



# VCR

# DVR

- Based on 25 year old non-upgradeable technology. Replacements parts are costly and difficult to service.
- A VCR can either time-lapse record, OR real-time record but not both. Limited motion detection.
- Recording resolution VHS=240tvl, S-VHS=400tvl divided by number of cameras being recorded.
- Typically only 1 audio track per tape per VCR.
- A multiplexer is required if more then 1 camera is to be recorded to a vcr. Resolution is reduced per cam.
- Consumable: Video tapes have limited life span and must be replaced regularly to maintain video quality.
- Archiving videocassette tapes requires extensive storage resources, manpower and data-basing.
- While reviewing video, VCR recording must stop.
- Live video monitoring locations are limited to directly wired monitoring stations. Recorded video can only be reviewed from the VCR.
- When pausing images, stability and quality are lost.
- Tampered videocassette may be inadmissible in court
- Transportable video, via videocassette only, operator must stop recording and manually make copies of the VCR's videocassette. Common quality tracking issues when playing back videocassettes on other VCR's.
- Investigation is time consuming as video must be reviewed linearly from start to finish on each tape.

- New PC technology – is easy to service and upgrade. Very scalable: can add ports, storage space, features..
- Can dynamically change between time-lapse recording and real-time recording based on motion activity.
- Recording resolution DVR= +720tvl multiplied by the number of cameras being recorded.
- Can have multiple audio tracks recording real-time.
- Built in multiplexer allows for simultaneous recording of multiple cameras and maintains resolution for each.
- Data is digitally recorded to hard drive and can be rewritten thousands of times with no quality loss.
- Archiving video is done internally, the DVR can hold several months of video, and recall anything instantly.
- DVR continues to record even while reviewing video.
- Both live and recorded video monitoring can be done from multiple computers, cell phones, PDA's, eMail or the Web. Video can be monitored off site via Internet.
- Can freeze images flawlessly, even zoom and print!
- Watermark protection ensures tamper-proof video.
- Transportable video, via CD, DVD, email or printer. The DVR always continues to record to the hard drive. Is a compatible video format with DVD players and personal computers with absolutely no signal loss.
- Search and retrieve video by time, date, alarm or motion activity in seconds without swapping tapes.

VHS TIME LAPSE RECORDER = \$1700 - \$3,000  
 16 CHANNEL MULTIPLEXER = \$3,000 - \$5,000  
 ALARM, POS or PTZ CONTROLLER = \$1,500 - \$2,000  
 VIDEO CASSETTE TAPES = \$3 (real time) - \$30 (time lapse)

**TOTAL = \$6,203 - \$10,030**

16 CHANNEL DVR = \$2,500 - \$4,500

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