The 10 key points for defining your enclosure

Theme 1: environment
In what type of environment will you be installing your products?

- Indoors, in a clean environment (offices, data centres, etc.)
- Indoors, in a non-clean environment (mechanical plants, etc.):
  - Plants with splashing:
  - Disrupted environments:
    - Electromagnetic disruptions? Attenuation level required?
    - Potentially explosive atmospheres:
      - What ATEX classification (zone, substances, etc.)?
- Indoors, in a demanding environment (pharmaceutical, food and beverage, etc.):
  - Dry food?
  - Moist food?
  - Very corrosive food or processes?
  - Clean rooms?
- Outdoors (sides of motorways, sewage treatment plants, etc.)
  - Resistance to saline mist required?
  - Resistance to UV?
  - Anti-graffiti?
  - Complete insulation compatible with Class II?
  - Resistance to fire?
  - Resistance to temperature?
  - Do you need a canopy for protection against stagnating water on the door seal?
- Seal / resistance to impact
  - IP required?
  - IK required?

Theme 2: business profile

- Batch size and repetitiveness
  - What production deadlines do you have?
  - Do you store semi-finished products?
  - Is your solution always the same?
  - Do you always perform your machining processes at the same location / same dimension?
  - What are the total quantities per reference?
  - What are the total quantities per batch?
  - How long does the contract last? What are the conditions for renewal?
- Deliveries
  - What is your target delivery deadline?
  - Partial delivery? Separate body, door or plain mounting plate?
  - Delivery assembled or in kit form?

Theme 3: dimensions

Height – Width – Depth?

- Have you any size-related installation constraints?
  - Should the enclosure fit into a given headroom?
  - Should the enclosure fit into a wall?
  - Is there a maximum height limit with plinth?
  - Should the enclosure allow access from more than one side?
- Do you need to separate two or more parts from one another? (for example: power to the left, network to the right?)
  - Vertically (in height)
  - Horizontally (in width)
  - In this case, would you need to couple several enclosures?
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Theme 4: fixing
How do you fix your enclosures:

- To the floor
  - Do you need a trapdoor for cable access? ......................
  - Do you need cylinders for cleaning under the enclosure? ...
  - Do you need to move the enclosure? ...............................
  - Do you need blast resistance? ......................................

- To the wall
  - To prevent tilting? ....................................................
  - Are your enclosures heavily loaded? ...........................
  - Do you need a separation from the wall? ......................

- On the frame of the machine?

- In a low wall?

Theme 5: cable entry

- Where do the cables enter the enclosure?
  - Top .............................................................................
  - Bottom ........................................................................
  - Rear ...........................................................................
  - Side ............................................................................

- What functions should this cable entry provide?
  - Degree of protection required: IP 55, IP 65, IP 67, IP 68? ...
  - Cable fastening required? ..........................................
  - Mixed membrane ends to adapt to the diameter? ..........
  - Multi-cable ring for passing several cables through the same entry? ....................................................
  - Blanking plug for transport? ........................................
  - Option of passing the cables through a round or rectangular plate with large or small diameters from side to side? ........
  - Others? ........................................................................

Theme 6: hoisting & handling

- How do you install the enclosures on the site?
  - Hoisting? .................................................................
  - Handling with pallet? ...............................................
  - Slinging? .................................................................
  - Other? ........................................................................
  - Is it necessary to improve overall rigidity? .................

Theme 7: door and door accessories

- What covering and what door opening direction?
  - Left, right? ..............................................................
  - Plain front door, glazed? ........................................
  - Rear door or panel? ...............................................  

- Do you need an internal door? ..........................

- Do you need any maintenance accessories?
  - Door switch? ...........................................................
  - Door stop? .............................................................
  - Door cross rails? ....................................................
  - Lamps?
    - With/without detector? ...........................................
    - With/without socket? ...........................................
    - Document lip? .....................................................
    - Door shelf? .........................................................
    - Door-centring roller? .........................................

- What type of lock do you want?

- Do you require cable-management accessories? ....
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Theme 8: internal equipment

1. Automation
   - How will the equipment be installed inside your enclosure?
     - Saves marking time and increases accuracy: microperforated mounting plate.
     - Saves marking time: Telequick mounting plate.
     - Aesthetics, freedom and good earth continuity: plain mounting plate.
     - Depth adjustment: step slides?
     - Full installation freedom: DIN rail chassis (uprights + partial grilles + symmetric or asymmetric or combined rails).
     - Heavy loads: notched C-shaped rails.

2. Power distribution
   - Low voltage:
     - Modular chassis?
     - Distribution rail: with or without circuit breaker?
   - Medium voltage:
     - Busbar box and set of bars?
   - High voltage:

3. Networks
   - Do you need to have access to the rear of the 19" rack?
     - Fixed rack.
     - Swing rack.
     - 19" fixings.
   - How do you want to support the light equipment?
     - Sliding shelf.
     - Fixed shelf.
   - How do you want to support the heavy equipment?
     - Notched C-shaped rails.
     - Crossbars for heavy loads.
     - Crossbars with 3 rows.
   - Cable management?
     - How will you fix your raceways to the door? On the uprights?
     - On the rails?
     - Do you need collars and cable ties for fixing your cables?
     - Do you need to protect the cables at the body-door joint?
   - Earth connection
     - Do you need to earth your chassis/rack?
     - Do you need an earth connection?

Theme 9: thermal

- Do you need to cool? Heat? Dry?
- Do you need a heat balance to dimension the solution according to your environment or your equipment?
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Theme 10: customisation

● 2 services to meet all your expectations:
  – Configured (service based on our standard offer).
  – Specific (a solution co-developed with your offices).

● Do you want to save time?
  – We perform the machining operations.
  – We install the accessories at the plant.
  – We assemble the enclosures at the plant.

● Do you want to optimise your management?
  – A single reference number and a single delivery.

● Do you want to benefit from industrial quality for your machining and painting?
  – We apply RAL colours or any others that you require.
  – Our cut-outs are made before painting using our industrial machines.

● Do you want a guarantee and reliability for your facilities?
  – Our polyurethane gaskets are installed after painting.

Forget about time lost in tracing, in transport to the machining area, the cost of tooling and mistakes and concentrate on your business: the team in our engineering and design department will help you create your own customised enclosures.

● How?
Use our configured and specific definition forms or consult your Schneider Electric partner. Together we will realise your projects.

Discover our communication tools to define your customised product

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