

# Inverter DC capacitor





## Overview

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What is the role of a DC link capacitor in inverter systems?

Before diving into the calculations, it is important to understand the role of a DC link capacitor in inverter systems. The primary function of a DC link capacitor is to smooth out the DC bus voltage between the rectifier and inverter stages, which helps in reducing voltage ripple and preventing voltage spikes.

What is a DC link capacitor?

The capacitor current will be  $0.55-0.65 \times$  the phase current for PM motors with these power factors. The second role of the DC Link capacitor is to smooth DC voltage fluctuations and “stiffen” the DC bus. This is important because any voltage ripple on the DC bus shows up as current ripple in the phase currents, and that leads to torque ripple.

Why do inverters need a capacitor?

The capacitor helps maintain the desired voltage level by reducing the ripple generated by the inverter's switching operations. The inverter's power rating determines how much current is drawn from the DC bus. Higher power ratings require larger capacitors to ensure adequate energy storage and voltage stabilization.

What is a DC-link capacitor in a traction inverter?

Figure 1. Simplified Block Diagram of a Traction Inverter The DC-Link capacitor is a part of every traction inverter and is positioned in parallel with the high-voltage battery and the power stage (see Figure 1). The DC-Link capacitor has several functions, such as to help smooth voltage ripples, filtering unwanted harmonics and reducing noise.



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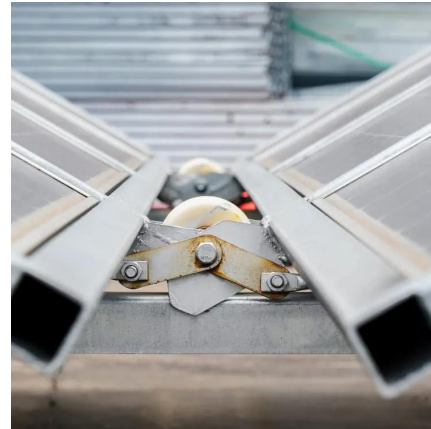


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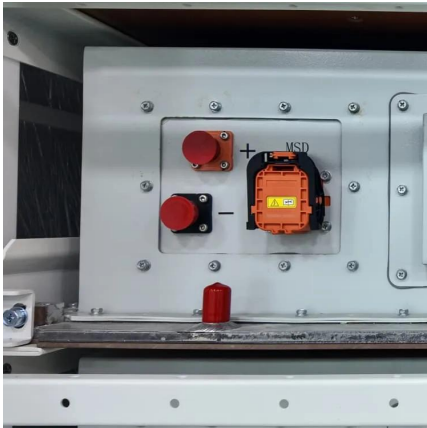
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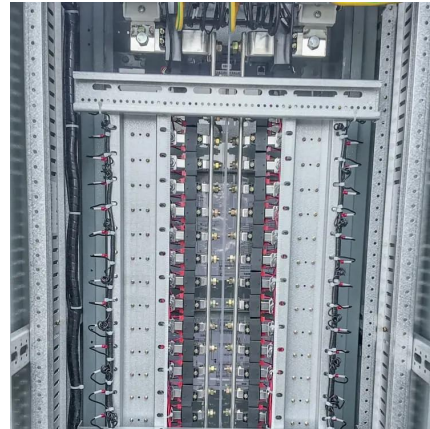
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