

How to choose the right enclosure



There is always a solution!

At Fibox we have over 40 years of expertise and innovation, in the highest quality design and manufacturing of enclosures to protect electrical components and systems.

We offer over 1,000 enclosure variations.

No matter the conditions your components must withstand, or how well they need to fit the surrounding design and architecture, we have just the right enclosure for you. Size, functionality, durability, safety, aesthetics or sheer ruggedness – our enclosures provide the answer, whether your need is large or small. All Fibox enclosures can be customized to meet the exact requirements of your application.

Which enclosure should you choose?

Choosing the right enclosures depends on several factors, especially the environment and your application. In the following pages you will find information which will help you in the process of choosing the right enclosure and ensure that your innovations get the protection they deserve.

We are ready to assist you

Please do not hesitate to contact us, if you have any questions.

Fibox is represented all over the world and ready to assist you where ever you are: [Contact our local Fibox consultant](#)



What is required of an enclosure

Protection against:

- Safety for Man
- Moisture & Dirt
- Arcing & Sparks

Resistance to:

- Mechanical impact
- UV light (for outdoor installation)
- Ambient temperature
- Chemicals
- Fire



The right cabinet to the right job

The right cabinet to the right job depends on many factors such as:

- Environment
- Application
- Protection



Choose the right material

The most common plastic materials

PVC, PolyVinyl Chloride

- Low Price
- Bad temperature characteristics
- Medium-good chemical resistance
- UV-resistant
- Very toxic by fire
- Vinyl flooring, sewers and Signs



PS, PolyStyrene

- Low Price
- Bad temperature characteristics
- Limited chemical resistance
- Bad resistance against UV light
- Poor fire behavior
- Disposable items, packaging and toys



ABS, Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene

- Fairly low price
- Good temperature characteristics
- Moderate chemical resistance
- Bad resistant against UV light
- Poor fire properties
- Furniture, office equipment and furnishings, Refrigerators & Freezers



PC, PolyCarbonate

- Medium price level
- Very good temperature characteristics
- Good chemical resistance
- UV-resistance very good
- Very good fire behavior
- Visors, headlights and impact-resistant housings

GRP, fiberGlass Reinforced Polyester

- Relatively high price
- Very good temperature characteristics
- Good chemical resistance
- UV-resistance very good
- Various fire characteristics depending on the variant
- Boats and skies



Choose the right material

The most common metal materials

FE, Painted sheet steel

- Low Price
- Good durability
- Very good temperature characteristics
- Very high impact strength
- Good chemical resistance but sensitive to water & moist if dented seal is broken



SS, Stainless steel

- Very high price
- Good durability
- Very good temperature characteristics
- Very high impact strength
- Very good chemical resistance but sensitive to water & moist if dented seal is broken



Al, Aluminium

- Relative high price
- Good durability
- Very good temperature characteristics
- Very high impact strength
- Good chemical resistance

Fibox Polycarbonate

- shows excellent results and protects your future



Protect your future – choose Fibox Polycarbonate!

Fibox high performance polycarbonate cabinets provide the perfect protection and secure a long life-time for your applications, even in harsh, demanding environments.

The test results leave no doubt. Fibox Polycarbonate is simply outstanding: It is a 100% non-corrosive, high impact resistant (IK10), watertight (IP66), electrically insulated and UV stabilized raw material with low maintenance. Furthermore it's easy to use and quick to install without any special tools needed.

Fibox high performance polycarbonate cabinets - makes your choice easy.

Read more on www.fibox.com

Excellent Test Results

Fibox Creates an Enclosure that Becomes Stronger Over Time.
Fibox is specialized in enclosures which protects components even in very harsh and demanding environments. The enclosures are made of a special Polycarbonate material which has proven excellent performance:

- 100% corrosion-free
- Watertight: High IP rating: IP66
- Very high impact resistance: IK10
- Excellent insulating properties: 1500VDC
- Good UV resistance: UV stabilized raw material – UL 508 (UL 746C)
- Flammability rating according to UL 94-V0A
- Good resistance to chemical attack
- Easy to customize with normal tools
- Low maintenance
- Light weight



25 years in direct sun without getting "wrinkles"
Fibox polycarbonate enclosures recently took part in an independent ISO 4892-2 (accelerated weathering test) study alongside other polycarbonate and fiberglass enclosure materials. The test objective was to determine UV performance and material behavior under hard harsh outdoor UV conditions in accelerated aging test.

Utilizing a xenon arc lamp Fibox's enclosure materials were bombarded with high intensity UV light for over 5,000 hours simulating 25 years' worth of direct sunlight exposure. The results demonstrated that the Fibox polycarbonate outperformed both the fiberglass and other polycarbonate materials in the test.

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The Fibox polycarbonate did not delaminate, as Fiberglass did after a few simulated years. In fact the Fibox polycarbonates not only maintained its durability but became even stronger as the UV exposure increased. This increased strength coupled with a low color change as the UV exposure progressed only confirmed what many of our clients have related to us, that the enclosure is outliving the internal components.

Clients reuse Fibox enclosures and save money

One Fibox client recently completed upgrading his 400 Amp 480V 3 phase for their most generation design while maintaining the existing enclosures in the field. This reuse policy saved the client the cost not only on the enclosure and pole-mounting accessories, but also saved from the shipping costs of enclosure.

Using an enclosure from Fibox you can have confidence that your products will be housed in the most resilient enclosure on the market. Easily allowing updates as you upgrade components throughout the years as your technology advances.

Fibox manufactures and distribute a wide range of UL listed, NEMA 4X polycarbonate enclosures designed for harsh and hostile environments, including the new popular ARCA series.

Fibox is ready to help you, where ever you are and what ever challenge.

Fibox have sales offices in 16 countries.

[Find your local Fibox representative here.](#)
[ARCA presentation video](#)

Fibox finds a solution to your challenges

A "Double feature" starts in chapters towers, Queensland in the middle of Australia, provide a very fine atmospheric earth ground and make trouble for Indonesia.

The fine powder causes issues with normal enclosures made with the standard applied type enclosure, but dramatically reducing all their LC units with ARCA enclosure from Fibox.



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Why Polycarbonate?

Fibox Polycarbonate - High Performance

Securing Innovations with long life-time

- No Corrosion - 100% corrosion-free
- High ingress protection - Watertight – IP66
- High impact resistance - Robust and rigid design – IK10
- Electrically insulated – 1500VDC
- UV stabilized raw material – UL 508 (UL 746C)
- Flammability rating according to UL 94-5VA
- Easy to customize

Polycarbonate gives us an opportunity to Make Difficult Easy in a smart way not possible in the steel world



The benefits of Polycarbonate

No corrosion in Plastic enclosures

- Polycarbonate enclosures will last for decades without any corrosion
- Need a minimum of maintenance
- Less functional problems
- In steel enclosures rust protection coating can be destroyed easily



Electrical insulation

- Plastic material is non-conductive
- Safe to man and operation
- Total electrical insulation
- Components run "colder" inside plastic vs steel in direct sunlight



Plastic maintains it's shape even after a hard impact

- Plastic enclosures are hard (IK08 to IK10)
- Components protected even with very hard blows
- Excellent protection against vandalism



The benefits of Polycarbonate

Plastic is easy to customize

- No complicated tools are needed to make holes
- Easy to make changes in the field
- Worked surface does not rust afterwards



Plastic is UV and Chemical resistant

- Added UV protection and chemical resistance compounds in raw material
- Strength stays also outdoors
- Suitable for harsh and demanding environments



Plastic does not prevent radio signals from penetrating

- Antennas can be placed inside the plastic enclosure
- Hiding the antenna creates less interest from unwanted people
- Less maintenance, more reliable



The benefits of Polycarbonate

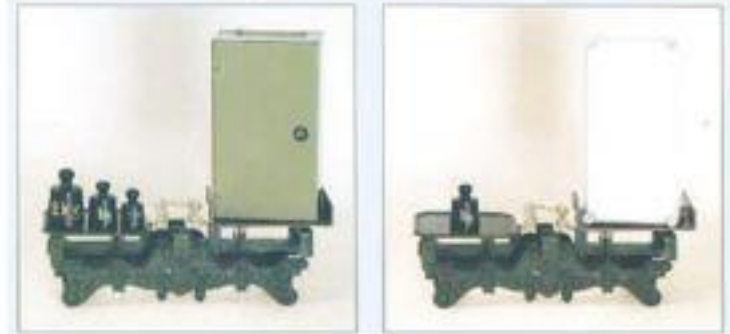
Plastic needs a minimum of maintenance

- Suitable for both outdoors and indoors
- Design looks good throughout the whole lifespan



Plastic material weigh less

- Plastic enclosure weighs about half of a similar steel enclosure
- Easy to lift and install
- Saves transport costs



Applications using Polycarbonate

- OEM panels
- Domestic DIN-rail enclosures
- Pump controls
- Marine applications
- Smart grid applications
- Heavy industries
- Steel mills
- Petrochemical plants
- Temporary connections
- Public services
- Traffic signalisation
- Telecom
- Water and Waste
- Control units
- Infra structure
- And many more.....



Classifications

What does IP 67 and IK10 mean?

Approximate IP equivalents in parentheses	
Nema	
1	Indoor use primarily to provide a degree of protection against contact with the enclosed equipment and against a limited amount of falling dirt. (IP30)
2	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against limited amounts of falling water and dirt. (IP31)
3	Outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against wind blown dust, rain, and sleet; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure. (IP64)
3R	Outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against falling rain and sleet; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure. (IP32)
3S	Outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against windblown dust, rain and sleet; external mechanisms remain operable while ice laden.
4	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against splashing water, windblown dust and rain, hose directed water; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure. (IP65)
4X	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against splashing water, windblown dust and rain, hose directed water; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure, resists corrosion. (IP66)
6	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against the entry of water during temporary submersion at a limited depth; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure.
6P	Indoor and outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against the entry of water during prolonged submersion at a limited depth.
11	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against the effects of the enclosed equipment against the corrosive effects of corrosive liquids and gases.
12, 12K	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against dust, falling dirt and dripping non-corrosive liquids. (IP65)
13	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against dust and spraying of water, oil and non-corrosive coolants. (IP65)

FIRST DIGIT Protection against solid objects		SECOND DIGIT Protection against liquids		IK CODE Protection against mechanical impacts	
IP	TEST	IP	TEST	IK	TEST
0	no protection	0	no protection	00	no protection
1	protected against solid objects up to 50 mm e.g. to 50 mm e.g. hands	1	protected against vertically falling drops of water	01-05	impact < 1 joule
2	protected against solid objects up to 12 mm e.g. fingers	2	protected against direct sprays of water up to 15° from the vertical	06	impact 1 joule
3	protected against solid objects over 2,5 mm (tools+ small wires)	3	protected against water sprayed from all directions - limited ingress permitted	07	impact 2 joule
4	protected against solid objects over 1 mm (tools+ small wires)	4	protected against water sprayed from all directions - limited ingress permitted	08	impact 5 joule
5	protected against dust - limited ingress permitted (no harmful deposit)	5	protected against low pressure jets of water from all directions - limited ingress permitted	09	impact 10 joule
6	totally protected against dust	6	protected against strong jets of water e.g. for use on shipdecks - limited ingress permitted	10	impact 20 joule
		7	protected against the effects of immersion between 15 cm and 1 m		
		8	protected against long periods of immersion under pressure		

Fibox Enclosures

We have a solution

- Choose between more than 1000 high standard enclosures
- Materials for all purposes indoor/outdoor and even harsh, demanding environments
- Many different sizes
- Huge accessory programme

ARCA



ALU



MNX



Piccolo



TEMPO



MCE



Euronord III



EK Solid



Quick



Cardmaster



CAB



Euronord



Which product range?

Choose the right product range for your application

Product Group	Control or power/distribution cabinet	Power distribution board	Small power distribution board	Terminal Box	Control unit	Junction Box	Electronics/Instrumentation
ARCA IEC	x		x		x		
CAB PC/ABS/P/PX	x						
Street Cabinets	x						
MNX				x			x
EK		x	x				
Solid			x	x	x		
Euronord				x			x
ALU				x	x		x
Cardmaster							x
Quick			x		x		
MCE			x				
Piccolo					x		
Tempo						x	
EX				x			

Popular enclosures for specific markets



ARCA IEC High performance cabinet

Superior performance and security in most demanding environments. Easy to use. Quick to install. All this is driven by innovation and market driven product development. ARCA is a non corrosive and cost effective alternative to sheet steel cabinets being installed in harsh and demanding environments. In a nutshell, ARCA has all the features of steel but benefits of high grade thermoplastic.

**PC: IP 66; IK 10
IP 65; IK 08 (W-versions)**

Dimensions: 200 x 300 x 150 mm –
800 x 600 x 300 mm.



Non corrosive



Patent pending
hinge design



Robust corner
design

CAB

Withstands sudden impacts

If you need major impact resistance, then CAB may be the cabinet for you. Think of the harshest and most demanding environments – CAB will not let you down. It will resist weathering and take the knocks better than steel. A wide selection is available.

GRP (CAB PX): IP 65; IK 10 (grey door)
GRP (CAB P): IP 66; IK 10 (grey door)
PC: IP 65; IK 08
ABS: IP 65; IK 08

CAB PC/ABS dimensions: 150 x 150 x 110 mm –
600 x 400 x 220 mm.
CAB P dimensions: 315 x 215 x 170 mm –
1035 x 835 x 300 mm.
CAB PX dimensions: 500 x 500 x 320 mm –
1250 x 1000 x 320 mm.



Adjustable depth
for front panel



Latch & lock



PX models; multiple
closing options

Street Cabinet

Protection on the streets

This streetwise range is designed to foil both the elements and street vandalism. Inside the multi-environment cabinet, your equipment will be shielded by a graffiti-repellent casing that also resists impacts and penetration. Street Cabinet is easy and quick to install, with numerous sizes and accessories.

P: IP 44; IK 10

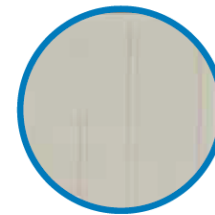
Dimensions: 420 x 265 x 250 mm –
1125 x 1445 x 320 mm.



Integrated ventilation to avoid condensation



Several locking options



Corrugated surface

MNX Offers huge options

This range offers over 260 versions. Choose MNX if you have a large product family that needs to be housed in matching enclosures with the minimum of fuss, no matter the environment or installation height. For the protection of electrical and electronic components of all kinds.

PC: IP 66/67; IK 08
ABS: IP 66/67; IK 07

Dimensions: 100 x 100 x 35 mm –
360 x 255 x 152 mm.



Hinged
inner panel



Recess area
for membrane
keypads



PCM versions:
knock-outs
moulded in place
for easy wiring

EK For modular flexibility

Because EK enclosures are fully modular, this range stretches to fit, from a single module to extensive enclosure panels. EK comes in a large size range, with various depths and a host of accessories.

**PC: IP 66/67; IK 08 (side surface);
IK 09 (front surface)**

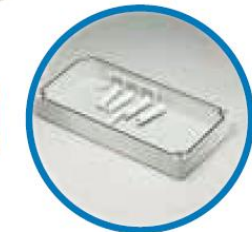
Dimensions: 190 x 190 x 130 mm –
760 x 560 x 250 mm.



Modular structure
for larger enclosure
panels



Wide accessory
selection



Extension frame
multiplies usage
options

Solid

Solid protection

Solid is the superb all-rounder, both in and out of doors. If you need general protection, in everyday environments, Solid may be the all-purpose solution you are seeking for electronic and electrical components.

PC: IP 66/67; IK 08 (side surface),
IK 09 (front surface)

ABS: IP 66/67; IK 08

Dimensions: 188 x 188 x 130 mm –
760 x 560 x 250 mm.



Wide opening hinges +180° for easy access



Guaranteed long-term ingress protection – no holes required in enclosure



Wide accessory selection

Euronord Brings interchangeability

Euronord enclosures come in over 170 standard sizes, meaning huge interchangeability with the products you may already have. The latest addition Euronord 3 range incorporates a number of innovative features, for example quick release corrosion resistant cover screws, and recessed middle area of the cover for membrane keyboards and prints.

PC: IP 66/67; IK 07 (side surface),
IK 08 (front surface)
ABS: IP 66/67; IK 07
P: IP 66/67; IK 08

Dimensions: 50 x 52 x 40 mm –
360 x 400 x 151 mm.



Quicklock: 1/4 turn
cover screw for easy
cover removal



Ideal for housing
DIN-terminals



Freedom of choice
- 3 raw materials
+ 170 versions

ALU

For the protective lightness of aluminium

Our ALU enclosures can be mounted almost anywhere, so it's just as well they withstand so much! Knocks, bangs, chemicals, temperatures that swing from tropical to frozen, or where EMC protection is an issue – ALU beats the competition in guarding against it all.



High resistance to chemical attack (painted)



EMC shielding



Higher temperature range

ALU: IP 66/67/68; IK 08

Dimensions: 60 x 66 x 46 mm –
310 x 600 x 180 mm.

Cardmaster

Two compartments in one

CARDMASTER is a modern, new design that keeps untidy wiring separate from the equipment you need to use, say, for process monitoring. This neat solution is completely compatible with competitors ranges.

PC: IP 65; IK 07 (side surface);
IK 08 (front surface)
ABS: IP 65; IK 07

Dimensions: 166 x 160 x 80 mm –
390 x 316 x 167 mm.



Easy access



Aluminium front plate



Separate terminal wiring compartment

Quick For harsh industrial and outdoor environments

These smart, modern enclosures are so-named after their quick-screw covers. They're easy to close and open, but offer good protection against tampering. A large range of accessories is available.

PC: IP 66/67; IK 08
ABS: IP 66/67; IK 08

Dimensions: 300 x 200 x 170 mm –
600 x 400 x 270 mm.



Quick locking cover screws for fast access to components



Adjustable depth for front panel



Swing door

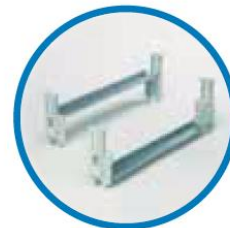
MCE **Modular component enclosures**

These are the rugged workhorses of our product family, standing for practicality in industrial settings. They're spacious inside, available in a broad range of sizes and, as the name suggests, modularly flexible.



PC: IP 65; IK 08

Dimensions: 200 x 116 x 105 mm –
580 x 306 x 145 mm.



Adjustable mounting
depth for DIN-rail
components



Multiple cable
entry options



Spacious and
easy to wire

Piccolo

Protective access

Wherever functions, such as push buttons and sensors, need to see the light of day, Piccolo is the neat solution. It's also modular and adaptable, with a range of sizes and accessories.

PC: IP 66/67; IK 08
ABS: IP 66/67; IK 07

Dimensions: 110 x 80 x 65 mm –
230 x 140 x 125 mm.



High-quality surface
for printing



Designed for
push-buttons



Optimised design
for terminal blocks

Tempo

Enclosed in seconds!

As its name suggests, Tempo doesn't like to hang around. Need an enclosure that's easy on the pocket and installed in seconds, but still gets the job done? Tempo does all this and still meets high, recognised standards.

ABS: IP 65; IK 07

Dimensions: 95 x 65 x 60 mm –
344 x 289 x 117 mm.



Sealing availability
for added security



Quick-to-install
integral hinge



Multiple wall
mounting options

EX For hazardous environments

Our EX enclosures will help you to sleep easy, knowing that your components are safe, even in explosive atmospheres, thanks to products tested and certified to meet exacting, international standards. EX enclosures are made of either aluminium, polycarbonate or polyester.



Aluminium dimensions: 81 x 127 x 57 mm –
600 x 310 x 180 mm

Polycarbonate dimensions: 188 x 188 x 130 mm –
558 x 378 x 180 mm

Polyester dimensions: 75 x 80 x 55 mm –
405 x 400 x 120 mm

FIBOX products contributes world-wide

...even where you least expect it



- **The Eiffel Tower**



"The Eiffel Tower light"
20.000 light bulbs



- **Queen Mary**



- **Incheon Bridge**



Industries

- **Energy and Industri**



- **Medical & Healthcare**



- **Smart Lighting**



- **Wearable & Smartwatch**



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Thanks !

