

# Solar inverter relay protection





## Overview

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Why do solar inverters need a relay?

Relays can help with maintaining the safe and efficient function of an inverter within a solar PV system – here's how. What is a relay and why is it important for solar inverters?

A solar inverter is a crucial component of a solar photovoltaic (PV) system – more commonly known to your everyday user as a solar panel system.

What if there is no relay inside a solar PV inverter?

If there is no relay inside the inverter, then there must be an external relay to ensure safety. Even if the solar PV system inverter has a preinstalled isolation switch, the electrical wiring connected to the inverter still carries live and potentially lethal amounts of DC electricity.

What is a solar inverter?

A solar inverter is a crucial component of a solar photovoltaic (PV) system – more commonly known to your everyday user as a solar panel system. Solar inverters are responsible for the task of changing the direct current (DC) into alternating current (AC) through solar energy.

How does a relay work in an inverter?

However, relays are electrically operated switches that are placed at the output side of an inverter. So, unlike our manually operated switches, a relay uses an electrical signal to control an electromagnet, which in turn connects or disconnects another circuit.



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