



Fronius Symo 10 - 20 kW Fronius Eco

Installations instructions

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Grid-connected inverter



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Installation location and position

Explanation of safety notices



DANGER!

Indicates immediate danger.

- If not avoided, death or serious injury will result.



WARNING!

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation.

- If not avoided, death or serious injury may result.



CAUTION!

Indicates a situation where damage or injury could occur.

- If not avoided, minor injury and/or damage to property may result.

NOTE!

Indicates a risk of flawed results and possible damage to the equipment.

IMPORTANT!

Indicates tips for correct operation and other particularly useful information.

This does not indicate a potentially hazardous situation.

If you see any of the symbols depicted in the "Safety rules" chapter, special care is required.

Safety



WARNING!

Danger due to incorrect operation and incorrectly performed work.

This may result in serious injury and damage to property.

- Commissioning of the hybrid system may only be carried out by trained personnel in accordance with the technical regulations.
- Read the Installation and Operating Instructions before installing and commissioning the equipment.



WARNING!

Danger due to work that has been carried out incorrectly.

This may result in serious injury and damage to property.

- A surge protection device must only ever be installed and connected by a qualified electrical engineer.
- Follow the safety rules.
- Ensure that both the AC side and the DC side of the inverter are de-energised before carrying out any installation and connection work.

Fire prevention

⚠ CAUTION!

Danger due to poor or unprofessional installation.

This may result in damage to inverters and other live photovoltaic system components.

Poor or unprofessional installation can cause overheating of cables and terminal connections and result in arcs. These can cause heat damage, which in turn may lead to fires.

Observe the following when connecting AC and DC cables:

- ▶ Tighten all terminals to the torque specified in the Operating Instructions
 - ▶ Tighten all grounding terminals (PE / GND), including free ones, to the torque specified in the Operating Instructions
 - ▶ Do not overload cables
 - ▶ Check cables for damage and verify that they are laid correctly
 - ▶ Take note of the safety instructions, Operating Instructions and any local connection regulations
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- ▶ Using fastening screws, always screw the inverter firmly to the mounting bracket to the torque specified in the Operating Instructions.
 - ▶ Ensure that the fastening screws are tight before starting the inverter!



Note! Fronius will not accept any costs associated with production downtimes, installer costs, etc., that may arise as the result of a detected arc and its consequences. Fronius accepts no liability for fires that can occur despite the presence of the integrated arc detection/extinguishing system (e.g. fires caused by a parallel arc).

Note! After an arc has been detected, the entire photovoltaic system must be checked for possible damage before resetting the inverter.

Observe the manufacturer's connection, installation and operating instructions at all times. To reduce the hazard potential to a minimum, perform all installation and connection work carefully according to the instructions and regulations. Refer to the device Operating Instructions / Installation Instructions for the tightening torques to be used at the relevant terminal connections.

Proper use/intended purpose

The inverter is intended exclusively to convert direct current from solar modules into alternating current and to feed this into the public grid.

Utilisation not in accordance with the intended purpose comprises:

- Any use above and beyond this purpose
- Making any modifications to the inverter that have not been expressly approved by Fronius
- the installation of components that are not distributed or expressly approved by Fronius.

Fronius shall not be liable for any damage resulting from such action.
No warranty claims will be entertained.

Proper use also includes:

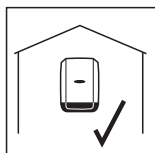
- Carefully reading and obeying all the instructions and all the safety and danger notices in the Operating Instructions and Installation Instructions
- Performing all stipulated maintenance work
- Installation as specified in the Installation Instructions

When designing the photovoltaic system, ensure that all components are operated within their permitted operating ranges at all times.

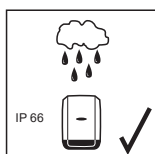
Observe all the measures recommended by the solar module manufacturer to ensure that the solar module retains its properties in the long term.

Obey the regulations of the power supply company regarding connection methods and energy fed into the grid.

Choice of location

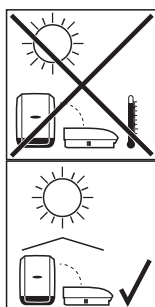


The inverter is suitable for installation indoors.

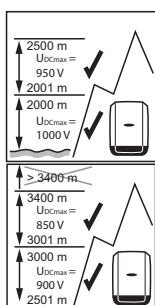


The inverter is suitable for installation outdoors.

Its IP 66 degree of protection means that the inverter is resistant to water jets from any direction and can also be used in damp environments.



In order to minimise the heating up of the inverter, do not expose it to direct insolation. Install the inverter in a protected location, e.g. in the vicinity of the solar modules or beneath the eaves.



Fronius Symo:

U_{DCmax} at an altitude of:

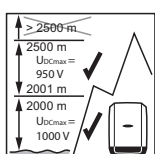
0 to 2000 m = 1000 V

2001 to 2500 m = 950 V

2501 to 3000 m = 900 V

3001 to 3400 m = 850 V

IMPORTANT! The inverter must not be installed or used at altitudes above 3400 m.



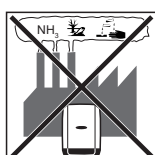
Fronius Eco:

U_{DCmax} at an altitude of:

0 to 2000 m = 1000 V

2001 to 2500 m = 950 V

IMPORTANT! The inverter must not be installed or used at altitudes above 2500 m.



Do not install the inverter in:

- areas where ammonia, corrosive vapours, acids or salts are present (e.g. fertiliser stores, ventilation openings from cattle sheds, chemical plants, tanneries, etc.)



As the inverter generates low levels of noise under certain operating conditions, it should not be installed close to living areas.



Do not install the inverter in:

- places where there is an increased risk of damage from farm animals (horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, etc.)
- stables or adjoining areas
- storage areas for hay, straw, chaff, animal feed, fertilisers, etc.



All inverters are designed to be dust-tight. However, in areas with a heavy build-up of dust, the thermal efficiency may still be impaired by dust forming on the cooling surfaces. Regular cleaning is necessary in such situations. It is therefore not recommended to mount the device in rooms or areas in which a heavy build-up of dust is expected.



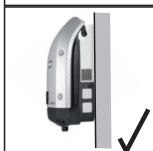
Do not install the inverter in:

- greenhouses
- storage or processing areas for fruit, vegetables or winegrowing products
- places used to prepare grain, green fodder or animal feeds

Explanation of symbols - installation position



The inverter is designed to be installed vertically on a vertical wall or pillar.



The inverter is suitable for horizontal installation.



The inverter is suitable for installation on a sloping surface.



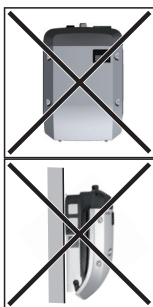
Do not install the inverter on a sloping surface with its connection sockets facing upwards.



Do not install the inverter at an angle on a vertical wall or pillar.



Do not install the inverter horizontally on a vertical wall or pillar.



Do not install the inverter on a vertical wall or pillar with its connection sockets facing upwards.



Do not install the inverter such that it overhangs with its connection sockets facing upwards.



Do not install the inverter such that it overhangs with its connection sockets facing downwards.

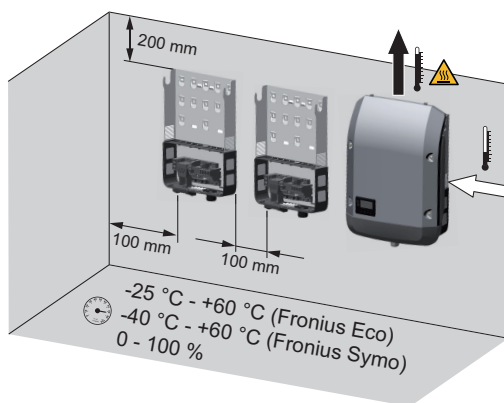


Do not install the inverter on the ceiling.

General comments regarding choice of location

The following criteria should be taken into account when choosing a location for the inverter:

Install only on a solid, non-flammable surface



Max. ambient temperatures:
-40 °C / +60 °C (Fronius Symo)
-25 °C / +60 °C (Fronius Eco)

Relative humidity:
0 - 100%

The airflow within the inverter is from the right to the top (cold air taken in from the right, hot air dissipated out of the top). The exhaust air can reach a temperature of 70 °C.

If the inverter is installed in a switch cabinet or a similar sealed area, then forced-air ventilation must be provided to ensure adequate heat dissipation.

If the inverter is to be installed on the outer wall of a cattle shed, maintain a minimum all-round clearance of 2 m between the inverter and all ventilation and other openings in the building.

The installation location must not be exposed to ammonia, corrosive vapours, salts or acids.

Attaching the Mounting Bracket

Safety



WARNING!

Danger due to residual voltage in capacitors.

This may result in an electric shock.

- ▶ Wait for the capacitors to discharge. The discharge time is five minutes.
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CAUTION!

Danger due to dirt or water on the terminals and contacts of the inverter's connection area.

This may result in damage to the inverter.

- ▶ When drilling, ensure that terminals and contacts in the connection area do not become dirty or wet.
 - ▶ The mounting bracket without a power stage set does not conform to the protection class of the inverter as a whole, and therefore must not be installed without a power stage set.
 - ▶ The mounting bracket should be protected from dirt and moisture during installation.
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Note!

Degree of protection IP 66 is only applicable if

- the inverter is placed in the mounting bracket and permanently attached using screws
- the cover for the data communication area is permanently attached to the inverter with screws.

Degree of protection IP 20 applies to the mounting bracket with no inverter.

Selecting wall plugs and screws

Important! Different fixings may be required to fit the mounting bracket depending on the type of underlying surface. Fixings are therefore not included in the scope of supply of the inverter. The installer is responsible for selecting the right type of fixing.

Recommended screws

To install the inverter, the manufacturer recommends the use of steel or aluminium screws with a diameter of 6 - 8 mm.

Opening the inverter

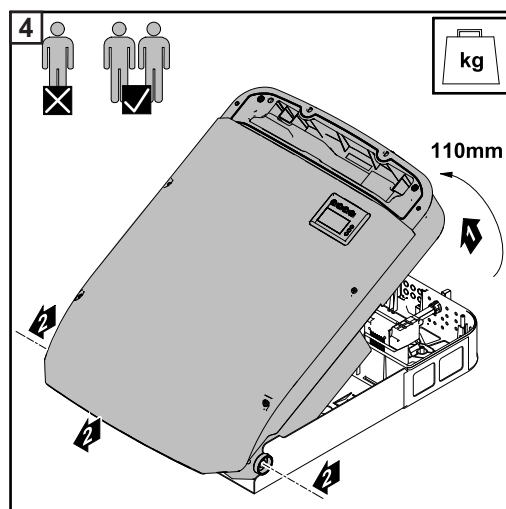
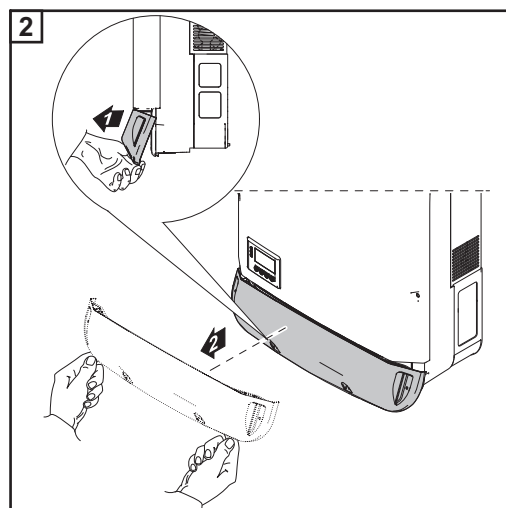


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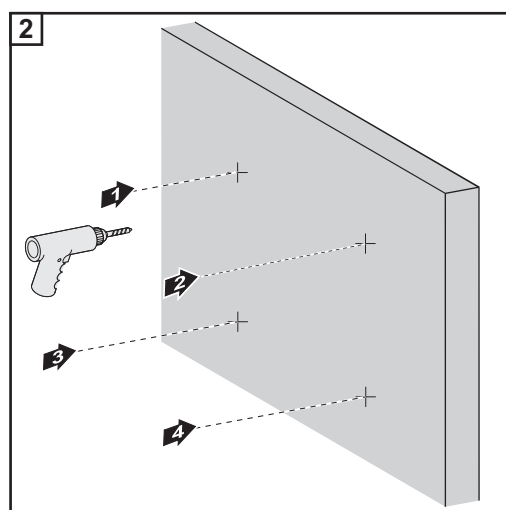
Danger from inadequate ground conductor connection.

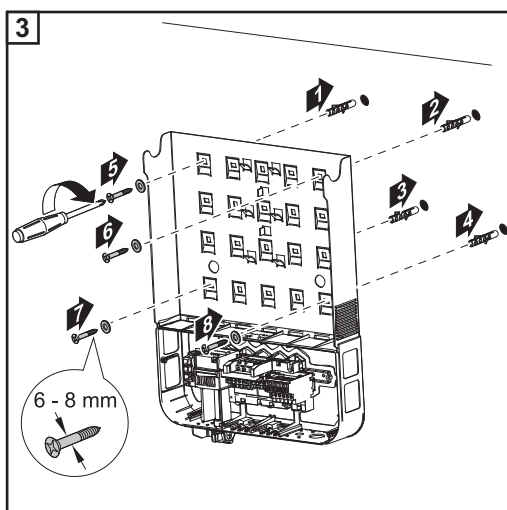
This may result in serious injury and damage to property.

- ▶ The housing screws provide a suitable ground conductor connection for grounding the housing and must NOT be replaced by any other screws that do not provide a reliable ground conductor connection.
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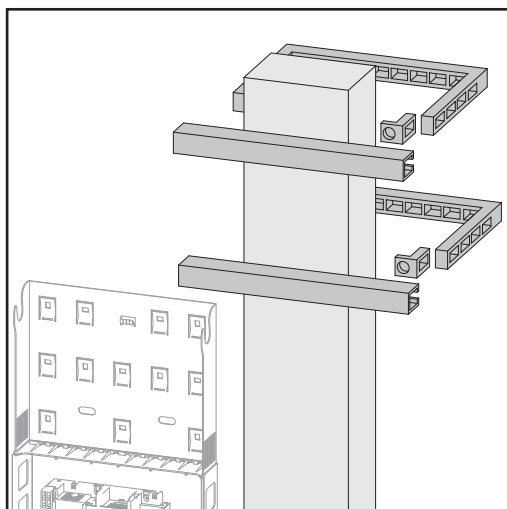


Fixing the mounting bracket to a wall





Fitting the mounting bracket to a mast or support

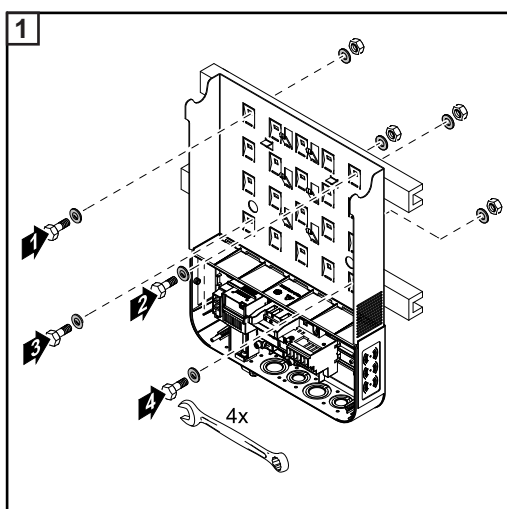


When installing the inverter on a mast or support, Fronius recommends the "Pole Clamp" kit from Rittal GmbH (order no. SZ 2584.000).

This kit enables the inverter to be installed on round or rectangular masts with the following diameters: \varnothing from 40 to 190 mm (round mast), \square from 50 to 150 mm (rectangular mast)

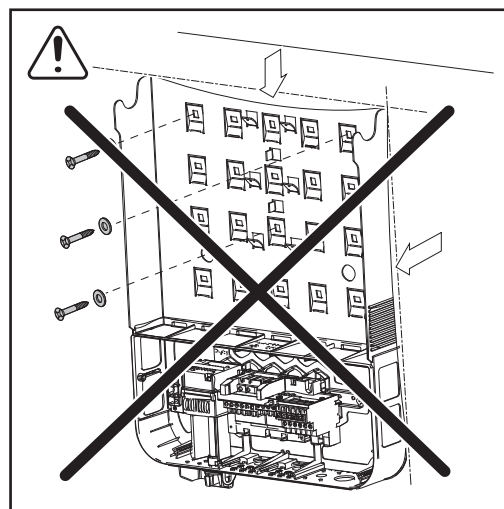
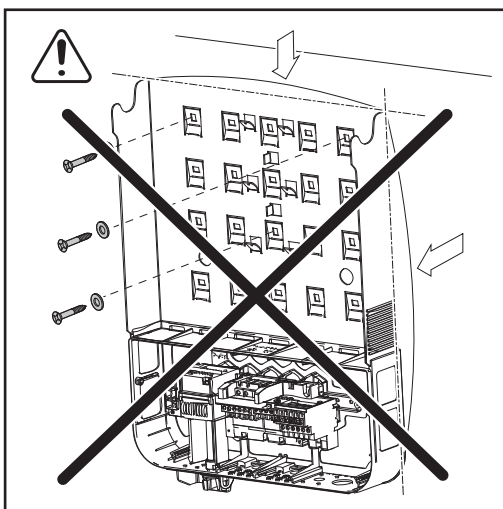
Fitting the mounting bracket to metal supports

The mounting bracket must be securely screwed to at least four points.



Do not warp or deform the mounting bracket

Note! When fitting the mounting bracket to the wall, ensure that the mounting bracket does not become warped or deformed.



Connecting the inverter to the public grid (AC side)

Safety



WARNING!

Danger due to incorrect operation and incorrectly performed work.

This may result in serious injury and damage to property.

- ▶ Only qualified staff are authorised to commission your inverter and only within the scope of the respective technical regulations.
- ▶ Read the Installation and Operating Instructions before installing and commissioning the equipment.



WARNING!

Danger due to grid voltage and DC voltage from solar modules that are exposed to light.

This may result in an electric shock.

- ▶ Ensure that both the AC side and the DC side of the inverter are de-energised before carrying out any connection work.
- ▶ Only an authorised electrical engineer is permitted to connect this equipment to the public grid.



CAUTION!

Danger due to incorrectly tightened terminals.

This may result in heat damage to the inverter, which may lead to fire.

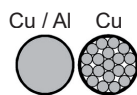
- ▶ When connecting AC and DC cables, ensure that all the terminals are tightened to the specified torque.

Monitoring the grid

To provide the best possible grid monitoring, the resistance in the leads to the AC-side terminals should be as low as possible.

Type of AC cable

The following types of AC cable can be connected to the AC terminals of the inverter:



- copper or aluminium: round, single wire
- Copper: round, finely stranded up to conductor category 4

Preparing the aluminium cables for connection

The AC-side terminals are suitable for connecting single-wire, round aluminium cables. Because of the formation of a non-conductive oxide layer due to the reaction of aluminium with air, the following points must be considered when connecting aluminium cables:

- the reduced rated currents for aluminium cables
- the connection conditions listed below

Always follow the cable manufacturer instructions when using aluminium cables.

When designing cable cross-sections, take local regulations into account.

Connection conditions:

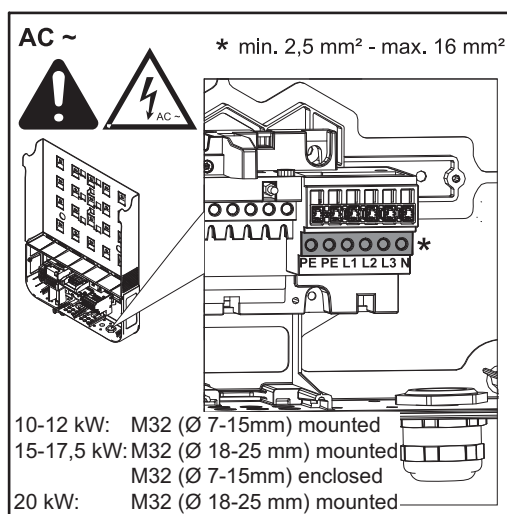
- 1 Carefully clean the oxide layer from the bare end of the cable by scraping it, e.g. with a knife

IMPORTANT! Do not use brushes, files or emery paper, as the aluminium particles get trapped and can be transferred to other conductors.

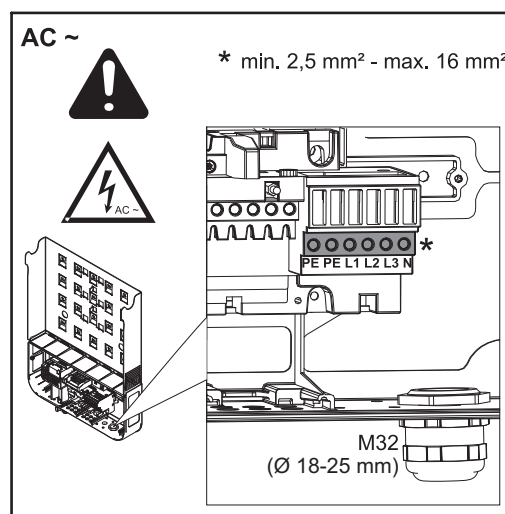
- 2 Once the oxide layer is removed, rub the end of the cable with a neutral grease, such as non-acidic and non-alkaline Vaseline
- 3 Immediately connect the cable end to the terminal

IMPORTANT! Repeat the procedure if the cable has been disconnected and is to be re-connected.

AC terminals



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PE Ground conductor / grounding
 L1-L3 Phase conductor
 N Neutral conductor

Max. cross-section of each conductor cable:
 16 mm²

Min. cross-section of each conductor cable:
 in accordance with the fuse rating on the AC side, but at least 2.5 mm²

The AC cables can be connected to the AC terminals without ferrules.

IMPORTANT! When using ferrules for AC cables with a cross-section of 16 mm², the ferrules must be crimped with a right-angled cross-section.

The use of ferrules with insulating collars is only permitted up to a max. cable cross-section of 10 mm².

For a power category of 10-12 kW, an M32 PG gland (Ø 7-15 mm) is fitted.

For a power category of 15-17.5 kW, an M32 PG gland is fitted (Ø 18-25 mm) and an M32 PG gland (Ø 7-15 mm) supplied.

From a power category of 20 kW upwards, an M32 PG gland (Ø 18-25 mm) is fitted.

Cross-section of the AC cable

When using an M32 metric screw joint (reducer removed):

cable diameter 11 - 21 mm

(with a cable diameter of 11 mm the strain-relief force is reduced from 100 N to a maximum of 80 N)

With cable diameters greater than 21 mm, the M32 screw joint must be replaced by an M32 screw joint with a larger clamping area - item number: 42,0407,0780 - strain-relief device M32x15 KB 18-25.

Connecting the inverter to the public grid (AC)

Note!

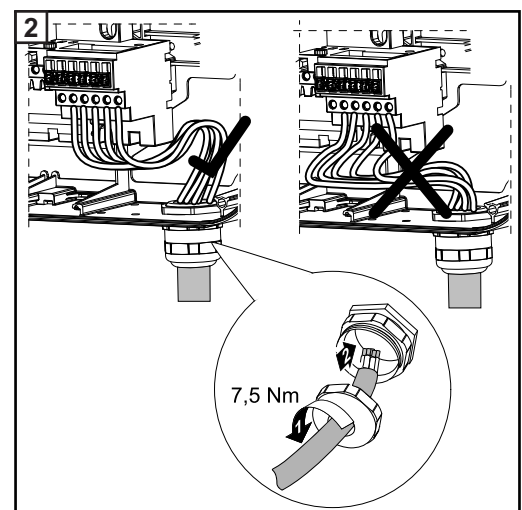
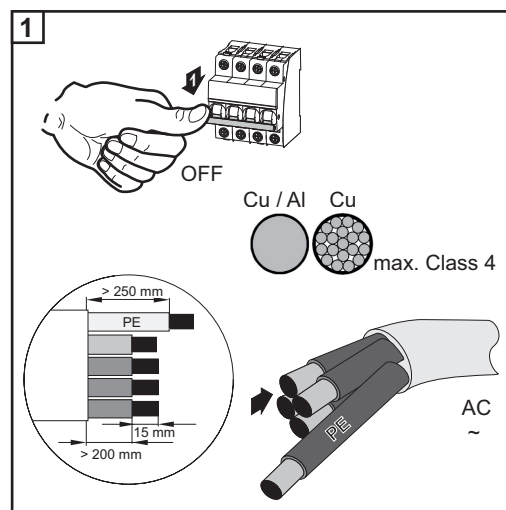
- Form loops with the AC cables when connecting them to the AC terminals.
- When securing the AC cables using a metric screw joint, ensure that the loops do not protrude beyond the connection area.

Otherwise, under certain circumstances it may no longer be possible to close the inverter.

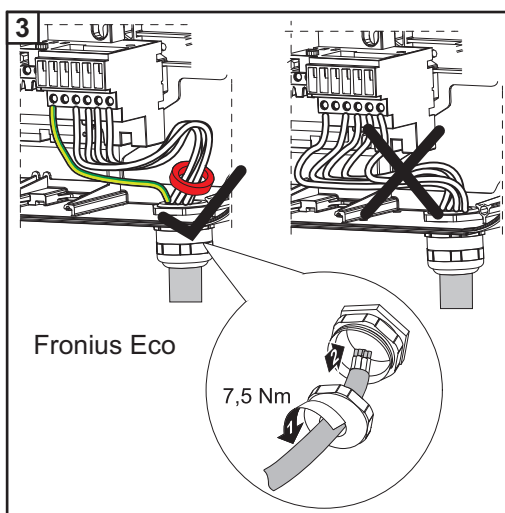
Note!

- Ensure that the grid neutral conductor is grounded. This may not be the case for IT grids (insulated grids with no grounding); it will then not be possible to use the inverter.
- In order to use the inverter, the neutral conductor must be connected. A neutral conductor that is too small may adversely affect the inverter feeding energy into the grid. The neutral conductor must have an amperage of at least 1 A.

IMPORTANT! The PE ground conductor of the AC cable must be laid in such a way that it is the last to be disconnected in the event that the strain-relief device should fail. This can be ensured, for example, by making it somewhat longer and by laying it in a loop.

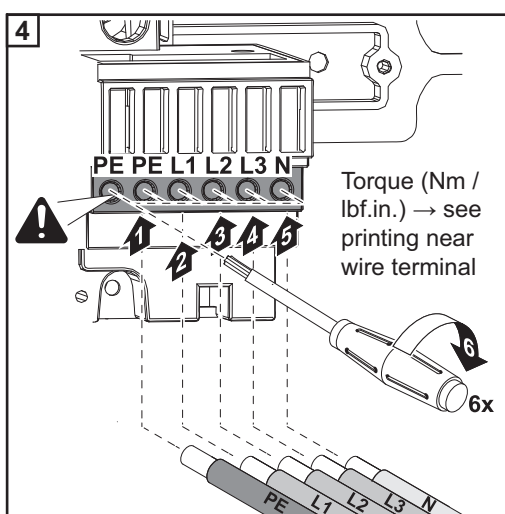


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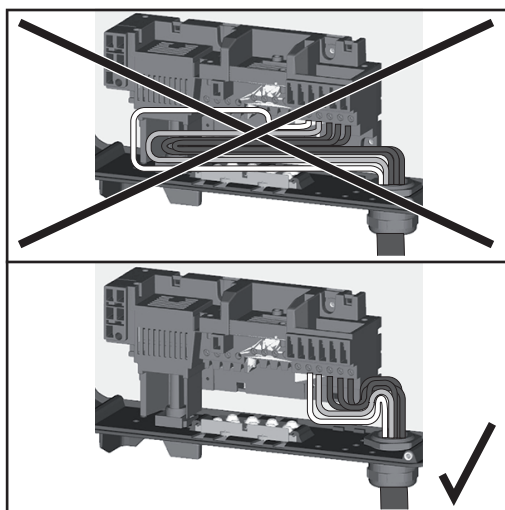
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With the Fronius Eco, the three phases and the neutral conductor must be passed through a ferrite ring. The ferrite ring is supplied with the inverter. The ground conductor (PE) must not be passed through the ferrite ring.



The fastening screw must also be tightened for an unassigned ground conductor (PE) connection.

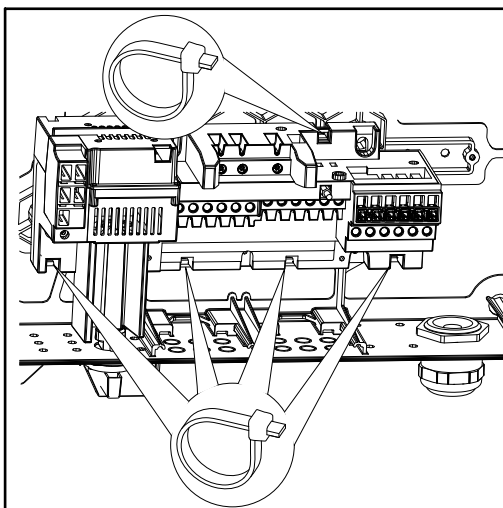
Note! Observe the torque values marked on the side underneath the terminals.



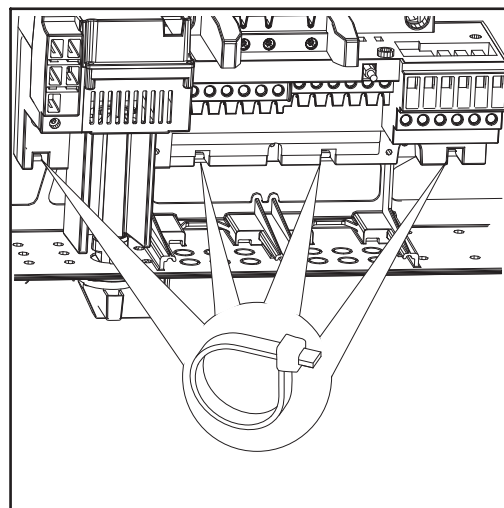
If AC cables are laid over the shaft of the DC main switch or across the connection block of the DC main switch, they may be damaged when the inverter is swung in or they may even prevent the inverter from being fully swung in.

IMPORTANT! Do not lay AC cables over the shaft of the DC main switch or across the connection block of the DC main switch.

If overlength AC or DC cables are to be laid in loops in the connection area, attach the cables with cable ties to the eyelets provided on the top and bottom of the connection block.

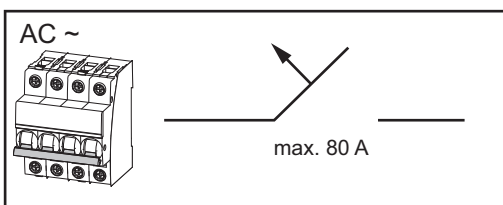


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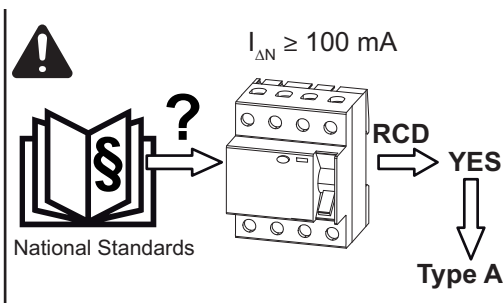


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Maximum fuse rating on alternating current side



Inverter	Phases	AC power	Maximum fuse rating	Recommended fuse rating
Fronius Symo 10.0-3-M	3	10,000 W	C 80 A	
Fronius Symo 12.0-3-M	3	12,000 W	C 80 A	
Fronius Symo 12.5-3-M	3	12,500 W	C 80 A	
Fronius Symo 15.0-3-M	3	15,000 W	C 80 A	
Fronius Symo 17.5-3-M	3	17,500 W	C 80 A	
Fronius Symo 20.0-3-M	3	20,000 W	C 80 A	
Fronius Eco 25.0-3-M	3	25,000 W	C 80 A	C 63 A
Fronius Eco 27.0-3-M	3	27,000 W	C 80 A	C 63 A



Note!

Local regulations, the electricity retailer or other factors may require a residual-current protective device in the AC connection lead.

A type A residual-current circuit breaker with a trip current of at least 100 mA is generally sufficient in this case. In particular cases, and depending on local factors, however, the type A residual-current circuit breaker may trip at the wrong time. For this reason, Fronius recommends that a residual-current circuit breaker that is suitable for frequency converters should be used.

String fuses

Fronius Eco - string fuses



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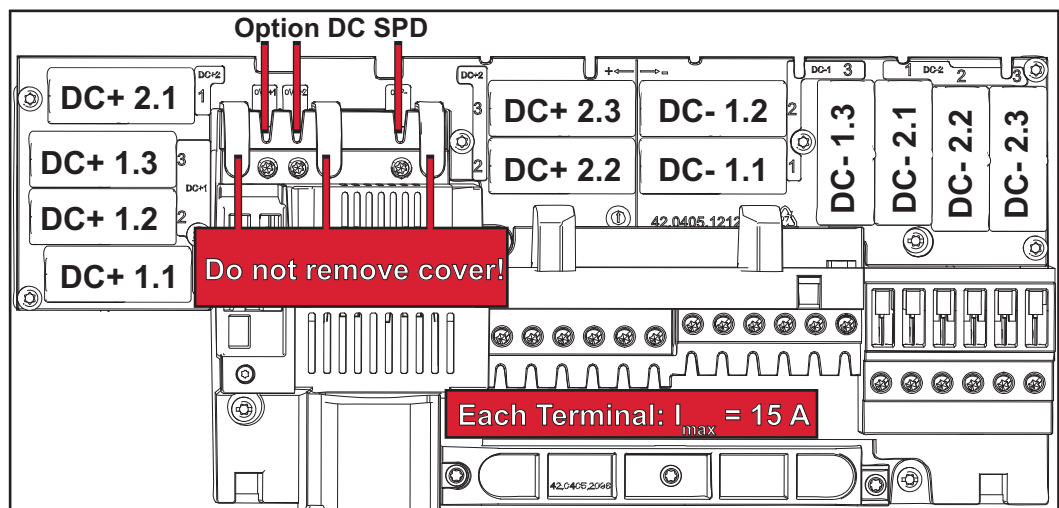
Danger from voltage at the fuse holders.

This may result in an electric shock. The fuse holders are live when a voltage is present on the DC connection of the inverter, even when the DC switch is switched off.

- Make sure that the DC side is de-energised before carrying out any work on the inverter's fuse holders.

String fuses are used in the Fronius Eco to provide additional protection for solar modules. The maximum short circuit current I_{sc} of the respective solar module is crucial in affording it the correct fuse protection. **The maximum short circuit current I_{sc} per terminal is 15 A.**

The national regulations in respect of fuse protection must be observed. The electrical engineer carrying out the installation is responsible for the correct choice of string fuses.

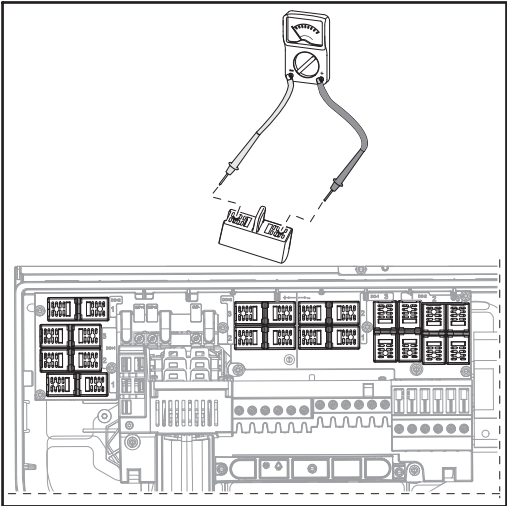
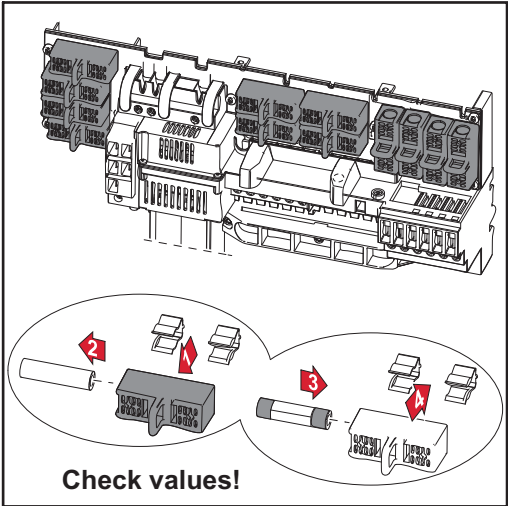


Note! To avoid the risk of a fire, only replace faulty fuses with new ones of the same type and rating.

As an option, the inverter can be supplied with the following fuses:

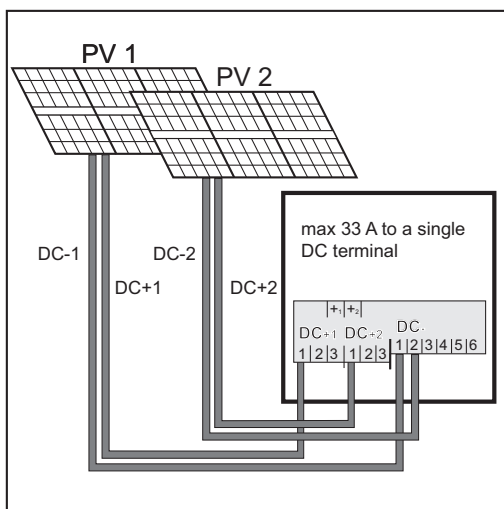
- 6 x 15 A string fuses on the DC+ input and 6 x metal pins on the DC- input. The string fuses installed have a nominal voltage of 1000 V and measure 10x38 mm in size.
- 12 x metal pins

Replacing fuses:



Notes regarding inverters with multiple MPP trackers

Inverter with multiple MPP trackers



Connecting two solar module fields to an inverter with multiple MPP trackers

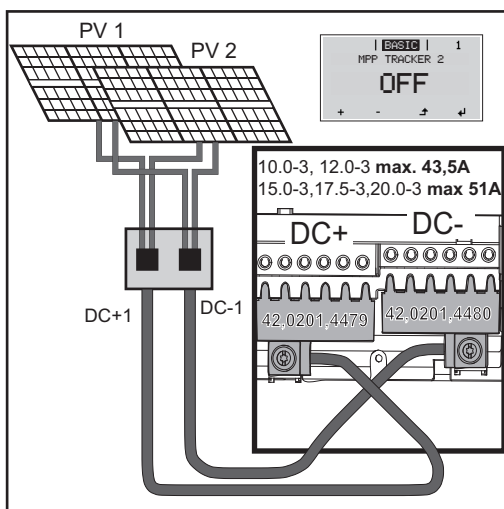
In the case of inverters with multiple MPP trackers, there are two independent DC inputs (MPP trackers) available. These can be connected to an unequal number of solar modules.

There are three terminals for DC+ available per MPP tracker. In total there are six terminals for DC-.

Connecting two to six strings in multiple MPP tracker mode:
divide the strings between the two MPP tracker inputs (DC+1/DC+2). The DC- terminals can be used however you wish, as they are internally connected.

When starting for the first time, set MPP TRACKER 2 to "ON" (this can also be done later in the Basic menu)

Fronius Symo:



Connecting multiple interconnected solar module fields to an inverter with multiple MPP trackers using one lead

Single MPP tracker mode on an inverter with multiple MPP trackers:

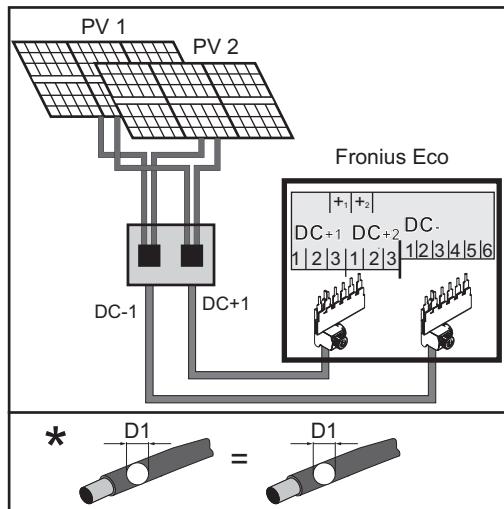
If the strings are connected using a string combiner box and only one bus is used for connection to the inverter, the connection DC+1 (pin 2) and DC+2 (pin 1) must be jumpered.

The wire diameter of the DC connection lead and the jumpering must be the same. Jumpering of the DC terminal is not necessary, as these terminals are jumpered internally.

When starting for the first time, set MPP TRACKER 2 to "OFF" (this can also be done later in the Basic menu)

If the inverter with multiple MPP trackers is operated in single MPP tracker mode, the currents from the connected DC leads are divided evenly across both inputs.

Fronius Eco:



Connecting multiple interconnected solar module fields using one lead

For the Fronius Eco, this variant may only be installed in conjunction with the "DC Connector Kit" (4,251,029). The current is divided evenly across every input. Both DC current sensors are loaded evenly. As a result the current measurement will only be able to identify a deviation in the total current and no longer in each of the three strings.

Connecting solar module strings to the inverter (DC side)

Safety



WARNING!

Danger due to incorrect operation and incorrectly performed work.

This may result in serious injury and damage to property.

- ▶ Only qualified staff are authorised to commission your inverter and only within the scope of the respective technical regulations.
- ▶ Read the Installation and Operating Instructions before installing and commissioning the equipment.



WARNING!

Danger due to grid voltage and DC voltage from solar modules that are exposed to light.

This may result in an electric shock.

- ▶ Ensure that both the AC side and the DC side of the inverter are de-energised before carrying out any connection work.
- ▶ Only an authorised electrical engineer is permitted to connect this equipment to the public grid.



WARNING!

Danger due to grid voltage and DC voltage from solar modules.

This may result in an electric shock.

- ▶ The DC main switch is only to be used to de-energise the power stage set. The connection area is still live when the DC main switch is switched off.
- ▶ Ensure that the power stage set and connection area are disconnected from one another before carrying out any maintenance or service tasks.
- ▶ The power stage set, which is enclosed in a separate housing, must only be disconnected from the connection area when in a de-energized state.
- ▶ Maintenance and servicing in the power stage set of the inverter must only be carried out by Fronius-trained service technicians.



CAUTION!

Danger due to incorrectly tightened terminals.

This may result in heat damage to the inverter, which may lead to fire.

- ▶ When connecting AC and DC cables, ensure that all the terminals are tightened to the specified torque.



CAUTION!

Danger due to overloading.

This may result in damage to the inverter.

- ▶ The maximum amperage when connecting to a single DC terminal is 33 A.
- ▶ Connect the DC+ and DC- cables to the DC+ and DC- terminals on the inverter, taking care to ensure that the polarity is correct.
- ▶ Observe the maximum DC input voltage.

Note! The solar modules connected to the inverter must comply with the IEC 61730 Class A standard.

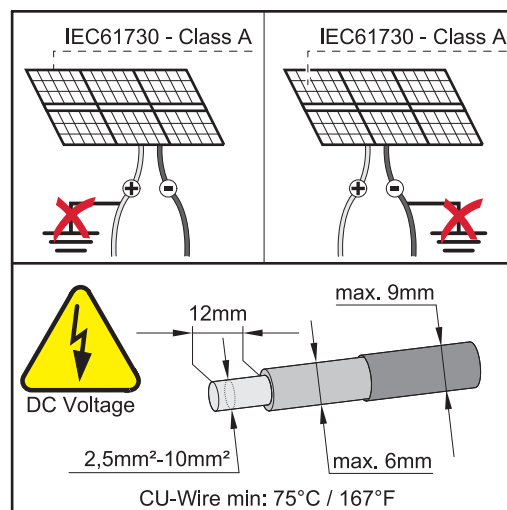
Note! When photovoltaic modules are exposed to light, they supply current to the inverter.

General comments regarding solar modules

To enable suitable solar modules to be chosen and to use the inverter as efficiently as possible, it is important to bear the following points in mind:

- If insolation is constant and the temperature is falling, the open circuit voltage of the solar modules will increase. The open circuit voltage must not exceed the maximum permissible system voltage. If the open circuit voltage exceeds the specified values, the inverter will be destroyed and no warranty claims will be entertained.
- The temperature coefficients on the solar modules data sheet must be observed.
- More exact values for dimensioning the solar modules can be provided by suitable calculation programs, like the Fronius Solar.configurator (which can be downloaded from <http://www.fronius.com>).

Note! Before connecting up the solar modules, check that the voltage for the solar modules specified by the manufacturer corresponds to the actual measured voltage.



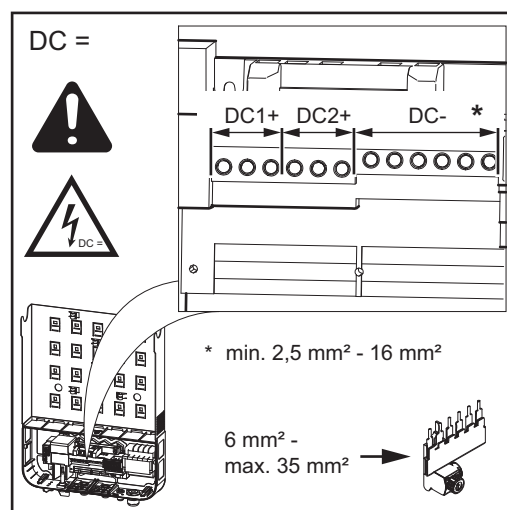
Note! The solar modules connected to the inverter must comply with the IEC 61730 Class A standard.

Note! Solar module strings must not be grounded.

Note! When solar modules are exposed to light, they supply DC voltage to the inverter.

The cable cross section must be between 2.5 mm^2 and 10 mm^2 (AWG 13 - 7).

DC terminals



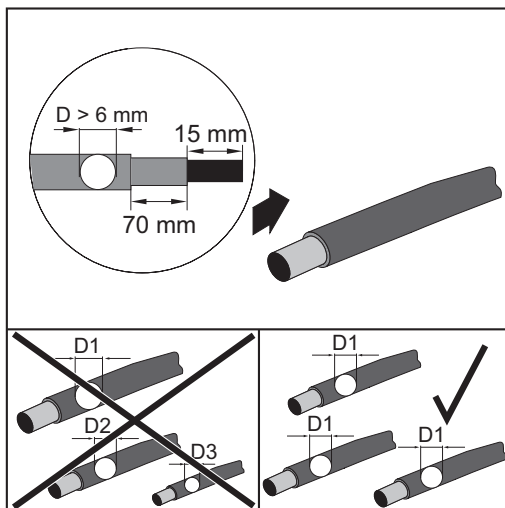
Max. cross-section of each DC cable: 16 mm^2

Min. cross-section of each DC cable: 2.5 mm^2

The DC cables can be connected to the DC terminals without ferrules.

IMPORTANT! When using ferrules for DC cables with a cross-section of 16 mm^2 , the ferrules must be crimped with a right-angled cross-section.

The use of ferrules with insulating collars is only permitted up to a max. cable cross-section of 10 mm^2 .



For double insulated DC connection leads with a cable diameter greater than 6 mm, 70 mm of the outer jacket must be stripped in order to connect the cable to the DC terminal.

Note! To ensure effective strain relief of the solar module strings, only use cables with identical cross-sections.

Connecting aluminium cables

The DC-side terminals are suitable for connecting single-wire, round aluminium cables. Because of the formation of a non-conductive oxide layer due to the reaction of aluminium with air, the following points must be considered when connecting aluminium cables:

- the reduced rated currents for aluminium cables
- the connection conditions listed below

Note! Always follow the cable manufacturer instructions when using aluminium cables.

Note! When designing cable cross-sections, take local regulations into account.

Connection conditions:

- 1** Carefully clean the oxide layer from the bare end of the cable by scraping it, e.g. with a knife

IMPORTANT! Do not use brushes, files or emery paper, as the aluminium particles get trapped and can be transferred to other conductors.

- 2** Once the oxide layer is removed, rub the end of the cable with a neutral grease, such as non-acidic and non-alkaline Vaseline
- 3** Immediately connect the cable end to the terminal

IMPORTANT! Repeat the procedure if the cable has been disconnected and is to be re-connected.

Connecting the
solar module
strings to the in-
verter

⚠ CAUTION!

Danger due to incorrect polarity and voltage.

This may result in damage to the inverter.

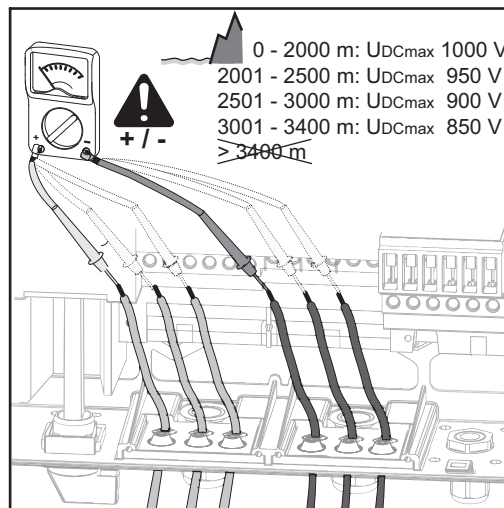
- Check the polarity and voltage of the solar module strings before making the connection. The voltage must not exceed the following values:

► **Fronius Symo:**

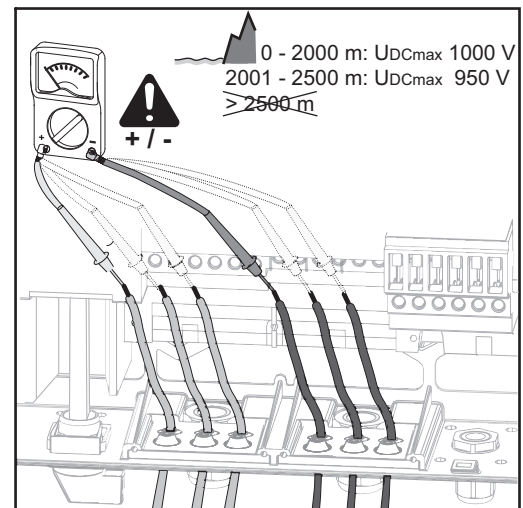
- when installed between 0 and 2000 m above sea level: 1000 V
- when installed between 2001 and 2500 m above sea level: 950 V
- when installed between 2501 and 3000 m above sea level: 900 V
- when installed between 3001 and 3400 m above sea level: 850 V
- the Fronius Symo must not be installed at an altitude exceeding 3400 m above sea level

► **Fronius Eco:**

- when installed between 0 and 2000 m above sea level: 1000 V
- when installed between 2001 and 2500 m above sea level: 950 V
- the Fronius Eco must not be installed at an altitude exceeding 2500 m above sea level



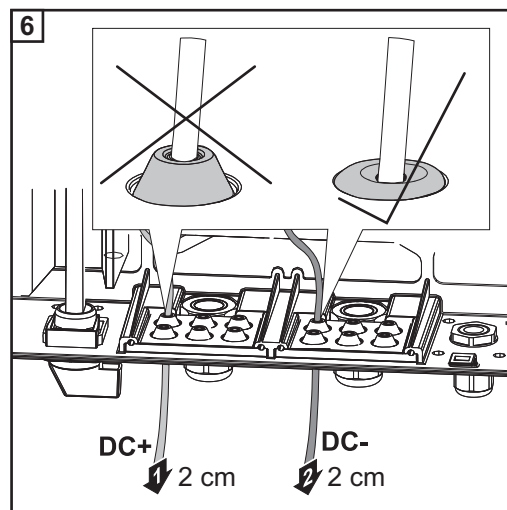
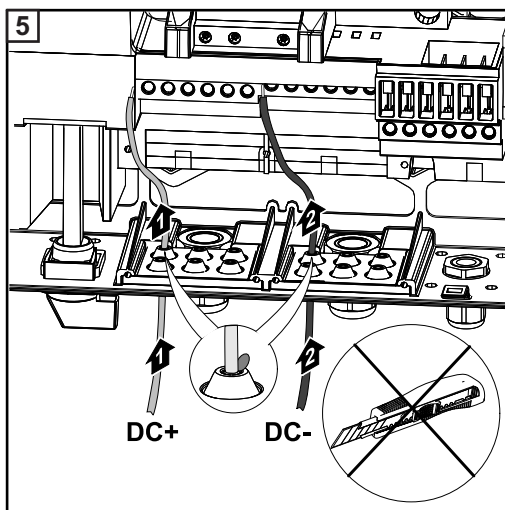
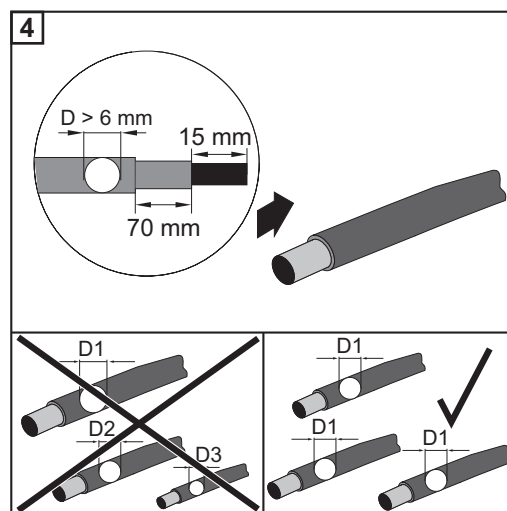
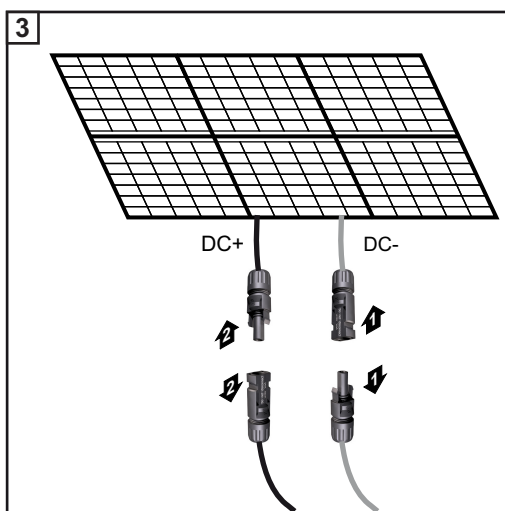
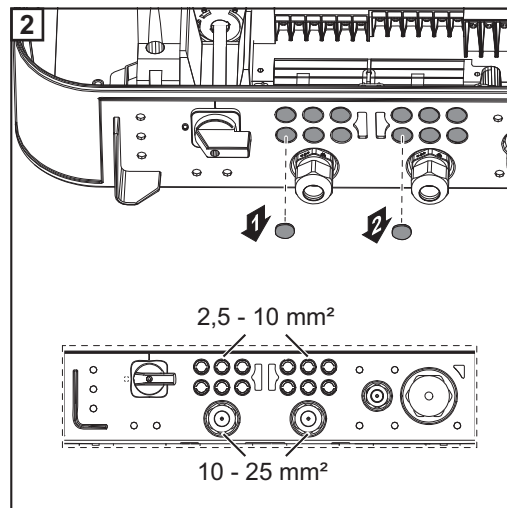
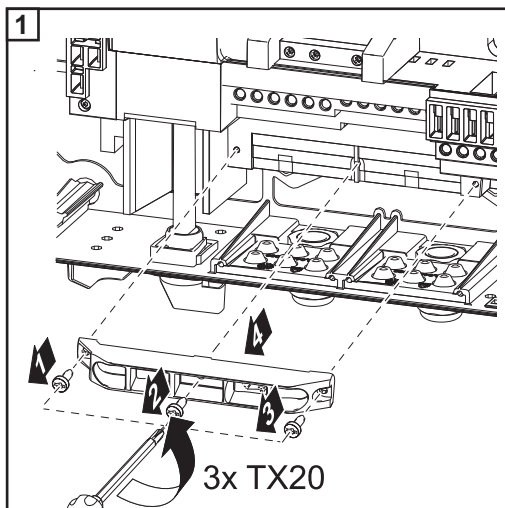
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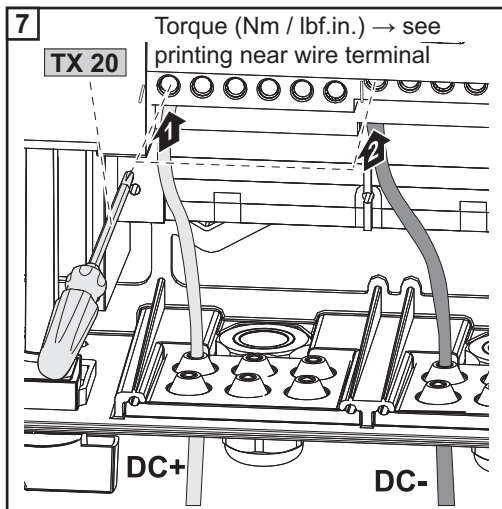


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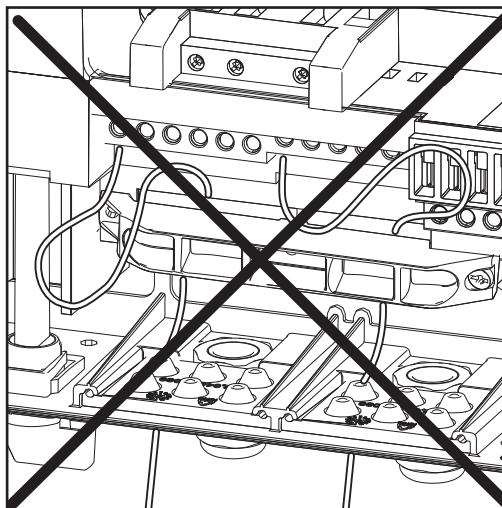
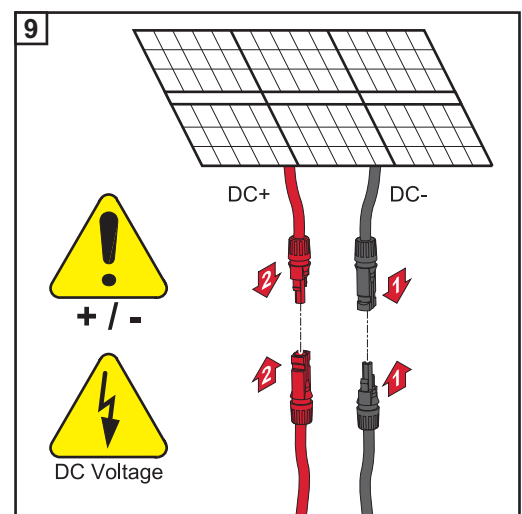
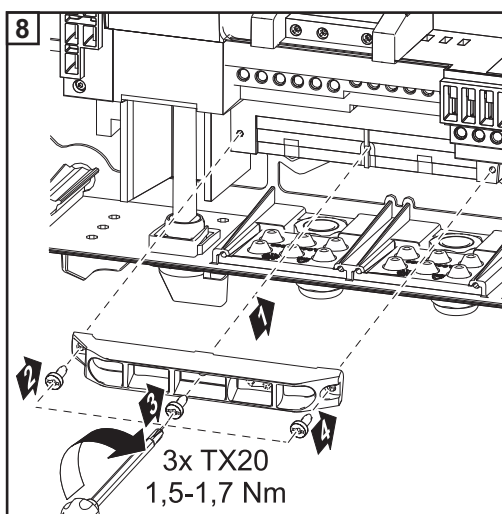
Note! Only break out as many target break points as the number of cables that are provided (e.g. if there are two DC cables, then break out two recesses).

Note! Fronius Eco: check the string fuses used (type and rating) before connecting the solar module strings to the inverter.





Note! Observe the torque values marked on the side underneath the terminals.



If DC cables are laid over the shaft of the DC main switch or across the connection block of the DC main switch, they may be damaged when the inverter is swung in or they may even prevent the inverter from being swung in.

IMPORTANT! Do not lay DC cables over the shaft of the DC main switch or across the connection block of the DC main switch.

Data communication

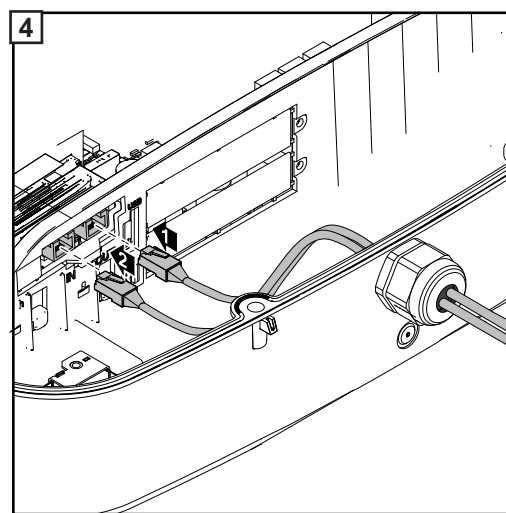
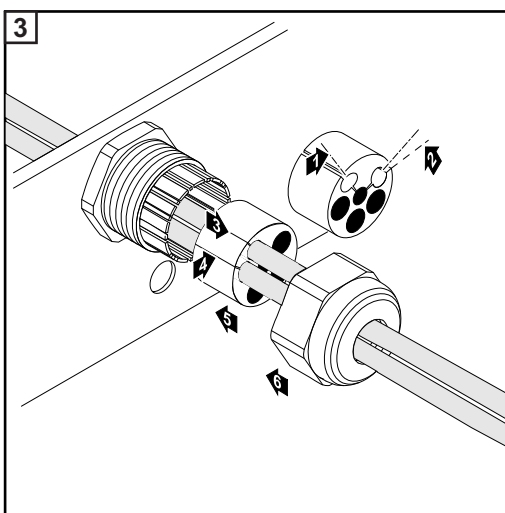
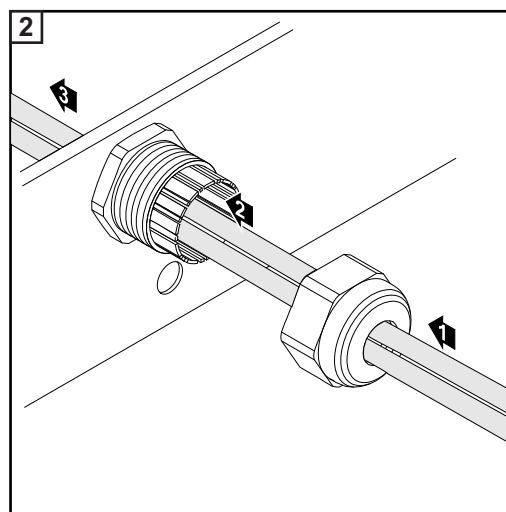
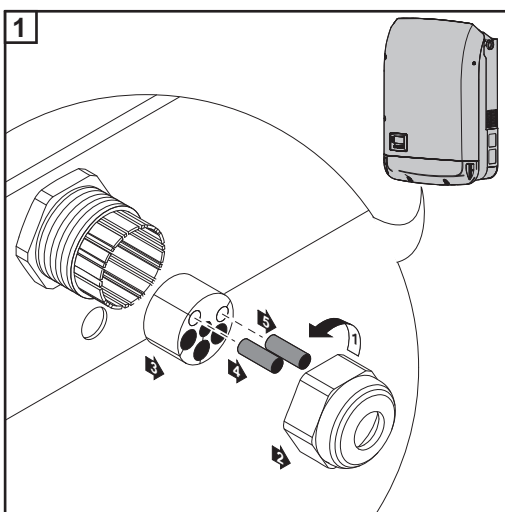
Routing data communication cables

IMPORTANT! Operating the inverter with one option card and two broken-out option card slots is not permitted.

To cater for this eventuality, a suitable blanking cover (42,0405,2094) is available from Fronius as an option.

IMPORTANT! Note the following if data communication cables are being introduced into the inverter:

- depending on the number and cross-section of the data communication cables that are being introduced, take the relevant blanking plugs out of the sealing insert and insert the data communication cable.
- insert without fail the relevant blanking plugs into the free openings on the sealing insert.



Installing the Datamanager in the inverter



WARNING!

Danger due to residual voltage in capacitors.

This may result in an electric shock.

- Wait for the capacitors to discharge. The discharge time is five minutes.



WARNING!

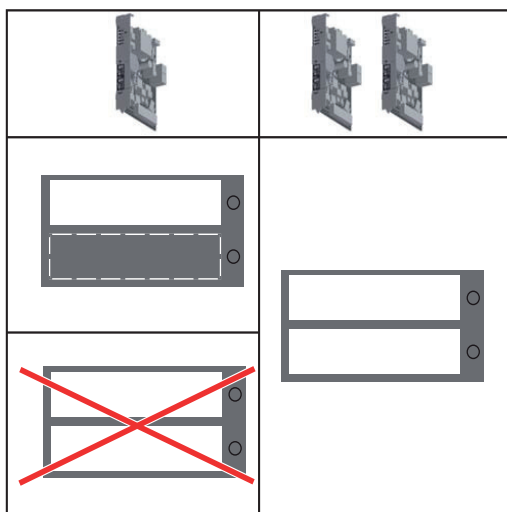
Danger from inadequate ground conductor connection.

This may result in serious injury and damage to property.

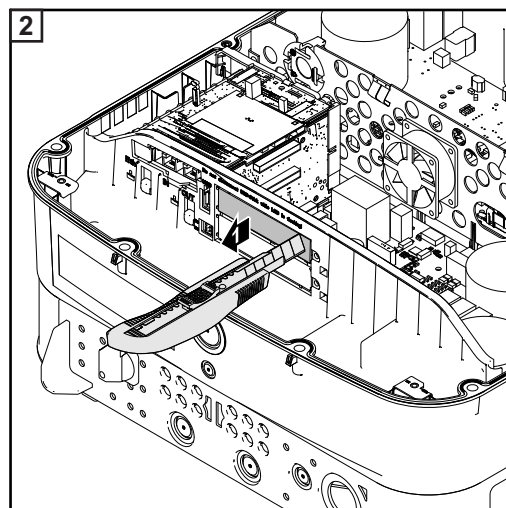
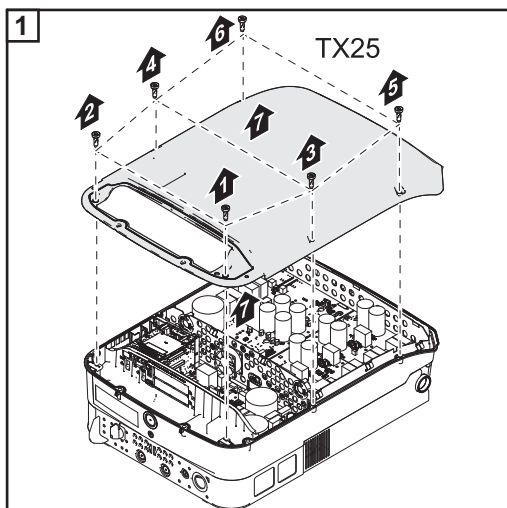
- The housing screws provide a suitable ground conductor connection for grounding the housing and must NOT be replaced by any other screws that do not provide a reliable ground conductor connection.

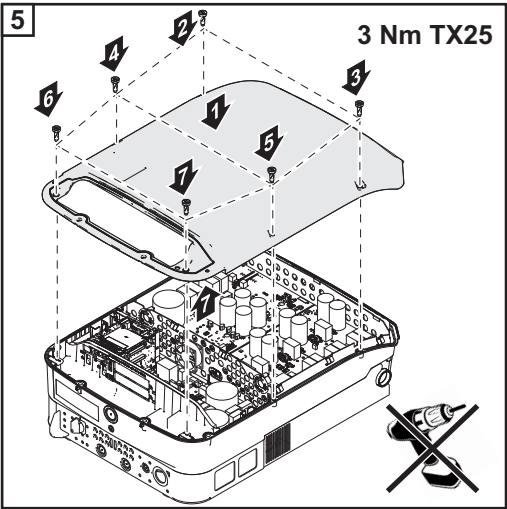
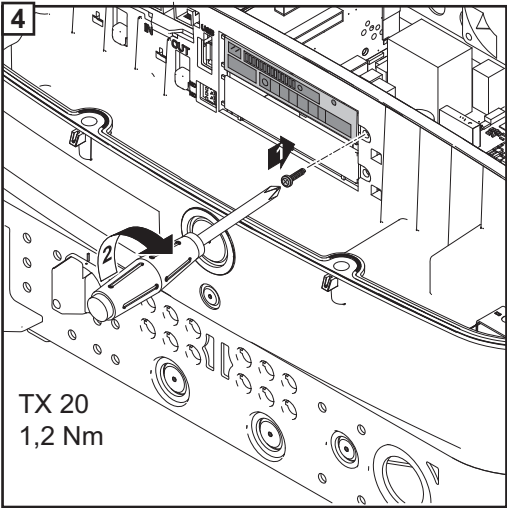
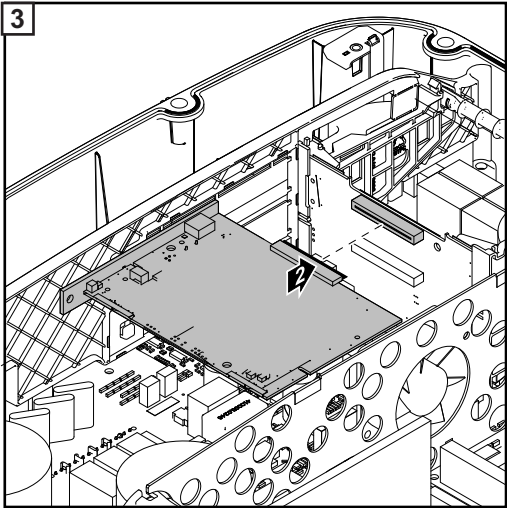
IMPORTANT! Observe the ESD guidelines when handling option cards.

IMPORTANT! Only one Fronius Datamanager in master mode is permitted per Fronius Solar Net ring. Switch any other Fronius Datamanagers to slave mode or remove them. Seal off the unoccupied option card slot by replacing the cover (item number 42,0405,2094); alternatively, use an inverter without a Fronius Datamanager (light version).



IMPORTANT! Only break out one opening for the PC board when installing a Datamanager in the inverter.





Attaching the inverter to the mounting bracket

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WARNING!

Danger from inadequate ground conductor connection.

This may result in serious injury and damage to property.

- The housing screws provide a suitable ground conductor connection for grounding the housing and must NOT be replaced by any other screws that do not provide a reliable ground conductor connection.

Two people are required to attach the inverter to the mounting bracket, as it is extremely heavy.

Note! For safety reasons, the inverter is fitted with a latch that prevents the inverter from being swung into the mounting bracket unless the DC main switch is switched off.

- Never attach the inverter to the mounting bracket or swing it in unless the DC main switch is switched off.
- Never use force to attach the inverter or swing it in.

The fastening screws in the data communication area of the inverter are used for securing the inverter to the mounting bracket. Correctly tightened fastening screws are a prerequisite if proper contact is to be established between the inverter and mounting bracket.



CAUTION!

Danger due to incorrectly tightened fastening screws.

This may result in arcs occurring when the inverter is in operation, which may lead to fire.

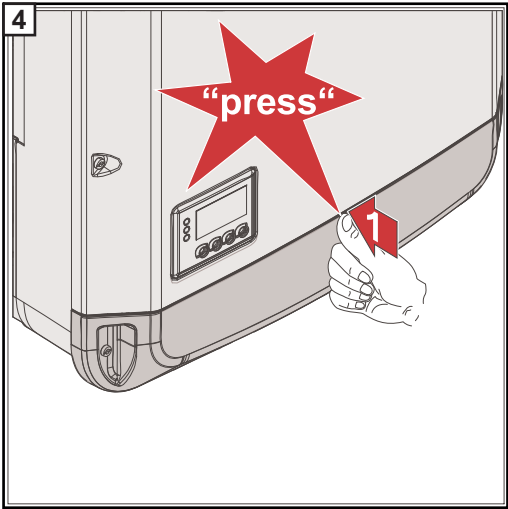
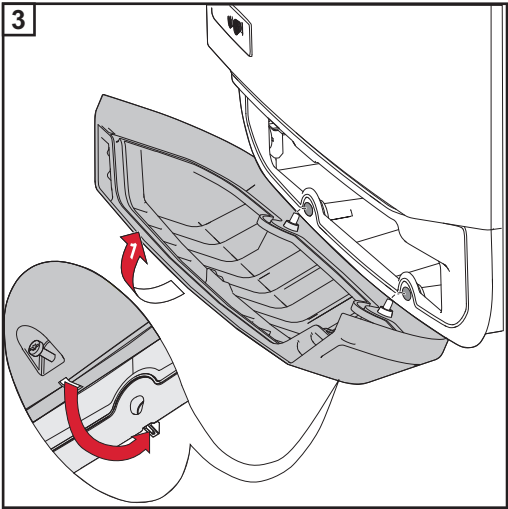
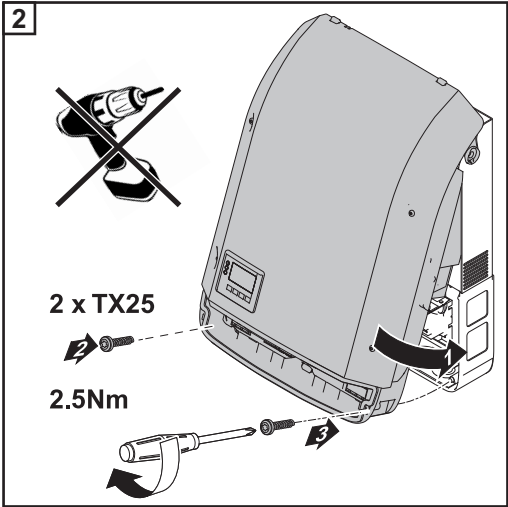
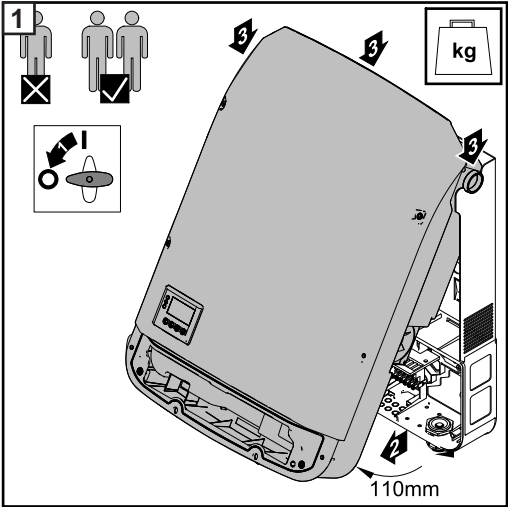
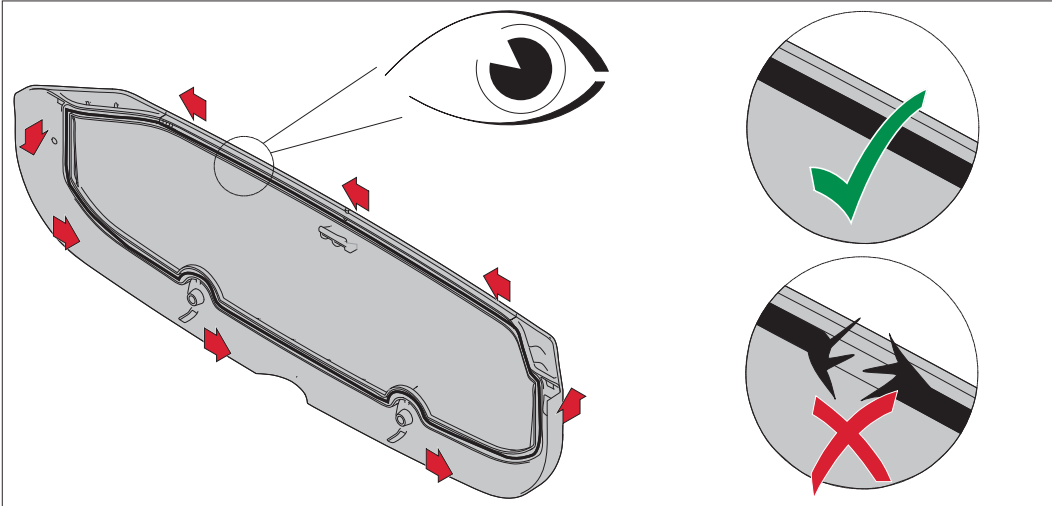
- Always use the specified torque when tightening the fastening screws.

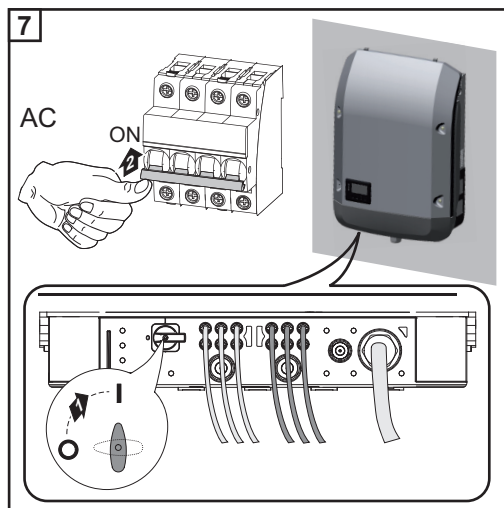
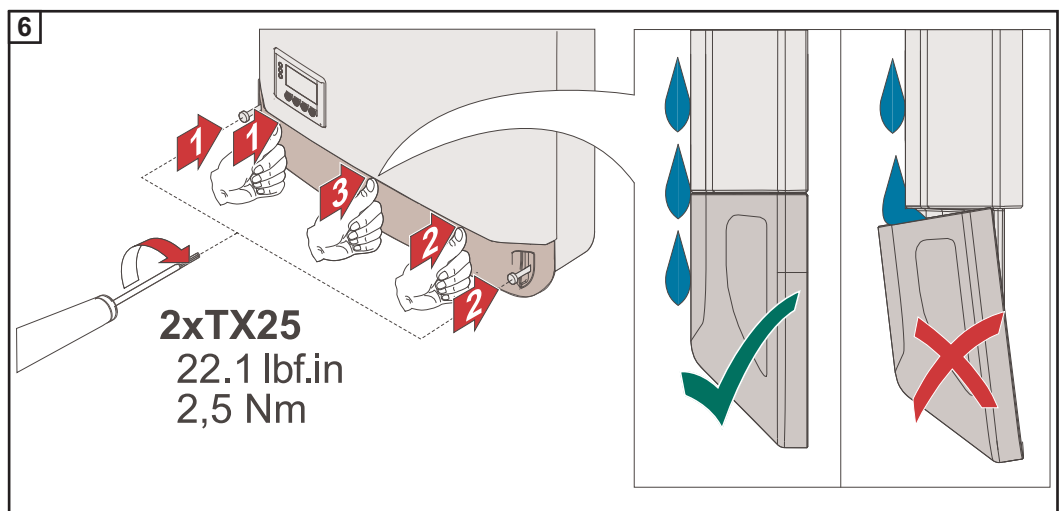
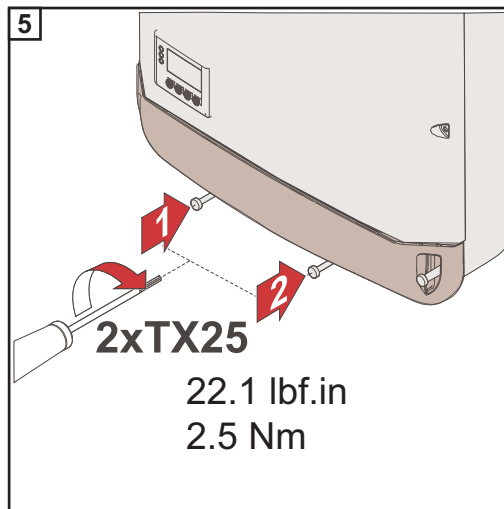


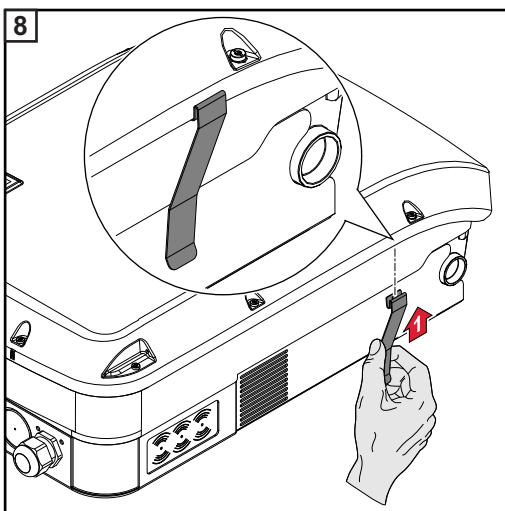
Over torqueing with an electric drill will void the warranty

Warranty claims will be void if the screws are tightened using an incorrect torque.

Carry out a visual inspection of the seal on the Datcom mounting bracket cover and check for any damage. A damaged or faulty Datcom cover must not be fitted to the device.







With the Fronius Eco, a metal bracket included in the scope of delivery must also be fitted to the device. This metal bracket is required for compliance with EMC (electromagnetic compatibility) regulations.

Starting for the first time

Starting the inverter for the first time



WARNING!

Danger due to incorrect operation and incorrectly performed work.

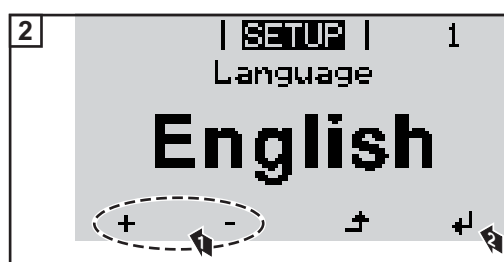
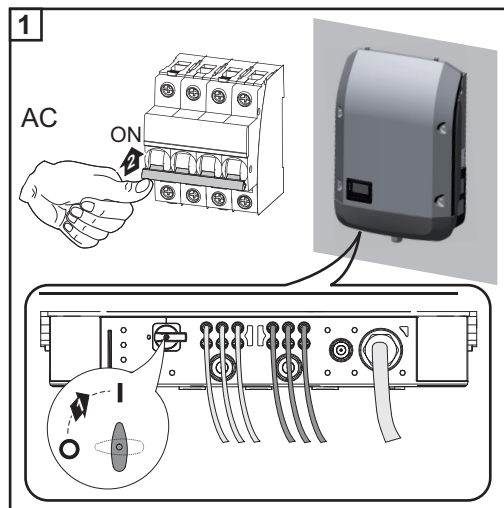
This may result in serious injury and damage to property.

- Only qualified staff are authorised to commission your inverter and only within the scope of the respective technical regulations.
- Read the Installation and Operating Instructions before installing and commissioning the equipment.

When starting the inverter for the first time, it is necessary to select various setup settings.

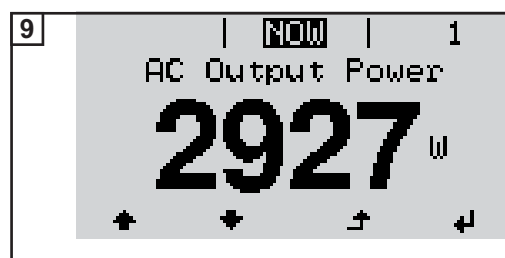
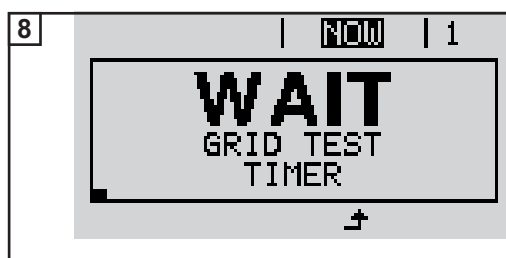
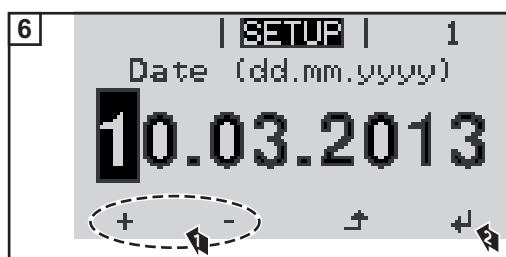
If setup is interrupted before it is complete, it can be restarted by means of an AC reset. An AC reset can be carried out by switching the automatic circuit breaker off and on again.

The country setup can only be set when starting the inverter for the first time. If the country setup needs to be changed at a later date, please contact your Technical Support team.



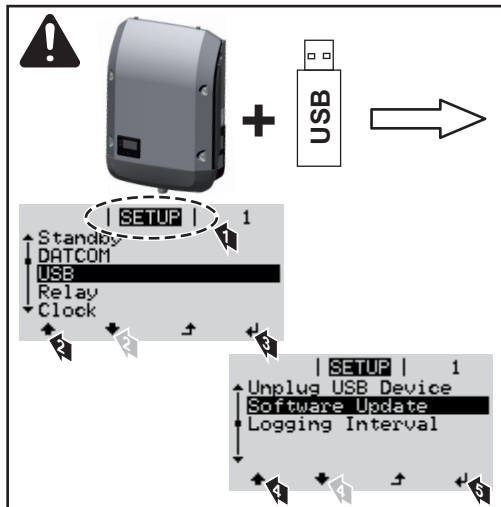
* Country setups

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60Hz	International 60 Hz	DKA1	Danmark Anlægsstørrelse <11 kVA	IT5	Italia: Dimensioni impianto > 11.08 kVA
AT1	Österreich: Anlagengröße < 3,68 kVA	DKA2	Danmark Anlægsstørrelse 11 - 50 kVA	ITMT	Italia: media tensione
AT2	Österreich: Anlagengröße > 3,68 kVA und < 13,8 kVA	DU1	بي < 10 kW	LK	Sri Lanka
AT3	Österreich: Anlagengröße > 13,8 kVA	DU2	بي > 10 kW and < 400 kW	MG50	Microgrid 50 Hz
AU	Australia	DU3	بي > 400 kW	MG60	Microgrid 60 Hz
BE	Belgique / België	ES	España	NIE1	Northern Ireland / Tuaisceart Éireann < 16 A
BR2	Brasil: < 6 kVA	ESOS	Territorios españoles en el extranjero (Spanish Overseas Islands)	NIE2	Northern Ireland / Tuaisceart Éireann > 16 A
BR3	Brasil: > 6 kVA	Eesti	Vali Setup PO	NL	Nederland
CH	Schweiz / Suisse / Svizzera / Svizra	FR	France	NO	Norge
CL	Chile	FROS	Territoire d'Outre-Mer (French Overseas Islands)	NZ	New Zealand
CY	Κύπρος / Kibris / Cyprus	GB	Great Britain	PF1	Polynésie française (French Polynesia)
CZ	Česko	GR	Ελλάδα	PT	Portugal
DE1	Deutschland: Anlagengröße < 3,68 kVA	HR	Hrvatska	RO	România
DE2	Deutschland: Anlagengröße > 3,68 kVA und < 13,8 kVA	HU	Magyarország	SE	Konungariket Sverige
DE3	Deutschland: Anlagengröße > 13,8 kVA	IE	Éire / Ireland; Malta	SI	Slovenija
DEMS	Deutschland: Medium voltage	IL	ישראל / ישראל / Israel	SK	Slovensko
		IN	India	TR	Türkiye
				TR	Türkiye
				UA	Україна
				ZA	South Africa / Suid-Afrika



Notes regarding software updates

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If the inverter is supplied with a USB stick, the inverter software must be updated as soon as the inverter has been commissioned:

- 1 Plug the USB stick into the data communication area of the inverter
- 2 Open the Setup menu
- 3 Select the "USB" menu item
- 4 Select "Software Update"
- 5 Update the software

USB Stick as a Data Logger and for Updating Inverter Software

USB flash drive as a datalogger

If a USB flash drive is connected to the USB A socket it can function as a datalogger for an inverter.

The logging data stored on the USB flash drive can be viewed at any time in third-party programmes (e.g. Microsoft® Excel) using the CSV file logged at the same time.

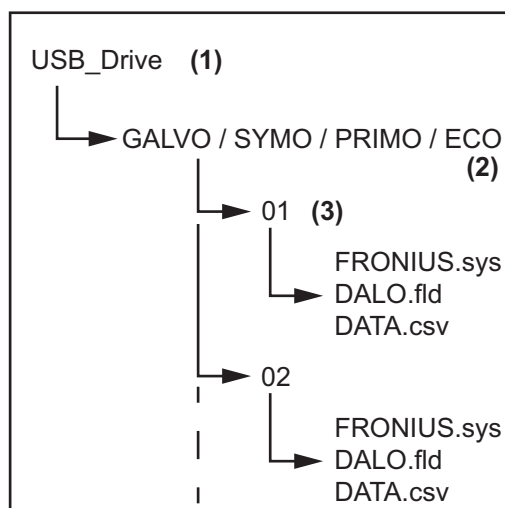
Older versions of Excel (before Excel 2007) are limited to a maximum of 65,536 rows.

Data on the USB stick

If the USB stick is being used as a data logger, three files will be created automatically:

- FRONIUS.sys system file:
This file stores information from the inverter that is irrelevant to the customer. The file must not be deleted separately. Only delete all of the files (sys, fld, csv) at one time.
- DALO.fld log file:
A log file for reading the data in the Fronius Solar.access software.

Further details on the Fronius Solar.access software can be found in the "DATCOM Details" operating instructions at <http://www.fronius.com>
- DATA.csv log file:
A log file for reading the data in a spreadsheet program (e.g.: Microsoft® Excel)



Data structure on the USB stick

- (1) USB root directory
- (2) Fronius inverters (Fronius Galvo, Fronius Symo, Fronius Primo or Fronius Eco)
- (3) Inverter number - can be set in the Setup menu under DATCOM

If there are several inverters with the same inverter number, the three files will be saved in the same folder. A digit is added to the file name as a suffix (e.g.: DALO_02.fld)

Structure of the CSV file:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	SerialNr.:123456789987456321'							
2	Date	Time	Inverter No.	Device Type	Periode [s]	Energy [Ws]	Energy L[Var]	Energy C[Var]
3	30.03.2013	17:15:19	1	247				
4	30.03.2013	17:15:19	1	247				
5	30.03.2013	17:15:19	1	247				
6	30.03.2013	17:15:20	1	247				

I	J	K	L	(8)	M	N	O	P	(9)	Q	R	S
Uac L1 [V]	Uac L2 [V]	Uac L3 [V]	Iac L1 [A]	Iac L2 [A]	Iac L3 [A]	Udc S1[V]	Idc S1[A]	Description				
								Display Information				
								V0.1.5 Build 0				
								28.03.2013 23:59:49 Info 017, Counter 0092				
								Logging Start				

- (1) ID
- (2) Inverter no.
- (3) Inverter type (DATCOM code)
- (4) Logging interval in seconds
- (5) Energy in watts per second, relative to the logging interval
- (6) Inductive reactive power
- (7) Capacitive reactive power
- (8) Average values during the logging interval (AC voltage, AC current, DC voltage, DC current)
- (9) Additional information

Data volume and storage capacity

A USB flash drive with a storage capacity of 1 GB can record logging data for roughly seven years at a logging interval of five minutes.

CSV file

CSV files can only store 65,535 lines (data records) (up to Microsoft® Excel 2007; there is no restriction from this version onwards).

At a five-minute logging interval, the 65,535 lines will be written within approximately seven months (CSV data size of approx. 8 MB).

In order to avoid data loss, the CSV file should be backed up to a PC and deleted from the USB flash drive within this seven-month period. If the logging interval is set to a longer period, this time frame will be increased accordingly.

FLD file

The FLD file should not be larger than 16 MB. This will provide enough storage capacity for approximately six years at a logging interval of five minutes.

If the file exceeds the 16 MB limit, it should be backed up to a PC and all of the data on the USB flash drive should be deleted.

After backing up and removing the data, the USB flash drive can be reconnected immediately to resume recording the logging data without any further steps being required.

Note! Using a full USB flash drive can lead to data loss or data being overwritten. When using USB flash drives, always ensure that there is sufficient storage capacity on the flash drive.

NOTE!

Risk of USB flash drive becoming full.

This may result in data being lost or overwritten.

- When using USB flash drives, always ensure that there is sufficient storage capacity on the flash drive.

Buffer memory

If the USB stick is unplugged (e.g. for data backup purposes), the logging data is written to a buffer memory in the inverter.

As soon as the USB stick is plugged in again, the data is copied automatically from the buffer memory to the stick.

The buffer memory can store a maximum of six logging points. Data is only logged while the inverter is running (output greater than 0 W). The logging interval is permanently set at 30 minutes. Data can be recorded on the buffer memory for a three-hour time period as a result.

When the buffer memory is full, the oldest data in the memory will be overwritten by the next batch of data.

IMPORTANT! The buffer memory requires a permanent power supply.

If there is a power failure while the inverter is in operation, all the data in the buffer memory will be lost. To avoid losing data during the night, the automatic night switch-off facility must be deactivated (switch the "Night Mode" setup parameter to ON - see the Datamanager 2.0 Operating Instructions, section "Setting and displaying the menu items", "Viewing and adjusting parameters in the DATCOM menu item").

On the Fronius Eco or Fronius Symo 15.0-3 208, the buffer memory also functions with just a DC supply.

Suitable USB flash drives

Due to the variety of USB flash drives available on the market, it cannot be guaranteed that every USB flash drive will be detected by the inverter.

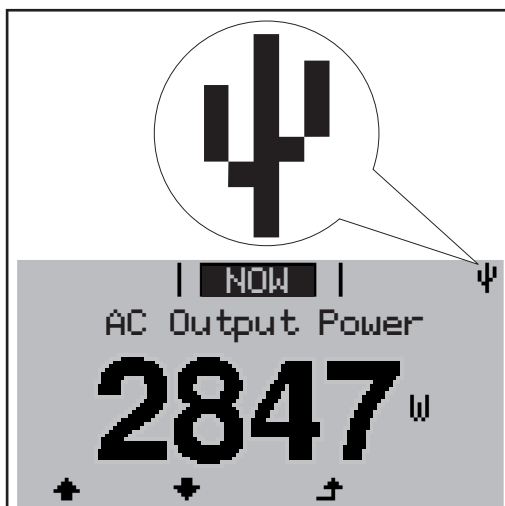
Fronius recommends that only certified, industry-grade USB flash drives are used (look out for the USB-IF logo).

The inverter supports USB flash drives with the following file systems:

- FAT12
- FAT16
- FAT32

Fronius recommends that the USB flash drives employed should only be used for recording logging data or updating the inverter software. The USB flash drives should not contain any other data.

USB symbol on the inverter display, e.g. in display mode 'NOW':



If the inverter detects a USB flash drive, the USB symbol will appear in the top right corner of the display.

When inserting a USB flash drive, check whether the USB symbol is displayed (it may also flash).

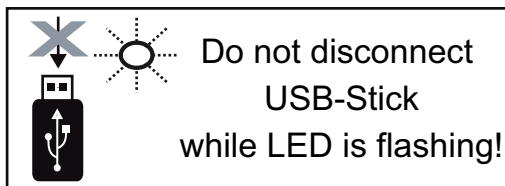
Note! Please note for outdoor applications that conventional USB flash drives are often only guaranteed to work within a restricted temperature range.
For outdoor applications ensure that the USB flash drive also functions, for example, at low temperatures.

USB stick for updating the inverter software

With the help of the USB stick, end customers can also update the inverter software via the USB item on the SETUP menu: the update file is first saved to the USB stick, from where it is then transferred to the inverter. The update file must be saved in the root directory on the USB stick.

Remove USB stick

Security note concerning the removal of a USB stick:



IMPORTANT! To avoid any loss of data, a USB stick may only be removed if the following conditions are met:

- only remove a USB stick via the 'Safely remove USB / HW' item on the SETUP menu
- the 'Data transmission' LED has stopped flashing or comes on steady.

Notes regarding maintenance

Maintenance

Note! When installed outdoors in a horizontal position: once a year, check that all screw joints are tight!

Maintenance and servicing may only be carried out by Fronius-trained service technicians.

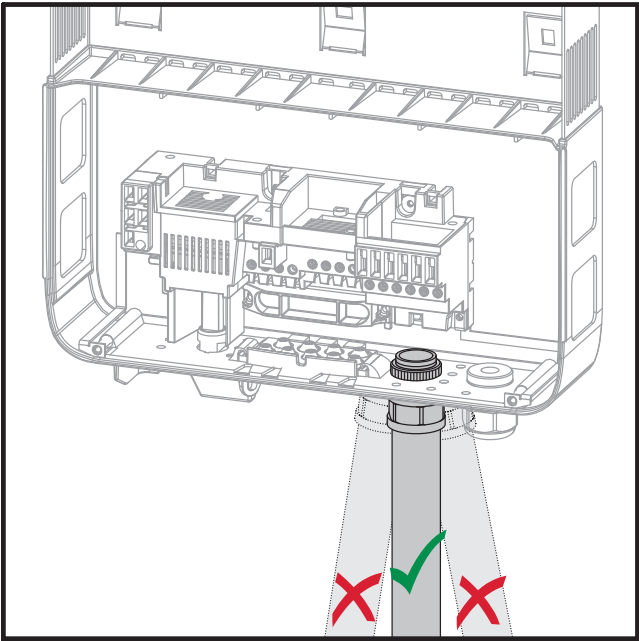
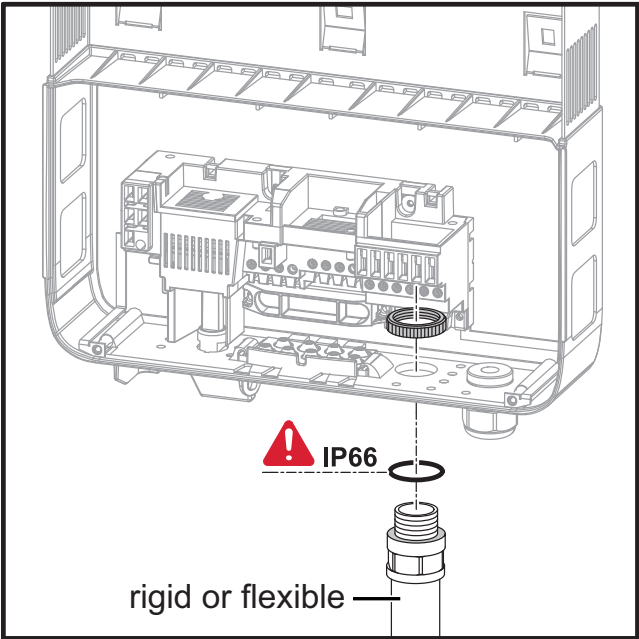
Cleaning

Clean the inverter as required with a damp cloth.

Do not use cleaning agents, abrasives solvents or similar to clean the inverter.

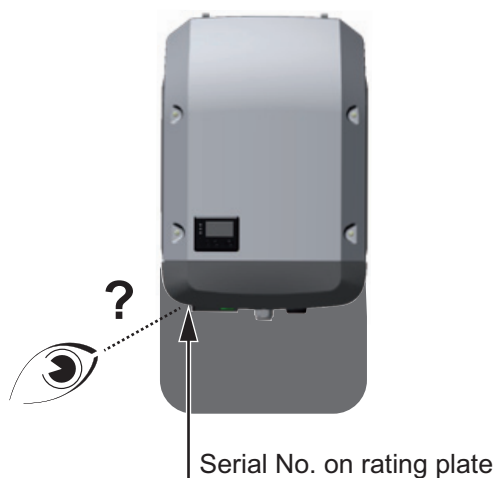
Australian cable protection hoses

Ensure that the cable protection hoses are tightly sealed.



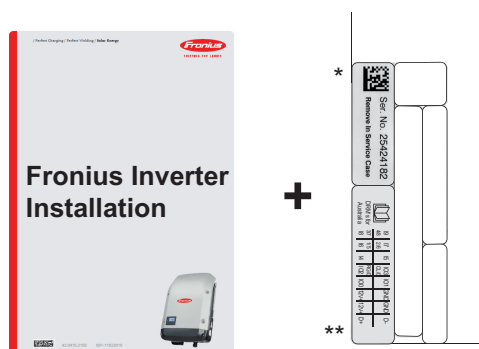
Serial Number Sticker for Customer Use

Serial number sticker for customer use



The serial number of the inverter is located on the rating plate on the bottom of the inverter.

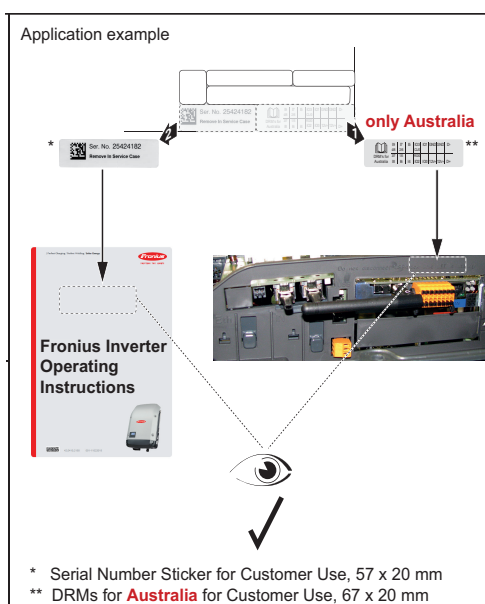
Depending on the installation position of the inverter, the serial number can be difficult to access or read, e.g. if the inverter has been installed in a dark or shaded area.



Two serial number stickers are enclosed with the inverter's Installation Instructions:

- * 57 x 20 mm
- ** 67 x 20 mm

These can be affixed by the customer in a visible location of his choosing, e.g. on the front of the inverter or on the Operating Instructions.



Application example:

Serial number sticker on the Operating Instructions or on the front of the inverter

For Australia only:

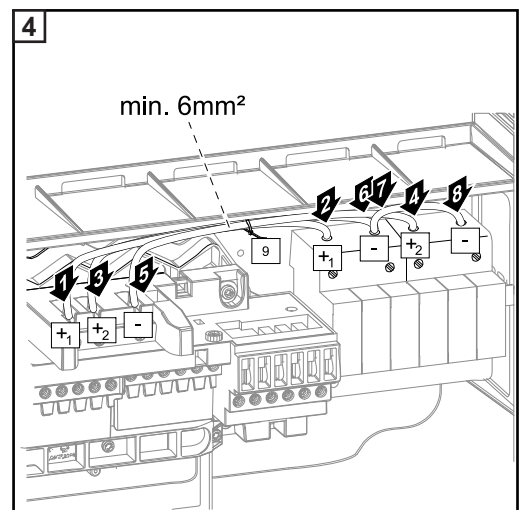
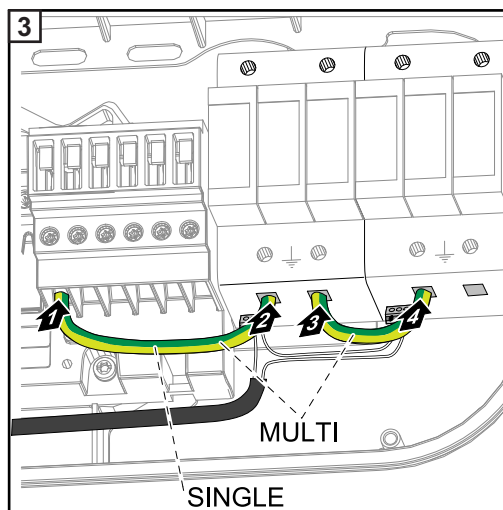
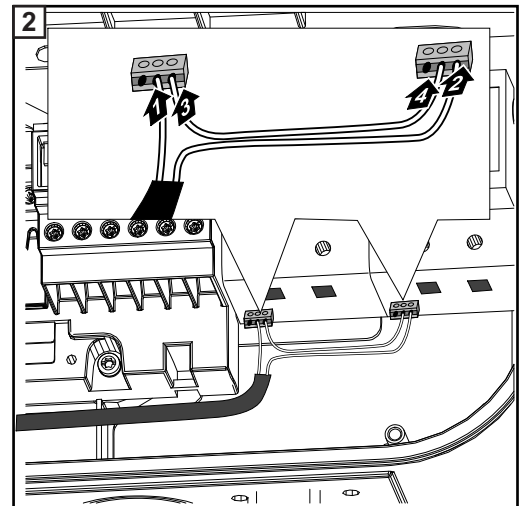
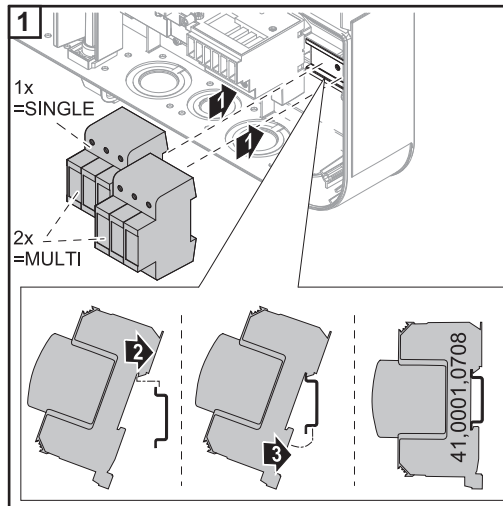
Affix the DRM Australia sticker in the Data-manager area.

DC SPD option

Installing the DC SPD option

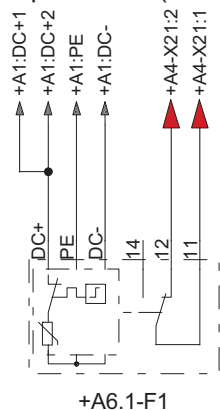
Overvoltage protection (DC SPD option) can be retrofitted in the inverter. Depending on the device type, one overvoltage protection device (single MPP tracker) or two overvoltage protection devices (multiple MPP tracker) must be installed in the inverter.

The overvoltage protection device must then be fully cabled (see chapter [Cabling the DC SPD option](#) on page 47)



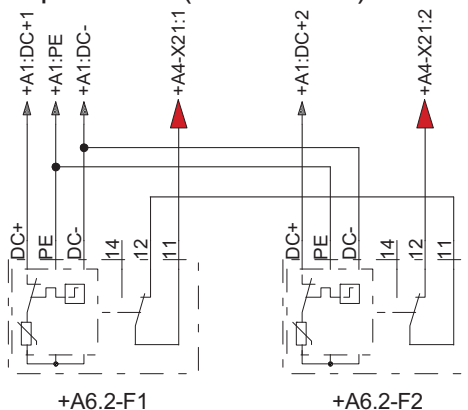
Circuit diagram

Option SPD (DC1)



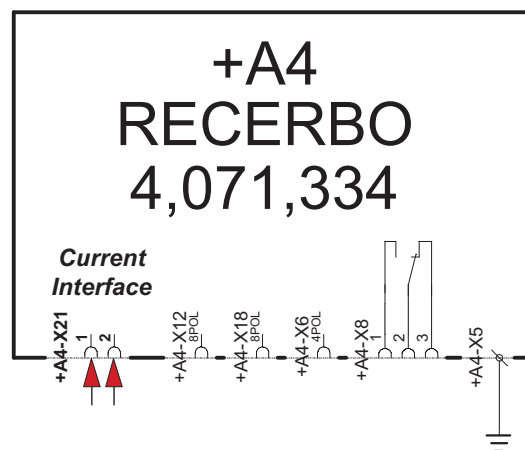
+A6.1-F1

Option SPD (DC1 + DC2)



+A6.2-F1

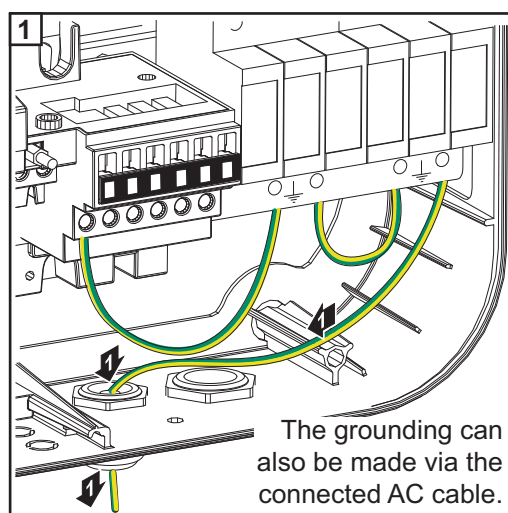
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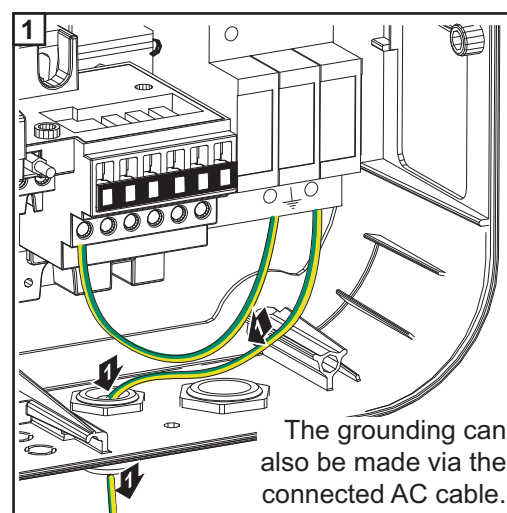
Cabling the DC SPD option

The DC SPD option can be ordered built-in or retrofitted at a later date. The cabling described below must be carried out for both variants.

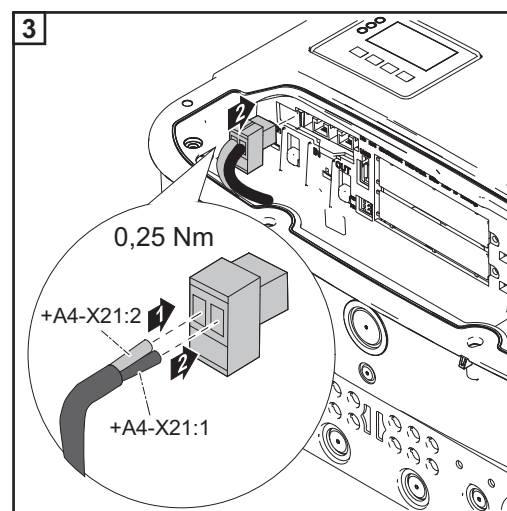
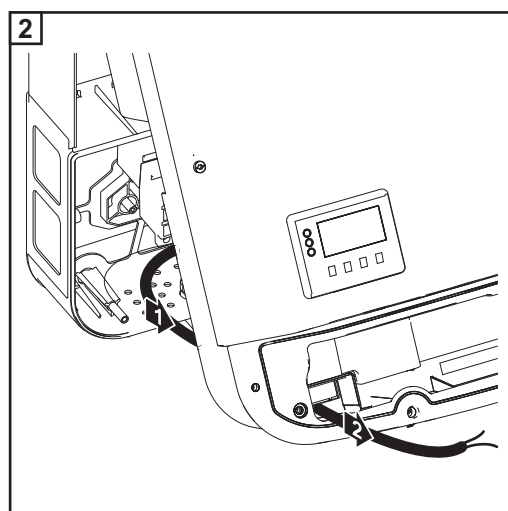
The M16 cable gland is included in the scope of delivery.



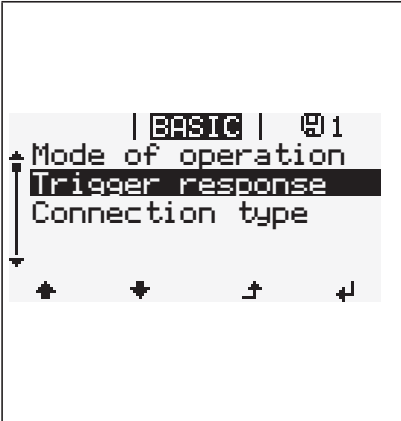
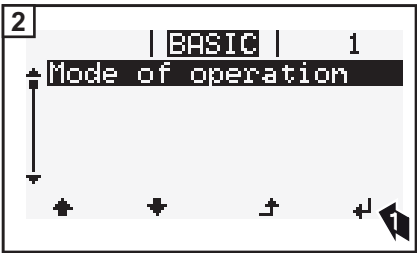
DC SPD - M option



DC SPD - S option



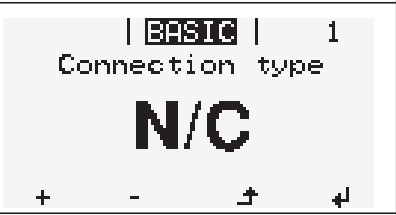
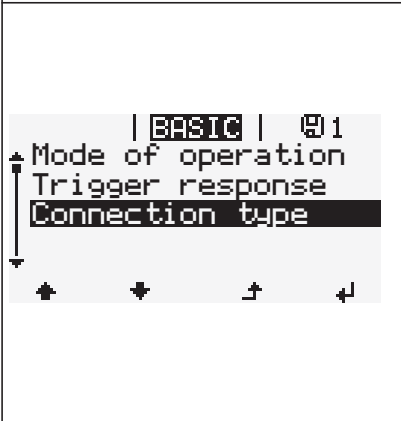
Settings in the
Basic menu



Warning is shown on the display.



The inverter is switched off.



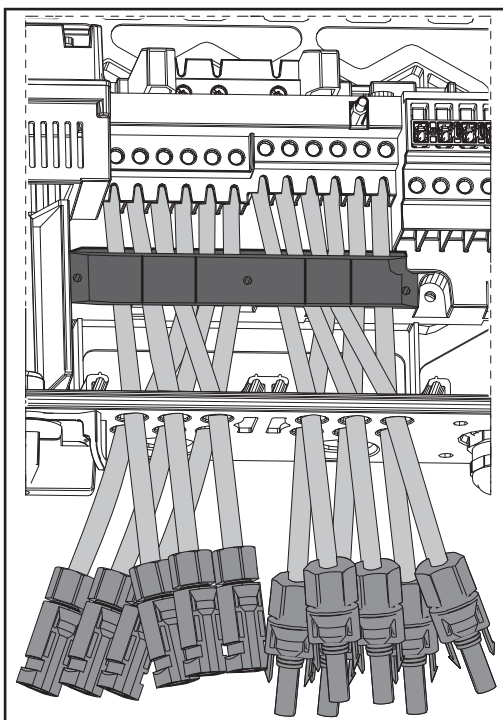
N/C (normally closed contact)



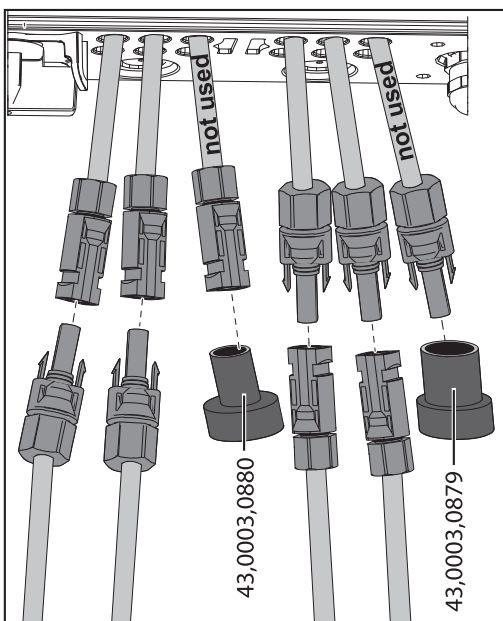
N/O (normally open contact)

DC-plug +- pair MC4 option

General remarks

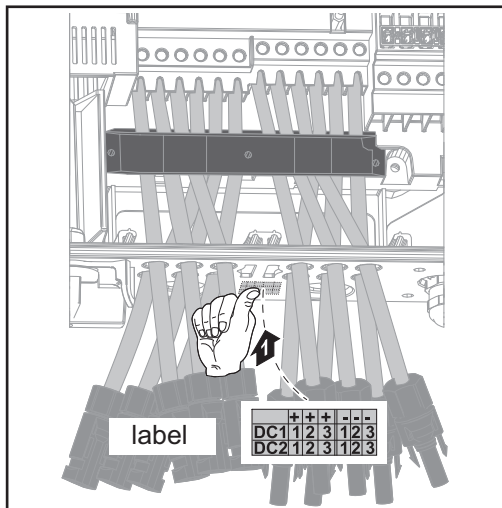


The inverter can be ordered with the DC-plug +- pair MC4 option.



Unused connections must be covered with a cover plate. The cover plates can be ordered using the following item numbers:

- MC30A DC+: 43,0003,0880
- MC30A DC-: 43,0003,0879



The scope of delivery for the inverter with the DC-plug +- pair MC4 option includes a label with a cable overview. This label can be positioned on the inverter in a suitable place.

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