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Alert DVR Camera Kit 4 Channel DVR & 4 OutdoorCams





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Installation Guide

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Introduction

The Swann DVR4 Alert is a 4 channel Digital Video Recorder which has many advanced features which allow you to record footage from up to 4 security cameras to a hard drive for later playback.

This DVR offers an affordable recording and monitoring solution for your home or business. Simply connect your cameras and start your surveillance setup. The DVR is ideal for usage in your home to watch over your premises and valuables and in your business to monitor customers, your parking lot, staff and lobby area. Having no tapes to maintain, replace or rewind means this recorder can be setup once and virtually forgotten about until and unless a review of the video becomes necessary. It also dramatically reduces the down time for maintenance or repair that is generally associated with VCRs.

Your package comes with...

- 1 x DVR4 Alert with HDD fitted
- 4 x Outdoor Cams
- 1 x Power Adapter & Power Cable for DVR (design may vary depending on country)
- 1 x Power Adapter for Cameras
- 4 x Video Extension Cable
- 1 x Video-Out Signal Cable
- 1 x DC 5 way Splitter
- 1 x User Manual
- Security Stickers
- This Instruction Sheet

If any of these items are missing, please contact your retailer.

FCC WARNING STATEMENT

This device complies with Part 15 of FCC Rules.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and

- (2) this device must accept any interference received,
- including interference that may cause undesired operation

Tips for positioning your cameras

You should position your cameras to cover the areas most exposed to risk. See our suggestions below for some ideas: Direct exposure to the effects of the weather will void the warranty of cameras not intended for outdoor use.









4. Verandahs

I. Doorways







7. Mix dummies



Design of sticker subject to change without notice.

5. Reception areas

6. Cash register

Where to Place The Security Stickers:

- 1. On your front window
- 2. On side windows
- 3. Near entrance points doors, gates
- 4. Next to a dummy camera mounted outside
- 5. On the front counter
- 6. On the cash register
- 7. Next to an obvious camera



Q. What kind of camera should I buy for this DVR?

A. This unit is designed to work with any of Swann's extensive Security Camera range, but any existing composite video camera using BNC or RCA interface for indoor/outdoor/infrared will work with the DVR. It doesn't matter whether it is color, black/white or a mix of both camera types.

USB cameras are not suitable for use with the DVR4 Alert.

Q. I can't turn on the DVR.

A. Make sure that the power cord is plugged in correctly and the red power light on DVR front panel is on. Make sure your power point is turned on.

Q. I see nothing but a black screen after I turn on the DVR.

A. Check the camera input and video output connection on DVR back panel. If you can't find a problem with these connections, check whether the camera power cable is firmly connected. Also make sure the monitor is on the correct AV channel.

Q. My color cameras are showing as black & white on the DVR.

A. Make sure the system format of the DVR is set to either NTSC or PAL to match your cameras and the TV standard.

Q. Can I prevent other people from stopping the recording while I am gone?

A. Set the password feature to ON in the menu. Now if the DVR is in schedule or recording mode, no one can change the setting unless they use the correct password. You should change the password during the initial setup of the unit.

Q. What kind of hard disk drive should I purchase to make the DVR run?

A. Any PC compatible IDE, ATA hard disk drive will work.

Q. I forgot my password. What should I do?

A. Contact Swann Technical Support, contact detail's located at the back of this instruction.

NOTE:

All jurisdictions have specific laws and regulations relating to the use of cameras. Before using any camera for any purpose, it is the buyer's responsibility to be aware of all applicable laws and regulations that prohibit or limit the use of cameras and to comply with the applicable laws and regulations. The legality of watching people other than yourself changes from country to country and even state to state. Contact your local government's privacy information body or your local Police for more information on what if any restrictions you may face.

Basic Operation

To help guide you through the process of setting up the DVR4 Alert, we have outlined the steps and numbered each of the components required in the diagram below.



Basic Operation (continued)

Step 1 - Installing the Hard Disk Drive (Skip this step if your DVR comes with a hard disk drive already installed)

1. Remove the screws on the bottom of the DVR.

2. Slide the cover off carefully.

3. Connect the power cord and data cable to the hard disk carefully. Ensure the jumper/s on the hard disk is set to MASTER.

4. Use screws to fix the hard disk onto the rack.

5. Then replace the cover on the case and fix it to the case.

CAUTION:

Do not open the cover when DVR is running! Make sure the HDD is set to MASTER.

Step 2 - Connecting your cameras

Connect your cameras (1) to the Video Extension Cable (2), connect the DC 5Way Splitter (3) to the other end of Video Extension Cable (2) using its DC plug, and connect BNC plug on the Video Extension Cable (2) to the Video Input (4) sockets (CH1 - CH4) on the rear panel of the DVR unit.

Step 3 - Connecting your DVR to your monitor

Connect Video-Out Signal Cable (5) to the Video Output connector (6) on the back of the DVR, then connect the other end of the Video-Out signal cable (5) to your TV or Security Monitor's Video Input socket (7).

Make sure your monitor is on the appropriate AV input channel. If you have an AV TV with RCA sockets, you will need to switch the TV to the AV channel on the TV to view the DVR.

This channel may be activated by a button on your remote control which is marked with this symbol \square , or L1, L2 or possibly AV, AV1 or AV2.

* To extend the operating distance from your TV or VCR you will need to purchase an A/V extension cable (sold separately) which are available at most electronics stores.

Note: We do not recommend extending the camera cable length past 330 Feet/100 metres with a single cable run to avoid loss of signal.

Multiple cable sections connected to make up one cable length can drastically reduce the video signal run distance.

Step 4 - Powering your DVR & Cameras

Connect the DC plug (8) at the end of the **DVR Power Adaptor** (9) into the **DC input socket** (10) in the back of the DVR.

Plug the DVR Power Adaptor (9) into the mains power point in your wall. Connect the DC plug at the end of the **Camera Power Adaptor** (11) in to **DC 5** **Way Splitter** (3), then plug the **Camera Power Adaptor** (11) into the mains power point in your wall.

Step 5 - DVR boot up

As the DVR boots up, it should detect the HDD installed. If your hard disk is not detected, please redo step 1.

Step 6 - Accessing the Menu

Press the " Menu" button to enter the setup menu.

Use the " Up" and " Down" buttons to select an item. Press the " Select" button to the modify settings.

Press the " m Menu" button again to save your settings & exit.

Step 7 - Setting up the Time & Date

Enter the menu system and select the "Sub Menu" option.

Highlight the "Time Setup" option and press the "

Use the " \bigwedge Up" and " \bigvee Down" buttons to select a time or date to change.

Press the " 🚽 Select" button to modify.

Press the " Menu" button again to save your settings & exit.

Step 8 - Start & Stop Recording

Press the " **!** Record" button to start recording.

Press the " Stop" button to stop recording. With the password option enabled, you must correctly enter the password to stop recording.

Step 9 - Playback Recording

Press the " > Play" button to play the last recording (which has not been previously viewed).

During playback, press the " 🛄 Menu" button to initiate the Time Search feature and display a list of all recorded video clips on the HDD.

Use the " ▲ Up" and " ✔ Down" buttons to select a time or date to change. Press the " ← Select" button to edit time line values and press the " ▶ Play" button to play the video clip.