

Firmware Update



COMPACT GUIDE

MOBOTIX Cameras With MxBus Add-On Modules (e.g., IP Video Door Station)



Updating the firmware
Resetting to factory defaults

HiRes Video Innovations

The German company MOBOTIX AG is known as the leading pioneer in network camera technology since its founding in 1999, and its decentralized concept has made high-resolution video systems cost efficient.

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SYSTEM WITH MXBUS MODULES FOR ENHANCED FEATURES

An MxBus module is a MOBOTIX accessory that can be connected directly to a MOBOTIX camera and powered by it via a simple two-wire cable.

MOBOTIX camera	Add-on modules for camera-integrated MxBus connection
T24, T25, S15	KeypadRFID, BellRFID, Info Module, DoorMaster, MX-GPS-Box, MX-232-IO-Box
D14, S14	MX-GPS-Box, MX-232-IO-Box
D15, D25, M15, M25, Q25, V15	MX-GPS-Box, MX-232-IO-Box
Remaining camera models	No MxBus connection available

Multiple MxBus modules can be operated on a single camera (provided the system voltage is sufficient) as it is also possible to directly connect MxBus modules with one another. One such application example is a fully equipped IP Video Door Station including door camera, RFID access module, Info Module and Security Door Opener (DoorMaster).

Firmware Update For Cameras And Modules

MOBOTIX cameras and MxBus modules contain a built-in firmware that provides functions accessed by the MOBOTIX remote stations MxControlCenter, MxEasy and the **MOBOTIX App**. The firmware also needs to be updated to make available newly integrated functions, just like the video management software. For example, when using a device whose firmware is older than **release 4.1.4.70**, the App can only call up live images with sound.

The firmware version of the camera must be compatible with the firmware version of the connected MxBus modules. For this reason, updating the camera firmware may also require updating the firmware of the included MxBus modules. The latest firmware version for the MxBus modules is always an integral part of the up-to-date camera firmware package (*.mpl file). When either performing an update or resetting devices to factory defaults, please follow the step-by-step instructions provided in this Compact Guide. For a description of how to start up a device, see the corresponding manual at (www.mobotix.com > Support > Manuals).

Note that the MOBOTIX camera and Door Station including all add-on modules need to be fully installed, connected and operational before they can be integrated into the App. The firmware update can be performed before or after the integration. The App will show a prompt if new firmware is available.



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UPDATING THE FIRMWARE

Step 1: Downloading the latest firmware version from the MOBOTIX website

You can download the current MOBOTIX camera firmware from the MOBOTIX website free of charge. For this, you need a computer (Windows, Apple or Linux system) with an Internet connection. Proceed as follows:

1. Open www.mobotix.com and log in using your user ID and password. Only registered users logged into the website can download software, so you will need to register first if you have not done so already. Neither registration nor the software download is subject to any fees or purchase obligations.
2. In the “**Support**” section, click “**Software Downloads**”. The latest firmware version is located at the top below MX System Release. Click the “x.x.x.x” release number.
3. To start the download process, click “**MPL**” at the very bottom of the page that is displayed.
4. **Accept the MOBOTIX software conditions of usage and then click “Send form”**. You can now save the firmware file (with the extension *.mpl) to the download folder of your computer.

Step 2: Connecting the video system with the computer

If you have not done so already, you must now connect your MOBOTIX video system (camera or Door Station including the modules) to the computer where you have stored the firmware you wish to install. This does not require your computer to be connected to the Internet, but you do need an installed **web browser** (for example, Internet Explorer, Safari or Firefox).

For information on how to connect a MOBOTIX camera or Door Station to the computer via a MOBOTIX PoE adapter or switch, please consult the corresponding camera manual (for example, T25 System Manual Part 1, Section 2.2, Remote Stations And Network Connection).

Step 3: Opening the firmware user interface in the web browser

In order to be able to perform this step, you need the current **IP address of the camera or Door Station, as well as the access data**; in other words, you require administrator privileges.

Cameras operated in standalone mode without being connected to a network can be accessed via their factory IP address (see the sticker on the back of the camera).

Now enter the **IP address of the video source into the address bar of your web browser**. Next, enter “**admin**” as the user name and enter the valid admin password. **“meinsm” is the factory default password for any MOBOTIX camera**. The password of a Door Station corresponds with the **Super PIN** assigned when first starting up the system.

Online help: The online help provides detailed information on the firmware's individual functions; click the **question mark** icon to access it.

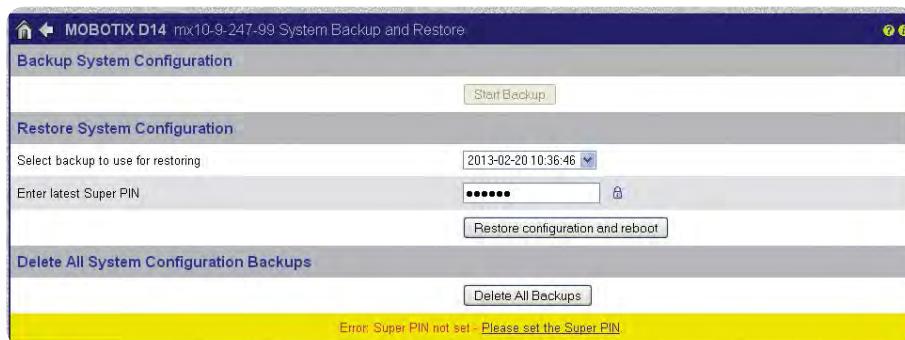
Step 4: Creating a system backup (not mandatory)

MOBOTIX recommends creating a backup of the current system configuration of the camera and all add-on modules in the camera flash memory (SD card) before updating the firmware. This will allow you to quickly restore the previous system state in the event that a problem occurs in the transfer of the configuration when updating the firmware. Proceed as follows:

1. Open the **Admin Menu**.
2. In the “**Configuration**” section, click “**System Backup and Restore**.“ If the camera is not equipped with a flash memory (SD card has been removed, is unusable or, if it is new, has not yet been formatted), it is not possible to create a system backup.
3. Click “**Start Backup**.“



4. A **Super PIN** is required for backup. This PIN is used for authentication before importing the backup to the system (security level!).
5. In the case of a Door Station that was already assigned a Super PIN upon startup, the data is immediately saved. Continue with Number 11.
6. For all other MOBOTIX cameras, click “**Please set the Super PIN**” in the dialog box highlighted in yellow. This step is only required for the very first backup.



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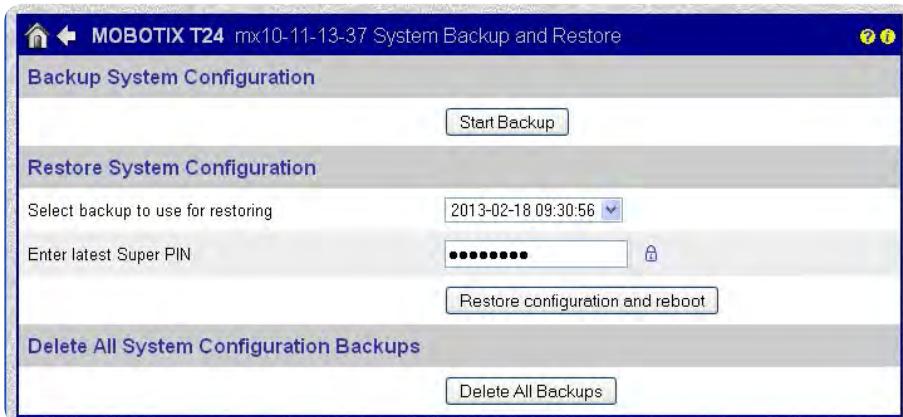
- In the new dialog box, enter a Super PIN (8 to 16 digits) of your choice two times. Next, click "Change."



- In the event your camera is still using the "meinsm" factory default admin password, this will automatically be replaced with the new Super PIN (important note: write down the password and store it in a safe location!). Click "OK" on the screen prompt.

Note that if the camera owner loses the access information, the camera can only be reset at MOBOTIX for a service fee. This is necessary since any other arrangement would harbor the danger of allowing unauthorized parties access to a stolen camera after it has been reset.

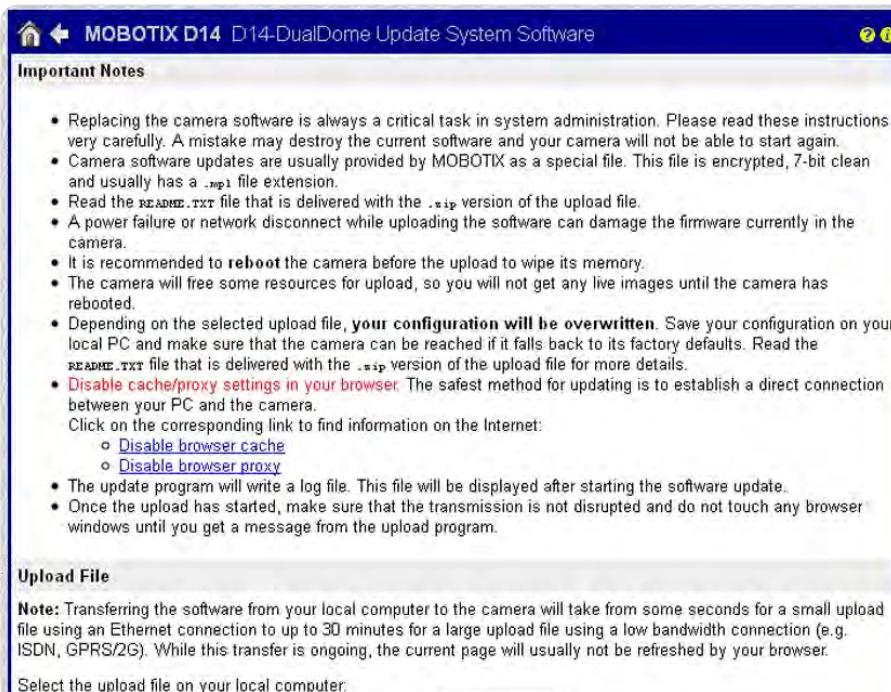
- Click "Set" and then "Close."
- Open the Admin Menu again, go to the "Configuration" section and click "System Backup and Restore" and then "Start Backup."



- Complete the storage procedure by clicking "OK" in the new dialog box that opens. You have now created a backup for the current date on the camera's SD card. The Admin Menu section provides information on how to import this backup after entering the Super PIN.

Step 5: Updating the camera's firmware

1. Open the **Admin Menu**.
2. In the "System Update" section, click "**Update System Software**".



The screenshot shows a web-based software update interface for a MOBOTIX D14 DualDome camera. At the top, it says "MOBOTIX D14 D14-DualDome Update System Software". Below that is a section titled "Important Notes" containing a list of instructions for updating the camera's software. The list includes:

- Replacing the camera software is always a critical task in system administration. Please read these instructions very carefully. A mistake may destroy the current software and your camera will not be able to start again.
- Camera software updates are usually provided by MOBOTIX as a special file. This file is encrypted, 7-bit clean and usually has a `.mpl` file extension.
- Read the `README.TXT` file that is delivered with the `.zip` version of the upload file.
- A power failure or network disconnect while uploading the software can damage the firmware currently in the camera.
- It is recommended to **reboot** the camera before the upload to wipe its memory.
- The camera will free some resources for upload, so you will not get any live images until the camera has rebooted.
- Depending on the selected upload file, **your configuration will be overwritten**. Save your configuration on your local PC and make sure that the camera can be reached if it falls back to its factory defaults. Read the `README.TXT` file that is delivered with the `.zip` version of the upload file for more details.
- **Disable cache/proxy settings in your browser**. The safest method for updating is to establish a direct connection between your PC and the camera.

 Click on the corresponding link to find information on the Internet:

- [Disable browser cache](#)
- [Disable browser proxy](#)

 • The update program will write a log file. This file will be displayed after starting the software update.
 • Once the upload has started, make sure that the transmission is not disrupted and do not touch any browser windows until you get a message from the upload program.

Below the notes is a section titled "Upload File" with a note about transfer times and a file selection input field:

Note: Transferring the software from your local computer to the camera will take from some seconds for a small upload file using an Ethernet connection to up to 30 minutes for a large upload file using a low bandwidth connection (e.g. ISDN, GPRS/2G). While this transfer is ongoing, the current page will usually not be refreshed by your browser.

Select the upload file on your local computer:

3. Click "**Browse**" and then open the `*.mpl` file downloaded in step 1.
4. Click "**Start Software Update**". A new screen displays the progress of the loading procedure.
5. On this screen, click "**Reboot**" and then click "**Reboot now**". You are returned to the main page with the live image. The camera's firmware has been successfully updated.

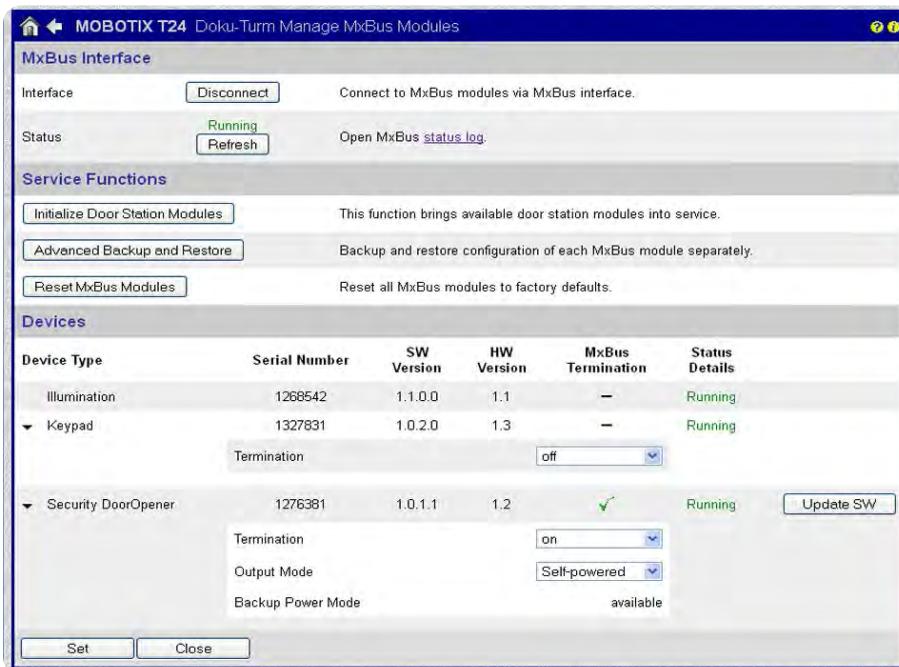
If there are additional firmware updates for any connected MxBus modules, you will receive a corresponding text message directly in the camera's live image ("MxBus Module: Software Update is available"). Now, continue with step 6.

If no message is shown, the newly imported firmware release does not contain any updates for your MxBus modules. The process for updating the video system (camera and MxBus modules) is now finished.

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Step 6: Updating the MxBus modules' firmware

1. Open the **Admin Menu**.
2. In the **Hardware Configuration** section, click "**Manage MxBus Modules.**"



3. The "**Devices**" section lists all MxBus modules connected to the camera. The "**Update SW**" button is enabled for each MxBus module for which a firmware update exists. If there are updates for multiple modules, you must perform the update for each module one at a time.
4. Click the "**Update SW**" button. The update process can take up to several minutes.
5. After you have updated all MxBus modules, click "**Set**" and then "**Close.**" The firmware of your video system is now fully up-to-date.

Problems Updating the Firmware?

If technical problems occur while updating the firmware (lost connection, power failure, etc.), MOBOTIX recommends to reset the system to factory defaults before starting the next attempt to update the firmware. The next section contains a detailed description on how to do this.

RESETTING TO FACTORY DEFAULTS

Note that the process of resetting the system is independent of performing a firmware update as described above.

Resetting Video System And MxBus Modules Via A Web Browser

You must reset the camera and all connected add-on modules to the factory defaults before you can perform a new system startup.

MxBus modules you want to disconnect from a camera in order to use them with another camera must be reset to the factory settings before removal.

We recommend resetting all components of a IP Video Door Station, for example, if it changes into the hands of a new owner, if the door camera is replaced or when adding an access module (KeypadRFID/BellRFID). If you are unsure about how to proceed, please get in touch with your MOBOTIX dealer before changing the hardware of your video system.

When resetting a video system with MxBus add-on modules, it is imperative to adhere to the order explained in this manual, that is, first the MxBus modules and then the camera. If you reset the camera before the MxBus modules, the camera will no longer be able to access the MxBus modules, requiring you to perform a hardware reset.

Proceed as follows:

1. Open the **camera's firmware user interface in the web browser** (as described above).
2. Open the **Admin Menu**.
3. In the "**Hardware Configuration**" section, click "**Manage MxBus Modules**" to reset them.
4. In the "**Service Functions**" section, click "**Reset MxBus Modules**" and then click "**OK**".



5. In the "**MxBus Interface**" section, click "**Refresh**". The MxBus modules' status should have changed from "**Running**" to "**Addressable**" (exception: info module or illumination remains "Running").
6. Click "**Set**" and then "**Close**". The MxBus modules are now set to the factory settings and can be recommissioned (optionally also with a different camera).
7. Open the **Admin Menu** and go to the "**Configuration**" section. Click "**Reset**" to reset the camera to the factory settings.
8. In the option field, you must first select the "**Completely replace the current configuration**" option. Next, click "**Reset**" and confirm the subsequent dialog boxes.
9. After restarting the system, the camera is set to the factory defaults and can be recommissioned. The access data is "**admin**" (user) and "**meinsm**" (password); for security reasons, we strongly recommend changing them after the next startup.

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Resetting The Grandstream IP Video Phone To The Factory Defaults

In the case of a Door Station, before performing a new auto configuration (after interrupting the power supply for a short time), you must first reset the Grandstream video phones to the factory settings. To do so, navigate to the path shown below in the device menu (called up via the phone display):

- **Menu > Settings > Maintenance > Upgrade > Full Reset > Reset**



Deleting All Camera Recordings (Formatting The SD Memory Card)

For example, when selling a camera or Door Station, it is in your best interest to ensure that the system contains no recorded information (images, videos, voice mailbox). You should therefore reformat the flash memory, for example, the SD memory card inserted into the camera.

This can also be done via the firmware user interface of the camera. Open the **Admin Menu**, go to the “**Storage**” section, and click “**Storage on External File Server / Flash Device.**” Then follow the instructions provided in the dialog box.

Resetting MxBus Modules Via Hardware Reset

Once an MxBus module has been in operation, it must be reset to the factory settings before it can be used with another camera (exception: Info Module of a IP Video Door Station). If an MxBus module is disconnected without previously resetting it as described above (MxBus status LED flashes red after connection, indicating an invalid MxBus encryption), a hardware reset must be performed for the MxBus module to restore the factory settings. This can only be done if the module is correctly connected to the camera and a power supply.

Proceed as follows:

1. **Remove the cap or housing of the MxBus module** to gain access to the circuit board located in the device.
2. **Bridge the contact surfaces, for example, with a screwdriver, to perform the factory reset.** The contact surfaces are positioned differently depending on the device in question (see figures).
3. Keep the surfaces bridged until **both LEDs of the module flash green at regular intervals**, indicating that the process is complete.
4. **Put on the cap or housing again** and connect the MxBus module to the camera.

Fig. KeypadRFID**Fig. DoorMaster****Fig. GPS-Box and 232-IO-Box**