

Photovoltaic inverter shutdown processing



Overview

Before jumping into the application of UL 3741 in PV installations, let's take a step back and look at the code requirements driving us to the standard. Section 690.12, Rapid Shutdown of PV Systems on Buildings, is familiar to most PV professionals. Regarding the UL 3741 standard, our focus is subsection 690.12(B)(2).

The premise of UL 3741 was to define the electrical hazards firefighters encounter when interacting with PV systems. The NEC threshold of reducing.

The solar industry has not implemented this new standard broadly, at least not yet. Few products have completed the testing to date [Editor's note: SMA's CORE1 inverter above is the most.

UL 3741 systems go against the grain of "typical" installations, so installers can expect some pushback from jurisdictions. As with many other advances within our industry, this will require.

Understanding what defines the critical components and how they relate to the listing is probably the most confusing and challenging part of applying UL 3741. The standard goes into great detail to define the various hazard levels.

Do inverter systems comply with module-level rapid shutdown?

Some inverter systems inherently comply with module-level rapid shutdown (NEC 2017 and later), while others require additional components to enable rapid shutdown.

What is a PV rapid shutdown device (RSD)?

Among the various safety mechanisms, the PV Rapid Shutdown Device (RSD) has become a critical component, ensuring that solar installations can be quickly and safely de-energized in emergency situations.

What is a rapid shutdown PV array?

One of these delayed provisions in 2017 allowed systems "listed or field labeled as a rapid shutdown PV array" to provide the necessary limits of PV

conductors within the array boundary. The code-making panel (CMP) recognized such a listing would eventually exist and proactively provided the industry with a way to meet this requirement.

Which string inverter is best for rapid shutdown?

SMA America, one of the most popular string inverter manufacturers, has its own rapid shutdown solution (a SunSpec-certified TS4-R-F) that can be installed on the back of panels. Similarly, Tigo manufactures power optimizer solutions, but they also offer inverter-agnostic MLPES–fire safety modules–explicitly geared towards rapid shutdown.

Which inverter is best for a solar panel system?

Microinverter and power optimizer systems–like Enphase and SolarEdge –are the most popular inverter options for residential solar panel systems in the U.S. Fortunately, both microinverters and power optimizers operate at the panel site and have built-in rapid shutdown capabilities.

How far away should PV inverters be placed?

By placing these smaller inverters within 10′ of the array that they are connected to, the PV system can meet the requirements of 690.12 and shutdown can be initiated upon loss of utility power without any remotely activated switches (see figure 8).

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