# PROTECTION CLASSES

### WHETHER FOR ROBUST APPLICATIONS AS A TABLETOP OR WALL-MOUNTED DEVICE OR FOR MOBILE APPLICATIONS – OKW GEHÄUSESYSTEME OFFERS A HIGH QUALITY STANDARD TO PROTECT YOUR ELECTRONICS.

#### **IP PROTECTION CLASSES**

Our standard enclosures have been tested under standardised conditions (as a unique VDE object and/ or according to IEC 529) for protection against contact as well as against the ingress of foreign bodies and water. The IP protection classes specified for OKW enclosures refer to the goods in stock without any machining or accessories fitted. We cannot assume any guarantee for compliance with these protection classes in the subsequent customer application areas, as these are not known to us and depend on a large number of variables, such as use outdoors with constant changes in ambient conditions. In addition, the IP standard test conditions do not take into account the ageing processes in the products and the extent of subsequent modifications to the products themselves. We therefore recommend that you certify your finished products in order to be absolutely certain.

The protection classes are indicated by a code with the letters IP and the two following codes for the respective protection class. Here are some examples:

What does IP54 mean? If the standard enclosure has protection class IP54, it has complete protection against accidental contact, whereby dust can penetrate in small quantities. In addition, it is protected against harmful quantities of splash water from all sides. The **high protection class IP65** means that dust cannot penetrate into the standard enclosure under standard conditions. The electronics are protected against harmful quantities of water jets from any direction, and complete protection against accidental contact is guaranteed.

#### PROTECTION AGAINST MECHANICAL IMPACT

The impact strength mark is a measure of the resistance of an enclosure to mechanical impacts. It is standardised according to the international DIN EN 50102 standard, and **describes how much impact energy the standard enclosure must at least withstand**. The test classes for impact strength are composed of the code letters IK and a reference number for the impact force. Example: IK08 means that the enclosure has successfully passed a standard test with impact energy of 5 joules.

The following pages show the minimum protection classes achieved by standard OKW enclosures, explanations of the individual degrees of protection in accordance with IP and NEMA, as well as of impact strength.

### PROTECTION CLASSES OF OKW ENCLOSURES



### **PROTECTION CLASSIFICATIONS**

DEFINITION OF INDEXES									
	DEGREES OF CONTACT PREVENTION AND GUARDING AGAINST FOREIGN MATTER			DEGREES OF WATER PROTECTION					
First	Extent of protection			Extent of protection					
digit	protection	explanation	digit	protection	explanation				
0	no protection	-	0	no protection	_				
1	against large foreign bodies	Protection of persons from accidental large- area direct contact with active or internal moving parts (e.g. hand contact), but no guard against intentional access to such parts. Protection of the object from access of solid foreign matter larger than 50 mm in diameter.	1	against water dripping vertically	Water drops falling vertically must not have any harmful effect.				
2	against medium-size foreign bodies	Protection of persons from finger contact with active or internal moving parts. Protection of the object from access of solid foreign matter larger than 12 mm in diameter.	2	against water dripping up to 15°	Water drops falling vertically at any angle up to 15° must not have any harmful effect.				
3	against small foreign bodies	Protection of persons from touching active or internal moving parts with tools, wires or similar foreign bodies thicker than ø 2.5 mm. Protection of the object from access of solid foreign matter larger than 2.5 mm in diameter.	3	against spray water	Water hitting the object at any angle up to 60° with the vertical must not have any harmful effect.				
4	against granular foreign bodies	Protection of persons from touching active or internal moving parts with tools, wires or similar foreign matter > than ø 1.0 mm.	4	against splash water	Water splashing against the object from all directions must not have any harmful effect.				
5	from deposit dust	Total protection of persons from touching voltage-carrying or internal moving parts. Protection of the object from harmful deposit of dust. Access of dust is not completely prevented, but dust is prevented from access in a quantity impairing the functioning.	5	against jet water	A jet of water nozzled against the object from all directions must not have any harmful effect.				
6	from access of dust	Total protection of persons from touching voltage-carrying or internal moving parts. Protection of the object from access of dust.	6	against strong jet water	A strong jet of water nozzled against the object from all directions must not have any harmful effect.				
			7	in dipped state	If the object is dipped into water (0.15-1 m) under the defined conditions of pressure and time, water must not enter it in any harmful quantity.				
			8	in submerged state	If the object is submerged in water under defined extremely conditions, water must not enter in any harmful quantity.				

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DEFINITION OF INDEXES										
PROTECTION AGAINST MECHANICAL IMPACT		NEMA (STANDARD 250) ENCLOSURE PROTECTION CLASSIFICATIONS								
IK- class	protection	NEMA-CODE	AREA	PROTECTION	COMPARABLE IP-CODE					
IK 00	no protection	1	Indoor	Falling dirt	IP 10					
IK 01 – IK 05	0.2 kg	2	Indoor	Dirt and dripping water	IP 11					
		3	Outdoor	Windblown dust, rain and sleet; against damage from external formation of ice	IP 54					
		3R	Outdoor	Rain and sleet; against damage from external formation of ice	IP 14					
		35	Outdoor	Windblown dust, rain and sleet; external mechanisms remain operable when ice laden	IP 54					
IK 06	impact energy 1 joule	5	Indoor	Dust, falling dirt, dripping non-corrosive liquids	IP 52					
E	0.5 kg	6	Indoor/Outdoor	Hose-directed water, temporary submersion at a certain depth	IP 67					
200		6P	Indoor/Outdoor	Hose-directed water, temporary submersion at a certain depth; against damage from external						
		12, 12K	Indoor	Circulating dust, falling dirt, non-corrosive coolants	IP 52					
IK 07 impact energy 2 joule		13	Indoor	Dust, splash water, oil, non-corrosive liquids	IP 54					



IK 08 impact energy 5 joule



IK 09 impact energy 10 joule



IK 10 impact energy 20 joule





Notice: The Nema-Codes are only approximately comparable with the IP-Codes.