





# READ THE INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY BEFORE OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT

Check the utility voltage before turning ON the unit.

For proper operation, this unit REQUIRES closed-loop communications with a compatible high voltage battery. Visit <u>www.sol-ark.com/battery-partners</u> for a complete list of compatible high voltage batteries.

Verify voltage and the programmed "Grid Level" before connecting to the utility.



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This manual is only for the **30K-3P-208V Hybrid Inverter**.

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# **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

# SYMBOLS THAT APPEAR IN THIS DOCUMENT

A WARNING: This symbol indicates information that, if ignored, could cause serious injury, equipment damage, or death.

**CAUTION:** This symbol indicates information that, if ignored, could result in minor injury or equipment damage.

**NOTE:** This symbol indicates relevant information that is not related to hazardous situations.

# WARNINGS

Read this entire document before installing or using the Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V inverter. Failure to follow any of the instructions or warnings in this document can result in electrical shock, serious injury, or death. Damage to the 30K-3P-208V inverter is also possible, potentially rendering it inoperable.

High Life Risk due to fire or electrocution - ONLY qualified persons should install the Sol-Ark inverter.

The system must have Ground connections and Neutral connections. Ground MUST be bonded to Neutral ONLY ONCE in the circuit.

Solar PV+/PV- are UNGROUNDED. Note, you may ground PV Racking/Mounts, but doing so directly to the Sol-Ark will likely result in damage in the case of a direct lightning strike to the PV array.



DO NOT reverse the polarity of batteries. Damage WILL occur.

DO NOT exceed 550Voc on any MPPT on the Sol-Ark.

LO NOT turn off the battery breaker if there is current flowing in or out of the battery in any amount.

L DO NOT use impact drivers to tighten any fasteners on the Sol-Ark.

AUST use conduit (or double insulated wire) for AC wires entering/exiting Sol-Ark user area.

🖰 ALL terminals/breakers, including battery, MPPT, and AC Terminal Block inputs, should only have one conductor connected to them.

# 1. Sol-Ark: At a First Glance

# **INSPECT SHIPMENT**

The box should include all items shown in the component guide. If there is damage or missing parts, immediately call the phone number (USA) +1 (972) 575-8875 Ext. 2.

# **COMPONENT GUIDE**

The Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V system includes the following components:



Component	Description	Quantity
А	Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V inverter	1
В	French cleat	1
С	M12x60mm expanding anchors	4
D	M4x12mm screws	9
E	CAT 5E communication cable	1
F	Wi-Fi / Ethernet antenna (dongle)	1
G	3mm L-type hex key for front panel screws	1
Н	8mm T-type hex key for AC terminals	1
	300A (Ø2") Current transformers (CT sensors)	3
J	User manual	1

# **1.1 General Description**



Component	Name	Component	Name
А	ON / OFF Button	Н	Wi-Fi / Ethernet dongle
В	LCD touch screen	I	2x PV DC disconnects
С	Pin board 1 for sensors and accessories	J	4x MPPT inputs
D	Pin board 2 for sensors and accessories	К	LOAD terminal
E	Communication port board	L	NEUTRAL / GROUND Busbars
F	2x (50A) Battery port	М	GRID terminal
G	GEN terminal		





DC: 90°C - 100°C. Shutdown @ 100°C

AC: 75°C - 82°C. Shutdown @82°C

### SOL-ARK 30K-3P-208V TORQUE VALUES APPLICATION NOTE

Do not use impact drivers to tighten any fasteners on the Sol-Ark

Terminal / Port	Torque [in-lb]	Torque [Nm]
"LOAD"	62 in-Ib	7 Nm
"GRID"	62 in-lb	7 Nm
"GEN"	62 in-Ib	7 Nm
Neutral / Ground (Busbar)	62 in-Ib	7 Nm
Cover Screws	15.5 in-lb	1.75 Nm
Battery Connection	Push-in Cage Clamp	Push-in Cage Clamp

# DATASHEET 30K-208V **C&I Hybrid Inverter**

Inverter Model Name:	30K-3P-208V		
Sol-Ark Product SKU:	30K-3P-208V		
Input Data (PV)			
Max. Allowed PV Power (STC)	39,000W		
MPPT Voltage Range	150-500V		
Startup Voltage	180V		
Max. Input Voltage <sup>1</sup>	550V		
Max. operating input current per MPPT	36A		
Max. short circuit current per MPPT	55A		
No. of MPP Trackers	4		
No. of PV Strings per MPPT	2		
Max. AC Coupled Input Power	30,000W		
Output Data (AC)			
Nominal AC Voltage (3Φ)	120/208V		
Grid Frequency	50 / 60Hz		
Real Power, max continuous (3Φ)	30,000W		
Max. Output Current	83.4A		
Peak Apparent Power (10s, off-grid, 3Φ)	45,000VA		
Max. Grid Passthrough Current (10min)	200A		
Continuous Grid Passthrough Current	180A		
Power Factor Output Range	+/- 0.8 adjustable		
Backup Transfer Time	5ms (adjustable)		
CEC Efficiency	96.5%		
Max Efficiency	97.5%		
Design (DC to AC)	Transformerless DC		
Stackable	Up to 10 in parallel		
Battery Input Data (DC)			
Battery Chemistry	Lithium iron phosphate		
No. of Battery Inputs	2		
Battery Input Terminal Rating	50A		
Nominal DC Voltage	≥300V		
Operating Voltage Range	160 - 500V		
Battery Capacity Range	50 – 9900Ah		
Max. Battery Charge / Discharge Current	100A (50A per input)		
Charge Controller Type	3-Stage with Equalization		
Grid to Battery Charging Efficiency	96.0%		
Automatic Generator Start (AGS)	2 Wire Start - Integrated		
BMS Communication <sup>2</sup>	CANBus & RS485		
General Data			
Dimensions (H x W x D)	894 x 528 x 295 mm (35.2 x 20.8 x 11.6 in)		
Weight	80 Kg / 176 lb.		
Enclosure	IP65 / NEMA 3R		
Ambient Temperature	-40 - 60°C, >45°C Derating		
Noise	< 30 dB @ 25°C (77°F)		
Idle Consumption - No Load	60W		
Communication and Monitoring	Wi-Fi & LAN Hardware Included		
Warranty <sup>3</sup>	10 Years (15 Years)		
Category			
<b>Contractions and Particula</b>	UL 1741-2021 (UL1741SB), CSA C22.2 No 107.1-16,		
Certifications and Listings (Grid Support Interactive Inverter)	IEEE 1547-2018 & 1547a-2020 & 1547.1-2020 (SRD V2.0),		
	UL 1741 CRD-PCS, UL1699B, CEC, SGIP <sup>4</sup>		
PV DC Disconnect Switch – NEC 240.15	Integrated		
Ground Fault Detection – NEC 690.5	Integrated		
PV kapid Shutdown Control – NEC 690.12	Integrated		
PV Arc Fault Detection - NEC 690.11	Integrated		
PV Input Lightning Protection	Integrated		
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3. See Installation Guide for more details on sizing array strings. The highest input voltage is h	ased on the open-circuit voltage of the array at the minimum design temperature		
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Active BMS communication is required for all lithium batteries. A list of compatible batteries can be found on our website.
 5-year extension is available for purchase by registered Gold level installers only.
 Pending listing.

# **1.3 Connection Requirements**

# 1. AC / DC Connection Requirements

All wire runs should be sized to be at or below a 2.5% voltage drop at full load. Wire size must comply with your local electrical code.

Port	Max Terminal Rating	Terminal Wire Size Range (min-max)
GRID	200A <sub>AC</sub>	1/0 - 4/0 AWG
LOAD	200A <sub>AC</sub>	1/0 - 4/0 AWG
GEN	200A <sub>AC</sub>	1/0 - 4/0 AWG
MPPT	55A Isc	12 - 10 AWG
Battery Port A	50A <sub>DC</sub>	6 – 4 AWG
Battery Port B	50A dc	6 - 4 AWG

# 2. Sensors and Communications Requirements

Component	Wire Size Range	Max Distance
CT Sensor	16-23 AWG	0′ - 10′ [3 m]: 16 AWG included 10′ - 20′ [6 m]: CAT6 extendable
Communications	24 - 23 AWG	0′ – 100′ [30 m]: 24 AWG 100′ – 400′ [120 m]: 23 AWG
RJ45 Parallel Communication	CAT 5E or better	0′ – 7′ [2.1 m]: Included 7′ – 20′ [6m]: Extendable



# 2. Installation

# Backup Circuits

- A. The "LOAD" connected service panel will be referred to as the Essential Loads Panel.
- B. You must keep the essential loads panel within the limitations of the unit:
  - Three phase power in a Wye configuration is calculated as follows  $\rightarrow$  Real Power (W) =  $\sqrt{3 * V_L * I_L * PF}$ Assuming a unity power factor (PF=1) then the following represents the maximum power levels for each condition.
  - Grid Tie  $\rightarrow$  64.8 kW = 1.73 \* 208V \* 180A continuous (passthrough)
  - Off-Grid  $\rightarrow$  30 kW = 1.73 \* 208V \* 83.4A continuous (batteries or PV) )
- C. Verify that every load circuit power does not surpass the above limits.

# Single System Install

- A. FOR PARTIAL BACKUP: Use a Line Side Tap as point of interconnection to integrate the utility grid to the Sol-Ark inverter through the "GRID" terminal.
  - An external disconnect must be installed between the interconnection and the Sol-Ark. Size the disconnect according to code.
  - Connect the "LOAD" output to the Essential Loads Panel. Follow electric code to select proper wire gauge.
- B. FOR WHOLE-SITE BACKUP: Connect the utility grid directly to the "GRID" terminal.
  - An external disconnect must be installed between the grid and the Sol-Ark. Size the disconnect according to code.
  - Connect the "LOAD" output to the Main Service Panel. Follow electric code to select proper wire gauge.

It is possible to connect a generator, or an AC coupled source such as grid-tie string or micro inverters to the "GEN" terminal of the inverter. Only one AC source can be connected to the "GEN" terminal at a time.



# 2.1 Mounting the Sol-Ark

A. Considering the dimensions of the inverter, find a suitable location for the system. There must be at least 6 in [15 cm] of vertical clearance and 2 in [5 cm] of side clearance for proper heat dissipation.



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- B. Under certain conditions, the National Electrical Code<sup>®</sup> specifies greater clearances. Ensure that the prescribed clearances in accordance with the National Electrical Code<sup>®</sup>, paragraph 110.26 and Canadian Electrical Code<sup>®</sup> CSA C22.1 are adhered to.
- C. The Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V is a NEMA 3R IP65 enclosure that is rated for outdoor installation but can also be installed indoors.
- D. A PROTECT THE LCD SCREEN from direct exposure to UV light.

E.

- Use screws or anchors suitable for the support surface and capable of supporting the weight of the inverter (176 lb / 80kg).
  - a. For Concrete or Masonry Mounting: Use a minimum of four (4) M12x60mm expanding anchors (included).
  - b. For Wood Frame Mounting: Use a minimum of four (4) 1/2in lag screws with flat washers (not included), making sure to anchor into at least 2 framing members.
  - c. For Metal Framing Mounting: Use a minimum of four (4) 1/4in self-tapping metal screws with flat washers (not included).
  - d. In the case a different anchorage is required, calculate the number of anchor points needed to properly hold the weight of the equipment.
- F. Secure the inverter to the French Cleat with six (6) of the M4x12mm socket head screws provided.



G. Mount the inverter in the optimal orientation as shown below.



# 2.2 Integrating Batteries

- A. 🔺 Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V must be OFF while the batteries are being connected.
- B. Ensure the external battery disconnect is OFF or arcing may occur. If your battery bank does not have built-in breakers, maintain the necessary safety measures when handling the connections.
- C. U The 30K-3P-208V reaches a max battery charge/discharge of 50A per terminal for a total max of 100A if using both sets of battery terminals. If only one set of terminals is used, the battery charge/discharge will be limited to 50A.

A Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V is a **HIGH VOLTAGE BATTERY** system. You **MUST NOT** exceed **500V**<sub>DC</sub> as shown below. The HV battery must stay within the **150V**<sub>DC</sub> - **500V**<sub>DC</sub> voltage range. **DO NOT** connect to any other nominal voltage that exceeds this limit.



The Sol-Ark inverter has two input battery terminals for single or dual battery connections. To wire a battery to the inverter, pull the actuation levers and insert the 6-4 AWG battery conductor. **DO NOT** force open the battery actuation levers more than 45°.



# 1. Multi-Terminal Installation

The two battery input terminals of the 30K-3P-208V will parallel batteries internally to ensure a common connection between battery banks and simplify battery installations. If a charge / discharge rate of 100A is needed, the batteries must be connected to both input terminals. If using 3 or more batteries, use external busbars for (+) and (-) connections.



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If a single battery is capable of charging / discharging above 50A, connect the battery to both input terminals. Otherwise, the charge and discharge rate will be limited to 50A max. Connect batteries of the same brand, model, and chemistry to the terminals

# 2. Multi-System Installs

🛕 🔹 Please contact Sol-Ark technical support at <u>support@sol-ark.com</u> or (972) 575-8875 Ext. 2 before performing a multi-system installation.

- A. ALL systems MUST be connected to their own HV battery / battery bank.
- B. DO NOT parallel batteries between inverters.



# 2.3 Battery Communications

The Sol-Ark inverter can establish closed-loop battery communication through the RJ-45 port labeled "BMS1". Configure and wire the HV batteries so that there is one battery bank with a single communication source. Closed-loop communication is established by connecting the communication cable to the **"BMS1**" port of the Sol-Ark inverter.

U "☑ Parallel Bat1&Bat2" setting on the Batt setup menu MUST be enabled and multi-terminal wiring MUST be carried out. See previous section "Multi-Terminal Installation" for detailed wiring of multi-terminal, single battery bank installation.



# 2.4 Connecting PV Modules

The Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V has 4 independent MPPTs that support up to 2 PV strings each. MPPTs can handle a maximum *Voc of 550V* and an *Isc of 55A* but will self-limit and operate at *Imp* of *36A* max.

- Max DC solar input = 39 kW (± 5%) | Max input power per MPPT = 9.75 kW | Max recommended input voltage per MPPT = 500 Voc | Max input current per MPPT = 36A (self-limiting).
- B. A Design for an input current of 36A per MPPT. The inverter will self-limit beyond 36A. If Isc exceeds 55A, damage will occur.
- C. A PV Source Circuit max voltage of 550Voc; damage can occur with PV strings whose open-circuit voltage exceeds 550Voc
- D. Use Strings in parallel on the same MPPT must have the same designed open-circuit voltage (Voc), otherwise the system will be limited to the lowest string voltage.
  - i. PV1 A/B must have the same Voc.
  - ii. If the solar panels are oriented in different directions and connected in the same MPPT, there will be a loss in PV efficiency.
- E. Per NEC Art 690.43, exposed non-current-carrying metal parts of PV module frames, electrical equipment, and conductor enclosures of PV systems shall be connected to an equipment grounding conductor. All grounding conductors and grounding electrodes should be installed according to NEC Art 690.47 or as required by the AHJ.
- F. For ground mounted arrays, Sol-Ark recommends installing an auxiliary grounding electrode placed near the array to ensure optimal earth-to-ground resistance of the grounding system. This auxiliary electrode would need to follow the requirements of NEC Art 250.54.
- G. Connect the solar panel strings using either of the following configurations:



# **AC** Coupling

The Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V is a system that supports the addition of AC coupled solar panels. The max solar input power can be expanded by coupling 3Φ micro or string inverters into the "GEN" terminals. A full AC coupled solar system is not recommended as power control and monitoring is limited. Having DC coupled modules or a combination of DC coupled and AC coupled solar panels is always preferred.

3Φ AC coupled inverters need to be either UL 1741SA or UL 1741SB certified. This certification confirms the inverters' ability to disconnect from the grid based on frequency and ensures that the Sol-Ark will safely be able to frequency shift to control the AC coupled production.

U Batteries are **REQUIRED** to AC couple solar panels to the "GEN" terminal. The AC coupled inverters can still produce solar power even during grid outage events or in Off-Grid systems. Furthermore, the total AC coupling production will be monitored.

Maximum allowed AC coupling input: 30,000W<sub>AC</sub>

In Off-Grid systems, Sol-Ark uses Frequency Shift technology to shut down AC coupled solutions when the battery is full. Grid-Tied AC coupled solutions will always sell excess solar power back to the grid. "Limited to Load" will NOT limit production when AC coupled.

# 2.5 Integrating a Generator

# Generators Smaller than 64.8kW $\rightarrow$ On "GEN" Input

- 1. **ONLY** supports three-phase 208V generators.
- 2. 200A rated "GEN" terminal. 🕛 180A continuous.
- 3. A THD (Total Harmonic Distortion) of less than 15% is preferred.

# Generators Greater than 64.8kW $\rightarrow$ On "GRID" Input

- 1. **ONLY** supports three-phase 208V generators.
- 2. Optimal way to integrate generators for Off-Grid or Grid-Tied systems with automatic or manual transfer switches.
- 3. U Programming "GEN Connect to Grid Input" is required:  $\circ \rightarrow Limiter \rightarrow Other \rightarrow \square$  GEN Connect to Grid Input.
- 4. **A DO NOT** use **"Grid Sell"** in Off-Grid systems. Potential to damage the generator. Installation of CT sensors on generator lines is only required if **"Peak Shaving"** is intended to be used.

# Improve the Generator & Sol-Ark Compatibility

Navigate through the menus and program the following settings to improve the Sol-Ark and generator compatibility and operating range to avoid frequent disconnections.

- 1. Change the grid mode to General Standard:  $\circ \rightarrow$  Grid Setup  $\rightarrow$  Grid Selection  $\rightarrow$  Grid Mode.
  - a. Tap and use the navigation arrows to cycle through the different grid modes. Choose "General Standard".
- 2. Increase the frequency range of operation:  $\circ \rightarrow Grid Setup \rightarrow Connect \rightarrow Reconnect$ 
  - a. Increase "Grid Hz High" to 65Hz.
  - b. Decrease "Grid Hz Low" to 55Hz.
  - c. Replicate changes for the "Normal Connect" settings.
- 3. Increase the voltage range of operation:
  - a. Increase "Grid Volt High" to 229V.
  - b. Decrease "Grid Volt Low" to 187V.
  - c. Replicate changes for the "Normal Connect" settings.

# 2.6 Grid Peak Shaving

- 1. U To use Peak-Shaving on a generator, the equipment **MUST** be connected to the "GRID" terminal of the inverter.
- 2. Peak-Shaving helps reduce grid consumption during peak demand by utilizing battery backup power. It can also be used to prevent generator overload above a specified power threshold.
- 3. Install the CT sensors on grid / generator lines L1, L2, L3. The arrows on the CTs **MUST** point toward the inverter.
- 4. The Sol-Ark supplies power from the batteries whenever the **"Power"** threshold is met.
- 5. This mode will automatically adjust the "Grid Charge" amperage (A) to avoid generator overloads during battery charging.
- 6. U Grid Peak-Shaving will automatically enable "Time of Use" and **MUST** be configured.

# 2.7 Automatic Generator Start

- 1. " 🗹 Gen Charge" is used when the generator is connected to the "GEN" terminal.
  - a. "Start V" or "Start %" is the set-point/condition that must be fulfilled to automatically start the generator.
  - b. To charge from the "GEN" source, "☑ Gen Charge" must be enabled.
  - c. Batteries will charge from a generator until the battery bank accepts 5% of its programmed capacity in Amperes (A). This is equivalent to around 95% of the state of charge (SOC).

Basic Setup	)			
Display	Time	Advanced	Factory Reset	Parallel
Solar A	Arc Fault (	ON O	Clear Arc_Fault	ARC parameters 030000 045000
	Ger	h Limit Powe	er 30000W	000400 000050 000390
	Load	Limit Powe	r 30000W	000055 238094
Grid p	eak-shavi	ng Powe	r 30000W	
Auto c	letect Ho	me Limit Se	nsors CT rat	io 6000
	CANCEL	ок	UPS Tim	ne Oms



Batt Se	etup			
Batt	Charge	Discharge	Smart Load	
StartV	490.0V	490.0V	Float V 552.0V	
Start%	6 30%	30%		
А	40A	40A		
Gen Charge Grid Charge				
G	en Force	CANCEL	ОК	

Generator and grid charge settings

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- 2. "I Grid Charge" is used to charge the battery from the "GRID" source (grid or a generator).
  - a. "Start V" or "Start %" is the set-point/condition that must be fulfilled to start the battery charge from the "GRID" source. This will auto-start a generator as well.
  - b. To charge the battery from the "GRID" source, " $\square$  Grid Charge" must be selected:  $\square \rightarrow Battery Setup \rightarrow Charge$ .
  - c. I From utility grid: the batteries will be charged to 100% SOC.
  - d. I From generator: the batteries will charge until the battery bank accepts 5% of its rated capacity in Amperes (A). This is equivalent to around 95% SOC.

If *"Time of Use"* (TOU) is enabled, a time to charge from that GRID or GEN source *MUST* be designated. *"D Charge"* must be checked on desired time intervals, otherwise the generator will not start automatically even if the Start V or Start % condition has been met.

# Gen Charge / Grid Charge "A"

"A" is how many amps (**DC**) are supplied to the battery from the "GRID" or "GEN" source. Adjusting and limiting the Gen or Grid "A" value will ensure that small generators are not overloaded when charging the battery bank.

If connecting more than one HV battery in parallel to the Sol-Ark inverter, divide the Gen or Grid "A" value by the **# of batteries** to estimate the current (A) flowing to each HV battery.

# 2.8 Integrating Sensors and Accessories



Inverter pinouts for sensors and accessories

# 1. Sensor Pin Out (Located in Sol-Ark user area)

### **CN1**:

- (1,2,7,8) CT-R: Current transformer (L1). Polarity sensitive. •
- (3,4,9,10) CT-S: Current transformer (L2). Polarity sensitive. .
- (5,6,11,12) CT-T: Current transformer. (L3). Polarity sensitive. .

### **CN2**:

- (1,2) G-Start: Normally open relay for generator two-wire start (A 12V, 100mA max)
- (3,4) Dry-1 and (5,6) Dry-2: Reserved
- (7,8) Optional RSD: 12Vdc (-3%) power supply for RSD transmitters (100mA max, . 12Vdc, 1.2W)
- (9,10) Emergency stop: Normally open dry contact for emergency stop button.
- (11, 12) +/-: are not used at this time.

## 2. Communication Ports

- Meter: For external energy meter communication. •
- Parallel\_1 & Parallel\_2: Parallel communications ports 1 and 2.
- CAN: Reserved.
- DRM: Reserved.
- RS-485: RS-485 port
- BMS1 & BMS2: BMS ports 1 and 2 for battery communications

# 3. CAN Bus & RS485 Ports

- CAN port data is in a proprietary format. Sol-Ark does not support 3<sup>rd</sup> party usage currently.
- The RS485/RTU port utilizes the MODBUS protocol, data is in a proprietary format. Please contact Sol-Ark to request an NDA if the MODBUS mapping is required for your application.

Pin	RS485	CAN
1	В-	В-
2	A+	A+
3		
4		CAN Hi
5		CAN Lo
6	GND	GND
7	A+	A+
8	В-	B-

# 4. GEN Start Signal (Two-wire start)

- Gen start relay: CN2, pins 1 & 2. •
- The signal comes from a normally open relay that closes when the generator "Start" condition is met.

## 5. Wi-Fi / Ethernet Antenna (Dongle)

- Remote monitoring and software updates require an internet connection through the Wi-Fi / Ethernet Antenna (Dongle).
- Compatible with Wi-Fi or Ethernet connections.



DRY-1

1 2 3

G-START

0





4 5

6 7 8

DRY-1

RSD+ RSD

9 10 11 12

8

в

SHUTDOWN в +



# 2.9 Limit Sensors (CT sensors)

The CT sensors (or limit sensors) enhance system capabilities by enabling the use of the system work modes known as "Limited Power to Home" (Meter Zero) and "Grid Peak-Shaving". The CTs will measure and calculate total load demand which the Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V will then use to accurately supply and offset all existing loads (Meter Zero).



# 1. CT Sensors Installation

- Install sensors on incoming electrical service wires (L1, L2, L3).
- Embossed arrows on the CT sensors must point towards the inverter.
- To ensure proper fit, check incoming wire diameters (grid or generator). If the sensors are too small, larger CTs can be purchased by contacting sales: +1-972-575-8875 ext. 1 or <u>sales@sol-ark.com</u>
- "Limited Power to Home" (Meter Zero) and "Grid Peak Shaving" require CT sensors.
- See section 3.5 "Limiter" for more information about the different work modes.
- See section 7 "Wiring diagrams" for more information on CT installation.



## 2. CT Sensor Size

- The Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V includes three **300A** CT sensors (Ø2").
- Sol-Ark offers large **200A** (Ø0.945") and extra-large **600A** (Ø1.976") CT sensors upon request. Visit <u>https://shop.sol-ark.com/</u> or contact sales at +1 (972) 575-8875 / <u>sales@sol-ark.com</u> to purchase bigger CT sensors.
- Default Sol-Ark CT ratio is 6000:1



## 3. Wiring the CT sensor

- Connect CT1 of line L1 to pins 1 (white) & 2 (black) of CN1 pin board.
- Connect CT2 of line L2 to pins 3 (white) & 4 (black) of CN1 pin board.
- Connect CT3 of line L3 to pins 5 (white) & 6 (black) of CN1 pin board.
- Keep the wires twisted (white-black) throughout the connection.
- If the wires need to be extended, use CAT 6 (shielded) cable to make an extension.



# CT Sensors for multi-system installs

- A Contact Sol-Ark technical support at <u>support@sol-ark.com</u> or (972) 575-8875 Ext. 2 before performing a multi-system installation.
- Each inverter will include three (3) CT sensors.
- Only one set of CT sensors need to be wired to the designated "Master" inverter.
- U CT sensors are essential for multi-inverter systems as "Limited Power to Home" mode is highly recommended.



CT wire extensions with shielded CAT 6 cable

### 4. Automatic CT Limit Sensors Configuration

This function **REQUIRES** batteries to auto detect and auto correct CT orientation. AC coupled inverters need to be **OFF** during the detection test. If this test is done with connected AC-coupled systems, a factory reset of the Sol-Ark must be performed. Install the CT sensor as described previously. A battery connection and grid power are required before starting the automatic configuration.

### $\bigcirc \rightarrow$ Basic Setup $\rightarrow$ Advanced $\rightarrow \square$ Auto detect Home Limit Sensors

Wait at least 10 to 15 seconds while the inverter performs the test. The inverter will alternate the current distribution in all lines, determining the correct orientation of the sensor.

- On "Limited power to Home" mode (no Grid Sell), HM values will read close to zero (0). Keep in mind that all sensors have a 3% error.
   To avoid selling power to the utility use "Zero Export Power" equal to or greater than 20W.
   Buying power from the grid will display positive (+) HM values, while selling to the grid displays negative (-) HM values.
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# 2.10 Emergency Stop and Rapid Shutdown

The (B, B) emergency stop pins of the Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V are an ordinarily open contact that triggers rapid shutdown (RSD) when closed. RSD will cut all power including the Sol-Ark's internal power supply and stop all AC outputs. The internal 12Vdc (-3%) power supply of the Sol-Ark (CN2, pins 7 & 8) will disconnect any RSD transmitter that will then shut down all solar panels when the emergency stop button is pressed.

- Emergency stop button connects to CN2, (B, B) pins 9 & 10 of the Sol-Ark.
- RSD transmitter connects to CN2, pins 7 & 8 (12Vdc power supply)
- U Transmitters placed inside the user area of the Sol-Ark can cause interference.
- U On multi-system installations, the emergency stop button must be wired to the designated "Master" inverter.



A transmitter that exceeds the maximum 100mA limit can still be integrated into the Sol-Ark inverter through an external power supply connected to the "LOAD" output. Pressing the e-stop button will disconnect all AC outputs, cutting power to the "LOAD" connected service panel which will initiate rapid shutdown.



# **Rapid Shutdown Recommendations**

TIGO TS4-A-O	TIGO TS4-A-F	TIGO TS4-O	TIGO TS4-O-DUO	APsmart RSD S-PLC / RSD-D

# 2.11 Powering-up and Testing the Sol-Ark

UTURN ON the inverter with at least one power source: 1) Battery, 2) PV or 3) Grid

### 1. Check the voltage of the battery bank

- A. A Voltage of the battery must be between 150V<sub>DC</sub> 500V<sub>DC</sub>.
- B. Turn **ON** battery modules and ensure appropriate voltage on each battery. Verify nominal voltage of battery bank.
- C. Turn **ON** the external battery disconnect. Verify that the voltage at the Sol-Ark terminals is adequate.
- D. **A** DO NOT reverse polarity. DO NOT turn OFF battery disconnect if any current is flowing in or out of the battery.

### 2. Check the voltage of each PV input circuit

- A. A Input voltage must not exceed  $500V_{DC}$ .
- B. Input voltage must be above the startup voltage of  $150V_{\text{DC}}$ .
- C. 🛕 Do not ground PV+ or PV-.
- D. 🔺 Verify polarity in each PV string. Backward polarity will measure 0Vdc by the Sol-Ark and will cause long term damage.
- E. **PV** alone turns LCD screen only. Inverter requires **grid** and/or **batteries** to operate, otherwise an "OFF" message will appear.
- F. PV DC disconnect switches on the side of the inverter turn the PV ON or OFF.



### 3. Check GRID input voltage

- A. Use the "GRID" terminals to measure AC voltage with a multimeter.
- B. Measure line (L) to neutral (N) voltages on "GRID" terminals. Ensure  $120V_{AC}$  on all phases.
- C. Measure line (L) to line (L) voltages on "GRID" terminals. Ensure  $208V_{AC}$ .
- D. Verify that voltage between Neutral and Ground is  $0V_{\text{AC}}.$
- E. Verify that voltage between "GRID" L1 and "LOAD" L1 is 0V. Do the same for L2 and L3.

### 4. Power ON Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V

- A. Turn ON the external "GRID" disconnect. Wait for the "AC" LED indicator to turn on.
- B. Turn **ON** the PV DC disconnect switches. Wait for the **"DC"** LED indicator to turn on.
- C. PRESS down the power button to the ON position. Wait for the "Normal" LED indicator to turn on. This may take a few minutes.
- D. Turn  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{ON}}$  the external battery breaker if the system has batteries.
- E. Turn ON the external "LOAD" and "GEN" breakers.



# 2.12 Power Cycle Sequence

- 1. TURN OFF the external battery breaker if the system has batteries.
- 2. PRESS the power button, making sure it is in the OFF position. An "OFF" message will appear after the "Normal" LED turns off.
- 3. **TURN OFF** the built-in PV DC disconnect switches on the side of the inverter.
- 4. **TURN OFF** all AC breakers / disconnects ("GRID", "GEN" and "LOAD").
- 5. Wait a moment (~1 min) to ensure the inverter is completely de-energized.
- 6. Make sure that the Sol-Ark is properly connected to the batteries, solar panels, "GRID", "GEN", and "LOAD".
- 7. Reverse the steps to turn **ON** the Sol-Ark.

# **3. User Interface** 3.1 LED Indicators



DC	AC	Normal	Alarm
<b>Green</b> $\rightarrow$ DC Solar Panels connected and providing voltage.	<b>Green</b> $\rightarrow$ Grid is connected and providing voltage.	<b>Green</b> $\rightarrow$ Sol-Ark is <b>fully energized</b> * and operating.	<b>Red</b> → Alarm state. Check the alarms menu. Home Screen → $\mathbf{\hat{o}}$ → "System Alarms"
OFF → Minimum MPPT voltage not met, wrong polarity or no PV <sub>DC</sub> .	OFF $\rightarrow$ Grid voltage out of range or Off-Grid system.	OFF → Not fully energized*, in fault state or in passthrough mode.	OFF → No alarms / error codes / setting change notifications



# 3.2 Main Menus

Solar Today=0.0 KWH	Total=0.0 KWH	Solar	Grid	INV	USP LD	Batt	System Setup 🛜	10/14/2022 03:05:27 PM Fri.
		0W 0V/0.5A M1: 0W 364V/0.0A M2: 0W	0W 0.0Hz L1: 0V L2: 0V	0W 60.0Hz L1: 0V L2: 0V	0W L1: 0V L2: 0V L3: 0V L1: 0W	0W 0.0V/ 0% 0.00A 0.0C 0.00V/ 0%	Basic Setup	System Alarms
30.00 0.00		00/0.1A M3: 0W 362V/0.8A M4: 0W	L3: 0V HM1: 0W HM2: 0W HM3: 0W	L3: 0V L1: 0A L2: 0A L3: 0A L1: 0W	L2: 0W L3: 0W	0.00A 0.0C	Battery Setup	Li-Batt Info Sol-Ark 30K-3P-HV - ID: ##########
		AC:19.4C	LD2: 0W LD3: 0W	L2: 0W L3: 0W	L1: 0V L2: 0V L3: 0V	L2: 0W L3: 0W	Limiter Setup	- COMM: #### - MCU: Ver####
Alarms Code	Occurred	0.00 V	0.00 A	0.0 C	0% 04	\h \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\		
F13 Grid_Mode_changed F13 Grid_Mode_changed	2021-01-13 11:22 2021-01-13 11:20	1. 0.00 V 2. 0.00 V 0.01 3. 0.00 V 0.01 4. 0.00 V 0.01 5. 0.00 V 0.01 5. 0.00 V 0.01 5. 0.00 V 0.01 5. 0.00 V 0.01 1. 0.00 V 0.01 11. 0.00 V 0.01 13. 0.00 V 0.01 14. 0.00 V 0.01 15. 0.00 V 0.01 V 0.	Only w.           DA         0.0 C         0.0%           DA         0.0 C         0.0%	/ BMS Lith 0.01 0.02 0.02 0.02 0.02 0.02 0.02 0.02	ium Mode 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.	Comparison (Comparison (C		



### 1. Main Screen



### 2. Details Screen



- **MPPT voltages MUST NOT** exceed 550V.
- "TEMP" measures the internal temperatures of the AC conversion power electronics.
- "Grid" column measures: Voltage, Current, Power and frequency of the utility grid.
  - If selling to the Grid: Watts = negative (-)
  - If buying from the Grid: Watts = positive (+)
  - $\circ$   $\,$  HM: power measured by the external CT sensors. (L1, L2 & L3).
  - LD: power measured by the internal sensor on "GRID" terminal. (L1, L2 & L3).

Opposing "Grid" or "HM" values indicate an incorrect installation of CT. See section 2.9 "Limit Sensor"

## 3. PV power Generation Graph

- A. Tap the solar panel icon to display the PV power generation graph.
- B. Displays power production over time for the PV array.
- C. Use up/down arrows  $(\uparrow, \downarrow)$  to navigate between days.
- D. Month view/ year view/ total production.

# 4. Grid Usage Graph

- A. Tap the grid icon to display the grid usage graph.
- B. Displays power drawn from grid (+) / sold to the grid (-).
- C. Values above the line indicate "power bought" from the grid.
- D. Values bellow the line indicate "power sold back" to the grid.
- E. This view can help to determine when the peak power is used from the grid.

# 5. System Setup Menu



# 3.3 Basic Setup

Basic Setup	Basic Setup	Basic Setup
Display Time Advanced Factory Reset Parallel	Display Time Advanced Factory Reset Parallel	Display Time Advanced Factory Reset Parallel
Brightness Breep	Year     Month     Day       AM/PM     2021     10     26       Hour     Minute     Second	ARC parameters Solar Arc Fault ON Gen Limit Power 30000W Clear Arc_Fault Clear Arc_Fault 030000 04500 000400 0000400 0000400 0000400
Auto Dim 📈 600S	Time Sync PM 03 04 15	Load Limit Power 30000W 000055
CANCEL	Season1         Season 2         Season 3           Seasons         1         1         4         1         8         1           CANCEL         OK         End M-D         4         1         8         1         12         1	Grid peak-shaving Power 30000W Auto detect Home Limit Sensors CT ratio 6000 CANCEL OK UPS Time Oms
Basic Setup	Basic Setup	
Display Time Advanced Factory Reset Parallel	Display Time Advanced Factory Reset Parallel	
Factory Reset System selfcheck	Parallel Modbus SN 00 Slave	
Lock out all changes Test Mode		
Lock Grid Charging & Limited	Meter > Grid     Meter > Load       Meter Select     Meter Select       No Meter     No Meter	
CANCELOK	CANCEL	

# Display

Brightness: Brightness adjustment (+, -).

Auto Dim: \land Must be enabled at all times to validate the warranty of the LCD screen.

Beep: Enable / disable the alarm sound.

# Time

**Time Sync:** Automatically syncs with the internet for daylight saving time changes (Enabling "Time sync" is recommended). **Seasons:** Setup and customize the seasons for TOU.

# Advanced

Solar Arc Fault ON: Enables Arc fault detection algorithm on the MPPTs.

**Clear Arc Fault:** Command to clear an Arc Fault. <sup>1</sup> It must be executed manually every time the system detects an F63 Arc\_Fault alarm. See section 8.1 "Sol-Ark Error Codes" for more detail.

**Gen Limit Power:** Limits the power drawn from the "GEN" AC source. The inverter will reduce battery charge when value is reached. **Load Limit Power:** Sets a limit to the total "LOAD" output power. The max output power of the inverter is programmed by default. **Grid-Peak Shaving:** Sets a "GRID" consumption threshold that allows use of battery backup power during peak demand. External CT sensors are required. Peak shaving can be used on a generator provided it is wired to the "GRID" terminal.

Auto detect home Limit Sensor: Detects and auto-corrects the polarity of the CTs. See section 2.9 for details.

**CT Ratio:** Specifies the transformation ratio of the CT. Default value of 6000:1 **A DO NOT** change or warranty will be voided. **UPS Time:** Backup transfer time to essential loads upon grid disconnection. Default value of 5ms.

# **Factory reset**

**Restrictions:** Changes to these settings must be previously authorized by Sol-Ark technical support agents.

# Parallel

A Contact Sol-Ark technical support at support@sol-ark.com or (972) 575-8875 Ext. 2 before performing a multi-system installation.

**Parallel:** Enables communications between parallel inverters. "Master" and "Slave" inverters must be programmed. **MODBUS SN:** Identification number for each system configured in parallel (1,2,3,4, n).

See section 5 "Parallel Systems" for more information

# 3.4 Battery Setup

Batt Setup	Batt Setup	Batt Setup
Batt Charge Discharge Smart Load	Batt Charge Discharge Smart Load	Batt Charge Discharge Smart Load
Batt capacity 200Ah BMS Lithium Batt 01	StartV 490.0V 490.0V Float V 552.0V	Shutdown 170.0V 10%
Max A charge 50A Use Batt V charged	Start% 30% 30%	Low Batt 165.0V 20%
Max A discharge 50A No Battery	A 40A 40A	Restart 180.0V 50% Batt Empty V 160.0V BMS_Err_Stop
Parallel bat1&bat2		
CANCELOK	Gen Force CANCEL OK	CANCELOK
Batt Setup         Batt       Charge       Discharge       Smart Load         Use gen input as load output       For AC Coupled Input to Gen         On Grid always on       High Frz       65.00Hz         Smart Load OFF Batt       510.0V       95%         Smart Load ON Batt       540.0V       100%		

# Batt

Batt Capacity: Specifies the capacity of the battery bank. Value expressed in Amp Hour (Ah).

 $\bigcirc$  Batteries in series  $\rightarrow$  Voltage adds up (V).

 $\bigcirc$  Batteries in parallel  $\rightarrow$  Capacity adds up (Ah).

**Max A Charge:** Sets the maximum charge current (A) rate to the batteries when charged from solar power  $\rightarrow$  50 max allowed. 100A max total if using both battery terminals.

**Max A Discharge:** Sets the maximum discharge current (A) rate from the batteries  $\rightarrow$  50 max allowed. 100A max total if using both battery terminals.

For Off-Grid systems, the battery bank will discharge 150% of this value for a 10 second surge before the inverter faults to prevent battery damage.

**BMS Lithium Batt:** Enables closed communications with lithium batteries. Serial Number (01,02, ...) must be specified according to communication protocol.

Use Batt V Charged: Displays battery charge in terms of voltage.

**Parallel bat1&bat2:** Must be checked when using both battery inputs for the same battery bank. When enabled, the inverter will expect a single battery communication source. Follow Battery Communication instructions from section 2.3.

# Charge

**Float V:** Lower steady voltage at which the battery is maintained after being fully charged. Set according to manufacturer specs. **Gen Charge:** Uses the "GEN" AC source to charge the battery bank.

- a. Start V: Voltage at which the system will auto-start and allow a generator or AC source to charge the battery.
- b. Start %: SOC at which the system will auto-start and allow a generator or AC source to charge the battery.
- c. A: Maximum rate of charge to the batteries (per terminal) from the generator or AC source (DC amps). Set value according to the generator size.

Grid Charge: There are two scenarios in which this option is used:

- a. **Grid connected to "Grid" input:** The inverter will limit the charge rate to the set value in "A" and the battery will charge to 100% SOC.
- b. Generator connected to "Grid" input: It will be necessary to select "I GEN connect to Grid input". The system will use "Start V", "Start%" and "A" conditions to charge the battery and stop charging at 95% SOC. I Adjustable upper limit if Time of Use is enabled.

**Gen Force:** Test function for generator auto-start. Enable and press OK to close normally open relay (CN2, pins 1,2) and force the generator on. Disable and press OK to disengage. The generator will not provide power during this test if grid power is available.

🕽 The gen must be in automatic mode if applicable and must have a two-wire start (dry-contact, normally open) connected to the Sol-Ark.

# Discharge

**Shutdown:** Battery voltage or % at which the inverter will shut down to protect the battery from an over discharge situation (battery symbol on the home screen will turn red).

Low Batt: Low battery voltage or % (battery symbol on the home screen will turn yellow). Stopping point for TOU.

Restart: Battery voltage or % at which AC output will resume after previously reaching "shutdown".

Batt Empty V: Sets the empty voltage and associates this voltage to 0% SOC. This value determines the lowest % SOC limit. BMS\_Err\_Stop: Enables system stop when there is loss of battery communications.



# **Smart Load**

- A. This mode uses the **"GEN"** input as a load output that delivers power when the battery exceeds a user programmable threshold or when the Sol-Ark is connected to the grid.
- B. When "I Use gen input as load output" is enabled, the "GEN" input turns into an output to power high-power loads such as a water heater, irrigation pump, AC unit, pool pump, or any other load.
- C. When "I On Grid always on" is enabled, the "GEN" terminal will always output power as long as the grid is connected, regardless of battery charge.

Smart Load OFF Batt: Battery voltage or % at which the "GEN" terminal will stop outputting power. Smart Load ON Batt: Battery voltage or % at which the "GEN" terminal will start outputting power. Solar Power (W): Amount of PV production needed before "GEN" terminal starts outputting power.

# AC Coupling Settings - (For AC Coupled Input)

- A. U Grid-tied systems with AC coupled solar arrays must have " Grid Sell" enabled. Ensure you are allowed to sell back to the grid.
- B. To use the "GEN" terminal as an AC coupling input for micro inverters or string inverters, enable " 🗹 For AC Coupled Input to Gen".
- C. In off-grid systems, the Sol-Ark will use frequency shifting to control the AC coupled solution based on the battery SOC. The meaning of "Smart Load OFF Batt" and "Smart Load ON Batt" will change in this mode.

Smart Load OFF Batt: The % SOC at which the AC coupled inverters turn OFF. 🕛 90% recommended.

Smart Load ON Batt: The % SOC at which the AC coupled inverters turn ON. () 80% recommended.



# 3.5 Limiter

Grid Param	Grid Param	Grid Param
Limiter Other	Limite	Limiter Other
Time Power(W) Batt Charge Sell	Mon. 🗸 Tues. 🗸 Wed. 🖌 Thur. Sell	
Grid Sell 30000 01:00AM 2000 50%		
Limited Power to Home 05:00AM 2000 50%		GEN connect to Grid Input
09:00AM 2000 100%	Season1 Season2 Season3	Zoro Export Bourge 10W
01:00PM 2000 100%		
Time of Use         Setup         05:00PM         2000         50%		Batt First
CANCEL OK 09:00PM 2000 50%		CANCELOK

# Limiter

The Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V inverter will simultaneously utilize different available power sources to satisfy load demand in the electrical service panels (essential loads panel / main service panel). The following work modes allow the user to determine how power is generated and utilized.

# **Grid Sell**

**Grid Sell:** The inverter will produce as much power as it has available from PV array according to the programming. The maximum power that can be generated from DC coupled arrays and sold to the grid is 30,000W.

General description:

- a. This mode allows the inverter to sell back power generated from the solar arrays up to a programmable limit.
- b. The inverter will only measure loads connected to the "LOAD" terminal.
- c. The inverter will measure all power in / out of the "GRID" terminal as grid either consumption (+) or grid sell back (-).



# Limited Power to Home

This work mode REQUIRES batteries

Limited Power to Home (Meter Zero): This mode limits the energy produced by the inverter to satisfy the total demand (essential loads panel + main service panel). In this mode, the inverter delivers power to the "LOAD" terminal (essential loads panel) + the "GRID" terminal (main service panel). CT sensors **MUST** be installed. These sensors measure load consumption in the main service panel to offset total load demand and prevent selling to the utility. This system work mode is useful for users that don't have a permit to sell back. See section 2.9 "Limit Sensors" for proper external CT installation.

General description:

- a. Power is delivered to all home loads without selling excess solar to the grid. This mode is suitable for systems where selling to the utility grid is not allowed.
- b. External CT sensors are **required** for proper operation.
- c. Monitored loads will be the addition of the main service panel + essential loads panel.
- d. Energy Priority: 1. Solar PV Power | 2. Grid Power | 3. Batteries | 4. Generator



**Limited Power to Home + Grid Sell:** This mode will NOT limit solar production to home demand. In this mode, the inverter delivers power to the "LOAD" terminal (essential loads panel) + excess power to the "GRID" terminal (main service panel AND grid). The Sol-Ark will monitor grid sell and load consumption simultaneously (with +/ - 3% error from CT sensors). The CT sensors **MUST** be installed. The inverter will sell excess solar power up to a programmable limit. See section 2.9 "Limit Sensors" for proper external CT placement.



# Limited Power to Load

**1** This work mode **REQUIRES** batteries

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Limited Power to Load: This mode limits the solar production to cover "LOAD" demand (essential loads panel) exclusively. In this mode, the system disregards loads in the main service panel and will not deliver power to the "GRID" terminal.

General description:

- a. Power is limited to the "LOAD" demand. It will **NOT** produce more power than necessary.
- b. Power will NOT be delivered to the "GRID" terminal (NO grid sell).
- c. Monitored loads will be exclusive to the essential loads panel.
- d. This mode is recommended for off-grid applications.
- e. Energy Priority: 1. Solar PV Power | 2. Grid Power | 3. Batteries | 4. Generator



**Limited to Load + Grid Sell:** This mode will NOT limit solar production to "LOAD" demand. The inverter delivers power to the "LOAD" terminal (essential loads panel) + excess power to the "GRID" terminal (main service panel AND grid), however it will ONLY track "LOAD" demand and sell excess solar up to a programmable limit. "GRID" loads cannot be measured, only the total output through the "GRID" terminal. This mode is recommended for single inverter systems or for whole-site backup installations.



# Time of Use

Time Of Use (TOU): This mode combined with "Limited Power to Home" or "Limited Power to Load" allows the use of battery backup power to reduce consumption from the grid during specific time intervals. Battery power will cover load demand at a programmable power rate "Power(W)" down to a programmable "Batt (V / %SOC)". You can configure six different time intervals over a 24-hour period to cover a wide range of battery discharge or charge behaviors.

General description:

- a. Uses battery power to reduce the power consumption during user defined time intervals.
- b. Power (W) dictates the rate at which the battery discharges to assist with load demand.
- c. Batt (V or %) dictates the lower discharge limit or upper charge limit.
- d. Energy Priority: 1. Solar PV Power | 2. Batteries (down to programmed discharge V or %) | 3. Grid Power | 4. Generator.



**Time:** Programable time intervals over a 24h period. All time slots **MUST** follow chronological order and must be programmed. **Power(W):** Sets the maximum discharge rate of the battery during the corresponding time slot.

Batt: V or % used to specify a lower discharge limit or upper charge limit whenever "I Charge" is enabled. U Grid-tied systems will not allow TOU to discharge lower than "Low Batt V/%". Off-grid systems allow TOU discharge down to "Shutdown V/%".

☑ **Charge:** During the hours selected, it is allowed to charge batteries from an external AC source up to a programmed voltage or %. If the external AC power source is a generator, the "Start V" or "Start %" condition must be fulfilled first. If available, the solar array will always charge the batteries at 100% regardless of "☑ **Charge**" in TOU.

Sell: Allows batteries to discharge and sell power to the grid at the programable "Power(W)" rate. " Grid Sell" MUST be enabled.



### Other

**GEN Connect to Grid Input:** Specifies when a generator is connected to the "GRID" terminal.

**Zero Export Power:** Minimum power imported from the grid. Helps avoid selling back by ensuring constant grid consumption. The value can be set between 1 – 100W (recommended 20W).

Batt First: <sup>1</sup> Default and recommended option. Sets the solar power priority of the system to charge batteries first. Do NOT change unless instructed by Sol-Ark technical support.

Load First: Sets the solar power priority of the system to cover loads demand first and deliver remaining power to batteries. A Only recommended for very specific situations.



# 3.6 Grid Setup



# **Grid Selection**

Grid Mode: Tap and use navigation arrows to cycle through different grid modes:

- 1. **General Standard**: Applies general grid interconnection standards. Enables grid frequency and voltage adjustments. (Useful for off-grid applications with backup generators).
- 2. UL1741 & IEEE1547: Applies UL 1741 and IEEE 1547 grid interconnection requirements and standards.
- 3. CPUC RULE21: Applies California's grid interconnection requirements and standards.
- 4. SRD-UL-1741: Applies UL 1741SB grid interconnection requirements and standards.

Grid Frequency: Frequency of the AC sine wave.

Grid Reconnect Time: The amount of time in seconds the inverter will wait before reconnecting to the grid.

Fixed PF: Allows for power factor correction, ±0.8 to 1.0

Fixed Q: Allows for power factor correction based on desired reactive power percentage.

Grid Level: Tap and use navigation arrows to cycle through different nominal grid voltage levels. A Grid level must be selected according to nominal grid voltage.

- 1. LN:120VAC LL:208VAC
- 2. LN:115VAC LL:200VAC
- 3. LN:133VAC LL:220VAC

Phase Type: Tap and use navigation arrows to specify phase sequence.

- 1. 0/240/120: Positive sequence A-B-C
- 2. 0/120/240: Negative sequence A-C-B

# Connect

**Reconnect:** Parameters used to determine an allowable range of frequency and voltages to dictate a reconnection to the grid after initial grid loss. Frequency and voltages must be within these margins during Grid Reconnect Time to allow grid reconnection.

Parameters will be set automatically based on selected grid mode compliance, unless "General Standard" is selected.
Normal connect: Parameters used to determine an allowable range of frequency and voltages to retain connection to the grid following a reconnect and normal operation.

Parameters will be set automatically based on selected grid mode compliance, unless "General Standard" is selected. **Reconnect Ramp Rate:** Reconnection power ramp time in seconds.

Normal Ramp Rate: Startup power ramp time in seconds.

### IP

HV1/HV2/HV3: Overvoltage protection point. LV1/LV2/LV3: Undervoltage protection point. HF1/HF2/HF3: Over frequency protection point. LF1/LF2/LF3: Under frequency protection point.

# F(W)

**F(W):** Enables the use of Frequency-Watt. The Sol-Ark regulates its power output to the grid as a function of the frequency to support grid stabilization during over and under-frequency conditions.

Droop F: Percentage of inverter's nominal power increase / decrease per Hert (Hz).

Start freq F: Frequency at which the inverter will start decreasing active power by the programmed Droop F percentage.

**Stop freq F:** Frequency at which the inverter will stop decreasing active power by the programmed Droop F percentage.

# V(W) / V(Q)

V(W): Enables the use of Volt-Watt. The Sol-Ark regulates active power output to the grid as a function of voltage to support stabilization during over and under-voltage conditions.

V(Q): Enables the use of Volt-VAr. The Sol-Ark regulates reactive power output to the grid as a function of the voltage to support stabilization during over and under-voltage conditions.

V, P & Q: Percentage of nominal grid voltage (V) to which the Sol-Ark will reduce its active power (P) or reactive power (Q).

# P(Q) / P(F)

**P(Q):** Enables the use of Watt-VAr to regulate reactive power output according to programable active power parameters. **P(F):** Enables PF regulation according to programmable active power parameters.



Follow electrical grid code before changing grid settings

# 4. Installation Tips

# **Off-Grid Installation Tips**

1. Limit sensors (CTs) are not required for completely off-grid installations unless using "Grid Peak Shaving" for a generator connected to the "GRID" terminal.

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- 2. Connecting generators to the "GRID" terminal is recommended to facilitate the integration "GEN" connected service panel. This setup enables the utilization of the "Smart Load" function.
- 3. There is no need for a transfer switch. Connect the "LOAD" output to the main panel.
- 4. DO NOT use "Grid Sell" mode when Off-Grid. ONLY "Limited Power to Load" (default).
- 5. When using a Generator in an Off-Grid situation, it is recommended to change the "Grid Mode" to **"General Standard"** and a **"Grid Reconnect Time"** to 30 seconds. See section 2.5 "Integrating a Generator" for detailed instructions.
- 6. The Auto Gen-Start activates when the battery voltage (V) or percentage (%) reaches the pre-set "Start V / %" value. Subsequently, the generator will sustain the charging process until the batteries reach approximately 95% capacity. 1 This is a non-modifiable upper limit unless Time of Use is enabled and programmed.
- 7. If planning on integrating a wind turbine, a ≥300V charge controller with a dump load **MUST** be incorporated to prevent battery overcharge. This charge controller must be connected directly to the battery bank.
- 8. Remember to set the battery capacity and reasonable charge/discharge rates.

# Grid-Tie and No Battery Install Tips (Passthrough mode)

- 1. Check the " $\square$  No Battery" setting:  $\square \rightarrow$  Battery Setup  $\rightarrow$  Batt  $\rightarrow$  No Battery. The inverter will fault momentarily.
- 2. A complete **Power Cycle IS REQUIRED** when changing the battery mode to **"No Battery"** (see section 2.12 "Power cycle Sequence" for detailed instructions).
- 3. Enable " $\square$  Grid Sell":  $\bigcirc \rightarrow$  Limiter  $\rightarrow$  Grid Sell. Make sure to disable all other modes.
- 4. Tap the battery Icon to access the "Details Screen" and verify grid parameters and power import / export.

# 4.1 Battery Charge Controller

# **4-Stage Charging**

The MPPT has a 4-stage battery charging algorithm for rapid, efficient, and safe battery charging. The next figure shows the stage sequence.

# Bulk Charge Stage

In the Bulk Charge stage, the battery is not at a 100% state of charge and has not yet reached the Absorption voltage setpoint. The controller will deliver 100% of available solar power to recharge the battery.



# **Absorption Stage**

When the battery has reached the absorption voltage setpoint, the Sol-Ark inverter uses constant-voltage regulation to maintain battery voltage at the absorption setpoint, preventing overheating and excessive battery gassing. The battery is allowed to come to a full state of charge at the absorption voltage setpoint. Absorption lasts until the battery charge amperage (A) rate reaches 2% of the programmed capacity (Ah).

# **Float Stage**

After the Absorption stage charges the battery fully, the MPPT reduces the battery voltage to the float voltage setpoint. The Float stage provides a meager rate of maintenance charging while reducing the heating of a fully charged battery. The purpose of the Float stage is to protect the battery from long-term overcharge.

# 4.2 Grid Compliance Settings

# **HECO Grid Compliance Verification for Sol-Ark**

In cases where HECO compliance requirements are mandated, it is essential to program the following grid parameters in accordance with the HECO specifications. Follow the next GUI screens, program the settings, and verify alignment with HECO compliance.



Grid Param	Grid Param
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Grid selection       Connect       IP       P(W)       V(W)/V(Q)       P(Q)/P(F)         Over Voltage U>(10 min. running mean)       239.2V         HV3       249.6V       +       65.00Hz         HV2       249.6V        0.16s         HV1       228.8V        13.00s         LV1       183.0V        21.00s         LV2       145.6V        2.00s         LF2       50.00Hz        0.16s	Over frequency       Droop F       86%P/Hz         Start freq F       60.04Hz       Stop freq F       61.80Hz         Start delay       0.50s       Stop delay       0.50s         Under frequency       Droop F>       96%PE/Hz       F(W)         Start freq F       59.96Hz       Stop freq F>       57.00Hz
LV3 104.0V LF3 49.90Hz	Start delay F>         0.50s         Stop delay F>         0.50s
CANCEL	CANCEL OK



# 5. Parallel Systems

Contact Sol-Ark technical support at support@sol-ark.com or (972) 575-8875 Ext. 2 before performing a multi-system installation.

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# 5.1 Before Enabling Parallel Operations

- A. Make sure all units in parallel have the same software version by verifying the "COMM" and "MCU" numbers on System Setup.
- B. Go to <u>https://www.sol-ark.com/software-update/</u> to schedule an update or call/email Tech Support for assistance: support@sol-ark.com
- C. A Parallel systems **REQUIRE** that each inverter has its own HV battery / battery bank. If you do not have batteries, keep all Sol-Ark inverters **OUT** of parallel and set every System to **"Grid Sell"** Mode.
- D. All INPUTS/OUTPUTS must be shared among **ALL** parallel inverters, with the exception for HV Batteries and DC solar panels.



Software version check

# **DIP Switch Configuration for Parallel Systems**

In parallel systems, set the "DIP Switches" shown in the following, according to the table below.



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Parallel systems with 2 inverters must have their DIP switches on the ON position

### Parallel Systems Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V @ 120/208V 3-Phase

# of inverters in parallel	Continuous output power (kW)	Cont. Grid Pass Through Current (A)	Peak power 10 sec (kVA)
1	30	180	45
2	60	360	90
3	90	540	135
4	120	720	180
5	150	900	225
6	180	1080	270
7	210	1260	315
8	240	1440	360
9	270	1620	405
10	300	1800	450

# **5.2 Parallel Systems Programming Sequence**

- 1. Program each inverter for parallel operation:  $\bigcirc \rightarrow Basic Setup \rightarrow Parallel \rightarrow " \square Parallel"$
- 2. Assign a "Master" inverter, Modbus SN: 1
- 3. Assign all other units as "Slave" | Modbus SN: 2,3,4...etc.
- 4. Connect communication cables between the inverters using the RJ45 cable (yellow ethernet cable) in daisy-chain configuration between ports: "Parallel\_1" or "Parallel\_2" from Master to Slave / Slave to Slave.
- 5. Perform a power cycle (see section 2.12 "Power Cycle Sequence" for power cycle sequence instructions).
- 6. Once the power cycle is completed, turn on the "Slave" units **FIRST**. Then turn ON the "Master" **LAST**.
- 7. Inverters will likely fault momentarily with F29 and F41 codes until all inverters are ON.

When integrating a generator, it must be connected to all the systems in parallel. The inverter assigned as "Master" will control the two-wire start feature



Parallel setup tab

If an inverter goes into a fault state, all other units will stop and follow. The system will automatically self-reboot. If the system faults 5 consecutive times, it will stop completely and it will require a manual restart. See section 2.12 "Power cycle sequence" for detailed instructions.

# **5.3 Troubleshooting Phase Sequence**

If the screen of the Sol-Ark inverter shows the error shown below, ensure the phase sequence follows the "**Phase Type**" programmed under  $\bigcirc \rightarrow$  *Grid Setup*  $\rightarrow$  *Grid Selection*. The message "Grid Phase Wrong" is displayed when the inverter does not detect the correct phase sequence. This situation can cause overloads faults in the system (F18, F26, F34) even with the "LOAD" disconnected and **WILL CAUSE DAMAGE** to the equipment if it is not corrected.

If the programmed phase type is "0/240/120", ensure the wiring follows a positive sequence A-B-C. If the programmed phase type is "0/120/240" ensure the wiring follows a negative sequence A-C-B.



How to find an incorrect phase if prompted "Grid Phase Wrong"?

- Measure L-L voltages from "GRID" to "LOAD" terminals.
- Voltage between lines must be 0Vac.
- Measuring voltage different than 0Vac means the lines are not the same phase.

Be sure to check both "GRID" and "LOAD" terminal connections; both must be correct. If the error persists you will need to check your AC connection beyond the inverter and you will need to verify that the phases are correctly labeled from your meter.



0/120/240



# 6. MySolArk: Remote Monitoring



**"MySolArk"** is a powerful and comprehensive tool designed for remote system monitoring of Sol-Ark inverters and solar systems. This remote monitoring solution offers detailed insights into energy generation and power consumption, allowing users to track system performance with great precision. MySolArk displays all relevant electrical data on easy-to-understand energy generation graphs, providing a comprehensive overview of electrical usage.

Beyond its monitoring capabilities, MySolArk offers users the flexibility to remotely adjust inverter settings, allowing them to seamlessly configure their system from any location. This ensures that users can fine-tune parameters to optimize performance effortlessly. With MySolArk, users can confidently manage their solar systems and inverters to ensure peak performance and efficiency at all times. Visit <u>www.mysolark.com</u> to access the desktop version of MySolArk.

# 6.1 MySolArk Setup Instructions

# **Connection to MySolArk through Ethernet**

- A. Remove the plastic enclosure of the dongle by pressing the plastic latches with a flat screwdriver as shown in the figure below.
- B. Insert the ethernet cable through the plastic enclosure and connect the cable to the RJ45 port.
- C. Reassemble the dongle housing and plug the dongle into the Sol-Ark, securing it with screws. You will see solid red and green lights after a couple of minutes.
- D. Follow "STEP 1" instructions on the following page in order to create a plant on MySolArk.



# Connection to MySolArk through Wi-Fi

- A. Plug the Wi-Fi dongle into the Sol-Ark DB-9 port.
- B. Use two M4X10 screws to secure the dongle to the port.
- C. Follow "STEP 1" through "SETP 3" in order to:
  - a. Create a plant on the MySolArk monitoring platform.
  - b. Connect the dongle to MySolArk through a Wi-Fi network.



# STEP 1: Create a "Plant" on MySolArk

A. Download and install the <u>"MySolArk"</u> app for android or apple smartphones. QR codes are provided below.











Apple App Store

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### B. Create a MySolArk account and login.



C. Create Plant.





# STEP 2: Configure Wi-Fi network though MySolArk

D. Configure Wi-Fi network.



9 NOTE: The Wi-Fi configuration tool can be accessed at any other time by tapping "Me" at the bottom right corner, then "Tools" and finally "Wi-Fi configuration". STEP 3 shows an alternative method of connecting the Wi-Fi dongle to a local network through an IP address.



# STEP 3 (alternate method): Configure Wi-Fi Network Through an IP Address

- A. An alternative to the "Distribution Network" configuration at the end of step C or the use of the "Wi-Fi configuration" tool, is by configuring a Wi-Fi network through an IP address.
- B. On a Smart Phone or Computer connect to the EAP-##### network. You can do this by going to: Settings → Wi-Fi → Select the EAP-##### network → Password= 12345678. The EAP-##### network contains the last 5 digits of the Dongle Serial Number. You can find this number on the label.
- C. A message such as "Connected without internet" will appear once the device is connected to the EAP-#####.



- D. Once connected, open an internet browser on that same device such as Safari, Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or any other browser.
- E. On the address bar (http://......), type the following IP address: **10.10.10.1** as shown in the figure below. If you cannot access the configuration page, try again on a different device.
- F. Scroll down to the "Wlan Connection" section and press the "Scan" button to scan for local Wi-Fi networks.
- G. Nearby Wi-Fi networks will appear. Select the local network you would like to connect to, input your credentials, and tap "Connect".
- H. Once connected, a "Connection Successful" message will appear. Press the "Save" button next to "Scan" to save settings.
- I. Wait a moment (~5 minutes). The dongle will then connect to the Wi-Fi network and will now have access to MySolArk.

🕛 NOTE: DO NOT connect to the EAP-##### network as that is the Wi-Fi dongle itself. The device does not provide internet access.

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n:	Gateway: 0.0.0.0	
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If the connection is a success, you will see the following LED indicators.

- **SOLID**: Connected and powered by the Sol-Ark inverter.
- SOLID Connected to the router and to MySolArk.





Connecting the through the 10.10.10.1 IP address is only meant to provide internet access to the Wi-Fi dongle. Users must still create a MySolArk account and must create a Plant. Visit www.mysolark.com to access the desktop version of MySolArk.

# 6.2 LED Indicator and troubleshooting

When both the red and green LEDs on the Wi-Fi dongle are consistently illuminated, it signifies normal operation, while flashing indicates data transmission. If this isn't the case, reference the next table of LED indications for troubleshooting and corrective measures.

**RED LED**: Device communication indicator.

**GREEN LED**: MySolArk server communication indicator.

LED	State	Indication
	Initial flashing, then constant illumination	Normal communication.
	Initial flashing but no further illumination	Communication failure. Check proper device connection.
	LED not illuminating	Power supply or device is abnormal. Contact technical support.
•	5 second illumination interval	Normal communication.
	1 flash every minute	Router not connected.
	3 flashes every minute	Connected to router but no internet access. Usually, a VPN or firewall issue. Ports 80 and 51100 must be enabled.
	4 flashes every minute	Device communication error. Contact support.
	2 synchronized flashes	Ethernet cable inserted
	3 synchronized flashes	Ethernet cable disconnected

# 7. Wiring Diagrams



The following diagrams are general use cases. Installers are reminded that adherence to local electrical codes and regulations is mandatory. While these diagrams offer general guidance, they may not encompass all variations and specifics required by local codes. Consult with relevant authorities and ensure compliance before proceeding with any installation. The diagrams presented herein are not exhaustive and should not be relied upon solely for permitting or warranty verification. Installers are encouraged to exercise caution, seek professional advice when necessary, and undertake installations with due diligence and in accordance with established electrical standards and regulations.



Diagram 01



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24 - 23 AWG CAT6

Diagram 03

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MAX, 10 AWG

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Standard Wiring Diagram - Bypass Transfer Switch

Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V

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Standard Wiring Diagram - Standby Generator

Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V

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Diagram 06

Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V

1 Before powering up Parallel System installs, please see section 5 "Parallel Systems" Diagram 07 NEGATIVE - (DC)

POSITIVE - (DC)

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# Standard Wiring Diagram - 2 Parallel Inverters, Standard Wiring Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V

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Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V Standard Wiring Diagram - **3 Parallel Inverters, Standard Wiring** 

MAX, 4 AWG 24 - 23 AWG CAT6

# 8. Troubleshooting Guide

# LCD is not powering on

- Check all connections at least one of the following power sources is required: PV/Grid/Battery
- Try pressing the power button, touchscreen, or navigation buttons

# Panels are connected, but "DC" LED indicator is not on

- Startup voltage is 150V. Voltage must be above 150V and below 500V
- Wrong polarity. Check string polarity on MPPT
- PV DC disconnect switches are not on the ON position

### Panels are not producing

- Check for proper wiring on all solar panel connections
- Turn PV disconnect switches "ON"
- Check that the PV input voltage is not greater than 550V
- If the system measures 0V even when PV DC disconnect is ON, polarity might be wrong. Check PV polarity

### Panels are not producing much power

- PV Wire Strip Length: 5/8". Your batteries are charged and is limited to house loads; you can test Grid Sell to verify.

## The system does not keep batteries charged

- Verify there is proper communication between the Sol-Ark and the battery. :  $\circ \rightarrow$  *Li-Batt Info*
- Verify proper Charge and Voltage settings according to battery manufacturer and battery bank arrangement

### Auto Gen-Start is not working

- Make sure the generator has a compatible Two-Wire
- Verify adequate connection to the Sol-Ark auto-start input pins

### "Normal" LED indicator is not on

- Sol-Ark is in pass-through mode (only Grid connection and no other power source)
- Not fully energized (DC Solar panels AND Grid or batteries only)
- In alarm state.
- Sol-Ark is not working correctly (Call technical support +1 (972) 575-8875 Ext. 2)

## The "Alarm" LED indicator is on

- Check the system alarms menu to identify the alarm

## Grid HM value is negative when it should be positive (only applies in Limited to Home mode)

- Limiter Sensors are backwards, L1/L2/L3 sensors are swapped, or incorrectly wired. Execute the "Auto Learn Home Limit Sensors" command described in section 2.9 "Limit Sensors, Automatic CT Limit Sensors Configuration"

# AC Overload Fault or Bus Unbalance Fault

- Check Transfer Switch/Subpanel wiring
- Check for large loads that consume more than the inverter rating

# The system connects to grid and quickly disconnects

- Verify Neutral wire connection (0Vac referenced to GND)
- Check the programmed frequency, and verify the Sol-Ark measures 120V between L and N
- If the system is overloading: verify that proper phase sequence between "GRID" and "LOAD" terminals

# DC Overload Fault

- Check PV voltage. Ensure no more than 550V
- Make sure you have not wired more than two (2) solar strings in parallel per MPPT

# System is beeping

- Check the System Alarms menu to see which alarm has been triggered. Most alarms will self-reset
- Do a Power Cycle as described in section 2.12 "Power Cycle Sequence"

### Battery cable sparks when connected

- If applicable, flip the built-in breakers of the battery bank before connecting or disconnecting batteries

### Battery symbol on the home screen is red

- The battery is below the empty voltage
- Battery is over-voltage or under-voltage

### Battery symbol on the home screen is yellow

- The battery is low, or the charge/discharge current is close to the programmed limit

### Grid symbol on the home screen is yellow

- Grid parameters are out of specified operating range
- There is a grid outage and there is no voltage on the "GRID" terminal
- System is Off-Grid

### System has restarted

- Occurs when the system has overloaded, battery voltage has surpassed 500V
- There was a Software update

### Batteries were connected backwards

System will be damaged, and warranty will be lost

### Why is the LCD screen still on when the power button is off?

- Occurs when the power button is in the "OFF" position
- Occurs when the system is not fully energized: PV or Grid only

### The Batt SOC% is not reaching 100%

- BMS communication is not working properly. Verify with battery integration and communication steps

### Generator setup is reading 0Hz

- Generator is operating at a frequency outside the permissible range. Select "General Standard "grid mode. Widen the frequency range to 55Hz-65Hz as described in section 2.5 "Integrating a Generator"

# Color Touchscreen is Frozen

- Press and hold the escape button [◀] for 7-10 seconds
- Perform a power cycle sequence in case the above suggestion does not work. See section 2.12 "Power Cycle Sequence"

### Grid Phase Wrong

A If the Sol-Ark screen shows a "Grid Phase Wrong" message, it means there is a phasing issue in the wiring. If left unchecked it
may cause overload faults and DAMAGE. See section 5.3 "Troubleshooting Phase Sequence"

# Sol-Ark

# 8.1 Sol-Ark Error codes

FAULT	INSTRUCTION	COMMON CAUSE / REMEDY
F1	DC_Inversed_Failure	If you have parallel systems and turn one system off, you will get this notification. <b>NOT</b> a fault.
F8	GFDI_Relay_Failure	Check for continuity on the inverter's neutral and ground. Ensure there is only ONE neutral-to-ground bond in the system. Current Leakage from inverter AC output to Ground, check Ground and neutral are connected at the main panel.
F13	Grid_Mode_change	It can happen when not using batteries or if Grid Input settings are changed. This is a notification, <b>NOT</b> a fault. If you switch from No Batt to Battery mode, power the system down completely to restart.
F15	AC_OverCurr_Failure	It is usually caused by Loads too large for the inverter. If Off-Grid, the battery discharge Amps are programmed too low. Overloads can result in F15, F18, F20, or F26.
F16	GFCI_Failure	Ground fault. Check PV+ or PV- wiring (which must be ungrounded). Exposed PV conductors + rain can also cause. Check that the neutral line and Ground are not double-bonded (common with portable generators).
F18	Tz_AC_OverCurr_Fault	Overloaded the Load Output (reduce loads) or overloaded a generator (reduce Gen Start A). Wiring Short on the AC Side can also cause this error. Overloads can result in F15, F18, F20, or F26.
F20	Tz_Dc_OverCurr_Fault	It is typically caused by DC current from the battery that is too large (ex: 4 Ton AC Unit) or too much PV current (3 or more strings in parallel). Overloads can result in F15, F18, F20, or F26.
F22	Tz_EmergStop_Fault	Initiated Emergency Stop; see sensor pinout table.
F24	DC_Insulation_Fault	An exposed PV conductor combined with moisture is faulting (can cause F16, F24, and F26).
F25	DC_Feedback_Fault	No battery connection to the Inverter and Activate Battery is enabled. Disable Activate Battery in settings while no battery is connected.
F26	BusUnbalance_Fault	Too much load on one leg (L1 or L2) vs. the other leg or DC loads on the AC output when Off-Grid. Grounded PV+/- wire can cause F20, F23, or F26.
F29	Parallel_CANBus_Fault	Usually, a communication error for parallel systems. Check cables, and MODBUS addresses.
F31	Soft_Start_Failed	Soft Start of the large motor failed.
F34	AC_Overload_Fault	AC Overload or load shorted. Reduce heavy loads.
F35	AC_NoUtility_Fault	Grid connection lost.
F37	DCLLC_Soft_Over_Cur	Software DC overcurrent.
F39	DCLLC_Over_Current	Hardware DC overcurrent.
F40	Batt_Over_Current	Batteries exceeded their current discharge limit.
F41	Parallel_System_Stop_Fault	If one system faults in parallel, this normal fault will register on the other units as they disconnect from the grid.
F45	AC_UV_OverVolt_Fault	Grid under voltage causes a disconnect. This will self-reset when the grid stabilizes.
F46	Battery_Backup_Fault	Cannot communicate with other parallel systems. Check Master = 1, Slaves = 2-9 and that ethernet are connected.
F47	AC_OverFreq_Fault	Grid over Frequency (common in power outages) causes disconnect. Will self-reset when grid stabilizes.
F48	AC_UnderFreq_Fault	Grid under Frequency (common in power outages) causes a disconnect. Will self-reset when grid stabilizes.
F55	DC_VoltHigh_Fault	PV may be higher than 500V. Battery voltage should not be above 59V or 63V (depending on the model).
F56	DC_VoltLow_Fault	Batteries are overly discharged, the inverter is Off-Grid and exceeded the programmed batt discharge current by 20%, or Lithium BMS has shut down. If battery settings are incorrect, this can also happen.
F58	BMS_Communication Fault	Sol-Ark is programmed to BMS Lithium Battery Mode but cannot communicate with a BMS. BMS_Err_Stop is enabled, but cannot communicate with a battery BMS
F60	Gen_Volt_or_Fre_Fault	Generator Voltage or Frequency went outside the allowable range.
F61	Button_Manual_OFF	The parallel Slave system turned off without turning off the Master.
F63	Arc_Fault	It can be a poor PV connector / Connection. Or sometimes a false alarm due to powerful lighting storms.
F64	Heatsink_HighTemp_Fault	Check that the built-in fans are running; the ambient temperature may be too high. Ensure proper clearance.

# 9. Warranty Verification Checklist

**MUST** complete this form **AFTER** the system is operational. To register the product warranty, this verification checklist must be filled out and submitted to Sol-Ark. Visit <u>https://www.sol-ark.com/register-your-sol-ark/</u> to register warranty.

Installer/Company:	Date: (YYYY-MM-DD)	)				
Inverter SN:	Gateway SN:	Gateway SN:				
	Mark $\checkmark$ for all that ap	oply				
Indicate the type of system (all that appl	<u>ly):</u>					
□ Grid-Tied only □ G	rid-Tied with battery backup	□ Off-Grid □ Parallel syst	tem: <u>#</u> inverters			

### Indicate integrated components (all that apply):

Utility grid	DC solar panels	□ AC coupled solar panels	□ Generator
□ "LOAD" installed service panel	□ "GRID" installed service panel	□ "GEN" installed service panel	Lithium batteries
Lead-Acid batteries	U Wind Turbine		

It is strongly recommended to send a **Wiring Diagram** of the installation to <u>support@sol-ark.com</u> for verification, otherwise Sol-Ark expressly disclaims any responsibility for performance issues arising from improper installation. Installers and users are solely responsible for following proper installation procedures outlined in provided documentation. Sol-Ark disclaims any liability for changes in the installation that might result in electrical malfunctions or any other issues related to the Sol-Ark product.

U Circle N/A (Not Applicable) if the verification step is not relevant to the type of system or does not apply to the integrated components.

1.	A wiring diagram of the installation was sent to Sol-Ark for verification	ΠY	ΠN
2.	Setup for remote system monitoring through Wi-Fi / Ethernet is completed. Gateway SN:	ΠY	ΠN
3.	The inverter is installed in a location where the LCD screen is always protected from direct sunlight		
4.	The inverter has the minimum specified vertical and lateral clearance for proper heat dissipation		
5.	The maximum DC input voltage does not surpass $550V_{DC}$		
6.	The HV Battery bank does not surpass 500V $_{DC}$		
7.	All battery conductors are properly connected and secured to the (+, -) terminals of the inverter		N/A
8.	Battery communication was successfully established		N/A
9.	All Battery Setup parameters are programmed according to battery manufacturer specifications		N/A
10.	. The Sol-Ark properly generates power from the solar panels to charge the batteries		N/A
11.	Grid / Generator is properly connected to the Sol-Ark and the phase sequence was verified		N/A
12.	. "🗹 Grid / Gen Charge" settings are programmed correctly. Grid / Generator adequately charge the batteries		N/A
13.	For Off-Grid systems: The mode "General Standard" is programmed and the V & f ranges are increased		N/A
14.	. When "🗹 Grid Sell" is enabled, the Sol-Ark sells power back to the grid (negative HM measurements for L1, L2, L3)		N/A
15.	. Limit sensors are correctly installed on Grid lines / Generator lines		N/A
16.	. Only when "🗹 Limited Power to Home" is enabled, the Sol-Ark matches total load demand (Meter Zero)		N/A
17.	. Disconnect the grid: during Off-Grid operation, the inverter properly supplies "LOAD" demand for PV and batteries		N/A
18.	. Disconnect the grid AND solar panels: during Off-Grid operation, the inverter properly draws power from batteries		N/A

In the event of system-related issues, forward a comprehensive description of the problem via email to <u>support@sol-ark.com</u>. Ensure the addition of images, including the "Details Screen" with all electrical measurements, as well as images of the inverter, wiring configuration, user area, batteries, and any other integral components constituting the power system.

Installer name and signature

Sol-Ark

# Limited Warranty: Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V

10-Year Limited Warranty for **Sol-Ark LLC** Products. Sol-Ark LLC provides a Ten-year (10) limited Warranty ("Warranty") against defects in materials and workmanship for its Sol-Ark LLC products ("Product"). The term of this warranty begins on the Product(s) initial purchase date, or the date of receipt of the Product(s) by the end user, whichever is later. This must be indicated on the invoice, bill of sale from your installer. This warranty applies to the original Sol-Ark LLC Product purchaser and is transferable only if the Product remains installed in the original use location. Please call Sol-Ark LLC to let us know if you are selling your Home and give us name and contact of the new owner.

Contact: (USA) +1-972-575-8875 For Info/Purchasing: sales@sol-ark.com | ext.1 For Tech Support/Warranty Claim: support@sol-ark.com | ext.2

The warranty does not apply to any Product or Product part that has been modified or damaged by the following:

- Installation or Removal (examples: wrong voltage batteries, connecting batteries backward, damage due to water/rain to electronics, preventable damage to solar wires.)
- Alteration or Disassembly.
- Normal Wear and Tear.
- Accident or Abuse.
- Unauthorized Firmware updates/software updates or alterations to the software code.
- Corrosion.
- Lightning: unless using EMP hardened system, then Sol-Ark LLC will repair the product.
- Repair or service provided by an unauthorized repair facility.
- Operation or installation contrary to manufacturer product instructions.
- Fire, Floods, or Acts of Nature.
- Shipping or Transportation.
- Incidental or consequential damage caused by other components of the power system.
- Any product whose serial number has been altered, defaced, or removed.
- Any other event not foreseeable by Sol-Ark LLC

Sol-Ark LLC liability for any defective Product, or any Product part, shall be limited to the repair or replacement of the Product, at Sol-Ark LLC discretion. Sol-Ark LLC does not warrant or guarantee workmanship performed by any person or firm installing its Products. This warranty does not cover the costs of installation, removal, shipping (except as described below), or reinstallation of Products or parts of Products. LCD screen and fans are covered for 5 years from date of purchase.

THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS THE EXCLUSIVE WARRANTY APPLICABLE TO SOL-ARK LLC PRODUCTS. SOL-ARK LLC EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF ITS PRODUCTS. SOL-ARK LLC ALSO EXPRESSLY LIMITS ITS LIABILITY IN THE EVENT OF A PRODUCT DEFECT TO REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THIS LIMITED WARRANTY AND EXCLUDES ALL LIABILITY FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY LIABILITY FOR PRODUCTS NOT BEING AVAILABLE FOR USE OR LOST REVENUES OR PROFITS, EVEN IF IT IS MADE AWARE OF SUCH POTENTIAL DAMAGES.

**Return Policy - No returns will be accepted without prior authorization** and must include the Return Material Authorization (RMA) number. Please call and talk to one of our engineers to obtain this number at 972-575-8875.

**Return Material Authorization (RMA) A request for an RMA number requires all the following information:** 1. Product model and serial number; 2. Proof-of-purchase in the form of a copy of the original Product purchase invoice or receipt confirming the Product model number and serial number; 3. Description of the problem; 4. Validation of problem by Technical Support, and 5. Shipping address for the repaired or replacement equipment. Upon receiving this information, the Sol-Ark LLC representative can issue an RMA number. Any product that is returned must be brand new, in excellent condition and packaged in the original manufacturer's carton with all corresponding hardware and documentation. Returns must be shipped with prepaid freight and insured via the carrier of your choice to arrive back at Sol-Ark LLC within 30 days of your initial delivery or pick-up. **Shipping charges will not be refunded.** All returns are subject to a 35% restocking fee. **No returns will be accepted beyond 30 days of original delivery.** The value and cost of replacing any items missing (parts, manuals, etc.) will be deducted from the refund. If you have any questions regarding our return policy, please email us at <u>sales@sol-ark.com</u> or call us at the number above during regular (Monday to Friday) business hours.

Sol-Ark 30K-3P-208V Install Operational Verification Checklist Questionnaire must be filled out, signed, and dated to secure full warranty coverage.

Solar Today=0.0 KWH	Total=0.0 KWH	Solar	Grid	INV	USP LD	Batt	System Setup 🛜	10/14/2022 03:05:27 PM Fri.
		0W 0V/0.5A M1: 0W 364V/0.0A M2: 0W	0W 0.0Hz L1: 0V L2: 0V	0W 60.0Hz L1: 0V L2: 0V	0W L1: 0V L2: 0V L3: 0V	0W 0.0V/ 0% 0.00A 0.0C	Basic Setup	System Alarms
× ×		0V/0.1A M3: 0W 362V/0.8A	L3: 0V HM1: 0W HM2: 0W	L3: 0V L3: 0V L1: 0A L2: 0A	L1: 0W L2: 0W L3: 0W	0.00V/ 0% 0.00A 0.0C	Battery Setup	Li-Batt Info
<b>30.00</b> KW 30 0 KW 30	0.00 KW 30 KW 30	<b>TEMP</b> AC:19.4C	HM3: OW LD1: OW LD2: OW LD3: OW	L3: 0A L1: 0W L2: 0W L3: 0W	Gen 60.0 L1: 0V L2: 0V L3: 0V	DHz 0W L1: 0W L2: 0W L3: 0W	Limiter Grid Setup	Sol-Ark 30K-3P-HV - ID: ######### - COMM: #### - MCU: Ver####
System Alarms	1/25/2021 03:05:27 PM Mon.	0.00 V	0.00 A	0.0 C	0% 07	۹h		
Alarms Code	Occurred	0.0 V	0.0 V	0A	0A o	0x00 0x00		
F13 Grid_Mode_changed F13 Grid_Mode_changed	2021-01-13 11:22 2021-01-13 11:20	1. 0.00 V         0.0           2. 0.00 V         0.0           3. 0.00 V         0.0           4. 0.00 V         0.0           5. 0.00 V         0.0           6. 0.00 V         0.0           7. 0.00 V         0.0           8. 0.00 V         0.0           8. 0.00 V         0.0           10. 0.00 V         0.0           11. 0.00 V         0.0           13. 0.00 V         0.0	Only w,           0A         0.0C         0.0%           0A         0.0C         0.0%	(BMS Lith 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 0	ium Mode / 0.0A / 0.0A	0010 0010 0010 0010 0010 0010 0010 001		

# 1. Main Menu

# 2. Basic Setup

![](_page_56_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_57_Picture_0.jpeg)

3. Batt Setup

Batt Setup	Batt Setup	Batt Setup
Batt Charge Discharge Smart Load	Batt Charge Discharge Smart Load	Batt Charge Discharge Smart Load
Batt capacity 200Ah BMS Lithium Batt 01	StartV 490.0V 490.0V Float V 552.0V	Shutdown 170.0V 10%
Max A charge 50A Use Batt V charged	Start% 30% 30%	Low Batt 165.0V 20%
Max A discharge 50A No Battery Parallel bat1&bat2	A 40A 40A Gen Charge	Restart 180.0V 50% Batt Empty V 160.0V BMS_Err_Stop
CANCEL OK	Gen Force CANCEL OK	CANCEL OK

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Batt S	etup		
Batt	Charge	Discharge	Smart Load
	Use gen inpu	it as load output	For AC Coupled Input to Gen
	On Gric	l always on	High Frz 65.00Hz
Smart I 510.0\	oad OFF Batt		
Smart I 540.0\	oad ON Batt		
		(	CANCEL

Gen Charge	Grid Charge		Batt Empty V	160.0V	BMS_
Gen Force	CANCEL	ОК		CANCEL	ОК

4. Limiter

Grid Param	Grid Param Time of Use Setup	Grid Param
Time Power(W) Batt Charge Sell	Mon. Tues. Wed. Thur. Sell	
Grid Sell 30000 01:00AM 2000 50%		
Limited Power to Home 05:00AM 2000 50%		
09:00AM 2000 100%	Season1 Season2 Season3	
01:00PM 2000 100%		Zero Export Power
Time of Use         Setup         05:00PM         2000         50%		Batt First
CANCEL OK 09:00PM 2000 50%	CANCEL OK 09:00PWi 2000 49:00 1	CANCEL OK

# 5. Grid Setup

Grid Param	Grid Param	
Grid Selection Connect IP F(W) V(W)/V(Q) P(Q)/P(F)	Grid Selection Connect IP F(W) V(W)/V(Q) P(Q)/P(F)	Grid selection Connect IP F(W) V(W)/V(Q) P(Q)/P(F)
Grid Mode         1/3         Grid Reconnect Time         300s           UL1741 & IEEE1547         Fixed PF         Fixed Q           Grid Frequency         1.000         0%           50Hz         Q_Response_T         5.05           60Hz         Grid Level         LN:120/VLL:208V(AC)           Phase Type         0/240/120           CANCEL         OK	Reconnect     Normal connect       Grid Vol High     142.0V       Grid Vol Low     102.0V       Grid Vol Low     102.0V       Grid Hz High     61.3Hz       Grid Hz Low     57.7Hz       Reconnect Ramp rate     60s       36s     CANCEL	Over Voltage U>(10 min. running mean)         132.0V           HV3         144.0V         +           HV2         144.0V         -           HV1         144.0V         -           HV1         144.0V         -           LV1         100.0V         -           LV2         100.0V         -           LV3         100.0V         -           LV3         100.0V         -           LV3         100.0V         -           CANCEL         OK
Grid Param	Grid Param	Grid Param
Grid selection Connect IP F(W) V(W)/V(Q) P(Q)/P(F)	Grid selection Connect IP F(W) V(W)/V(Q) P(Q)/P(F)	Grid selection Connect IP F(W) V(W)/V(Q) P(Q)/P(F)
Over frequency Droop F 40%P/Hz	V(W) V(Q)	P(Q) P(F)
Start delay 0.00s Stop delay 0.00s	Lin:20.0% L.out:5.0%	L.in:655.3% L.out:655.3%
	V1:109.0% P1:100% V1:94.0% Q1:43%	P1:655% Q1:0% V1:655% F1:0.000
Under frequency Droop F> 40%PE/Hz	V2:110.0% P2: 20% V2:97.0% Q2: 0%	P2:655% Q2: 0% V2:655% F2:0.000
Start freq F> 49.80Hz Stop freq F> 49.80Hz	V3:111.0% P3: 20% V3:105.0% Q3: 0%	P3:655% Q3: 0% V3:655% F3:0.000
Start delay F> 0.00s Stop delay F> 0.00s	V4:112.0% P4: 20% V4:108.0% Q4: -43%	P4:655% Q4: 0% V4:655% F4: 0.000
CANCEL OK	CANCELOK	CANCELOK

![](_page_58_Picture_0.jpeg)