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## Specifications and Applications Information

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The ERG SFW Series of DC to AC inverters is specifically designed for applications which require high efficiency, wide dimming and LCD brightness stability over a wide input voltage range.

Designed, manufactured and supported within the USA, the SFW series features:

- ✓ Less than 6mm in Height
- ✓ Onboard regulation of lamp current
- ✓ High efficiency
- ✓ Open lamp detection
- ✓ Onboard PWM dimming
- ✓ Support for a wide range of displays
- ✓ Low EMI emission

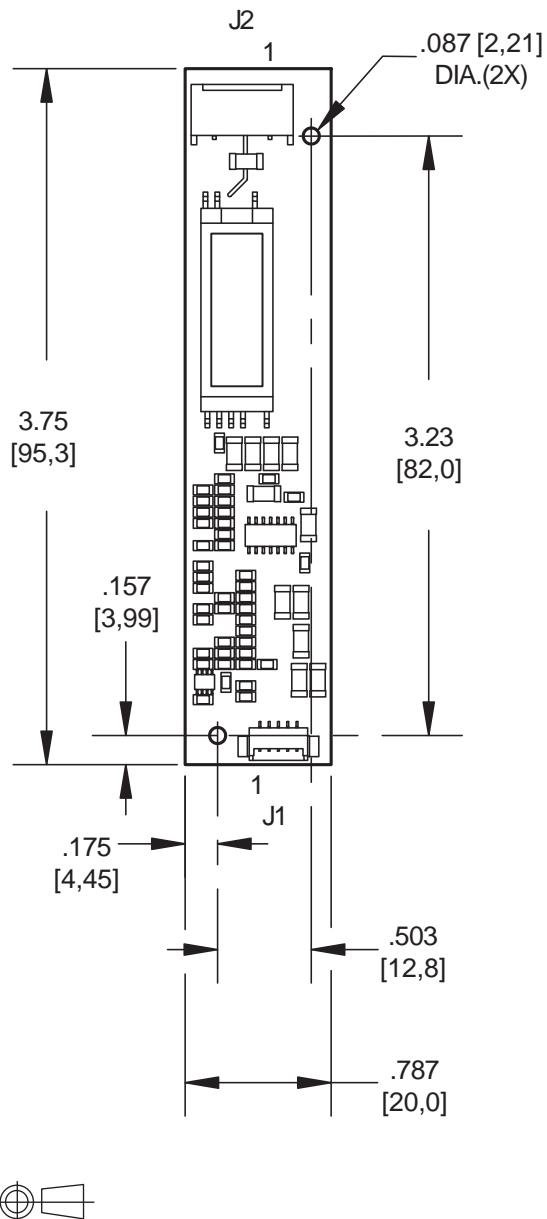
## SFWA150JF



### Smart Force™ Single Lamp Inverter



#### Package Configuration



Connectors	
Input Connector	Output Connector
Molex 53261-0571	JST SM02(8.0)B-BHS-1-TB
J1-1 +Vin J1-2 GND J1-3 Enable J1-4 Control J1-5 N/C	J2-1 ACout J2-2 ACreturn

PCB components are shown for reference only. Actual product may differ from that shown.



## Absolute Maximum Ratings

Rating	Symbol	Value	Units
Input Voltage Range	$V_{in}$	-0.3 to +21.0	Vdc
Enable	$V_{Enable}$	-0.3 to $V_{in}$	Vdc
Control	$V_{Control}$	-0.3 to +5.5	Vdc
Ambient Operating Temperature	$T_a$	-20 to +85	°C
Storage Temperature	$T_{stg}$	-40 to +85	°C

## Operating Characteristics

Unless otherwise noted  $V_{in} = 12.0$  Vdc,  $T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , with a simulated load and unit has been running for 5 minutes.

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Input Voltage (note 1)	$V_{in}$	+8.0	+12.0	+18.0	Vdc
Input Current (note 2)	$I_{in}$	-	0.44	0.51	Adc
Operating Frequency	$F_o$		63		kHz
Minimum Output Voltage (note 3)	$V_{out \text{ (min)}}$	1800	-	-	Vrms
Efficiency	$\eta$	-	75	-	%
Output Current (per lamp) (note 4)	$I_{out}$	-	5.0	-	mArms
Output Voltage (note 5)	$V_{out}$	-	-	800	Vrms
Enable Pin					
Turn-off Threshold	$V_{thoff}$	GND	-	0.5	Vdc
Turn-on Threshold	$V_{thon}$	2.4	-	$V_{in}$	Vdc

Specifications subject to change without notice.

(Note 1)  $V_{in}$  is measured at the pcb connector.

(Note 2) Input current in excess of maximum may indicate a load/inverter mismatch condition, which can result in reduced reliability. Please contact ERG technical support.

(Note 3) Provided data is not tested but guaranteed by design.

(Note 4) The output current is measured from the AC return lead of the inverter using a Tektronix CT-2 AC current probe terminated into 50 ohms at the oscilloscope input.

(Note 5) Max allowable lamp voltage.



## Onboard PWM

Unless otherwise noted  $V_{in} = 12.0 \text{ Vdc}$ ,  $T_a = 25 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and unit has been running for 5 minutes.

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Frequency	$f_{pwm}$	-	290	-	Hz
Minimum Brightness	$V_{control}$	-	4.0	-	V
Maximum Brightness	$V_{control}$	-	1.3	-	V

## Pin Descriptions

**Vin** Input voltage to the inverter.

**GND** Inverter ground.

**Control** Analog voltage input to the onboard pulse width modulator. Graph 1 shows the relationship between  $V_{control}$  and relative display brightness.

**Enable** Inverter Enable.

## Application Information

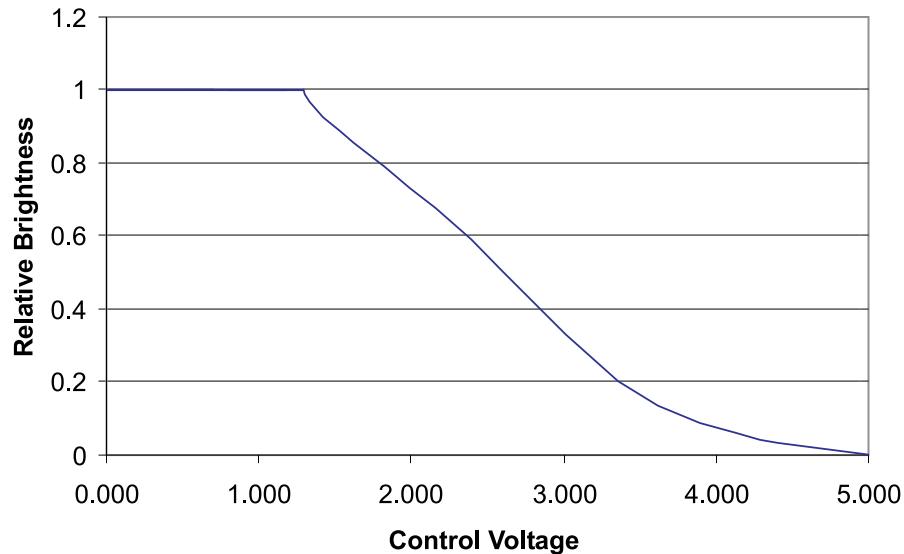
The SFW series of inverters is designed to power one cold cathode fluorescent lamp from a nonregulated DC power source. Enabling the inverter is accomplished by applying a voltage greater than  $V_{thon}$  to the Enable pin of the inverter.

Dimming the inverter is accomplished by applying a DC voltage to the Control pin. The applied DC voltage adjusts the duty cycle of the onboard PWM controller thereby changing the brightness of the backlight. Graph 1 shows the typical brightness versus voltage applied to the control pin.

As with all inverters, it is important to take notice that the voltage present at the output pins is quite high and requires special care to be taken when integrating into the final application. The inverter should not be mounted closer than 0.250" (6.4mm) to any other conductive material. In general, the mounting hardware should be nonconductive. Open frame inverters, like the SFW, are not recommended in applications which require operation above 10,000 feet (3000 meters).

To improve the electrical efficiency of the overall application, the input harness cabling should be less than 12 inches (30 cm). The cable assembly between the inverter and the display is best kept below 4 inches (10 cm). If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact ERG for exceptions or recommendations.

### Relative Brightness vs Control Voltage



Graph 1

### Analog Dimming

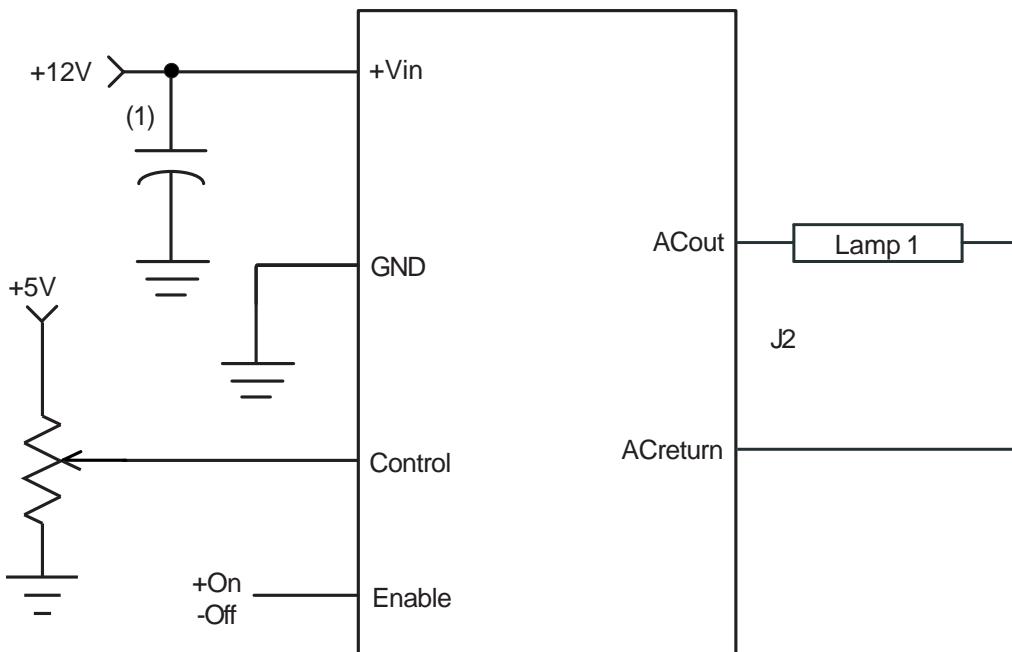


Figure 1

- (1) Low ESR type input by-pass capacitor (22 uF - 220 uF) may be required to reduce reflected ripple, and to improve power supply transient response.



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