
**Road vehicles — Degrees of protection
(IP-Code) — Protection of electrical
equipment against foreign objects, water
and access**

*Véhicules routiers — Degrés de protection (codes IP) — Protection des
équipements électriques contre les corps étrangers, l'eau et les
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Foreword

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Introduction

The IP-codes used in this International Standard are in accordance with IEC 60529 except specific codes “K” describing special requirements for road vehicles not covered by IEC 60529.

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1 Scope

This International Standard applies to degrees of protection (IP-Code) provided by enclosures of the electrical equipment of road vehicles. It specifies the following:

- a) Designations and definitions of types and degrees of protection provided by enclosures of electrical equipment (IP-Code) for the:
 - protection of electrical equipment within the enclosure against ingress of foreign objects, including dust (protection against foreign objects);
 - protection of electrical equipment inside the enclosure against effects due to ingress of water (protection against water);
 - protection of persons against access to hazardous parts inside the enclosure (protection against access).
- b) Requirements for each degree of protection.
- c) Tests to be carried out in order to confirm that the enclosure complies with requirements of the relevant degree of protection.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

ISO 12103-1, *Road vehicles — Test dust for filter evaluation — Part 1: Arizona test dust*

IEC 60068-2-68, *Environmental testing — Part 2: Tests — Test L: Dust and sand*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection by enclosures (IP-Code)*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

enclosure

part providing protection of equipment against certain external influences and in any direction against access

3.2 degree of protection

protection provided by an enclosure against access, foreign objects and/or water and verified by standardized test methods

[IEC 60529]

3.3 International Protection code IP-code

coding system to indicate the degree of protection provided by an enclosure against access, foreign objects and/or water and to give additional information in connection with such parts

[IEC 60529]

3.4 hazardous part

part that is hazardous to approach or touch

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3.5 opening

gap or aperture in an enclosure which exists or may be formed by the application of a test probe at the specified force

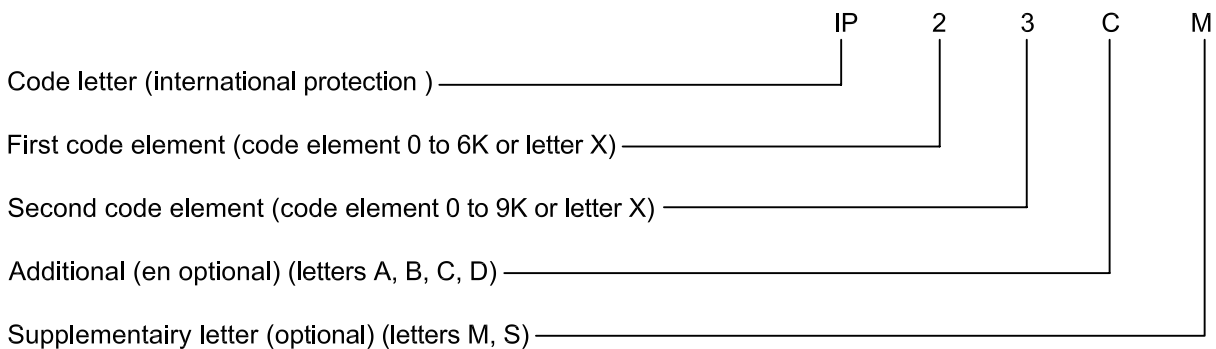
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4 Structure and significance of the IP-code

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4.1 Structure of the IP-code



Where no code element is given, the letter "X" shall be substituted (or "XX", if none of the two code elements have been indicated).

Additional and/or supplementary letters may be omitted without substitute.

Letters following each other directly shall be arranged in alphabetical order.

Wherever the degree of protection of a part of the enclosure or the electrical equipment deviates from the degree of protection of the remaining part, both degrees of protection shall be indicated.

4.2 Significance of IP-code

Table 1 contains an overview of the IP-code elements.

Table 1 — Overview of all IP-Code elements and significance

Element	IP	Significance for the protection of electrical equipment	Significance for the protection of persons
First code element		Against foreign objects (including dust):	Against access:
	0	— not protected	— not protected
	1	— with diameter \geq 50 mm	— with back of hand
	2	— with diameter \geq 12,5 mm	— with finger
	3	— with diameter \geq 2,5 mm	— with tool
	4	— with diameter \geq 1,0 mm	— with wire
	5K	— dust-protected	— with wire
	6K	— dust-tight	— with wire
Second code element		Against water:	
	0	— not protected	
	1	— vertical water drips	
	2	— water drips (15° inclination)	
	3	— water spray	
	4	— splash water	
	4K	— splash water with increased pressure	
	5	— high-velocity water	
	6	— strong high-velocity water	
	6K	— strong high-velocity water with increased pressure	
7	— temporary immersion		
8	— continuous submersion		
9K	— high-pressure/steam-jet cleaning		
Additional letter (optional)	A		Against access (unless described by first letter)
	B		— with back of hand
	C		— with finger
	D		— with tool — with wire
Supplementary letter (optional)	M	Movement of movable parts ^a during water test	
	S	Standstill of movable parts ^a during water test	
^a e.g. of the rotor of an electrical machine			

4.3 Examples for the use of letters in the IP-Code

The following examples explain the use and arrangements of letters in the IP-Code. For more comprehensive examples, see Clause 7.

- IP 44 no letters, no options;
- IPX5 omitting first characteristic numeral;
- IP2X omitting second characteristic numeral;
- IP20C using additional letter;
- IPXXC omitting both characteristic numerals, using additional letter;
- IPX1C omitting first characteristic numeral, using additional letter;
- IP3XD omitting second characteristic numeral, using additional letter;
- IP23S using supplementary letter;
- IP21CM using additional letter and supplementary letter;
- IPX5/IPX7 giving two different degrees of protection by an enclosure against both water jets and temporary immersion for “versatile” application.

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5 Degrees of protection against foreign objects and against access

Tables 2 and 3 contain short descriptions of the degrees of protection with the relevant requirements.

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The same degree of protection (identical code element) for protection against foreign objects and access shall be provided. In this case, both are only indicated by the first code element.

Different degrees of protection for both protection types may be defined by adding the additional letter, whereby in this case the first code element only defines the protection against foreign objects and the additional letter only the protection against access.

Additional letters may only be used if:

- the degree of protection against access is higher than indicated by the first code element, or
- only the degree of protection against access is to be indicated (first code element substituted by X).

The indication of a degree of protection against access and foreign objects always includes the preceding degrees of protection.

Table 2 — Degrees of protection against foreign objects

First code element	Degree of protection	
	Brief description	Requirements
0	Not protected	None.
1	Foreign objects diameter ≥ 50 mm	Test probe with diameter 50 mm shall not penetrate completely.
2	Foreign objects diameter $\geq 12,5$ mm	Test probe with diameter 12,5 mm shall not penetrate completely.
3	Foreign objects diameter $\geq 2,5$ mm	Test probe with diameter 2,5 mm shall not penetrate completely.
4	Foreign objects diameter $\geq 1,0$ mm	Test probe with diameter 1,0 mm shall not penetrate completely.
5K	Dust	Dust shall only penetrate in quantities which do not impair performance and safety.
6K	Dust	Dust shall not penetrate.

“Shall not penetrate completely” indicates that the full diameter shall not pass through an opening of the enclosure.

Table 3 — Degrees of protection against access

First code element	Additional letter	Degree of protection	
		Brief description	Requirements
0	—	Not protected	None.
1	A	Back of hand (no protection against intentional contact)	Test probe with diameter 50 mm shall not penetrate completely and maintain sufficient distance from hazardous parts.
2	B	Finger	Jointed test finger with diameter 12 mm may penetrate completely, but shall maintain a sufficient distance from hazardous parts.
3	C	Tool (e.g. screwdriver)	Test probe with diameter 2,5 mm, 100 mm long, may penetrate completely, but shall maintain a sufficient distance from hazardous parts.
4	D	Wire	Test probe with diameter 1,0 mm, 100 mm long, may penetrate completely, but shall maintain a sufficient distance from hazardous parts.
5K	D	Wire	
6K	D	Wire	

“Shall not penetrate completely” indicates that the full diameter shall not pass through an opening of the enclosure.

6 Degrees of protection against water

Table 4 contains short descriptions of the degrees of protection with the relevant requirements.

The degrees of protection 1 to 6K for the protection against water always include the preceding degrees of protection. Due to different physical effects, this does not apply automatically for the degrees of protection against water 7, 8 and 9K.

Should this apply nevertheless, the included lower degree of protection shall be indicated separately, e.g. IPX4K/IPX7, IPX5/IPX7, IPX6K/IPX8 or IPX6K//IPX9K.

Table 4 — Degrees of protection against water

Second code element	Brief description	Degree of protection
		Requirements
0	Not protected	None.
1	Water drips vertically	Vertical drips shall not have any harmful effects.
2	Water drips with enclosure inclined by 15°	Vertical drips shall not have any harmful effects when the enclosure is tilted at any angle up to 15° on either side of the vertical.
3	Water spray	Water spray which sprays against the enclosure from any direction at a 60° angle shall not have any harmful effects.
4	Splash water	Water which splashes against the enclosure from any direction shall not have any harmful effects.
4K	Splash water with increased pressure	Water which splashes against the enclosure from any direction with increased pressure shall not have any harmful effects.
5	High-velocity water	Water which is directed against the enclosure from any direction as a jet shall not have any harmful effects.
6	Strong high-velocity water	Water which is directed against the enclosure from any direction as a strong jet shall not have any harmful effects.
6K	Strong high-velocity water with increased pressure	Water which is directed against the enclosure from any direction as a strong jet with increased pressure shall not have any harmful effects.
7	Temporary immersion in water	Water shall not penetrate in a quantity causing harmful effects if the enclosure is immersed in water temporarily under specified pressure and time conditions.
8	Continuous immersion in water	Water shall not penetrate in a quantity causing harmful effects if the enclosure is continuously immersed in water under conditions which shall be agreed between supplier and car manufacturer, but which are more severe than code 7.
9K	Water during high-pressure/steam-jet cleaning	Water which is directed against the enclosure from any direction shall not have any detrimental effect.

7 Designation examples

7.1 General

The degree of protection shall be indicated using the IP-Code.

7.2 Example IP34K

The marking of an enclosure with the IP-Code IP34K means:

- (3) Protection of the electrical equipment within the enclosure against foreign objects with a diameter of more than 2,5 mm (protection against foreign objects),
and
protection of persons handling rods of 2,5 mm diameter or more against access within the enclosure (protection against access).
- (4K) Protection of electrical equipment within the enclosure against harmful effects resulting from water splashing against the enclosure with increased pressure from any direction (protection against water).