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User Manual

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Installation

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Installation video for the product.

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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	✓	✓	✓	✓*

*Supported in iOS and iPadOS

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

Access the device

1. Open a browser and enter 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. Enter the username and password. If you access the device for the first time, you must set the root password. See *Set a new 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 27*.
After the reset, secure boot guarantees the state of the device.
2. Configure and install the device.

Set a new 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. See *Reset to factory default settings on page 27*.

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Support tip: Password security confirmation check

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.

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.

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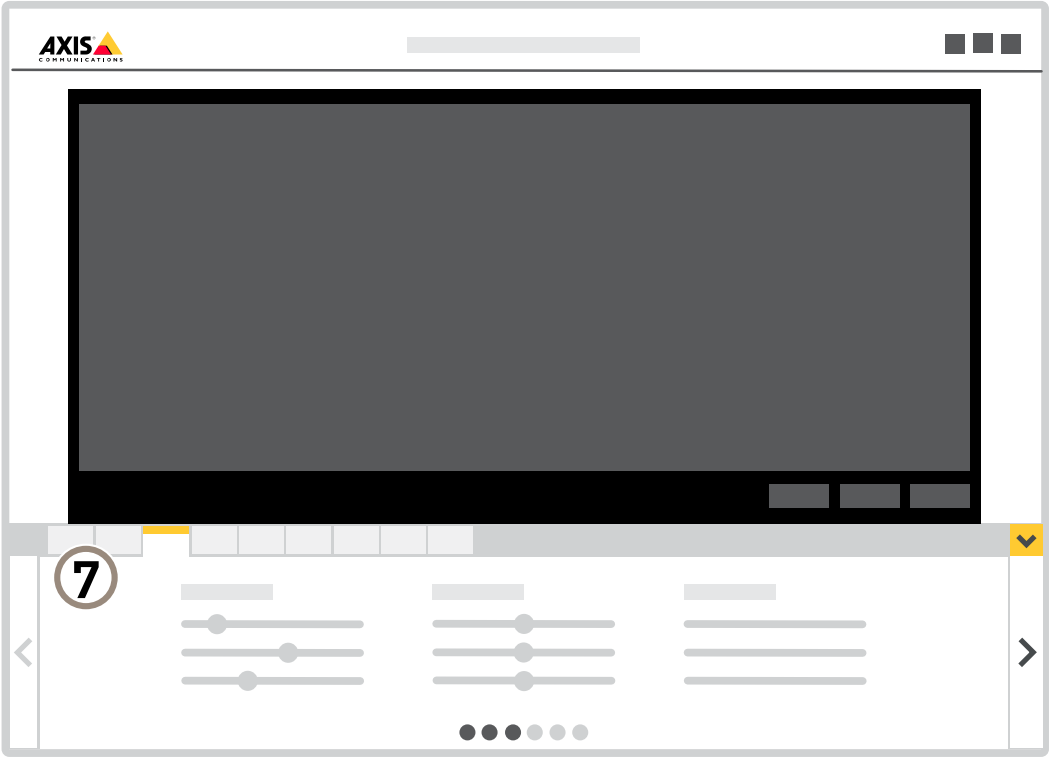
Webpage overview



- 1 Live view control bar
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Adjust the image

This section includes instructions about how to configure your device. If you want to learn more about how certain features function, go to *Learn more on page 22*.

Level the camera

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

1. Go to **Settings > System > Orientation** and click  .
2. Adjust the camera mechanically until the position of the reference area or the object is aligned with the leveling guide.

Adjust the focus

This product has three focus modes:

- **Auto:** The camera automatically adjusts focus based on the entire image.
- **Area:** The camera automatically adjusts focus based on a selected area of the image.
- **Manual:** The focus is set manually at a fixed distance.

To turn off autofocus and adjust the focus manually:

1. In the live view window, if the **Zoom** slider is visible, click **Zoom** and select **Focus**.
2. Click **M** and use the slider to set the focus.

Select scene profile

A scene profile is a set of predefined image appearance settings including color level, brightness, sharpness, contrast and local contrast. Scene profiles are preconfigured in the product for quick setup to a specific scenario, for example **Forensic** which is

optimized for surveillance conditions. For a description of each available setting, go to the help menu  and click **Help**.

You can select a scene profile during the initial setup of the camera. You can also select or change scene profile later.

1. Go to **Settings > System > Orientation**.
2. Go to **Scene profile** and select a profile.
3. Click **Done**.

Reduce image processing time with low latency mode

You can optimize the image processing time of your live stream by turning on low latency mode. The latency in your live stream is reduced to a minimum.

1. Go to **Settings > System**.
2. Go to **Plain config > Image source**.
3. Go to **Low latency mode** and select **On**.
4. Click **Save**.

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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**.

Reduce noise in low-light conditions

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

- Adjust the trade-off between noise and motion blur. Go to **Settings > Image > Exposure** and move the **Blur-noise trade-off** slider toward **Low noise**.
- Set the exposure mode to automatic.

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.

Note

When you reduce the max gain, the image can become darker.

- Set the max gain to a lower value.
- Open the aperture.

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.



Image without WDR.

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Image with WDR.

Note

- WDR can cause artifacts in the image.
 - WDR may not be available for all capture modes.
1. Go to **Settings > Image > Wide dynamic range**.
 2. Turn on WDR.
 3. Use the **Local contrast** slider to adjust the amount of WDR.
 4. Use the **Tone mapping** slider to adjust the amount of WDR.
 5. If you still have problems, go to **Exposure** and adjust the **Exposure zone** to cover the area of interest.

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

Stabilize a shaky image with Electronic Image Stabilization (EIS)

Electronic Image Stabilization (EIS) can be used in environments where the product is mounted in an exposed location and subject to vibrations, for example, wind or passing traffic. Turn on EIS to get a smoother and steadier image without blur.

EIS also reduces the file size of the compressed image and lowers the bitrate of the video stream.

Note

When EIS is turned on the image is cropped slightly, lowering the maximum resolution.

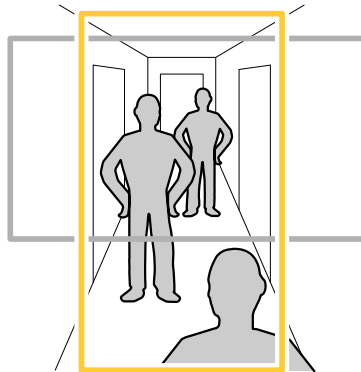
1. Go to **Settings > Image > Image correction**.
2. Turn on EIS.

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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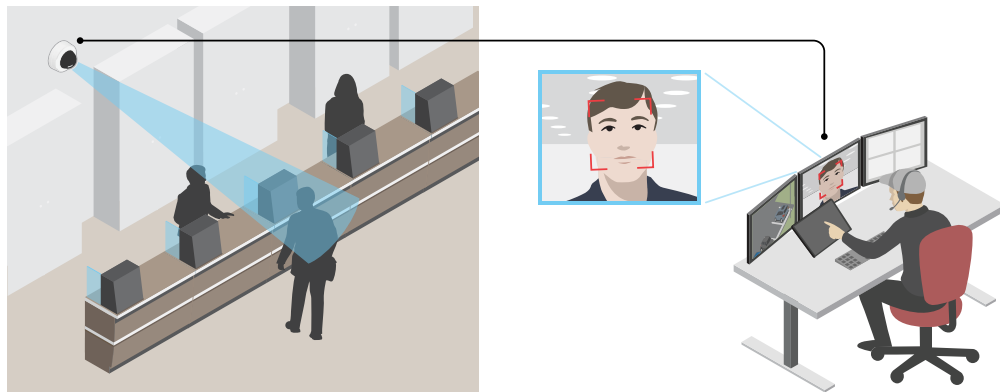


1. Depending on your device, turn the camera or the 3-axis lens in the camera 90° or 270°.
2. If the device doesn't have automatic rotation of the view, log in to the webpage and go to **Settings > System > Orientation**.
3. Click .
4. Rotate the view 90° or 270°.

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

Verify the pixel resolution

To verify that a defined part of the image contains enough pixels to, for example, recognize the face of a person, you can use the pixel counter.



1. Go to **Settings > System > Orientation**.
2. Click .
3. In the camera's live view, adjust the size and position of the rectangle around the area of interest, for example where you expect faces to appear.

You can see the number of pixels for each of the rectangle's sides (X and Y), and decide if the values are enough for your needs.

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Hide parts of the image with privacy masks

You can create one or several privacy masks to hide parts of the image.



How to create a privacy mask

1. Go to **Settings > Privacy mask**.
2. Click **New**.
3. Adjust the size, color, and name of the privacy mask according to your needs.



How to change the appearance of the mask

Show an image overlay

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

1. Go to **Settings > Overlay**.
2. Click **Image list**.
3. Upload an image and click **Done**.
4. Click **Create overlay**.
5. Select **Image** and click **Create**.
6. Select the image from the drop-down list.
7. To position the image overlay, choose **Custom** or one of the presets.
8. Click **Create**.

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Adjust the camera view (PTZ)

To learn more about different pan, tilt, and zoom settings, see *Pan, tilt, and zoom (PTZ)* on page 22.

Limit the zoom movements

If there are parts of the scene that you don't want the camera to be able to zoom in on, you can limit the maximum zoom level. For example, you want to protect the privacy of residents in an apartment building, which is located close to a parking lot that you intend to monitor. To limit the maximum zoom level, go to **Settings > PTZ > Limits**.

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. To edit the guard tour's properties, click .
4. Type a name for the guard tour and specify the pause length in minutes between each tour.
5. If you want the guard tour to go to the preset positions in a random order, turn on **Shuffle**.
6. Click **Done**.
7. Click **Add** to add the preset positions that you want in your guard tour.
8. Click **Done** to exit the guard tour settings.
9. To schedule the guard tour, go to **System > Events**.



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View and record video

This section includes instructions about how to configure your device. To learn more about how streaming and storage works, go to *Streaming and storage* on page 23.

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**.

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3. Do one or more of the following:

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.

Set up network storage

To store recordings on the network, you need to set up your 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 14*, or have an SD card installed.

Record video

1. Go to the 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 while the device is recording.

For more information, visit *Get started with rules for events*.

Trigger an action

1. Go to **Settings > System > Events** to set up a rule. The rule defines when the device 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.

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3. Select which **Action** the device should perform when the conditions are met.

Note

If you make changes to an active rule, you have to restart the rule for the changes to take effect.

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 that AXIS Object Analytics is running:

1. Go to **Settings > Apps > AXIS Object Analytics**.
2. Start the application if it is not already running.
3. Make sure you have set up the application according to your needs. If you need help, see the *user manual for AXIS Object Analytics*.

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 **Object Analytics**.
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**.

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.



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How to show text overlay when the camera detects motion

Make sure that AXIS Video Motion Detection is running:

1. Go to **Settings > Apps > AXIS Video Motion Detection**.

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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 **Camera 1**.
12. Type "Motion detected".
13. Set the duration.
14. Click **Save**.

Record video when the camera detects loud noises

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

Note

The following instructions require that a microphone is connected to audio-in.

Turn on audio:

1. Set up the stream profile to include audio, see *Add audio to your recording on page 20*.

Turn on audio detection:

1. Go to **Settings > System > Detectors > Audio detection**.
2. Adjust the alarm level 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 **Audio**, select **Audio Detection**.
4. In the list of actions, under **Recordings**, select **Record video**.
5. Select the stream profile where audio has been turned on.
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**.

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9. Click **Save**.

Zoom in on a specific area automatically with gatekeeper

This example explains how to use the gatekeeper functionality to make the camera zoom in automatically on the license plate of a car that passes through a gate. When the car has passed, the camera zooms out to the home position.

Create the preset positions:

1. Go to **Settings > PTZ > Preset positions**.
2. Create the home position that includes the entrance of the gate.
3. Create the zoomed-in preset position so that it covers the area in the image where you assume that the license plate will appear.

Create a motion detection profile:

1. Go to **Settings > Apps** and open **AXIS Video Motion Detection**.
2. Create a profile that covers the entrance of the gate and then save the profile.

Create a rule:

1. Go to **Settings > System > Events** and add a rule.
2. Name the rule "Gatekeeper".
3. In the list of conditions, under **Application**, select the motion detection profile.
4. In the list of actions, under **Preset positions**, select **Go to preset position**.
5. Select a **Video channel**.
6. Select the **Preset position**.
7. To make the camera wait a while before it returns to the home position, select **Home timeout**, and set a time.
8. Click **Save**.

Record video when the camera detects impact

Shock detection allows the camera to detect tampering caused by vibrations or shock. Vibrations due to the environment or to an object can trigger an action depending on the shock sensitivity range, which can be set from 0 to 100. In this scenario, someone is throwing rocks at the camera after hours and you would like to get a video clip of the event.

Turn on shock detection:

1. Go to **Settings > System > Detectors**.
2. Turn on shock detection, and set a value for the shock sensitivity.

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 **Device status**, select **Shock detected**.
4. Click **+** to add a second condition.
5. In the list of conditions, under **Scheduled and recurring**, select **Scheduled event**.
6. In the list of schedules, select **After hours**.

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7. In the list of actions, under **Recordings**, select **Record video while the rule is active**.
8. Select a **Camera**.
9. Set the prebuffer time to 5 seconds.
10. Set the postbuffer time to 60 seconds.
11. Select where to save the recordings.
12. Click **Save**.

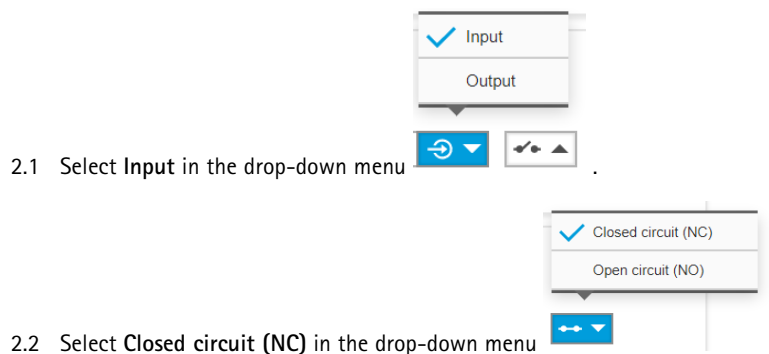
Set up the intrusion alarm

Before you start

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

Configure the input port

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



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.

To create a new recipient, click **+**. To copy an existing recipient, click .

7. Type a subject and a message for the email.
8. Click **Save**.

Detect tampering with input signal

This example explains how to trigger an alarm when the input signal has been cut or short-circuited. For more information about the I/O connector, see [page 33](#).

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How to send an email notification when someone tampers with the input signal

1. Go to **Settings > System > I/O Ports** and turn on **Supervised I/O** for one of the ports.

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, select **Digital input** and then select a port.
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.

To create a new recipient, click  . To copy an existing recipient, click  .

5. Type a subject and a message for the email.
6. Click **Save**.

Send an email automatically if someone spray paints the lens



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How to send an email notification if someone spray paint the lens

1. Go to **Settings > 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 **Settings > System > Events > Rules** and add a rule.
2. Type a name for the rule.

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3. In the list of conditions, select **Tampering**.
4. In the list of actions, select **Send notification to email**.
5. Select a recipient from the list or go to **Recipients** to create a new recipient.

To create a new recipient, click  . To copy an existing recipient, click  .

6. Type a subject and a message for the email.
7. Click **Save**.

Audio

Add audio to your recording

Turn on audio:

1. Go to **Settings > Audio** and turn on **Allow audio**.
2. Go to **Input > Type** and select your audio source.

Edit the stream profile which is used for the recording:

3. Go to **Settings > Stream** and click **Stream profiles**.
4. Select the stream profile and click **Audio**.
5. Select the checkbox and select **Include**.
6. Click **Save**.
7. Click **Close**.

Connect to a network speaker

Network speaker pairing allows you to use a compatible Axis network speaker as if it is connected directly to the camera. Once paired, the speaker acts as an audio out device where you can play audio clips and transmit sound through the camera.

Important

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

Pair camera with network speaker

1. Go to **Settings > System > Accessories > Network speaker pairing**.
2. Type the network speaker's IP address, username and password.
3. Click **Connect**. A confirmation message appears and **Use speaker pairing** is turned on.
4. Go to **Settings > Audio**.
5. Turn on **Allow audio**.
6. Make sure that audio mode is set to **Half duplex** or **Simplex – Network Camera speaker only**. Otherwise, the camera will not communicate with the network speaker.

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Cleaning recommendations

Cleaning recommendations

NOTICE

Never use harsh detergent, for example gasoline, benzene, or acetone.

1. Use a can of compressed air to remove any dust or loose dirt from the device.
2. If necessary, clean the lens with a soft cloth dampened with lukewarm water.

Note

Avoid cleaning in direct sunlight or at elevated temperatures, as this may cause stains when the water droplets dry.

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Capture modes

Capture mode defines the maximum frame rate available in the Axis product. Depending on which capture mode you select, you may not be able to use WDR.

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 covers a part of the monitored area. In the video stream, privacy masks appear either as blocks of solid color or with a mosaic pattern.

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)

Preset positions

A preset position is a saved view that can be used to quickly move the camera view to a specific position.

A preset position can consist of the following values:

- Zoom position
- Focus position (manual or automatic)
- Iris position (manual or automatic)

The preset positions can be reached at any time:

- from the drop-down list in the live view window
- as actions in the event system
- as triggers in the event system
- when setting up a guard tour

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Learn more

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.

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

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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

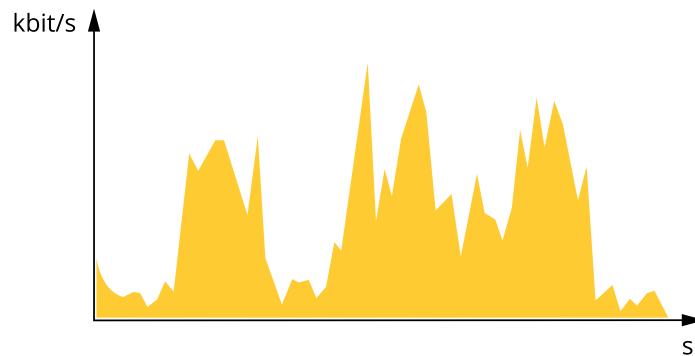
With bitrate control, you can manage the bandwidth consumption of your video stream.

Variable bitrate (VBR)

With variable bitrate, the bandwidth consumption varies based on the level of activity in the scene. The more activity in the scene, the more bandwidth you need. You are guaranteed constant image quality but it requires storage margins.

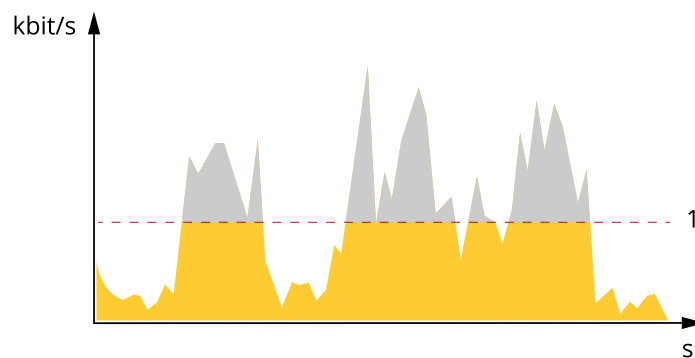
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Maximum bitrate (MBR)

With maximum bitrate, you can set a target bitrate to handle bitrate limitations in your system. You may see a decline in image quality or frame rate when the instantaneous bitrate is kept below the specified target bitrate. You can choose to either prioritize 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 for additional complexity that needs to be captured.



1 Target bitrate

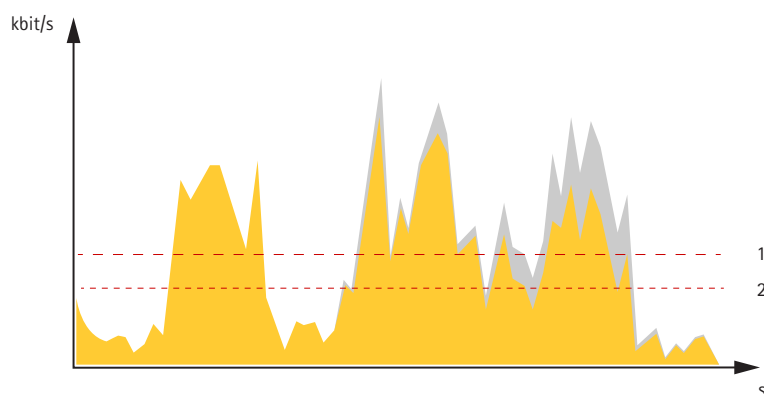
Average bitrate (ABR)

With average bitrate, the bitrate is automatically adjusted over a longer timescale. 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 needed when using 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.

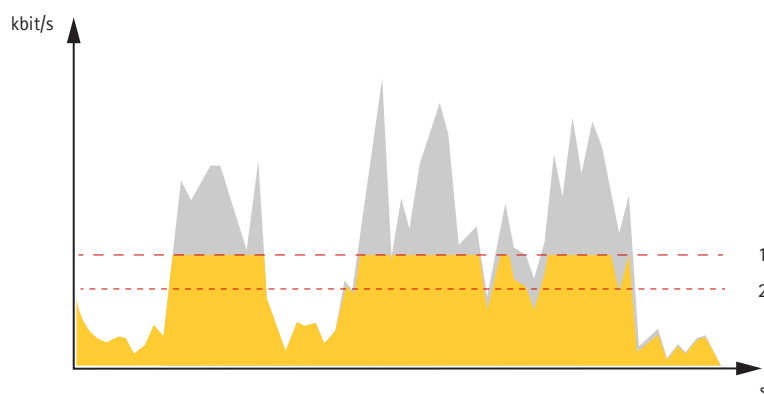
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- 1 Target bitrate
- 2 Actual average bitrate

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

AXIS Camera Application Platform (ACAP) is an open platform that enables third parties to develop analytics and other applications for Axis products. To find out more about available applications, downloads, trials and licenses, go to axis.com/applications.

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



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How to activate an application licence code on a device

AXIS Object Analytics

AXIS Object Analytics is an analytic application that comes preinstalled on the camera. It detects objects that move in the scene and classifies them as, for example, humans or vehicles. You can set up the application to send alarms for different types of objects. To find out more about how the application works, see the *user manual*.

Security

TPM module

The TPM (Trusted Platform Module) is a component that provides cryptographic features to protect information from unauthorized access. It is always activated and there are no settings you can change.

To learn more about TPM, go to axis.com/press-center/media-resources/white-papers.

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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 31*.
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 the help menu .
3. Click **About**.

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.

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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.

AXIS Device Manager can be used for multiple upgrades. Find out more at axis.com/products/axis-device-manager.



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How to upgrade the 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.

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 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.

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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): • 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.
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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 <code>http</code> or <code>https</code> in the browser's address field. If the password for the user <code>root</code> is lost, the device must be reset to the factory default settings. See <i>Reset to factory default settings on page 27</i>.
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.

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/vms.

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 <i>Performance considerations on page 30</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.
Can't select H.265 encoding in live view	Web browsers do not support H.265 decoding. Use a video management system or application supporting H.265 decoding.

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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.
- 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.

Contact support

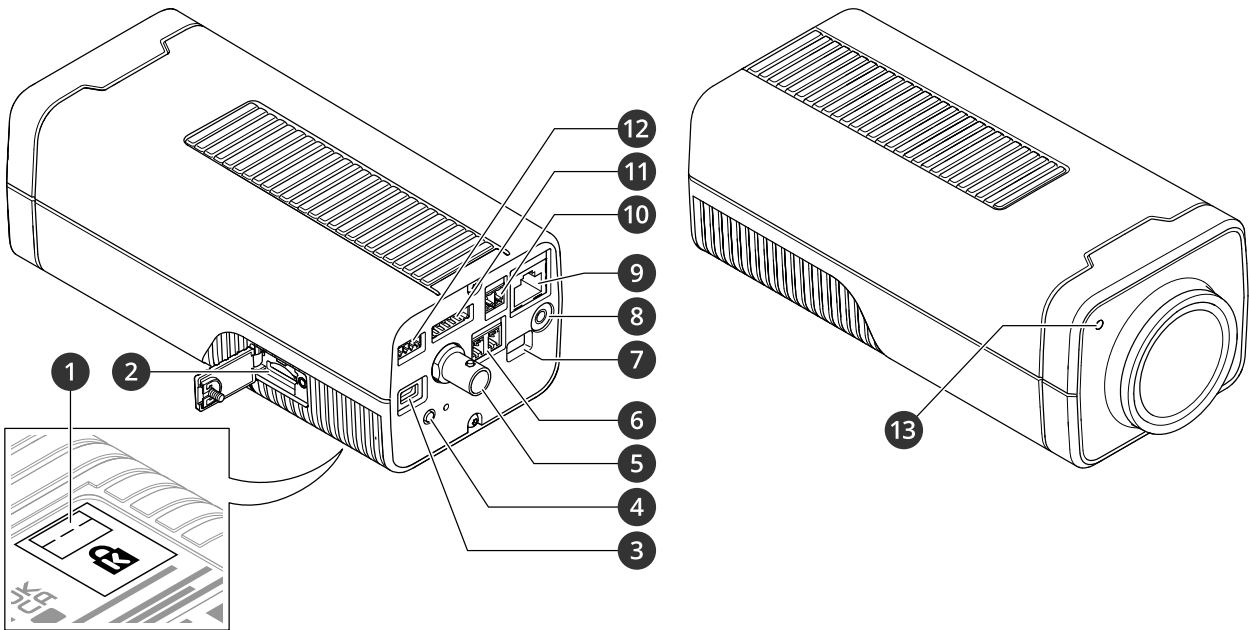
Contact support at axis.com/support.

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Product overview



- 1 Kensington lock
- 2 microSD card slot
- 3 HDMI connector
- 4 Control button
- 5 SDI connector
- 6 RS-485/422 connector
- 7 PoE class switch
- 8 Audio in (analogue/digital)
- 9 Network connector (PoE)
- 10 Power connector (DC)
- 11 I/O connector
- 12 I2C connector (camera housing communication connector)
- 13 Status LED

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.

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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.

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 27.

PoE class switch

Use the switch to select the PoE class you want the device to use. Select PoE class 3 if you're mounting the camera in an outdoor housing that supports it.

Important

When using PoE class 3, HDMI and SDI are turned off.

Connectors

BNC connector

The BNC connector is used for connecting broadcast equipment using SDI. Connect a 75 Ohm coaxial SDI cable.

CAUTION

The connector may be hot during normal operation in elevated ambient temperatures.

HDMI connector

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

Network connector

RJ45 Ethernet connector with Power over Ethernet (PoE).

Audio connector

- Audio in – 3.5 mm input for a mono microphone, or a line-in mono signal (left channel is used from a stereo signal).



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Audio input

1 Tip	2 Ring	3 Sleeve
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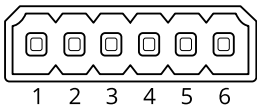
I/O connector

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.

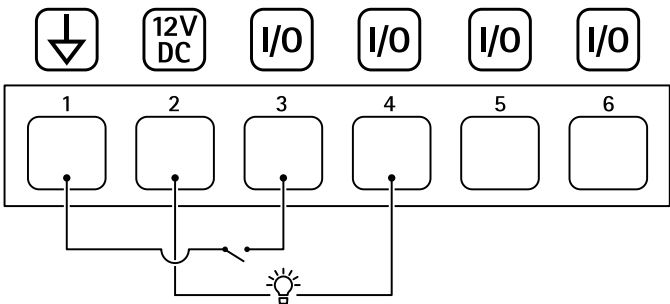
Digital output – For connecting external devices such as relays and LEDs. Connected devices can be activated by the VAPIX® Application Programming Interface, through an event or from the product's webpage.

6-pin terminal block



Function	Pin	Notes	Specifications
DC ground	1		0 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 = 50 mA
Configurable (Input or Output)	3–6	Digital input – Connect to pin 1 to activate, or leave floating (unconnected) to deactivate.	0 to max 30 V DC
		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 V DC, open drain, 100 mA

Example



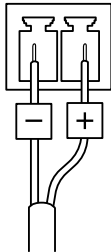
- 1 DC ground
- 2 DC output 12 V, max 50 mA
- 3 I/O configured as input
- 4 I/O configured as output
- 5 Configurable I/O
- 6 Configurable I/O

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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.

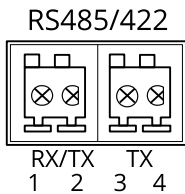


RS485/RS422 connector

Two 2-pin terminal blocks for RS485/RS422 serial interface used to control auxiliary equipment such as pan-tilt devices.

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



Function	Pin	Notes
RS485/RS422 RX/TX A	1	(RX) For full duplex RS485/RS422 (RX/TX) For half duplex RS485
RS485/RS422 RX/TX B	2	
RS485/RS422 TX A	3	(TX) For full duplex RS485/RS422
RS485/RS422 TX B	4	

