

Solar PV Standard Plan – Simplified Central/String Inverter Systems for One- and Two Family Dwellings

This Standard Plan is intended to provide a simplified, "fill in the blanks" method of explaining the electrical configuration of a solar PV system.

Scope

Use this plan ONLY for utility-interactive central/string inverter systems not exceeding a system AC inverter output rating of 10kW on the roof of a one- or two-family dwelling or accessory structure. The photovoltaic system must interconnect to the load side of a single-phase AC service panel of nominal 120/240 VAC with a bus bar rating of 225 A or less. This plan is not intended for bipolar systems, hybrid systems or systems that utilize storage batteries, charge controllers, trackers, more than two inverters or more than one DC combiner (noninverter-integrated) per inverter. Systems must be in compliance with current CA Building Standards Codes and local amendments of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Other articles of the CA Electrical Code (CEC) shall apply as specified in CEC 690.3.

Manufacturer's Specification Sheets

Manufacturer's specification sheets must be provided for proposed inverter, modules, combiner/junction boxes and racking systems. Installation instructions for bonding and grounding equipment shall be provided. Listed and labeled equipment shall be installed and used in accordance with any instructions included in the listing or labeling (CEC 110.3). Equipment intended for use with PV systems shall be identified and listed for the application (CEC 690.4). Specifications on panels and racking systems shall demonstrate compliance with Carmel Municipal Code requirements for Class A roofing systems (CMC 15.08.120)

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Date:	Pla	Plan Check #:						
Job Location:		AP	APN#:					
Contractor Name:		Pho	Phone#:					
Signature:		Dat	te:					
Inverter Data								
Total # of Inverters: "Load Center Calculations" if a ne			plemental Calculation Sheets" and					
Inverter 1 AC Output Power Rating	g:		Watts					
Inverter 2 AC Output Power Rating								
Combined Inverter Output Power								
(1) Ambient Temp. Data (Check be	ox next to which lowest ε	expected	temperature is used):					
□ Lowest expected ambient tem	perature for the location	n (T _L) = Be	etween -1° to -5° C					
□ Lowest expected ambient tem	perature for the location	(T ₁) = Be	etween -6° to -10° C					
Average ambient high temperatur	•							
Note: For a lower T_1 or T_H , use the		d Plan						
DC Information								
Module Manufacturer:		_ Model:						
(2) Module V _{oc} (from nameplate):	Volts (3)	Module I	I _{sc} (from nameplate): Amp					
(4) Module DC output power unde	er standard test conditior	ns (STC) =	Watts (STC)					
	(5) DC Module La	yout						
Identify each source circuit (string) for Inverter 1 shown on the roof plan with a Tag (e.g. A,B,C)								
			Combiner 1:					
		0	Combiner 2:					
Total # of source circuits for inverter	1:							

(6) DC/DC Converters									
Are DC/DC Converters Used? 🛛 Yes 🗅 No If no, skip to Step 7. If yes, enter info below.									
DC/DC Converter Model #:	DC/DC Converter Max. Input Voltage:Volts								
Max. DC Output Current: Amps	Max. DC Output Current:Volts								
Max. # of DC/DC Converters per Input Circuit:	DC/DC Converter Max. Input Power:Watts								

(7) Maximum System DC Voltage													
Use A1 or A2 for systems without DC/DC Converters, and B1 or B2 with DC/DC Converters													
\Box A1. Module V _{oc} (Step 2) =		X # in series (Step 5)X1.12 (If -1 ≤ T ≤ -5° C [Step 1]) =									V		
□ A2. Module V_{oc} (Step 2) = X # in series (Step 5) X1.14 (If $-6 \le T_{L} \le -10^{\circ}$ C [Step 1]) =								V					
Table 1. Maximum Number of PV Modules in Series Based on Module Rated V _{oc} for 600 Vdc Rated Equipment (CEC 690.7)										.7)			
Max. Rated Module V _{oc} (*1.12) (Volts)	29.76	31.51	33.48	35.71	38.27	41.21	44.64	48.70	53.57	59.52	66.96	76.53	89.29
Max. Rated Module V _{oc} (*1.14) (Volts)	29.24	30.96	32.89	35.09	37.59	40.49	43.86	47.85	52.63	58.48	65.79	75.19	87.72
Max # of Modules for 600 Vdc	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
Use for DC/DC converters. The	value	calcula	ited be	low m	ust be l	ess tha	an DC/I	DC con	verter	max. D	C inpu	t volta	ge

Use for DC/DC converters. The value calculated below must be less than DC/DC converter max. DC input voltage (Step 6)

□ B1. Module V_{oc} (Step 2) = ____ X # of modules/converter (Step 6) ____ X1.12 (If $-1 \le T_{L} \le -5^{\circ}$ C, Step 1) = ____ V □ B2. Module V_{oc} (Step 2) = ____ X # of modules/converter (Step 6) ____ X1.14 (If $-1 \le T_{L} \le -5^{\circ}$ C, Step 1) = ____ V

Table 2. Largest Module V $_{ m oc}$ for Single-Module DC/DC Converter Configurations (with 80 V AFCI Cap) (CEC 690.7 and 690.11)																
Max. Rated Module V_{oc} (*1.12) (Volts)	30.4	33.0	35.7	38.4	41.1	43.8	46.4	49.1	51.8	54.5	57.1	59.8	62.5	<mark>65.2</mark>	67.9	70.5
Max. Rated Module V_{oc} (*1.14) (Volts)	29.8	32.5	35.1	37.7	40.4	43.0	45.6	48.2	50.9	53.5	56.1	58.8	61.4	64.0	66.7	<mark>69.3</mark>
DC/DC Converter Max DC Input (Step #6) (Volts)	34	37	40	43	46	49	52	55	58	61	64	67	70	73	76	79

(8) Maximum System DC Voltage from DC/DC Converters to Inverter – Only required if Yes in Step 6 Maximum System DC Voltage = _____ Volts

(9) Maximum Source Circuit Current

Is Module I_{sc} below 9.6 Amps (Step 3)?
I Yes I No (If no, use Comprehensive Std. Plan)

(10) Sizing Source Circuit Conductors Source circuit conductor Size = Min. #10 AWG copper conductor, 90° C wet (USE-2, PV Wire, XHHW-2, THWN-2, RHW-2)

For up to 8 conductors in roof-mounted conduit exposed to sunlight at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the roof covering (CEC 310).

Note: For over 8 conductors in the conduit or mounting height lower than ½" from the roof, use Comprehensive Plan

(11) Are PV source circuits combined prior to the inverter?
Yes
No

If no, use Single Line Diagram 1 and proceed to Step 13.
If yes, use Single Line Diagram 2 with Single Line Diagram 4 and proceed to Step12.
Is source circuit OCPD required?
Yes
No

Source circuit OCPD size (if needed): 15 Amps

 (12) Sizing PV Output Circuit Conductors – If a combiner box will NOT be used (Step 11) Output Circuit Conductor Size = Min. #6 AWG copper conductor 									
 (13) Inverter DC Disconnect Does the inverter have an integrated DC disconnect? □ Yes □ No If No, the external DC disconnect to be installed is rated for Amps (DC) and Volts (DC) 									
 (14) Inverter Information Manufacturer:Model: Max. Continuous AC Output Current Rating: Amps Integrated DC Arc-Fault Circuit Protection? Yes No (If no, use Comprehensive Plan) Grounded or Ungrounded System? Grounded 									

AC Information

(15) Sizing Inverter Output Circuit Conductors and OCPD Inverter Output OCPD rating = Amps (Table 3) Inverter Output Circuit Conductor Size = AWG (Table 3)										
Table 3. Minimum Inverter Output OCPD and Circuit Conductor Size										
Inverter Continuous Output Current Rating (Amps) (Step 14)	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	48	
Minimum OCPD Size (Amps)	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	60	
Minimum Conductor Size (AWG, 75° C, Copper)	14	12	10	10	8	8	6	6	6	
 (16) Point of Utility Connection Only load side connections are permitted with this plan. Otherwise, use Comprehensive Plan. Is the PV OCPD positioned on opposite end from input feeder location or main OCPD location PYes No If Yes, circle the Max. Combined PV System OCPD(s) at 120% value as determined from Step 15 (or Step S20), bus bar rating, and Main OCPD as shown in Table 4. Per CEC 705.12(D)(2): (Inverter output OCPD size [Step 15 or S20] + Main OCPD Size) < (bus size X [100% or 120%]) 										
Table 4. Maximum Combined Supply OCPE)s Based	l on Bus	Bar Rati	ing (Am	ps) per (CEC 705.	.12(D)(2	.)	-	
Bus Bar Rating	100	125	125	200	200	200	225	225	225	
Main OCPD	100	100	125	150	175	200	175	200	225	
Max Combined PV System OCPD(s) at 120% of Bus Bar Rating 20 50 25 60* 60* 40 60* 60* 45										
Max Combined PV System OCPD(s)	0	25	0	50	25	0	50	25	0	

*This value has been lowered to 60 A from the calculated value to reflect 10 kW AC size maximum.

at 100% Bus Bar Rating

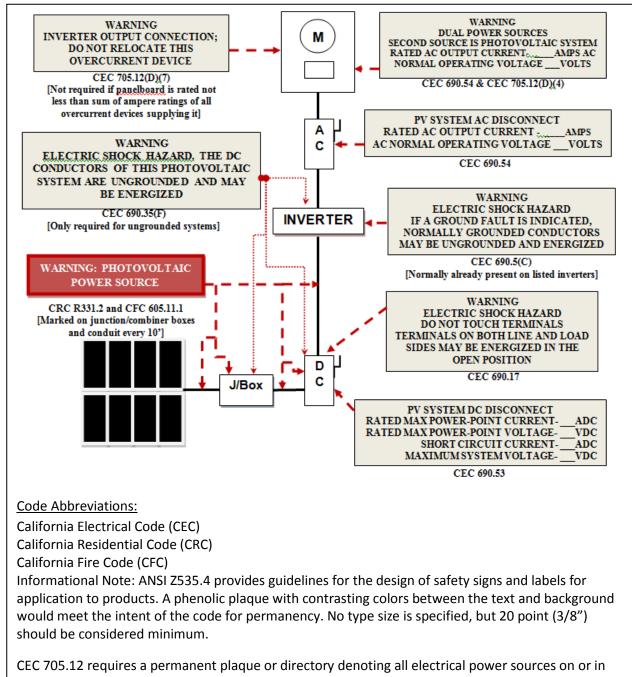
Reduction of the main breaker is not permitted with this plan. Otherwise, use Comprehensive Plan

(17,18,19) Labels and Grounding and Bonding: This content is covered by the labels on the next page and the Single Line Diagram(s). For background information, refer to the Comprehensive Plan.

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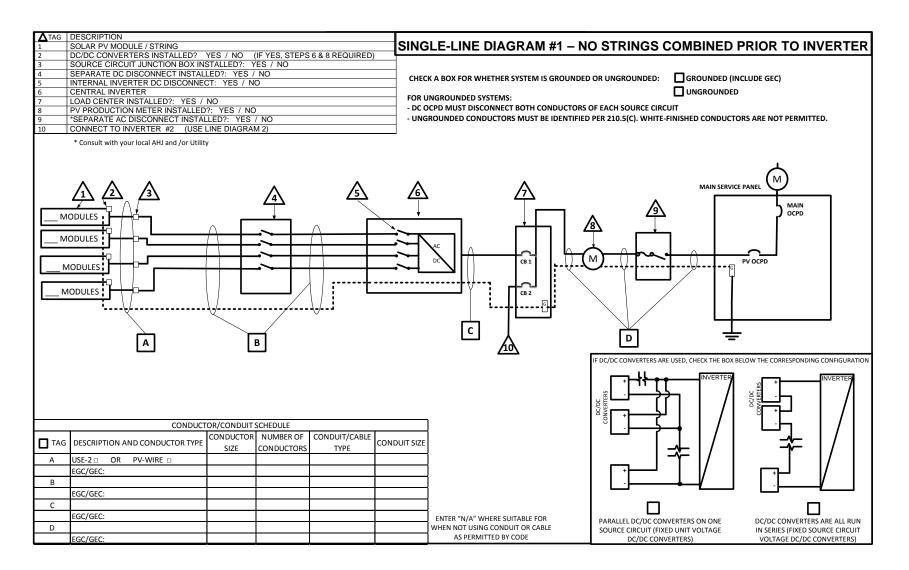
Markings

CEC Articles 690 and 705, and CRC Section R331 require the following labels or markings be installed at these components of the photovoltaic system:

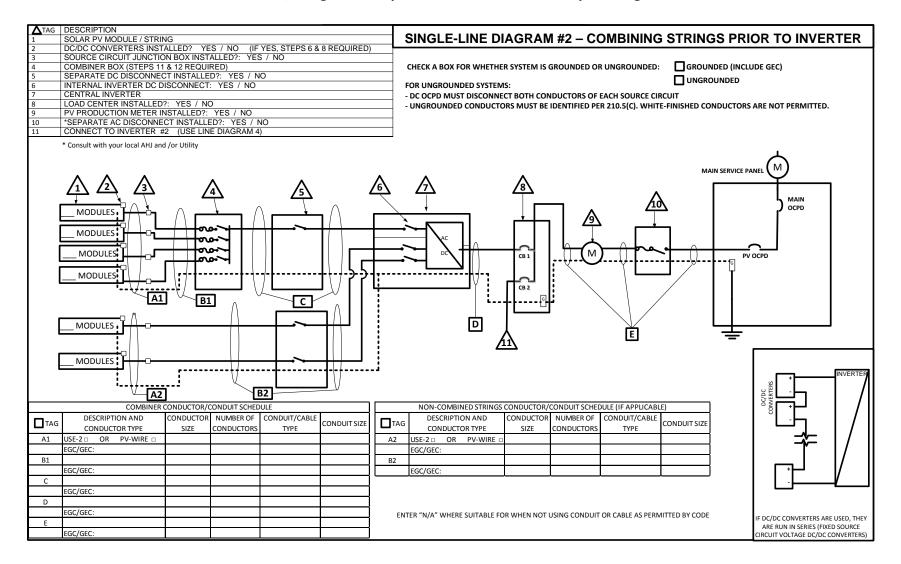


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Supplemental Calculation Sheets for Inverter #2 (Only Include if Second Inverter is Used)

DC Information

Module Manufacturer: Model:									
(S2) Module V _{oc} (from modu	ule nameplate):Volts	(S3) Module I _{sc} (from module nameplate):Amps							
(S4) Module DC output power under standard test conditions (STC) = Watts (STC)									
(S5) DC Module Layout									
Identify each source circuit (string) for inverter 1 shown on the roof plan with a Tag (e.g. A,B,C,)	Number of modules per source circuit for inverter 1	Identify, by tag, which source circuits on the roof are to be paralleled (if none, put N/A)							
		Combiner 1:							
		-							
		Combiner 2:							
Total number of source circuits	s for inverter 1:								
(S6) Are DC/DC Converte	ers used? Yes No	If No, skip to Step S7. If Yes, enter info below.							
DC/DC Converter Model #:		DC/DC Converter Max DC Input Voltage: Volts							
Max DC Output Current:	Amps	Max DC Output Current: Volts							
Max # of DC/DC Converters in an Input Circuit: DC/DC Converter Max DC Input Power: Wa									

(S7) Maximum System DC Voltage — Use A1 or A2 for systems without DC/DC converters, and B1 or B2 with DC/DC Converters.															
A1. Module V_{oc} (STEP S2) = x # in series (STEP S5) x 1.12 (If $-1 \le T_{c} \le -5^{\circ}C$, STEP S1) = V															
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Max # of Modules for 600 Vdc	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	2 11	1	10	9	8		7	6
Use for DC/DC converters. The value	ue calcu	lated be	elow m	lust be le	ss than	DC/DC	Conve	erter ma	ax DC i	input	volta	ge (STE	EP S6)		
B1. Module V _{oc} (STEP S2) =	<u>×</u>	(# of m	odules	per con	verter (S	STEP Se	5)	_x 1.	12 (If -	-1≤7	°_ ≤ -5	C, STE	P S1)	=	V
B2. Module V_{oc} (STEP S2) =															
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Maximum System DC Voltage = Volts															
(S9) Maximum Source Circo															
Is Module I _{sc} below 9.6	Amps	s (Step	S3)?	<u>ر</u>	es [No C	(If Nc	o, use	Com	pre	hensi	ive St	tand	ard F	lan)
(S10) Sizing Source Circuit Co Source Circuit Conductor			10 41			aduct	or 00°	Curet	+ /I ICT	- 2 1		iro VI		12	
THWN-2, RHW-2)	5120 -	IVIIII. #	10 AV	va cop		luucu	JI, 90	Cwei	1 (036	⊑-∠, I	PV VV	ire, A		I-Z,	
For up to 8 conductors in i	roof-m	ounted	cond	luit exp	osed to	o sunli	ght at	least 2	½" fro	om t	he ro	of cov	vering	g (CEC	310)
Note: For over 8 conductor	s in the	e condu	it or r	nountin	g heigł	nt of lo	wer th	1an ½"	from	the	roof, I	use Co	omp	rehei	nsive
Plan.															
(S11) Are PV source circuits	combi	ned p	rior t	o the i	nverte	r?	Yes		Νο						
If No, use Single Line Diag								Ш.							
If Yes, use Single Line D	-			-		-	4 and	l proc	eed t	to St	tep S	12.			
Is source circuit OCPD required? 🔄 Yes 🔤 No															
Source circuit OCPD size (if needed): 15 Amps															
(S12) Sizing PV Output Circuit Conductors — If a combiner box will NOT be used (Step															
SII), Output Circuit Cond	S11), Output Circuit Conductor Size = Min. #6 AWG copper conductor														
(S13) Inverter DC Disconnect															
Does the inverter have an															•_ ·
If No, the external DC disconnect to be installed is rated forAmps (DC) and Volts (DC)															

(S14) Inverter Information							
Manufacturer:		_ Model:					
Max. Continuous AC Output Current Rating	Amps						
Integrated DC Arc-Fault Circuit Protection?	□ Yes	\Box No (If No is selected, Comprehensive Plan)					
Grounded or Ungrounded System?	Grounded	□ Ungrounded					

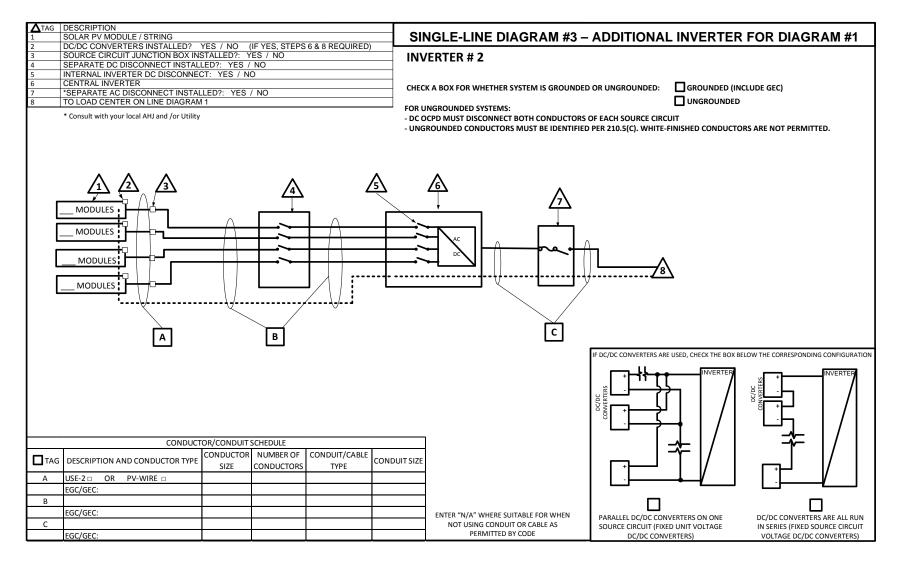
AC Information

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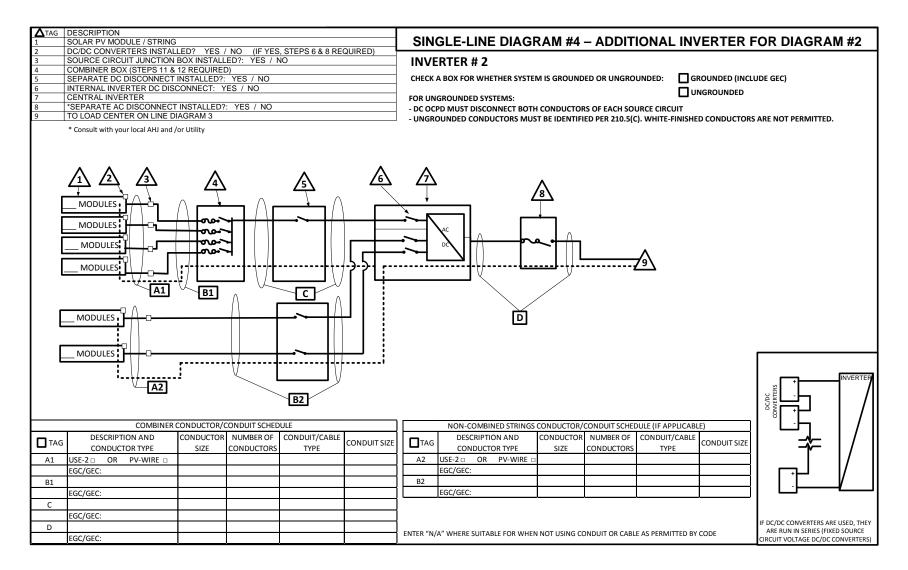
Load Center Calculations (Omit if load center will not be installed for PV OCPDs)

(S20) Load Center Output		
Calculate the sum of the maximum AC outputs from each inverter.		
Inverter #1 Max. Continuous AC Output Current Rating (Step S14)	X1.25=	Amps
Inverter #2 Max. Continuous AC Output Current Rating (Step S14)	X1.25=	Amps
Total inverter currents connected to load center (sum above)	=	Amps
Conductor Size: AWG Overcurrent Protection Device: Amps Load center bus bar rating: Amps The sum of the ampere ratings of overcurrent devices in circuits supplyin conductor shall not exceed 120 percent of the rating of the bus bar or co		s bar or

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Items required: Roof layout of all panels; modules; clear access pathways; approximate locations of electrical disconnecting means; and roof access points.