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Netgear's Arlo security unit presents an update of the Pro camera-- the Pro 2 brings improvements such as 1080p video capture (up from the previous 720p), means to set up alert zones and Amazon Alexa support.

The alert zone feature allows one to set different alert parameters through the companion app, such as whenever someone is walking on the lawn but not on the pavement. It comes in conjunction to an optional subscription plan extending the cloud-based storage of 24/7 recordings from an Arlo camera for between 14 to 60 days.

Without the subscription, customers can store up to 7 days of recordings-- as triggered by sound or motion-- on the Netgear cloud. A "look back" feature allows one to vew activity 3 seconds before motion is detected for a more complete picture of events.

Being a wireless camera, the Pro 2 runs either on a battery or connected to mains power. An optional solar panel accessory allows the charging of batteries through sunlight, and the base station includes a 100-plus decibel siren and local backup via USB. As for the actual camera, it features a 130-degree field of view, night vision and 2-way communications via built-in speaker and microphone.

A final new addition is Alexa support-- users can integrate the camera with the Amazon control system to view live feeds or recorded video on the Echo Shor or Fire TV. One can also ask Alexa to "show the front door" to view the live feed. The camera also supports other home automation platforms, including Samsung SmartThings and IFTTT.

The Arlo Pro 2 is available now.

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