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INSTALLATION GUIDE USER MANUAL





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This symbol indicates information that, if ignored, could result in minor injury or damage to the equipment.
This symbol indicates information that, if ignored, could result in serious injury, damage to the equipment, or death.
This symbol indicates information that is important but not hazard-related.

## Warnings

Read this entire document before installing or using the Sol-Ark 5K inverter. Failure to follow any of the instructions or warnings in this document can result in electrical shock, serious injury, or death. Damage to the 5K inverter is also possible, potentially rendering it inoperable.



High Life Risk Due to Fire or Electrocution – ONLY qualified persons should install the Sol-Ark 5K inverter.



The system must have Ground connections and Neutral connections. Ground <u>MUST</u> be bonded to Neutral <u>ONLY ONCE</u> in the circuit.



Solar PV+/PV- are <u>UNGROUNDED</u>. Note, you may ground <u>PV Racking/Mounts</u>, but doing so directly to the Sol-Ark will likely result in damage in the case of a direct lightning strike to the PV array.



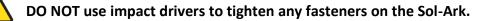
**DO NOT** connect the grid to the Load Output Breaker.



**DO NOT** reverse the polarity of batteries. Damage <u>WILL</u> occur.



**DO NOT** exceed more than 500Voc on any MPPT on the Sol-Ark.



MUST use Strain Reliefs ON ALL wires entering/exiting the Sol-Ark 5K user area.



MUST use conduit (or double insulated wire) for AC Wires entering/exiting Sol-Ark 5K user area.





### **Inspect Shipment**

A. Compare the package condition to the condition of the package in the photo we sent you before it left our facility.

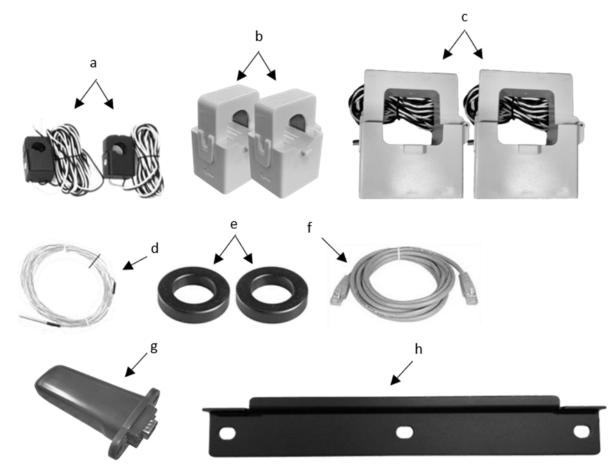


You must note any damage due to shipping with delivery driver before accepting the package otherwise the shipping company will deny any claim.

B. If damaged, contact us immediately at 972-575-8875 Ext. 3

#### Component Guide

- A. Limiter Sensors included: 5/8" CT sensors x2 (Inlcuded)
- B. Limiter Sensors if purchased: 15/16" CT sensors x2 (Sold Seperately)
- C. Limiter Sensors if purchased: 2" CT sensors x2 (Sold Separately)
- D. Battery Temperature Sensor: for voltage adjustment
- E. Battery Cable Toroid x2
- F. CAT 5 cable for parallel communications
- G. WIFI Dongle: For software updates and remote monitoring (use M4x10 screws to hold in)
- H. French Cleat: For wall mounting the Sol-Ark 5K





Solar	nput Power 5,000W
Max Allowed PV Power	3,250W + 3,250W = 6,500W
Max PV Power Delivered to Battery & AC Outputs	5,000W
Max DC Voltage (Voc)	500V @ 18A, 450V @ 20A
MPPT Voltage Range	150-425V
Starting Voltage	125V
Number of MPPT	2
Max Solar Strings Per MPPT	2
Max DC Current per MPPT (Self Lim- iting)	10A
Max AC Coupled Input (Micro/String Inverters)	9,600W

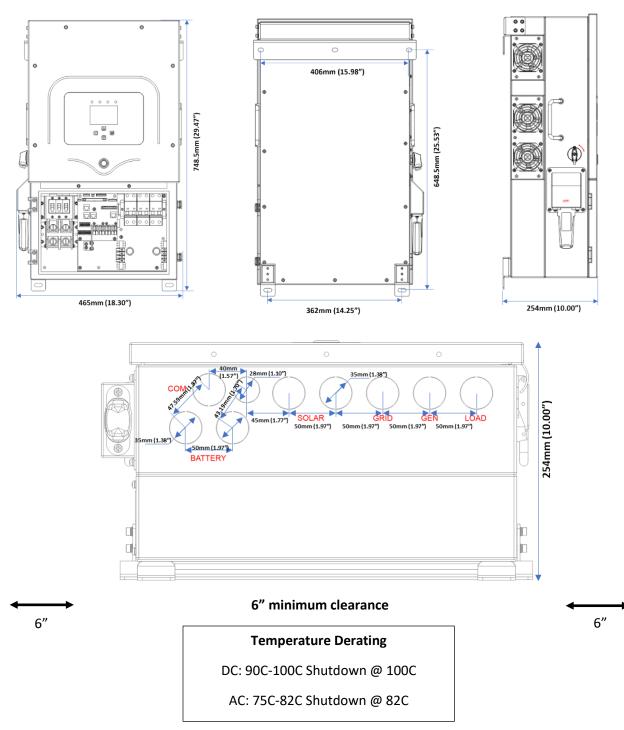
AC Output Power 5kw On-Grid & Off-Grid	AC	Output Power 5kW On-Grid & Off-Grid
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Connections	120/240/208V Split Phase
Continuous AC Power to Grid (On-Grid)	5,000W 20.8A-L (240V)
Continuous AC Power to Load (Off- Grid)	5,000W 20.8A-L (240V)
Surge AC Power 10sec Surge AC Power 100ms	16,000VA L-L (240V) 25,000VA L-L(240V)
Fault Current 100ms	104A L-L (240V)
Parallel Stacking	No
Frequency	60/50Hz
Continuous AC Power with Grid or Generator	15,120W 63A L-L (240V) 7,560W 63A L-N (120V)
CEC Efficiency	96.5% (Peak 97.5%)
Idle Consumption Typical—No Load	60W
Sell Back Power Modes	Limited to Household/Fully Grid-Tied
Design (DC to AC)	Transformerless DC
Response Time (Grid-Tied to Off-Grid)	4ms
Power Factor	+/- 0.9 - 1.0

Battery (Optional) Output Power 5,000W		
Туре	Lead-Acid or Li-Ion	
Nominal DC Input	48V	
Capacity	50 — 9900Ah	
Voltage Range	43.0 — 63.0V	
Continuous Battery Charging Output	120A	
Charging Curve	3-Stage w/ Equalization	
Grid to Batt Charging Efficiency	96.0%	
External Temperature Sensor	Included	
Current Shunt for Accurate % SOC	Integrated	
External Gen Start Based on Voltage or %SOC	Integrated	
Communication to Lithium Battery	CanBus & RS485	

General		
Dimensions (H x W x D)	30.0" x 18.3" x 10.0"	
Weight	78 lbs	
Enclosure	NEMA 3R	
Ambient Temperature	-25-55°C, >45°C Derating	
Installation Style	Wall-Mounted	
Wi-Fi & LAN Communication	Included	
Standard Warranty (verified by HALT Testing)	10 🕱 Years	

Protections & Certifications	
Electronics Certified Safety by SGS Labs to NEC & UL Specs - NEC 690.4B & NEC 705.4/6	Yes
Grid Sell Back — UL1741-2010/2018, IEE- E1547a-2003/2014, FCC 15 Class B, UL1741SA,	Yes
PV DC Disconnect Switch — NEC 240.15	Integrated
Ground Fault Detection — NEC 690.5	Integrated
PV Rapid Shutdown Control — NEC 690.12	Integrated
PV Arc Fault Detection — NEC 690.11	Integrated
PV Input Lightning Protection	Integrated
PV String Input Reverse Polarity Protection	Integrated
AC Output Breakers - 63A	Integrated
250A Battery Breaker / Disconnect	Integrated
Surge Protection	DC Type II / AC Type II



# Sol-Ark 5K Torque Values Application Note

Load Breaker	26.5 IN Lbs	3 NM
Grid Breaker	26.5 IN Lbs	3 NM
Gen Breaker	26.5 IN Lbs	3 NM
Neutral / Ground Busbars	26.5 IN Lbs	3 NM
Cover Screws	26.5 IN Lbs	3 NM
Battery Connection	90.0 IN Lbs	10 NM

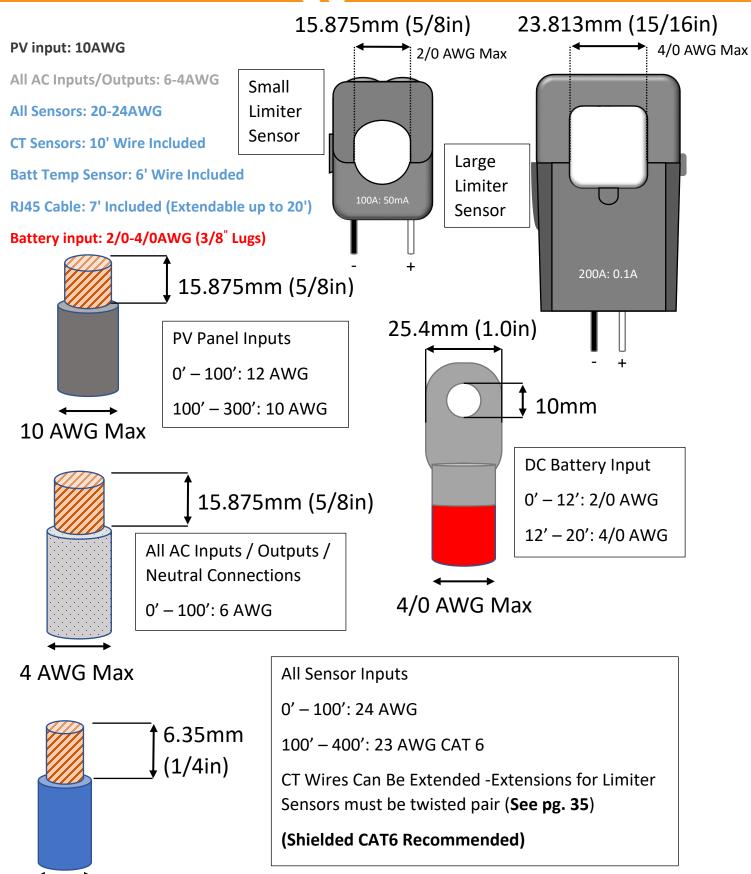


Do Not Use Impact Drivers to Tighten Any Fasteners on the Sol-Ark.



20 AWG Max

## Wire Gauge Guide (copper)



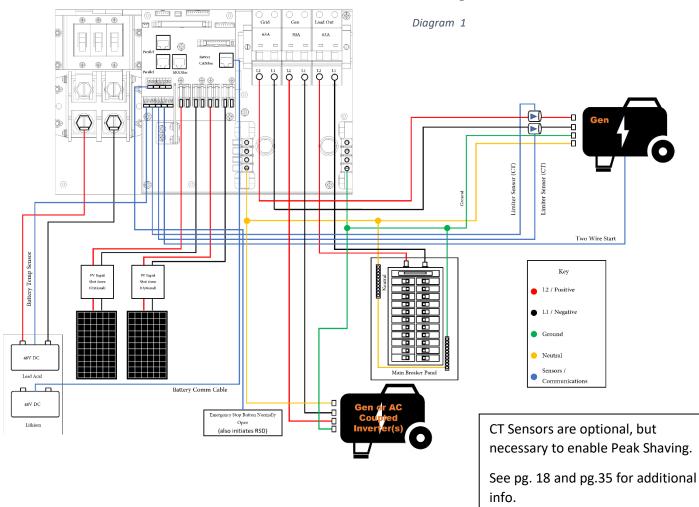
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These Single Line Diagrams (SLDs) are <u>examples</u> of common use-cases for Sol-Ark inverters.

Sol-Ark does not provide custom diagrams; however, you may contact <u>support@sol-ark.com</u> for any questions about an existing SLD.



Sol-Ark Off-Grid Standard Wire Diagram 120V/240V

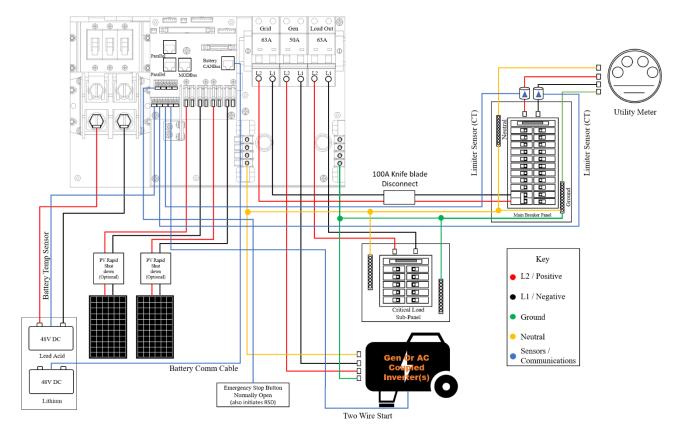
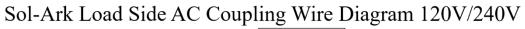
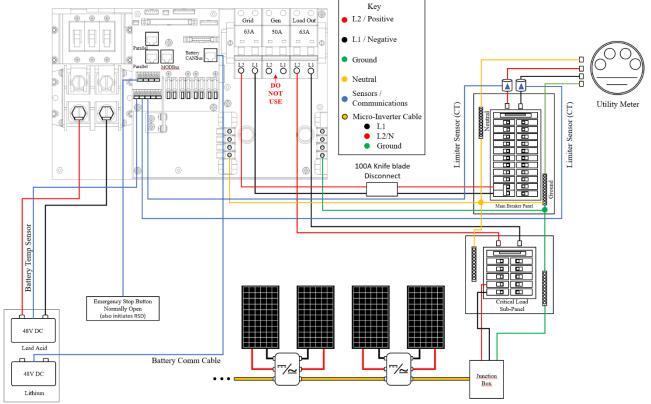
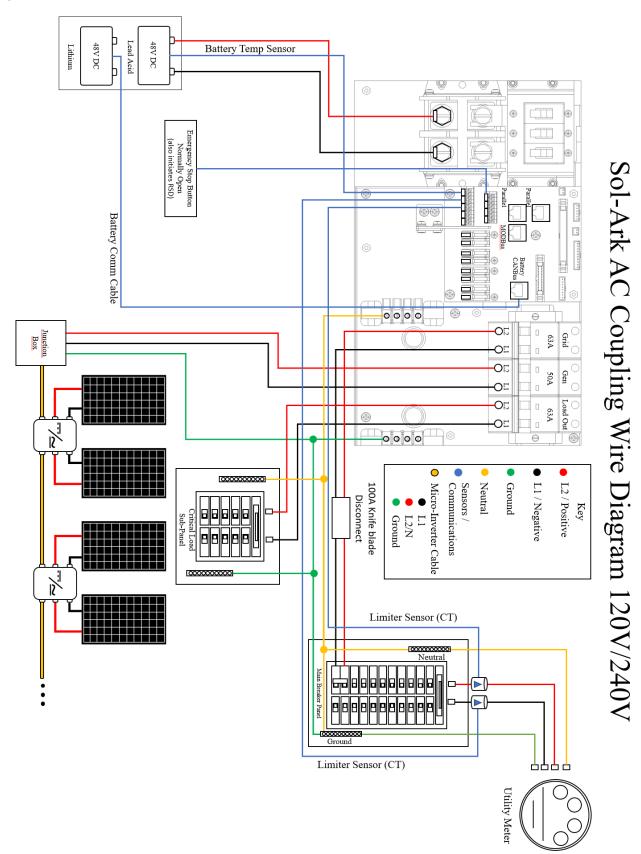


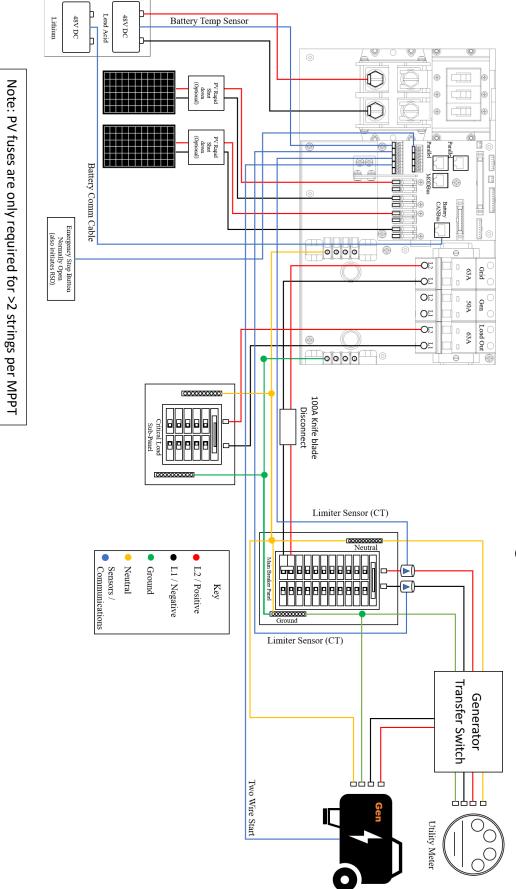
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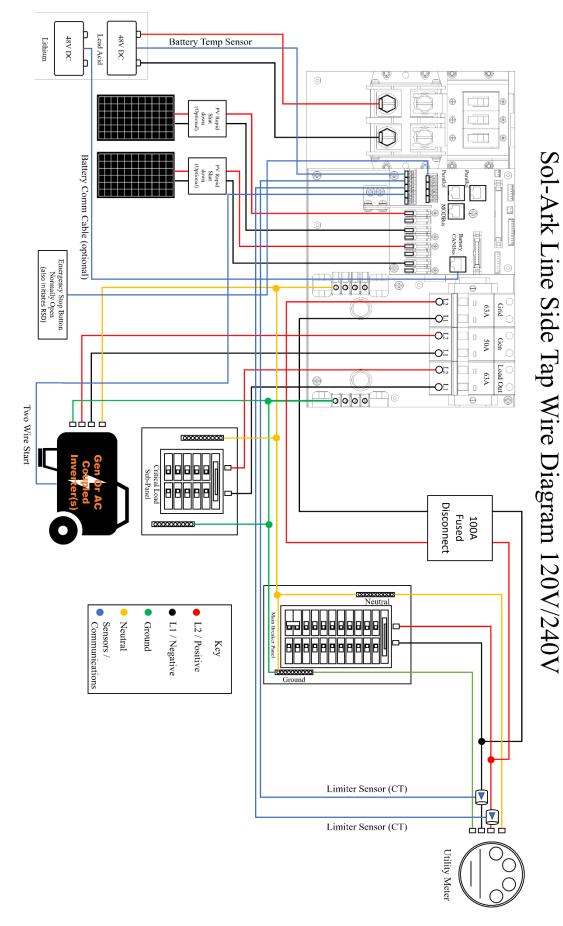


#### Diagram 4







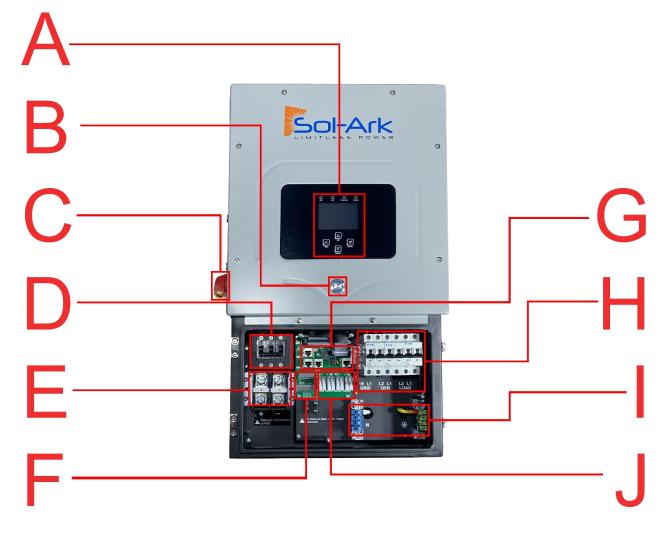


Note: PV fuses are only required for >2 strings per MPPT

Diagram 6



### **Inverter Components**



- A. LCD Touch Screen
- **B.** Power Button
- C. PV DC Disconnect Switch
- D. 250A Battery Breaker
- E. Battery Terminals (+/-)

- F. Sensor Pin-Out Board
- G. Comms/Paralleling Ports
- H. AC Breakers (Grid 63A/Gen 50A/Load 63A)
- I. Neutral/Ground Bus Bar
- J. MPPT Charge Controllers

## **Deciding Backup Circuits**

- A. We recommend subpanels and require them if you have Arc-Fault / GFI breakers
- B. Ensure you keep the inverter within its amperage limits
  - ON-Grid = 63A Continuous (pass-through)
  - OFF-Grid = 20.8A Conutuous | 67A Peak (10s) | 104A Peak (100ms)
- C. Verify each load circuit by measuring typical and max Amps with a clip-on Amp meter. Amps x 120V = Watts
- D. Install a subpanel for backup loads if you have Arc-Fault / GFI breakers, NOT a multi-circuit transfer switch

## **Single System Installs**

- A. Install Double Pole 60A breaker in Main Panel for Grid In/Out
- B. Best practice to install at the opposite end of the bus bar from the main breaker, which is usually at the bottom of the breaker panel (see figure above)

## **Mounting the Sol-Ark**

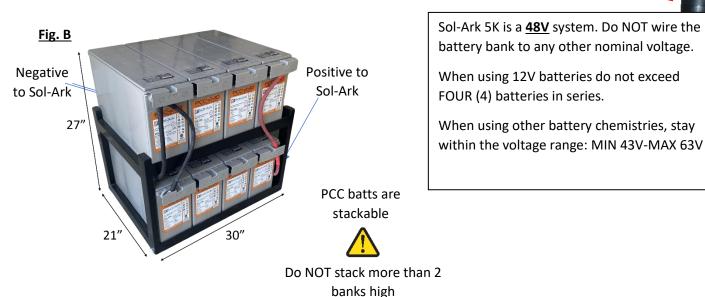
- A. Keeping in mind Sol-Ark's dimensions, find a suitable location for the system (s)
- B. NEMA 3R rating for Outdoor installations



- C. **PROTECT the LCD screen from excessive UV exposure**
- D. System weight = 78lbs (35kg). Securely attach to the wall. Affix a mounting board to studs using 6-8 screws
- E. Using 2-3 screws + washers (choose screw length and surface type) to mount the French Cleat to the board/wall
- F. Mount Sol-Ark on the installed French Cleat / Ensure Sol-Ark is level and sits properly
- G. Add two screws for the bottom mount

## Integrating Batteries (Sol-Ark POWERED "OFF")

- A. Connect batteries to Sol-Ark as shown in Fig. B below
- B. Install included toroids (Part e. on pg. 4) on battery input cables as shown in Fig. A to the right
- C. Ensure the built-in battery disconnect is OFF while connecting batteries, or arcing may occur



Do NOT reverse polarity of batteries! Damage will occur!

Fig. A

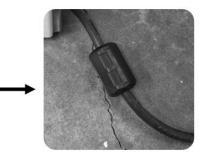
## **E.M.P Systems Only**

### **Suppressor installation**

• If your system was purchased with Lightning / EMP Hardening, the vast majority of protection is in the Sol-Ark. However, you also have EMP suppressors that get installed on the power cords of appliances that are connected to the transfer switch. Although not critical, it is recommended they be installed as close as possible to the appliance.

• You also have EMP suppressors that get installed on both solar panel wires with a zip tie. Closer to the panel is better. If you purchased the panels from us, we already installed >150kV/m protection inside the solar panels.



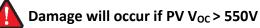




If using panels not from Sol-Ark

## **Connecting Solar Panels**

- A. Sol-Ark has DUAL MPPTs for two separate PV input pairs
- B. MAX PV input = 6.5kW (± 5%) / system | 3.25kW / MPPT | MAX 500V<sub>oc</sub> PV | MAX I<sub>sc</sub> /MPPT 10A (limiting to 10A)

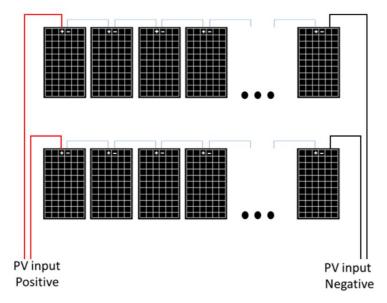


- C. Parallel strings per MPPT must be the same Voltage
  - i. PV1 A/B must be the same voltage if using both strings
  - ii. Panels on the same MPPT CAN face different directions
- D. Ground the panel MOUNTS/FRAMES to any ground in the Home via 12AWG wire
- E. Connect the solar panel strings as indicated by the following diagram:



Each string **can** use separate wires

String minimum is usually 5 panels or 175V





## **Integrating a Generator**

#### Generators < 10kW (GEN Breaker)— See Diagram 1-2

- A. ONLY supports 240V / 208V generators | 50A breaker
- B. Connect the generator output to the "GEN" input breaker in the Sol-Ark 5K user area
- C. THD of less than 15% preferred but not required

### Standby Generators > 10kW (GRID Breaker)— See Diagram 1 (OFF-GRID)

- A. Supports 220V / 240V / 208V generators | Depends on "Grid Type" selection | 63A breaker
- B. Off-Grid / Whole-home Generator on ATS installations require selecting "GEN Connected to Grid Input"

Home Screen  $\rightarrow$  Gear Icon  $\rightarrow$  Grid Setup  $\rightarrow$  Sell Control  $\rightarrow$  GEN Connected to Grid Input

C. Off-Grid = turn "Grid Sell" off | Only need CT's (on Gen lines) if using Grid Peak Shaving (see below)



#### Increase Gen/Sol-Ark efficiency

Select "Limited to Load"
 Select "General Standard"
 Increase Grid frequency range: 55-65H

#### **Weekly Gen Exercise**

If the Sol-Ark is up to date with MCU version xx73 or newer, and your generator has two-wire start compatibility, you will experience weekly generator tests.

These tests occur at 8AM (local time) every Monday by default.

The test takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. During that time, the generator will auto-start and auto-stop.

The generator will not provide power during this test. The generator may charge the batteries if the batteries reach designated generator start point, however.

## Grid Peak Shaving Mode (For Gen Connected to Grid Breaker)

- A. Prevents the Sol-Ark from overloading generators
- B. Must place the CT sensors so that they measure L1 and L2 of the generator's output, pointing arrows on the CTs towards the generator
- C. Sol-Ark contributes power above the "Power" value threshold to prevent overloading the generator
- D. This mode will auto-adjust the Grid Charge Amperage to avoid overloads

## Gen Start V or % (Grid Start if Gen on Grid Breaker)

Value batts need to reach **<u>BEFORE</u>** automatically starting a generator connected to the GEN breaker to charge the battery bank.



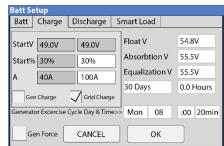
Sol-Ark will NOT charge batteries from a generator until the batteries reach this value.

### Gen Start A (Grid Start if Gen on Grid Breaker)

This is how many amps **(DC)** you can pull specifically from the Generator to charge the batts. To ensure you do not overload a small Generator, you will want to adjust the GEN or GRID Start A value. *Multiply value by # of Sol-Arks for actual current value into batteries.* 

Solar Arc Fault ON Clear Arc_Fault	ARC parameters 030000 045000
Gen Limit Power 5000W	000400 000050 000390
Load Limit Power 5000W	000055 238094
Grid peak-shaving Power 5000W	
Auto detect Home Limit Sensors CT ratio	2000
CANCEL OK UPS Time	0ms

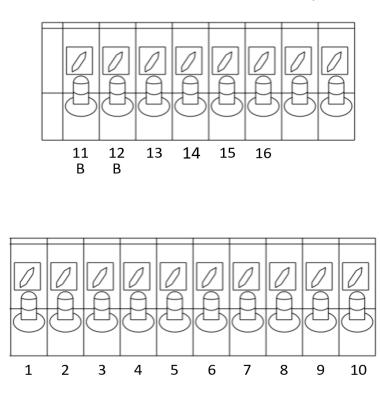
Display Time Advanced Factory Reset Parallel





Suppose PV production = 0W | Disabled TOU | Enabled Grid/Gen Charge: the batteries will be charged to "full" using the Grid or a Generator (if available) until the battery bank accepts only 5% of its rated capacity in Amperes. This value correlates to roughly 90-93% full for most batteries and is the generator's default "OFF" signal. If producing PV, the system will use PV to charge the batteries to 100% full instead.

## **Integrating Sensors and Accessory Placement**



#### Sensor Pin Out (Located in Sol-Ark user

**(1,2) Batt Temp:** Battery Temperature Sensor has no polarity and is needed for voltage correction when using lead acid batteries.

(+3, -4) CT1 & (+5,-6) CT2: Current transformers used for limited to home mode and peak shaving

(7,8) Gen Start Relay: Two wire start for generators, simple open or closed relay

(9,10) Gen On Relay: Not currently used

(B 11, B 12) Emergency Stop: Short these pins to initiate emergency stop. This will shutdown AC output from the inverter and initiate rapid shutdown of the PV.

(+13, -14) Optional 12V input signal for RSD

(+15, -16) 12V power supply for RSD transmitters: such as TIGO and Midnite Rated for a maximum of 1.2W (100mA @12V)

#### **Battery Temperature Sensor**

- Place between batteries with tape (See Fig. C).
- This sensor has no polarity and helps perform voltage charging adjustments and capacity calculations.

**Note**: Lithium Batteries do NOT require a Temperature sensor.

#### **Limiter Sensors (CT Sensors)**

- Install sensors on incoming electrical service wires on L1 and L2 (see Diagrams Section)
- Limited To Home Mode (meter zero) and Peak Shaving Modes require CT sensors
- To ensure the sensors will fit, please check the wire size before ordering
- See pg. 35 for additional CT sensor information.

#### **GEN Start Signal (Two-Wire)**

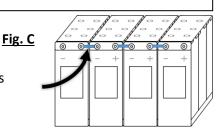
• The signal comes from a normally open relay that closes when the Gen Start state is active

#### CANbus & RS485

- To connect batteries to the Sol-Ark 5K via RJ45, you need to splice the end connecting to the Sol-Ark 5K
- Use the middle two conductors
- RS485 is SunSpec draft 4 (will not work with draft 3)

### Wi-Fi Antenna (Dongle)

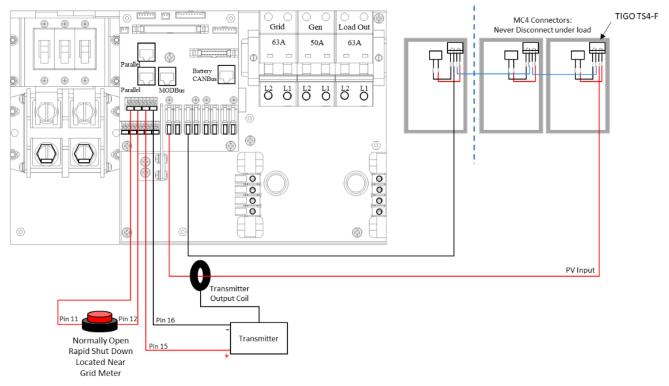
Remote monitoring and software updates require an internet connection through the Wi-Fi dongle



### Emergency Stop Signal & PV Rapid Shutdown Signal

Pins 11 and 12 use a normally open & latching switch to connect the two emergency stop pins that cut off the RSD power supply when triggered, thus stopping the inverter AC output.

Pins 15 and 16 provide the 12V / 100mA signal power lost when the Sol-Ark shuts down using the front button.



Emergency Stop Diagram (Only available on select hardware versions | Shown with TIGO TS4)

Rapid Shutdown: TIGO TS4-A-O | TIGO TS4-A-F | TIGO TS4-O | TIGO TS4-O-DUO | APsmart RSD S-PLC / RSD-D



- The Built-in 12V power supply in the user area of the Sol-Ark (Pins 15 and 16) is rated for 100mA (1.2W)
- Transmitter fits inside the user area of the Sol-Ark 5K but can cause interference (sometimes requires placing it outside of the user area)
- TIGO Optimizers are compatible with the Sol-Ark 5K (Do not use the built in 12V Power supply in the Sol-Ark user area to Power the Tigo Optimizer TX transmitter)

#### **Misc. Hardware Recommendations**

**Disconnect / Transfer Switches**: 200A Non-Fused Transfer Switch Model #TC10324R (GE) | 200A Fused Transfer Switch Model #DG224NRK (Eaton)

PV Fuses: 15A PV MC4 in-line fuse holder (ZOOKOTO or DPJ)

Electrical Panel: Any appropriately rated panel for your loads (Check local hardware stores for recommendations)

## Powering-Up and Testing the Sol-Ark 5K

### Check the voltage on each PV input circuit

A. Should be no higher than 500Voc Temp. corrected

#### A B. DO NOT connect PV+ OR PV- to GND

C. Verify polarity (backward polarity shows 0V)

### **Check Grid Input Voltage**

- A. Measure L1 to Neutral and L2 to Neutral. Ensure 120Vac
- B. Measure L1 and L2Ensure 240Vac
- C. Check Neutral and Ground are ~0V AC
- D. Verify L1 voltage on AC in/out is 0Vac with the main L1 connection in the panel Same for L2

### **Check Battery Voltage**

- A. Turn on the battery switch (if using a Lithium battery)
- B. Turn on the built-in battery disconnect in the user area
- C. The voltage should be 45Vdc-60Vdc

### **Provide Power to Sol-Ark**

- A. Turn on Grid Breaker and Load Breaker
- B. Turn PV disconnect switch to the "ON" position
- C. Press the ON/OFF Button on the front, and the blue light should turn on

### **Indicator LED's**

#### DC

- A. Green = DC Solar Panels are producing
- B. Off = Solar Panels are not producing

#### AC

- A. Green = Grid (or Gen or AC Coupled) is Connected
- B. Off = grid is not Connected

#### Normal

- A. Green = Sol-Ark 5K is working properly
- B. Off = Sol-Ark 5K is not working properly

#### Alarm

- A. Red = Alarm, check the alarms menu
- B. Off = No alarms



Turn ON with one of three sources of power:1) PV2) Grid3) ON/OFF Battery

#### **Power Cycle Sequence**

1. Turn on the Built-In battery disconnect

2. Make sure that Sol-Ark 5K is properly connected to the batteries, panels, grid, etc. (see system wiring diagram).

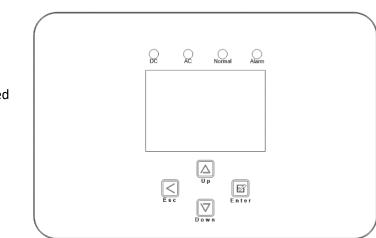
3. Turn on grid power breakers.

4. Press the power button on the front of the unit.

5. Make sure Solar panel inputs are not connected to Ground, then Turn on DC disconnect switch.

6. Turn on load breakers.

7. Reverse the steps to turn off





## Wi-Fi / Internet Connection

## **Remote Monitoring Setup**

#### **Ethernet Dongle**

- A. Open the dongle enclosure and thread the ethernet cable through the hole and plug into the RJ45 port
- B. Reassemble the dongle housing and plug dongle into Sol-Ark and secure with screws
  - If all is well, you will see solid red and green lights
- C. Register the dongle via the app or www.mysol-ark.com

### Wi-Fi (Via Cell Phone or computer)

- A. Plug Wi-Fi dongle into Sol-Ark
- B. Using your device look for an "EAP" network containing the last 5 digits of the dongle S/N
- C. Password: 12345678
- D. Follow the instructions in the upcoming pages



You can access PowerView on a computer with the following link: <u>http://www.mysol-ark.com</u>



### Download PV Pro App



iPhone: (Will only show up as PV Pro) https://apps.apple.com/lk/app/powe rview-pro/id1247121391





Android <u>https://play.google.com/store/apps/</u> <u>details?id=com.elinter.app.powervie</u> <u>w&hl=en\_US&gl=US</u>



#### **Attention Installers**

If you plan to add an install to your installer account for monitoring multiple installs, you must first make the plant under the **<u>customer's</u>** account.

Once created, the customer can share the plant, with **Manager permissions**, to the installer via the app ("..." under My Plants) or webpage (press the "..." next to the plant name in Power View).

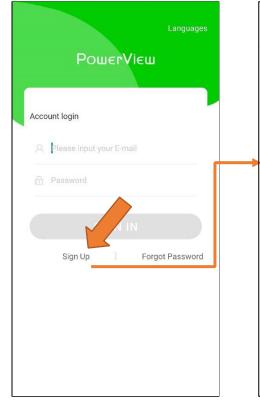


PV Pro App

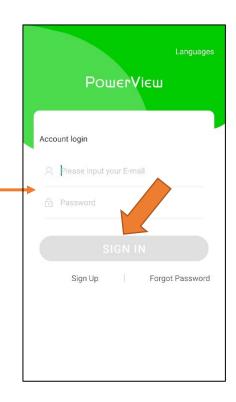




### **Create an Account and Sign In**

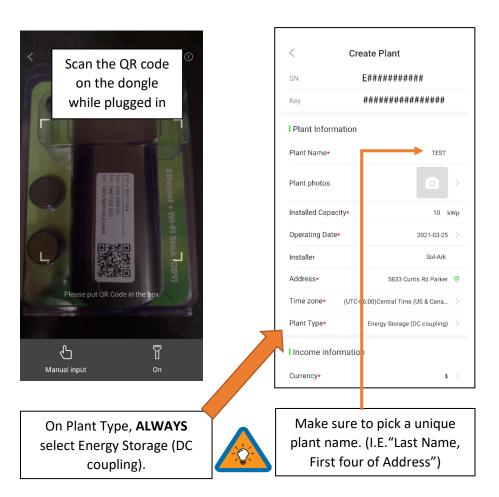




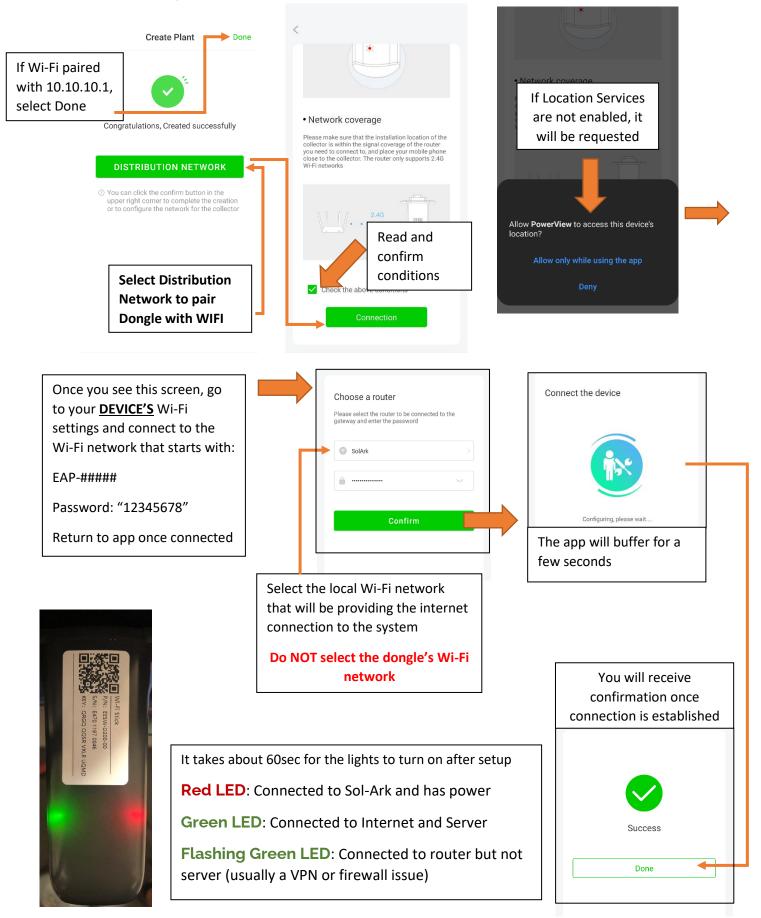


## Add a Plant

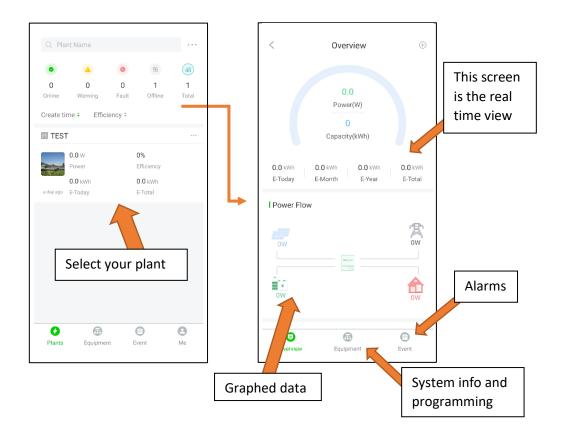




### **Connect the System to the Internet**



### **Start Monitoring The Data**

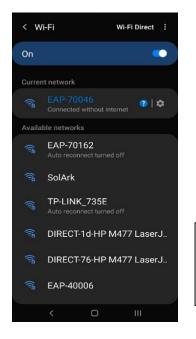


### **IP Address Setup Instructions (PC or Smart Phone)**

Please Note that this method only achieves internet connectivity. For registration and account management please use the app and/or <a href="https://www.mysol-ark.com">www.mysol-ark.com</a>

### **Connect to the Dongle Network**

A. Settings  $\rightarrow$  Wi-Fi  $\rightarrow$  Select the Network with EAP- ##### (The last 5 digits of your SN number)





Password: 12345678

**\*Disclaimer\*:** The Wi-Fi dongle does not have internet; You still need to be connected to the dongle for this process.

### Login to Web Portal using ANY Search Browser

A. Open Google or Safari  $\rightarrow$  type in the

search bar: 10.10.10.1

- B. Scroll Down to "Wi-Fi Connection"
- C. Press "Scan" to search local networks

### Select Your HOME Network

- A. Find the home network
- B. Enter personal Wi-Fi Password
- C. DO NOT SELECT DONGLE NETWORK
- D. Select "Connect"

Wlan Connect	ion	WI-FI ~
Wi-Fi SSID:	wifi_test	
Connection Status:	Connect Fail	
Using the f	ollowing static IP a	ddress
Address:	0.0.0.0	
Netmask:	0.0.0.0	
Gateway:	0.0.0.0	
		Save Scan
TP-LINK_735E		()
EAP-70162		
EAP-40006		
EAP-40004		((;
SolArk		
DIRECT-1d-HP	M477 LaserJet	
CableWiFi		
SpectrumWiFi	Plus	(
EAP-70070		((;
FreeMotion-2G		-

		_	Device Informa	ation
Cloud Inforn	nation		Serial Number:	E47011970018
Connection	Connect Fail		Register Key:	WSMQCERXVXL
Status:			Hardware Version:	AEW2-0001-02
Firmware Up	grade		Software Version:	4710119826R
Choose File N	o file chosen			
	Upg	ada.	Cloud Inform	ation
	Upg		Connection Status:	Connect Fail
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\*Disclaimer\* Connecting the dongle via the IP address only connects the dongle to the internet

**\*YOU MUST STILL CREATE AN ACCOUNT VIA THE POWER VIEW APP\*** 

### **Save Your Information**

Connection Status:	Connect Fail	
Firmware Up	grade	
Choose File No	o file chosen	
		Upgrad
Wlan Connec	tion	Wi-Fi ~
Wi-Fi SSID:	wifi_test	
Connection Status:	Connect Fail	
Using the f	following static IP	address
Address:	0.0.0	
Netmask:	0.0.0	
Gateway:	0.0.0.0	
		Save Scan

If Successful you should see a Red and Green light on the Dongle showing a successful connection.

**Red LED**: Connected to Sol-Ark and has power.

Green LED: Connected to Internet and Server

Flashing Green LED: Connected to router but not server (usually a VPN or firewall issue)





# Main Menus

Solar Today=53KW	/H Total=559.8KWH	Solar	Grid	INV	USP LD	Batt	System Setup 察	1/25/2021 03:05:27 PM Mon.
翻餐	55.2V	3882W	-3081W 60.0Hz	3702W 60.0Hz	621W 122V	-26W	Basic Setup	System Alarms
		L1: 263V	126V	122V	ow	54.70V		Only w/ BMS Lithium Mode
	$\checkmark$	5.4A	HM: -786W	15.2A	121V	-0.53A		
		1398W	LD:-1876W	1857W	640W	25.0C	Battery Setup	Li-Batt Info
12.00 -4.60		L2: 264V	122V	121V	Gen	ТЕМР		Sol-Ark 5k/8k/12k-P
	5.00 -2.40	9.5A	HM:1142W	14.8A	4V	DC: 55.0C	Grid Setup	- ID: ########## SD
• KW 8 • KW 12	• KW • KW • KW 12	2484W	LD:1205W	1845W	0.0Hz 0W	AC:49.7C		- COMM: #### - MCU: Ver####
System Alarms	1/25/2021 03:05:27 PM Mon.	0.00 V	0.00 A	0.0 C	0% 0	Ah		
Alarms Code	Occurred	0.0 V	0.0 V	0A	0A	0x00 0x00		
F13 Grid_Mode_changed	2021-01-13 11:22		Only w	/ BMS Litk	nium Mod	۵	-	
F13 Grid_Mode_changed	2021-01-13 11:20		00 A 0.0 C 0.0%	0.0	V 0.0A	0 0 0		
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# **Basic Setup**

Basic Setup	Basic Setup Basic Setup
Display Time Advanced Factory Reset Parallel	Display Time Advanced Factory Reset Parallel Display Time Advanced Factory Reset Parallel
Brightness Brep	Year     Month     Day     Solar Arc Fault ON     Clear Arc_Fault     ARC parameters       2021     10     26       Hour     Minute     Second     Gen Limit Power     9000W     000950
Auto Dim 📈 6005	Hour         Minute         Second         000390           Image: Time Sync         PM         03         04         15         Load Limit Power         9000W         238094
	Season 1 Season 2 Season 3 Grid peak-shaving Power 9000W Seasons Start M-D 1 - 1 4 - 1 8 - 1 Auto detect Home Limit Sensors CT ratio 2000
CANCELOK	CANCEL OK End M-D 4 - 1 8 - 1 12 - 1 CANCEL OK UPS Time Oms
Basic Setup	Basic Setup
Display Time Advanced Factory Reset Parallel	Display Time Advanced Factory Reset Parallel
Factory Reset System selfcheck	Parallel Modbus SN 00
	Slave Phase B
Lock out all changes Test Mode	Phase C Meter > Grid Meter > Load
Lock Grid Charging & Limited	Meter Select Meter Select
	No Meter No Meter
CANCELOK	CANCEL

# Battery Setup

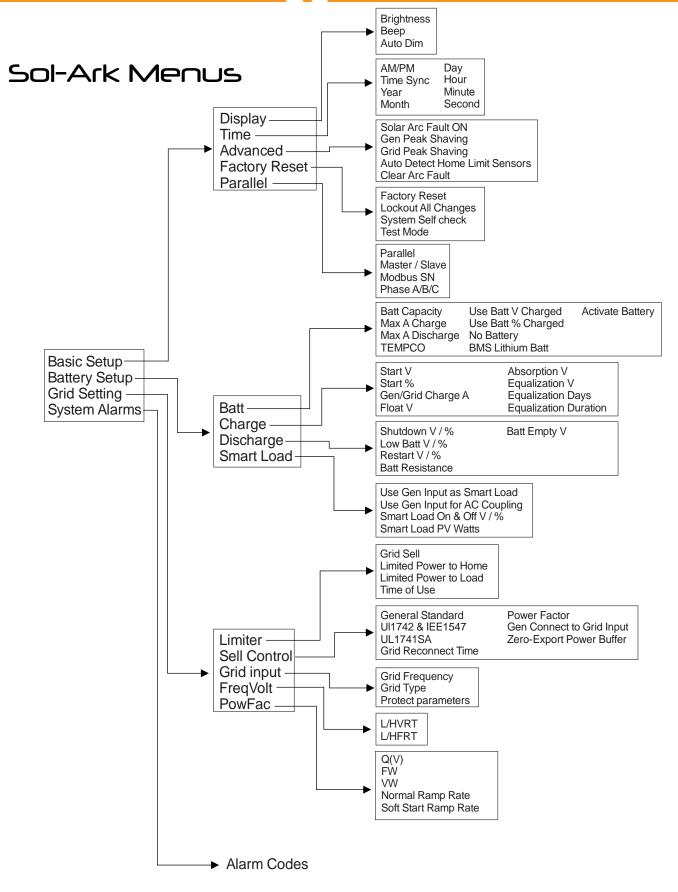
Batt Setup	Batt Setup	Batt Setup
Batt Charge Discharge Smart Load	Batt Charge Discharge Smart Load	Batt Charge Discharge Smart Load
Batt Capacity 200Ah Use Batt V Charged	StartV 49.0V 49.0V Float V 54.8V	Shutdown 46.0V 20% Batt Resistance 25mOhms
Max A Charge 100A Use Batt % Charged	Start% 30% Absorbtion V 55.5V	Low Batt 47.5V 30% Batt Charge 99.0%
Max A Discharge 185A No Battery	A 40A 100A Equalization V 55.5V	Restart 52.0V 40%
TEMPCO -0mV/C/Cell BMS Lithium Batt 00	Gen Charge Grid Charge	Batt Empty V 47.0V BMS_Err_Stop
📈 Activate Battery	Generator Excercise Cycle Day & Time>> Mon 08 :00 20min	
CANCELOK	Gen Force CANCEL OK	CANCEL
Batt Setup		
Batt Charge Discharge Smart Load		
Use gen input as load output For AC Coupled Input to Gen		
On Grid always on High Frz 62.00Hz		
Smart Load OFF Batt 51.0V 80% AC couple on load side Smart Load ON Batt 54.0V 90%		
Solar Power(W) Solaw CANCEL OK		

# Grid Setup

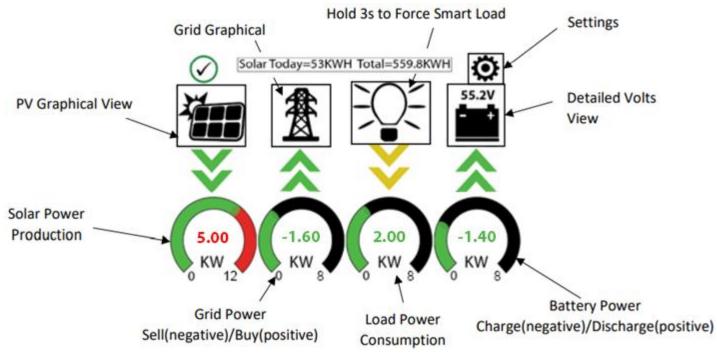
Time         Sell Control         Grid Input         FreqVol         PowFac           Grid Sell         08000         1:00AM         2000         50%	Cancel     OK     OK     OK     OK     OK	Grid Param         Limiter       Sell Control         Grid Input       FreqVolt       PowFac         General Standard       Grid Reconnect Time       60s         UL1741 & IEEE1547       J GEN connect to Grid Input         UL1741SA       Zero Export Power       20W         Batt First       Load First         CANCEL       OK
Grid Param         Limiter Sell Control Grid Input       FreqVolt PowFac Relay         Grid Frequency       50Hz         Image: Grid Type       Grid Vol High 270V         Grid Type       Grid Vol Low 185V         Grid Type       Grid Hz High 65.0Hz         Image: Display 120/240V Split Phase       Grid Hz Low 55.0Hz         Image: Display 120/208V 3 Phase       CANCEL	Grid Param           Limiter         Sell Control         Grid Input         FreqVolt         PowFac           L/HVRT         L/HFRT         L/HFRT           HV2: 252.0V         0.165         HF2:62.00Hz         0.165           HV1: 231.0V         125         LF1:56.50Hz         2995           LV2: 147.0V         105         LF2:57.00Hz         0.165           LV3: 105.0V         0.165         OK         OK	Grid Param           Limiter         Sell Control         Grid Input         FreqVolt         PowFac           Q(V)         FW         VW           V1:216.0V         Q1: 0.44         Fstart:60.50Hz         Vtstart254.4V           V2:225.6V         Q2: 0.00         Fstart:60.50Hz         Vstart254.4V           V3:254.4V         Q3: 0.00         RT:5.0s         RT:10s           V4:264.0V         Q4: 0.44         Normal Ramp rate         10.0%/s           Soft Start Ramp rate         10.0%/s         Soft Start Ramp rate         10.0%/s



## **Programming Guide**



## Main Screens (Touchscreen)



### **Detailed Volts View**

- Top row = Total power for column
- Middle Row = Line 1/PV1 voltage, Amps, and Watts
   (note: PV Voltage not to exceed 500V)
- Bottom Row = Line 2/PV2 voltage, Amps, and Watts

   (note: PV Voltage not to exceed 500V)
- Batt Temperature will show -20°C if the temperature sensor is not connected. Batt SOC % = % batteries are charged
- DC Temp = Temperature of DC conversion electronics
  - $\circ$  Batt  $\rightarrow$  AC
  - $\circ$  PV  $\rightarrow$  Batt
  - $\circ$  AC  $\rightarrow$  Batt
- AC Temp = Temperature of AC conversion electronics
  - $\circ \quad \mathsf{Batt} \xrightarrow{} \mathsf{AC}$
  - $\circ$  PV  $\rightarrow$  AC
- Grid Column
  - If selling to the Grid, Grid Watts = negative
  - If buying from the Grid, Grid Watts = positive
  - HM = power detected by the external current sensors on the entire home L1 & L2
  - LD = power detected using internal sensors on AC grid in/out breaker

#### **PV Graphical View**

- A. Displays power production over time for the PV array
- B. Use up/down buttons to navigate between days
- C. Month view, Year view, and Total view

Solar	Grid	INV	USP LD	Batt
3882W	-3081W 60.0Hz	3702W 60.0Hz	621W 122V	-26W
L1: 263V	126V	122V	oW	54.70V
5.4A	HM: -786W	15.2A	121V	-0.53A
1398W	LD:-1876W	1857W	640W	25.0C
L2: 264V	122V	121V	Gen	TEMP
9.5A	HM:1142W	14.8A	4V	DC: 55.0C
2484W	LD:1205W	1845W	0.0Hz 0W	AC:49.7C



Note: Reversed Grid Watt values may indicate incorrectly installed current sensors (reversed polarity). See Page 38.

### **Grid Graphical View**

- A. Displays power drawn from and sold to the grid over time
- B. Bars above the line indicate power bought from the grid
- C. Bars below the line indicate power sold back to the grid

This view can help determine when the peak power is used in the Home and for Time of Use programing

#### **System Setup Menu**

- A. ID = LCD serial #. Support uses the Wi-Fi serial #.
- B. COMM = LCD software version
- C. MCU = Inverter software version

## **Basic Setup**

#### Display

- A. Brightness adjustment
- B. Auto dim (must be enabled for the warranty to cover LCD screen)
- C. Enable/disable BEEP

#### Time

- A. Set date and time for the system
- B. Set up to 3 seasons for Time of Use to follow

### Gen Peak Shaving (Gen Limit Power)

Set the threshold at which the Sol-Ark will contribute to the generator to prevent large loads overloading the generator.

#### **Load Limit Power**

Set the total AC Output of the Sol-Ark, excess power will be curtailed. The default value is always the Maximum output of the inverter.

#### **Grid Peak Shaving**

Set the Sol-Ark's threshold to begin contributing power to keep the power drawn from the grid below the threshold.

### **CT Ratio**

Set the CT ratio; Default value is 2000/1. **DO NOT** change this value unless you speak with support, use of 3<sup>rd</sup> party CT sensors require our permission to not **void warranty**.

#### **UPS Time**

Set the delay to Sol-Ark's UPS transfer time; When set to Oms, the UPS transfer time will be 4ms.

#### Parallel

This tab does not apply to the Sol-Ark 5K, as it is a single-system solution.

System Setup		1/25/2021 03:05	5:27 PM Mon.
Basic	Setup	System A	larms
Battery	/ Setup		
Grid	Setup	Sol-Ark 8k/12 - ID: ####### - COMM: ### - MCU: Ver##	### SD #
Basic Setup			
Display T	ime Advanced	Factory Reset	Parallel
Brightness		$\overline{\nabla}$	Веер
Auto Dim 🗸		т т т	<u> </u>
_			
	CANCEL	ОК	

Basic Setup	)							
Display	Time	Advanced Factory Reset Parallel						
Solar /	ARC parameters ON Clear Arc_Fault 030000 045000 000400							
	Ger	n Limit Power 5000W 000050 000390						
	Load	d Limit Power 5000W 238094						
Grid p	Grid peak-shaving Power 5000W							
Auto c	letect Ho	me Limit Sensors CT ratio 2000						
	CANCEL	OK UPS Time Oms						

Display	Time	Advanced	Factory Reset	Parallel
	Mast			Phase A
Parallel	🔘 Slave	Modbus S	5N 00	O Phase B
Meter > 0	Grid	Meter > Lo	ad	🔘 Phase C
Meter Select	ſ	Meter Select		
Meter Select No Meter	( 	Meter Select No Meter		

## **System Alarms**

A. Lists all recorded System alarms in chronological order

## **Battery Setup**

#### Batt

**Batt Capacity**: enter the size of the battery bank connected to the system. Series = add Voltage | Parallel = add Amp-Hours

**Max A Charge**: set the max charge rate for the batteries (This also sets  $PV \rightarrow Battery$  charge rate)



Suggest 20%-30% of battery capacity for lead-acid

Max A discharge: set max discharge for battery bank (In off-grid

mode, the battery bank will discharge 120% of this value for 10 seconds before the inverter shuts down to prevent battery damage)

**TEMPCO**: Temperature coefficient used in conjunction with the batt temp sensor to adjust optimal voltages for leadacid batteries

Use Batt V Charged: displays battery charge in terms of voltage

**Use Batt % Charged**: Battery voltage can be misleading for determining the % Charged. So, we use algorithms measuring power in and out to measure a true value for % Charged. It compensates for aging batteries also.

### Charge

Float V: Set value appropriate for the batteries connected to the system

Absorption V: Set value suitable for the batteries connected to the system

- Absorption will stop at 2% of the capacity of the battery bank and drop to float
- Ex: 400Ah battery would be 8A

**Equalization V**: Set value appropriate for the batteries in use.

Days: the period between equalization cycles

Hours: period taken to equalize batteries



Note if Hours = 0 system will not equalize the batteries

**Gen Charge**: uses the gen input of the system to charge the battery bank from an attached generator.

**Start V:** voltage at which system will AutoStart a connected generator to charge the battery bank

Start percentage: Percent S.O.C at which system will AutoStart a corresponding generator to charge the battery bank

A: Charge rate from the attached Generator in Amps (DC)



Size this value according to the generator size

Grid Charge: uses Grid input to charge batteries from grid or generator

ie syster	e system							
< and drop to float								
Batt Setup								
Batt C	Charge	Discharge	S	mart Loa	ad			
StartV	49.0V	49.0V	1	Float V		54.8	V	
Start% 30% 30%			1	Absorbtion V		55.5	V	
A 40A 100A				Equaliza	ation V	55.5	V	
Gen C	harge	e	30 Days	;	0.0 H	Hours		
Generator	Excercise C	ycle Day & Tim	e>>	Mon	08	:00	20mii	n
Gen	Force	CANCEL			OK			

	Alarms Code				Occurred		
		F13	Grid_Mode_cha	anged	2021-01-13 11:22		
		F13	Grid_Mode_cha	anged	2021-01-13 11:20		
		_					
att Se	etup						
Batt	Cha	arge	Discharge	Smart Load			
Batt Capacity 200Ah		Use Batt V Charged					
Max A	A Cha	arge	100A	🗸 Use Batt % Charged			
Max A Discharge 120A		No Batt	ery				
TEMPCO -0mV/C/Cell		BMS Lit	hium Batt 00				
				Activate	e Battery		
		С	ANCEL	ОК			

System Alarm

1/25/2021 03:05:27 PM Md

**Gen Exercise Cycle (Day & Time)**: Set a weekly Gen exercise schedule. (Day of the week/Time/Duration Length) Gen **must** have two-wire start connected to Sol-Ark. To disable the exercise, set the duration length to 0 min.

### Discharge

**Shutdown V**: battery voltage at which the inverter will shut down (battery symbol on the home screen will turn red)

**Low Batt**: Low battery voltage (battery symbol on the home screen will turn yellow)

Restart: battery voltage at which AC output will resume

Batt Resistance: used in % SOC batt calculations

Batt Charge Efficiency: used in % SOC batt calculations

Batt Empty V: sets reserve capacity and improves % SOC calculations. It is not Batt\_I adjusted



(Recommendations: 45V for AGMs, 48V for Lithium Iron Phosphate)

### Smart Load (Gen Breaker)

- A. This mode utilizes the Gen input connection as an output that only receives power when the battery exceeds a user-programmable threshold.
- B. Enable "Use gen input as load output" to power high power loads such as a water heater, irrigation pump, AC unit, pool pump, etc.

#### Smart Load OFF Batt

Battery voltage at which the Gen Load will stop receiving power

#### Smart Load ON Batt

Battery voltage at which the Gen Load will start receiving power



Using Gen load for a water heater, we recommend that only one leg (120V) be connected to the bottom element. This significantly reduces the power consumption of the water heater while retaining core functionality (it will heat water, only slower).



Gen Load is limited to 50A at 240V (Do not exceed!)

#### Solar Watts is for on Grid

A. The system waits to turn on smart load until enough PV power is produced (when on grid)

#### AC Coupling Settings ("For AC Coupled Input")

- A. To use the Gen input breaker as an AC coupled input, check the "For AC Coupled Input" box (this feature will also work with "Grid-Tied" Inverters)
- B. The meaning of Smart Load OFF Batt and Smart Load ON Batt change in this mode

Smart Load OFF Batt: The SOC at which the AC coupled inverter(s) are shut down when in off-grid mode



90% recommended

Smart Load ON Batt: The SOC at which the AC coupled inverter(s) are turned on when in off-grid mode



60%-80% recommended

Batt Setu	ıp			
Batt C	harge Discharge	Smart Load		
Shutdown Low Batt Restart	46.0V         20%           47.5V         30%           52.0V         40%	Batt Resistance Batt Charge Efficiancy 99.0%		
Batt Empty		BMS_Err_Stop		
CANCEL				

Dett C	- 4					
Batt Setup						
Batt	Charge	Discharge	Smart Load			
Use gen input as load output			For AC Coupled Input to Gen			
	On Gric	always on	High Frz 62.00Hz			
51.0V	oad OFF Batt 80%		AC couple on load side			
54.0V	90% ower(W)					
500W		(	CANCEL OK			

When On-Grid, the AC-coupled inverter will always be on, and the will sell any extra power back to the grid. **AC Coupled PV Arrays will not work WITHOUT grid sell enabled (while grid is available).** 

To use the LOAD breaker for AC coupling grid tied inverter(s)

- i. You must select "For Micro Inverter Input"
- ii. The Gen Breaker is not used (even though the GEN breaker is not physically being used for this mode, AC coupling on the LOAD breaker prevents the use of the GEN breaker)
- iii. Wire as show in the preceding example diagram labeled "Load side AC coupling example"



Some load-side AC coupling installs will require a line side tap instead of the 50A breaker shown in the example diagram

## **Grid Setup**

#### Limiter

Grid Sell: maximum watts sold to grid

**Limited To Home**: Limits power produced by the system to match the demand of the Home

**Limited To Load**: Limits power produced by the system to match the demand of connected loads

Time Of Use: Control battery behavior w/ grid available

Time: When the System will sell batt/PV power to the Grid or Home

Power(W): Max watts called from the battery only at each time

**Batt**: The battery voltage or % at which the system will limit selling to the Grid or Home from the battery. The system will drain the battery until reaching that percent/voltage.

**Charge**: Enables grid/gen charging up to the voltage or percentage specified on the line during a selected period. PV will always charge 100%. If using a generator, select the charge box for the times that may need the generator, and the Gen will charge the battery to the voltage of percentage specified in the "Batt" column.

Sell: The sell check box allows the battery to be discharged for grid sell-back for that time slot



Note: If you need the batteries to never charge from the grid, **uncheck** the "Grid Charge" box under the charge tab of the battery menu.

## Sell Control

General Standard: uses Protect Parameters in table

UL 1741 & IEEE1547: Enables sell compliant functionality

UL1741SA: Enables wider Freq, Voltage, and Power Factor

**GEN connect to Grid Input**: Enable if Generator connects to the AC Grid breaker

Zero Export Power: Power drawn from the grid at all times

niter Sell Control Gr	id Input FreqVolt	PowFac	Relay
	Grid Reconnect T	ime 30	0s
General Standard	Power Factor		000
UL1741 & IEEE1547	GEN	connect to G	rid Input
UL17415A	Zero Expo	ort Power 20	W
	Batt F	īrst	Load Firs
	CANCEL		ОК

Grid Param							
Limiter Sell Control Grid Input FreqVolt PowFac							
	Time	Power(W)	Batt	Charge Sell			
Grid Sell 05000	01:00AN	1 2000	50%				
Limited Power to Home	05:00AN	4 2000	50%				
Limited Power to Load	09:00AN	1 2000	100%				
	01:00PM	1 2000	100%				
Time of Use Setup	05:00PM	1 2000	50%				
CANCEL OK	09:00PN	1 2000	50%				

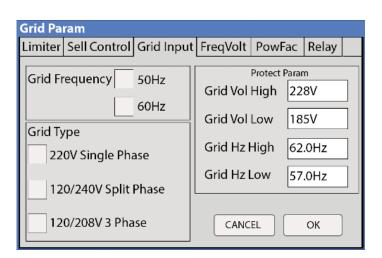
## **Grid Input**

Grid Frequency: Select the Grid Frequency connection Grid Type:

- 220V Single Phase (Call us before using)
- 120/240V Split Phase (North America)
- 120/208V 3 Phase

**Protect Parameters**: (when Settings when the system will connect/disconnect from the grid. UL 1741 & IEEE1547 do not use these parameters.

We recommend widening the frequency range when connecting a generator to the grid breaker (55-65Hz)





If 120/208V, the L1 and L2 are phase specific. So, you may have to swap Grid L1 L2 for 208V applications.

Inverter power cycle is required each time the input/output voltage is changed

#### **Selecting Power Mode**

Sol-Ark 5K will simultaneously use various power sources available to meet loads demand. The following power modes allow the user to determine the power sources available to the Sol-Ark 5K.

#### Limited Load / Self Consumption

- A. Sol-Ark will only power loads connected to it.
- B. It will not produce more power than the connected loads require.
- C. This mode will neither sell back to the Home nor Grid.

#### Limited To Home (Zero-Metering)

Main Menu  $\rightarrow$  System Settings  $\rightarrow$  Grid Setup  $\rightarrow$  Limiter  $\rightarrow$  Limited to Home

- A. Pushes power to the whole Home without selling back any excess to the grid (no net metering agreement required)
- B. This mode requires the use of the limiter sensors
- C. Power source priority is the same as Grid Sell Back

#### **Grid Sell**

Main Menu  $\rightarrow$  System Settings  $\rightarrow$  Grid Setup  $\rightarrow$  Limiter  $\rightarrow$  Grid Sell

A. This mode allows Sol-Ark 5K to sell back any excess power produced by the solar panels to the grid. **Power source priority:** 

1. Solar Panels | 2. Grid | 3. Generator (Manual) | 4. Batteries (until reaching programmable % discharge)

#### Time Of Use (using batteries during peak power times)

 $\mathsf{Main}\;\mathsf{Menu}\; \textbf{\rightarrow}\;\mathsf{System}\;\mathsf{Settings}\; \textbf{\rightarrow}\;\mathsf{Grid}\;\mathsf{Setup}\; \textbf{\rightarrow}\;\mathsf{Limiter}\; \textbf{\rightarrow}\;\mathsf{Time}\;\mathsf{Of}\;\mathsf{Use}$ 

A. Use the batteries to reduce power consumption from the grid during a user programable peak pricing time.

#### Power source priority:

1. Solar Panels | 2. Batteries (programmable % discharge) | 3. Grid (control when Grid charges) | 4. Generator

n							
	Grid Param						
	Limiter Sell Control Grid Input FreqVolt PowFac						
		Time	Power(W)	Batt	Charge	Sell	
	Grid Sell 05000	01:00AM	2000	50%			
	Limited Power to Home	05:00AM	2000	50%			
	Limited Power to Load	09:00AM	2000	100%			
		01:00PM	2000	100%			
	Time of Use Setup	05:00PM	2000	50%			
		09:00PM	2000	50%			

#### Simultaneously select Grid Sell and Limited to Home

Load (light bulb) icon on the home screen now includes both the load breaker power and the home's consumption.

### FreqVolt (UL 1741SA must be enabled in "Sell Control" tab)

#### Puerto Rico Grid Compliance Settings:

Grid Param			
Limiter Sell Control	Grid Inpu	out FreqVolt PowFac	
✓ L/HVRT		L/HFRT	
HV2: 288.0V 0.16	s	HF2:61.50Hz 10S	
HV1: 264.0V 15		HF1: 60.50Hz 3005	
LV1: 211.2V 2S		LF1: 59.20Hz 300S	
LV2: 144.0V 15		LF2: 57.50Hz 10S	
LV3: 108.0V 0.16	5		
CANCEL		ОК	

#### Kauai Grid Compliance Settings:

Grid Param		Grid Param	
Limiter Sell Control	Grid Input FreqVolt PowFac	Limiter Sell Control	Grid Input FreqVolt PowFac
		Q(V)	<b>FW W</b>
HV2: 288.0V 0.16	55 HF2: 64.00Hz 0.165	V1: 225.6V Q1:	: 0.44 Fstart: 60.10Hz Vstart: 254.4V
HV1: 264.0V 55	HF1: 63.00Hz 205	V2: 232.8V Q2:	: 0.00 Fstop: 62.40Hz Vstop: 264.0V
LV1:204.0V 205	LF1: 57.00Hz 20S	V3: 247.2V Q3:	: 0.00 RT: 0.5s RT: 10s
LV2: 120.0V 0.16	55 LF2: 56.00Hz 0.165	V4: 254.4V Q4:	: 0.44 Normal Ramp rate 100.0%/s
LV3: 110.0V 0.16	55	Response Time 10s	Soft Start Ramp rate 0.3%/S
CANCEL	ОК	CANCEL	ОК

#### HECO Grid Compliance Settings for O'ahu, Maui, Hawai'i:

Grid Param					
Limiter Sell Cor	ntrol Grid Inp	put	FreqVolt Pov	vFac	
L/HVRT			L/HFRT		
HV2: 288.0V	0.165		HF2: 64.00Hz	0.165	
HV1: 264.0V	15		HF1: 63.00Hz	205	
LV1: 211.2V	205		LF1: 57.00Hz	205	
LV2: 168.0V	105		LF2: 56.00Hz	0.165	
LV3: 120.0V	0.165				
CANCEL		_	0	к	

Grid Param			
Limiter Sell Con	trol   Grid Inp	ut FreqVolt Pov	wFac
$\sqrt{Q(V)}$		FW	VW
V1: 225.6V	Q1: 0.44	Fstart: 60.10Hz	Vstart: 254.4V
V2: 232.8V	Q2: 0.00	Fstop: 62.40Hz	Vstop: 264.0V
V3: 247.2V	Q3: 0.00	RT: 0.5s	RT: 10s
	Q4: 0.44	Normal Ramp rate	100.0%/s
Response Time	10s	Soft Start Ramp rate	e 0.3%/s
CANCE	L	0	к

### HECO Grid Compliance Settings for Lana'I and Moloka'i:

Grid Param					
Limiter Sell Con	trol Grid Input	FreqVolt Pow	/Fac		
L/HVRT		🗸 l/HFRT			
HV2: 288.0V	0.165	HF2: 65.00Hz	0.165		
HV1: 264.0V	15	HF1: 63.00Hz	205		
LV1: 211.2V	205	LF1: 57.00Hz	205		
LV2: 168.0V	105	LF2: 56.00Hz	0.165		
LV3: 120.0V	0.165				
CANCE	EL.	Ok	<		

Grid Param					
Limiter Sell Control Grid In	put FreqVolt PowFac				
<b>Q</b> (V)	VW VW				
V1: 225.6V Q1: 0.44	Fstart: 60.10Hz Vstart: 254.4V				
V2: 232.8V Q2: 0.00	Fstop: 62.40Hz Vstop: 264.0V				
V3: 247.2V Q3: 0.00	RT: 0.5s RT: 10s				
V4: 254.4V Q4: 0.44	Normal Ramp rate 100.0%/s				
Response Time 10s	Soft Start Ramp rate 0.3%/s				
CANCEL	ОК				

#### **PowFac**

Power Factor is programmable from 0.8 - 1.0



CT Sensors enable Limited to Home mode (meter zero) and Peak Shaving mode. CT sensors also allow the system to calculate loads powered upstream of the Grid Breaker in the home.

#### **CT Sensor Install Location**

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• CT sensors should be installed on L1 and L2 (also L3 for parallel 3 phase) upstream of everything in the home except for a Generator Transfer Switch, Knife Blade Disconnect or Bypass Transfer Switch (upstream of Main Service Panel and Line-Side Tap – see Diagrams Section Pgs. 8-16).

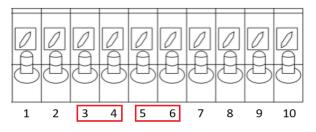
### **CT Sensor Size**

- Each inverter includes a pair of 5/8" CT sensors (fits up to 2/0 AWG service wires).
- There are 15/16" (up to 4/0 AWG) and 2" sensors available for purchase if needed.
- Dimensions refer only to CT sensor hole size, contact Sales at (972) 575-8875 Ext 1 to purchase larger sensors.

#### CT Sensor Extension Example

#### **CT Sensor Wiring**

- CT sensor on L1 should be wired to pins 3 (white) and 4 (black).
- CT sensor on L2 should be wired to pins 5 (white) and 6 (black).
- White and black wires for each sensor should be twisted along length of run.
- If needed, wires can be extended using Shielded Cat 6 (use both wires of twisted pair).



#### **CT Sensor Direction**

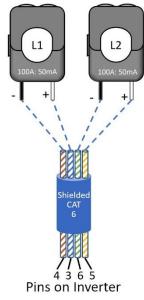
- There is an arrow embossed on the CT sensor housing to determine direction.
- Install pointing upstream to the service meter, **EXCEPT** in 3 phase installs where this should be reversed.

#### **Peak Shaving Mode**

Grid Peak Shaving is available with the CT sensors in the location described above and applicable direction.

#### **CT Ratio**

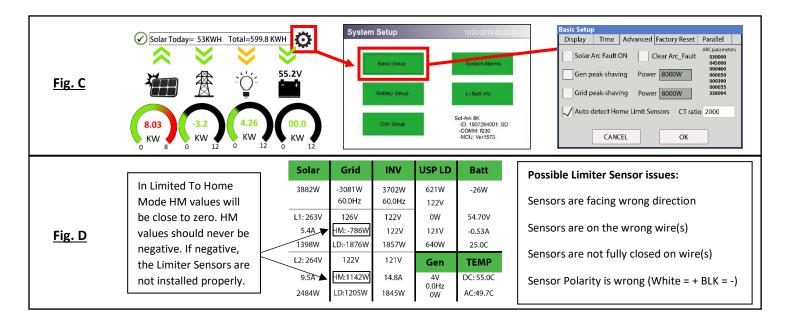
Set the CT ratio; Default value is 2000/1. **DO NOT** change this value unless you speak with technical support, 3<sup>rd</sup> Party CT sensors require our permission to not void warranty.



## **Limiter Sensor Automatic Setup**

# Requires Batteries, AC coupled panels must be off while detecting, and does <u>NOT</u> work for 208V installs. If you do not have batteries or are in 208V mode: verify CT sensor placement manually.

- A. Install limiter sensors as previously described (shown in all diagrams as well). Battery and grid connections also required before starting auto-setup.
- B. Navigate to the "Advanced" Tab of the Basic Setup screen (follow the directions below to get there) A. Touch the gear icon  $\rightarrow$  Touch the Basic Setup button  $\rightarrow$  Select the Advanced tab (see Fig. C)
- C. Select "Auto detect Home Limit Sensors" and press "OK"
- D. Wait for the Sol-Ark to finish its learning process (Sol-Ark will alternate sell back between legs and magnitude automatically determining the correct settings for the sensors)
- E. Verify sensors were correctly configured (see Fig. D) if they are not correct, repeat the learn function



#### Verifying proper sensor direction:

- Any loads in the home will show a positive HM (+) value in Watts
- Turning on solar panels and enabling Grid Sell should show a negative HM (-) in Watts if you are producing more power than the loads are consuming
- If you turn on limited power to Home mode, then HM: ~0 Watts to zero the meter (system matches the loads to within 99%)



If you installed limiter sensors (CTs) for Limited To Home selling mode, verifying the proper sensor placement and direction is critical. Remove one sensor from the main L1 connection, and the power should drop to OW.

## **Off-Grid Install Tips**

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Sol-Ark 5K will automatically operate in Off-Grid Mode without the grid (under the same power priority as TOU).

- A. Limiter Sensors are not required for completely Off-Grid installs unless using Grid Peak Shaving with a Gen connected to Grid input breaker.
- B. The Grid input breaker on the Sol-Ark should be used as the Generator input (4-30kW generators) so that you maintain Smart Load output capability when off-grid. Smart Load will allow you to run high-power non-essential appliances (hot water, dehumidifier, heat pump, irrigation pump) on solar power instead of batteries. Therefore, you will use Grid Charge (default) in the Battery Setup/Charge menu.
- C. When off-grid, there is no need for a transfer switch: connect the load output of the Sol-Ark to the whole home.
- D. Do not use Grid Sell or Limited To Home Modes. Only Limited power to load (default).
- E. The Auto Generator start functions as a 2-wire switch (closes the circuit when needing charging)
  - Auto Gen-start will be triggered when the battery voltage or percent reaches the level programmed in the battery setup menu. Then, the generator will continue to charge the batteries until they are about 95% full (this percentage is not programmable) before turning the generator off.
  - ii. When using the Sol-Ark to control a generator, an exercise function will turn on the generator once a week on Monday mornings at 8 AM
- F. We recommend changing the "Grid Reconnect Time" under the Sell control tab of the grid setup menu to 30 seconds; otherwise, the Sol-Ark will not charge from the generator until it has been on for at least 5 minutes per the default value of 300 seconds.
- G. Under setup for Grid/Sell Control, select General Standard and "GEN connect to Grid Input." Then go to Grid input to widen the input frequency range to 55-65Hz to work with any frequency generator.
- H. If you would like to use a wind turbine in conjunction with the Sol-Ark 5K, the turbine must have a 48V charge controller with a dump load to prevent overcharging the batteries. Connect the charge controller on the turbine to the battery bank the Sol-Ark is using, and the turbine will help charge the batteries.
- I. Don't forget to set the Battery capacity and reasonable charge rates.

## Grid-Tie / No Battery Install Tips

- A. Under Battery setup, select no Battery & disable Activate Battery (or system will beep).
- B. Note: a whole system power cycle may be required when changing the battery to no battery settings.
- C. Under Grid Setup, select Grid Sell.
- D. Touch Battery Icon to see the Detailed Volts View to verify your inputs & outputs.

Batt Se	Batt Setup						
Batt	Charge	Discharge	Smart Load				
	Use gen inpu	it as load output	For AC Coupled Input to Gen				
	🗸 On Grid	l always on	High Frz 62.00Hz				
Smart L 51.0V	oad OFF Batt		AC couple on load side				
Smart L	Smart Load ON Batt						
54.0V	90%						
Solar Pe 500W	ower(W)	(	CANCEL OK				

Batt Se	tup				
Batt	Charge	Discharge	Smart Load	Wir	nd Turbine
StartV	49.0V	49.0V	Float V		54.8V
Start%	30%	30%	Absorbtio	n V	54.9V
A	40A	100A	Equalizatio	on V	55.0V
			-		30 Days
Ger	h Charge	Grid Charg	e		0.0 Hours
	С	ANCEL	OF	<	

<b>Batt Setup</b>						
Batt Cha	arge D	ischa	arge S	Smar	t Load	
Batt Capac	ity	200A	h		Use Batt V	Charged
Max A Cha	rge	100A		$\checkmark$	Use Batt %	6 Charged
Max A Disc	harge	120A			No Battery	y
TEMPCO	-01	mV/C	/Cell		BMS Lithiu	um Batt 00
				$\checkmark$	Activate B	Battery
	CAN	CEL			ОК	
Solar	Grid	ч	IN	/	USP L	) Batt
Solar	Grid	d	IN	/	USP LI	D Batt
Solar 3882W	<b>Gric</b> -3081		IN 3702		<b>USP LI</b> 621W	D Batt -26W
		W		2W		
	-3081	W	3702	?W Hz	621W	
3882W	-3081) 60.0H	W Iz /	3702 60.01	?W Hz V	621W 122V	-26W
3882W	-30811 60.0H 126V	W Iz / 86W	3702 60.01 122	2W Hz V A	621W 122V 0W	-26W 54.70V
3882W L1: 263V 5.4A	-30811 60.0H 126V HM: -78	W  z / 86W 76W	3702 60.0l 122 15.2	?W Hz V A 'W	621W 122V 0W 121V	-26W 54.70V -0.53A
3882W L1: 263V 5.4A 1398W	-30811 60.0H 126V HM: -78 LD:-187	W  z  36W 76W /	3702 60.01 122 15.2 1857	2W Hz V A W	621W 122V 0W 121V 640W	-26W 54.70V -0.53A 25.0C



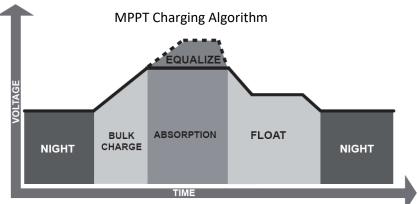
## **Battery Charging Information**

### **4-Stage Charging**

The MPPT has a 4-stage battery charging algorithm for rapid, efficient, and safe battery charging. The figure below shows the stage sequence.

### **Bulk Charge Stage**

In the Bulk Charge stage, the battery is not at a 100% state of charge and has not yet reached the Absorption voltage setpoint. The controller will deliver 100% of available solar power to recharge the battery.



### **Absorption Stage**

When the battery has reached the absorption voltage setpoint, we use constant-voltage

regulation to maintain battery voltage at the absorption setpoint, preventing heating and excessive battery gassing. The battery is allowed to come to a full state of charge at the absorption voltage setpoint. Absorption lasts until batteries charge at 2% of the programmed Ah size.

### **Float Stage**

After the Absorption stage charges the battery fully, the MPPT reduces the battery voltage to the float voltage setpoint. If batts have 100% charge, there can be no more chemical reactions, and all the charging current turns into heat and gassing. The float stage provides a meager rate of maintenance charging while reducing the heating and gassing of a fully charged battery. The purpose of float is to protect the battery from long-term overcharge.

### Battery Charging Setpoint Examples (48V)

Battery	Absorption	Float Stage	Equalize Stage	
Туре	Stage		(every 30 days	
			3hr)	Default
AGM / PCC	14.4v	13.5v ( <b>53.6v</b> )	14.4v ( <b>57.6v</b> )	
	(57.6v)			
Gel	14.1v	13.5v ( <b>54.0v</b> )		
	(56.4v)			
Wet	14.7v	13.7v <b>(55.0V)</b>	14.7v <b>(59.0v)</b>	
	(59.0v)			
Lithium	14.1v	13.2v ( <b>54.3v</b> )	14.1v ( <b>54.6v</b> )	
	(54.6v)			



- Batteries in series: ADD VOLTAGES
- Batteries in parallel: ADD AMP-HOURS

Battery	Voltage /	Amp Hours /	Total Amp	Max Charge/
Count	Battery	Battery	Hours @48V	Discharge Amp
4	12V	230Ah	230Ah	100A
8	12V	230Ah	460Ah	120A
12	12V	230Ah	690Ah	120A
16	12V	230Ah	920Ah	120A

### Calculating Battery Bank's Amp-Hours (PCC 230)

#### Sol-Ark PCC-230 Battery

Batt Capacity: 230Ah x #Parallel\_Batteries (1 parallel = 4 Batt in series, 2 = 8 Batt, 3 = 12 Batt, 4 = 16 Batt) Max A Charge: 100A x #Parallel\_Batteries Max A Discharge: 100A x #Parallel Batteries Max A Grid Charge: 50A x #Parallel\_Batteries TEMPCO: -5mV/C/Cell Float V: 53.6V Absorption V: 57.6V Equalization V: 57.6V **Equalization Days: 30 Equalization Duration: 3 Hours** Recommended Shutdown V / Percentage: 47.0V & 20% Recommended Low Batt V / Percentage: 47.5V & 35% Recommended Restart V / Percentage: 52.0V & 50% Battery Resistance: 35mOhms (8 Batt) or 25mOhms (16 Batt) Battery Charge Efficiency: 99% Battery Empty Voltage: 45V

#### Generation 2 Fortress Battery-eVault18.5

Batt Capacity: 360Ah x #Parallel Batteries Max A Charge: 120A (100A for life) x #Parallel Batteries Max A Discharge: 120A x #Parallel Batteries Max A Grid Charge: 100A x #Parallel\_Batteries TEMPCO: 0mV/C/Cell BMS Lithium Batt: 04 Float V: 54.2V Absorption V: 54.4V Equalization V: 55.5V Equalization Days: 30 Equalization Duration: 1 Hours (tops off battery) Recommended Shutdown V / Percentage: 51.3V & 20% Recommended Low Batt V / Percentage: 51.7V & 30% Recommended Restart V / Percentage: 51.9V & 40% Battery Resistance: 5mOhms Battery Charge Efficiency: 99% Battery Empty Voltage: 45V

Time	Watts	SOC	GridCharge
1:00AM	1500*Par_Batts	70%	
5:00AM	1500*Par_Batts	70%	
9:00AM	1500*Par_Batts	70%	
1:00PM	1500*Par_Batts	100%	
4:00PM	1500*Par_Batts	70%	
9:00PM	1500*Par_Batts	70%	

These settings will charge the batteries off solar only. Discharge the batteries down to a maximum of 70% full.

Limited To Home mode will not sell to the grid from the batteries (only the home will use battery power). The 100% time slot is to ensure that the batteries are properly cycled each day.

Time	Watts	SOC	GridCharge
1:00AM	5000	40%	
5:00AM	5000	40%	
9:00AM	5000	40%	
1:00PM	5000	40%	
5:00PM	5000	40%	
9:00PM	5000	40%	

These settings will charge the batteries off solar only. Discharge the batteries down to a maximum of 40% full.

Limited To Home mode will not sell to the grid from the batteries (only the home will use battery power).

#### Simpliphi Power: PHI 3.8 Battery 48V

Batt Capacity: 75Ah x # Batt Max A Charge: 37.5A x # Batt (20A for better lifespan) Max A Discharge: 37.5A x # Batt (34A for better lifespan) Max A Grid Charge: 20A x # Batt TEMPCO: 0mV/C/Cell **BMS Lithium Batt: Not Selected** Float V: 55.6V Absorption V: 56V Equalization V: 56V **Equalization Days: 30** Equalization Duration: 2 Hours (tops off battery) Recommended Shutdown V / Percentage: 50.2V & 20% Recommended Low Batt V / Percentage: 50.6V & 30% Recommended Restart V / Percentage: 51.0V & 40% Battery Resistance: 24mOhms ÷ (battery Count) Battery Charge Efficiency: 99% Battery Empty Voltage: 46V

Time	Watts	SOC	GridCharge
1:00AM	1000*Batts	40%	
5:00AM	1000*Batts	40%	
9:00AM	1000*Batts	40%	
1:00PM	1000*Batts	40%	
5:00PM	1000*Batts	40%	
9:00PM	1000*Batts	40%	

These settings will charge the batteries off solar only. Discharge the batteries down to a maximum of 40% full.

Limited To Home mode will not sell to the grid from the batteries (only the home will use battery power).

Time	Watts	SOC	GridCharge
1:00AM	5000	40%	
5:00AM	5000	40%	
9:00AM	5000	40%	
1:00PM	5000	40%	
4:00PM	5000	40%	
9:00PM	5000	40%	

These settings will charge the batteries off solar only. Discharge the batteries down to a maximum of 40% full.

Limited To Home mode will not sell to the grid from the batteries (only the home will use battery power). The 100% time slot is to ensure that the batteries are properly cycled each day.

Time	Watts	SOC	GridCharge
1:00AM	2400*Par_Batts	40%	
5:00AM	2400*Par_Batts	40%	
9:00AM	2400*Par_Batts	40%	
1:00PM	2400*Par_Batts	40%	
5:00PM	2400*Par_Batts	40%	
9:00PM	2400*Par_Batts	40%	

These settings will charge the batteries off solar only. Discharge the batteries down to a maximum of 40% full.

Limited To Home mode will not sell to the grid from the batteries (only the home will use battery power).

#### Blue Ion 2.0 Battery

Batt Capacity: 40Ah x #Parallel\_Batteries (4 Parallel = 160Ah, 6 = 240Ah, 8 = 320Ah) Max A Charge: 120A w/ 4+ Batteries Max A Discharge: 120A w/ 4+ Batteries Max A Grid Charge: 120A w/ 4+ Batteries TEMPCO: 0mV/C/Cell BMS Lithium Batt: 03 (eGauge) / 00 (Namaka Box) Float V: 55.2V Absorption V: 55.2V Equalization V: 55.2V Equalization Days: 30 Equalization Duration: 1 Hours (tops off battery) Recommended Shutdown V / Percentage: 47.0V & 20% Recommended Low Batt V / Percentage: 49.0V & 30% Recommended Restart V / Percentage: 52.0V & 40% Battery Resistance: 5mOhms Battery Charge Efficiency: 99% Battery Empty Voltage: 46V

#### **Dyness B4850 Battery Module**

Batt Capacity: 50Ah x #Parallel\_Batteries Max A Charge: 50A (25A for life) x #Parallel Batteries Max A Discharge: 50A x #Parallel\_Batteries Max A Grid Charge: 50A x #Parallel Batteries TEMPCO: 0mV/C/Cell BMS Lithium Batt: 01 Float V: 53.8V Absorption V: 54.0V Equalization V: 54.0V Equalization Days: 30 Equalization Duration: 1 Hours (tops off battery) Recommended Shutdown V / Percentage: 47V & 20% Recommended Low Batt V / Percentage: 48V & 30% Recommended Restart V / Percentage: 49V & 40% Battery Resistance: 5mOhms Battery Charge Efficiency: 99% Battery Empty Voltage: 46V

## MODBUS/RJ45 Application Note

### BMS Lithium Batt Modes (Subject to Change):

00: CANBus Battery mode – Inverter also acts a ModBus slave with slave ID set by "ModBus SN Setting" (Pg. 32)

- 01: Storz ModBus Protocol
- 02: Pylontech ModBus Protocol
- 03: Old Blue Ion + eGauge / Polarium ModBus Protocol
- 04: Fortress Power ModBus Protocol
- 05: Kilovault HAB ModBus Protocol

06: Battery or Battery Controller is ModBus master and writes battery data to inverter's BMS registers (not currently in

use).

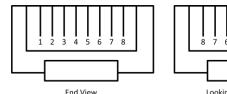


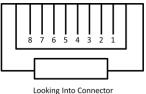
Find our full list of currently supported battery communications <u>www.sol-ark.com/battery-partners</u>

Our Battery Communications Integration Guide can also be found here <u>www.sol-ark.com/support</u>

Use the information below at your own risk; the warranty will not cover any damage caused by the improper use of the communications protocols. Read-Only Modbus Map available upon request at support@sol-ark.com

Combined RS-485 and CANBus	
Pin 1 or 8 is RS-485 B- (Data -) Pin 2 or 7 is RS-485 A+ (Data +)	Baud 9600
Pin 2 Of 7 is R5-465 A+ (Data +) Pin 4 CAN High	8bits data
Pin 5 CAN Low	One stop bit, no parity
Pin 6 is GND	Does not require
	termination





### **Incorporating 3<sup>rd</sup> Party ModBus Devices:**

If your device utilizes BMS Lithium Batt 00, you need to set the inverter Modbus SN to 01. The default ModBus SN is 00.



#### LCD is not powering on

- Check all connections- at least one of the following power sources is required: PV/Grid/Battery
- Try pressing the power button, touchscreen, or navigation buttons

#### Panels are connected, but DC Light is not on

• PV voltage must be 150V-425V | It's night

#### Panels are not producing

- Check for proper wiring on all solar panel connections
- Turn PV disconnect "ON"
- Check that the PV input voltage is not greater than 425V
- If the system says PV = 0V, check PV polarity

#### Panels are not producing much power

• PV Wire Strip Length: 5/8". Your batteries are charged; you can test Grid Sell to verify.

#### The system does not keep batteries charged

• Check the charge setting in the Charge Menu

#### Auto Gen-Start not working

- Check to make sure your generator is compatible with Auto Start
- Make sure that the Auto Gen Start wire is adequately connected to the Sol-Ark 5K and the generator

#### Normal LED isn't on

- Sol-Ark 5K is in pass-through-only mode, only a Grid connection.
- Sol-Ark 5K is not working correctly (Call us)

#### The alarm light is on

• Check the system alarms menu to identify the alarm

#### Grid HM value is negative when it should be positive (only applies in limited home mode)

• Limiter Sensors are backward, L1/L2 sensors are swapped, or incorrectly wired L1/L2 sensors. Try Auto Learn.

#### **AC Overload Fault or Bus Unbalance Fault**

- Check Transfer Switch/Subpanel wiring
- Check for large loads that consume more than the inverter rating (EX: AC units over 3 tons)

#### The system connects to grid and quickly disconnects

- With a DMM, verify your Neutral wire connection (should be 0 Vac referenced to GND)
- Check your Freq is set to 60Hz, and the 5K measures 120V on L1 / L2 vs. N.
- If overloading: verify 120/240V grid input and load output wires are not swapped.
- If 120/208V, the L1 and L2 are phase-specific. So, you may have to swap Grid L1 / L2 for 208V applications.

#### **DC Overload Fault**

- Check PV voltage
- Make sure you have not wired more than two (2) solar strings in parallel

#### System is beeping

- Check the system alarms menu to see which alarm has been triggered. Most alarms will self-reset.
- There is no battery connected. If not using a battery, select no battery and disable activate batt in Batt menu.
  - Turn off the center button, remove AC Grid and PV Power for the 30s (screen is dead), and then power up to fully reset the system.

#### Battery cable sparks when connected

• Put the built-in battery breaker in the off position before connecting or disconnecting batteries.

#### Battery symbol on the home screen is red

• The battery is under-Voltage or over-Voltage

#### Battery symbol on the home screen is yellow

• The battery is low, or the charge/discharge current is close to the programmed limit (which is ok)

#### Grid symbol on the home screen is yellow

• Grid parameters are out of specified range or grid is down

#### System has restarted

• It happens if the system is overloaded, battery voltage is greater than 63V, or Software update

#### Batteries were connected backward

• The battery breaker will trip. It can cause damage!

#### Why is the LCD screen still on when the power button is off?

• If PV or Grid power, LCD stays on, but the inverter and loads are off.

#### The Batt % meter is not reaching 100%

• The system needs to go through a small discharge/charge cycle first to calibrate the battery

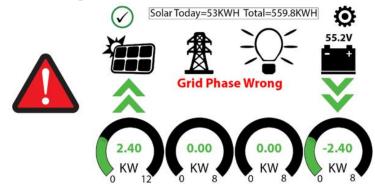
#### Generator setup is reading oHz

• Select "General Standard" instead of UL1741. Then widen the frequency range to 55Hz-65Hz.

#### **Color Touchscreen is Frozen**

• Press and hold the escape button [←] for 7-10 seconds

### **Troubleshooting Phasing Issues**



If the Sol-Ark screen shows the above error, there is a phasing issue with your wiring, and it may cause overload faults (F18, F26, F34) even with the Load breaker off and WILL CAUSE DAMAGE if left unchecked.

Single Sol-Ark: To locate the improperly wired phases, measure L1 to L1 (Top Screws) between the Grid and Load breaker; you should see 0V AC. Repeat for L2 to L2 between the Grid and Load breaker. Attempt to correct the wiring until you are only reading 0V AC between L1 to L1 & L2 to L2.

Make sure to correct both the Grid and Load wiring; they both need to be correct.

If the error persists, you will need to check your AC wiring beyond the inverter and may also need to verify that the phases are properly labeled coming from your meter.

## Sol-Ark 5K Error Codes

Fault	Instruction	Common Cause/Remedy
F1	DC Inversed Failure	If you have parallel systems and turn one system off, you with get this notification. Not a fault.
F8	GFDI_Relay_Failure	Current Leakage from inverter AC output to Ground, check Ground and neutral are connected at the main panel
F13	Grid_Mode_change	It can happen when not using batteries or if Grid Input settings are changed. This is a notification, NOT a fault. If you switch from No Batt to Battery mode, Power the System down completely to restart.
F15	AC_OverCurr_Failure	It is usually caused by Loads too large for the inverter. If off-grid, the battery discharge amps are programmed too low. Overloads can result in F15, F18, F20, or F26.
F16	GFCI_Failure	Ground fault. Check PV+ or PV- wiring (which must be ungrounded). Exposed PV conductors + rain can also cause. Check that the neutral line and Ground are not double-bonded (common with portable generators).
F18	Tz_Ac_OverCurr_Fault	Overloaded the Load Output: reduce loads. Wiring Short on the AC Side can also cause this error. Overloads can result in F15, F18, F20, or F26.
F20	Tz_Dc_OverCurr_Fault	It is typically caused by DC current from the battery that is too large (ex: 4 Ton AC Unit). Overloads can result in F15, F18, F20, or F26.
F22	Tz_EmergStop_Fault	Initiated Emergency Stop; see sensor pinout table.
F23	Tz_GFCI_OC_Fault	PV Ground fault. Check PV+ or PV- wiring (which must be ungrounded or damage can occur). Typically caused by pinched PV wire grounding the PV+ or PV Grounded PV wire can cause F20, F23, or F26.
F24	DC_Insulation_Fault	An exposed PV conductor combined with moisture is faulting (can cause F16, F24, F26).
F25	AC_Active_Batt_Fault	No battery connection to the Inverter and Activate Battery is enabled. Disable Activate Battery in settings while no battery is connected.
F26	BusUnbalance_Fault	Too much load on one leg (L1 or L2) Vs. the other leg or DC loads on the AC output when off-grid. Grounded PV wire can cause F20, F23, or F26.
F29	Parallel_CANBus_Fault	Usually, a communication error for parallel systems, check cables and MODBUS addresses
F30	AC_MainContactor_Fault	Contact Sol-Ark.com
F31	Soft_Start_Failed	Soft Start of large motor failed
F34	AC Overload Fault	AC Overload or load shorted. Reduce heavy loads.
F35	AC_NoUtility_Fault	Grid connection lost
F37	DCLLC_Soft_Over_Cur	Software DC overcurrent
F39	DCLLC_Over_Current	Hardware DC overcurrent
F40	Batt_Over_Current	Batteries exceeded their current discharge limit
F41	Parallel_System_Stop	If one system faults in parallel, this normal fault will register on the other units as they disconnect from grid
F45	AC UV OverVolt Fault	Grid under voltage causes a disconnect. This will self-reset when grid stabilizes.
F46	Parallel_Aux_Fault	Cannot communicate with other parallel systems. Check Master = 1, Slaves are 2-9, ethernet cables are connected.
F47	AC_OverFreq_Fault	Grid over Frequency (common in power outages) causes a disconnect. Will self-reset when grid stabilizes.
F48	AC_UnderFreq_Fault	Grid under Frequency (common in power outages) causes a disconnect. Will self-reset when grid stabilizes.
F55	DC_VoltHigh_Fault	PV may be higher than 500V. Battery voltage should not be above 59V or 63V (depending on the model).
F56	DC_VoltLow_Fault	Batteries are overly-discharged, or Lithium BMS has shut down. If battery settings are off, this can also happen.
F58	BMS communication fault	Sol-Ark is programmed to BMS Lithium Battery Mode but cannot communicate with a BMS
F60	Gen_Volt_or_Fre_Fault	Generator Voltage or Frequency went outside the allowable range
F61	Button_Manual_OFF	The parallel Slave system turned off without turning off Master
F63	ARC_Fault	It can be a lousy PV connector/connection. And sometimes a false alarm due to powerful lightning storms.
	 Heatsink_HighTemp_Fault	Check the built-in fans are running; ambient temp may be too high



#### For installer to complete AFTER the system is operational. The purpose is to protect the installer, homeowner, and inverter.

- 1. Is the 5K installed in a location where the LCD is protected from direct sunlight and has 6" clearance left and right for cooling Y/N
- Y/N 2. Are all the battery lugs tightened?
- 5K should connect to grid, 5K 63A load/Grid breakers ON, batteries connected, PV input on and ON button on. With the inverter 3. running the Backup load's panel and Grid-connected:
  - A. Did any breakers trip? Y/N
  - B. Did inverter overload? Y/N
- If you have problems, please take pictures of these and email to: support@ Sol-Ark.com 4.
  - A. Battery icon screen, showing detailed voltages (the screen shown below)
    - B. Sol-Ark 5K with batteries and of user wiring area
- Load and solar test 5.
  - A. Press the battery icon for the detailed voltages screen.
  - B. Is batt temp sensor working? Y/N
  - C. Turn on many loads for the Backup circuits. Are solar panels producing enough power to match the load (provided there is enough sun)? Y/N
  - D. Program Full Grid Sell Mode. If there are enough panels and sun or light loads in the entire house, the Grid HM
  - measurements will be negative on both L1/L2. Are they negative (solar selling back to grid)? Y/N E. Program limited power to home mode. The Grid HM sensors will be near zero or slightly positive. Are they both near zero and canceling out the whole home power? Y/N
  - F. You have verified the limit sensors are correctly installed. An auto-learn function corrects any mistakes in CT limiter wiring (provided you have batteries and in 120/240V). Program in the correct Grid mode the customer will use.
- Did you program the correct Ah for the battery bank and max Amps charge/discharge? 6.
- Did you program the correct battery charge voltages for your battery type? 7.

8.	Turn off the AC breaker, so 5K is operating in an off-grid mode for several minutes. Are appliances still powered?	Y/N
9.	Turn off PV input, running only on batteries for several minutes. Are appliances still powered?	Y/N
10.	Turn on PV input and AC Grid inputs.	
11.	Did you set up the Wi-Fi plug to the customer's internet?	Y/N
12.	Absolutely important for software updates. Did you help the customer register system on Monitoring App?	Y/N
13.	Does the customer have a standby generator or a small portable Generator?	Y/N

- 13. Does the customer have a standby generator or a small portable Generator? A. Did you turn off UL1741/IEEE1547 (use General Standard) and reprogram grid freq. range to 55-65Hz?
  - Y/N B. Did you enable Gen charging and adequately set the charge current if using a small gas generator on Gen inputs? Y/N

14. If EMP protected, did you install EMP Suppressors on essential appliance cords? Y/N

Installer Name

**Installer Signature** 

Date

**Customer Name** 

**Customer Signature** 

Date



This checklist must be filled out

and submitted to register your

warranty. Please visit:

https://www.sol-ark.com/register-

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Y/N

Y/N

## Sol-Ark 5K Limited Warranty

10-Year Limited Warranty for SOL-ARK (Portable Solar LLC) Products. Sol-Ark provides a Ten-year (10) limited Warranty ("Warranty") against defects in materials and workmanship for its Sol-Ark products ("Product"). The term of this warranty begins on the Product(s) initial purchase date, or the date of receipt of the Product(s) by the end user, whichever is later. This must be indicated on the invoice, bill of sale from your installer. This warranty applies to the original Sol-Ark Product purchaser and is transferable only if the Product remains installed in the original use location. Please call Sol-Ark to let us know if you are selling your Home and give us name and contact of the new owner.

The warranty does not apply to any Product or Product part that has been modified or damaged by the following:

- Installation or Removal (examples: wrong voltage batteries, connecting batteries backwards, damage due to water/rain to
  electronics, preventable damage to solar wires.)
- Alteration or Disassembly
- Normal Wear and Tear
- Accident or Abuse
- Unauthorized Firmware updates/software updates or alterations to the software code
- Corrosion
- Lightning: unless using EMP hardened system, then Portable Solar will repair product
- Repair or service provided by an unauthorized repair facility

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- Operation or installation contrary to manufacturer product instructions
- Fire, Floods or Acts of Nature
- Shipping or Transportation
- Incidental or consequential damage caused by other components of the power system
- $\boldsymbol{\diamond}$  Any product whose serial number has been altered, defaced or removed
- Any other event not foreseeable by Portable Solar, LLC

Sol-Ark (Portable Solar LLC) liability for any defective Product, or any Product part, shall be limited to the repair or replacement of the Product, at Portable Solar LLC discretion. Sol-Ark does not warrant or guarantee workmanship performed by any person or firm installing its Products. This warranty does not cover the costs of installation, removal, shipping (except as described below), or reinstallation of Products or parts of Products. LCD screen and fans are covered for 5 years from date of purchase.

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**Return Policy** - **No returns will be accepted without prior authorization** and must include the Return Material Authorization (RMA) number. Please call and talk to one of our engineers to obtain this number at 972-575-8875.

**Return Material Authorization (RMA) A request for an RMA number requires all of the following information:** 1. Product model and serial number; 2. Proof-of-purchase in the form of a copy of the original Product purchase invoice or receipt confirming the Product model number and serial number; 3. Description of the problem; 4. Validation of problem by Technical Support, and 5. Shipping address for the repaired or replacement equipment. Upon receiving this information, the Sol-Ark representative can issue an RMA number.

Any product that is returned must be brand new, in excellent condition and packaged in the original manufacturer's carton with all corresponding hardware and documentation. Returns must be shipped with prepaid freight and insured via the carrier of your choice to arrive back at Portable Solar within 30 days of your initial delivery or pick-up. **Shipping charges will not be refunded**.

All returns are subject to a 35% restocking fee. **No returns will be accepted beyond 30 days of original delivery.** The value and cost of replacing any items missing (e.g. parts, manuals, etc.) will be deducted from the refund. If you have any questions regarding our return policy, please email us at <u>sales@sol-ark.com</u> or call us at the number above during regular (M-F) business hours.

Sol-Ark 5K Install Operational Verification Checklist Questionnaire must be filled out, signed, and dated to secure full warranty coverage.

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