

M32-LVE Network Camera Series
M3205-LVE Network Camera
M3206-LVE Network Camera

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About this manual

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This user manual describes multiple products. Some of the instructions may not be relevant for your product.

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, see the document *How to assign an IP address and access your device* on the device page at *axis.com*.

Browser support

You can use the device with the following browsers:

	Chrome TM	Firefox®	Edge [®]	Safari®
Windows [®]	recommended	х	х	
OS X®	recommended			х
Other operating systems	х	х		

If you need more information about recommended browsers, go to axis.com/browser-support.

Access the device

1. Open a browser and enter the IP address or host name of the Axis device.

If you have a Mac computer (OS X), go to Safari, click Bonjour and select the device from the drop-down list. To add Bonjour as a browser bookmark, go to Safari > Preferences.

If you do not know the IP address, use AXIS IP Utility or AXIS Device Manager to find the device on the network.

- 2. Enter the username and password. If you access the device for the first time, you must set the root password. See Set a secure password for the root account on page 4.
- 3. The live view page opens in your browser.

Verify that no one has tampered with the firmware

To make sure that the device has its original Axis firmware, 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 20.
 - After the reset, secure boot guarantees the state of the device.
- 2. Configure and install the device.

Set a secure password for the root account

Important

The default administrator username is root. If the password for root is lost, reset the device to factory default settings.

- 1. Type a password. Follow the instructions about secure passwords. See Secure passwords on page 5.
- 2. Retype the password to confirm the spelling.
- 3. Click Create login. The password has now been configured.

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Secure passwords

Important

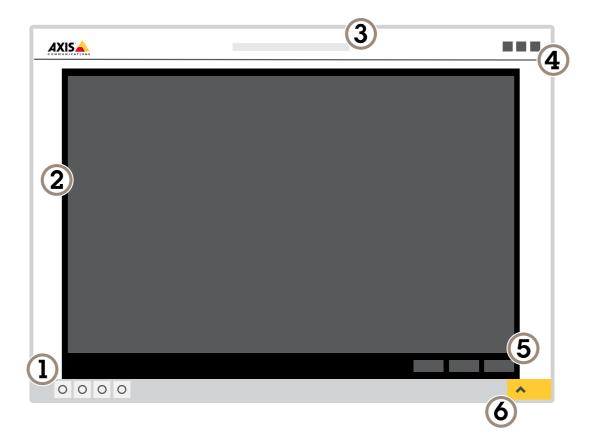
Axis devices send the initially set password in clear text over the network. To protect your device after the first login, set up a secure and encrypted HTTPS connection and then change the password.

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.

Webpage overview



- 1 Live view control bar
- 2 Live view
- 3 Product name
- 4 User information, color themes, and help
- 5 Video control bar
- 6 Settings toggle

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7 Settings tabs

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Adjust the image

To find out more about what you can do with the image, see Learn more on page 16.

Level the camera

To adjust the view in relation to a reference area or object, use the leveling guide in combination with a mechanical adjustment of the camera.





2. Adjust the camera mechanically until the position of the reference area or object, is aligned with the leveling guide.

Select exposure mode

There are different exposure mode options in the camera that adjusts aperture, shutter speed, and gain to improve image quality for specific surveillance scenes. Go to Settings > Image > Exposure and select between the following exposure modes:

- For most use cases, select Automatic exposure.
- For environments with certain artificial lighting, for example fluorescent lighting, select Flicker-free.

Select the same frequency as the power line frequency.

• For environments with certain artificial light and bright light, for example outdoors with fluorescent lighting at night and sun during daytime, select Flicker-reduced.

Select the same frequency as the power line frequency.

• To lock the current exposure settings, select Hold current.

Benefit from IR light in low-light conditions using night mode

Your camera uses visible light to deliver color images during the day. As the available light diminishes, you can set the camera to automatically shift to night mode, in which the camera uses both visible light and near-infrared light to deliver black-and-white images. Since the camera uses more of the available light it can deliver brighter, more detailed, images.

- 1. Go to Settings > Image > Day and night, and make sure that the IR cut filter is set to Auto.
- 2. To determine at what light level you want the camera to shift to night mode, move the Threshold slider toward Bright or Dark.
- 3. Enable Allow IR illumination and Synchronize IR illumination to use the camera's IR light when night mode is activated.

Note

If you set the shift to occur when it's brighter, the image remains sharper as there will be less low-light noise. If you set the shift to occur when it's darker, the image colors are maintained for longer, but there will be more image blur due to low-light noise.

Reduce noise in low-light conditions

To reduce noise in low-light conditions, you can adjust one or more of the following settings:

Set the exposure mode to automatic.

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Note

A high max shutter value can result in motion blur.

- To slow down the shutter speed, set max shutter to the highest possible value.
- · Reduce sharpness in the image.
- Set the max gain to a lower value.

Reduce motion blur in low-light conditions

To reduce motion blur in low-light conditions, you can adjust one or more of the following settings:

Note

Image noise will increase if you increase the gain.

• Increase shutter speed and gain. Go to Settings > Image > Exposure and set Max shutter to a shorter time, and Max gain to a higher value.

If you are still experiencing motion blur, you can try one of the following:

- Increase the light level in the scene.
- Mount the camera so that objects move toward it or away from it rather than sideways.

Handle scenes with strong backlight

Dynamic range is the difference in light levels in an image. In some cases the difference between the darkest and the brightest areas can be significant. The result is often an image where either the dark or the bright areas are visible. Wide dynamic range (WDR) makes both dark and bright areas of the image visible.

- 1. Go to Settings > Image > Wide dynamic range.
- 2. If required, turn on WDR.
- 3. Use the Local contrast slider to adjust the amount of WDR.



Image without WDR.

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Image with WDR.

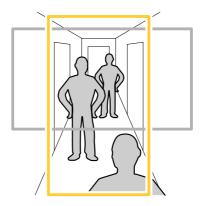
Note

WDR may cause artifacts in the image.

Find out more about WDR and how to use it at axis.com/web-articles/wdr.

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.



- 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 rotate the view automatically, log in to the webpage and go to Settings > System > Orientation.
- 3. Click
- 4. Rotate the view 90° or 270°.

Find out more at axis.com/axis-corridor-format.

Improve license plate recognition

To better recognize the license plate of a car passing by the camera, you can apply and adjust a number of things.

One option is to use the pixel counter in your camera to set the optimal pixel resolution:

- 1. Go to Settings > System > Orientation and click
- 2. Adjust the size and placement of the rectangle in the camera's live view around the area of interest, for example where the license plates of passing cars are expected to appear. You can then see the number of pixels represented by the sides of the rectangle.

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Note

You can use an object of a known size in the view as a reference to decide how much resolution is needed for recognition.

In addition, you can try to adjust the following to optimize license plate recognition:

- Shutter speed
- Gain
- Zoom

Hide parts of the image with privacy masks

Create a privacy mask to hide a part of the image:

- 1. Go to Settings > Privacy mask.
- 2. Click New.

Show a text overlay in the video stream when the device detects motion

This example explains how to display the text "Motion detected" when the device detects motion:

Make sure the AXIS Video Motion Detection application is running:

- 1. Go to Settings > Apps > AXIS Video Motion Detection.
- 2. Start the application if it is not already running.
- 3. Make sure you have set up the application according to your needs.

Add the overlay text:

- 4. Go to Settings > Overlay.
- 5. Enter #D in the text field.
- 6. Choose text size and appearance.

Create a rule:

- 7. Go to System > Events > Rules and add a rule.
- 8. Type a name for the rule.
- 9. In the list of conditions, select AXIS Video Motion Detection.
- 10. In the list of actions, select Use overlay text.
- 11. Select a view area.
- 12. Type "Motion detected".
- 13. Set the duration.
- 14. Click Save.

Adjust the camera view (PTZ)

To learn more about different pan, tilt, and zoom settings, see Pan, tilt, and zoom (PTZ) on page 16.

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Create a guard tour with preset positions

A guard tour displays the video stream from different preset positions either in a predetermined or random order, and for configurable periods of time.

- 1. Go to Settings > PTZ > Guard tours.
- 2. Click +.
- 3. Select Preset position.
- 4. To edit the guard tour's properties, click .
- 5. Type a name for the guard tour and specify the pause length in minutes between each tour.
- 6. If you want the guard tour to go to the preset positions in a random order, turn on Shuffle.
- 7. Click Done.
- 8. Click Add to add the preset positions that you want in your guard tour.
- 9. Click Done to exit the guard tour settings.
- 10. To schedule the guard tour, go to System > Events.

View and record video

To learn more about settings for viewing and recording video, see Streaming and storage on page 17.

Reduce bandwidth and storage

Important

If you reduce the bandwidth it can result in loss of details in the picture.

- 1. Go to live view and select H.264.
- 2. Go to Settings > Stream.
- 3. Do one or more of the following:
 - Turn on the Zipstream functionality and select the desired level.

Note

The zipstream settings are used for both H.264 and H.265.

- Turn on dynamic GOP and set a high GOP length value.
- Increase the compression.
- Turn on dynamic FPS.

Note

Web browsers do not support H.265 decoding. Use a video management system or application supporting H.265 decoding.

View a live video stream on a monitor

Your camera can transmit a live video stream to an HDMI monitor even without a network connection. The monitor can be used for surveillance purposes or for public viewing, e.g. in a store.

1. Connect an external monitor using the HDMI connector.

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2. Change the HDMI settings under Settings > System > HDMI.

Important

In order to view the video stream via the HDMI connector, be sure to select a capture mode that supports HDMI.

Set up network storage

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

- 1. Go to Settings > System > Storage.
- 2. Click Setup under Network storage.
- 3. Enter the IP address of the host server.
- 4. Enter the name of the shared location on the host server.
- 5. Move the switch if the share requires a login, and enter username and password.
- 6. Click Connect.

Record and watch video

To record video you must first set up network storage, see Set up network storage on page 12, or have an SD card installed.

Record video

- 1. Go to the camera's live view.
- 2. To start a recording, click Record. Click again to stop the recording.

Watch video

- 1. Click Storage > Go to recordings.
- 2. Select your recording in the list and it will play automatically.

Set up rules and alerts

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 when it records.

Trigger an action

- 1. Go to Settings > System > Events to set up a rule. The rule defines when the camera will perform certain actions. Rules can be setup as scheduled, recurring, or for example, triggered by motion detection.
- 2. Select the Condition that must be met to trigger the action. If you specify more than one condition for the rule, all of the conditions must be met to trigger the action.
- 3. Select which Action the camera should perform when the conditions are met.

Note

If you make changes to an active rule, then the rule needs to be restarted for the changes to take effect.

Note

If you change the definition of a stream profile that is used in a rule, then you need to restart all the rules that use that stream profile.

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Record video when the camera detects motion

This example explains how to set up the camera to start recording to the SD card five seconds before it detects motion and to stop one minute after.

Make sure the AXIS Video Motion Detection application is running:

- 1. Go to Settings > Apps > AXIS Video Motion Detection.
- 2. Start the application if it is not already running.
- 3. Make sure you have set up the application according to your needs.

Create a rule:

- 1. Go to Settings > System > Events and add a rule.
- 2. Type a name for the rule.
- 3. In the list of conditions, under Application, select AXIS Video Motion Detection (VMD).
- 4. In the list of actions, under Recordings, select Record video while the rule is active.
- 5. Select an existing stream profile or create a new one.
- 6. Set the prebuffer time to 5 seconds.
- 7. Set the postbuffer time to 60 seconds.
- 8. In the list of storage options, select SD card.
- 9. Click Save.

Direct the camera to a preset position when the camera detects motion

This example explains how to set up the camera to go to a preset position when it detects motion in the image.

Make sure the AXIS Video Motion Detection application is running:

- 1. Go to Settings > Apps > AXIS Video Motion Detection.
- 2. Start the application if it is not already running.
- 3. Make sure you have set up the application according to your needs.

Add a preset position:

Go to Settings > PTZ and set where you want the camera to be directed by creating a preset position.

Create a rule:

- 1. Go to Settings > System > Events > Rules and add a rule.
- 2. Type a name for the rule.
- 3. In the list of conditions, select a video motion detection condition under Application.
- 4. From the list of actions, select Go to preset position.
- 5. Select the preset position you want the camera to go to.
- 6. Click Save.

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Provide visual indication of an ongoing event

You have the option to connect the AXIS I/O Indication LED to your network camera. This LED can be configured to turn on whenever certain events occur in the camera. For example, to let people know that video recording is in progress.

Required hardware

- AXIS I/O Indication LED
- An Axis network video camera

Note

AXIS I/O Indication LED should be connected to an output port.

Note

For instructions on how to connect the AXIS I/O Indication LED, see the installation guide provided with the product.

The following example shows how to configure a rule that turns on the AXIS I/O Indication LED to indicate that camera is recording.

- 1. Go to Settings > System > I/O Ports.
- 2. Make sure that the port you connected the AXIS I/O Indication LED to is set to Output. Set the normal state to Open circuit (NO).
- 3. Go to Settings > System > Events.
- 4. Create a new rule.
- 5. Select the **Condition** that must be met to trigger the camera to start recording. It can, for example, be a time schedule or motion detection.
- 6. In the list of actions, select **Record video**. Select a stream profile or create a new. Also set the **Prebuffer** and **Postbuffer** as required.
- 7. Save the rule.
- 8. Create a second rule and select the same Condition as in the first rule.
- 9. In the list of actions, select Toggle I/O while the rule is active, and then select the port the AXIS I/O Indication LED is connected to. Set the state to Active.
- 11. Save the rule.

Other scenarios where AXIS I/O Indication LED can be used are for example:

- Configure the LED to turn on when the camera starts, to indicate the presence of the camera. Select System ready as a condition.
- Configure the LED to turn on when live stream is active to indicate that a person or a program is accessing a stream from the camera. Select Live stream accessed as a condition.

Set up intrusion alarm

Important

To set up an intrusion alarm you need the AXIS Dome Intrusion Switch C.

With a dome intrusion switch mounted inside the camera, you can receive a notification if someone removes the camera dome.

Before you start

• Connect the intrusion alarm switch to pin 1 (ground) and pin 3 (digital input) of the camera's I/O connector.

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Configure the input port

- 1. Go to Settings > System > I/O ports.
- 2. For Port 1:



2.1 Select Closed circuit (NC) in the drop-down menu

Create a rule

- 1. Go to Settings > System > Events and add a rule.
- 2. Type a name for the rule.
- 3. In the list of conditions, under I/O, select Digital input.
- 4. In the list of ports, select Input 1.
- 5. In the list of actions, under Notifications, select Send notification to email.
- 6. Select a recipient from the list or go to Recipients to create a new recipient.
- 7. Type a subject and a message for the email.
- 8. Click Save.

Send an email automatically if someone spray paints the lens

- 1. Go to System > Detectors.
- 2. Turn on Trigger on dark images. This will trigger an alarm if the lens is sprayed, covered, or rendered severely out of focus.
- 3. Set a duration for Trigger after. The value indicates the time that must pass before an email is sent.

Create a rule:

- 1. Go to Events > Rules and add a rule.
- 2. Type a name for the rule.
- 3. In the list of conditions, select Tampering.
- 4. In the list of actions, select **Send notification to email** and then select a recipient from the list. Go to **Recipients** to create a new recipient.
- 5. Type a subject and a message for the email.
- 6. Click Save.

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View area

A view area is a cropped part of the full view. You can stream and store view areas instead of the full view to minimize bandwidth and storage needs. If you enable PTZ for a view area, you can pan, tilt and zoom within it. By using view areas you can remove parts of the full view, for example, the sky.

When you set up a view area, we recommend you to set the video stream resolution to the same size as or smaller than the view area size. If you set the video stream resolution larger than the view area size it implies digitally scaled up video after sensor capture, which requires more bandwidth without adding image information.

Capture modes

Which capture mode to choose depends on the requirements of frame rate and resolution for the specific surveillance setup. For specifications about available capture modes, see the product's datasheet at axis.com.

Privacy masks

A privacy mask is a user-defined area that prevents users from viewing a part of the monitored area. In the video stream, privacy masks appear as blocks of solid color.

You'll see the privacy mask on all snapshots, recorded video, and live streams.

You can use the VAPIX® application programming interface (API) to turn off the privacy masks.

Important

If you use multiple privacy masks it may affect the product's performance.

Note

If you view the video stream over HDMI and restart the product, the privacy masks will disappear. To show the privacy masks again, restart the video stream.

Overlays

Note

Image and text overlay will not be displayed on video stream over HDMI.

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.

Pan, tilt, and zoom (PTZ)

Guard tours

A guard tour displays the video stream from different preset positions either in a predetermined or random order, and for configurable periods of time. Once started, a guard tour continues to run until stopped, even when there are no clients (web browsers) viewing the images.

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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

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 the MPEG-4 standard. 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

Note

H.265 is licensed technology. The Axis product includes one H.265 viewing client license. To install additional unlicensed copies of the client is prohibited. To purchase additional licenses, contact your Axis reseller.

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.

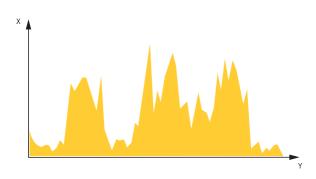
Bitrate control

By setting the bitrate control you can manage the bandwidth consumption for your video stream.

Variable bitrate (VBR)

With variable bitrate the bandwidth varies based on the level of activity in the scene. The more activity in the scene, the more bandwidth is required. This option guarantees that image quality is constant but requires storage margins.

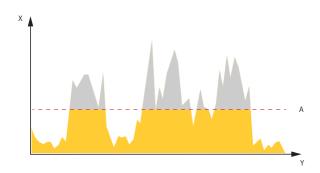
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- X Bitrate
- Y Time

Maximum bitrate (MBR)

The maximum bitrate option allows you to set a target bitrate value to be able to handle system bitrate limitations. To keep the instantaneous bitrate below the specified target bitrate, there may be a decrease in image quality or the frame rate may decrease. You have the option to prioritize either image quality or frame rate. It is recommended to configure the target bitrate higher than the expected bitrate to have margins for additional complexity that needs to be captured.

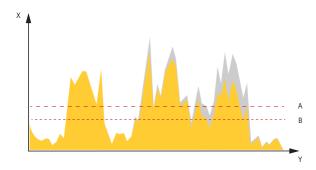


- X Bitrate
- Y Time
- A Target bitrate

Average bitrate (ABR)

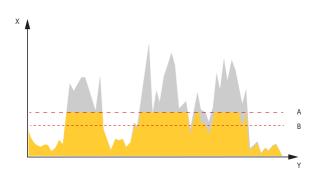
With average bitrate, the bitrate is automatically adjusted over a longer timescale to meet the specified target and provide the best quality on the video stream based on available storage. Bitrate is higher in scenes with activities, compared to static scenes. The probability of getting better image quality when desired is higher when using the average bitrate option. The average bitrate option allows you to 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:

- Set the target bitrate and the retention time to calculate the estimated storage need.
- Use the target bitrate calculator to calculate the average bitrate, based on available storage and desired retention time.



Learn more

You have also the option to turn on maximum bitrate to specify a bitrate limit.



- X Bitrate
- Y Time
- A Target bitrate
- B Actual average bitrate

Troubleshooting

Troubleshooting

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

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 25.
- 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. The product has been reset to the factory default settings. If no DHCP server is available on the network, the default IP address is 192.168.0.90.
- 5. Use the installation and management software tools to assign an IP address, set the password, and access the video stream.

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

It is also possible to reset parameters to factory default through the web interface. Go to Settings > System > Maintenance and click Default.

Firmware options

Axis offers product firmware 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 firmware 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 product firmware strategy, go to axis.com/support/firmware.

Check the current firmware

Firmware is the software that determines the functionality of network devices. One of your first actions when troubleshooting a problem should be to check the current firmware version. The latest version may contain a correction that fixes your particular problem.

To check the current firmware:

1. Go to the product's webpage.



- 2. Click on the help menu.
- 3. Click About.

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Upgrade the firmware

Important

Preconfigured and customized settings are saved when the firmware is upgraded (provided that the features are available in the new firmware) although this is not guaranteed by Axis Communications AB.

Important

Make sure the product remains connected to the power source throughout the upgrade process.

Note

When you upgrade the product with the latest firmware 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 upgrading the firmware. To find the latest firmware and the release notes, go to axis.com/support/firmware.

- 1. Download the firmware file to your computer, available free of charge at axis.com/support/firmware.
- 2. Log in to the product as an administrator.
- 3. Go to Settings > System > Maintenance. Follow the instructions on the page. When the upgrade has finished, the product restarts automatically.

AXIS Device Manager can be used for multiple upgrades. 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 the firmware

Firmware upgrade failure	If the firmware upgrade fails, the device reloads the previous firmware. The most common reason is that the wrong firmware file has been uploaded. Check that the name of the firmware file corresponds to your device and try again.		
Problems after firmware upgrade	If you experience problems after a firmware 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 ping and the IP address of the device):		
	• If you receive: Reply from <ip address="">: bytes=32; time=10 this means that the IP address may already be in use by another device on the network.</ip>		

- Obtain a new IP address from the network administrator and reinstall the device.
- If you receive: Request timed out, 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.

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The device cannot be accessed from a browser

Cannot 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 http or https in the browser's address field.		
	If the password for the user root is lost, the device must be reset to the factory default settings. See Reset to factory default settings on page 20.		
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 Settings > System > Date and time.		

The device is accessible locally but not externally

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

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

For instructions and download, go to axis.com/products/axis-companion.

Problems with streaming			
Multicast H.264 only accessible by local clients	Check if your router supports multicasting, or if the router settings between the client and the device need to be configured. The TTL (Time To Live) value may need to be increased.		
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 preventing viewing.		
Poor rendering of H.264 images	Ensure that your graphics card is using the latest driver. The latest drivers can usually be downloaded from the manufacturer's website.		
Color saturation is different in H.264 and Motion JPEG	Modify the settings for your graphics adapter. Go to the adapter's documentation for more information.		
Lower frame rate than expected	 See Performance considerations on page 23. 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. Log in to the device's webpage and set a capture mode that prioritizes frame rate. Changing the capture mode to prioritize frame rate might lower the maximum resolution depending on the device used and capture modes available. The maximum frames per second is dependent on the utility frequency (60/50 Hz) of the Axis device. 		
Can't select H.265 encoding	Web browsers do not support H.265 decoding. Use a video management system or application		

in live view

supporting H.265 decoding.

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Problems retrieving additional video streams

'Video Error' displayed in AXIS Companion, or

'Stream: Error. Something went wrong. Maybe there are too many viewers.' in Chrome/Firefox, or

'503 service unavailable' error in Quick Time, or

'Camera not available' displayed in AXIS Camera Station, or

'Error reading video stream' message in browser when using the Java applet This camera is designed to deliver up to four different streams. If a fifth unique stream is requested, the camera will not be able to provide it, and an error message is displayed. The error message depends on the way the stream is requested. The streams are used on a first come, first served basis. Examples of instances using a stream are:

- Live viewing in a web browser or other application
- While recording continuous or motion triggered recording
- An event using images on the camera, for example an event sending an e-mail with an image every hour
- An installed and running application, such as AXIS Video Motion Detection, will always consume a video stream, whether it is used or not. A stopped application does not consume a video stream.

The camera can deliver more than four simultaneous streams provided the configuration of any additional stream is identical to any of the first four streams. Identical configuration implies exactly the same resolution, frame rate, compression, video format, rotation etc. For more information see the white paper "Max number of unique video stream configurations", available at axis.com.

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.
- Rotating the image in the GUI will increase the product's CPU load.
- Access by large numbers of Motion JPEG or unicast H.264 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 Motion JPEG and H.264 video streams simultaneously affects both frame rate and bandwidth.
- 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.

Need more help?

Useful links

• How to assign an IP address and access your device

Troubleshooting

Contact support

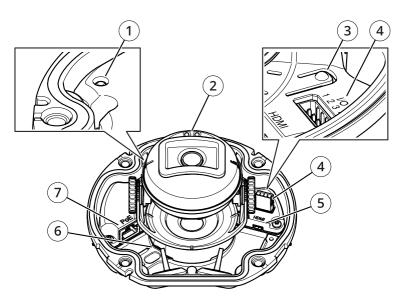
Contact support at axis.com/support.

Specifications

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To find the latest version of the product's datasheet, go to the product page at axis.com and locate Support & Documentation.

Product overview



- 1 Status LED indicator
- 2 IR illumination
- 3 Control button
- 4 1/0
- 5 HDMI connector
- 6 microSD card slot
- 7 Network connector (PoE)

LED indicators

Status LED	Indication	
Unlit	Connection and normal operation.	
Green	Shows steady green for 10 seconds for normal operation after startup completed.	
Amber	Steady during startup. Flashes during firmware upgrade or reset to factory default.	
Amber/Red	Flashes amber/red if network connection is unavailable or lost.	

SD card slot

NOTICE

- Risk of damage to SD card. Do not 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. Do not remove the SD card while the product is running. Unmount the SD card from the product's webpage before removal.

Specifications

This product 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 20.
- Connecting to an AXIS Video Hosting System service. To connect, press and hold the button for about 3 seconds until the status LED flashes green.

Intrusion alarm switch

Use the intrusion alarm switch to get a notification when someone opens the camera housing. Set up an action rule, for example recording or notification, to perform an action when the switch is activated. See *Set up intrusion alarm on page 14*.

Connectors

HDMI connector

Use the HDMITM connector to connect a display or public view monitor.

Network connector

RJ45 Ethernet connector with Power over Ethernet (PoE).

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 V DC reference point and power (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.

Digital output – For connecting external devices such as relays and LEDs. Connected devices can be activated by the VAPIX® Application Programming Interface or from the product's webpage.

4-pin terminal block

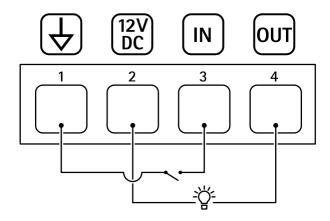


Function	Pin	Notes	Specifications
DC ground	1		o V DC
DC output	2	Can be used to power auxiliary equipment. Note: This pin can only be used as power out.	12 V DC Max load = 25 mA

Specifications

Digital Input	3	Connect to pin 1 to activate, or leave floating (unconnected) to deactivate.	0 to max 30 V DC
Digital Output	4	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 V DC, open drain, 100 mA

Example



- DC ground DC output 12 V, max 25 mA Digital input Digital output

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