

# Indicative Enclosure Material Considerations



Consideration	Metallic Enclosure	FRP / GRP Enclosures	HPL-based Enclosures (Drhino)
<b>Electrical conductivity</b>	Conductive; earthing and bonding required	Non-conductive	<b>Fully non-conductive (including handles)</b>
<b>Corrosion behaviour</b>	Can be susceptible depending on alloy, coating and environment	Generally corrosion resistant; performance dependent on resin system and finish	<b>Inherently corrosion resistant</b>
<b>Thermal behaviour</b>	High thermal conductivity; prone to heat transfer	Low thermal conductivity	<b>Stable thermal behaviour; low conductivity; passive ventilation cooling</b>
<b>Condensation risk</b>	Can be prone due to thermal bridging	Reduced compared to metal	<b>Reduced through material stability and enclosure design</b>
<b>Environmental exposure (dust / moisture)</b>	Sealing and coatings critical	Good when correctly sealed	<b>Designed for external exposure and effective sealing; guarding against atmospheric salt</b>
<b>UV resistance</b>	Coatings may degrade over time	UV stability dependent of resin and finish quality	<b>High UV stability inherent to material</b>
<b>Impact / mechanical behaviour</b>	High strength; dent possible on impact	Can be brittle depending on layup	<b>High surface durability, resistant to rodents, insects, and fungi; impact resistance</b>
<b>Vandalism / graffiti resistance</b>	Susceptible to scratching; graffiti removal may damage coatings	Surface finish dependent; repeated cleaning can affect gel coatings	<b>Dense, non-porous surface; compatible with anti-graffiti</b>
<b>Maintenance requirements</b>	Periodic inspection and maintenance	Moderate depending on ageing	<b>Low maintenance by design</b>
<b>Transport &amp; instalation</b>	Typically delivered fully assembled	Typically delivered fully assembled	<b>Can be delivered flat-pack and assembled on site (application dependent)</b>
<b>Environmental</b>	Varies by alloy and production process; EPDs available for some products	Varies by resin system; EPD limited	<b>Material-level EPDs available; high bio-based content; long service life and second life pathways</b>
<b>Lifecycle</b>	With ongoing maintenance, service life dependent on environment	Long service life; ageing dependent on formulation	<b>Long service life with very minimal interventions</b>