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Solar power is a leader when it comes to convenient power sources. If you're thinking about adding a new level of security to your home, a good component to start with is an outdoor security camera. For ease of use and plentiful installation options, few types offer the versatility that solar-powered cameras can provide.

Wireless security cameras operate on battery power. Solar cameras operate on the same power, but the battery is kept charged by sunlight. Most solar-powered cameras require both a battery and a solar panel to function without the need to manually recharge your device.

There are vast numbers of wireless and solar cameras on the market today. It can be hard to know which one is right for your home security needs. To help, we've reviewed the top brands and their offerings to compile this starter list of the best solar security cameras available.

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In the top spot on our list is Arlo's Essential Wireless Security Camera. Its high-end capabilities and budget-friendly price make it one of our favorites, even though the solar panel is sold separately. Despite that, Consumer Report awards it an excellent score of 74.

Its features list is long and includes two color options, 12x digital zoom, 1080p video resolution, an integrated LED spotlight that provides 25 feet of full-color night vision, facial and object recognition, noise canceling audio components, a 130-degree field of view and motion detection. Additionally, its compact size makes it easy to install anywhere.

The Essential Wireless can be used without a subscription plan, but a three-month free trial comes with your purchase and unlocks the camera's best features. Plans start at \$2.99 per month after that. Compatible with HomeKit, Alexa, Assistant, SmartThings and IFTTT, Arlo's products are protected by a one-year limited warranty.

It's available in white or black and features digital zoom, 1080p video resolution, noise canceling audio hardware, 130-degree horizontal field of view and color night vision. Its compact size makes it easy to find a place to install on homes with limited sun exposure.

The Stick Up Cam Battery is compatible with Alexa and Echo devices along with the Ring App and provides some useful features. The device works best with a Ring Protect Plan that starts at just \$3 per month. Your



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purchase is covered by a one-year parts warranty and lifetime purchase protection.

The Ultra 2 comes in two color choices, 12x digital zoom, 4K video resolution, infrared night vision with integrated spotlight, facial and object recognition, motion detection, noise canceling audio equipment and a full 180-degree field of view. However, the solar panel is sold separately.

Subscription plans start at \$2.99 per month after the free three-month trial that comes with your purchase. The camera works best with a plan, but some features operate without one. It's compatible with HomeKit, Alexa, Ok Google, SmartThings and IFTTT and is protected by a one-year limited warranty.

Another wireless Arlo camera takes our fourth spot. The Pro 4 enjoys an Amazon customer rating averaging 4.1 stars. The solar panel for this camera is sold separately.

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