

# CHOOSING A VIDEO/DVD RECORDER

All video recording devices are similar in that they make it possible to delay watching CCTV recordings until a later date. But, they have subtle differences from one another.

## Choosing between Video Recorders and DVD Recorders

### Video Recorders



Video Recorders are the oldest and original way to record CCTV cameras and systems. The recordings can be made directly to Video Cassette by connecting a single camera directly to the Video Recorder, or by using a Switcher, Quad or Multiplexer for larger CCTV systems. However whilst the original problem associated with Video Recorders, namely recording length, has been overcome by using Time Lapse video recorders, the quality of video recordings is much less than the majority of CCTV cameras available, as a Video Recorder only records at around 350 TVL. Video Recorders can also be used as backup devices for a DVR unit, as they are easy to operate and almost everybody has a way of playing them back.

### DVD Recorders



DVD Recorders are used in CCTV for recording a single camera or quad CCTV system for a short period of time at high quality and for backing up recordings from a DVR that does not have a backup facility. DVD recordings are made in high resolution and no loss in quality is noticeable when backing up to DVD from a CCTV DVR.