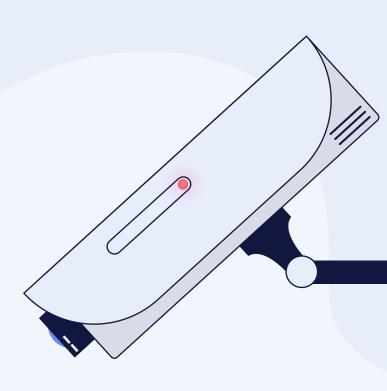
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Wondering which cameras you should buy to boost safety? Read on to find out.

Security cameras are some of the easiest and most effective tools to keep businesses and homes safe from intruders and other threats. But choosing between the seemingly countless number of brands can feel like a nearly impossible task for anyone, especially people who are investing in a surveillance system for the first time. To make your decision easier, we've compiled descriptions and reviews for 30 of the industry's leading security camera providers, including big names like Panasonic and newcomers like Verkada, for facilities of any size. Read on to find the perfect cameras for your space.

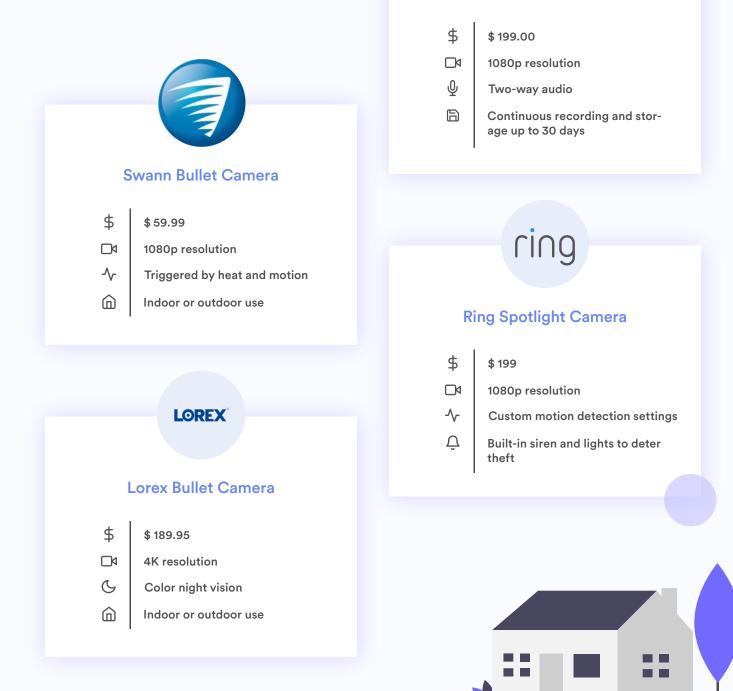






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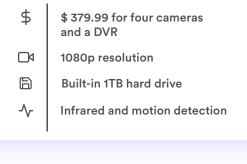
If your space is on the smaller side, or even if you're just looking to install a security system in your home, the following security camera providers are right for you. These businesses make smaller cameras with a more limited range of capabilities, which often end up being better for spaces that need low coverage without many bells and whistles. Most of the cameras below can be used either inside or outside. Each brand is slightly different, so make sure you carefully consider what is best for your wants and needs.



Nest Cam Outdoor



Night Owl Security System





ADT Outdoor Security Camera

- Priced with ADT security package
 720p resolution
 - Pairs with Amazon Alexa
 - Controlled with smartphone app

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Blink XT2



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- \$ 99.99
- >_ Pairs with Amazon Alexa
- -√ Infrared and motion detection
 - Two-way audio

Foscam FI9900P

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\$ 69.99
1080p resolution
Night vision

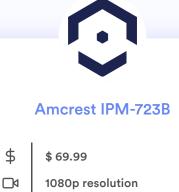
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Two-way audio

zmodo

Zmodo Indoor/Outdoor WiFi Camera





- Certified weatherproof
- >_ Pairs with Amazon Alexa



EZVIZ C3W



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- 1080p resolution
- 360-degree swivel capability
- >_ Pairs with Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant

Logitech Circle 2

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- 1080p resolution
- (5) 180-degree view
 - Wireless design

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Vivint Outdoor Camera Pro

- Priced with Vivint technology packages
 1080p resolution
 - 140-degree view
 - Two-way audio



YI Outdoor Security Camera

- \$ 79.99
- 1080p resolution
- C Night vision
 - Certified weatherproof

Mid-Size and Large Businesses

Larger spaces require more coverage and complexity than smaller facilities, meaning that these security cameras will be bigger, more obvious and more expensive. You should be looking for the possibility of creating a complete security system when you choose cameras, and paying special attention to each brand's software integration is important when trying to make your space more secure. A number of the brands below integrate with <u>Kisi's access control</u> technology, which can improve physical security with minimal effort.



Meraki



Even if you've never heard of Meraki, you've at least heard of its parent company, Cisco. Offering four indoor models and two outdoor models, all of which shoot in HD and contain internal solid state storage, Meraki's selection is pared down to allow an easier decision for companies that decide to integrate their products into their security system. On the indoor side, the all-purpose MV12 is the smallest option and starts at \$999. The MV32 is the largest indoor offering, with a fisheye lens and 180-degree horizontal and vertical fields of view at \$1499. The two outdoor units differ in their applications: the MV71 works best in demanding environments and weather conditions, while the MV72 allows a wider range of view.

In a review on the business technology review site G2, user Jesse B. left a glowing review. "Not only can we manage this from a central dashboard, but you can do it from your phone too! We realized from this the ease of use is really the key to having a smooth network flow." Thomas Bayerl of Audi, another Meraki partner, is similarly happy with Meraki's performance on the company's website. "All Cisco Meraki products that we used so far just work. You configure everything and they run very well." Other reviews say the same thing: Meraki cameras are easy to use and seamlessly integrate into almost any space. The company's clients include SoulCycle, Design Within Reach, the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre and even the city of Opelika, Alabama.

While Meraki cameras integrate into Cisco's larger networking software of the same name, the devices also work with Kisi technology, making access control an easy upgrade for any office or facility. Integrating with Kisi allows users to get more out of their hardware. After investing in high-quality Meraki cameras, it's important to make sure that you're getting the most value out of them, and access control ensures that. For example, if you have a space that requires enhanced security, like a server room or even a vault, you can add both a Meraki camera and a door reader to that area. The camera can constantly monitor for motion, alerting you if there is movement in the area. However, by integrating with Kisi's access control products, the credential reader at the door can temporarily disarm the camera, which will still alert you of the motion but will not send an alarm into motion. This is just one of the possibilities that the two products provide in tandem, making your facility much safer.

Rhombus

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Rhombus Systems is a leader in cloud video surveillance and IoT sensor technology. With a background in enterprise IT, the founding team of Rhombus noticed how complicated existing enterprise video security systems were and wondered why these systems couldn't be as easy to use as the consumer ones, but powerful enough for large companies.

As a result of this, Rhombus Systems was born in 2016 with its first product being cloud-managed security cameras. Although cloud managed, these cameras still retain some of the benefits of on-site hardware like storing the video locally and ensuring playback over the local network stays on the LAN. Rhombus discarded the traditional DVR, ensuring that the only hardware an IT professional now needs to manage is the cameras.

Today, Rhombus offers fairly advanced cameras with AI-powered security cameras and smart sensors. The AI in these cameras can detect humans at a distance of up to 45 feet. These IoT devices function seamlessly together giving customers unparalleled insights into their spaces. But it's not only that: Rhombus is an easy-to-integrate platform that can be linked to your already existing security system to get the most out of your products.

The Rhombus cameras have one of the most competitive prices on the market if you take into account that you are not only buying a camera but a very efficient security system that comes with it. The R1 starting price is around \$200-300 depending on the reseller while the R2 standard starts at \$499. R2 L and R2 180 both cost \$899. To these prices, you have to add the cost of the cloud storage and, eventually, the cost of other hardware.

The overall impression of Rhombus cameras is enterprise-grade performance at an affordable price. At Kisi, we believe that Rhombus is not only one of the best cameras you can find on the market but also a valuable asset for the overall security of your company. For this reason, we decided to integrate with them and offer you the ultimate security solution for your business.

Verkada



Offering four different types of dome cameras, Verkada is a great solution for facilities that require panoramic monitoring in either indoor or outdoor environments. Each model of camera (D30 Indoor Dome, D40 Mini Dome, D50 Outdoor Dome and D80 Fisheye Dome) offers high-definition video, and certain types work best in different environments, including low-light areas and spots with low bandwidth. Their system also includes a mobile command center in the form of an app, which allows users to monitor all feeds and sends them alerts when cameras are triggered. Tiered pricing starts at \$799 for smaller cameras and grows based on how long you want to keep your recorded footage, from the base 30 days up to 120 days. Verkada works with customers from retail to government to banking, including huge names like Hilton, Equinox and the University of Maryland. Verkada is best for large spaces that require both indoor and outdoor monitoring. Instead of shelling out more money for smaller cameras, customers can choose to use a larger Verkada camera to cover a much wider region.

Verkada can be used with its own proprietary software, but its true potential lies in integrating the cameras with a larger security system. Once you've chosen the set of cameras that fits your unique needs, you can connect the cameras to a number of systems, including Kisi's access control software and hardware. Integrating with Kisi allows you to protect your physical assets with constant monitoring and camera-enabled features, which is only made easier with Verkada's built-in footage storage. While you can simply watch your facility using CCTV, Kisi-enabled Verkada cameras also allow you to set motion alarms after-hours, for example. For spaces that contain sensitive equipment or information, this is vital to keeping your protected assets safe and secure. And with seamless integration into a larger access control system, you'll make your business much safer in no time.

Founded in 2015, Verkada is already winning fans around the world, and it's already been featured in Fast Company, where it was hailed as a company that's disrupting the security camera industry. In 2018, venture firm Next47, which itself is backed by Siemens, added Verkada to its roster of companies in which it has invested. The security camera provider's customers, too, are excited about the company. Amazon reviewer C.R. said, "I can honestly say that [the price of] the camera is justified." On Verkada's website Bill Weber, an information security officer at Susquehanna Community Bank, echoed this sentiment. "In this environment, it's very unusual for us to try something and have it work — the first time and every time."

Avigilon

Despite a somewhat confusingly spelled name, Avigilon is a simple solution to security. Owned by Motorola, the company brings a huge amount of technical expertise to the table, which makes achieving total security much easier. Between 14 different models of cameras, there's something for any type of space, and multiple cameras can be combined in one network. Avigilon products work best when given a great deal of space to monitor — think banks, airports and casinos, which all attract a great deal of people and require more security than a typical business might. The company's customer list is impressive, including King Abdulaziz International Airport in Saudi Arabia, Brooklyn Cooperative Federal Credit Union, the San Diego Metro Transit System and Target Field.

It's clear that some of the biggest, busiest facilities in the world rely on Avigilon. However, your space doesn't need to be massive to be a good candidate for the company's cameras. Restaurant chains like Mama's on the Half Shell in Baltimore and retail spaces like a Tel Aviv Rolex store have also successfully implemented Avigilon devices. Each of the company's cameras shoots in HD, and budget and space requirements help to make the selection process a little more simple. Smaller models like the H4A Bullet and the H4A Box are ideal for small spaces, while larger units like the H4 Multisensor offer up to 360-degree coverage over huge areas. Specialty cameras fill in blanks that other security providers might not be able to cover, including thermal cameras that work in total darkness and license plate capture cameras.

Combining Avigilon technology with access control is both simple and effective. The cameras easily connect with Avigilon's proprietary access control software, which allows system administrators to more easily monitor who they allow inside. However, Avigilon's access control is entirely browser-based, and spaces that would like to use card readers and other hardware could be left without their desired security measures. Thankfully, Avigilon also integrates with Kisi's access control software and hardware, which makes security much easier to control. Using the two companies in tandem allows users to monitor user activity, verify cardholder identity and monitor for motion and sound. In huge spaces with plenty of assets to protect, it's crucial that access points are protected by both locks and cameras, which can be done quickly and effectively with Kisi and Avigilon.

Arlo



Arlo is one of the most simple and easy-to-use security systems available to consumers. While it can be used for home monitoring and even watching over pets or elderly family members. However, it's also an effective, no-frills tool for anyone looking to connect multiple cameras to one central network that isn't bogged down by extra, unnecessary features. For low-volume spaces without many assets to protect, like cafés or home-run businesses, Arlo works like a modular command center, which can be outfitted with any number of the company's cameras, audio doorbells, and security lights.

Each piece of the system has its own benefits and drawbacks. Arlo Pro cameras are wireless, weatherproof and record in HD, but more expensive Arlo Q cameras can record 24/7 and alert users of both motion and sound events when they're armed. Construction sites and restaurants often use Arlo cameras, plus places like car dealerships and parking lots. Amazon user Moz praised the cameras for helping him catch two people who tried to rob their home; an Arlo alert prompted a call to the police. Verified user ML had a different experience, though: "I'm four months into ownership and the cameras aren't doing well," he said, noting issues uploading video to the cloud. However, he mentioned that the cameras improved in warmer weather, so keep that in mind.

OpenEye

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With 19 different types of cameras available, OpenEye is one of the most customizable and accessible brands on this list. The company's cameras can be configured for nearly any environment, including both indoor and outdoor spaces, so many different kinds of facilities can use them. However, they appear to be most effective in mid-sized spaces like grocery stores, restaurants, and other structures with plenty of nooks and crannies. Its clients include Allied Fire & Security, WinCo Foods and Hardee's. They're also easy to integrate with plenty of services, including Okta, DMP and Hanwha Techwin.

OpenEye cameras range in resolution from 2MP to 12MP, and they come for areas both small and large. There are several models of mini dome cameras, each with their own specialties, for areas that require less stringent monitoring. On the higher end, OpenEye offers 360-degree fisheye cameras and even a 4K bullet camera that works outside. Their claim to fame is a self-described system of "heroic" customer service, and most everyone online describes having a positive experience, although a few Facebook reviewers describe waiting on hold for up to 45 minutes.

Hikvision

HIKVISION

A massive Chinese company founded in 2001, Hikvision is one of the largest players in the security camera space. In fact, the company is so large that they offer dozens upon dozens of options, making the process of choosing a surveillance system both more inclusive and more complicated. Among its most popular models are the terribly-named DS-2CD4656F-IZH 2.8-12MM and DS-2CD2132F-I-2.8MM, although there's a camera for pretty much any need on their website. Hikvision's client list features entire countries, including Ecuador and Zimbabwe. They also offer proprietary access control software along with their cameras.

Reviews of Hikvision's cameras reveal a company that makes largely reliable, if uninspiring, security cameras. A Security Sales & Integration review called the DS-2CD4656F-IZH an "exceptional camera with a wide array of menu options," but the website Security Camera System Pro knocked Hikvision down a few pegs, noting that it fell short of the site's top 10 camera providers. Amazon reviews back up these sentiments, commending the low price of many units but citing room for improvement, especially for low-light areas.

D-Link



Another Asian security giant, Taiwan-based D-Link offers a great deal of technology for homes and businesses, including 14 models of cameras. D-Link is best for businesses that need to cover a large amount of area with plenty of camera options, and their clients, including West Virginia University, the Dallas Zoo and Texas-based Blanco Independent School District, reflects this specialty.

D-Link's different models of camera represent a wide array of needs and work in plenty of environments, including bullets and domes that work both indoors and outside. Each camera offers a high-definition feed, and some come with special features, including two-way audio on the DCS-4622 and long-range night vision on the DCS-4703E. D-Link does not sell cameras online, however — you'll have to submit an inquiry or buy one through a third-party retailer. SafeHome.org gave the manufacturer high marks for easy integration and cloud storage, but noted that setup can get confusing when using all features of each camera.



Manufacturing titan Bosch, perhaps unsurprisingly, makes security cameras along with pretty much everything else. Offering over 50 types of cameras, Bosch is a major player in the surveillance field. Each model of camera, including box, bullet and dome varieties, offers HD video, from 720p on smaller Dionion and Tinyon cameras all the way up to 4K resolution on Dionion and Flexidome models. The cameras are about half indoor and half outdoor, and most have audio capabilities. Special features include weathering extreme conditions, very low light, and the ability to move.

While Bosch has not reported any of their big-name clients, online reviews show their camers to be reliable and well-liked. Best Reviews Guide rates four Bosch cameras, three Flexidomes and one NBE, at a nine or above on a scale of 10. Like other manufacturers, the company does not sell its cameras directly through its site, but can be contacted for a quote. One of the best aspects of Bosch's approach is that, because of the sheer variety of cameras offered, almost any space can use the devices, especially larger facilities that need more coverage.

Panasonic



Another instantly recognizable company, it's understandable that Panasonic would also get into the business of manufacturing security cameras. Their equipment is best for large spaces with a high volume of traffic, like stadiums and even city streets, although, like other providers, Panasonic cameras can be used in a variety of settings. The company provides security solutions to Providence College, Dutch grocery store chain Jumbo Ten Brink Food, and Brussels Airport, and has even been a partner of the Olympic Games since 1984.

The company sells dozens of cameras for commercial use, ranging from bullets to multi-sensor models, which are at the top of their price range. The most powerful cameras, like the multi-sensor WV-X8570N and the weatherproof, domed WV-SFV481, which boast incredibly high resolution and panoramic feeds, are only necessary for operations that require detailed surveillance, like transportation hubs or government buildings. Otherwise, smaller offerings like the WV-SF438 and the WV-SPW312L can suffice. The reviews are also overwhelmingly positive. One parking lot owner from Sweden raves about Panasonic on the company's website, saying that the company's sales went up thanks to increased security.

Juan

Juan, a Chinese surveillance manufacturer, offers a slate of just over 10 security cameras for businesses. Online reviews and news about the company are sparse, and they seem to be a solution for businesses that need a lot of coverage without wanting to break the bank on more expensive cameras. Its cameras are HD-quality and are mostly bullets. While not as capable as some of the other cameras listed here, models like the PJ2010 and the PD3013 perform well in a variety of temperatures and light levels.

Axis Communications



Another all-around manufacturer of cameras, Axis Communications works well for a variety of situations and needs. Axis offers a variety of box, dome and bullet cameras in the \$200-500 range, all with HD footage and the ability to adjust for light and motion. If you're looking for something a little more specialized, there are also thermal cameras, discreet modular cameras, and even cameras that are designed to withstand explosions in hazardous environments. Because of their strong diversity of offerings, Axis Communications cameras can be used in many different settings, especially ones that require more niche options or a wide view, like facilities with elevators or even government buildings.

Axis boasts a long list of clients, including several school districts, theaters and stadiums worldwide, plus cities like Buffalo and Savannah. Reviewing the M3045-V camera on Amazon, user Gordincolorado said, "reliable and insanely fast recall." Reviews for the company's other cameras are similarly glowing, many coming from people who own mid-size facilities and need reliable, unfussy cameras. Another user, Matt, said, simply, "a monkey could install them." By all accounts, Axis Communications is doing something right.

Dahua



Dahua is one of the world's largest security camera manufacturers and providers, with different types of cameras and surveillance technology that work for nearly any space. The company offers a great deal of camera models that meet just about any facility's needs, especially considering price point and various camera capabilities, like outdoor use and low light settings. For anyone seeking to outfit a large area, like a warehouse or an office building, with a variety of security cameras or specialty models without spending too much, Dahua is a great way to get started.

Top-of-the-line cameras like the Multi-flex 4x2MP, which offers a 360-degree view and HD recording, are perfect for facilities that need to monitor big spaces, or even areas like intersecting hallways. Discreet cameras like the 4MP Covert Network Pinhole Camera System are much smaller and can hide inside ATMs and other tiny spaces. Some other cameras even have facial recognition software built in. But even if you're not looking for one of these specialized cameras, Dahua probably still has the right one for you. Amazon reviews show that users love the cameras and find them easy to install and maintain.

March Networks



Ottawa-based March Networks is a newcomer to the field of surveillance video, but they've already managed to make a big impact on the market. Used by places like Tommy Bahama, Wisconsin School District and over 600 banks, the company is already trusted in spaces both large and small. Businesses that need to cover a lot of space or many smaller areas should consider March Networks cameras, which can integrate with access control providers, RFID readers, and license plate capturing technology. They're also one of the only security camera providers making a push in the legal cannabis market, which could mean huge growth for the company in coming years.

On top of video recorders and management software, March Networks offers tens of different types of cameras, including domes, bullets, and even ones meant to go inside ATMs. Each of their cameras offers HD video, and models can be placed either inside or outdoors, making total security easier. Special features include zoom, infrared, and a low bit rate setting, which preserves bandwidth when you need more of it. Quotes for cameras are available from the company via their website. Online reviews are generally positive, and the company boasts a 4.3 out of 5 rating on Facebook.

Apexis

Apexis is a Chinese security manufacturer founded in 2005. Its online presence is sparse, but the company offers dozens of cameras for all types of uses on its website. Its cameras work best for mid-sized spaces like restaurants and grocery stores, and while its clients are unknown, the cameras would work well for facilities that need cameras on a budget. The company sells cameras through its site, although you need to message them directly to get a quote.

Reviews for Apexis cameras are split down the middle — users either love them or experience issues with them. Amazon reviewers for one of its dome models are particularly divisive. User M.C., a self-described "camera snob," praised the device for its superior image quality, but Matthew, another user, said his camera died after only a year and a half of use. In the end, Apexis is a secretive brand that is best for spaces working with limited budgets. Choosing your security cameras is just one part of implementing video surveillance. The video management software behind the camera needs to be able to support the functions you are looking for as well as integrate with your access control if you want to combine access events with surveillance footage.

For more information, view our video surveillance page

Kisi integrates with video cameras to secure your space. Get in touch to find out more.

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