

Conext™ CL Inverter 18000NA/ 25000NA - Quick Start Guide

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Three-phase grid-tie Inverter

A Important Safety Information

Read and Save These Instructions - Do Not Discard

This guide contains important safety instructions for the Conext CL Inverter that must be followed during installation procedures. Read and keep this Quick Start Guide for future reference.

Read these instructions carefully and look at the equipment to become familiar with the device before trying to install, operate, service or maintain it. The following special messages may appear throughout this bulletin or on the equipment to warn of potential hazards or to call attention to information that clarifies or simplifies a procedure.

The addition of either symbol to a "Danger" or "Warning" safety label indicates that an electrical hazard exists which will result in personal injury if the instructions are not followed.

This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.

DANGER

DANGER indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

WARNING

WARNING indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, can result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION

CAUTION indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, can result in minor or moderate injury.

NOTICE

NOTICE is used to address practices not related to physical injury. The safety alert symbol shall not be used with this signal word.

This Guide is intended for anyone who needs to operate, configure, and troubleshoot the Conext CL Inverter. Certain configuration tasks should only be performed by qualified personnel in consultation with your local utility and/or an authorized dealer. Electrical equipment should be installed, operated, serviced, and maintained only by qualified personnel.

Qualified personnel have training, knowledge, and experience in:

- Installing electrical equipment
- Applying applicable installation codes
- Analyzing and reducing the hazards involved in performing electrical work
- Installing and configuring batteries
- Selecting and using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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1. **Before using the Conext CL Inverter, read all instructions and cautionary markings on the unit and all appropriate sections of the Installation and Operation manual.**
2. Use of accessories not recommended or sold by the manufacturer may result in a risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons.

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3. The inverter is designed to be permanently connected to your AC and DC electrical systems. The manufacturer recommends that all wiring be done by a certified technician or electrician to ensure adherence to the local and national electrical codes applicable in your jurisdiction.
4. Do not operate the inverter if it is damaged in any way.
5. The inverter does not have any user-serviceable parts. Do not disassemble the inverter except where noted for connecting wiring and cabling. See your warranty for instructions on obtaining service. Attempting to service the unit yourself may result in a risk of electrical shock or fire. Internal capacitors remain charged after all power is disconnected.
6. To reduce the risk of electrical shock, isolate both the AC and the DC power from the inverter before attempting any maintenance or cleaning or working on any components connected to the inverter. Putting the unit in the standby mode will not reduce this risk.
7. The inverter must be provided with an equipment-grounding conductor connected to the AC input ground.
8. The Conext CL inverter is energized from two sources: PV array while exposed to sunlight and AC grid. Before opening the cover for servicing, check the system diagram to identify all the sources, de-energize, lock-out and tag-out*, and wait for at least five minutes for the internal capacitors to discharge to safe voltages.
9. The Conext CL inverter employs field adjustable voltage and frequency set points and time delays that are factory set in compliance with local utility and safety requirements. This can be changed only by qualified personnel with approval by both the local utility and equipment owner.
10. Remove personal metal items such as rings, bracelets, necklaces, and watches when working with electrical equipment.

* It may be noted that, lock-out and tag-out instructions does not hold good during firmware upgrade as either AC grid supply or DC power supply is required to upgrade the firmware.

DANGER

HAZARD OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, EXPLOSION, OR ARC FLASH

- Apply appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and follow safe electrical work practices. See NFPA 70E or CSA Z462.
 - This equipment must only be installed and serviced by qualified electrical personnel.
 - Never operate energized with covers removed.
 - The Conext Inverter is energized from two sources. Before opening cover disconnect all sources of power, and then wait atleast five minutes for internal capacitors to discharge.
 - Always use a properly rated voltage sensing device to confirm power is off.
 - Replace all devices, doors and covers, before turning on power to this equipment.
- Failure to follow these instructions will result in death or serious injury.**

DANGER

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The inverter is not user serviceable. To be installed and serviced by qualified personnel, equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment and following safe electrical work practices.

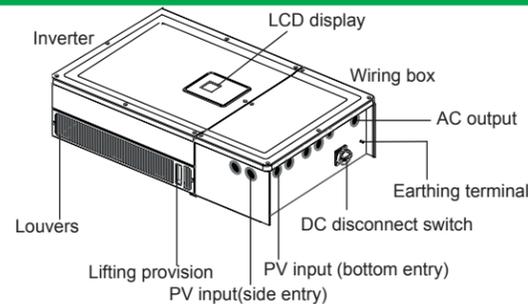
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WARNING

HAZARD OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, EXPLOSION, OR ARC FLASH

- Disconnect all the power sources before making any connection.
 - Connect the communication ports to SELV circuits only.
- Failure to follow these instructions will result in death or serious injury.**

B Location of Important Physical Features

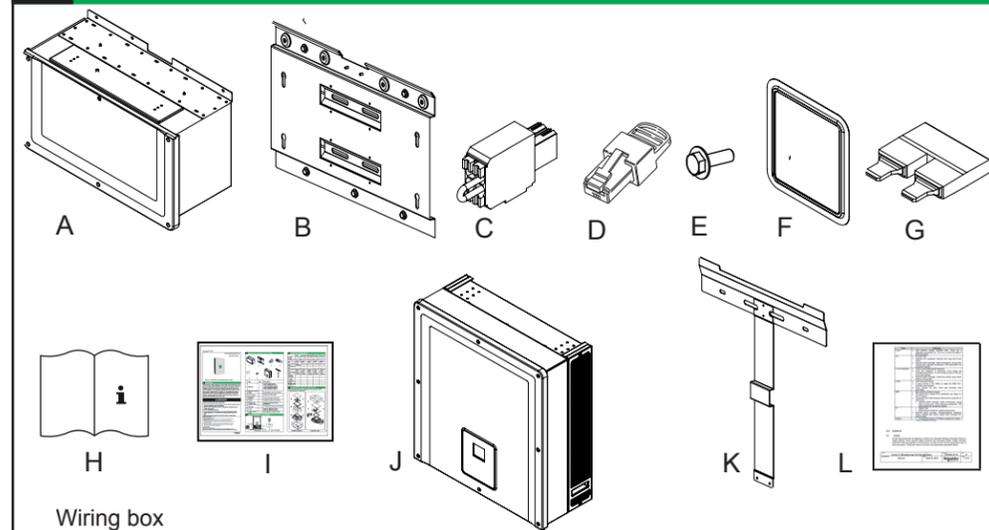


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C Materials List



Wiring box

- (A) Wiring box
- (B) Wiring box mounting bracket
- (C) RPO Connector
- (D) RJ45 Bus End Terminator
- (E) M8 screws (4x)
- (F) Silicone layer for LCD
- (G) MPPT shorting jumper (2x)
- (H) Installation and Operation Manual
- (I) Quick Start Guide

Inverter

- (J) Inverter
- (K) Inverter mounting bracket
- (L) Routine test report

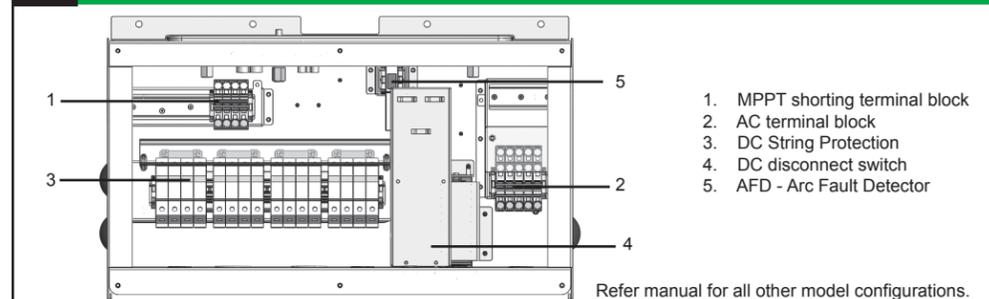
D Torque Table

Fastener type	Description	Torque Nm/in-lbf
M5	Wiring box front cover screw (Fig: (e))	2.75/ 24.3
M8	Wiring box and wall mount screw (Fig: (d))	6/ 53.1
M8	Inverter and Wiring box bracket screws (Fig: (a), (b))	6/ 53.1
Guide Bushing screw	Inverter and Wiring box guide bush locking screw (Fig: (i))	10/ 88.5
Thumb screw	Inverter and Wiring box power connector thumb screw (Fig: (j))	5/ 44.3
M6 Nut	Second protective earth connection	5/ 44.3
Phillips head (#2)	Fuse holder screws	3/ 26.6

E Tools Required

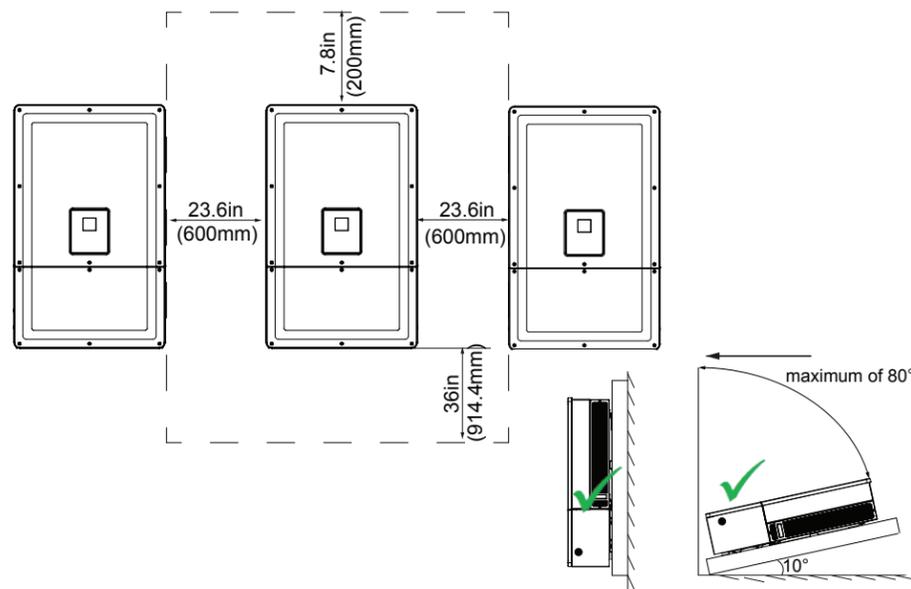
- #2 Phillips screwdrivers or power screwdriver for mounting the bracket
- Slotted screw driver set
- Wire stripper and crimping tool for both AC and DC wiring
- Bubble level or Spirit level to ensure the straight installation of the mounting bracket
- Torque adjustable wrench (metric)
- Torx head screw driver T25

F Wiring box Configuration- Optimum plus

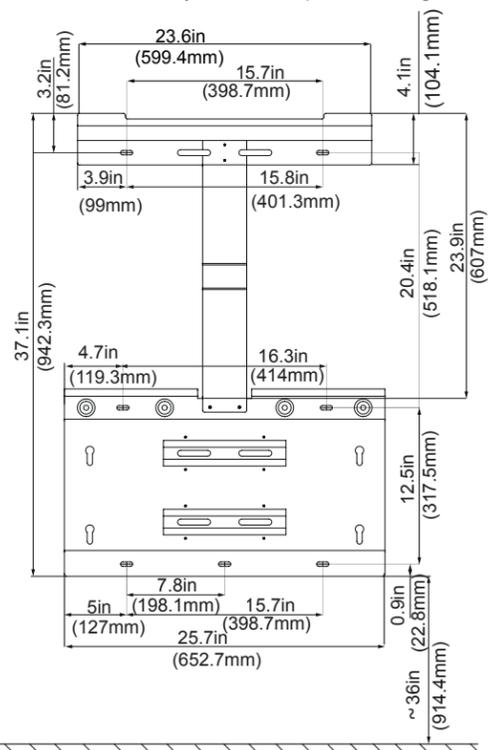


Refer manual for all other model configurations.

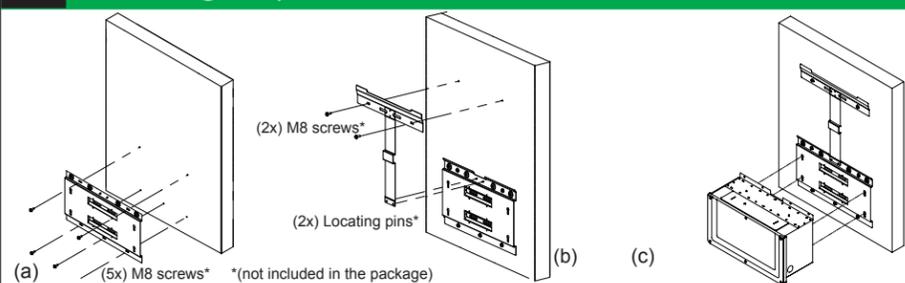
G Correct Installation Distances, Mounting Positions, Dimensions



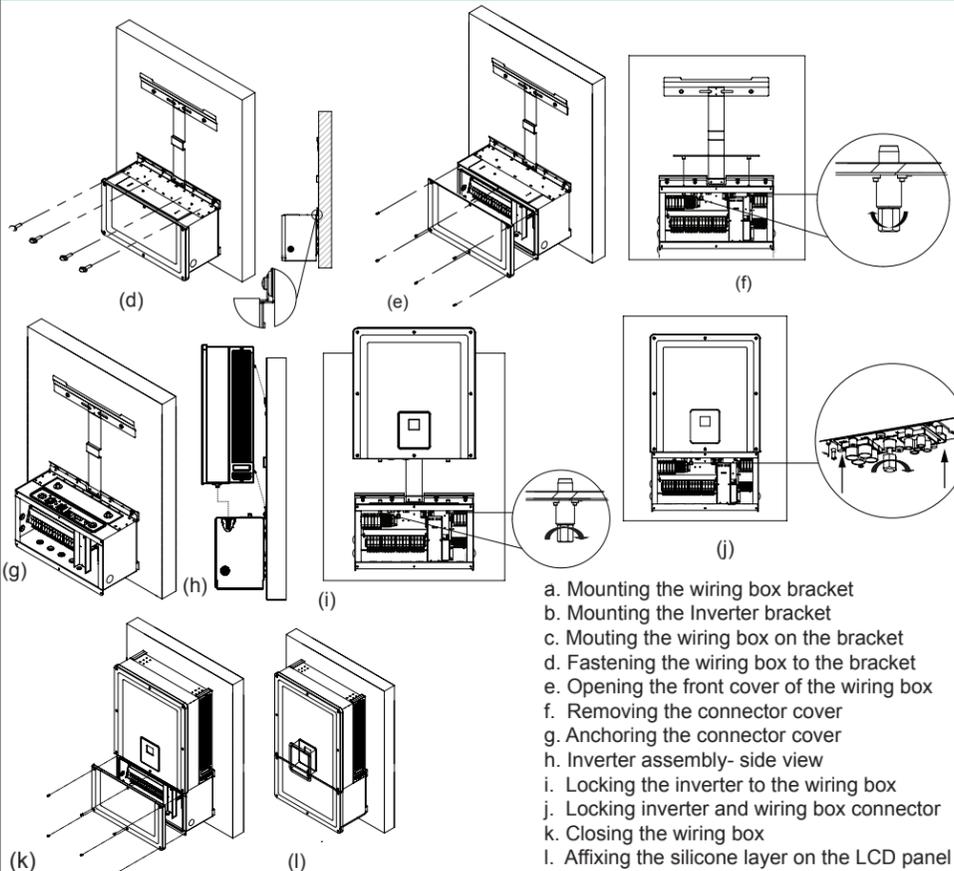
Note: It is recommended to install the inverter away from direct exposure to sunlight.



H Mounting Sequence



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- Mounting the wiring box bracket
- Mounting the Inverter bracket
- Mounting the wiring box on the bracket
- Fastening the wiring box to the bracket
- Opening the front cover of the wiring box
- Removing the connector cover
- Anchoring the connector cover
- Inverter assembly- side view
- Locking the inverter to the wiring box
- Locking inverter and wiring box connector
- Closing the wiring box
- Affixing the silicone layer on the LCD panel

I Communication module

socket 1

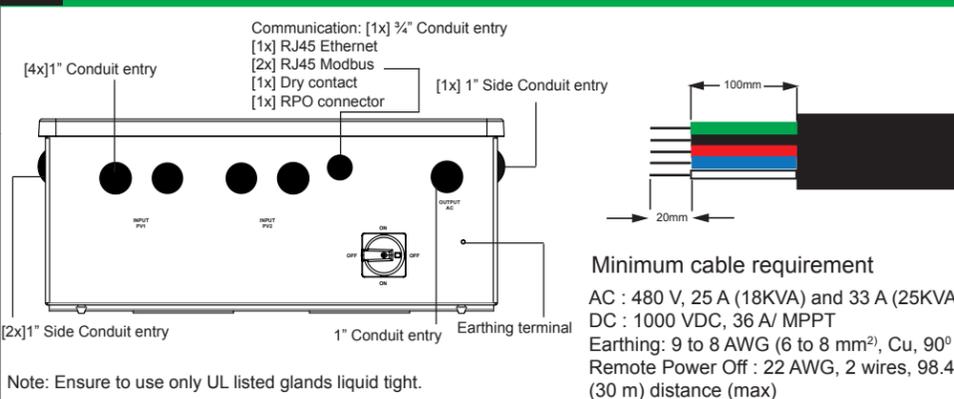
RJ-45 pin details

Pin	Function
4	DATA+
5	DATA-
7	NC (Not connected)
8	Modbus ground

Data format for RS485 connection

Parameter	Value
Baud rate	19200 (default), 9600, 38400, 57600, 115200
Data bits	8
Stop bits	1 (default)
Parity	None (default), Odd, Even

J Wiring



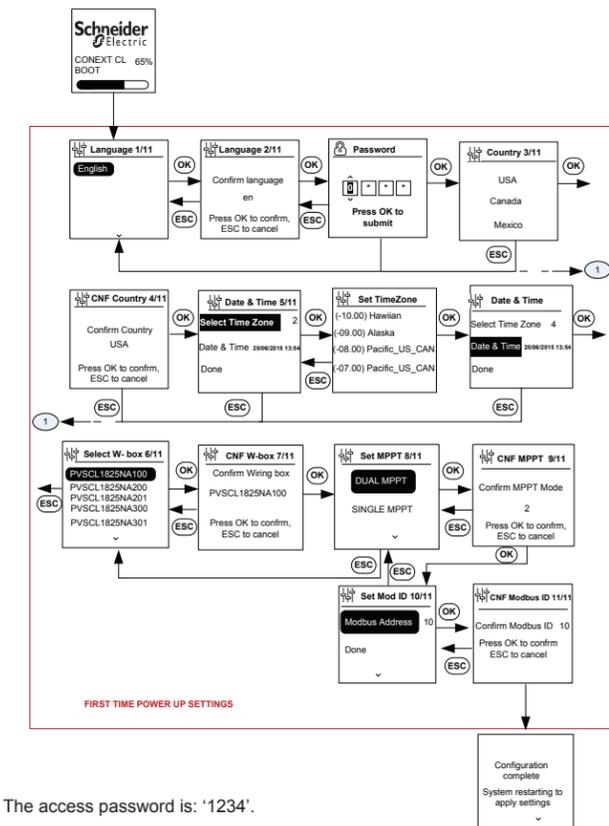
K Commissioning

Start up procedure:

- Ensure that the DC and AC breaker are turned OFF.
 - Complete the wiring as per the instructions in the Installation and Operation Manual.
 - AC wiring
 - DC wiring
 - Earthing
 - Communication Interface
 - Check the polarity of the DC wires and ensure that the maximum DC voltage is not more than 1000 V.
 - Ensure to place the string protection fuses*. If less than 2x strings are used per MPPT, fusing may not be needed. For more details and ordering the spare parts, refer manual.
 - Ensure proper insertion of communication interface cables only to socket 1 of the RS485 connector, refer section I.
 - Ensure the dry contact and RPO connections are wired properly.
 - Ensure all the cable glands are sealed properly after completing the terminations.
 - Turn ON the AC or DC breaker (external) and ensure that the grid is connected to the inverter.
 - Check the <http://solar.schneider-electric.com/product/conext-cl/> for the latest firmware version. If the version on the inverter and website matches, follow step 10 or else step 11 and 12.
 - Replace the wiring box cover.
 - Turn OFF the DC and AC breaker, connect the USB drive with the latest firmware version to the USB device socket and then press the OK button.
 - Turn ON the AC or DC breaker (external). The inverter now starts upgrading the new firmware available in the USB drive, boots up and complete the Power on Self test.
 - Follow the first time power up settings.
 - After the first time power up, turn ON the DC disconnect switch. If there is sufficient sunlight, the inverter will start producing power.
 - Check the status of the indicator light. The PV status LED should be green.
 - If the PV status LED is not green, check whether:
 - All the connections are correct.
 - All the external disconnect switches are closed.
 - The DC disconnect switch* on the inverter is in the "ON" position.
- *The DC disconnect switch and string protection fuse are not part of the Base model.

There are three indicator lights (LED) below the LCD. The left and middle indicator lights are green and the right indicator light is red. The three indicator lights together indicate the inverter status.

L First Time Power Up Screen



For more information about the Conext CL Inverter, see the Installation and Operation Manual.