
A solar container communication station inverter was found on the roof

Could Chinese solar power inverters destabilise power grids?

Solar panels are seen with a view of the neighbourhood and lower Manhattan in New York in this August 2022 file pic by Reuters. Western nations have raised a security alert after US experts found "rogue communication devices" in Chinese solar power inverters, amid concern they could be used to destabilise power grids.

Where are power inverters made?

Power inverters, which are predominantly produced in China, are used throughout the world to connect solar panels and wind turbines to electricity grids. Credit: Wikimedia Commons; ZME Science

Does a solar power inverter have a manual?

A team of engineers in the U.S. took apart a solar power inverter. It looked like any other--sleek, compact, humming with the promise of sustainability. But buried deep inside, they found something that wasn't supposed to be there. It wasn't in the manual. It wasn't listed in any documentation.

How do power inverters work?

Power inverters convert the direct current produced by solar panels and wind turbines into the alternating current used by the grid. They're also embedded in home batteries, electric vehicle chargers, and even heat pumps. Because they often require remote updates and maintenance, inverters are designed to be connected to the web.

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