

Configure a Video Analytics rule for an Alarm.com doorbell camera

GoSafer Security Knowledge Base

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Overview

Video Analytics for Alarm.com doorbell cameras is optimized for identifying people at the door and sending a timely notification to you.

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Procedure

Step-by-step guide: Screenshots and videos are placed with the instruction they illustrate.

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Note: The ADC-VDB775 has different steps for configuring its Video Analytics rules. For those steps, see [Configure a Video Analytics rule for the ADC-VDB775](#).

For information about Video Analytics for other types of cameras, see [Configure Video Analytics rules](#).

Compatibility requirements

- A service package that supports Video Analytics
- At least one Alarm.com doorbell camera enrolled on the account:
 - Alarm.com Video Doorbell (ADC-VDB750)
 - Alarm.com PoE Video Door Station (ADC-VDB755P)
 - Alarm.com Video Doorbell (ADC-VDB770)
 - Alarm.com Wireless Video Doorbell (ADC-VDB780B)

Differences from general Video Analytics

The Video Analytics rule for doorbell cameras operates differently from general Video Analytics. Video Analytics for doorbell cameras has the following features:

- One Video Analytics recording rule per device
- Only Ground Zone rules can be created
- Only people can be detected

Camera setup

Position	The Alarm.com Video Doorbell (ADC-VDB770) should be installed upright in the same place a typical doorbell is installed. The typical height for a doorbell is 40 to 44 inches (101.6 to 111.76 centimeters) from the ground.
Angle	The angle of the Alarm.com Video Doorbell (ADC-VDB770) can be adjusted using an angled mounting bracket if the angle needs to be adjusted to avoid obstacles or improve video coverage of the approach.
Distance	Video Analytics for the Alarm.com Video Doorbell (ADC-VDB770) is designed to detect all people day or night within 10 feet, and may detect people beyond that range that are included in the ground zone depending on the size of the person, angle, elevation, and sensitivity setting.

Create the Video Analytics rule

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To create the Video Analytics rule using the Alarm.com app:

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Note: Only one recording rule can be created per doorbell camera.

1. Log in to the Alarm.com app.
2. Tap **Video**.
3. Tap **Settings**.
4. Tap **Recording Rules**.
5. Tap **Add**.
6. Tap Video Analytics.

7. Tap to select the desired doorbell camera.

To create the Video Analytics rule using the GoSafer Security customer portal (powered by Alarm.com):

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Note: Only one recording rule can be created per doorbell camera.

1. Log in to the GoSafer Security customer portal (powered by Alarm.com).
2. Click **Video**.
3. Click **Recording Rules**.
4. Click **Add New Rule**.
5. Click to select Video Analytics.
6. Click to select the desired Alarm.com doorbell camera.

Configure the Video Analytics rule

To configure the trigger:

1. In the *Rule Name* field, enter a name for the recording rule.
2. Click and drag the corners of the shape to cover only the ground where the person's feet will be, or click and drag inside the shape to move the shape it. To clear the

current area of interest and restart, click **Clear ground zone**.

3. Use the *Detection Sensitivity* slider to select the desired sensitivity.

To customize when the rule is active:

1. Using the *Set Minimum Delay Between Clips* dropdown menu, select the desired timeframe. This setting determines how long the camera must wait after recording a clip to trigger another recording.
2. In *The Rule will run...*, click to select **At all times** or **Only during the following times**.
 - If **Only during the following times** is selected:
 1. Click to select the days of the week to record on.
 2. Using the *Begin* dropdown menu, select the time for the recording rule to start.
 3. Using the *End* dropdown menu, select the time for the recording rule to stop.
3. In *Except when...*, click to select any available exceptions that turn the rule off regardless of the schedule. Options depending on the equipment include: the panel is armed away, the panel is armed stay, and Geo-Device is inside a specified Geo-Fence.

Note: If the location has a security system with multiple partitions, the at-home settings only apply to the first/main partition.

To configure the notifications:

- Click to select the desired notification recipients. It is recommended to use push notifications to a phone using the dropdown option to attach a thumbnail.

Notification types

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For more information about how and when each type of notification is sent, see [How do Video Analytics notifications work?](#).

To configure light-automation rules:

Camera-driven light automation rules require *Lights* to be enabled on your service package along with at least one light device enrolled on the account. If these requirements are met, the *Light Automation* section appears toward the bottom of the Video Analytics Rule.

Note: Lights cannot be enabled during a time when the Video Analytics rule is not set to record (e.g., if the device is set to record only at night, lights cannot be set to turn on during the daytime because no clip would have been recorded).

1. Using the *Turn on selected lights for* dropdown menu, select how long the lights should turn on for.
2. Click to select which lights are to be automated by the rule.
3. In *During these time frames*, click to select **At all times**, **Only during the following times**, or **Only after sunset**.
 - If **Only during the following times** is selected:
 1. Click to select which days of the week on which to record.
 2. Using the *Begin* dropdown menu, select the time for the recording rule to start.

3. Using the *End* dropdown menu, select the time for the recording rule to stop.

To enable Touchless Doorbell:

1. Click the **Enable Touchless Doorbell** toggle to enable Touchless Doorbell.
2. Click and drag to create an area where the guest can stand that triggers the Video Doorbell to ring.
3. Using the *Duration Inside Area of Interest* dropdown menu, select how long the guest must stay in the zone to trigger the Video Doorbell.
4. Click **Save**.

Note: Notifications triggered by the Touchless Doorbell feature appear as button press events. The event cannot be changed to something other than a button press.

For more information about the Touchless Doorbell feature, see [Touchless Doorbell for the Alarm.com Video Doorbell \(ADC-VDB770\) - User Guide](#).

Source and support

For GoSafer Security assistance, visit gosaferssecurity.com.

Original Alarm.com reference:
https://answers.alarm.com/Customer/Website_and_App/Video/Recording_Video/Configure_a_Video_Analytics_rule_for_an_Alarm.com_doorbell_camera

Always verify safety, installation, compatibility, and current UI details against the original manufacturer documentation before operational use.

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