SecurityMan IPcam-SD Review

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A review about the functionality and use of the IPcam-SD

The IPcam-SD has a wireless and or wired connection to your network. To setup quickly and accurately, open the manual and follow the instructions. Being use to the setup of a previous unit from another company, I wanted to see the difference in difficulty in setting this camera up.

I connected the router to the camera using an Ethernet cable and then connected the power to the back. I then opened and installed the software that will help you get the security camera installed onto your network. With simple install instructions I was able to pull up the software with no issues. I had to open the manual for this next part as you need to make sure you are assigning the new addresses to the wired and wireless connections correctly. After I assigned the IP addresses to the wired and wireless connections to communicate with my network, I was all set to unplug the Ethernet cable and permanently place my camera.

The software given with this IP security camera is amazing. You can connect up to 64 IP cameras and monitor them all. Also during setup going through and assigning the IP addresses was a lot easier than other software I have used. They have step by step instructions that make it very easy for anyone to setup.

I can tell you the mounting hardware it comes with is very secure and the camera itself is very light. Looking at the back of this unit, I was impressed with available SD slot for recording files (SD matters now because this camera uses H.264) and I have used other units that advertise this slot being available, but actually did not. You also have an available option for a spot light integration with a 5v DC connection which would make motion detected recording amazing. I didn't get to test this, but having that option available is great. You also have 2 way audio with a built in mic for communication.

The motion detected recording is perfect with the H.264 file format it records to. It's such a crisp quality with a large compression that allows the files stored to be manageable. If you look at most of the other security cameras on the market for the same price have the old MPEG4 or MJPEG file formats that record very large files and isn't as smooth. When you pan and tilt the motion is very fluid and doesn't skip around especially using wireless you would expect some skipping.

This unit compared to most others on the market is far superior as you are going to want to pay for video quality. Why would you buy a security camera if you can't catch who has entered your home when the video feed live or recorded is too choppy? You should always check what file format the unit records to as it has a major impact on network usage and recording quality.

SecurityMan got it right with the IPcam-SD. They took a great product and made sure it was better with spending time on the hardware that matters. I really enjoy that they include a very long power cord as well. I was able to hang the camera in the corner and it ran all the way to my outlet. previous units I have reviewed were very short and they came with a black cord. It didn't fit aesthetically and made it look like it didn't fit. This camera with the white wire makes it seem like it's not even there.

The quality of this camera in light is fantastic and displays a smooth, fluid video feed to your laptop or computer. The same can be said about the night vision mode. The quality of the IR LED's brighten up and combined with the H.264 file format it's unlike any other security camera. If you are in the market for that extra security, I suggest you pick up SecurityMan's IPcam-SD. It's wireless or wired and functions flawlessly. I give the SecurityMan IPcam-SD the White-Out Stamp of Approval.

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Customer Review: Dave Nobbe (Minneapolis, MN)
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A wonderful experience with tech support

I just wanted to let you know what a wonderful experience that I have had dealing with your product and your customer support. I rarely provide reviews but your technician, Michael Abreu, really was amazing.

Last night I had him on the phone for over an hour dealing with my wifi issues, and I believe it was well past his office hours (8PM CST). I initially sent an email to your technical support through your web site, and to my surprise, Michael called me within 5 minutes. It was clear that he was extremely knowledgeable, not just reading scripts. By the time we were done he had the camera working on my phone, the web and over the computer.

Very pleasant young man, good personality, and VERY patient with my lack of knowledge. In my years of experience with customer support departments, SecurityMan was by far the best ever. For the money that I paid for the IPCAM I am very impressed with the video quality and its functionality. It has been a pleasure dealing with your company.