

Swann SRDVR-81525H-US

Swann SRDVR-81525H-US Digital Surveillance Recorder User Manual

Model: SRDVR-81525H-US

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Swann SRDVR-81525H-US 8 Channel Mini DVR. This digital video recorder is designed for surveillance applications, offering 8 channels of 960H resolution recording with a 500GB hard drive. It supports real-time video, Smart Search for recorded activity, Swann Link Peer-to-Peer connectivity, and high-definition HDMI and VGA outputs for live viewing on various displays, including internet-connected devices and smartphones.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read and understand all safety instructions before operating this device. Failure to follow these instructions may result in electric shock, fire, or serious injury.

- **Power Source:** Use only the power adapter supplied with the DVR. Using an incorrect power adapter may damage the device and void your warranty.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure the DVR is placed in a well-ventilated area. Do not block any ventilation openings. Overheating can cause malfunction.
- **Water and Moisture:** Do not expose the DVR to water, rain, or moisture. This device is not waterproof.
- **Cleaning:** Disconnect the power before cleaning. Use a dry, soft cloth. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners.
- **Servicing:** Do not attempt to service this product yourself. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- **Placement:** Place the DVR on a stable, flat surface to prevent it from falling.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

Verify that all components listed below are included in your package:

- Swann SRDVR-81525H-US 8 Channel Mini DVR with 500GB HDD
- HDMI Cable

- Power Adapter
- USB Mouse
- Ethernet Cable
- Mounting Screws and Plugs
- Operating Instructions (this manual)
- Theft Deterrent Stickers

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Familiarize yourself with the various parts of your Swann DVR.



Figure 1: Front and Side View of the SRDVR-81525H-US DVR. This image shows the compact white casing of the DVR with ventilation grilles on the side and the Swann logo on the top surface.



Figure 2: Rear Panel Connections of the SRDVR-81525H-US DVR. This view highlights the various input and output ports, including 8 BNC video input connectors (labeled 1-8), a BNC video out, VGA out, Audio In (RCA), Audio Out (RCA), LAN port, two USB ports, and the 12V DC power input.



Figure 3: Top View of the SRDVR-81525H-US DVR. This image displays the clean top surface of the DVR, featuring the prominent Swann logo in the center.

Rear Panel Connections:

- **Video In (1-8):** BNC connectors for connecting up to 8 surveillance cameras.
- **Video Out:** BNC connector for analog video output.
- **VGA:** Connects to a VGA monitor or display.
- **HDMI:** Connects to an HDMI-compatible monitor or TV for high-definition video output.
- **Audio In:** RCA connector for audio input from a microphone (if supported by camera).
- **Audio Out:** RCA connector for audio output to speakers or an amplifier.
- **LAN:** Ethernet port for network connection to a router or switch.
- **USB:** Two USB ports for connecting the included USB mouse, a USB flash drive for backup, or other USB peripherals.

- **12V DC:** Power input for connecting the supplied power adapter.

SETUP

Follow these steps for the initial setup of your DVR system.

1. **Connect Cameras:** Connect your surveillance cameras to the "Video In" BNC ports (1-8) on the rear panel of the DVR. Ensure secure connections.
2. **Connect Monitor:** Connect a monitor or TV to the DVR using either the HDMI or VGA port. For best quality, use the HDMI port.
3. **Connect Mouse:** Plug the supplied USB mouse into one of the USB ports on the rear panel.
4. **Network Connection (Optional but Recommended):** For remote viewing and software updates, connect an Ethernet cable from the DVR's LAN port to your router or network switch.
5. **Connect Power:** Connect the supplied power adapter to the "12V DC" input on the DVR, then plug the adapter into a power outlet. The DVR will power on automatically.
6. **Initial Configuration:** Upon first power-on, the DVR will guide you through an initial setup wizard, including setting the date/time, network settings, and password. Follow the on-screen prompts.

OPERATING

This section covers the basic operation of your Swann DVR.

Live View:

After setup, the DVR will display the live view from all connected cameras on your monitor. You can switch between single-camera view, multi-camera view, and sequence view using the on-screen menu or mouse controls.

Recording:

- **Continuous Recording:** The DVR is configured to record continuously by default. The 500GB HDD allows for extended recording periods.
- **Motion Detection Recording:** You can configure specific channels to record only when motion is detected. This saves hard drive space and extends recording duration. Access this setting in the DVR's menu under "Record" > "Motion Detection".
- **Scheduled Recording:** Set specific times for recording on each channel via the "Record" > "Schedule" menu.

Playback:

To review recorded footage:

1. From the live view, right-click with the mouse to bring up the main menu.
2. Select "Playback".
3. Choose the date and time range you wish to review.
4. Select the camera channel(s) for playback.
5. Use the playback controls (play, pause, fast forward, rewind) to navigate through the footage.
6. **Smart Search:** Utilize the Smart Search feature to quickly locate specific events (e.g., motion) within recorded footage. This is accessible within the playback interface.

Remote Access (SwannLink P2P):

The SwannLink Peer-to-Peer (P2P) feature allows for easy remote viewing on your smartphone or tablet. Ensure your

DVR is connected to the internet.

1. Download the SwannView Link app from your device's app store.
2. Open the app and follow the instructions to add your DVR using its unique QR code or device ID.
3. Once added, you can view live footage, playback recordings, and receive push notifications from anywhere with an internet connection.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures optimal performance and longevity of your DVR.

- **Cleaning:** Periodically clean the exterior of the DVR with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents. Ensure ventilation openings are free from dust and debris.
- **Firmware Updates:** Check the Swann support website periodically for firmware updates. Keeping your DVR's firmware up-to-date can improve performance, add features, and enhance security. Follow the instructions provided with the update carefully.
- **Hard Drive Health:** The DVR's hard drive is critical for recording. While designed for continuous operation, it's good practice to monitor its health through the DVR's system information menu if available.
- **Password Security:** Regularly change your DVR's password to a strong, unique combination of characters to prevent unauthorized access.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your DVR.

No Video Output:

- Ensure the power adapter is securely connected to the DVR and a working power outlet.
- Verify that the HDMI or VGA cable is securely connected to both the DVR and the monitor/TV.
- Check if the monitor/TV is set to the correct input source (HDMI1, VGA, etc.).
- Try connecting to a different monitor or using a different cable to rule out display or cable issues.

No Camera Image:

- Ensure the camera is properly powered and its cable is securely connected to the DVR's "Video In" port.
- Check the camera's power supply.
- If using multiple cameras, try swapping the camera to a different DVR input to determine if the issue is with the camera or the DVR channel.

Cannot Access DVR Remotely:

- Verify the DVR is connected to your router via an Ethernet cable and the LAN indicator light on the DVR is active.
- Ensure your router has an active internet connection.
- Check the network settings on the DVR (Main Menu > Network) to ensure it has obtained an IP address.
- Confirm that the SwannView Link app is correctly configured with the DVR's details (QR code/device ID).
- If your network uses a firewall, ensure the necessary ports are open (refer to Swann support for specific port requirements).

No Recording:

- Check the hard drive status in the DVR's system information. Ensure it is detected and healthy.
- Verify that recording schedules are correctly set up for the desired channels.
- Ensure the hard drive is not full. If it is, the DVR may be set to overwrite old footage, or it may stop recording if overwrite is disabled.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	SRDVR-81525H-US
Number of Channels	8
Video Resolution	960H (DVD-quality)
Hard Disk Size	500 GB
Connectivity Technology	HDMI, VGA, Ethernet (LAN), USB
Product Dimensions	7.88 x 7.88 x 1.78 inches
Item Weight	2.75 pounds
Manufacturer	Swann
Date First Available	December 20, 2016

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official Swann website or contact their customer service. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Online Resources:

- Official Swann Support Website: www.swann.com/us/support
- Product Page (for latest information and downloads): [Amazon Product Page](#)

ASK A QUESTION ABOUT THIS MANUAL

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Question

Example: How do I reset this device or fix this error?

Details

Model number, symptoms, what you tried, or the section of the manual you are using.

Submit question