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# How to measure current in solar container communication stations





## Overview

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What is cc2538 solar module level monitoring?

This design showcases a highly integrated solution for accurate voltage, current, and temperature monitoring along with ZigBee® communication using the CC2538 to enable solar module level monitoring.

Can a digital multimeter be used to measure a PV module?

Due to the risk of flying arcs, direct measurement using the current terminal of a digital multimeter (DMM) is not recommended. An AC/DC clamp meter can be used to measure the  $I_{sc}$  of the PV module.

What is the difference between  $I_{sc}$  and  $P_{max}$  in a solar cell?

Short-circuit current ( $I_{sc}$ ): Current flowing when the negative and positive electrodes of the solar cell are short-circuited. Maximum Power Point ( $P_{max}$ ): The maximum value of the product of current and voltage on the IV curve. The inverter is controlled so that the solar cell always operates at this point.

What is a PV string current test?

For PV string current tests, there are short-circuit and operational current tests. The short-circuit current of a string,  $I_{sc}$  is the current that flows when the positive and negative terminals of the string are shorted together, and is the maximum current value of the string.



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