

04 Connection

Security cameras can be connected to this NVR through wired or wireless methods.

Wireless Connection

It is recommended to connect the Wi-Fi cameras wirelessly for greater convenience. Follow the steps below.

- 1 Put the uninitialized Wi-Fi camera close to the NVR and turn it on.
- 2 Power on the NVR. Go to the "Search Devices" page and wait for the camera to automatically connect to the NVR. If the detection fails, manually search for the camera and double-click the detected device to add it. See FAQ question 4 for specifics.

- 3 Once the connection is successful, you can mount the camera in the desired position.

For wired connection: Go to NVR's local setup page, click **Main Menu > Camera > Add Devices**. On the **Search Devices** tab, click **Search Devices** button. After the camera is found, click **Manual Add**. Select Onvif as the protocol, enter the IP address and password, then click **OK**.

For wireless connection: Cannot be directly connected to NVR through Wi-Fi.

Q: How to add security cameras from third-party manufacturers to NVR?

A: It depends on the camera's connection method.

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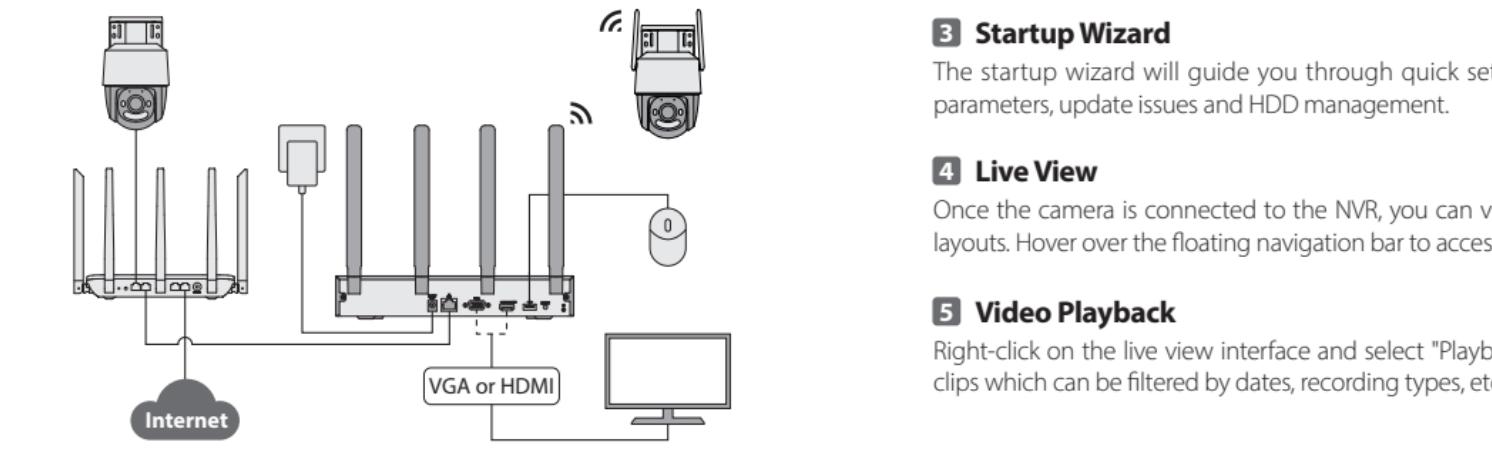
Q: No recordings available for playback?

A: Possible reasons: 1. Hard drive connection issue. 2. Hard drive malfunction. Follow the steps below to verify.

1. Look for the hard drive indicator light (HDD). If it glows red, the HDD may be improperly connected.

2. On the NVR's setup page, navigate to **Main Menu > Storage > HDD Manager** to check the drive's status. Replace it if there are any abnormalities.

Right-click on the live view interface and select "Playback" to check recorded video clips which can be filtered by dates, recording types, etc.



05 Basic NVR Operations

Wireless + Wired Connection

Wired connections can be used for cameras lacking Wi-Fi capability or in environments with severe signal interference. If you have both wireless and wired cameras, follow this solution.

Q: The NVR won't start properly?

A: Check the power indicator (P/W) on the front panel. If the light is off, verify that all the connections are secure and the power outlet is operational. If the indicator lights up green but the device doesn't turn on, please reach out to us for support.

Q: How to connect a Wi-Fi security camera to NVR?

A: Place the Wi-Fi camera close to the NVR and power it on. Access the NVR's local setup and navigate to the device search page from **Main Menu > Camera > Add Devices**. The camera should connect automatically to the NVR, following your live feed. If it is not found, manually search by clicking the **Search Devices** button and selecting the detected device to add it, then position the connected camera in your preferred location. Note that an uninitialized camera will not be automatically connected.

Q: Device Initialization

For first use, the device will undergo initialization, which include creating a password for the default user admin, filling in the answers used for password reset, etc.

Q: What to do if the live streaming is affected after the camera has been connected to the NVR?

A: It's based on the camera's connection method.

For wired connection: Detach the camera from its mount and connect it directly to the NVR via an Ethernet cable. If the live view improves, inspect the Ethernet cable and router (or switch) to ensure they are capable of high-speed transmission.

For wireless connection: Remove the camera from its mount and power it up near the NVR. If the streaming runs smoothly, there is a weak Wi-Fi signal between the previous installation site and the NVR. Consider relocating the camera for better connectivity.

Q: Startup Wizard

The startup wizard will guide you through quick settings of the NVR, such as IP parameters, update issues and HDD management.

Q: Live View

Once the camera is connected to the NVR, you can view its live streams in various layouts. Hover over the floating navigation bar to access different functions.

Q: Video Playback

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06 Access NVR via ImouLife App

07 FAQ

Q: Power On and Off

A: Create an account and log in.

Q: If you already have the app, ensure it's up-to-date.

Q: Connect the wired camera to a router and turn it on.

Q: Access the local setup of the NVR, navigate to Main Menu > Camera > Add Devices and click Search Devices.

A: After the camera is detected, double-click the desired device to add it. Modify the IP address of the wired camera if it is not on the same network segment as the NVR.

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