

# TriStar MPPT™

# SOLAR CONTROLLER WITH MAXIMUM POWER POINTTRACKING

- Maximizes Energy Harvest
- Extremely High Reliability
- Very High Efficiency
- Extensive Networking

Morningstar's TriStar MPPT solar controller with TrakStar Technology™ is an advanced maximum power point tracking (MPPT) battery charger for off-grid photovoltaic (PV) systems with PV array max power (Pmp) up to 4.2 kW. The controller provides the industry's highest peak efficiency of 99% and significantly less power loss compared to other MPPT controllers. Detailed battery programming options allow for advanced battery support for the latest Lithium, Nickel Cadmium, and Lead Acid battery types.

The TriStar MPPT features a smart tracking algorithm that maximizes the energy harvest from the PV by rapidly finding the solar array peak power point with extremely fast sweeping of the entire I-V curve. This product is the first PV controller to include on-board Ethernet for a fully web-enabled interface and includes up to 200 days of data logging.

## **KEY FEATURES AND BENEFITS**

# **Maximizes Energy Harvest**

Our TrakStar MPPT Technology features:

- Better peak power point tracking than other MPPT controllers
- Very fast sweeping of the entire I-V curve
- Recognition of multiple power points during shading or mixed PV arrays
- Excellent performance at sunrise and low solar insolation levels

## **Extremely High Reliability**

- Robust thermal design and no cooling fans
- Parallel circuit design provides less stress and longer life for electronic components
- No mechanical relays
- Extensive electronic protections including PV short circuit protection
- Epoxy encapsulated inductors and conformally coated printed circuit boards

# Very High Efficiency

- Peak efficiency of 99%
- Proprietary tracking algorithm minimizes power losses
- Low self-consumption
- Continuous operation at full power to 45°C without need to de-rate
- Selected electronic devices with higher ratings to minimize losses from heating

#### **Extensive Networking and Communications Capabilities**

Enables system monitoring, data logging and adjustability. Uses open standard MODBUS™ protocol and Morningstar's MS View software.

- Meterbus: communications between compatible Morningstar products
- Serial RS-232: connection to a personal computer
- EIA-485: communications between multiple devices on a bus
- Ethernet: fully web-enabled interface to a local network or internet; view from a web browser or send email/text messages
- EMC-1: IP based network and internet connectivity (including SNMP)

#### Metering and Data Logging

- TriStar meter and remote meter provides detailed operating data, alarms and faults
- Three LEDs display system status
- Up to 200 days of data logging via meters or communications ports

**System Status:** 

53.60V	28C	54.2A
2867W		MPPT

Data Logging:

Today 46.4 Vmin	Batt	Day:-1 Batt 47.2 Vmin
Today 58.9 Amax	Solar	Day:-1 Solar 56.8 Amax
Today 107.2 Vmax	Solar	Day:-1 Solar 105.5 Vmax





# **Technical Specifications**

Versions		TS-MPPT-30	TS-MPPT-45	TS-MPPT-60	TS-MPPT-60M
Meter					
TS-M2		Optional	Optional	Optional	Included
TS-RM2		Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
Electrical					
Maximum Battery C	urrent	30 amps	45 amps	60 a	mps
Nominal Maximum	Output Power*			Max Output	Max PV Input
	12 Volt	400 Watts	600 Watts	800 Watts	1100 Watts
	24 Volt	800 Watts	1200 Watts	1600 Watts	2100 Watts
	48 Volt	1600 Watts	2400 Watts	3200 Watts	4200 Watts
Max Recommended	Solar PV Input*			al Max Ouput Pow els shown above)	er
Peak Efficiency			9	99%	
Nominal System Vo	ltage		12, 24, or	48 volts DC	
Maximum PV Open	Circuit Voltage**		150 volts DC (with	nout damage to u	nit)
Battery Operating Vo	oltage Range		8-72	volts DC	
Maximum Self-cons	sumption		2.7	Watts	
Transient Surge Pro	tection		4500 V	Vatts/port	
Battery Charging					
Charging Algorithm			4-	stage	
Charging Stages			Bulk, Absorption	on, Float, Equalize	9
Temperature	Coefficent			/cell (25° ref)	
Compensation:	Range			to +80°C	
•	Set Points			oat, Equalize, HVD	
Remote Temperature	e Sensor (RTS)		Inc	luded	

Communication Ports	TS- MPPT-30	TS- MPPT-45	TS-MPPT-60	TS-MPPT-60M
MeterBus	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RS-232	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
EIA-485	No	No	Yes	Yes
Ethernet	No	No	Yes	Yes
EMC-1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Electronic Protections		
Solar	Overload, Short Circuit, High Voltage	
Battery	High Voltage	
High Temperature		
Lightning & Transient Surges		
Reverse Current at Night		

#### **Certifications:**

- CE and RoHS Compliant
- ETL Listed (UL1741)
- cETL (CSA C22.2 No. 107.1-01)
- FCC Class B Part 15 Compliant
- Manufactured in a certified ISO 9001 facility
- IEC 62109-1 (UL/CSA/IEC requires ambient temperature limited to 45°C)

# Options:

- TriStar Meter-2 (TS-M-2)
- TriStar Remote Meter-2 (TS-RM-2)
- Meter Hub (HUB-1)
- Relay Driver (RD-1)
- EMC-1

# Notes:

\*The PV array power rating may exceed the controller's Max Nominal Output Power specification. The controller will limit battery current and prevent damage. Array oversizing should be considered on a case by case basis. See our array string sizer tool and related tech documentation. https://www.morningstarcorp.com/array-oversizing

\*\*PV Voltage must be greater than Vbattery + 1 Volt to start charging

# Warranty:

Five year warranty period.

Contact Morningstar or your authorized distributor for complete terms.

Environmental		
Ambient Operating Temperature Range	-40°C to 60°C	
May derate above the following temperature***	TS-MPPT-60 = 45°C TS-MPPT-45 = 50°C TS-MPPT-30 = 55°C	
Storage Temperature	−55°C to +85°C	
Humidity	100% non-condensing	
Tropicalization	Epoxy encapsulation, Conformal coating, Marine rated terminals	

Mechanical	
Dimensions	29.1 x 13.0 x 14.2 cm 11.4 x 5.1 x 5.6 in
Weight	4.2 kg / 9.2 lbs
Maximum Wire Size	35 mm² / 2 AWG
Conduit Knockouts	M20; ½, 1, 1 ¼ in
Enclosure	Type 1 (indoor and vented) IP 20

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Assumes 75Vmp, unvented enclosure. See operating manual for further performance characteristic data.