



# **X Series**

# **User's Manual**

**(For X7D & X80)**



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## **1. Warnings**



Contains FCC ID:MCQ-XBEE09P The enclosed device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (i.) this device may not cause harmful interference and (ii.) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.



If the camera is used with any antenna other than the portable antenna supplied with the X Series Camera Unit or PCBase Unit, the system may not comply with the FCC regulation Part 15.247, Operation within the license-free band 902 – 928 MHz. Contact manufacturer regarding use of optional high-gain antennas with the X Series wireless camera system.



**WARNING:** To satisfy FCC RF exposure requirements for mobile transmitting devices, a separation distance of 20 cm or more should be maintained between the antenna of this device and persons during device operation. To ensure compliance, operations at closer than this distance are not recommended. The antenna used for this transmitter must not be co-located in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

## **2. Overview**

The X Series Motion Activated Wireless Camera System consists of one or more wireless cameras and a base. The cameras are powered with rechargeable lead acid batteries and can take thousands of pictures on a single charge. Optional solar panel chargers are also available to extend battery life indefinitely.

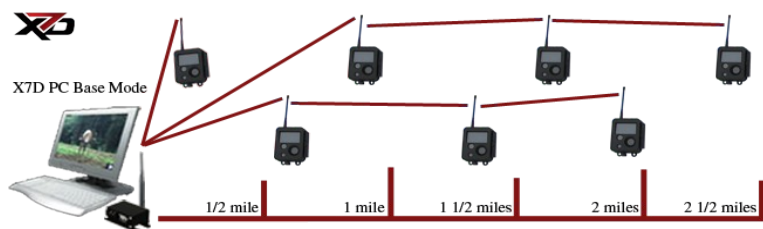
When a camera detects motion, a picture or video is immediately taken and transmitted to the base. The cameras can be up to one mile, line of sight (X7D) or up to two miles (X80) from the base using standard antennas. This distance can be increased to several miles using high gain antennas or by repeating through other cameras. Several different options are available to allow the pictures received at the base to be viewed from anywhere in the world using an Internet connected computer or smart phone.

Three different types of bases are available : PC Base, Camera Base, and Cell Base. The operation of each type of base is described in detail in the appropriate section of this manual. A general overview of the three types is given here.

**Please Note:** *The X7D and X80 Cameras are not compatible. X7D cameras and X7D PCBase hardware is upgradeable to X80 hardware. Contact BuckEye Cam for more information.*

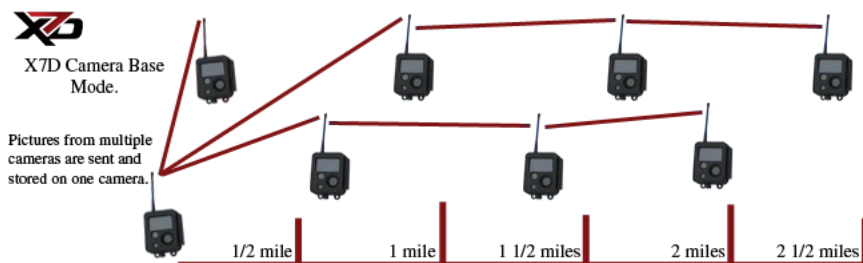
## 2.1 PC Base Overview

- Connects to a personal computer with a USB connection.
- View pictures from up to 255 remote cameras on your computer.
- Automatically email pictures or upload to the Livecam Web-site if an Internet connection is available.
- Transmission distance can be up to 1 mile X7DCellBase (line of sight) / Up to 2 miles with the X80
- Transmission distance can be increased to several miles with high gain antennas or by repeating through other cameras.
- NO monthly fees. Cellular service is NOT required.
- Best choice when there is a personal computer within one mile (line of sight) of at least one camera.



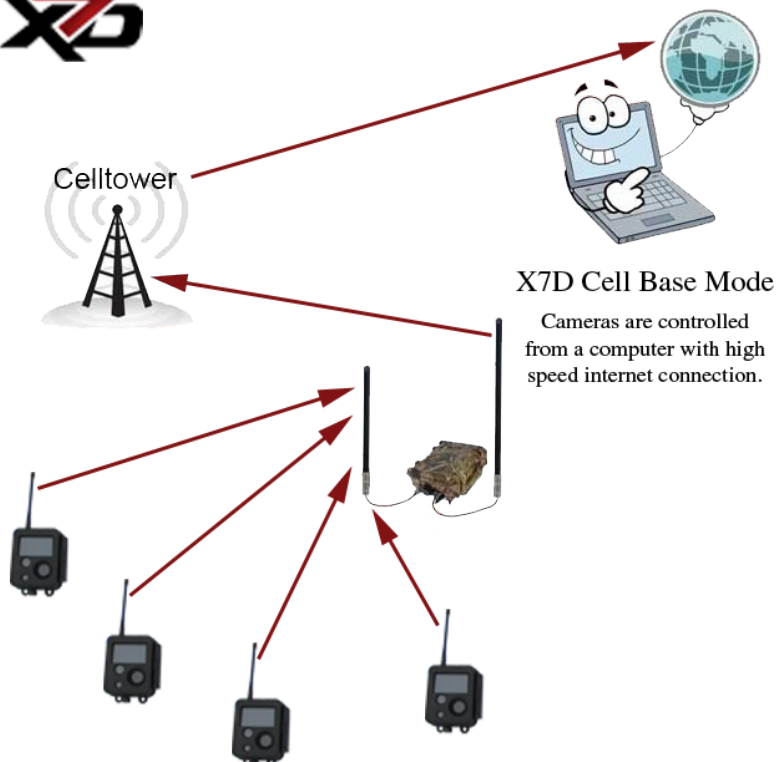
## 2.2 Camera Base Overview

- Camera acts as a base.
- Can also take pictures and video just like a normal camera.
- Can receive pictures or video from up to 255 remote cameras.
- Pictures are stored on an SD card inside the Camera Base.
- Transmission distance can be up to 1 mile (line of sight) with the X7D / Up to 2 miles with the X80.
- Transmission distance can be increased to several miles with high gain antennas or by repeating through other cameras.
- NO monthly fees. Cellular service is NOT required.
- Best choice when a personal computer is NOT available within one mile, line of sight (X7D) or up to two miles (X80) of at least one camera and it is possible to visit the Camera Base to retrieve the pictures.



## 2.3 CellBase Overview

- Can receive pictures or video from up to 255 remote cameras.
- A cellular Internet connection is used to connect to a personal computer running the X Series software.
- Works with most major cellular carriers.
- Only one cellular data plan is required for up to 255 cameras.
- View pictures or video, and control your cameras from anywhere in the world using an Internet connected computer. Best choice when a personal computer is NOT available within one mile, line of sight(X7D) or up to two miles (X80) of at least one camera and it is NOT possible to visit the cameras to retrieve pictures.



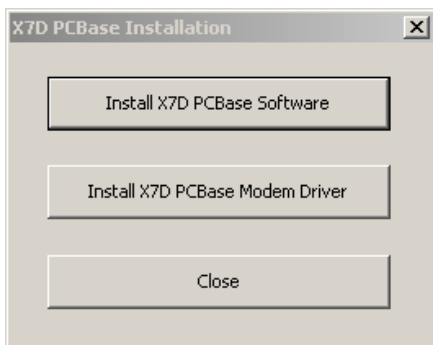


### **3. X Series PC Base**

Before installing your cameras in the field location you will need to register them to the PC Base. The registration process will assign each camera a specific number and channel so that it will only communicate with the PC Base that it is registered to.

Follow the steps in the Getting Started section to complete the registration process.

#### **3.1 Getting Started**



##### **Step 1**

Install the X Series software and drivers using the supplied installation disk. The software may also be downloaded at: <http://www.buckeyecam.com>.



##### **Step 2**

Attach antenna to PC Base

##### **Step 3**

Connect the PC Base to the computer USB port using the supplied USB cable.



#### Step 4

Connect the antenna to the camera.



#### Step 5

Install a UB1270 type sealed lead acid battery into the battery pack.

**(Battery not included).**

The red wire goes to the ( + ) battery terminal and the black wire goes to the ( - ) battery terminal.

**Note :** Use only UB1270 or equivalent battery.



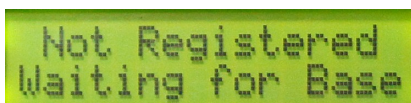
#### Step 6

Connect the battery pack to the camera using the supplied cable.

**Note:** The female end of the cable connects the camera. The male end of the cable connects to the battery pack.



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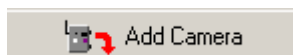
### Step 7

Open the camera enclosure and wait for this message to appear on the display.



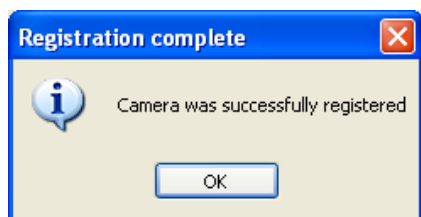
### Step 8

Click on the X Series shortcut to start the software and click on Connect to Base.



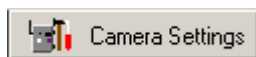
### Step 9

Click on the Add Camera button to register the camera to the PCBase.



### Step 10

Click OK to confirm registration.



### Step 11

Click on the Camera Settings button to change the settings for the camera.

**If you have more than one camera, repeat steps 4 through 10 for each camera.**

**Note:** One of the camera settings is a checkbox labeled **Visible LED on trigger**. If this box is checked, a visible red LED will turn on every time the motion detector is activated. This feature is very useful when installing a camera. It will allow you to do a "walk test" to verify that the camera is pointed properly for the intended target area (see the Camera Installation section). You may un-check this box once the camera is installed if camera concealment is important. Once all of your cameras are registered, it is highly recommended that you spend some time familiarizing yourself with the operation of the cameras and software before they are installed in the field. Refer to the **Camera Installation** section for instructions on how to install your cameras in the field.

## **4. Camera Base**

Using a camera as the base for a wireless camera system is the best way to utilize multiple cameras on your property when a computer is not available to run a PCBase. Follow these steps to set up multiple X Series cameras in wireless mode to report all pictures to a designated camera. Using a camera as a base allows you to retrieve pictures from all registered cameras without visiting each camera location to check SD cards, hence leaving your monitored areas virtually un-disturbed.

1. Designate a single camera to serve as the wireless system base.
2. Open the camera enclosure and press the 'Next' button until you see the 'MODE' command appear on the camera display, then press enter.
3. Press the 'Next' button until the 'BASE' prompt appears, then click enter. Your X Series camera is now enabled to serve as the base for other X Series cameras within range that you will set up to operate in wireless mode. (see step 4 - 6 for instructions on setting up other cameras in wireless mode to report to the camera base.)

### **4.1 Setting up other cameras to report to the camera base**

1. Open the camera enclosure that you wish to set up in wireless mode to transmit to the base. Press the 'Next' button until you see the 'MODE' command appear, then click enter.
2. In the 'MODE' menu, click the 'Next' button until you see the 'Wireless' prompt appear, then click enter. The camera will re-power itself and is ready to be added to the wireless camera base.

## **Camera Base (Continued)**

3. Each camera that is set up in wireless mode will need to be 'added' at the base camera. To add a camera press the 'Next' button on the base camera until the 'ADD CAMERA' prompt appears, then press next. Remember that this will need to be done for each camera that you want to transmit pictures to the camera base.

4. Cameras can be set up to transmit directly to base (if within range of the camera base) OR if you have cameras that cannot communicate directly to the base camera, they can be routed through another camera within range that reports to the base directly. To use the 'repeater' function through another camera to the base, press the 'Next' button until the route prompt appears, then press the enter button. The camera will search for other available cameras within range and will display cameras within range that can be selected.

**NOTE:** *We recommend that you make every effort to avoid routing cameras through other cameras in order to optimize battery life. At times, terrain, distance from camera to base and the presence of heavy pine trees will not allow you to achieve a direct signal to base. Higher gain antennas are available that could help you improve signal quality. For information about equipment upgrades, visit: [www.buckeyecam.com](http://www.buckeyecam.com)*

## 5. Cell Base

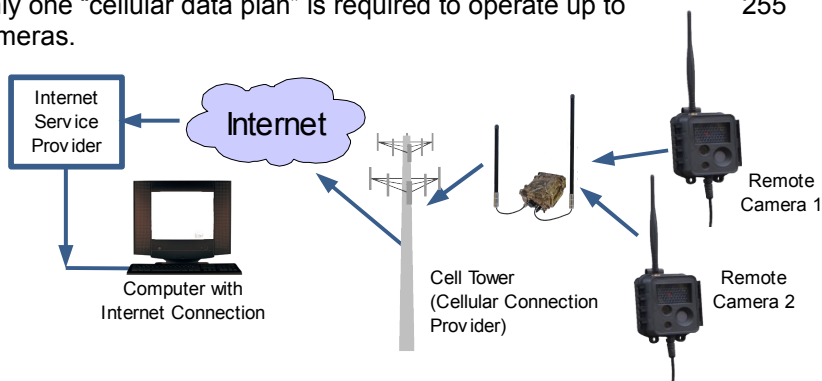
The X Series Cellbase provides an easy way to remotely operate your cameras.

Unlike with the PCBase System where the cameras need to be within 1-2 miles (depending on model) from the computer running the Base Software, the CellBase allows the cameras to be placed hundreds of miles away. Operation of the CellBase is illustrated in the picture below.

When the CellBase unit is turned on, it searches and then registers itself on a compatible cellular network. After the CellBase is connected to the Internet through a cellular network, a computer with an active Internet connection running the Base Software can connect to that CellBase to control and download pictures from the cameras.

NOTE: Just like with a PCBase, pictures are downloaded directly to the computer. If the computer is not running the Base Software, turned off, or not connected to the Internet, pictures are buffered on the camera(s) until the camera(s) can “talk” to the Base Software.

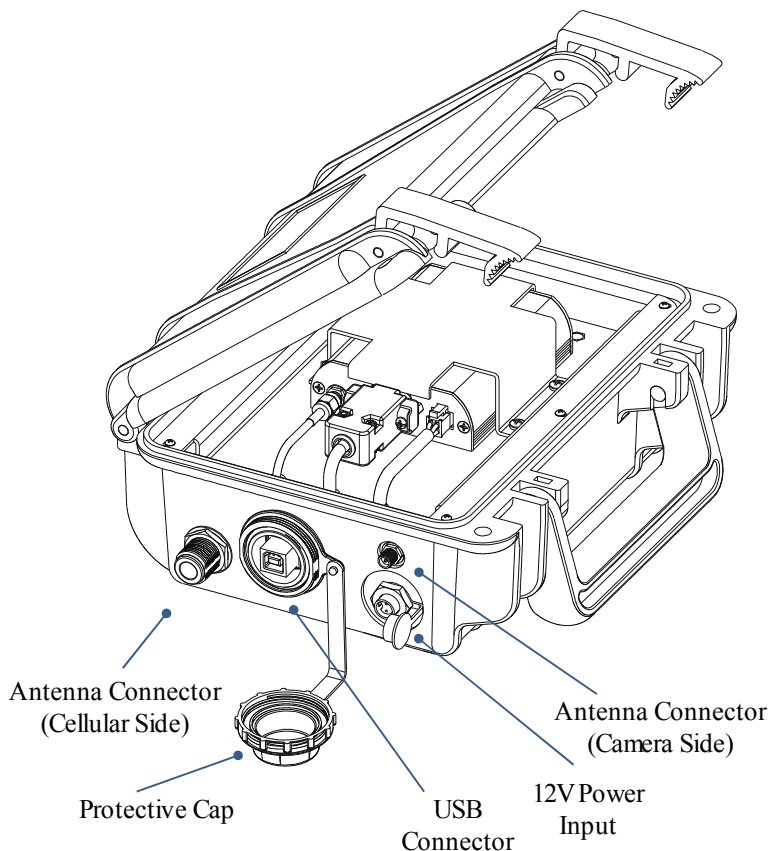
With the CellBase multiple cameras share one single cellular connection. Only one “cellular data plan” is required to operate up to 255 cameras.



As an option, the CellBase unit has a USB port that can be used to setup the cameras in the field. When a USB connection is used, the CellBase will operate just like a regular PCBase modem. This configuration does not require a cellular connection to be active for the system to operate.

## 5.1 CellBase Unit Connections and Controls

The following illustration shows the external connections on the CellBase.



**Antenna Connector (Cellular Side)** – connect a cellular antenna to this connector. The cellular antenna has an N-male connector. If a directional antenna is used it should be pointed toward a cell tower.

**Antenna Connector (Camera Side)** – connect an antenna that should be used to communicate with cameras. If a directional antenna is used, it should be pointed toward the cameras.

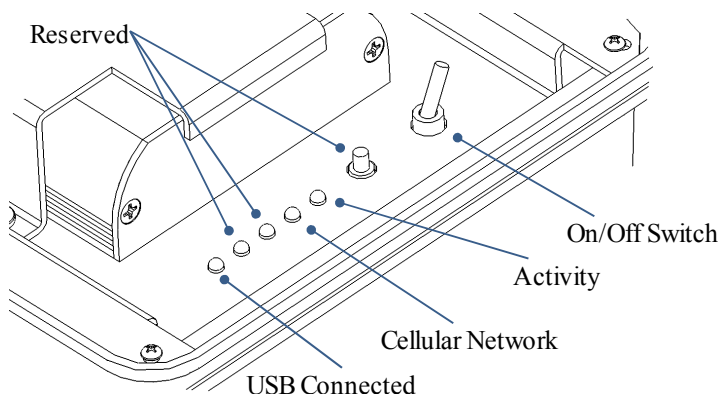
**USB Connector** – Allows the user to connect to the CellBase unit directly through a USB cable. It can be used to set the camera system and register cameras in the field where an Internet connection is not available on the computer.



**Protective Cap** – The cap is used to protect the USB connector. Make sure the cap is properly installed and tightened to ensure a good watertight seal and protect the USB connector from the outdoor elements.

**12V Power Input** – Use the provided power cable to connect to a 12V battery or use the provided wall adapter with the adapter pigtail to power the CellBase. **Note:** *the wall adapter configuration is for indoor use only!*

The following illustration shows the controls inside the CellBase.



**On/Off Switch** – This switch is used to turn the CellBase unit on.

**Activity** – Indicates the current state of CellBase. When the indicator is gradually turning on and off every 3 seconds (“snoozing” or “snoring”), the CellBase is waiting for a connection from the Base Software. When flashing twice per second, the Base Software is connected to the CellBase.

**Cellular Network** – Indicates the connection to the cellular network. When the indicator is OFF, the CellBase is searching or attempting to connect to the cellular provider. When the indicator is ON, the CellBase is connected to the network and is ready to communicate with the Base Software.

**USB Connected** – When lit, indicates that the USB cable is connected and the Base Software can communicate in a tethered mode.

**Reserved** – Reserved for future use.

## 5.2 CellBase Setup and Operation

### Powering the CellBase

The X SeriesCellBase requires a 12V power source. The CellBase is supplied with a wall adapter and adapter pigtail for indoor applications where AC power is available.

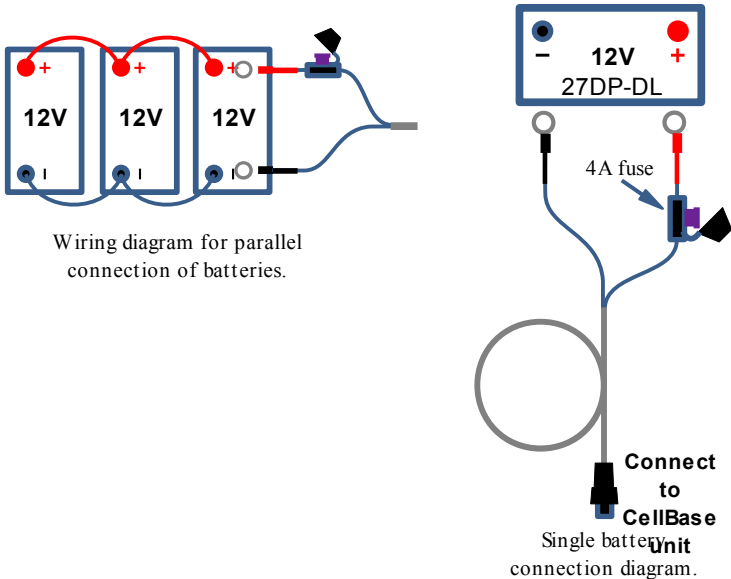
For applications where AC power is not available, a 12V Lead Acid battery may be used. Duralast 27DP-DL marine Battery or equivalent is recommended. To connect the battery use the battery hookup cable supplied with the CellBase system. Make sure the cable terminals are securely connected to the battery terminals and a 4A fuse is installed in the cable.

The connection diagram is shown below.

*NOTE: Before connecting or disconnecting the battery from the CellBase unit make sure the CellBase power switch is turned off.*

If more than one battery needs to be connected to increase the battery run time, the batteries should be connected in “parallel” (i.e. positive “+” of one battery connected to positive “+” of the next, negative of one battery connected to negative “-” of the next, and etc.). See illustration below.

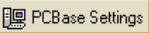
If you are not sure how to connect the batteries, contact a qualified electrician to have the CellBase connected to the batteries.



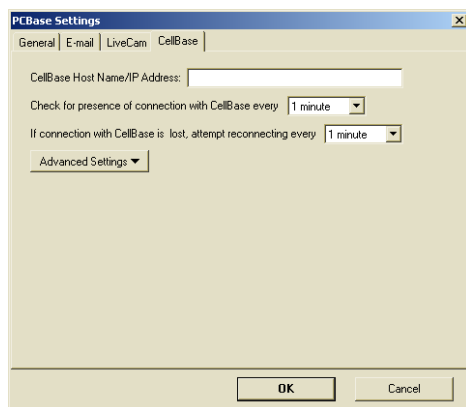
### 5.3 Configuring Base Software for CellBase

*NOTE: In order to be able to communicate with a CellBase unit, make sure you are running X Series Base Software version 1.13 or higher.*

Each CellBase unit is shipped with a unique CellBase Information Sheet that contains information required to setup the Base Software.

To setup the Base Software to communicate with a CellBase unit, click  button in the software. This will open a PCBase Settings dialog window. In order to “tell” the Base Software to connect to a CellBase modem, make sure the **Connect to CellBase modem** box on the **General** tab is checked. If a regular PCBase modem is used, this box must be unchecked.

In the **CellBase** tab, enter the IP Address/Domain Name from the CellBase Information Sheet into the **CellBase Host Name/IP Address** box. If an *IP Address* is provided, make sure it is entered as shown on the information sheet with dots (periods) and without spaces.



**Check for presence of connection with CellBase** option tells the software how often to check for presence of an active connection with the CellBase unit. The connection may be dropped due to temporary loss of the Internet connection at the computer or a temporary drop of the cellular connection at the CellBase unit. To check for connection the software requests the battery level at the CellBase unit. If a response is not received within a reasonable period of time, the software will try to re-establish a connection with the CellBase unit. This option also determines how often the battery level at CellBase should be checked.

**If connection with CellBase is lost, attempt reconnecting** option tells the software how often to attempt a new connection when the previous connection with CellBase is lost. Setting this option to a smaller value will result in a faster recovery from a lost connection.

Click the OK button to apply the settings and close the PCBase Settings window.

## **5.4 Running the CellBase**

Once the Base Software is configured to run with the CellBase, all the user needs to do is to click the Start PCBase button in the software. The software will initiate a connection with the CellBase and prompt the user for an Authentication Code. The Authentication Code is provided on the CellBase Information Sheet.

Once the correct Authentication Code is entered the software would complete the connection with the CellBase unit. If there are cameras registered in the Base Software, the corresponding panels would appear.

If no cameras are registered new cameras can be registered by clicking the Add Camera button in the software. Once the connection is established the operation is very similar to the one for PCBase.

- When the Base Software is running with the CellBase, additional information is displayed in the status bar in the bottom of the Base Software window.

- This field shows the status of the connection to the CellBase. When Online is displayed, the connection to the CellBase is active. When Offline is displayed, the software detected a connection drop and attempting to reconnect to the CellBase.

- To get the actual voltage reading of the base battery place the mouse cursor over the 'battery icon at the bottom of the Base software and pause for a few seconds. A hint box will appear showing the battery level in percentage points (%) and volts (V).

- Cellular signal strength at the CellBase. More bars would indicate a faster connection to the CellBase and thus would result in faster picture transmission from cameras.

## **6. Standalone Mode**

Standalone mode requires the user to operate the camera with SD cards and requires trips to the field to check for pictures. Use the following steps to set up a camera in Standalone mode.

1. Connect the power cord to the supplied battery pack. (*12V -UB1270 type lead acid battery not included*)

2. Connect the camera to the power cord from the battery pack.

3. Open the camera enclosure. The camera will power up on its own when connected to the battery pack.

4. To operate the camera in 'Standalone' Mode, press the next button until the 'Mode' prompt appears, then press enter until 'Standalone' appears, then press enter.

5. The camera will adjust to operate in Standalone mode and will re-boot automatically.

### **6. Setting DATE and TIME**

- Navigate to the date and time screen on the camera display by pressing the 'Next' button.
- To change the date & time press the 'Enter' button as indicated on the camera display.
- To move the display cursor to the field you wish to change, press the 'Next' button.
- To adjust any of the numbers on the Date & Time screen press 'Change' until the desired number shows on the camera display.
- After the desired adjustments have been made, press the enter button to save the new date and time settings.

***Note: If the camera loses power due to a fully drained battery and upon re-start the camera date and time are not correct, this will indicate that the coin type battery that is in the camera enclosure needs to be replaced.***

7. Insert an SD card of any size into the camera. This will save the X Series software to the card so that the camera settings can be modified to your preferences before the camera is set-up in the field.

8. To modify camera settings to the desired preferences (camera name, trigger delay, image quality, etc), remove the SD card from the camera and insert into the SD card reader on your computer. Open the folder to view the X Series files and click the X Series camsetup.exe icon to access and modify the camera settings. Be sure to click the update button on the software to ensure that the settings have been saved to the card.

9. After the settings have been saved, the camera is now ready to operate in the field.

10. Be sure that the SD card with your preferred settings is inserted into SD card slot of the camera.

11. Set the camera at your desired surveillance location with the supplied strap. Place the camera on one side and the battery pack on the opposite side of a tree or post. The top hole of the mounting bracket may also be used to mount the camera or battery pack from a screw or nail in place of the mounting strap.

12. When setting up the camera in the field it is best to set the top of the camera waist high or about 3' high to capture the best pictures possible.

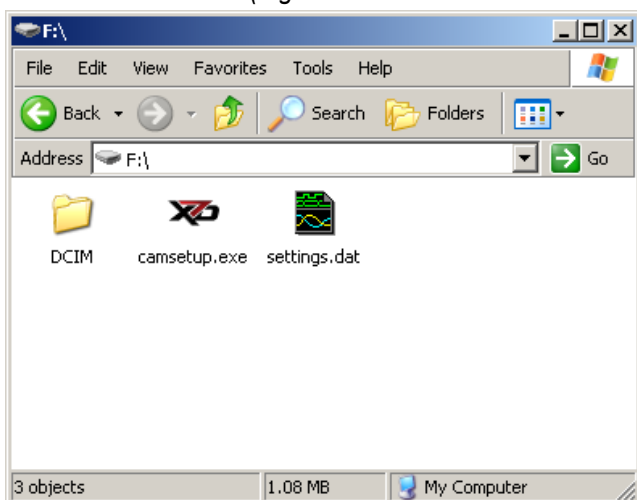
13. Avoid positioning the camera directly east or west when possible. This will help to avoid sunlight 'washout' in any daytime pictures that are captured. It is recommended that cameras be set to point directly north or south when feasible.

14. When done setting the camera and before you leave the camera site be sure the camera is ON. The 'RED LED' in the center of the invisible infra-red flash can be set to illuminate every time the camera is triggered to ensure that the camera is operating as you are walking away (must be done on your computer when modifying your settings on the SD card).

## 6.1 Viewing pictures in Standalone Mode

- When checking the camera for new pictures it is strongly recommended that another formatted SD card be taken to the field with you.
  - Open the camera enclosure press any one of the buttons on the camera control panel to illuminate the camera display.
  - The camera will indicate how many pictures have been captured.
  - To ensure the pictures have been saved to the SD card, press the enter button as instructed on the camera display.
  - Wait for the prompt to remove the SD card.
  - Place the formatted replacement SD card into the camera. When the new SD card is inserted, the camera will save the settings that have been originally programmed.
  - Before you leave the camera site, it is always a good idea to double-check to be sure that the camera is ON.
  - To view the pictures from the field, insert the SD card into a computer with an SD card reader and open the file titled 'DCIM', (See figure below)

(Figure 1.1



## 7. Camera Operation

The X Series camera contains a 5 Megapixel image sensor. When the camera is triggered by motion, a picture (or video) is taken. If there is enough available light, the camera will take a color picture. If there is not enough available light, a black and white infrared picture will be taken.

For infrared pictures, the scene is illuminated with an infrared flash that is completely invisible to the human eye.

The parts of the camera are shown below :



1. Antenna
2. Infrared flash
3. Image sensor
4. Light sensor
5. Motion detector
6. Latch
7. Battery Connector



The camera may be opened to access and navigate the status display and control panel buttons. If battery power is properly connected, you may push any button to activate the status display or power up the camera. ***Avoid opening the enclosure outdoors when raining or snowing.***

The function of each of the control panel buttons is as follows:

### **POWER**

Push and release ( quickly ) to go back to the first status message.

Push and hold the button for 5 seconds to power down the camera.

### **NEXT**

Push this button to go to the next status message.

### **CHANGE**

Push to change one of the parameters shown in the status message.

### **ENTER**

Push to select one of the adjustable parameters in a status message, execute a function, or apply a change.

If no buttons have been pressed for several minutes, the display will go blank to save power.



**Note :** The camera housing is watertight when the latch is closed and sealed properly. However, when the camera housing is opened it is **NOT** watertight. The camera should not be opened when it may be exposed to rain, snow, or other sources of water.

## 7.1 Camera Specifications Table

Picture Format	User Selectable. 5 Megapixel (Mp), 3 Mp HD, 3Mp 1080 HD, 1 Mp, 720 HD, 0.3 Mp
Video Format	640 x 360 pixels
Video Frame Rate	Up to 15 frames per second.
Video Length	5 to 60 seconds.
Motion Detector Type	Passive Infrared (PIR)
Motion Detector Range <sup>2</sup>	User adjustable. Up to 100 feet
Motion Detector Detection Angle <sup>3</sup>	Approximately 10 degrees
Reaction Time <sup>4</sup>	0.2 Seconds
Delay Between Pictures	User selectable. 1 second to 2 hours.
Stamps on Picture	User selectable. Date, Time, Temperature, Moon Phase, and 2 custom text fields.
Additional Optional Settings <sup>5</sup>	Custom camera schedules. Time lapse photography. Pictures or video emailed or uploaded to secure LiveCam Web-site.
RF Transmission Range <sup>6</sup>	Up to 1 mile line-of-sight. Distance may be increased with high gain antennas and / or repeaters. Up to 2 miles with X80
Transmission Speed <sup>6</sup>	Up to 5 kilo bytes per second (Approx. 10 sec for 0.3Mp picture)
Maximum allowable antenna gain	15.1 dBi (including cable losses)
Number of Cameras Assigned to One Base	Up to 255
Operating Temperature	-40 to 140 F
Battery Type	12V SLA UB1270 sold seperately
Solar Panel	Optional solar panels sold seperately
Communication Frequency Band	902 to 928 MHz, software selectable channel mask for interference immunity
Transmitter Output Power	Up to 24 dBm (250 mW)50mW for X Series, Up to 250mW for X80
Spread Spectrum	FHSS
Regulatory Approvals	
FCC (USA)	MCQ-XB900HP
IC (Canada)	1846A-XB900HP
C-Tick (Australia)	Yes
Anatel (Brazil)	Pending

<sup>1</sup> Specifications are subject to change and may not be available in all firmware or software versions. Check [www.buckeyecam.com](http://www.buckeyecam.com) for the latest firmware and software updates.

<sup>2</sup> Motion detector range may be affected by camera mounting angle and ambient temperature.

<sup>3</sup> Approximately the center of camera field of view.

<sup>4</sup> Time from the moment motion is detected until the picture (or video) is captured.

<sup>5</sup> An optional LiveCam account requires a paid subscription. Email and LiveCam are available with Cell Base and PCBase only.

<sup>6</sup> Transmission range and speed will depend on the type of antennas that are used, the surrounding terrain and amount of interference received.

## **8.Camera Installation**

The standard mounting bracket comes pre-attached to the camera. The supplied spring buckle strap can be used to attach the camera to a tree or other vertical post. Alternatively, it may be attached with a screw or nail using the hole in the top of the bracket.



The best height for the camera will depend on the primary targets of interest. In general, the camera should be placed at about the height of the center of mass of the primary target of interest.

To get the maximum motion trigger distance, it is best to have the face of the camera perpendicular to the ground.

If maximum motion trigger distance is not critical, the camera may be placed at an angle.

In order to do a "walk test" of the motion detector, check the **Visible LED on trigger** checkbox under **Camera Settings** in the X Series software. You can verify the operation of the motion detector by walking in front of the camera at various distances and looking for the red LED to come on.

You may need to adjust the position of the camera until it is pointed correctly for the intended target zone.

Un-check this box after testing is complete if you do not want the visible red LED to activate on motion triggers.

The battery pack may also be attached using the standard mounting bracket and the supplied spring buckle strap.



The battery pack may also be placed on the ground. This may be preferable in situations where camera concealment is important or if obstructions make it difficult to attach the camera and battery pack to the same object.

**Note :** The battery pack enclosure is watertight, however if placed on the ground, care should be taken to ensure that it is not placed in an area where water collects. It should not be submerged.

## **9. Antennas**

The standard antennas provided with the X Series system are 6 inch omnidirectional types that attach directly to the camera and base. They are best suited for applications where the transmission distance is less than one mile (X7D) and less than two miles (X80) and the terrain is relatively flat and free from obstructions.

The type of transmission used by the cameras is radio frequency (RF) line-of-sight. Generally speaking, this does NOT mean that you must be able to see the base antenna from the camera, but it does mean that you need to have a limited amount of obstructions between the camera and the base in order to get an acceptable transmission signal.

### **Standard antennas WILL transmit through:**

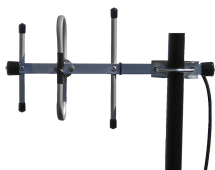
- Most types of trees
- Wood frame walls

### **Standard antennas WILL NOT transmit through:**

- Thick pine trees ( conifers )
- Metal buildings or structures
- Earth or large hills
- Powerlines have also been known to cause transmission problems.

It is recommended that the PCBase be placed in a window sill in direct line of sight of the cameras when using the standard antennas if possible. Avoid placing the PCBase in a basement as this will create known transmission issues when using standard antennas.

For applications where transmission distance needs to be increased or obstructions are present. Optional high gain antennas should be used. Two types are available: omnidirectional and directional (Yagi).



Directional (Yagi) Antenna



Omnidirectional Antenna

Omnidirectional antennas radiate equally in all directions. The directional (Yagi) antenna must be pointed in the direction of the receiver. Mounting these antennas on high masts can increase their effectiveness greatly.

For assistance in selecting the proper antenna contact Buckeye Cam technical support.



**Caution !** *Installing antenna masts may present a serious life threatening risk due to potential falls or contact with power lines. Installation should only be done by a qualified professional in accordance with local codes.*

## **10. Using Cameras as Repeaters**

In a multi-camera system, each camera has the ability to be used as a repeater. The repeater function allows a camera to transmit pictures to the base through another camera.

This feature is useful for the following reasons :

1. To extend the wireless transmission range.

If one camera in a multi-camera system is out of range of the base, it may be able to repeat through another camera that is within range.

2. To transmit over hills or other obstacles.

The type of transmission used by the cameras is radio frequency (RF) line-of-sight. Generally speaking, this does NOT mean that you must be able to see the base antenna from the camera, but it does mean that you need to have a limited amount of obstructions between the camera and the base in order to get an acceptable transmission signal.

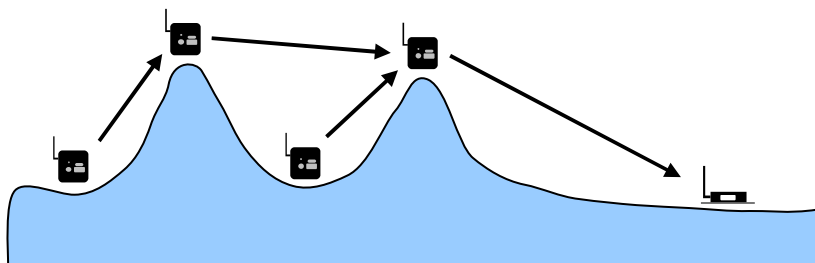
The signal will not transmit through earth or over large hills or large metal barriers.

In the example below, camera 4 and camera 2 cannot transmit to the base because large hills are blocking the signal. Camera 3 cannot transmit to the base because it is out of range. The repeater network is setup as follows :

Camera 4 is routed through Camera 3.

Camera 3 and Camera 2 are routed through Camera 1.

Camera 1 receives all the pictures and transmits them to the base.





## 10.1 Setting up a Repeater Network

To setup the repeater network, each camera needs to have the repeater route defined by the user. After a camera is registered to the PCBase, by default it is set to transmit pictures directly to that base.

In a multi-camera system there must first be at least one camera that can transmit directly to the base. So the first step is to install one camera in a location where it can get a good signal to the base.

You can check the signal by opening the camera enclosure and pushing the NEXT button until the signal quality message appears. If the signal quality to the base is good, this indicates that the camera can transmit directly to the base and can be used as a repeater camera if necessary. As each additional camera is installed, perform a signal check as described above. If the signal quality to the base is good, the camera does not need to be routed through a repeater. If the "no signal to base" message appears, perform the following steps to route through a repeater camera.

1. Push the NEXT button until the following message appears:

**ROUTED TO BASE**

2. Push the CHANGE button. The following messages will now appear:

**'X' CAMERAS FOUND**

*Note : X in the above message will be a number indicating the number of cameras found.*

3. Push the NEXT button to view the list of possible repeater cameras that were found.
4. Push the ENTER button to select the camera that you would like use as a repeater.

**Note :** It best to transmit directly to the base whenever possible. Repeating through other cameras will cause some decrease in transmission rate.

## **11. Software, Camera Firmware & Support**

System software and firmware functionality is continually being modified to ensure optimal performance, therefore it is recommended that you frequently check for the most recent versions.

Staying current with the most recent software and firmware updates will better ensure that the camera system is operating as well as possible.

Software and Firmware updates can be downloaded at:

[www.buckeyecam.com](http://www.buckeyecam.com) > Support > Camera Updates

### **11.1 Software & Firmware Tutorials**

***Software and camera tutorials are available on our website and explain all of the most up-to-date features of the X Series software. The tutorials may be viewed on the BuckEye Cam website at:***


<http://www.buckeyecam.com/index.php/support/tech>

### **11.2 Technical Support**

If you are experiencing difficulties with the camera operation, software or firmware updates contact BuckEye Cam at 866-325-8172 or email

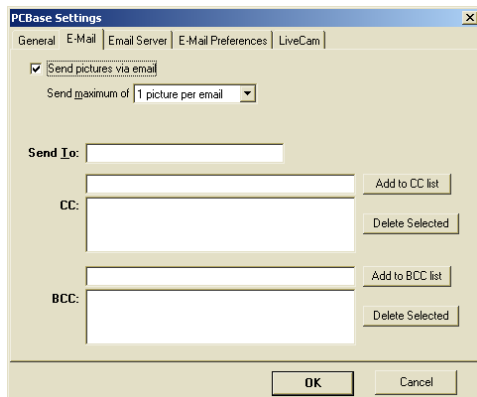
[service@buckeyecam.com](mailto:service@buckeyecam.com)

## **12. Setting Up Base Software to E-mail Pictures**

To setup the Base Software to email pictures, click on the  PCBase Settings button.

This will open the Base Settings window.

Click on the E-mail tab and check the box next to **Send pictures via email**. The window will look like the one shown below. Note, that two more tabs were added, **E-mail Server** and **E-mail Preferences**.

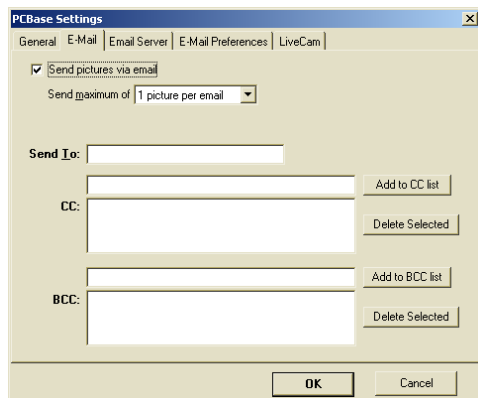


Under the **Send maximum of** option, select how many pictures you would like to send in one email. If more than one picture is selected, specify how long to wait for the rest of the pictures before sending the email.

In the **Send To:** field enter the email address of the main recipient of the pictures. You can have pictures sent to more than one email address.

To specify more recipients, enter the email addresses in the text box above CC or BCC list one at a time adding each one by clicking on the **Add to CC** list or **Add to BCC list** button.

Click on the **E-mail Server** tab



If you are using a dial-up Internet connection, check the box next to **Use Dial-Up Internet Connection** and select the connection name in from the drop-down box to the right. In the boxes below, you will need to enter the required server information.

You may contact the provider of your email account to obtain the following information:

- SMTP Server Name
- Port number on the Server and secure connection requirement
- Your email address
- Your user name, used to login to the server when sending an email
- Password, that is used to login to the server when sending an email (if required)

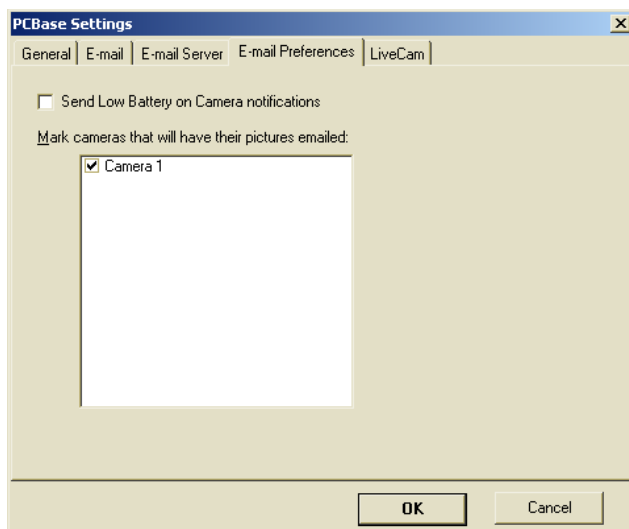
Enter the server name in the **Server Name** text box. If the server does not use a secure connection, select **No** next to **Use secure connection**. If the server requires a secure connection select the corresponding type (**SSL** or **TSL**). Make sure the port number matches the port number for your server.

Enter the email address of the account into the **Email address** text box. This is the address of the sending email account. Receiving email addresses are entered on the **E-mail** tab.

If your server requires a user name, enter it into the **User Name** text box, otherwise, leave the box blank.

If your server requires a password authentication, check the box next to **Use password authentication**, and type in the password. Note, for security purpose, the characters entered will be shown as '\*'s.

Click on **E-mail Preferences** tab.



On this tab, mark the cameras that will have their picture emailed by placing a check mark next to the corresponding camera.

If you would like to receive Low Battery notifications, check the **Send Low Battery on Camera notification** option.

**NOTE:** When Send Low Battery on Camera notification option is activated, the low battery notifications will be sent for any registered camera that has low battery status, regardless of the cameras that are selected to have their pictures emailed.

To apply the changes and close the Setup dialog click OK button.

To verify your email settings, you can send a test email by clicking on the **TOOLS** button on the mail window and selecting **Send a Test Email** from the drop-down menu.

### **13. Setting Up LiveCam**

The *LiveCam* feature of the Base software allows you to post pictures from selected cameras to the *LiveCam* website at:

<http://livecam.buckeyecam.com>

***Before you activate the LiveCam feature, you must purchase a LiveCam account. To purchase a LiveCam Account, go to:***

<http://shop.buckeyecam.com/store/home.php?cat=254>

After you purchase your LiveCam Account, you will receive a passport (.pas) file which will be used by the Base Software to get access to the website and to upload pictures. Save the file to your *Desktop* or *My Documents* folder.

- To install the passport file, open the *LiveCam* setup tab in the Setup dialog box and click on **Install new passport file** button.
- Navigate to the passport file that you have saved and click Open.
- You will notice that the account name and a link to your own *LiveCam* page are displayed in the window. Remember the account name which you will be using when you are visiting the *LiveCam* website.
- After the passport file is installed, select the cameras you want to be published on the *LiveCam* web site. Also select how often you want you *LiveCam* web site to be updated and click the OK button to close the Setup window and apply you *LiveCam* settings.
- Once the LiveCam is activated, you can upload the latest pictures to your LiveCam account manually by clicking on the and selecting **Synchronize LiveCam** pictures. This will run the LiveCam update script and will upload pictures to the website.

Once the pictures are uploaded, go to [livecam.buckeyecam.com](http://livecam.buckeyecam.com), enter the account name, and press Enter. This will take you to your own LiveCam web page.

***NOTE: The LiveCam feature of the software does not have the option to open a dial-up Internet connection. For the LiveCam to work best an “always-on” Internet connection such as DSL or Cable is recommended.***

## **14. Contact Us**

For Customer Service, Technical Support or Repair contact BuckEye Cam during business hours, Monday – Friday, 8:30-5:00 PM (EST)

**Toll-Free at: 866-325-8172**

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