

Physical Security Provider Scorecard



Introduction

Rhombus has developed a comprehensive vendor scorecard tailored to evaluate physical security systems. In today's landscape of modern physical security, where ease of use and accessibility are paramount, we've created a comprehensive vendor scorecard tailored to aid in evaluating these systems to ensure they meet and exceed the unique requirements of your campus, facility, or business.

Gone are the days of relying on subjective judgments. Our scorecard introduces objective metrics, allowing you to quantify essential aspects such as system usability, remote access capabilities, and seamless footage management. By meticulously evaluating each vendor against these criteria, you can make a well-informed decision supported by tangible data.

Based on insights gathered from Rhombus customers, we've pinpointed the critical questions that significantly impact overall satisfaction with a physical security vendor. From initial considerations to post-implementation assessments, our scorecard encapsulates the key factors that drive excellence in security solutions. With a straightforward "check" if the vendor meets requirements, you can confidently navigate the vendor selection process, ensuring optimal outcomes for your security needs.



SECTION 1 Identifying Your Pain Points

Before diving into the evaluation process, it's crucial to identify the specific pain points and challenges you're facing in terms of physical security. A clear understanding of these needs and priorities ensures that the vendor scorecard effectively addressed your unique requirements

Take a moment to write down your biggest pain points in the space provided below. Keeping these items top of mind will guide you through the assessment and help you prioritize features and functionalities that are most critical to your organization's security needs.

Feel free to elaborate on each pain point to provide context for the evaluation process. Once you've identified and documented these, you're ready to proceed with using the Rhombus Vendor Scorecard to assess potential physical security vendors.

Pain Points:

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SECTION 2 Checklist Evaluation

In this section, you will assess each potential vendor's capabilities based on a checklist of essential criteria.

Ensure that you carefully review each criterion and consider its relevance to your organization's specific needs and pain points, as highlighted in Section 1. As you go through the checklist, keep in mind the overarching goal of finding a vendor who can effectively address your security challenges and deliver the solutions you require.

At the end of the checklist, tally up the total number of checks for each vendor. This quantitative assessment will provide you with valuable insights into each vendor's suitability for your organization's needs. Keep in mind that finding a vendor who will effectively address your security challenges and deliver the solutions you require is the end goal of this scorecard.

Key Features

Unified Dashboard

Experience a seamlessly integrated control panel accessible both on-site and remotely via your smartphone, web browser, Apple TV, or equivalent devices.

FEATURES	🔷 rhombus	VENDOR 2	VENDOR 3	NOTES
Easy Automated Alerts				
• Easily create & monitor automated alerts from key events.				
 Ensure stakeholders receive alerts via email or mobile. 				
Sharing video Instantly				
 Send clips via email or text from the dashboard in seconds. 				
• Share live feeds from the cameras on demand as needed.				
Al Analytics search footage instantly				
• Quickly find and view footage by face, license plate, color, or unusual behavior.				

FEATURES	rhombus	VENDOR 2	VENDOR 3	NOTES
Plug and Play				
 All connected cameras and sensors should connect to vendor software upon power-up. 				
Expansion				
 Adding cameras, sensors, or access control should be seamless and unlimited in scale. 				
Support				
 US based and experts on the system 				
• Support reachable 24/7				
 Unlimited technical support 				
• Reachable by both phone & email				
• Response time under 20min				



Cameras

The cornerstone of any robust physical security setup begins with cutting-edge cameras, where your chosen vendor should excel. Effortless installation and user-friendly operation, coupled with crisp, high-definition video quality, are paramount for safeguarding every facility.

FEATURES	rhombus	VENDOR 2	VENDOR 3	NOTES
Optics Cameras should be at a minimum 1080p quality and higher. This helps ensure quality captures across your installation. 				
Latency • Instant high-quality video feeds For example, Rhombus achieves latency of 200-500ms in our latest test, whereas many brands average 2-4 seconds.				
 Warranty A 10-year warranty should be expected by consumers in the physical security space. A longer warranty ensures a commitment on camera reliability from the vendor to each client. 				
• Easy, no-hassle, replacement for warranted items.				
 Bandwidth A high-quality video + audio feed should come in between 530Kbps - 1440Kbps per camera. Any less and the quality may be too low, and more and the vendor may have some optimizations to work on. 				
 NDAA Compliance Ensures the camera chipset is designed and manufactured by companies that are compliant with US law. 				

FEATURES	rhombus	VENDOR 2	VENDOR 3	NOTES
 HIPPA Compliance Cameras meet requirements as outlined by the HIPPA Act. 				
 Dust/Shock Protection Weather Resistance IP66 and greater Impact Resistance IK10 and greater 				
 Encryption Data is encrypted end-to-end 256 AES Mutually authenticated client and serverside certificate verification. Automated Firmware Updates 				



Ecosystem

At the core of Physical Security lies an interconnected ecosystem that encompasses more than just cameras; it safeguards both human and physical assets across various dimensions. Leading modern security vendors provide all-encompassing solutions that offer unparalleled ease-of-use and scalability. They seamlessly integrate into the platform and are effortlessly managed from a unified dashboard. Holistic physical security offer a suite of IoT sensors, communication tools, and live alarm monitoring services. These complementary services take your security to the next level and ensure comprehensive protection beyond just video surveillance.

FEATURES	🔷 rhombus	VENDOR 2	VENDOR 3	NOTES
Live Alarm Monitoring				
US-Based security center				
 Able to activate local responders to incidents. 				
Five-Diamond Certified				
Virtual Door Guards with Access Control				
Real-time door access credential updates				
 Seamless connection to Microsoft Active Directory. 				
 Two-way intercom with touchless unlock 				
 Door Readers compatible with common RFID standards. 				
• Can connect to CRMs via API				
Sensors				
Sirens + Intercoms				
Automated alerts				
• Loud 80dB or higher				
 Two-way communication 				

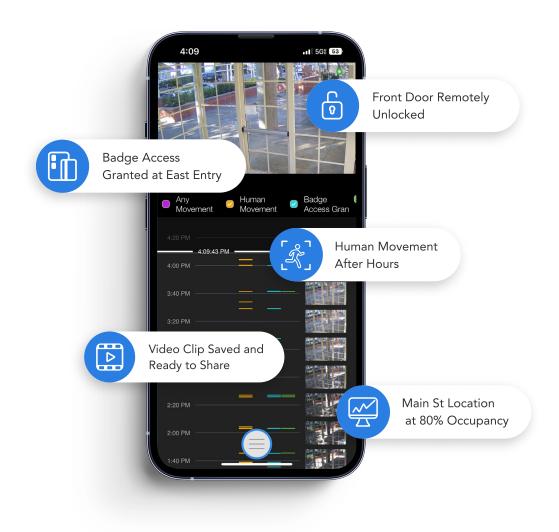
FEATURES	rhombus	VENDOR 2	VENDOR 3	NOTES
Panic Buttons				
• Easy to program with a correlated action				
• 5 Year battery life				
Motion Sensors				
 Automated alerts 				
• 200 SqFt of coverage per sensor				
Environmental Sensors				
 Automated alerts 				
• Temperature				
• Vape/Tobacco				
Humidity levels				
Door Sensors				
 Automated alerts 				



Customization

In the event that you have pre-existing business-critical systems, it's imperative that your chosen vendor provides robust API documentation and support to facilitate seamless integration. This ensures that your systems can work together effortlessly, maximizing operational efficiency and maintaining business continuity.

FEATURES	🔷 rhombus	VENDOR 2	VENDOR 3	NOTES
Open APIDocumented and open with support from the vendor.				
 Integrations Library of pre-built integrations for a large number of commercial and enterprise SaaS products. 				



Customer Experience

Physical Security Assessment

Collaborating with the vendor team demands a personalized approach, recognizing and addressing your distinct security requirements with precision. It's important to anticipate that each member of the vendor's team is a seasoned expert in the realm of physical security, equipped with comprehensive knowledge of their product suite. This ensures that every aspect of your security framework is meticulously assessed and tailored to your specific needs, guaranteeing optimal protection and peace of mind.

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 Assessed your exposure and liability as it relates to your facility's physical security. 				
 Understood the impact of security on your business operations. 				
• Showcased deep understanding of the business environment and operations to recommend the best physical security solution.				

Demo

Engaging in a demonstration provides the most effective means to evaluate both the vendor and their team. Utilize your expertise alongside the scorecard to craft insightful questions that guide the discussion, ensuring that you acquire valuable insights into the vendor's capabilities and the expertise of their team members.

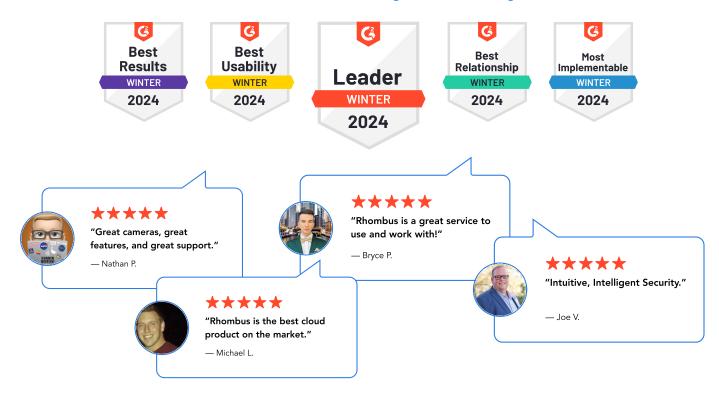
CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE	rhombus	VENDOR 2	VENDOR 3	NOTES
 Featured a practical overview of the physical security dashboard and features. 				
 Accommodated deeper dives into features at your request. 				

Free Trial

Confident physical security vendors stand behind their products by offering a complimentary trial period. Taking advantage of this opportunity is prudent, allowing you to validate that the vendor not only meets but exceeds your expectations.

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE	rhombus	VENDOR 2	VENDOR 3	NOTES
• Ability to try vendors for yourself				
• Arrived in a timely manner				
• De-risks your technical evaluation				
 Technical support help you set up and go live. 				
 The trial met and exceeded your expectations. 				

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SECTION 3 Evaluation and Decision Making

Now that you have completed the checklist evaluation for each vendor, it's time to analyze the results and make an informed decision.



Sum the Checks

Total the number of checks for each vendor. This quantitative assessment will provide a clear indication of how well each vendor aligns with your organization's needs and priorities.

A Collaborate with Your Team

Engage with your team members to discuss the checklist results and share perspectives. Collaborative decisionmaking ensures that all stakeholders' concerns and preferences are taken into account.



Review any additional notes or comments you may have made during the checklist evaluation process. These insights can provide valuable context and may influence your decision-making.



🙊 Select the Best Vendor

Based on the checklist results, additional notes, and team discussions, choose the physical security vendor that best meets the needs of your organization. Selecting the right vendor is crucial for ensuring the effectiveness and reliability of your security system.

We are confident that you will find Rhombus to be a superior choice, as we strive to meet and exceed your expectations with our powerful yet easy-to-use, fully-featured physical security solution.

Once you have selected the vendor, proceed with the necessary steps to finalize the purchase and implementation process. Should you have any further questions or require assistance, our team is here to support you every step of the way.

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