British Standard on requirements for the selection, planning, installation, commissioning, maintaining and testing of CCTV systems.

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Detail:

BSEN62676-4 – Video surveillance systems for use in security applications, Part 4: Application guidelines.

The standard sets out recommendations and requirements for the selection, planning, installation, commissioning, maintaining and testing of CCTV systems.

This standard provides a framework to help customers, installers and CCTV users to establish the requirements of the system. It helps them identify the right equipment to meet their requirements as well as providing a way of evaluating the performance of the equipment.

In particular this standard highlights the importance of testing the system on installation to ensure that it is fit for its intended purpose and suggests some methods by which the image quality can be tested. From these a non-expert end user can easily judge whether the system meets their needs.

The standard also highlights the importance of choosing a system that can provide the data in an easily replayable form to third parties such as the police. This can be critical should there be a need to use the images as evidence of a crime.