

# Price of Welding Processing for Cabinets and Enclosures



## Article Overview

Welding and processing costs for cabinets or enclosures typically range from \$7 to \$40 per unit depending on material, welding method, complexity, and production volume.

### Key Cost Drivers

**Material Choice:** Common materials include carbon steel, stainless steel (304/316), aluminum, and galvanized steel. Carbon steel is the most affordable and easy to weld, while stainless steel and aluminum require more skill and specialized equipment, increasing costs . **Welding Method:** TIG and MIG welding are traditional methods but can be slower and labor-intensive. Laser welding offers faster cycle times, reduced consumables, minimal post-weld finishing, and lower labor dependency, which can reduce per-unit costs over time despite higher equipment investment . **Labor and Skill:** Labor is a major cost component. Skilled TIG welding commands higher rates, while automated or jig-based welding reduces labor costs and improves consistency . **Design and Complexity:** Sheet thickness, number of bends, welded seams, and joint design affect both welding time and material usage. Large or complex enclosures require precise tolerances to avoid warping, which can increase processing costs . **Batch Size and Production Strategy:** Costs decrease with larger production volumes due to setup amortization and the efficiency of batch processing. For example, a 2 mm aluminum bracket with multiple bends and welded seams can cost \$7-\$16 per part in a 100-piece lot, dropping 25-35% in a 1,000-piece lot . **Finishing and Additional Processing:** Powder coating, corrosion protection, and...

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