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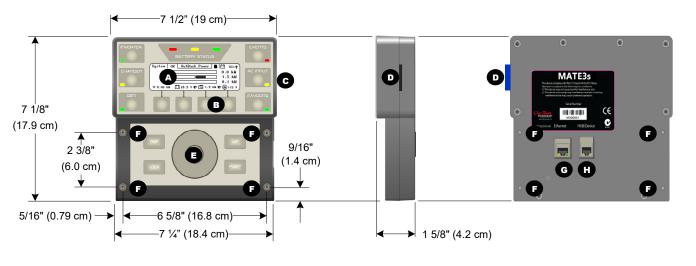
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MATE3s System Display and Controller

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IMPORTANT

Signal degradation can result if cable is run in conduit with AC wiring or in other electrically "noisy" environments: these can affect the maximum length the cable can run without incurring transmission errors.

CAUTION: EQUIPMENT DAMAGE

The MATE3s is intended for indoor installations only.

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Mounting Brackets

Items 1, 2, and 3 are the MATE3s mounting options from OutBack.



- 1. FW-MB3 (FLEXware Mounting Bracket) mounts on an OutBack FLEXware assembly or on a Radian-class inverter.
- 2. FW-MB-F (Flat Mount Kit) mounts against a wall surface and an outlet box. The cables are recessed into the wall.
- 3. FW-MB3-S (Surface Mount Kit) mounts against a flat surface but does not require an opening in the wall.



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- A: LCD display screen
- **B**: Soft keys
- **C**: Hot keys
- D: SD card slot
- E: Navigation keys
- F: Mounting Holes
- G: Ethernet port
- H: HUB Communications Manager port

NOTE: This document assumes knowledge of features, functions, and operation of other OutBack products. Consult appropriate literature as necessary.

> IMPORTANT: Not intended for use with life support equipment.

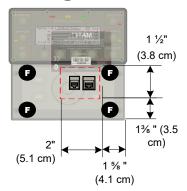
The MATE3s voltage is less than 30 Vdc and is thus considered a "limited energy" circuit normally requiring no conduit. CAT5 cable is not as strong as house wiring and must be handled carefully. Avoid kinking the cable or tearing its outer sheathing. Use plastic standoff cable staples, J-hooks, or cable trays to support long runs of CAT5 cable. Do not splice cables.

Mounting Without Brackets

Item 4 is a semi-transparent front view which also shows the ports and other back features.

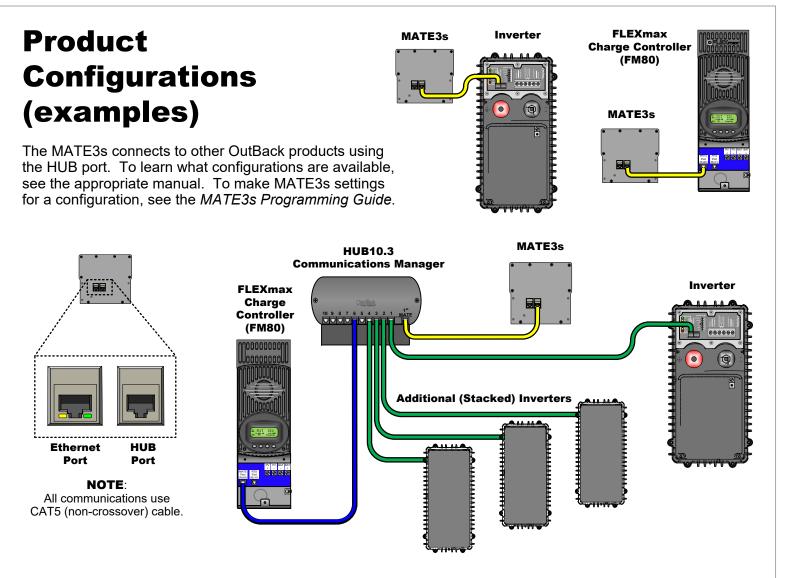
To mount the MATE3s on the wall without the accessory brackets:

- 1. Cut a hole in the surface at the location and size shown in 4. This allows room for the CAT5 cables to protrude through the wall.
- 2. Place the MATE3s on the wall with the cables inside the hole. Mark the mounting holes (F) by pushing a long nail into the mounting holes and putting a leader hole in the wall surface. **NOTE**: Do not use a nail that is larger than the mounting screws.



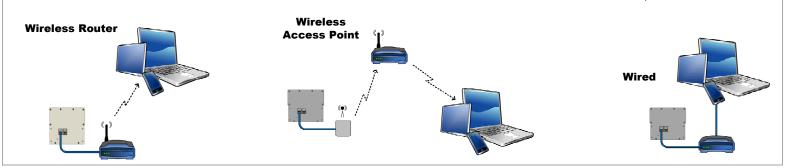


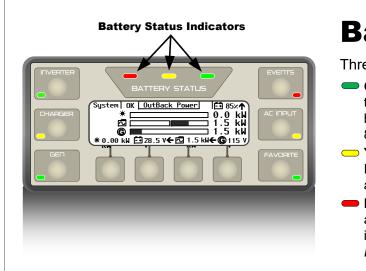
Communications



Communications Interfacing (examples)

The MATE3s interfaces with other devices using a wired connection to the Ethernet port. The connections here are used for Internet access with the OPTICS RE interface. Other connections are possible. The MATE3s can connect using a network switch or a wireless network router.





Color	12 Vdc Unit	24 Vdc Unit ± 0.2 Vdc	36 Vdc Unit ± 0.3 Vdc	48 Vdc Unit ± 0.4 Vdc	Battery Status
Green	12.5 Vdc or higher	25.0 Vdc or higher	37.5 Vdc or higher	50.0 Vdc or higher	Acceptable
YELLOW	11.5 to 12.4 Vdc	23.0 to 24.8 Vdc	34.5 to 37.2 Vdc	46.0 to 49.6 Vdc	Usable
Red	11.4 Vdc or lower	22.8 Vdc or lower	34.2 Vdc or lower	45.6 Vdc or higher	Low

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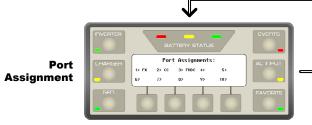
Cellular Modem

- Gaps in the table (higher-voltage units) are due to the resolution of the inverter's DC meter. ٠
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- Voltages higher than shown in the GREEN row usually means that the batteries are charging. ٠

Displays

on the HUB. It will then stop on the "Home" screen.





Battery LED Indicators

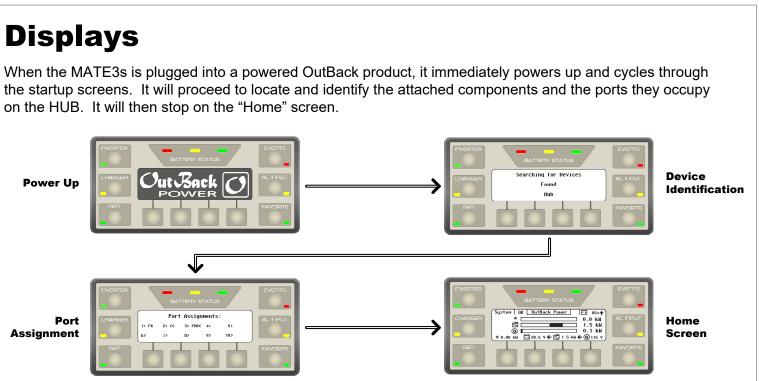
Three LED indicators indicate the condition of the battery bank.

GREEN means the batteries have an adequate charge at that time. It does not always mean they are full. If the FLEXnet DC battery monitor (FN-DC) is installed, this means the batteries are 80% State of Charge (SOC).

 YELLOW means the batteries are somewhat discharged. If the FN-DC is installed, this means the battery SOC is between 60% and 70%.

RED means the batteries are greatly discharged and may require attention. If the FN-DC is installed, this means the battery SOC is less than 60%. This indicator may be accompanied by a Low Battery V error and the EVENTS indicator. (See page 5.)

These voltage settings are not the same as the inverter's Low Battery Cut-Out voltage. The Battery LED settings cannot be changed.



System LED Indicators

The six System indicators show the status of different aspects of the system. In most cases, more information is available by pressing the "hot" key where the indicator is located. Pages 16 through 19 have more information on these hot keys.

INVERTER indicator (green): This shows the status of the inverter (or the master inverter in a stacked system).

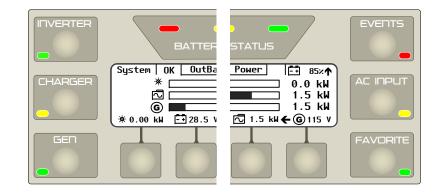
OCO OFF: the inverter is not converting DC to AC. The AC source may be powering the loads.

CHARGER indicator (yellow): This shows the status of any charger active in an OutBack system.

- **O O N** (solid): a device on the HUB is delivering more than a minimal amount of charging power. The device may be an inverter or a charge controller.
- **OCON** (flash): the batteries are being equalized.
- OOO **OFF**: no device is actively charging the batteries. The charger may be off. It may be on but in a resting state. Alternately, it may be on with the charging source disconnected or unavailable.

GET indicator (green): This shows the status of a generator that is controlled by the Advanced Generator Start (AGS) function.

- based on input AC voltage (if the generator type is AC). This LED will usually illuminate in conjunction with the AC INPLIT LED indicator. It only illuminates when an AC generator is used.
- OOO OFF: The Generator Status menu has been set to OFF, or the AGS function has not been enabled. If the generator shuts down or stops delivering power, this indicator will remain on until a generator fault is declared.



EVENTS indicator (red): An "event" is a change in status, externally imposed on a device on the HUB (an on/off command, an automatic generator start, loss of grid power, etc.). The *Event History* screen logs all events for potential troubleshooting (see page 18). The LED indicator means that an event requires acknowledgement. Usually it only illuminates when a fault occurs.

require attention.

AC INPLIT indicator (yellow): This shows the status of the inverter's AC input (the master inverter in a stacked system).

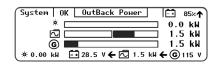
○ ○ ON (flash): The source has not been accepted. If this continues, the source may have quality issues. (See page 10.) The AC Input Status may be set to Drop. (See page 19.) Also, HBX or a similar function may have disconnected the source. (See the MATE3s Programming Guide.)

OOO **OFF**: no AC source is detected.

often-used menus for rapid access.

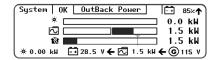
Home Screen

The Home screen appears after the MATE3s detects the devices connected to it. Home screens display different types of information depending on the system type selected. This is set in the **System Information** screen. (See the MATE3s Programming Guide). Three System Types (and Home screens) are available:



0	Off Grid is for when no utility grid is available.	Often used with a generator.
	This is the default screen.	

• **Backup** is for using the inverter system to back up the utility grid.



System OK OutBack Ромег 📑 100)×↑
* 1.1	
w 1.1 kW→⊡26.0 V→⊡1.0 kW→ 作 11	

For a legend of the screen symbols, see page 6.

 Grid Tied is for grid-interactive inverters capable of returning power to the utility grid. Most commonly used with renewable energy systems.

NOTE: Selecting *Grid Tied* does not activate the grid-interactive function. It simply arranges the screen to display grid-interactive data most effectively. The function must be set in the inverter itself. FXR- and Radian-class inverters need to be placed in the AC input mode which is also called *Grid Tied*. GTFX and GVFX inverters have this function enabled by default.) See the applicable inverter literature.

Meter Bars

Much of the Home screen data is shown by kilowatt meters in the form of black bars next to the various icons. These meter bars expand to the right or to the left. Not all data is present in all cases. Each home screen uses a different combination of meter bars. The scale of each bar is described on page 7. The parameters for the bars are based on the data in System Information.

- The meter bar represents the charge controller output. If no charge controller is detected, this bar is not present.
- The left 🔂 meter bar represents inverter output when **System Type** is set to **Off Grid** or **Backup**.
- The right represents the inverter's charger output when **System Type** is set to **Off Grid** or **Backup**.
- The (G) meter bar represents the generator output when System Type is set to Off Grid.
- The left \$ meter bar represents the power bought from the grid when **System Type** is set to **Grid Tied**.
- The right \$ meter bar represents the amount of power sold by the inverter when System Type is set to Grid Tied.
- The meter bar represents the amount of power used by the output loads when System Type is set to Grid Tied or **Backup**.

• • • • ON (solid): An error has occurred. This is usually accompanied by inverter shutdown. This can also show a generator fault if the voltage is lost from an automatic generator.

OOO **OFF**: No particular status. Events may be logged in *Event History*, but they do not

O ON (solid): The AC source is connected and providing power. Unit may or may not be charging the batteries, depending on settings.

- **FAVORITE** indicator (green): This indicates the use of this hot key to select
- ON (flash): The hot key has been held down to program a Favorite.
- OOO **OFF**: No particular status. The indicator only illuminates upon pressing the hot key.

In the FM100-AFCI, the symbol also appears if the controller shuts down due to any of several faults. See page 7.

		LEGEND	Meter Bar or Metering Notes
	lcon(s)	Description	
	ОК	System status	
B		An SD card has been inserted	
C	📑 ♥ or ♠	Net current flowing out of (Ψ) or into (\uparrow) batteries; also shows % SOC (State Of Charge, as measured by FN-DC)	If no FLEXnet DC is present, this is replaced by another display of E .
D	★ → ⊡	PV current charging batteries; meter bar expands left to right	Meter bar scaled by Array Wattage setting; blank if no controller; ! if e
Ø	<u>- +</u> V	Battery voltage	Not compensated for temperature
Ð	트 + → 心 or 🗲	Battery current used by inverter (\clubsuit) or charged by inverter (\bigstar)	In Grid Tied mode, current used (\rightarrow) can also mean current sold; see
G	√2 kW	Kilowatts used by inverter or charger	Measured by L and M
•	⊼. ← (G)	Generator current used by inverter and loads	Meter bar scaled by Gen kW Rating setting; does not operate in Pass
0	心→ 行or ←	Grid current used by inverter and loads (\leftarrow), or inverter current sold to grid (\rightarrow)	
O	<u> </u>	Generator (or AC source) voltage (and power); meter bar expands left to right	Meter bar scaled by Gen kW Rating setting
K	一个v	Utility Grid (or AC source) voltage	
C	ि meter bars	Left bar = inverter output, expands right to left Right bar = charger output; expands left to right	Left bar scaled by Gen kW Rating setting Right bar scaled to total of Max Inverter kW and Charger kW settings
0	\$ meter bars	Left bar = power bought, expands right to left Right bar = power sold; expands left to right	Left bar scaled by <i>Gen kW Rating</i> setting Right bar scaled by <i>Max Charger kW</i> setting
8	🖹 meter bar	Power delivered to inverter output (loads)	<i>Grid Tied</i> system type: meter bar scaled to <i>Max Inverter kW</i> setting Exception: in PassThru, it is scaled to 7.2 kW x total number of inverter <i>Backup</i> : meter bar scaled to 125% of <i>Max Inverter kW</i> setting; 100% is

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G

C

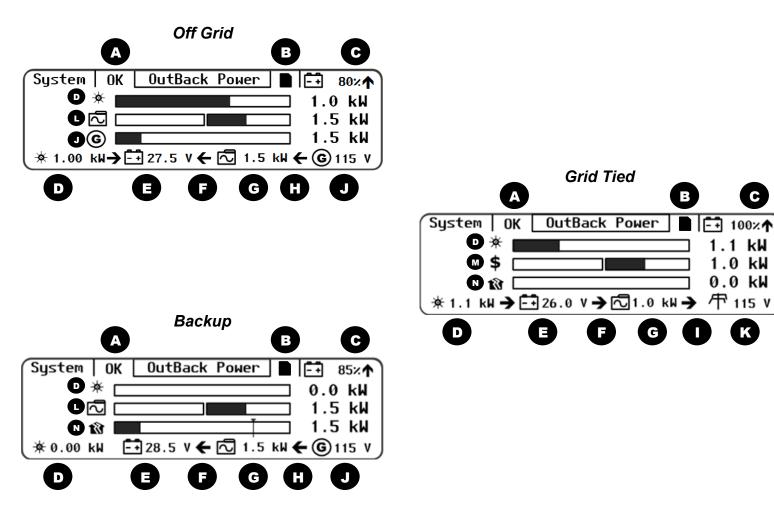
🕂 100×↑

1.1 kW

1.0 kW

0.0 kW

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Basic Navigation

Soft Keys

Four "soft" keys are located directly below the display. Soft key functions will vary depending on the location. These functions are identified by icons or text directly above the key. Occasionally not all four soft keys are used.

Home Screen Soft Keys

See the following pages for displays and descriptions.

- The **<Charge Controller>** soft key (**O**) displays information on all FLEXmax charge controllers. If no controllers are detected by the HUB Communications Manager, O is inoperative. (The - symbol and meter bar are not present.) See page 14.
- The **Battery** soft key (**P**) displays information on the battery bank. The information ٠ available depends on whether the FLEXnet DC battery monitor is installed. See page 12.
- The **<Inverter>** soft key (**Q**) displays information on any inverters present on the HUB. • If no inverters are present, **Q** is inoperative. (The 🔽 symbol is not present.) See page 8.
- For FX-class inverters: In the **Off Grid** system type, **R** is **<Input Select>**. It may not have • a symbol. The (G) symbol only appears if a generator is running. (See J.) In Grid Tied, R is <Grid Status>. # will appear. In Backup, R is inoperative. See page 8.
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Soft Keys

s	 In the Off Grid or Backup system types:
	 "OK" is replaced with I (G) (with an event message) during a generator fault. In the <i>Grid Tied</i> system type: "OK" is replaced with I (T) (with an event message)
ay of E .	during a grid fault.
ller; ! if error (see page 5)	 In any system type: "OK" is replaced with ! -+ or X -+ (with an event message) if the FN-DC is
sold; see I	present and registers a battery problem.
e in PassThru	"OK" is replaced with I (with an event message) during an inverter fault.
	In the FM100-AFCI, if an AFCI, GFDI, rapid shutdown, or input fault occurs, the meter bar also displays .
∕ settings	In the Backup system type, the System Information menu must have an AC generator selected. Otherwise this field is blank. (See the MATE3s Programming Guide.)
/ setting of inverters g; 100% is marked with ⊺	If <i>Gen Type</i> is set to DC, then the left meter bar is scaled according to the <i>Max Inverter kW</i> setting.

• In all cases where displayed, the **Back**> soft key returns to the previous screen. The **Port**> soft key cycles through each device connected to the network. When a specific port is selected, the device on that port can be individually programmed with whatever options are available. (Programming is often global unless assigned to a particular port.) Other soft keys are described as appropriate.

0 Q R System | OK | OutBack Power | E 100×↑ 1.1 kW 1.0 kW 0.0 kW Ŵ E 26.0 V → □ 1.0 kW → 中 115 V ¢∹1.1 kW 0 Q s

System | OK | OutBack Power |

★ 0.00 kH 🖸 28.5 V ← 🖸 1.5 kH ← ⓒ 115 V

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G

In the Off Grid system type: For FXR-class inverters, S is the <Input Select> soft key. For Radian-class inverters, S is the < Input Priority> soft key. It may not have a symbol. The G symbol only appears if a generator is running. (See J.) For both FXR- and Radian-class: In Grid Tied or Off Grid, S is the <Grid Status> soft key. 🕂 will appear. See page 8.

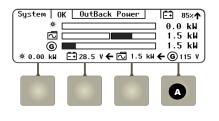
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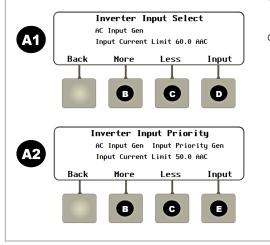
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1.5 kW

Input Select, Input Priority, and Grid Status Soft Keys





A	System Type: Off Grid Grid Tied Backup		Backup	
Soft key screens	FX-class	A1	A3	—
by inverter class	FXR-class	A1	A3	A3
and system type	Radian-class	A2	A3	A3

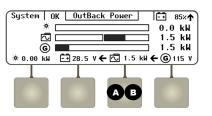
- The *Input Select* screen (A1) allows two AC sources of different sizes when switched externally to a single input. (FX-class and FXR-class)
- E, The Input Priority screen (A2) selects which of two AC sources is accepted if both are active at the same time. It also shows the present source. (Radian-class)

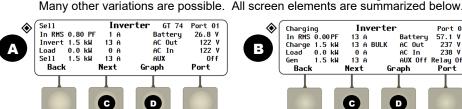
Screen Items (A1 and A2):

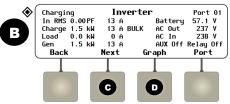
- AC Input Gen or Grid
- Input Current Limit* xx.x to xx.x Aac (varies with inverter model)
- In screen A1, the <Input> soft key (D) selects between the utility grid or a generator. Each selection has a pre-set value for the Input Current Limit.
- In screen A2, the <Input> soft key (E) chooses either the utility grid or the generator to take priority. Each selection has a pre-set value for the Input Current Limit.
- The <Less> or <More> soft keys (B and C) can adjust these values in either screen.

A and B are two different variations of the same screen showing different screen elements.

Inverter Soft Key

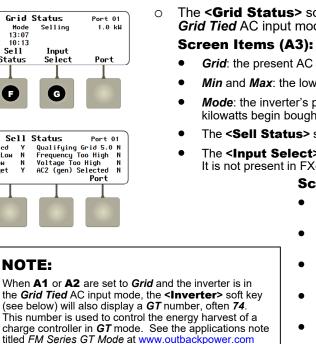






Screen Items (some items apply only to A or B as indicated):

- The upper left corner of the screen shows the present mode of operation (Sell, Charging, or other modes).
- **In RMS**: the power factor and input current of the AC source.
- Invert (shown in A) or Charge (shown in B):
 - Invert displays the kilowatts and AC current produced for loads, offsetting, or (when grid-interactive) sold back to the utility grid.
 - Charge displays the kilowatts and AC current used to charge the battery bank. This line also shows the charge mode.
- Load: the kilowatts and AC current used by devices on the inverter's output. This may or may not be the same as **Invert**. •
- Sell (A) or Buy: the kilowatts and AC current either exported or brought into the inverter for both charging and loads. **Buy** is usually a total of the **Charge** and **Load** items and may equal **In RMS**.
- Gen (B): replaces Buy if the AC mode is Generator or Support. The readings are the same. (FXR-and Radian-class only)
- **Battery:** the battery voltage. This reading is not compensated for temperature.
- AC Out and AC In: the AC voltage measured at the inverter's output and input. If an AC source is present, these readings are generally the same. However, they may not be identical due to meter tolerances. (In Radian-class inverters, each item is the sum of the L1 and L2 readings.)
- AUX: the status of the inverter's Auxiliary 12-volt output.
- **Relay** (B): the status of the inverter's Auxiliary relay contacts. (Radian-class only)



 The <Next> soft key (C) displays a (D series of screens with information on the inverter's charger and other battery-related functions, and on any inverter warnings or errors present. (See the next page.)



• The **Graph**> soft key (**D**) displays a series of screens that plot various data over time. The graphs include inverter and charger wattage, power imported from an AC source, battery voltage, and others. The inverter wattage screen is shown here.

INVERTER MODES:

Mode 13:07

10:13

Sel1

Status

B

115 VAC 116 VAC

Selling Disabled

Frequency Too Low N Voltage Too Low N Battery < Target Y Back

Min Max

Back

A3

This section shows all possible modes. Some may not be available with all OutBack inverters. Incompatible or unavailable modes will not be displayed. See the inverter literature to determine which functions are available and their definitions.

- Support Invertina •
 - Sell (A) Charger Off •

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PassThru. If an FXR inverter is used as a stacked slave, its only modes are Slave On, Slave Off, Error, Inverting, and Off.

- Slave On: The slave inverter is assisting the master's activity (Sell, Charging, etc.). ٠
- Slave Off: The slave inverter is not assisting or performing any active function. Slave Off is also used if the master status is **PassThru**. Master and slave inverters may both be transferring (passing power through)
- Slave On and Slave Off only appear when the AC input is in use. When no AC input is in use:
- If the master is *Inverting*, the slave also displays *Inverting* while assisting with the inverting function.
- If the slave is not actively assisting, it will display Off (not Slave Off).



The **Grid Status** soft key (A3) brings up AC input data. If the inverter is not in the **Grid Tied** AC input mode or connected to the utility grid, not all items will function.

Grid: the present AC voltage from the source (the utility grid).

Min and *Max*: the lowest and highest daily AC voltage and the time each was recorded.

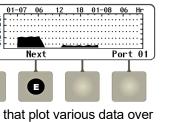
Mode: the inverter's present operating status (either buying or selling) and the number of kilowatts begin bought or sold. This is blank if an AC source is not present.

The **<Sell Status>** soft key (**F**) brings up possible reasons for not selling to the utility grid.

The <Input Select> soft key (G) returns to screens A1 (FXR-class) or A2 (Radian-class). It is not present in FX-class inverters.

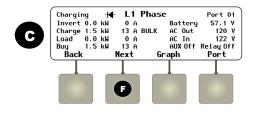
Screen Items (F):

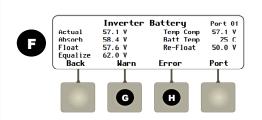
- Selling Disabled: the Offset Enable (or Grid-Tie Enable) command is set to **N** (no). (See the MATE3s Programming Guide.)
- Frequency or Voltage Too Low or Too High: the AC voltage or frequency are outside the acceptable limits for selling.
- Qualifying Grid: the time to reconnection once all limits are met. (If the inverter is not a grid-interactive model, a random number may appear.)
- Battery < Target: the battery voltage is below the target for that stage ٠ (Float, Offset, etc). No excess energy is available to sell
- ٠ AC2 (gen) Selected: The Input Type has been set to Gen. The inverter will not sell to a source that it identifies as a generator. (FX-class and FXR-class inverters only.)

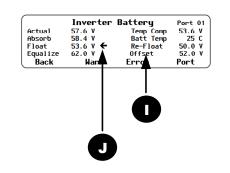


- The **<Next>** soft key (**E**) brings up a *Graph* screen with changes in charger wattage over time.
- Continuing to press **<Next>** brings 0 up **Graph** screens for AC source (Buy) wattage, grid-interactive (Sell) wattage, and battery voltage.
- The battery voltage graph may also 0 be used by other soft keys.
- Offsettina • PassThru Charging (B) • • Off
 - Silent •
- Error •
- Charger Off and Silent are not used in FXR models. If the inverter is a master or subphase master in Silent mode with AC input, the mode is

Inverter Soft Key (continued)







NOTES: There are several other variations on **C**, the **<Inverter**> soft key screen.

A diode symbol may be present to show "diode charging", a low-power mode that allows fine control of charging, selling, and load support.

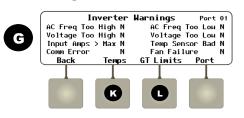
- In North American Radian-class inverters, *Inverter* is split into *L1 Phase* and *L2* **Phase** screens (reached using the **<Next>** soft key **F**). The screens are almost identical, but the AC voltage readings are the individual L1 and L2 phases.
- From these screens, the **Next**> soft key (**F**) brings up the *Inverter Battery* screen.

Screen Items (F):

- Actual: The battery voltage. This item is not compensated for temperature. See below. •
- ٠ Absorb and Float. The inverter's primary charger settings for the three main battery charging stages.
- **Equalize:** The inverter's Equalization voltage setting. It is used during the battery equalization cvcle.
- **Temp Comp**: The battery voltage after compensation from the Remote Temperature • Sensor (RTS). If no RTS is present, Temp Comp and Actual will read the same.
- Batt Temp: The battery temperature in degrees Celsius as measured by the RTS. If the RTS is measuring on an incorrect port, ### will be displayed. See the literature for the inverter, charge controller, or other product to determine the correct port.
- Re-Float: The inverter's Re-Float setting. It is used to return the charger from Silent • mode to the float stage.
- Offset (I): The inverter's voltage used during Offset activities, including selling. This item is labeled Sell RE in older systems.

NOTE: If an arrow (J) appears next to Absorb, Float, or Equalize, it indicates the charger is in that stage. The arrow will not appear if the charger is in the bulk stage or Silent mode.

Warnings



The **Warn**> soft key (G) displays a series of screens with a list of non-critical 0 faults and other information. When an inverter suffers a warning, one or more items in **G** will change from **N** to **Y**.

A warning is also accompanied by an event message and the red **EVENTS** indicator (see pages 5 and 18). Some warnings can become errors if left unattended. Frequency and voltage warnings are meant to warn of a problematic AC source. See the inverter Operator's Manual for more information on troubleshooting a specific warning.

Screen Items (G) which may appear:

- AC Freq Too High or Too Low: The AC source is above or below the acceptable frequency limit.
- Voltage Too High or Too Low: The AC source is above or below the upper acceptable voltage limit.
- Input Amps > Max: AC loads are drawing more current from the AC source than allowed by the input setting. •
- Temp Sensor Bad: An internal inverter temperature sensor may be malfunctioning. This is also indicated by an unusual • reading on the Inverter Temps screen (K). It may be called Temperature Sensor Fault.
- Comm Fault: See the entry under Errors. It only appears on this screen in older models. It may be called Comm Error.
- Phase Loss: A stacked inverter was ordered to transfer to an AC input source, but the source is the wrong phase or does not appear on the input.
- Fan Failure: The internal cooling fan is not operating properly. Lack of cooling may derate the inverter's output wattage.

Errors

• The **<Error>** soft key (**H**) displays a screen with a list of critical faults. When an error occurs, the inverter will usually shut down. One or more screen items will change from **N** to **Y**. An error is also accompanied by an event message and the red **EVENTS** indicator (see pages 5 and 18). See the inverter Operator's Manual to troubleshoot a specific error.

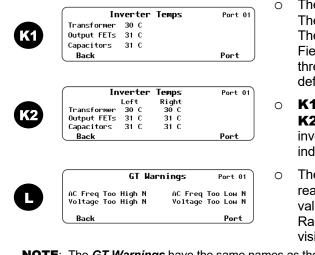
Screen Items (H) which may appear:

- Low Output Voltage: Inverter AC regulation is decreasing due to high load.
- AC Output Shorted: Inverter maximum surge current exceeded due to severe overload.
- AC Output Backfeed: Another AC power source (out of phase with the inverter) was connected to the AC output.
- Stacking Error: A programming problem among stacked units. (This often occurs if no master was assigned.)
- Low Battery V: DC voltage is below the Low Battery Cut-Out (LBCO) point. (See the MATE3s Programming Guide.)
- High Battery V: DC voltage is above the inverter's maximum allowed level.
- Over Temperature: Maximum operating temperature was exceeded.
- Comm Fault: Inverter suffered an internal communication failure and may need service.
- **Phase Loss:** See the entry under Warnings. It only appears on this screen in older models
- NOTE: The <Next> soft key (M) appears in FXR and Radian (A and E model) inverters with additional items.

Screen Items (M) which may appear:

- AC Relay Fault: AC transfer relay damaged.

Temperatures



NOTE: The GT Warnings have the same names as the Disconnect messages shown on page 19, but they are not the same. GT Warnings have to do specifically with selling (or not selling) power, while the Disconnect messages are general reasons for disconnecting from any source.

Inverter

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Loose DC Neg Terminals N

Battery Voltage Sense

AC Relay Fault

Back

Inverter Errors

Low Output Voltage N AC Output Shorted N

AC Output Backfeed N

Stacking Error

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 Loose DC Neg Terminals: Loose DC connection on internal power module. May read Loose DC Neg Terminals (L) or (R). Battery Voltage Sense: Internal sensing has detected voltages that are grossly outside the normal range.

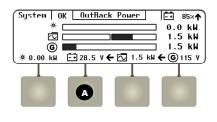
The **<Temps>** soft key **(K)** displays the *Inverter Temps* screen.

The internal temperature sensor readings are shown in degrees Celsius. The sensors are located on the main transformer, the heat sink for the Field Effect Transistors (FETs), and the filter capacitors. Normally all three read approximately the same. An unusual reading can indicate a defective sensor.

K1 shows these three readings for FX-class and FXR-class inverters. **K2** shows a total of six readings for Radian-class inverters. Radian inverters have twin (right and left) power modules. Each module has independent sensors and three separate readings.

The **GT**> soft key (L) displays the **GT Warnings** screen. It shows reasons why the inverter might stop selling power. If any reasons are valid, one or more items will change from **N** to **Y**. It is only available in Radian-class and FXR-class inverters in *Grid Tied* input mode. It is not visible in FX-class inverters. The screen may be called *IEEE Warnings*.

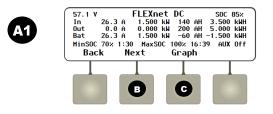
Battery Soft Key



Screen Items (A1):

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 If the FLEXnet DC (FN-DC) battery monitor is installed, the <Battery> soft key (A) opens screen A1.



- Bat: The net total current and kilowatts sent to or taken from the batteries. It also shows the net total amp-hours and kilowatt-hours collected or taken from the batteries that day.
- The last line shows both the highest and lowest recorded battery SOC for that day, and the time each was recorded.
- AUX: The current status of the battery monitor's Auxiliary relay (also known as AUX mode or Relay mode). See the MATE3s Programming Guide and the FLEXnet DC manual.
- The **<Next>** soft key (**B**) brings up a series of screens that show more detailed information on the battery. These screens also show data from individual shunts used with the FN-DC battery monitor.

The upper left corner of the screen shows the measured battery

voltage. This reading is not compensated for temperature. The

upper right corner shows the measured State of Charge (SOC).

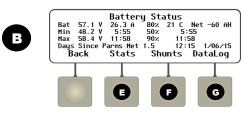
shows the total amp-hours and kilowatt-hours delivered that day.

In: The total current and kilowatts from all DC sources. It also

Out: The total current and kilowatts removed from the batteries

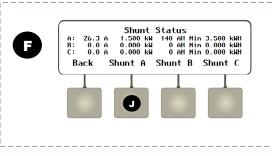
for inverting, DC loads, or other uses. It also shows the total

amp-hours and kilowatt-hours removed that day.



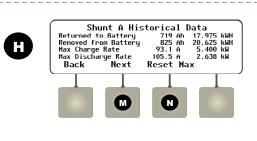
Screen Items (B):

- **Bat:** The battery voltage, net current flow (positive or negative), battery temperature, and daily net amp-hour accumulation .
- Min and Max: The lowest and highest recorded battery voltage and SOC for that day and the time each was recorded.
- Days Since Parms Met: The elapsed time since the "fully charged" parameters were met



Screen Items (F):

- A, B, and C: These display individual readings from up to three shunts (shunts A. B. and C). Each line shows the current and kilowatts measured at that time. It also shows the amp-hours and kilowatt-hours accumulated that day.
- The **<Shunt A>** soft key (**J**) opens the **Shunt A Historical Data** screen to display long-term statistics. Soft keys for **<Shunt B>** and **<Shunt C>** are also present. If a shunt is not enabled, its statistics will read 0.



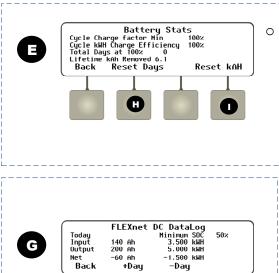
Screen Items (J):

- **Returned to Battery** and **Removed from Battery**: These show the accumulated total amp-hours that have been delivered to the battery bank (charging) or removed from the battery bank (loads). Similarly, Max Charge Rate and Max Discharge Rate show the highest current entering or leaving the batteries.
- The **Reset Max** soft key (**N**) resets both current readings at the same time.
- The **<Next>** soft key (**M**) opens the *Historical Data* screen for the next shunt in alphabetical order (not shown).

If the FLEXnet DC (FN-DC) battery monitor is not present, the **Battery**> \cap soft key (A) opens screen A2.

Screen Items (A2):

- Bat: The measured battery voltage. This reading is not compensated for temperature.
- Min and Max: The lowest and highest recorded voltages that day. These lines also show the time the voltages were recorded.
- The **Graph**> soft key (**C**) brings up a single graph showing changes in battery voltage over time. This graph may be used by other soft keys.
- The **<Next>** soft key (**D**) brings up a *Graph* screen with changes in battery SOC over time (not shown). **D** and the following screens are only accessible from screen A1 (if the FN-DC is installed).
- Continuing to press <Next> brings up Graph screens for shunts A, B, and C (if present).



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Screen Items (E):

-1.500 kWH

-Day

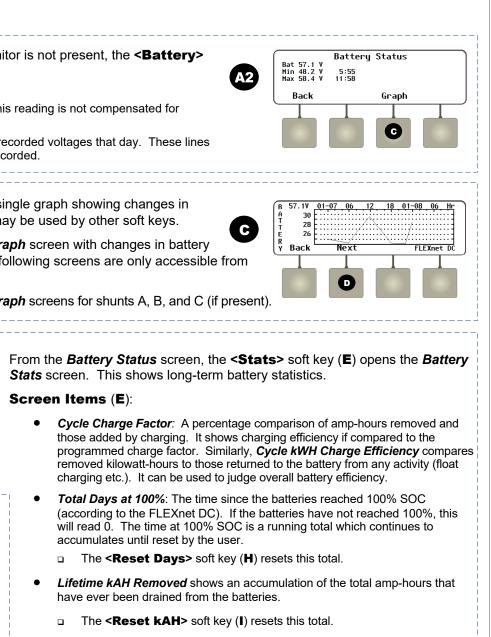
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Screen Items (G):

- Minimum SOC: The lowest SOC for that day.

- (K) advances the log by one day. If *Today* is displayed, it does nothing.

Soft Keys: Battery



• From the *Battery Status* screen, the <DataLog> soft key (G) opens the *FLEXnet DC DataLog* screen. It maintains a continuous daily log (up to 400 days) of amp-hour, watt-hour, and SOC statistics. One day can be displayed at a time.

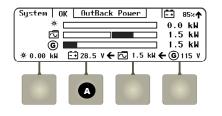
Input and Output: The number of amp-hours and kilowatt-hours brought into or removed from the batteries that day.

Net: The net gain or loss in amp-hours or kilowatt-hours that day. This is the difference between the Input and Output fields.

The upper left corner shows the date of the selected DataLog screen. (The current DataLog screen reads Today.)

The <-Day> soft key (L) brings up the previous day's log. Instead of Today, a date is shown. Similarly, the <+Day> soft key

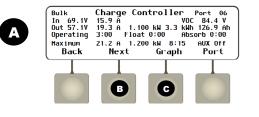
Charge Controller Soft Key



harvested from the array.

Screen Items (A):

The **<Charge Controller>** soft key 0 (A) brings up status data. If no controller is present, the PV icon is blank and this soft key is inoperative. The reading above this key shows the PV kilowatts used to charge the battery.



- **Operating:** The total hours the charger has operated • that day in any stage.
- Float and Absorb: The timer count in either stage.
- Maximum: The maximum daily PV current and wattage and the recorded times.
- The lower right corner shows the current status of the • controller's Auxiliary (AUX) output. (See the MATE3s Programming Guide and the charge controller manual.)

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1024 W

Wattage Back

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• The **<Next>** soft key (**B**) brings up the *Charge Controller Stats* screen. This screen shows data accumulated since the system went online or since the last reset. Note that the **Maximum** statistics are not incremental. They are updated only if a higher value is measured. The Total statistics are incremental. These items are updated daily with higher totals.

Screen Items (B):

- [Maximum] VOC: The highest measured Voc.
- [Maximum] Battery: The highest measured battery voltage. •

The upper left corner of the screen shows the present mode of

Out: The present battery voltage and the battery charging current

from the charge controller(s). This line also displays the daily

In: The present PV array operating voltage and the current

operation (Bulk, Absorb, Float, EQ, or Silent).

VOC: The available PV open-circuit voltage (V_{oc}) .

accumulated kilowatt-hours and amp-hours.

- [Maximum] Wattage: The highest measured power harvested from the PV.
- [Total] kWh: A historical accumulation of the kilowatt-hours harvested by the controller.
- [Total] kAh: A historical accumulation of the kiloamp-hours used to charge the batteries. •
- The **<Next>** soft key (**D**) brings up the *Charge Controller Error* screen with a list of critical faults. When an error 0 occurs, one or more items will change from N to Y. Some errors accompany a shutdown; others simply report status. Not all errors are present in all models. See the charge controller manual for more information.

Screen Items (D):

- **VOC Too High**: The controller has shut down because the array V_{oc} exceeded its upper limit. This error can clear automatically.
- Over Temperature: The FLEXmax 100 is too hot to operate and has shut down. This error can clear automatically. See Charge Controller Temps.
- Shorted RTS: The Remote Temperature Sensor (RTS) has malfunctioned. The controller will not shut down, but it cannot compensate for temperature.
- GFDI Fault: The GFDI (Ground Fault Detector-Interrupter) function has shut down the charge controller.
- Fault Input Active: The Rapid Shutdown terminals have detected an open circuit and shut down the charge controller. This is not a charge controller error but a deliberate action. It requires a reset of the rapid shutdown device.
- Reduced Performance: The internal temperature sensor has failed. See Charge Controller Temps.
- Over Current Fault: The controller has shut down because more than 120 Adc was sensed flowing to the batteries (or more than 80 Adc from the array). This requires a manual reset.
- ARC Fault: The AFCI (Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter) function has shut down the charge controller

- The **Graph**> soft key (**C**) brings up screens that plot different kinds of charge controller information. Shown here is the first **Graph** screen. This screen shows changes in PV wattage over time.
 - The **<Next>** soft key (**D**) brings up a *Graph* screen with changes in • battery voltage over time. This graph may be used by other soft keys as well
 - Continuing to press the **<Next>** soft key brings up a **Graph** screen with • changes in PV voltage over time (not shown).

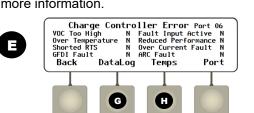
- commands. If Yes is pressed, the appropriate statistics in B will be reset to zero.
- 0 minimum voltage figures. One day can be displayed at a time.

Screen Items (G):

- Max Output: The maximum daily current and wattage.
- Absorb and Float: The amount either of these timers ran that day.
- High VOC: The highest daily open-circuit voltage (V_{OC}).
- Min Batt and Max Batt: The lowest and highest daily battery voltage.
- The upper left corner shows the date of the selected **DataLog**. (The present **DataLog** screen reads **Today**.) This line also displays the daily accumulated kilowatt-hours and amp-hours.
- The <-Day> soft key (J) brings up the previous day's datalog display. Instead of *Today*, a date is shown.
- Similarly, the **<+Day>** soft key (I) advances the datalog by one day. (If *Today* is displayed, it does nothing.)
- The **Temps** soft key (**H**) brings up the **Charge Controller Temps** screen. This screen shows the controller's internal temperature. The measurement is used for fan control, temperature derating, or to trigger a shutdown in extremely hot temperatures.

Screen Items (H):

• Output FETs: The internal temperature as measured on the controller's Field Effect Transistor (FET) heatsink.



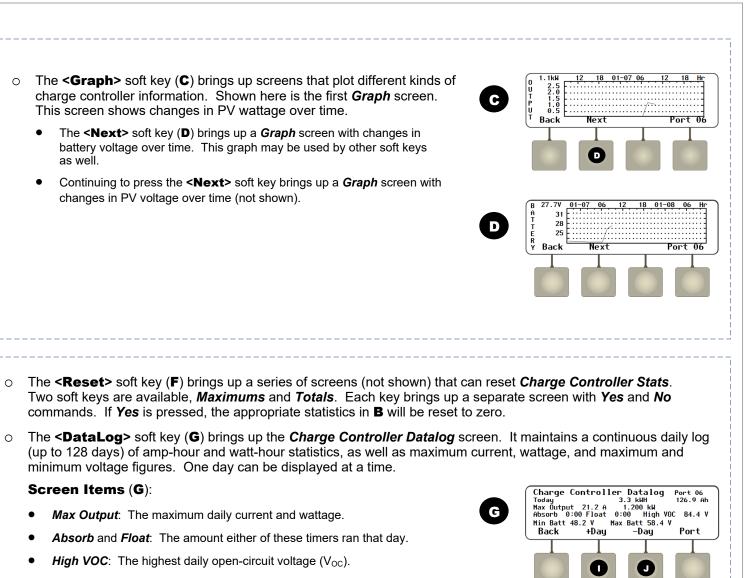
Charge Controller Stats Port 06

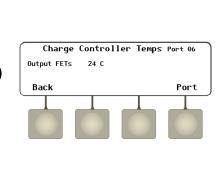
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Port





Hot Keys

Six "hot" keys display the most common operational screens. Some screens have selectable modes (On, Off, etc.) while some show function status. Some screens have their own soft keys and menus. The measurements and status messages are collective readings for the system, not for an individual inverter, unless specified otherwise. Similarly, commands are usually global unless specified otherwise.

INVERTER

The **INVERTER** hot key (**A**) brings up Inverter Status, with mode commands and readings. In a stacked system, the mode commands are global. Kilowatt readings are a total of all inverter measurements. Kilowatthour readings are daily accumulations which are reset to zero at midnight. All voltage readings are taken from the master inverter.

In Radian-class or FX-class models, INVERTER brings up screen A1. In FXR-class models, **INVERTER** brings up screen **A2**.

- The <On> and <Off> soft keys (C or D) send On or Off commands to all inverters. The <Search> soft key (E) toggles in or out of Search mode.
- Mode: This displays the soft key selection (On, Off, or Search) using 0 soft keys C, D, or E.

Screen Items (A1):

- Battery: The measured battery voltage, not compensated for temperature.
- **Input:** The AC source voltage and the power in kilowatts from the source. ٠
- Output: The voltage measured at the inverter's output and the kilowatts ٠ produced. The produced power may equal the load wattage, but can also include power sold to the arid.
- Load displays the kilowatts delivered to the inverter's output.

Screen Items (A2):

AC In: The input source voltage. This line also displays kilowatt and kilowatt-hour readings

A kilowatt reading under To means the inverter is exporting (selling) power to the AC input. This only occurs in grid-interactive applications (with the inverter's Grid Tied mode). A To kilowatt-hour reading is the daily energy sold by the system.

A kilowatt reading under *From* means the inverter system is importing (buying) AC power from the source, either for charging or for loads. A *From* kilowatt-hour reading is the daily energy imported by the system.

AC Out: The voltage measured at the inverter's output. This line also displays kilowatt and kilowatt-hour readings. •

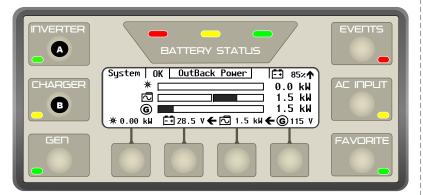
A kilowatt reading under To means power is delivered to the AC output for loads. This may be inverted power (as shown under Batt) if no AC source is present. If a source is present, it may mean either offset power (see Batt) or power imported from the AC source (see AC In). A To kilowatt-hour reading is the daily energy delivered by the system.

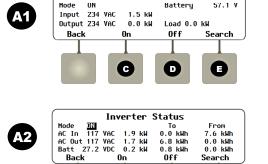
A kilowatt or kilowatt-hour reading under *From* is power received from the AC loads. This only occurs in AC Coupling applications.

Batt: The measured battery voltage, not compensated for temperature. This line also displays kilowatt and kilowatt-hour readings.

A kilowatt reading under To means the inverter is delivering power to charge the batteries. This is imported power from the AC source (see AC In). A To kilowatt-hour reading is the daily charging energy delivered by the system.

A kilowatt reading under *From* means the inverter is converting battery power to AC. If no AC source is present, this is inverted power used to operate loads (see AC Out). If an AC source is present, this may be either offset power (see AC Out), or power sold to the AC source (see AC In). A From kilowatt-hour reading is the daily energy delivered from the batteries.





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Inverter Status

CHARGER

The **CHARGER** hot key (**B**) brings up **Charger Status**, with readings and mode commands for charger(s) and equalization. **NOTE:** This data is for inverter/chargers only. In a stacked system, it shows the master inverter status. If another inverter or a charge controller has a different status, it will not be displayed.

Screen Items (B):

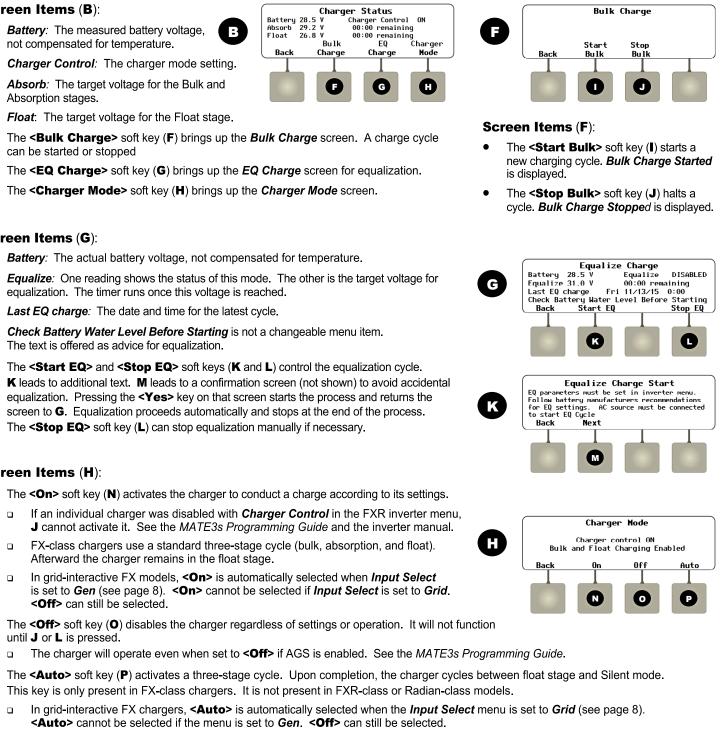
- **Battery**: The measured battery voltage, B not compensated for temperature.
- Charger Control: The charger mode setting ٠
- Absorb: The target voltage for the Bulk and • Absorption stages.
- Float: The target voltage for the Float stage.
- The **<Bulk Charge>** soft key (F) brings up the **Bulk Charge** screen. A charge cycle can be started or stopped
- The **<EQ Charge>** soft key (G) brings up the *EQ Charge* screen for equalization.
- The <Charger Mode> soft key (H) brings up the Charger Mode screen.

Screen Items (G):

- Battery: The actual battery voltage, not compensated for temperature.
- Equalize: One reading shows the status of this mode. The other is the target voltage for equalization. The timer runs once this voltage is reached.
- Last EQ charge: The date and time for the latest cycle.
- Check Battery Water Level Before Starting is not a changeable menu item. The text is offered as advice for equalization.
- The **Start EQ** and **Stop EQ** soft keys (**K** and **L**) control the equalization cycle. K leads to additional text. M leads to a confirmation screen (not shown) to avoid accidental equalization. Pressing the **<Yes>** key on that screen starts the process and returns the screen to G. Equalization proceeds automatically and stops at the end of the process. The **<Stop EQ>** soft key (L) can stop equalization manually if necessary.

Screen Items (H):

- The **<On>** soft key (**N**) activates the charger to conduct a charge according to its settings.
 - If an individual charger was disabled with Charger Control in the FXR inverter menu, J cannot activate it. See the MATE3s Programming Guide and the inverter manual.
 - FX-class chargers use a standard three-stage cycle (bulk, absorption, and float). Afterward the charger remains in the float stage.
 - In grid-interactive FX models, **<On>** is automatically selected when *Input Select* is set to Gen (see page 8). < On> cannot be selected if Input Select is set to Grid. <Off> can still be selected.
- The **<Off>** soft key (**O**) disables the charger regardless of settings or operation. It will not function until **J** or **L** is pressed.
- This key is only present in FX-class chargers. It is not present in FXR-class or Radian-class models.
 - <Auto> cannot be selected if the menu is set to Gen. <Off> can still be selected.
 - In FXR-class and Radian-class chargers, this key is not present. These chargers choose the Silent or float stages.



GEN

The GEn(erator) hot kev (A) brings up Generator Status. with readings and start/stop commands for the Advanced **Generator Start** (AGS) mode.

When **<On>** (**G**) is pressed, generator data appears on the right side of the screen (A2).

• The first line displays the generator's AC voltage and the generator kilowatts used.

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• The second line displays the updated status *RUN*, the time since the start command was sent, the battery state of charge (SOC), and the battery voltage. (If the FN-DC battery monitor is not present, the SOC field will be blank.)

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Status RUN

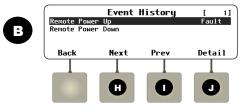
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The third line displays the stage of the charging cycle.

NOTE: The generator can only be started if the AGS mode is enabled in AGS Setup (see the MATE3s Programming Guide). If it is not enabled, this information will not appear.

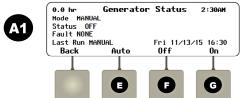
EVENTS



The EVENTS hot key (**B**) brings up *Event History*. (See page 5 for the definition of an event.) This screen can scroll through each event and display the details to determine if corrective action is required. An event may need acknowledgement before the LED indicator will turn off.

Event logs can be saved to an SD card. See the MATE3s Programming Guide for instructions on saving event logs. The document also has more information on troubleshooting event messages.

A1 is the screen as it appears with no generator activity.



M2 is the screen as it appears with generator activity.

Auto

Generator Status

Charging BULK

Off

11:58F

On

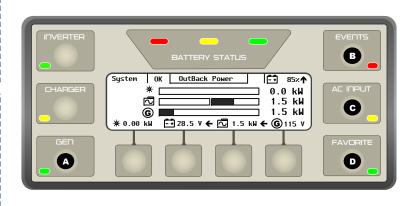
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AC Input 115 V 1.5 kW 00:30:45 SOC 85% 28.5 V

Screen Items (A1 and A2):

- The **<On>** and **<Off>** soft keys (**G** and **F**) manually start and stop the generator. The **<Auto>** soft key (**E**) allows the generator to start with automatic parameters set by the user in the AGS menu.
- The figure to the left of the *Generator Status* title displays accumulated generator run time. This counter can be reset.
- *Mode*: The selection made above (*Auto*, *Off*, *ON*) using soft keys E, F, or G. It reads AGS DISABLED if AGS is turned off.
- Status: The current status of AGS. If not operating the generator, it reads OFF. If active, it may read STARTING or **RUN**.
- Fault: Displays the message AGS Fault if the generator voltage is lost. Otherwise, it displays NONE.
- Last Run: The reason of the last generator start. The date and time of the start appears to the right of the reason.

See the MATE3s Programming Guide to program, change, or reset AGS items. The document also has a list of generator start and stop reasons.



Screen Items (B):

- The left side of the screen lists the nature of the event.
- The word *Fault* will appear on the right side of the screen if the event needs acknowledgement.
- The **<Next>** and **<Prev>** soft keys (**H** and **I**) highlight the next and previous events in the list. The control wheel also scrolls up and down this list.
- The <Detail> soft key (J) brings up the Event History Detail screen.
- The *Event History Detail* screen (J) displays the details of the selected event, and prompts for acknowledgement, if necessary, Using the control wheel will display the detail for the previous, or the next, event as listed in the Event History screen.



Screen Items (H):

- If the <Ack> and <Ack All> soft keys (K and L) appear, either must be pressed to acknowledge the event. Once acknowledged. the EVENTS indicator will turn off. An acknowledgement (ACKED) will replace the word Fault in the Event History screen.
- The **<Ack>** soft key (**K**) acknowledges a single open event.
- The **<Ack All**> soft key (L) acknowledges all open events.

AC INPUT

The AC INPLIT hot key (C) brings up AC Input Status, with information on the AC source. It also has commands that can connect or disconnect from the source.

Screen Items (C):

- AC Input Select (Radian-class only): This displays which of two inputs was set as first priority for the inverter. (See the MATE3s Programming Guide to make this selection.) This item is not present in FX-class or FXR-class inverters.
- The top line also displays the present AC voltage and frequency from the input source.
- Input Mode: Allows soft key options to change the mode. This may be overridden by other commands. For example, a system set to Drop will automatically switch to Use if AGS starts the generator.
- Next to AC Input Select is the last reason the status was changed. In C, the change is due to an HBX-SOC event. Other possible reasons are Manual, AGS, Grid-Time, Load Grid, or HBX-Voltage. See the MATE3s Programming Guide for more information.
- AC Input Status: This displays the current interaction with the AC input. This screen will usually change to match AC Input Mode once a soft key command is given. In Radian-class inverters, the displayed AC voltage is the sum of the L1 and L2 phases.
- The **<Drop** and **<Use** soft keys (**M** and **N**) manually disconnect or connect to the AC source.
- The **<Discon>** soft key (**O**) displays a screen with the reason for the last AC disconnect.

Screen Items (0):

This screen shows the reason for the inverter's last automatic disconnection from the AC source. The possible reasons include *Input Frequency Too* High, Input Frequency Too Low, Input Voltage > Maximum, or Input Voltage < Minimum. Radian-class and FXR-class inverters have Backfeed, Phase Lock, or Island Detect. Most items show N (no). If an item shows **Y** (yes), the inverter disconnected for that reason.

FAVORITE

It includes a green LED indicator.

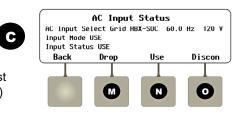
To program the FAVORITE hot key:

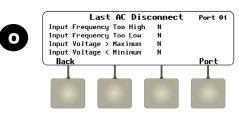
- 1. Navigate to the desired screen.
- 2. Press and hold the FAVORITE hot key until the green indicator flashes.
- 3. Press one of the four programmable soft keys to select it for recalling that particular screen. The green FAVORITE LED indicator will stop flashing.

screens (if desired).

- 1. Press and release the FAVORITE hot key. The green FAVORITE indicator will illuminate and stay on.
- 2. Press the soft key for the desired screen to be recalled.
- If no selection is made after pressing the **FAVORITE** hot key, the function will deactivate and the green indicator will turn off.







The FAVORITE hot key (D) allows the user to program and select up to four frequently used (or "favorite") screens for rapid access.

4. Repeat Steps 1-3 to program three more favorite



IMPORTANT

- Only one favorite screen can be programmed per soft key. Attempting to program more than one screen to the same soft key will overwrite the first screen.
- Password-protected screens cannot be saved as favorites This means that the screens described in the MATE3s Programming Guide cannot be saved this way. (These include any screens accessed with the LOCK key.)
- To use the FAVORITE hot key to recall the desired screen(s):

Replay Function

Replay



OPTICS RE (**O**utBack **P**ower **T**echnologies Intuitive **C**ommunication **S**ystem) is an application allowing control and monitoring of an OutBack system using an Internet-enabled computer, tablet, or phone. OPTICS RE communicates with the MATE3s System Display and Controller or the AXS Port SunSpec Modbus Interface, and the rest of the system, using Ethernet. See **Communications Interfacing** on page 2.

The Replay function allows the MATE3s to act as a data backup in case connectivity with OPTICS RE is lost. The MATE3s can store up to seven days of data on an SD card. Upon re-establishing a connection with the OPTICS RE application, the MATE3s will upload all saved data to OPTICS RE. All graphs and event history will be re-populated.



IMPORTANT:

The SD card must be inserted in the MATE3s prior to losing connectivity or all data will be lost. See below.





MATE3s

Mechanical Specifications	
Dimensions (H × W × L)	7½ × 7 1/16 × 1⁵⁄₅" (19 × 17.9 × 4.2 cm)
Shipping Dimensions (H × W × D)	3¼ × 9 × 13½" (33.7 × 22.9 × 34.3 cm)
Weight	1.4 lb (0.64 kg)
Shipping Weight	3.0 lb (1.36 kg)
Ports	RJ45 for proprietary OutBack HUB communication (×1) RJ45 Ethernet port (×1)
Nonvolatile Memory	64 Mb (for internal data logs and MATE3s configuration settings)
Interface Display	Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)
Control Keypad	4 soft keys, 6 hot keys 4 navigation keys, 1 control wheel with Enter button
Status Indicators	9 LED indicators
Battery (for real-time clock and internal memory)	CR2032
Communication Protocol	Proprietary OutBack network
Interconnection Cabling Standard	Category 5 OutBack proprietary
PC Interface	Category 5
Environmental Rating	Indoor only
Warranty	5-year standard
Regulatory Specifications	
Emissions	Indoor only
Compliance	CE Conformance European EN 55022 Class B

FCC Information to the User

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device when powered by a DC source, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver. 0
- 0 Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Firmware Revision

This manual applies to MATE3s System Display and Controllers with a firmware version of 001.004.003 or higher.