

# Enphase AC Battery

# **Technical Training**

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#### **Enphase AC Batteries from Segen**





# Welcome to Enphase AC Battery Training

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Introduction to the Enphase AC Battery



# **Enphase AC Battery (ACB)**

#### **Features**

- 1.2 kWh energy capacity, 270 W power
- Weight: 25 kg
- Embedded bi-directional microinverter
- Depth of discharge: >95%
- 96% round-trip efficiency for the battery
- LFP\* chemistry: Safety certified by TÜV Rheinland
- IP 20 rated
- Warranty: 10 years or 7,300 cycles\*\*
- UN38.3 certified

Notes: Actual cycle life depends on rate and depth of charge, and battery temperature \*Lithium Ferrous Phosphate \*\*1 cycle= 1 full charge and 1 full discharge





### **Enphase ACB Wall Mount Brackets**

#### **Features**

- Integrated junction box
- 2.5mm<sup>2</sup> to 4.0mm<sup>2</sup> wire
- 2 versions (450mm and 600mm)
- Can be pre-installed





### **Envoy-S Metered**

#### **Features**

- Data and management
- Monitoring and control
- Production and consumption metering with CTs
- ACB & microinverter connectivity
- Flexible internet connectivity & integrated Wi-Fi
- Single or multiphase (with additional CTs)
- Charge and discharge management, including phase balancing
- 5 year warranty







# **Enlighten Monitoring Platform**

#### **Features**

- Monitor energy consumption and production in one interface
- Quickly view net energy



Manage ACB time of use and night time charging options



#### MyEnlighten for System Owners



# Installer Toolkit App (ITK)

#### **Features**

- Accelerates Envoy and AC Battery commissioning
- Use phone camera to scan serial numbers
- Configure system and apply grid settings without a laptop
- View and email the status report to verify install success
- Available for iOS and Android
- Set ACB time of use and night time charging options









# System Overview

#### **Basic Enphase Microinverter Architecture**



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Independent Microinverters for every solar module

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#### **AC Battery System Architecture**

























**Electrical Design** 

# Locating and Mounting the Envoy-S

- Location
- Powerline communication
- Internet
- Switchboard device
- CT wiring





### **Things That Can Create Competing Noise**



Also...

- String Inverters
- Solar iBoost
- Dimmer switches
- Pool pumps



#### Example Schematic

Microinverter site



#### Example Schematic

String inverter site



Before going to site...

# Get Online with ITK

#### **Features**

- Make sure you know your Enlighten installer Login
- Installer the ITK App



 Make sure your App is up-to-date before you leave your WiFi





### **Site Assessment and Location Planning**

- IP20 rated locations
  - Away from water
  - Indoor unoccupied space (garage)
  - Readily accessible
- Temperature considerations
  - -20°C to +40°C
    - Out of direct sunlight
    - Well ventilated





### **Site Assessment and Location Planning**

- Approved clearances
  - Minimum 300mm above and below
- Physical mounting requirements
  - 25kg load capacity per unit
- Envoy Powerline Communications
  - Minimum cable run to Envoy
  - Shared sub board to minimize risk of noise





### Which Type of Envoy for AC Battery Sites?



Envoy-S & CT Installation

# **Current Transformers (CTs)**

- A CT is a device used to measure power flowing through a conductor.
- Enphase provides a proprietary CT : do not use any other, you risk to damage the Envoy
- CTs must be installed in specific direction, as indicated by arrow sticker.
- Terminate CT wiring <u>Before</u> closing CT.

Remember! CTs can produce dangerous voltage and current if left unterminated while closed around an active conductor







# **Current Transformers (CTs)**

Must be installed on a phase conductor, not on a multicore cable, not on neutral



### **Current Transformers (CTs)**







### **Configuration Meters in ITK**

# Connect to Envoy with AP (Access Point) Mode











### **Configuration Meters in ITK**

Configure the meters with The Enphase Installer Toolkit App.





# **Configuration Meters in ITK**

Do the readings make sense?

- Negative readings are a clear sign of incorrect polarity of the production CT
- Don't install the production CT on a place where it could also measure the Envoy consumption
- Don't forget to enable the meter




# **Configuring Meters**

Complete Consumption Meter configuration

- Verify readings
- If the consumption meter selection is incorrect, now is the time to make the change
- Enable the meter



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# **Configuration Meters in ITK**



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### **Configuring Meters : Load with PV (NET)**





### **Configuring Meters : Load without PV (TOTAL)**

Consumption CT sees only one energy flow

• import





# **CT Installation Workflow**



# **Common Mistakes**

If the CTs are not correctly installed, the Envoy will read negative values that will not be used or seen on Enlighten and ACB will not function correctly.

- CTs installed in a correct direction : arrow to match energy flow measured.
- CTs correctly wired on the Envoy : BB => blue on bottom.
- Envoy Power supply : Line & Neutral must be correctly terminated If reversed, all CT readings will be reversed ! (check with an electrical tester or measure the voltage)





AC Battery Location & Installation

### **Junction Box Cable Entry**



- Grommets, similar to a metal pattress box.
- Knock-outs in the rear cables to be hidden if desired.



### Mount to Wall



- 450mm and 600mm plates
- 25kg weight load
- 13 maximum AC Batteries / Circuit
- Use fasteners that ensure structural stability on mounting



# **Terminate Wiring**

- Remove junction box cover
- 2.5mm<sup>2</sup> to 4mm<sup>2</sup> wire
- Uses push connectors
- Route, secure and check all wires
- Replace box cover

#### **Junction box detail**





### **Unpacking the AC Battery**



- Unpack the battery and check for damage.
- Do not install if there are signs of mis-handling or damage!!



### **Unpacking the AC Battery**



- Packaging opens to allow ACB units to be easily lifted.
- Packaging re-usable



### **Unpacking the AC Battery**





### **Mounting the AC Batteries**



- Hang ACB onto bracket on tabs
- Take care in lifting (25kgs)
- Ensure "bonding screws" on ACB align to bracket and are fully secured



### Connecting the AC Batteries – DC & AC!!!



- FIRST Connect DC Connector (Click!)
- Second Connect AC Connector (Click!)



### **Completed Installation**



- Installation almost complete, AC isolator as a point of emergency switching.
- Cover plate (shown below) is fitted to underside with two Allen bolts.





# **Energising and Reading the Status Light**

State	Description
Solid red	Starting up
Red flashes in sequences of 2	Error. See "Troubleshooting".
Solid amber	Not operating due to high temperature. See "Troubleshooting".
Solid blue or green	Idle - color transitions from blue to green as state of charge increases. You can check Enlighten for charge status.
Slowly flashing blue	Discharging
Slowly flashing green	Charging
Green one second flashing	Looking for noncommissioned unit
Off	Not operating. See "Troubleshooting".





# Installer Toolkit (ITK)

- The commissioning tool for Enphase Microinverters and AC Batteries
  - Metering configuration
  - ACB grid profile programming
  - Discharge time configuration option
  - System operation verification





System Setup & Commissioning

# **Commissioning the AC Batteries**

### Things to know for ACB Commissioning

- How many microinverters (might be zero)
- How many AC batteries
- Setting Grid Profiles is required (G83/2, G59/3)

System Size Enter the number of devices that you expect to report to this Envoy.
 Microinverters 2 AC Batteries 5
Grid Profile Select a location-specific grid profile.
Select One  AS4777_3_2005 AS4777_3_2005 ENERGEX AS4777_3_2005 ERGON PF POINT_9
HEI 2015 Grid Supply HEI 2015 Self Supply Hawaii KIUC 20121201



# **Commissioning the AC Batteries**

#### Things to know for ACB Commissioning

- Meters must be enabled
- The Envoy depends on correct readings to control the battery
- ITK will display the ACB's state of charge

	Metering				
	Production Meter Not Enabled	>			
-1	Consumption Meter Not Enabled	>			
	Storage				
	Charging (State of Charge 12%) 144 kWh Nov 07, 2016 1:49 PM	>			
	Monitoring				
	Connected to Enlighten Last Report: Nov 07, 2016 1:48 PM	at l			
	2 Microinverters	Image: A start of the start			
	🞻 6 Detected	🚫 Scan Active 🔉			
	✓ 6 Communicating	•			
	0 Profile Set Profile: HEI 2015 Self Supply	>			
	✓ 4 Producing Power	>			



### **Commissioning the AC Batteries**

AC Batteries are successfully installed when all line items have green ticks





# Most Important Small Print

# **AC Battery Warranty**

- Period is 10 years or 7300 cycles.
- Starts at date of end user installation or 6 months after date of manufacture.
- Warranty is **void** if product is not registered or does not report to Enlighten for more than 45 days.
- European warranty document is published here: <u>https://enphase.com/warranties</u>





# **AC Battery Shelf-life**

- All batteries are subject to shelf life due to internal self discharge.
- Shelf life is 6 months from date of manufacture
- Each AC battery has a "MUST ENERGIZE BY" date on the carton label.





Help & Support

# **Support : Online Support Documents**

	Homeowners	Commercial Solution	s Residential So	lutions P	roducts & Services	Q		
Overview	Success Stories	Go Solar	Intro to Solar	Support				
System owners support For resources on installation and maintenance of Enphase products and services, you've come to the right place.								
Type your question here Q								
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### **Envoy-S Resources for Installers**





### **AC Battery Resources for Installers**



**Full Manual** 

# Support : Help on enphase.com

[e] Enlighten Manager	My Account ·
Support	
For the fastest answers, visit the Enlighten Help Center. If you still have questions, email us using the form below or call the nearest support office.	
Subject:  Message:	Enphase Support Have your User ID and Site ID ready when you call: User ID: 298630 Site ID: Enter system name to find Site ID France +33 (0)4 74 98 29 56
Submit	Italy +39 0294 751617 United States +1 877-797-4743
	<b>United Kingdom</b> +44 (0) 1908 828 928

#### **Contact Support via Enlighten site**



# Help, Support & Further Training

#### **Customer Support:**

Team based in Milton Keynes office

01908 828 928 support\_uk@enphase.com

**Online Help:** Guides, Certificates, Videos & Advice https://enphase.com/en-uk/support/

### More Product Training:

Seminars, Webinars

#### https://enphase.com/en-uk/events



# **Enlighten Demo Account Login**





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Annex : Microinverters

### **Microinverter** System Components

**Microinverters** 







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#### **Microinverter M215**

- Peak Output Power: 225W AC
- Recommended max input power: 270W
- Operating Range: 16 - 48V
- Euro Efficiency: 95.7%
- Module Compatibility: 60-cell modules
- IP67 rated
- Warranty: 20 years





#### **Microinverter M250**

- Peak Output Power: 256W AC
- Recommended max input power: 310W
- Operating Range: 16 - 60V
- Euro Efficiency: 95.7%
- Module Compatibility: 60- and 72-cell modules
- IP67 rated
- Warranty: 20 years





### **Engage Cable : Specifications**

- Connectors at 1m Spacing for portrait
- 2.5mm<sup>2</sup>, 3 core conductor
- Up-to 17 M215 on one branch
- 20A MCB Maximum
- Supplied with dust caps



More details: datasheet link





## **Engage Cable : Set out & Installation**

- Engage cable installed behind modules
- One connector per microinverter
- 4x PV module example...



### **Engage Cable : Managing Cables**

 With mounting rails use outdoor rated cable tiles



• With Inroof Integrations use the timber roof structure





#### **Engage Cable : Accessories**

#### **Branch terminator**

• Fitted at the end of the Engage cable branch



#### **Disconnect tool**

Disconnecting AC & DC connectors





#### **Engage Cable : Fitting Branch Terminator**





## **Engage Cable : Connecting to AC Circuit**

- Terminate directly to AC isolator fitted in loft
- T&E to consumer unit



- Extend AC cable as required on roof using an inline coupler
- Use an outdoor rated coupler (IP67 or higher) & AC cable





## **Connecting the Microinverters : DC**

## Connection with standard MC4 connectors

# Check LED indicator after DC connection to PV module

- Six seconds after DC power is applied LED turns green
- Remains solid green for two minutes, followed by six green flashes
- After that, flashing red indicates that no grid is present





#### **Connecting the Microinverters : AC**

- Check arrows match up before plugging in... don't force it!
- Be sure AC connector clicks twice to make a good IP67 seal







### Admin : Make an Array Map

# Record microinverter locations using Serial Numbers

- Know how to find a faulty inverter if you have one
- Prepare for future upgrades with larger systems and/or monitoring











#### Example Schematic

Microinverter site



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