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## Summary

This document reports on the manufacturing works and technical feasibility of the first batch of BIPV (Building Integrated Photovoltaics) and BOS (Balance of System) products intended to be installed in the project's demo sites.

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## **1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This document reports on the manufacturing works of the first batch of (Building Integrated Photovoltaics) modules and BOS (Balance of System) components intended to be used in the planned demonstration sites.

#### **1.1 Description of the deliverable content and purpose**

Deliverable D8.4 is approached, in general terms, as a first report documenting the proper development of the manufacturing phase and technical feasibility of the products to be installed in the demo-sites. Given that prototype manufacturing works are not totally completed as of the date of the closing of the deliverable, the remaining prototypes fabrication will be included in deliverable "D8.5 Prototypes for demo sites - Second batch".

Each chapter of this document includes, as an introduction, the technical specifications and final design of the corresponding product. Manufacturing processes are then described, as well as the associated quality control actions. Validation tests of the manufactured prototypes, aimed to demonstrate the fulfilment of the specific technical requirement established in each case, are also detailed. In some cases, storing, transport, handling and installation guidelines are included as additional information, together with a brief analysis of results aimed to provide solutions to the problems encountered.

#### 1.2 Relation with other activities in the project

As a result of the demonstration installations design tasks, which included the energy pre-audit of the demo-buildings and the pre-dimensioning, modelling and final design of the installations, a final design was developed for every BIPV module and BOS components intended to be installed in each demo-system and production (by FLISOM & ONYX for the modules, CEA & TECNALIA for inverters) has been launched accordingly. BIPV modules final design has enabled PV modules and inverters o approach the production works. The manufactured prototypes are being sent to the demo-sites for executing the implementation works.

Given that the final designs of some of the BIPV systems have been updated over the last months due to different reasons, manufacturing works of the related components have been consequently deferred. In this sense, there is an obvious dependency between product manufacturing and demo-systems implementation.

Tasks and deliverables related to the manufacturing works of PVSITES BIPV products are the following:

Project activity	Relation with current deliverable
Task	Deliverables
Task 8.1. Design of demonstration installations	D8.3 Design pack for every demo site
Task 8.2. Manufacturing of prototypes	D8.5 Prototypes for demo sites - Second batch
Task 8.3 Installation and commissioning of installations	D8.6 Results of installation and commissioning for every demonstration site

#### Table 1.1 Relation between current deliverable and other activities in the project



## 2 FLISOM PRODUCTS OVERVIEW

Table 2.1 shows an overview on the status of Flisom prototyping as per end February 2019.

	Demo Project		Power (kW) requested	Number of modules	Prototypes produced	Modules delivered
1	Roof-tile	Belgium	9.0	150	5	0
2	EHG		9.0	146	4	0
3	3	EKZ	8.2	78	5	78 (100%)
4 C	Carport	EMPA	7.8	74	0	74 (100%)
5 Cricursa B		Barcelona	20.2	336	5	0

#### Table 2.1 Overview of Flisom prototypes



## **3 SOLAR TILE PROTOTYPES BY FLISOM**

#### 3.1 Final module design

Number of modules to be manufactured: 136.

The solar roof tile is pre-formed by Flisom sub-contractor Wittenauer. The lamination of the PV film is done on the already formed tile and this complicates the production significantly. The complexity of the forming, did not, however, allow a different procedure. Figure 3.1 shows the final design and a picture of a prototype.

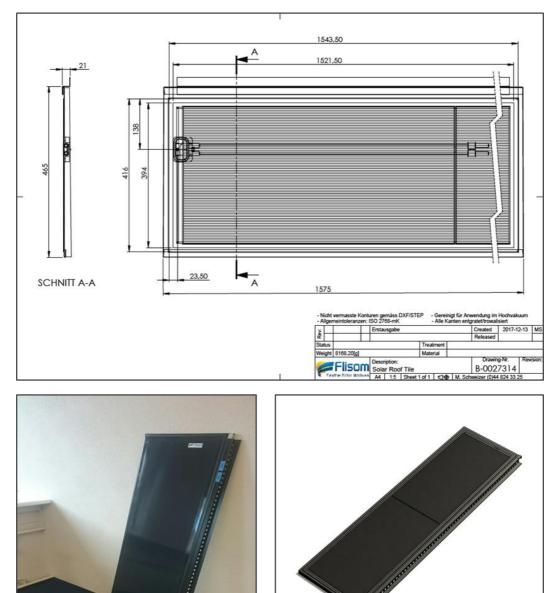


Figure 3.1: FLISOM's Solar tile design



Figure 3.2 shows one of the first FLISOM's solar tile prototypes, which reached a very high quality.



Figure 3.2: FLISOM's solar tile prototype

#### 3.2.1 Manufacturing process

The roof tile is manufactured similarly to the standard eMetal products from Flisom. Its most specific feature is its thickness. The tile is 20 mm thick, including lamination mats. This has three implications:

- The tiles need to be supported by a matrix, so that they are not deformed in the pressure phase of lamination.
- The matrix and the thickness itself reduce the heat-flow from the baseplate to the module. Therefore, in order to achieve the same temperature, the lamination process must be prolonged. The corresponding recipe was designed by using temperature indicator stickers.
- The thickness allows only a reduced filling of the laminator.

As matrix to fill the tile Flisom tried three options:

(1) Honeycomb aluminium has proven low thermal mass, acceptable weight for handling. However, the cost for the 6 matrices needed turned out to be too high.



(2) Foam aluminium: this material is easy to handle, but thermal conductivity showed to be very poor.

(3) The Solution that was finally picked was to use square shaped aluminium-tubes connected to a plate was the optimal solution. The corresponding matrix design is sketched in the graph below.

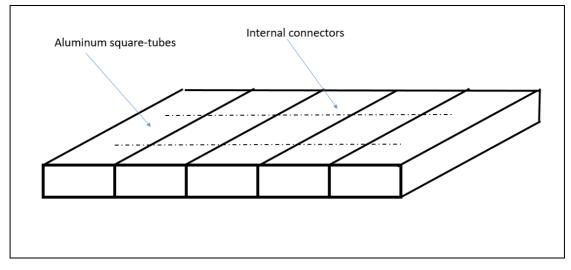


Figure 3.3: Matrix of square shaped aluminium-tubes for the solar tile manufacturing

#### 3.2.2 Quality control

With temperature control stickers it was made sure that required lamination temperatures were kept as specified by the material supplier. The modules were inspected for any fault. Adhesion was thoroughly tested and modules underwent 120 h of accelerated lifetime testing.

It was made sure that no deformation of the tile occurred.

#### 3.2.3 Lessons learnt for subsequent production

It was found that the increased lamination time and the reduced amount of tiles that can be loaded needs an adaption in the process flow and manufacturing flow. Handling during manufacturing does not cause problems. As the product is smaller than usual Flisom products, it does fit in all processing, testing and storage equipment.



# 4 SOLAR VENTILATED FACADE PROTOTYPES BY FLISOM

#### 4.1 Final module design

Number of "FLISOM Facade Panel 2x1 P1" modules to be manufactured: 42.

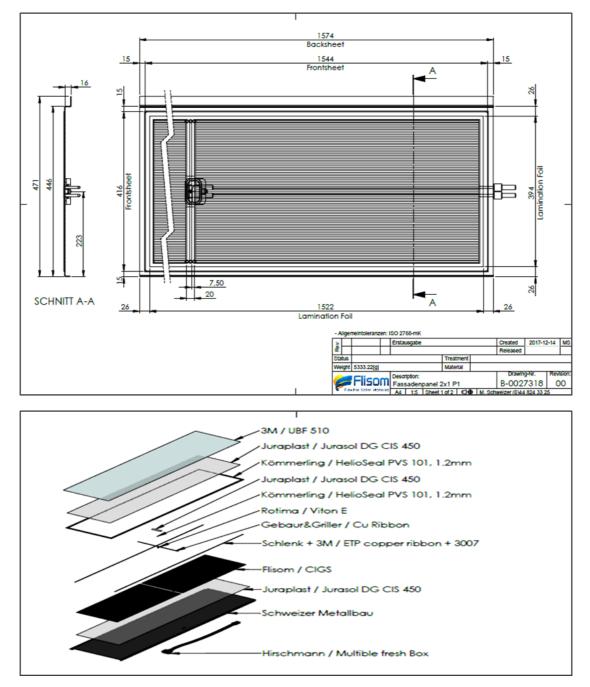


Figure 4.1: FLISOM's Facade Panel 2x1 P1 design

Number of "FLISOM Facade Panel 2x1 P2" modules to be manufactured: 104.



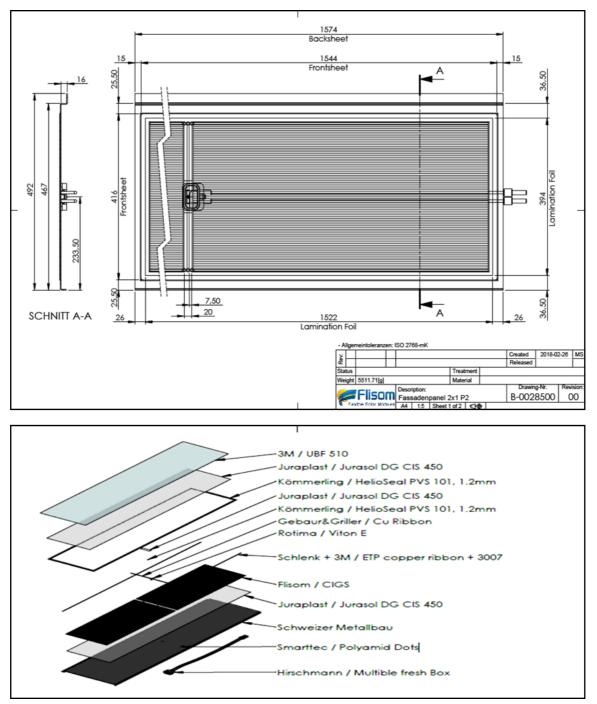


Figure 4.2: FLISOM's Facade Panel 2x1 P2 design



The manufacturing of these prototypes will be included in D8.5. The late concession of the construction permit implies that this work is still in process.

#### 4.2.1 Final design EHG

The panel planned for EHG is a 60 W hang-in cassette, as shown in Figure 4.1. The manufacturing will be similar to the roof tile, as also this module is "non-flat". The material originally planned, powder coated aluminium, turned out to have insufficient adhesion for a façade mounting. The main concern is the delamination caused by water and repeated humidity freeze cycles.

Coated steel turned out to be too heavy for the brick wall. Therefore elox-aluminium was chosen as optimal solution. Lamination is then less problematic, compared to steel, and adhesion is excellent.

#### 4.3 Lessons learnt for subsequent production

For both products, roof-tile and façade panel, the thickness has a negative impact on the production speed. The production is slowed down by approx. 30% and the lamination has to continue in a separate shift.

In future, it is therefore preferred to find solutions for flat lamination, followed by forming. This is the case, for example, of Cricursa demonstration site.



## **5 SOLAR CARPORT PROTOTYPES BY FLISOM**

#### 5.1 Final module design

Number of "FLISOM Carport Module 4x1" to be manufactured: 37 + 39 = 76.

The carport module had a total length of 5.8 m, longer than the one allowed by the laminator. It was therefore manufactured in 2 pieces and joint later onto 1 large module. Figure 5.1 and Figure 5.2 show the dimensions of the two parts.

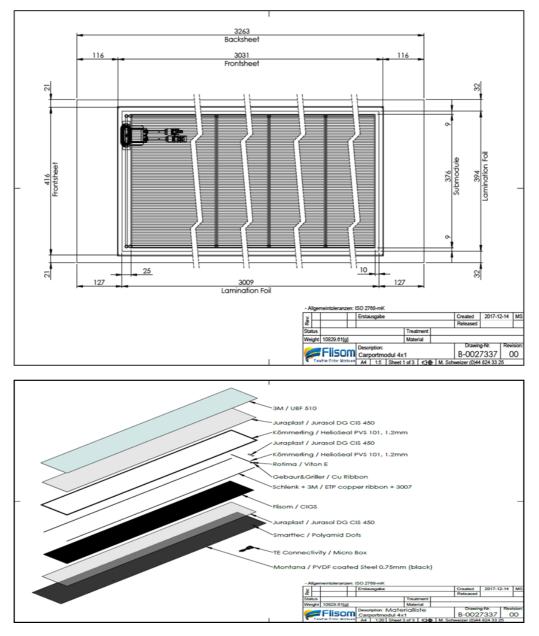


Figure 5.1: FLISOM's Carport Module 4x1 design

Number of "FLISOM Carport Module 3x1" to be manufactured: 37 + 39 = 76



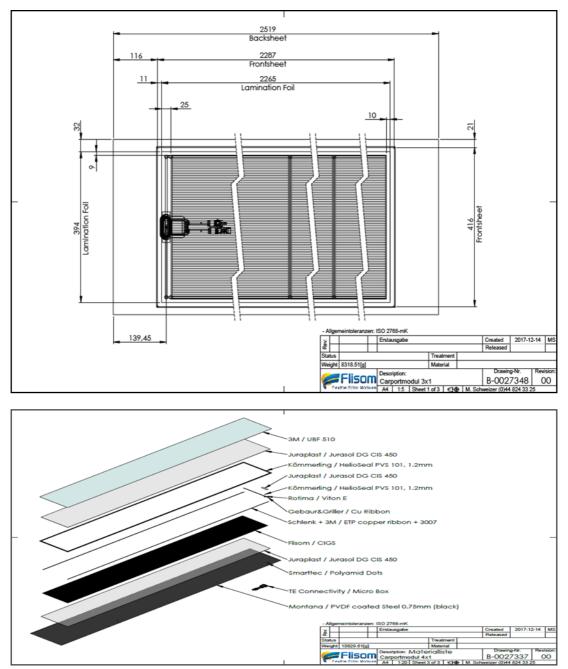


Figure 5.2: FLISOM's Carport Module 3x1 design



As all modules are already produced in this case, and the installations are completed.

The modules were difficult to produce due to two reasons: in the first place, due the huge length and weight, which did not allow the modules to be handled by 1 person; therefore, in the future it might be even considered to split the module in 3 parts. The second reason was a relatively high failure rate in the high voltage testing. The long metal back plate made it difficult for the operators to manufacture the module. Also, the low number of modules did not allow the operators to reach a high level of routine.

#### **5.2.1 Production results**

The final outcome, however, was excellent, and the aesthetics of the module exceeds Flisom's expectations. The modules appear, nearly completely, homogenously black and are only 2 mm thin, giving them an elegant appearance. Also, the power on the second carport is significantly higher than planned.



Figure 5.3: Carport modules installed on demo-site EKZ Seuzach





Figure 5.4: Carport modules installed on demo-site EMPA

#### 5.2.2 Lessons learnt for subsequent production

The lessons learnt during the development and manufacturing phases can be summarized as follows:

- Lamination recipe developed to account for thermal mass and geometry.
- Protection foil purchased and qualified. Sharp edges of metal sheets lead to damage.
- Packaging developed.
- Avoidance of bubbles in tile manufacturing.
- How to improve adhesion between back sheet and edge seal.



## 6 SOLAR INDUSTRIAL ROOF PROTOTYPES BY FLISOM

#### 6.1 Final module design

Number of "FLISOM industrial roofing module" to be manufactured: 336.

The drawings are shown in Figure 6.1; a finished prototype is shown in Figure 6.2.

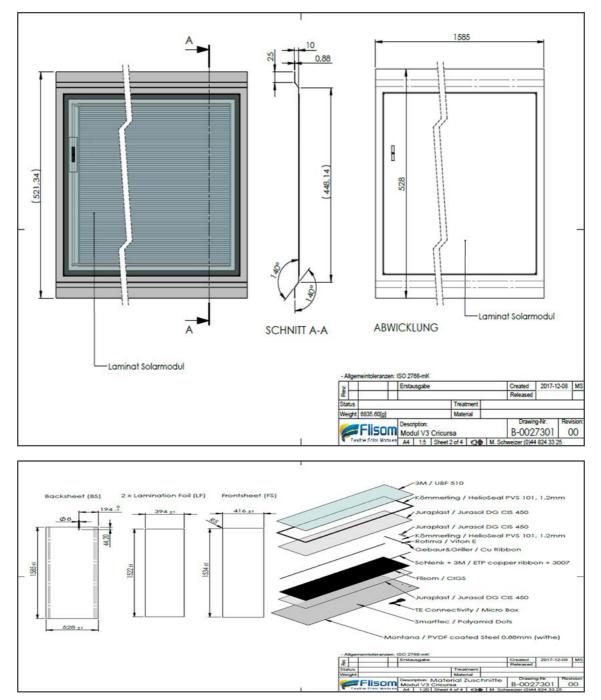


Figure 6.1: FLISOM's Industrial roofing module design



The industrial tiles were easy to manufacture, as the tile can be laminated flat and the coating allows bending the module after being laminated. The production of all the prototypes for the demo site is ongoing.

The weight of only 6.5 kg and the 1.6 m length allowed easy handling for 1 person. In order to not damage the PV module after lamination forming, a special protection foil was identified, qualified and tested. Also, the application of the foil was tested in detail. The modules underwent a full reliability testing after the forming process to make sure that there was no hidden damage. The manufacturing and testing went smooth, and no major unexpected issue occurred.

The following picture shows the great result obtained.



Figure 6.2: Roofing tile for industrial buildings

#### 6.2.1 Lessons learnt for subsequent production

The manufacturing of the industrial tiles turned out to be the "easiest" of all PVSITES products made by Flisom. This is a welcome fact, as the amount of prototypes to be produced is also the highest, and also the expected product margin is expected to be the lowest in the future.



## 7 OPAQUE SOLAR VENTILATED FAÇADE PROTOTYPES BY ONYX

#### 7.1 Final module design

Number of "ONYX solar ventilated façade module" for the multi-storey building in France: 18 x 14 = 112 modules.

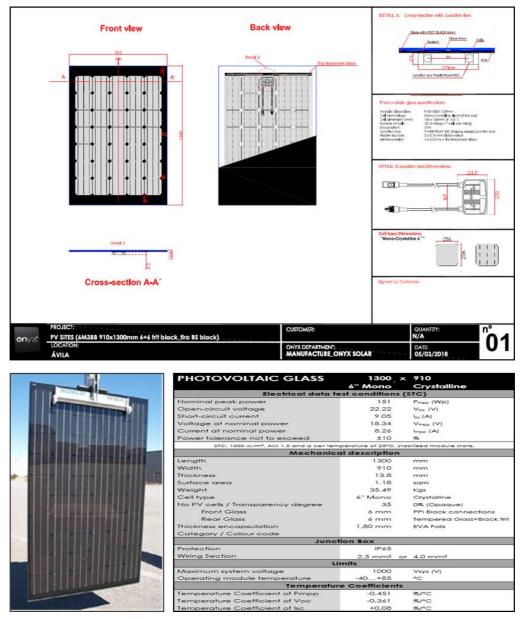


Figure 7.1: ONYX's solar ventilated facade module design



#### 7.2.1 Description of manufacturing processes.

The process followed for the manufacturing of the modules intended for demonstration has been similar to any other Onyx commercial project.

The process begins with the signing of the manufacturing drawings by the client.

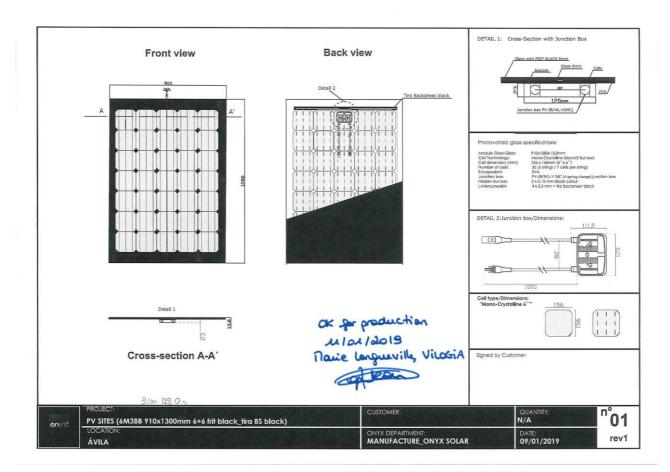


Figure 7.2: ONYX's solar manufacturing drawings signed by VILOGIA (X5 product)

It is needed to point out that Onyx Solar glass is manufactured under the following standards:

- IEC standard "Crystalline Silicon Terrestrial Photovoltaic (PV) Modules Design Qualification and Type Approval", and IEC61730 2011:1&2 standard "Photovoltaic (PV) module safety qualification - Part 1: Requirements for construction & Part 2: Requirements for testing" (factory and crystalline glass certified by TÜV NORD laboratories)
- IEC61701, 2nd ed. 2011-12: Salt mist corrosion testing of photovoltaic (PV)modules.
- UNE-EN 12600:2003 standard (impact resistance).
- UNE-EN 356:2001 standard (Tests for resistance to manual attack).
- UNE-EN ISO 12543-4:2011 standard (resistance to extreme climatic conditions).



- EN 61215 standard "Crystalline silicon terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) Modules Design qualification and type approval" and EN 61646 "Thin-film terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) Modules Design qualification and type approval".
- EN 61730-1 and EN 61730-2: "PV module safety qualification".
- ANSI Z97.1-2015 (Boil test and impact test according), for safety glazing materials used in buildings safety performance specifications and methods of test, American National Standard.
- UL-1703 & ULC/ORD-C1703 listed for crystalline and amorphous Silicon glass ("Standard for Flat-Plate Photovoltaic Modules and Panels" standard).
- New standard EN 50583 final content.

Once the drawings were signed, the manufacturing process started.

The first step in the manufacturing process of modules is to classify the cells by power: cells with similar power are used to manufacture the same PV glass, as it is necessary that the cells have similar electrical parameters in order to have the same production in all of them. The colour homogeneity generates an aesthetically balanced panel, as well as similar electrical values in cells provide a similar electrical response in all of them and in the final product.

Once the cells are selected and after passing through mechanical and electrical inspections, they are welded together forming strings by means of an infrared welding process. Cells are joined together by a Sn/Ag/Cu thread or Cu core connections with, Sn / Pb coating and black finish (Sun wire Deco 1.30 x 15-25 mic 0.22 segmented black coating). The strings are placed on a tempered extra clear glass covered by a sheet of EVA. Then strings are interconnected by L-interconnection (Sun 6 x 0.3mm wire Deco 20-30 mic continuous black coating). The thread formed by Sn/Ag/Cu or the Cu core and the black finished Sn/Pb coating work as evacuator of the power generated in the set.

In order to provide isolation and resistance, another layer of encapsulant material (EVA) is used. The Ethyl Vinyl Acetate (EVA) is an excellent transmitter of solar radiation, ultraviolet radiation does not degrade it, it acts as a protection from vibrations and impacts and it is used as an adhesive between the front and back covers of the module. Finally, and as an outer sheet, a black vitrified tempered glass is used in order to achieve the pre-set aesthetical appearance. Tempering gives mechanical strength to the module.

Once the system is assembled, the laminating process starts. During this process, the system is subjected to pressure and temperature in a furnace with the aim of removing air and to get the cells completely isolated. The encapsulant inside the oven reaches a high degree of compaction and adherence. The excess of encapsulant material (EVA) is removed as soon as the glass is cured. The manufacturing process of PV glass concludes with the connection box assembly and the placing of terminals therein. The final technical parameters of the product are obtained by a solar testing simulator based on a Xenon flash lamp and an electric charge with a multi-meter, simulating STC conditions.

Figure 7.3 shows ONYX's c-Si manufacturing line, starting from automatic laser machine for welding solar cells and ending in the PV glass laminator.





Figure 7.3: General view of ONYX's c-Si manufacturing line. Source: ONYX.

#### 7.2.2 Quality control applied to the manufacturing processes.

- 1. ONYX SOLAR ENERGY, S.L. is certified by IQNet and AENOR for the following field of activities:
  - Design and production of photovoltaic glass in thin film and crystalline technologies.
  - Design and development of projects including photovoltaic glass solutions for architectural integration.
- 2. ONYX has implemented and maintains a Quality Management System which fulfills the requirements of the following standards:
  - ISO 9001:2015.
  - ISO 14001:2015.
- 3. CE marked glass is used.

#### 7.2.3 Validation tests applied to the manufactured prototypes.

Once the prototypes are manufactured, the following validation tests are applied to each unit:



- Visual inspection of each unit in order to discard bubbles, cells breakage, rows displacement, etc.
- Validation of the technical parameters by a solar testing simulator based on a Xenon flash lamp and an electric charge with a multimeter, simulating STC conditions.

Additionally, X5 prototypes were tested under different standards within PVSITES WP3. Results can be consulted in D3.9.

#### Table 7.1 Performed tests for X5 prototype

Product name	Test field	Standard and test	Comments
X5 - C-Si glazed products with hidden bus bars and L interconnections	Photovoltaic standards	IEC 61215: severe dielectric rigidity test, thermal cycling, damp heat	
	Construction standards	ISO 12543-4: radiation, humidity, high temperature EN 12600: impact resistance EN 356: manual attack EN 13823: Reaction to fire EN 11925-2: Reaction to fire - Single-flame source EN 410: Optical properties	Fire tests of ETAG 034 have been performed using X5 glazing, thus the results can be used for X5 and X8 products
	Photovoltaic standards	IEC 61215: severe dielectric rigidity test, thermal cycling, damp heat	-

#### 7.2.4 Lessons learnt for subsequent production.

The prototypes to be installed in the demo site in France are currently in manufacturing process. D8.5 will report on the specific issues found during this process.



#### CELL VENTILATED FAÇADE 8 BACK-CONTACT **PROTOTYPES BY ONYX**

#### 8.1 Final module design

Number of modules to be manufactured: 48 modules size 1.

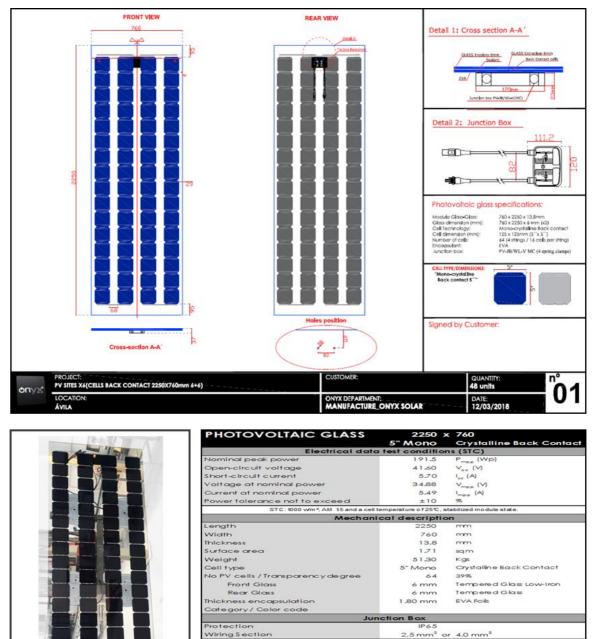


Figure 8.1: ONYX's ventilated façade module, size 1

 Temperature Coefficients

 Temperature Coefficient of Pmpp
 -0.30
 %/\*

Aaximum system voltage

Operating module temperature

emperature Coefficient of Isc

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-0.30 -1.74 3.50

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Number of modules to be manufactured: 48 modules size 2.



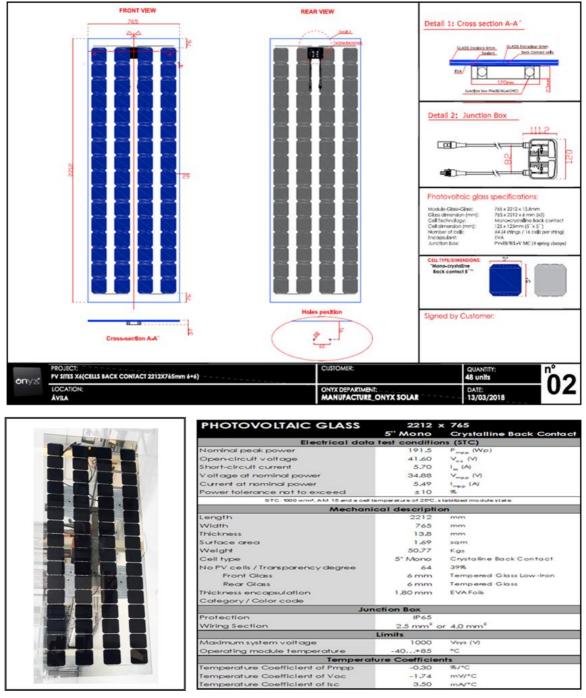


Figure 8.2: ONYX's solar ventilated façade module, size 2



#### 8.2.1 Description of manufacturing processes.

The process followed for the manufacturing of the modules intended for demonstration has been similar to any other Onyx commercial project. The process begins with the signing of the manufacturing drawings by the client.

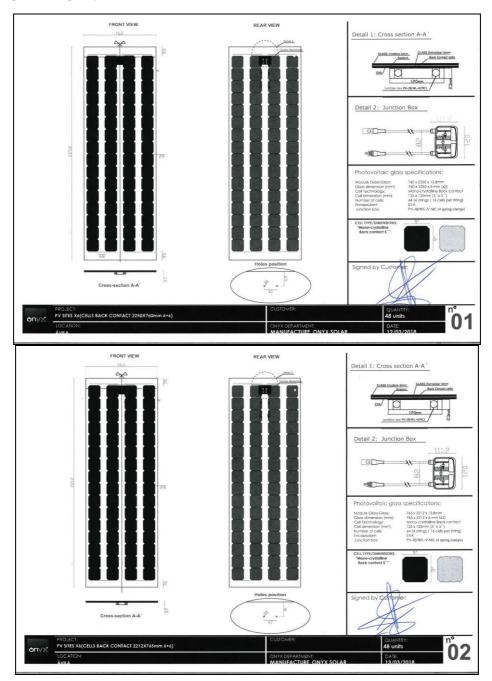


Figure 8.3: ONYX's Solar manufacturing drawings signed by Tecnalia (X6 product)

The description of standards applicable to glass-glass products by Onyx provided in section 7 also applies to this product. The first steps in the manufacturing process are parallel to those described in section 7: cell classification, inspections, welding and module layout.



The first step in the manufacturing process of modules is to classify the cells by power: cells with similar power are used to manufacture the same PV GLASS, as it is necessary that the cells have similar electrical parameters in order to have the same production in all of them. The colour homogeneity generates an aesthetically balanced panel; as well as, similar electrical values in cells provide a similar electrical response in all of them and in the final product, in turn.

Once the cells are selected and after passing through mechanical and electrical inspections, they are welded together forming strings by means of an infrared welding process. Cells are joined by specific tabs of back contact solar cells. This allows creating a junction where the stresses and strains are absorbed by the interconnector. This type of cell eliminates front interconnector wire (the positive and negative terminals on the lower side) and thus generates an increase in active area. The strings are placed on a tempered glass extra-clear covered by a sheet of EVA.

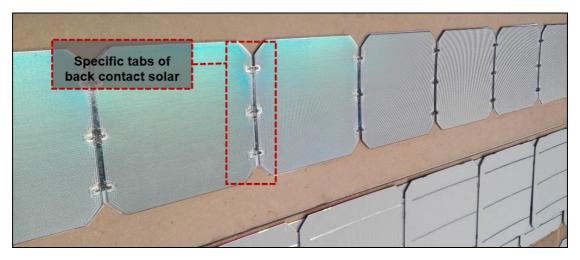
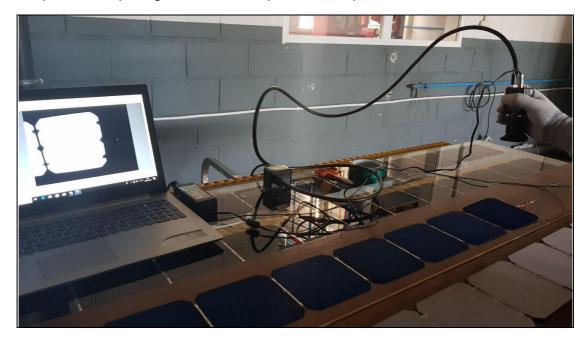


Figure 8.4: Detail of specific tabs of back contact solar cells

During the manufacturing process, a high rejection rate was detected on the cells in the different welding processes. Due to this, a process of exhaustive verification of the voltage was carried out after each phase, completing this verification process with photoluminescence tests on the cells.





#### Figure 8.5: Verification process carried out

In order to provide isolation and resistance, another layer of encapsulant material (EVA) is used. The Ethyl Vinyl Acetate (EVA) is an excellent transmitter of solar radiation, ultraviolet radiation does not degrade it, it also acts as a protector of any possible vibrations and impacts and it is used as an adhesive between the front and back covers of the module.

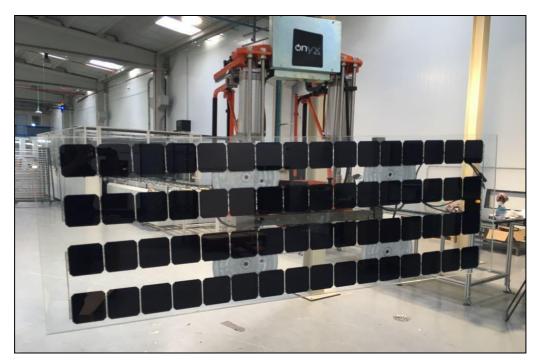




Figure 8.6: Example of one of the prototypes manufactured



Once the system is assembled, the laminating process starts. During this process, the system is subjected to pressure and temperature in a furnace with the aim of removing air and to get the cells completely isolated. The encapsulant inside the oven reaches a high degree of compaction and adherence. The excess of encapsulant material (EVA) is removed as soon as the glass is cured. Manufacturing process of PV Glass concludes with the connection box assembly and placing terminals therein. The final technical parameters of the product are obtained by a solar testing simulator based on a Xenon flash lamp and an electric charge with a multi-meter, simulating STC conditions.

#### 8.2.2 Quality control applied to the manufacturing processes.

Quality control applied was similar than explained in section 7.2.2.

#### 8.2.3 Validation tests applied to the manufactured prototypes.

Validation tests applied to the manufactured prototypes were similar than explained in section 7.2.3.

X6 prototype was tested under different standards within WP3. Results can be reviewed in D3.9.

#### Table 8.1 Performed tests for X6 prototype

Product name	Test field	Standard and test	Comments
X6 - Glass-glass products with back contact c-Si cells	Construction standards	ISO 12543-4: radiation, humidity, high temperature EN 410: Optical properties	
	Photovoltaic standards	IEC 61215: severe dielectric rigidity test, thermal cycling, damp heat	-

## 8.2.4 Measures applied for storing, transport, handling and installation of prototypes.

The final units were stored in full closed crates waiting for the shipping order from Tecnalia. The rejected units were stored in trestles for glass in order to have a balance between a secured storage and flexible handling.





Figure 8.7: X6 c-Si back contact modules stored in crates and ready to be shipped





Figure 8.8: Discarded X6 c-Si back contact modules stored in trestles



#### 8.2.5 Register of manufactured and validated prototypes.

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#### 8.2.6 Lessons learnt for subsequent production

The main problems detected are related to the difficulty of working with back-contact cell technology. The fragility of the cells requires constant control of their integrity, both electrical and mechanical, during the different phases of the manufacturing process.

Therefore, as described above, the verification processes are carried out in the different manufacturing phases, during which a large rejection rate has been detected (23%), mainly during the welding processes of the series and the subsequent interconnection thereof.



Due to this fact, a new revision protocol linked to this type of technology was incorporated into the manufacturing methodology, based on the verification of the voltages and photoluminescence tests after the different manufacturing stages.

Obviously, it was confirmed that the manual welding process induces high rejections rate and, in order to reduce rejections, a fully automatic welding machine will be preferred. Thus, ONYX is currently working in the development of automatic tabber/welding machine for back-contact solar cells within H2020 project BIPVBOOST.



# 9 BOS COMPONENTS PROTOTYPES BY CEA

Number of prototypes to be manufactured: 4.

The following sections include the complete characterization of the 5kW 3-phase photovoltaic inverter design and the list of technical requirements fulfilled, as well as a brief explanation of the manufacturing and the tests carried out for the validation of the manufactured prototypes.

### 9.1 Final three-phase PV inverter design

Below are listed the technical requirements considered for the equipment design and detailed the main technical data and characteristics of the final product.

#### 9.1.1 Technical requirements

The inverter has been designed in order to fulfil the requirements of the European standards concerning PV inverters. Considered standards are listed bellows:

- Grid requirements:
  - IEC62910: Utility-interconnected photovoltaic inverters Test procedure for low voltage ride-through measurements.
  - EN 50438: Requirements for the connection of micro-generators in parallel with public low-voltage distribution networks.
  - IEC 61000-3-2: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) Part 3-2: Limits Limits for harmonic current emissions (equipment input current ≤ 16 A per phase).
- Safety:
  - IEC 62116: Utility-interconnected photovoltaic inverters Test procedure of islanding prevention measures.
  - IEC 62109-1: Safety of power converters for use in photovoltaic power systems Part 1: General requirements.
  - IEC 62109-2: Safety of power converters for use in photovoltaic power systems Part 2: Particular requirements for inverter.
  - DIN VDE 0126-1-1: Automatic disconnection device between a generator and the public low-voltage grid.
- Efficiency measurement:
  - EN 50530: Overall efficiency of grid connected photovoltaic inverters.

#### 9.1.2 Technical specifications

The specifications of the SiC inverter developed by CEA are provided in the datasheet below.



#### Table 9.1 Technical specifications of the 5 kW three-phase PV inverter developed by CEA

Functionality description	5 kW, three-phase, photovoltaic inverter	
Technology description	Current-source topology (CSI) based on silicon carbide (SiC) semiconductors	
Number of PV inputs	1	
Number of MPP trackers	1	
Nominal AC Power	5 (kW)	
Maximum PV power	5 (kW)	
Dimensions	410x160x290 (mm)	
Weight	13 (kg)	
Enclosure	Metallic box with front door	
Protection degree	IP65	
нмі	Front LCD screen and push buttons	
Communication	Modbus RS485	
Refrigeration	Natural air-cooling heatsink	
Mounting system	Wall mounting with screws	
Operating temperature	80 °C	
General protections	Metallic box with preventing electric shocks	
Safety procedure	<ul><li>Before any intervention on the inverter :</li><li>1) AC-side electrical separation</li><li>2) PV cable disconnection</li></ul>	
PV connectors	MC4 PV connectors	
AC connectors	Screw terminal blocks	
Communication connectors	RJ45 connector and RS485 terminal	
НМІ	Front LCD screen	
Maximum Efficiency	98%	
Overall efficiency (50530)	97.5% (CEC), 97.1% (EU)	
Input voltage Range	140V – 500V	
MPPT voltage Range	280V - 400V (at full rated power)	
Max Input Current	18 A	
Power factor (PF)	>0.90	
Nominal Output Voltage	230 V <sub>RMS</sub>	
Max Output Current	9 A <sub>RMS</sub>	
Frequency	50 Hz	
Stand-by consumption	15 W	



Night consumption	0 W	
Residual Current Detector (RCD)	yes	
Low Voltage Ride through (LVRT)	yes	
Anti-islanding protection	Detection based on active method	
PV array insulation resistance detection	yes	
CE conformity	yes	

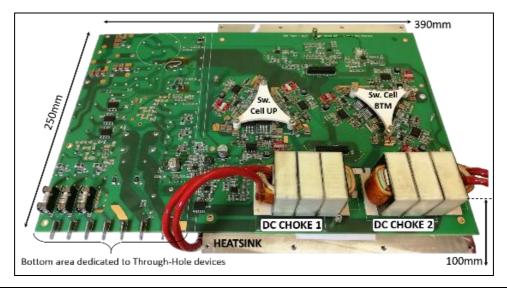
## 9.2 Manufacturing report

The manufactured devices are photovoltaic inverters tied to the 3-phase AC grid. The power of the inverter is 5kW. It has been designed to work on the 400V, 50Hz grid, with a DC input voltage range is 280V to 500V.

The inverter is based on 12 silicon carbide MOSFET that are surface-mounted on a printed circuitboard. The thermal management is made with a naturally cooled heatsink. Common-mode and differential-mode filters are built with through-holes mounted passive components. Safety components are also included, such as relays and residual current monitoring unit. Low power electronic for MOSFET driving and monitoring are placed on the power circuit board too. Control is implemented on a FPGA chip, which is placed on a daughter board. A human to machine interface, with push buttons and LCD screen, is assembled through the front door. All components of the inverter are packed in a metallic housing that can be mounted on a wall. Connections for DC and AC cables are available.

### 9.2.1 Manufacturing process

A total of 4 silicon carbide-based inverters of 5kW power have been manufactured to be installed on 2 demonstration sites (TECNALIA and CRICURSA).



Pictures below show the printed-circuit board of the inverter with electronic components mounted and the housing of the whole device.



#### Figure 9.1: CEA's inverter printed circuit-board with surface-mounted electronic components

Figure 9.2 shows the inverter's housing, without the circuit board to be screwed to the heatsink at the bottom. On the door, the human to machine interface board.



Figure 9.2: Front view of the inverter's housing

Figure 9.3 shows the printed circuit board mounted on the heatsink with through-holes electronic components.

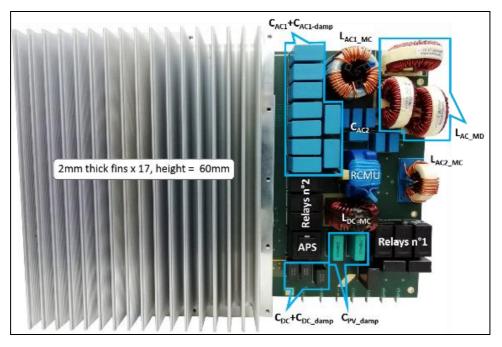


Figure 9.3: Back view of the printed circuit board





Figure 9.4: Back view of the inverter with heatsink and wall mounting system



Figure 9.5: printed circuit-board placed into the housing

Conversion efficiency has been measured according to the EN50530 standard, resulting:



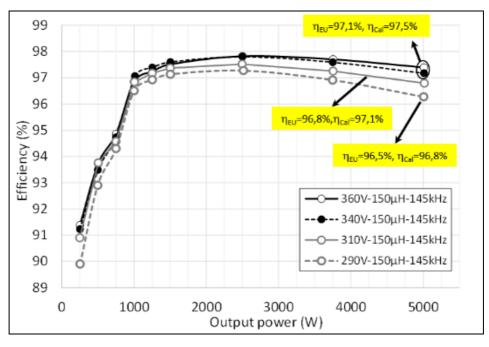


Figure 9.6: Measured conversion efficiencies

### 9.2.2 Product validation tests

Validation tests must be applied to the final prototype of inverter. These tests are the following:

- Test of the inverter operation under normal voltage (amplitude and frequency) range.
- Interface protection and automatic reconnection test in case of disconnection.
- Power quality (current injected to the grid) monitoring.
- Islanding prevention to check the automatic disconnection of the inverter in case of grid loss.
- Low voltage ride through capacity for not stopping the inverter operation in case of grid voltage dips.
- Power conversion efficiency measurement.
- Maximum power point tracking efficiency measurement.

Some of these tests are still in progress, in order to validate the operation and safety of the inverters before installing the 4 devices in their respective demo-sites. This section will be completed once the tests are finished, in deliverable 8.5.

#### 9.2.3 Lessons learnt for subsequent production

Below are listed the lessons learnt, from the first inverter prototype, during the design and implementation of the PVSITES new converter:

• Implementation and driving of specifically packaged 900V silicon carbide MOSFET.



- Use of the synchronous rectification, with anti-serial connected MOSFET, in order to reduce the on-state diode losses.
- Common-mode filter design and tuning for transformer-less grid connected current-source inverter, especially concerning the earth leakage current flowing, due to PV modules parasitic capacitances.
- DC inductor current cancelation procedure, essential in order to allow the inverter stopping, thanks to a software based method.
- Integration and use of PV inverter specific safety subsystems like PV insulation resistance measurement, residual current monitoring and anti-islanding detection.



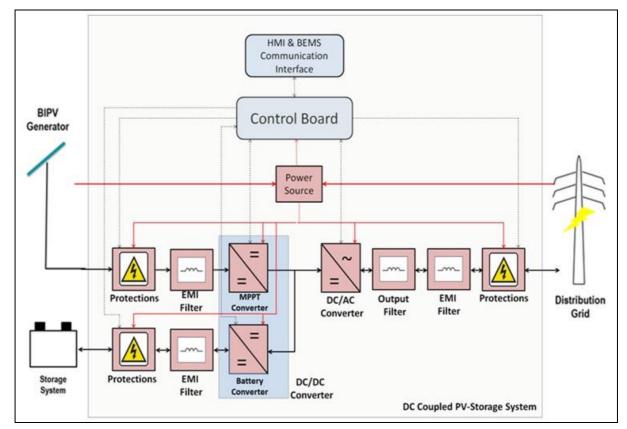
# **10 BOS COMPONENTS PROTOTYPES BY TECNALIA**

## **10.1 Final PV-storage converter design**

Number of prototypes to be manufactured: 3.

### 10.1.1 Brief product description

A high efficiency, low cost and flexible 10kW three-phase DC-coupled PV storage inverter has been designed by TECNALIA. The equipment can be easily parallelized to make larger systems up to hundreds of kW and offers a wide DC input range to cope with different BIPV generators (even affected by mismatching effects) and battery packs. It communicates with the BEMS in order to provide monitoring data about PV storage inverter performance and receiving the required commands to implement required energy management strategies. Multilevel symmetrical topology is used for the DC-DC Converter for battery and PV source management. Both converters and the Three-Phase DC-AC Converter are coupled in a high-voltage DC link. The control unit is composed of a DSP controller (TMS320F28335) and FPGA for managing the power transfer inside the converter and provide external communication.



## 10.1.2 System and inverter's basic diagrams

Figure 10.1: Basic diagram of the DC Coupled PV-Storage System



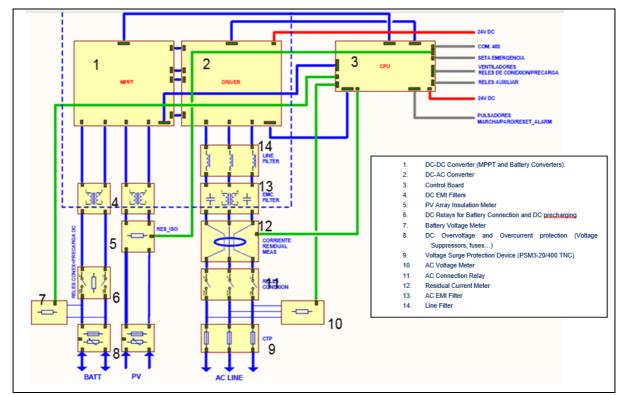


Figure 10.2: Basic diagram of the DC-Coupled PV-Storage Converter

### **10.1.3** Technical specifications

#### Table 10.1 Technical Data / Specifications of the DC-Coupled PV-Storage Converter

Input(DC)		Protective devices		
Number of Inputs	2	PV Array Insulation Monitoring	YES	
PV MPP Trackers	1	Residual Current Detector	YES	
Battery Regulators	1	DC Reverse Polarity Protection	YES	
PV MPP Tracker		Galvanically Isolated	NO	
Max Input Voltage	1000V	Anti Islanding Protection	YES (UNE EN 62116)	
MPP voltage Range / Rated	200-800V / 650V	LVRT Capability	YES (IEC 62910)	
Min Input Voltage	200	Direct Current Injection Protection	YES	
Max Input Power	10kW	AC Voltage Protection	YES	
Min Input Power	50W	AC Frequency Protection	YES	
Max Input Current	20A	General Data		
Battery Regulator		Dimensions	840x740x280 (mm)	
Max Input Voltage	700V	Weight	75kg	
Min Input Voltage	250V	Enclosure	Metallic cabinet	
Max Bat Power	10kW	Mounting system	Wall mounting	
Min Bat Power	50W	Topology	Transformerless	
Max Bat Current	20A	Cooling	Forced Ventilation	
Output (AC)		Protection degree (IEC 60529)	IP65	
Max AC Output Power	10kW	Operating temperature	0-40 °C	
Nominal AC Voltage	230V/400V	Relative humidity	0-90%	
Max AC Output Current	15.9A / 27.6A	Stand-by consumption	15W	
Number of Phases	3	Communication	RS485. Modbus RTU	
Power factor (PF)	>0.9998 at Rated Power	HMI	LEDs for indicating Inverter errors/status	
Power factor Range (PF)	r factor Range (PF) 0.95 Overexcited to 0.95 Underexcited		Start/Stop Selector	
Frequency	50Hz	External Switches	Supply Switch	
Efficiency				
PV to Grid Efficiency (Max/European)	96.589% / 95.746%			
PV to Bat Efficiency (Max)	0.96249			
Bat to Grid Efficiency (Max)	97.23%			



## 10.2 Manufacturing report

Figure 10.3 shows the 3D design developed by TECNALIA for building the converter envelope. The structure was manufactured in a local company called CISUNOR and the converter was finally mounted by Elson.

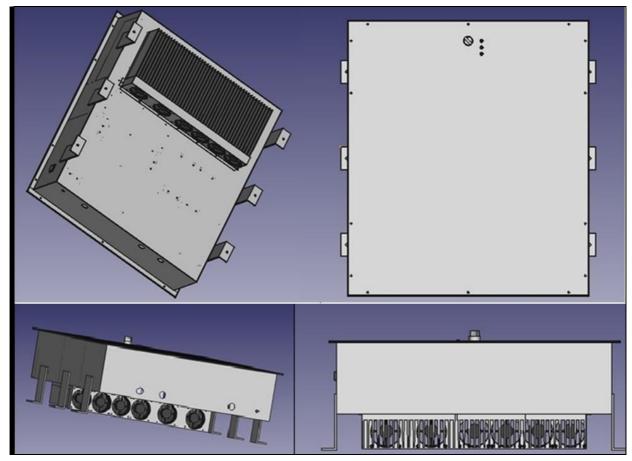


Figure 10.3: TECNALIA's PV-Storage Inverter. 3D Design

The following pictures show the aspect of the first manufactured prototype.







Figure 10.4: TECNALIA's PV-Storage Inverter. Prototype 1

#### 10.2.1 Validation Tests

In order to validate the manufactured prototypes, they must be subjected to a minimum list of tests. The results of these tests must be compared with the data obtained from the reference prototype, which has been completely tested before, including grid code certification tests according to what is documented in deliverable 5.4 The list of tests to be applied to each manufactured prototype can be summarized as follows:

Test	Description	Procedure	Duration
Serial Communication	Serial communication must be tested first so as to check if the inverter is capable of receiving operating parameters or sending monitoring data.	The communication might be done using a Modbus Master Simulator in a PC.	Test read / write of several input and holding registers.
Analog measurements	The correct measurement of the different analog signals (voltages, currents and temperatures) must be checked and calibrated before starting inverter operation.	parameters can be modified through communications. If any parameter not included in the communication map must be changed, calibration should be completed with FW	
Functional Tests	These initial tests have the objective of checking the	The correct performance of the inverter must be observed for different PV generation levels or grid power references as indicated in the	No minimum duration.



Continuous Tests	correct operation of the different parts comprising the PV-Storage Inverter: Power Converters (Battery, PV and Grid). The aim of these tests is to check the proper performance of the Inverter when working under expected continuous operation.	following table: Functional tests         PV       GRID       BAT         1       100%       100%       0%         2       100%       66%       33%         3       100%       03%       66%         2       100%       66%       33%         4       100%       0%       100%         5       66%       100%       -33%         6       66%       66%       0%         10       33%       66%       -33%         11       13%       00%       -66%         12       33%       0%       66%         13       0%       100%       -100%         14       0%       66%       -33%         15       0%       33%       -33%         16       0%       0%       0%         16       0%       0%       0%         setting the corresponding references through communications and modifying the PV       Simulator.         It is recommendable to check the DC current injection and current harmonic emission for each test case.       Interstance         In the same manner as seen for the functional tests, continuous operating must be checked for different power	It is enough to wait until the inverter becomes stable at the power level set point.
		The efficiency must be computed with a	
Grid Code Compliance Tests	The prototype must meet with all the connection requirements established by the applicable Grid	As explained before it is only necessary to repeat some representative grid code tests for each prototype. If the applicable grid code for a certain prototype is equal to the one considered for the previously tested reference, the following	Complete the required tests.



### 10.2.2 Handling & Installation

The inverter weighs 75kg, so the user must be aware of the injury risk in case of lifting the inverter incorrectly or in case of dropping when it is transported. Therefore, it must be carried and lift upright with the help of several people. The Inverter must be mounted following the subsequent specifications:

- Mount the Inverter vertically on the wall or on a solid surface with tilted backwards by maximum 15°C.
- The mounting location must always be clear and safely accessible without the use of additional aids, such as scaffolding or lifting platforms.
- The ambient temperature should be below 40°C to ensure proper operation. Do not expose the inverter to direct solar irradiation.
- Respect at least the following clearance to the walls or other objects:
  - Floor: 50cm.
  - Sides: 30cm each side.
  - Ceiling: 30cm.
  - Front: 10cm.



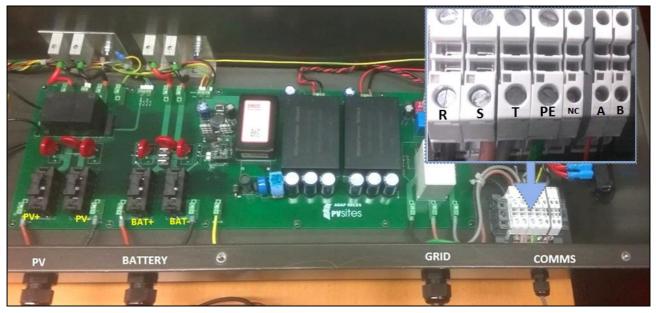


Figure 10.5: TECNALIA's PV-Storage Inverter. Wiring.

For wiring the different power sources (Battery, PV and Grid) as well as the communication line, please, remove the front cover carefully disconnecting the cables connected to it. Inverter terminals must be connected as indicated in Figure 10.5.

To avoid damaging the inverter and electrical shock hazard, please, disconnect all the power sources and be sure the inverter is not operating and energized (wait at least 5 minutes from switch off) before manipulating the inverter. The correct order for switching off the equipment is:

- Stop Inverter operation through communications or set front selector to off (see below).
- Switch off the supply switch (see below).
- Disconnect all the power sources connected to the Inverter.

Please, follow the reverse order for turning on the inverter. Figure 10.6 shows the different indicators and switches provided by the Inverter, which can be listed as follows:

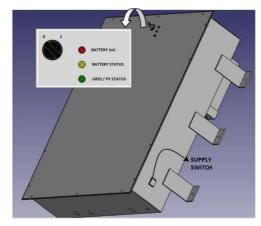
- Front switch: To enable/disable inverter operation.
- Right side switch: To switch on/off inverter power supply.
- LED Indicators: Three LED Indicators (red, yellow and green) to inform about different inverter status according to what showed in Table 10.3.

#### Table 10.3 TECNALIA's PV-Storage Inverter: LEDs Code



State		Red	Yellow	Green
Battery SOC	NORMAL	OFF	Х	Х
	HIGH	ON	х	Х
	LOW	Blinking	Х	Х
ALARM ON		OFF	ON	OFF
Battery Status	CHARGING	х	ON	ON/Blinking
	DISCHARGING	х	Blinking	ON/Blinking
Inverter Operation	Grid_ON + NO_PV	х	х	Blinking
	Grid_ON + PV_ON	х	х	ON

LED indicators can be seen in the front side of the equipment.





### 10.2.3 Prototype Registration

Table 10.4 assigns a serial number and version to each prototype manufactured.

Table 10.4 TECNALIA's PV-Storage Inverter.	Prototype registration.
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Prototype	Serial Number	HW Version	FW Version
Prototype 1	1	v2.0	v3.1
Prototype 2	2	v2.1	v3.2
Prototype 3	3	v2.1	v3.2



### **10.2.4** Lessons learnt for subsequent production

Until now, only two minor problems, which will be considered for futures HW versions, have been identified for the last prototype. They can be listed as follows:

- LED connectors: The CPU board does not provide terminal connectors for wiring the corresponding signals to the led indicators. In the present version, this has been solved by welding cables directly into the board.
- Pull-up resistors in microcontroller relay signals: A problem regarding unintended relay activation was detected when switching off Inverter power supply. The microcontroller seemed to be switched off before than other parts of the circuit, so relay signal are left in high impedance and then unintended short relay activations occurred. Despite being a very short period activation, high currents can appear at battery and grid terminal. The signals provided by the microcontroller for this purpose are low active, so to avoid this it is necessary to add a pull-up resistor for each one.