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STC-V450

User's Manual



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Stealth Cam Limited Warranty

Your Stealth Cam scouting camera is covered by a 90 days Limited Warranty on parts and labor from the date of original purchase, and purchases must be made through an authorized dealer. The warranty covers defects in workmanship and materials. The warranty does not apply to units, which have been damaged or abused intentionally or unintentionally. A purchase from individuals or unauthorized internet sites voids the warranty.

Tampering with or altering the unit will void the warranty. Any unauthorized service will void warranty. Original sales receipt must be produced for any warranty service and a Return Authorization (RA) number must be obtained from customer service at 877-269-8490 prior to returning product

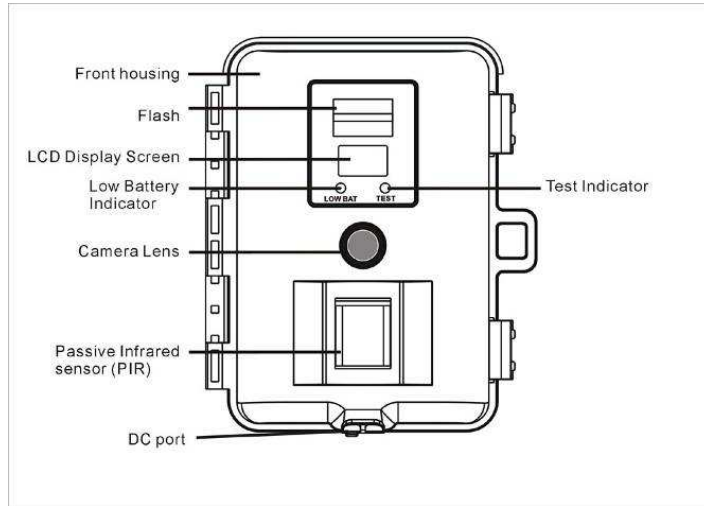
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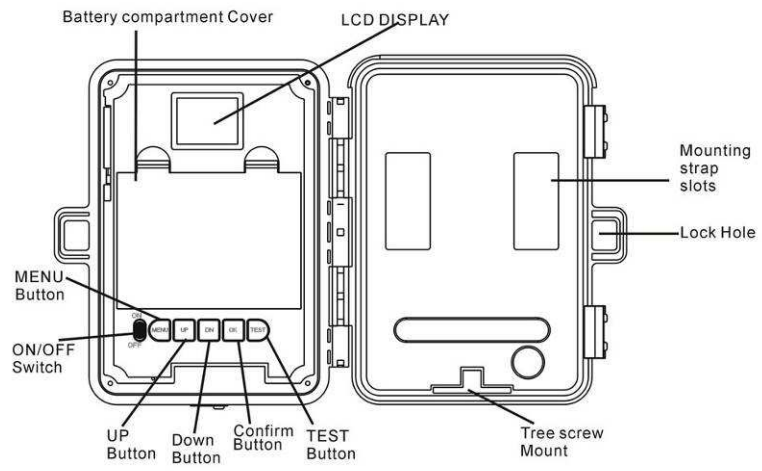
Camera overview

Front housing image with major parts indication.



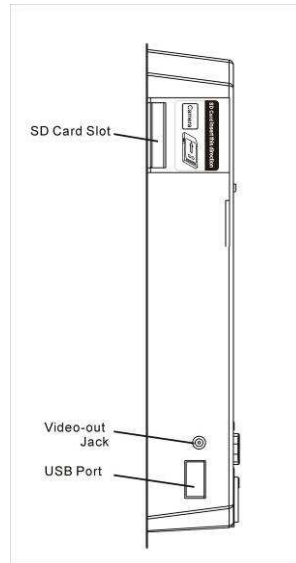
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Open view image with major parts indication



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Side view with major parts indication



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Picture / Image Capacity

SD card	High	Low	Base	AVI
16MB	11	33	130	8
32MB	22	66	260	16
64MB	44	132	520	32
128MB	88	264	1040	64
256MB	176	528	2080	128
512MB	352	1056	4160	256
1 GB	704	2112	8320	512
2 GB	1408	4224	16640	1024

NOTE: Picture / Image Capacity Chart provides approximate number of images or AVI movies based on resolution setting and the size of memory card. These figures may vary depending on the amount of detail in the image.

Camera kit contents

- Model STC-V450 Digital Scouting Camera
- CDROM (Contains Ulead Photo Express 8 and camera driver)
- User Manual
- USB cable
- TV out cable for TV (RCA Jack)
- TV out cable for handheld TV (Mini Jack)
- Strap

Battery & memory installation

Warning: Do not use different Voltage lead acid battery other than the one specified in this section. Doing so will damage the camera and will void the warranty.

The Stealth Cam STC-V450 Advanced Digital Scouting Camera is designed to operate using two different types of battery power options.

NOTE: Always have camera in OFF position when installing or removing batteries.

Batteries “C” cell

The internal battery compartment accepts 6 “C” cell batteries. Be sure to use high quality brand name alkaline batteries. Install batteries in correct polarity (+/-) as noted inside battery compartment.

12V Lead Acid external battery

The STC-V450 is equipped with an external power jack designed to accept a barrel plug cable to attach to a sealed lead acid battery. (sold separately). Battery cable and complete 12V Lead Acid battery kits are available wherever Stealth Cam scouting cameras are sold or call toll free 877-269-8490. Only Stealth Cam external battery accessories are recommended.

- Insert the external battery barrel plug into the DC 12V jack on the bottom of camera housing
- Turn the camera power on.
- ❖ ***Please make sure the voltage and polarity (+/-) are correct before connection. Incorrect voltage or polarity (+/-) will damage the camera.***

Memory Options

Your STC-V450 camera is equipped with 32MB built in flash memory. The camera is also equipped with an expandable media card slot capable accepting up to 2GB SD card (sold separately). With no memory card inserted into the slot, the

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camera will use the built in 32MB memory. If a SD card is inserted into the slot then the camera will bypass the built in memory and utilize the SD memory. The front counter display will show the number of images on the built in memory unless the expansion card is inserted at which point the counter will only show the number of images in the expansion card.

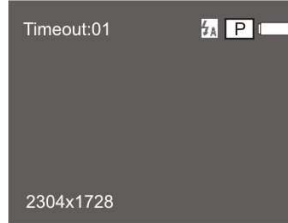
Inserting SD card

Make sure camera is in the OFF position whenever adding or removing memory.



- Insert SD memory card in to the SD card slot completely and in the correct direction as shown by the sticker located at the side of the housing.
- To remove the SD memory card, depress the SD card and pull out the card gently.
- ❖ ***SD cards must be clean (no images from other sources), if you are using the SD card from other cameras, please make sure to format the SD card prior use in the STC-V450. New cards are good to use straight from the package.***

Set up and Programming

When the camera is first turned on the internal LCD screen displays the camera status. The following information is present on this screen.



Set Flash Control:

- Press [UP] button once to turn off the flash. 
- Press [UP] button again to turn flash to Auto mode. 



If no buttons are pressed after 30 seconds the LCD screen will power down to conserve battery life and enter 1 minute count down to enter PIR detection mode. To re-power the display screen press and hold the UP or DOWN button for at least 5 seconds.

Definition

- **Time out:** To set the amount of time in minutes the camera will sleep between PIR triggering.
- **Flash:**
 - Auto - In low light conditions the flash will automatically activate.
 - Off – Turn off the flash.
- **Capture mode:** The capture mode that you have selected.
 - **1P ~ 9P:** 1 to 9 burst mode image capturing per PIR triggering.
 - **Video:** 5 to 90 seconds adjustable video per PIR triggering.
- **Resolution:** The resolution selection that you have selected.
 - **4.0M :** Select this option to capture a 4.0M pixels image. (High image quality)
 - **1.3M :** Select this option to capture a 1.3M pixels image. (Medium image quality)
 - **0.3M :** Select this option to capture a 0.3M pixels image.
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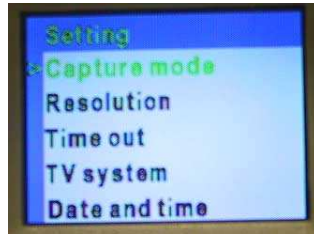
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(Low image quality)

- **Video resolution (320 x 240):** This is the resolution during video capturing.
- **Batteries Status:** It shows the battery status.
 - **Full:** It shows the batteries are full.
 - **Half:** It shows the batteries are half.
 - **Low:** It shows the batteries are low and front battery indicator will be on also.
- ❖ ***When the camera has detected low batteries, (Batteries are lower then 6.6 +/-0.2Volts) the camera unit will power off within 30 seconds automatically. Please replace with new batteries; otherwise the camera will not work properly.***
- **Day and Time:** It shows the **date and time that you have set.**

Programming the Stealth Cam STC-V450

Switch the camera to the ON position. Once the Camera status screen is visible press the MENU button. This will bring up the SETTING screen. Capture mode / Resolution / Time out / TV System / Date & Time settings are all performed in this menu.



**** NOTE: If no buttons are pressed within 30 seconds during any of the programming mode, the unit will return to 1-minute count down mode then start PIR capturing.***

Set the Capturing sequence. *The Stealth Cam STC-V450 can be programmed to shoot 1-9 pictures per triggering or 5 to 90 seconds of adjustable video.*

- Power on the unit, press the [MENU] button to bring up the menu on the LCD screen.
- Press [UP] or [DN] to highlight CAPTURE
- Then press the [OK] button to enter capture setting.
- Press the [UP] or [DN] button to select the desired capture setting (number of pictures per triggering or video clip) If burst mode is selected, press the [OK] to save and it will exit to SETTING SCREEN. If VIDEO is selected, press the [OK] to enter video time setting. Use [UP] or [DN] button to enter the desired video length in 5 second increment. Press [OK] to save the setting and exit to the SETTING SCREEN.
- Use the UP and DOWN buttons to select additional program settings or press [MENU] again to exit the SETTING SCREEN.

Set the Resolution:

- Press the [UP] or [DN] to highlight RESOLUTION
- Then press the [OK] button to enter the resolution settings.
- Press the [UP] or [DN] button to select the desired resolution and press [OK] to save
- Use the UP and DOWN buttons to select additional program settings or press [MENU] again to exit the SETTING SCREEN.

Set the Time out:

- Press the [UP] or [DN] button to highlight TIME OUT.
- Press [OK] to enter the setting.
- Press [UP] or [DN] button to set the desired time out in minutes
- Press [OK] again to save the setting. This will return you to the SETTING SCREEN menu.
- Use the UP and DOWN buttons to select additional program

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settings or press [MENU] again to exit the SETTING SCREEN.

Set TV System: NTSC is the correct setting for all of North America. Your Stealth Cam STC-V450 comes pre-programmed for NTSC.

- Press the [UP] or [DN] button to highlight TV System.
- Press [OK] to enter the setting.
- Press the [UP] or [DN] to set the TV output in NTSC or PAL system.
- Press [OK] to save the setting and will exit to Camera Status Screen.

Set Date and Time:

- Press the [UP] or [DN] button to move to highlight DATE AND TIME.
- Press [OK] to enter the TIME & DATE setting menu.
- Press [UP] or [DN] to select the TIME
- Using the UP and DOWN buttons set the appropriate hour then press OK. This will highlight the minutes. Using the UP and DOWN buttons select the appropriate minute.
- Press the [OK] to save the time and this will return you to the TIME & DATE setting menu.
- Press [UP] or [DN] to select DATE and press the [OK]
- Using the UP or DOWN buttons select the appropriate month then press OK. This will bring you to the day setting. Using the UP or DOWN buttons select the appropriate day then press OK. This will bring you to the year setting. Using the UP or DOWN

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buttons select the appropriate year then press OK. This will return you to the DATE & TIME setting menu.

- Press the [MENU] to return to the main setting menu.

Once all settings have been completed press the MENU button to return to CAMERA STATUS screen.

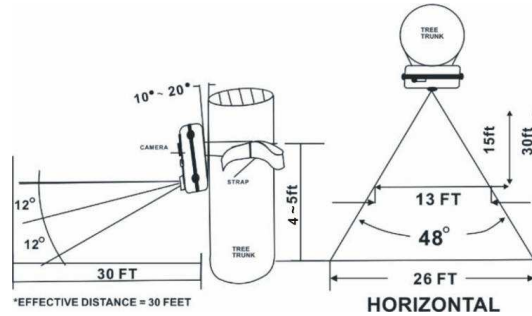
Using the camera

Once all program setting has been completed your Stealth Cam is ready for field use.

Getting started

Mounting the Camera. It is recommended to mount the camera 4-5 ft off the ground with the camera pointed at a slight downward angle. Be sure to avoid mounting the camera facing east or west as the rising and setting of the sun could produce false triggers and overexposed images. Clear branches and other debris away from the front of the camera so as not to block the camera lens or PIR sensor.

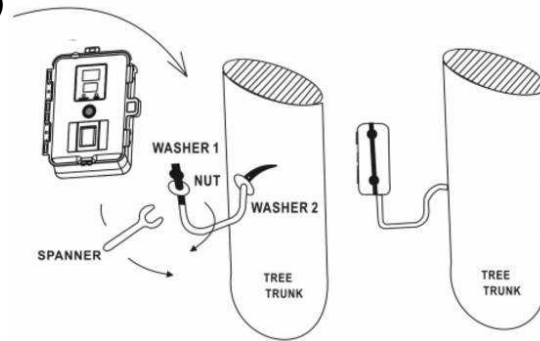
PIR Coverage Area
Diagram



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Mounting the camera

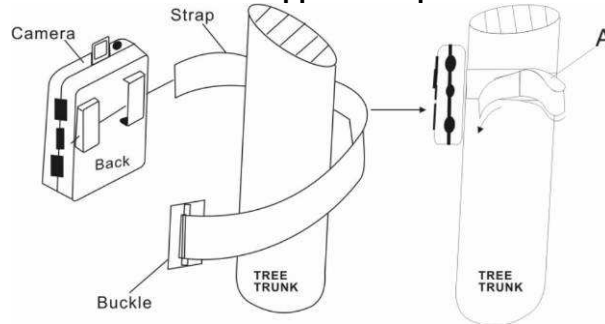
Mounting the camera with Tree Screw (Optional Accessory sold separately)



- Hand twist the screw into the tree or post at the desired position.
- Attach the camera to the screw by turning the camera onto the mounting screw to the desired position.
- Tighten the stabilizer nut.

- ❖ ***Attach camera to tree screw. Do not over tighten as this may cause damage to camera housing. Using the supplied nut and washer, tighten to the bottom of camera for greater stability.***

Mounting the camera with the supplied strap



- Insert the strap through the strap slots on the rear housing.
- Wrap the strap around the mounting surface. Secure the strap and tighten the buckle in order to secure the camera.

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Stealth Cam offers a Security Lock Bracket for uses exclusively with this camera. See included accessory card or call toll free 877-269-8490.

- ❖ ***In order to obtain proper weather resistance, please make sure that both door latches are securely locked in place.***

Testing the camera coverage area

One of STC-V450 Cam's many features is the ability to test the coverage area.

- After mounting the camera, open front housing and slide the power to ON.
- After the front LCD screen has powered on. Press the [TEST] button (this must be done within 30 seconds or the camera will enter count down mode)
- Close the front housing.
- Walk around in the front of the camera to see if you have

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mounted camera in the proper position. A green indicator light on the front will blink on when you have intruded the coverage area.

- Adjust the camera position as needed and repeat testing until the desired coverage area is achieved.
- When you have completed the testing the coverage area there are 2 methods for exiting the test mode:
 - a. Open the front housing and press the [TEST] button to exit test mode. The camera will then enter count down mode for 1 minute and front green indicator will start blinking giving you one minute to leave the coverage area. Then the camera will enter PIR detection mode.
 - b. After 5 minutes in test mode, the camera will then enter count down mode for 1 minutes and the front green indicator will start blinking giving you one minute to leave the coverage area. The camera will enter PIR detection mode.

Using the camera in PIR detection mode

- Mount the camera to tree or other sturdy object using either supplied tree screw or mounting strap (Please refer to the mounting suggestions section in this manual)
 - Open the front housing and move the switch to the ON position. At this point you have 30 seconds to make any program adjustments.
 - After 30 seconds the camera's green test light will begin blinking and enter count down mode. This is your indication to leave the coverage area with one minute.
 - After one minute the camera will take between 1 to 9 pictures or 5 to 90 seconds adjustable AVI video based on your program setting. The camera will then time out between 1 ~ 60 minutes also based on your setting.
- ❖ ***The time between motion detection and the camera taking the pictures may vary due to lighting conditions, charging of the flash, program setting and battery power level.***

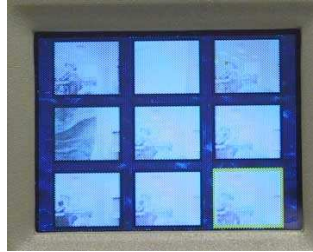
- ❖ ***The auto flash lighting will only activate in low light conditions.***
- ❖ ***When the camera is set to AVI capturing, the video clips will only turn out well in good daytime lighting conditions. If the lighting conditions are not enough, unit will switch the AVI to single image capturing automatically.***
- ❖ ***When using the AVI function, the camera cannot use the flash. Time/Date stamp will not appear on the AVI video clips.***

Viewing and deleting the images

The STC-V450 cam offers the user four different options for viewing the images. The external LCD display screen on the front housing will show the number of images in memory

To wake the camera from PIR detection mode press and hold either the [UP] or [DN] button for about 5 seconds.

The instructions below are based on starting from a camera that is turned off.



Thumbnail display

Viewing the image on the built in Color screen

- Slide the camera power switch to ON.
- Press the [OK] button.
- Color screen will display the last image captured. Press [OK] button again, a thumbnail view of the images in memory will be displayed.
- Using the [UP] and [DN] buttons select the image you wish to view. Press [OK] this will bring up the whole image on the screen. Then using the [UP] and [DN] buttons you may navigate through all the images in memory.
- To return to the thumbnail view from the full size image press the [OK] button.

Viewing the image on a handheld LCD TV video monitor. (cable included)

- Attach the appropriate cable to the video out jack on the camera. Insert the other end into the video in jack on handheld LCD TV monitor. Turn on both the camera and TV monitor.
- Press the [OK] button on the camera.
- A thumbnail view of the images in memory will be displayed on the TV screen.
- Using the [UP] and [DN] buttons select the image you wish to view. Press [OK] this will bring up the whole image on the screen. Then using the [UP] and [DN] buttons you may navigate though all the images in memory.
- To return to the thumbnail view from the full size image press the [OK] button.

Viewing the images on your home TV equipped with an RCA input jack. (Cable included)

- Attach the appropriate cable to the video out jack on the camera. Insert the other end into the RCA video in jack on the TV. Turn on both the camera and TV. Make **sure to switch to VIDEO IN mode on your TV. (See your TV owner's manual for directions.**
- Press the [OK] button on the camera.
- A thumbnail view of the images in memory will be displayed on the TV screen.
- Using the [UP] and [DN] buttons select the image you wish to view. Press [OK] this will bring up the whole image on the screen. Then using the [UP] and [DN] buttons you may navigate though all the images in memory.
- To return to the thumbnail view from the full size image press

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the [OK] button.

Viewing images by computer download

The Stealth Cam STC-V450 advanced Digital Scouting Camera is a plug and play USB storage device. This means users of Windows 2000 / ME / and XP operating system need not install the camera driver. This camera is not MAC compatible. The disc included in this package contains the camera driver for older operating systems as well as Ulead Photo Explorer imaging software for image enhancement and manipulation.

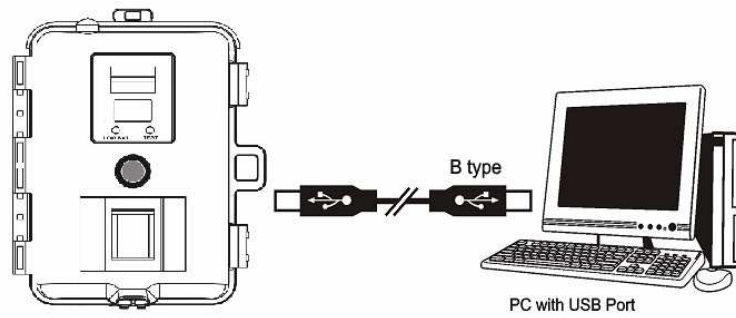
Attention:

The software CD-ROM packaged with the camera is designed for PC's only (not MAC compatible). Playing this CD-ROM on a stereo or CD player may cause damage to it.

Software installation

- Unplug the USB cable from PC.
- Insert the CDROM in CD driver of your PC.
- The auto-run program will execute.
- Follow the instructions shown on screen from your PC to completely install the driver and application program.
- Restart windows.
- Successful installation will create “Ulead Photo Explorer” icon on you desktop.
- Connect your camera to the PC by the USB cable, the PC will recognize the new device and set up the configuration of the PC automatically.
- ***NOTE: Users of Windows 98 or earlier must install camera driver prior to connecting the USB cable.***

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- If your computer doesn't run automatically, please click "Start" button and choose "Run", and then browse the CD drive and click "Setup".
- Operation manual of Ulead Photo Explorer is contained on the provided CDROM.

Viewing the images on your computer using the provided software

Please refer to Installation section above to install the software and application program properly.

- Slide the power switch to OFF location.
- To view the images simply plug one end of the USB cable into an available USB port on your computer.
- Plug the other end of USB cable into the camera. The camera will automatically power ON and display a USB icon on the LCD screen.
- At the same time, your computer will recognize the camera as mass storage device and found under MY COMPUTER.

Deleting images

At any time while viewing images on the built in color screen, Handheld TV or Home TV you may delete images one at a time or all at once.

- While viewing images either in thumbnail view or full screen press [MENU] to enter the DELETE & FORMAT menu.
- Using the [UP] and [DN] buttons to the desired function. Delete, Not delete or Delete ALL.
- After selection has been made the screen will go back to image preview mode.

SD Memory Card Compatibility Chart

The following cards have been tested and approved for use in the STC-V450 model.

PQI	32MB, 64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB
San Disk	32MB, 64MB, 128MB, 512MB, 1GB, 2GB
Panasonic	32MB, 64MB, 256MB, 512MB
Toshiba	32MB, 64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB
King Mate	32MB, 64MB, 128MB, 256MB, 512MB
Lexar	32MB, 512MB
Kingston	128MB, 256MB, 512MB
Kodak	128MB, 256MB, 512MB
Dan-Elec	128MB, 256MB, 512MB
PNY	128MB, 256MB, 512MB, 2GB

Proper camera operation cannot be guaranteed when using memory card **NOT** listed above.

Technical Specifications

System Requirements and Compatibility

- Windows 98/98se/2000/Me/XP.
 - P 450MHz or equivalent processor.
 - 128MB SDRAM or above.
 - VGA Video Card with 32MB RAM for minimum, Color 16 bit or higher.
 - An available CDROM driver and an available USB Port.
 - 600 MB free hard disc space.
 - Optional: Windows compatible sound card, Microphone and speaker.
- ❖ ***If you have any questions regarding your PC specifications please call your PC manufacturer.***

Camera Features and Specification.

- Image sensor: 1.3 Mega-pixels RGB color
- Built in 2.0" LTPS Color LCD display
- Built in 32M flash memories for image storage
- External memory support: SD memory card up to 2 GB
- Resolution Options: 4.0M, 1.3M, 0.3M
- 3 Capturing Options: Single, Continuous, AVI
- Image performance for video stream: 10fps in 320 x 240 pixels, approx 10 seconds per section
- Auto white balance and auto expose
- Flash light strobe Auto / Off control
- Real time clock for date and time stamping
- 4 digits LCD Image counter
- Battery low indicator
- Green Test LED indicator

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- TV out support for NTSC and PAL system.
- Focusing: 5 ft to Infinity
- High precision 4 P glass lens with IR coating
- Effective viewing Angle: 52 deg
- PIR detection angle 48 deg
- Low power consumption:
 - Standby current: < 1mA.
 - Capture current <150mA
- Interface type: USB 1.1.
- Power: C size alkaline Batteries x 6
- External power: 12 volts battery pack
- Image format: Standard JPEG or Motion JPEG (AVI)

General Information

Storing conditions

- Operating Environment: 14 to 104 deg F (-10 to 40 deg C). 20-85% relative humidity, non-condensing.

Special care instructions!!

- The camera is designed to be weather resistant. Never attempt to immerse the unit to water or any other liquid. This will damage the unit and void the warranty.
- Use a soft lens cloth for cleaning lens. Avoid touching lens with fingers.
- Remove dirt or stains with a soft cloth dampened with water or neutral detergent. Keep the STC-V450 cam in a dry and cool dust-free environment or container when it is NOT used.
- Take the batteries out, when the STC-V450 cam is NOT to be used over a long period.
- Avoid dropping the STC-V450 cam on to hard ground. Do not disassemble the STC-V450 cam.

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- Do not mix new and old batteries.
- Do not open the camera for unauthorized service. This could cause serious damage to the unit and will void the warranty.

This camera is a precision electronic device. Do not attempt to service this camera yourself, as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage points or other risks.

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