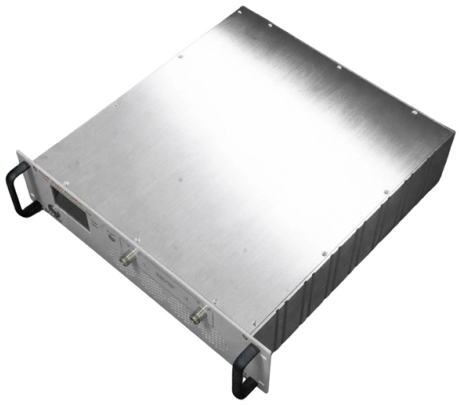
Why is the bus voltage so low



Overview

A DC bus overvoltage fault typically comes from one of three causes: high incoming line voltage, a motor being back-driven by a heavy load, or electrical harmonics on the supply power.

Key Takeaways

A "bus voltage too low" error usually indicates that the DC bus voltage from the battery is below the inverter's cutoff threshold, often caused by low battery charge, BMS intervention, or DC-DC converter issues. Common Causes1. Low Battery Voltage: The most frequent cause is that the battery voltage has dropped below the inverter's minimum operating voltage.

For example, a 5 kW inverter may trigger an error if the battery voltage falls below 48 V, while a 3 kW inverter may trigger below 24 V. 2. Battery Management System (BMS) Intervention: Some BMS units temporarily disconnect the battery to protect it from over-discharge or over-current.

This can cause the inverter to detect a low bus voltage and shut down, even if the battery is otherwise charged. 3. DC-DC Converter or Power Electronics Faults: The DC bus is fed from the battery through a DC-DC converter.

If components like MOSFETs, IGBTs, or gate drivers are weak, damaged, or overheating, the bus voltage may drop under load, triggering the error. 4. Load or System Configuration Issues: Heavy loads, inductive loads, or improper PV panel configuration can also cause temporary bus voltage drops.

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Troubleshooting Steps

Check Battery Voltage: Measure the voltage at the battery terminals. Ensure it is above the inverter's low-voltage cutoff. Charge the battery if necessary.

Inspect the BM

S: Verify if the BMS is disconnecting the battery. If so, check BMS settings, connections, and firmware. Some systems may require adjusting the low-voltage cutoff or current limits.

Examine the DC-DC Converter: Test the DC-DC converter and associated MOSFETs/IGBTs for proper operation. Look for overheating or voltage drops under load. Replace any faulty components.

Reduce Load or Check Wiring: Disconnect non-essential loads and ensure wiring is correct. For PV-connected systems, verify that panel voltage is within the MPPT range. Firmware and System Updates: If the error occurs frequently, updating the inverter firmware may resolve software-related voltage detection issues.

Key Considerations

A low bus voltage error does not always indicate a battery failure; it can be caused by protective actions from the BMS or weak power electronics. Continuous monitoring of battery voltage and load conditions can help identify whether the issue is intermittent or persistent. If troubleshooting does not resolve the problem, consult the inverter manufacturer or a qualified technician for detailed inspection and component testing.

By systematically checking the battery, BMS, DC-DC converter, and load conditions, most low bus voltage errors can be diagnosed and corrected.

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