20170606 Security Camera Selection - What options do you want.

View View Easy StoragStor Phone PC Mail Copy Play Talk Auto

On On Setup On on Alarm ActionsPhoto Video Only thru Purge

PC Phone Cam PC Trigger Cam

| Foscam | x | x |  |  | x4 | x1 | x | x | x |  |  | x5 |  |
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| SRICAM | x3 | x | x | x |  | x |  | x |  | x2 | x |  |  |
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1 Phone alarm would be provided by smtp

2. Files stored on cam, can view photo and video remotely, but files are not available for copy remotely (sd card on camera).

3. Current view only and only 1 camera. Only works with IE for old windows (will not work with win 10 browser). No alarm function. No local storage of files.

4. Can store files on multiple PCs independently.

5. Auto purge via #hours or storage consumed via ISPY only.

Summary:

You need to define your objectives.

1. If you want a simple system to warn you of activity when someone enters an enclosed area, the SRICAM is your best choice. It is simple to setup and use. You can detect entry and view history and current conditions and talk to someone if you need.
2. If you want to store files on remote devices, be able to trigger devices on your PC. Store files and easily transfer them from PC’s the Foscam knockoff is probably for you. The Foscams are older technology. They have much more flexibility, but is more technically challenging. A lot of neat features are available using ISPY open source software that runs on Windows.

None of these cameras are designed to be used as a security device outside a building using motion detection. Motion detection outside suffers for false alarms caused by shadow, clouds bla bla bla. You can get those will animal pics, but you will have to scan hundreds of pics to find them.