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Next generation HF inverters mark a new dimension in solar PV and innovation

SMA's new SUNNY BOY HF series has arrived in Australia, forging a new dimension in photovoltaic plant design.

Increased flexibility, quick, safe and simple installation, and exceptional efficiency define the latest transformer inverter series by SMA.

Available in the 2, 2.5 and 3 kilowatt power classes, the SUNNY BOY HF inverter's peak efficiency of over 96 per cent ranks it as one of the best in its class.

"The SUNNY BOY HF is compatible with all conventional module types and with a voltage range of 175 to 700 volts, most PV modules can be installed with just two strings — making plant configuration flexible and efficient," said Zygmunt Nejman, General Manager of SMA Australia.

"What's more, installing the SUNNY BOY HF is quick and easy, the compact unit weighs just 17 kg and the SMA SUNCLIX DC plug-in eliminates the need for special tools," he added.

To improve yields, the SUNNY BOY HF works with SMA's proven OptiTrac and OptiCool Temperature Management technology. With OptiTrac technology, the inverter can adapt to specific irradiation conditions at any time, enabling yield to be enhanced by up to 1.5%. Meanwhile, OptiCool further improves yield so that, even under unfavourable temperature conditions, the inverter can feed in its nominal power.

Once installed, onsite and remote plant monitoring is straightforward with the SUNNY BOY HF's large graphical display unit and standard Bluetooth® technology. Using Sunny Beam with Bluetooth® or a Bluetooth® capable PC with Sunny Explorer, plant operators can monitor solar yields from any location and around the clock.

By delivering innovation through simplicity, increased flexibility and attractive yields, SMA's SUNNY BOY HF series offers practical benefits for the end user and simple installation for the installer.

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