

Electrical Calculations

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How is power factor calculated?

We calculate power factor off of real power (P) and apparent power (S). Where $pf = P/S$. Real power is calculated from the product of the Instantaneous Voltage and Current. Apparent power is calculated from the product of the RMS values for Voltage and Current.

AC (RMS) / DC (Mean) / Frequency values

The Channel Checker shows 4 values for each channel input:

- AC+DC (RMS)
 - *Geometric* sum of the AC and DC values. May not match the numerical sum of the AC and DC values.
- AC (RMS)
 - AC-only RMS value of the signal input.
- DC (Mean)
 - DC-only value of the signal input.
- Frequency
 - The frequency count of the signal. Firmware **v4.0.5 and above** calculates this based on the zero-crossing of the signal, firmware **prior to v4.0.5** calculates frequency based around the mean-value of the signal.