

AC Discharge Inverter





Overview

Do EV traction inverters need a DC link active discharge?

Every EV traction inverter requires a DC link active discharge as a safety-critical function. The discharge circuit is required to discharge the energy in the DC link capacitor under the following conditions and requirements: Power transistor on, off control using the TPSI3050-Q1.

Why do EV inverters need to be discharged?

Abstract: when an Electrical Vehicle (EV) encounters an accident or the vehicle is taken to a service station, the DC-link capacitor in the inverter must be discharged to ensure safety of both the passengers and the operator.

How is power dissipated in an inverter?

The power dissipated by the the inverter's housing or through a cooling system. The discharge energy is used to charge the Low-voltage battery (12 V) used as an auxiliary battery. the Flyback transformer. A charging current of 1C is used to Ampere hours (Ah). The blue trace in Fig.1 illustrates the energy.

How do EV traction inverters work?

To control the voltage so that the voltage does not exceed 50 V (touch safe), the auxiliary power supply has to turn on and power up safety-relevant circuits that can discharge the DC link caps (active discharge) or actively short circuit the motor. Every EV traction inverter requires a DC link active discharge as a safety-critical function.



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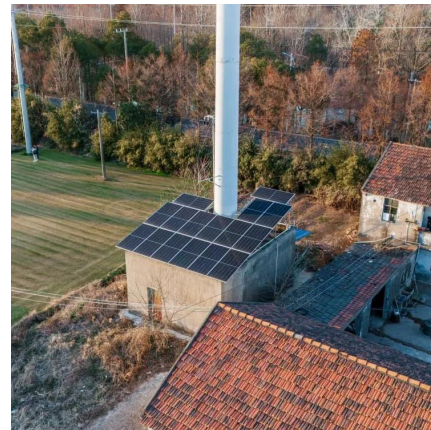
First the bidirectional AC-DC converter operates in two modes, namely as front-end rectifier when power transfer is from the single-phase grid to the EV battery, and it works as a voltage source

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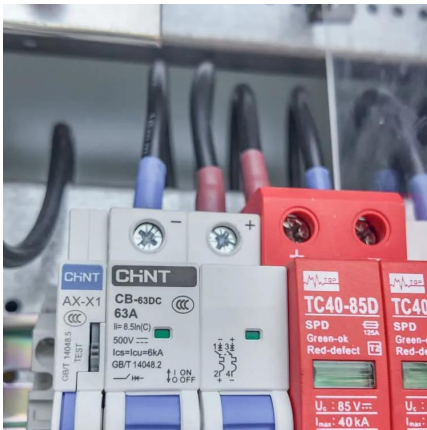
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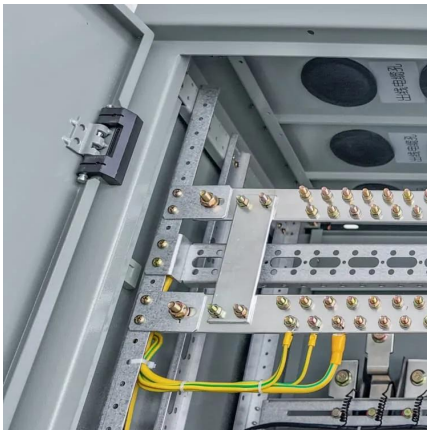
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