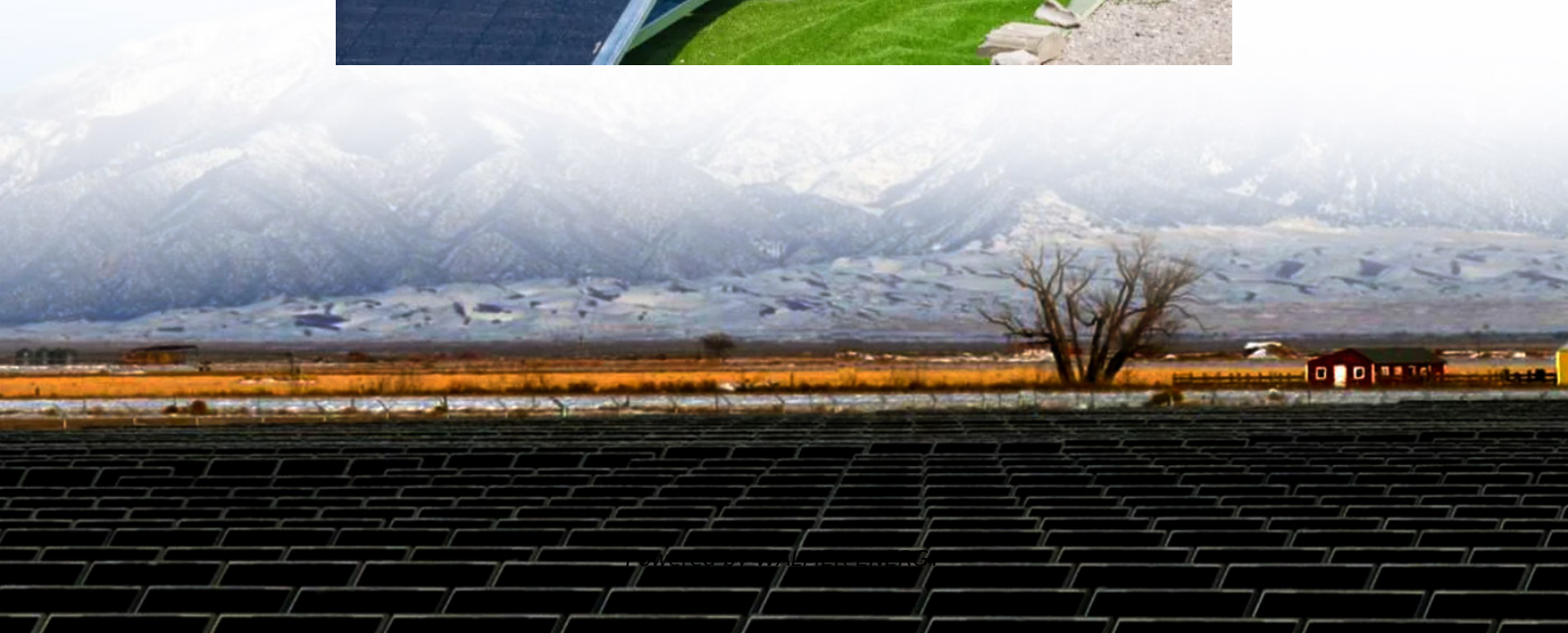


# The difference between inverter power and efficiency





## Overview

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What is the efficiency of an inverter?

**Efficiency of Inverters** The efficiency of an inverter indicates how much DC power is converted to AC power. Some of the power can be lost as heat, and also some stand-by power is consumed for keeping the inverter in powered mode. The general efficiency formula is: where  $P_{AC}$  is AC power output in watts and  $P_{DC}$  is DC power input in watts.

How efficient is a PV inverter?

In general, the efficiency of a PV inverter is a function of the input power and input voltage, with a typical set of efficiency curves being shown in Fig. 1.4. At medium to high light levels and therefore input power from the array, the inverter has a high efficiency, generally well in excess of 90%.

How much energy does an inverter use?

So less energy is output than is input. In fact, inverter efficiency can vary dramatically between products, on average it is between 85% and 95%. For example, if you have an inverter with 85% efficiency it means only 85% of your battery power is being sent to your appliances. The other 15% is lost/used up in the inverter.

Is a bigger inverter better for efficiency?

No, in most cases bigger is not better for efficiency. In fact, as you can see on the graph above, trying to draw a small load from a big inverter will massively reduce efficiency. Some larger inverters won't even work when you try to draw 50 watts or less as they have an eco-mode to save power.



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