

Installing the Enphase Communications Kit 2 INT

The Enphase Communications Kit 2 INT (COMMS-KIT-INT-02) enables wired communication between IQ Gateway Metered and IQ Battery 5P using control (CTRL) cables.

Read and follow all warnings and instructions in this guide. Do not proceed if you do not fully understand any of the concepts, terminology, or hazards outlined in these instructions. These instructions are not meant to be a comprehensive guide to installing an IQ Battery 5P system. Use the IQ Battery 5P quick install guide and this document to plan your installation. All installations must comply with local codes and standards.

✓ **NOTE:** Scan the QR code for the latest QIG (and multi-language QIGs):

Link: <https://link.enphase.com/commskit2-install-guide-eu>

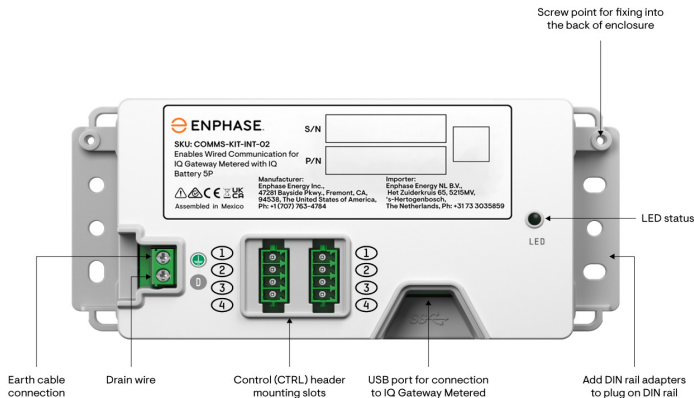


Figure 1: Front view of the Communications Kit 2 INT

Contents

The Enphase Communications Kit 2 INT enables the IQ Gateway Metered to communicate with the IQ Battery 5P. The device has a USB Type-C port, two control cable ports, and a drain port.

The Communications Kit 2 INT includes the following accessories:

- One control header with the termination resistor
- One control header without a resistor
- One 400 mm USB Type-C to USB Type-A cable with a 200 mm right-angled USB Type-A to Type-A adaptor
- Zip-ties for cable management
- DIN rail adapters and screws
- Two spare control headers

The USB port connects the Communications Kit 2 INT to the IQ Gateway (either USB port on the IQ Gateway can be used). This enables communication between the device and the IQ Gateway.

The control headers must be installed on the control ports on the Communications Kit 2 INT.

Installation



DANGER! Risk of electric shock. All sources to equipment being serviced must be disconnected external to the device. Storage circuits must ALWAYS be isolated via a circuit breaker or isolator switch before working on any part of the system.

1 Installation and commissioning

- Install the Communications Kit 2 INT in an IP54 or higher-rated enclosure with adequate space for cable routing. It is recommended to install both the IQ Gateway and the Communications Kit 2 INT in the same enclosure.
 - The enclosure should have access to an earth terminal bar.
 - Based on your installation design, identify if the Communications Kit 2 INT is a terminating node or a non-terminating node in the daisy chain of devices connected through a control cable on the site. The installation procedure varies accordingly, as described later in the document.
 - Ensure the system is powered off before you begin the installation.
 - Ensure that you have these tools and materials for the installation:
 - Torque terminal screwdrivers and wire stripper
 - Control cables
 - Plug in the wired control headers to the unit. Refer to section 2, [Wiring the Communications Kit 2 INT](#).
 - Connect the cable from the earth bar to the PE port on the device. This is only required if connecting the drain wire of the control cable to the drain wire port on the Communications Kit 2 INT.
 - Connect the device to an IQ Gateway Metered with the USB cable provided.
 - Switch on the IQ Gateway Metered.
- ✓ **NOTE:** The Communications Kit 2 INT can be installed in two ways. The box ships with DIN rail adapters that can be connected to the device to mount it on a DIN rail. The device can also be screwed into the back wall of the enclosure using the screw points provided on extreme ends on either side of the unit.

Cable torque details are given as follows:

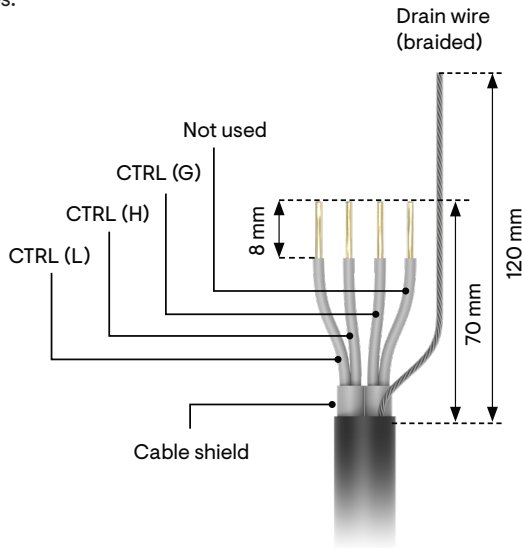
CABLE TYPE	WIRE SIZE	TORQUE
Control cables	0.34 mm ²	0.2 N m
Earth cables	0.75 mm ²	0.2 N m



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2 Wiring the Communications Kit 2 INT

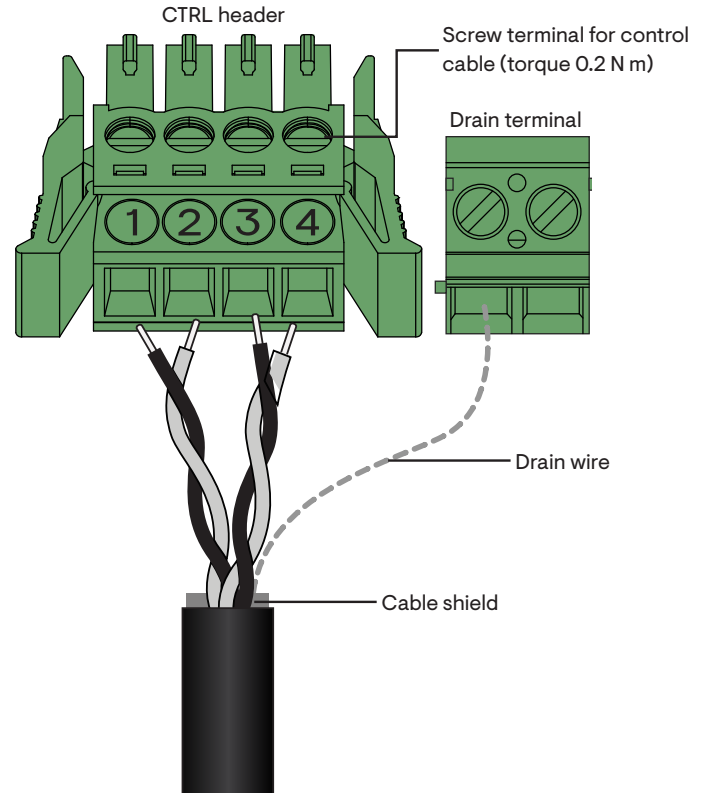
Strip the cable insulation as per the following image. Keep the terminating resistor only on the devices that are on either end of the control communication bus, and remove the resistor from all other devices.



✓ **NOTE:** The tested and recommended control cable is not sold along with this product. Scan for tested and recommended control cables. Link: <https://link.enphase.com/control-cable-table-eu>



- ✓ **NOTE:** Use a suitable wire stripper to strip the jacket of the control communication cable.
- To ensure proper control (CTRL) cable connection with IQ Batteries, follow the guidelines outlined below while connecting the cable to the headers.
- WARNING!** Failure to follow wiring guidance will result in the system being unable to detect devices, leading to commissioning and operation failures.



- Ensure that both ends of the CTRL cable twisted pair conductors are inserted into the header, as shown above.
- Connect the drain wire to the drain terminal only at one end of a CTRL cable. Do not connect drain wires at both ends of a CTRL cable. Follow the guidance based on section 3, Control (CTRL) wiring between system components.

The following table provides the mapping of the control communication signals to the terminal header positions on the control cables:

CTRL HEADER NUMBERS	CTRL SIGNALS
Screw terminal 1	CTRL LOW
Screw terminal 2	CTRL HIGH
Screw terminal 3	CTRL GROUND
Screw terminal 4	Not used

3 Control (CTRL) wiring between system components

Control wiring guidance for installing IQ Battery 5P(s) with a Communications Kit 2 INT:

Refer to the following wiring sequences to understand the position of the header with termination resistor, wiring order, and drain wire termination location.

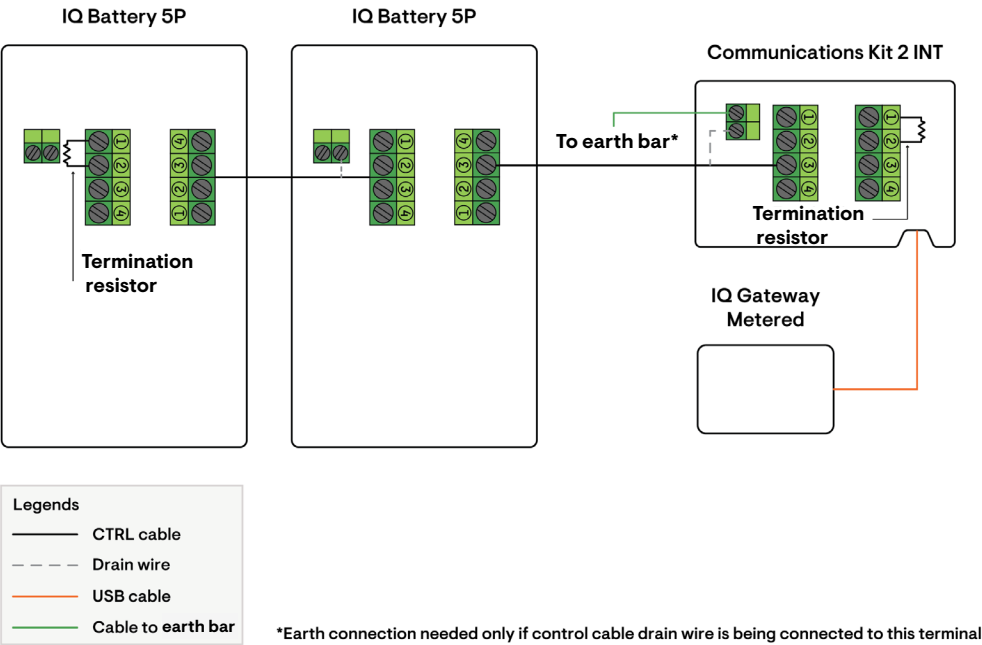
✓ **NOTE:** The total length of CTRL wiring across the system should not exceed 100 meters to ensure the system operates as per specifications.

✓ **NOTE:** Ensure the following guidelines are followed to avoid failures during system commissioning:

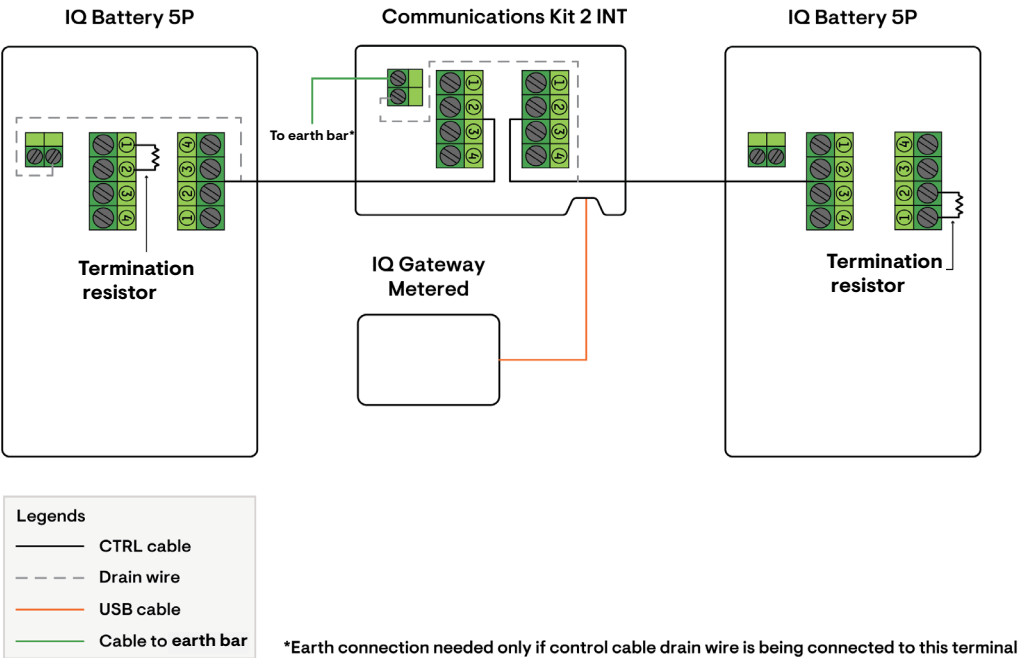
- One header with a termination resistor should be installed on the component located at each end of the control network.
- The drain wire should only be terminated on one end of the control wiring between system components.
- It is recommended that the drain wire be terminated at the component from which the control wiring for the section is initiated.

Following are the two common wiring sequences:

Sequence 1: IQ Battery 5P(s) - Communications Kit 2 INT



Sequence 2: IQ Battery 5P - Communications Kit 2 INT - IQ Battery 5P



The following table provides termination resistor locations for the above sequences:

CONTROL WIRING SEQUENCE	TERMINATION RESISTOR LOCATION
Sequence 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">IQ Battery 5P in the control busCommunications Kit 2 INT
Sequence 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The two IQ Battery 5P's at each end of the control bus

4 Connecting to IQ Gateway software

The Communications Kit 2 INT needs IQ Gateway software version 8.2.x and higher to work with other Enphase Energy System components.

- Install the Enphase Installer App mobile application from the iOS App Store or Android Play Store and log in to your Enphase Account. With this app, you can connect to the IQ Gateway to track system installation progress. You may also download the app from the Enphase website at <https://enphase.com/installers/apps>.
- Download the latest version of IQ Gateway software. To do so, go to the **Settings** tab in the Enphase Installer App and tap the **Update Now** button under **IQ Gateway Software**.
- Follow the steps in the Enphase Installer App to go through the commissioning process.

The LED on the Communications Kit 2 INT indicates the connectivity status.

The various LED states are as follows:

LED STATE	EVENT
Red	ERROR (control or BUS error)
Blinking green	Communications Kit firmware update
Green	Communications Kit is operational
Blue	No USB communication

SAFETY

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these important instructions during the installation and maintenance of the Communications Kit 2 INT.

Safety and advisory symbols

	DANGER: This indicates a hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
	WARNING: This indicates a situation where failure to follow instructions may be a safety hazard or cause equipment malfunction. Use extreme caution and follow instructions carefully.
	NOTE: This indicates information particularly important for optimal system operation. Follow instructions carefully.

Safety instructions

	DANGER: Risk of electric shock. Risk of fire. Only qualified personnel should troubleshoot, install, or add parts to the IQ Gateway.
	DANGER: Risk of electric shock. Risk of fire. Ensure that all wiring is correct and that none of the wires are pinched or damaged.
	NOTE: Do not attempt to repair the Communications Kit 2 INT. It contains no user-serviceable parts. If the equipment fails, contact Enphase Support for assistance or replacement equipment.
	NOTE: Using unapproved attachments or accessories could result in damage or injury.

Note for third-party products

Any third-party manufacturer or importer of product(s) used to install or commission Enphase product(s) shall comply with the applicable EU Directive(s) and requirements in the European Economic Area (EEA). It is the responsibility of the installer to confirm that all such products are labelled correctly and have the required compliant supporting documentation.

Compliance with EU directives

This product complies with the following EU directives and can be used in the European Union without any restrictions.

- Electro Magnetic Compatibility (EMC) directive 2014/30/EU
- Low Voltage Directive (LVD) 2014/35/EU
- Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) 2011/65/EU

RED directive compliance

Hereby, Enphase Energy Inc. declares that the radio equipment type Communications Kit 2 INT follows Directive 2014/53/EU.

The full text of the EU Declaration of Conformity (DoC) is available at: <https://enphase.com/support>.

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Environmental protection

ELECTRONIC DEVICE: DO NOT THROW AWAY. Waste electrical products should not be disposed of with household waste. Proper disposal of batteries is required. Refer to your local codes for disposal requirements.

Revision history

REVISION	DATE	DESCRIPTION
140-00503-01	July 2024	Initial release.

Enphase Support: <https://enphase.com/contact/support>