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# Ingress Protection (IP) Ratings Information Guide



### What is an IP Rating?

An IP (Ingress Protection) rating is an internationally recognized scale that relates to proven protection against environmental factors such as liquids and solids.



#### IPX6 First Digit - Solids

The first digit of the IP rating indicates the level of protection against the ingress from **solid foreign bodies such as dust, tools or fingers**.

#### IP6X Second Digit - Liquids

The second digit of the IP rating indicates the level of protection against various forms of **moisture** (sprays, drips or submersion etc).

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		X means there is no data available to specify a protection rating with regard to these criteria.	X
		No protection.	0
		Protection against vertically dripping water. Tested for 10 minutes.	4
Ingress Protectio		Protected against dripping water when tilted 15°. Tested for 10 minutes. Water equivalent to 3 mm (0.12 in) rainfall per minute.	2
X	X means there is no data available to specify a protection rating with regard to this criterion.	Protected from spraying water at any angle up to 60° from the vertical.	3
0	No protection.	Protected against splashing water from any direction.	4
	Protected against solid foreign objects greater than 50 mm / 2.0 in.	Protected from water projected by a nozzle (6.3 mm (0.25 in) against enclosure from any direction.	5
2	Protected against solid foreign objects greater than 12.5 mm / 0.49 in.	Protected from water projected in powerful jets (12.5 mm (0.49 in) against the enclosure from any direction.	6
3	Protected against solid foreign objects greater than 2.5 mm / 0.098 in.	Protected from water projected in powerful jets (6.3 mm (0.25 in) nozzle) against the enclosure from any direction, under elevated pressure.	<b>6K</b>
4	Protected against solid foreign objects greater than 1.0 mm / 0.039 in.	Protected against the effects of temporary immersion in water under defined conditions of pressure and time (up to 1 meter (3 ft 3 in) of submersion).	7
5	Dust protected.	Protected against the effects of continuous immersion in water under conditions that shall be specified by the manufacturer.	8
6	Dust-tight.	Protected against close-range high pressure, high-temperature spray downs.	<b>9K</b>

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