

IP cameras tested



DAY AND NIGHT CAMERA

Chunky but sturdy device

The **Compro IP70** is easy to set up on your home network, with some advanced options

The Compro IP70 looks bulky, especially next to the Jabbakam, so positioning it in an unobtrusive spot will need a bit of thought and planning. The camera's solid base makes it easy to adjust; it's heavy enough to use it as a stand for the camera on a flat surface, but can also be taken apart for use as a wall bracket.

The camera is static, so it's essential that you position it carefully – you won't be able to change where it's looking remotely. There's a built in speaker and microphone, and a handy SD slot that can be used to record footage locally.

The Compro IP70 was easy to set up. All we had to do was plug the camera into a power socket and into our router via the supplied Ethernet cable. The IP70 comes with a USB port for a Compro WL150 Wireless USB Adapter. This can be bought separately for around £20, and the flexibility of wireless networking may make it a compelling extra.

After plugging in the camera, we ran the setup wizard from the CD, which quickly found the device. A live view of the camera can help you identify it if you have a multi-camera setup. The wizard then took

Compro IP70

Price £90
Info www.comprousa.com

Key features

Day and night vision, MPEG-4, MJPEG, H.264 capture, 1,280 x 1,024 at 15fps 640 x 480 at 30fps, two way audio, motion sensor, microSD, Ethernet

us through more advanced features like IP address configuration. Although you can configure these, we found it best to leave them on their defaults, except for the option to give the camera stream a password. You can also make a

memorable internet address for viewing footage online. It's handy, but required us to install the VLC plugin for our browser.

The camera's image and sound quality were both very good, even in low light. **PCP**

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PCPlus Verdict



Features ★★★★★
Performance ★★★★★
Value ★★★★★



ONLINE CAMERA

Beware of hidden charges

There are extra fees to consider if you're going to make the most of the **Jabbakam**

The Jabbakam is a much smaller device than the Compro IP70, making it easier to install discreetly, but its small size also makes it feel less robust. As with the IP70, the Jabbakam's base can double as a wall mount. It's a bit more flimsy than the IP70's stand, but has more areas of articulation, which make the camera easy to position.

Ease of use seems to be the Jabbakam's main focus. This is a product aimed at first-time users of IP cameras – a seasoned veteran may find it too limited. Installation is simple – we just plugged the camera into the router and power, then logged into www.jabbakam.com with the credentials provided.

Everything to do with the Jabbakam is online. While this is great if you want to view footage from any PC, it does involve a few hidden costs. You need to sign up for a monthly subscription to record your video stream. The Jabbakam handles your recordings, but

you're paying for something that's free with other cameras.

Jabbakam also monitors the status of your camera, and can alert you if it goes offline. Email alerts are free, but text and multimedia messages require

Jabbakam

Price £60 for camera, plus online packages from £6 per month
Info www.jabbakam.com

Key features

Jabbakam online service, MPEG-4 and MJPEG capture, 640 x 480 at 1fps, Ethernet connection

Jabbakam credits, which are 10p each. The service is handy and easy to use – the web-based interface is one of the best we've seen for an IP camera – but all these extra costs make it feel like paying for the Jabbakam itself is only the beginning.

The quality of the video stream isn't great, but it's enough to see what's going on. Using the Jabbakam is pleasant on the whole, but you can't help feeling you're paying for features that should have been included. **PCP**

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