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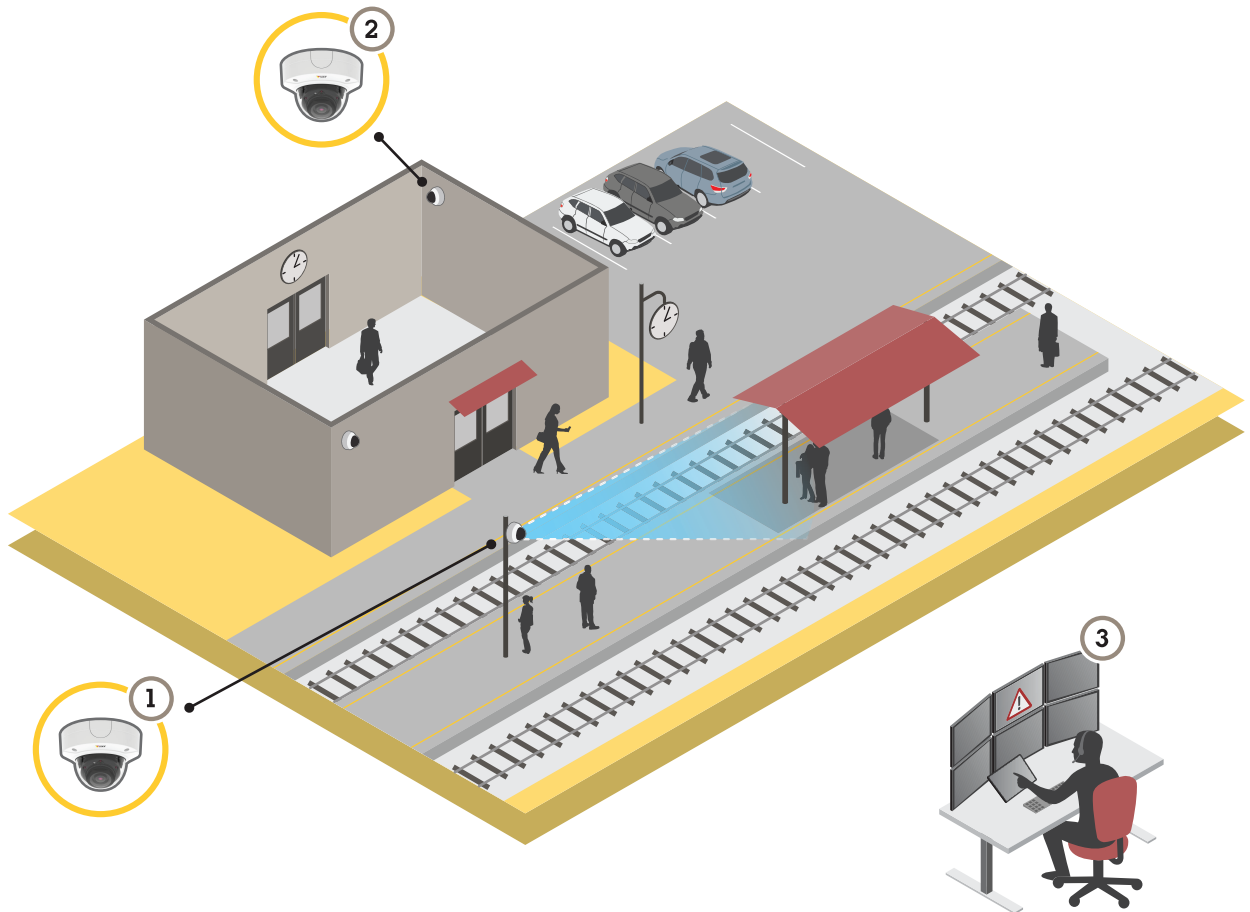
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System overview

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- 1 *AXIS P3227-LVE or P3228-LVE*
- 2 *AXIS P3227-LV or P3228-LV*
- 3 *Surveillance center*

This is an example of how the products can be installed and used.

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How to access the product

AXIS IP Utility and AXIS Camera Management are recommended methods for finding Axis products on the network and assigning them IP addresses in Windows®. Both applications are free and can be downloaded from www.axis.com/support

The product can be used with the following browsers:

- Chrome™ (recommended), Firefox®, Edge®, or Opera® with Windows®
- Chrome™ (recommended) or Safari® with OS X®
- Chrome™ or Firefox® with other operating systems.

How to access the product from a browser

1. Start a web browser.
2. Enter the IP address or host name of the Axis product in the browser's address field.

To access the product from a Mac computer (OS X), go to Safari, click on Bonjour and select the product from the drop-down list.

If you do not know the IP address, use AXIS IP Utility to locate the product on the network. For information about how to discover and assign an IP address, see the document *Assign an IP Address and Access the Video Stream* on Axis Support web at www.axis.com/support

Note

To show Bonjour as a browser bookmark, go to **Safari > Preferences**.

3. Enter your username and password. If this is the first time the product is accessed, the root password must first be configured.
4. The product's live view page opens in your browser.

Note

The controls and layout of the live view page may have been customized to meet specific installation requirements and user preferences. Consequently, some of the examples and functions featured here may differ from those displayed in your own live view page.

About secure passwords

Important

When setting the initial password, the password is sent in clear text over the network. If there is a risk of network sniffing, first set up a secure and encrypted HTTPS connection before resetting the passwords.

The device password is the primary protection for the data and services. Axis' products do not impose a password policy as products may be used in various types of installations, but to protect your data do the following:

- Don't use the default password that comes with the products.
- Use a password with at least 8 characters, preferably using a password generator.
- Don't expose the password.
- Change password at a recurring interval, at least once a year.

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Set a password for the root account

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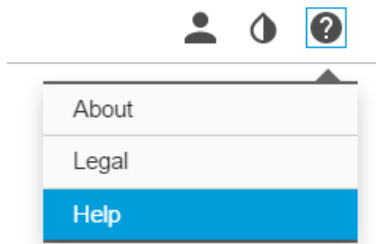
The default administrator user name **root** is permanent and cannot be deleted. If the password for root is lost, the product must be reset to the factory default settings.

The default root account has full privileges and should be reserved for administrative tasks. Always create a user account with limited privileges for daily use. This reduces the exposure of the administrative account.

1. Make sure to follow the instructions about secure passwords, see *About secure passwords on page 4*.
2. Type a password and then retype it to confirm the spelling.
3. Click **Create login**. The password has now been configured.

About the product's built-in help

To set up the product, you need to access the product's webpage. In the webpage you can also find detailed instructions in the product's built-in help.



About applications

AXIS Camera Application Platform (ACAP) is an open platform that enables third parties to develop analytics and other applications for Axis products. For information about available applications, downloads, trials and licenses, go to www.axis.com/applications

To find the user manuals for Axis applications, go to www.axis.com

Note

- Several applications can run at the same time but some applications might not be compatible with each other. Certain combinations of applications might require too much processing power or memory resources when run in parallel. Verify that the applications work together before deployment.

About difficult light conditions

Dynamic range is the difference in light levels in an image. In some cases the difference between the darkest and the brightest areas can be significant. The result is often an image where either the dark or the bright areas are visible. Use wide dynamic range (WDR) to make both dark and bright areas of the image visible.

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Image without WDR.



Image with WDR.

Note


If you use WDR, you may experience some WDR artifacts in the image.

You can find out more about WDR and how to use it at www.axis.com

How to select exposure mode

There are several exposure mode options in the camera that adjusts aperture, shutter speed, and gain to improve image quality for specific surveillance scenes. In the **Image** tab, select between the following options:

- For most use cases, select **Automatic** exposure.
- For environments with certain artificial lighting, for example fluorescent lighting, select **Flicker-free**.
Select the same frequency as the power line frequency.
- For environments with certain artificial light and bright light, for example outdoors with fluorescent lighting at night and sun during daytime, select **Flicker-reduced**.
Select the same frequency as the power line frequency.
- To lock the current exposure settings, select **Hold current**.

For more detailed instructions, go to the product's built-in help. 

How to choose video compression format

Deciding which compression method to choose depends on your viewing requirements, and on the properties of your network. The available options are:

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Motion JPEG

Motion JPEG or MJPEG is a digital video sequence that is made up of a series of individual JPEG images. These images are then displayed and updated at a rate sufficient to create a stream that shows constantly updated motion. For the viewer to perceive motion video the rate must be at least 16 image frames per second. Full motion video is perceived at 30 (NTSC) or 25 (PAL) frames per second.

The Motion JPEG stream uses considerable amounts of bandwidth, but provides excellent image quality and access to every image contained in the stream.

H.264 or MPEG-4 Part 10/AVC

Note

H.264 is a licensed technology. The Axis product includes one H.264 viewing client license. Installing additional unlicensed copies of the client is prohibited. To purchase additional licenses, contact your Axis reseller.

H.264 can, without compromising image quality, reduce the size of a digital video file by more than 80% compared to the Motion JPEG format and by as much as 50% compared to the MPEG-4 standard. This means that less network bandwidth and storage space are required for a video file. Or seen another way, higher video quality can be achieved for a given bitrate.

For more information, see www.axis.com/learning/web-articles/technical-guide-to-network-video/compression-formats

How to reduce bandwidth and storage

Important


If you reduce the bandwidth it can result in less details in the picture.

1. Go to live view and select H.264.
2. Go to the **Stream** tab.
3. Do one or more of the following:
 - Turn on the Zipstream functionality.
 - Turn on the GOP and set a high GOP length value.
 - Increase the compression.
 - Turn on the dynamic FPS.

About view area

A view area is a cropped part of the full view. You can stream and store view areas instead of the full view to minimize bandwidth and storage needs. If you enable PTZ for a view area, you can pan, tilt and zoom within it. By using view areas you can remove parts of the full view, for example sky.

When you set up a view area, we recommend you to set the video stream resolution to the same size as or smaller than the view area size. If you set the video stream resolution larger than the view area size it implies digitally scaled up video after sensor capture, which requires more bandwidth without adding image information.

For information on how to create a view area, see the product's built-in help. 

About events

The event pages allow you to configure your product to perform actions when different events occur. For example, the product can start a recording or send an email notification when motion is detected. The set of conditions that defines how and when the action is triggered is called an action rule.

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How to set up action rules

An action rule defines the conditions that must be met for the product to perform an action, for example record video or send an email notification. If multiple conditions are defined, all of them must be met to trigger the action.

The following example describes how to set up an action rule to record video to a network share if there is movement in the camera's field of view.

How to set up motion detection and add a network share:

1. Go to **Settings > Apps** to start and configure AXIS Video Motion Detection. See the product's built-in help.
2. Go to **Settings > System > Storage** and set up the network share. See the product's built-in help.

How to set up the action rule:

1. Go to **Settings > System > Events > Action Rules** and click **Add**.
2. Select **Enable rule** and enter a descriptive name for the rule.
3. Select **Applications** from the **Trigger** drop-down list and then select **VMD**.
4. Optionally, select a **Schedule** and **Additional conditions**. See below.
5. Under **Actions**, select **Record Video** from the **Type** drop-down list.
6. Select a **Stream profile** and configure the **Duration** settings as described below.
7. Select **Network Share** from the **Storage** drop-down list.

To use more than one trigger for the action rule, select **Additional conditions** and click **Add** to add additional triggers. When using additional conditions, all conditions must be met to trigger the action.

To prevent an action from being triggered repeatedly, a **Wait at least time** can be set. Enter the time in hours, minutes and seconds, during which the trigger should be ignored before the action rule can be activated again.

The recording **Duration** of some actions can be set to include time immediately before and after the event. Select **Pre-trigger time** and/or **Post-trigger time** and enter the number of seconds. When **While the rule is active** is enabled and the action is triggered again during the post-trigger time, the recording time will be extended with another post-trigger time period.

For more information, see the product's built-in help.

About overlays

Overlays are superimposed over the video stream. They are used to provide extra information during recordings, such as a timestamp, or during product installation and configuration.

About overlay text

An overlay text can include the current date and time, or a text string. When using a text string, so-called modifiers can be used to display, for example, the current bit rate or the current frame rate.

You can choose between the following text overlay sizes:

Size	Text height	Background height
Small	10 pixels	20 pixels
Medium	16 pixels	28 pixels
Large	21 pixels	36 pixels

It is also possible to display text when an action rule is triggered, see .

How to include overlay text in an action rule

Note

To display overlay text in multiple view areas, overlay text must be enabled in each view area.

1. Go to **Settings > Overlay**.
2. Enable **Include**.
3. Enter the modifier #D. When the rule is triggered, #D is replaced by the text specified in the action rule.
Additional text in this field will be displayed also when the action rule is not active.
4. Select alignment, size, and appearance of the text string.
5. Go to **System > Events > Action Rules** and create your action rule.
6. From the **Actions: Type** drop-down list, select **Overlay Text**.
7. Enter the text to display in the **Text** field.
8. Specify the **Duration**. The text can be displayed while the rule is active or for a fixed number of seconds.

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How to reset to factory default settings

Important

Reset to factory default should be used with caution. A reset to factory default resets all settings, including the IP address, to the factory default values.

To reset the product to the factory default settings:


1. Disconnect power from the product.
2. Press and hold the control button while reconnecting power. See *Product overview*.
3. Keep the control button pressed for 15–30 seconds until the status LED indicator flashes amber.
4. Release the control button. The process is complete when the status LED indicator turns green. The product has been reset to the factory default settings. If no DHCP server is available on the network, the default IP address is 192.168.0.90
5. Use the installation and management software tools to assign an IP address, set the password, and access the video stream.

The installation and management software tools are available from the support pages on www.axis.com/support

How to check the current firmware

Firmware is the software that determines the functionality of network devices. One of your first actions when troubleshooting a problem should be to check the current firmware version. The latest version may contain a correction that fixes your particular problem.

To check the current firmware:

1. Go to the product's webpage.
2. Click on the help menu. 
3. Click **About**.

How to upgrade the firmware

Important

Preconfigured and customized settings are saved when the firmware is upgraded (provided that the features are available in the new firmware) although this is not guaranteed by Axis Communications AB.

Note

When you upgrade the product with the latest firmware, the product receives the latest functionality available. Always read the upgrade instructions and release notes available with each new release before upgrading the firmware. To find the latest firmware and the release notes, go to www.axis.com > product > Support & Documentation.

1. Download the latest firmware file to your computer, available free of charge at www.axis.com/support/firmware
2. Log in to the product as an administrator.
3. Go to **Settings > System > Maintenance** in the product's webpage and follow the instructions.
4. The upgrade takes a while, don't break the power to the product. When the upgrade is finished, the product restarts automatically.

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AXIS Camera Management can be used for multiple upgrades, see www.axis.com/products/axis-camera-management for more information.

Technical issues, clues and solutions

If you can't find what you're looking for here, try the troubleshooting section at www.axis.com/support

Problems upgrading the firmware

Firmware upgrade failure	If the firmware upgrade fails, the product reloads the previous firmware. The most common reason is that the wrong firmware file has been uploaded. Check that the name of the firmware file corresponds to your product and try again.
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Problems setting the IP address

The product is located on a different subnet	If the IP address intended for the product and the IP address of the computer used to access the product are located on different subnets, you cannot set the IP address. Contact your network administrator to obtain an IP address.
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The IP address is being used by another device	Disconnect the Axis product from the network. Run the ping command (in a Command/DOS window, type <code>ping</code> and the IP address of the product): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you receive: <code>Reply from <IP address>: bytes=32; time=10...</code> this means that the IP address may already be in use by another device on the network. Obtain a new IP address from the network administrator and reinstall the product.• If you receive: <code>Request timed out</code>, this means that the IP address is available for use with the Axis product. Check all cabling and reinstall the product.
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Possible IP address conflict with another device on the same subnet	The static IP address in the Axis product is used before the DHCP server sets a dynamic address. This means that if the same default static IP address is also used by another device, there may be problems accessing the product.
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The product cannot be accessed from a browser

Cannot log in	When HTTPS is enabled, ensure that the correct protocol (HTTP or HTTPS) is used when attempting to log in. You may need to manually type <code>http</code> or <code>https</code> in the browser's address field.
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If the password for the user `root` is lost, the product must be reset to the factory default settings. See *How to reset to factory default settings*.

The IP address has been changed by DHCP	IP addresses obtained from a DHCP server are dynamic and may change. If the IP address has been changed, use AXIS IP Utility or AXIS Camera Management to locate the product on the network. Identify the product using its model or serial number, or by the DNS name (if the name has been configured).
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If required, a static IP address can be assigned manually. For instructions, go to www.axis.com/support.

Certificate error when using IEEE 802.1X	For authentication to work properly, the date and time settings in the Axis product must be synchronized with an NTP server. Go to Settings > System > Date and time
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The product is accessible locally but not externally

Router configuration	Check that your router allows incoming data traffic to the Axis product. The router must support UPnP™.
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Firewall protection	Check the Internet firewall with your network administrator.
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Problems with streaming

Multicast H.264 only accessible by local clients	Check if your router supports multicasting, or if the router settings between the client and the product need to be configured. The TTL (Time To Live) value may need to be increased.
No multicast H.264 displayed in the client	Check with your network administrator that the multicast addresses used by the Axis product are valid for your network. Check with your network administrator to see if there is a firewall preventing viewing.
Poor rendering of H.264 images	Ensure that your graphics card is using the latest driver. The latest drivers can usually be downloaded from the manufacturer's website.
Color saturation is different in H.264 and Motion JPEG	Modify the settings for your graphics adapter. Go to the adapter's documentation for more information.
Lower frame rate than expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See <i>Performance considerations on page 12</i>.• Reduce the number of applications running on the client computer.• Limit the number of simultaneous viewers.• Check with the network administrator that there is enough bandwidth available.• Lower the image resolution.• In the product's webpage, set a capture mode that prioritizes frame rate. Changing the capture mode to prioritize frame rate might lower the maximum resolution depending on the product used and capture modes available.• The maximum frames per second is dependent on the utility frequency (60/50 Hz) of the Axis product.

Performance considerations

When setting up your system, it is important to consider how various settings and situations affect the performance. Some factors affect the amount of bandwidth (the bitrate) required, others can affect the frame rate, and some affect both. If the load on the CPU reaches its maximum, this also affects the frame rate.

The following factors are the most important to consider:

- High image resolution or lower compression levels result in images containing more data which in turn affects the bandwidth.
- Access by large numbers of Motion JPEG or unicast H.264 clients affects the bandwidth.
- Simultaneous viewing of different streams (resolution, compression) by different clients affects both frame rate and bandwidth.

Use identical streams wherever possible to maintain a high frame rate. Stream profiles can be used to ensure that streams are identical.

- Accessing Motion JPEG and H.264 video streams simultaneously affects both frame rate and bandwidth.
- Heavy usage of event settings affects the product's CPU load which in turn affects the frame rate.
- Using HTTPS may reduce frame rate, in particular if streaming Motion JPEG.
- Heavy network utilization due to poor infrastructure affects the bandwidth.
- Viewing on poorly performing client computers lowers perceived performance and affects frame rate.
- Running multiple AXIS Camera Application Platform (ACAP) applications simultaneously may affect the frame rate and the general performance.

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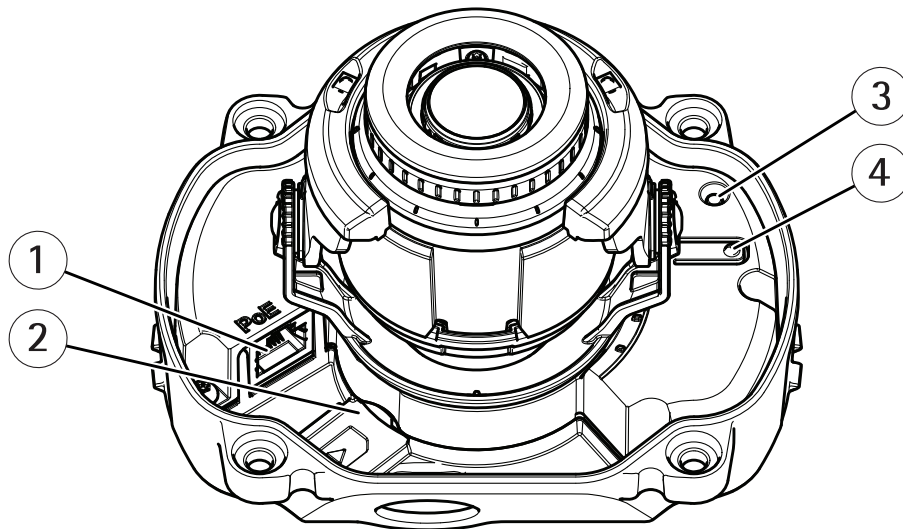
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To find the latest version of the datasheet, go to www.axis.com > product > Support & Documentation.

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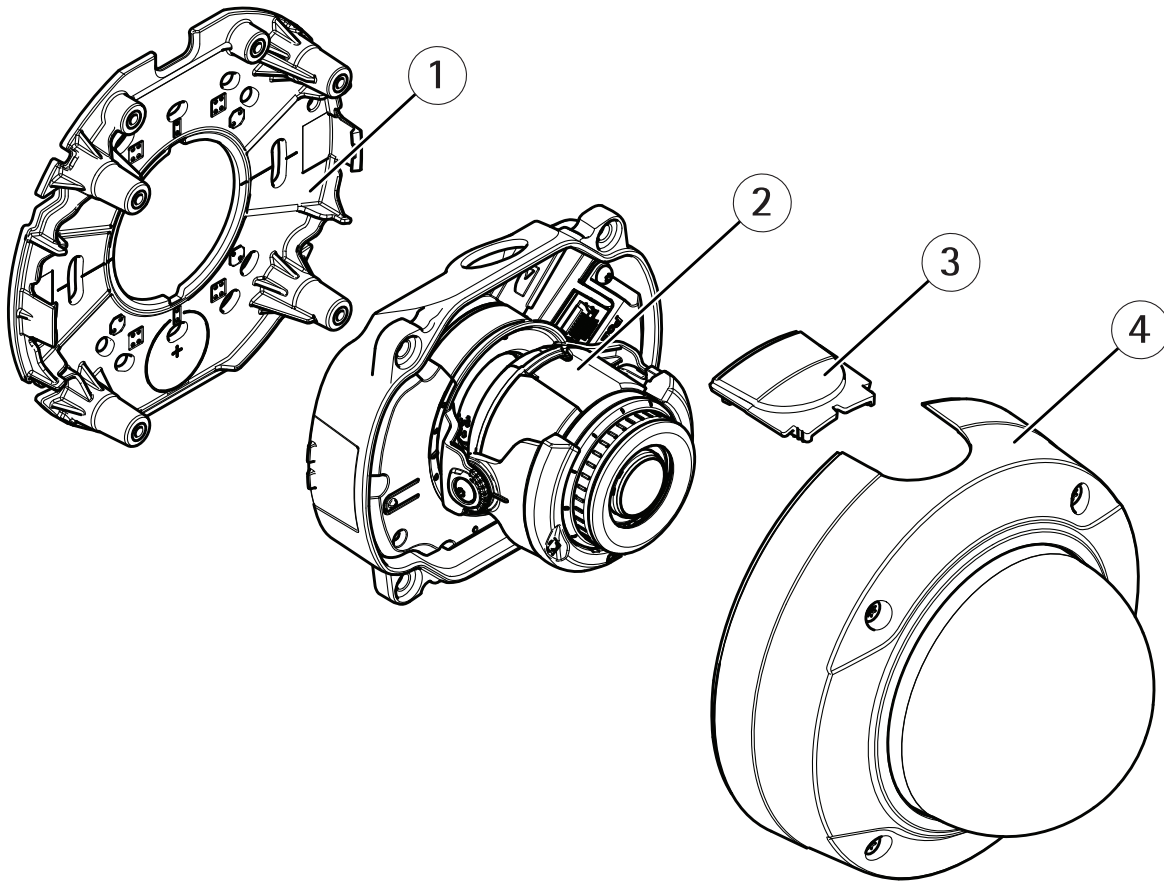
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- 2 SD memory card slot
- 3 Status LED indicator
- 4 Control button

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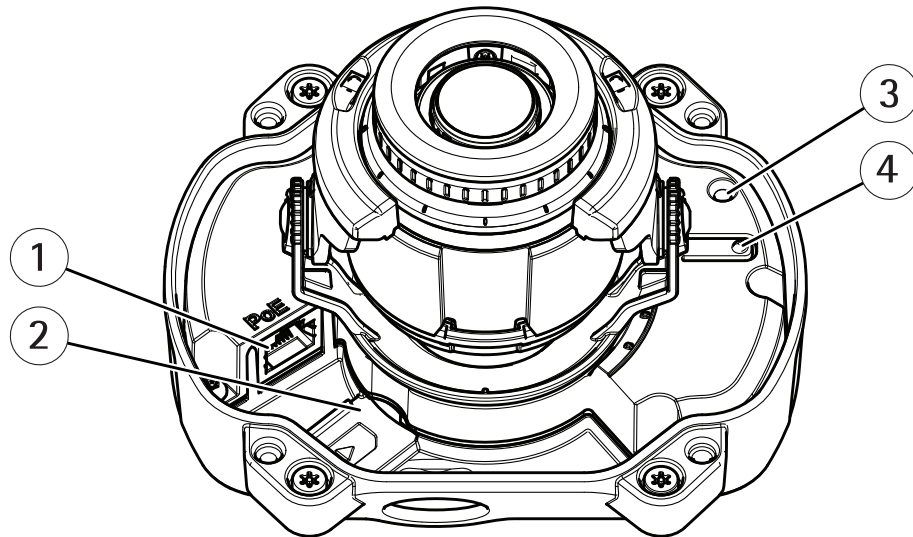


- 1 *Mounting bracket*
- 2 *Camera unit*
- 3 *Lid*
- 4 *Dome*

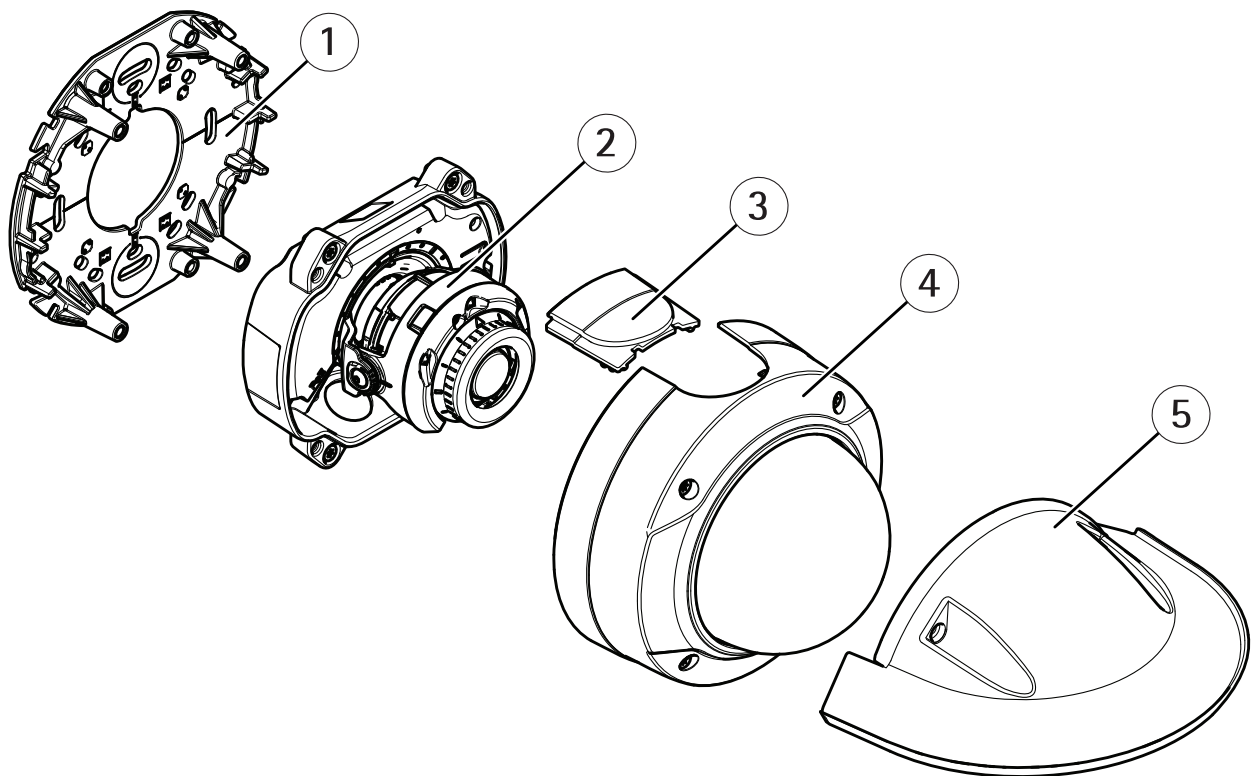
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- 4 Dome
- 5 Weather shield

LED Indicators

Status LED	Indication
Unlit	Connection and normal operation.
Green	Shows steady green for 10 seconds for normal operation after startup completed.
Amber	Steady during startup. Flashes during firmware upgrade or reset to factory default.
Amber/Red	Flashes amber/red if network connection is unavailable or lost.

SD card slot

NOTICE

- Risk of damage to SD card. Do not use sharp tools, metal objects, or excessive force when inserting or removing the SD card. Use your fingers to insert and remove the card.
- Risk of data loss and corrupted recordings. Do not remove the SD card while the product is running. Disconnect power or unmount the SD card from the product's webpage before removal.

This product supports microSD/microSDHC/microSDXC cards (not included).

For SD card recommendations, see www.axis.com

Buttons

Control button

For location of the control button, see *Product overview on page 13*.

The control button is used for:

- Resetting the product to factory default settings. See *page 10*.
- Connecting to an AXIS Video Hosting System service. See . To connect, press and hold the button for about 3 seconds until the Status LED flashes green.

Connectors

Network connector

RJ45 Ethernet connector with Power over Ethernet (PoE).

