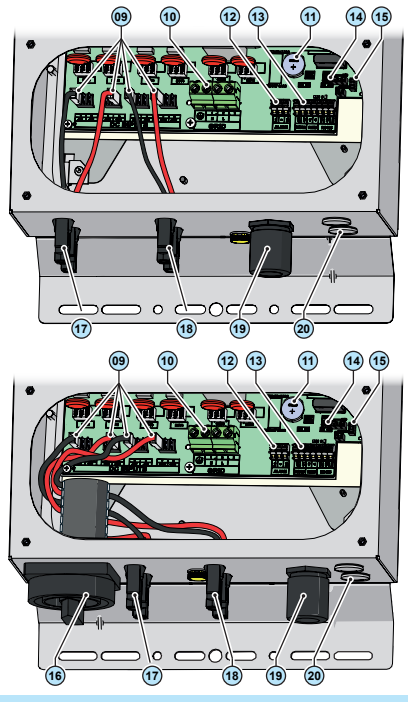
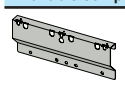


- S VERSION

Main components

01 Bracket	05 Front cover	09 DC Input terminal block	13 Signal terminal block	17 Input connectors (MPPT1)
02 Safety bar	06 LED Panel	10 AC Output terminal block	14 RS485 line termination Jumper	18 Input connectors (MPPT2)
03 DSP Reprogramming connectors	07 Display	11 Internal battery	15 Expansion Slot	19 AC cable gland
04 Lower bracket	08 Keyboard	12 Alarm terminal block	16 DC Disconnect switch	20 Service cable glands

3. List of supplied components

Available components		Quantity
	Bracket for wall mounting	1
	Safety bar	1
	Screw to lock safety bar	3
	M20 and M25 Cable glands	1 + 1

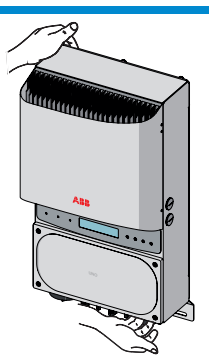
Available components		Quantity
	RS485 line termination Jumper	1
	Two-hole gasket for M20 signal cable glands and cap TGM58	1 + 1
	Jumpers for configuration of the parallel input channels	2
	Technical documentations	1

4. Lifting and transport

Transport and handling
Transport of the equipment, especially by road, must be carried out with by suitable ways and means for protecting the components from violent shocks, humidity, vibration, etc.

Lifting
The means used for lifting must be suitable to bear the weight of the equipment.

Unpacking and checking
The components of the packaging must be disposed on in accordance with the regulations in force in the country of installation. When you open the package, check that the equipment is undamaged and make sure all the components are present. If you find any defects or damage, stop unpacking and consult the carrier, and also promptly inform the Service ABB.



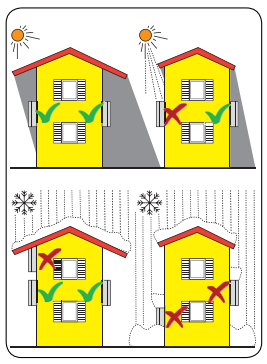
Equipment weight

Model			Mass weight
PVI-3.0-TL-OUTD PVI-3.0-TL-OUTD-S	PVI-3.6-TL-OUTD PVI-3.6-TL-OUTD-S	PVI-4.2-TL-OUTD PVI-4.2-TL-OUTD-S	17.5 Kg

5. Choice of installation location

Environmental checks

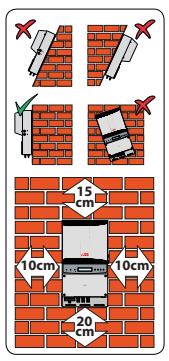
- Consult the technical data to check the environmental parameters to be observed
- Installation of the unit in a location exposed to direct sunlight must be avoided (otherwise the warranty will be cancelled) as it may cause:
  1. power limitation phenomena in the inverter (with a resulting decreased energy production by the system)
  2. premature wear of the electrical/electromechanical components
  3. premature wear of the mechanical components (gaskets) and of the user interface (display)
- Do not install in small closed rooms where air cannot circulate freely
- To avoid overheating, always make sure the flow of air around the inverter is not blocked
- Do not install in presence of flammable materials in the close surroundings (3m minimum distance)
- Do not install on walls made of wood or flammable materials.
- Do not install in rooms where people live or where the prolonged presence of people or animals is expected, because of the high noise level that the inverter produces during operation. The level of the sound emission is heavily influenced by where the inverter is installed (for example: the type of surface around the inverter, the general properties of the room, etc.) and the quality of the electricity supply.



Installations above 2000 metres

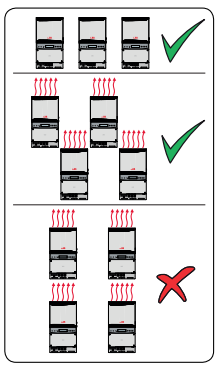
On account of the rarefaction of the air (at high altitudes), particular conditions may occur:
- Less efficient cooling and therefore a greater likelihood of the device going into derating because of high internal temperatures
- Reduction in the dielectric resistance of the air that, in the presence of high operating voltages (DC input), can create electric arcs (discharges) that can reach the point of damaging the inverter

All installations at altitudes of over 2000 metres must be assessed case by case with the ABB Service department.



Installation position
- Install on a wall or strong structure capable of bearing the weight of the equipment
- Install in safe, easy to reach places
- If possible, install at eye-level so that the display and status LEDs can be seen easily
- Install at a height that considers the heaviness of the equipment
- Install vertically with a maximum inclination of +/- 5°
- Choose a place with enough space around the unit to permit easy installation and removal of the object from the mounting surfaces; comply with the indicated minimum distances
- For a multiple installation, position the inverters side by side; if the space available does not allow this arrangement, position the inverters in a staggered arrangement as shown in the figure so that heat dissipation is not affected by other inverters

Final installation of the inverter must not compromise access to any disconnection devices that may be located externally.
Please refer to the warranty terms and conditions available on the website and evaluate any possible exclusion due to improper installation.



6. Assembly Instruction

Mounting to the Wall

During installation, do not place the front of the inverter facing the ground.

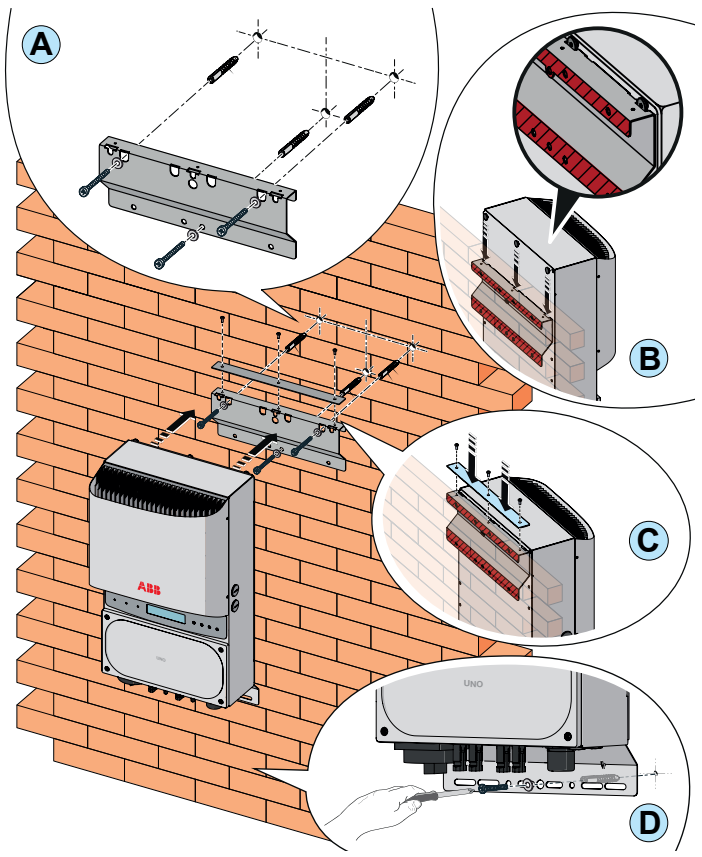
- Position the bracket (01) so it is perfectly level on the wall and use it as a drilling template. There are (01) 9 fixing holes on the bracket. (**Step A**).

Use anchoring appropriate to the type of wall. The anchors must guarantee correct support for the inverter. The type of wall will dictate the size and type of anchors to be used. Select a size taking into consideration a total load of more than 4 time that of the inverter (125kg), distributed on at least 3 fixing points on the wall bracket. An additional fixing point must be placed on the inverter's lower bracket. N.B.: The number of rawl plugs used in the picture is shown as an example in the event of installation on stable and robust supports.

- Drill the required holes and fix the bracket to the wall using the appropriate rawl plugs and screws (**Step A**).
- Hook the 3 screws on the back of the inverter to the guide holes on the bracket (**Step B**).
- Fix the safety bar (02) (highlighted in blue) to the upper part of the wall mounted bracket (01) (**Step C**).
- Make 1 hole in line with the center hole on the bottom bracket (04) of the inverter and continue to anchor the bottom of the inverter using a rawl plug and screw (**Step D**).
- Unscrew the 4 screws and remove the front cover (05) to make all the required connections.

Warning! Do not open the inverter when it is raining, snowing or in high humidity (>95%)

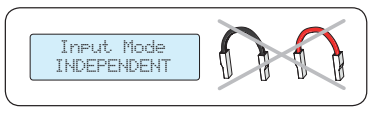
- After making all the connections, ensure the cover is closed by tightening the 4 screws on the front (05) with a minimum torque of 1.5 Nm.



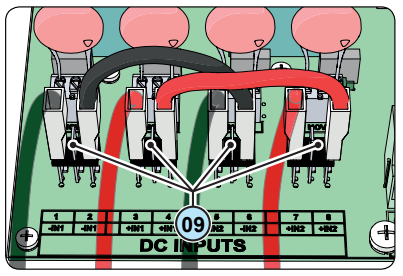
7. Input configuration (DC)

All versions of the inverter are equipped with two input channels (therefore with double maximum power point tracker MPPT) independent of each other, which can however be connected in parallel using a single MPPT.

Independent channel configuration (default configuration)
This configuration is factory-set and uses both input channels (MPPT) as independent. This requires the jumpers (supplied) between the positive and negative poles of the two DC input channels (09) **not to be installed** and the independent channel mode to be set in the relevant section of the SETTINGS menu.



Parallel channel configuration
This configuration uses the two input channels (MPPT) connected in parallel. This requires the jumpers (supplied) between the positive and negative poles of the two DC input channels (09) **to be installed** and the parallel channel mode to be set in the relevant section of the SETTINGS menu.



8. Input connection (DC)

Check for correct polarity in the input strings and absence of any leakage to ground in the PV generator. When exposed to sunlight, the PV panels supply DC direct voltage to the inverter. The inside of the inverter may only be accessed after the equipment has been disconnected from the grid and from the photovoltaic generator.

Warning! The inverters to which this document relates to are WITHOUT ISOLATION TRANSFORMER (transformer-less). This type involves the use of insulated photovoltaic panels (IEC61730 Class A Rating) and the need to maintain the photovoltaic generator floating with respect to earth: no pole of the generator must be connected to earth.

For the string connections it is necessary to use the quick fit connectors (usually Weidmüller PV-Stick or WM4, MultiContact MC4 and Amphenol H4) located on the bottom of the mechanic (17) (18).

- Refer to the document "String inverter – Product Manual appendix" available at www.abb.com/solarinverters to know the brand and the model of the quick fit connector. Depending on the model of the connector of the own inverter, it is necessary to use the same model and the respective counterpart (check the compliant counterpart on the website of the manufacturer or in ABB)

Using corresponding parts that are not compliant with the quick fit connector models on the inverter could cause serious damage to the unit and lead to invalidation of the warranty.

- Connect all the strings included in the design of the system, always checking the tightness of the connectors and checking the input polarity is correct.

- If some of the string inputs should not be used you must proceed to verify the presence of covers on DC input connectors and then install them should they be absent: this operation is necessary for the tightness of the inverter and to avoid damaging the free connector that could be used at a later date.

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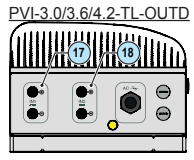

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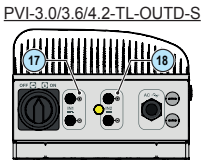


9. Line cable and protection devices

Load protection breaker (AC disconnect switch) and line cable sizing
To protect the AC connection line of the inverter, we recommend installing a device for protection against over current and leakage with the following characteristics:

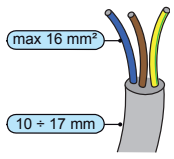
	PVI-3.0-TL-OUTD	PVI-3.6-TL-OUTD	PVI-4.2-TL-OUTD
Type	Automatic circuit breaker with differential thermal magnetic protection		
Nominal Voltage	230 Vac		
Nominal Current	20 A		25 A
Magnetic protection characteristic	B/C		
Number of poles	2		
Type of differential protection	A/AC		
Differential sensitivity	300 mA		

ABB declares that the ABB transformerless inverters, in terms of their construction, do not inject continuous ground fault currents and therefore there is no requirement that the differential protection installed downstream of the inverter be type B in accordance with IEC 60755 / A 2.

Characteristics and sizing of the line cable
Three-pole cable required. The cross-section of the AC line conductor must be sized in order to prevent unwanted disconnections of the inverter from the grid due to high impedance of the line that connects the inverter to the power supply point.

Cross-section of the line conductor (mm²)	Maximum length of the line conductor (mt)		
	PVI-3.0-TL-OUTD	PVI-3.6-TL-OUTD	PVI-4.2-TL-OUTD
4 mm²	19 m	16 m	14 m
6 mm²	29 m	24 m	21 m
10 mm²	48 m	41 m	35 m
16 mm²	77 m	65 m	56 m

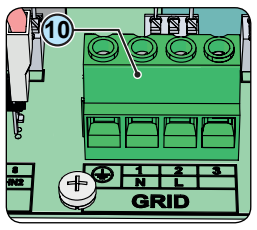
The values are calculated in nominal power conditions, taking into account:
1. a power loss of not more than 1% along the line.
2. copper cable, with HEPR rubber insulation, laid in free air



10. Output connection (AC)

Warning! Before performing any of the operations described below, ensure the AC line downstream the inverter has been correctly disconnected
- Remove the protective film located on the hole to be used for the AC cables (19)
- Insert the M25 cable gland in the hole and secure it using the special M25 lock nut (supplied)

Warning! To ensure environmental protection IP65 it is necessary to fix the cable gland to the inverter chassis with a minimum tightening torque of 7.5 Nm
- Strip 10 mm of sheathing from the AC grid connection cables
- Plug the AC line cable into the inverter, passing it through the previously installed cable gland
- Connect the protective earth (yellow-green) cable to the contact labelled with the ⏚ symbol on the terminal block (10)



Warning! ABB inverters should be earthed (PE) via the terminal with the protective earth label ⏚, using a cable with an appropriate cross-section of the conductor for the maximum ground fault current that the generating system might experience
- Connect the neutral cable (normally blue) to the terminal labelled with the letter **N**
- Connect the phase cable to the terminal labelled with the letter **L**

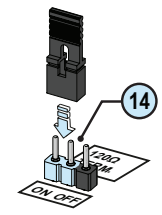
Warning! The AC cables must be tightened on the terminal block with a minimum torque of 1.5 Nm

Once the connection to the terminal board (10) is complete, screw in the cable gland firmly (tightening torque 5.0Nm) and check the tightness.

11. Connection of the communication and control signals

Each cable which must be connected to the connectors of the communication and control signals must pass through one of the two service cable glands (20). An M20 cable gland (that takes cables from 7 mm to 13 mm in diameter) and a gasket with two holes to insert into the cable gland which enables two separate cables of a maximum diameter of 5 mm to be accommodated, are available.

Warning! To ensure environmental protection IP65 it is necessary to fix the cable glands to the inverter chassis with a minimum tightening torque of 7 Nm



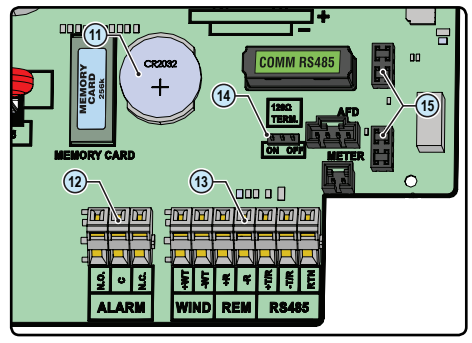
Connection to the RS485 communication line
The RS485 communication port is the inverter's communication port. The ABB inverters use an RS485 HALF-DUPLEX communication line made up of two transmission and reception cables (+T/R and –T/R) and a communication reference cable (RTN): all three cables must be connected in daisy-chain configuration. The chain connection can be made by using the terminal block (13). The last inverter of a daisy chain shall be terminated: within the last inverter itself the provided jumper at the pins marked "120Ohm TERM." shall be placed in ON position in order to enable the termination the RS485 communication line (14) with a resistance present onboard.

Using the alarm terminal block
Terminal block (12) connecting to the configurable relay that allows connection of external devices which, according to the mode selected in the menu "**SETTINGS > Alarm**" can, for example, signal malfunctions. The operating modes that can be set are: Production and Alarm.

The ALARM contact can be used only with systems that ensure a safety isolating additional at least (supplementary insulation in relation to the DC input voltage)

Using the REM terminal block
The REM terminal block (13), if suitably configured, allows the "Remote ON/OFF" function to be used: this function allows remote disconnection of the inverter from the grid

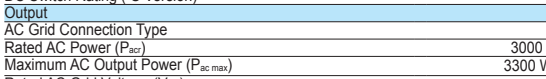
For further information regarding the configuration and use of the communication and control signals terminal block, please see the manual



12. Commissioning

Do not place objects of any kind on the inverter during operation!
Do not touch the heatsink while the inverter is operating!Some parts may be very hot and cause burns.

The inverter commissioning procedure is as follows:
- Switch the integrated switch (16) (version –S) to the ON position or close the external switches: If the input voltage applied to one of the two input channels is greater than the minimum starting voltage, the inverter will start up.
- When the inverter is turned on for the first time you will be asked to select the "Nation" of installation. This selection allows the inverter to automatically configure its parameters to ensure that compliance with local standards; the default language corresponding to the selected "Nation" will also be set.



Warning! After the grid standard was set you have 24 hours to make any changes to the grid standard value; 24 hours later the "Nation Select." functionality will be blocked, and any subsequent changes can only be made using a password provided on request by ABB

- After you have set the "Nation" value, the message "Inizializing...Please Wait" is displayed. Depending on the input voltage value, the inverter will show various messages on the display and change the behaviour of the three LED (06):

INPUT VOLTAGE	DISPLAY MESSAGE	LED STATUS	DESCRIPTION
Vin < Vstart	Waiting Sun	Green = FLASHING Yellow = OFF Red = OFF	The input voltage is not sufficient to permit connection to the grid.
Vin > Vstart	Missing Grid	Green = FLASHING Yellow = ON Red = OFF	There is sufficient input voltage to permit connection to the grid: the inverter waits until there is grid voltage to carry out the parallel connection.

The inverter is powered ONLY by the voltage coming from the photovoltaic generator: presence of grid voltage alone IS NOT SUFFICIENT to permit the inverter to start up.

- With the inverter in "Missing Grid" status, close the AC switch downstream the inverter so as to supply the grid voltage to the inverter: the inverter performs the grid voltage check, measures the photovoltaic generator insulation resistance against earth and carries out other self-diagnosis checks. During the checks before the parallel with the grid, the green LED keeps flashing, the others are off.

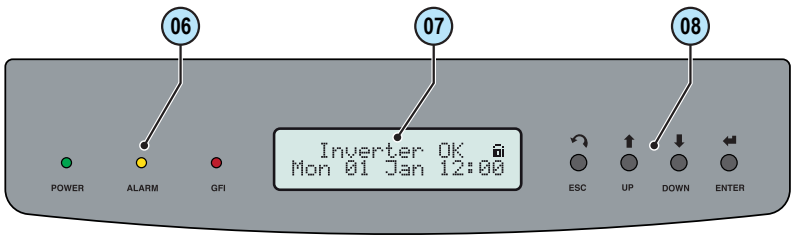
During the grid voltage check and measurement of the insulation resistance, the values for the grid voltage and frequency and the insulation resistance measured by the inverter are shown on the display. The inverter completes parallel connection with the grid SOLELY if the grid parameters meet the ranges provided for by the regulations in force and if the insulation resistance is greater than 1Mohm.

- If the preliminary checks for parallel connection to the grid are successful, the inverter connects to the grid and begins to export power to the grid. At this stage, the display shows the inverter's parameters in cycles. The green LED stays lit whereas the others are off.

AS4777: If DRM0 support is specified, the inverter may only be used in conjunction with a the ABB DRM0 Interface.
Visit https://new.abb.com/power-converters-inverters/solar for more information on the DRM0 interface.

13. Instruments

LEDs and **BUTTONS**, in various combinations, can be used to view the status or carry out actions that are described more fully in the manual.



LED POWER	**GREEN** On if the inverter is working correctly. Flashes when checking the grid or if there is insufficient sunlight.
LED ALARM	**YELLOW** The inverter has detected an anomaly. The anomaly is shown on the display.
LED GFI	**RED** Ground fault on the DC side of the PV generator. The error is shown on the display.
ESC	It is used to access the main menu, to go back to the previous menu or to go back to the previous digit to be edited
UP	It is used to scroll up the menu options or to shift the numerical scale in ascending order
DOWN	It is used to scroll down the menu options or to shift the numerical scale in descending order
ENTER	It can be used to confirm an action, to access the submenu for the selected option (indicated by the > symbol) or to switch to the next digit to be edited

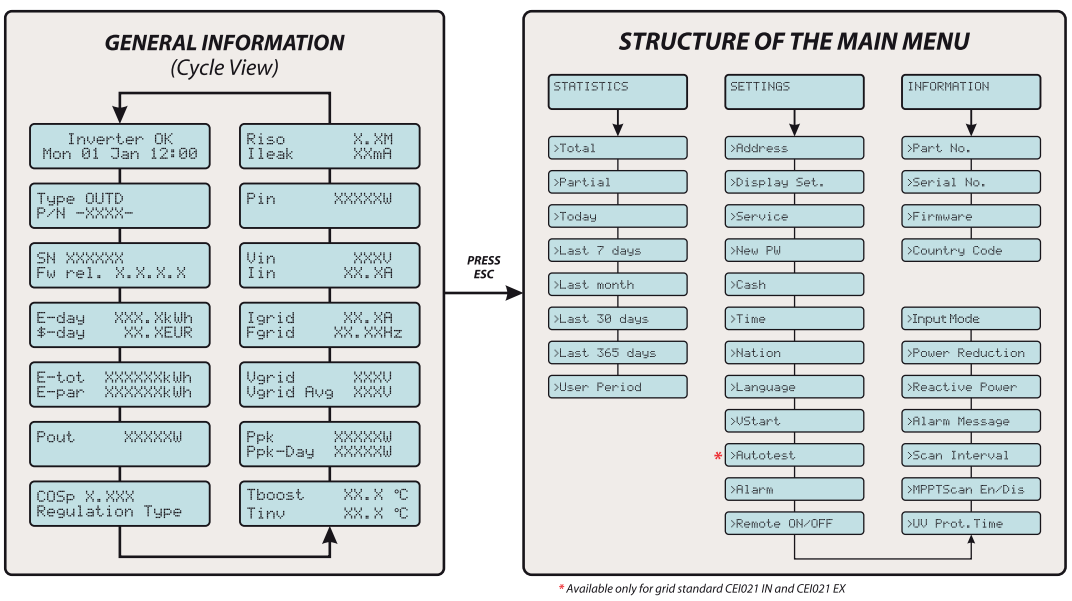
14. Structure of the display menu

ABB inverters are equipped with a Display (07), consisting of 2 lines of 16 characters each, which can be used to:
- Display the operating state of the inverter and the statistical data
- Display the service messages for the operator
- Display the alarm and fault messages for the operator
- Changing the settings of the inverter

During the normal operation of the inverter the display cycles through the **GENERAL INFORMATION**. This information relates to the input and output parameters and the inverter identification parameters. By pressing **ENTER** it is possible to lock scrolling on a screen to be constantly displayed.

Press **ESC** to access the three main menus, which have the following functions:
- **STATISTICS:** Displays the statistics
- **SETTINGS:** Modify the settings of the inverter
- **INFO:** View service messages for the operator

Refer to the manual for details regarding use and functions available in the menu



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15. Characteristics and technical data

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Input			
Absolute Maximum Input Voltage ($V_{max,abs}$)		600 V	
Input Activation Voltage (V_{start})		200 V (adj. 120...350 V)	
Input Operating Range (V_{dcmin}...V_{dcmax})		0.7 x Vstart...580 V	
Rated DC Input Power (P_{dcr})	3120 Wp	3750 Wp	4375 Wp
Number of Independent MPPTs		2	
Maximum Input Power for each MPPT ($P_{MPPT\ max}$)	2000 W	3000 W	3000 W
MPPT Input DC Voltage Range ($V_{MPPT\ min}$,f ... $V_{MPPT\ max}$,f) at P_{acr}	160...530 V	120...530 V	140...530 V
Maximum DC Input Current ($I_{dc\ max}$) / for each MPPT ($I_{MPPT\ max}$)	20.0 A / 10.0 A	32.0 A / 16.0 A	32.0 A / 16.0 A
Maximum Input Short Circuit Current for each MPPT	12.5 A	20.0 A	20.0 A
Maximum Backfeed current (from AC to DC side)		Negligible	
Number of DC Inputs Pairs for each MPPT	1	1	2 for MPPT1 and 1 for MPPT2
DC Connection Type		Tool Free PV Connector [7]	
Input protection			
Reverse Polarity Protection		Yes, from limited current source	
Input Overvoltage Protection for each MPPT - Varistor		Yes	
Photovoltaic Array Isolation Control		According to local standard	
DC Switch Rating (-S Version)		Max. 25.0 A / 600 V	
Output			
AC Grid Connection Type		Monophase	
Rated AC Power (P_{acr})	3000 W	3600 W	4200 W
Maximum AC Output Power ($P_{ac\ max}$)	3300 W [1]	4000 W [2]	4600 W [3]
Rated AC Grid Voltage (V_{acr})		230 V	
AC Voltage Range		180...264 Vac [4]	
Maximum AC Output Current ($I_{ac\ max}$)	14.5 A	17.2 A [5]	20.0 A
Inrush Current		Negligible	
Maximum Output Fault Current		<25 A rms (100mS)	
Rated Output Frequency (f_r)		50 Hz / 60 Hz	
Output Frequency Range (f_{min}...f_{max})		47...53 / 57...63 Hz [6]	
Nominal Power Factor (Cosphi$_{acr}$)	>0.995 (adj. 0.8 inductive to 0.8 capacitive) with Pacr= 3.0 kW	>0.995 (adj. 0.8 inductive to 0.8 capacitive) with Pacr= 3.6 kW	>0.995 (adj. 0.8 inductive to 0.8 capacitive) with Pacr= 4.2 kW
Total Harmonic Distortion of Current		< 3.5%	
AC Connection Type		Screw terminal block, Cable Gland M25	
Output protection			
Anti-Islanding Protection		According to local standard	
Maximum AC Overcurrent External protection	16.0 A	19.0 A	22.0 A
Output Overvoltage Protection - Varistor		2 (L - N / L - PE)	
Operating performance			
Maximum Efficiency (η_{max})		96.8%	
Weighted Efficiency (EURO/CEC)		96% / -	
Power Input Treshold		10.0 W	
Night-time consumption		< 1.0 W	
Communication			
Wired Local Monitoring		PVI-USB-RS232_485 (opz.)	
Remote Monitoring		PVI-AEC-EVO (opz.), VSN700 Data Logger (opz.) , VSN300 Wifi Logger Card (opz.)	
Wireless Local Monitoring		VSN300 Wifi Logger Card (opz.)	
User Interface		LCD Display with 16 characters x 2 line	
Environmental			
Ambient Temperature Range	-25...+60°C /-13...140°F with derating above 50°C/122°F	-25...+60°C /-13...140°F with derating above 55°C/131°F	-25...+60°C /-13...140°F with derating above 50°C/122°F
Storage Temperature		-40...80°C (-40...+176°F)	
Relative Humidity		0...100% condensing	
Environmental pollution classification for external environment		3	
Typical noise emission pressure		50 dB(A) @ 1m	
Maximum Operating Altitude without Derating		2000 m / 6560 ft	
Environmental Category		External	
Physical			
Environmental Protection Rating		IP 65	
Cooling		Natural	
Dimension (H x W x D)		618 x 325 x 222 mm / 24.3 x 12.8 x 8.7 inch	
Weight		17.5 kg / 38.6 lb	
Mounting System		Wall bracket	
Overvoltage Category in accordance with IEC 62109-1		II (DC input) III (AC output)	
Safety			
Isolation Level		Transformerless (TL)	
Safety Class		I	
Marking		CE (50Hz only)	

1. Limited to 3000 W for Germany
2. Limited to 3600 W for Germany
3. Limited to 4200 W for Germany
4. The AC voltage range may vary depending on specific country grid standard
5. Restricted to 16 A (up to the maximum output power of 3680 W) for the standard UK G83/1.
6. The Frequency range may vary depending on specific country grid standard
7. Refer to the document "String inverter – Product Manual appendix" available at www.abb.com/solarinverters to know the brand and the model of the quick fit connector

Remark. Features not specifically listed in the present data sheet are not included in the product

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