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INTERFACE**

Communication interface for PV plant monitoring



Summary

Cabinet for data concentration from string monitoring boxes RFVE, cumulated values from energy meter(s), inverter data and other process values (by analogue and digital inputs). The measured data are processed and communicated over Ethernet (local network infrastructure) to the monitoring system or datalogger cabinet.

Application

Solar photovoltaic systems – data acquisition from string monitoring boxes, inverters, and other measuring points

Function

The interface collects data from following devices:

- RFVE string monitoring boxes (max. 50 boxes)
- inverters communicating over RS232, RS485 or Ethernet
- energy meter(s) at the inverter AC output if installed
- outside, panels and room temperatures, solar radiation intensity etc. (suitable sensors are necessary)
- protective devices states, switches, tamper contacts etc. – free definable according to site configuration

All data are brought to the Ethernet and communicated to a supervisory SCADA or PLC, or available over a web server. As an option, a M-Bus converter is supplied for energy metering integration.

Technical data

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| Power | 230 V AC, max. 25 VA |
| Interfaces | |
| Ethernet | Ethernet 10/100BaseT, RJ45 for communication to SCADA and optionally to inverters |
| RS232 | optionally 1x for inverter, 300 ... 115200 bit/s |
| RS485 | 1x for string monitoring boxes optionally 1x for inverter 300 ... 115200 bit/s |
| M-Bus (optional) | 1x energy meter data acquisition, max. 60 meters |
| Analogue inputs | 2x passive (temperature, resistance), or 0...10 V – configurable (AI1, AI2) |

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| | 2x passive (temperature, resistance) (AI3, AI4) |
| Binary inputs | 4x, 24 V AC @ 7mA for external potential-free contacts |
| Analogue outputs | 2x 0-10 V DC min. 10kΩ, max. current 10 mA, short-circuit proof with current limitation to 20 mA |
| Binary outputs | 5x relay, NO contact 5A/250 V AC, 5A/30 V DC, 750 VA, 90 W 2x triac 24 V AC, 0.5 A |
| Cabinet | Polyester – SMC Preprec, grey cable glands below, fixed by 4x M8 screws or on any flat base, UV resistant, self-extinguishing, halogen-free |
| Dimensions | 500 (w) x 600 (h) x 300 (d) mm |
| Protection | IP43 |
| Outside temperature | -20...50°C |
| Surge protection | Type I and II according to IEC 61643-1 |
| Power terminals | Screw terminals, cables up to 6 mm ² |
| Communication and I/O terminals | Screw terminals, cables up to 6 mm ² |

Supported inverter types

- Schneider Electric - Xantrex (over RS485)
- Advanced Energy – Solaron (over Ethernet)
- SMA
- Refu - Refusol (over RS485)

In preparation:

- Oelmaier
- Power One – Aurora
- LTi
- Sinvert

Shop drawings of the panel and item list are in a separate document and are not part of this data sheet.

Terminals

Ethernet (RJ45) connects directly to the PC in the cabinet and is not brought to the terminal rail.

| Block | Terminal | Function |
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| X | L | Power 230 V, 50 Hz live |
| | N | Common |
| | PE | Protective earth |
| XC | K+ | RS485 to inverters, positive |
| | K- | RS485 to inverters, negative |
| XN | G | 24 V AC for powering of optional active sensors |
| | G0 | 24 V AC common |
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| XM | 1 | M-Bus |
| | 2 | M-Bus |
| XDI | C | Binary inputs, common terminal (source of 24 V AC) |
| | 1 | Binary input DI1 |
| | 2 | Binary input DI2 |
| | 3 | Binary input DI3 |
| | 4 | Binary input DI4 |
| XAI | 1 | Analogue input 1 – temperature or 0..10 V |
| | 2 | Analogue input 1, signal earth |
| | 3 | Analogue input 2 – temperature or 0..10 V |
| | 4 | Analogue input 2, signal earth |

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| | 5 | Analogue input 3 – temperature |
| | 6 | Analogue input 3, signal earth |
| | 7 | Analogue input 4 – temperature |
| | 8 | Analogue input 4, signal earth |
| XAO | 1 | Analogue output AO1 |
| | C1 | Analogue output AO1, signal earth |
| | 2 | Analogue output AO2 |
| | C2 | Analogue output AO2, signal earth |
| XDO | 1 | Binary output (relay) DO1 |
| | 2 | Binary output (relay) DO2 |
| | 3 | Binary output (relay) DO3 |
| | C123 | Binary outputs DO1 to DO3, common terminal |
| | 4 | Binary output (relay) DO4 |
| | C4 | Binary output (relay) DO4 |
| | 5 | Binary output (relay) DO5 |
| | C5 | Binary output (relay) DO5 |
| | 6 | Binary output (triac 24 V, 0.5 A) DO6 |
| | 7 | Binary output (triac 24 V, 0.5 A) DO7 |
| | C67 | Binary outputs DO6 and DO7, common terminal |

Optional accessories

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| S010-MBUS | RS232 – M-Bus converter |
| M012 | RS232 – RS485 converter, optically separated |
| ALTM2-U | active strap-on temperature sensor, separate measuring element |
| ATM1-U | active outdoor temperature sensor |
| UI071 | communicative room temperature sensor, RS485 |
| M700 | 2x counter input module |

Related products

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| RFVE | string monitoring box |
| DATALOGGER | data acquisition box for PV plant monitoring |
| RC-Vision | SCADA software |
| Domat EMS | graphical supervisory system for energy controls |
| RPQC | active and reactive power controller |

Topology:

