

PUBLISHED CAMERA SENSITIVITIES ARE CHALLENGED IN COURT

Elbex brought legal action to the southern district court of New York against Bosch, Philips and Tyco for falsifying camera sensitivity.

The disregard for true figures, be it sensitivity of CCTV cameras, resolution or other items of CCTV specifications that are damaging the security market, were bound to have a backlash sooner or later. This time Elbex is seeking a minimum of US\$100 million from each of the defendants, Bosch, Philips and Tyco to cover damages.

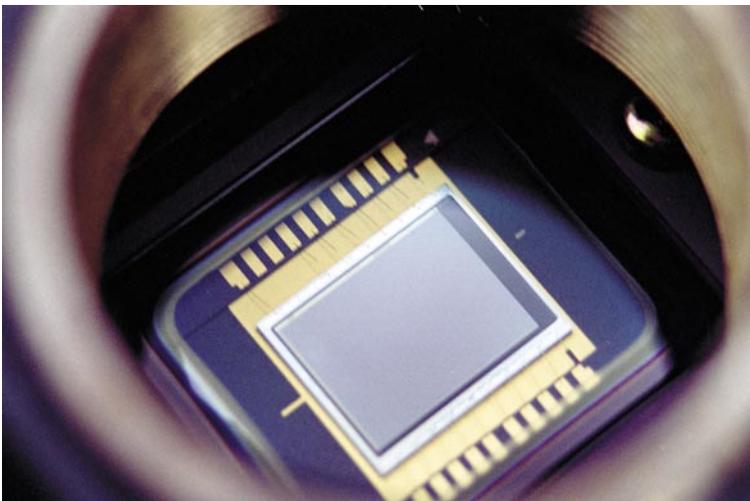
Elbex alleges that Philips and Bosch have falsely specified their G3 dome camera sensitivity and that Tyco knowingly used the false specification to replace a contracted Elbex cameras with lower priced G3 domes of Bosch/Philips.

From the claim details it appears that Bosch and Philips are actually using Sony camera/lens (F1.4~F3.0), specified at 2 Lux (F1.4) and by some "miraculous stroke of magic" had the G3 camera sensitivity increased to 0.5 Lux, (when the variation of aperture F1.4~3.0 due to zooming is introduced into the sensitivity equation the minimum sensitivity of the Sony camera becomes from 2 Lux to 9 Lux), therefore Elbex alleges that Bosch/Philips have falsely specified and jacked up their G3 dome camera sensitivity by 400% to 1800%.

The Elbex legal action also alleges infringement of Elbex patent (for preset positioning) against

Bosch, Philips and Tyco with its subsidiaries (Sensormatic and American Dynamic), for their false advertisement and unfair competition, interference with contract relation and deceptive trade practices.

Elbex spokesman have confirmed the action taken and suggested that Elbex may take the issue to the US congress, in order to initiate a law and to enforce manufacturers and security companies to publish clear and unambiguous specifications for their security products and to criminally punish offenders who wrongly specify their security and CCTV equipment.



According to Elbex spokesman, the CCTV industry can well provide the equipment and the technology to observe and record clear, identifiable images. But to properly instill such technology, a set of regulations controlling the published specifications must be established. If this trend of false, deceit and price only factor persist, the Mohammed Ata and his 9/11 terrorist group images at the airports and at the ATM machines, will never be clearer to what we have seen in the past. [•]