

Using Apollo Solar Remote Monitoring Software





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Overview - We will see how all the components work for your benefit:

- 1. The System Block Diagram
- 2. Logging In
- 3. Selecting the Country
- 4. Selecting the Site from the Map Warnings and Alarms are displayed
- 5. The Site Status Screen All Values from the PV to the Load are displayed
- 6. Charts The types are listed and several helpful graphs are described
- 7. The Data Base Critical Site Data is stored for access by maintenance crews
- 8. Alarms A log of all Alarms with time stamps
- 9. Drawings The documentation can be available on line



Apollo Remote Monitoring

We shall focus on USING the Remote Monitoring software on a PC.





- 1. Using the bar at the top of the search engine screen, enter the MAC address: <u>208.88.72.78</u>
- 2. Enter Username: Apollo Pemo, Password: Apollo Demo (note the caps) and hit Login.



3. You will see the screen shown below.





- 4. Hover the cursor over the **COUNTRY SELECTOR.**
- 5. The drop down bar will show a list of countries.





6. Scroll down to select **Rwanda**.





- 7. The Map of Rwanda will open showing a PIN at the location of every site.
- 8. Use the cursor to click on the PIN for the site of interest.



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Using Apollo Remote Monitoring Energy Flow Diagram on the <u>Status Screen</u>

- PV Voltage and Current from PV to T80 measured at the T80 input.
- Power from PV Array to T80 is calculated (V x I).
- Array excess energy is not implemented.
- T80 Output (Battery Voltage on chart) is measured inside the T80.
- Output Current measured inside the T80.
- The Power is calculated.
- Charge State is either Bulk, Absorb, Float or Off.
- . Heat Sink Temperature inside this T80.
- . The Load Power is calculated.
- 10. The Load Current is calculated as the difference between the T80 Output Current and the Battery Current measured at the Shunt.
 - 1. The <u>True Battery Voltage is measured at the Battery Terminals.</u>
- -12. System Overload is displayed if the load is increased by surprise.
- **1**3. Total System Excess Energy is not fully implemented.
- 14. The Battery Temperature is measured using a sensor on the battery.
- 15. The <u>True Battery Voltage</u> is measured at the Battery Terminals.
- 16. The Amps In and Out of the <u>Battery Current</u> measured at the shunt.
- 17. The Watts either In or Out is calculated using battery current above.
- -18. The State of Charge % (SOC) is calculated using the coulomb counter inside the T80. It is also used on the SOC Bar Graph.

The Underlined items refer to the names of the Relevant Charts.

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This "I" button is for information. Hitting the "I" button on the Site Status screen will bring up a dialog box of details about each item such as manufacture, part number, serial number and major specifications.

A general format for each item is provided. The data is entered by the installation company or Network Operator.

Typical displays for the PV Array and Battery Bank are shown below.

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In parallel (Strings)	3	Capacity of battery cell C120:	1000 AHr	
Active Area	m ²	Number of battery cells:	144	
PV Array STC COND total Power:	2700 W	Configuration of battery bank	String - 24	Branches - 6
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9. The STATUS page will load showing the useful current parameters at the site selected.10. You can also select CHARTS from the bar near the top of the STATUS screen.



- 11. The chart below is TRUE BATTERY VOLTAGE. Use the <u>CHART menu</u> to see others.
- 12. Select the Start Date and Time to see the day you want. Hit **REFRESH** to update.



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- 13. The **PERIOD of One Day** very useful, but you can also view 1 hour, 1 month, or 1 year.
- 14. Whenever a change is made, to update the data being viewed, use the **REFRESH** button.

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15. This chart shows the **Battery Current** for **One Hour**. The battery current is negative 8 Amps during discharge. During charging, the current is +50 Amps and then +1 Amp.



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- 16. The **Temperatures** charts show 3 items. The Battery, the T80HV Heat Sink. Scroll down to view the T80HV internal PC Board temperature history.
- 17. You can return to the STATUS page, or go back to the Rwanda Map to change sites.

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18. The FREQUENCY selector provides averaging of data over 10 minutes, 1 hour, or 1 day or 1 month. The cursor will read out the average data over each bar.



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DC Energy Record Irradiance Received Battery Energy Flows Battery Voltage Maximum Power Received by Battery Maximum Power Received From the Battery Estimated Solar Power Potential Power From PV Array to T80 Current from PV to T80 True Battery Voltage Battery Current PV Voltage Battery Voltage Max,Avg,Min Temperatures

Choices of Charts

> The Pull Down Menu shows the choices of charts.

- > The active and most useful charts are described below.
- > Not all the charts are implemented in the current version.

- 1. DC Energy Record The Energy Harvested by the T80s and the Energy used by the Load
- 2. Irradiance Received Reads the Apollo Irradiance Sensor which is mounted to the top of the PV array. Shows the irradiance in Watts per square meter.
- 3. Battery Energy Flows Not implemented
- 4. Battery Voltage Measured at the terminals in the T80HV. Min, Avg and Max displayed over each other. Useful if the more accurate the True Battery Voltage is not available.
- 5. Maximum Power Received by Battery The instantaneous current multiplied by the battery voltage at that instant.



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- 6. Maximum Power Received from Battery The Power flowing out of the Battery.
- 7. Estimated Solar Power Potential The Irradiance multiplied by the size of the PV Array
- 8. Power from PV Array to T80 The Power harvested by the T80HVs and used by the Battery and the Load. Note that after the Battery is fully charged, it will stop using Power.
- Current from PV to T80 The Current into the T80HV which is needed by the Battery and the Load.
- **10. True Battery Voltage** Accurate Voltage measured at the Battery terminals
- **11. Battery Current** Measured at the Shunt. Current into the battery is shown as positive. Current out of the battery and therefore into the Load is displayed as negative.
- **12. PV Voltage** Measurement at the input of the Master T80HV.
- **13.** Battery Voltage, Max, Avg, Min The Max, Avg and Min Battery voltage are all shown.
- **14. Temperatures** The Battery Temperature Sensor, the Heat Sink Temp Sensor and the Internal Temp Sensor in the Master T80HV are displayed in 3 separate graphs.



The Charts provide an easy method for checking the performance of sites.



For Example: We can check the sizing of the PV Array and the Battery relative to the Load. These charts are all 1 day.

The Irradiance shows that the sun was strong all day giving us a solid baseline.

The Battery Current shows the correct increase as the sun gets stronger and the battery charges, but then peaks at begins to fall of at 9:00AM.

This shows that the battery reaches the Absorb voltage (56 volts) and charging current falls off during the next stage.

At 11:00, the current drops again when the Chargers go into Float Mode.

We can see that the Load is powered by PV from 6:00 AM to after 16:00.

These charts show us that the PV is large enough to completely charge the battery before noon on a clear day.

The battery is large enough because the voltage does not drop below 48 volts at any time.

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The ALARMS tab shows the log of every Alarm that has occurred with a time stamp. Hardware Alarms currently implemented on the standard Apollo cabinet include:

- Cabinet Door is OPEN.
- > One or more Battery Breaker is turned OFF. A dry contact is proved for bkr TRIPPED.
- > One or more Load Breaker is turned OFF or TRIPPED. A dry contact is also provided.
- One of more MOVs in the Surge Protectors in the Combiner Box is at end of life.
- > The PV Array Theft Alarm wire is OPEN circuit indicating that the wire is cut or missing.
- > The ESSENTIAL Load is Disconnected. The contactor is open.
- > The NON-ESSENTIAL Load is Disconnected. The contactor is open.
- The Battery Voltage is LOW. (The low voltage threshold is set in the SETTINGS tab.)

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In addition to the CHARTS, the Data Base has stored many other items which can selected for viewing from the Main Menu Bar shown above.

- > The ALARM tab shows the log of every Alarm that has occurred with a time stamp.
- The DOWNLOADS tab provides CSV files with diagnostic details from the T80HVs.
- > The DETAILS tab has a listing of the location, name and serial numbers for this site.
- > The SETTINGS page displays the thresholds for the battery disconnects and the alarms.
- > The DOCUMENTS tab allows drawings to be stored for maintenance and support.

The Site Status Screen for Larger Systems

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- The first 5 sections are displayed on the screen. \succ
- \triangleright If additional sections are installed, the upper portion of the screen scrolls left and right to allow display of each section.

Apollo Irradiance Sensor



The Apollo Irradiance Sensor is mounted on top of the PV Array.

The ASC uses it to calculate the amount of solar energy available each day.

This sensor is not effected by any actions taken by the Charge Controllers, the battery or the load.

> One of the charts available shows the results.

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