

Auxiliary Request 01

1.

An efficiency monitor (4300; 5300)

for monitoring power transmission by an inductive power outlet (4210; 5210), the inductive power outlet comprising a primary coil (4220; 5220) wired to a power supply (4240; 5240), the inductive power inductively coupling with a secondary coil (4260; 5260) wired to an electric load,

the efficiency monitor comprising:

at least one input power monitor (4122; 5122) for measuring an input power (P_{in}) received by the primary coil from the power supply;

at least one processor (4162; 5162) for determining an index of power-loss indicative of an efficiency of an inductive coupling between the primary coil and the secondary coil; and

at least one communication channel for communicating the input power and an output power (P_{out}) to the at least one processor,

wherein the index of power-loss comprises:

an efficiency quotient Q , defined as a ratio of the output power to the input power, or

an efficiency differential Δ , defined as a difference between the output power and the input power.
2.

The efficiency monitor of claim 1, wherein the efficiency monitor (4300; 5300) comprises:

at least one circuit-breaker (4280; 5280) configured to disconnect the primary coil (4220; 5220) from the power supply (4240; 5240).
3.

The efficiency monitor of claim 1, wherein the efficiency monitor (4300; 5300) comprises:

one or more hazard detectors in communication with the processor (4162; 5162).
4.

The efficiency monitor of claim 3,

wherein the one or more hazard detectors comprise a magnetic sensor, a heat sensor, an electromagnetic radiation sensor, or a Hall probe.
5.

The efficiency monitor of claim 1, wherein the efficiency monitor (4300; 5300) comprises:

at least one output power monitor (4124; 5124) for measuring the output power received inductively by the secondary coil (4260; 5260) from the primary coil (4220; 5220).
6.

An inductive power outlet (4210; 5210) comprising

the efficiency monitor (4300; 5300) of any of claims 1-4.
7.

An inductive power receiver unit