

SMA I/O MODULE

MD.IO-40 (PC-PWC.BG1)

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1 Information on this Document

1.1 Validity

This document is valid for:

- SMA I/O Module (MD.IO-40) with assembly designation "PC-PWC.BG1" from hardware version A1

1.2 Target Group

The tasks described in this document must only be performed by qualified persons. Qualified persons must have the following skills:

- Knowledge of how an inverter works and is operated
- Training in how to deal with the dangers and risks associated with installing, repairing and using electrical devices and installations
- Training in the installation and commissioning of electrical devices and installations
- Knowledge of all applicable laws, standards and directives
- Knowledge of and compliance with this document and all safety information

1.3 Content and Structure of this Document

This document describes the installation, commissioning and decommissioning of the product.

You will find the latest version of this document and further information on the product in PDF format at www.SMA-Solar.com.



Illustrations in this document are reduced to the essential information and may deviate from the real product.



1.4 Levels of warning messages

The following levels of warning messages may occur when handling the product.

⚠ DANGER
Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
⚠ WARNING
Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
⚠ CAUTION
Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
NOTICE
Indicates a situation which, if not avoided, can result in property damage.

1.5 Symbols in the Document

Icon	Explanation
	Information that is important for a specific topic or goal, but is not safety-relevant
	Indicates a requirement for meeting a specific goal

Icon	Explanation
	Desired result
	Example

1.6 Typographical Elements in the Document

Typographical element	Use	Example
bold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messages • Terminals • Elements on a user interface • Elements to be selected • Elements to be entered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect the insulated conductors to the terminals X703:1 to X703:6. • Enter 10 in the field Minutes.
>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connects several elements to be selected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to Settings > Date.
[Button] [Key]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Button or key to be clicked on or pressed down 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select [Enter].
#	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placeholder for variable components (e.g., parameter names) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parameter WCtrlHz.Hz#

1.7 Designations in the Document

Complete designation	Designation in this document
PV system	PV system
SMA I/O modules	Module, product

2 Safety

2.1 Intended Use

The SMA I/O Module is a module with 6 digital inputs and 1 digital output operating as a multifunction relay. The SMA I/O Module enables the implementation of grid management services for up to 12 SMA inverters in a network with the same system password. The SMA I/O Module must be installed in one SMA inverter. For the implementation of grid management services, the SMA I/O Module receives the specifications of the grid operator via a ripple control receiver. The SMA I/O Module transmits the specifications of the grid operator via Speedwire network to a maximum of 11 further SMA inverters. The multifunction relay can be configured for various operating modes. The multifunction relay can, for example, be used for switching fault indicators on and off.

The product must only be installed in the following SMA inverters:

- STP 50-40 (Sunny Tripower CORE1)
- STP 50-41 (Sunny Tripower CORE1)
- STP 50-JP-40 (Sunny Tripower CORE1-JP)

The inverter still complies with the standard after the product has been installed.

All components must remain within their permitted operating ranges and their installation requirements at all times.

The product must only be used in countries for which it is approved or released by SMA Solar Technology AG and the grid operator.

Use SMA products only in accordance with the information provided in the enclosed documentation and with the locally applicable laws, regulations, standards and directives. Any other application may cause personal injury or property damage.

Alterations to the SMA products, e.g., changes or modifications, are only permitted with the express written permission of SMA Solar Technology AG. Unauthorized alterations will void guarantee and warranty claims and in most cases terminate the operating license. SMA Solar Technology AG shall not be held liable for any damage caused by such changes.

Any use of the product other than that described in the Intended Use section does not qualify as appropriate.

The enclosed documentation is an integral part of this product. Keep the documentation in a convenient, dry place for future reference and observe all instructions contained therein.

This document does not replace any regional, state, provincial, federal or national laws, regulations or standards that apply to the installation, electrical safety and use of the product. SMA Solar Technology AG assumes no responsibility for the compliance or non-compliance with such laws or codes in connection with the installation of the product.

The type label must remain permanently attached to the product.

2.2 IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Keep the manual for future reference.

This section contains safety information that must be observed at all times when working.

The product has been designed and tested in accordance with international safety requirements. As with all electrical or electronical devices, there are residual risks despite careful construction. To prevent personal injury and property damage and to ensure long-term operation of the product, read this section carefully and observe all safety information at all times.

⚠ DANGER**Danger to life due to electric shock when live components or cables of the inverter are touched**

High voltages are present in the conductive components or cables of the inverter. Touching live parts and cables of the inverter results in death or lethal injuries due to electric shock.

- Disconnect the inverter from voltage sources and make sure it cannot be reconnected before working on the device.
- Wear suitable personal protective equipment for all work on the product.

NOTICE**Damage to the enclosure seal in subfreezing conditions**

If you open the inverter when temperatures are below freezing, the enclosure seals can be damaged. This can lead to moisture entering the inverter.

- Only open the inverter if the ambient temperature is not below -5°C.
- If a layer of ice has formed on the enclosure seal when temperatures are below freezing, remove it prior to opening the inverter (e.g. by melting the ice with warm air).

NOTICE**Damage to the inverter due to sand, dust and moisture**

Sand, dust and moisture penetration can damage the inverter, thus impairing its functionality.

- Only open the inverter if the humidity is within the thresholds and the environment is free of sand and dust.
- Do not open the inverter during a dust storm or precipitation.

NOTICE**Damage to the inverter or product due to electrostatic discharge**

Touching electronic components can cause damage to or destroy the inverter or the product through electrostatic discharge.

- Ground yourself before touching any component.

3 Scope of Delivery

Check the scope of delivery for completeness and any externally visible damage. Contact your distributor if the scope of delivery is incomplete or damaged.

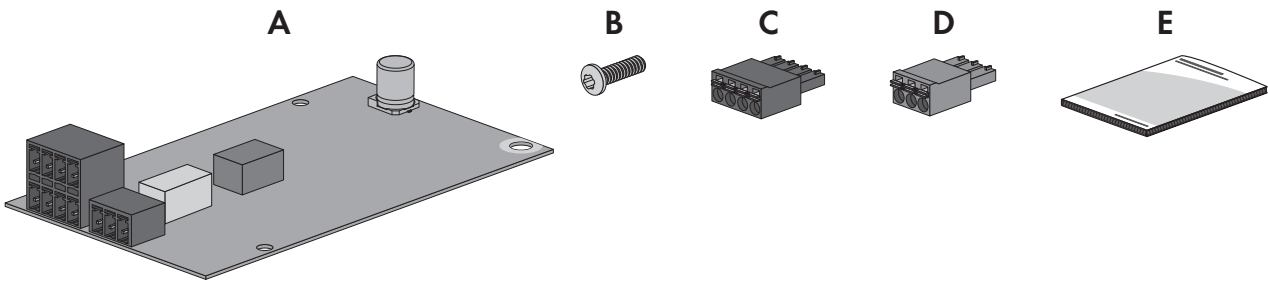


Figure 1: Components included in scope of delivery

Position	Quantity	Designation
A	1	Module of device type "PC-PWC.BG1"
B	1	Fastening screw
C	2	Four-pole connector
D	1	Three-pole connector
E	1	Quick reference guide for commissioning

4 Product Overview

4.1 SMA I/O modules

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Design of the module

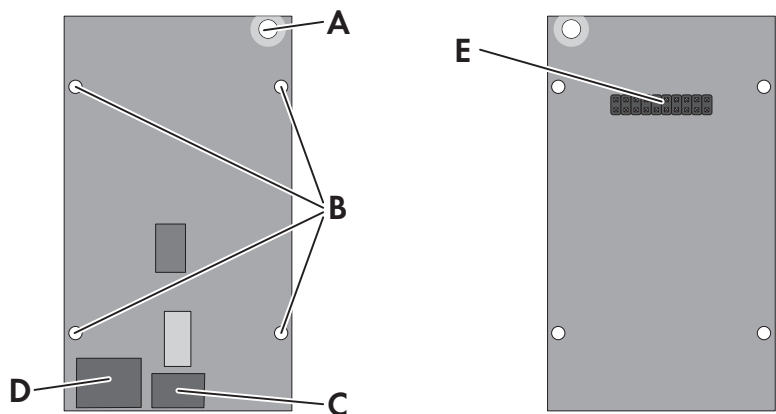


Figure 2: Design of the module

Position	Designation	Explanation
A	-	Opening for the fastening screw
B	-	Openings for the guide pins of the communication assembly
C	OUTPUT	Multifunction Relay Connection
D	INPUT	Terminals for ripple control receiver
E	-	Connector strip on the back of the module for connection to the communication assembly in the inverter

4.2 Type Label

The type label clearly identifies the product. The type label is located on the front of the product.

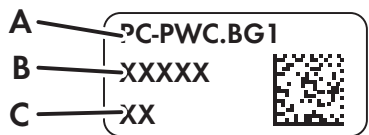


Figure 3: Design of the type label

Position	Explanation
A	Device type

Position	Explanation
B	Serial number
C	Hardware version

You will require the information on the type label to use the product safely and when seeking customer support from Service (see Section 1.1, page 23).

5 Mounting

5.1 Mounting position

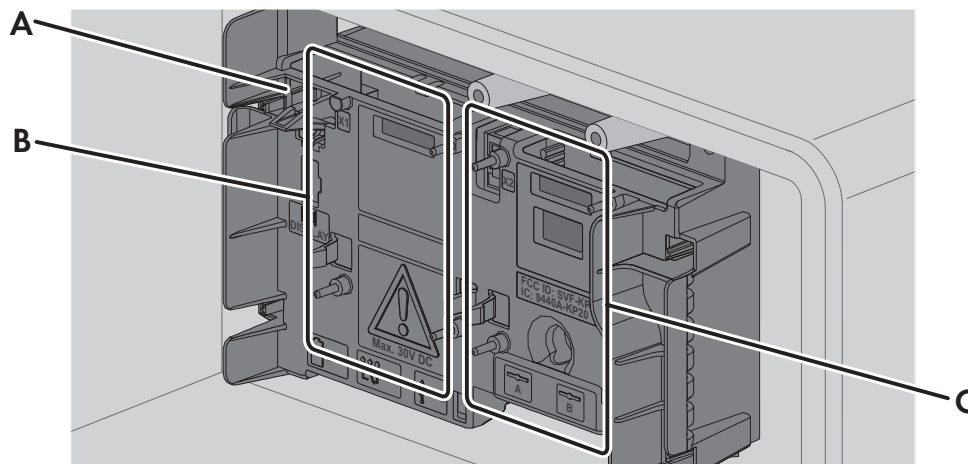


Figure 4: Communication assembly in the inverter with mounting position for the module

Position	Designation
A	Communication assembly
B	Module slot M1 ¹⁾
C	Module slot M2

5.2 Installing the Module

⚠ DANGER

Danger to life due to high voltages of the PV array

When exposed to sunlight, the PV array generates dangerous DC voltage, which is present in the DC conductors and the live components of the inverter. Touching the DC conductors or the live components can lead to lethal electric shocks.

- Prior to performing any work on the inverter, always disconnect the inverter from voltage sources on the AC and DC sides as described in the inverter manual. When doing so, note that even if the DC load-break is switched off, there will be dangerous direct voltage present in the DC conductors of the inverter.

NOTICE

Damage to the inverter due to sand, dust and moisture

Sand, dust and moisture penetration can damage the inverter, thus impairing its functionality.

- Only open the inverter if the humidity is within the thresholds and the environment is free of sand and dust.
- Do not open the inverter during a dust storm or precipitation.

i Maximum number of modules per inverter

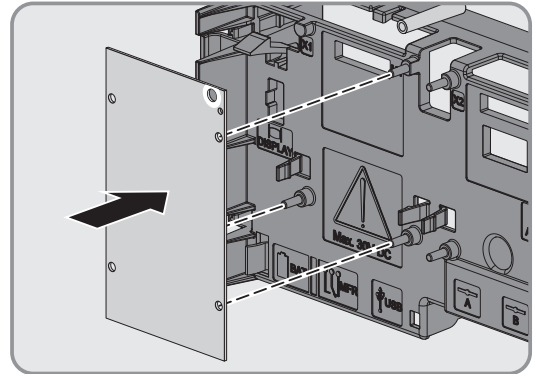
You can only use a maximum of 1 module of the same device type per inverter.

Procedure:

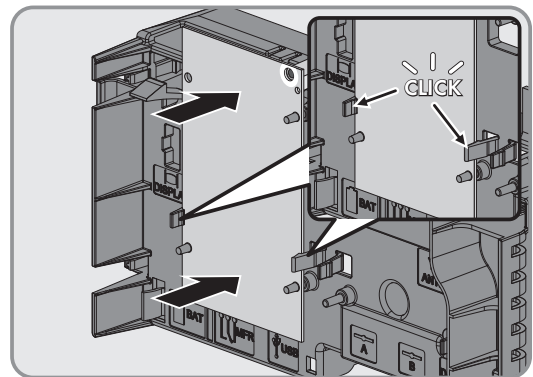
1. Disconnect the inverter from voltage sources (at www.SMA-Solar.com).

¹⁾ Production resources SMA Solar Technology AG recommends using module slot **M1** for the module.

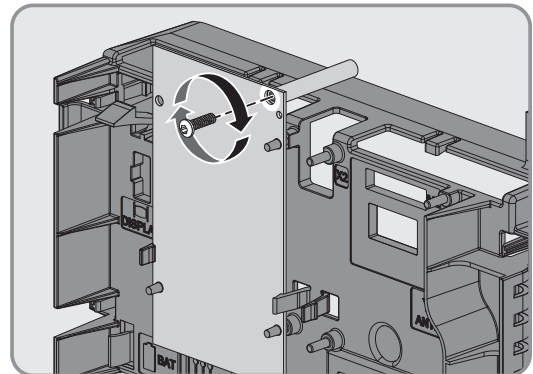
2. Remove the enclosure lid of the DC Connection Unit. Unscrew all screws with a Torx screwdriver (TX25) and remove the enclosure lid carefully forward.
3. Set the screws and the enclosure lid aside and store safely.
4. Select mounting position.
5. At the selected mounting position, guide the 3 guide pins on the communication assembly through the holes in the module. The holes in which the guide pins must be inserted depend on the mounting location.



6. Carefully push the module down on the upper edge and on the connection sockets until it audibly snaps into both side locking tabs of the communication assembly. The connector strip on the back of the module is automatically pushed into the socket terminal strip of the communication assembly.



7. Screw tight the fastening screw with a Torx screwdriver (TX25) on the module (torque: 1.5 Nm). This additionally fixes the module in place and grounds it in the inverter enclosure.



6 Connection

6.1 Cable Requirements

i UV resistance of connection cables

Connection cables to be laid outdoors must be UV-resistant or routed in a UV-resistant cable channel.

- Number of conductors:
For connecting the ripple control receiver: at least 5 insulated conductors
For connecting to the multifunction relay: at least 2 insulated conductors
Tip: You can use 1 common cable with at least 7 insulated conductors to connect both the ripple control receiver and the multifunction relay
- Conductor cross-section: 0.5 mm² to 0.75 mm²
- Maximum cable length: 200 m

6.2 Preparing the Connection Cable

Always proceed as follows to prepare each connection cable for connection to multipole terminal blocks.

Procedure:

1. Strip 40 mm of cable sheath from the end of the connection cable to which the multipole terminal block is to be attached. Make sure that no pieces of cable are dropped into the inverter.
2. Strip off 6 mm of the conductor insulation from each of the required connection cable conductors (see Section 6.1, page 13).
3. Trim unneeded insulated conductors of the connection cable flush with the cable sheath.
4. Push 1 bootlace ferrule onto each stripped insulated conductor up to the stop, if necessary.

6.3 Inserting the Cables

Additionally required material (not included in the scope of delivery):

- ☐ Connection cable (see Section 6.1, page 13)

Procedure:

1. Make sure that the inverter has been disconnected and is secured against reconnection (see the inverter manual).
2. Remove the swivel nut from the cable gland for the communication cable.
3. Thread the swivel nut over the cable.
4. Press the two-hole cable support sleeve out of the cable gland.
5. Remove the sealing plug from one of the enclosure openings of the two-hole cable support sleeve and insert the cable into the enclosure opening.
6. Press the two-hole cable support sleeve with the cable into the cable gland and guide the cable to the communication assembly in the DC Connection Unit. Ensure that any unused enclosure openings of the two-hole cable support sleeve are sealed with sealing plugs.
7. Tighten the swivel nut on the cable gland hand-tight. This will secure the cable.

6.4 Connecting the Ripple Control Receiver

6.4.1 Connecting the Ripple Control Receiver

The digital signals for the specifications to the grid management services are transmitted to the **INPUT** terminal of the module. Up to 6 control signals can be transmitted.

Additionally required material (not included in the scope of delivery):

- 1 ripple control receiver:
Ripple control receiver must be equipped with safely separated potential-free contacts.

Requirements:

- The ripple control receiver must be technically suitable for connection to the digital inputs (see Section 8, page 20).
- The connection cable is prepared for connection to the multipole connector (see Section 6.2, page 13).
- The connection cable must be inserted through the cable gland into the inverter (see Section 6.3, page 13).

Pin assignment:

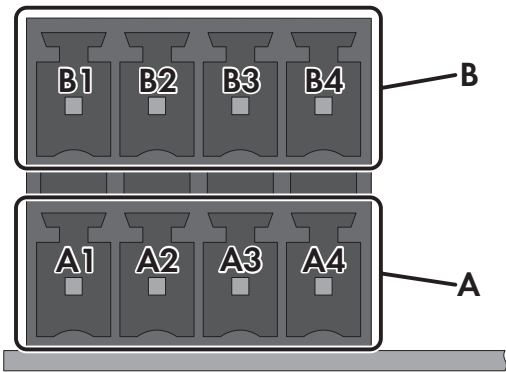


Figure 5: Pin assignment for terminal **INPUT**

Pin row	Pin	Assignment	Explanation
B	B1	24 V	Voltage supply output
	B2	IN	Digital input 1
	B3	IN	Digital input 2
	B4	IN	Digital input 3
A	A1	24 V	Voltage supply output
	A2	IN	Digital input 4
	A3	IN	Digital input 5
	A4	IN	Digital input 6

Circuitry overview:

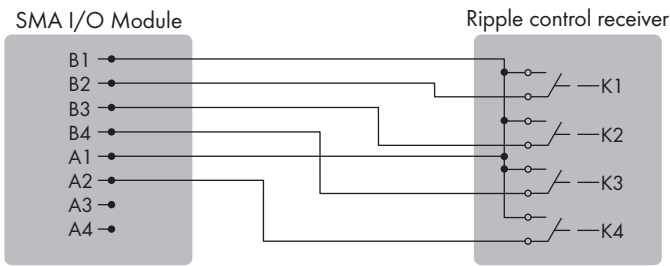


Figure 6: Connection of a Ripple Control Receiver

⚠ DANGER**Danger to life due to electric shock from faulty connection of the ripple control receiver**

Incorrect connection of the ripple control receiver can result in grid voltage on the inverter enclosure. Touching the live enclosure results in death or lethal injuries due to electric shock.

- Do not connect the insulated conductors of the connection cable to the line conductors of the ripple control receiver.
- When connecting, ensure that no bridge is being used in the ripple control receiver.

Procedure:

1. Connect the connection cable to the ripple control receiver (see the manual from manufacturer). Trim the unused insulated conductors up to the cable sheath and write down the conductor colors of the required insulated conductors.
2. Connect the connection cable to the four-pole connector. For this purpose, identify the conductor entries that are required for connecting the connection cable depending on the ripple control receiver and the pin assignment at the terminal **INPUT**. The voltage supply (24 V) only needs to be connected once.
3. Release the required conductor entries using a screwdriver and insert the insulated conductors into the conductor entries. Ensure that the noted conductor colors correspond to the pin assignment of the connection **INPUT**.
4. Insert the four-pole connector at terminal **INPUT** into the desired pin row.
5. If needed, make more connections on the module (see Section 6.4.2, page 15).
6. If no further connections are required on the module, close the inverter and commission it (see the inverter manual).
7. Configure the digital inputs via the installation assistant of the inverter user interface (see the inverter manual for login information and for how to start the installation assistant).

6.4.2 Use of the Ripple Control Receiver for further Inverters

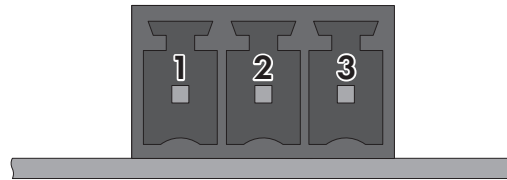
You can use the signal from one ripple control receiver for a maximum of twelve inverters. To this end, you must only equip one of the inverters in the PV system with the module. This inverter forwards the signals of the ripple control receiver via communication signal via LAN or WLAN to the other inverters in the PV system. For this, all inverters must be located in the same local network and have the same PV system password.

6.5 Multifunction Relay Connection**6.5.1 Connection to the Multifunction Relay****i Operating modes and connection option**

The operating modes and connection options of the multifunctional relay on the module are identical to the operating modes and connection options of the multifunctional relay on the communication assembly of the inverter. For more information see the inverter manual at www.SMA-Solar.com.

Requirements:

- You must select the connection option depending on the desired function of the multifunction relay (see inverter manual).
- The contactors must be technically suitable for connection to the multifunction relay (see Section 8, page 20).
- The remote terminal must be technically suitable for connection to the multifunction relay (see Section 8, page 20).
- The connection cable is prepared for connection to the multipole connector (see Section 6.2, page 13).
- The connection cable must be inserted through the cable gland into the inverter (see Section 6.3, page 13).

Figure 7: Pin assignment for terminal **OUTPUT**

Pin	Explanation
1	Make contact
2	Change-over contact
3	Break contact

Procedure:**⚠ WARNING****Danger to life due to electric shock if the maximum switching voltage of the multifunction relay is exceeded**

The multifunction relay is designed for a maximum switching voltage of 30 V_{DC}. Connecting a remote terminal with higher voltage can result in death or serious injury from electric shock.

- Observe the maximum switching voltage of 30 V_{DC} when making the connection.

NOTICE**Minimum switching current required to prevent surface corrosion of the relay contacts**

Surface corrosion can impair the functionality of the multifunction relay. In order to prevent surface corrosion of the relay contacts, a minimum current must flow over the relay at the moment of switching.

- If the relay does not switch a load but only a control signal, make sure that a minimum switching current of 10 mA flows over the relay at the 10 V switching moment.

1. Connect the connection cable to the remote terminal (see the remote terminal manual). Trim the unused insulated conductors up to the cable sheath and write down the conductor colors.
2. Connect the connection cable to the three-pole connector. For this purpose, identify the conductor entries that are required for the connection of the connection cable depending on the remote terminal and the pin assignment at the **OUTPUT** connector.
3. Release the required conductor entries using a screwdriver and insert the insulated conductors into the conductor entries. Ensure that the noted conductor colors correspond to the pin assignment on the terminal **OUTPUT**.
4. Insert the three-pole connector into the pin row in terminal **OUTPUT**.
5. If no further connections are required on the module, close the inverter and commission it (see the inverter manual).
6. Change the operating mode of the multifunction relay, if required (see Section 6.5.2, page 16).

6.5.2 Changing the Operating Mode of the Multifunction Relay**i Changing the Operating Mode of 2 Existing Multifunction Relay**

For inverters with an internal multifunction relay on the communication module and an additional multifunction relay on an SMA I/O module, the operating mode can be changed separately for each multifunction relay. The parameters of the internal multifunction relay are marked with **[A]** on the inverter user interface. The parameters of the multifunction relay on the SMA I/O module are marked with **[B]**.

The default operating mode of the multifunction relay is **Fault indication (FltInd)** . If you decide to use another operating mode and have established the correct electrical connection for this operating mode and the associated connection variant, you will have to change the operating mode of the multifunction relay and make other settings, if necessary.

Procedure:

1. Activate the user interface of the inverter (see the inverter manual).
2. Log in as **Installer** or **User**.
3. Call up the menu **Device parameters**.
4. Click on **[Edit parameters]**.
5. In the parameter group **Device > Multifunction relay > Operating mode** select the parameter **Operating mode of multifunction relay** or **Mlt.OpMode** and set the desired operating mode.
6. In **Self-consumption** or **SelfCsmP** operating mode: In the parameter group **Device > Multifunction relay > Self-consumption > Minimum On power**, select the parameter **Minimum On power for MFR self-consumption** or **Mlt.MinOnPwr** and set the desired value. This determines the power threshold at which a load is switched on.
7. In **Self-consumption** or **SelfCsmP** operating mode: In the parameter group **Device > Multifunction relay > Self-consumption > Minimum power On time**, select the parameter **Minimum power On time, MFR self-consumption** or **Mlt.MinOnPwrTmm** and set the desired value. This determines the minimum time for which the power must exceed the minimum switch-on power threshold before the load is switched on.
8. In **Self-consumption** or **SelfCsmP** operating mode: In the parameter group **Device > Multifunction relay > Self-consumption > Minimum On power**, select the parameter **Minimum On time for MFR self-consumption** or **Mlt.MinOnTmm** and set the desired value. This determines the minimum time for which the load remains switched on.
9. In **Control via communication** or **ComCtl** operating mode: In the parameter group **Device > Multifunction relay > Control via communication > Status**, select the parameter **Status of MFR with control via communication** or **Mlt.ComCtl.Sw** and set the desired value. This determines whether the multifunction relay can be controlled via a communication product.
10. In **Battery bank** or **BatCha** operating mode: In the parameter group **Device > Multifunction relay > Battery bank > Minimum On power**, select the parameter **Minimum On power for MFR battery bank** or **Mlt.BatCha.Pwr** and set the desired value. This determines the power threshold at which the battery is supposed to be charged.
11. In **Battery bank** or **BatCha** operating mode: In the parameter group **Device > Multifunction relay > Battery bank > Minimum time before reconnection**, select the parameter **Minimum time before reconnection of MFR battery bank** or **Mlt.BatCha.Tmm** and set the desired value. This sets the minimum time which must elapse after charging the battery before battery charging can resume.
12. Select **[Save all]** to save the changes.

7 Decommissioning

7.1 Removing the Module

⚠ DANGER

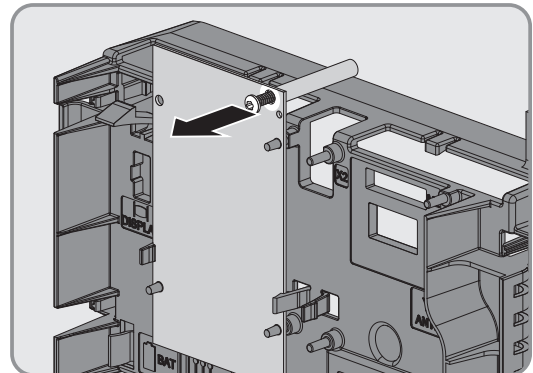
Danger to life due to high voltages of the PV array

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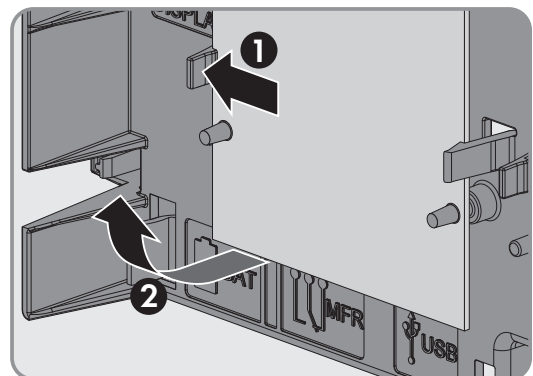
- Prior to performing any work on the inverter, always disconnect the inverter from voltage sources on the AC and DC sides as described in the inverter manual. When doing so, note that even if the DC load-break is switched off, there will be dangerous direct voltage present in the DC conductors of the inverter.

Procedure:

1. Disconnect the inverter from voltage sources (at www.SMA-Solar.com).
2. Remove the enclosure lid of the DC Connection Unit. Unscrew all screws with a Torx screwdriver (TX25) and remove the enclosure lid carefully forward.
3. Set the screws and the enclosure lid aside and store safely.
4. Remove all connecting terminal plates from the used connection sockets of the module.
5. Unscrew the fastening screw on the module using a Torx screwdriver (TX 25).

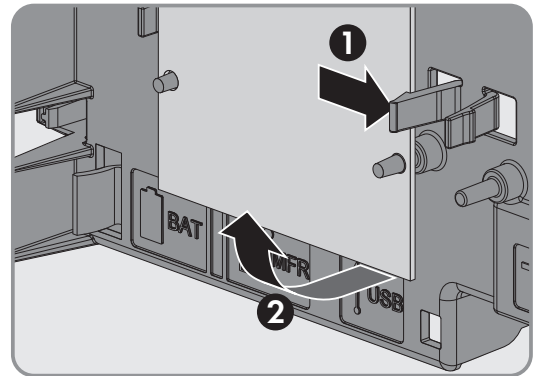


6. At the module, press the right or left locking tab of the communication assembly slightly outwards and pull the module slightly forwards holding the lower end until the module is released from the interlock of the locking tab.



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8. Hold the module with 1 hand and press the second locking tab slightly outwards with the other hand. Pull the module slightly forwards on the lower end until the module is released from the interlock of the locking tab.



9. Remove the module from its slot by pulling it forwards.
10. Remove the swivel nut from the cable gland for the communication cable.
11. Lead the connection cable out of the two-hole cable support sleeve.
12. Lead the connection cable out of the swivel nut.
13. Close unused enclosure openings of the two-hole cable support sleeve with sealing plugs.
14. Press the cable support sleeve into the two-hole cable gland.
15. Tighten the swivel nut on the cable gland hand-tight.
16. Close the inverter and, if necessary, recommission it (see inverter manual).

7.2 Packing the Product for Shipment

- Pack the product for shipping. Use the original packaging or packaging that is suitable for the weight and size of the product.

7.3 Disposing of the Product

- Dispose of the product in accordance with the locally applicable disposal regulations for electronic waste.

8 Technical Data

General data

Mounting location	In the inverter
Voltage supply	Via the inverter

Mechanical data

Width x height x depth	60 mm x 105 mm x 33 mm
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Ambient Conditions for Storage/Transport

Ambient temperature	-40°C to +70°C
Relative humidity, non-condensing	10% to 100%
Maximum height above mean sea level	3000 m

Digital inputs

Quantity	6
Input voltage	24 V _{DC}
Cutoff frequency	30 Hz
Maximum cable length	200 m

Digital outputs (multifunction relay)

Quantity	3
Execution	Potential-free relay contacts
Maximum switching voltage	30 V _{DC}
Maximum switching current	1 A
Minimum switching current	10 mA
Minimum electrical endurance when the maximum switching voltage and maximum switching current are complied with	100000 switching cycles
Bounce time	5 ms
Reset time	5 ms
Maximum cable length	200 m

9 EU Declaration of Conformity

within the scope of the EU directives

- Electromagnetic compatibility 2014/30/EU (29.3.2014 L 96/79-106) (EMC)



SMA Solar Technology AG confirms herewith that the products described in this document are in compliance with the fundamental requirements and other relevant provisions of the above-mentioned directives. The entire EU Declaration of Conformity can be found at www.SMA-Solar.com.

10 UK Declaration of Conformity

according to the regulations of England, Wales and Scotland



- Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2016 (SI 2016/1091)
- Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016 (SI 2016/1101)
- Radio Equipment Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1206)
- The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/3032)

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11 Contact

If you have technical problems with our products, please contact the SMA Service Line. The following data is required in order to provide you with the necessary assistance:

- Inverters:
 - Serial number
 - Firmware version
 - Special country-specific settings (if available)
 - Information on the ripple control receiver
 - Operating mode of the multifunction relay
 - Detailed description of the problem
- Sunny Portal
 - System name in Sunny Portal
 - Access data for Sunny Portal

You can find your country's contact information at:



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