

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

Rotating electrical machines –
Part 5: Degrees of protection provided by the integral design of rotating
electrical machines (IP code) – Classification

IEC 60034-5:2020

<https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/5430eac8-d71b-4af2-9557-ea3ef7aace57/iec-60034-5-2020>



THIS PUBLICATION IS COPYRIGHT PROTECTED
Copyright © 2020 IEC, Geneva, Switzerland

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without permission in writing from either IEC or IEC's member National Committee in the country of the requester. If you have any questions about IEC copyright or have an enquiry about obtaining additional rights to this publication, please contact the address below or your local IEC member National Committee for further information.

IEC Central Office
3, rue de Varembe
CH-1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Tel.: +41 22 919 02 11
info@iec.ch
www.iec.ch

About the IEC

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is the leading global organization that prepares and publishes International Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies.

About IEC publications

The technical content of IEC publications is kept under constant review by the IEC. Please make sure that you have the latest edition, a corrigendum or an amendment might have been published.

IEC publications search - webstore.iec.ch/advsearchform

The advanced search enables to find IEC publications by a variety of criteria (reference number, text, technical committee,...). It also gives information on projects, replaced and withdrawn publications.

IEC Just Published - webstore.iec.ch/justpublished

Stay up to date on all new IEC publications. Just Published details all new publications released. Available online and once a month by email.

IEC Customer Service Centre - webstore.iec.ch/csc

If you wish to give us your feedback on this publication or need further assistance, please contact the Customer Service Centre: sales@iec.ch.

Electropedia - www.electropedia.org

The world's leading online dictionary on electrotechnology, containing more than 22 000 terminological entries in English and French, with equivalent terms in 16 additional languages. Also known as the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) online.

IEC Glossary - std.iec.ch/glossary

67 000 electrotechnical terminology entries in English and French extracted from the Terms and Definitions clause of IEC publications issued since 2002. Some entries have been collected from earlier publications of IEC TC 37, 77, 86 and CISPR.

[IEC 60034-5:2020](https://standards.iec.ch/)

<https://standards.iec.ch/catalog/standards/sis/5430eac8-d71b-4af2-9557-ea3ef7aace57/iec-60034-5-2020>



IEC 60034-5

Edition 5.0 2020-04

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

**Rotating electrical machines –
Part 5: Degrees of protection provided by the integral design of rotating
electrical machines (IP code) – Classification**

STANDARD PREVIEW
(standards.iteh.ai)
[https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/5430eac8-d71b-4af2-9557-
ea3ef7aace57/iec-60034-5-2020](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/5430eac8-d71b-4af2-9557-ea3ef7aace57/iec-60034-5-2020)

INTERNATIONAL
ELECTROTECHNICAL
COMMISSION

ICS 29.160.01

ISBN 978-2-8322-8025-6

Warning! Make sure that you obtained this publication from an authorized distributor.

Figure 9 – Test set-up for determining the protection against high-pressure/steam-jet cleaning – degree of protection against ingress of water IP X9 for small enclosures	23
Table 1 – Test requirements for guards.....	8
Table 2 – Degrees of protection indicated by the first characteristic numeral	9
Table 3 – Degrees of protection indicated by the second characteristic numeral	10
Table 4 – Test and acceptance conditions for first characteristic numeral	12
Table 5 – Test conditions for second characteristic numeral	16

iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW
(standards.iteh.ai)

[IEC 60034-5:2020](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/5430eac8-d71b-4af2-9557-ea3ef7aace57/iec-60034-5-2020)

<https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/5430eac8-d71b-4af2-9557-ea3ef7aace57/iec-60034-5-2020>

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

ROTATING ELECTRICAL MACHINES –

**Part 5: Degrees of protection provided by the integral design
of rotating electrical machines (IP code) – Classification**

FOREWORD

- 1) The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a worldwide organization for standardization comprising all national electrotechnical committees (IEC National Committees). The object of IEC is to promote international co-operation on all questions concerning standardization in the electrical and electronic fields. To this end and in addition to other activities, IEC publishes International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports, Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) and Guides (hereafter referred to as “IEC Publication(s)”). Their preparation is entrusted to technical committees; any IEC National Committee interested in the subject dealt with may participate in this preparatory work. International, governmental and non-governmental organizations liaising with the IEC also participate in this preparation. IEC collaborates closely with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in accordance with conditions determined by agreement between the two organizations.
- 2) The formal decisions or agreements of IEC on technical matters express, as nearly as possible, an international consensus of opinion on the relevant subjects since each technical committee has representation from all interested IEC National Committees.
- 3) IEC Publications have the form of recommendations for international use and are accepted by IEC National Committees in that sense. While all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that the technical content of IEC Publications is accurate, IEC cannot be held responsible for the way in which they are used or for any misinterpretation by any end user.
- 4) In order to promote international uniformity, IEC National Committees undertake to apply IEC Publications transparently to the maximum extent possible in their national and regional publications. Any divergence between any IEC Publication and the corresponding national or regional publication shall be clearly indicated in the latter.
- 5) IEC itself does not provide any attestation of conformity. Independent certification bodies provide conformity assessment services and, in some areas, access to IEC marks of conformity. IEC is not responsible for any services carried out by independent certification bodies.
- 6) All users should ensure that they have the latest edition of this publication.
- 7) No liability shall attach to IEC or its directors, employees, servants or agents including individual experts and members of its technical committees and IEC National Committees for any personal injury, property damage or other damage of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, or for costs (including legal fees) and expenses arising out of the publication, use of, or reliance upon, this IEC Publication or any other IEC Publications.
- 8) Attention is drawn to the Normative references cited in this publication. Use of the referenced publications is indispensable for the correct application of this publication.
- 9) Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this IEC Publication may be the subject of patent rights. IEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

International Standard IEC 60034-5 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 2: Rotating machinery.

This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition, published in 2000, and its Amendment 1:2006. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

The main technical changes with respect to the previous edition are:

- the inclusion of an additional second numeral 9 including its test method,
- an additional note for clarification in Table 3,
- a clarification on the term open drain hole,
- a clarification on the ingress of dust in Table 4,
- pressure values given now in Pa only,
- a clarification in the scope on the applicability of this standard for (Ex) motors,
- a new Clause 3 with definitions,

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

CDV	Report on voting
2/1960/CDV	2/1972A/RVC

Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

A list of all parts in the IEC 60034 series, published under the general title *Rotating electrical machines*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this document will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under "<http://webstore.iec.ch>" in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

IMPORTANT – The 'colour inside' logo on the cover page of this publication indicates that it contains colours which are considered to be useful for the correct understanding of its contents. Users should therefore print this document using a colour printer.

[IEC 60034-5:2020](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/5430eac8-d71b-4af2-9557-ea3ef7aace57/iec-60034-5-2020)

<https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/5430eac8-d71b-4af2-9557-ea3ef7aace57/iec-60034-5-2020>

ROTATING ELECTRICAL MACHINES –

Part 5: Degrees of protection provided by the integral design of rotating electrical machines (IP code) – Classification

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60034 applies to the classification of degrees of protection provided by enclosures for rotating electrical machines. It defines the requirements for protective enclosures that are in all other respects suitable for their intended use and which, from the point of view of materials and workmanship, ensure that the properties dealt with in this document are maintained under normal conditions of use.

This document does not specify degrees of protection against mechanical damage of the machine, or conditions such as moisture (produced for example by condensation), corrosive dust and vapour, fungus or vermin.

This document is also applicable to explosion proof machines, but it does not specify the types of protection for use in a potentially explosive (dust, gas) environment. Those are defined in the IEC 60079 series of standards.

In certain applications (such as agricultural or domestic appliances), more extensive precautions against accidental or deliberate contact may be specified.

This document gives definitions for standard degrees of protection provided by enclosures applicable to rotating electrical machines as regards the:

- a) protection of persons against contacts with or approach to live parts and against contact with moving parts (other than smooth rotating shafts and the like) inside the enclosure and protection of the machine against ingress of solid foreign objects;
- b) protection of machines against the harmful effects due to ingress of water;
- c) protection of machines against the harmful effects due to ingress of dust.

It gives designations for these protective degrees and tests to be performed to check that the machines meet the requirements of this document.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60034-6, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 6: Methods of cooling (IC code)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1 closed machine

machine where no medium from the surrounding medium, for the purpose of cooling, passes through the machine

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-411:1996, 411-44-17]

3.2 open machine

machine with an open cooling circuit in which the coolant is drawn directly from the surrounding medium passing through the machine and then returning directly to the surrounding medium

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-411:1996, 411-44-16]

4 Designation

4.1 General

The designation used for the degree of protection consists of the letters IP followed by two characteristic numerals signifying conformity with the conditions indicated in the tables of Clauses 5 and 6 respectively.

4.2 Single characteristic numeral

When it is required to indicate a degree of protection by only one characteristic numeral, the omitted numeral shall be replaced by the letter X, for example IPX5 or IP2X.

4.3 Supplementary letters

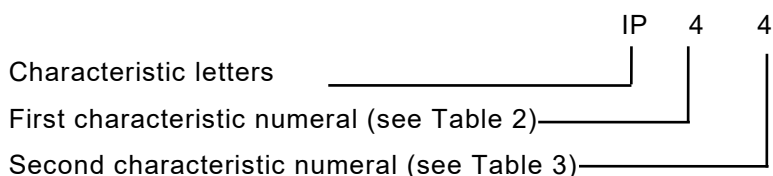
4.3.1 Additional information may be indicated by a supplementary letter following the second characteristic numeral. If more than one letter is used, the alphabetic sequence shall apply.

4.3.2 In special applications (such as machines with open circuit cooling for ship deck installation with air inlet and outlet openings closed during standstill), numerals may be followed by a letter indicating whether the protection against harmful effects due to ingress of water was verified or tested for the machine not running (letter S) or the machine running (letter M). In this case, the degree of protection in either state of the machine shall be indicated, for example IP55S/IP20M.

The absence of the letters S and M shall imply that the intended degree of protection will be provided under all normal conditions of use.

4.3.3 For air-cooled open machines suitable for specific weather conditions and provided with additional protective features or processes (as specified in Clause 11), the letter W may be used.

4.4 Example of designation



5 Degrees of protection – First characteristic numeral

5.1 Indication of degree of protection

The first characteristic numeral indicates the degree of protection provided by the enclosure to persons and to the parts of the machine inside the enclosure.

Table 2 gives, in the third column, brief details of objects which will be ‘excluded’ from the enclosure for each of the degrees of protection represented by the first characteristic numeral.

The term ‘excluded’ implies that a part of the body, a tool or a wire held by a person, either will not enter the machine or, if it enters, that adequate clearance will be maintained between it and

the live parts or dangerous moving parts (smooth rotating shafts and the like are not considered dangerous).

The third column of Table 2 also indicates the minimum size of solid foreign objects which will be excluded.

5.2 Compliance to indicated degree of protection

Compliance of an enclosure with an indicated degree of protection implies that the enclosure will also comply with all lower degrees of protection in Table 2. In consequence, the tests establishing these lower degrees of protection are not required, except in case of doubt.

5.3 External fans

The blades and spokes of fans external to the enclosure shall be protected against contact by means of guards complying with Table 1.

Table 1 – Test requirements for guards

Protection of machine	Test
IP1X	50 mm sphere test
IP2X to IP6X	Finger test

For the test, the rotor shall be slowly rotated, for example by hand when possible.

Smooth rotating shafts and similar parts are not considered dangerous.

5.4 Drain holes

If the machine is provided with drain holes, the following shall apply:

- drain holes intended normally to be open on site shall be kept open during testing;
- drain holes are considered as open as long as no breather(s) or plug(s), etc., are mounted in a drain;
- if machines with protection IP3X or IP4X are intended to be run with open drain holes, the drain holes may comply with protection IP2X;
- if machines with protection IP5X are intended to be run with open drain holes, the drain holes shall comply with protection IP4X.

Table 2 – Degrees of protection indicated by the first characteristic numeral

First characteristic numeral	Degree of protection		Test conditions
	Brief description (NOTE 1)	Definition	
0	Non-protected machine	No special protection	No test
1 (NOTE 2)	Machine protected against solid objects greater than 50 mm	Accidental or inadvertent contact with or approach to live and moving parts inside the enclosure by a large surface of the human body, such as a hand (but no protection against deliberate access) Ingress of solid objects exceeding 50 mm in diameter	Table 4
2 (NOTE 2)	Machine protected against solid objects greater than 12 mm	Contact with or approach to live or moving parts inside the enclosure by fingers or similar objects not exceeding 80 mm in length Ingress of solid objects exceeding 12 mm in diameter	
3 (NOTE 2)	Machine protected against solid objects greater than 2,5 mm	Contact with or approach to live or moving parts inside the enclosure by tools or wires exceeding 2,5 mm in diameter Ingress of solid objects exceeding 2,5 mm in diameter	
4 (NOTE 2)	Machine protected against solid objects greater than 1 mm	Contact with or approach to live or moving parts inside the enclosure by wires or strips of thickness greater than 1 mm Ingress of solid objects exceeding 1 mm in diameter	
5 (NOTE 3)	Dust-protected machine	Contact with or approach to live or moving parts inside the enclosure Ingress of dust is not totally prevented but does not enter in sufficient quantity to interfere with satisfactory operation of the machine	
6	Dust-tight machines	Ingress of dust totally prevented	

NOTE 1 The brief description given in the second column of this table cannot be used to specify the type of protection.

NOTE 2 Machines assigned a first characteristic numeral 1, 2, 3 or 4 will exclude both regularly or irregularly shaped solid objects, provided that three normally perpendicular dimensions of the object exceed the appropriate figure in the 'Definition' column.

NOTE 3 The degree of protection against dust defined by this document is a general one. When the nature of the dust (dimensions of particles, their nature, for instance fibrous particles) is specified, test conditions can be determined by agreement between manufacturer and user.

6 Degrees of protection – Second characteristic numeral

6.1 Indication of the degree of protection

The second characteristic numeral indicates the degree of protection provided by the enclosure with respect to harmful effects due to ingress of water.

Table 3 gives, in the third column, details of the type of protection provided by the enclosure for each of the degrees of protection represented by the second characteristic numeral.

An air-cooled open machine is weather-protected when its design reduces the ingress of rain, snow and airborne particles, under specified conditions, to an amount consistent with correct operation.

This degree of protection is designated by the letter W placed after the second characteristic numeral.