

Energy Meter Selection Guide

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Victron VM-3P75CT

Venus OS supports several types of energy meters, some of which are manufactured and/or stocked by Victron and others that need to be purchased from the manufacturers directly, such as Carlo Gavazzi or ABB.

The Energy Meters are used in systems with a [GX device](#) to measure the output of a PV Inverter, a AC Genset or as a Grid Meter in an [ESS installation](#). It also can be used to measure AC loads.

The VM-3P75CT energy meter connects to the GX device via VE.Can or Ethernet and is ready to use out of the box with no configuration required. Alternatively, the EM24 Ethernet meter can be used, provided the meter connects to a local network in such a way that the GX device can reach it. All other Energy Meters listed here connect to a GX device via RS485 either through a wired connection via a [RS485 to USB interface](#) or wirelessly via a [Zigbee to USB and Zigbee to RS485 converters](#). Its data is then displayed on a GX device and the [VRM portal](#).



ET112

To make a selection, first decide if you need a single-, split- or three-phase meter:

Which Energy Meter should be selected depends on the installation, the number of phases you want to measure and the maximum current per phase.



ET340

Examples: For a three-phase utility connection, use a three-phase meter. For a three-phase PV Inverter, use a three-phase meter as well. For a single-phase utility connection, use a single-phase meter or alternatively a three-phase meter; most of them have a single-phase mode. And in an installation with a single-phase utility connection, that also has a PV Inverter that needs measuring with an energy meter, then you can use two pieces of ET112 or use the ET340. If the application exceeds the max. current rating, use an Energy Meter with current transformers. Note that most PV Inverters feature "direct-readout" by the Victron system and thus don't need their output to be measured by an energy meter.



EM540

Now, based on current, select the model:

| Requirement | Measurement type | Solution |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Single-phase up to 100A | Direct/Shunt | ET1XX / EM1XX / ABB B21 |
| Three-phase up to 65A/phase | Direct/Shunt | ET340 / EM24 / EM340 / EM540 / ABB B23 |
| Single-phase more than 100A/phase | Current Transformers | Not available, use a 3-phase CT solution |
| Split-phase more than 65A/phase | Current Transformers | VM-3P75CT |
| Three-phase more than 65A/phase | Current Transformers | VM-3P75CT / EM24* / EM330 / EM530 / ABB B24 |

* EM24DINAV53DISX only, not stocked by Victron

Choose between RS485, VE.Can and/or Ethernet connection:

The Ethernet mode of the VM-3P75CT and the EM24 Ethernet will have an advantage in installations where an Ethernet network is available. Rather than having to pull an RS485 wire between the main AC distribution board and the storage system, the existing Ethernet can be used. The disadvantage is that this relies on that network functioning properly – in case of issues the storage system will switch to idle mode: passthrough.

It's even easier via the VE.Can connection, a direct connection between the VM-3P75CT and the GX device that works completely independently of a network connection.



ABB B21

The VM-3P75CT offers a configurable energy registration method, allowing selection between vector, arithmetic, or absolute registration. This flexibility makes it suitable for various regional requirements. Vector registration is the preferred method for countries, such as Germany and Austria and most other countries. In contrast, the EM24, EM5XX, and ABB meters use only vector registration. All other energy meters use arithmetic registration. See [FAQ Q8](#) in the Victron Energy Meter manuals for further details regarding energy counting differences.



ABB B23/B24

| Energy Meter | Manual | Part number | Display | Phases | Max Current Rating | Measurement type | Communication | Refresh rate ⁴ | Remarks |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| VM-3P75CT | VM-3P75CT | REL200300100 | No | 3 | 80A | CTs | VE.Can / Ethernet | 100ms | Also for split-phase |
| ET112 | ET112 | REL300100000 | | 1 | 100A | Direct/Shunt | RS485 | 750ms | ET112DINAV01XS1X |
| ET340 | ET340 | REL300300000 | | 3 | 65A per phase | | | 2000ms | ET340DINAV23XS1X |
| EM540 | EM540 | REL200100100 | LCD | | 65A per phase | 100ms | EM540DINAV23XS1X | | |
| EM24 Ethernet | EM24 Ethernet | REL200200100 | | | 5A per phase | Direct/Shunt CTs | Ethernet | 600ms | EM24DINAV23XE1X EM24DINAV53XE1X ³ |
| Other Energy Meters with GX firmware support | | | | | | | | | |
| EM111 | EM111 | Not stocked | LCD | 1 | 45A | Direct/Shunt | RS485 | 750ms | |
| EM112 | EM112 | | | | 100A | | | | |
| EM330 ¹ | EM330 | | | 3 | 5A per phase | CTs | | 1200ms | EM330DINAV53HS1X27 EM330DINAV53HS1PFB27 |
| EM340 ¹ | EM340 | | | | 65A per phase | Direct/Shunt | | - | EM340DINAV23XS1X27 EM340DINAV23XS1PFB27 |
| EM530 ¹ | EM530 | | | | 5A per phase | CTs | | 100ms | EM530DINAV53XS1X |
| EM24 RS485 ¹ | EM24 RS485 | | | 65A per phase | Direct/Shunt | 600ms | | EM24DINAV93XISX | |
| ABB B21 ^{1,2} | B21 | | | 1 | | 65A | | 480ms | 2CMA100155R1000 Silver |
| ABB B23 ^{1,2} | B23 | | | 3 | 65A per phase | 2CMA100169R1000 Silver | | | |
| ABB B24 ^{1,2} | B24 | | | | 6A per phase | CTs | | 2CMA100183R1000 Silver | |

¹ Selected models are supported

² Zigbee connection is not supported

³ Not stocked by Victron

⁴ Refresh rate = how often the energy meter provides a new value in its registers. Note that the GX device's latency (the time it takes to read at 9600 baud) is between 180 and 250ms.