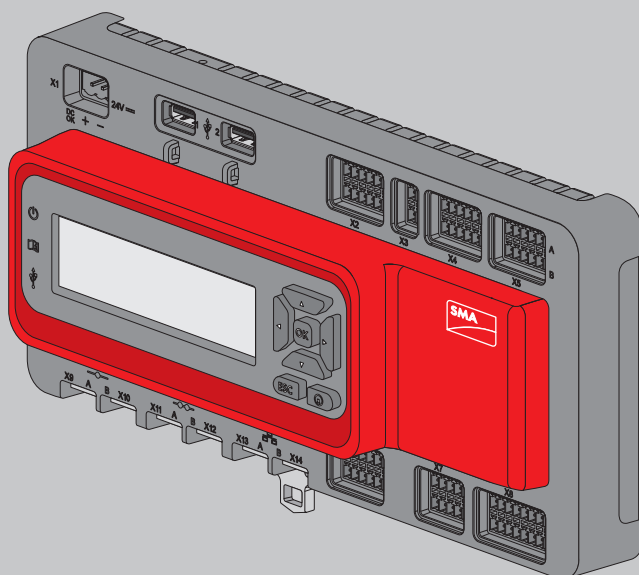User Manual

SMA CLUSTER CONTROLLER

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Important Safety Instructions

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

This manual contains important instructions for the following products:

- SMA CLUSTER CONTROLLER

This manual must be followed during installation and maintenance.

The product is designed and tested in accordance with international safety requirements, but as with all electrical and electronic equipment, certain precautions must be observed when installing and/or operating the product. To reduce the risk of personal injury and to ensure the safe installation and operation of the product, you must carefully read and follow all instructions, cautions and warnings in this manual.

Warnings in this Document

A warning describes a hazard to equipment or personnel. It calls attention to a procedure or practice, which, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in damage to or destruction of part or all of the SMA equipment and/or other equipment connected to the SMA equipment or personal injury.

Symbol	Description
⚠ 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, could result in death or serious injury.
⚠ CAUTION	CAUTION indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
NOTICE	NOTICE is used to address practices not related to personal injury.

General Warnings

> **⚠ WARNING**
>
> All electrical installations must be made in accordance with the local and *National Electrical Code*® ANSI/NFPA 70 or the *Canadian Electrical Code*® CSA C22.1. This document does not and is not intended to replace any local, state, provincial, federal or national laws, regulations or codes applicable to the installation and use of the product, including without limitation applicable electrical safety codes. All installations must conform with the laws, regulations, codes and standards applicable in the jurisdiction of installation. SMA assumes no responsibility for the compliance or non-compliance with such laws or codes in connection with the installation of the product.
>
> The product contains no user-serviceable parts.
> For all repair and maintenance, always return the unit to an authorized SMA Service Center.
>
> Before installing or using the product, read all of the instructions, cautions, and warnings in this manual.
>
> Wiring of the product must be made by qualified personnel only.

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1 Information on this Document

Validity

This document is valid for the SMA Cluster Controller (model: "CLCON-10" and "CLCON-S-10") from hardware version A1 and from firmware version 1.0.

Target Group

This document is intended for qualified persons. Only persons with the appropriate skills are allowed to perform the activities described in this document (see Section 2.2 "Skills of Qualified Persons", page 14).

Additional Information

Links to additional information can be found at www.SMA-Solar.com:

Document title	Document type
Inverter Replacement in PV Systems with Communication Products and Replacement of the SMA Energy Meter	Installation Manual

Symbols

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⚠ DANGER	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury
⚠ WARNING	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, can result in death or serious injury
⚠ CAUTION	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, can result in minor or moderate injury
NOTICE	Indicates a situation which, if not avoided, can result in property damage
i	Information that is important for a specific topic or goal, but is not safety-relevant
☐	Indicates a requirement for meeting a specific goal
☑	Desired result
✖	A problem that might occur

Typographies

Typography	Use	Example
bold	• Display texts • Elements on a user interface • Terminals • Elements to be selected • Elements to be entered	• The value can be found in the field **Energy**. • Select **Settings**. • Enter the value **10** in the field **Minutes**.
>	• Connects several elements to be selected	• Select **Settings > Date**.
[**Button/Key**]	• Button or key to be selected or pressed	• Select [**Next**].

Nomenclature

Complete designation	Designation in this document
Large-scale PV power plant	System
PV inverter	Inverter
SMA Cluster Controller	Cluster Controller
SMA Solar Technology AG	SMA
SMA America, LLC	
SMA Solar Technology Canada Inc.	

2   Safety

2.1   Intended Use

The Cluster Controller is a device for monitoring and controlling SMA inverters with Speedwire/Webconnect interface in decentralized PV systems and large-scale PV power plants.

The Cluster Controller is an ITE class A device as per EN 55022 and is designed for industrial use.

The Cluster Controller is suitable for indoor use only.

The Cluster Controller must only be used with supported devices.

Use this product only in accordance with the information provided in the enclosed documentation and with the locally applicable standards and directives. Any other application may cause personal injury or property damage.

For safety reasons, it is not permitted to modify the product or install components that are not explicitly recommended or distributed by SMA for the product. Unauthorized modifications and installations will void all warranty claims and the operating permission.

Any use of the product other than described in the Intended Use section does not qualify as intended use.

The enclosed documentation is an integral part of this product. Keep the documentation in a convenient place for future reference and observe all instructions contained therein.

The type label must remain permanently attached to the product.

2.2   Skills of Qualified Persons

The tasks described in this document must be performed by qualified persons only. Qualified persons must have the following skills:

- Training in the installation and commissioning of electrical devices
- Training in how to deal with the dangers and risks associated with installing and using electrical devices and systems
- Training in the installation and configuration of IT systems
- Knowledge of how an inverter works and is operated
- Knowledge of all applicable standards and directives
- Knowledge of and compliance with this document and all safety precautions

2.3 Safety Precautions

This section contains safety precautions that must be observed at all times when working on or with the product. To prevent personal injury and property damage and to ensure long-term operation of the product, read this section carefully and follow all safety precautions at all times.

⚠ DANGER

Danger to life due to electric shock

If overvoltage occurs (e. g. through a flash of lightning) or if the enclosure of the Cluster Controller is not grounded, there is a danger of electric shock.

- Ensure that the Cluster Controller is integrated in the existing overvoltage protection.
- Ground the enclosure of the Cluster Controller (for information on connecting the grounding conductor, see the Cluster Controller installation manual).

NOTICE

Damage to the devices and cables

The Cluster Controller is not splash-water protected (degree of protection: IP20 (NEMA 1)). Consequently, it is possible that moisture may penetrate the device.

- Only use the Cluster Controller in a dry, indoor environment.

2.4 Operating Information

NOTICE

High costs possible through inappropriate Internet rates

Depending on use, the data volume of the Cluster Controller transferred via the Internet can be more than 1 GB per month. The data volume depends, among other things, on the number of connected inverters, the frequency of device updates, the frequency of data transfer to Sunny Portal and the use of FTP push.

- SMA recommends using an Internet flat rate.

2.5 Supported Products

SMA Products

> **i** **Availability of SMA products in your country**
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> Not all SMA products are available in all countries.
>
> For information on whether an SMA product is available in your country, visit the website of the SMA subsidiary of your country at www.SMA-Solar.com or contact your distributor.

The Cluster Controller can establish a connection to and display data on the following SMA products that are equipped with Speedwire communication:

Inverter:

- All inverters with integrated or retrofitted Speedwire/Webconnect interface

  Information on whether an inverter has an integrated Speedwire/Webconnect interface or can be retrofitted with a Speedwire/Webconnect interface can be found on the product page of the respective inverter at www.SMA-Solar.com.

Additional products:

- Sunny Portal
- SMA Fuel Save Controller
- SMA Grid Gate of device type "GRIDGATE-20" from firmware version 1.0
- SMA Power Plant Controller

Products from Other Manufacturers

Sensors:

- Irradiation sensors that can output a current signal in the range from 0 mA to 20 mA
- Temperature sensors with a PT100 measuring shunt or a PT1000 measuring shunt
- Additional sensors that can output a current signal in the range from 0 mA to 20 mA or a voltage signal in the range from -10 V to +10 V

Signal receivers and digital and analog signal sources:

- Signal sources with relay contacts
- Signal sources that provide digital output signals
- Signal sources that can output current signals in the range from 0 mA to 20 mA
- Signal sources that can output voltage signals in the range from − 10 V to 10 V
- Signal receivers that can process current signals in the range from 0 mA to 20 mA

Routers and network switches:

- Router and network switches for fast-Ethernet with a data transfer rate of at least 100 Mbit/s

Power supply units:

Along with the top-hat rail power supply units offered as an accessory (see Section 19), the Cluster Controller supports power supply units with the following properties:

- Maximum output current including short circuit: 8 A
- Maximum apparent output power: 100 VA
- DC output voltage: 24 V
- Nominal current: at least 1.8 A

2.6 System Requirements

Supported web browsers:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer from version 8
- Mozilla Firefox as of version 3.6

Recommended display resolution:

- Minimum 1,024 pixels x 768 pixels

3 Product Description

3.1 Cluster Controller

The Cluster Controller is a device for monitoring and controlling SMA inverters with Speedwire/
Webconnect interface in decentralized PV systems and large-scale PV power plants.
The Cluster Controller performs the following tasks:

- Set-up of the Speedwire network

- Reading out, provision and administration of PV system data

- Configuring device parameters

- Feedback of the current total active power of the PV system

- Implementation and feedback of grid operator setpoints for active power limitation and reactive
  power operation under grid management services

- Implementation and setpoints for the active power limitation when there is direct marketing of
  the PV current (only applies to model "CLCON-10")

- Sending e-mail alerts in the event of critical system statuses

- Sending the PV system data to an FTP Server and/or the Sunny Portal Internet portal

- Performing updates for the Cluster Controller and the inverters
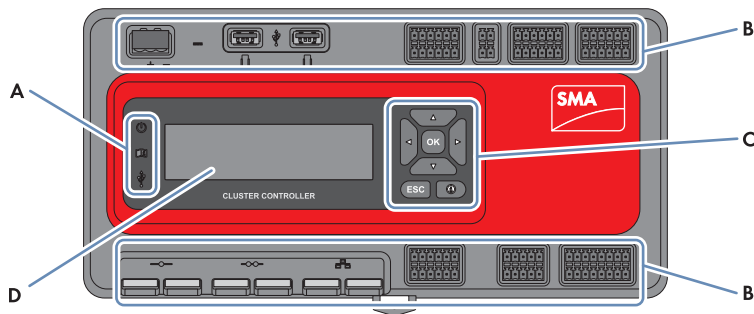
Figure 1:   Design of the Cluster Controller

Position	Designation
A	LEDs
B	Connection areas
C	Button field
D	Display

Reading Out, Provision and Administration of PV System Data

The Cluster Controller is the central communication unit for the system and continuously reads out the data of the devices in the system (e.g. inverters, sensors). The Cluster Controller then makes this PV system data available via the display, user interface and Modbus data interface. In addition, the PV system data can be displayed, evaluated and managed using Sunny Portal (see Section 11 and the user manual of the Cluster Controller in Sunny Portal).

Configuring Device Parameters

You can configure specific parameters of individual devices or entire device classes via the user interface of the Cluster Controller. You must be logged into the **Installer** user group on the Cluster Controller. The device parameters that can be configured, if any, depend on the device and the rights of the user group. You may only change grid-sensitive device parameters (SMA Grid Guard parameters) with the approval of the grid operator and using your personal SMA Grid Guard code (see Section 15.5 "Setting SMA Grid Guard Mode", page 86).

Sending E-mail Alerts in the Event of Critical System Statuses

You have the option of receiving prompt information on critical system statuses via e-mail (see Section 9.2). The Cluster Controller automatically sends a notification if alert-related events occur in the system.

Feedback of the Current Total Active Power of the PV System

You have the option of being informed of the total active power currently generated by the system via an analog power output signal.

Implementation and Feedback of Grid Operator Setpoints for Active Power Limitation and Reactive Power Operation under Grid Management Services

With the Cluster Controller, you can implement different grid operator setpoints for the active power limitation and the reactive power operation of your system under grid management services. Your grid operator transmits the setpoints directly to the Cluster Controller, either in the form of digital or analog signals (e.g. to a ripple control receiver that is connected to the Cluster Controller) or via the Modbus client. In agreement with your grid operator, you can use the user interface of the Cluster Controller to configure which setpoints of the Cluster Controller are to be transmitted to the connected inverters depending on the respective signal. In addition, you have the option of using a digital response contact or an analog current output signal to inform the grid operator of the setpoints (if any) for the active power limitation and the reactive power operation that are currently being used in the system.

Implementation and Setpoints for the Active Power Limitation when there is Direct Marketing of the PV Current (Only Applies to Model "CLCON-10")

The PV current generated by your system can be directly marketed. The direct marketer can send an active power limitation setpoint to the Cluster Controller via Modbus.

Sending the PV System Data to an FTP Server and/or the Sunny Portal Internet Portal

The Cluster Controller can automatically send the PV system data that has been read out to an arbitrary FTP server and/or the Sunny Portal Internet portal via the Internet. The Cluster Controller establishes the connection to the FTP server and/or the Sunny Portal e.g. via a router.

Performing Updates for the Cluster Controller and the Inverters

You have the option of performing updates for the Cluster Controller and the inverters in the system (see Section 14). You can perform the updates automatically or manually. The update source can be the SMA update portal or a USB data carrier with update files downloaded from the Internet. Alternatively, you can also upload the update files directly from the computer via the user interface of the Cluster Controller.
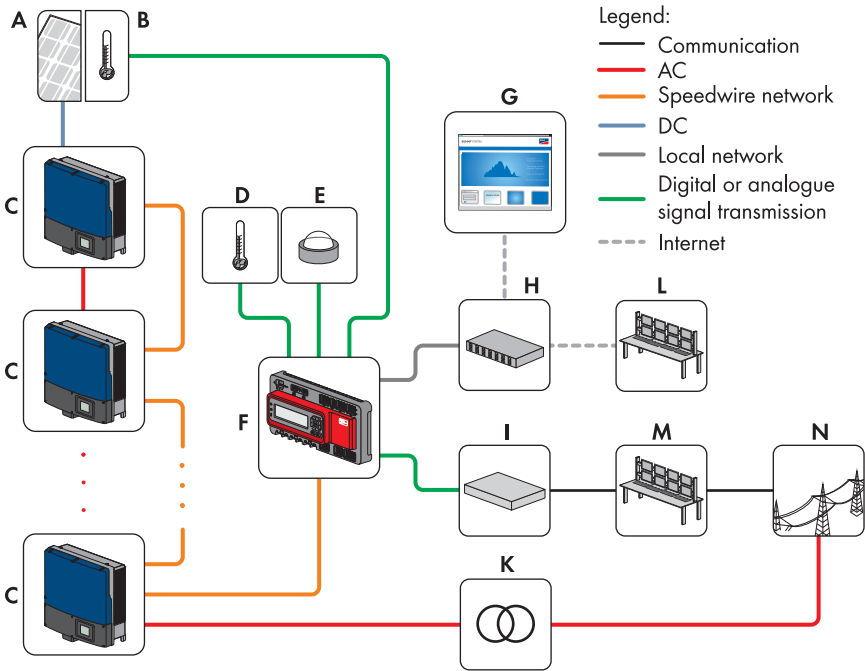
Figure 2:   Decentralized large-scale PV power plant with Cluster Controller (example)

Position	Designation
A	PV modules
B	Module temperature sensor
C	Inverter
D	Outside temperature sensor
E	Irradiation sensor
F	Cluster Controller
G	Sunny Portal
H	Router
I	Ripple control receiver or remote terminal unit

Position	Designation
K	Substation
L	Control room
M	Grid control room
N	Utility grid

3.2 Type Label

The type label clearly identifies the product. The type label can be found on the back of the enclosure. You can read the following data from the type label:

- Device type (type)
- Serial number
- Hardware version (version)
- Model
- Device-specific characteristics

You will require the information on the type label to use the product safely and when seeking customer support from the SMA Service Line. The type label must remain permanently attached to the product.

Symbols on the Type Label

Symbol	Designation	Explanation
N23114	C-Tick	The product complies with the requirements of the applicable Australian EMC standards.
CAN ICES-3 (A)/NMB-3(A)	IC marking	The product complies with the requirements of the applicable Canadian EMC standards.
⌂	Indoors	The product is only suitable for indoor installation.
FCC	FCC marking	The product complies with the requirements of the applicable FCC standards.
CE	CE marking	The product complies with the requirements of the applicable EU directives.
(WEEE symbol)	WEEE designation	Do not dispose of the product together with the household waste but in accordance with the locally applicable disposal regulations for electronic waste.
(Data matrix code)	Data matrix code	2D code for device-specific characteristics

3.3   LEDs

Operation LEDs

LED	Designation	Explanation
(power symbol)	Power LED	Displays whether the Cluster Controller is starting or is in operation (for a description of the LED statuses, see Section 18.1.1)
(book/info symbol)	Status LED	Displays the status of the Cluster Controller and the connected devices as well as the communication status of the system and the status of the grid management services (for a description of the LED statuses, see Section 18.1.1)
(USB symbol)	Data carrier status LED	Displays the status of the connected USB data carrier (for a description of the LED statuses, see Section 18.1.1)

LEDs of the Network Connections

ℹ️ **Colors and functionality of the LEDs of the network connections are not standardized**

Colors and functionalities of the LEDs of the network connections are not standardized. The colors for the link/activity LED and the speed LED used by SMA as well as the respective functionalities might deviate when supplied by third-party manufacturers.
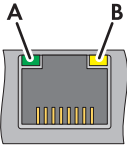
Figure 3:   LEDs of the network connections

Position	Designation	Paint	Explanation
A	Link/activity LED	green	Displays the status and the activity of the network connection (for a description of the LED statuses, see Section 18.1.2)
B	Speed LED	yellow	Displays the speed of the network connection (for a description of the LED statuses, see Section 18.1.2)

3.4 Display

The display shows information on the Cluster Controller and the connected devices as well as the system status and the system configuration. The display contrast can be configured (see Section 6.2). The display languages are "German" and "English". The display language is changed via the user interface of the Cluster Controller (see Section 6.1).


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Yield Data                    12:34
  Power                     358 kW
  Day yield               6,742 kWh
  Monthly yield             171 MWh
  Annual yield            1,826 MWh
  Total yield             5,296 MWh
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B
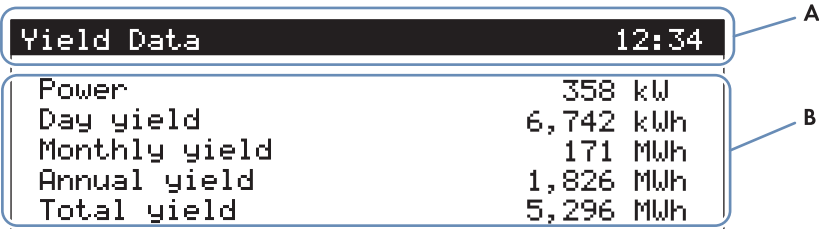
Figure 4:   Display of the Cluster Controller (example)

Position	Designation	Explanation
A	Title line	Displays the title of the display view
		The system time is always displayed.
B	Data lines	Displays text and numeric values
		The numeric values for measurement or yield data are displayed with units.

Overview of the Display Views

Display view	Explanation
Start view	Is displayed when the Cluster Controller starts up and includes the current firmware version of the Cluster Controller
System overview	Displays the system status, the current daily yield, the nominal PV system power and the current setpoints for active power and reactive power
	If no button on the button field is pressed within five minutes, the Cluster Controller switches to the **System overview** display view.
Yield data	Displays the yield data of the system
System status	Displays the current system status
	The number of inverters detected by the Cluster Controller and the status of the inverters is displayed here.

Display view	Explanation
Cluster Controller	Displays the status and device information of the Cluster Controller
	When a USB data carrier is inserted, information on the current storage space of the USB data carrier will be displayed.
Sunny Portal settings	Displays the configured upload frequency and the date of the last successful data upload to Sunny Portal
Analog inputs	Displays the analog inputs with the current level value and unit
Digital inputs	Displays the digital inputs in binary form
	The digital inputs are summarized in two groups here.
Meteorology	Displays the measured values of the connected irradiation sensor and the connected temperature sensors
Active power limitation	Displays the current setpoint for active power limitation with the data of the last change to the configuration
Reactive power setpoint	Displays the current reactive power setpoint and the date of the last change to the configuration
Grid management services	Displays a summary of the settings made via the user interface of the SMA Cluster Controller and the default values for grid management
External communication	Displays the settings for the LAN
Speedwire	Displays the settings in the Speedwire network
Modbus settings	Displays the Modbus settings with the activated network protocols and the corresponding network ports
Settings	Enables the display contrast to be changed (see Section 6.2) and the Cluster Controller to be partially or fully reset (see Section 18.4)

3.5 Button Field

Designation	Explanation
Any button	Activates the display illumination
Arrow buttons (◄ , ► , ▲ , ▼)	Change the display views and select specific display lines
[**OK**]	Confirms the selected action
[**ESC**]	Cancels the selected action
ⓘ	Opens the **System status** display view

3.6 Sunny Portal

Sunny Portal (www.SunnyPortal.com) is an Internet portal for the monitoring of systems as well as visualization and presentation of PV system data. In order to use Sunny Portal you will need an SMA product that can record your PV system data and send it to Sunny Portal, e.g. the Cluster Controller. Depending on the product that sends the data, various functions are available in Sunny Portal.

In order to use Sunny Portal, the SMA Cluster Controller must be registered in Sunny Portal. You can access the SMA Cluster Controller via the Internet using Sunny Portal (see Section 16). In addition, Sunny Portal can monitor the operation of the Cluster Controller. For this communication monitoring, the SMA Cluster Controller sends a signal to the Sunny Portal at a time interval specified by the user. If the signal fails to appear, Sunny Portal alerts the user via e-mail depending on the strictness of the communication monitoring configured in Sunny Portal (see user manual of the Cluster Controller in Sunny Portal).

4   User Interface of the SMA Cluster Controller

4.1   User Groups and User Rights

The Cluster Controller distinguishes between the **User** and **Installer** user groups. To prevent two users from making changes at the same time via the user interface, only one user can ever be logged into the Cluster Controller at a time.

The user groups have the following privileges:

Right	User group	
	User	**Installer**
Making system settings in the Cluster Controller (see Section 6)	✓	✓
Configuring the Cluster Controller for the local area network (see Section 17.1)	✓	✓
Changing the network ports (see Section 17.4 and Section 17.5)	✓	✓
Reading out the inverter power and the inverter parameter settings via the device menu (see Section 4.5)	✓	✓
Setting the inverter parameters (see Section 7)	−	✓
Changing the SMA Grid Guard parameters of devices (see Section 15.5)	−	Only with SMA Grid Guard code: ✓
Adding devices to the system or replacing devices in the PV system (see Section 10.1, Section 10.2or Section 10.3)	−	✓
Changing the PV system password for the **User** user group (see Section 15.3)	✓	✓
Changing the PV system password for the **Installer** user group (see Section 15.3)	−	✓
Restarting the Cluster Controller via the user interface (see Section 18.3)	−	✓

4.2 Overview of the User Interface
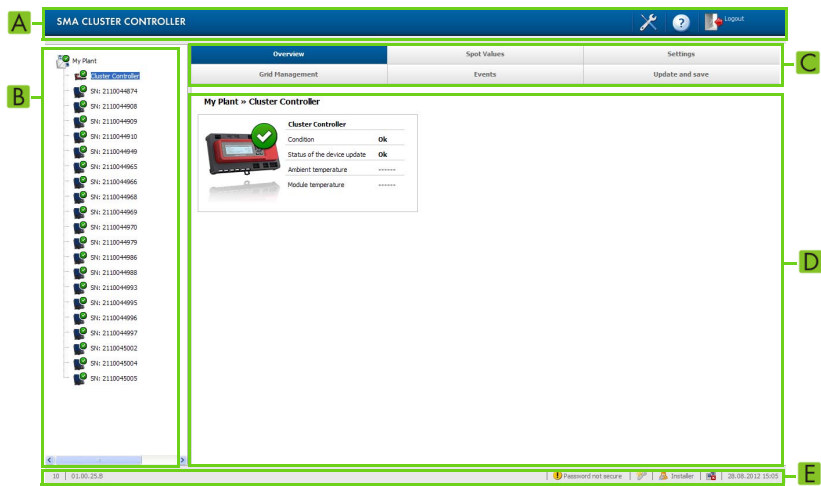
Figure 5:   User interface of the Cluster Controller (example)

Position	Designation	Explanation
A	Icon bar	Provides access to the main functions of the Cluster Controller
B	System tree	Presents all devices of the installation in a tree structure
C	Device menu	Provides various device information and configuration options for the selected devices in the system tree (B) via individual menus
D	Content area	Displays the content of the selected menu
E	Status bar	Displays the following information:
		• Serial number of the Cluster Controller
		• Firmware version of the Cluster Controller*
		• System password security**
		• Information on update**
		• For the **Installer** user group with SMA Grid Guard code: SMA Grid Guard symbol**
		• User group**
		• Connection status to the system**
		• Date and time**

* If the automatic update of the Cluster Controller is activated (see Section 14.1.1) and a new firmware version is available, the new firmware version is displayed in brackets after the current firmware version.

** Only displayed after login to the user interface

4.3 Icon Bar

Symbol	Designation	Explanation
✕	Settings	Opens the **Settings** menu for the Cluster Controller
?	Help	Opens a dialog box with information on the Cluster Controller product documentation (user manual and installation manual)
Logout	Logout	Logs the user out of the user interface

4.4 System Tree

In the system tree, all devices in a PV system are represented in a tree structure. The system tree is divided into the hierarchy levels, "System View" and "Device Overview".
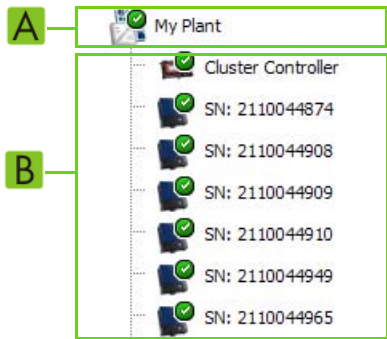
Figure 6:   Layout of the system tree (example)

Position	Designation	Explanation
A	System view	Depicts the first hierarchy level of the system tree and summarizes all devices in the installation
		The installation name is displayed on this hierarchy level.
B	Device view	Depicts the hierarchy levels subordinate to the system view
		The communication product is displayed first, followed by the inverters in the installation. The serial number of the device is displayed as the default device name. You can change the device name (see Section 10.4).

Status Symbols in the System Tree

Symbol	Designation	Explanation
–	Neutral	The installation status or the device status is unknown and is currently being updated.
✓	OK	The device is operating properly.
⚠	Warning	At least one device in the PV system has the status **Warning.** The affected device is not operating properly. It may be possible to remedy this status automatically.
⚠	Error	At least one device in the PV system has the status **Error.** There is a problem with the device that could not be eliminated yet.
⊝	Communication error	The device cannot communicate at present. This may happen at night, for example, when the inverter is not feeding in. This symbol will also be displayed if you have decommissioned the device. To remove the device from the system tree, select the button [**Remove**] (for information on device replacement, see Section 10.3).

4.5 Device Menu

4.5.1 Menu Overview

Depending on whether you have selected the system view or the device view in the system tree, the **Overview** menu displays the most important information on the overall installation or on the selected device.

When a device is selected in the system tree, the yield and output values of that device are also displayed in four diagrams on the overview page.

Selecting Power Values for Specific Points in Time or Periods of Time

Action, button or symbol	Explanation
Use the mouse to point at or click on a part of the diagram sequence.	Display the exact power value of the selected part, the corresponding time and the date
‹	Browse to the previous time period for power values
›	Browse to the next time period for power values
▦	Directly select the time period for the power values

4.5.2   Instantaneous Values Menu

Instantaneous values are measurements or calculated values for the device such as temperature and power. Different information is displayed depending on whether the system view or the device view is selected in the system tree. The values that are displayed depend on the user group and the selected device. All values are summarized in expandable parameter groups (see Section 4.6).

Selected view in the system tree	Explanation
System view	Displays values for complete device classes
	These values are sometimes compiled from the individual values of the respective devices. These values are indicated using the arrow symbol ▶ and can be expanded in order to display additional information on the value. When you click on the parameter group, the device classes are displayed separately (e.g. **System communication (Communication products)**).
Device view	Displays values for the individual device

4.5.3   Settings Menu

Depending on whether the system view or the device view is selected in the system tree, the **Settings** menu displays all configurable parameters of the selected installation or the device selected in the system tree. The parameters that are displayed depend on the user group and the selected device. All parameters are summarized in expandable parameter groups (see Section 4.6). For numerical values the permissible parameter limits are displayed in brackets after the value.

Selected view in the system tree	Displayed Information
System view	List of all parameters of a device class
	When you click on the parameter group, the device classes are displayed separately (e.g. **PV inverters** and **Communication products**).
Device view	List of all parameters of the selected device

4.5.4 Updates Menu

The **Updates** menu is only displayed if the system view is selected in the system tree. In the **Updates** menu, you can display the current firmware version of the devices in your installation and make the settings for the device updates. The list of all available devices in the installation is grouped by device type. You can also view available device updates, download them and transmit them to the devices.

Update Status of the Devices

Update status	Explanation
Ok	No update files are available, or the update function is not activated.
Update available	The update file is ready for sending to the devices in the system.
Update in process	The update process is underway.
Update failed	The update process was not successful. The update file has not been sent to all devices in the system.

Status of the Update File

Status	Explanation
Download available	The update file is available for downloading.
Ready	The update file has been downloaded and can be sent to the devices in the system.
Sending	The update file is being sent to the devices in the system.
Waiting	The update file is in the queue and will be sent to the devices in the system as soon as possible.

4.5.5 Grid Management Services Menu

In the **Grid management services** menu, you can make settings for grid management services (e.g. setpoints for the active power limitation or the reactive power setpoint). The **Grid management services** menu is only displayed if the Cluster Controller is selected in the system tree.

Configurable Parameters for Digital and Analog Inputs

Parameters	Explanation
Time interval for the output value	States the time interval at which the control command with the current control value is to be sent to the inverters providing that the setpoint sent by the signal generator has not changed

Configurable Parameters for Digital Inputs

Parameters	Explanation
Failure tolerance time	Indicates the time as of which an invalid input status is recorded as a fault.

Configurable Parameters for Analog Inputs

Parameters	Explanation
Failure tolerance time	Indicates the time as of which an invalid input status is recorded as a fault.
Initial value input signal	Initial value for input signal
Final value input signal	Final value for input signal
Start setpoint active power limitation	Lower limit for the setpoint for the active power limitation related to the inverter parameter **Set active power limit** or **Pmax**
End setpoint active power limitation	Upper limit for the setpoint for the active power limitation related to the inverter parameter **Set active power limit** or **Pmax**
For reactive power in % predefined quantity: End setpoint reactive power	Lower limit for the setpoint for the reactive power setpoint related to the inverter parameter **Set active power limit** or **Pmax**
For reactive power in % predefined quantity: End setpoint reactive power	Upper limit for the setpoint for the reactive power setpoint related to the inverter parameter **Set active power limit** or **Pmax**
For cos phi predefined quantity: Cos phi start setpoint	Lower limit for the setpoint of the displacement power factor cos φ
For cos phi predefined quantity: Cos phi end setpoint	Upper limit for the setpoint of the displacement power factor cos φ
For cos phi predefined quantity: Excitation type	Direction of phase shift

Example of the Importance of Lower and Upper Limits for Setpoints

4 mA is set as the initial value for the active power limitation setpoint and 16 mA is set as the end value for the active power limitation setpoint. If the grid operator sends a signal of 3.5 mA to the Cluster Controller, the Cluster Controller then classifies this signal as 4 mA because the value of 4 mA is set as the lower limit for the active power limitation setpoint. If the grid operator sends a signal of 17 mA to the Cluster Controller, the Cluster Controller then classifies this signal as 16 mA because the value of 16 mA is set as the upper limit for the active power limitation setpoint.
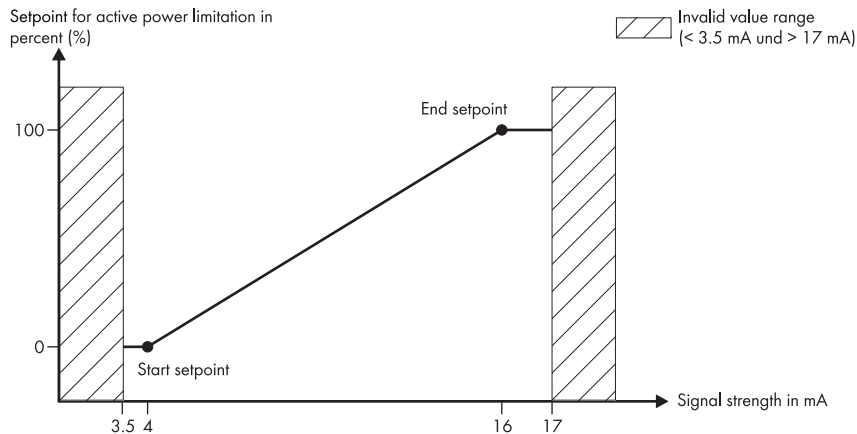
Figure 7:   Example of the importance of the lower and upper limits for setpoints related to the inverter parameter **Set active power limit** or **Pmax**

Configurable Parameters for Active Power Control

Parameters	Explanation
Activated	Switches the active power control on or off
	When the active power control is switched on, the active power setpoint is being implemented gradually depending on its additional settings in the **Active power control** group.
	When the active power control is switched off, the active power setpoint is implemented immediately.
Time interval in the event of a changed setpoint	States the time interval at which the control command with the new output value is to be sent to the inverters once the setpoint sent by the signal generator changes
	The first output value is sent to the inverter immediately after the setpoint is changed. If additional output values are required in order to reach the setpoint, these will be sent at the stated time interval. This may cause an incremental increase in the active power, for example.
Max. change in case of power increase	Indicates the maximum change in percentage points per time interval that occurs once an active power limitation setpoint has been canceled
Max. change in case of power reduction	Indicates the maximum change in percentage points per time interval that occurs once an active power limitation setpoint has been input

Status Configuration

Symbol	Explanation
	Corresponds to the value, "Logical 1" (= 24 V)
	Corresponds to the value, "Logical 0" (= 0 V)

4.5.6 Events Menu

In the **Events** menu, Cluster Controller events or inverter events in the PV system are displayed in the form of an event log. The Cluster Controller requests the events list from the inverters directly. The respective events that will be displayed depend on the inverter selected in the system tree, the user group and the filter settings for the event types (**Information**, **Warning**, **Error**).

Event Types

Symbol	Designation	Explanation
	Error	The **Error** event has existed for some time and could not yet be remedied.
	Incoming error	An **Error** event has occurred.
	Outgoing error	The **Error** event no longer exists.
	Warning	A **Warning** event has existed for some time and could not yet be automatically remedied.
	Incoming warning	A **Warning** event has occurred.
	Outgoing warning	The **Warning** event no longer exists.
	Information	An **Information** event has existed for some time.
	Incoming information	An **Information** event has occurred.
	Outgoing information	The **Information** event no longer exists.

Severity of the Event

Symbol	Explanation
	This event can only be rectified by a user with **Installer** rights (see Section 18.2 "Faults in the Cluster Controller or the Connected Devices", page 99).
	This event can only be rectified by SMA Service (see Section 18.2 "Faults in the Cluster Controller or the Connected Devices", page 99).

4.5.7　Update and Save Menu

In the **Update and Save** menu, you have the following options:

- Perform an update for the Cluster Controller via the user interface (see Section 14.1 "Update for Cluster Controller", page 76).
- Save or restore the device configuration of the Cluster Controller (see Section 7.5).
- Update or save the Modbus profiles or system configurations (see Section 12.2).

4.6　Parameter Groups of the Menus

Depending on whether you have selected the system view or the device view in the system tree, either the parameters of entire device classes or the parameters of the selected device will be displayed in the parameter groups. The parameter groups that are displayed in the menu and the information contained in the parameter groups depend on the devices available in the system or the device selected in the system tree.

Symbol	Designation	Explanation
	Status	General information on device status
	Type label	All values that identify the device/system
	Settings	Update settings
	Device	Values that directly affect the device and that cannot be assigned to any of the other parameter groups (e.g. **DC side** etc.)
	User rights	All values that affect access to the device or the PV system
	DC side	Values that affect the DC side of the inverter or the installation
	AC side	Values that affect the AC side of the inverter or the installation
	Grid monitoring	Information that affects the utility grid and is partially protected by the personal SMA Grid Guard code
	System and device control	Includes parameters for inverters that must fulfill special requirements for feed-in at the medium voltage level. The parameters are protected by the personal SMA Grid Guard code.
	System communication	Values that define the communication between the communication devices and the installation, as well as information on the update status of the device

Symbol	Designation	Explanation
	External communication	All values that define the communication between the installation, the local network and the Internet
	Data logging	All values that affect data logging for the device (e.g. the storage format)
	Sunny Portal	All values for Sunny Portal communication
	Further applications	Values that cannot be assigned to any of the other groups (e.g. alerts)
	Meteorology	All measured values from the connected sensors (e.g. irradiation values)
	Device components	All parameters and measured values that affect the components of a device (e.g. the version numbers of the components)
	General settings	Contains parameters for system control within the scope of grid management services
	Active power	All values that affect the active power limitation setpoints
	Reactive power	All values that affect the reactive power setpoints

4.7 Symbols

On the user interface of the Cluster Controller, a distinction is made between the following symbol types:

- Symbols for access rights
- Device symbols
- Other symbols

Symbols for Access Rights

Symbol	Designation	Explanation
	Padlock symbol	Not possible to access the device. The device password does not match the system password.
	SMA Grid Guard symbol	Indicates that the logged in user has the right to change grid-sensitive device parameters (SMA Grid Guard parameters)

Device Symbols

Symbol	Explanation
	Complete PV system
	Cluster Controller
	Inverter (example)
	Unknown inverter
	Unknown device

Other Symbols

Symbol	Designation	Explanation
	Hourglass	Indicates that values are currently being saved in the device
	Average value	Displays the average value
	Total	Indicates aggregated values
	Maximum	Displays the maximum value
	Minimum	Displays the minimum value
	Update	Indicates that an action is currently being performed or that device values are currently being read out
	Stopwatch	Indicates that a value is from more than ten minutes ago
	Calendar function	Opens a calendar for selecting a date or a start and end date

5 Logging Into or Out of the Cluster Controller

Logging Into the Cluster Controller

1. If the IP address of the Cluster Controller is unknown, read out the IP address of the Cluster Controller from the display and write it down. For this purpose, select the **External communication** display view and read out and write down the IP address.

2. Call up the IP address of the Cluster Controller via the web browser.

   ☑ The login page opens:
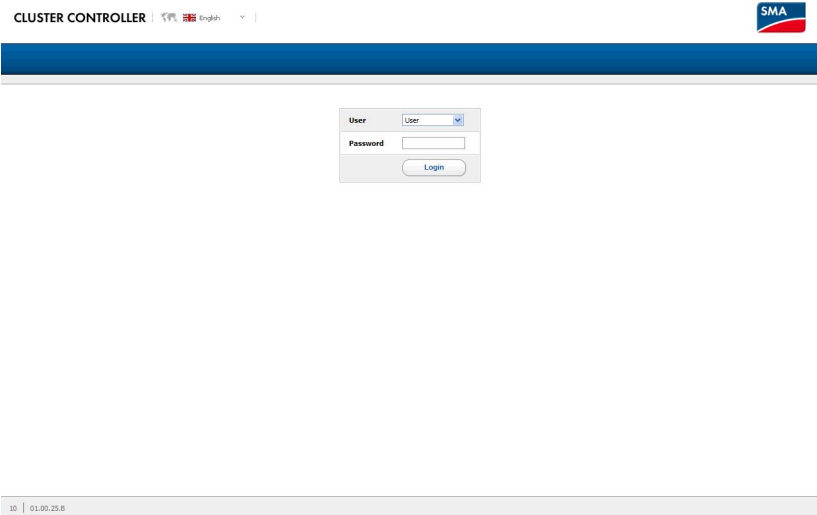
   ✘ The login page does not open?

   Possible fault cause: you have not written down the IP address correctly or you have not entered it correctly.

   - Enter the correct IP address and confirm the entry with the enter key.
   - If the problem persists, rectify the error (see Section 18.2 "Faults in the Cluster Controller or the Connected Devices", page 99).

3. If required, select the desired language in the upper area of the login page.

4. Log in either as **User** or as **Installer** with the respective system password of the user group.

   - When logging in for the first time, log in as **User** or **Installer** with the respective default system password of the user group:

User group	Default system password
User	0000
Installer	1111

☐i **Changing default system passwords**

Promptly change the default system passwords of all user groups to prevent unauthorized access to the user interface of the Cluster Controller and the inverters in your PV system (see Section 15.3).

- If you have already changed the default system password of your user group, log in with the changed system password.

☑ The user interface opens.

✖ The user interface does not open?

Error cause: You have not entered the system password of the selected user group correctly.

- On the login page, enter the correct system password for the selected user group and confirm the entry with the enter key.

Logging Out of the Cluster Controller

Protect your system against unauthorized access by directly logging out of the Cluster Controller user interface. If you only close your web browser, you will only be logged out of the Cluster Controller after ten minutes.

Procedure:

- Select [**Logout**] in the toolbar.

6 System Settings

6.1 Setting the Display Language

ℹ Available display languages

The display languages of the Cluster Controller are German and English. "English" is the default language.

Procedure:

1. Call up the login page of the Cluster Controller.
2. Select the desired language in the upper area of the login page.
3. Log in either as **User** or as **Installer** with the respective system password of the user group. This implements the language change on the user interface and on the display of the Cluster Controller.

☑ The display language and the user interface language of the Cluster Controller are changed. If you have selected a language other than **German** via the user interface, the display language is English.

6.2 Adjusting the Display Contrast

1. Call up the **Settings** display view. To do this, simultaneously press and hold the [**OK**] and [**ESC**] buttons on the button field for two seconds.

   ☑ The **Settings** display view opens.

2. Select the **Display Contrast** line and use the arrow buttons to adjust the desired display contrast:

Arrow button	Explanation
▶	Increases the display contrast
◀	Reduces the display contrast

3. To exit the **Settings** display view, press [**ESC**].

6.3 Setting the Date Format

ℹ️ **No effect on data exports**

The changes to the format only affect the display on the user interface and the Cluster Controller display. The format change has no effect on data exports.

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the parameter group **Device > Country settings**.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. In the **Date format** drop-down list, select the desired date format.

Abbreviation	Explanation
DD	Day
MM	Month
YYYY	Year

5. Select [**Save**].

6.4 Setting the User Interface Language

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the parameter group **Device > Country settings**.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. In the **Language** drop-down list, select the desired language. This changes the display language to English if you choose a user interface language other than **German**.
5. Select [**Save**].

6.5 Setting the Number Format

ℹ️ **No effect on data exports**

The changes to the format only affect the display on the user interface and the Cluster Controller display. The format change has no effect on data exports.

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the parameter group **Device > Country settings**.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. In the **Number format** drop-down list, select the desired number format.
5. Select [**Save**].

6.6 Setting the Time Format

| i | **No effect on data exports**

The changes to the format only affect the display on the user interface and the Cluster Controller display. The format change has no effect on data exports.

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the parameter group **Device > Country settings**.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. In the **Time format** drop-down list, select the desired time format.

Abbreviation	Explanation
HH	24-hour format
hh	12-hour format
mm	minutes
ss	seconds

5. Select [**Save**].

6.7 Setting the Temperature Unit

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the parameter group **Device > Country settings**.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. In the **Unit of temperature** drop-down list, select the desired unit of temperature.
5. Select [**Save**].

6.8   Settings for System Time

6.8.1   Information on System Time

The date and time of a system constitute the system time. The system time is set via the
Cluster Controller and transmitted to all inverters in the system.

If additional communication products are added to the system, the new communication products
automatically adopt the existing system time.

If you change the system time, the inverters will adopt the new system time immediately. Additional
communication products in the installation do not adopt the system time for some time, but a maximum
of seven hours later.

You can either adjust the system time manually on the Cluster Controller or have it synchronized via
the Internet using a time server.

i	**Potential loss of PV system data due to changing the system time**

> Changing the system time can influence previously recorded PV system data. If you put back
> the time or the date, for example, the Cluster Controller may potentially overwrite previously
> recorded PV system data.
>
> • Only change the system time when it is necessary.

6.8.2   Synchronizing System Time via the Internet

You can synchronize the system time automatically or manually via the Internet. For this purpose,
either Sunny Portal or an NTP server acts as the source. You do not need to register in Sunny Portal
to do this.

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the **Device > Time settings** parameter group.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. If required, use the **Standard/Daylight Saving Time conversion on** drop-down list to set
   automatic conversion between standard and daylight saving time.
5. If necessary, set the automatic time synchronization using the drop-down list **Automatic time
   synchronization**.
6. In the **Time synchronization source** drop-down list, select the desired time synchronization
   source.
7. If an NTP server is to be used as a time synchronization source, enter the name or the IP address
   of the desired NTP server in the field **NTP server**.
8. In the **Time zone** drop-down list, select the desired time zone.
9. Select [**Save**].

   ☑ For automatic time synchronization, the Cluster Controller synchronizes the date and the
   time with Sunny Portal or the NTP server once a day at around 9 p.m.

10. To trigger the time synchronization manually, select [**Execute**] in the field **Trigger time synchronization**.

☑ For manual time synchronization, the Cluster Controller synchronizes the date and the time with the time synchronization source. The time synchronization was successful if the time is displayed in the field **Set system time**.

☑ The result of the manual time synchronization attempt is logged in the event log (see Section 9.1 "Displaying Events", page 58).

6.8.3   Manually Setting the System Time

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

2. Select the **Device > Time settings** parameter group.

3. Select [**Edit**].

4. If required, use the **Standard/Daylight Saving Time conversion on** drop-down list to set automatic conversion between standard and daylight saving time.

5. In the field **Set PV system time**, set the current date and time of the PV system.

6. In the **Time zone** drop-down list, select the desired time zone.

7. Select [**Save**].

7   Device Configuration

7.1   Setting the Characteristic Curve of the Irradiation Sensor

If you have connected an irradiation sensor to the Cluster Controller, you must also set the characteristic curve of the irradiation sensor via the user interface of the Cluster Controller. As a result, the current signals in mA provided by the irradiation sensor are converted by the Cluster Controller into the proportional irradiation values in W/m^2 and displayed.

Requirement:

☐ An irradiation sensor must be connected to the Cluster Controller (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

2. Select the parameter group **Meteorology > Environment > Irradiation sensor > Characteristic curve**.

3. Select [**Edit**].

4. Set the characteristic curve depending on the connected irradiation sensor (see manufacturer manual):
   • In the field **Maximum insulation**, enter the desired value.
   • In the field **Minimum insulation**, enter the desired value.
   • In the field **Maximum measured value**, enter the desired value.
   • In the field **Minimum measured value**, enter the desired value.

5. Select [**Save**].

7.2 Setting Parameters for a Device Class

A device class refers to all devices of the same type. You can configure all the devices in a device class simultaneously. However, it is not possible to configure different device classes at the same time. Therefore, save the changes made to one device class before processing another device class.

The parameters that you are able to set for a device class depend on the rights of your user group (see Section 4.1).

Procedure:

1. Select the installation in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the parameter group that contains the parameter which is to be configured.
   - ☑ The device classes are displayed in brackets after the name of the parameter group, e.g. **Device (Communication products)**. It may take a moment for all the data to be read out from the devices.
3. Select [**Edit**] in the parameter group of the desired device class.
4. Adjust the desired parameters.
5. Select [**Save**].
- ☑ The settings are saved in the Cluster Controller and are then transmitted to all devices of the affected device class. The save process is displayed on the user interface of the Cluster Controller via an hourglass symbol and, if necessary, may take many hours if the DC input voltage in the inverter is too low (e.g. at night).

7.3 Setting the Parameters of an Individual Device

The parameters that you are able to set for a device depend on the rights of your user group (see Section 4.1).

Procedure:

1. Select the desired device in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the parameter group that contains the parameter which is to be configured. Note that it may take a moment to read off the values since they are retrieved directly from the device.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. Adjust the desired parameter.
5. Select [**Save**].
- ☑ The settings are saved in the Cluster Controller and are then transmitted to the affected device. The save process is displayed on the user interface of the Cluster Controller via an hourglass symbol and, if necessary, may take many hours if the DC input voltage in the inverter is too low (e.g. at night).

7.4 Deactivating the Webconnect Function of the Inverters

If the Webconnect function is activated for the inverters in the system, you should deactivate the Webconnect function to avoid unnecessary attempts by the inverters to connect with the Sunny Portal. The Webconnect function of the inverters is activated by default.

You have the following options:

- Disabling the Webconnect function for multiple inverters simultaneously
- Disabling the Webconnect function for an individual inverter

Disabling the Webconnect Function for Multiple Inverters Simultaneously

1. Select the installation in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

   ☑ The device classes are displayed in brackets after the name of the parameter group, e.g. **Device (Communication products)**. It may take a moment for all the data to be read out from the devices.

2. Select the parameter group **External communication > Webconnect**.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. In the **Activated** drop-down list, select the entry **No**.
5. Select [**Save**].

☑ The settings are saved in the Cluster Controller and are then transmitted to all devices of the affected device class. The save process is displayed on the user interface of the Cluster Controller via an hourglass symbol and, if necessary, may take many hours if the DC input voltage in the inverter is too low (e.g. at night).

Disabling the Webconnect Function for an Individual Inverter

1. In the system tree, select the desired inverter and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the parameter group **External communication > Webconnect**.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. In the **Activated** drop-down list, select the entry **No**.
5. Select [**Save**].

7.5 Saving and Restoring the Device Configuration of the Cluster Controller

Saving the Device Configuration

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Update and save** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the **Device configuration** parameter group and select [**Save device configuration**].
3. If required, change the save location and the file name for the save file and select [**Save**].
☑ The device configuration is downloaded and saved.

Restoring the Device Configuration

i	**Note the firmware version of the configuration file**

Only configuration files with a firmware version that is the same as or older than that of the Cluster Controller can be used to restore the device configuration.

Procedure:

1. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.
2. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Update and save** menu in the device menu.
3. Select the **Device configuration** parameter group and select [**Browse...**] in the field **Restore device configuration (*.bak)**.
   ☑ The file selection window opens.
4. Select the desired configuration file and select [**Open**].
   ☑ The file name of the selected configuration file is displayed in the **Restore device configuration (*.bak)**.
5. Select [**Execute**].
☑ The configuration file is uploaded and the device configuration is restored. The Cluster Controller restarts.

8 Exporting PV System Data

8.1 Export Options

The instantaneous values and the parameters of the devices in the installation can be saved, displayed and prepared for further processing by the Cluster Controller. The PV system data can be saved to the internal memory of the Cluster Controller and to external memory. The storage capacity of the internal memory is limited. If the free storage capacity of the internal memory is 10% or below, the older PV system data will be deleted until a free storage capacity of 20% is reached. Therefore, save the PV system data to an external memory at regular intervals. You have the following options for exporting the PV system data:

Option	Explanation
Export to USB data carrier	The PV system data is exported to a USB data carrier that is connected to the Cluster Controller (see Section 8.4).
Export to integrated FTP server	The PV system data is exported to the FTP server integrated in the Cluster Controller (see Section 8.5).
	You can access the exported PV system data directly via the integrated FTP server. The integrated FTP server is protected via the system password of the respective user group.
Export to external FTP server	The PV system data is exported to an external FTP server via an FTP push function (see Section 8.6).
Export to Sunny Portal	The PV system data is sent to Sunny Portal Internet portal at a configurable time interval (see Section 11.2).

8.2 Export Formats

8.2.1 CSV Format

When the CSV format is selected, the Cluster Controller creates a CSV file for each day and saves the collected PV system data to this file every five minutes. Individual data is always separated by a semicolon in the CSV file. The decimal separator and the time format within the CSV file depend on the country settings of the Cluster Controller (see Section 6.3).

Directory Path and Structure of the File Name

Directory path: .../CSV/[YYYY]/[MM]/

File name structure: [YYYYMMDD].csv

Example: daily report file from 2012-10-15

.../CSV/2012/10/20121015.csv

File Structure (Example)

Line	Explanation	
1	CSV file metadata	
2	Empty line	
3		Name of device (serial number or changed device name)
4		Device type
5		Serial number of the device
6		Value designation
7		Type of the values
8	Date and time format	Value unit
9	Time (= date and time) when the device generated the value.	Value
10	...	...

8.2.2 XML Format

When selecting the XML format, the Cluster Controller creates a directory for each day and saves the collected PV system data to this directory every five minutes as XML files. Every 15 minutes, the XML files are packaged to a ZIP file containing three XML files.

Directory Path and Structure of the File Name

Directory path: .../XML/[YYYY]/[MM]/[YYYYMMDD]/

Structure of the file name for an individual XML file: [HHMMSS].xml

Structure of the file name for a ZIP file: [HHMMSS].zip

Example: Daily report file from 2012-10-15, 09:48:02

.../XML/2012/10/20121015/094802.xml

File Structure (Example)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<ClusterController>
    <Info>
       <Created>2012-02-10T01:37:04</Created>
       <Culture>de</Culture>
       <UtcOffset>60</UtcOffset>
       <DST>True</DST>
    </Info>
    <MeanPublic>
       <Key>Cluster Controller 1:155000234:Metering.TotWhOut</Key>
       <Mean>761.858</Mean>
       <Base>1</Base>
       <Period>300</Period>
       <Timestamp>2012-02-09T10:55:52</Timestamp>
    </MeanPublic>
    <MeanPublic>
    (...)
    </MeanPublic>
  <ClusterController>
```

Designation	Explanation
Info	Information
Created	Date of generation
Culture	Language
UtcOffset	Offset in minutes to UTC
DST	Daylight saving time/Standard time adjustment
MeanPublic	Data of the mean values
CurrentPublic	Data of the instantaneous values
Key	Name of the element made up of device name, serial number of the device and the parameter name. Individual values are separated by a colon. Example: D <Key>SENS0700:5141:TmpMdul C</Key>
Min	Minimum value in the measurement interval, calculated by all devices connected to the Cluster Controller
Max	Maximum value in the measurement interval, calculated by all devices connected to the Cluster Controller
Mean	Mean value in the measurement interval, calculated by all devices connected to the Cluster Controller
Base	Number of measured values in the interval/number of calculated values
Period	Length of the measurement interval in seconds
TimeStamp	Time stamp at which the average was calculated

8.3 Setting the Measured Value Name

You can have the measured values displayed as follows:

- Technical name of the measured values; example: **Metering.TotWhOut**
- Name of the measured values as a term; example: **Total yield**

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the **Data Recording > Export** parameter group.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. Set the measured value name:
   - In the drop-down list **Measured value name in local language**, select **Yes** in order to display the measured values as a term.
   - In the drop-down list **Measured value name in local language**, select **No** in order to display the technical name of the measured values.
5. Select [**Save**].

8.4 Exporting PV System Data to a USB Data Carrier

Requirements:

☐ Maximum memory capacity: 2 TB

☐ The USB data carrier must be formatted in the file system FAT16 or FAT32.

Periods of Archiving

Depending on the available storage capacity of the USB data carrier and the configuration of your system, the following approximate periods of archiving for the PV system data are possible:

Number of connected inverters	Approximate period of archiving	
	4 GB memory capacity	**8 GB memory capacity**
5	10 years	20 years
10	5 years	10 years
25	2 years	4 years
50	1 year	2 years
75	9 months	18 months

Procedure:

• Connect the USB data carrier to the Cluster Controller at USB terminal **1**.

☑ Depending on the available storage capacity of the USB data carrier, the Cluster Controller exports the PV system data to the USB data carrier in the selected file format (see Section 8.2).

8.5 Exporting PV System Data to the Integrated FTP Server

8.5.1 Setting the Export Format for PV System Data

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

2. Select the **Data Recording > Export** parameter group.

3. Select [**Edit**].

4. Select the export format for the PV system data:

   • To export the PV system data in CSV format, select the entry **Yes** in the **Data export in CSV format** drop-down list (default setting).

   • To export the PV system data in XML format, select the entry **Yes** in the **Data export in XML format** drop-down list.

5. Select [**Save**].

8.5.2 Activating or Deactivating the Integrated FTP Server

Activating the Integrated FTP Server

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

2. Select the **Device > FTP server** parameter group.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. In the **Activated** drop-down list, select the entry **Yes**.
5. Select [**Save**].

Deactivating the Integrated FTP Server

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the **Device > FTP server** parameter group.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. In the **Activated** drop-down list, select the entry **No** (default setting).
5. Select [**Save**].

8.5.3   Accessing the Integrated FTP Server via the Web Browser

Requirement:

☐ The integrated FTP server must be activated (see Section 8.5.2).

Procedure:

1. The IP address of the Cluster Controller, the user ID and the system password are to be entered in the address bar of the web browser as follows:

   ftp://[UserID]:[Password]@[IP-address]

   Use the following user ID:

User ID	Explanation
Installer	User ID for the **Installer** user group
User	User ID for the **User** user group

   Example: Entering the IP address, user ID and system password

   If you wish to use the password "1111" to log into the Cluster Controller as an installer with the IP address 192.169.4.2, enter the following:

   ftp://installer:1111@192.169.4.2

2. Press the enter key.

   ☑ The web browser displays the directory structure of the integrated FTP server. You can now display the saved data or download the desired data.

3. Delete the web browser cache. This removes your login data from the cache and prevents unauthorized access to the integrated FTP server.

8.6 Additionally Exporting PV System Data to an External FTP Server (FTP Push)

8.6.1 Enabling the FTP Push Function

Via the FTP push function, the Cluster Controller can upload the collected PV system data to an arbitrary external FTP server. For FTP Push, port 21 is set by default. The collected PV system data is uploaded to the given directory and in the selected data format every 15 minutes.

Requirements:

☐ Port 21 must be approved in the router firewall settings.

☐ In the FTP server, the Append function must be activated. New data is appended to a file already on the FTP server and the data volume to be transferred is reduced.

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the **Further applications > FTP Push** parameter group.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. Select the export format for the PV system data:
   - To export the data in CSV format, select **Yes** in the field **Data export in CSV format**.
   - To export the data in XML format, select **Yes** in the field **Data export in XML format** field.
5. In the field **Login**, enter the login name of the external FTP server.
6. In the field **Port**, enter the network port of the external FTP server.
7. In the field **Password**, enter the password of the external FTP server.
8. In the field **Server path**, enter the subdirectory to which the Cluster Controller should save the data on the external FTP server.
9. In the field **Server**, enter the name or the IP address of the external FTP server.
10. Select [**Save**].
11. Perform a connection test. Select [**Execute**] in the field **Connection test**.

☑ The Cluster Controller performs the connection test. **OK** is displayed in the field **Result of the last connection test**.

✖ Was the connection test unsuccessful?
   - Rectify the error (see Section 18.2 "Faults in the Cluster Controller or the Connected Devices", page 99).

8.6.2   Disabling the FTP Push Function

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

2. Select the **Further applications > FTP Push** parameter group.

3. Select [**Edit**].

4. Disable the export of system data:

   • In the field **Data export in CSV format**, select the entry **No**.

   • In the field **Data export in XML format**, select the entry **No**.

5. Select [**Save**].

8.6.3   Testing the FTP Push Function

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

2. Select the **Further applications > FTP Push** parameter group.

3. In the field **Connection test** select [**Execute**].

☑ The Cluster Controller performs the connection test. **OK** is displayed in the field **Result of the last connection test**.

✖ Was the connection test unsuccessful?

   • Rectify the error (see Section 18.2 "Faults in the Cluster Controller or the Connected Devices", page 99).

9 PV System Monitoring

9.1 Displaying Events

You can have an event log displayed for each device in the system. All events for the device are logged in the event log (for information on the event type in the **Events** menu, see Section 4.5). Up to 500 events are displayed.

Procedure:

1. To display events for a device, select the desired device in the system tree and select the **Events** menu in the device menu.

2. For events with the wrench symbol ( ), contact the user with **Installer** rights and inform them of the serial number of the device and the event number.

3. For events with the telephone receiver symbol ( ), contact the user with **Installer** rights and inform them of the serial number of the device and the event number. The user with **Installer** rights will contact the SMA Service Line.

9.2 Setting Alerts

You can use the alert function to be informed via e-mail of alert-related events in the installation. For this purpose, the Cluster Controller takes into account the events of the last 24 hours. Alert-related events include e.g. **Fault** type events that can lead to loss of revenue.

Procedure:

1. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.

2. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

3. Make the settings for the SMTP server:
   - Select the **External communication > SMTP** parameter group.
   - Select [**Edit**].
   - In the **Encryption** drop-down list, select the desired password encryption type.
   - In the field **Login**, enter the name for the SMTP server.
   - If required, enter an alternative e-mail address in the field **Alternative e-mail sender address (optional)** that is to be displayed in the e-mail as the sender. If you do not enter an alternative e-mail address, the e-mail address in the field **Login** is displayed as the e-mail address.
   - In the field **Port**, enter the network port at which the SMTP server is available. Tip: the normal ports for SMTP servers are ports 25, 465 and 587. When using port 465, an encrypted connection is always established regardless of the selected encryption type.
   - In the field **Password**, enter the password for the SMTP server.
   - In the field **Server**, enter the name or the IP address of the SMTP server.
   - Select [**Save**].

4. Make the settings for e-mail alerts:

- Select the **Further applications > Alert > E-mail** parameter group.
- Select [**Edit**].
- In the field **Activated**, select the entry **Yes**.
- If the e-mail is to be displayed in a language other than the currently configured language, select the desired e-mail language in the **Language** drop-down list.
- In the field **E-mail address(es)**, enter the recipient's e-mail address. If more than one e-mail address is to be entered, each of the e-mail addresses must be separated by a comma or a semicolon.

5. If required, set a filter for the alert:

- Select the **Filter settings** group.
- If there is to be no alert for reactive power setpoint events, select the entry **No** in the **Alarm at reactive power specification** drop-down list.
- If there is to be no alert for active power limitation events, select the entry **No** in the **Alarm at active power limit** drop-down list.

6. Select [**Save**].

7. Test the alert via e-mail:

- Select the **E-mail** group.
- Select [**Execute**] in the field **Send test e-mail**.

☑ The Cluster Controller sends a test e-mail to the given e-mail address. **OK** is displayed in the field **Result of the last e-mail dispatch**.

✖ Could the test e-mail not be sent correctly?

Possible error cause: You have entered the e-mail address incorrectly, there is no Internet connection or the Cluster Controller network settings are faulty.

- Correct the e-mail address entered.
- Establish an Internet connection.
- Ensure that the SMTP settings of the Cluster Controller are correct.
- If there is a proxy server in your local area network (LAN), ensure that the proxy settings of the Cluster Controller are correct.

✖ You did not receive the test e-mail?

- Check the spam folder of your e-mail inbox.
- Check the local network settings and adjust if required.

10 System Management and Replacing Components

10.1 Replacing the Cluster Controller

1. Save the device configuration of the Cluster Controller (see Section 7.5).

2. Decommission the installation.

3. Decommission the Cluster Controller that is to be replaced (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).

4. Commission the new Cluster Controller (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).

5. Restore the device configuration of the Cluster Controller (see Section 7.5).

6. Recommission the system.

10.2 Adding Inverters

1. Connect the new inverter to the Cluster Controller (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).

2. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.

   ☑ The new inverter is displayed with a padlock symbol in the system tree.

3. Adjust the device password of the inverter marked with the padlock symbol to the system password (see Section 15.2).

4. If you are using Sunny Portal, activate the inverter in Sunny Portal (see the user manual of the Cluster Controller in Sunny Portal).

10.3 Adjusting the Total Energy Yield of the Inverter and Replacing the Inverter

If an inverter in your PV system must be replaced, you must adapt the total energy yield value of the inverter to be replaced to the new inverter in the communication product of your PV system. This will ensure that the total energy yield value of your PV system is also correctly displayed in all communication products after the inverter replacement.

• Adapt the total energy yield of the inverter and replace the inverter (see the installation manual "Adapting the Total Energy Yield for Inverter Replacement in Systems with Communication Products and Replacement of the SMA Energy Meter" at www.SMA-Solar.com).

10.4 Changing System Names or Device Names

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

2. Select the **Type label > Type label** parameter group.

3. Select [**Edit**].

4. To change the system name, enter the desired name in the field **System name**.

5. To change the device name, select the desired device name in the field **Device name**.

6. Select [**Save**].

10.5 Reading Out the Type, Serial Number and Firmware Version of the Devices

1. Select the device in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
   Tip: The serial number and the firmware version of the Cluster Controller are also displayed at the bottom left in the status bar.

2. Select the **Type label > Type label** parameter group in order to read out the serial number of the device.

3. Select the **Type label > Type label** parameter group in order to read out the firmware version of the integrated communication interface (e.g. SMA Speedwire/Webconnect data module). Here, the firmware version of the communication interface is displayed in the field **Software suite**.

4. Select the parameter group **Device components > Type label > Central assembly** in order to read out the firmware version of the inverter. Here, the firmware version is displayed in the field **Software version**.

10.6 Reading Out the IP Addresses of the Devices

10.6.1 Reading Out the IP Address of the Cluster Controller

You have two options for reading out the IP address of the Cluster Controller:

- Reading out the IP address from the display
- Reading out the IP address from the user interface

Reading Out the IP Address from the Display

- On the Cluster Controller, select the **External communication** display view and read out the IP address.

Reading Out the IP Address from the User Interface

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

2. Select the **External communication** parameter group and read out the IP address:
   - If the Cluster Controller automatically receives its IP address via DHCP, read out the IP address in the **DHCP** group.
   - If the Cluster Controller has received a static IP address, read out the IP address in the **Ethernet** group.

10.6.2 Reading Out the IP Address of the Inverter

You have two options for reading out the IP address of the inverter:

- Reading out the IP address from the inverter display
- Reading out the IP address from the user interface of the Cluster Controller

Reading Out the IP Address from the Inverter Display

- Tap twice on the enclosure lid.
- ☑ The display alternates automatically between the firmware version, the serial number of the inverter, the NetID, IP address, subnet mask, the configured country data set and display language.

Reading Out the IP Address from the User Interface of the Cluster Controller

1. In the system tree, select the desired inverter and select the **Instantaneous values** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the parameter group **System communication > Speedwire** and read out the IP address.

11 Sunny Portal

11.1 Registering the Cluster Controller in Sunny Portal

| **i** | **No combination of Cluster Controller and Sunny WebBox in one Sunny Portal system**

In a Sunny Portal system, the Cluster Controller may not be used in combination with the Sunny WebBox.

- If there is already a Sunny WebBox in the Sunny Portal system where you want to integrate the Cluster Controller, delete the Sunny WebBox from the Sunny Portal system before registering the Cluster Controller (see user manual of the Cluster Controller in Sunny Portal).

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

2. If there is a proxy network in your local network, make the proxy settings on the user interface of the Cluster Controller (see Section 17.2). This ensures that the Cluster Controller can establish a connection to Sunny Portal via the proxy server.

3. Select the **Sunny Portal > Default settings** parameter group.

4. Select [**Edit**].

5. Activate data transmission to Sunny Portal. Select the entry **Yes** in the **Use Sunny Portal** drop-down list.

6. Make the user settings in the **User settings** group:

   - In the field **E-mail**, enter the e-mail address to which Sunny Portal should transmit the access data.

   - ☑ The PV system identifier is automatically entered in the field "**ID of PV system**". Together with the e-mail address and the system name, the PV system identifier is a unique identifier of the installation in Sunny Portal.

   - In the field **System name**, enter the name under which the system is to be displayed in Sunny Portal.

7. Select [**Save**].

8. Perform the registration in Sunny Portal. For this purpose, select [**Execute**] in the field **Register** in the **Status and Actions** group.

☑ The Cluster Controller synchronizes the system time with the Sunny Portal and carries out the registration. **OK** is displayed in the field **Result of the last registration** and Sunny Portal sends the access data to the specified e-mail address.

☑ The registration of the other devices in the system is performed automatically.

☑ The result of the registration attempt is logged in the event log (see Section 9.1 "Displaying Events", page 58).

✖ Has the registration failed?

- Rectify the error (see Section 18.2 "Faults in the Cluster Controller or the Connected Devices", page 99).

11.2 Setting Data Transmission to Sunny Portal

Requirement:

☐ You must be registered in Sunny Portal (see Section 11.1).

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the **Sunny Portal > Default settings** parameter group.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. Select the desired entry in the **Use Sunny Portal** drop-down list:

Entry	Explanation
yes	Activates the data transmission to Sunny Portal
no	Deactivates the data transmission to Sunny Portal

5. Select [**Save**].

11.3 Setting Communication Monitoring

For the communication monitoring, the Cluster Controller sends a signal to the Sunny Portal at a configurable time interval. If the signal fails to appear, Sunny Portal alerts you via e-mail depending on the strictness of the communication monitoring configured in Sunny Portal (see user manual of the Cluster Controller in Sunny Portal).

Example: Setting communication monitoring

The time interval **every 8 hours** is selected in the Cluster Controller for sending the communication monitoring signal and the communication monitoring setting **Sharp** is selected in Sunny Portal. If the Sunny Portal has not received a signal from the Cluster Controller after eight hours and 15 minutes, the Sunny Portal sends an e-mail alert. After the alert e-mail, the Sunny Portal sends a reminder e-mail up to three days later stating that the communication error is still present.

ℹ️ **Failed send attempts are logged in the event log**

If the send attempt fails (e.g. if Sunny Portal is not available or in the event of network problems), the Cluster Controller logs this in the event log (see Section 9.1 "Displaying Events", page 58).

Requirement:

☐ You must be registered in Sunny Portal (see Section 11.1).

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the **Sunny Portal > Default settings** parameter group.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. In the **Communication monitoring signal** drop-down list, select the desired time interval (default setting: **every 8 hours**).

5. Select [**Save**].

6. Adjust the sharpness of the communication monitoring in Sunny Portal if required (see the user manual of the Cluster Controller in Sunny Portal).

11.4 Setting the Upload Frequency

Requirement:

☐ You must be registered in Sunny Portal (see Section 11.1).

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

2. Select the **Sunny Portal > Default settings** parameter group.

3. Select [**Edit**].

4. In the **Upload frequency** drop-down list, select the desired time interval.

Time interval	Explanation
Every 15 minutes	The data upload takes place every 15 minutes.
Hourly	The data upload takes place every 60 minutes.
Daily	The data upload takes place daily at around 01:30 a.m.

> ℹ️ **Delay in data upload possible**
>
> To prevent excessive data volume for Sunny Portal at specific times, the Cluster Controller delays the start of the data upload by up to 10 minutes if required.
>
> If a data upload is still in progress and the Cluster Controller is meant to start a new data upload (e.g. at a configured time interval of 15 minutes), then the Cluster Controller will not perform the new data upload and only transmit the data at the next time interval.

5. Select [**Save**].

11.5 Testing the Connection to Sunny Portal

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

2. Select the **Sunny Portal > Status and Actions** parameter group.

3. In the field **Portal connection test**, select [**Execute**].

☑ The Cluster Controller performs the connection test. **OK** is displayed in the field **Result of the last connection test**.

✖ Was the connection test unsuccessful?

- Rectify the error (see Section 18.2 "Faults in the Cluster Controller or the Connected Devices", page 99).

11.6 Adjusting the PV System Identifier for Sunny Portal

In the following cases, you must adjust the PV system identifier for Sunny Portal in the
Cluster Controller:

- Another communication device (e.g Sunny WebBox) has already sent PV system data of the
  affected installation to Sunny Portal.
- You have reset the Cluster Controller to default settings.
- You have replaced the Cluster Controller with another Cluster Controller.

Procedure:

1. Log into Sunny Portal using the available access data (see the user manual of the
   Cluster Controller in Sunny Portal).
2. If there is already a Sunny WebBox in Sunny Portal system where you want to integrate the
   Cluster Controller, delete the Sunny WebBox from Sunny Portal system (see user manual of the
   Cluster Controller in Sunny Portal).
3. In Sunny Portal, copy the PV system identifier:
   - Select **Configuration > PV system properties**.
   - Select the tab **PV system data**.
   - Select [**Edit**].
   - Copy the PV system identifier to the clipboard.
4. Log into the Cluster Controller:
5. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
6. Select the **Sunny Portal > User settings** parameter group.
7. Select [**Edit**].
8. In the field **PV system identifier**, delete the current content and paste in the content of the
   clipboard.
9. Select [**Save**].

12 Modbus Configuration

12.1 Activating the Modbus Server

To use a Modbus client, you must activate the required Modbus server via the user interface of the Cluster Controller.

Procedure:

1. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.
2. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
3. Select the **External communication > Modbus** parameter group.
4. Select [**Edit**].
5. To use the TCP server, make the following settings in the **TCP server** group:
   - In the **Activated** drop-down list, select the entry **Yes**.
   - If required, change the port in the field **Port** (default setting: 502).
6. To use the UDP server, make the following settings in the **UDP server** group:
   - In the **Activated** drop-down list, select the entry **Yes**.
   - If required, change the port in the field **Port** (default setting: 502).
7. Select [**Save**].
8. If required, make additional Modbus settings (see Technical Description "SMA CLUSTER CONTROLLER Modbus® Interface")

12.2 Saving or Updating the Modbus Profile and System Configuration

Saving the Modbus Profile

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Update and save** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the **Modbus** parameter group.
3. Select [**Save user-defined Modbus profile (usrprofile.xml)**] and save the file to the desired storage location with the desired file name.

Updating the Modbus Profile

1. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.
2. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Update and save** menu in the device menu.
3. Select the **Modbus** parameter group.

4. To update the SMA Modbus profile, perform the following steps:
   - In the field **Update SMA Modbus profile (*.xml)**, select [**Browse...**].
   - ☑ The file selection window opens.
   - Select the desired SMA Modbus profile and select [**Open**].
   - ☑ The file name of the SMA Modbus profile is displayed in the field **Update SMA Modbus profile (*.xml)**.
   - Select [**Refresh**].

5. To update the user-defined Modbus profile, perform the following steps:
   - In the field **Update user-defined Modbus profile (*.xml)**, select [**Browse...**].
   - ☑ The file selection window opens.
   - Select the desired Modbus profile and select [**Open**].
   - ☑ The file name of the user-defined Modbus profile is displayed in the field **Update user-defined Modbus profile (*.xml)**.
   - Select [**Refresh**].

Saving the System Configuration

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Update and save** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the **Modbus** parameter group.
3. To save the automatically created system configuration file, select [**Save automatically generated system configuration (sysplant.xml]**.
4. To save the user-defined system configuration file, select [**Save user-defined system configuration (usrplant.xml]**.

Updating the System Configuration

1. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.
2. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Update and save** menu in the device menu.
3. Select the **Modbus** parameter group.
4. In the field **Update user-defined system configuration (*.xml)**, select [**Browse...**].
   - ☑ The file selection window opens.
5. Select the desired system configuration file and select [**Open**].
   - ☑ The file name of the system configuration file is displayed in the field **Update user-defined system configuration (*.xml)**.
6. Select [**Refresh**].

13 Grid Management Services

13.1 Options for Implementing Grid Management Service Specifications

The Cluster Controller can receive the grid management service specifications via three different types of signal source. For this purpose, the different types of signal source can be combined, meaning, for example, that setpoints for the active power limitation can be received as digital signals and the setpoints for the reactive power setpoint can be received as analog signals:

Type of signal setpoint	Explanation
Digital signals	The setpoints are sent to the Cluster Controller as digital signals in the form of binary values. Up to four relay contacts can be used for the active power limitation and the reactive power setpoint.
Analog signals	The setpoints are sent to the Cluster Controller as analog current signals. For this purpose, current signals from 0 mA to 20 mA can be transmitted for the active power limitation and the reactive power setpoint, respectively.
Signal setpoint via Modbus client	The setpoints are transmitted via the Modbus client to the network terminal **X13** or **X14** of the Cluster Controller (for information on Modbus configuration, see Section 12).

To implement the grid operator setpoints, you must make the corresponding settings for both the **Active power** and **Reactive power** parameter groups via the user interface of the Cluster Controller (see Section 13.2 and Section 13.3).

If the Cluster Controller classifies a grid operator setpoint as invalid or if it does not receive a grid operator setpoint within a configurable time, and you have made the "Fallback" settings for this case, the Cluster Controller correspondingly implements these "Fallback" settings (see Section 13.4).

13.2 Making Settings for Active Power Limitation

Requirements:

☐ The configuration for the active power limitation must be agreed with the responsible grid operator.

☐ The necessary parameters for the active power limitation must be set in the inverter (see the inverter manual).

☐ If a grid operator setpoint in the system is currently being implemented for the active power limitation, the active power limitation cannot be configured.

Procedure:

1. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.

2. In the system tree, select the Cluster Controller and select the **Grid management services** menu in the device menu.

3. When using the digital or the analog inputs, make the settings for the system control:

   • Select the **General settings > System control** parameter group.

   • Select [**Edit**].

   • In the field **Time interval for the output value**, enter the desired time interval.

4. Select the **Active power** parameter group and select [**Edit**].

5. Activate the checkboxes for the desired signal sources in the **Default settings > Signal source** group. Note that the desired Modbus server must be activated in the Cluster Controller when using the Modbus (see Section 12.1).

6. When using the digital inputs, make the settings for the digital inputs:

   • Select the **Settings of digital inputs** group.

   • In the field **Error tolerance time**, enter a value above one second if possible. This prevents e.g. a brief, simultaneous pull on two relays of a ripple control receiver during a Cluster Controller status change being classified as an invalid status.

7. When using the analog inputs, make the settings for the analog inputs:

   • Select the **Settings of analog inputs** group.

   • In the field **Error tolerance time**, enter the desired time interval.

   • In the field **Initial value input signal**, enter the desired value.

   • In the field **Final value input signal**, enter the desired value.

   • In the field **Start setpoint active power limitation**, enter the desired value.

   • Enter the desired value in the field **End setpoint active power limitation**.

   ℹ️ **Input signals potentially up to 21 mA**

   　For an analog signal source, the Cluster Controller classifies input signals as valid up to a maximum of 21 mA. This enables intentional overload to ensure that the maximum setpoint is reached.

8. Select the **Settings for active power control** group and select the desired setting in the field **Activated** in the drop-down list.

Setting	Explanation
yes	The active power setpoint is being implemented gradually according to its additional settings in the **Active power control** group.
no	The active power setpoint is being implemented immediately.

9. If the active power control is activated, make the following settings:

   - In the field **Time interval in the event of a changed setpoint**, enter the desired time interval.

   Example: Time interval in the event of a changed setpoint is 60 seconds

   Immediately after the setpoint sent by the signal generator is changed, the Cluster Controller sends a control command with a corresponding output value to the inverters. If additional output values are required in order to reach the setpoint, and you have entered a value of 60 seconds for the parameter **Time interval in case of a changed setpoint**, the Cluster Controller sends each of these additional output values at intervals of 60 seconds. Once the modified setpoint has been reached, the Cluster Controller once again sends the current output value at the time interval you entered for the parameter **Time interval for the output value** in the **General settings** parameter group.

   - In the field **Max. change in case of power increase**, enter the desired value.
   - In the field **Max. change in case of power reduction**, enter the desired value.

10. When using the digital inputs, set the status configuration:

    - Select the **Status configuration** group.
    - Depending on the number of digital inputs used in the **Active** column, activate the selection field of the respective status to be configured.
    - In the **Active power** column, enter the desired value for the respective status to be configured.

11. Make the settings for the "Fallback" (see Section 13.4).

13.3 Making Settings for Reactive Power Setpoint

13.3.1 Adjusting the Reactive Power with Reactive Power in % Predefined Quantity

If you select a predefined quantity for the reactive power setpoint in percent as a setpoint value for the reactive power, the reactive power in relation to the maximum possible active power is used as the predefined quantity.

Requirements:

☐ The configuration for the reactive power setpoint must be agreed with the responsible grid operator.

☐ The necessary parameters for the reactive power setpoint must be set in the inverter (see the inverter manual).

☐ If a grid operator setpoint is currently being implemented for the reactive power, the reactive power setpoint cannot be configured.

Procedure:

1. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.

2. In the system tree, select the Cluster Controller and select the **Grid management services** menu in the device menu.

3. When using the digital or the analog inputs, make the settings for the system control:
   - Select the **General settings > System control** parameter group.
   - Select [**Edit**].
   - In the field **Time interval for the output value**, enter the desired time interval.

4. Select the **Reactive power** parameter group and select [**Edit**].

5. Make the basic settings in the **Basic settings** group:
   - In the **Signal source** drop-down list, select the desired signal source. Note that the desired Modbus server must be activated in the Cluster Controller when using the Modbus (see Section 12.1).
   - In the **Predefined quantity** drop-down list, select the predefined quantity **Reactive power in %**.

6. When using the digital inputs, make the settings for the digital inputs:
   - Select the **Settings of digital inputs** group.
   - In the field **Error tolerance time**, enter a value above one second if possible. This prevents e.g. a brief, simultaneous pull on two relays of a ripple control receiver during a Cluster Controller status change being classified as an invalid status.

7. When using the analog inputs, make the settings for the analog inputs:

   - Select the **Settings of analog inputs** group.
   - In the field **Error tolerance time**, enter the desired time interval.
   - In the field **Initial value input signal**, enter the desired value.
   - In the field **Final value input signal**, enter the desired value.

   > **ℹ️ Input signals potentially up to 21 mA**
   >
   > For an analog signal source, the Cluster Controller classifies input signals as valid up to a maximum of 21 mA. This enables intentional overload to ensure that the maximum setpoint is reached.

   - Enter the desired value in the field **Start setpoint reactive power**.
   - Enter the desired value in the field **End setpoint reactive power**.

8. When using the digital inputs, set the status configuration:

   - Select the **Status configuration** group.
   - Depending on the number of digital inputs used in the **Active** column, activate the selection field of the respective status to be configured.
   - In the **Reactive power** column, enter the desired value for the respective status to be configured.

9. Make the settings for the "Fallback" (see Section 13.4).

13.3.2 Adjusting the Reactive Power with Cos Phi Predefined Quantity

If you select the displacement power factor cos φ as a predefined quantity for the reactive power setpoint, the cosine function of the phase shift angle between the current and the voltage is used as the predefined quantity.

Requirements:

☐ The configuration for the reactive power setpoint must be agreed with the responsible grid operator.

☐ The necessary parameters for the reactive power setpoint must be set in the inverter (see the inverter manual).

☐ If a grid operator setpoint is currently being implemented for the reactive power, the reactive power setpoint cannot be configured.

Procedure:

1. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.

2. In the system tree, select the Cluster Controller and select the **Grid management services** menu in the device menu.

3. When using the digital or the analog inputs, make the settings for the system control:

    • Select the **General settings > System control** parameter group.

    • Select [**Edit**].

    • In the field **Time interval for the output value**, enter the desired time interval.

4. Select the **Reactive power** parameter group and select [**Edit**].

5. Make the basic settings in the **Basic settings** group:

    • In the **Signal source** drop-down list, select the desired signal source. Note that the desired Modbus server must be activated in the Cluster Controller when using the Modbus (see Section 12.1).

    • In the **Predefined quantity** drop-down list, select the predefined quantity **cos Phi**.

6. When using the digital inputs, make the settings for the digital inputs:

    • Select the **Settings of digital inputs** group.

    • In the field **Error tolerance time**, enter a value above 1 if possible. This prevents e.g. a brief, simultaneous pull on two relays of a ripple control receiver during a Cluster Controller status change being classified as an invalid status.

7. When using the analog inputs, make the settings for the analog inputs:

    • Select the **Settings of analog inputs** group.

    • In the field **Error tolerance time**, enter the desired time interval.

    • In the field **Initial value input signal**, enter the desired value.

    • In the field **Final value input signal**, enter the desired value.

    ℹ️ **Input signals potentially up to 21 mA**

    For an analog signal source, the Cluster Controller classifies input signals as valid up to a maximum of 21 mA. This enables intentional overload to ensure that the maximum setpoint is reached.

    • Enter the desired value in the field **Cos Phi start setpoint**.

    • In the **Excitation type** drop-down list, select the desired excitation type.

    • Enter the desired value in the field **Cos Phi end setpoint**.

    • In the **Excitation type** drop-down list, select the desired excitation type.

8. When using the digital inputs, set the status configuration:

    • Select the **Status configuration** group.

    ☑ The **cos phi** and **Excitation type** columns are also displayed.

    • Depending on the number of digital inputs used in the **Active** column, activate the selection field of the respective status to be configured.

    • In the **cos phi** column, enter the desired value.

    • In the **Excitation type** drop-down list, select the desired excitation type.

9. Make the settings for the "Fallback" (see Section 13.4).

13.4 Making Settings for the Fallback

The "fallback" is an operating mode, the setpoints of which are implemented by the Cluster Controller if it classifies a grid operator setpoint as invalid or if it does not receive a grid operator setpoint within a configurable time. The Cluster Controller classifies a grid operator setpoint as invalid if there is no configuration for the grid operator setpoint in the Cluster Controller or if the grid operator setpoint is outside of the value range configured in the Cluster Controller. The "fallback" prevents the Cluster Controller from transmitting setpoints to the inverter for an extended period of time where, in the event of an invalid or missing grid operator setpoint, these setpoints may no longer be up to date. This prevents potential loss of revenue. The "fallback" must be activated and configured via the user interface of the Cluster Controller. In the event of an invalid or missing grid operator setpoint and configured "fallback", the Cluster Controller only keeps the last valid grid operator setpoint for a limited, configurable time. Once this "fallback" time has elapsed, the Cluster Controller implements the setpoints that were assigned to the "fallback". When a valid grid operator setpoint is available, the "fallback" is reset and the Cluster Controller implements the current grid operator setpoint.

Requirement:

☐ The activation and the configuration of the "fallback" must be agreed upon with the grid operator.

Procedure:

1. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.

2. In the system tree, select the Cluster Controller and select the **Grid management services** menu in the device menu.

3. Select the parameter group for which the "fallback" settings are to be made:

   - To configure the "fallback" for the active power limitation, select the **Active power > Fallback settings** parameter group.

   - To configure the "fallback" for the reactive power setpoint, select the **Reactive power > Fallback settings** parameter group.

4. Select [**Edit**].

5. Make the desired settings for the "fallback":

   - In the **Fallback activated** drop-down list, select the entry **Yes**.

   - In the field **Fallback activates after**, enter the desired time after which the "fallback" is to be activated.

   - Depending on the parameter group and the selected predefined quantity, enter the desired value in the **Active power** or **Reactive power** or **cos phi** field.

   - If **cos phi** is selected as the predefined quantity, select the desired excitation type in the **Excitation type** drop-down list.

6. Select [**Save**].

14 Update

14.1 Update for Cluster Controller

14.1.1 Configuring an Automatic Update (Recommended)

In the automatic update of the Cluster Controller, only update files for the Cluster Controller itself are taken into account. The update files are downloaded via the Internet from the SMA Update Portal. The Cluster Controller checks once a day whether a new update is available. If a new update is available, the Cluster Controller downloads the update. The update procedure starts automatically the following night at 11 p.m. Settings already made for the Cluster Controller and the PV system data are kept after the update. If an automatic update process for the Cluster Controller is interrupted, e.g. by a power outage, the Cluster Controller restarts the update process again at the next possible time.

Requirement:

☐ The Cluster Controller must be connected to the Internet.

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the **Device > Update** parameter group.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. Select the desired entry in the **Automatic update** drop-down list:

Entry	Explanation
yes	Activates the automatic update
no	Deactivates the automatic update

5. Select [**Save**].

14.1.2 Performing a Manual Update

You can always perform a manual update, even if the automatic update is enabled for the Cluster Controller. Settings already made for the Cluster Controller and the PV system data are kept after the update.

You have the following options for performing the manual update:

- Performing a manual update via the Internet
- Performing a manual update via the user interface
- Performing a manual update via the USB data carrier

Performing a Manual Update via the Internet

Requirement:

☐ The Cluster Controller must be connected to the Internet.

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the **Device > Update** parameter group.
3. In the field **Check for update and install it**, select [**Execute**].

☑ The Cluster Controller checks whether a new update is available. If a new update is available, the Cluster Controller downloads the update from the SMA Update Portal and starts the update process.

Performing a Manual Update via the User Interface

1. Select the desired update file and download onto the computer (update files are available at www.SMA-Solar.com).
2. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.
3. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Update and save** menu in the device menu.
4. Select the **Update** parameter group.
5. In the field **Upload update file (*.up2)**, select [**Browse...**].

    ☑ The file selection window opens.
6. Select the desired update file and select [**Open**].

    ☑ The name of the update file is displayed in the field **Upload update file (*.up2)**.
7. Select [**Execute**].

☑ The update file is uploaded and executed.

Performing a Manual Update via the USB data carrier

1. Prepare the USB data carrier:

    • Select the desired update file and download onto the computer (update files are available at www.SMA-Solar.com).

    • Connect the USB data carrier to the computer.

    | i | **USB data carrier with more than one partition**

    If there is more than one partition on the USB data carrier, the Cluster Controller only searches the first partition for update files.

    • In the first partition of the USB data carrier, create a file folder in the root directory with the title **UPDATE**.

    • Copy the downloaded update file (*.up2) to the **UPDATE** folder.
2. Connect the USB data carrier to USB terminal **2** of the Cluster Controller.

☑ The update file is uploaded and executed.

14.2 Update for Connected SMA Devices

14.2.1 Configuring an Automatic Update (Recommended)

| i | **No update is performed for inverters with communication errors (🖥️)**

No update is performed for inverters that are not connected to the Cluster Controller as a result of a communication error.

- Determine the cause for the communication error via the inverter event log and rectify the communication error so that the inverter is no longer displayed with the 🖥️ symbol in the system tree.

| i | **Sufficient DC input voltage is required for update**

For some inverters, updates are only possible above a specific DC input voltage. Depending on the time of day, the weather or the condition of the PV modules (e.g. pollution or covered with snow), the DC input voltage may be too low for the update. The inverters in question do not feed in during the update. This can result in temporary yield losses.

| i | **Do not change the update source during the automatic update process**

If the update source is changed during the automatic update process, the update process does not continue. Update files that have already been sent to the inverters cannot be withdrawn.

- Do not change the update source during the automatic update process.

As update sources for the automatic update of SMA devices, you can select the SMA Update Portal or a USB data carrier connected to the Cluster Controller. When updating via the SMA Update Portal, the Cluster Controller checks once a day whether a new update is available. If a new update is available, the Cluster Controller downloads the update. When updating via the USB data carrier, available update files are copied directly to the Cluster Controller. For both update sources, the sending of the update files starts automatically the following night at 4 a.m. If an automatic update process for the inverters in the system is interrupted by a power outage, for example, the Cluster Controller restarts the update process the following day.

Procedure:

1. In the system tree, select the system and select the **Updates** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the **Settings** parameter group.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. To disable the automatic update, select the entry **No** in the **Activated** drop-down list.
5. To enable the automatic update, set the following:
   - In the **Activated** drop-down list, select the entry **Yes** (default setting).
   - In the **Operating mode** drop-down list, select the entry **Automatic update**.

- In the **Update source** drop-down list, select the desired update source:

Update source	Explanation
Update portal	The update files are downloaded from the SMA Update Portal on the Internet.
USB connection 2	The update files are downloaded from the USB data carrier that is connected to USB terminal **2**.

6. Select [**Save**].

7. If a USB data carrier is to be used as an update source, prepare the USB data carrier:

   - Select the desired update file and download onto the computer (update files are available at www.SMA-Solar.com).

   - Connect the USB data carrier to the computer.

   ☐ **USB data carrier with more than one partition**

   If there is more than one partition on the USB data carrier, the Cluster Controller only searches the first partition for update files.

   - In the first partition of the USB data carrier, create a file folder in the root directory with the title **UPDATE**.

   - Copy the downloaded update file (*.up2) to the **UPDATE** folder.

   - Connect the USB data carrier to USB terminal **2** of the Cluster Controller.

☑ The Cluster Controller copies the update file from the USB data carrier and displays the update file status as **Ready** in the **Available updates** area after the download has been completed successfully.

14.2.2 Performing a Manual Update

☐ **Sufficient DC input voltage is required for update**

For some inverters, updates are only possible above a specific DC input voltage. Depending on the time of day, the weather or the condition of the PV modules (e.g. pollution or covered with snow), the DC input voltage may be too low for the update. The inverters in question do not feed in during the update. This can result in temporary yield losses.

You have the following options for performing the manual update for the connected inverters:

- Performing a manual update via the Internet
- Performing a manual update via the user interface
- Performing a manual update via the USB data carrier

Settings already made for the Cluster Controller and the PV system data are kept after the update.

Performing a Manual Update via the Internet

i	**Do not change the update source during the update process**

The manual update via the Internet can take some time. If the update source is changed before the update process has ended, the update status may possibly not be displayed correctly.

- Do not change the update source during the update process.

Requirement:

☐ The Cluster Controller must be connected to the Internet.

Procedure:

1. Enable the manual update:
   - In the system tree, select the system and select the **Updates** menu in the device menu.
   - Select the **Settings** parameter group and select [**Edit**].
   - In the **Activated** drop-down list, select the entry **Yes**.
   - In the **Operating mode** drop-down list, select the entry **Manual update**.
   - In the **Update source** drop-down list, select the entry **Update portal**.
   - Select [**Save**].
2. Select the desired device type, e.g. SB 5000TL-US-21.
3. In the **Available updates** area, highlight the desired update file and select [**Download**].

   ☑ The Cluster Controller downloads the update file from the Internet and displays the update file status as **Ready** in the **Available updates** area after the download has completed successfully.

   ✖ Has the update file not been downloaded?

   Possible error cause: The Internet connection has been interrupted.

   - Restore the Internet connection.
4. Select [**Send**].

☑ The Cluster Controller checks the saved files.

☑ The Cluster Controller sends the update file once daily on up to five sequential days to the devices in the system. The update process was successful if the version number of the sent update file is displayed for all affected devices.

✖ Did no device, or not all affected devices, report back with the version number of the sent update file?

- Rectify the error (see Section 18.2 "Faults in the Cluster Controller or the Connected Devices", page 99).

Performing a Manual Update via the User Interface

1. Select the desired update file and download onto the computer (update files are available at www.SMA-Solar.com).
2. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.
3. In the system tree, select the system and select the **Updates** menu in the device menu.

4. Select the **Update** parameter group.

5. In the field **Upload update file (*.up2)**, select [**Browse...**].

   ☑ The file selection window opens.

6. Select the desired update file and select [**Open**].

   ☑ The name of the update file is displayed in the field **Upload update file (*.up2)**.

7. Select [**Execute**].

☑ The update file is uploaded and executed.

Performing a Manual Update via the USB Data Carrier

1. Prepare the USB data carrier:

   • Select the desired update file and download onto the computer (update files are available at www.SMA-Solar.com).

   • Connect the USB data carrier to the computer.

   ┌─┐
   │ i │ **USB data carrier with more than one partition**
   └─┘
   If there is more than one partition on the USB data carrier, the Cluster Controller only searches the first partition for update files.

      • In the first partition of the USB data carrier, create a file folder in the root directory with the title **UPDATE**.

   • Copy the downloaded update file (*.up2) to the **UPDATE** folder, then remove the USB data carrier from the computer.

2. Connect the USB data carrier to USB terminal **2** of the Cluster Controller.

3. Start the update process:

   • In the system tree, select the installation and select the **Updates** menu in the device menu.

   • Select the desired device type, e.g. SB 5000TL-US-21.

   • In the **Available updates** area, highlight the desired update file and select [**Download**].

   ☑ The Cluster Controller copies the update file from the USB data carrier and displays the update file status as **Ready** in the **Available updates** area after the download has been completed successfully.

4. Remove the USB data carrier from the Cluster Controller.

5. Select [**Send**].

☑ The Cluster Controller checks the saved files.

☑ The Cluster Controller sends the update file once daily on up to five sequential days to the devices in the system. The update process was successful if the version number of the sent update file is displayed for all affected devices.

✖ Did no device, or not all affected devices, report back with the version number of the sent update file?

   • Rectify the error (see Section 18.2 "Faults in the Cluster Controller or the Connected Devices", page 99).

15 Passwords and SMA Grid Guard

15.1 Selecting a Secure System Password

From the perspective of system communication, all devices with the same password form a system. For this reason, a password used for all devices in a system is called a system password. You can only access all devices of your system with the Cluster Controller if all devices have the same system password.

The system password that you enter for your respective user group when logging into the Cluster Controller user interface for the first time is a default system password. For security reasons, you should change the default system password as soon as possible following commissioning (see Section 15.3).

You can increase the security of your system password with the following measures:

- Select system passwords containing at least eight characters.
- Use combinations of upper-case and lower-case letters, special characters and numbers.
- Do not use names or common words (e.g. "dog", "cat", "house").
- For the PV system password, avoid using words that have any personal relevance to you such as the names of persons or pets, personnel numbers, identification numbers or car license plates.
- Do not repeat names or words (e.g. "househouse" or "catcat").
- Do not combine numbers or letters in the same order as they appear on your keyboard (e.g. "12345", "qwert").

15.2 Adapting the Device Password to the System Password

If the password of a device is different from the system password, the device will be displayed with a padlock symbol in the system tree. This is the case when adding new inverters to an existing system, for example.

Procedure:

To adapt the device password to the system password, perform the following actions in the specified order. The exact procedure is described in the sections below.

- Adapt the system password to the device password
- Reset the system password

Adapting the System Password to the Device Password

In order to access the device marked with the padlock symbol, you must first adapt the system password to the device password. For new devices, the device password corresponds to the default system password. The default system password of the **User** user group is "0000"; the default system password of the **Installer** user group is "1111".

Procedure:

1. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.
2. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
3. Adapt the system password to the device password:
    - Select the **User rights > Access control** parameter group.
    - Select [**Edit**].
    - In the field **Set installer password**, enter the default system password **1111**.
    - Confirm the default system password in the field **Confirm the password**.
    - In the field **Set user password**, enter the default system password **0000**.
    - Confirm the default system password in the field **Confirm the password**.
    - Select [**Save**].
    - ☑ The Cluster Controller changes the device password for all approved devices in the system.
4. Restart the Cluster Controller via the user interface (see Section 18.3).

Resetting the System Password

1. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.
2. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
3. Reset the system password to the previous system password:
    - Select the **User rights > Access control** parameter group.
    - Select [**Edit**].
    - In the field **Set installer password**, enter the previous system password for the **Installer** user group.
    - Confirm the system password in the field **Confirm the password**.
    - In the field **Set user password**, enter the previous system password of the **User** user group.
    - Confirm the system password in the field **Confirm the password**.
    - Select [**Save**].
    - ☑ The Cluster Controller changes the system passwords for all approved devices in the system. All devices have now been reset to the previous system passwords.
4. Select [**Save**].
5. Restart the Cluster Controller via the user interface (see Section 18.3).
☑ After a maximum of two minutes, the new device is displayed without a padlock symbol in the system tree.

15.3 Changing the System Password

Requirement:

☐ If you wish to change the system password for the **Installer** user group, you must be an **Installer** yourself (see Section 4.1 "User Groups and User Rights", page 26).

System password requirement:

☐ The system password can be a maximum of twelve characters.

☐ Permissible special characters: ? _ ! -

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

2. Select the **User rights > Access control** parameter group.

3. Select [**Edit**].

4. Enter the new system password:

   • Depending on the rights of the user group, enter a new system password in the field **Set installer password** or **Set user password**.

   • In the field **Confirm the password**, enter the new system password again.

5. Select [**Save**].

☑ The Cluster Controller changes the system password for all devices in the system.

15.4 Loss of System Passwords

If you have forgotten the system passwords for both user groups, then you can unlock the inverters using a PUK (Personal Unlocking Key). For every inverter, there is one PUK for each user group (**User** and **Installer**).

Procedure:

To reset the system passwords, perform the following actions in the specified order. The exact procedure is described in the sections below.

• Requesting a PUK

• Unlocking inverters with PUKs

Requesting a PUK

1. Download the PUK application form (application form available at www.SMA-Solar.com).

2. Complete the application form and sign it.

3. Send the application form to the SMA Service Line by e-mail, fax or mail (see Section 21 "Contact", page 114).

Unlocking Inverters with PUKs

| i | **Unlocking several inverters using a PUK**

Each PUK can only be used for one inverter and one user group.

- If you have requested PUKs for several inverters, you must unlock each inverter individually with the corresponding PUK.

| i | **Connection required between the Cluster Controller and the inverter during the unlocking process**

In order for the changed password settings to become effective, there must be a connection between the Cluster Controller and the respective inverter during the unlocking process.

- Only unlock the inverter with PUK if there is a connection to the inverter.

Procedure:

1. Reset the password settings of the Cluster Controller via the display:
   - Call up the **Settings** display view. To do this, simultaneously press and hold the [**OK**] and [**ESC**] buttons on the button field for two seconds.
   - ☑ The **Settings** display view opens.
   - Select the **Reset password** line and press [**OK**].
   - ☑ The **Confirm the resetting** display view appears.
   - Select **OK** and confirm with [**OK**].
   - ☑ The user password and the installer password are reset.

2. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer** with the default system password **1111**.
   - ☑ The inverters are each displayed with a padlock symbol in the system tree.

3. Adapt the installer password of the Cluster Controller to the PUK of the desired inverter. As a result, the inverter can be accessed again:
   - Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings > User rights > Access control** menu in the device menu.
   - Select [**Edit**].
   - In the field **Set installer password**, enter the PUK of the desired inverter as the new system password.
   - In the field **Confirm the password**, enter the new system password again.
   - Select [**Save**].
   - ☑ The Cluster Controller changes the system password for the **Installer** user group and the inverter is no longer displayed with a padlock symbol in the system tree.

4. To unlock additional inverters, repeat step 3 for the desired inverters.

5. Adapt the installer password and the user password of the Cluster Controller to the desired system passwords:

   • Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings > User rights > Access control** menu in the device menu.

   • Select [**Edit**].

   • In the field **Set installer password**, enter the desired system password for the **Installer** user group as a new system password.

   • In the field **Confirm the password**, enter the new system password again.

   • In the field **Set user password** field, enter the desired system password for the **User** user group.

   • In the field **Confirm the password**, enter the new system password again.

   • Select [**Save**].

   ☑ The Cluster Controller changes the system passwords of both user groups and transmits the changed system passwords to the inverters.

15.5 Setting SMA Grid Guard Mode

When the inverters are delivered, the SMA Grid Guard parameters are set depending on the country. Changes to the SMA Grid Guard parameters must always be agreed upon with the grid operator and are recorded in the event logs of the inverters.

To change SMA Grid Guard parameters, the SMA Grid Guard mode must be enabled on the Cluster Controller user interface. For this purpose, you require a personal SMA Grid Guard code. You can request your personal SMA Grid Guard code from SMA (application for the SMA Grid Guard code available at www.SMA-Solar.com).

Requirements:

☐ The responsible grid operator must approve changes of grid-relevant parameters.

☐ The SMA Grid Guard code for changing the grid-relevant parameters must be available (application for the SMA Grid Guard code available at www.SMA-Solar.com).

Activating SMA Grid Guard Mode

1. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.

2. Select the SMA Grid Guard symbol in the status bar.

   ☑ The SMA Grid Guard dialog window opens.

3. In the field **Individual access code**, enter the personal SMA Grid Guard code.

4. Select [**OK**].

☑ The SMA Grid Guard mode is activated. In the system tree, updating the symbol for access rights (SMA Grid Guard symbol and padlock symbol) can take up to two minutes.

Deactivating SMA Grid Guard Mode

1. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.
2. Select the SMA Grid Guard symbol in the status bar.
   - ☑ The SMA Grid Guard dialog window opens.
3. In the field **Individual access code**, enter the blocking code **54321**.
4. Select [**OK**].

☑ The SMA Grid Guard code is deactivated. In the system tree, updating the symbol for access rights (SMA Grid Guard symbol and padlock symbol) can take up to two minutes.

16 Setting Up Access via the Internet

If the Cluster Controller is integrated in a local area network with a router, you can also access the user interface of the Cluster Controller via the Internet. You have the following options:

- Access via Sunny Portal
- Access via WAN IP address
- Access via DynDNS

ℹ️ **Ensuring data security in Ethernet networks**

When accessing via the Internet, there is the risk that unauthorized users may access and manipulate the data or devices in your installation.

- Take suitable protective measures (e.g. set up a firewall, close network ports that are not required, only enable remote access via the VPN tunnel).

Access via Sunny Portal

Requirements:

☐ The Cluster Controller must be registered in Sunny Portal (see Section 11.1).

☐ Corresponding port forwarding must be set up in the router (see router manual).
The Cluster Controller is set to HTTP port 80 and NAT port 80 by default.

Procedure:

- In Sunny Portal, select the Cluster Controller on the **Configuration > Device overview** page.
- ☑ The login page of the Cluster Controller opens.

Access via WAN IP Address

Requirement:

☐ Corresponding port forwarding must be set up in the router (see router manual).
The Cluster Controller is set to HTTP port 80 and NAT port 80 by default.

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the **External communication > Nat** parameter group.
3. The WAN IP address is shown in the field **WAN IP**.
4. In order to call up the Cluster Controller user interface later on via the Internet, enter the previously noted WAN IP address in the address bar of the web browser. If you have changed the port, you must also state the port.

Example: Entering the WAN IP address and the port

The WAN IP address is "83.246.95.22" and the port is "81".

- Enter **http://83.246.95.22:81** in the address bar of the web browser.

Access via DynDNS

1. Set up the desired Internet address with a DynDNS service, e.g. at dyndns.com.

2. Set up the router for DynDNS (see router manual).

3. Set up corresponding port forwarding in the router (see router manual). The Cluster Controller is set to HTTP port 80 and NAT port 80 by default.

17 Network Configuration

17.1 Configuration for Static LAN

17.1.1 Configuring the Cluster Controller

| i | **Different IP address ranges required for Speedwire network and local network (LAN)**

In order for a clear assignment of the IP addresses in the Speedwire network and in the local area network (LAN) from the perspective of the Cluster Controller to be possible, the IP address ranges of both networks must be different. By default, the Cluster Controller uses address range 172.22/16 (172.22.0.1 to 172.22.255.255) for the Speedwire network.

- Ensure that different IP address ranges are used for the Speedwire network and the local area network (LAN).

| i | **Observe the configuration of the router and the network switch**

For the Speedwire connection, the Cluster Controller uses IP addresses from the Unicast area and also IP addresses from the Multicast area 239/8 (239.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255).

- When using a router or network switch, ensure that the router and switch forward the Multicast telegrams required for the Speedwire connection to all nodes of the Speedwire network (for information on configuration of the router or switch, see the manufacturer manual).

Procedure:

1. Write down the previous IP address, subnet mask and gateway address of the computer.
2. Connect the computer to terminal **X13** or **X14** of the Cluster Controller.
3. Read out and write down the IP address of the Cluster Controller from the display:
   - Select the **External communication** display view.
   - Read out the IP address from the **IP Address** line and write it down.
4. Adapt the network settings of the computer:
   - Adapt the IP address.

Example: adapting the IP address of the computer to the address range of the Cluster Controller

The IP address of the Cluster Controller is "169.254.0.3" and the IP address of the computer is "10.4.33.105".

- Change the IP address of the computer to **169.254.0.4**.

- Change the subnet mask to **255.255.0.0**.
- Ensure that no gateway address is entered.

5. Call up the Cluster Controller via the IP address read out from the display and log in.
6. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

7. Disable DHCP if it has not yet been disabled.
   - Select the **External communication > Ethernet > DHCP** parameter group.
   - Select [**Edit**].
   - In the **Activated** drop-down list, select the entry **No**.
8. In the **Ethernet** group, make the desired settings for the static local area network (LAN) and select [**Save**].
   - ☑ The Cluster Controller saves the network settings and can no longer be accessed via the old IP address.
9. Adapt the network settings of the computer back to the previous network settings that were written down.
10. Check whether the Cluster Controller can be accessed via the new IP address.
    If the Cluster Controller cannot be accessed via the new IP address, it is likely that the Cluster Controller network settings are incorrect.
    - Check the network settings and adjust if required.
11. Connect the Cluster Controller and the computer to the desired node in the static local area network (LAN).

17.1.2 Configuring the Inverter

You have the option of assigning static IP addresses to the inverters in the installation. The inverters are configured for automatic address allocation via DHCP by default.

Procedure:
1. Log into the Cluster Controller:
2. Select the inverter in the system tree.
3. Select the **Settings > System communication** menu in the device menu.
4. Select [**Edit**].
5. In the **Automatic configuration switched on** drop-down list, select the entry **No**.
   This disables the automatic assignment of the IP address for the inverter.
6. In the field **IP address**, enter the desired static IP address.
7. Select [**Save**].

17.2 Making the Proxy Configuration

When using a proxy server, you must make a corresponding proxy configuration in order to be able to access the Cluster Controller user interface within the local area network (LAN) or to enable the Cluster Controller to access the Internet, e.g. for connecting to Sunny Portal.

Enabling Access to the User Interface of the Cluster Controller

- In the web browser, include the IP address of the Cluster Controller in the list of proxy exceptions.

Enabling Access to the Cluster Controller on the Internet

1. Log into the Cluster Controller:

2. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

3. Select the **External communication > Proxy settings** parameter group and make the desired proxy configuration. Tip: The proxy settings for the Internet browser can usually be adopted for the Cluster Controller.

4. Select [**Save**].

17.3 Making the DHCP Configuration

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

2. Select the **External communication > Ethernet > DHCP** parameter group.

3. Select [**Edit**].

4. Make the desired DHCP settings:
   - To activate DHCP, select the entry **Yes** in the **Activated** drop-down list.
   - To deactivate DHCP, select the entry **No** in the **Activated** drop-down list.

5. Select [**Save**].

17.4 Changing the HTTP Port

i	**When calling up the Cluster Controller, state the IP address and the changed HTTP port**

If you have changed the default HTTP port configured in the Cluster Controller, you must state this changed HTTP port together with the IP address of the Cluster Controller when calling up the user interface.

Example: Calling up the user interface of the Cluster Controller after changing the HTTP port

The IP address of the Cluster Controller is 192.168.0.168 and you have changed the HTTP port to 8080.

- To call up the Cluster Controller user interface, enter **http://192.168.0.168:8080** in the address bar of the Internet browser.

Procedure:

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.

2. Select the **External communication > HTTP** parameter group.

3. Select [**Edit**].

4. In the field **Port**, enter the desired port (default setting: port 80).

5. Select [**Save**].

17.5 Changing the NAT Port

1. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
2. Select the **External communication > Ethernet > Nat** parameter group.
3. Select [**Edit**].
4. In the field **Port**, enter the desired port (default setting: port 80).
5. Select [**Save**].

18 Troubleshooting

18.1 LED States

18.1.1 Operation LEDs

Configuration of the Status LED (📖)

The status LED can display the following statuses:

- Status of the Cluster Controller
- Status of the connected inverters
- Status of the system communication
- Status of the grid management services

Procedure:

- If the status LED is not glowing green, refer to the event log of the Cluster Controller to precisely determine the error cause (see Section 9.1 "Displaying Events", page 58).

LED	Status	Cause and corrective measure
All	off	The Cluster Controller is not connected to the voltage supply.
		Corrective measures:
		• Connect the Cluster Controller to the voltage supply (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).
		The voltage supply is reverse-connected or the power supply unit is defective.
		Corrective measures:
		• Ensure that the voltage supply is correctly connected (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).
		• If the voltage supply is connected correctly, replace the power supply unit.
Power (⏻) and status (📖)	Power glowing red, status glowing yellow or red	The voltage supply is too low.
		Corrective measures:
		• Ensure that the connected voltage supply is sufficient (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).
		• If the problem persists, contact the SMA Service Line (see Section 21).

LED	Status	Cause and corrective measure
Power (⏻)	glowing green	The start procedure is complete. The Cluster Controller is ready for operation.
Status (📖)	glowing green	Normal operation
	glowing yellow	At least one device has the status **Warning**. **Corrective measures:** • Refer to the event log of the Cluster Controller (see Section 9.1). • Refer to the device documentation.
		Communication with at least one device is disturbed. There may be a disturbance in the device. **Corrective measures:** • Refer to the event log of the Cluster Controller (see Section 9.1). • Refer to the device documentation.
	glowing yellow	Communication with at least one device is disturbed. The Cluster Controller may not be connected to the device. **Corrective measures:** • Ensure that the network cables are correctly connected (see the Cluster Controller installation manual). • Check whether the network components, network cables or connectors are defective or damaged. Replace defective or damaged network components, network cables or connectors. • Check whether the network settings of the individual network components are correct. Adapt the network settings if required. • If the problem persists, contact the network administrator.

LED	Status	Cause and corrective measure
Status (📖)	flashing yellow	An update of the Cluster Controller or the connected devices is currently taking place.
		The active power limitation is active and the default value is above 0% and below 100%.
		The reactive power setpoint is active. The default value is not 0% or the displacement power factor cos φ is below 1.
	glowing red	The active power limitation is active and the default value is 0%.
		At least one device has the status **Error**.
		Corrective measures:
		• Refer to the event log of the device (see Section 9.1).
		• Refer to the device documentation.
	glowing red	Communication with all devices is interrupted. A problem has occurred in the LAN.
		Corrective measures:
		• Ensure that the network cables are correctly connected (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).
		• Check whether the network components, network cables or connectors are defective or damaged. Replace defective or damaged network components, network cables or connectors.
		• Check whether the network settings of the individual network components are correct. Adapt the network settings if required.
		• Restart the Cluster Controller if required. Isolate the Cluster Controller from the voltage supply and reconnect to the voltage supply.
		• If required, assign a fixed IP address for the Cluster Controller (see Section 17.1).
		• If the problem persists, contact the network administrator.

LED	Status	Cause and corrective measure
Status (📖)	glowing red	The SD memory card in the Cluster Controller may be defective.
		Corrective measures:
		• Check the event report of the Cluster Controller (see Section 9.1).
		• If the SD memory card is defective, contact the SMA Service Line (see Section 21).
	flashing red	The Cluster Controller could not start correctly. A system error has occurred.
		Corrective measures:
		• Contact the SMA Service Line (see Section 21).
Data carrier status (⚇)	off	The Cluster Controller is starting and no information is yet available for data export or for USB data carriers.
		Corrective measures:
		• Wait until the Cluster Controller has completed the start process and is ready for operation. Once the start process is complete, the power LED (⏻) glows green.
		No USB data carrier was detected. It is possible that no USB data carrier is connected or the USB data carrier is not compatible.
		Corrective measures:
		• Ensure that a compatible USB data carrier is connected (see Section 19 "Accessories", page 112).
	glowing green	The USB data carrier is compatible. The free memory capacity is above 10%.
	glowing yellow	The USB data carrier at the USB terminal **1** is compatible but the free memory capacity is 10% at maximum.
		Corrective measures:
		• Files that are no longer required should be deleted from the USB data carrier.
		or
		Replace the USB data carrier with a USB data carrier that has sufficient free memory capacity.

LED	Status	Cause and corrective measure
Data carrier status (🖝)	glowing red	The USB data carrier at USB terminal **1** is full or write-protected.
		Corrective measures:
		• If the USB data carrier is full, replace the USB data carrier.
		• If the USB data carrier is write-protected, remove the write protection or use a USB data carrier without write protection.
	flashing green or yellow or red	Write or read accesses are currently being performed on the USB data carrier.
		• Only remove the USB data carrier once the data carrier status LED is no longer flashing.

18.1.2 LEDs of the Network Connections

LED	Status	Cause and corrective measure
Link/activity (green)	off	No network connection has been established.
		The Cluster Controller is not connected to the voltage supply.
		Corrective measures:
		• Connect the Cluster Controller to the voltage supply (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).
		No network connection has been established.
		The network cable at the Cluster Controller, at the router or at the network switch is not correctly connected.
		Corrective measures:
		• Ensure that the network cables are correctly connected (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).

LED	Status	Cause and corrective measure
Link/activity (green)	off	No network connection has been established.
		One or more network components, network cables or plug connectors are defective or damaged.
		Corrective measures:
		• Replace the defective or damaged network components, network cables or plug connectors.
	flashing	Network connection established
		Data is being sent or received.
Speed (yellow)	off	Network connection established
		The data transfer rate is up to 10 Mbit/s.
	on	Network connection established
		The data transfer rate is up to 100 Mbit/s.

18.2 Faults in the Cluster Controller or the Connected Devices

Problem	Cause and corrective measure
The Cluster Controller does not start. The LEDs and the display are off.	The Cluster Controller is not connected to the voltage supply.
	Corrective measures:
	• Ensure that the three-pole plug for the voltage supply is connected to terminal **X1** of the Cluster Controller.
	The voltage supply is reverse-connected or the top-hat rail power supply unit is defective.
	Corrective measures:
	• Ensure that the voltage supply is correctly connected (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).
	• If the voltage supply is connected correctly, replace the top-hat rail power supply unit.
The login page does not open and the status LED (🗔) is flashing red.	The Cluster Controller could not start correctly. A system error has occurred.
	Corrective measures:
	• Isolate the Cluster Controller from the voltage supply and reconnect to the voltage supply. Note that this can lead to loss of PV system data.
	• If the problem persists, contact the SMA Service Line (see Section 21).

Problem	Cause and corrective measure
The login page does not open.	The Cluster Controller is not connected to the voltage supply.

Corrective measures:

- Ensure that the three-pole plug for the voltage supply is connected to terminal **X1** of the Cluster Controller.

The voltage supply is reverse-connected or the power supply unit is defective.

Corrective measures:

- Ensure that the voltage supply is correctly connected (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).
- If the voltage supply is connected correctly, replace the power supply unit.

A firewall is blocking the connection.

Corrective measures:

- Adjust the firewall settings in order to allow the required connection.

If the Cluster Controller is connected to the local area network via DCHP and the voltage supply of the Cluster Controller was interrupted, it is possible that the DHCP server has assigned the Cluster Controller a new IP address.

Corrective measures:

- Select the **External communication** display view and read out the current IP address of the Cluster Controller.
- Call up the IP address via the web browser.

Problem	Cause and corrective measure
The login page does not open.	A problem has occurred in the LAN. **Corrective measures:** • Ensure that the network cables are correctly connected to the Cluster Controller (see the Cluster Controller installation manual). • Check whether the network components, network cables or connectors are defective or damaged. Replace defective or damaged network components, network cables or connectors. • Check whether the network settings of the individual network components are correct. Adapt the network settings if required. • Restart the Cluster Controller. Isolate the Cluster Controller from the voltage supply and reconnect to the voltage supply. Note that this can lead to loss of PV system data. • If the problem persists, contact the network administrator.
	If the Cluster Controller is accessed via the Internet, there may not currently be an Internet connection or the port forwarding to the Cluster Controller from the router may be missing or may have been set up incorrectly. **Corrective measures:** • In the event of interrupted Internet connection, restore the Internet connection. • If port forwarding has not been set up, set up port forwarding to the Cluster Controller on the router. • If port-forwarding has already been set up on the router, ensure that the port-forwarding is correct.
Login to the user interface has failed.	The system password has been entered incorrectly four times. Access to the Cluster Controller is suspended for 15 minutes. **Corrective measures:** • Wait for 15 minutes, then log in with the correct system password.
The user interface is not displayed properly.	JavaScript is disabled in the web browser. **Corrective measures:** • Enable JavaScript in the web browser

Problem	Cause and corrective measure
At least one device has the status **Warning** or **Error**.	There may be a disturbance in the device. **Corrective measures:** • Refer to the event log of the Cluster Controller (see Section 9.1). • Refer to the device documentation.
Communication with at least one device is disturbed.	There may be a disturbance in the device. **Corrective measures:** • Refer to the event log of the Cluster Controller (see Section 9.1). • Refer to the device documentation. The Cluster Controller may not be connected to the inverter. **Corrective measures:** • Ensure that the network cables are correctly connected (see the Cluster Controller installation manual). • Check whether the network components, network cables or connectors are defective or damaged. Replace defective or damaged network components, network cables or connectors. • Check whether the network settings of the individual network components are correct. Adapt the network settings if required. • If the problem persists, contact the network administrator.

Problem	Cause and corrective measure
Communication with all devices is interrupted.	A problem has occurred in the LAN. **Corrective measures:** • Ensure that the network cables are correctly connected (see the Cluster Controller installation manual). • Check whether the network components, network cables or connectors are defective or damaged. Replace defective or damaged network components, network cables or connectors. • Check whether the network settings of the individual network components are correct. Adapt the network settings if required. • Restart the Cluster Controller. Isolate the Cluster Controller from the voltage supply and reconnect to the voltage supply. • If the problem persists, contact the network administrator.
In the event log, the wrench symbol (🔧) is displayed next to the event type.	This event can only be rectified by a user with **Installer** rights. **Corrective measures:** • Contact the user with **Installer** rights and inform them of the serial number of the device and the event number.
In the event log, the telephone receiver symbol (📞) is displayed next to the event type.	This event can only be rectified by SMA Service. **Corrective measures:** • Contact the user with **Installer** rights and inform them of the serial number of the device and the event number. The user with **Installer** rights will contact the SMA Service Line (see Section 21).

Problem	Cause and corrective measure

The correct number of all connected inverters is not shown on the user interface or the display.	The communication with at least one inverter is interrupted. Either the Cluster Controller has not yet registered with one or more inverters or the connection to one or more inverters has been interrupted.
	
	 Corrective measures:
	
	 • Wait for six minutes and re-check whether the correct number of all connected inverters is displayed.
	
	   If the correct number of all connected inverters is still not displayed, proceed as follows:
	
	   • Ensure that the inverters are in operation (see the installation manual of the inverters).
	
	   • Ensure that the network cables that connect the inverters to one another are correctly connected (depending on the inverter equipment; see the inverter installation manual or the Speedwire/ Webconnect interface installation manual).
	
	   • Ensure that the inverter network cable that is directly connected to the Cluster Controller is connected to network terminal **X9** or **X10** of the Cluster Controller.
	
	   • Ensure that no network components, network cables or connectors are defective.

The expected binary values for the digital signal source are not shown on the display.	The digital signal source is not correctly connected. **Corrective measures:** • Ensure that the digital signal source is correctly connected (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).
No current signal for the analog signal source or the sensor is shown on the display.	It is likely that the analog signal source or the sensor is not correctly connected. **Corrective measures:** • Ensure that the analog signal source is correctly connected (see the Cluster Controller installation manual). • Ensure that the sensor is correctly connected (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).

Problem	Cause and corrective measure
No measured values for the connected temperature sensor are shown on the display.	The temperature sensor is not correctly connected. **Corrective measures:** • Ensure that the temperature sensor is correctly connected (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).
No measured values for the connected irradiation sensor are shown on the display.	If no measured values are displayed for the connected irradiation sensor, either the characteristic curve of the irradiation sensor is not configured or the irradiation sensor is not correctly connected. **Corrective measures:** • Ensure that the characteristic curve of the irradiation sensor is configured (see Section 7.1). • Ensure that the irradiation sensor is correctly connected (see the Cluster Controller installation manual).
Despite not being switched on, a measured value of up to 2.2 V for **Analog voltage input 4** is still shown on the display and the user interface.	If no sensor is connected to the connecting terminal plate **Analog voltage input 4**, a measured value of up to 2.2 V will nevertheless be shown in the display and on the user interface for this connecting terminal plate. **Corrective measures:** • In order for a measured value of 0 V to be displayed for the connecting terminal plate **Analog voltage input 4** when it is not connected, place a jumper wire at terminal **X8** between contact pin **B**5 and contact pin **B**7.
The parameters of a device class or an individual device cannot be edited.	You do not have the necessary rights to edit the parameters (see Section 4.1 "User Groups and User Rights", page 26). **Corrective measures:** • Change the user group.
No inverters or not all inverters report back with the version number of the sent update file.	If you have configured the automatic update and Internet connection was interrupted or is interrupted, the update file may not have been correctly downloaded from the Internet. **Corrective measures:** • Ensure that an Internet connection is established. The automatic update for the inverters starts again on the following day. • To start the update directly, perform a manual update (see Section 14.2.2).

Problem	Cause and corrective measure
No inverters or not all inverters report back with the version number of the sent update file.	The USB data carrier was removed from the Cluster Controller during the update process. **Corrective measures:** • Reconnect the USB data carrier to USB terminal **2** and perform a manual device update (see Section 14.2.2). Due to missing DC input voltage of the inverters, an update file has been sent and saved in the inverter but has not yet been run. The DC input voltage can vary depending on the time of day, the weather or the condition of the PV modules (e.g. pollution or covered with snow). **Corrective measures:** • To start the update directly, perform a manual update (see Section 14.2.2). The update file was not sent to the inverters in the system after five attempts. **Corrective measures:** • Check the status of the Speedwire connection of the inverters via the menu **Instantaneous values > System communication**. Note that the Speedwire connection may also be interrupted due to missing DC input voltage to the inverters. The DC input voltage can vary depending on the time of day, the weather or the condition of the PV modules (e.g. pollution or covered with snow). • To start the update directly, perform a manual update (see Section 14.2.2).
The update via the USB data carrier does not start.	There are no update files on the USB data carrier or the update files on the USB data carrier are not located in the **UPDATE** directory. **Corrective measures:** • Save the desired update files onto the USB data carrier in the **UPDATE** directory (for information on updating via the USB data carrier, see Section 14.1.2 and Section 14.2) and connect the USB data carrier to USB terminal **2** of the Cluster Controller.

Problem	Cause and corrective measure
The Cluster Controller does not write any data to the USB data carrier.	The USB data carrier is connected to USB terminal **2**. The Cluster Controller only writes data to USB data carriers that are connected to USB terminal **1**. **Corrective measures:** • Connect the USB data carrier to USB terminal **1**. Note that the USB data carrier cannot be write-protected.
The Cluster Controller does not send any data to Sunny Portal.	The data transmission is incorrectly configured. **Corrective measures:** • If the Cluster Controller is not yet registered in Sunny Portal, register the Cluster Controller in Sunny Portal (see Section 11.1). • Test the connection to Sunny Portal (see Section 11.5). • Check the settings for Sunny Portal (see Section 11 "Sunny Portal", page 63). An error has occurred in the LAN. **Corrective measures:** • Check whether the network settings of the individual network components are correct. Adapt the network settings if required. • Check whether the network components are defective or damaged. Replace defective or damaged network components.
The Cluster Controller does not send any data to the external FTP server.	The data transmission is incorrectly configured. **Corrective measures:** • Test the FTP push function (see Section 8.6.3). An error has occurred in the LAN. **Corrective measures:** • Check whether the network settings of the individual network components are correct. Adapt the network settings if required. • Check whether the network components are defective or damaged. Replace defective or damaged network components.

Problem	Cause and corrective measure
The Sunny Portal connection test was unsuccessful.	The data transmission is incorrectly configured. **Corrective measures:** • If the Cluster Controller is not yet registered in Sunny Portal, register the Cluster Controller in Sunny Portal (see Section 8.6.3). • Test the connection to Sunny Portal (see Section 11.5). • Check the settings for Sunny Portal (see Section 11 "Sunny Portal", page 63).
	An error has occurred in the LAN. **Corrective measures:** • Check whether the network settings of the individual network components are correct. Adapt the network settings if required. • Check whether the network components are defective or damaged. Replace defective or damaged network components.
The external FTP server connection test was unsuccessful.	The data transmission is incorrectly configured. **Corrective measures:** • Ensure that you have write authorization on the FTP server. • Test the FTP push function (see Section 8.6.3).
	An error has occurred in the LAN. **Corrective measures:** • Check whether the network settings of the individual network components are correct. Adapt the network settings if required. • Check whether the network components are defective or damaged. Replace defective or damaged network components.
After an FTP download, Internet Explorer shows old system data.	There is a problem with the cache properties of Internet Explorer. **Corrective measures:** • Use a different web browser for the FTP download.

Problem	Cause and corrective measure
The registration of the Cluster Controller in the Sunny Portal was not successful.	The Sunny Portal cannot currently be accessed due to maintenance. **Corrective measures:** • Call up **www.SunnyPortal.com** and check for any messages regarding maintenance.
	The Cluster Controller is already registered in another Sunny Portal installation, for example if you have replaced the Cluster Controller. **Corrective measures:** • Adjust the PV system identifier for Sunny Portal in the Cluster Controller (see Section 11.6).
The registration of another device in Sunny Portal was not successful.	There may be a firmware problem in the affected device. **Corrective measures:** • Contact the SMA Service Line (see Section 21).
After the replacement of the Cluster Controller, two PV systems with the same system name appear in Sunny Portal.	The PV system has been registered twice in Sunny Portal. The new Cluster Controller logs into Sunny Portal with a new PV system identifier. Sunny Portal creates a new system for this PV system identifier, even if you gave the system the same name. **Corrective measures:** • Assign the PV system identifier of the old system to the replacement device (see Section 11.6). • In the replacement device, enter the e-mail address of a user who has administrator rights for the system in Sunny Portal. • In Sunny Portal, delete the new system created by the replacement device.

Problem	Cause and corrective measure
The Cluster Controller cannot be accessed by the Modbus client.	The required Modbus server is not enabled. **Corrective measures:** • Ensure that the required Modbus server is enabled (see Section 12.1).
	The correct IP address for the Cluster Controller is not set in the Modbus client. **Corrective measures:** • Read out the IP address of the Cluster Controller (see Section 10.6). • Ensure that the correct IP address for the Cluster Controller is set in the Modbus client (see the manufacturer manual).
The Modbus profile contains measured values that are not supported by the SMA device.	The Modbus configuration may be incorrect. **Corrective measures:** • Check the Modbus configuration using the assignment tables and adjust if required (see Technical Description "SMA CLUSTER CONTROLLER Modbus® Interface").
The Cluster Controller does not send any reply within the reply time specified by the Modbus client.	The Modbus configuration may be incorrect. **Corrective measures:** • Check the Modbus configuration using the assignment tables and adjust if required (see Technical Description "SMA CLUSTER CONTROLLER Modbus® Interface").
The Cluster Controller does not transmit a value specified in the Modbus profile to the devices in the installation.	The Modbus configuration may be incorrect. **Corrective measures:** • Check the Modbus configuration using the assignment tables and adjust if required (see Technical Description "SMA CLUSTER CONTROLLER Modbus® Interface").

18.3 Restarting the Cluster Controller via the User Interface

1. Log into the Cluster Controller as **Installer**.
2. Select the Cluster Controller in the system tree and select the **Settings** menu in the device menu.
3. Select the parameter group **Device > System**.
4. In the field **Initiate device restart**, select [**Execute**].
   ☑ The Cluster Controller is restarted. The start-up procedure can take up to two minutes.

18.4 Resetting the Cluster Controller

You can reset the Cluster Controller via the button field.

Procedure:

1. Simultaneously press and hold [**OK**] and [**ESC**] for two seconds.
   ☑ The **Settings** display view opens.

2. Select the settings that are to be reset:

Settings to be reset	Explanation
Reset password	The user password and the installer password are reset.
Reset network settings	The network settings of the Cluster Controller are reset.
Restoring default settings	The Cluster Controller is reset to default settings. Stored PV system data is deleted.

3. To exit the **Settings** display view again, press [**ESC**].

4. To confirm the settings that are to be reset, perform the following steps:
   • Press [**OK**].
   ☑ The **Confirm the resetting** display view appears.
   • Select **OK** and confirm with [**OK**].
   ☑ The selected settings are reset.
   ☑ If the network settings were reset or the Cluster Controller was reset to default settings, the Cluster Controller restarts.

5. If Sunny Portal is used and the Cluster Controller was reset to default settings, adjust the PV system identifier for Sunny Portal in the Cluster Controller (see Section 11.6).

19 Accessories

You will find the corresponding accessories and spare parts for your product in the following overview. If required, these can be ordered from SMA or your distributor.

Designation	Brief description	SMA order number
Top-hat rail power supply*	Top-hat rail power supply for the SMA Cluster Controller	CLCON-PWRSUPPLY
USB stick 4 GB	USB memory stick with storage capacity of 4 GB	USB-FLASHDRV4GB
USB stick 8 GB	USB memory stick with storage capacity of 8 GB	USB-FLASHDRV8GB

* Not available in all countries. For information on whether an accessory is available in your country, visit the website of the SMA subsidiary of your country at www.SMA-Solar.com or contact your distributor.

20 FCC Compliance Information

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment.

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. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

The user is cautioned that changes or modifications not expressly approved by SMA America, LLC could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

21 Contact

If you have technical problems with our products, contact the SMA Service Line. We require the following information in order to provide you with the necessary assistance:

- Cluster Controller:
  - Serial number
  - Firmware version
- Inverter:
  - Type
  - Serial number
  - Firmware version
- When using a retrofitted Speedwire/Webconnect interface:
  - Serial number and firmware version of the Speedwire/Webconnect interface

You can read out the necessary information via the user interface of the Cluster Controller (see Section 10.5). Alternatively, you can also read out the serial number on the type label of the product (see the respective product manual). You can read out the serial number and the firmware version of the Cluster Controller on the **Cluster Controller** display view.

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