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Compare two cameras after dark

A side-by-side playback test for an entrance, driveway or shop counter.

1 Set the same task

Choose one detail a customer needs to see. For example, can you read a large three-letter card carried by a volunteer walking across the entrance at normal pace?

Detail to recognise	Distance to target and viewing angle

Use a willing volunteer and a made-up code. Keep other people and number plates out of the recording. Use the same route, pace and lighting for both cameras.

2 Record the setup

	Camera A	Camera B
Exact model and lens		
Night mode and lamp setting		
Exposure / shutter, if known		
Recorded resolution and fps		

3 Replay and compare

Record one pass with the normal light on and one with it off. Change the card code between passes. Replay the saved main stream at the same size. Ask a second viewer to read the code without prompting. Enter what they actually saw, including 'unreadable'.

Playback observation	Camera A	Camera B
Normal lighting / moving		
Normal light off / moving		
Blur, flare or lost detail		

4 Agree on the next step

Record which setup met the stated task and under what lighting. If neither did, change one thing, such as the mounting position or lighting, and repeat the same pass.

Use this sheet alongside the property camera planning sheet.

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