

Introduction

CCTV is the fastest growing segment of the security industry. Over \$3 billion of CCTV equipment was sold in 2002, easily surpassing sales of traditional burglar alarm equipment. Thanks to this growth CCTV equipment of today has more features, lower prices, and a wider selection. Features such as DSP, which were considered higher end five years ago, are now common in almost every camera. The price of color cameras has dropped dramatically, pushing down black and white cameras as they go. More vendors are offering product, and existing vendors are expanding their lines.

As products have become more features rich, they have become more integratable to other systems. CCTV systems integrated to access control and burglar alarm systems are common. With this increase in features, CCTV equipment has become a critical part of Systems Integration. Expect to see integration to fire alarm and building control systems in the near future. As products increase in sophistication, understanding the basic principles of operation becomes even more important.

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