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**EXCLUSIVE**

## D-Link DCS-6915

A fine choice for all-weather outdoor surveillance, with good image quality and a powerful zoom

**T**he DCS-6915 moves D-Link firmly into the IP surveillance big league; this monster dome camera is designed for the great outdoors. It offers a 1080p HD resolution, fast pan and tilt speeds, 360-degree movement and a 20x optical zoom. Its IP66 rating and integral heater and fan allow it to operate at -40°C, and its metal body has an external mechanical impact rating of IK10 – the highest possible.

The removable polycarbonate dome is weather-sealed with a thick rubber ring, as is the metal wall-hanging bracket. The camera is powered by a chunky PSU, and alongside the power socket at the top of the camera are I/O blocks for external sensors, alarms, microphone and speakers, plus a microSD slot for local storage.

The well-designed web interface defines up to four streams, each with its own resolution, codec and frame rate, for PC and mobile viewing. Up to 25fps is supported at maximum 1080p resolution, and wide dynamic range technology improves image quality by merging two images of the same scene taken with different exposure times.

### KEY SPECS

1/2.8in 3MP Sony Exmor CMOS • 1,920 x 1,080 max resolution • 25fps • 20x optical/10x digital zoom • MJPEG/H.264 • 10/100 Ethernet • audio I/O block • microSD slot • external PSU • D-Link Setup Wizard and D-ViewCam Professional software • 2yr RTB warranty

» **PRICE** £1,387 exc VAT  
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Live view is clear, and exhibits good colour balance and contrast. The 20x optical zoom is excellent for seeing faces, and we could read number plates at a distance of 100m. The 10x digital zoom takes over for the last stretch, but the image doesn't visibly break down.

Direct sunlight can cause the auto-iris to close down, making the image too dark, but zooming overcomes this. Pan-and-tilt movements are fast but, thanks to D-Link's proportional technology, tracking slows down at high zoom levels, making it easier to zero in on a point of interest.

From the live-view sidebar, you can control PTZ functions, or point and drag in the live view. Motion-detection triggers can send images to email, FTP and HTTP servers and network shares, and nine preset positions are used for patrol and cruise modes.

The DCS-6915 is well suited to monitoring large areas, such as car parks. It's reasonably priced and, even at full zoom, image quality is very good. **DAVE MITCHELL**

**OVERALL** ★★★★★  
**PERFORMANCE** ★★★★★  
**FEATURES & DESIGN** ★★★★★  
**VALUE FOR MONEY** ★★★★★