License Plate Recognition for Law Enforcement
Advancements in license plate recognition (LPR) technology have enabled police agencies worldwide to apprehend more wanted suspects and recover more stolen vehicles, all while improving the safety of those on duty. Choosing the right LPR system, though, is vital to ensure a reliable solution to detect suspected vehicles and potential threats.

AutoVu System Overview

Genetec AutoVu provides officers the most accurate and reliable LPR system in the industry, ensuring that thousands of plates can be read effortlessly during each shift. Available as both fixed and mobile camera systems, AutoVu has been engineered, tested, and proven to meet the demands of law enforcement applications.

Hardware

The AutoVu Sharp family of IP-based LPR devices leads the industry in license plate read rates, ensuring an effective solution for police operations. The Sharp and SharpX are designed to provide the most accurate plate reads every shift, more plate reads in bad weather, or at poor angles, and even at high speeds. From vehicle mounted systems to fixed perimeter installations, AutoVu enables organizations to automate license plate identification, and share critical data amongst officers.

AutoVu Patroller

On-board navigation and monitoring interface. LPR information can be sent to Security Center in real-time through live transmission.

Security Center is Genetec’s unified security platform that provides real-time monitoring of AutoVu events, alarm management, as well as advanced data-mining and reporting capabilities. As license plate reads and hits are gathered from patrolling units in the field and from fixed AutoVu Sharp units, information is relayed to Security Center operators. In the case of fixed applications, not only can operators monitor the incoming reads from LPR cameras, but can also view live video that is captured from the Sharp camera.
5 Reasons For Choosing AutoVu

**Highest Accuracy Rate in the Industry**
Backed by over 15 years’ experience in LPR technology development, and the highest plate capture and recognition rates in the industry, police agencies trust AutoVu to identify all license plates within the camera’s field of view. By combining state-of-the-art IP-based LPR cameras and advanced software features, AutoVu ensures highly-accurate verification analysis to provide officers with the best possible match of every license plate and to maximize wanted-vehicle identification within databases of vehicles of interest.

**Ease of Use**
AutoVu is designed to automate and simplify the verification of license plates against multiple hotlists, increasing the safety of officers on patrol with a non-intrusive application that allows them to focus on other critical tasks, while alerting them, and the backoffice, when threats are detected. To ensure that operators feel at ease with this LPR system, AutoVu provides a user-friendly interface and features, including touch-enabled functions, graphical maps, associated image and time captures on every read.

**Purpose-Built, Real-Time Surveillance**
With LPR cameras engineered to meet the demands of fixed and mobile law enforcement operations, and an advanced feature set to support officers on duty, the AutoVu system is an ideal choice for police agencies requiring a field-proven LPR solution. Because AutoVu is IP-based, users get real-time surveillance and identification of plates, while officers can also monitor the live update of LPR information using the Security Center client.

**Deploy as a Standalone or Think Bigger**
AutoVu can easily be deployed as either a standalone system, or incorporated within a greater security and surveillance environment. Unification with video surveillance and access control systems is made easy within the Security Center platform and its video and access control modules, Omnicast, and Synergis. Through this single application, cities and police agencies can manage and monitor their LPR and video surveillance feeds, generate consolidated reports and centralize their alarm management.

**Advanced Reporting and Data Mining Capabilities**
When reviewing plate reads or when receiving new wanted vehicle identifications, officers can easily search for full or partial license plates from their vehicle. Operators can rapidly review each hit corresponding to searches, as well as any associated data, including geographic coordinates.

With Security Center, users can generate a myriad of LPR-related reports that are highly intuitive and provide operators with a great deal of flexibility, allowing them to filter results based on date, time, patrolling unit, hotlist or area, and much more. Daily usage statistics and logon reports can also be queried to retrieve hit and read statistics, route playback data, and inventory information. Through the use of graphical displays, data is visualized and easily understood, as it is overlaid atop of maps pinpointing each read, hit, and vehicle coordinates.

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**AutoVu System Diagram**

- **PATROLLER**
  - Offload LPR data
  - USB Key
  - Direct transfer of LPR data (3G or Wi-Fi)

- **FIXED SHARPS**
  - Direct transfer of LPR data

- **SECURITY CENTER**
  - Configure
  - Control
  - Update
  - Security Center (LPR Manager Role)
  - Security Center Client

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AutoVu License Plate Recognition
Key Features

**Fuzzy Matching** – Due to environmental factors, such as dirt or snow accumulation on license plates, errors sometime occur in a read. The fuzzy matching feature enhances verification within AutoVu to ensure that even if a read is imperfect, operators are still getting the best possible matches of every license plate to the database of vehicles of interest. Fuzzy matching analyzes incomplete license plate reads, containing one or more errors, against a hotlist and alerts the officer in case of any potential matches.

**In-Vehicle Mapping** – AutoVu is equipped with intuitive graphical features, including in-vehicle mapping, to help ensure accuracy and ensure operators can remain effective while on duty. Accessible from within the vehicle or the backoffice, map displays provide operators an easier method to not only visualize the location of a read but also generates a specific location such as a street address.

**Wildcard Hotlists** – When only partial license plate numbers are available to identify a suspect vehicle, officers can create a wildcard hotlist database in order to rapidly identify potential hits. Notifications of hotlist hits can be identified with different sounds, colors, and priority assignments than those of definite matches.

**Covert Hotlists** – Covert hotlists are available to ensure the discretion of an on-going investigation or special operation. When a hit is identified, only the authorized officer at the Security Center station will be notified, while the in-vehicle patroller will not be alerted. This enables enforcement officials to assign multiple objectives to the vehicle and backend systems, while not interrupting the priorities of officers on duty.

**Automatic Events and Alarms** – Officers can receive automated alarms and events from the AutoVu system when a black-listed, wanted, or stolen vehicle is detected. This allows officials to prioritize and respond to the events deemed most urgent.

**Live Data Transmission** – The AutoVu system ensures officers are kept up-to-date with the latest information through the live update of LPR reads and hits. Using the Security Center client, officers can remotely monitor one or more Patroller units, fixed Sharp cameras, or specific hotlists in real-time.

**Third-Party System Integration** – Through its advanced SDK, AutoVu can integrate with other software applications to fit within existing workflows and operational processes.

Put AutoVu to the test with the new Pilot to Purchase Program!

You can now get hands-on experience with the market’s leading LPR technology at no cost. Through Genetec’s new pilot program, law enforcement agencies can now receive a free trial of AutoVu to test on their vehicle.

For more details, and to participate in the Pilot to Purchase Program, contact us at sales@genetec.com

What’s Included

- A multi-camera LPR system with in-vehicle and back-office software for 60 days*
- Full installation of software, vehicle equipment, and operator training
- Technical and field support for 60 days

* Customers must supply their own in-vehicle computer and back-end server.

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