Application Note - Wi-Fi Configuration Using SetApp

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Introduction

This application note describes how to set up Wi-Fi connection between the inverter and the customer's network using the SetApp mobile application.

You can configure Wi-Fi communication using one of the following methods:

- Connecting to the customer's Wi-Fi network with a Wi-Fi password.
- WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup) a feature built into modern broadband routers which allows pairing devices without the need for password entry. If the network uses a router without WPS, entering the network password is required.

Wi-Fi Configuration

SetApp connects to the inverter via the communication board Wi-Fi access point, using an internal antenna.

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SetApp procedure and screens may vary depending on the inverter firmware version.

 Make sure an external antenna (available from SolarEdge) is installed on the inverter. For installation instructions, refer to <u>https://www.solaredge.com/sites/default/files/se-wifi-zigbee-antenna-installation-guide.pdf</u>.



2. Access SetApp and select Communication → Server → Wi-Fi.

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Communication		
Server	LAN	>
LAN	DHCP	>
RS485-1	SolarEdge Slave	>
RS485-2	Multi - Device (Modbus)	>
ZigBee	Home Automation Master	>
Wi-Fi	SEDG-7E129A09-33	>
Cellular	N/A	>
GPIO	RRCR	>
Modbus TCP port	Disabled	>

3. Select Communication → Wi-Fi. If this is the first time connection, a message appears to verify the external antenna is connected. Tap Confirm. The Wi-Fi screen is displayed.





- 4. Do one of the following:
 - If your router supports WPS mode, you can automatically connect without entering a password:
 - a. Select **Communication** → Wi-Fi → Connect with WPS. Depending on the firmware version, a few messages may appear; Follow the instructions on the screen.
 - b. Press the WPS button on your router and hold until a LED lights up (for specific guidelines, refer to your router manual). Connection time may take up to two minutes.
 - Otherwise, to connect to a specific network from a list:
 - a. Select Communication **→** Wi-Fi, and select a network from the list.
 - b. If required, enter the password and tap **Join**. The system starts the connection process. A few messages may appear; Follow the instructions on the screen. Connection time may take up to two minutes.
- 5. Tap **Disconnect from Inverter** at the bottom of the screen to connect the inverter to the monitoring platform. Check that the blue LED lights up.

Troubleshooting Wi-Fi Connectivity

- If connection between the inverter and the customer's network is problematic, try the following:
- For inverters with FW v. 4.4.xx and lower Make sure the Wi-Fi router's SSID contains only letters, numbers, and hyphens (-), and does not contain special characters or spaces. Special characters will appear as '\x' in the wireless networks list.
- Make sure the Wi-Fi password is entered correctly. The password is case sensitive.
- For inverters with FW v. 4.5.39 and lower Make sure you are not using a Wi-Fi hotspot via devices with iOS 12.2 and above.
- For dual-band Wi-Fi routers Disable the Smart Switch feature or the 5GHz band, as explained in the documentation that comes with the router.