# Inverter / Charger with Solar Charge Controller



# **Steca Solarix PLI**

Installation and operating instructions





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## About this manual

## Purpose

This manual describes the assembly, installation, operation and troubleshooting of this unit (also referred to as "inverter" throughout this manual or "PLI 5000-48" for the Solarix PLI 5000-48 model and "PLI 2400-24" for the Solarix PLI 2400-24 model). Please read this manual carefully before installation and operation. Keep this manual for future reference.

### Scope

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This manual provides safety and installation guidelines as well as information on wiring and operation.

### **Keywords and symbols**

These keywords are used in this manual with the following meanings:

Keyword	Description
DANGER	Immediate danger of death or serious bodily injury
WARNING	Possible danger of death or serious bodily injury
CAUTION	Possible danger of light or medium bodily injury or damage to equipment

 $\angle$  This symbol indicates a warning or danger, pay particular attention to these sections.

## **General safety instructions**

WARNING: This chapter contains important safety and operating instructions. Read and keep this manual for future reference.

- 1. This document is part of the product.
- 2. **CAUTION** Only qualified service professionals may perform the installation work described in this manual.
- 3. Before using the unit, read all instructions and cautionary markings on the unit, the batteries and all appropriate sections of this manual.
- 4. **CAUTION** To reduce risk of injury, charge only rechargeable deep-cycle lead-acid batteries with liquid electrolyte, AGM or gel. Other types of batteries may burst, causing personal injury and damage, if they are not approved by Steca Elektronik. Use only batteries with 48 or 24 Vdc nominal voltage with the PLI 5000-48 and PLI 2400-24, respectively.
- 5. Do not disassemble the unit, doing so may cause damage to the unit, personal injury and leads to a total loss of warranty. Contact your dealer when service or repair is required. Incorrect re-assembly may result in a risk of electric shock or fire.
- 6. To reduce risk of electric shock, disconnect all wirings before attempting any maintenance or cleaning. Turning off the unit will not reduce this risk.
- 7. CAUTION Never charge a damaged or frozen battery.
- 8. **CAUTION** For optimum operation of this unit, please follow the required specification to select appropriate cable sizes. Failure to do so may cause damage.

- 9. Be very cautious when working with metal tools on or around batteries. A potential risk exists in short-circuiting batteries or other electrical parts, potentially causing an explosion or fire. Use only insulated tools.
- 10. Please strictly follow installation procedure when connecting or disconnecting AC or DC terminals. Please refer to the *"Installation"* section of this manual for the details.
- 11. **WARNING** Ensure that all cables, particularly the AC input, AC output, photovoltaic (PV) and battery cables are seated properly in their contacts and tightened correctly. No cable insulation may protrude into the corresponding cable terminals. Any materials other than the cable / cable lug / ring terminal inserted into the terminals could cause excessive heating, damage and / or fire.
- Make sure to use a battery fuse as close as possible to the battery terminal with a rating of 250 to 300 A DC as over-current protection for the battery and battery cables. The fuse must be able to reliably protect the battery cables from short-circuit or overload.
- 13. **WARNING** This inverter is required to be connected to a permanent grounded wiring system via the appropriate terminals. Failure to do so may cause serious personal injury. Be sure to comply with local requirements and regulations when installing this inverter.
- 14. Never allow the AC output and DC input to be short-circuited. Do NOT connect to the AC mains when the DC input short circuits.
- 15. If one of the following components is damaged immediately take the device out of operation and disconnect it from the AC mains, battery and PV modules: the device itself (not functioning, visible damage, smoke, penetration of liquid etc.), connected cables or solar modules. Do not switch the system on again before the device has been repaired by a dealer or the manufacturer, damaged cables or solar modules have been repaired by a technical specialist.
- 16. Any use of this product aside from its intended purpose as described in this manual could lead to damage and/or serious personal injury. Opening any part of the device apart from the bottom cover as described in this manual will void the warranty and can lead to damage and/or serious personal injury.
- 17. Only for indoor use, pollution degree 2. Not for use in workshops or other high-dust environments without counter-measures.
- 18. CAUTION Heavy device. Take care when lifting the device to avoid injury.

## Introduction

This is a multi-function inverter/charger, combining functions of off-grid inverter, MPPT solar charger, AC transfer from an AC source to AC loads, and a battery charger from an AC source to offer an uninterruptible power supply with a compact size. Its comprehensive LC-display offers user-configurable and easily-accessible button configuration as well as a readout of relevant data.

### Features

- Pure sine wave inverter
- Built-in MPPT solar charge controller
- Configurable AC input voltage range limit for home appliances or personal computers
- Configurable battery charging current based on applications via LCD setting
- Configurable AC / solar charger priority via LCD setting
- Compatible with AC voltage from the grid or generator power
- Uninterruptible power supply in case of grid black-out
- Bipolar disconnection from the AC input in inverter mode, grid injection is not technically possible
- Overload, over-temperature and short-circuit protection
- Smart multi-stage battery charger with optional equalisation for optimised battery performance
- Up to nine Solarix PLI 5000-48 or Solarix PLI 2400-24 can be connected in parallel or as a 3-phase system with the optional Steca Parallel Kit for Solarix PLI accessory (one kit required per inverter)

## **Basic System Architecture**

The following illustration shows the basic application for this unit. It also includes the following devices to have a complete running system: battery, generator <u>or</u> utility (if both are used in a single system an <u>external</u> <u>source-selector is required</u> as shown in *Fig. 1*), and / or PV modules.

Consult with your system integrator for other possible system architectures depending on your requirements.

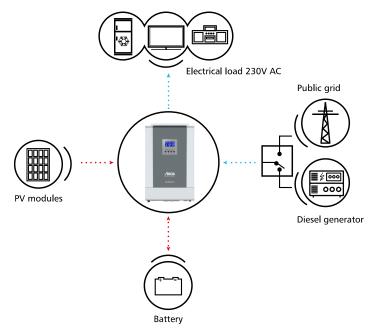


Figure 1: Hybrid power system

### **Product Overview**

Solarix PLI 5000-48

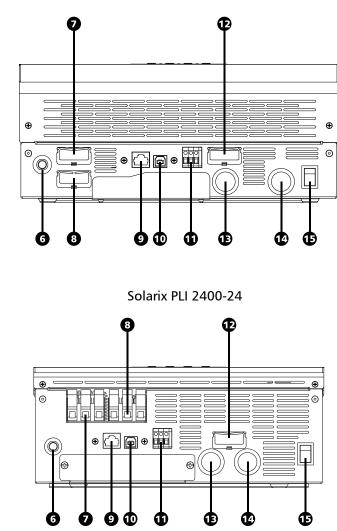


Figure 2: Device overview

1. LCD display

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2. Status indicator for line / inverter mode

**Display and Control Interface** 

- 3. Charging indicator
- 4. Fault indicator
- 5. Function buttons (ESC, UP, DOWN, ENTER)
- 6. Circuit breaker
- 7. AC input
- 8. AC output
- 9. RS-232 communication port (for optional Steca PA WiFi1 accessory)

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- 10. USB communication port
- 11. Signal contact
- 12. PV input
- 13. Battery connection (positive)
- 14. Battery connection (negative)
- 15. Power on/off switch for the inverter unit (the charge controller will charge the battery if solar power and voltage is available and sufficient, regardless of the position of this power switch)

## Installation

## **Unpacking and Inspection**

Before installation, please inspect the unit. Be sure that nothing inside the package is damaged. Included items:

- The inverter unit
- Installation and operating instructions
- RS-232 communication cable (for optional Steca PA WiFi1 accessory)
- Ring terminal (3x)

### Preparation

Before connecting all wirings, please take off bottom cover by removing the two screws shown in Fig. 3.

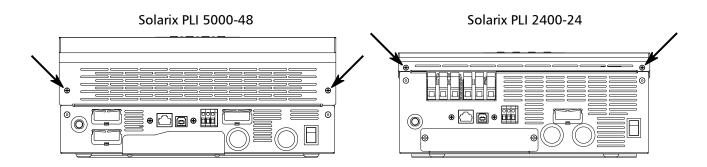


Figure 3: Screw location on bottom cover

## Mounting the Unit

WARNING: Suitable for mounting on concrete or other non-combustible surface only. This is a class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

Consider the following points before selecting where to install:

- Do not mount the inverter on a flammable surface or directly above batteries, as corrosive battery gases can damage the inverter
- Mount on a solid surface
- Install this inverter at eye level in order to allow the LCD display to be read at all times
- The ambient temperature should be between 0 °C and 55 °C
- The recommended installation position is adhered to the wall vertically
- Be sure to keep other objects and surfaces at least as far from the installed inverter as shown to the right in *Figure 4* to guarantee sufficient heat dissipation and to have enough space for removing wires

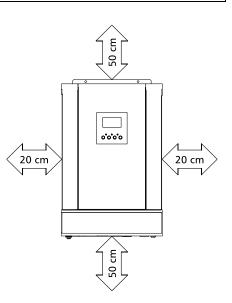


Figure 4: Minimum distance to walls and other objects

Fix the unit to the wall by using three M5 screws (not included) in the screw holes pictured below in *Figure 5*. Be sure to take precautions such as wall plugs, ensuring that the inverter's weight can be safely held by the wall and screws.

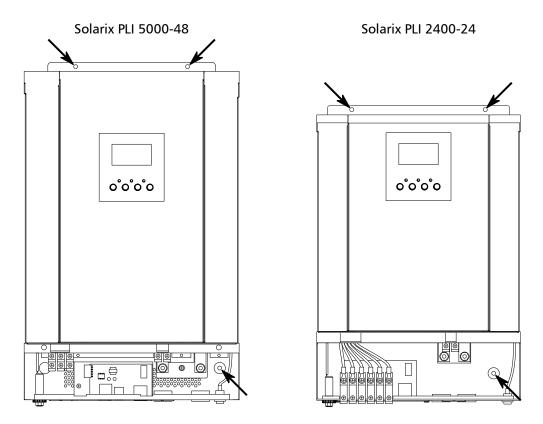


Figure 5: Mounting screw holes

### **Battery Connection**

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WARNING: All wiring must be performed by qualified personnel according to local regulations.

Shock Hazard. Installation must be performed with care due to high battery voltage in series.

It is very important for system safety and efficient operation to use appropriate cable cross-sections for the battery connection. The recommended cross-section for the battery connection is 50 mm<sup>2</sup> (at 3 metres cable length). Keep the cables between the inverter and battery as short as possible, preferably  $\leq$  3 metres. Failure to tighten connections adequately could lead to overheating or fire.

CAUTION: To ensure safe operation and regulation compliance, it is necessary to install a separate DC fuse or circuit breaker device between battery and inverter, as close as possible to the battery terminal. The recommended fuse or circuit breaker rating is 250 Adc to 300 Adc, be sure to adhere to your local regulations.

Do not place anything between the flat part of the inverter terminal and the ring terminal. Otherwise, overheating and / or fire may occur.

Do not apply any anti-oxidant or other substances on the terminals before the terminals are connected tightly.

Follow the steps below to connect the battery to the inverter:

- 1. Ensure the ON/OFF power button is set to OFF (see chapter "Power ON/OFF").
- 2. Open the circuit breaker or remove the fuse near the battery terminal.
- 3. Remove 15 mm of insulation on the inverter side of the battery cable from both the positive and negative lines.
- 4. Assemble the included battery ring terminal by crimping it to the battery cables on the inverter side, <u>make sure that none of the insulation interferes with the ring terminal</u>!
- 5. Connect all battery cells or packs as required to reach 48 or 24 Vdc nominal voltage for the PLI 5000-48 and PLI 2400-24, respectively. It is highly recommended to use at least a 200 Ah capacity battery bank.
- 6. Connect the battery-side of the cable to the battery appropriately, ensuring a tight and reliable fit.
- 7. Remove the M6 nut on the positive and negative battery terminals of the inverter.
- 8. Insert the ring terminal of the battery cable flatly into the battery connector screws of the inverter, then tighten the M6 nuts with a torque of 2 3 Nm (see *Figure 6*). Make sure the polarity at both the battery and the inverter is correct and the ring terminals are tightly screwed to the battery terminals, ensuring a good electrical connection.
- 9. Make sure to install a strain relief on the battery cables.
- 10. Do not insert the battery fuse or turn on the battery circuit breaker yet!

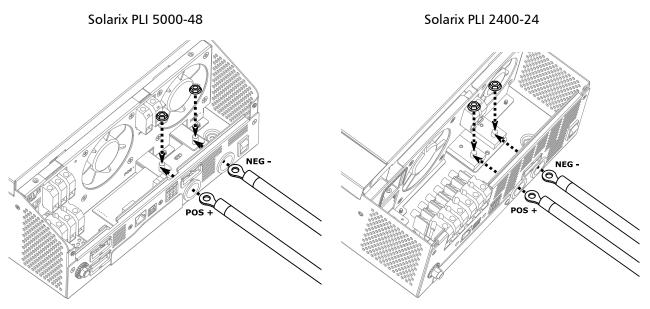


Figure 6: Battery cable connection

### AC Input / Output Connection

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DANGER: Be sure that AC power source is disconnected before attempting to hardwire it to the unit.

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WARNING: All wiring must be performed by qualified personnel according to local regulations.

It is very important for system safety and efficient operation to use appropriate cable cross-sections for the AC connection. The recommended cross-section for the AC connection is 6 mm<sup>2</sup>. Failure to tighten connections adequately could lead to overheating or fire.

CAUTION: Before connecting to the AC input power source, install a separate AC breaker between the inverter and AC input power source and turn it off. This will ensure the inverter can be securely disconnected during maintenance and is protected from over-current from the AC input. The recommended AC breaker rating is 40 A or 30 A for the PLI 5000-48 or PLI 2400-24, respectively. Follow your local regulations.

There are two terminal blocks, one marked "AC INPUT" and the other "AC OUTPUT". Do <u>NOT</u> mix the input and output connectors!

Connect a single inverter to only one phase (L and N). Also make sure never to reverse L and N connections.

Some appliances such as air conditioners require at least 2 - 3 minutes to restart after a loss of power to have enough time for the refrigerant gas to settle. If a power shortage occurs and power is re-supplied in a short time, this may cause damage to such appliances. To prevent this kind of damage, please check the appliance manufacturer guidelines, the appliance may be equipped with a time-delay function during installation. If this is disregarded, this inverter may trigger an overload fault and cut off output to protect your appliances, potentially nonetheless causing internal damage to the appliance.

It is highly recommended to use a surge protection device (SPD) on the AC input of the inverter if the AC input is used. The SPD must have a clamping voltage at or below 300 Vac.

Follow the steps below to connect the AC input (optional) and AC output to the inverter:

- 1. Before making AC input/output connection, ensure the battery DC circuit breaker is open and/or the battery fuse is removed, thus disconnecting the battery.
- 2. Ensure the AC circuit breaker is open so that no conductors have voltage.
- Remove 10 mm of insulation on the inverter side of the PE (protective earth) conductors for both AC input and AC output. Remove 7 mm of insulation on the inverter side of the L (phase) and N (neutral) conductors for both AC input and AC output.
- Connect the PE ( → protective earth) cable of the AC input (*Figure 7*) to the corresponding terminal on the inverter and connect the PE ( → protective earth) conductor of the AC output (*Figure 8*) to the corresponding terminal on the inverter. Tighten the terminal clamps with a torque of 1.4 1.6 Nm.

- 5. Connect the L (phase) and N (neutral) conductors to the respective AC input (*Figure 7*) and AC output (*Figure 8*) terminals. Tighten the terminal clamps with a torque of 1.4 1.6 Nm.
- 6. Make sure to install a strain relief on the AC input and AC output cables.
- 7. Make sure all connections are secure and tightened correctly, ensuring a good electrical connection.

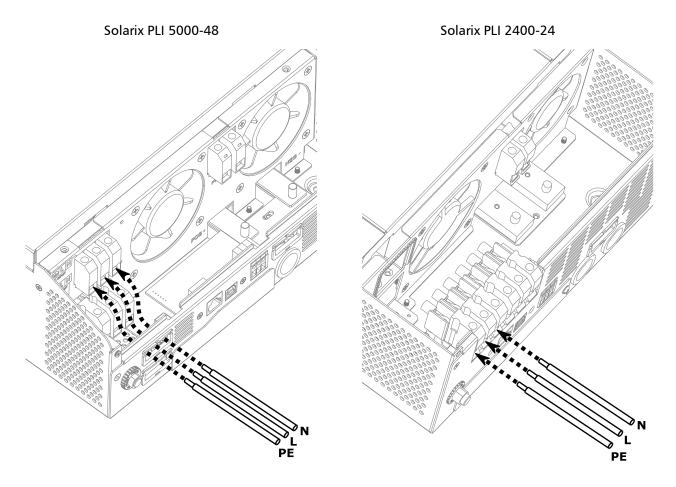


Figure 7: AC input conductor connection

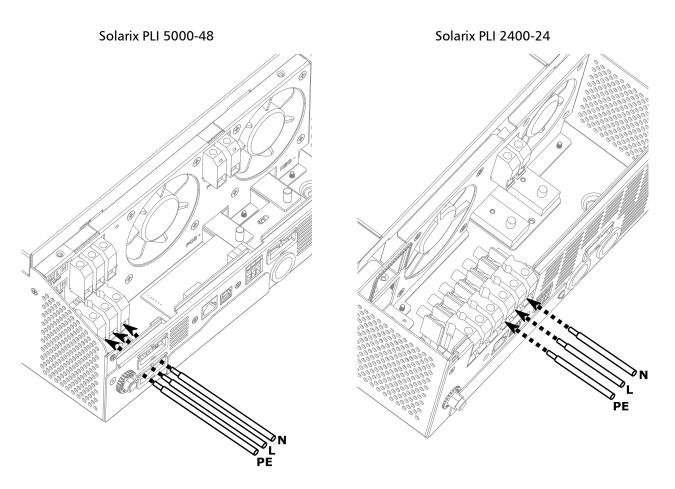


Figure 8: AC output conductor connection

## **PV Connection**

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WARNING: All wiring must be performed by qualified personnel according to local regulations.

It is very important for system safety and efficient operation to use appropriate cable cross-sections for the PV connection. The recommended cross-section for the PV connection is 12 mm<sup>2</sup> or 6 mm<sup>2</sup> for the PLI 5000-48 or PLI 2400-24, respectively. Failure to tighten connections adequately could lead to overheating or fire.

CAUTION: Before connecting to the PV input, install a separate DC breaker or DC disconnecting switch with a recommended rating of at least 80 Adc (PLI 5000-48) or 40 Adc (PLI 2400-24) between the inverter and PV modules and turn it off. This will ensure the inverter can be securely disconnected during maintenance.

It is highly recommended to use a surge protection device (SPD) on the PV input of the inverter, if the PV input is used, to protect the PV input from over-voltage. The SPD must have a clamping voltage at or below 160 Vdc (PLI 5000-48) or 100 Vdc (PLI 2400-24), and above the maximum open-circuit PV voltage under all temperature conditions at the installation site.

#### **PV Module Selection**

When selecting proper PV modules, please be sure to consider the following parameters:

- 1. The open-circuit voltage (Voc) of the PV array at the lowest temperatures present throughout the year in the installation location does not exceed the maximum PV open-circuit voltage of the PV input of the inverter.
- 2. The MPP voltage (Vmpp) of the PV array must be higher than the minimum PV MPP voltage of the PV input of the inverter.
- 3. The total power in watt-peak (Wp) of the PV array should not exceed 1.2x the nominal PV charging power of the inverter.

Follow the steps below to connect the PV input (optional) to the inverter:

- 1. Ensure the circuit breaker between the PV modules and the inverter side of the PV cables is open so that there is no voltage on the PV cables before the connection.
- 2. Remove 10 mm of insulation on the inverter side of the battery cable from both the positive and negative PV cables.
- 3. Check the correct polarity of the connection cable from the PV modules and PV input connectors on the inverter.
- 4. Connect the positive and negative cables from the PV array to the respective PV terminals on the inverter (*Figure 9*). Tighten the terminal clamps with a torque of 1.4 1.6 Nm
- 5. Make sure the connections are secure and tightened correctly, ensuring a good electrical connection.

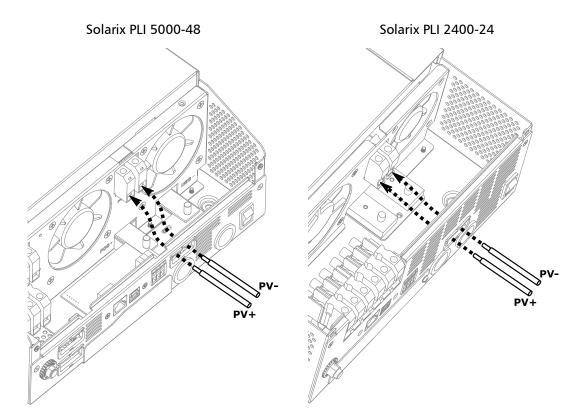


Figure 9: PV array cable connection

## **Final Assembly**

After connecting all wirings, please slide the bottom cover back onto the bottom of the inverter and fasten the two screws as shown below (*Figure 10*).

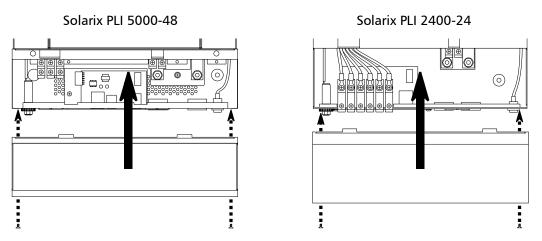


Figure 10: Closing the bottom cover

Now the fuse/circuit breaker of the battery can be inserted/closed to electrically connect the inverter to the battery. Next the AC input circuit breaker can be closed, then the AC output breaker and finally the fuse/circuit breaker of the PV connection.

## **Optional Accessories**

The Solarix PLI 5000-48 and Solarix PLI 2400-24 can be used with up to nine identical inverters in a single synchronised phase, or setup as a 3-phase system. This allows systems with up to 45 kW or 21.6 kW of synchronised AC power for the Solarix PLI 5000-48 or Solarix PLI 2400-24, respectively. To enable this functionality, the Steca Parallel Kit for Solarix PLI is required (sold separately). One kit is required for each inverter to be interconnected. For further details consult the Parallel Kit manual.

The Solarix PLI 5000-48 and Solarix PLI 2400-24 are also compatible with the optional Steca PA WiFi1 accessory (sold separately). This external Wi-Fi module can be connected to the RS-232 port of the inverter with the RS-232 cable included with your Solarix PLI. The PA WiFi1 accessory allows a connection to an online portal for remote monitoring. For further details consult the PA WiFi1 manual.

## **Dry Contact Signal**

There is a dry contact (up to 3 A / 250 V AC or 3 A / 30 V DC) available on the bottom panel. It hast two possible functions:

- 1. When program 38 is set to "disable" (see chapter "**Configuration**"), it can be used to deliver a signal to an external device (such as an AC generator) when battery voltage reaches its warning level.
- 2. When program 38 is set to "enable" (only available for Solarix PLI 5000-48) and the unit is working in battery / inverter mode, it can be used to trigger an external grounding box (not included). This grounding box can then connect neutral (N) and protective earth (PE) grounding of the AC output together.

Function 2 is useful for grid-tied installations where the AC input has a TN-C-S or TN-S grounding scheme, so where PE and N are separate and typically a residual current device (RCD) is used for safety from electric shock. In order for an RCD on the AC output to function, there must be a bridge between N and PE before it. This is the case in a TN-C-S or TN-S grounding scheme. As a safety measure, when the inverter is working in off-grid / inverter mode, so when both the AC input N and L are disconnected by the internal by-pass / transfer relay, a connection between N and PE is automatically made in the PLI 5000-48 and PLI 2400-24 inverters. With program 38 enabled, an external grounding box controlled by the dry contact can bridge N and PE only in off-grid / inverter mode and release the bridge in line / grid mode, as an additional N to PE bridge.

Grounding is safety-relevant and should only be done by qualified personnel. Make sure local regulations are adhered to.

Inverter unit status	Condition Dry contact port: NC			рогt: NC C NO	
				NC & C	NO & C
Power Off	Unit is off a	nd no outpu	it is powered.	Closed	Open
	Output is p	owered from	n AC input.	Closed	Open
	Output is	Program	Battery voltage < Low DC	Open	Closed
	powered	01 set to	warning voltage		
	from Battery or	"Utility"	Battery voltage > value set in Program 13 or battery charging	Closed	Open
Power On	Solar.		reaches floating stage		
		Program	Battery voltage < value set in	Open	Closed
		01 is set	Program 12	Open	Closed
		to "SBU"	Battery voltage > value set in		
		or "Solar	Program 13 or battery charging	Closed	Open
		first"	reaches floating stage		

When program 38 is set to "disable" (default setting for PLI 5000-48, only setting for PLI 2400-24):

When program 38 is set to "enable" (only available for PLI 5000-48):

Inverter unit status	Condition	Dry contact port:		
		NC & C	NO & C	
Power Off	Unit is off and no output is powered.	Closed	Open	
Dower On	Unit is in stand-by mode, line mode or fault mode.	Closed	Open	
Power On	Unit is in battery mode or power-saving mode.	Open	Closed	

## Operation

### **Power ON/OFF**

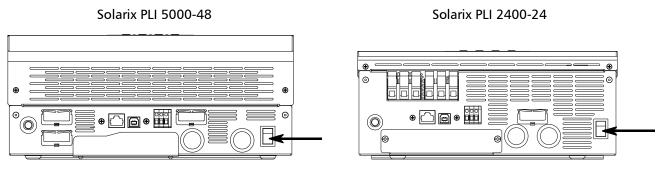


Figure 11: Power button

Once the unit has been correctly installed and the batteries are well connected, simply press the ON/OFF switch in *Figure 11* to the ON position (located on the button of the case) to turn on the inverter.

## **Display and Control Panel**

The operation and display panel, shown in *Figure 12*, is on the front panel of the inverter. It includes three LED indicator lamps, four function buttons and an LC-display, indicating the operating status.

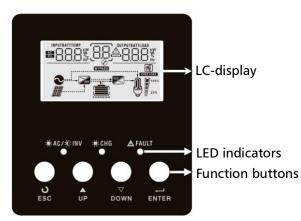


Figure 12: Display and control panel

#### **LED Indicators**

LED Indicator			Meaning
¥AC∕XINV	Green	Solid On	Output is powered by AC input in line mode
	Green	Flashing	Output is powered by battery or PV in battery mode
× CHG	Green	Solid On	Battery is fully charged
	Green	Flashing	Battery is charging
	Red	Solid On	Fault condition in the inverter
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#### **Function Buttons**

Button	Description		
ESC	Exit setting mode		
UP	Go to previous selection		
DOWN	Go to next selection		
ENTER	Confirm the selection in setting mode or enter setting mode		

## **LC-Display Icons**

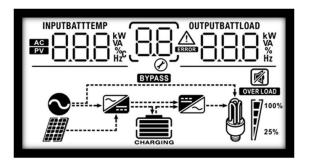


Figure 13: Display

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< 2 V / cell 4 bars flash	In AC / Line charging mode, it will present the battery charging status:				
	Status	, ,			
Bulk mode / Boost mode2 ~ 2.083 V / cellBottom is on, the other three bars flashBoost mode2.083 ~ 2.167 V / cellBottom two bars on, the other two bars flash	-		Bottom two bars on, the other two bars		
> 2.167 V / cell Bottom three bars on, top bar flashes		> 2.167 V / cell	Bottom three bars on, top bar flashes		
Floating mode. Batteries are fully charged. 4 bars on	Floating mode	e. Batteries are fully charged.	4 bars on		

Load > 50%		< 1	.717 V / cell		
Load > 50%			./// v/cen		
Load > 50%		1.7 <sup>-</sup>	17 V / cell ~ 1.8 V /	cell	
		1.8	~ 1.883 V / cell		
		> 1	.883 V / cell		
		< 1	.817 V / cell		
50% > Load > 2	00/	1.8 <sup>-</sup>	17 V / cell ~ 1.9 V /	cell	
50% > Load > 2	U 70	1.9	~ 1.983V / cell		
		> 1	.983		
		< 1	.867 V / cell		
Load < 20%		1.80	67 V / cell ~ 1.95 V		
		1.95 ~ 2.033 V / cell			
		> 2.033			
d Information (A	C Output)				
rload Ir	ndicates ove	erload			
Ir	ndicates the	load	level as follows:		
<b>1</b> 00% 0	%~24%		25%~49%	50%~74%	75%~100
25%	7		7	7	7
ration Mode Info	ormation				
Ir	Indicates the unit is connected to an AC source at the AC input terminal.				
lr Ir	Indicates the unit is connected to PV modules.				
ASS Ir	Indicates the load is supplied by the AC input power source.				
lr	Indicates the AC charger circuit is in operation.				
Ir	ndicates the	DC to	o AC inverter circuit	is in operation.	
e Operation					
Ir	ndicates the	unit'	s alarm is disabled.		

## Configuration

CAUTION: Consult your battery manufacturer's documentation to determine the optimal battery settings. Steca Elektronik GmbH cannot be held responsible for incorrect battery settings or battery settings that are incompatible with the particular battery in use.

After pressing and holding the "ENTER" button for 3 seconds, the unit will enter its configuration / setting mode. Press the "UP" or "DOWN" button to select different setting programs. Then press the "ENTER" button to confirm the selection or "ESC" to exit.

#### Setting Programs:

Program	Description	Selectable option	
00	Exit setting mode	Escape	
01	Output source priority: To configure load power source priority	Solar first $O_{O}I \_ SOL$ AC in first (default) $O_{O}I \_ UEI$ SBU priority $O_{O}I \_ SBU$	Solar energy provides power to the loads as first priority. If solar energy is not sufficient to power all connected loads, battery energy will supply power to the loads at the same time. The utility / AC input provides power to the loads only when any of these conditions happens: • Solar energy is not available. • Battery voltage drops to either low-level warning voltage or the setting in program 12. AC input / Utility will provide power to the loads as first priority. Solar and battery energy will provide power to the loads only when AC input power is not available. Solar energy provides power to the loads as first priority. If solar energy is not sufficient to power all connected loads, battery energy will supply power to the loads at the same time. Utility / AC input provides power to the loads only when battery voltage drops to either low-level warning voltage or the setting in program 12.

		Available options:	
		10 A	20 A
		<u>^ 01 _ Ş</u> 0	<u>- 50 -</u>
	Maximum charging current: configure the total charging current for solar	<sup>30 A</sup>	40 A 02 40 A
	and AC chargers combined.	50 Å OZ <u>50 Å</u>	60 A (default for PLI 2400-24)
02	Max. charging current = AC charging current + solar charging current		80 A (default for PLI 5000-48)
		۵۹ م ۵۵ <u>۹</u> ۹۵ م	
	Only available for		120 A 000 120 A 120 A
	Solarix PLI 5000-48	130 A 02 130 ^	140 A 02  40 ^
03		Appliances	Acceptable AC input voltage range within 90 – 280 V AC.
03	AC input voltage range		Acceptable AC input voltage range within 170 – 280 V AC.
	Power caving mode	Disable (default) $O_{O} S_{O}$	If disabled, the on/off status of inverter output will not be effected by the power of the load, the inverter will remain on.
04 Power saving mode enable / disable	Enable	If enabled, the output of inverter will turn off when the connected load is below $\sim$ 50 W. It will then test for a load every 5 seconds and turn back	
		AGM/Gel	on above ~ 100 W load level. Flooded / liquid electrolyte
05	Battery type	User-Defined (default)	If "User-Defined" is selected, the battery end-of-charge voltage and low battery cut-off voltage can be set in program 26, 27 and 29.

	Auto restart when overload	Restart disable	Restart enable
	occurs	(default)	<u>Ω6 ιμε</u>
	Regardless of this setting	0 <u>6 [F9</u>	
	when the AC output is		
	short-circuited, the inverter		
06	will shut-down and		
	attempt to restart every		
	10 s. If it fails after 3 tries it		
	will remain off. During the		
	attempts, the AC output		
	voltage never exceeds		
	20 Vac and is thus not		
	dangerous to humans.		
07	Auto restart when	Restart disable	Restart enable (default)
07	over-temperature occurs		
	AC Output voltage	220 Vac	230 Vac (default) 240 Vac
08	(only available for Solarix PLI 2400-24)	<u>,022 8</u> 0	0 <u>8 230,</u> 0 <u>8 240,</u>
		50 Hz (default)	60 Hz
09 AC Output frequen	AC Output frequency	υ <u>ς</u> 20*	UY <u>60</u> *
		Available options:	
		2 A	10 A
		85 <sup>©</sup>	I <u></u> I <u></u> I <u></u> 08_
		20 A	30 A (default)
11	Maximum AC input	8 <u>05</u>	I <u></u> ,I <u>_308</u>
	charging current	40 A	50 A
		¦, _\08_	I <u>₀I_S0R_</u>
		60 A	
		I_I_ <u>608</u> _	
		The default setting is	46 V and the range of settings is 44 V
		to 57 V in 1 V increm	ents for each click for the PLI 5000-48.
	Battery voltage below	The default setting is	23.0 V and the range of settings is
	which the inverter	-	5 V increments for each click for the PLI
	immediately switches the	2400-24.	
12	power source to AC in /	46 V (default for	23.0 V (default for
	utility when selecting "SBU	PLI 5000-48)	PLI 2400-24)
	priority" or "Solar first" in	BATT	BATT
	program 01.	¦2 <u> </u>	<u> 5 530,</u>

13	Battery voltage above which the inverter switches the power source back to solar / battery when selecting "SBU priority" or "Solar first" in program 01.	as well as 48 V to 64 V i the PLI 5000-48. The default setting is 27	A V and the range of settings is "Full", in 1 V increments for each click for 7.0 V and the range of settings is V to 29.0 V in 0.5 V increments for 00-24. 27.0 V (default for PLI 2400-24) BATT Ø
16	Charger source priority Notice: If an AC grid / utility is present and connected, it is recommended not to use the "Only Solar" setting for this program. Otherwise there would be a risk that, without any sunshine, the device will slowly discharge the battery with its own consumption. In this case it is recommended to use "Solar first" here and "2 A" (or higher) in program 11. This way the own consumption of the device, as well as the self-consumption of the battery, are covered from the grid in case there is no PV available at all.	power-saving mode, the as below: Solar first Solar first Utility first Solar and Utility (default) Solar and Utility (default) Solar Solar If this inverter is workin power-saving mode, on battery. Solar energy wi	<ul> <li>Solar energy will charge battery as first priority.</li> <li>AC input / utility will charge battery only when solar energy is not available.</li> <li>AC input / utility will charge battery as first priority.</li> <li>AC input / utility will charge battery as first priority.</li> <li>Solar energy will charge battery only when utility power is not available.</li> <li>Solar energy and AC input / utility will charge battery only when utility power is not available.</li> <li>Solar energy and AC input / utility will charge battery at the same time.</li> <li>Solar energy will be the only charger source no matter whether an AC source is available or not.</li> <li>g in off-grid / battery mode or ly solar energy can charge the II charge battery if it is available and</li> </ul>
18	Alarm control (audible)	sufficient. Alarm on (default)	Alarm off

19	Auto return to default display screen	Return to default display screen (default) O Remain at last screen	If selected, the display will always automatically return to the default display screen (input voltage / output voltage) after no button is pressed for 1 minute. If selected, the display screen will remain at the selected screen until the user finally switches to another screen / menu.
20	Backlight control	Backlight on (default)	
22	Beeps while primary energy source is interrupted	Alarm on (default)	Alarm off
23	Overload bypass: when enabled, the unit will transfer to AC input / line mode if an overload occurs in battery mode.	By-pass disable (default)	By-pass enable
26	Boost charging voltage (absorption charging stage, see <i>Figure 12</i> )	If "User-defined" is selected in program 05, this program can be configured. The range of settings is from 48.0 V to 64.0 V in 0.1 V increments for each click for the PLI 5000-48. The range of settings is from 24.0 V to 29.2 V in 0.1 V increments for each click for the PLI 2400-24. 57.6 V (default for PLI 5000-48) 28.8 V (default for PLI 2400-24) 28.8 V (default for PLI 2400-24)	

			ected in program 05, this program can	
	Float voltage	be configured. The range of settings is from 48.0 V to 64.0 V in 0.1 V increments for each click for the PLI 5000-48.		
		increments for each cl	s from 24.0 V to 29.2 V in 0.1 V ick for the PLI 2400-24.	
27	(see Figure 12)	56.4 V (default for PLI	5000-48) BATT	
		<u>-                                    </u>	<u>_56.4°</u>	
		28.2 V (default for PLI	2400-24)	
		<u> </u>		
		be configured. If the b for more than 3 secon	ected in program 05, this program can pattery voltage drops below this level ds, the inverter switches off to protect of the AC load power.	
	Low DC / battery cut-off voltage	The range of settings is from 40.0 V to 54.0 V in 0.1 V increments for each click for the PLI 5000-48.		
29		The range of settings is from 20.0 V to 24.0 V in 0.1 V increments for each click for the PLI 2400-24.		
		42.0 V (default for PLI	5000-48) BATT	
		<u>    [0    </u> 23	<u>    420                                </u>	
		21.0 V (default for PLI	2400-24)	
		<u>    [0</u> 23		
		Solar power balance	If selected, solar input power will be	
	Solar power balance: when enabled, solar input power will be automatically adjusted according to connected	enable (default):	automatically adjusted according to the following formula:	
		⊐ <sub>⊘</sub> i_ <u>56£</u>	Max. input solar power =	
			Max. battery charging power +	
		Solar power balance	connected load power If selected, the solar input power will	
31		disable:	be the same as the max. battery	
		31 562	charging power no matter how	
	load power.		much power the connected loads	
			require. The max. battery charging power will be based on the current	
			setting in program 02:	
			Max. input solar power =	
			Max. battery charging power	

		If "User-Defined" is set	ected in program 05, this program can		
		be configured.	If "User-Defined" is selected in program 05, this program can		
		-			
		<b>3 3</b>	utomatic" and from 5 min. to 900		
	Boost charging time	min. The increment of			
32	(absorption charging	Automatic	If selected, the device will set this		
	stage, see <i>Figure 12</i> )	IIA YL	automatically, as described in		
		Ø	"Charge Mode Specifications"		
		120 minutes (default)			
		150   150			
		If "Flooded" or "User-I	Defined" is selected in program 05,		
	Battery equalisation	this program can be co	onfigured.		
33	(see chapter "Battery	Battery equalisation	Battery equalisation disable		
55	Equalisation")	enable	(default)		
		<u> 133 EEU</u>	3 <u>3 EdS</u>		
		The range of settings i	The range of settings is from 48.0 V to 64.0 V in 0.1 V		
		increments for each cli	increments for each click for the PLI 5000-48.		
		The range of settings i	s from 24.0 V to 29.2 V in 0.1 V		
	Battery equalisation	increments for each cli	ick for the PLI 2400-24.		
34	voltage	60.0 V (default for PLI	5000-48)		
5.	(see Figure 12)	En 3Å			
		29.2 V (default for PLI	2400-24)		
		CH 20			
	Battery equalisation	60 min (default)	The setting range is from 5 min to		
35	duration	35 60	900 min. The increment of each		
	(see Figure 12)		click is 5 min.		
	Battery equalisation	120 min (default)	The setting range is from 5 min to		
36	timeout	76 120	900 min. The increment of each		
	(see Figure 13)		click is 5 min.		
	Battery equalisation	30 days (default)	The setting range is from 0 to 90		
37	interval	131 304	days. The increment of each click is		
	(see chapter " <b>Battery</b>		1 day.		
	Equalisation")				

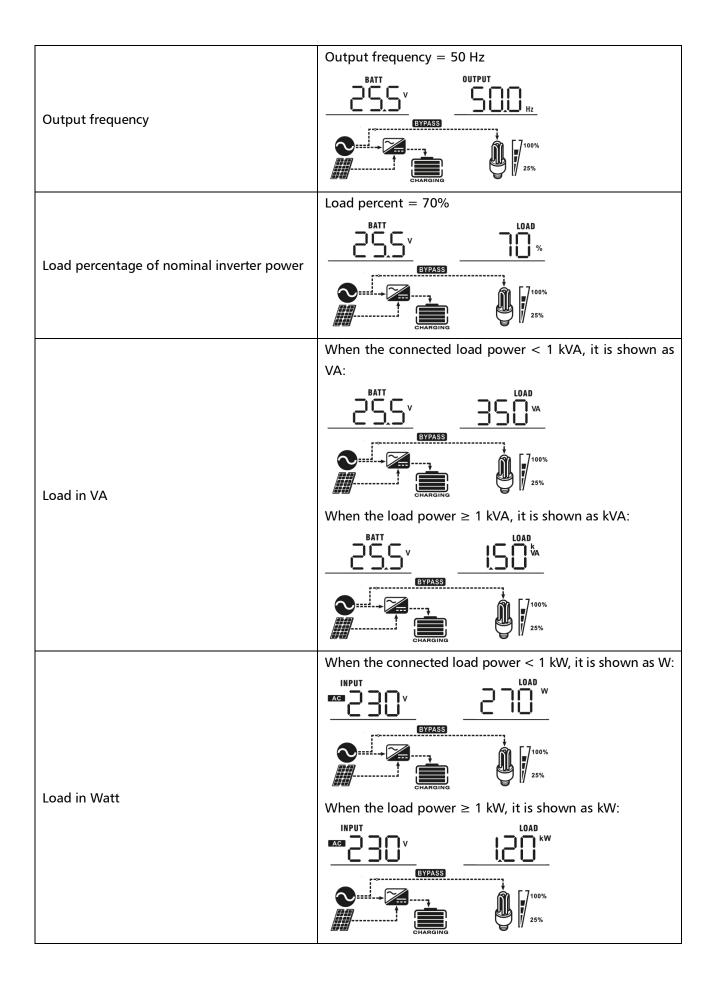
38	Allow neutral and protective earth of AC output to be connected together: when enabled, inverter can deliver a signal to trigger an additional external grounding box to short neutral (N) and protective earth (PE), see chapter " <b>Dry Contact Signal</b> " for	This function is only usable when the inverter is connected to an external grounding box. When the inverter is working in battery mode (AC input is disconnected), it will trigger the dry contact and thus the grounding box to connect neutral and protective earth of the AC output together. Disable: dry contact is for triggering external power sources like gensets (default) $\underline{\squareEE}$
det (on	details. (only available for Solarix PLI 5000-48)	
39	Battery equalisation activated / forced immediately	If the equalisation function is enabled in program 33, this program can be configured. If "Enable" is selected in this program, battery equalisation will commence immediately and LCD main page will shows " $\square$ ". If "Disable" is selected, it will cancel the equalisation function until next activated by the equalization interval defined in program 37 setting. During scheduled equalisation " $\square$ " will not be shown in the LCD default view. Enable Disable (default) $\square$

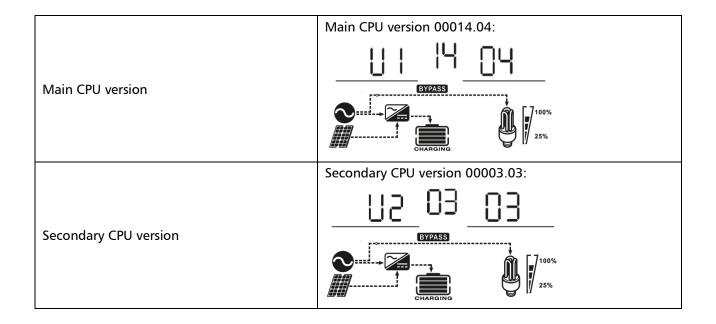
Any setting programs not explicitly mentioned in this chapter are irrelevant when using a single unit and should not be changed!

## **Display Setting**

The LCD display information can be cycled by pressing the "UP" or "DOWN" button. The selectable information is cycled in this order: input voltage, input frequency, PV voltage, charging current, charging power, battery voltage, output voltage, output frequency, load percentage, load in VA, load in Watt, DC discharging current, main CPU version and second CPU version. The values shown are examples only and not necessarily valid for all inverter models.

Selectable information	LC-display
AC input voltage / AC output voltage (default display view)	Input voltage = 230 V, output voltage = 230 V INPUT INPU
AC Input frequency	Input frequency = 50 Hz INPUT INO
PV voltage	PV  voltage = 60  V $PV  voltage = 60  V$
PV charging current	PV charging current = 50 A BATT A $230^{v}$ EVEX.55 E
PC charging power	PV Charging power = 500 W M = 500  w $M = 500  w$ $M$
Battery voltage / DC discharging current	Battery voltage = 25.5 V, discharging current = 1 A





## **Operating Mode Description**

Operation mode	Description	LC-display
<ul> <li>Stand-by mode / power saving mode</li> <li>Note: <ul> <li>Stand-by mode: The inverter is not powered on yet but at this time, the inverter can charge the battery without AC output.</li> <li>Power saving mode: If enabled, the AC output of the inverter will be turned off when the connected</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	No AC output is supplied by the unit but it can charge batteries.	Charging by AC input and PV energy.
load is below ~ 50 W and turn back on when the load is above ~ 100 W.		No charging.
<ul> <li>Fault mode</li> <li>Note:</li> <li>Errors are caused by internal circuit errors or external causes such as over-temperature, a short-circuited output etc.</li> </ul>	PV energy can charge batteries, depending on the type of fault.	Charging by PV energy.
Line mode	The unit will provide power from the AC input directly to the AC output. It can also charge the battery in line mode.	Charging by PV energy. EYPASS Charging from AC input. EYPASS Charging from AC input. EYPASS Charging from AC input. EYPASS Charging from AC input.

		Power from battery and PV energy.
Battery mode	The unit will provide AC output power from the battery and PV power. Simultaneous charging from the AC input is not possible.	Power from battery only.

## Fault Reference Code

Fault Code	Fault Event	Display symbol shown
01	Fan is locked when inverter is off	
02	Over temperature	
03	Battery voltage is too high	
04	Battery voltage is too low	
05	Output short-circuited / over-loaded or over-temperature is detected by internal inverter components	<u>US</u>
06	Output voltage is abnormal	06
07	Overload time-out / duration too long	
08	Internal bus voltage is too high	
09	Battery soft-start failed	09
11	Main relay failed	
51	Over-current or surge	5
52	Internal bus voltage is too low	52
53	Inverter soft-start failed	53,
55	DC voltage detected on AC output	[55]
56	Battery disconnected	<u>56</u>
57	Current sensor failed	
58	AC output voltage is too low	

Warning Code	Warning Event	Audible Alarm	Icon flashing
01	Fan is locked when inverter is on	Beeps three times every second	
03	Battery is over-charged	Beeps once every second	<u>[]</u> ]
04	Low battery voltage	Beeps once every second	<u>[</u> ]4] <sup>a</sup>
07	Overload	Beeps once every 1/2 second	
10	Output power derating	Beeps twice every 3 seconds	
12	Solar charger stopped due to low battery voltage		
13	Solar charger stopped due to high PV voltage		[I] <sup></sup> ≜
14	Solar charger stopped due to overload		[IY] <sup>A</sup>
69	Forced battery equalisation active		[E9] <sup>A</sup>

## Warning Reference Code

## **Battery Equalisation**

The charge controller is equipped with an equalisation function. It reverses the buildup of negative chemical effects like stratification, a condition where acid concentration is greater at the bottom of the battery than at the top. Equalization also helps to remove sulfate crystals that might have built up on the plates. If left unchecked, this condition, called sulfation, will gradually reduce the overall capacity of the battery. Therefore, it is recommended to equalise battery periodically if it is a flooded / liquid-electrolyte type lead-acid battery. Refer to your battery manual or manufacturer for compatibility.

#### How to Apply the Equalisation Function

The function can be enabled in program 33, chapter "**Configuration**". Once the equalisation function is enabled it can be configured with the following parameters:

- 1. "Equalisation voltage" in program 34, chapter "**Configuration**". This defines the desired battery voltage during the equalisation phase.
- 2. "Equalisation duration" in program 35, chapter "**Configuration**". This defines the duration of the equalisation program in minutes.
- 3. "Equalisation timeout" in program 36, chapter "**Configuration**". This defines the maximum duration of the equalisation program in minutes. The duration may be prolonged due do voltage fluctuations at the battery or insufficient power from the charger. This timeout ensures that the equalisation process is stopped, at the latest after the timeout has elapsed.
- 4. "Equalisation interval" in program 37, chapter "**Configuration**". Once the equalisation is completed this interval defines when the charger automatically proceeds with the next equalisation cycle.
- 5. "Battery equalisation activated / forced immediately" in program 39, chapter "Configuration".

#### When Equalisation takes place

In the float charging stage, once the equalisation interval is reached, or equalisation is forced immediately with program 39 in the chapter "**Configuration**", the charge controller will start to enter the equalisation phase (see *Figure 12*).

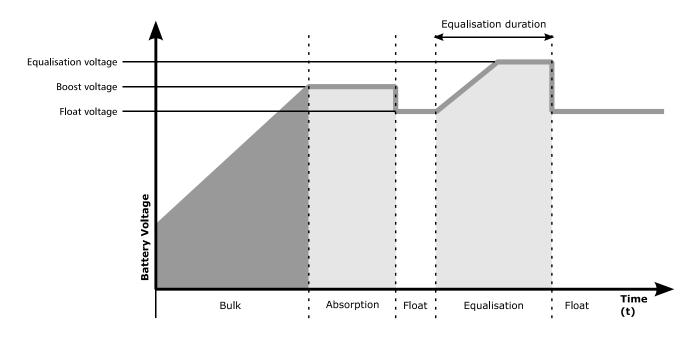


Figure 12: Charging curve

#### Equalisation duration and timeout

In the equalisation phase, the charge controller will supply power to charge the battery as much as possible until the battery voltage raises to battery equalisation voltage defined in program 34 in the chapter "**Configuration**". Then, constant-voltage regulation is applied to maintain the battery voltage at the battery equalisation voltage level. The battery will remain in the equalisation phase until the equalisation duration in program 35 in the chapter "**Configuration**" has elapsed (see *Figure 12*).

However, during the equalisation phase, once the equalisation duration has elapsed and if the battery voltage has not reached the equalisation voltage, the charge controller will extend the battery equalisation phase time until the battery voltage reaches the equalisation voltage. If battery voltage is still lower than the equalisation voltage once the equalisation timeout has elapsed, the charge controller will exit the equalisation phase and return to float phase (see *Figure 13*).

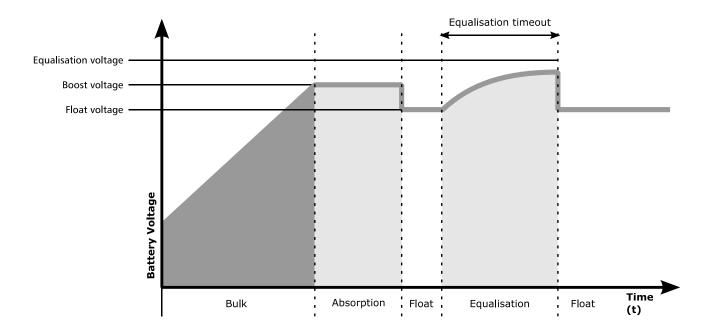


Figure 13: Equalisation timeout

# **Specifications**

## Line Mode Specifications

Inverter model	Solarix PLI 5000-48	Solarix PLI 2400-24
Input Voltage Waveform	AC sinusoidal (ut	ility or generator)
Nominal AC Input Voltage *	230	Vac
Min. Input Voltage Cut-Off	170 Vac ± 7 V (UPS mode) 90 Vac ± 7 V (Appliances mode)	
Min. Input Voltage Return		V (UPS mode) Appliances mode)
Max. Input Voltage Cut-Off	280 Va	c ± 7 V
Max. Input Voltage Return	270 Vac ± 7 V	
Absolute Max. AC Input Voltage	300 Vac	
Nominal Input Frequency *	50 Hz / 60 Hz (Auto detection)	
Min. Input Frequency Cut-Off	40 Hz ± 1 Hz	
Min. Input Frequency Return	42 Hz ± 1 Hz	
Max. Input Frequency Cut-Off	65 Hz ± 1 Hz	
Max. Input Frequency Return	63 Hz	± 1 Hz
AC Output Short-Circuit Protection	Line mode: Circuit Breaker rated at 40 A Battery mode: Electronic Protection (see program 06 in chapter " <b>Configuration</b> ")	Line mode: Circuit Breaker rated at 30 A Battery mode: Electronic Protection (see program 06 in chapter " <b>Configuration</b> ")
Efficiency between AC input and AC output (Line Mode)	> 99%	
Transfer Time between line mode and battery mode *	10 ms typical (UPS mode) 20 ms typical (Appliances mode)	

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	In Line Mode the maximum load	In Line Mode the maximum load
	current is always 40 A. Therefore	current is always 30 A. Therefore
	the available maximum power	the available maximum power
Output power de-rating:	depends on the actual AC input	depends on the actual AC input
Output power de-rating.	voltage. For example at an input	voltage. For example at an input
	voltage of 230 Vac x 40 A $=$	voltage of 230 Vac x 30 A $=$
	9.2 kW. And an input voltage of	6.9 kW. And an input voltage of
	170 Vac x 40 A = 6.8 kW.	170 Vac x 30 A = 5.1 kW.

\* As soon as a valid voltage and frequency is detected at the AC input, the inverter will synchronise its AC output frequency to the input in battery mode. This is to avoid a frequency mismatch between the AC input and AC output and to enable the fast switching times typical of uninterruptible power supplies (UPS).

Inverter model	Solarix PLI 5000-48	Solarix PLI 2400-24	
Rated Output Power	5000 W / 5000 VA	2400 W / 3000 VA	
Output Voltage Waveform	Pure sine wave		
Output Voltage Regulation	230 Vac ± 5%	220, 230 or 240 Vac $\pm$ 5% (selectable)	
Output Frequency	50 Hz or 60 H	Iz (selectable)	
Efficiency (DC to AC)	> 93% peak efficiency, > 91% efficiency between 20% and 100% of nominal output power at 48 Vdc battery voltage	<ul> <li>&gt; 91% peak efficiency, &gt; 90%</li> <li>efficiency between 30% and</li> <li>100% of nominal output power</li> <li>at 24 Vdc battery voltage</li> </ul>	
Overload Protection / Disconnect	5 seconds at $\geq$ 150% load; 10	seconds at 110% ~ 150% load	
Surge Capacity	2 x rated power for 5 seconds		
Nominal Battery Input Voltage	48 Vdc	24 Vdc	
Minimum battery voltage for power up of inverter	46.0 Vdc	23.0 Vdc	
Low Battery Warning Voltage			
at load < 20%	44.0 Vdc	22.0 Vdc	
at 20% $\leq$ load < 50%	42.8 Vdc	21.4 Vdc	
at load $\geq$ 50%	40.4 Vdc	21.4 Vdc	
Low Bat. Warning Return Voltage			
at load < 20%	46.0 Vdc	23.0 Vdc	
at 20% $\leq$ load $<$ 50%	44.8 Vdc	22.4 Vdc	
at load $\geq$ 50%	42.4 Vdc	22.4 Vdc	
Low Battery Cut-off Voltage (only valid for "AGM / Gel" or "Flooded" battery types in Program 05)			
at load < 20%	42.0 Vdc	21.0 Vdc	
at 20% $\le$ load $<$ 50%	42.0 Vdc 40.8 Vdc	20.4 Vdc	
at load $\geq 50\%$	38.4 Vdc	20.4 Vdc	
High Battery Cut-off Voltage	66 Vdc	30 Vdc	
High Battery Recovery Voltage	62 Vdc	29 Vdc	

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No Load Power Consumption	< 50 W	< 45 W
Saving Mode Power Consumption	< 15 W	< 14 W

## Charge Mode Specifications

Utility / AC and PV Charging Modes			
Inverter mo	del	Solarix PLI 5000-48	Solarix PLI 2400-24
Maximum Cl from AC Sou	harging Current Irce	60 Adc	
Boost	Flooded Battery	58.4 Vdc	29.2 Vdc
Charging Voltage	AGM / Gel Battery	56.4 Vdc	28.2 Vdc
-	rging Voltage AGM / Gel Battery	54 Vdc	27 Vdc
Overcharge Protection		66 Vdc	30 Vdc
Charging Alg	gorithm	3-Step + Equalisation (optional, see chapter "Battery Equalisation	
Charging Curve (valid for AC charging and PV charging): $T1 = 10 \times T0$ $10 \text{ minutes} \le T1 \le 8 \text{ hours}$ for "Automatic" in program 32, else T1 is the fixed value defined in program 32.		Boost voltage Float voltage Battery Current TO	Т
		Bulk	Absorption Float (t)

Solar / PV Charging Mode		
Inverter model	Solarix PLI 5000-48	Solarix PLI 2400-24
Rated Power	4800 W	1168 W
	98% max.; ≥ 96% between	98% max.; $\geq$ 95% between
Efficiency	1 kW and 4 kW PV	100 W and 900 W PV power at
	power at $\sim$ 90 Vmpp PV voltage	$\sim$ 60 Vmpp PV voltage
Max. PV Array Open Circuit Voltage	145 Vdc	100 Vdc
	Minimum 60 Vdc,	Minimum 30 Vdc,
PV Array MPPT Voltage Range	recommendation 68 $\sim$ 115 Vdc	recommendation 34 $\sim$ 80 Vdc
Min. battery voltage for PV charging	34 Vdc 17 Vdc	
Standby Power Consumption	2 W	
Battery Voltage Measurement	+/- 0.3%	
Accuracy		
PV Voltage Measurement Accuracy	+/- 2 V	

Simultaneous Utility / AC and Solar / PV Charging		
Maximum Charging Current	140 A	100 A
Default Charging Current	80 A	60 A

### **General Specifications**

Inverter model	Solarix PLI 5000-48	Solarix PLI 2400-24
Safety & EMC Certification	CE, for further details visit <u>www.steca.com</u>	
Operating Temperature Range	0 °C to 55 °C, derating from 40 °C	
Storage Temperature	-15 °C ~ 60 °C	
Degree of Protection	IP 21	
Humidity	5 % to 95 % relative humidity (non-condensing)	
Operating Altitude	1000 m a.s.l., 1% nominal power derating per 100 m over 1000 m	
AC Terminal (fine / single wire)	8 mm² / AWG 8	
PV Terminal (fine / single wire)	12 mm² / AWG 6	8 mm² / AWG 8
Battery connection (fine wire)	35 mm² 50 mm² / AWG 2 AWG 0	
Dimension (width x height x depth)	298 x 469 x 130 mm	275 x 385 x 114 mm
Net Weight	11.5 kg	7.6 kg

# Troubleshooting

Problem	LCD / LED / Buzzer	Explanation / Possible cause	What to do
Unit shuts down automatically during start-up process.	LCD/LEDs and buzzer will be active for 3 seconds and then complete shut-off.	The battery voltage is too low (< 1.91 V / Cell)	1. Re-charge battery. 2. Replace battery.
No response after power on.	No indication.	<ol> <li>The battery voltage is far too low (&lt; 1.4 V / Cell)</li> <li>Battery polarity reversed</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Check if batteries and the wiring are correctly connected.</li> <li>Re-charge battery.</li> <li>Replace battery.</li> </ol>
	Input voltage is displayed as 0 on the LCD and green LED is flashing.	Input protector is tripped	Check if AC breaker is tripped and AC wiring is correctly connected.
AC input is active but the unit only works in battery mode.	Green LED is flashing.	Insufficient quality of AC power (mains power or generator)	<ol> <li>Check if AC wires are too thin and/or too long.</li> <li>Check whether generator (if applied) is working well or if input voltage range setting is correct (switch from "UPS" to "Appliances" in settings program 03).</li> </ol>
	Green LED is flashing.	"Solar First" set as prio. of output source	Change the output source priority to "Utility first".

When the unit is turned on, the internal relay is switched on and off repeatedly.	LCD display and LEDs are flashing.	Battery is disconnected	Check if battery fuse & wires are correctly connected.
	Fault code 07	Overload error. The inverter is overloaded to $\geq$ its nominal power and the overload-timeout has elapsed.	Reduce the connected load by switching off some loads.
	Fault code 05	Output short circuited	Check if wiring is correctly connected and remove abnormal load.
Buzzer beeps continuously and red LED is on.		Battery is over-charged	Check if there are any external chargers directly connected to the battery. If not, contact your dealer.
	Fault code 03	The battery voltage is too high	Check if the specification and quantity of batteries meet the necessary requirements.
	Fault code 02	Internal temperature of inverter components is over 100 °C	Check whether the air flow of the unit is blocked or whether the ambient temperature is too high.
	Fault code 01	Fan fault	Contact your dealer.
Fau 08/ Fau Fau	Fault code 06/58	AC Output abnormal (inverter voltage < 190 Vac or > 260 Vac)	<ol> <li>Reduce the connected load.</li> <li>Contact your dealer.</li> </ol>
	Fault code 08/09/53/57	Internal components failed	Contact your dealer.
	Fault code 51	Over-current or surge	
	Fault code 52	DC Bus voltage is too low	Restart the unit, if the error happens again, please contact your dealer.
	Fault code 55	Output voltage is unbalanced	
	Fault code 56	Battery is not connected correctly or battery fuse is burnt	If the battery is connected correctly, please contact your dealer.

## **Guarantee Conditions**

The Steca guarantee conditions are available on the Internet at: <u>www.steca.com/pv-off-grid/warranties</u>

## **Exclusion of Liability**

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## Contact

In the case of complaints or faults, please contact the local dealer from whom you purchased the product. They will help you with any issues you may have.

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