

# The heat sink inside the solar inverter



## Overview

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One of the key components responsible for controlling heat inside an inverter is the heatsink. Solar inverters generate significant heat while converting DC electricity from solar panels into usable AC electricity. Managing this heat is essential for maintaining inverter efficiency and preventing internal component failure. This guide covers material selection (6063-T5 at 201 W/m·K vs 6061-T6 at 167 W/m·K), CNC machining specs for IGBT mounting faces ( $\pm 0.6 \mu\text{m}$ ), surface treatments, and IP65 enclosure integration - from prototype through .

**Role of Heat Sink in the PV Inverter:** At its core, the primary function of the heat sink in a PV inverter is thermal management. Heat sinks are usually made of aluminum because, compared with gold, silver, and copper, aluminum is lightweight, low-cost, corrosion-resistant, and can be processed into various complex shapes.

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Real Case: A ground-based power station (with an installed capacity of 50MW, using 200 units of 250kW centralized inverters) had its heat sinks clogged with dust due to strong winds in the desert area,

### **Inverter Cooling Solution**

The heat sink increases the surface area of heat exchange, allowing the air exchanging heat with the surface of the heat sink. When the heat was taken away, the inverter can have a relatively proper



### **Selecting Heat Sinks for Solar Inverters**

Heat sinks play a crucial role in ensuring the efficient operation and lifespan of solar inverters. By dissipating heat generated from the inverter's electronic components, heat sinks

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To prevent overheating, most inverters include aluminum or copper heat sinks, small fans, or liquid cooling channels. These metals are fully recyclable, and their recovery supports a more



### **Inverter Heat Sink Design for photovoltaic industry**



## Heat Sink Types for Solar Inverter Design (2026)

Engineering guide to specifying custom heat sinks for solar inverters. Covers 6061-T6 vs 6063-T5 aluminum, CNC-machined fin geometry, IGBT mounting flatness  $\pm 0.005$ ", and IP65 enclosure

Heat sink is an important component that ensures the safe operation of the inverter in solar systems. The heat generated by photovoltaic modules needs to be dissipated effectively to prevent damage to



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Learn why solar inverter enclosures get hot, how heat dissipation works, and why a warm enclosure can actually protect inverter components and extend system lifespan.

## Fans vs Heat Sinks: Which Cools Portable Inverters Safest?

For applications where the inverter operates in a well-ventilated, cooler environment, a heat sink might suffice. However, for demanding tasks or use in enclosed spaces where heat can



## Solar Inverter Heatsinks Explained - Why Cooling Matters

One of the key components responsible for controlling heat inside an inverter is the heatsink. These metal cooling components help transfer heat away from sensitive electronic parts, protecting the

### **Heat Sink in PV Inverters.**

By keeping internal temperatures in check, the heat sink ensures that the inverter operates at peak efficiency, maximizing power output and energy yield from solar panels.



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