

Protection Class Designation according to EN 60529

The protection of electrical equipment through corresponding enclosure is specified with code letters and code numbers. This protection class designation consists of the letters "IP" and two code numbers from 0 to 8. The first code number stands for the protection against contact and foreign substances, the second number specifies the degree of protection against water. The higher the respective code number is, the higher the offered protection. The protection class for each product is specified in the respective technical information.

For example:

IP 65	Code letter IP	IP	
	First code number	6	corresponds to: Protection against entrance of dust
	Second code number	5	corresponds to: Protection against sprayed water

For protection against contact and foreign substances

First code number	Protection scope designation	Explanation
0	No protection	No special protection of persons from accidental contact with standing or moving parts under voltage. No protection of the equipment against entry of solid foreign substances.
1	1 Protection against foreign substances > 50 mm	Protection against accidental contact of large area surfaces of standing and internally moving parts under voltage, e.g. with the hand, but no protection against intentional access to these parts. Protection against entry of solid foreign substances with a diameter larger than 50 mm.
2	Protection against foreign substances > 12 mm voltage	Protection against contact by the fingers of standing or internally moving parts under voltage. Protection against entry of solid foreign substances with a diameter larger than 12 mm.
3	Protection against foreign substances > 2.5 mm tools	Protection against contact of standing or internally moving parts under voltage with, wires or similar of a thickness larger than 2.5 mm. Protection against entry of solid foreign substances with a diameter larger than 2.5 mm.
4	Protection against foreign substances > 1 mm	Protection against contact of standing or internally moving parts under voltage with tools, wires or similar of a thickness larger than 1 mm. Protection against entry of solid foreign substances with a diameter larger than 1 mm.
5	Protection against dust accumulation	Full protection against contact of standing or internally moving parts under voltage moving parts under voltage. Protection against dust accumulation. The entry of dust is not fully prevented but the dust may not enter in such quantities that the functioning is impaired.
6	Protection against dust accumulation	Full protection against contact of standing or internally moving parts under voltage moving parts under voltage. Protection against entry of dust.

For water protection

Second code number	Protection scope designation	Explanation
0	No protection	No special protection.
1	Protection against vertically falling dripping water	Water drops that fall vertically may not have any damaging effect.
2	Protection against dripping water falling at an angle	Water drops that fall at an arbitrary angle of up to 15° to vertical may not have any damaging effect.
3	Protection against sprayed water	Water that falls in an arbitrary angle up to 60° to vertical may not have a damaging effect.
4	Protection against splashed water	Water that is splashed from all directions against the equipment may not have a damaging effect.
5	Protection against water projected from a nozzle	Water projected from a nozzle that is aimed at the equipment from all directions may not have any damaging effect.
6	Protection against flooding	Water may not enter into the equipment in damaging amounts during temporary flooding (e.g. by heavy seas)
7	Protection against immersion	Water may not enter in damaging amounts if the equipment is immersed in water for the defined pressure and time conditions.
8	Protection against submersion	Water may not enter in damaging amounts if the equipment is submerged in water for the defined pressure and indefinite amount of time.