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- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver
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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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SAVETHESEINSTRUCTIONS: This manual contains important instructions for the SPARQ Q1200 microinverter that should be followed during installation and maintenance of the unit to reduce the risk of electric shock, and to ensure the safe installation and operation of the SPARQ Microinverter. Failure to properly follow these instructions may result in personal injury, property damage, and/or loss of warranty coverage.

This manual provides guidelines to installing your system. As always, you must respect National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70, Canadian Electrical Code, and/or the electrical regulations of your local area.

This manual is intended to be used by a certified installer or electrician and is applicable for the following models:

- Q1200-4102

The following safety symbols appear throughout this document to indicate dangerous conditions and important safety instructions.



WARNING: This indicates a situation where failure to follow instructions and/or improper equipment utilization may cause bodily harm.



NOTE: This indicates helpful information to the installer that can be used during installation.



IMPORTANT: This indicates important information that requires special attention. Please follow these instructions closely.



IMPORTANT - WARNINGS!

- Perform all electrical installations in accordance with all local electrical codes. Do not use SPARQ microinverters, gateways or microinverters in any manner not specified. Doing so may cause injury, death, or damage to equipment.
- System grounding is the responsibility of the installer. The microinverter must be earth grounded in accordance with national and/or local electrical laws. Be aware that only qualified personnel (certified installers or electricians) shall install or replace the SPARQ Microinverter. Be aware that installation of this equipment includes the risk of an electric shock.
- Do not install the AC junction box without first removing AC power from the SPARQ System. Always de-energize the AC trunk cable before servicing the system. Never disconnect the DC connectors under load. After AC power to the trunk cable is shut off, the DC and AC connectors can be unplugged.
- Do not attempt to repair the SPARQ Microinverter; it contains no user-serviceable parts. If



a microinverter fails, please return the unit to your distributor for maintenance. Tampering with or opening the microinverter will void the warranty.

- Before installing or using the SPARQ Microinverter, please read and follow all instructions on the microinverter.
- The system AC circuit breaker must be turned off before connecting or disconnecting the SPARQ Microinverter.
- Be aware that while handling the microinverter, the casing acts as a heat sink and after extended use can reach temperatures of 65°C (149°F) or higher. These temperatures may cause burns or injury.
- An installation test and approval from the local utility company must be performed before grid connection. This includes inspection of wiring and confirming that local and national requirements and regulations are followed. These tests should be performed only by qualified installers and electricians.
- The Q1200-4102 can operate in locations with an ambient temperature between -40°C and 65°C (-40°F to 149°F). The DC voltage range of a PV module to be used with the SPARQ Q1200 Microinverter should be between 19 and 60V. This matches most 60 cell and 72 cell modules.
- Protection against lightning and any resulting voltage surges must be in accordance with local standards. Failure to do so may violate the warranty.



NOTE: For the warranty terms and conditions, please visit:

www.sparqsys.com

1. INTRODUCTION

Microinverters have become the preferred technology for installing solar PV solutions on residential roofs today. Their inherent ability to address common challenges such as shade, Rapid Shutdown, and BOS reduction, and their easy installation, has made them the preferred residential inverter solution.

SPARQ takes this concept even further with the Q1200, the first 4-port microinverter optimized for residential applications and designed to meet current and future requirements. Through our patented DC-to-AC conversion technology, we developed a design that supports four panels with all the benefits of a single panel microinverter, such as eliminating high voltage DC wires on the roof while reducing part count and install time. The result is a system that is cost- effective, easier to install, and more reliable than other solutions on the market today.



Figure 1: Typical roof-top micro inverter home installation.

With its new generation Q1200 microinverter, SPARQ has considered the entire installer experience to produce an optimum overall system design. With that in mind, we used ZigBee and WiFi networking technology and a “mobile-first” approach, resulting in a fast and simple installation of the monitoring gateway in the customer’s home. No longer will solar installers fight with intermittent powerline communication solutions or move around the house to locate the device, and a simple smartphone or tablet will provide all the interface needed to install a system. The Q1200 has the most advanced power conversion design in the industry today. It is inherently scalable – to 1400W and beyond in the future. It is the first microinverter on the market with reactive power capability, designed to meet the new interconnection, operation, and metering requirements for distributed generators to be connected to a utility’s electric system now. It does all of this without sacrificing performance, having ultra-fast per-panel maximum power point tracking (MPPT) to optimize production, with a peak MPPT efficiency of 99.85%.

1.1. What is a SPARQ Microinverter

The SPARQ Q1200 Microinverter is a power conversion device that connects to up to four photovoltaic (PV) modules and converts the DC output of the modules into grid-compliant AC power. PV systems that use the SPARQ Q1200 microinverter produce an optimal energy harvest by employing proprietary maximum power point tracking methods (MPPT), with the algorithm running for each of the four modules individually. The SPARQ Q1200 is a ‘plug-and-play’ device and is auto-grid configurable worldwide, so it is very easy and safe to install. For your safety, a Ground Fault Detection Interrupter (GFDI) is incorporated to protect the system if a ground fault occurs during operation.

The SPARQ Q1200 Microinverter is light, compact, and efficient relative to string or central inverter systems. It is designed to have a functional lifetime matching or exceeding that of the photovoltaic module. The result is high-quality power generation and excellent system availability. In addition, the microinverter is very robust and delivers excellent performance even under adverse conditions such as snow, dust, shade and low light.

1.2. System Configuration and Monitoring

The SPARQ Communication Gateway is called SparqLinq and uses a ZigBee wireless link to create a mesh communication network with the Q1200 microinverter(s). SparqLinq gathers, processes, and stores microinverter performance and status information internally and can display a system dashboard via its own internal webserver. If it is connected to the internet through a WiFi or a wired Ethernet connection, it automatically uploads performance information to the SPARQ cloud-based monitoring system, SparqVu (<http://sparqvu.com>). All installers and home-owners are encouraged to create a SparqVu account. Figure 2 depicts a typical wireless setup for monitoring, using the wireless-enabled SparqLinq model.



Figure 2: Power monitoring using wireless-enabled SparqLinq system.

The SparqLinq internal web server and SparqVu cloud-based server enable an installer or system owner to quickly view the performance of every component of their SPARQ energy system via a web browser on their smart device or computer. SparqLinq achieves this detailed performance tracking by periodically polling all microinverters with a typical polling cycle of five minutes.

A setup wizard walks the installer through the simple procedure of configuring the SparqLinq and microinverter system. Once configured, the SparqLinq automatically collects data from each PV module and reports it to SparqVu, allowing a detailed real-time view of performance information from any PV module in the system. Information such as energy production, operational status, and power output can be easily reviewed at a glance. The monitoring system keeps a database of historical performance data of all the panels associated with a particular site. Information is presented graphically making it easy to understand.

2. SPARQ MICROINVERTER INSTALLATION DESIGN

2.1. Preparation

Before installing Q1200 microinverters, ensure the following equipment is at hand, and the minimum site requirements are met:

- Outdoor-rated AC junction box
- Phillips screwdriver
- Sockets, wrenches for mounting hardware
- Suitable racking system (for PV modules)
- Ti-Lane AC Branch cable and AC disconnect tool
- Ti-Lane DC disconnect tool (additional DC disconnect tool needed that matches module connectors)
- Appropriate grounding conductor, or WEEB solution
- Grounding hardware is included with unit for copper cable

NOTE: 2 locking washers, 3/8" hexagonal nut, and 1 Phillips head bolt are included on each unit.

2.2. PV module and Microinverter Compatibility

SPARQ Q1200 microinverters are compatible with PV modules where the MPPT voltage range falls within the microinverter model-specific voltage range. The microinverters are designed to work with single-phase 208V to 240V AC electrical main service connections.

The electrical properties of the microinverters are summarized in the following table:

Table 1

Model Number	PV Voltage Range	PV Panel DC Power Rating	Maximum Microinverters per AC branch (240V)*
Q1200-4102	19V-60V	Up to 400W DC	5 units, 10 AWG (6mm ²) Trunk

* Depending on wire gauge selected

To ensure that the PV module can be directly plugged into the microinverter, choose a module with an MC4 style compatible connector.

2.3. Module System Design Configuration with Templates

When installing and implementing a SPARQ Q1200 microinverter, there are five common arrangements for the solar panels, with a version of each for portrait and landscape configurations. Using these basic designs will simplify the design and planning for each installation.

In most designs with more than a single row of modules, the *even row* modules will be installed rotated such that the junction boxes are at the bottom of the module. This is to ensure the DC cables can reach the microinverter DC inputs. Alternate configurations can easily be supported via extension cables.

SPARQ has created simple templates for each of these designs. In some cases, where the standard building blocks are not applicable, an extender cable may be required to ensure easy connectivity to the Q1200 microinverter.



It is critical to note that the SPARQ Q1200 microinverter must be installed **under** the module, and not exposed to direct rain or sunlight. Do not mount the microinverter in a position that allows long-term exposure to direct sunlight or in a vertical orientation that allows water to pool by any of the connectors. **ALWAYS** install the microinverter with the SPARQ Logo and grounding lug side up towards the module to ensure proper heat dissipation.

2.3.1. Rectangle

The most common and easiest design for the Q1200 is simply called “The Rectangle”. The Rectangle reflects four modules together in either a *portrait* or *landscape* layout. This configuration applies to the most common deployments seen today, including:

- The rails are attached one-quarter of the way down the module frame, or about 16" or 400mm from the top and the bottom of a typical 60-cell and 72-cell module frame.
- Junction boxes are usually near one end of the module frame, with the cables extending 40" or 1m long.
- In some cases where the rails are attached further from the module end, the microinverter may need to be attached to the other side of the rail, but in most cases the following design guidelines will work, allowing the cabling to be routed cleanly.

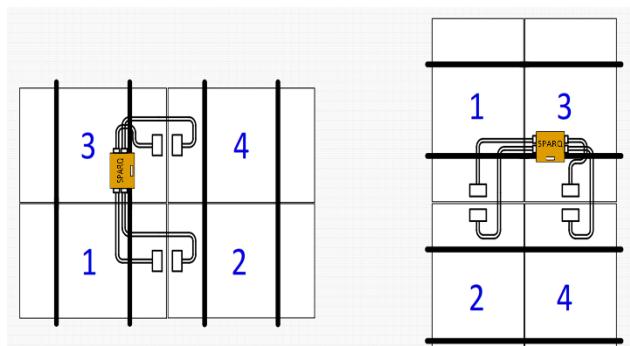


Figure 3: Q1200 – Rectangle arrangement (landscape [left] and portrait [right]).

Often a residential design will have areas that do not fit so cleanly into the Rectangle pattern. To meet these applications, one of the other common patterns may apply. For each of these, one or more pairs of DC extender cables will be required.

2.3.2. Row of Four

The second most common configuration is four modules in a row, either portrait or landscape as shown below. Some example installation techniques are given here, either can be reversed as desired. Knowing this before arriving at the site will ensure easy cable and Q1200 layout.

Note, the numbers below correspond to the panels as illustrated below, not the port numbers on the Q1200 itself:

Landscape layout

- When placing four in a row in landscape, allocate numbers to panels from left to right as follows: one (1) two (2), three (3), and four (4). (See following diagram.)
- Connect modules 1 and 2 first and connect them to the racking. Then connect the module 4 but do not tighten it, instead rest it in a temporary and stable position. Then connect the one under module 3 over the Q1200 and connect it to the rack. Last, place the module #4 in its permanent position, tightening it last.

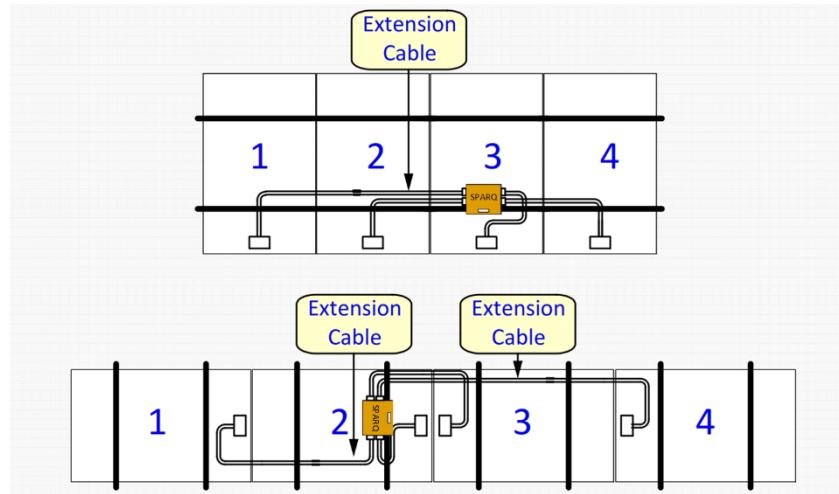


Figure 4: Q1200 – Row of four arrangement.

2.3.3. L-shape

Sometimes to make things fit in unusual configurations or to work around obstacles on the roof, an L-Shape solution can be an effective option in either portrait or landscape mode as shown below:

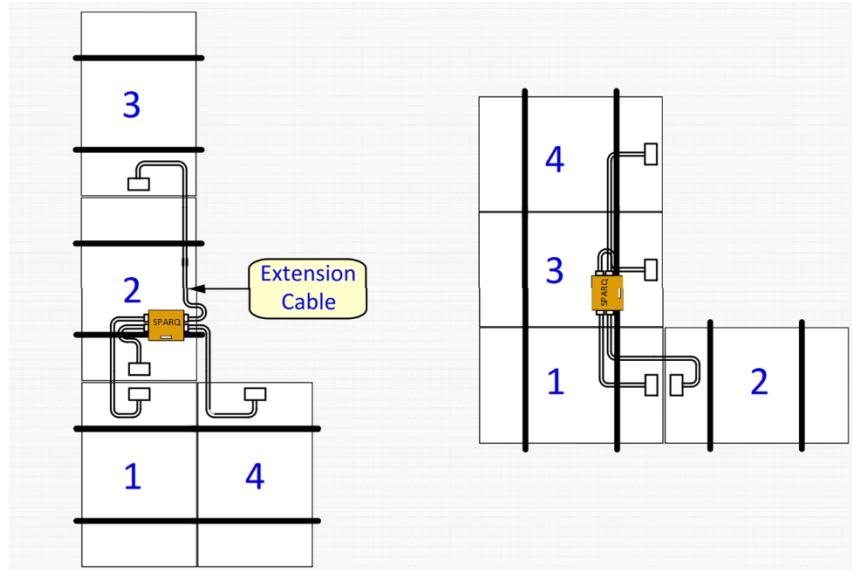


Figure 5: Q1200 L-shape arrangements

2.3.4. T-Shape

Another standard shape to help make things fit in unusual configurations, a T-Shape solution can be useful in either landscape or portrait mode as shown below:

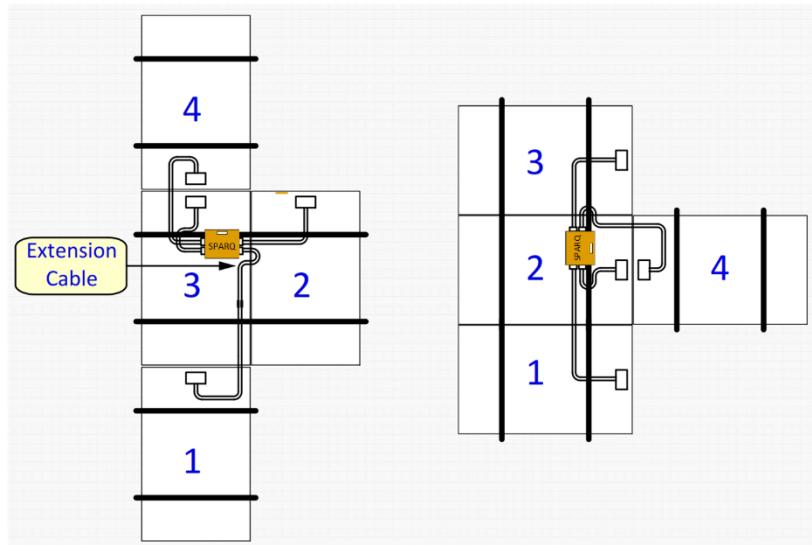


Figure 6: Q1200 T-shape arrangements.

2.3.5. S-Shape

A final standard shape to help make things fit in unusual configurations, an S-Shape solution can be useful in either landscape or portrait mode as shown below:

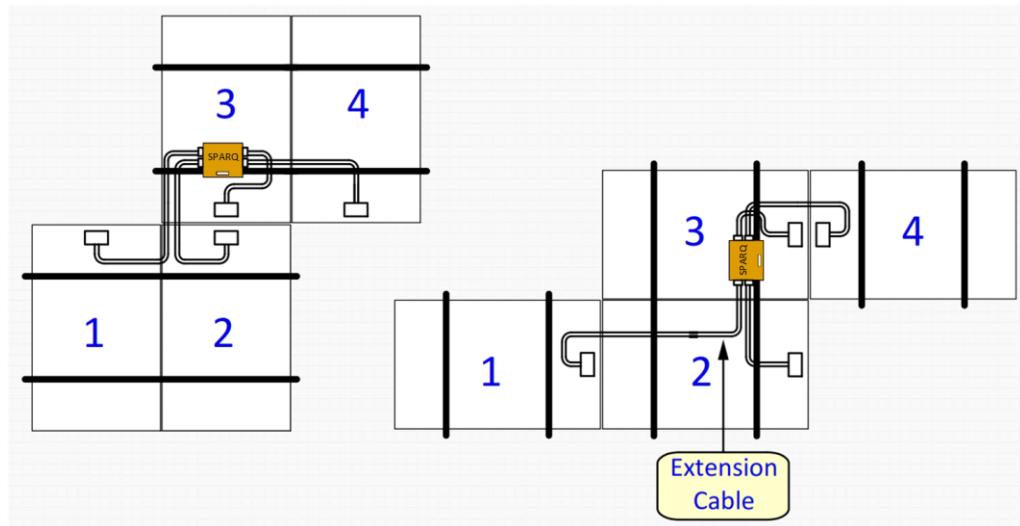


Figure 7: Q1200 - S-shaped arrangements.

2.4. Accessories

Extension Cables

As noted, sometimes a DC extension cable will be needed to reach the centrally located Q1200. These are noted in the designs above. These DC extension cables can be easily built on site as needed or purchased in advance from SPARQ or our authorized distributors. 0.3 Meter length is typical, with the landscape 4 in a row potentially using a 1.3M solution. For the installation, there are some basic tools and components that will be required. SPARQ recommends having an AC and DC Disconnect tool and a Junction box or splice to join the AC cable to the home run cable.

Other options

- AC Cable splice – to connect and/or extend two sections of cable.
- AC Cable connector waterproof cap – to cover and seal unused AC plugs.

3. INSTALLATION PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

Once your system is designed and you are ready to begin, and after installing roof attachments and mounting rails, there are just a few basic steps to the successful installation of your SPARQ Microinverter system.

- Set up AC Trunk cabling and tie downs to match planned microinverter placements.
- Mount the SPARQ Microinverter to the racking using two fasteners tightened to 10 ft-lbs / 13.5 N-m.
- Connect the AC Branch Cable to the microinverter and WEEB or ground wire to grounding terminal.
- Install AC junction box to facilitate connecting the AC Branch cable to the home run cable that goes back to the breaker in main service.
- Connect each of the PV modules leads to the microinverter DC inputs as they are being installed.



- Note: This can be an electric shock hazard. The DC conductors of this photovoltaic system may be energized.
- Run the SparqLinq Setup Wizard. This can be done during or after the modules are installed; see next section.
- Test system by turning on main breaker or AC disconnect and monitor the system through the SparqLinq webpage.



WARNING: Before installation, ensure that the system is disconnected from the utility and that the AC junction box is not energized! There is a risk of shock and injury if this is not followed.



IMPORTANT: The AC Cable has 3 wires – For American Split-Phase they are Black (Line1), Red (Line2), White (Neutral). For Indian or European Single-Phase the AC Cable has 2 wires - Black (Neutral), Red (Active). It is important that the Q1200 Microinverter is grounded either through the built-in grounding lug using a separate 6 AWG (16mm²) or 8 AWG (10mm²) solid copper grounding conductor or using an electrical equipment grounding washer or WEEB (Washer Electrical Equipment Ground).

3.1. SparqLinq Configuration

The SparqLinq is the SPARQ gateway used to provision, monitor and maintain the SPARQ system. Setting it up is fast and easy and consists of connecting it to the network and following the installation wizard.

The gateway itself is housed in an easily-mounted, high-impact electronics box (black) as shown.

3.1.1. SparqLinq Setup

A technician can start setting up the SparqLinq gateway for the site at any time but Q1200 inverters can only be scanned for when DC power (from PV module) is available.

NOTE: DHCP IS REQUIRED on the cable modem/DSL router/Fiber connect Internet access device and it is required to connect the SparqLinq to the internet at least once before or after installation so it can set the internal clock and perform any software updates before completing the installation.



Figure 8: SparqLinq and WiFi USB adaptor.

Preferred SparqLinq setup using Wired Ethernet cable and WiFi adapter:

1. Zigbee antenna is provided separately in the SparqLinq box. Screw in the Zigbee antenna securely. Please tighten by hand.
2. Plug in included Ethernet cable to Home Internet Router.
3. Then plug in AC power supply. It will take approximately one minute for the SparqLinq to fully boot.
4. On the phone, tablet or PC, open WiFi application to display available Network SSIDs.
5. The SparqLinq will create a WiFi access point with SSID “SparqLinq”. Select it for connection.
6. Enter the password “SparqLinq 80211” and be sure to include the space in the middle. Tick “Connect Automatically” on your device if option is available. Your device may indicate “No Internet Access” which is OK. Do not connect to customer’s home network at this time.
7. Open a web browser (we recommend Chrome or Firefox) and enter address <http://192.168.111.1/> to start the system configuration wizard.



Note: See the *Troubleshooting* section for suggestions on connecting to the Linq via Ethernet only (that is, without using the WiFi adaptor).

The following page displays which checks for a Software update.

3.1.2. Software Updates

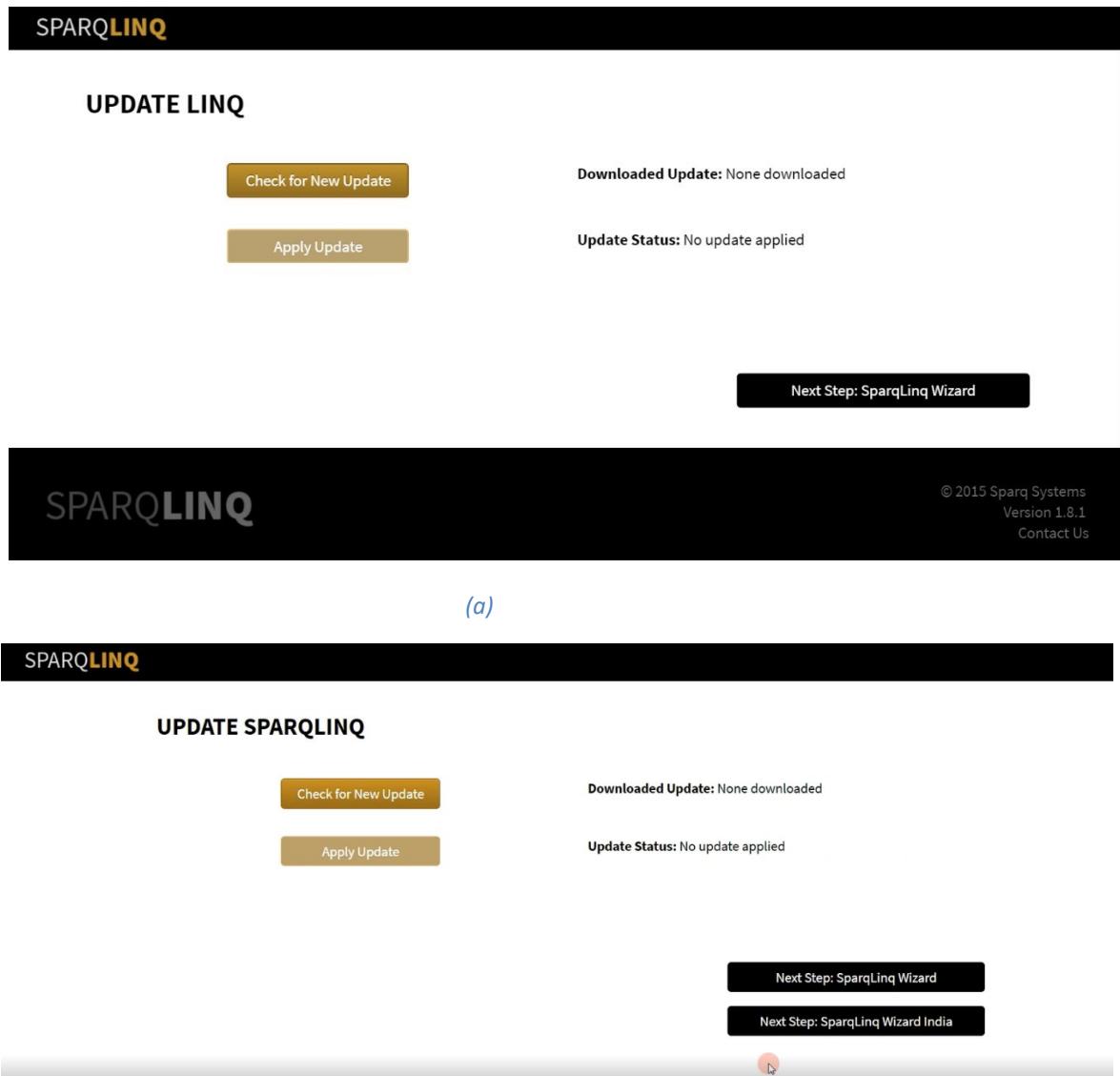


Figure 9: SparqLinq Software updates.

1. Perform Software update check
 - Press “**Check for new Update**” on the screen as shown in Figure 9(a).
 - If “**Apply Update**” button is highlighted, press, and wait till the update is completed
 - After the update process is finished, **refresh** the browser webpage. Figure 9(b) shows the screenshot of the refreshed web page.
2. Press “**Next Step: SparqLinq Wizard**”

3.1.3. Technician & Customer Information

Enter the following Installer and Customer Information in the boxes provided as shown in Figure 10.

- Technician Name
- Phone Number
- Customer Name
- Create a Site Name – This will show up on the SparqVu dashboard
- City, State

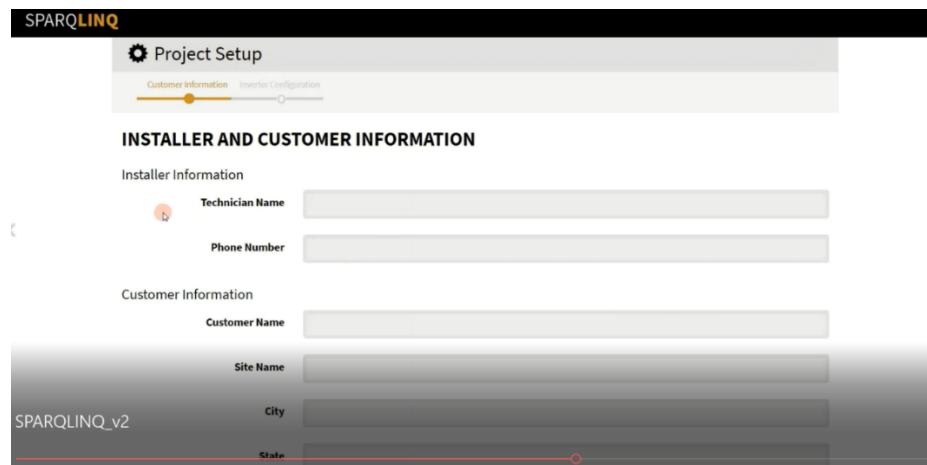


Figure 10: Inverter detection.

Press “Next Step: Inverter Configuration” to enter additional installation information.

3.1.4. Inverter Configuration

Inverter configuration begins with a “scanning” activity wherein the SparqLinq surveys the nearby radio environment listening for any Q1200 microinverters who are generating power as shown in Figure 11. You should initiate this activity on the page below only after microinverters have been installed.

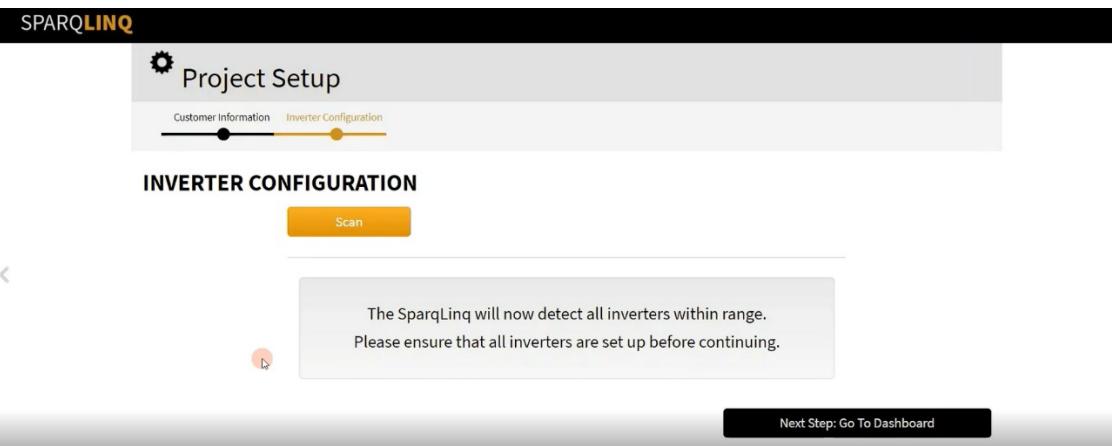


Figure 11: Inverter detection.

The *Scan* button becomes inactive and inverters appear in a list as they are discovered as shown below in Figure 12.

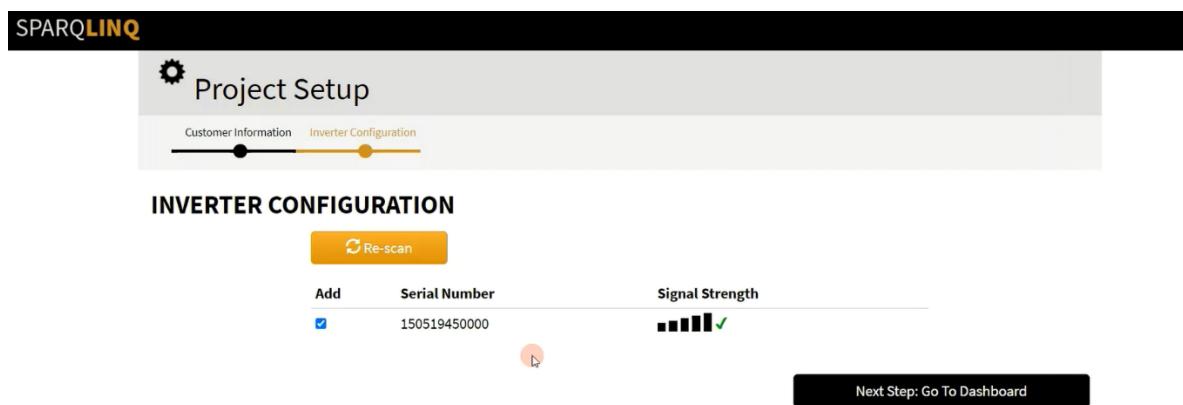


Figure 12: Scanned inverters.

Note the *Serial Number* values at your site will *not* match those depicted above. Instead, they will be the factory assigned serial numbers for the microinverters installed at your site.

After the scan completes, the Inverters discovered are displayed and the Re-scan button is displayed. Carefully inspect the information and if there are fewer microinverters than designed into your project, perform a Re-scan to direct the SparqLinq gateway to start another scanning activity for micro-inverters.

If, after successive scans, the number of microinverters still does not equal the expected total, relocate the SparqLinq. Try moving the SparqLinq to a different position by first pointing the SparqLinq lid at that inverter it is not finding. If this is not successful, the next step is to move the SparqLinq closer to the inverter it does not see. Once an Inverter has been found, it will stay discovered by the network.



Note: Plasma TVs can interfere with the ZigBee communications used by SparqLinq if the TV is located between the gateway and solar modules.

When all inverters appear on the Inverter Configuration page, they are detected. Press “Next Step: Go To dashboard”. The next screen will be like the one shown in Figure 13.

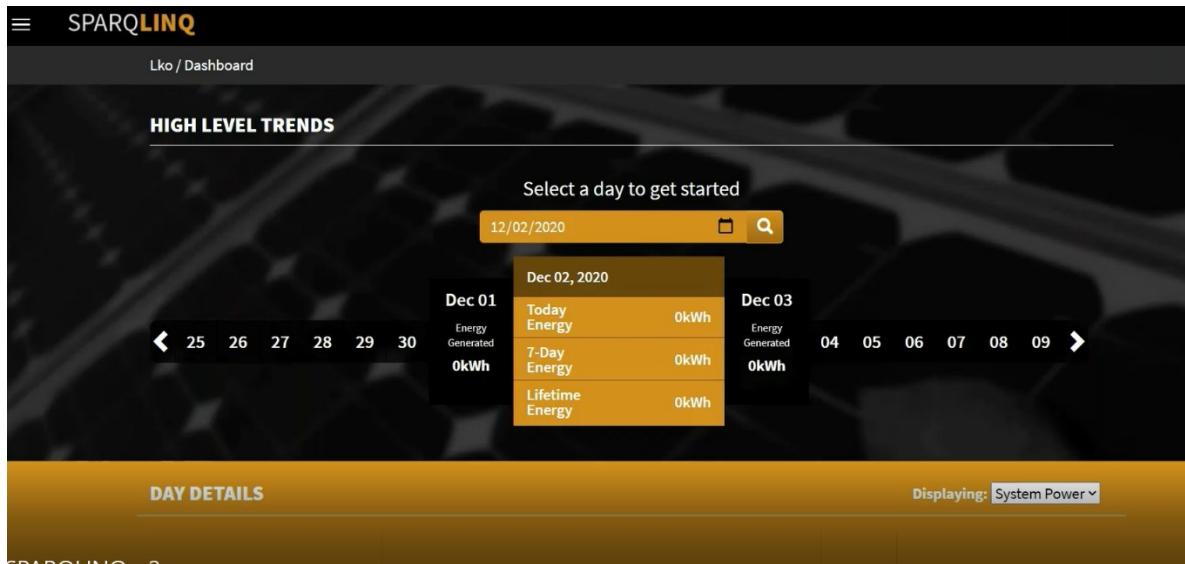


Figure 13: SparqLinq Dashboard.

3.1.5. Network Configuration

The following steps indicate how to connect the SparqLinq to the internet through WiFi.

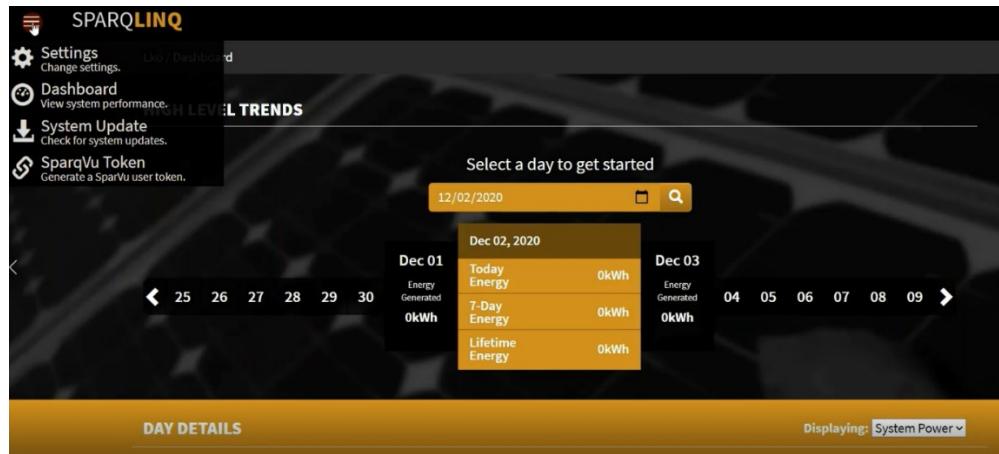


Figure 14: Network configuration via SparqLinq dashboard.

1. Click on the menu icon (three horizontal bars) in the top left corner of the dashboard page and then select the Settings option as shown in Figure 14.

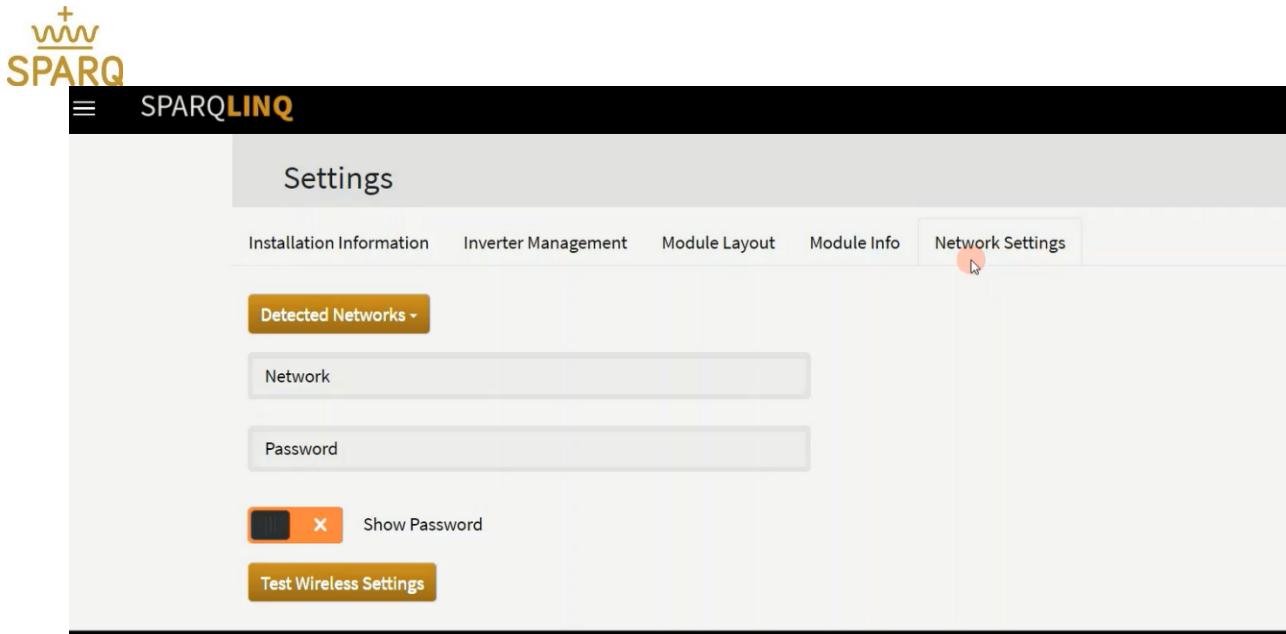


Figure 15: Network detection.

2. On the Settings page select the “Network Settings” menu as shown in Figure 15.
3. Click the detected network button to find the desired access point (consult with the homeowner)
4. If required, enter the homeowner’s WiFi password (Press “Show Password” to display text)
5. Press the “Test Wireless Settings” button.

The SparqLinq will take down its WiFi access point and attempt to connect to the wireless network selected using the credentials provided. After testing it will re-enable its WiFi access point. The installer may need to re-connect to the SparqLinq access point unless “Connect Automatically” was set on the installer’s device.

If the test was successful, the following screen will be displayed as shown in Figure 16.

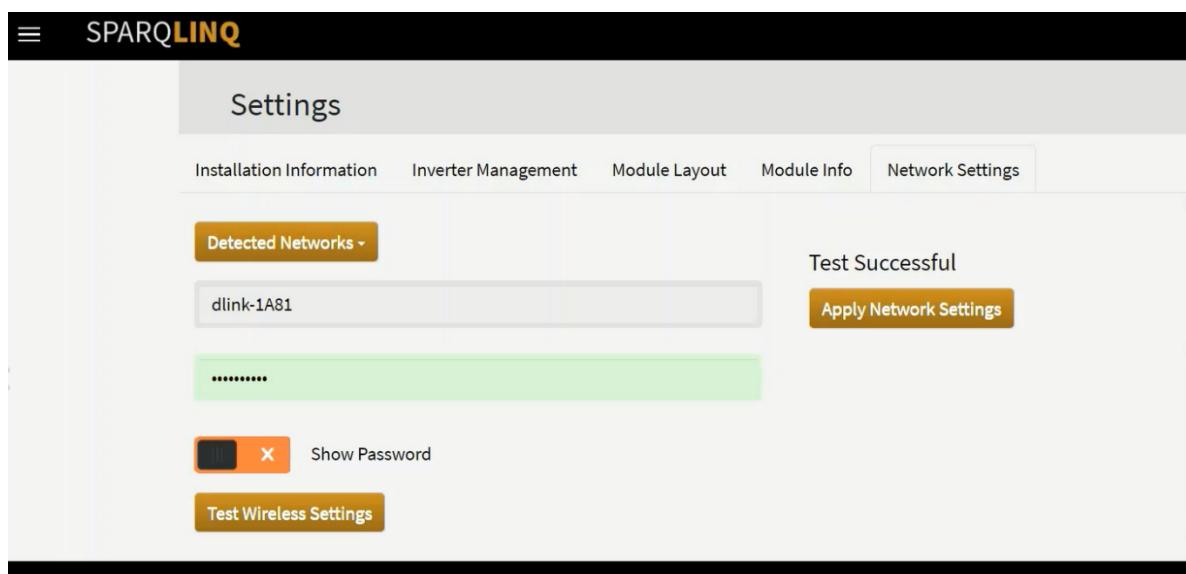


Figure 16: Successful network detection.

- Click on “Apply Network Settings”. You will see a prompt to connect to the home wireless network.

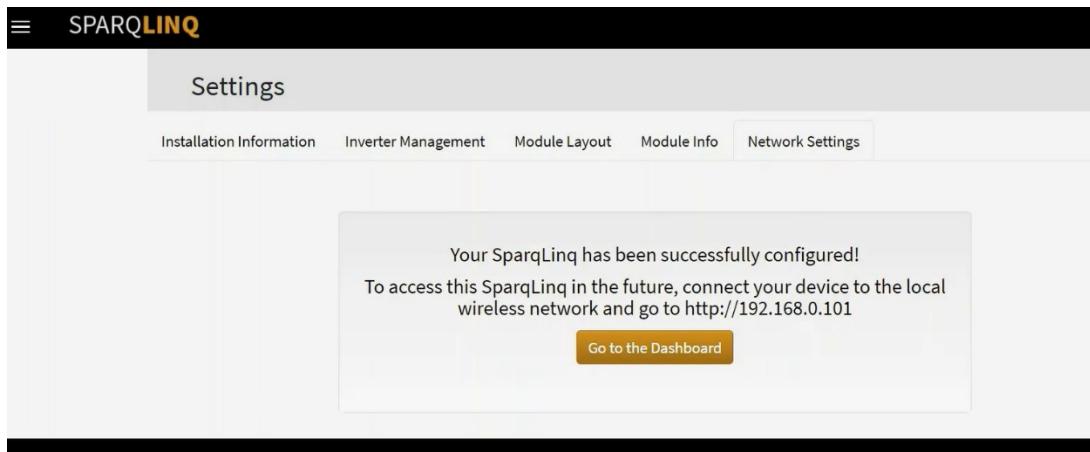


Figure 17: SparqLinq setup complete.

After the network settings is established, you will see a screen like Figure 17. Please note the IP address for accessing SparqLinq. Click on the “Go to the Dashboard” button. You will be redirected to the SparqLinq Dashboard. Your setup is now complete!

If the WiFi connection was not successful, the page shown in Figure 18 below appears. To address the problem, try unplugging and moving the SparqLinq to a different location and re-run the test from the Settings menu.

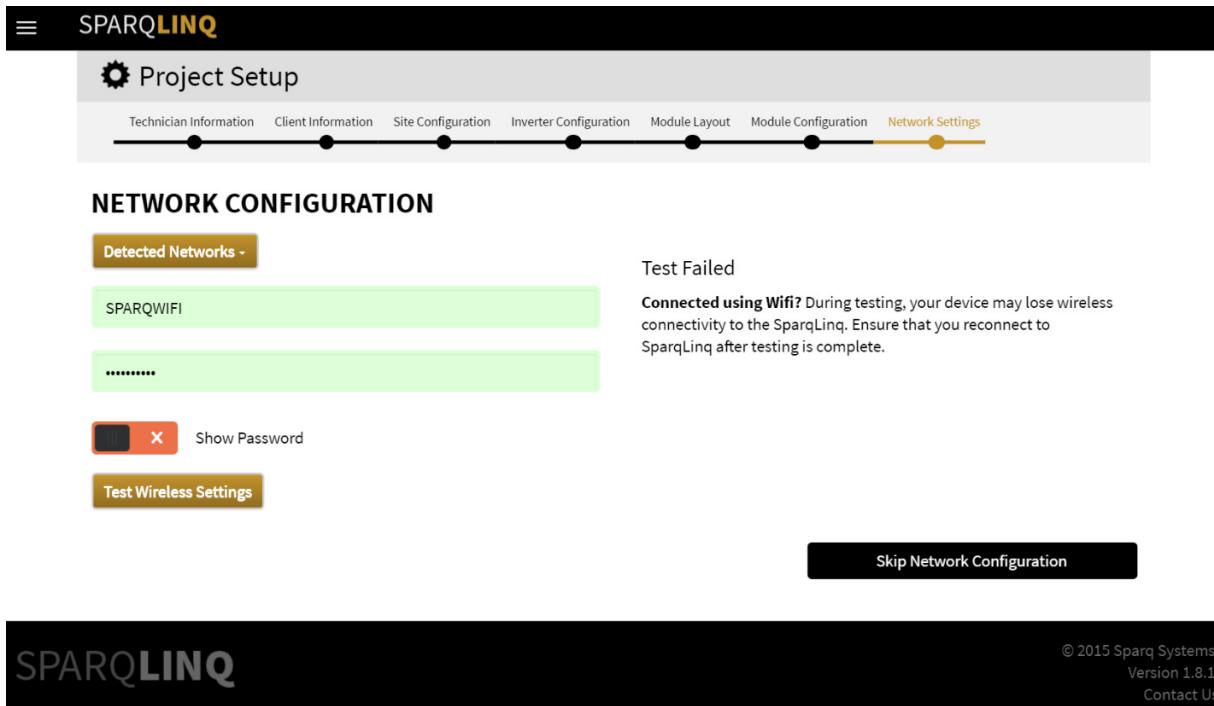


Figure 18: Failed wifi detection.

3.2. Microinverter Placement and Installation

Once your racking is in place, the next step is to place the microinverters on the racking so that the cabling and ultimately modules can be built on top. Refer to your system layout to plan these out.

The Q1200 has two slots in the top for mounting. These are both required and ensure a strong connection to the rail. There is a handle in between these mounting slots for ease of carrying and placement of the Q1200s around the job site and on the roof top. Use two fasteners to mount the Q1200 to the rail and torqued to 10 ft-lbs / 13.5 N-m.



Note: the Q1200 has DC connectors on the sides, an AC connector and a Wireless Window on the bottom. Weight should NEVER be placed on these plastic components to ensure they are not damaged during the installation process. The Q1200 should be held using the handle and placed down by leaning on the edges of the body of the unit, not putting weight on the plastic components.

3.3. Cabling

Once your microinverters are mounted on the racking, the next step will be to lay out the AC Cable on the roof and connect it to the rails. Some basic tips will ensure an easy installation:

- Add any expected DC extensions if required to the modules as you place them, preinstalled as appropriate to enable easy connection of modules.

SPARQ has partnered with Ti-Lane to bring you a complete cabling solution designed for microinverter solutions. This mature and robust solution ensures an easy and cost-effective deployment of your SPARQ system. These cables come with the AC connector ready to be plugged into the SPARQ Microinverter.

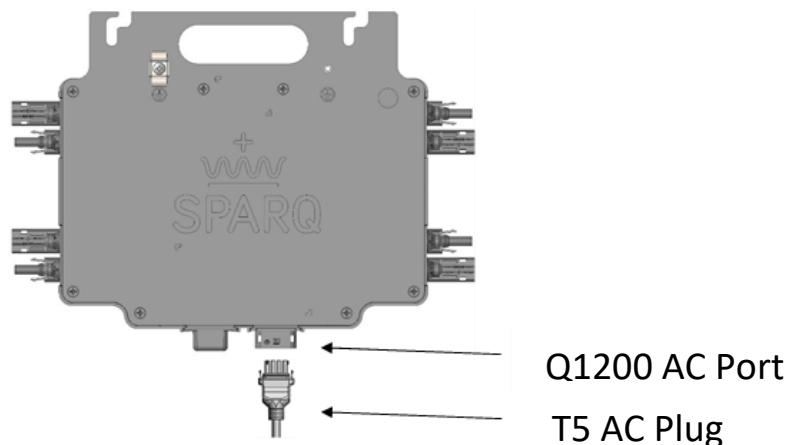


Figure 19: SPARQ micro inverter connection with T5 AC plug.

3.4. Cabling System

The Ti-Lane AC Cable microinverter solution is very cost-effective compared with daisy chain or other proprietary cabling systems, reducing installation cost and cost of ownership. The AC Cabling system enables the solar installer to cost-effectively match the cabling needs to each site. The Cable consists of

an individual molded T5 plug and a 0.7-meter, or 3-meter cable assembly. This cable terminates in either bare wires allowing it to be connected in parallel with other inverter outputs in a Junction Box to a homerun cable, or to a T6 plug. The T5 female plug connects to the male bulkhead port installed in the SPARQ Q1200 Microinverter that serves as its AC output.

Types of cables:

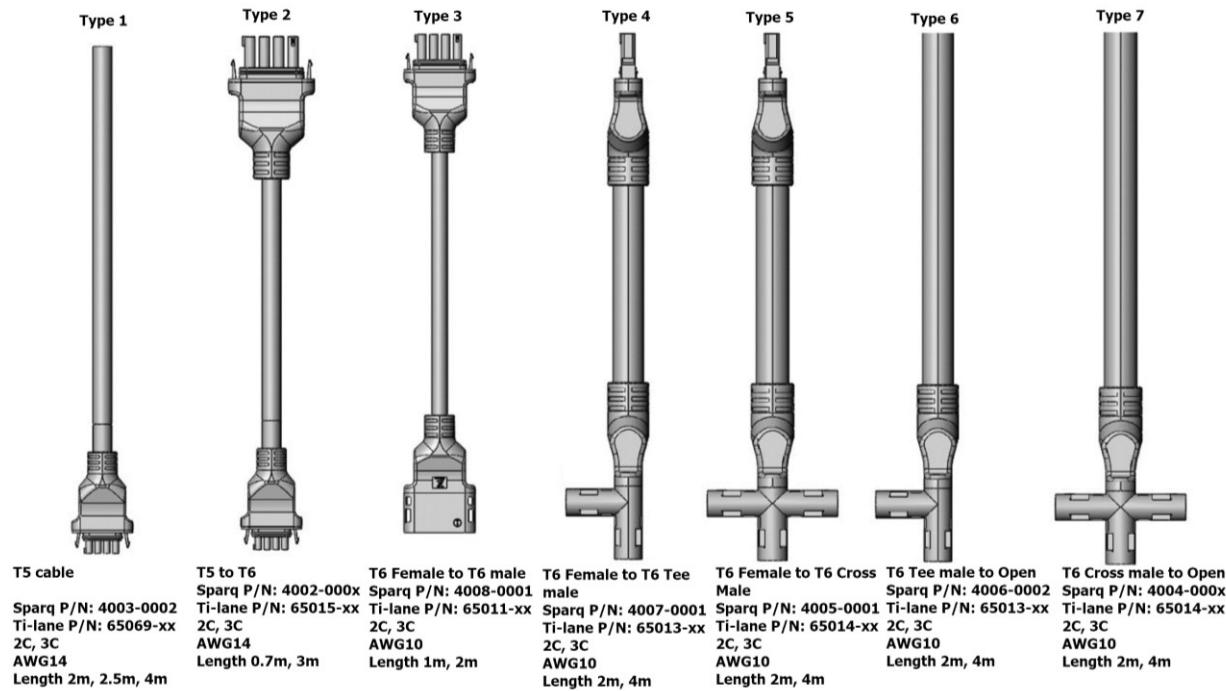


Figure 20: Ti-Lane cabling solutions.

Most installations will only need 2 meters of cable between inverters if modules are mounted in portrait orientation. If modules are mounted 4 in a row, or landscape orientation, they will need 4 meters of cable to bridge between inverters.

The American NEC (National Electric Code) and European IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) specify the maximum current carrying capacity of the various standard wire sizes including the American Wire Gauge (AWG) and the European square millimeter (mm^2). Based on these tables, a 10 AWG (6mm^2) cable should be limited to five (5) Q1200 Microinverters and protected using a 30A, 240V breaker. A 10 AWG (6mm^2) homerun cable will have a lower overall cable resistance resulting in less voltage drop along the cable, so it may also be used in long cables with less than (5) Q1200 microinverters installed. Do not exceed the recommended number of microinverters per cable wire size as noted above.



If the AC cable has any damage to the connectors and/or jacket, **DO NOT** install the cabling and get some undamaged cable.

WARNING: When stripping the sheath from the cable, make sure that the cable and/or conductors are not damaged. If the exposed wires are damaged, the system may not function properly and could cause issues with the microinverter.

3.5. Cable Accessories

AC Protection Caps female version

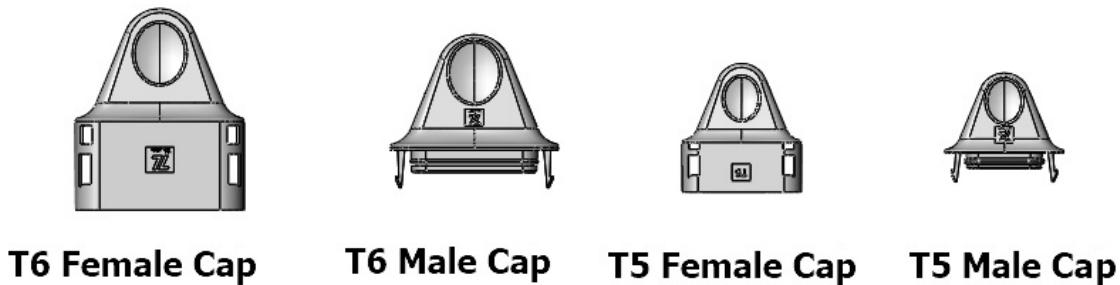


Figure 21: Waterproof Ti-Lane cable caps.

Waterproof T5 and T6 Caps - used when complete sealing from water and dust are needed. The waterproof cap is IP67 rated and can protect from water ingress if submerged at the depth of 1m for 30 minutes. To unlock waterproof caps, the unlocking tool is required. Make sure these waterproof caps have been installed on all unused AC connectors. Unused AC connectors are live when the system is energized by the grid.

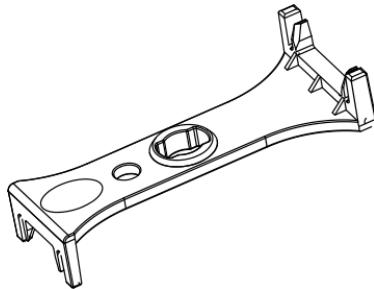


Figure 22: AC unlocking tool.

AC Unlocking Tool – used to disassemble mated connectors with T6 and T5 cable plugs and T5 bulkhead connectors in the microinverter. This tool is also used to unlock waterproof caps.

Cable Assembly Instructions

Step 1:

Determine cable wire gauge and cable length required for installation based on the number of microinverters to be installed in a single AC cable.

Step 2:

Measure where the modules will be placed on the mounting rail. Position of the inverters and T5 cables so DC extension cables and T5 cables are minimized.

Step 3:

Secure Junction Boxes with cable ties or other reliable method.

Step 4:

Align the mating AC connectors and join mating parts together as shown below and connect the AC plugs.

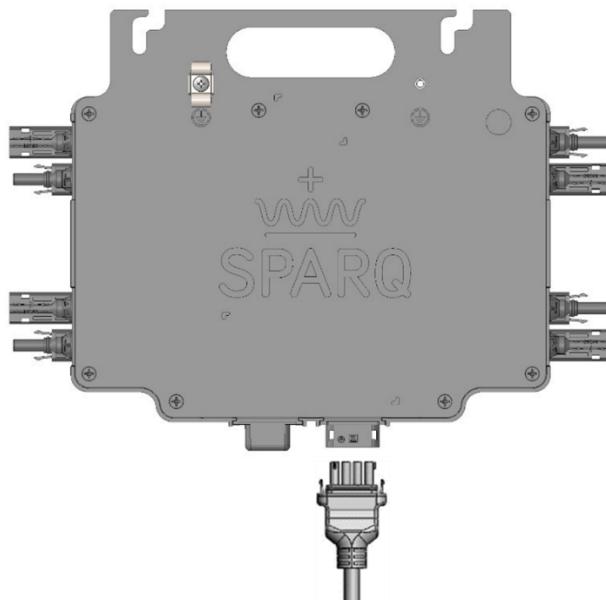


Figure 23: Aligning the mating AC connectors with the inverter.

NOTE: Do not apply excessive force when mating the connectors. Please check if the key is aligned properly before assembly. Wrong key alignment will result in connectors not properly joining.

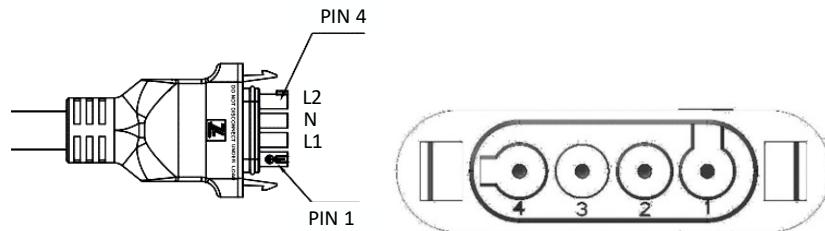


Figure 24: Pin configuration for AC cables

Join all Red wires together with the Red trunk wire, all Black wires together with the Black trunk wire, and all the White wires together with the White trunk wire using the terminal block in the junction box when using unterminated wires. The Red wire is connected to T5 Pin 4, the White wire is connected to T5 Pin 3, and the Black wire is connected to Pin2 of the T5 plug. **NOTE:** When connectors are properly locked a “click” sound will be heard and the locking hooks on the connector will align and lock in place.

Step 5:

Secure any unused T5 plugs with a waterproof cap. Waterproof caps must cover all unconnected connectors and will provide IP67 sealing to avoid risks of electrical shock and short circuits when the system is energized.



Cable Disassembly Instructions

To unlock the T5 cable connectors from the inverter bulkhead, use the AC unlocking tool. The unlocking tool must be inserted in the correct direction and into the opening of the connectors to unlock. The tool has sloped edges that push the locking barbs into the unlock position and allow the connectors to be separated. Once the hooks of the connector disengage, separate the connectors.



WARNING: Do not leave AC connectors on the AC Cable uncovered for an extended period. If you do not plan to connect the microinverter immediately, you must cover any unused connector with a Waterproof cap.

3.6. Ti-Lane Cable Part Number Information

Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	Type 5	Type 6	Type 7
T5 cable Sparq P/N: 4003-0002 Ti-lane P/N: 65069-xx 2C, 3C AWG14 Length 2m, 2.5m, 4m	T5 to T6 Sparq P/N: 4002-000x Ti-lane P/N: 65015-xx 2C, 3C AWG14 Length 0.7m, 3m	T6 Female to T6 male Sparq P/N: 4008-0001 Ti-lane P/N: 65011-xx 2C, 3C AWG10 Length 1m, 2m	T6 Female to T6 Tee male Sparq P/N: 4007-0001 Ti-lane P/N: 65013-xx 2C, 3C AWG10 Length 2m, 4m	T6 Female to T6 Cross Male Sparq P/N: 4005-0001 Ti-lane P/N: 65014-xx 2C, 3C AWG10 Length 2m, 4m	T6 Tee male to Open Sparq P/N: 4006-0002 Ti-lane P/N: 65013-xx 2C, 3C AWG10 Length 2m, 4m	T6 Cross male to Open Sparq P/N: 4004-000x Ti-lane P/N: 65014-xx 2C, 3C AWG10 Length 2m, 4m

Table 2: Ti-Lane cable specifications

	Cable Gauge	Cable Length (M)		
T5 female to open		2	2.5	4
Part Number	3C/14AWG	65069-17	65069-19	65069-18
T6 female to t5 female		0.7	3	
Part Number	3C/14AWG	65015-09	65015-10	
T6 female to t6 male		1	2	
Part Number	3C/10AWG	65011-10	65011-11	
T6 female to t6 tee male		2	4	
Part number	3C/10AWG	65013-16	65013-17	
T6 female to t6 cross male		2	4	
Part Number	3C/10AWG	65014-25	65014-26	
T6 tee male to open		2	4	
Part Number	3C/10AWG	65012-14	65012-15	
T6 cross male to open		2	4	
Part number	3C/10AWG	65014-19	65014-20	

3.7. Mounting the SPARQ Microinverter

1. Mount the microinverter onto the racking using two fasteners and ensure the microinverter is fully covered by the module or other means.
2. Install the grounding hardware and attach grounding wire. If using WEEBs, place them between the rail top and microinverter flange bottom.
3. Connect the AC cable and ensure that the system is not connected to AC power
4. Connect the modules to the inverter one at a time.



WARNING: Do not exceed the maximum number of microinverters in series in one branch.



IMPORTANT: Ensure that there is a gap (at least 10mm) on both the top and bottom of the microinverter.

3.8. DC Connection (Connecting the Microinverter PV Module)

To connect the mounted microinverter to the PV module, please follow these steps:

1. Before placing modules, clip the DC wires to the module frame. This will secure them off the roof and make them the right length to connect them to the Q1200.

NOTE: When placing the modules, please ensure that the module is supported (either by a second person or a suitable fixture or support) while you make the final connection.

For the 4th module that will cover the Q1200, rail clips should be used to hold the excess cable from the module to the Q1200 (as opposed to module frame clips).

2. With one person or suitable fixture/support holding the module up, connect the module's MC4- compatible connectors to the microinverter DC input connectors.
3. Install the PV modules on the racking (follow the PV module installation guide and make sure that the cable is not on the rail where the edge of the module will be placed).



WARNING:



Before disconnecting any of the wires, the AC system circuit breaker must be disconnected.

NEVER disconnect any DC cables under load!

3.9. AC Connection

1. Connect the male AC T5 bulk head of each microinverter to the female plug on the AC cable.



WARNING:

Make sure any unused AC connectors are covered by the protective caps.

2. Ensure the junction box is not live then connect the end of the AC cable to the junction box.

3.10. Grounding

Grounding the microinverter can be done with a 6 AWG (16mm^2) or 8 (10mm^2) AWG solid copper wire or WEEBs. The grounding must be done in accordance to the NEC or equivalent regulatory requirements by trained personnel.



WARNING:

Failure to comply with the NEC grounding requirements will null and void the product warranty.

3.10.1. Copper Cable

The illustration below shows how to make the grounding connection to the microinverter using solid copper wire. This is a side view of the grounding clip installed on the Q1200.

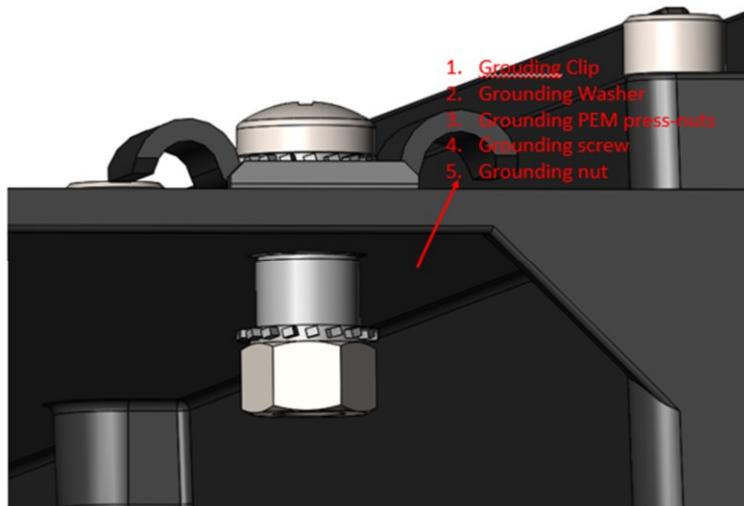


Figure 26: Grounding the micro inverter.

Figure 27 shows the Q1200 attached to a mounting rail with a solid copper conductor attached to the grounding clip installed on the inverter:

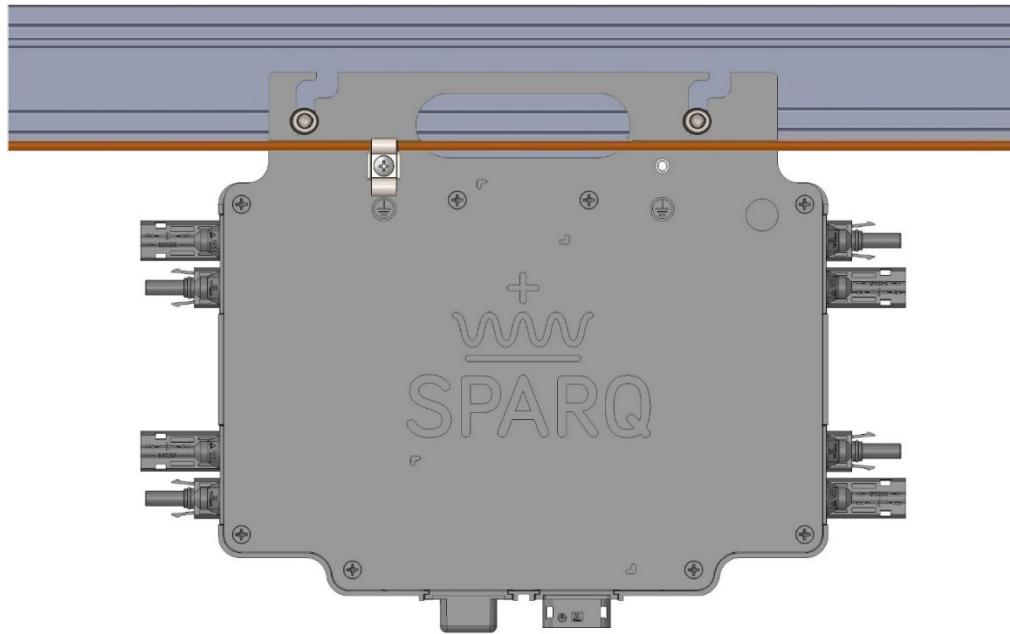


Figure 27: Mounting the micro inverter on a mounting rail.

Once the first DC module is attached, the Q1200 LEDs should become active indicating it is ready for operation.

3.11. Protection Against Lightning Surges

Voltage and current ‘surges’ may result in the destruction of electronics equipment in an electrical power system. As per ANSI/IEEE 62.41 ‘Recommended practice on surge voltages in low voltage AC power circuits’, SPARQ microinverter is equipped with surge protection devices suitable for installation in Category A sites. Before using the Q1200 microinverter in a PV system, the users are advised to correctly identify the location of its use, and connect external Surge Protection Devices (SPD) as per their need. We recommend installation of surge protection devices on the AC lines by trained personnel.

SPARQ recommends the Citel (<https://citel.us/en>) DS70U Series SPDs (or equivalent as deemed suitable by a trained personnel in accordance with NEC or equivalent regulatory requirements) for protecting the microinverters. See the link <https://citel.us/en/news/renewable-energy-systems> for details on how to install the SPDs.

3.12. Electrical Wiring Diagram

The Q1200 microinverter can work with either single split phase 120/240V or 3-phase 208V electrical services. The microinverter will autosense the phase difference between the line to line voltages and Neutral connected to its AC connector and adjust its internal settings to match the appropriate service voltage.

Here is a typical electrical wiring diagram showing the main parts of a SPARQ Q1200 system for use with a residential 120/240V split phase electrical service. Because of NEC requirements it is recommended that a 10 AWG Trunk cable have a maximum of five Q1200 inverters with a 30A breaker.

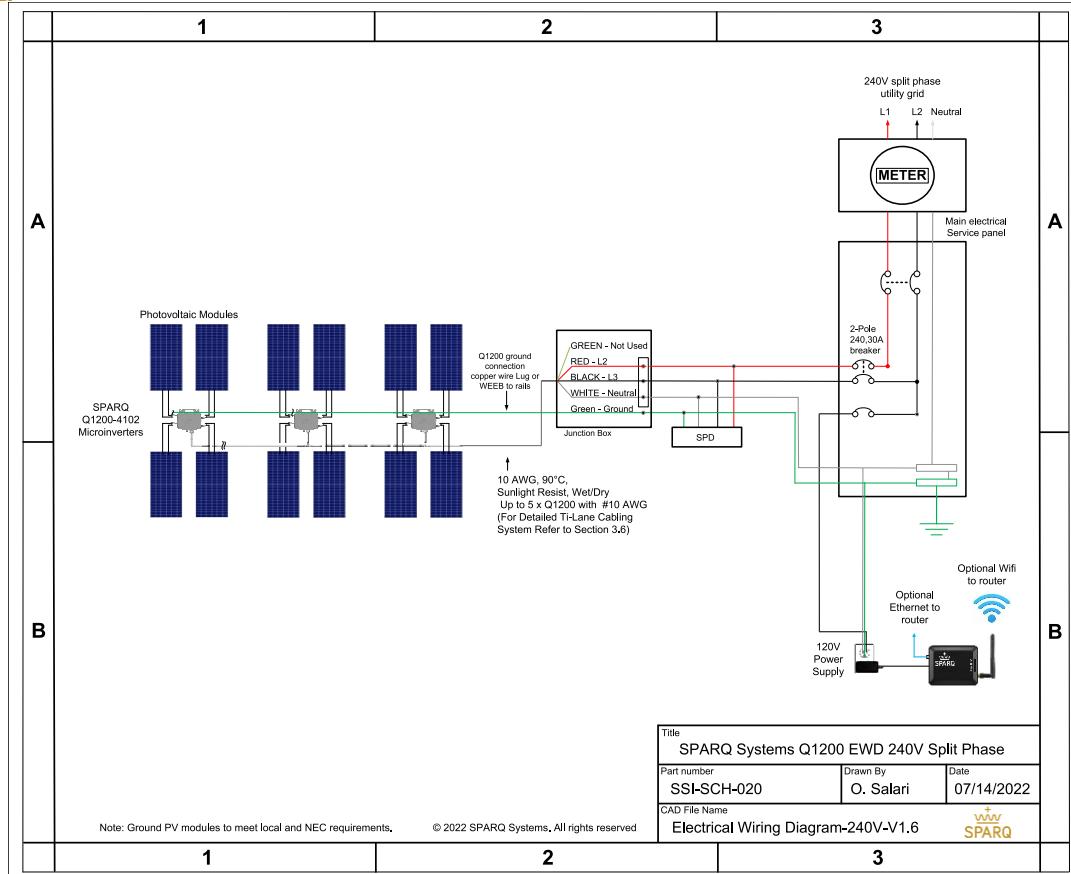


Figure 28: Single line diagram for single phase system.

To create a balanced 3-phase system, use a 3-phase load center and 2-pole breakers to build the system with multiple separate trunk cables.

Here is a typical electrical wiring diagram showing the main parts of a SPARQ Q1200 system for use with a commercial 208V three phase electrical service. Because of NEC requirements it is recommended that a 10 AWG Trunk cable have a maximum of four Q1200 inverters with a 30A breaker.

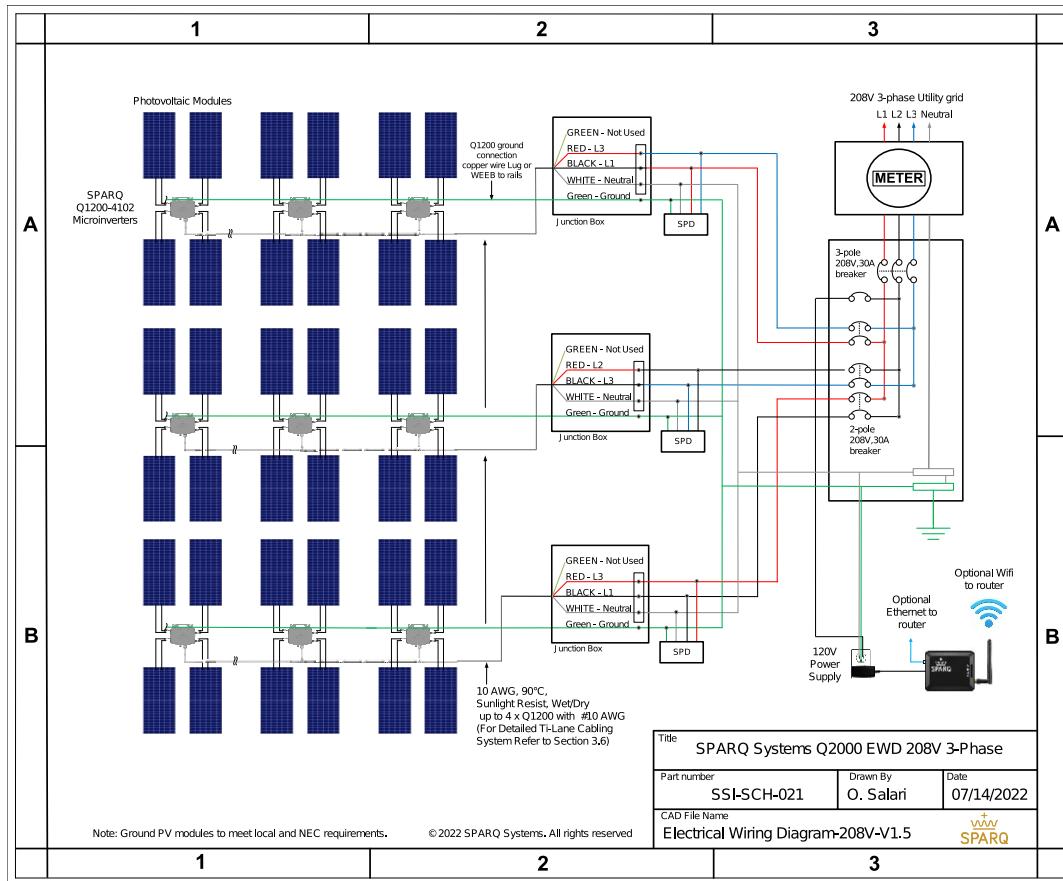


Figure 29: Single line diagram for three phase system.

4. SparqVu

SPARQ offers complete system management for initial installation as well as ongoing monitoring of the SPARQ System production and performance. Named “SparqVu”, it offers a mobile friendly, easy to use solution for installers and end customers. The first step is to create your SparqVu account.

4.1. Creating a new SparqVu account

To create an account:

1. Go to <http://sparqv.com> and click on the Register tab
2. Enter an email address and password then click Register
3. Click on the link sent by SparqVu to your email account to verify your account

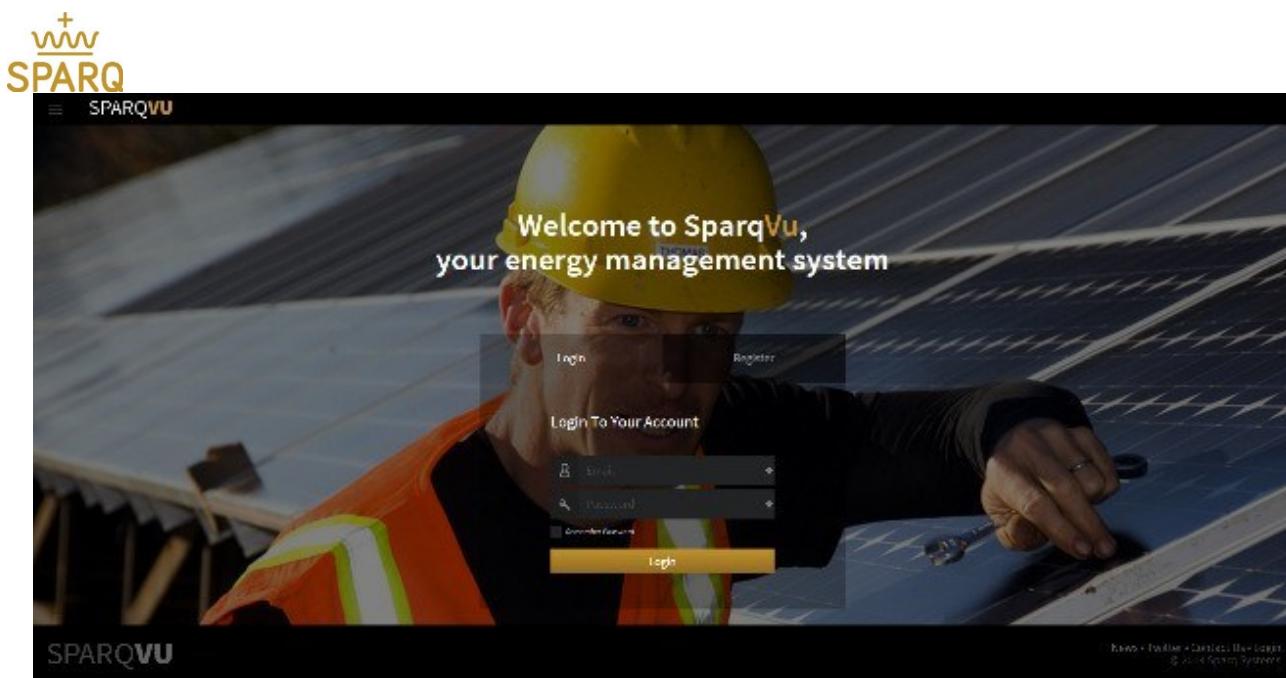


Figure 30: SparqVu login page.

4.2. Adding a new SparqLinq site to your SparqVu account

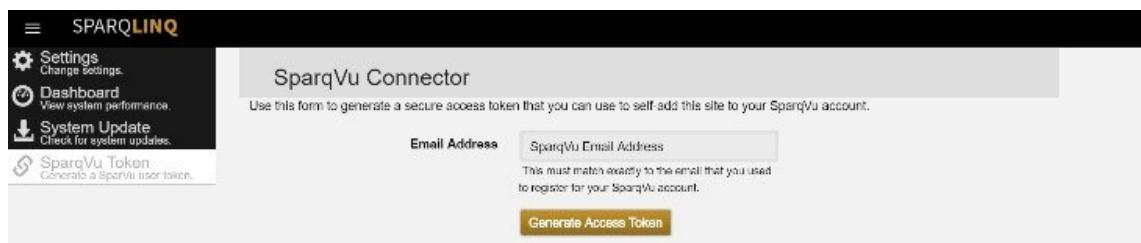


Figure 31: Adding a SparqLinq Site.

1. On the **SparqLinq** dashboard, click on the menu icon (three horizontal bars) in the top left corner of the dashboard page and then select the SparqVu Token option.
2. Enter the full email address that was used to create the SparqVu account and click “Generate Access Token” and copy the Token value.
3. Click on the “Activate on SparqVu” button and login to your account.

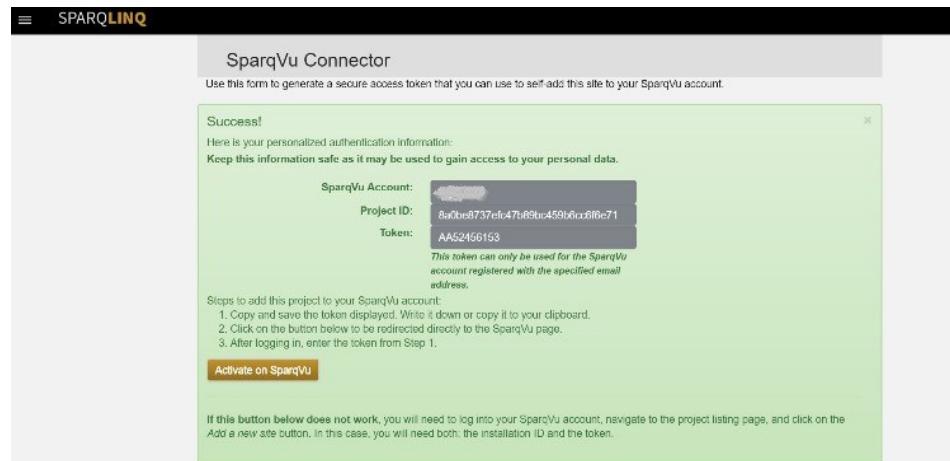


Figure 32: Setting-up access to the SparqVu.

- Enter the Token copied from the SparqLinq and click Check Access Token.

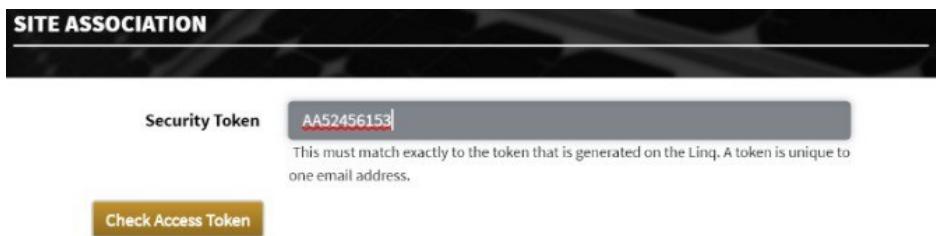


Figure 33: Entering SparqLinq token.

The SparqLinq should now be added to this SparqVu account. Additional SparqLinqs can be added to a SparqVu account by repeating these steps for each additional Linq.

4.3. Accessing a SparqVu project's /System page

In the upper right of the SparqVu dashboard in a small gear icon that can be used to view additional system information about the project site. Clicking on the gear icon see the page.



Figure 34: Navigating SparqVu additional settings.

The /System page can allow installers to view customer and installation information. It also provides a way to remotely initiate a GFDI reset by clicking the [Clear GFDI] action.

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Sign out 

/ PVEL DNV.GL test site / System

SYSTEM



Installer

Company	sparq systems
Name	
Email	
Phone Number	

Installation

Site Name	
Address	

Linq

ID	a0686440534d4afca3b6f0ed726
Software Version	v1.3.0
Zigbee Version	v1.1.4

Customer

Name	
Phone Number	
Email	

Inverters

Click an inverter for more details

Serial	Zigbee Version	Inverter Version	Actions
110316350023	v1.1.7	v1.10.8	[Clear GFDI]
110316270008	v1.1.7	v1.10.8	[Clear GFDI]
110316270012	v1.1.7	v1.10.8	[Clear GFDI]
110316310008	v1.1.7	v1.10.8	[Clear GFDI]
110316230008	v1.1.7	v1.10.8	[Clear GFDI]

Figure 35: SparqLinq system page.

Clicking on an inverter serial number allows additional information to be displayed regarding that specific inverter and its modules.

INVERTER DETAILS

Inverter

Serial	110316350023
Model Name	Quad
Model Number	Q1000-4101
# of Channels	4
Manufactured Date	6/23/2015
Factory Code	3
Sequence	23
Zigbee Version	v1.1.7
Inverter Version	v1.10.8

Panels

Channel	Manufacturer	Model	Tilt	Azimuth	Max Power	Efficiency
1	upsolar	UP-M240P	20	180	240	15
2	upsolar	UP-M240P	20	180	240	15
3	upsolar	UP-M240P	20	180	240	15
4	upsolar	UP-M240P	20	180	240	15

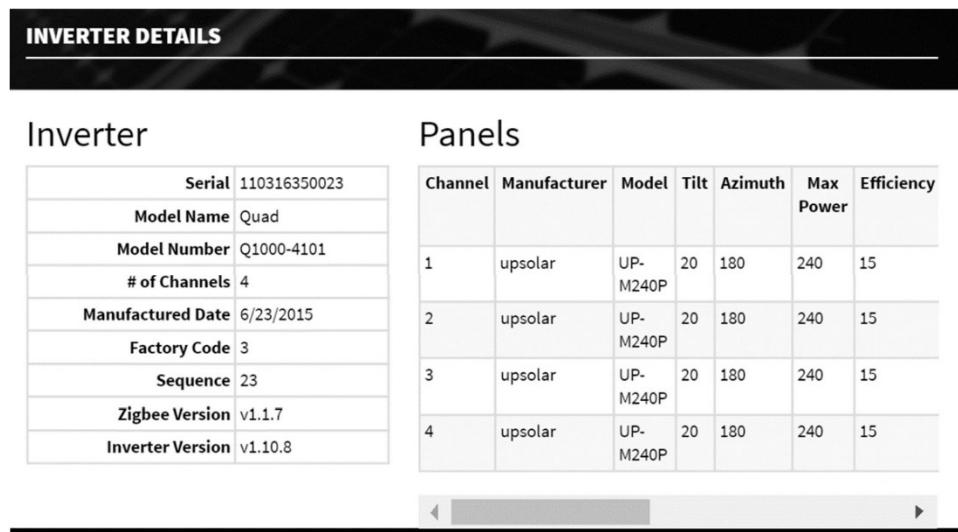


Figure 36: Inverter detailed information.

4.4. Documenting the module inverter connections during installation

As you design the system, SPARQ has included easy stickers to be mapped into your design. They allow the ability to identify which module is connected to which port, and which module has the Q1200 underneath it should any troubleshooting need to take place in the future.

Note the port numbering depicted below:

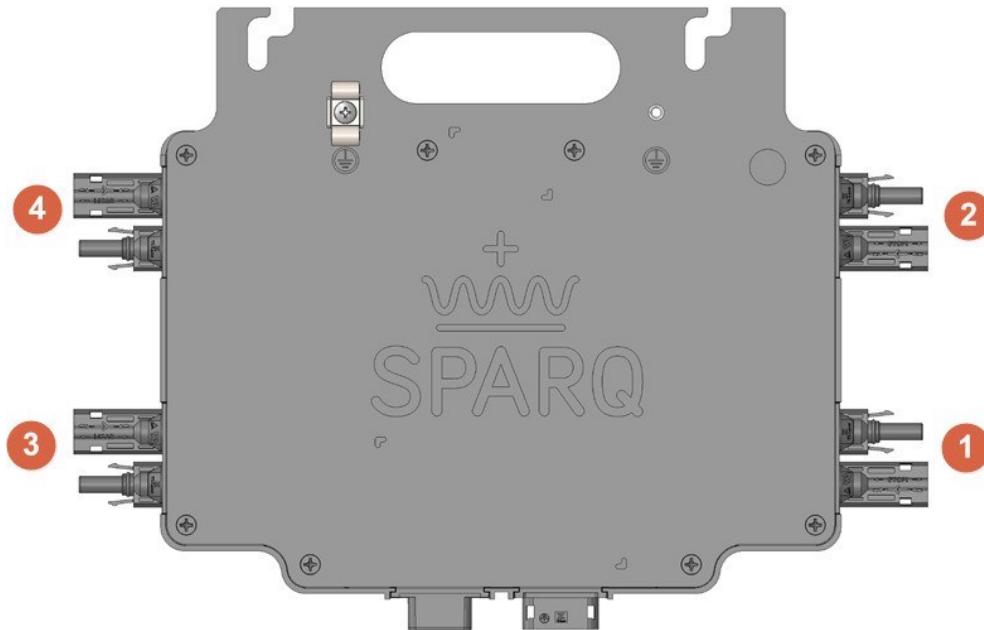


Figure 37: Sparq micro inverter DC port numbering.



A typical sticker map is shown below:

Q1200 Panel Map										
Street	Tilt:		Azimuth:				N			
							E	W	S	
	1-4	1-2	2-4	2-2	3-4	3-2	4-4	4-2	5-4	5-2
	1-3	1-1	2-3	2-1	3-3	3-1	4-3	4-1	5-3	5-1
	6-4	6-2	7-4	7-2	8-4	8-2	9-4	9-2	10-4	10-2
	6-3	6-1	7-3	7-1	8-3	8-1	9-3	9-1	10-3	10-1
	11-4	11-2	12-4	12-2	13-4	13-2	14-4	14-2	15-4	15-2
	11-3	11-1	12-3	12-1	13-3	13-1	14-3	14-1	15-3	15-1

Customer Name & Address _____ Street _____

Figure 38: Panel map.

Once logged in, the installer will be able to see all of the sites they are registered to manage. This is called the Project Selection page and is designed for when you are managing the 2nd customer and beyond:

The screenshot shows the SPARQVU interface. At the top, it says "Active Projects: You currently have 3 active projects with Sparq." Below that, a message says "Select a project to review statistics or manage settings." Three small map thumbnails are displayed, each with a "Site" button. The first site is "15 Windfield Cres." located in Victoria, BC. The second site is "945 Princess Street" located in Victoria, BC. The third site is "622 Princess St." located in Victoria, BC. The bottom of the screen has a footer with the SPARQVU logo and navigation links for "Home", "Logout", "Help", "Contact Us", and "Feedback".

Figure 39: Navigating sites.

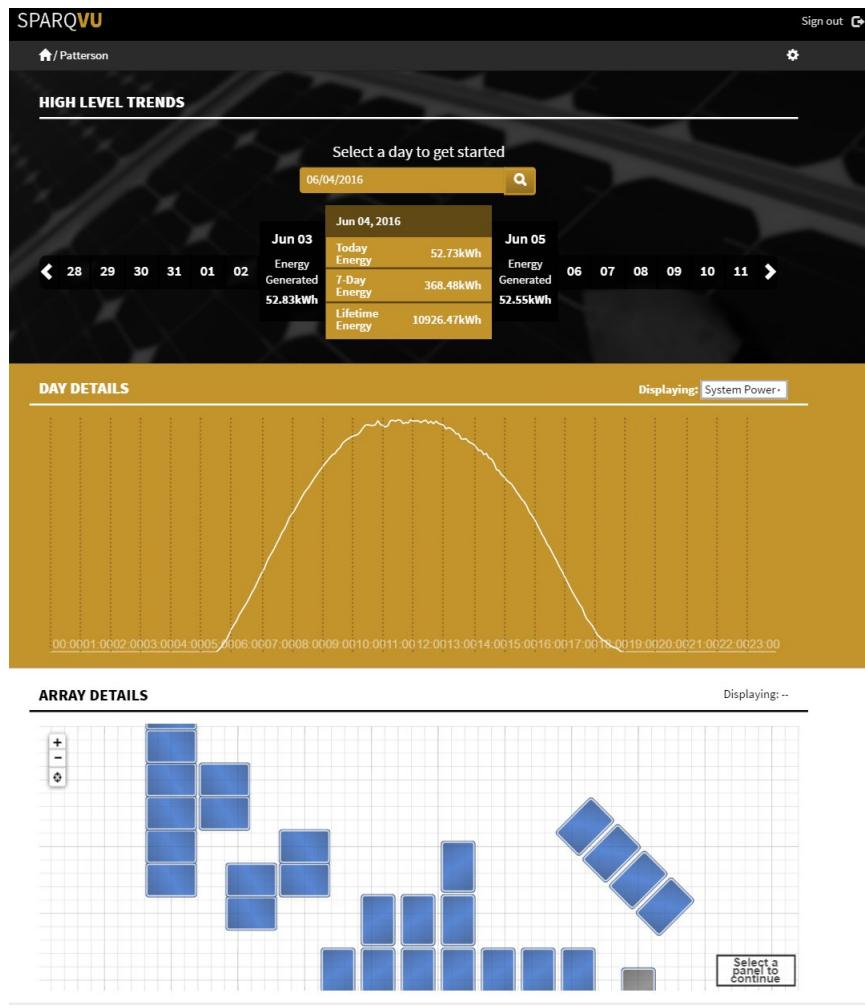


Figure 40: Navigating the dashboard.

Once logged in to a given site, the user will see a dashboard of their daily performance, as well as details on the array and module performance information by clicking on each module. Some of the key statistics include AC Output power, DC Input power per module, AC Grid Voltage, DC input voltage by module, and temperature. Other capabilities like VAr Output and VAr-Hours generated will be supported in future versions of the Q1200.

4.5. Generating Power

For your safety, please review the following checklist and ensure that all the steps have been properly completed before turning on your SPARQ energy system.

Checklist:

- Ensure any unused AC connections have been covered with the recommended waterproof cap.
- Check all connections to make sure they are fully connected, and no wires are damaged or pinched.
- Confirm all microinverters are grounded using a grounding wire or by using the appropriate grounding washer for your racking.



- Ensure that all PV modules and microinverters are securely fastened to the racking.
- Make sure you comply with IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission), ANSI/NFPA 70, and the local electrical code during installation—such as including main AC system circuit breaker, if required.

Turning on the SPARQ Energy System:

Turn on the main AC circuit breaker to connect your system to the grid.

WARNING:



- Connection of your system to the utility grid **MUST** be completed by a certified installer or electrician.
- Before connecting the SPARQ microinverter to the utility grid, confirmation from the utility company is required.
- It is the responsibility of the installer to install all relevant apparatus to connect to the utility grid and to comply with relevant electrical codes. The installer must also complete all safety checks required before connecting the system.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

5.1. LED Indicators

There are two LED indicators in the Q1200. The power status LED mounted next to the AC power port indicates power related conditions. The communications status LED is the one furthest from the AC power port and indicates the SparqLinq communication related conditions. There is also a magnetic field sensor that allows the Q1200 to be manually released by placing a magnet next to the plastic LED bezel. The LEDs and the magnetic sensor spot are shown in the diagram below.

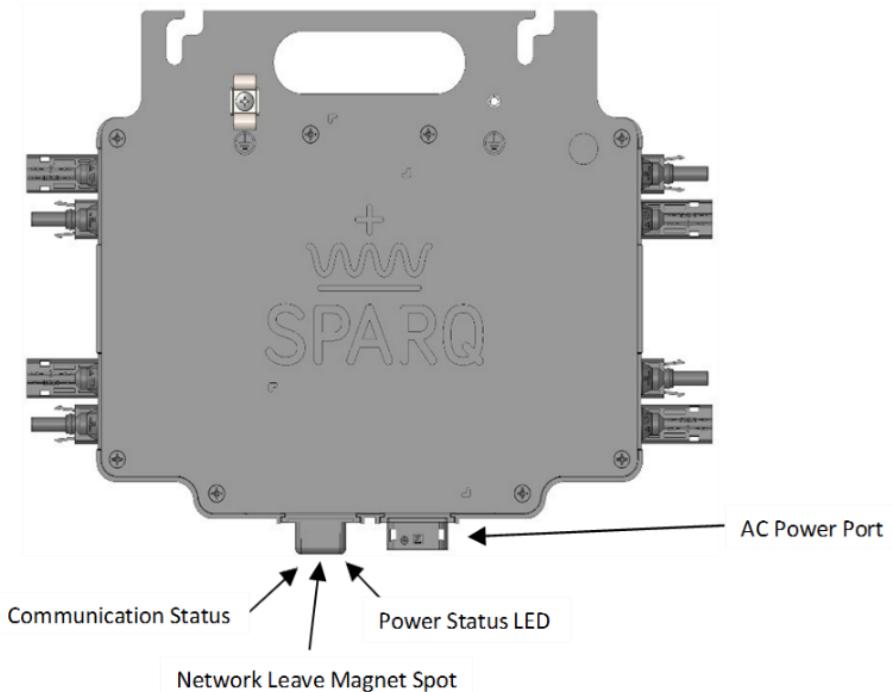


Figure 41: LED indicators of the Sparq micro Inverter.

5.1.1. Communication Status LED Indication Table

Table 3: communication LED status indication

Communication Status LED Indicators			Possible Solution
Interval	LED Status	Meaning	
Normal operation	Solid GREEN	Communication is established with SparqLinq	Signal strength is suitable for reliable communications.
Normal operation	Solid AMBER	Network signal strength is too weak to communicate, or network is missing.	Check SparqLinq is powered on. Move the SparqLinq closer to the inverter
Normal operation	Flashing RED/AMBER	Ready to join Network	Run the SparqLinq setup wizard to join the inverter to the SparqLinq

5.1.2. Power Status LED Indication Table

Table 4: Power LED status indication

Power Status LED Indicators			Possible Solution
Interval	LED Status	Meaning	
Start-up	Solid GREEN	Startup process (normal). Performing 1-minute delay.	Check for abnormal AC conditions if this persists for more than 1 minute.
Start-up	LED OFF	If LED is OFF after applying DC and AC power, this indicates a failure in the microinverter startup.	Check: The DC connection to the solar panel Any possible shading of solar panel
Post-Start-up	Flashing GREEN	Operational and is producing power (normal).	N/A
Post-Start-up	Flashing RED	Not producing power due to abnormal grid voltage or frequency condition.	Please check for tripped AC breaker and turn back on. Confirm the grid voltage and frequency at the point of connection is within the ranges: 230Vgrid: 202V to 264V Grid Frequency: 50Hz ± 2.5 Hz.
Post-Start-up	Solid RED	Not producing power due to protection and caused by: Under/over voltage protection Over current protection	Check DC input voltage is less than 59Vdc and more than 20Vdc. Please contact SPARQ for support if condition persists
Post-Start-up	Amber	Ground fault detector	Please contact SPARQ for support



WARNING: No attempt should be made to repair the SPARQ Microinverter; there are no user serviceable parts. By opening the microinverter you risk voiding your warranty. If the device fails, please contact SPARQ customer service.

5.2. Inverter Management

5.2.1. Access Inverter Management Page

The settings page becomes available accessible after the configuration wizard completes. Connect to the SparqLinq and select the settings page from the menu:

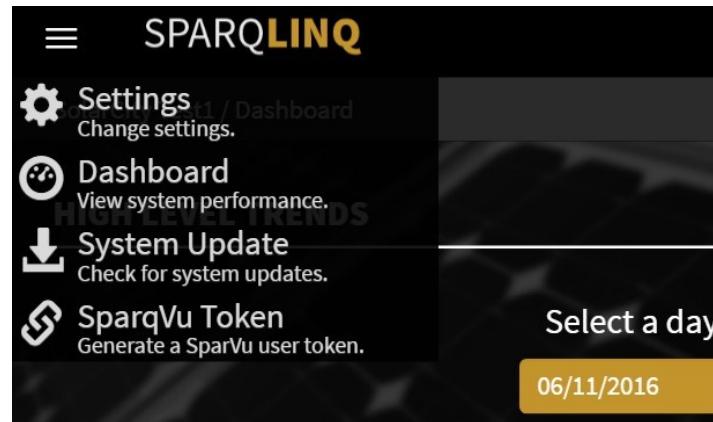


Figure 42: SparqLinq Menu.

Click the Inverter Management Tab:

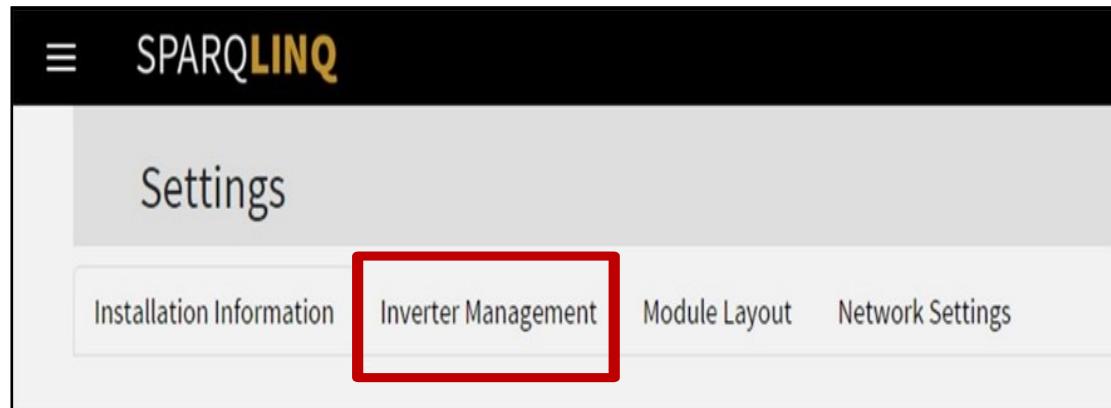
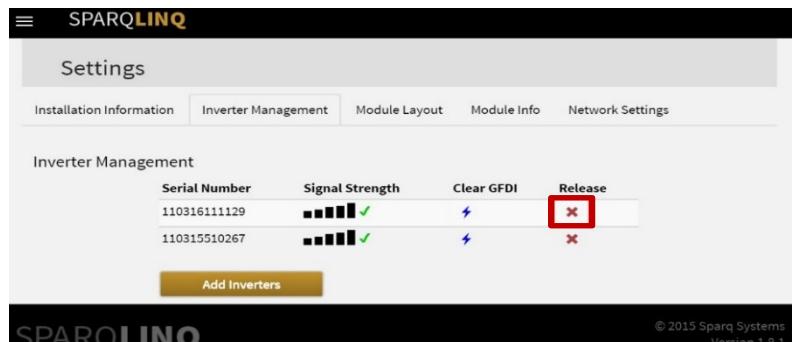


Figure 43: SparqLinq Settings tab.

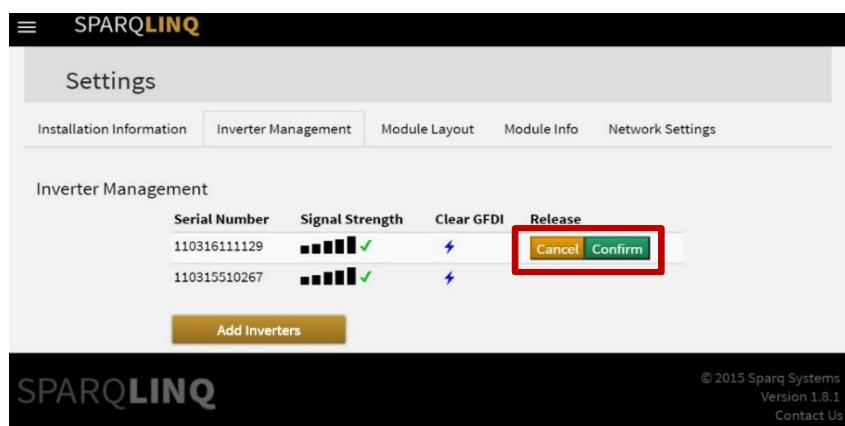
5.2.2. Releasing an Inverter



Serial Number	Signal Strength	Clear GFDI	Release
110316111129			
110315510267			

Figure 44: Inverter Management tab.

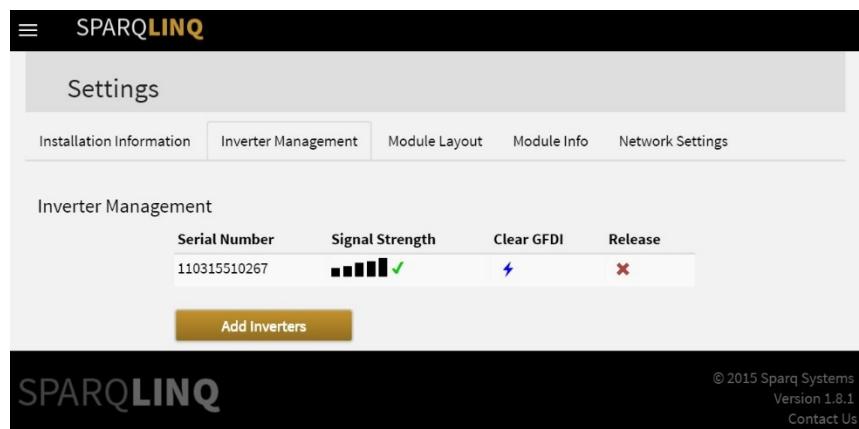
Identify the inverter to release. Click on the ‘X’ next to the serial number for that inverter. The inverter will Ask to confirm or cancel this action.



Cancel Confirm

Figure 45: GFDI release.

After the inverter has been released, it will be removed from the list:



Serial Number	Signal Strength	Clear GFDI	Release
110315510267			

Figure 46: Removing an Inverter.

If a Q1200 has been joined to a SparqLinq, it can be manually released by placing a magnet next to the plastic LED bezel. This will allow it to be joined to a new SparqLinq.

5.2.3. Adding an Inverter

From the inverter management tab, click on the ‘Add Inverters’ button:

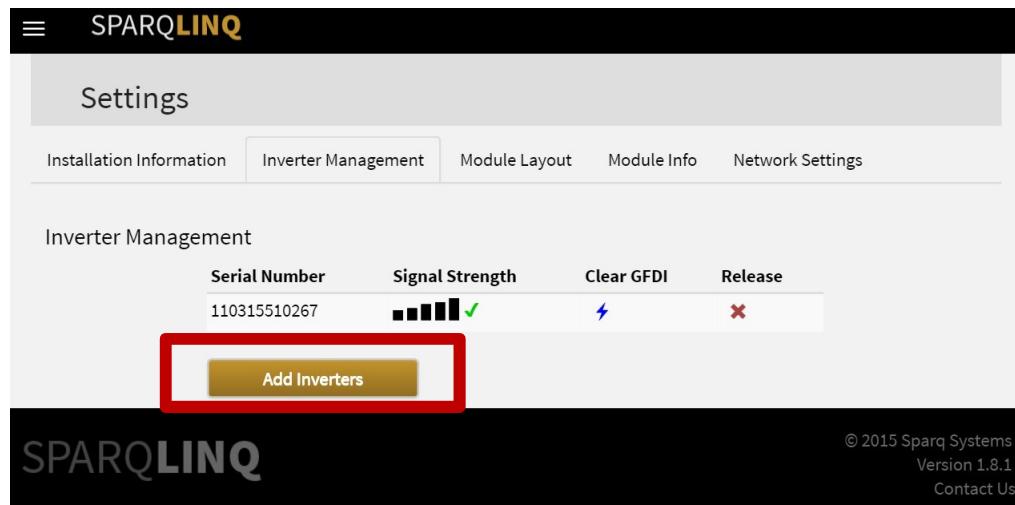


Figure 47: Adding an Inverter.

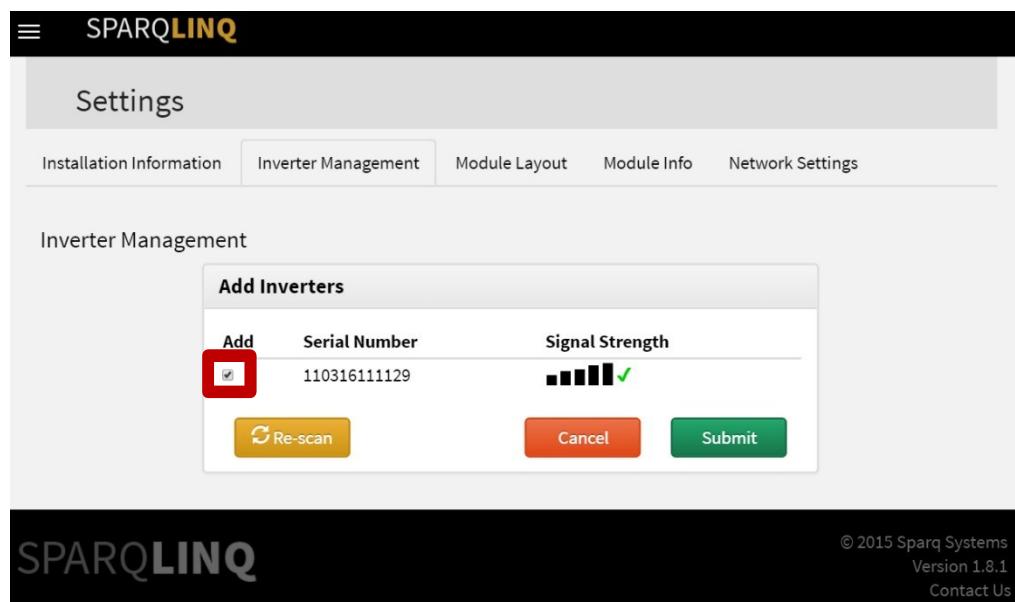


Figure 48: Scanning for an Inverter.

The SparqLinq will permit inverters to join for one minute. As inverters join with the SparqLinq, they will be displayed in the list. Use the Add check box to select the inverters to be added to this SparqLinq.

After scanning is complete, three actions are possible:

- Re-scan for inverters. The SparqLinq will turn on joining for one minute and scan for new inverters.
- Click ‘Cancel’ to reject all the found inverters. This will release them from the SparqLinq.
- Select inverters to add by checking the checkboxes next to the serial numbers. Hit ‘submit’ to register the inverters with the SparqLinq. All unchecked inverters will be released from the SparqLinq.

Note: If you fail to click either ‘Cancel’ or ‘Submit’ and leave the page, then any found inverters will remain associated with the SparqLinq. However, their data will not be collected. To release these inverters, click the ‘Add Inverter’ button on the inverter management page and then click ‘Cancel’ to release them.



Add	Serial Number	Signal Strength
<input type="checkbox"/>	110315510267	 ✓
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	110316111129	 ✓

Figure 49: Canceling an action.

In the above screenshot, inverter number ‘110315510267’ has been unchecked. When the ‘Submit’ button is clicked, only one inverter will be added and the unchecked inverter will be released. After clicking ‘Submit’ the SparqLinq will return to the inverter management screen.

5.3. Clearing the GFDI (Ground Fault Detection Interruption) condition

If an inverter experiences a GFDI condition on one input, it will shut down that input until the fault is removed and the installer will need to clear the inverter GFDI flag. This is done through the inverter management screen. Click on the blue lightning bolt to initiate clearing the GFDI flag.

Inverter Management			
Serial Number	Signal Strength	Clear GFDI	Release
110316230006	□□□□?	⚡	✗
110316270014	□□□□?	⚡	✗
110316360003	□□□□?	⚡	✗
110316111129	■■■■■✓	⚡	✗
110315510267	■■■■■✓	⚡ Success	✗

[Add Inverters](#)

Figure 50: GFDI clearance verification.

5.4. Connecting to the SparqLinq using a wired Ethernet connection

Use a browser on a device connected to the customer's home network to access the Routers administration page. On some Comcast routers you enter <http://10.0.0.1> and on the Netgear router shown below you enter <http://192.168.0.1> or www.routerlogin.net in the browser address bar.

You will then be asked for the administrator ID and password. Many devices use the ID "admin" and password set to "password" or left blank. Contact the system owner or look at the label on the router for more information.

After connecting to the router go to the router's "Attached Devices" table to determine the local IP address of the SparqLinq (circled in red in image below). The illustration below is an example of a Netgear router. The router you actually access maybe different.

Once you have determined the SparqLinq's local IP address, type it in the browser's address bar to connect to the Dashboard or Wizard. In the example below you would type in the following: <http://192.168.0.5/>.



Figure 51: Netgear router setup.

6. DISCONNECTING THE SYSTEM

1. Turn OFF the AC circuit breaker for each of the branch circuits.
2. Disconnect the AC connectors for each microinverter.
3. Disconnect the DC connectors.
4. Disconnect ground wiring.
5. Remove each microinverter from the racking.



WARNING:

Before disconnecting any of the wires, the appropriate AC circuit breaker *must* be turned off.

Do not disconnect DC wires under load.

7. WARRANTY INFORMATION

For Warranty Information, please see www.sparqsys.com

8. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

T5 Cable — Cable assembly consisting of UL TC-ER cable extending to a molded T5 connector for attaching to the microinverter AC output.

Bulkhead Connector — Waterproof panel mount connector attached to the microinverter housing. Bulkhead connectors are used for DC inputs and AC output.

Landscape and Portrait Installation — Indicates whether the long side of the PV modules are oriented horizontally (landscape) or vertically (portrait) in the array.

Microinverter — Small inverter rated to handle the output of four solar panels and converts direct current (DC) from each solar panel to alternating current (AC).

9. TI-LANE CABLE SPECIFICATION

- Cable Type: TC-ER Type, reference standards: UL1277, UL1581, UL83 and UL2277
- Rated Voltage: 600V
- Flammability Test: FT4
- Rated Temperature: -40°C ~ 90°C static applications
- Outer Insulation Material: Nylon
- 90°C dry or 90°C wet
- Sun resistant, oil resistant
- Conductor gauge & Current carrying capacity (T5 cable): 18AWG (0.75mm²) (7A)

10. CONNECTOR SPECIFICATION

Connector Material:

- Housing Material: M-PPE 540Z, black
- Outer Mold Material PVC-1018, black
- Rated Temperature: -40°C ~ 90°C
- Waterproof Rating: IP67
- Current Rating: 5 Amp
- Working Voltage: 300V

11. ADDENDA

11.1. Transformers and isolation

The SPARQ Q1200 inverter contains internal transformers that isolate the PV array from the AC grid. These transformers have double insulation capability. The inverter is provided with internal GFDI protection circuit so that in case of any ground faults the micro inverter will shut down. The GFDI circuit compares the insulation resistance of the earth ground with respect to the PV array. Moreover, it is mandatory to make sure that the inverter grounding is done as guided in section 3.10 for safety purposes.

11.2. Datasheet

Key Specifications		Unit	Q1200-4102	
Rated AC Output Power		W	1200	
Maximum AC Output Power		W	1350	
Number of Input Channels			4	
Rated Grid AC Voltage		V	208 /230/ 240 auto configurable	
Input (DC) Specifications				
PV Power		W	Up to 400 Wp DC per channel	
Absolute Maximum Input DC Voltage		V	60 per channel	
Maximum Input DC Current		A	16 per channel	
Full Power MPPT Voltage Range		V	23 - 47 per channel	
Extended MPPT Voltage Range		V	20 - 50 per channel	
Start-up Voltage		V	19 per channel	
Output (AC) Specifications				
Grid Connection Type			208V L-L from 3-φ	240V L-L from Split- φ
Operational Voltage Range		V	183 - 229	211 - 264
Nominal Output Frequency		Hz	60	
Operational Frequency Range		Hz	59.3 - 60.5 default	47.5 – 50.5
			Extendable according to various standards	
Output Current		A	5 (nominal)	
Power Factor			> 0.99 default, programmable from 0-0.99 leading/lagging	
Output THD		%	< 2, default	
Inrush Current		A	< 8	
Output Wiring Type			18 AWG	
Output Connection Type			T5 AC micro male connector 98053	
Safety and Protection				
Input Reverse Voltage Polarity Protection			Yes, Polarized PV Connectors	
Anti-Islanding Protection			Yes, programmable to meet various standards UL1741, UL1741 SA, Rule 21, IEC	
Integrated GFDI			Yes	
Isolation			Galvanic isolation	
Abnormal Voltage/ Frequency Trip Time			Less than 200ms	
Regulatory				
Regulatory Certifications			UL1741, UL1741 SA/Rule 21/HECO/Rule 14H, IEEE1547, IEEE1547.1, CSA22.2 No. 107.1, FCC Part 15-Class B.IEC 60068-2(1,2,14,30), IEC62109-1:2010, IEC 62109-2:2011, IEC 61727:2004, IEC 61000-6-3:2007, IEC 61000-6-1:2007, IEC 61000-3-2:2007, IEC 61000-3-3:2007, IEC61683:1999	

Efficiency and Operating Performance		Unit	Q1200-4102 60/72 Cell
Maximum Efficiency	%		97
CEC Efficiency	%		96.5
MPPT Efficiency	%	Static: 99.85 – Dynamic: 99.8	
Stand-by Consumption	mW		< 30
Communication			
Monitoring System		Wireless, Web-based monitoring through SparqLinq and SparqVu	
Environmental			
Ambient Operating Temperature Range	°C (°F)	-40 to +65 (-40 to +149)	
Relative Humidity	%RH	0 – 100 condensing	
Mechanical			
Enclosure Rating		NEMA 6, IP-67	
Cooling		Natural Convection	
Dimensions (H x W x D)	mm (in)	32 x 186 x 285 (1.25 x 7.3 x 11.2)	
Weight	kg (lb)	3.3 (7.3)	
Recommended Mounting		Rack mount with two M8, 1/4", or 5/16" bolts	
Warranty			
Standard Limited Warranty		12 Years	
Programmable Parameters for Smart Grid			
Voltage Ride-through	Under Voltage	Maximum 4 levels with programmable ride-through time	
	Over Voltage	Maximum 3 levels with programmable ride-through time	
Frequency Ride-through	Under Frequency	Maximum 6 levels with programmable ride-through time	
	Over Frequency	Maximum 4 levels with programmable ride-through time	
Reconnect Time		Programmable wait time of 0-5 minutes	
Power Ramp Rate		Programmable on both active and reactive power	
Volt-VAR		Programmable VAR injection and power factor limit	
Frequency-Watt		Programmable active power curtailment with an adjustable rate of Watt per Hz	