

Ingress Protection (IP) Rating according to EN 60529/DIN 40050

IP suitability ratings are a system for classifying the degree of protection provided by enclosures of electrical equipment. The higher the number, the greater the degree of protection; they apply ONLY to properly installed equipment. The numerals stand for the following:

IP 6 8

The first digit stands for:
Protection against Dust



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The second digit stands for:
Protection against Water



Protection against Solid Bodies

Degree of protection for persons against access to hazardous parts inside the enclosure and/or against the ingress of solid foreign objects.

	0	No protection
	1	Objects greater than 50 mm, accidental touch by hands
	2	Objects greater than 12 mm, accidental touch by fingers
	3	Objects greater than 2.5 mm, e.g. tools/wires
	4	Objects greater than 1 mm, e.g. tools/wires/small wires
	5	Protected against dust - limited ingress (no harmful deposits)
	6	Totally protected against dust (Dust-tight)

Protection against Water

Degree of protection of equipment inside enclosures against damage from the ingress of water.

	0	No protection
	1	Protected against vertically falling drops of water
	2	Protected against direct sprays of water up to 15° from vertical
	3	Protected against sprays of water to 60° from vertical
	4	Protected against water sprayed from all directions - limited ingress permitted
	5	Protected against low pressure jets of water from all directions - limited ingress permitted
	6	Protected against strong pressure jets of water, heavy seas- limited ingress permitted
	7	Protection against the Effects of immersion between 15cm - 1 m
	8	Protection against long periods of immersion under a quoted pressure. E.g. 2 bar at 24 hours
	9k	IP69k Automotive standard DIN40050 and signifies resistance to high pressure jets of water (up to 80bar) from any angle.