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Renestey - August 31, 2019, 12:36 pm

Does anyone have any experience with chinese CCTV systems?

Lately I'm interested in putting a basic CCTV on my weekend house and I've talked to some people who pointed me in the direction of cheap chinese CCTV systems (we are talking 100\$-150\$ with a wireless 4 camera setup, DVR, "nightvision" and remote access via router). A friend showed me his system and it's actually pretty decent. I don't need top of the line cameras but these also have quite good quality even at night. Another guy told me his system has been up for 3 years now without any trouble, DVR works great with firing up upon movement in selected squares on the grid.

Opinions/experiences and if you happen to have one, where did you get it from?

Joel - August 31, 2019, 12:46 pm

I mean chinese products can still be pretty solid. Even on AliExpress you can see reviews on products. If something has 500-1000 reviews and is 4 1/2 star and up I'd trust that its pretty decent.

Takehito Morokuzu - August 31, 2019, 1:16 pm

just because it's Chinese doesn't mean its a bad product. there are many great Chinese companies out there that make great products.

I'd try to get one with a warranty though, in case you do have issues anywhere.

Cooligan - August 31, 2019, 1:23 pm

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Yes exactly.

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That also in itself will deter intruders from trying to intrude lol.

A lot of thievery is in the mind, and if you get into theirs, you're safe.

Zan - September 2, 2019, 11:23 am

I have no experience with CCTV cameras. I was thinking to get one just for fun and testing purposes.

(Aug 31, 2019 01:23 PM)Cooligan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) For one, the scary black camera sphere is enough to stop people by itself

This is pretty good trick to be honest.

genehead - September 2, 2019, 11:27 am

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IncLom - September 2, 2019, 11:29 am

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My neighbors put the signs in front lawn with no camera's around the house

Renestey - September 2, 2019, 11:33 pm

Found some with higher resolution than these usually (4MP instead of 2MP), power over ethernet cable, 1TB disc included and free express shipping from Spanish warehouse (means I also avoid annoying EU customs) which takest est. 1-5 days to arrive for 235€. Also has tons of reviews and positive feedback.

Super stoked, will update you guys once I test and install!

Lindros - September 2, 2019, 11:37 pm

I am sometimes disappointed with Chinese products but VERY rarely because I usually am spending close to nothing. China is a surveillance state with like 250+ million cameras. I am sure they make just fine CCTV cameras. Read the reviews, you will obviously be saving money but not getting the highest quality product. I don't think the picture quality is going to be nearly as good.

Dead Presidents - September 3, 2019, 12:26 am

Cheap Chinese stuff can be okay but when it comes to security i wouldn't cheap out.