## IP Protection Classes



The IP code indicates the degree of protection that a device, such as an electrical switch, receives from its housing.

| First identification number:  Degree of protection against ingress of solid foreign particles (also protection against contact) |        |  | Second identification number:  Degree of protection against ingress of water |      |  |
|---|--------|--|--|------|--|
| 1   | 50 mm  | Protection against ingress of solid foreign particles with a diameter larger than 50 mm, no access with the back of the hand | 1  |      | Protection against vertically falling dripping water                               |
| 2   |        | Protection against ingress of solid foreign particles with a diameter larger than 12 mm, no access with the finger           | 2  | 15°- | Protection against dripping water falling at an angle of up to 15°                 |
| 3   | 2.5 mm | Protection against ingress of solid foreign particles with a diameter larger than 2.5 mm, e.g. tools                         | 3  |      | Protection against spray water falling at an angle of up to 60°                    |
| 4   | 1 mm   | Protection against ingress of solid foreign particles with a diameter larger than 1 mm, e.g. wires                           | 4  |      | Protection against water / splash water falling on all sides                       |
| 5   |        | Protection against ingress of dust in harmful quantities (dust protection)   | 5  |      | Protection against water stream, striking from any angle                           |
| 6   |        | Protection against ingress of any dust (dust-proof)  | 6  |      | Protection against strong water stream, striking from any angle                    |
| Example: Hinges with integrated safety switch EN 239.6 Protection class: IP 67  |        |  | 7  |      | Protection against water during temporary submersion (up to 30 minutes, 1 m depth) |
|   |        |  | 8  |      | Protection against water during sustained submersion                               |

