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Security Cameras (Quality vs. Price)

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This is ONE guy's perspective that must be weighed against law, insurance, culture, etc.

Solution	General Cost (as of Mid 2025)	Pros	Cons
Amazon Ring Type of Cameras	\$1020 – \$1380 + Subscription (360)	Easy to integrate, familiar app, inexpensive to replace	Low resolution, limited upgrades, needs power or batteries, wifi only. DIY Monitoring. Interface is primarily cell phone / tablet. Recording and export for investigation can be limited
Home / SMB Home Alarm system like Alarm.com	\$2000 + Monthly (\$29.95 to \$100's)	Hands off, 100% supported, fully integrated app for alarm, cameras, doorbell, etc., Monitored system. Good ALARM system primarily.	Low resolution, limited detection, stores video in cloud. Intrusion monitoring, NOT camera monitoring. Limited options for cameras both many add ons for other home automation.
Loxox (Costco) 4 Bullet, 2 turret 12MP	\$900 to \$1500 (Larger HD) No ongoing	Easy to install, many options. Wifi and wired options. Easy purchase. "All-in-one" box.	Online Support Only, No Onsite Support, App on phone / laptop is unstable (for years). EOL/EOS is quick. DIY Monitoring. Questionable manufacturer's parent organization.
Ubiquiti 6 Bullet, 16TB 5 yr	\$2500 No ongoing	Excellent support from manufacturer, local / third party support, network support for network/wifi growth, Excellent app and web interface. Support for property-wide wifi/cameras	Price, Parts of solution are more technical to support flexibility. Mounting of unit (minor). DIY Monitoring

<p>Avigilon (12tb) Going to be similar for Marsh, Verkada, DW, Genetec, etc.</p>	<p>\$23000 Yearly maintenance</p>	<p>Potentially many third parties that support, many options and integrations</p>	<p>High cost initially, cost for ongoing support, considered a “Name Brand” in the big corporate security world</p>
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