

# **Mainstream inverter power on the field**





## Overview

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What is a PV central inverter system?

PV central inverter systems are powerful devices. They are designed for large solar installations. They can process massive amounts of power from thousands of panels. These units come in sturdy, weather-resistant enclosures. They are built to handle megawatt-level power conversion.

What is a central inverter?

Photo courtesy CPS America. Central inverters are designed to centralize power flows and convert large quantities of power from dc to ac in a single unit. The inputs to central inverters are most often combined dc circuits from many (or all) strings in the array that feed a small number of integrated MPPTs.

Are central inverters a good choice for large-scale projects?

For large-scale projects, central inverter solutions are a top choice. They provide superior economics. The cost per watt decreases significantly as system size increases. This makes them particularly attractive for utility-scale installations.

What are the different types of PV inverters?

There are three primary tiers of PV inverters: microinverters, string inverters, and central inverters. Since microinverters are not rated for utility-scale voltages, we will largely ignore them in this article. String inverters convert DC power from “strings” of PV modules to AC and are designed to be modular and scalable.



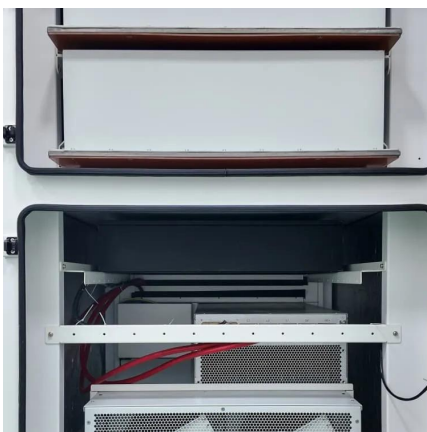
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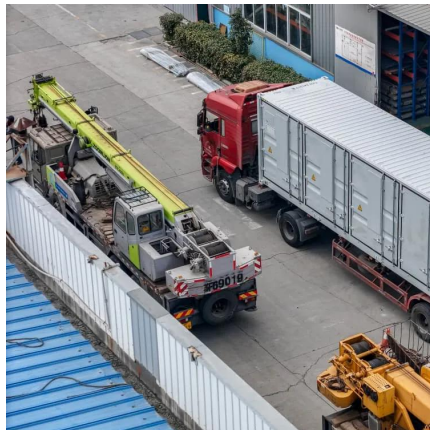
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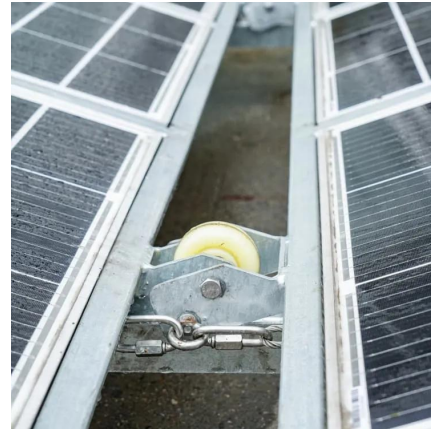
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