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# Installation Guide Flexible Coil Current Transformer

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- Model and serial number of the product in question.
- The error indicated on the Inverter SetApp mobile applicationLCD screen or on the monitoring platform or by the LEDs, if there is such an indication.
- System configuration information, including the type and number of modules connected and the number and length of strings.
- The communication method to the SolarEdge server, if the site is connected.
- The inverter software version as appears in the ID status screen.



## Flexible Coil Current Transformer Installation

#### **Version History**

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#### Overview

SolarEdge offers use of a Flexible Coil Current Transformer (CT; also known as Rogowski coil) as an alternative to the split core CT. The flexible coil is useful for installation in the distribution panel when there is insufficient room for installation of a split core CT.

#### NOTE



Flexible coils, which are less accurate than solid core CTs, should not be used in Zero Export Limitation applications.

The flexible coil is supplied with a conditioning circuit, which converts the coil's output to a 0.333V output signal that is compatible with the meter.

Each conditioning unit is calibrated to its specific coil, therefore combining coils with different conditioning circuits is not allowed.





Figure 1: Flexible coil components

The flexible coil can be used in two modes:

- A single coil in a figure-eight shape that enables measuring two phases
- Two separate coils are connected to the meter, one per phase.

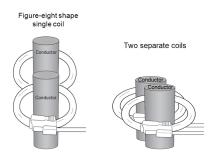


Figure 2: Flexible coil modes



If two coils are used, the second conditioning circuit is installed outside the meter.

#### **Package Contents**

- Flexible coil connected to:
  - Conditioning Circuit
  - Twisted pair wire (black and white)
- This installation guide

#### **Installation Guidelines**

Follow these guidelines:

- The conductor should pass through the center of the coil, and not close to the coil's edge, as illustrated in Figure 3.
- For improved accuracy, avoid contact between the coil and external conductors.

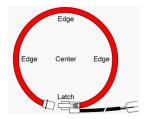


Figure 3: Flexible coil edges



#### Installing the Flexible Coil CT in an Energy Meter with Cellular Connection

This section describes installing one or two flexible coil CTs in the Energy Meter with Cellular Connection. Two single flexible coil CTs may be used if bending one coil into a figure-8 shape is impossible for measuring two conductors. If two flexible coil CTs are installed, the second conditioning circuit is installed outside the meter, however its power cable (*not* supplied by SolarEdge) is connected to the power supply in the meter.

#### → To install one conditioning circuit and coil:

- If a PV system is installed, turn the inverter ON/OFF/P switch to OFF. Wait 5 minutes for the capacitors to discharge.
- 2. Turn the Connection Unit (if applicable) to OFF.
- 3. Turn OFF the AC circuit breakers on the distribution panel.
- Remove the meter cover: Release the 4 cover screws and remove the cover.
- If not already open, open the drill guide at the right side of the meter, taking care not to interfere with any of the internal components. It is recommended to use a Unibit drill.



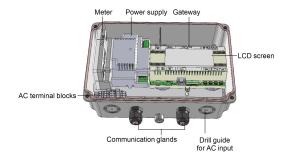


Figure 4: Meter interfaces

- Release the two standoff screws at the top of the meter (see Figure 6).
- 7. Position the conditioning circuit on the standoffs and use the screws to fasten the circuit to the enclosure.
- 8. If required, mount a second conditioning circuit in the main distribution panel.
- 9. Insert all the wires through the conduit opening.



10. Use a flat screwdriver to connect the wires from the conditioning circuit(s) as follows (see *Figure 5* and *Figure 6*):

Pins	Label	Connect to	Connection method
1, 2	Coil	Flexible coil (black/ white; pre-connected)	<ol> <li>Disconnect the wires from the conditioning circuit connector.</li> <li>Insert the coil cable through the conduit.</li> <li>Reconnect to the conditioning circuit connector according to the color code.</li> </ol>
3, 4	Output	Meter CT connectors (black/ white twisted pair)	1. Route the wires of the twisted pair (supplied with the meter) to the meter CT connectors. Make sure the wires do not contact live terminals or bus bars.  2. Connect the white and black wires to the color coded L1CT connector.  If you connect two coils, connect the output pair to L2CT. Refer to verify correct CT installation: on page 12.
5, 6	Power	Meter power supply DC terminal blocks (black/ red cable)	Use the power cable supplied with the meter. The conditioning circuit power input is not polarity sensitive, so the positive wire may be connected to either terminal. If you connect two coils, daisy-chain the wires to the conditioning circuit inside the meter (a second power cable is <i>not</i> supplied by SolarEdge). Refer to <i>verify correct CT installation:</i> on page 12.



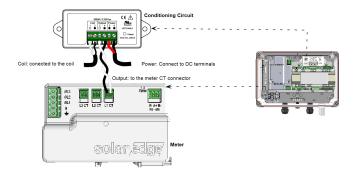


Figure 5: Conditioning circuit wiring

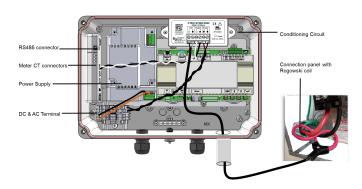


Figure 6: Meter with a single flexibel coil

11. Open the coil by squeezing the flaps and carefully pulling

the coil from the latch. Avoid pulling the red flexible part of the coil.

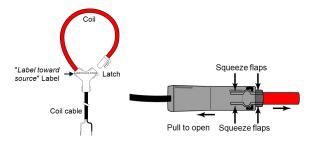


Figure 7: Opening the latch

Bend the coil into a figure-8 shape and place around the two conductors.

For best accuracy, position the latch (coil ends joint):

- Away from any other external line conductors
  - Away from the conductors being measured if the coil is loose



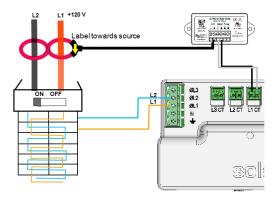


Figure 8: Verifying CT orientation

- Close the CT by inserting and pressing the removable end into the latch
- 14. If required, secure the CT coil to an external conductor (not the measured one) using a cable tie.

#### → To verify correct CT installation:

Use this procedure to check that the figure-8 shaped flexible coil is installed in correct orientation.

1. Turn ON the AC breaker on the main distribution panel (inverter should be off).

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#### WARNING!

ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD. Do not touch uninsulated wires when the meter cover is removed.

- 2. Turn ON a home appliance (load) for power consumption (import energy).
- 3. Check the meter reading on the LCD screen of the meter.

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Import Meter
Status:
                 < O K >
Power[W]: xxxxx.x
Energy[Wh]: xxxxx.x
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- 4. If the power reading is a positive value, the flexible coil is installed correctly. Otherwise, do the following:
  - Turn OFF the AC breaker on the main distribution panel.
  - b. Open the meter cover.
  - c. Swap the wires of the **Output** black / white cable at the Conditioning Circuit (see Figure 5).
  - d. Close the meter cover.
- 5. Turn ON the AC breaker and inverter (if applicable).

#### → To install a second CT:

Refer to Figure 9 and Figure 10.

1. Install the conditioning circuit outside the meter, in the main distribution panel.

- Insert the Output black and white wires of the second conditioning circuit through the meter's conduit and connect to the color coded L2CT connector.
- 3. Prepare a 12V DC cable sufficient for the distance between the meter and the conditioning circuit.
- 4. Insert the power cable of the second conditioning circuit through the conduit and connect to the meter's conditioning circuit in a daisy chain connection, as illustrated below:

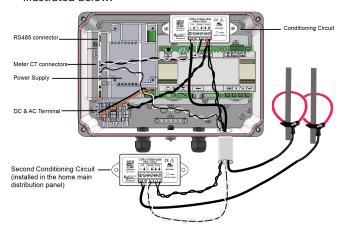


Figure 9: Connecting two coils



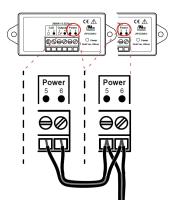


Figure 10: Power daisy chain connection

Place the coil around the conductors: Make sure to point 5. the label on the cable joint (with the text: "Label toward source") towards the current source (generally the utility meter).



#### **Technical Specifications**

Installation Information			
Amperage Rating	250	Α	
Coil Wire Length (from latch to conditioning circuit)	8 / 2.4	ft/m	
Coil Length	3.15 / 8.0	in / cm	
Output wires <sup>(1)</sup>	2.4 / 8	m / ft	
Output wires	22 AWG, twisted black/ white	m/ ft.	
Frequency (nominal)	50/60	Hz	
Maximum voltage	600	Vac	
Measurement category	CAT III , 600 Vac		
Standard compatibility	UL E344623 (PICQ2); UL 61010B-1		
Accuracy			
Basic Accuracy	±1.0% of reading from 5% to 120% of rated primary current		
Conductor Position Accuracy Error	Due to the location of the conductor within the coil: Edge $\pm 1.5\%$ , Latch $\pm 5\%$		

<sup>(1)</sup> May be extended to 30 m/ 100 ft.



External Conductor Accuracy Error	±2.5% of rated current: if an external conductor carrying the CT's rated current is in contact with the CT, the CT output may change by up to ±2.5% of the rated current.	
Corner Position Accuracy Error	±1.0% maximum: if the CT is installed adjacent to a sharp bend in the conductor being measured.	
Temperature Variation Accuracy Error	±1.5% variation from: -20°C to +60°C / -4°F to +140°F	

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