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Axis introduces the industry's first IP cameras with i-CS lens

The intelligent i-CS lens featured in the new AXIS Q1615 Mk II and AXIS Q1615-E Mk II can directly exchange information with the camera due to an open protocol. The lens offers quick and easy installation, intuitive configuration and high performance.

Axis Communications, the market leader in network video, introduces the industry\'s first IP cameras featuring i-CS lens. This latest lens technology is the result of a joint development between Axis Communications and Computar® (CBC Group), a leading Japanese lens manufacturer. The new intelligent i-CS lens directly exchanges information such, as geometrical distortion and the exact position of its zoom, focus and iris opening.

"The new i-CS lens technology is based on an open protocol standard allowing the lens and camera to communicate. The release of the i-CS lens will truly help drive the industry forward," said Fredrik Nilsson, VP, Americas, Axis Communications, Inc. "Additionally, the release of the new indoor AXIS Q1615 Mk II and the outdoor AXIS Q1615-E Mk II shows that we're taking a step toward the future of the industry.\"

Due to several motors inside the i-CS lens; zoom, focus and iris opening can be remotely adjusted. Furthermore, the exchange of information between the i-CS lens and the camera, enables easier formatting of Electronic Image Stabilization (EIS) and Barrel Distortion Correction (BDC), which reduces the time needed for setup.

The indoor AXIS Q1615 Mk II and the outdoor AXIS Q1615-E Mk II features scene profiles enabling the installer to select between traffic overview, forensic or live profile. When choosing one of the preset scene profiles, the cameras automatically adjust exposure time, white balance, aperture, sharpness, contrast and noise in order to obtain the best video quality for the selected video surveillance needs.

Both of the new fixed cameras can provide HDTV 1080p video at frame rates of up to 50/60 fps or HDTV 720p video at frame rates of up to 100/120 fps. This allows for detailed video capture of fast moving objects, which can be of great importance in industrial applications, especially when monitoring a production line. Details of parts and packages can be monitored easily and precisely, enabling full control of the production process.

AXIS Q1615-E Mk II features Axis' Zipstream technology, which significantly reduces bandwidth and storage requirements, while maintaining video quality. Both cameras also support Wide Dynamic Range (WDR) – Forensic Capture as well as Axis' Lightfinder technology to ensure qualitative images in complex scenes.

The indoor AXIS Q1615 Mk II and the outdoor AXIS Q1615-E Mk II are planned to be available in Q3 2016 through Axis' standard distribution channels at the suggested retail prices of $999 for AXIS Q1615 Mk II and $1299 for AXIS Q1615-E Mk II.

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