

Tired of Blurry Surveillance Photos?

Designing a Cost-Effective Video System Based on Pixels-per-Foot

By designing a “Pixels-Per-Foot” video surveillance system, installers and end-users will get an accurate sense of how many cameras are needed to effectively monitor a facility with predictable image quality. The concept is simple:

PART 1: Determine Resolution

Different applications require different resolution. There are 3 major categories of resolution and it’s essential to determine the necessary resolution for the application:



General < 40 pixels/foot

General Surveillance - Capture general information, identify a traffic jam or a crowd, but reading license plates or recognizing faces is not necessary.

Typical Applications – Traffic, City Centers, Arenas/Stadiums, Military, Shopping Malls



Forensic 40+ pixels/foot

Forensic Detail – Install the fewest number of cameras, get the maximum coverage area and be able to recognize a face or read a license plate.

Typical Applications – Schools, Airports, Retail, Banking, Tolls/Parking Lots, Casinos, Commercial/Industrial



High 80+ pixels/foot

High Detail – Identify every detail like currency or casino chip values.

Typical Applications – Cash Counting Rooms, Casino tables, Machine Vision

PART 2: Evaluate and Select Cameras/Options

Once you determine the necessary resolution based on pixels/foot, you can evaluate what type and how many IQeye cameras you will need to cover the area at the desired resolution. The chart below illustrates the basic horizontal coverage with each resolution option:

MP	CAMERA RESOLUTION		HORIZONTAL COVERAGE @		
	Pixels (H)	Pixels (V)	General	Forensic	High
0.1	320	240	16'	8'	3'
0.3	640	480	32'	16'	6'
0.4	752	480	38'	19'	6'
1.3	1280	1024	64'	32'	13'
2	1600	1200	80'	40'	15'
3	2048	1536	102'	51'	19'
5	2560	1920	128'	64'	26'

Example:

How can I get Forensic Detail over a 64' wide area? *Possible Solutions:*

CAMERA TYPE	QTY REQUIRED
IQeye 5 MP Camera	1
IQeye 1.3 MP cameras	2
VGA (640x480) cameras	4

THE RESULT

Deliver the resolution needed every time! And by evaluating the various camera options you can maximize a limited budget and get a system that exceeds the security needs and expectations of end users.