# SOLARIV MULTIFUNCTION INSTRUMENT FOR TESTING AND VERYFYING SINGLE-PHASE PHOTOVOLTAIC **INSTALLATIONS**

SOLAR I-V has been designed to meet any requirement of photovoltaic installation specialists. Further to providing the possibility of measuring and recording the efficiency of single-string and single-phase photovoltaic systems, SOLAR I-V also measures the I-V characteristic both of a single module and of module strings. Thanks to SOLAR I-V, the operator can test the photovoltaic system and, should it give a negative result, immediately identify the problems of the system in order to promptly solve them. SOLAR I-V is provided with the remote unit SOLAR-02 which permits the remote measuring of irradiation and temperature with preliminary automatic synchronisation between main unit and remote unit. SOLAR-02 is positioned next to the photovoltaic modules and it is connected to the probes for measuring environmental parameters. The synchronisation between the two units guarantees the necessary contemporaneity of measurements. In the case of PV efficiency recordings, this grants the right efficiency calculation. For I-V curve measurements, the synchronisation permits to extrapolate the I-V curve at STC without using long extension cord cables. SOLAR I-V allows the carrying out of efficiency recordings over time with programmable integration period from 5 seconds to 60 minutes. Each value is automatically saved in the internal memory and can be downloaded onto the PC for subsequent analyses. The measured I-V characteristic is not affected by the resistance of the measurement cables, as the measurement is carried out with the 4-terminal measuring method. SOLAR I-V also manages a database of photovoltaic modules, which can be updated at any time. The measured values, correctly reported at standard test conditions, are immediately compared with the values declared by the manufacturer to give the OK / NO result of the test. The operator must not do any calculation, the instrument carries out the comparison rapidly and automatically. The instrument can be interfaced with accessory MPP 300, which extends the characteristics of SOLAR I-V by enabling recordings on single-phase and three-phase, single-string and multi-string (up to three strings), single-inverter and multi-inverter photovoltaic systems (therefore also in three-phase systems provided with three single-phase inverters).

### **FUNCTIONS**

## Photovoltaic efficiency recording

- Measurement of DC/AC TRMS voltage and current
- Measurement of DC/AC powers on single-phase systems
- Measurement of solar irradiation [W/m2] with reference cell Measurement of environmental and module temperature
- by means of external probe
- Synchronisation with remote unit SOLAR-02
- Display of real-time irradiation and temperature
- Use of PDC compensation ratios according to environmental and module temperature
- Three-phase up to three strings PV systems (with MPP300)
- Recording of parameters with programmable IP (5s 60min)
- I-V curve measurement
- Measurement of output voltage from module/string up to 1000V DC
- Measurement of output current from module/string up to 10A DC
- Measurement of solar irradiation [W/m2] with reference cell Measurement of module temperature, automatic or
- by means of external probe
- Measurement of output DC and nominal power from module/string
- Synchronisation with remote unit SOLAR-02
- Numerical and graphical display of I-V characteristic
- Quick test mode
- Measurement of the resistance of photovoltaic module series Mechanical inclinometer for the detection of the incidence angle of solar irradiation
- 4-terminal measuring method
- Extrapolation to standard test conditions (STC)
- Evaluation of testing result: OK / NO
- Management of up to 30 types of photovoltaic modules in the internal database

#### Common characteristics

- Internal memory for data saving Recalling results on the display
- Optical/USB port for PC connection
- Help online on the display

## MODEL SPECIFICATIONS

Display:	LCD custom,128x128pxl, backlit
Power supply:	6x1.5V alkaline bat. type AA LR06
Auto power off:	After 5 minutes in stand-by
PV testing duration:	1.5 hours (@IP=5s); 8 days (@IP=10min)
Curves which can be saved:	> 200 curves
PC interface:	Optoisolated optical/USB port
Safety:	IEC/EN61010-1
Measuring accessory safety:	IEC/EN61010-031, IEC/EN61010-032
Measures on PV modules:	IEC/EN60891, IEC/EN62446
Insulation:	Double insulation
Pollution degree:	2
Measurement category:	CAT II 1000V DC, CAT III 300V (to earth) Max 1000V between inputs
Dimensions:	235x165x75mm
Weight (batteries included):	1.3kg



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