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User manual

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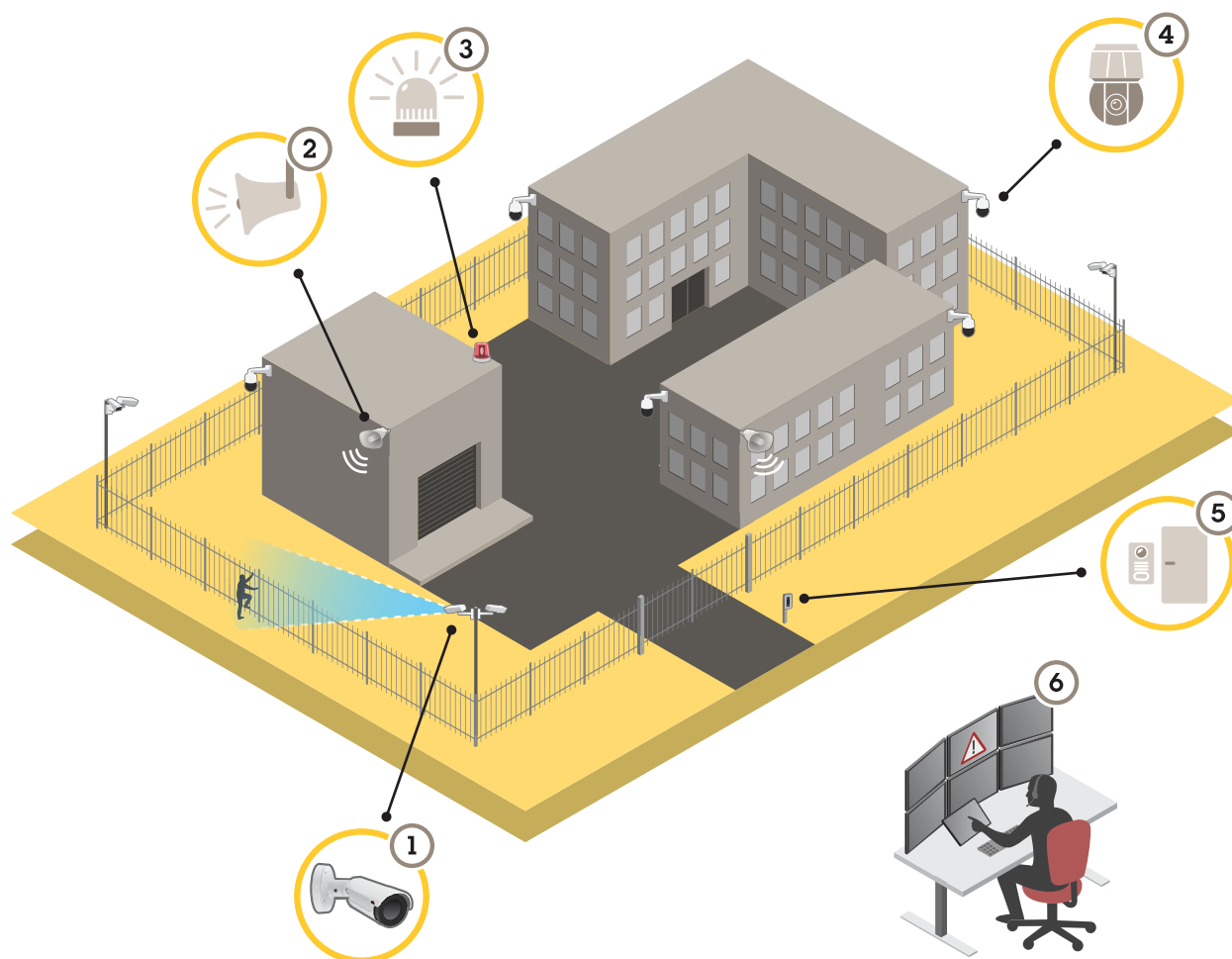
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Solution overview

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- 1 Thermal camera with AXIS Perimeter Defender
- 2 Horn speaker
- 3 Flashing beacon
- 4 PTZ network camera
- 5 Door controller
- 6 Surveillance center

Perimeter protection

For areas in need of intrusion detection, you can set up perimeter protection using thermal cameras with analytics. The main objective for perimeter protection is to detect a threat or an actual intrusion at the earliest possible stage.

To set up perimeter protection, you need to install an analytics application for perimeter surveillance and protection on your thermal camera. Axis provides the AXIS Perimeter Defender application for this purpose. You can read more about AXIS Perimeter Defender at axis.com/products/axis-perimeter-defender

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- To let possible intruders know that your perimeter is protected, use a flashing beacon (3). See *Deter intruders with a flashing beacon on page 11*.
- To warn and deter, connect a horn speaker (2) that plays a pre-recorded warning message. See *Deter intruders with audio on page 12*.

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Installation

Installation



To watch this video, go to the web version of this document.

help.axis.com/?&tpiald=78340&tsection=solution-overview

Installation video for the device.

Preview mode

Preview mode is ideal for installers when fine tuning the camera view during the installation. No login is required to access the camera view in preview mode. It is available only in factory defaulted state for a limited time from powering up the device.



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help.axis.com/?&tpiald=78340&tsection=preview-mode

This video demonstrates how to use preview mode.

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Get started

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Find the device on the network

To find Axis devices on the network and assign them IP addresses in Windows®, use AXIS IP Utility or AXIS Device Manager. Both applications are free and can be downloaded from axis.com/support.

For more information about how to find and assign IP addresses, go to *How to assign an IP address and access your device*.

Browser support

You can use the device with the following browsers:

	Chrome™	Firefox®	Edge™	Safari®
Windows®	recommended	recommended	✓	
macOS®	recommended	recommended	✓	✓
Linux®	recommended	recommended	✓	
Other operating systems	✓	✓	✓	✓*

*To use AXIS OS web interface with iOS 15 or iPadOS 15, go to **Settings > Safari > Advanced > Experimental Features** and disable *NSURLSession Websocket*.

If you need more information about recommended browsers, go to *AXIS OS Portal*.

Open the device's web interface

1. Open a browser and type the IP address or host name of the Axis device.
If you do not know the IP address, use AXIS IP Utility or AXIS Device Manager to find the device on the network.
2. Type the username and password. If you access the device for the first time, you must create an administrator account. See *Create an administrator account on page 6*.

For descriptions of all the controls and options in the device's web interface, see *The web interface on page 18*.

Create an administrator account

The first time you log in to your device, you must create an administrator account.

1. Enter a username.
2. Enter a password. See *Secure passwords on page 6*.
3. Re-enter the password.
4. Accept the license agreement.
5. Click **Add account**.

Important

The device has no default account. If you lose the password for your administrator account, you must reset the device. See *Reset to factory default settings on page 60*.

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Secure passwords

Important

Axis devices send the initially set password in clear text over the network. To protect your device after the first login, set up a secure and encrypted HTTPS connection and then change the password.

The device password is the primary protection for your data and services. Axis devices do not impose a password policy as they may be used in various types of installations.

To protect your data we strongly recommend that you:

- Use a password with at least 8 characters, preferably created by a password generator.
- Don't expose the password.
- Change the password at a recurring interval, at least once a year.

Verify that no one has tampered with the device software

To make sure that the device has its original AXIS OS, or to take full control of the device after a security attack:

1. Reset to factory default settings. See *Reset to factory default settings on page 60*.
After the reset, secure boot guarantees the state of the device.
2. Configure and install the device.

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This section covers all the important configurations that an installer needs to do to get the product up and running after the hardware installation has been completed.

Basic settings

Set the power line frequency

1. Go to **Video > Installation > Power line frequency**.
2. Click **Change**.
3. Select a power line frequency and click **Save and restart**.

Set the orientation

1. Go to **Video > Installation > Rotate**.
2. Select **0** , **90**, **180** or **270** degrees.

See also *Monitor long and narrow areas on page 8* .

Adjust the image

This section includes instructions about configuring your device. If you want to learn more about how certain features work, go to *Learn more on page 44*.

Stabilize a shaky image with image stabilization

Image stabilization is suitable in environments where the product is mounted in an exposed location where vibrations can occur, for example, due to wind or passing traffic.

The feature makes the image smoother, steadier, and less blurry. It also reduces the file size of the compressed image and lowers the bitrate of the video stream.

Note

When you turn on image stabilization, the image is slightly cropped, which lowers the maximum resolution.

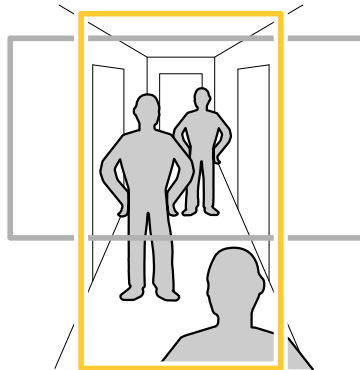
1. Go to **Video > Installation > Image correction**.
2. Turn on **Image stabilization**.

Monitor long and narrow areas

Use corridor format to better utilize the full field of view in a long and narrow area, for example a staircase, hallway, road, or tunnel.

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1. Depending on your device, turn the camera or the 3-axis lens in the camera 90° or 270°.
2. If the device doesn't have automatic rotation of the view, go to **Video > Installation**.
3. Rotate the view 90° or 270°.

Show an image overlay

You can add an image as an overlay in the video stream.

1. Go to **Video > Overlays**.
2. Select **Image** and click **+**.
3. Click **Images**.
4. Drag and drop an image.
5. Click **Upload**.
6. Click **Manage overlay**.
7. Select the image and a position. You can also drag the overlay image in the live view to change the position.

Show a text overlay

You can add a text field as an overlay in the video stream. This is useful for example when you want to display the date, time or a company name in the video stream.

1. Go to **Video > Overlays**.
2. Select **Text** and click **+**.
3. Type the text you want to display in the video stream.
4. Select a position. You can also drag the overlay text field in the live view to change the position.

View and record video

This section includes instructions about configuring your device. To learn more about how streaming and storage works, go to *Streaming and storage on page 44*.


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Reduce bandwidth and storage

Important

Reducing the bandwidth can lead to loss of detail in the image.

1. Go to **Video > Stream**.
2. Click  in the live view.
3. Select **Video format AV1** if your device supports it. Otherwise select **H.264**.
4. Go to **Video > Stream > General** and increase **Compression**.
5. Go to **Video > Stream > Zipstream** and do one or more of the following:

Note

The **Zipstream** settings are used for all video encodings except MJPEG.


- Select the **Zipstream Strength** that you want to use.
- Turn on **Optimize for storage**. This can only be used if the video management software supports B-frames.
- Turn on **Dynamic FPS**.
- Turn on **Dynamic GOP** and set a high **Upper limit GOP length** value.

Note

Most web browsers don't support H.265 decoding and because of this the device doesn't support it in its web interface. Instead you can use a video management system or application that supports H.265 decoding.


Set up network storage

To store recordings on the network, you need to set up your network storage.

1. Go to **System > Storage**.
2. Click  **Add network storage** under **Network storage**.
3. Type the IP address of the host server.
4. Type the name of the shared location on the host server under **Network share**.
5. Type the username and password.
6. Select the SMB version or leave it on **Auto**.
7. Select **Add share without testing** if you experience temporary connection issues, or if the share is not yet configured.
8. Click **Add**.



Record and watch video


Record video directly from the camera

1. Go to **Video > Image**.
2. To start a recording, click  .


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If you haven't set up any storage, click  and . For instructions on how to set up network storage, see *Set up network storage on page 10*

3. To stop recording, click  again.

Watch video

1. Go to Recordings.
2. Click  for your recording in the list.

Verify that no one has tampered with the video

With signed video, you can make sure that no one has tampered with the video recorded by the camera.

1. Go to **Video > Stream > General** and turn on **Signed video**.
2. Use *AXIS Camera Station (5.46 or later)* or another compatible video management software to record video. For instructions, see the *AXIS Camera Station user manual*.
3. Export the recorded video.
4. Use *AXIS File Player* to play the video. *Download AXIS File Player*.



indicates that no one has tampered with the video.

Note

To get more information about the video, right-click the video and select **Show digital signature**.

Set up rules for events

You can create rules to make your device perform an action when certain events occur. A rule consists of conditions and actions. The conditions can be used to trigger the actions. For example, the device can start a recording or send an email when it detects motion, or show an overlay text while the device is recording.

To learn more, check out our guide *Get started with rules for events*.

Deter intruders with a flashing beacon

Use a flashing beacon light to let possible intruders know that your perimeter is protected.

This example explains how to connect a beacon light and set it up to flash whenever the thermal camera detects an intrusion. In this example, the beacon light can only be activated to flash outside office hours, between 18.00 and 08.00 Monday–Friday, and it flashes for 30 seconds each time it's activated.

Required hardware

- Connecting wires (one blue and one red, min area: 0.25 mm², max area: 0.5 mm²)
- Flashing beacon (12 V DC, max 25 mA)

Note

The maximum length of the connecting wires depends on the wire area and the power consumption of the flashing beacon.

Connect the devices physically

1. Connect the red wire to pin 2 (DC output, 12 V DC) of the camera's I/O connector.


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2. Connect the other end of the red wire to the connector marked with + on the flashing beacon.
3. Connect the blue wire to pin 4 (digital output) of the camera's I/O connector.
4. Connect the other end of the blue wire to the connector marked with – on the flashing beacon.


Configure I/O ports

Connect the flashing beacon to the camera in the camera's web interface:

1. Go to **System > Accessories > I/O ports**.
2. For **Port 2**, name it **Flashing beacon**.
3. Under **Normal state**, click  to set the normal state of the port to Open circuit (NO). This makes the beacon start to flash when an event occurs.

Create a rule

For the camera to send a notification to the beacon to start flashing when something is detected, you need to create a rule in the camera.

1. Go to **System > Events > Rules** and add a rule.
2. In **Name**, type **Flashing beacon**.
3. Set the **Wait between actions** (in the format hh:mm:ss) to 30 seconds.
4. In the list of conditions, under **Application**, select the perimeter defender application.
5. Select **Use this condition as a trigger**.
6. Click  to add another condition.
7. In the list of conditions, under **Scheduled and recurring**, select **Schedule**.
8. In the list of schedules, select **After hours**.
9. In the list of actions, under **I/O**, select **Toggle I/O while the rule is active**.
10. Select the **Flashing beacon** port from the list of ports.
11. Set the **State** to **Active**.
12. Click **Save**.

Deter intruders with audio

Use a network horn speaker to warn and deter possible intruders.

This example explains how to connect an Axis network horn speaker and set it up to play an audio clip whenever the thermal camera detects an intrusion. In this example, the horn speaker can only be activated outside office hours, between 18.00 and 08.00 Monday–Friday.


Connect the devices

1. Go to **System > Edge-to-edge > Pairing**.
2. Enter the IP address, username, and password for the speaker. You need to use an administrator or operator account.
3. Click **Connect**.

Upload audio clip to the camera


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1. Go to **Audio > Audio clips** and click  .
2. Click **+ Add clip**.
3. Locate and upload the audio clip.
4. Click **Close**.

Create a rule

For the camera to make the speaker play the audio clip when something is detected, you need to create a rule in the camera.

1. Go to **System > Events > Rules** and add a rule.
2. In **Name**, type **Deter with audio**.
3. In the list of conditions, under **Application**, select the perimeter defender application.
4. Select **Use this condition as a trigger**.
5. Click  to add another condition.
6. In the list of conditions, under **Scheduled and recurring**, select **Schedule**.
7. In the list of schedules, select **After hours**.
8. In the list of actions, under **Audio clips**, select **Play audio clip**.
9. Under **Clip**, select your uploaded audio clip.
10. Under **Audio output**, select **1** for the paired network speaker.
11. Click **Save**.

Activate a strobe siren through virtual input when a camera detects motion

Use an Axis strobe siren to let possible intruders know that your perimeter is protected.

This example explains how to activate a profile in the strobe siren whenever AXIS Motion Guard detects motion.

Before you start:

- Create a new account with Operator or Administrator privileges in the strobe siren.
- Create a profile in the strobe siren.
- Set up AXIS Motion Guard in the camera and create a profile called "Camera profile".

Create two recipients in the camera:

1. In the camera's device interface, go to **System > Events > Recipients** and add a recipient.
2. Enter the following information:
 - **Name:** Activate virtual port
 - **Type:** HTTP
 - **URL:** http://<IPaddress>/axis-cgi/virtualinput/activate.cgi
Replace <IPaddress> with the address of the strobe siren.
 - The account and password of the newly created strobe siren account.

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3. Click **Test** to make sure all data is valid.
4. Click **Save**.
5. Add a second recipient with the following information:
 - **Name:** Deactivate virtual port
 - **Type:** HTTP
 - **URL:** http://<IPaddress>/axis-cgi/virtualinput/deactivate.cgi
Replace <IPaddress> with the address of the strobe siren.
 - The account and password of the newly created strobe siren account.
6. Click **Test** to make sure all data is valid.
7. Click **Save**.

Create two rules in the camera:

1. Go to **Rules** and add a rule.
2. Enter the following information:
 - **Name:** Activate virtual IO1
 - **Condition:** Applications > Motion Guard: Camera profile
 - **Action:** Notifications > Send notification through HTTP
 - **Recipient:** Activate virtual port
 - **Query string suffix:** schemaversion=1&port=1
3. Click **Save**.
4. Add another rule with the following information:
 - **Name:** Deactivate virtual IO1
 - **Condition:** Applications > Motion Guard: Camera profile
 - Select **Invert this condition**.
 - **Action:** Notifications > Send notification through HTTP
 - **Recipient:** Deactivate virtual port
 - **Query string suffix:** schemaversion=1&port=1
5. Click **Save**.

Create a rule in the strobe siren:

1. In the strobe siren's web interface, go to **System > Events** and add a rule.
2. Enter the following information:
 - **Name:** Trigger on virtual input 1
 - **Condition:** I/O > Virtual input
 - **Port:** 1
 - **Action:** Light and siren > Run light and siren profile while the rule is active

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- Profile: select the newly created profile
3. Click **Save**.

Detect tampering with input signal

This example explains how to send an email when the input signal is cut or short-circuited. For more information about the I/O connector, see [page 53](#).

1. Go to **System > Accessories > I/O ports** and turn on **Supervised** for the relevant port.

Add an email recipient:

1. Go to **System > Events > Recipients** and add a recipient.
2. Type a name for the recipient.
3. Select **Email**.
4. Type an email address to send the email to.
5. The camera doesn't have its own email server, so it has to log into another email server to send mails. Fill in the rest of the information according to your email provider.
6. To send a test email, click **Test**.
7. Click **Save**.

Create a rule:

1. Go to **System > Events > Rules** and add a rule.
2. Type a name for the rule.
3. In the list of conditions, under **I/O**, select **Supervised input tampering is active**.
4. Select the relevant port.
5. In the list of actions, under **Notifications**, select **Send notification to email** and then select the recipient from the list.
6. Type a subject and a message for the email.
7. Click **Save**.

Trigger an alarm if someone opens the enclosure

This example explains how to trigger an alarm if someone opens the housing or casing of the device.

Add a recipient:

1. Go to **System > Events > Recipients** and click **Add recipient**.
2. Type a name for the recipient.
3. Select **Email**.
4. Type an email address to send the email to.
5. The camera doesn't have its own email server, so it will need to log into another email server to be able to send mails. Fill in the rest of the information according to your email provider.
6. To send a test email, click **Test**.
7. Click **Save**.

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Create a rule:

8. Go to **System > Events > Rules** and add a rule.
9. Type a name for the rule.
10. In the list of conditions, select **Casing open**.
11. In the list of actions, select **Send notification to email**.
12. Select a recipient from the list.
13. Type a subject and a message for the email.
14. Click **Save**.

Send an email automatically if someone spray paints the lens

Activate the tampering detection:

1. Go to **System > Detectors > Camera tampering**.
2. Set a value for **Trigger delay**. The value indicates the time that must pass before an email is sent.

Add an email recipient:

3. Go to **System > Events > Recipients** and add a recipient.
4. Type a name for the recipient.
5. Select **Email**.
6. Type an email address to send the email to.
7. The camera doesn't have its own email server, so it has to log into another email server to send mails. Fill in the rest of the information according to your email provider.
8. To send a test email, click **Test**.
9. Click **Save**.

Create a rule:

10. Go to **System > Events > Rules** and add a rule.
11. Type a name for the rule.
12. In the list of conditions, under **Video**, select **Tampering**.
13. In the list of actions, under **Notifications**, select **Send notification to email** and then select the recipient from the list.
14. Type a subject and a message for the email.
15. Click **Save**.

Audio

Add audio to your recording

Turn on audio:

1. Go to **Video > Stream > Audio** and include audio.
2. If the device has more than one input source, select the correct one in **Source**.

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3. Go to **Audio > Device settings** and turn on the correct input source.
4. If you make any changes to the input source, click **Apply changes**.

Edit the stream profile that is used for the recording:

5. Go to **System > Stream profiles** and select the stream profile.
6. Select **Include audio** and turn it on.
7. Click **Save**.


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The web interface




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To reach the device's web interface, type the device's IP address in a web browser.


Note

Support for the features and settings described in this section varies between devices. This icon  indicates that the feature or setting is only available in some devices.

 Show or hide the main menu.  Access the release notes.  Access the product help.  Change the language.

 Set light theme or dark theme.   The user menu contains:

- Information about the user who is logged in.
-  **Change account** : Log out from the current account and log in to a new account.
-  **Log out** : Log out from the current account.

 The context menu contains:

- **Analytics data**: Accept to share non-personal browser data.
- **Feedback**: Share any feedback to help us improve your user experience.
- **Legal**: View information about cookies and licenses.
- **About**: View device information, including AXIS OS version and serial number.

Status

Device info

Shows the device information, including AXIS OS version and serial number.

Upgrade AXIS OS: Upgrade the software on your device. Takes you to the Maintenance page where you can do the upgrade.

Time sync status

Shows NTP synchronization information, including if the device is in sync with an NTP server and the time remaining until the next sync.

NTP settings: View and update the NTP settings. Takes you to the Time and location page where you can change the NTP settings.

Security

Shows what kind of access to the device that is active, what encryption protocols are in use, and if unsigned apps are allowed. Recommendations to the settings are based on the AXIS OS Hardening Guide.

Hardening guide: Link to *AXIS OS Hardening guide* where you can learn more about cybersecurity on Axis devices and best practices.

Connected clients

Shows the number of connections and connected clients.


View details: View and update the list of connected clients. The list shows IP address, protocol, port, state, and PID/process of each connection.


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Ongoing recordings



Shows ongoing recordings and their designated storage space.





Recordings: View ongoing and filtered recordings and their source. For more information, see *Recordings on page 26* 


 Shows the storage space where the recording is saved.


Video



 Click to play the live video stream.  Click to freeze the live video stream.  Click to take a snapshot of the live video stream. The file is saved in the 'Downloads' folder on your computer. The image file name is [snapshot_YYYY_MM_DD_HH_MM_SS.jpg]. The size of the snapshot depends on the compression that the specific web-browser engine where the snapshot is received applies, therefore, the snapshot size may vary from the actual compression setting that is configured in the device.





  Click to show I/O output ports. Use the switch to open or close the circuit of a port, for example, to test external devices.



  Click to manually turn on or turn off the IR illumination.   Click to manually turn on or turn off the white light.



 Click to access onscreen controls:



- **Predefined controls:** Turn on to use the available onscreen controls.
- **Custom controls:** Click  Add custom control to add an onscreen control.


  Starts the washer. When the sequence starts, the camera moves to the configured position to receive the wash spray. When the whole wash sequence is completed, the camera returns to its previous position. This icon is only visible when the washer is connected and configured.


  Starts the wiper.   Click and select a preset position to go to that preset position in the live view. Or, click **Setup** to go to the preset position page.



  Adds or removes a focus recall area. When you add a focus recall area, the camera saves the focus settings at that specific pan/tilt range. When you have set a focus recall area and the camera enters that area in the live view, the camera recalls the previously saved focus. It's enough to cover half of the area for the camera to recall the focus.


  Click to select a guard tour, then click **Start** to play the guard tour. Or, click **Setup** to go to the guard tours page.

  Click to manually turn on the heater for a selected period of time.

 Click to start a continuous recording of the live video stream. Click again to stop the recording. If a recording is ongoing, it will resume automatically after a reboot.






 Click to show the storage that is configured for the device. To configure the storage, you need to be logged in as an administrator.



  Click to access more settings:

- **Video format:** Select the encoding format to use in the live view.
-  **Autoplay:** Turn on to autoplay a muted video stream whenever you open the device in a new session.
- **Client stream information:** Turn on to show dynamic information about the video stream used by the browser that shows the live video stream. The bitrate information differs from the information shown in a text overlay, because of different information sources. The bitrate in the client stream information is the bitrate of the last second, and it comes from the encoding driver of the device. The bitrate in the overlay is the average bitrate of the last 5 seconds, and it comes from the browser. Both values cover only the raw video stream and not the additional bandwidth generated when it's transported over the network through UDP/TCP/HTTP.
- **Adaptive stream:** Turn on to adapt the image resolution to the viewing client's actual display resolution, to improve the user experience and help prevent a possible overload of the client's hardware. The adaptive stream is only applied when you view the live video stream in the web interface in a browser. When adaptive stream is turned on, the maximum frame rate is 30 fps. If you take a snapshot while adaptive stream is turned on, it will use the image resolution selected by the adaptive stream.


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- **Level grid:** Click  to show the level grid. The grid helps you decide if the image is horizontally aligned. Click  to hide it.
- **Pixel counter:** Click  to show the pixel counter. Drag and resize the box to contain your area of interest. You can also define the pixel size of the box in the **Width** and **Height** fields.
- **Refresh:** Click  to refresh the still image in the live view.
- **PTZ controls**  : Turn on to display PTZ controls in the live view.

 Click to show the live view at full resolution. If the full resolution is larger than your screen size, use the smaller image to navigate in the image.  Click to show the live video stream in full screen. Press ESC to exit full screen mode.


Installation


Capture mode  : A capture mode is a preset configuration that defines how the camera captures images. When you change the capture mode, it can affect many other settings, such as view areas and privacy masks.

Mounting position  : The orientation of the image can change depending on how you mount the camera.

Power line frequency: To minimize image flicker, select the frequency your region uses. The American regions usually use 60 Hz. The rest of the world mostly uses 50 Hz. If you're not sure of your region's power line frequency, check with the local authorities.

Image correction

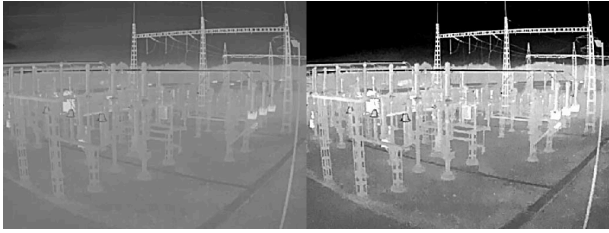
Image stabilization  : Turn on to get a smoother and steadier image with less blur. We recommend that you use image stabilization in environments where the device is mounted in an exposed location and subject to vibrations due to, for example, wind or passing traffic.

Stabilizer margin  : Use the slider to adjust the size of the stabilizer margin, which determines the level of vibration to stabilize. If the product is mounted in an environment with a lot of vibration, move the slider towards **Max**. As a result, a smaller scene is captured. If the environment has less vibration, move the slider towards **Min**.

Image

Appearance

Contrast: Use the slider to adjust the difference between light and dark.



Brightness: Use the slider to adjust the light intensity. This can make objects easier to see. Brightness is applied after image capture, and doesn't affect the information in the image. To get more details from a dark area, it's usually better to increase gain or exposure time.

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Sharpness: Use the slider to make objects in the image appear sharper by adjusting the edge contrast. If you increase the sharpness, it may increase the bitrate and the amount of storage space needed as well.



Wide dynamic range

Local contrast ⓘ : Use the slider to adjust the contrast of the image. A higher value makes the contrast higher between dark and light areas.

Exposure

Exposure zone ⓘ : Use exposure zones to optimize the exposure in a selected part of the scene, for example, the area in front of an entrance door.

Note

The exposure zones are related to the original image (unrotated), and the names of the zones apply to the original image. This means, for example, that if the video stream is rotated 90°, then the **Upper** zone becomes the **Right** zone in the stream, and **Left** becomes **Lower**.

- **Automatic:** Suitable for most situations.
- **Center:** Uses a fixed area in the center of the image to calculate the exposure. The area has a fixed size and position in the live view.
- **Full** ⓘ : Uses the entire live view to calculate the exposure.
- **Upper** ⓘ : Uses an area with a fixed size and position in the upper part of the image to calculate the exposure.
- **Lower** ⓘ : Uses an area with a fixed size and position in the lower part of the image to calculate the exposure.
- **Left** ⓘ : Uses an area with a fixed size and position in the left part of the image to calculate the exposure.
- **Right** ⓘ : Uses an area with a fixed size and position in the right part of the image to calculate the exposure.
- **Spot:** Uses an area with a fixed size and position in the live view to calculate the exposure.
- **Custom:** Uses an area in the live view to calculate the exposure. You can adjust the size and position of the area.



Max gain: Select the suitable max gain. If you increase the max gain, it improves the visible level of detail in low contrast images, but also increases the noise level. More noise can also result in increased use of bandwidth and storage.

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General

Resolution: Select the image resolution suitable for the surveillance scene. A higher resolution increases bandwidth and storage.**Palette**  : Select a palette to color the image with different colors depending on temperature. The palette can improve visibility of fine details.**Frame rate:** To avoid bandwidth problems on the network or reduce storage size, you can limit the frame rate to a fixed amount. If you leave the frame rate at zero, the frame rate is kept at the highest possible rate under the current conditions. A higher frame rate requires more bandwidth and storage capacity.**P-frames:** A P-frame is a predicted image that shows only the changes in the image from the previous frame. Enter the desired number of P-frames. The higher the number, the less bandwidth is required. However, if there is network congestion, there could be a noticeable deterioration in the video quality.**Compression:** Use the slider to adjust the image compression. High compression results in a lower bitrate and lower image quality. Low compression improves the image quality, but uses more bandwidth and storage when you record.**Signed video**  : Turn on to add the signed video feature to the video. Signed video protects the video from tampering by adding cryptographic signatures to the video.

Zipstream

Zipstream is a bitrate reduction technology, optimized for video surveillance, that reduces the average bitrate in an H.264 or H.265 stream in real time. Axis Zipstream applies a high bitrate in scenes where there are multiple regions of interest, for example, in scenes with moving objects. When the scene is more static, Zipstream applies a lower bitrate, and thereby reduces the required storage. To learn more, see *Reducing the bit rate with Axis Zipstream*

Select the bitrate reduction **Strength**:


- **Off:** No bitrate reduction.
- **Low:** No visible quality degradation in most scenes. This is the default option and it can be used in all types of scenes to reduce the bitrate.
- **Medium:** Visible effects in some scenes through less noise and a slightly lower level of detail in regions of lower interest, for example, where there's no movement.
- **High:** Visible effects in some scenes through less noise and a lower level of detail in regions of lower interest, for example, where there's no movement. We recommend this level for cloud-connected devices and devices that use local storage.
- **Higher:** Visible effects in some scenes through less noise and a lower level of detail in regions of lower interest, for example, where there's no movement.
- **Extreme:** Visible effects in most scenes. The bitrate is optimized for smallest possible storage.

Optimize for storage: Turn on to minimize the bitrate while maintaining quality. The optimization does not apply to the stream shown in the web client. This can only be used if your VMS supports B-frames. Turning on **Optimize for storage** also turns on **Dynamic GOP**.**Dynamic FPS (frames per second):** Turn on to allow the bandwidth to vary based on the level of activity in the scene. More activity requires more bandwidth.**Lower limit:** Enter a value to adjust the frame rate between minimal fps and the stream default fps based on scene motion. We recommend you to use lower limit in scenes with very little motion, where the fps could drop to 1 or lower.**Dynamic GOP (Group of Pictures):** Turn on to dynamically adjust the interval between I-frames based on the level of activity in the scene.**Upper limit:** Enter a maximum GOP length, that is, the maximum number of P-frames between two I-frames. An I-frame is a self-contained image frame that is independent of other frames.

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- **Average:** Select to automatically adjust the bitrate over a longer time period and provide the best possible image quality based on the available storage.
 -  Click to calculate the target bitrate based on available storage, retention time, and bitrate limit.
 - **Target bitrate:** Enter desired target bitrate.
 - **Retention time:** Enter the number of days to keep the recordings.
 - **Storage:** Shows the estimated storage that can be used for the stream.
 - **Maximum bitrate:** Turn on to set a bitrate limit.
 - **Bitrate limit:** Enter a bitrate limit that is higher than the target bitrate.
- **Maximum:** Select to set a maximum instant bitrate of the stream based on your network bandwidth.
 - **Maximum:** Enter the maximum bitrate.
- **Variable:** Select to allow the bitrate to vary based on the level of activity in the scene. More activity requires more bandwidth. We recommend this option for most situations.







Orientation

Mirror: Turn on to mirror the image.

Audio








Include: Turn on to use audio in the video stream.  **Source**  : Select what audio source to use. **Stereo**  : Turn on to include built-in audio as well as audio from an external microphone.

Overlays

- + : Click to add an overlay. Select the type of overlay from the dropdown list:
 - **Text:** Select to show a text that is integrated in the live view image and visible in all views, recordings and snapshots. You can enter your own text, and you can also include pre-configured modifiers to automatically show, for example, time, date, and frame rate.
 -  : Click to add the date modifier %F to show yyyy-mm-dd.
 -  : Click to add the time modifier %X to show hh:mm:ss (24-hour clock).
 - **Modifiers:** Click to select any of the modifiers shown in the list to add them to the text box. For example, %a shows the day of the week.
 - **Size:** Select the desired font size.
 - **Appearance:** Select the text color and background color, for example, white text on a black background (default).
 -  : Select the position of the overlay in the image.
 - **Image:** Select to show a static image superimposed over the video stream. You can use .bmp, .png, .jpeg, or .svg files. To upload an image, click **Images**. Before you upload an image, you can choose to:
 - **Scale with resolution:** Select to automatically scale the overlay image to fit the video resolution.
 - **Use transparency:** Select and enter the RGB hexadecimal value for that color. Use the format RRGGBB. Examples of hexadecimal values: FFFFFFF for white, 000000 for black, FF0000 for red, 6633FF for blue, and 669900 for green. Only for .bmp images.
 - **Scene annotation**  : Select to show a text overlay in the video stream that stays in the same position, even when the camera pans or tilts in another direction. You can choose to only show the overlay within certain zoom levels.
 -  : Click to add the date modifier %F to show yyyy-mm-dd.
 -  : Click to add the time modifier %X to show hh:mm:ss (24-hour clock).
 - **Modifiers:** Click to select any of the modifiers shown in the list to add them to the text box. For example, %a shows the day of the week.
 - **Size:** Select the desired font size.

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- **Appearance:** Select the text color and background color, for example, white text on a black background (default).
-  : Select the position of the overlay in the image. The overlay is saved and remains in the pan and tilt coordinates of this position.
- **Annotation between zoom levels (%):** Set the zoom levels which the overlay will be shown within.
- **Annotation symbol:** Select a symbol that appears instead of the overlay when the camera is not within the set zoom levels.
- **Streaming indicator**  : Select to show an animation superimposed over the video stream. The animation indicates that the video stream is live, even if the scene doesn't contain any motion.
 - **Appearance:** Select the animation color and background color, for example, red animation on a transparent background (default).
 - **Size:** Select the desired font size.
 -  : Select the position of the overlay in the image.
- **Widget: Linegraph**  : Show a graph chart that displays how a measured value changes over time.
 - **Title:** Enter a title for the widget.
 - **Overlay modifier:** Select an overlay modifier as data source. If you have created MQTT overlays, they will be located at the end of the list.
 -  : Select the position of the overlay in the image.
 - **Size:** Select the size of the overlay.
 - **Visible on all channels:** Turn off to show only on your currently selected channel. Turn on to show on all active channels.
 - **Update interval:** Choose the time between data updates.
 - **Transparency:** Set the transparency of the entire overlay.
 - **Background transparency:** Set the transparency only of the background of the overlay.
 - **Points:** Turn on to add a point to the graph line when data is updated.
 - **X axis**
 - **Label:** Enter the text label for the x axis.
 - **Time window:** Enter how long time the data is visualized.
 - **Time unit:** Enter a time unit for the x axis.
 - **Y axis**
 - **Label:** Enter the text label for the y axis.
 - **Dynamic scale:** Turn on for the scale to automatically adapt to the data values. Turn off to manually enter values for a fixed scale.
 - **Min alarm threshold and Max alarm threshold:** These values will add horizontal reference lines to the graph, making it easier to see when the data value becomes too high or too low.
- **Widget: Meter**  : Show a bar chart that displays the most recently measured data value.
 - **Title:** Enter a title for the widget.
 - **Overlay modifier:** Select an overlay modifier as data source. If you have created MQTT overlays, they will be located at the end of the list.
 -  : Select the position of the overlay in the image.
 - **Size:** Select the size of the overlay.
 - **Visible on all channels:** Turn off to show only on your currently selected channel. Turn on to show on all active channels.
 - **Update interval:** Choose the time between data updates.
 - **Transparency:** Set the transparency of the entire overlay.
 - **Background transparency:** Set the transparency only of the background of the overlay.
 - **Points:** Turn on to add a point to the graph line when data is updated.
 - **Y axis**
 - **Label:** Enter the text label for the y axis.
 - **Dynamic scale:** Turn on for the scale to automatically adapt to the data values. Turn off to manually enter values for a fixed scale.
 - **Min alarm threshold and Max alarm threshold:** These values will add horizontal reference lines to the bar chart, making it easier to see when the data value becomes too high or too low.

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Privacy masks

 : Click to create a new privacy mask. **Privacy masks**: Click to change the color of all privacy masks, or to delete all privacy masks permanently.  **Mask x**: Click to rename, disable, or permanently delete the mask.

Analytics

Metadata configuration

RTSP metadata producers

Lists the apps that stream metadata and the channels they use.

Note




These settings are for the RTSP metadata stream that use ONVIF XML. Changes made here don't affect the Metadata visualization page.

Producer: The app that produces the metadata. Below the app is a list of the types of metadata the app streams from the device. **Channel**: The channel that the app uses. Select to enable the metadata stream. Deselect for compatibility or resource management reasons.

Audio

Device settings





Input: Turn on or off audio input. Shows the type of input.

Input type: Select the type of input, for instance, if it's a microphone or line. **Power type**: Select power type for your input. **Apply changes**: Apply your selection. **Echo cancellation**  : Turn on to remove echoes during two-way communication. **Separate gain controls**  : Turn on to adjust the gain separately for the different input types. **Automatic gain control**  : Turn on to dynamically adapt the gain to changes in the sound. **Gain**: Use the slider to change the gain. Click the microphone icon to mute or unmute.

Stream

Encoding: Select the encoding to use for the input source streaming. You can only choose encoding if audio input is turned on. If audio input is turned off, click **Enable audio input** to turn it on.

Audio clips

 **Add clip**: Add a new audio clip. You can use .au, .mp3, .opus, .vorbis, .wav files.  Play the audio clip.  Stop playing the audio clip.  The context menu contains:

- **Rename**: Change the name of the audio clip.
- **Create link**: Create a URL that, when used, plays the audio clip on the device. Specify the volume and number of times to play the clip.
- **Download**: Download the audio clip to your computer.
- **Delete**: Delete the audio clip from the device.

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Audio enhancement

Input

Ten Band Graphic Audio Equalizer: Turn on to adjust the level of different frequency bands within an audio signal. This feature is for advanced users with audio configuration experience. **Talkback range** ⓘ : Choose the operational range to gather audio content. An increase to the operational range cause a reduction of simultaneous two-way communication capabilities. **Voice enhancement** ⓘ : Turn on to enhance the voice content in relation to other sounds.

Recordings

Ongoing recordings: Show all ongoing recordings on the device. ● Start a recording on the device. 📄 Choose which storage device to save to. ● Stop a recording on the device. **Triggered recordings** will end when manually stopped or when the device is shut down. **Continuous recordings** will continue until manually stopped. Even if the device is shut down, the recording will continue when the device starts up again.

▶ Play the recording. □ Stop playing the recording. ∨ ^ Show or hide information and options about the recording. **Set export range:** If you only want to export part of the recording, enter a time span. Note that if you work in a different time zone than the location of the device, the time span is based on the device's time zone. **Encrypt:** Select to set a password for exported recordings. It will not be possible to open the exported file without the password. 🗑️ Click to delete a recording. **Export:** Export the whole or a part of the recording.

☰ Click to filter the recordings. **From:** Show recordings done after a certain point in time. **To:** Show recordings up until a certain point in time. **Source** ⓘ : Show recordings based on source. The source refers to the sensor. **Event:** Show recordings based on events. **Storage:** Show recordings based on storage type.

Apps

+ **Add app:** Install a new app. **Find more apps:** Find more apps to install. You will be taken to an overview page of Axis apps. **Allow unsigned apps** ⓘ : Turn on to allow installation of unsigned apps. **Allow root-privileged apps** ⓘ : Turn on to allow apps with root privileges full access to the device. 🔔 View the security updates in AXIS OS and ACAP apps.

Note

The device's performance might be affected if you run several apps at the same time.

Use the switch next to the app name to start or stop the app. **Open:** Access the app's settings. The available settings depend on the application. Some applications don't have any settings. ⋮ The context menu can contain one or more of the following options:

- **Open-source license:** View information about open-source licenses used in the app.
- **App log:** View a log of the app events. The log is helpful when you contact support.
- **Activate license with a key:** If the app requires a license, you need to activate it. Use this option if your device doesn't have internet access.

If you don't have a license key, go to axis.com/products/analytics. You need a license code and the Axis product serial number to generate a license key.

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- **Activate license automatically:** If the app requires a license, you need to activate it. Use this option if your device has internet access. You need a license code to activate the license.
- **Deactivate the license:** Deactivate the license to replace it with another license, for example, when you change from a trial license to a full license. If you deactivate the license, you also remove it from the device.
- **Settings:** Configure the parameters.
- **Delete:** Delete the app permanently from the device. If you don't deactivate the license first, it remains active.

System

Time and location

Date and time

The time format depends on the web browser's language settings.

Note

We recommend you synchronize the device's date and time with an NTP server.

Synchronization: Select an option for the device's date and time synchronization.

- **Automatic date and time (manual NTS KE servers):** Synchronize with the secure NTP key establishment servers connected to the DHCP server.
 - **Manual NTS KE servers:** Enter the IP address of one or two NTP servers. When you use two NTP servers, the device synchronizes and adapts its time based on input from both.
 - **Max NTP poll time:** Select the maximum amount of time the device should wait before it polls the NTP server to get an updated time.
 - **Min NTP poll time:** Select the minimum amount of time the device should wait before it polls the NTP server to get an updated time.
- **Automatic date and time (NTP servers using DHCP):** Synchronize with the NTP servers connected to the DHCP server.
 - **Fallback NTP servers:** Enter the IP address of one or two fallback servers.
 - **Max NTP poll time:** Select the maximum amount of time the device should wait before it polls the NTP server to get an updated time.
 - **Min NTP poll time:** Select the minimum amount of time the device should wait before it polls the NTP server to get an updated time.
- **Automatic date and time (manual NTP servers):** Synchronize with NTP servers of your choice.
 - **Manual NTP servers:** Enter the IP address of one or two NTP servers. When you use two NTP servers, the device synchronizes and adapts its time based on input from both.
 - **Max NTP poll time:** Select the maximum amount of time the device should wait before it polls the NTP server to get an updated time.
 - **Min NTP poll time:** Select the minimum amount of time the device should wait before it polls the NTP server to get an updated time.
- **Custom date and time:** Manually set the date and time. Click **Get from system** to fetch the date and time settings once from your computer or mobile device.

Time zone: Select which time zone to use. Time will automatically adjust to daylight saving time and standard time.

- **DHCP:** Adopts the time zone of the DHCP server. The device must be connected to a DHCP server before you can select this option.
- **Manual:** Select a time zone from the drop-down list.

Note

The system uses the date and time settings in all recordings, logs, and system settings.

Device location

Enter where the device is located. Your video management system can use this information to place the device on a map.

- **Format:** Select the format to use when you enter your device's latitude and longitude.
- **Latitude:** Positive values are north of the equator.
- **Longitude:** Positive values are east of the prime meridian.
- **Heading:** Enter the compass direction that the device is facing. 0 is due north.
- **Label:** Enter a descriptive name for your device.
- **Save:** Click to save your device location.

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Network

IPv4

Assign IPv4 automatically: Select to let the network router assign an IP address to the device automatically. We recommend automatic IP (DHCP) for most networks.**IP address:** Enter a unique IP address for the device. Static IP addresses can be assigned at random within isolated networks, provided that each address is unique. To avoid conflicts, we recommend you contact your network administrator before you assign a static IP address.**Subnet mask:** Enter the subnet mask to define what addresses are inside the local area network. Any address outside the local area network goes through the router.**Router:** Enter the IP address of the default router (gateway) used to connect devices that are attached to different networks and network segments.**Fallback to static IP address if DHCP isn't available:** Select if you want to add a static IP address to use as fallback if DHCP is unavailable and can't assign an IP address automatically.

Note

If DHCP isn't available and the device uses a static address fallback, the static address is configured with a limited scope.

IPv6

Assign IPv6 automatically: Select to turn on IPv6 and to let the network router assign an IP address to the device automatically.

Hostname

Assign hostname automatically: Select to let the network router assign a hostname to the device automatically.**Hostname:** Enter the hostname manually to use as an alternative way of accessing the device. The server report and system log use the hostname. Allowed characters are A–Z, a–z, 0–9 and –.**Enable dynamic DNS updates:** Allow your device to automatically update its domain name server records whenever its IP address changes.**Register DNS name:** Enter a unique domain name that points to your device's IP address. Allowed characters are A–Z, a–z, 0–9 and –.**TTL: Time to Live (TTL)** sets how long a DNS record stays valid before it needs to be updated.

DNS servers

Assign DNS automatically: Select to let the DHCP server assign search domains and DNS server addresses to the device automatically. We recommend automatic DNS (DHCP) for most networks.**Search domains:** When you use a hostname that is not fully qualified, click **Add search domain** and enter a domain in which to search for the hostname the device uses.**DNS servers:** Click **Add DNS server** and enter the IP address of the DNS server. This provides the translation of hostnames to IP addresses on your network.

HTTP and HTTPS

HTTPS is a protocol that provides encryption for page requests from users and for the pages returned by the web server. The encrypted exchange of information is governed by the use of an HTTPS certificate, which guarantees the authenticity of the server.

To use HTTPS on the device, you must install an HTTPS certificate. Go to **System > Security** to create and install certificates.

Allow access through: Select if a user is allowed to connect to the device through the HTTP, HTTPS, or both HTTP and HTTPS protocols.

Note

If you view encrypted web pages through HTTPS, you might experience a drop in performance, especially when you request a page for the first time.

HTTP port: Enter the HTTP port to use. The device allows port 80 or any port in the range 1024–65535. If you are logged in as an administrator, you can also enter any port in the range 1–1023. If you use a port in this range, you get a warning.**HTTPS port:** Enter the HTTPS port to use. The device allows port 443 or any port in the range 1024–65535. If you are logged in as an administrator, you can also enter any port in the range 1–1023. If you use a port in this range, you get a warning.**Certificate:** Select a certificate to enable HTTPS for the device.

Network discovery protocols

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Bonjour[®]: Turn on to allow automatic discovery on the network. **Bonjour name**: Enter a friendly name to be visible on the network. The default name is the device name and MAC address. **UPnP**[®]: Turn on to allow automatic discovery on the network. **UPnP name**: Enter a friendly name to be visible on the network. The default name is the device name and MAC address. **WS-Discovery**: Turn on to allow automatic discovery on the network. **LLDP and CDP**: Turn on to allow automatic discovery on the network. Turning LLDP and CDP off can impact the PoE power negotiation. To resolve any issues with the PoE power negotiation, configure the PoE switch for hardware PoE power negotiation only.

Global proxies

Http proxy: Specify a global proxy host or IP address according to the allowed format. **Https proxy**: Specify a global proxy host or IP address according to the allowed format.

Allowed formats for http and https proxies:

- `http(s)://host:port`
- `http(s)://user@host:port`
- `http(s)://user:pass@host:port`

Note

Restart the device to apply the global proxy settings.

No proxy: Use **No proxy** to bypass global proxies. Enter one of the options in the list, or enter several separated by a comma:

- Leave empty
- Specify an IP address
- Specify an IP address in CIDR format
- Specify a domain name, for example: `www.<domain name>.com`
- Specify all subdomains in a specific domain, for example `.<domain name>.com`

One-click cloud connection

One-click cloud connection (O3C) together with an O3C service provides easy and secure internet access to live and recorded video from any location. For more information, see axis.com/end-to-end-solutions/hosted-services.

Allow O3C:

- **One-click**: This is the default setting. Press and hold the control button on the device to connect to an O3C service over the internet. You need to register the device with the O3C service within 24 hours after you press the control button. Otherwise, the device disconnects from the O3C service. Once you register the device, **Always** is enabled and the device stays connected to the O3C service.
- **Always**: The device constantly attempts to connect to an O3C service over the internet. Once you register the device, it stays connected to the O3C service. Use this option if the control button on the device is out of reach.
- **No**: Disables the O3C service.

Proxy settings: If needed, enter the proxy settings to connect to the proxy server. **Host**: Enter the proxy server's address. **Port**: Enter the port number used for access. **Login and Password**: If needed, enter username and password for the proxy server. **Authentication method**:

- **Basic**: This method is the most compatible authentication scheme for HTTP. It's less secure than the **Digest** method because it sends the username and password unencrypted to the server.
- **Digest**: This method is more secure because it always transfers the password encrypted across the network.
- **Auto**: This option lets the device select the authentication method depending on the supported methods. It prioritizes the **Digest** method over the **Basic** method.

Owner authentication key (OAK): Click **Get key** to fetch the owner authentication key. This is only possible if the device is connected to the internet without a firewall or proxy.

SNMP

The Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) allows remote management of network devices.

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SNMP: Select the version of SNMP to use.

- **v1 and v2c:**
 - **Read community:** Enter the community name that has read-only access to all supported SNMP objects. The default value is **public**.
 - **Write community:** Enter the community name that has read or write access to all supported SNMP objects (except read-only objects). The default value is **write**.
 - **Activate traps:** Turn on to activate trap reporting. The device uses traps to send messages for important events or status changes to a management system. In the web interface, you can set up traps for SNMP v1 and v2c. Traps are automatically turned off if you change to SNMP v3 or turn off SNMP. If you use SNMP v3, you can set up traps through the SNMP v3 management application.
 - **Trap address:** Enter the IP address or host name of the management server.
 - **Trap community:** Enter the community to use when the device sends a trap message to the management system.
 - **Traps:**
 - **Cold start:** Sends a trap message when the device starts.
 - **Warm start:** Sends a trap message when you change an SNMP setting.
 - **Link up:** Sends a trap message when a link changes from down to up.
 - **Authentication failed:** Sends a trap message when an authentication attempt fails.

Note

All Axis Video MIB traps are enabled when you turn on SNMP v1 and v2c traps. For more information, see *AXIS OS Portal > SNMP*.

- **v3:** SNMP v3 is a more secure version, which provides encryption and secure passwords. To use SNMP v3, we recommend you to activate HTTPS, as the password is then sent through HTTPS. This also prevents unauthorized parties' access to unencrypted SNMP v1 and v2c traps. If you use SNMP v3, you can set up traps through the SNMP v3 management application.
 - **Password for the account "initial":** Enter the SNMP password for the account named "initial". Although the password can be sent without activating HTTPS, we don't recommend it. The SNMP v3 password can only be set once, and preferably only when HTTPS is enabled. Once the password is set, the password field is no longer displayed. To set the password again, you must reset the device to factory default settings.

Security

Certificates

Certificates are used to authenticate devices on a network. The device supports two types of certificates:

- **Client/server certificates**
A client/server certificate validates the device's identity, and can be self-signed or issued by a Certificate Authority (CA). A self-signed certificate offers limited protection and can be used before a CA-issued certificate has been obtained.
- **CA certificates**
You can use a CA certificate to authenticate a peer certificate, for example to validate the identity of an authentication server when the device connects to a network protected by IEEE 802.1X. The device has several pre-installed CA certificates.

These formats are supported:


- Certificate formats: .PEM, .CER, and .PFX
- Private key formats: PKCS#1 and PKCS#12

Important

If you reset the device to factory default, all certificates are deleted. Any pre-installed CA certificates are reinstalled.



Add certificate : Click to add a certificate.

- **More**  : Show more fields to fill in or select.
- **Secure keystore:** Select to use **Secure element** or **Trusted Platform Module 2.0** to securely store the private key. For more information on which secure keystore to select, go to help.axis.com/en-us/axis-os#cryptographic-support.
- **Key type:** Select the default or a different encryption algorithm from the drop-down list to protect the certificate.



The context menu contains:

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- **Certificate information:** View an installed certificate's properties.
- **Delete certificate:** Delete the certificate.
- **Create certificate signing request:** Create a certificate signing request to send to a registration authority to apply for a digital identity certificate.

Secure keystore ⓘ :

- **Secure element (CC EAL6+):** Select to use secure element for secure keystore.
- **Trusted Platform Module 2.0 (CC EAL4+, FIPS 140-2 Level 2):** Select to use TPM 2.0 for secure keystore.

Network access control and encryption

IEEE 802.1x IEEE 802.1x is an IEEE standard for port-based network admission control providing secure authentication of wired and wireless network devices. IEEE 802.1x is based on EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol). To access a network protected by IEEE 802.1x, network devices must authenticate themselves. The authentication is performed by an authentication server, typically a RADIUS server (for example, FreeRADIUS and Microsoft Internet Authentication Server). **IEEE 802.1AE MACsec** IEEE 802.1AE MACsec is an IEEE standard for media access control (MAC) security that defines connectionless data confidentiality and integrity for media access independent protocols. **Certificates** When configured without a CA certificate, server certificate validation is disabled and the device tries to authenticate itself regardless of what network it is connected to. When using a certificate, in Axis' implementation, the device and the authentication server authenticate themselves with digital certificates using EAP-TLS (Extensible Authentication Protocol - Transport Layer Security). To allow the device to access a network protected through certificates, you must install a signed client certificate on the device. **Authentication method:** Select an EAP type used for authentication. **Client certificate:** Select a client certificate to use IEEE 802.1x. The authentication server uses the certificate to validate the client's identity. **CA certificates:** Select CA certificates to validate the authentication server's identity. When no certificate is selected, the device tries to authenticate itself regardless of what network it is connected to. **EAP identity:** Enter the user identity associated with the client certificate. **EAPOL version:** Select the EAPOL version that is used in the network switch. **Use IEEE 802.1x:** Select to use the IEEE 802.1x protocol. These settings are only available if you use IEEE 802.1x PEAP-MSCHAPv2 as the authentication method:

- **Password:** Enter the password for your user identity.
- **Peap version:** Select the Peap version that is used in the network switch.
- **Label:** Select 1 to use client EAP encryption; select 2 to use client PEAP encryption. Select the Label that the network switch uses when using Peap version 1.

These settings are only available if you use IEEE 802.1ae MACsec (Static CAK/Pre-Shared Key) as the authentication method:

- **Key agreement connectivity association key name:** Enter the connectivity association name (CKN). It must be 2 to 64 (divisible by 2) hexadecimal characters. The CKN must be manually configured in the connectivity association and must match on both ends of the link to initially enable MACsec.
- **Key agreement connectivity association key:** Enter the connectivity association key (CAK). It should be either 32 or 64 hexadecimal characters long. The CAK must be manually configured in the connectivity association and must match on both ends of the link to initially enable MACsec.

Prevent brute-force attacks

Blocking: Turn on to block brute-force attacks. A brute-force attack uses trial-and-error to guess login info or encryption keys. **Blocking period:** Enter the number of seconds to block a brute-force attack. **Blocking conditions:** Enter the number of authentication failures allowed per second before the block starts. You can set the number of failures allowed both on page level and device level.

Firewall

Activate: Turn on the firewall.
Default Policy: Select the default state for the firewall.

- **Allow:** Allows all connections to the device. This option is set by default.
- **Deny:** Denies all connections to the device.

To make exceptions to the default policy, you can create rules that allows or denies connections to the device from specific addresses, protocols, and ports.

- **Address:** Enter an address in IPv4/IPv6 or CIDR format that you want to allow or deny access to.
- **Protocol:** Select a protocol that you want to allow or deny access to.
- **Port:** Enter a port number that you want to allow or deny access to. You can add a port number between 1 and 65535.
- **Policy:** Select the policy of the rule.



: Click to create another rule.

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Add rules: Click to add the rules that you have defined.

- **Time in seconds:** Set a time limit for testing the rules. The default time limit is set to 300 seconds. To activate the rules straight away, set the time to 0 seconds.
- **Confirm rules:** Confirm the rules and their time limit. If you have set a time limit of more than 1 second, the rules will be active during this time. If you have set the time to 0, the rules will be active straight away.

Pending rules: An overview of the latest tested rules that you are yet to confirm.

Note

The rules that have a time limit appear under **Active rules** until the displayed timer runs out, or until you confirm them. If you don't confirm them, they will appear under **Pending rules** once the timer runs out, and the firewall will revert to the previously defined settings. If you confirm them, they will replace the current active rules.

Confirm rules: Click to activate the pending rules. **Active rules:** An overview of the rules you are currently running on the device.




: Click to delete an active rule.



: Click to delete all rules, both pending and active.

Custom signed AXIS OS certificate

To install test software or other custom software from Axis on the device, you need a custom signed AXIS OS certificate. The certificate verifies that the software is approved by both the device owner and Axis. The software can only run on a specific device which is identified by its unique serial number and chip ID. Only Axis can create custom signed AXIS OS certificates, since Axis holds the key to sign them. **Install:** Click to install the certificate. You need to install the certificate before you install the

software.  The context menu contains:

- **Delete certificate:** Delete the certificate.

Accounts

Accounts



Add account: Click to add a new account. You can add up to 100 accounts. **Account:** Enter a unique account name. **New password:** Enter a password for the account. Passwords must be 1 to 64 characters long. Only ASCII printable characters (code 32 to 126) are allowed in the password, for example, letters, numbers, punctuation, and some symbols. **Repeat password:** Enter the same password again. **Privileges:**

- **Administrator:** Has full access to all settings. Administrators can also add, update, and remove other accounts.
- **Operator:** Has access to all settings except:
 - All **System** settings.
- **Viewer:** Has access to:
 - Watch and take snapshots of a video stream.
 - Watch and export recordings.
 - Pan, tilt, and zoom; with **PTZ account** access.



The context menu contains: **Update account:** Edit the account properties. **Delete account:** Delete the account. You can't delete the root account.

Anonymous access

Allow anonymous viewing: Turn on to allow anyone access the device as a viewer without logging in with an account. **Allow**

anonymous PTZ operating



: Turn on to allow anonymous users to pan, tilt, and zoom the image.

SSH accounts

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Add SSH account: Click to add a new SSH account.

- **Restrict root access:** Turn on to restrict functionality that requires root access.
- **Enable SSH:** Turn on to use SSH service.


Account: Enter a unique account name. **New password:** Enter a password for the account. Passwords must be 1 to 64 characters long. Only ASCII printable characters (code 32 to 126) are allowed in the password, for example, letters, numbers, punctuation,

and some symbols. **Repeat password:** Enter the same password again. **Comment:** Enter a comment (optional).  The context menu contains: **Update SSH account:** Edit the account properties. **Delete SSH account:** Delete the account. You can't delete the root account.

Virtual host



Add virtual host: Click to add a new virtual host. **Enabled:** Select to use this virtual host. **Server name:** Enter the name of the server. Only use numbers 0-9, letters A-Z, and hyphen (-). **Port:** Enter the port the server is connected to. **Type:** Select the type

of authentication to use. Select between **Basic**, **Digest**, and **Open ID**.  The context menu contains:

- **Update:** Update the virtual host.
- **Delete:** Delete the virtual host.

Disabled: The server is disabled.

OpenID Configuration

Important

If you can't use OpenID to sign in, use the Digest or Basic credentials you used when you configured OpenID to sign in.

Client ID: Enter the OpenID username. **Outgoing Proxy:** Enter the proxy address for the OpenID connection to use a proxy server. **Admin claim:** Enter a value for the admin role. **Provider URL:** Enter the web link for the API endpoint authentication. Format should be `https://[insert URL]/well-known/openid-configuration`. **Operator claim:** Enter a value for the operator role. **Require claim:** Enter the data that should be in the token. **Viewer claim:** Enter the value for the viewer role. **Remote user:** Enter a value to identify remote users. This assists to display the current user in the device's web interface. **Scopes:** Optional scopes that could be part of the token. **Client secret:** Enter the OpenID password. **Save:** Click to save the OpenID values. **Enable OpenID:** Turn on to close current connection and allow device authentication from the provider URL.

Events

Rules

A rule defines the conditions that triggers the product to perform an action. The list shows all the currently configured rules in the product.

Note


You can create up to 256 action rules.



Add a rule: Create a rule. **Name:** Enter a name for the rule. **Wait between actions:** Enter the minimum time (hh:mm:ss) that must pass between rule activations. It is useful if the rule is activated by, for example, day-night mode conditions, to avoid that small light changes during sunrise and sunset activate the rule repeatedly. **Condition:** Select a condition from the list. A condition must be met for the device to perform an action. If multiple conditions are defined, all of them must be met to trigger the action. For information about specific conditions, see *Get started with rules for events*. **Use this condition as a trigger:** Select to make this first condition function only as a starting trigger. It means that once the rule is activated, it remains active for as long as all the other conditions are met, no matter the state of the first condition. If you don't select this option, the rule will simply be active whenever all the conditions are met. **Invert this condition:** Select if you want the condition to be the opposite of your

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selection.  **Add a condition:** Click to add an additional condition. **Action:** Select an action from the list and enter its required information. For information about specific actions, see *Get started with rules for events*.

Recipients

You can set up your device to notify recipients about events or send files.

Note

If you set up your device to use FTP or SFTP, don't change or remove the unique sequence number that's added to the file names. If you do that, only one image per event can be sent.



The list shows all the recipients currently configured in the product, along with information about their configuration.

Note

You can create up to 20 recipients.



Add a recipient: Click to add a recipient. **Name:** Enter a name for the recipient. **Type:** Select from the list:


- FTP 
 - **Host:** Enter the server's IP address or hostname. If you enter a hostname, make sure that a DNS server is specified under **System > Network > IPv4 and IPv6**.
 - **Port:** Enter the port number used by the FTP server. The default is 21.
 - **Folder:** Enter the path to the directory where you want to store files. If this directory doesn't already exist on the FTP server, you will get an error message when uploading files.
 - **Username:** Enter the username for the login.
 - **Password:** Enter the password for the login.
 - **Use temporary file name:** Select to upload files with temporary, automatically generated filenames. The files get renamed to the desired names when the upload completes. If the upload is aborted/interrupted, you don't get any corrupt files. However, you probably still get the temporary files. This way you know that all files that have the desired name are correct.
 - **Use passive FTP:** Under normal circumstances, the product simply requests the target FTP server to open the data connection. The device actively initiates both the FTP control and data connections to the target server. This is normally needed if there is a firewall between the device and the target FTP server.
- HTTP
 - **URL:** Enter the network address to the HTTP server and the script that will handle the request. For example, `http://192.168.254.10/cgi-bin/notify.cgi`.
 - **Username:** Enter the username for the login.
 - **Password:** Enter the password for the login.
 - **Proxy:** Turn on and enter the required information if a proxy server must be passed to connect to the HTTP server.
- HTTPS
 - **URL:** Enter the network address to the HTTPS server and the script that will handle the request. For example, `https://192.168.254.10/cgi-bin/notify.cgi`.
 - **Validate server certificate:** Select to validate the certificate that was created by HTTPS server.
 - **Username:** Enter the username for the login.
 - **Password:** Enter the password for the login.
 - **Proxy:** Turn on and enter the required information if a proxy server must be passed to connect to the HTTPS server.
- Network storage 


You can add network storage such as NAS (network-attached storage) and use it as a recipient to store files. The files are stored in the Matroska (MKV) file format.

 - **Host:** Enter the IP address or hostname for the network storage.
 - **Share:** Enter the name of the share on the host.
 - **Folder:** Enter the path to the directory where you want to store files.
 - **Username:** Enter the username for the login.
 - **Password:** Enter the password for the login.

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- SFTP 
 - **Host:** Enter the server's IP address or hostname. If you enter a hostname, make sure that a DNS server is specified under **System > Network > IPv4 and IPv6**.
 - **Port:** Enter the port number used by the SFTP server. The default is 22.
 - **Folder:** Enter the path to the directory where you want to store files. If this directory doesn't already exist on the SFTP server, you will get an error message when uploading files.
 - **Username:** Enter the username for the login.
 - **Password:** Enter the password for the login.
 - **SSH host public key type (MD5):** Enter the fingerprint of the remote host's public key (a 32-digit hexadecimal string). The SFTP client supports SFTP servers using SSH-2 with RSA, DSA, ECDSA, and ED25519 host key types. RSA is the preferred method during negotiation, followed by ECDSA, ED25519, and DSA. Make sure to enter the right MD5 host key that is used by your SFTP server. While the Axis device supports both MD5 and SHA-256 hash keys, we recommend using SHA-256 due to stronger security over MD5. For more information on how to configure an SFTP server with an Axis device, go to the *AXIS OS Portal*.
 - **SSH host public key type (SHA256):** Enter the fingerprint of the remote host's public key (a 43-digit Base64 encoded string). The SFTP client supports SFTP servers using SSH-2 with RSA, DSA, ECDSA, and ED25519 host key types. RSA is the preferred method during negotiation, followed by ECDSA, ED25519, and DSA. Make sure to enter the right MD5 host key that is used by your SFTP server. While the Axis device supports both MD5 and SHA-256 hash keys, we recommend using SHA-256 due to stronger security over MD5. For more information on how to configure an SFTP server with an Axis device, go to the *AXIS OS Portal*.
 - **Use temporary file name:** Select to upload files with temporary, automatically generated filenames. The files get renamed to the desired names when the upload completes. If the upload is aborted or interrupted, you don't get any corrupt files. However, you probably still get the temporary files. This way, you know that all files that have the desired name are correct.


- SIP or VMS 
 - SIP: Select to make a SIP call.
 - VMS: Select to make a VMS call.
 - **From SIP account:** Select from the list.
 - **To SIP address:** Enter the SIP address.
 - **Test:** Click to test that your call settings works.

- Email
 - **Send email to:** Enter the email address to send emails to. To enter multiple addresses, use commas to separate them.
 - **Send email from:** Enter the email address of the sending server.
 - **Username:** Enter the username for the mail server. Leave this field empty if the mail server does not require authentication.
 - **Password:** Enter the password for the mail server. Leave this field empty if the mail server does not require authentication.
 - **Email server (SMTP):** Enter the name of the SMTP server, for example, smtp.gmail.com, smtp.mail.yahoo.com.
 - **Port:** Enter the port number for the SMTP server, using values in the range 0-65535. The default value is 587.
 - **Encryption:** To use encryption, select either SSL or TLS.
 - **Validate server certificate:** If you use encryption, select to validate the identity of the device. The certificate can be self-signed or issued by a Certificate Authority (CA).
 - **POP authentication:** Turn on to enter the name of the POP server, for example, pop.gmail.com.

Note

Some email providers have security filters that prevent users from receiving or viewing large amount of attachments, from receiving scheduled emails and similar. Check the email provider's security policy to avoid your email account being locked or missing out on your expected emails.


- TCP
 - **Host:** Enter the server's IP address or hostname. If you enter a hostname, make sure that a DNS server is specified under **System > Network > IPv4 and IPv6**.
 - **Port:** Enter the port number used to access the server.

Test: Click to test the setup.  The context menu contains:
View recipient: Click to view all the recipient details.
Copy recipient: Click to copy a recipient. When you copy, you can make changes to the new recipient.
Delete recipient: Click to delete the recipient permanently.

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Schedules

Schedules and pulses can be used as conditions in rules. The list shows all the schedules and pulses currently configured in the product, along with information about their configuration.  **Add schedule:** Click to create a schedule or pulse.

Manual triggers

You can use the manual trigger to manually trigger a rule. The manual trigger can, for example, be used to validate actions during product installation and configuration.

MQTT

MQTT (Message Queuing Telemetry Transport) is a standard messaging protocol for the Internet of Things (IoT). It was designed for simplified IoT integration and is used in a wide variety of industries to connect remote devices with a small code footprint and minimal network bandwidth. The MQTT client in Axis device software can simplify integration of data and events produced in the device to systems which are not video management software (VMS). Set up the device as an MQTT client. MQTT communication is based on two entities, the clients and the broker. The clients can send and receive messages. The broker is responsible for routing messages between clients. You can learn more about MQTT in *AXIS OS Portal*.

ALPN

ALPN is a TLS/SSL extension that allows for the selection of an application protocol during the handshake phase of the connection between the client and server. This is used to enable MQTT traffic over the same port that is used for other protocols, such as HTTP. In some cases, there might not be a dedicated port open for MQTT communication. A solution in such cases is to use ALPN to negotiate the use of MQTT as the application protocol on a standard port, allowed by the firewalls.

MQTT client

Connect: Turn on or off the MQTT client. **Status:** Shows the current status of the MQTT client. **BrokerHost:** Enter the hostname or IP address of the MQTT server. **Protocol:** Select which protocol to use. **Port:** Enter the port number.

- 1883 is the default value for MQTT over TCP
- 8883 is the default value for MQTT over SSL
- 80 is the default value for MQTT over WebSocket
- 443 is the default value for MQTT over WebSocket Secure

ALPN protocol: Enter the ALPN protocol name provided by your MQTT broker provider. This is only applicable with MQTT over SSL and MQTT over WebSocket Secure. **Username:** Enter the username that the client will use to access the server. **Password:** Enter a password for the username. **Client ID:** Enter a client ID. The client identifier is sent to the server when the client connects to it. **Clean session:** Controls the behavior at connection and disconnection time. When selected, the state information is discarded at connect and disconnect. **HTTP proxy:** A URL with a maximum length of 255 bytes. You can leave the field empty if you don't want to use an HTTP proxy. **HTTPS proxy:** A URL with a maximum length of 255 bytes. You can leave the field empty if you don't want to use an HTTPS proxy. **Keep alive interval:** Enables the client to detect when the server is no longer available without having to wait for the long TCP/IP timeout. **Timeout:** The time interval in seconds to allow a connect to complete. Default value: 60. **Device topic prefix:** Used in the default values for the topic in the connect message and LWT message on the MQTT client tab, and in the publication conditions on the MQTT publication tab. **Reconnect automatically:** Specifies whether the client should reconnect automatically after a disconnect. **Connect message:** Specifies if a message should be sent out when a connection is established. **Send message:** Turn on to send messages. **Use default:** Turn off to enter your own default message. **Topic:** Enter the topic for the default message. **Payload:** Enter the content for the default message. **Retain:** Select to keep the state of client on this Topic. **QoS:** Change the QoS layer for the packet flow. **Last Will and Testament message:** The Last Will Testament (LWT) lets a client provide a testament along with its credentials when connecting to the broker. If the client disconnects ungracefully at some point later (maybe because his power source died), it can let the broker deliver a message to other clients. This LWT message has the same form as an ordinary message and gets routed via the same mechanics. **Send message:** Turn on to send messages. **Use default:** Turn off to enter your own default message. **Topic:** Enter the topic for the default message. **Payload:** Enter the content for the default message. **Retain:** Select to keep the state of client on this Topic. **QoS:** Change the QoS layer for the packet flow.

MQTT publication

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Use default topic prefix: Select to use the default topic prefix, that is defined in the device topic prefix in the MQTT client tab.**Include topic name:** Select to include the topic that describes the condition in the MQTT topic.**Include topic namespaces:** Select to include ONVIF topic namespaces in the MQTT topic.**Include serial number:** Select to include the device's serial number in the MQTT payload. **+** **Add condition:** Click to add a condition.**Retain:** Defines which MQTT messages are sent as retained.

- **None:** Send all messages as non-retained.
- **Property:** Send only stateful messages as retained.
- **All:** Send both stateful and stateless messages as retained.

QoS: Select the desired level for the MQTT publication.

MQTT subscriptions

+ **Add subscription:** Click to add a new MQTT subscription.**Subscription filter:** Enter the MQTT topic that you want to subscribe to.**Use device topic prefix:** Add the subscription filter as prefix to the MQTT topic.**Subscription type:**

- **Stateless:** Select to convert MQTT messages into a stateless message.
- **Stateful:** Select to convert MQTT messages into a condition. The payload is used as the state.

QoS: Select the desired level for the MQTT subscription.

MQTT overlays

Note

Connect to an MQTT broker before you add MQTT overlay modifiers.

+ **Add overlay modifier:** Click to add a new overlay modifier.**Topic filter:** Add the MQTT topic that contains the data you want to show in the overlay.**Data field:** Specify the key for the message payload that you want to show in the overlay, assuming the message is in JSON format.

Modifier: Use the resulting modifier when you create the overlay.

- Modifiers that start with **#XMP** show all of the data received from the topic.
- Modifiers that start with **#XMD** show the data specified in the data field.

Storage

Network storage

Ignore: Turn on to ignore network storage.**Add network storage:** Click to add a network share where you can save recordings.

- **Address:** Enter the IP address or host name of the host server, typically a NAS (network-attached storage). We recommend you to configure the host to use a fixed IP address (not DHCP since a dynamic IP address can change) or that you use DNS. Windows SMB/CIFS names are not supported.
- **Network share:** Enter the name of the shared location on the host server. Several Axis devices can use the same network share since each device gets its own folder.
- **User:** If the server requires a login, enter the username. To log in to a specific domain server, type `DOMAIN\username`.
- **Password:** If the server requires a login, enter the password.
- **SMB version:** Select the SMB storage protocol version to connect to the NAS. If you select **Auto**, the device tries to negotiate one of the secure versions SMB: 3.02, 3.0, or 2.1. Select 1.0 or 2.0 to connect to older NAS that don't support higher versions. You can read more about SMB support in Axis devices [here](#).
- **Add share without testing:** Select to add the network share even if an error is discovered during the connection test. The error can be, for example, that you didn't enter a password even though the server requires one.

Remove network storage: Click to unmount, unbind, and remove the connection to the network share. This removes all settings for the network share.**Unbind:** Click to unbind and disconnect the network share.

Bind: Click to bind and connect the network share.**Unmount:** Click to unmount the network share.

Mount: Click to mount the network share.**Write protect:** Turn on to stop writing to the network share and protect recordings from being removed. You can't format a write-protected network share.**Retention time:** Select how long to keep recordings, to limit

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the amount of old recordings, or to comply with regulations regarding data storage. If the network storage becomes full, old recordings are removed before the selected time period passes. **Tools**

- **Test connection:** Test the connection to the network share.
- **Format:** Format the network share, for example, when you need to quickly erase all data. CIFS is the available file system option.

Use tool: Click to activate the selected tool.

Onboard storage

Important

Risk of data loss and corrupted recordings. Do not remove the SD card while the device is running. Unmount the SD card before you remove it.

Unmount: Click to safely remove the SD card.**Write protect:** Turn on to stop writing to the SD card and protect recordings from being removed. You can't format a write-protected SD card.**Autoformat:** Turn on to automatically format a newly inserted SD card. It formats the file system into ext4.**Ignore:** Turn on to stop storing recordings on the SD card. When you ignore the SD card, the device no longer recognizes that the card exists. The setting is only available to administrators.**Retention time:** Select how long to keep recordings to limit the amount of old recordings or comply with data storage regulations. When the SD card is full, it deletes old recordings before their retention time has passed.**Tools**

- **Check:** Check for errors on the SD card.
- **Repair:** Repair errors in the file system.
- **Format:** Format the SD card to change the file system and erase all data. You can only format the SD card to the ext4 file system. You need a third-party ext4 driver or application to access the file system from Windows®.
- **Encrypt:** Use this tool to format the SD card and enable encryption. This erases all data stored on the SD card. Any new data you store on the SD card will be encrypted.
- **Decrypt:** Use this tool to format the SD card without encryption. This erases all data stored on the SD card. Any new data you store on the SD card will not be encrypted.
- **Change password:** Change the password required to encrypt the SD card.

Use tool: Click to activate the selected tool.


Wear trigger: Set a value for the SD card wear level at which you want to trigger an action. The wear level ranges from 0–200%. A new SD card that has never been used has a wear level of 0%. A wear level of 100% indicates that the SD card is close to its expected lifetime. When the wear-level reaches 200%, there is a high risk of the SD card malfunctioning. We recommend setting the wear trigger between 80–90%. This gives you time to download any recordings as well as replace the SD card in time before it potentially wears out. The wear trigger allows you to set up an event and get a notification when the wear level reaches your set value.



Stream profiles

A stream profile is a group of settings that affect the video stream. You can use stream profiles in different situations, for example, when you create events and use rules to record.



Add stream profile: Click to create a new stream profile.**Preview:** A preview of the video stream with the stream profile settings you select. The preview updates when you change the settings on the page. If your device has different view areas, you can change the view area in the drop-down in the bottom left corner of the image. **Name:** Add a name for your profile.**Description:** Add a description of your profile.**Video codec:** Select the video codec that should apply for the profile.**Resolution:** See *Stream on page 22* for a description of this setting.**Frame rate:** See *Stream on page 22* for a description of this setting.**Compression:**

See *Stream on page 22* for a description of this setting.**Zipstream**  : See *Stream on page 22* for a description of this

setting.**Optimize for storage**  : See *Stream on page 22* for a description of this setting.**Dynamic FPS**  : See *Stream on*



page 22 for a description of this setting.**Dynamic GOP**  : See *Stream on page 22* for a description of this setting.**Mirror**



: See *Stream on page 22* for a description of this setting.**GOP length**  : See *Stream on page 22* for a description

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of this setting. **Bitrate control:** See *Stream* on page 22 for a description of this setting. **Include overlays**  : Select what type of overlays to include. See *Overlays* on page 23 for information about how to add overlays. **Include audio**  : See *Stream* on page 22 for a description of this setting.

ONVIF

ONVIF accounts

ONVIF (Open Network Video Interface Forum) is a global interface standard that makes it easier for end-users, integrators, consultants, and manufacturers to take advantage of the possibilities offered by network video technology. ONVIF enables interoperability between different vendor products, increased flexibility, reduced cost and future-proof systems.

When you create an ONVIF account, you automatically enable ONVIF communication. Use the account name and password for all ONVIF communication with the device. For more information see the Axis Developer Community at axis.com.



Add accounts: Click to add a new ONVIF account. **Account:** Enter a unique account name. **New password:** Enter a password for the account. Passwords must be 1 to 64 characters long. Only ASCII printable characters (code 32 to 126) are allowed in the password, for example, letters, numbers, punctuation, and some symbols. **Repeat password:** Enter the same password again. **Role:**

- **Administrator:** Has full access to all settings. Administrators can also add, update, and remove other accounts.
- **Operator:** Has access to all settings except:
 - All **System** settings.
 - Adding apps.
- **Media account:** Allows access to the video stream only.



The context menu contains: **Update account:** Edit the account properties. **Delete account:** Delete the account. You can't delete the root account.

ONVIF media profiles

An ONVIF media profile consists of a set of configurations that you can use to change media stream settings. You can create new profiles with your own set of configurations or use preconfigured profiles for a quick setup.



Add media profile: Click to add a new ONVIF media profile. **Profile name:** Add a name for the media profile. **Video source:** Select the video source for your configuration.


- **Select configuration:** Select a user-defined configuration from the list. The configurations in the drop-down list correspond to the device's video channels, including multiviews, view areas and virtual channels.

Video encoder: Select the video encoding format for your configuration.


- **Select configuration:** Select a user-defined configuration from the list and adjust the encoding settings. The configurations in the drop-down list act as identifiers/names of the video encoder configuration. Select user 0 to 15 to apply your own settings, or select one of the default users if you want to use predefined settings for a specific encoding format.

Note

Enable audio in the device to get the option to select an audio source and audio encoder configuration.

Audio source  : Select the audio input source for your configuration.


- **Select configuration:** Select a user-defined configuration from the list and adjust the audio settings. The configurations in the drop-down list correspond to the device's audio inputs. If the device has one audio input, it's user0. If the device has several audio inputs, there will be additional users in the list.

Audio encoder  : Select the audio encoding format for your configuration.


- **Select configuration:** Select a user-defined configuration from the list and adjust the audio encoding settings. The configurations in the drop-down list act as identifiers/names of the audio encoder configuration.

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Audio decoder  : Select the audio decoding format for your configuration.


- **Select configuration:** Select a user-defined configuration from the list and adjust the settings. The configurations in the drop-down list act as identifiers/names of the configuration.

Audio output  : Select the audio output format for your configuration.

- **Select configuration:** Select a user-defined configuration from the list and adjust the settings. The configurations in the drop-down list act as identifiers/names of the configuration.

Metadata: Select the metadata to include in your configuration.

- **Select configuration:** Select a user-defined configuration from the list and adjust the metadata settings. The configurations in the drop-down list act as identifiers/names of the metadata configuration.

PTZ  : Select the PTZ settings for your configuration.

- **Select configuration:** Select a user-defined configuration from the list and adjust the PTZ settings. The configurations in the drop-down list correspond to the device's video channels with PTZ support.

Create: Click to save your settings and create the profile. **Cancel:** Click to cancel the configuration and clear all settings. **profile_x:** Click on the profile name to open and edit the preconfigured profile.

Detectors

Camera tampering

The camera tampering detector generates an alarm when the scene changes, for example, when the lens is covered, sprayed or severely put out of focus, and the time in **Trigger delay** has passed. The tampering detector only activates when the camera has not moved for at least 10 seconds. During this period, the detector sets up a scene model to use as a comparison to detect tampering in current images. For the scene model to be set up properly, make sure that the camera is in focus, the lighting conditions are correct, and the camera doesn't point at a scene that lacks contours, for example, a blank wall. Camera tampering can be used as a condition to trigger actions.

Trigger delay: Enter the minimum time that the tampering conditions must be active before the alarm triggers. This can help prevent false alarms for known conditions that affect the image. **Trigger on dark images:** It is very difficult to generate alarms when the camera lens is sprayed, since it is impossible to distinguish that event from other situations where the image turns dark in a similar way, for example, when the lighting conditions change. Turn on this parameter to generate alarms for all cases where the image turns dark. When it's turned off, the device doesn't generate any alarm when the image turns dark.

Note

For detection of tampering attempts in static and non-crowded scenes.

Audio detection

These settings are available for each audio input. **Sound level:** Adjust the sound level to a value from 0–100, where 0 is the most sensitive and 100 the least sensitive. Use the activity indicator as a guide when you set the sound level. When you create events, you can use the sound level as a condition. You can choose to trigger an action if the sound level rises above, falls below or passes the set value.

Shock detection

Shock detector: Turn on to generate an alarm if the device is hit by an object or if it is tampered with. **Sensitivity level:** Move the slider to adjust the sensitivity level at which the device should generate an alarm. A low value means that the device only generates an alarm if the hit is powerful. A high value means that the device generates an alarm even with mild tampering.

Accessories

PTZ

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Use PTZ drivers when you connect to external PTZ devices.





- **Driver:** Select the driver for your PTZ device. The driver is required for the connected device to function correctly.
- **Device type:** Select the type of device you're connecting to from the drop-down list. The device type is driver dependent.
- **Device id:** Type the id, or address, of the connected PTZ device. You can find the address in the documentation of the device.

For more information about PTZ drivers, see *PTZ drivers on page 55*.

I/O ports


Use digital input to connect external devices that can toggle between an open and closed circuit, for example, PIR sensors, door or window contacts, and glass break detectors.

Use digital output to connect external devices such as relays and LEDs. You can activate connected devices through the VAPIX® Application Programming Interface or the web interface.

PortName: Edit the text to rename the port.**Direction:**  indicates that the port is an input port.  indicates that it's an output port. If the port is configurable, you can click the icons to change between input and output.**Normal state:** Click  for open circuit, and  for closed circuit.**Current state:** Shows the current state of the port. The input or output is activated when the current state is different from the normal state. An input on the device has an open circuit when it's disconnected or when there is a voltage above 1 VDC.

Note

During restart, the output circuit is open. When the restart is complete, the circuit goes back to the normal position. If you change any settings on this page, the output circuits go back to their normal positions regardless of any active triggers.

Supervised  : Turn on to make it possible to detect and trigger actions if someone tampers with the connection to digital I/O devices. In addition to detecting if an input is open or closed, you can also detect if someone has tampered with it (that is, cut or shorted). To supervise the connection requires additional hardware (end-of-line resistors) in the external I/O loop.

Edge-to-edge

Pairing

Pairing allows you to use a compatible Axis device as if it were part of the main device.


Audio pairing allows you to pair with network speaker or microphone. Once paired, the network speaker acts as an audio out device where you can play audio clips and transmit sound through the camera. The network microphone will take up sounds from the surrounding area and make it available as an audio input device, usable in media streams and recordings.

Important

For this feature to work with a video management software (VMS), you must first pair the camera with the speaker or microphone, then add the camera to your VMS.

Set a 'Wait between actions (hh:mm:ss)' limit in the event rule when you use a network paired audio device in an event rule with 'Audio detection' as condition and 'Play audio clip' as action. This will help you avoid a looping detection if the capturing microphone picks up audio from the speaker.



Add: Add a device to pair with.**Select pairing type:** Select from the drop-down list.**Speaker pairing:** Select to pair a network speaker.**Microphone pairing**  : Select to pair a microphone. **Address:** Enter host name or IP address to the network speaker.**Username:** Enter username.**Password:** Enter password for the user.**Close:** Click to clear all fields.**Connect:** Click to establish connection to the device to pair with.

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Logs

Reports and logs

<p>Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• View the device server report: View information about the product status in a pop-up window. The Access Log is automatically included in the Server Report.• Download the device server report: It creates a .zip file that contains a complete server report text file in UTF-8 format, as well as a snapshot of the current live view image. Always include the server report .zip file when you contact support.• Download the crash report: Download an archive with detailed information about the server's status. The crash report contains information that is in the server report as well as detailed debug information. This report might contain sensitive information such as network traces. It can take several minutes to generate the report. <p>Logs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• View the system log: Click to show information about system events such as device startup, warnings, and critical messages.• View the access log: Click to show all failed attempts to access the device, for example, when a wrong login password is used.

Remote system log

Syslog is a standard for message logging. It allows separation of the software that generates messages, the system that stores them, and the software that reports and analyzes them. Each message is labeled with a facility code, which indicates the software type generating the message, and assigned a severity level.

<p> Server: Click to add a new server.Host: Enter the hostname or IP address of the server.Format: Select which syslog message format to use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Axis• RFC 3164• RFC 5424 <p>Protocol: Select the protocol to use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UDP (Default port is 514)• TCP (Default port is 601)• TLS (Default port is 6514) <p>Port: Edit the port number to use a different port.Severity: Select which messages to send when triggered.CA certificate set: See the current settings or add a certificate.</p>
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Plain config

Plain config is for advanced users with experience of Axis device configuration. Most parameters can be set and edited from this page.
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Maintenance

Maintenance

<p>Restart: Restart the device. This does not affect any of the current settings. Running applications restart automatically.Restore: Return <i>most</i> settings to the factory default values. Afterwards you must reconfigure the device and apps, reinstall any apps that didn't come preinstalled, and recreate any events and presets.</p>
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Important

The only settings saved after restore are:

- Boot protocol (DHCP or static)
- Static IP address
- Default router
- Subnet mask
- 802.1X settings
- O3C settings
- DNS server IP address

Factory default: Return *all* settings to the factory default values. Afterwards you must reset the IP address to make the device accessible.

Note


All Axis device software is digitally signed to ensure that you only install verified software on your device. This further increases the overall minimum cybersecurity level of Axis devices. For more information, see the white paper "Axis Edge Vault" at axis.com.


AXIS OS upgrade: Upgrade to a new AXIS OS version. New releases can contain improved functionality, bug fixes, and completely new features. We recommend you to always use the latest AXIS OS release. To download the latest release, go to axis.com/support. When you upgrade, you can choose between three options:

- **Standard upgrade:** Upgrade to the new AXIS OS version.
- **Factory default:** Upgrade and return all settings to the factory default values. When you choose this option, you can't revert to the previous AXIS OS version after the upgrade.
- **Autorollback:** Upgrade and confirm the upgrade within the set time. If you don't confirm, the device reverts to the previous AXIS OS version.

AXIS OS rollback: Revert to the previously installed AXIS OS version.

Troubleshoot

Reset PTR  : Reset PTR if for some reason the Pan, Tilt, or Roll settings aren't working as expected. The PTR motors are always calibrated in a new camera. But calibration can be lost, for example, if the camera loses power or if the motors are moved

by hand. When you reset PTR, the camera is re-calibrated and returns to its factory default position.**Calibration**  : Click **Calibrate** to recalibrate the pan, tilt, and roll motors to their default positions.**Ping:** To check if the device can reach a specific address, enter the hostname or IP address of the host you want to ping and click **Start**.**Port check:** To verify connectivity from the device to a specific IP address and TCP/UDP port, enter the hostname or IP address and port number you want to check and click **Start**.**Network trace**

Important

A network trace file might contain sensitive information such as certificates or passwords.

A network trace file can help you troubleshoot problems by recording activity on the network. **Trace time:** Select the duration of the trace in seconds or minutes and click **Download**.

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Color palettes

To help the human eye distinguish details in a thermal image, you can apply a color palette to the image. The colors in the palette are artificially created pseudocolors that emphasize temperature differences.

The product has several color palettes to choose from. If an operator watches the video stream, you can choose any of the palettes. If the video stream is only used by applications, select the white-hot palette.

Overlays

Overlays are superimposed over the video stream. They are used to provide extra information during recordings, such as a timestamp, or during product installation and configuration. You can add either text or an image.

The video streaming indicator is another type of overlay. It shows you that the live view video stream is live.

Streaming and storage

Video compression formats

Decide which compression method to use based on your viewing requirements, and on the properties of your network. The available options are:

Motion JPEG

Note

To ensure support for the Opus audio codec, the Motion JPEG stream is always sent over RTP.

Motion JPEG, or MJPEG, is a digital video sequence that is made up of a series of individual JPEG images. These images are then displayed and updated at a rate sufficient to create a stream that shows constantly updated motion. For the viewer to perceive motion video the rate must be at least 16 image frames per second. Full motion video is perceived at 30 (NTSC) or 25 (PAL) frames per second.

The Motion JPEG stream uses considerable amounts of bandwidth, but provides excellent image quality and access to every image contained in the stream.

H.264 or MPEG-4 Part 10/AVC

Note

H.264 is a licensed technology. The Axis product includes one H.264 viewing client license. To install additional unlicensed copies of the client is prohibited. To purchase additional licenses, contact your Axis reseller.

H.264 can, without compromising image quality, reduce the size of a digital video file by more than 80% compared to the Motion JPEG format and by as much as 50% compared to older MPEG formats. This means that less network bandwidth and storage space are required for a video file. Or seen another way, higher video quality can be achieved for a given bitrate.

H.265 or MPEG-H Part 2/HEVC

H.265 can, without compromising image quality, reduce the size of a digital video file by more than 25% compared to H.264.

Note

- H.265 is licensed technology. The Axis product includes one H.265 viewing client license. Installing additional unlicensed copies of the client is prohibited. To purchase additional licenses, contact your Axis reseller.
- Most web browsers don't support H.265 decoding and because of this the camera doesn't support it in its web interface. Instead you can use a video management system or application supporting H.265 decoding.

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How do Image, Stream, and Stream profile settings relate to each other?

The **Image** tab contains camera settings that affect all video streams from the product. If you change something in this tab, it immediately affects all video streams and recordings.

The **Stream** tab contains settings for video streams. You get these settings if you request a video stream from the product and don't specify for example resolution, or frame rate. When you change the settings in the **Stream** tab, it doesn't affect ongoing streams, but it will take effect when you start a new stream.

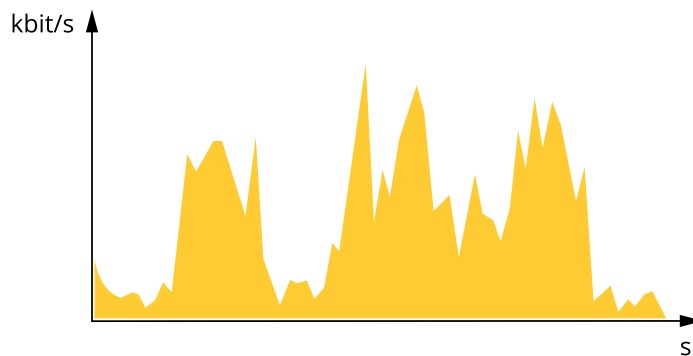
The **Stream profiles** settings override the settings from the **Stream** tab. If you request a stream with a specific stream profile, the stream contains the settings of that profile. If you request a stream without specifying a stream profile, or request a stream profile that doesn't exist in the product, the stream contains the settings from the **Stream** tab.

Bitrate control

Bitrate control helps you to manage the bandwidth consumption of your video stream.

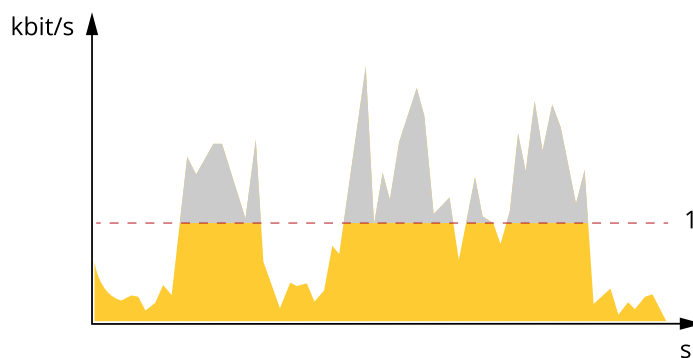
Variable bitrate (VBR)

Variable bitrate allows the bandwidth consumption to vary depending on the level of activity in the scene. The more activity, the more bandwidth you need. With variable bitrate you are guaranteed constant image quality, but you need to make sure you have storage margins.



Maximum bitrate (MBR)

Maximum bitrate lets you set a target bitrate to handle bitrate limitations in your system. You might see a decline in image quality or frame rate as the instantaneous bitrate is kept below the specified target bitrate. You can choose to prioritize either image quality or frame rate. We recommend that you configure the target bitrate to a higher value than the expected bitrate. This gives you a margin in case there is a high level of activity in the scene.



1 Target bitrate

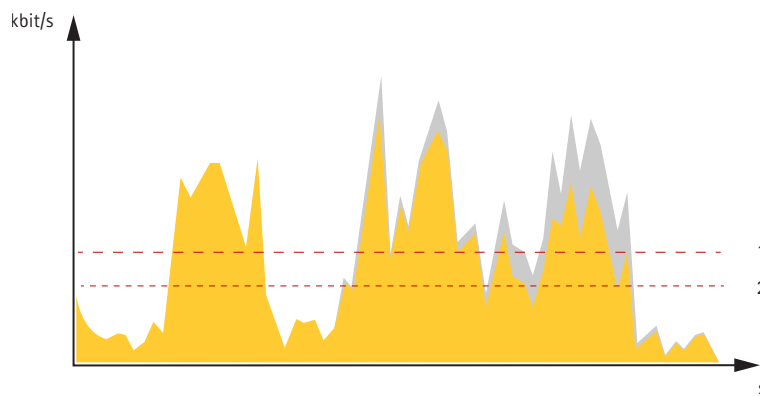
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Average bitrate (ABR)

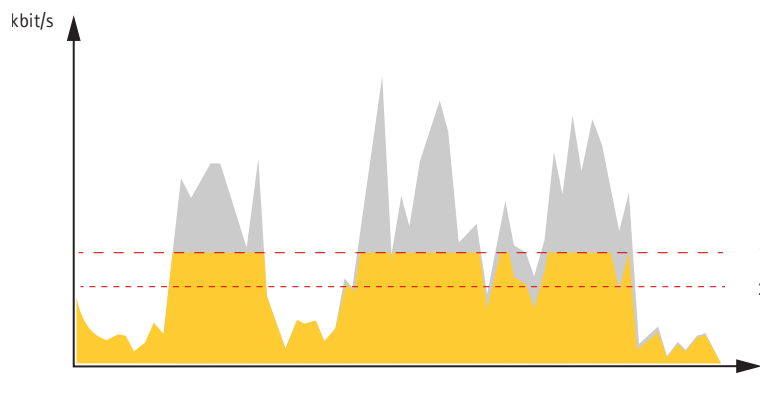
With average bitrate, the bitrate is automatically adjusted over a longer period of time. This is so you can meet the specified target and provide the best video quality based on your available storage. Bitrate is higher in scenes with a lot of activity, compared to static scenes. You are more likely to get better image quality when in scenes with a lot of activity if you use the average bitrate option. You can define the total storage required to store the video stream for a specified amount of time (retention time) when image quality is adjusted to meet the specified target bitrate. Specify the average bitrate settings in one of the following ways:

- To calculate the estimated storage need, set the target bitrate and the retention time.
- To calculate the average bitrate, based on available storage and required retention time, use the target bitrate calculator.



- 1 Target bitrate
- 2 Actual average bitrate

You can also turn on maximum bitrate and specify a target bitrate within the average bitrate option.



- 1 Target bitrate
- 2 Actual average bitrate

Applications

With applications, you can get more out of your Axis device. AXIS Camera Application Platform (ACAP) is an open platform that makes it possible for third parties to develop analytics and other applications for Axis devices. Applications can be preinstalled on the device, available for download for free, or for a license fee.

To find the user manuals for Axis applications, go to help.axis.com.

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Note

- Several applications can run at the same time but some applications might not be compatible with each other. Certain combinations of applications might require too much processing power or memory resources when run in parallel. Verify that the applications work together before deployment.

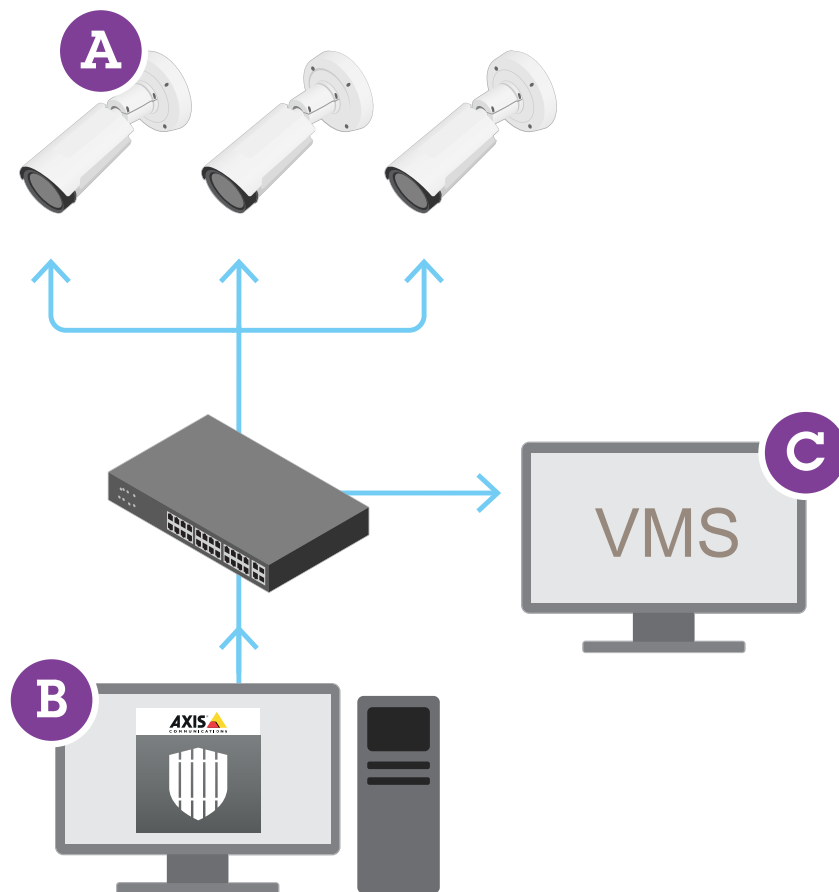
AXIS Perimeter Defender

AXIS Perimeter Defender is an application for perimeter surveillance and protection. It is ideal for high-security perimeter protection where there is a need to strengthen the physical access control system with reliable intrusion detection.

AXIS Perimeter Defender is primarily designed for so-called sterile zone protection, for example along a fence marking a boundary. The term sterile zone refers to an area where people are not supposed to be.

Use AXIS Perimeter Defender in an outdoor environment to:

- Detect moving persons.
- Detect moving vehicles, without discriminating between vehicle types.



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This camera can run the application in calibration mode, AI mode, or both modes in combination. If you choose to run it in AI mode only, camera mounting is more flexible and you don't need to calibrate the cameras.

AXIS Perimeter Defender consists of a desktop interface (B), from where you install and set up the application on the cameras (A). You can then configure the system to send alarms to the Video Management Software (C).

AXIS Perimeter Defender PTZ Autotracking is a plugin to the AXIS Perimeter Defender application, using the same desktop interface. With the plugin, you pair a fixed visual or thermal camera with an Axis Q-line PTZ camera. You can then maintain continuous detection coverage of a scene with the fixed camera while the PTZ camera automatically tracks and gives you closer views of detected objects.

Important

AXIS Perimeter Defender PTZ Autotracking requires calibration of both fixed and PTZ cameras.

AXIS Perimeter Defender offers the following types of detection scenarios:

- **Intrusion:** triggers an alarm when a person or a vehicle enters a zone defined on the ground (from any direction and with any trajectory).
- **Loitering:** triggers an alarm when a person or a vehicle remains in a zone defined on the ground for more than a predefined number of seconds.
- **Zone-crossing:** triggers an alarm when a person or a vehicle passes through two or more zones defined on the ground in a given sequence.
- **Conditional:** triggers an alarm when a person or a vehicle enters a zone defined on the ground without first passing through another zone or zones defined on the ground.

Cybersecurity

For product-specific information about cybersecurity, see the product's datasheet at axis.com.

For in-depth information about cybersecurity in AXIS OS, read the *AXIS OS Hardening guide*.

Axis Edge Vault

Axis Edge Vault provides a hardware-based cybersecurity platform that safeguards the Axis device. It offers features to guarantee the device's identity and integrity and to protect your sensitive information from unauthorized access. It builds on a strong foundation of cryptographic computing modules (secure element and TPM) and SoC security (TEE and secure boot), combined with expertise in edge device security.

Signed OS

Signed OS is implemented by the software vendor signing the AXIS OS image with a private key. When the signature is attached to the operating system, the device will validate the software before installing it. If the device detects that the integrity of the software is compromised, the AXIS OS upgrade will be rejected.

Secure boot

Secure boot is a boot process that consists of an unbroken chain of cryptographically validated software, starting in immutable memory (boot ROM). Being based on the use of signed OS, secure boot ensures that a device can boot only with authorized software.

Secure keystore

A tamper-protected environment for the protection of private keys and secure execution of cryptographic operations. It prevents unauthorized access and malicious extraction in the event of a security breach. Depending on security requirements, an Axis device can have either one or multiple hardware-based cryptographic computing modules, which provide a hardware-protected secure keystore. Depending on security requirements, an Axis device can have either one or multiple hardware-based cryptographic computing modules, like a TPM 2.0 (Trusted Platform Module) or a secure element, and/or a TEE (Trusted Execution Environment),

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which provide a hardware-protected secure keystore. Furthermore, selected Axis products feature a FIPS 140-2 Level 2-certified secure keystore.

Axis device ID

Being able to verify the origin of the device is key to establishing trust in the device identity. During production, devices with Axis Edge Vault are assigned a unique, factory-provisioned, and IEEE 802.1AR-compliant Axis device ID certificate. This works like a passport to prove the origin of the device. The device ID is securely and permanently stored in the secure keystore as a certificate signed by Axis root certificate. The device ID can be leveraged by the customer's IT infrastructure for automated secure device onboarding and secure device identification

Signed video

Signed video ensures that video evidence can be verified as untampered without proving the chain of custody of the video file. Each camera uses its unique video signing key, which is securely stored in the secure keystore, to add a signature into the video stream. When the video is played, the file player shows whether the video is intact. Signed video makes it possible to trace the video back to the camera origin and verifies that the video has not been tampered with after it left the camera.

Encrypted file system

The secure keystore prevents the malicious exfiltration of information and prevents configuration tampering by enforcing strong encryption upon the file system. This ensures no data stored in the file system can be extracted or tampered with when the device is not in use, unauthenticated access to the device is achieved and/or the Axis device is stolen. During the secure boot process, the read-write filesystem is decrypted and can be mounted and used by the Axis device.

To learn more about the cybersecurity features in Axis devices, go to axis.com/learning/white-papers and search for cybersecurity.

Axis security notification service

Axis provides a notification service with information about vulnerability and other security related matters for Axis devices. To receive notifications, you can subscribe at axis.com/security-notification-service.

Vulnerability management

To minimize customers' risk of exposure, Axis, as a **Common Vulnerability and Exposures (CVE) numbering authority (CNA)**, follows industry standards to manage and respond to discovered vulnerabilities in our devices, software, and services. For more information about Axis vulnerability management policy, how to report vulnerabilities, already disclosed vulnerabilities, and corresponding security advisories, see axis.com/vulnerability-management.

Secure operation of Axis devices

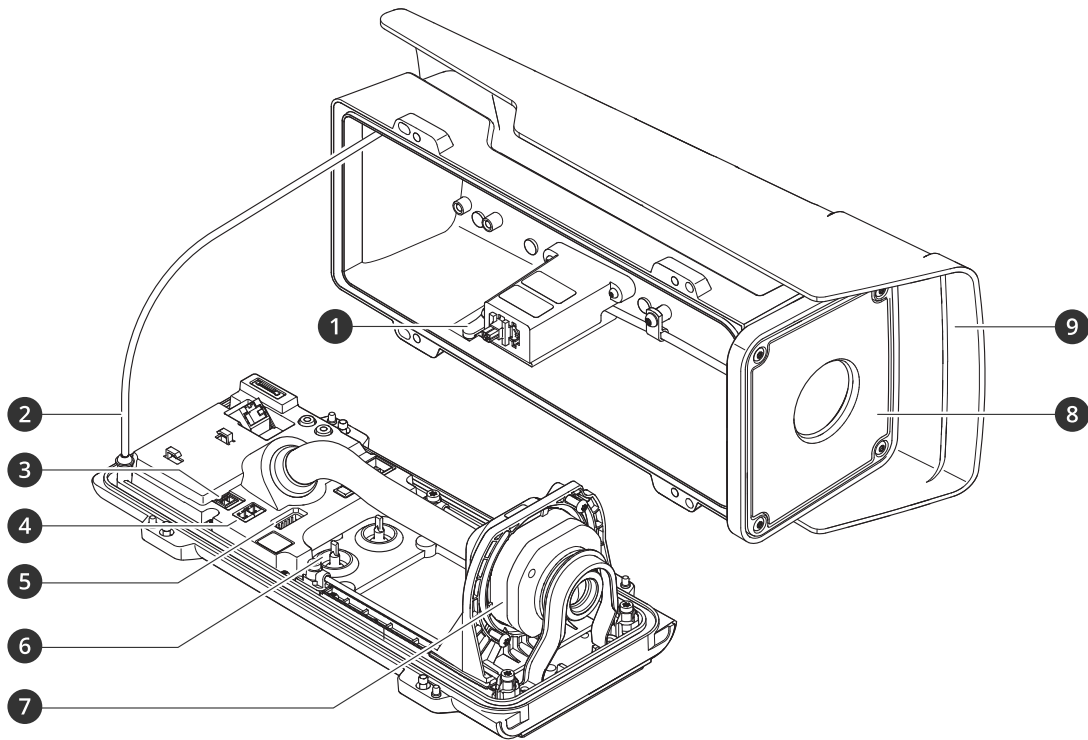
Axis devices with factory default settings are pre-configured with secure default protection mechanisms. We recommend using more security configuration when installing the device. To find out more about Axis hardening guides and other cyber security related documentation, go to axis.com/support/cybersecurity/resources.

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Product overview

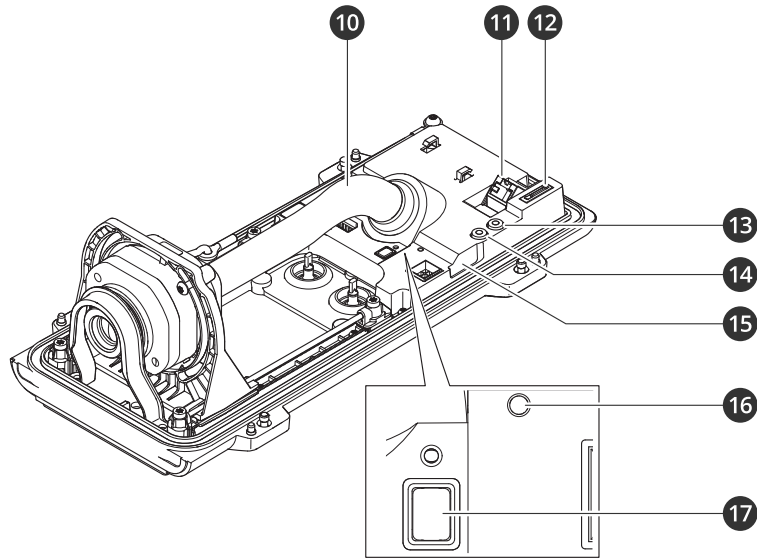


- 1 *Intrusion alarm magnet*
- 2 *Safety wire*
- 3 *Power connector*
- 4 *RS485/422 connector*
- 5 *I/O connector*
- 6 *Cable gasket M20 (2x)*
- 7 *Optical unit**
- 8 *Front window*
- 9 *Weathershield*

*The optical unit's appearance can vary depending on your chosen lens alternative.

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- 10 Cable cover
- 11 Network connector (PoE)
- 12 microSD card slot
- 13 Audio out
- 14 Audio in
- 15 Intrusion alarm sensor
- 16 Status LED
- 17 Control button

LED indicators

Note

- The Status LED can be configured to flash while an event is active.
- The LEDs turn off when you close the casing.

Status LED	Indication
Unlit	Connection and normal operation.
Green	Connection and normal operation.
Amber	Steady during startup. Flashes during device software upgrade or reset to factory default.
Amber/Red	Flashes amber/red if network connection is unavailable or lost.
Red	Device software upgrade failure.

Buzzer

Buzzer signal for leveling assistant

For information about the control button used for leveling the image, see *page 52*.

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Buzzer	Camera position
Continuous beep	Level
Fast beep	Almost level
Medium beeps	Not level
Slow beeps	Far from level

SD card slot

NOTICE

- Risk of damage to SD card. Don't use sharp tools, metal objects, or excessive force when inserting or removing the SD card. Use your fingers to insert and remove the card.
- Risk of data loss and corrupted recordings. Unmount the SD card from the device's web interface before removing it. Don't remove the SD card while the product is running.

This device supports microSD/microSDHC/microSDXC cards.

For SD card recommendations, see axis.com.



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Buttons

Control button

The control button is used for:

- Resetting the product to factory default settings. See *Reset to factory default settings* on page 60.
- Ensuring the camera is level. Press the button for not more than two seconds to start the leveling assistant and press again to stop. The buzzer signal (see page 51) assist leveling of the camera. The camera is level when the buzzer beeps continuously.

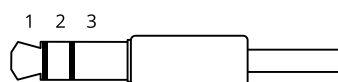
Connectors

Network connector

RJ45 Ethernet connector with Power over Ethernet (PoE).

Audio connector

- Audio in – 3.5 mm input for a digital microphone, an analog mono microphone, or a line-in mono signal (left channel is used from a stereo signal).
- Audio out – 3.5 mm output for audio (line level) that can be connected to a public address (PA) system or an active speaker with a built-in amplifier. A stereo connector must be used for audio out.



Audio input

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1 Tip	2 Ring	3 Sleeve
Unbalanced microphone (with or without electret power) or line-in	Electret power if selected	Ground
Digital signal	Ring power if selected	Ground

Audio output

1 Tip	2 Ring	3 Sleeve
Channel 1, unbalanced line, mono	Channel 1, unbalanced line, mono	Ground

I/O connector

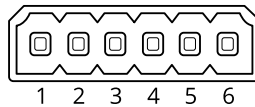
Use the I/O connector with external devices in combination with, for example, motion detection, event triggering, and alarm notifications. In addition to the 0 VDC reference point and power (12 V DC output), the I/O connector provides the interface to:

Digital input – For connecting devices that can toggle between an open and closed circuit, for example PIR sensors, door/window contacts, and glass break detectors.

Supervised input – Enables possibility to detect tampering on a digital input.

Digital output – For connecting external devices such as relays and LEDs. Connected devices can be activated by the VAPIX® Application Programming Interface, through an event or from the device's web interface.

6-pin terminal block

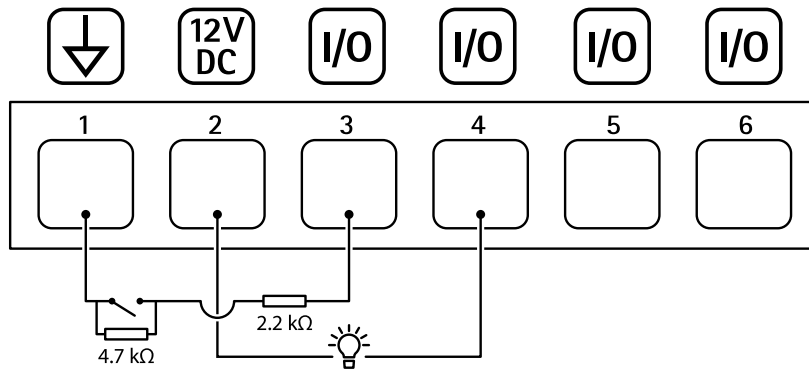


Function	Pin	Notes	Specifications
DC ground	1		0 VDC
DC output	2	Can be used to power auxiliary equipment. Note: This pin can only be used as power out.	12 VDC Max load = 50 mA
Configurable (Input or Output)	3–6	Digital input or Supervised input – Connect to pin 1 to activate, or leave floating (unconnected) to deactivate. To use supervised input, install end-of-line resistors. See connection diagram for information about how to connect the resistors.	0 to max 30 VDC
		Digital output – Internally connected to pin 1 (DC ground) when active, and floating (unconnected) when inactive. If used with an inductive load, e.g., a relay, connect a diode in parallel with the load, to protect against voltage transients.	0 to max 30 VDC, open drain, 100 mA

Example:

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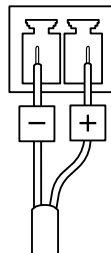
Specifications



- 1 DC ground
- 2 DC output 12 V, max 50 mA
- 3 I/O configured as supervised input
- 4 I/O configured as output
- 5 Configurable I/O
- 6 Configurable I/O

Power connector

2-pin terminal block for DC power input. Use a Safety Extra Low Voltage (SELV) compliant limited power source (LPS) with either a rated output power limited to ≤ 100 W or a rated output current limited to ≤ 5 A.

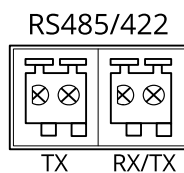


RS485/RS422 connector

Two 2-pin terminal blocks for RS485/RS422 serial interface.

The serial port can be configured to support:

- Two-wire RS485 half duplex
- Four-wire RS485 full duplex
- Two-wire RS422 simplex
- Four-wire RS422 full duplex point to point communication



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Function	Notes
RS485/RS422 TX(A)	TX pair for RS422 and 4-wire RS485
RS485/RS422 TX(B)	
RS485A alt RS485/422 RX(A)	RX pair for all modes (combined RX/TX for 2-wire RS485)
RS485B alt RS485/422 RX(B)	

Note

To use the camera with an AXIS T99 Positioning Unit, connect it to RS485A and RS485B (RX/TX).

PTZ drivers

APTP

This is a list of models supported by this driver. The physical installation depends on your Axis product and the PTZ unit.

Important

Check what serial communication your Axis product and the PTZ unit will support.

Supported models with RS485 2-wire interface:

- AXIS T99A Positioning Unit Series.

For information about compatible Axis products, see axis.com.

Other models may be supported but this has not been verified by Axis.

Technical information

DEFAULT capabilities for PTZ driver:

Driver	APTP
Version	1.1.0

DEFAULT serial configuration:

PortMode	RS485
BaudRate	115200
DataBits	8
StopBits	1
Parity	None

DEFAULT supported capabilities in this PTZ driver:

Note

Different PTZ units may have other capabilities (both less and more).

Movement	Absolute	Relative	Continuous
Pan	yes	yes	yes
Tilt	yes	yes	yes

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Pelco

This is a list of models supported by this driver. The physical installation depends on your Axis product and the PTZ unit.

Important

Check what serial communication your Axis product and the PTZ unit will support.

Supported models:

- Pelco DD5-C
- Pelco Esprit ES30C/ES31C
- Pelco LRD41C21
- Pelco LRD41C22
- Pelco Spectra III
- Pelco Spectra IV
- Pelco Spectra Mini
- Videotec DTRX3/PTH310P
- Videotec ULISSE
- PTK AMB
- YP3040

Other models may be supported but this has not been verified by Axis.

Technical information

DEFAULT capabilities for PTZ driver:

Driver	Pelco
Version	4.17

DEFAULT serial configuration:

PortMode	RS485
BaudRate	2400
DataBits	8
StopBits	1
Parity	None

DEFAULT supported capabilities in this PTZ driver:

Note

Different PTZ units may have other capabilities (both less and more).

Movement	Absolute	Relative	Continuous
Pan	no	yes	yes
Tilt	no	yes	yes

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Movement	Absolute	Relative	Continuous
Zoom	no	yes	yes
Focus	no	yes	yes
Iris	no	yes	yes

Autolris	yes
AutoFocus	yes
IrCutFilter	no
BackLight	yes
OSDMenu	yes

Visca

This is a list of models supported by this driver. The physical installation depends on your Axis product and the PTZ unit.

Important

Check what serial communication your Axis product and the PTZ unit will support.

Supported models with RS422 4-wire interface:

- Sony EVI-D70/D70P
- WISKA DCP-27 (PT-head)

Supported models with RS232 interface (may require external RS422-4-wire/RS232 converter):

- Axis EVI-D30/D31
- Sony EVI-G20/G21
- Sony EVI-D30/D31
- Sony EVI-D100/D100P
- Sony EVI-D70/D70P

Other models may be supported but this has not been verified by Axis.

Technical information

DEFAULT capabilities for PTZ driver:

Driver	Visca/EVI
Version	4.11

DEFAULT serial configuration:

PortMode	RS422
BaudRate	9600
DataBits	8
StopBits	1
Parity	None

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Specifications

DEFAULT supported capabilities in this PTZ driver:

Note

Different PTZ units may have other capabilities (both less and more).

Movement	Absolute	Relative	Continuous
Pan	yes	yes	yes
Tilt	yes	yes	yes
Zoom	yes	yes	yes
Focus	yes	yes	yes
Iris	yes	yes	no

Autolris	yes
AutoFocus	yes
IrCutFilter	yes
BackLight	yes
OSDMenu	no

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Clean your device

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You can clean your device with lukewarm water and mild, nonabrasive soap.

NOTICE

- Harsh chemicals can damage the device. Don't use chemicals such as window cleaner or acetone to clean your device.
 - Don't spray detergent directly on the device. Instead, spray detergent on a nonabrasive cloth and use that to clean the device.
 - Avoid cleaning in direct sunlight or elevated temperatures, since this can cause stains.
1. Use a can of compressed air to remove dust and loose dirt from the device.
 2. If necessary, clean the device with a soft microfiber cloth dampened with lukewarm water and mild, nonabrasive soap.
 3. To avoid stains, dry the device with a clean, nonabrasive cloth.

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Reset to factory default settings

Important

Reset to factory default should be used with caution. A reset to factory default resets all settings, including the IP address, to the factory default values.

To reset the product to the factory default settings:

1. Disconnect power from the product.
2. Press and hold the control button while reconnecting power. See *Product overview on page 50*.
3. Keep the control button pressed for 15–30 seconds until the status LED indicator flashes amber.
4. Release the control button. The process is complete when the status LED indicator turns green. If no DHCP server is available on the network, the device IP address will default to one of the following:
 - Devices with AXIS OS 12.0 and later: Obtained from the link-local address subnet (169.254.0.0/16)
 - Devices with AXIS OS 11.11 and earlier: 192.168.0.90/24
5. Use the installation and management software tools to assign an IP address, set the password, and access the device.

The installation and management software tools are available from the support pages on axis.com/support.

You can also reset parameters to factory default through the device's web interface. Go to **Maintenance > Factory default** and click **Default**.

AXIS OS options

Axis offers device software management according to either the active track or the long-term support (LTS) tracks. Being on the active track means continuously getting access to all the latest product features, while the LTS tracks provide a fixed platform with periodic releases focused mainly on bug fixes and security updates.

Using AXIS OS from the active track is recommended if you want to access the newest features, or if you use Axis end-to-end system offerings. The LTS tracks are recommended if you use third-party integrations, which are not continuously validated against the latest active track. With LTS, the products can maintain cybersecurity without introducing any significant functional changes or affecting any existing integrations. For more detailed information about Axis device software strategy, go to axis.com/support/device-software.

Check the current AXIS OS version

AXIS OS determines the functionality of our devices. When you troubleshoot a problem, we recommend that you to start by checking the current AXIS OS version. The latest version might contain a correction that fixes your particular problem.

To check the current AXIS OS version:

1. Go to the device's web interface > **Status**.
2. Under **Device info**, see the AXIS OS version.

Upgrade AXIS OS

Important

- Preconfigured and customized settings are saved when you upgrade the device software (provided that the features are available in the new AXIS OS) although this is not guaranteed by Axis Communications AB.
- Make sure the device remains connected to the power source throughout the upgrade process.

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Note

When you upgrade the device with the latest AXIS OS version in the active track, the product receives the latest functionality available. Always read the upgrade instructions and release notes available with each new release before you upgrade. To find the latest AXIS OS version and the release notes, go to axis.com/support/device-software.

1. Download the AXIS OS file to your computer, available free of charge at axis.com/support/device-software.
2. Log in to the device as an administrator.
3. Go to **Maintenance > AXIS OS upgrade** and click **Upgrade**.

When the upgrade has finished, the product restarts automatically.

You can use AXIS Device Manager to upgrade multiple devices at the same time. Find out more at axis.com/products/axis-device-manager.

Technical issues, clues, and solutions

If you can't find what you're looking for here, try the troubleshooting section at axis.com/support.

Problems upgrading AXIS OS

AXIS OS upgrade failure	If the upgrade fails, the device reloads the previous version. The most common reason is that the wrong AXIS OS file has been uploaded. Check that the name of the AXIS OS file corresponds to your device and try again.
Problems after AXIS OS upgrade	If you experience problems after the upgrade, roll back to the previously installed version from the Maintenance page.

Problems setting the IP address

The device is located on a different subnet	If the IP address intended for the device and the IP address of the computer used to access the device are located on different subnets, you cannot set the IP address. Contact your network administrator to obtain an IP address.
The IP address is being used by another device	Disconnect the Axis device from the network. Run the ping command (in a Command/DOS window, type <code>ping</code> and the IP address of the device): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you receive: <code>Reply from <IP address>: bytes=32; time=10...</code> this means that the IP address may already be in use by another device on the network. Obtain a new IP address from the network administrator and reinstall the device.• If you receive: <code>Request timed out</code>, this means that the IP address is available for use with the Axis device. Check all cabling and reinstall the device.
Possible IP address conflict with another device on the same subnet	The static IP address in the Axis device is used before the DHCP server sets a dynamic address. This means that if the same default static IP address is also used by another device, there may be problems accessing the device.

The device can't be accessed from a browser

Can't log in	When HTTPS is enabled, ensure that the correct protocol (HTTP or HTTPS) is used when attempting to log in. You may need to manually type <code>http</code> or <code>https</code> in the browser's address field. If the password for the root account is lost, the device must be reset to the factory default settings. See <i>Reset to factory default settings on page 60</i> .
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The IP address has been changed by DHCP	IP addresses obtained from a DHCP server are dynamic and may change. If the IP address has been changed, use AXIS IP Utility or AXIS Device Manager to locate the device on the network. Identify the device using its model or serial number, or by the DNS name (if the name has been configured). If required, a static IP address can be assigned manually. For instructions, go to axis.com/support .
Certificate error when using IEEE 802.1X	For authentication to work properly, the date and time settings in the Axis device must be synchronized with an NTP server. Go to System > Date and time .

The device is accessible locally but not externally

To access the device externally, we recommend you to use one of the following applications for Windows®:

- AXIS Camera Station Edge: free of charge, ideal for small systems with basic surveillance needs.
- AXIS Camera Station 5: 30-day trial version free of charge, ideal for small to mid-size systems.
- AXIS Camera Station Pro: 90-day trial version free of charge, ideal for small to mid-size systems.

For instructions and download, go to axis.com/vms.

Problems with streaming

Multicast H.264 only accessible by local clients	Check if your router supports multicasting, or if you need to configure the router settings between the client and the device. You might need to increase the TTL (Time To Live) value.
No multicast H.264 displayed in the client	Check with your network administrator that the multicast addresses used by the Axis device are valid for your network. Check with your network administrator to see if there is a firewall that prevents viewing.
Poor rendering of H.264 images	Ensure that your graphics card uses the latest driver. You can usually download the latest drivers from the manufacturer's website.
Lower frame rate than expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See <i>Performance considerations on page 62</i>.• Reduce the number of applications running on the client computer.• Limit the number of simultaneous viewers.• Check with the network administrator that there is enough bandwidth available.• Lower the image resolution.• The maximum frames per second is dependent on the utility frequency (60/50 Hz) of the Axis device.
Can't select H.265 encoding in live view	Web browsers don't support H.265 decoding. Use a video management system or application that supports H.265 decoding.

Can't connect over port 8883 with MQTT over SSL

The firewall blocks traffic using port 8883 as it's deemed insecure.	In some cases the server/broker might not provide a specific port for MQTT communication. It may still be possible to use MQTT over a port normally used for HTTP/HTTPS traffic. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the server/broker supports WebSocket/WebSocket Secure (WS/WSS), typically on port 443, use this protocol instead. Check with the server/broker provider to see if WS/WSS is supported and which port and basepath to use.• If the server/broker supports ALPN, the use of MQTT can be negotiated over an open port, such as 443. Check with your server/broker provider to see if ALPN is supported and which ALPN protocol and port to use.
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Performance considerations

When setting up your system, it is important to consider how various settings and situations affect the performance. Some factors affect the amount of bandwidth (the bitrate) required, others can affect the frame rate, and some affect both. If the load on the CPU reaches its maximum, this also affects the frame rate.

The following factors are the most important to consider:

- High image resolution or lower compression levels result in images containing more data which in turn affects the bandwidth.

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- Rotating the image in the GUI can increase the product's CPU load.
- Access by large numbers of Motion JPEG clients or unicast H.264/H.265/AV1 clients affects the bandwidth.
- Simultaneous viewing of different streams (resolution, compression) by different clients affects both frame rate and bandwidth.

Use identical streams wherever possible to maintain a high frame rate. Stream profiles can be used to ensure that streams are identical.

- Accessing video streams with different codecs simultaneously affects both frame rate and bandwidth. For optimal performance, use streams with the same codec.
- Heavy usage of event settings affects the product's CPU load which in turn affects the frame rate.
- Using HTTPS may reduce frame rate, in particular if streaming Motion JPEG.
- Heavy network utilization due to poor infrastructure affects the bandwidth.
- Viewing on poorly performing client computers lowers perceived performance and affects frame rate.
- Running multiple AXIS Camera Application Platform (ACAP) applications simultaneously may affect the frame rate and the general performance.
- Using palettes affects the product's CPU load which in turn affects the frame rate.

Contact support

If you need more help, go to axis.com/support.

