INGRESS PROTECTION (IP)

The *IP* Code indicates the *degree of protection* provided by enclosures for electrical equipment (i.e. IP65= No dust entry and protected against low pressure jet of water).

FIRST NUMERAL

The *first numeral* indicates protection of persons against access to dangerous parts and protection of internal equipment against the ingress of solid foreign objects.

- **X** Protection unspecified (untested)
- O No special protection provided
- 1 Protection of hand against accidental access to dangerous parts, and protection of equipment against objects larger than 50mm
- Protection of fingers against access to dangerous parts, and protection of equipment against objects larger than 12mm
- **3** Protection against objects larger than 2.5mm (e.g. tools, wires)
- 4 Protection against objects larger than 1mm (e.g. line tools, wires)
- 5 Protection against entry of dust in sufficient quantity to interfere with satisfactory operation of equipment
- **6** Complete protection against entry of dust

SECOND NUMERAL

The second numeral indicates protection of internal equipment against harmful ingress of water.

- **X** Protection unspecified (untested)
- No special protection provided
- Protection against drops of water falling vertically
- 2 Protection against drops of water falling vertically when the object is tilted by up to 15 degrees from its normal position (in any direction)
- 3 Protection against spraying water at up to 60 degrees from the vertical
- 4 Protection against splashing and spraying water from all practicable directions
- 5 Protection against a low pressure jet of water from all practicable directions
- **6** Protection against heavy seas or a strong jet of water from all practicable directions
- **6D** Protection against driving rain at angles down to horizontal
- **7** Protection against immersion
- 8 Protection against submersion (tests subject to agreement, but no less severe than numeral 7)