Ingress protection

IEC 60529 IP Rating & NEMA 250 / UL50E Enclosures

IP suitability ratings are a system for classifying the degree of protection provided by enclosures of electrical equipment.

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.

Protection against Water

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





No protection





No protection





Objects greater than 50 mm, accidental touch by hands





Protected against vertically falling drops of water





Objects greater than 12 mm, accidental touch by fingers





Protected against direct sprays of water 15° from vertical





Objects greater than 2.5 mm, e.g. tools/wires





Protected against sprays of water to 60° from vertical





Objects greater than 1 mm, e.g. tools/wires/small wires





Protected against water sprayed from all directions - limited ingress permitted





Protected against dust - limited ingress (no harmful deposits)





Protected against low pressure jets of water from all directions - limited ingress permitted





Totally protected against dust (Dust-tight)





Protected against strong pressure jets of water, heavy seas - limited ingress permitted

Protection against the effects of immersion between 15cm - 1 m

Protection against long periods of

immersion under a quoted pressure,



The higher the number, the greater the degree of protection; they apply ONLY to properly installed equipment.











e.g. 2 bar at 24 hours

IP69 Automotive standard D



IP69 Automotive standard DIN40050 and signifies resistance to high pressure jets of water (up to 80bar) from any angle

Conversion of NEMA & UL50E enclosure type ratings to IEC 60529 enclosure Classification Designations (IP) (Cannot be used to convert Classification Designations to NEMA & UL type ratings)

| IP 1st Character | | 1 | ' | 2 | 3, : 3S, 3 | | | 3R, RX | 4, | 4X | | 5 | | 6 | 6P | | 12, (, 13 | IP 2nd Character |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---------------|---|---|-----------|----|----|---|---|---|---|-----|---|--------------|---------------------|
| IPO_ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | IPO_0 |
| IP1_ | | _ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | IP0_1 |
| IP2_ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | IPO_2 |
| IP3_ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | IP0_3 |
| IP4_ | | | | | | | | | | | | _ | | | | | | IPO_4 |
| IP5_ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | IPO_5 |
| IP6_ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | IPO_6 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | IPO_7 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | IP0_8 |
| | Α | В | Α | В | Α | В | Α | В | A | В | Α | В | A | В | A B | Α | В | |

NEMA 250 / UL50E to IEC 60529

