## **SOLECTRIA** RENEWABLES

# **PVI 1800/PVI 2500**

WARRANTY MANUAL

## **Residential/Commercial Grid-Tied Photovoltaic Inverter**

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## **1 Product Warranty & RMA Policy**

### **1.1 Warranty Policy**

The Solectria Renewables Warranty Policy is stated below.

#### Solectria Renewables Warranty Coverage:

Solectria Renewables Limited Warranties are provided by Solectria Renewables, LLC. ("Solectria Renewables") and cover defects in workmanship and materials.

#### **Duration of a Solectria Renewables Warranty Period:**

The warranty period is 60 months from the date of purchase of the PVI1800 / PVI2500 by the end user or 64 months after the delivery date from Solectria Renewables to installer, dealer, distributor (merchant) whichever is shorter. If a warranty extension has been purchased, the term is defined as extension beyond 60 months. For example, if a 5-year extension (to 10 years total) is purchased, the term becomes 120 months from date of purchase.

If Solectria Renewables repairs or replaces a product, its warranty continues for the remaining portion of the original Warranty Period or 90 days from the date of the return shipment to the customer, whichever is greater.

All warranties are null and void if full payment for products and associated shipping are not received in full and in a timely manner by Solectria Renewables.

Please contact Solectria Renewables Customer Service for further details on other products.

#### What will Solectria Renewables do?

Solectria Renewables will, at its option, repair or replace the defective product free of charge, provided that you notify Solectria Renewables of the product defect within the Warranty Period for your product, and provided that Solectria Renewables, through inspection, establishes the existence of such a defect and that it is covered by the Limited Warranty.

Solectria Renewables will, at its option, use new and/or reconditioned parts in performing warranty repair and building replacement products. Solectria Renewables reserves the right to use parts or products of original or improved design in the repair or replacement. All replaced products and all parts removed from repaired products become the property of Solectria Renewables.

Solectria Renewables will attempt to repair the unit within a reasonable time period (there is no reimbursement for lost energy production.)

Solectria Renewables covers both parts and labor necessary to repair the product, and return shipment to the customer via a Solectria Renewables-selected non-expedited surface freight within the contiguous United States and Canada. Alaska and Hawaii and the Rest of The World are excluded. Contact Solectria Renewables customer service for details on freight policy for return shipments outside of the contiguous United States and Canada.

In the event an extended warranty option has been purchased, this extended warranty only applies to exposed outdoor locations (defined as rooftop or open/unprotected locations) if the product has been purchased to include the gasket-sealed AC and DC disconnect option or has a protective cover around 3 sides of inverter unit (back and sides) and over the top, 4"-60" away from back and top and 30"-96" from sides.

#### **Obtaining Service:**

If your product requires troubleshooting or warranty service, contact your merchant. If you are unable to contact your merchant, or the merchant is unable to provide service, contact Solectria Renewables directly at the number listed on the website in the customer service section for your product.

Direct returns may be performed according to the Solectria Renewables Return Material Authorization Policy.

In any warranty claim, dated proof of purchase must accompany the product and the product must not have been disassembled or modified without prior written authorization by Solectria Renewables.

Proof of purchase may be in any one of the following forms:

- The dated purchase receipt from the original purchase of the product at point of sale to the end user, or

- The dated merchant invoice or purchase receipt showing original equipment manufacturer (OEM) status, or

- The dated invoice or purchase receipt showing the product exchanged under warranty.

#### What does the Solectria Renewables warranty not cover?

Solectria Renewables Limited Warranties do not cover normal wear and tear of the product or costs related to the removal, installation, or troubleshooting of the customer's electrical systems. These warranties do not apply to and Solectria Renewables will not be responsible for any defect in or damage to:

a) The product if it has been misused, neglected, improperly installed, physically damaged or altered, either internally or externally, or damaged from improper use or use in an unsuitable environment;

b) The product if it has been subjected to fire, water, generalized corrosion, biological infestations, acts of God or input voltage that creates operating conditions beyond the maximum or minimum limits listed in the Solectria Renewables product specifications including high input voltage from generators and lightning strikes;
c) The product if repairs have been done to it other than by Solectria Renewables;

d) The product if it is used as a component part of a product expressly warranted by another manufacturer;

e) The product if its original identification (trademark, serial number) markings have been defaced, altered, or removed;

f) The product if it has been damaged in shipping

g) Any installation and operation beyond the scope covered by relevant safety regulations (UL1741, NEC, etc.);

#### Warranty Extensions:

Warranty extensions are available for additional cost (contact Solectria Renewables for information).

- 5 year extension (total warranty is 10 years)

- 10 year extension (total warranty is 15 years)

If any warranty extensions have been purchased, all the terms for the standard 5 year warranty apply except that this warranty does not apply to PV systems that include mechanical PV array trackers. For systems that use trackers, contact Solectria Renewables for further information.

#### DISCLAIMER

SOLECTRIA RENEWABLES LIMITED WARRANTIES ARE THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE WARRANTY PROVIDED BY SOLECTRIA **RENEWABLES IN** CONNECTION WITH YOUR SOLECTRIA RENEWABLES PRODUCT AND ARE, WHERE PERMITTED BY LAW, IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, **REPRESENTATIONS**, CONDITIONS, **GUARANTEES**, **OBLIGATIONS** AND LIABILITIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRODUCT, HOWEVER ARISING (WHETHER BY CONTRACT, TORT, NEGLIGENCE, PRINCIPLES OF MANUFACTURER'S LIABILITY, OPERATION OF LAW, CONDUCT, STATEMENT OR OTHERWISE), WITHOUT RESTRICTION ANY IMPLIED INCLUDING WARRANTY OR **OUALITY, MERCHANTABILITY** CONDITION OF OR FITNESS FOR Α PARTICULAR PURPOSE. ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED UNDER APPLICABLE LAW TO APPLY TO THE PRODUCT SHALL BE LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE PERIOD STIPULATED UNDER THIS LIMITED WARRANTY.

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Solectria Renewables neither assumes nor authorizes any other person to assume for it any other liability in connection with the repair or replacement or the Product.

#### **Exclusions of the Policy:**

If your product is a consumer product, federal law does not allow an exclusion of implied warranties. To the extent you are entitled to implied warranties under federal law, to the extent permitted by applicable law they are limited to the duration of this Limited Warranty. Some states and provinces do not allow limitations or exclusions on implied warranties or on the duration of an implied warranty or on the limitation or exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation(s) or exclusion(s) may not apply to you. This Limited Warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may have other rights, which may vary from state to state or province to province.

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(b) ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS OR EXPENSES, WHETHER SPECIAL, DIRECT, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL OR INCIDENTAL, WHICH MIGHT ARISE OUT OF THE USE OF SUCH INFORMATION.

THE USE OF ANY SUCH INFORMATION WILL BE ENTIRELY AT THE USER'S RISK.

#### WARNING: LIMITATIONS ON USE

Please refer to your product user manual for limitations on uses of the product. Specifically, please note that Solectria Renewables products are not intended for use in connection with life support systems and Solectria Renewables makes no warranty or representation in connection with any use

of the product for such purposes.

Please review our Return Merchandise Authorization Policy for returning product to Solectria Renewables.

### **1.2 Return Material Authorization Policy**

Please review our Return Merchandise Authorization Policy below after reviewing our Solectria Renewables Warranty Policy.

#### **Obtaining a required, Return Material Authorization:**

Before returning a product directly to Solectria Renewables you must obtain a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number and the correct factory "Ship To" address. Products must also be shipped prepaid. Product shipments will be refused and returned at your expense if they are unauthorized, returned without an RMA number clearly marked on the outside of the shipping box, if they are shipped collect, or if they are shipped to the wrong location.

#### Information Solectria Renewables needs when you are obtaining service:

1) The model names and serial number of your product

- 2) Information about the installation and use of the unit
- 3) Information about the failure and/or reason for the return

4) A copy of your dated proof of purchase.

#### **Preparing the product for shipping:**

1) Package the unit safely, preferably using the original box and packing materials. Please ensure that your product is shipped fully insured in the original packaging or equivalent. This warranty will not apply where the product is damaged due to improper packaging.

2) Include the following:

a. The RMA number supplied by Solectria Renewables, LLC clearly marked on the outside of the box

b. A return address to which the unit can be shipped. Post office boxes are not acceptable.

c. A contact telephone number where you can be reached during work hours.

d. A brief description of the problem.

Ship the unit prepaid to the address provided by your Solectria Renewables customer service representative.

#### Returning a product from outside of the USA or Canada:

In addition to the above, you MUST include return freight funds and are fully responsible for all documents, duties, tariffs, and deposits.