



Guideline

MOBOTIX FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME

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Before You Start

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Support

If you need technical support, please contact your MOBOTIX dealer. If your dealer cannot help you, he will contact the support channel to get an answer for you as quickly as possible.

If you have internet access, you can open the MOBOTIX help desk to find additional information and software updates. Please visit:

www.mobotix.com > **Support** > **Help Desk**



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About FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME

Certified App for License Plate Recognition - Region Middle East

The app's artificial intelligence-based algorithms, which have been successfully tested in numerous middle eastern markets, allow the reliable recognition of single and two-line license plates of vehicles in the supported regions of origin (Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman). Typical application areas for the app are: Parking management, access control and regulation, traffic monitoring.

- App delivers events via MxMessageSystem in real-time
- Integrated recognition protocol (last 1000 recognized license plates)
- Detection with 95% accuracy (depending on environmental conditions)
- Camera can be online or offline
- Configuration of the application also via MxManagementCenter (free Advanced Config license required)
- Can be used with all cameras of the MOBOTIX 7 system platform

CAUTION! Thermal sensors are not supported by this app.

Smart Data Interface to MxManagementCenter

This app has a Smart Data interface to MxManagementCenter.

With the MOBOTIX Smart Data System, transaction data can be linked to the video recordings made at the time of the transactions. Smart Data source can be e.g. MOBOTIX Certified Apps (no license required) or general Smart Data sources (license required) like POS systems or license plate recognition systems.

The Smart Data System in MxManagementCenter enables you to quickly find and review any suspicious activities. The Smart Data Bar and the Smart Data View are available for searching and analyzing transactions. The Smart Data Bar provides a direct overview of the most recent transactions (from the last 24 hours) and for this reason it is convenient to use it for reviews and searches.

NOTE! For information on how to use the Smart Data System, see the corresponding online help of the camera software and MxManagementCenter.

Playback - Eisdiele

Search

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Bon #465
Bediener #2 / 30
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Limonade 0,5 4,00 €
Tafelwasser ... 3,00 €
Spezi 0,5 4,00 €
Bar 19,00 €
Gesamtbetrag 19,00 €
Rechnung #392
Bediener #2 / 30
Tisch #39 geoeffnet
2x Zwiebels... 11,00 €
2x Tomatens... 11,00 €
Cola 0,5 4,00 €
Limonade 0,5 4,00 €
Tafelwasser ... 3,00 €
Tisch #39 geschlos...
Bon #467
Bediener #2 / 30
Tisch #39 geoeffnet
Bar 50,00 €
Rueckgeld 17,00 €
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Rechnung #393
Bediener #2
Tisch #8 geoeffnet
Bar 13,60 €
Gesamtbetrag 13,60 €
Rechnung #394
Bediener #2

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Fig. 1: : Smart Data Bar in MxManagementCenter (Example: POS System)

Technical Specifications

Product Information

Product Name	FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME
Order Code	Mx-APP-FF-LPR-ME
Supported MOBOTIX Cameras	Mx-M73A, Mx-S74A
Minimum Camera Firmware	v7.3.0.x
MxManagementCenter Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">min. MxMC v2.5.3Configuration: Advanced Config license requiredEvent Search: Smart Data Interface license included

Product Features

App Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recognition of one- and two-line license platessimultaneous recognition on one or more image sensorsRecognition of latin charactersConsolidated event search via MxManagementCenter Smart Data InterfaceMOBOTIX events via MxMessageSystemMultiple license plate lists for individual actions (e.g. access granted, alarm, etc.)
Maximum number of lanes	3
Maximum number of enrolled license plates	1000
Meta Data / Statistic formats	JSON
Trial License	30-day trial license pre-installed
MxMessageSystem supported	Yes
Integration interfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3rd party integration via HTTP(S) Post and TCP messagesUMTC protocolcompare supported camera interfaces

MOBOTIX Events	Yes
ONVIF Events	Yes (Generic message event)

Supported Regions

Supported license plates / countries	Saudi Arabia, United Arabic Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman
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Scene Requirements

License Plate Width	min. 130px max. 300px
Maximum Vertical Angle	30°
Maximum Horizontal Angle	30°
Maximum Tilt Angle	5°

Technical App Specifications

Synchronous / Asynchronous App	synchronous
Simultaneous execution of other apps	Yes (considering performance requirements)
Accuracy	min. 95% (considering scene requirements)
Processed framerate	typ. 10 fps
Detection time	typ. 80ms (one lane) typ. 120ms (two lanes)

Licensing Certified Apps

The following licenses are available for the FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME:

- **30-day test license** pre-installed
- **permanent commercial license**

The usage period begins with activation of the app interface (see)

NOTE! For buying or renewing a license, contact your MOBOTIX Partner.

NOTE! Apps are usually pre-installed with the firmware. In rare cases, apps must be downloaded from the website and installed. In this case see www.mobotix.com > **Support** > **Download Center** > **Marketing & Documentation**, download and install the app.

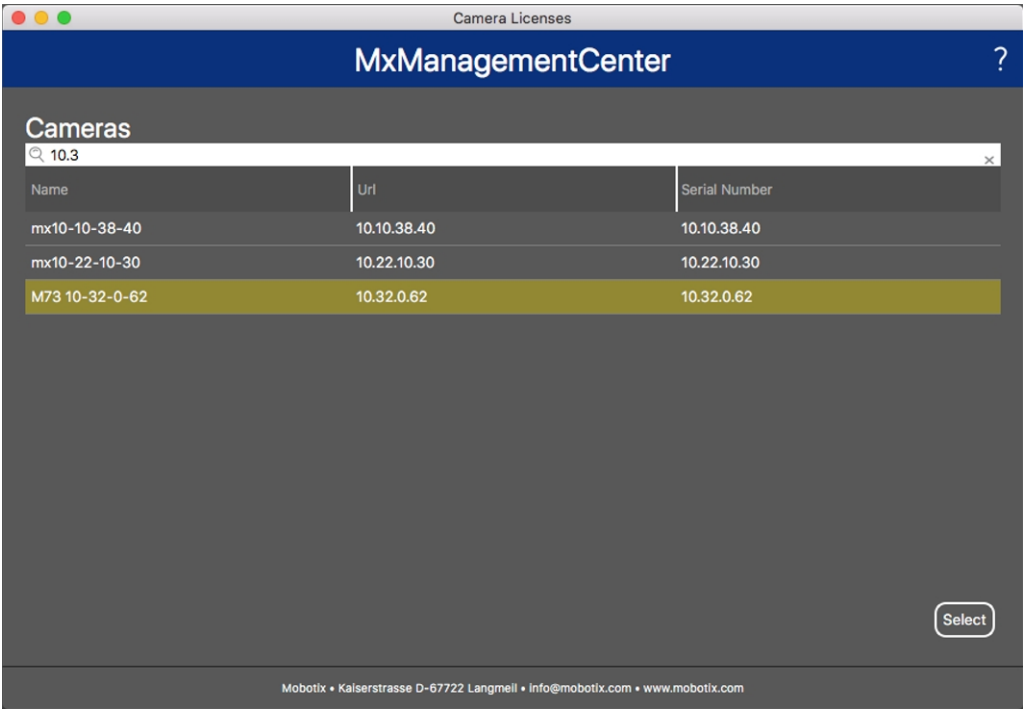
License Activation of Certified Apps in MxManagementCenter

After a test period commercial licenses must be activated for use with a valid license key.

Online-Activation

After receiving the activation IDs, activate them in MxMC as follows:

1. Select from the menu **Window > Camera App Licenses**.
2. Select the camera on which you want to license apps and click **Select**.



The screenshot shows the 'Camera Licenses' window in MxManagementCenter. It features a search bar with '10.3' entered. Below the search bar is a table with three columns: Name, Url, and Serial Number. The table lists three camera licenses, with the third one, 'M73 10-32-0-62', highlighted in yellow. A 'Select' button is located at the bottom right of the table area. The footer contains contact information for Mobotix.

Name	Url	Serial Number
mx10-10-38-40	10.10.38.40	10.10.38.40
mx10-22-10-30	10.22.10.30	10.22.10.30
M73 10-32-0-62	10.32.0.62	10.32.0.62

Fig. 2: Overview of Camera App Licenses in MxManagementCenter

NOTE! If necessary, correct the time set on the camera.

1. An overview of the licenses installed on the camera may be displayed. Click **Activate License**.





The screenshot shows the 'Camera License Status' for camera 'mx10-251-1-235'. It displays a table with columns for Name, Expiration, and Quantity. The table lists various IoT plugins, all with 'Permanent' expiration and 'Unlimited' quantity. A warning message at the bottom states 'Camera time is incorrect. Please reset your camera time before activating Licenses'. An 'Activate License' button is at the bottom right. The footer contains contact information for Mobotix.

Name	Expiration	Quantity
MxWheelDetector	Permanent	Unlimited
iot_plugin_a	Permanent	Unlimited
iot_plugin_b	Permanent	Unlimited
iot_plugin_c	Permanent	Unlimited
iot_plugin_d	Permanent	Unlimited
iot_plugin_e	Permanent	Unlimited
iot_plugin_f	Permanent	Unlimited
iot_plugin_g	Permanent	Unlimited
iot_plugin_h	Permanent	Unlimited
iot_plugin_i	Permanent	Unlimited

Fig. 3: Overview of the licenses installed on the camera

NOTE! If necessary, correct the time set on the camera.

2. Enter a valid Activation ID and specify the number of licenses to install on this computer.
3. If you want to license another product, click on . In the new row, enter the appropriate Activation ID and the number of licenses you want.
4. To remove a line click .

- When you have entered all Activation IDs, click **Activate License Online**. During activation, **MxMC** connects to the license server. This requires an Internet connection.

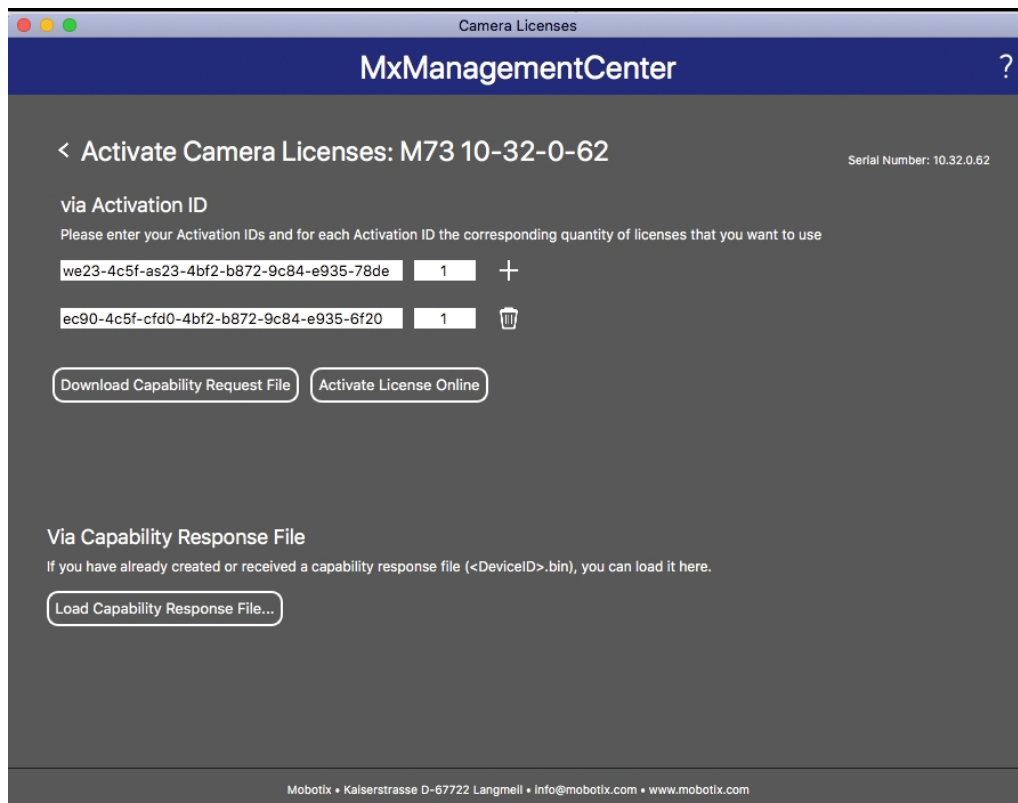


Fig. 4: Adding licenses

Successful activation

After successful activation, a new log in is required to apply the changes. Alternatively, you can return to license management.

Failed activation (missing internet connection)

If the license server cannot be reached, e.g. due to a missing internet connection, apps can also be activated offline. (see [Offline Activation](#), p. 12).

Offline Activation

For offline activation, the partner/installer from whom you purchased the licenses can generate a capability response (.bin file) on the license server to activate their licenses.

- Select from the menu **Window > Camera App Licenses**.
- Select the camera on which you want to license apps and click **Select**.

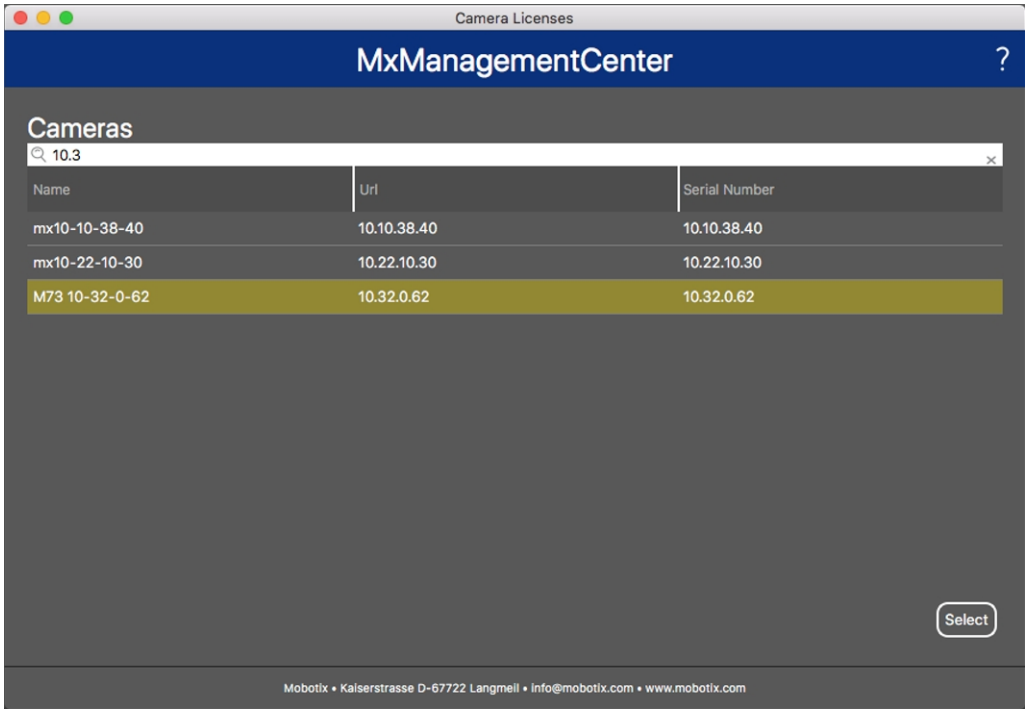


Fig. 5: Overview of Camera App Licenses in MxManagementCenter

NOTE! If necessary, correct the time set on the camera.

3. An overview of the licenses installed on the camera may be displayed. Click **Activate License**.

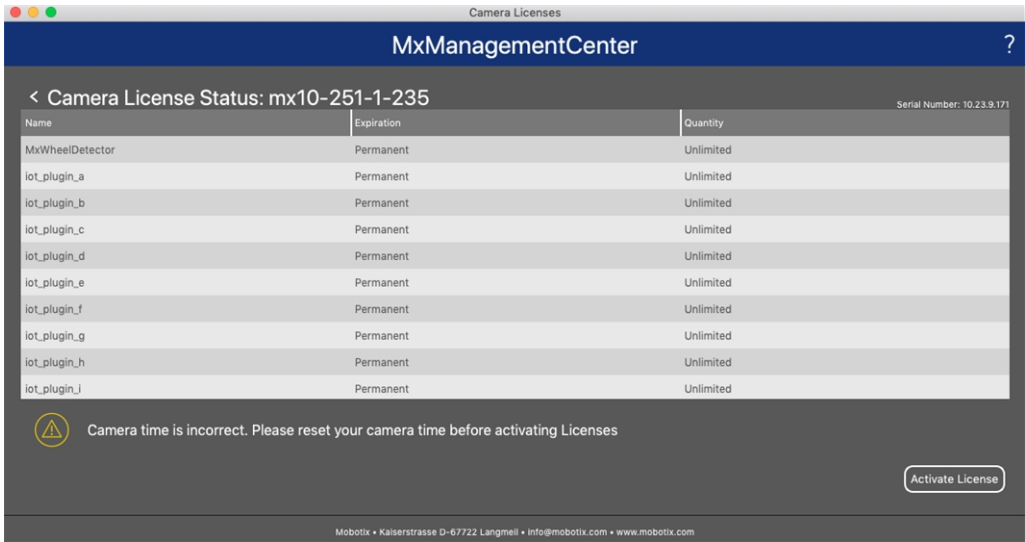


Fig. 6: Overview of the licenses installed on the camera

NOTE! If necessary, correct the time set on the camera.

4. Enter a valid Activation ID and specify the number of licenses to install on this computer.
5. If you want to license another product, click on . In the new row, enter the appropriate **Activation ID** and the number of licenses you want.

6. If necessary, click  to remove a line.
7. When you have entered all Activation IDs, click **Download Capability Request File (.lic)**, and send it to your partner/installer.

NOTE! This file allows the partner / installer from whom you purchased the licenses to generate a capability response file (.bin) on the license server.

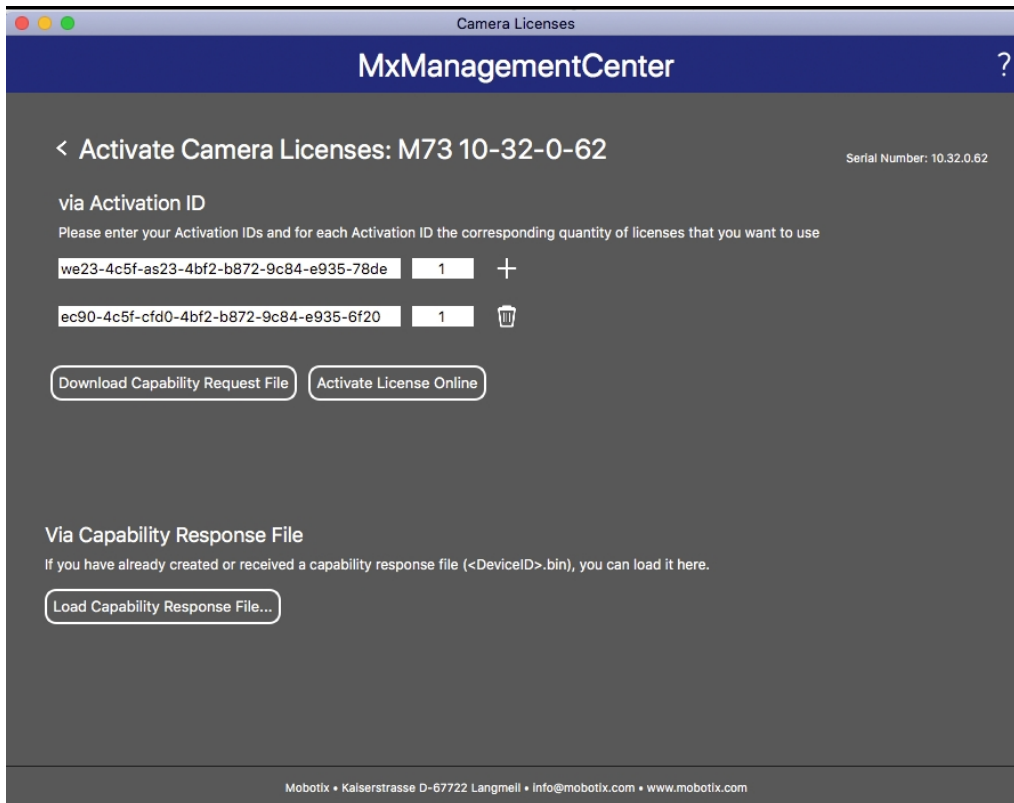


Fig. 7: Adding licenses

8. Click Load Capability Response File and follow the instructions.

Successful activation

After successful activation, a new log in is required to apply the changes. Alternatively, you can return to license management.

Managing Licenses in MxManagementCenter

In MxManagementCenter you can comfortably manage all licenses that have been activated for a camera.

1. Select from the menu **Window > Camera App Licenses**.
2. Select the camera on which you want to license apps and click **Select**.

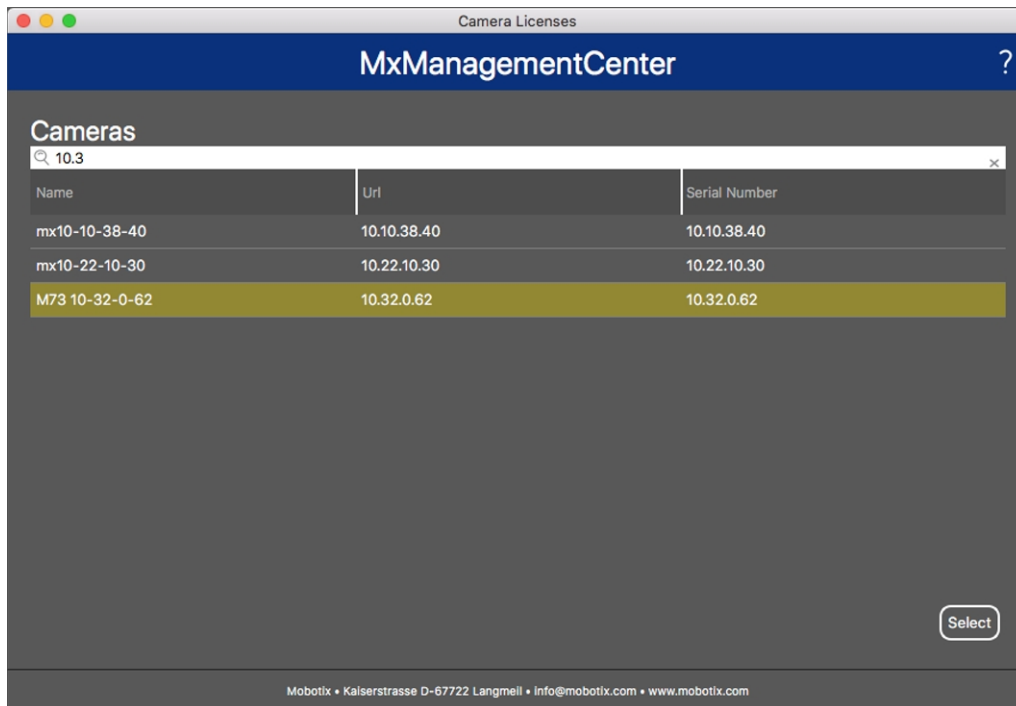


Fig. 8: Overview of Camera App Licenses in MxManagementCenter

An overview of the licenses installed on the camera may be displayed.



Fig. 9: Overview of the licenses installed on the camera

NOTE!

If necessary, correct the time set on the camera.

Column	Explanation
Name	Name of the licensed app
Expiration	the time limit of the license
Quantity	Number of licenses purchased for a product.
Serial Number	Unique identification determined by MxMC for the device used. If problems occur during licensing, please have the device ID ready.

Synchronize licenses with server

When the program starts, there is no automatic comparison of the licenses between the computer and the license server. Therefore, click **Update** to reload the licenses from the server.

Update licenses

To update temporary licenses, click **Activate Licenses**. The dialog for updating/activating licenses opens.

NOTE!

You need administrator rights to synchronize and update licenses.

Camera, image and scene requirements

In order to be able to recognize license plates in the best possible way, the following prerequisites must be fulfilled for the scene:

Quality of the license plate to be captured in the image

- The license plate must be high-contrast and clearly legible, i.e. as clean as possible, without dents or holes and well illuminated.
- The license plate should be rectangular
- License plate width
 - min. 130p
 - max. 300px
- Maximum rotation angle: 5°



- Maximum tilt angle of the license plate to the camera: 30° horizontal and vertical

Examples of clearly recognizable license plates



Fig. 10: Easily readable license plate in daylight



Fig. 11: Easily readable license plate at night with infrared LED illumination

Vertical pointing of the camera

The vertical angle to the registration plate must not exceed 30°. The minimum distance (x) from the camera as a function of its mounting height (h) is calculated by the formula:

$x = h * \sqrt{3}$

Example: calculation of the vertical alignment of the camera

h (Meter)	x (Meter)
1	1,7
1,5	2,6
2	3,4
2,5	4,3
3	5,1
3,5	6
4	6,8

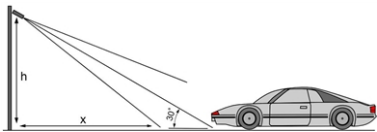


Fig. 12: Vertical pointing of the camera

Horizontal pointing of the camera

The horizontal angle to the registration plate must not exceed 30°. The minimum distance (x) from the camera as a function of its mounting height (y) is calculated by the formula:

$x = y * \sqrt{3}$

Sample calculation of the horizontal alignment of the camera

y (meter)	x (meter)
1	1,7
1,5	2,6

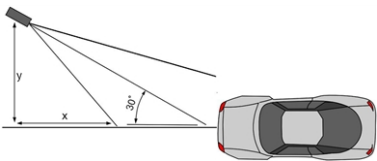


Fig. 13: Horizontal alignment of the camera

y (meter)	x (meter)
2	3,4
2,5	4,3
3	5,1
3,5	6
4	6,8

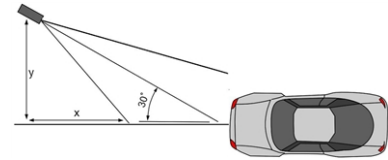


Fig. 13: Horizontal alignment of the camera

Depth of field in relation of vehicle speed and recognition time per plate

To effectively capture the vehicle camera should be set so as to provide the minimum depth of field (DOF). Depth-of-field (or length of the zone of sharpness) is the distance between the nearest and farthest objects that appear in acceptably sharp focus in a video.

The depth of field can be calculated by the formula:

$$L_{dof} = \frac{4 * T_{rec} * V_{max}}{3600}$$

Definition of the variables use in the formula

L_{dof} = depth of field in meters (m)

T_{rec} = recognition time per plate in milliseconds (ms)

V_{max} =maximum vehicle speed in kilometers per hour (km/h)

Example: calculation of typical cases

maximum vehicle speed in kilometers per hour (km/h)	recognition time per plate in milliseconds (ms)				
	100	200	300	400	500
	depth of field in meters (m)				
40	4	9	13	18	22
80	9	18	27	36	44
100	11	22	33	44	56
120	13	27	40	53	67
140	16	31	47	62	78
180	20	40	60	80	100
200	22	44	67	89	111
220	24	49	73	98	122
240	27	53	80	107	133

NOTE! The minimum sizes of the license plate on the edges of the zone of sharpness must be at least as mentioned in [Quality of the license plate to be captured in the image, p. 17](#).

NOTE! For the best possible depth of field it is strongly recommended to manually adjust the camera's aperture settings instead of using the automatic settings.

Exposure time in relation to maximum vehicle speed

The exposure time must be adjusted to get the best results in recognition of license plates. Values are calculated for a camera mounted at a horizontal angle of 30 degrees.

Example: calculation of typical cases

exposure time in seconds (s)	maximum vehicle speed in kilometers per hour (km/h)
1/100	5
1/500	40
1/1000	100
1/2000	200
1/4000	400

NOTE! The exposure time must be adjusted according to the light conditions.

Recommendations on mounting and adjusting.

- If you want to recognize license plates on multiple lanes it is generally recommended to mount the camera on a crossbar.
- Use an IR Led to recognize license plates at night or under low light conditions.
- Shutter speed must be high enough to cut the light from car's headlights at night (usually it's about 1/1000). Keep in mind, that too high shutter speed may obscure the edges of the lines (especially shadows).
- Depth of focus is a very important parameter. If you are using a camera with a CS-mount lens, use a fixed lens. Fixed lens are better for license plate recognition due to greater depth of focus. Megapixel lens is also strongly recommended.
- Respect changing light conditions (e. g. due to sunrises and sunset) when choosing the place of mounting. Direct sunlight beams can distort a picture. If the cars facing a direct sunlight consider using a lens with auto iris mode.

- If mounting a camera on a roadside pole check how the pole reacts to heavy cars or a convoy of cars. Some poles have tangible tremor, this could make license plate recognition almost impossible.
- It is recommended to turn down WDR and BLC. In most cases, they will make the picture more pretty, but at the cost of smudging details like an edges of letters in the license plate. For the same reason keep digital noise reduction as low as possible.
- On certain rare conditions there may be a cases of false detections e. g. because of recognizing image parts that structurally or semantically look similar to a license plate(e. g. fences or ads). To minimize this:
 - Adjust the region of interest accordingly. It may be a good idea to make it smaller, or change it's shape, omitting the parts, which potentially may be false detected.
 - Adjust the min and max license plate settings according to upper instructions do not leave a default 130 - 300.
 - There may be cases, when the best performance will occur by changing angle of lens or moving the camera. In some cases, shooting a front license plate is better.

Troubleshooting

Blurred license plates can not be recognized

Problem: If you need to recognize multiple license plates of cars following one another a wider depth of field might be necessary. In the example below only the license plate in the green frame can be recognized.

Solution: adjust the lens focus to archive a higher depth of field.



Fig. 14: Insufficient depth of field

Problem: License plate is blurred due to wrong focus settings or to long exposure time.

Solution: Adjust focus settings or increase shutter speed



Fig. 15: Blurred license plate due to long exposure time

License plates cannot be recognized due to over exposure

Problem: In certain situations license plates can be over exposed and therefore no more readable. Possible cause could be direct sunlight shining on the license plates or to strong IR LED light at night.

Solution: Adjust shutter speed or dim IR LED light.



Fig. 16: Over exposed license plate at daytime



Fig. 17: Over exposed license plates due to too strong IR LED light

License plates cannot be recognized due to insufficient light

Problem: In certain situations there is not enough light which results in low contrast. Therefore license plates are not readable. Possible cause could be direct sunlight shining on the license plates or too strong IR LED light at night.

Solution: Adjust the shutter speed or provide extra light.



Fig. 18: Insufficient light to recognize license plate

License plates cannot be recognized due to low resolution

Problem: It seems that the license plate is well recognizable despite good illumination and sufficient resolution.

Solution: Measure the resolution of the license plate to be captured with an image processing program. It may be necessary to adjust the horizontal resolution to the minimum required 130 px (see [Camera, image and scene requirements](#), p. 17).



Fig. 19: Insufficient light to recognize license plate

Activation of the Certified App Interface

CAUTION! The FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME does not consider obscure areas defined for the live image. Therefore there is no pixelation in obscure areas while configuring the app and during image analysis by the app.

NOTE! The user must have access to the setup menu ([http\(s\)://<Camera IP address>/control](http(s)://<Camera IP address>/control)). Therefore check the user rights of the camera.

Activation of Certified Apps and events

1. In the camera web interface, open: **Setup Menu / Certified App Settings** ([http\(s\)://<Camera IP address>/control/app_config](http(s)://<Camera IP address>/control/app_config)).

Fig. 20: Certified App: Settings

2. Under **General Settings** activate the **Arming** of the MOBOTIX app service ① .
3. Click Set ③ . The installed apps are now listed.
4. Under **App Settings** check the **Active** option of the of the relevant app.
5. Click on the name of the App ② to be configured to open the Apps user interface.
6. For configuration of the App see [Configuration of FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME](#), p. 28.

Configuration of FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME

NOTE! For best performance and results in LPR processing make sure to have scene set up to meet the [Camera, image and scene requirements, p. 17](#).

CAUTION! The user must have access to the setup menu ([http\(s\)://<Camera IP address>/control](http(s)://<Camera IP address>/control)). Therefore check the user rights of the camera.

1. In the camera web interface, open: **Setup Menu / Certified App Settings** ([http\(s\)://<Camera IP address>/control/app_config](http(s)://<Camera IP address>/control/app_config)).
2. Click on the name of the **FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME**.

The configuration window of the app appears with the following options:

Basic Settings

MOBOTIX

M73 mx10-32-6-96 FFLPRME Settings

FFLPRME

Sensor Selection Automatic Select the image sensor

Image Size 1920x1080 Defines the image size, which is used as basis for the license plate recognition. Factory default: Full HD (1920x1080)

Enable Overlays ☐ Highlight recognized license plates and enable the on-screen text overlay

Enable MxMessage ☐ Send an MxMessage for each license plate recognized. The MxMessage is required for the configuration of Message Events on the camera and for the usage of the MxMC Smart Data Interface.

Region Middle East Recognition of number plates within the selected region. For countries belonging to the region, see the app documentation.

Recognition Zones of the Right sensor ☒

Recognition Zones of the Left sensor ☒

Integration Interfaces ☒

Whitelist ☒

Blacklist ☒

Set **Factory** **Restore** **Close**

Fig. 21: Basic settings

Sensor selection: Select the sensor(s) to be used for the video stream to be analyzed by FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME.

NOTE! Automatic corresponds to the live image configured on the camera FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME.

Image Size: Select the resolution for the video stream to be analyzed by FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME).

NOTE! The resolution for LPR processing could be different from the resolution used for live stream.

Enable Overlays: Check to highlight recognized license plates and enable the on-screen text overlay in the live view.

Enable MxMessage: Check to enable sending an MxMessage for each license plate recognized. The MxMessage is required for the configuration of Message Events on the camera and for the usage of the MxMC Smart Data Interface.

Region: Select the region to be set for the LPR engine.

Recognition Zones

Recognition zones can be defined on up to two sensors. Per sensor up to three recognition areas can be defined. Each recognition zone is evaluated by the LPR engine independently of the others. Accordingly, each zone is assigned an individual ID (zone number).

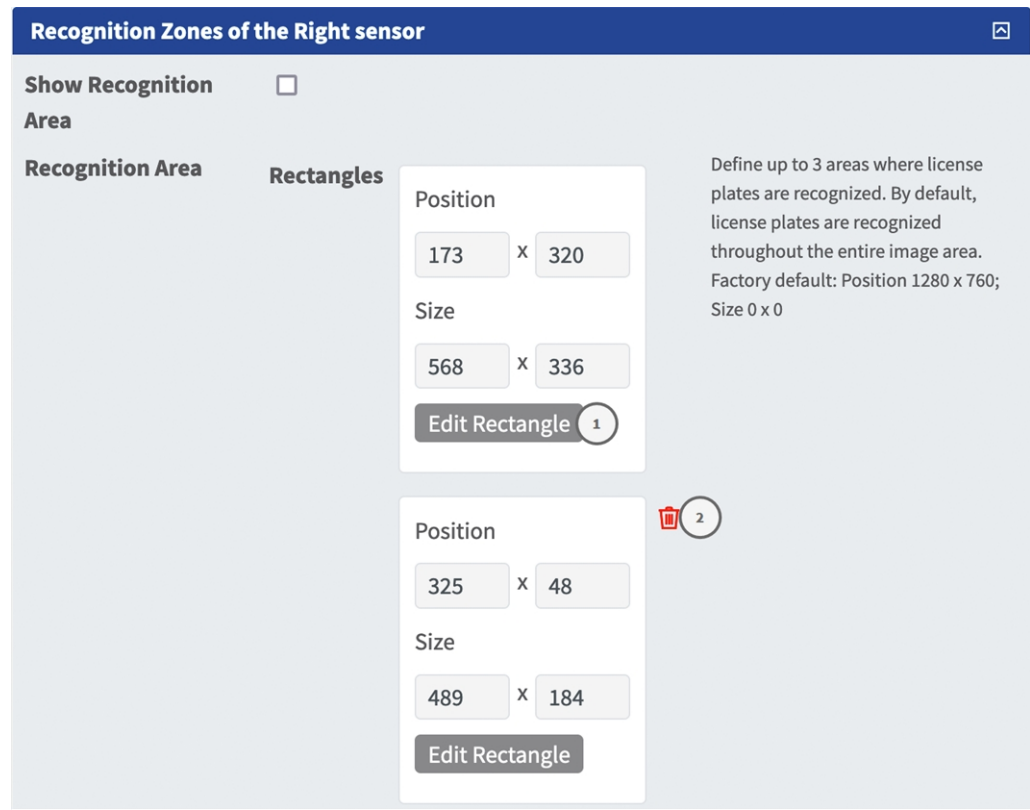


Fig. 22: Recognition Areas

Drawing a Recognition Area

1. Click the **plus** icon ① to switch into the live image.
2. In the live view simply click and drag a rectangular recognition area.
3. Drag the corner points to refine the recognition area.
4. In the top right corner of the live view click **Submit** to adopt the coordinates of the rectangle.
5. Optionally click the **bin** icon ② to delete the recognition area.

NOTE! Without activating the zones the full image will be analyzed.

Integration Interfaces

LPR events can be send to 3rd party systems, e. g. Access Control Systems or Video Management Systems. Therefore the following configurations should be taken into account:

Integration Interfaces		
Enable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enable the integration interface to send IP notifications to a defined external receiver (e.g. 3rd party access control systems, video management system, etc.)
Destination Address	<input type="text" value="http://server.address"/>	Receiver / Server IP address and port. Separate IP address and port using a colon (e.g. 10.0.0.1:80)
Transfer Protocol	<input type="text" value="HTTP(s) POST"/>	Transfer notification data using these protocol headers
Device ID	<input type="text" value="defaultID"/>	Device ID is used as unique identifier for the device sending the IP notification (e.g. camera's serial number / factory IP address)
Attach Image	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enable to attach an event image to the IP notification
Image Selection	<input type="text" value="License plate crop"/>	Selection of the event image to be attached to the IP notification
Event Type: New	<input type="checkbox"/>	Send the IP notification for event type 'new'. Condition 'new' becomes true, if the license plate appears for the first time in 5 seconds
Event Type: Update	<input type="checkbox"/>	Send the IP notification for event type 'update'. Condition 'update' becomes true, if the license plate was already detected in the last 5 seconds
Event Type: Lost	<input type="checkbox"/>	Send the IP notification for event type 'lost'. Condition 'lost' becomes true, if plate was not seen in the last 5 seconds since previous detection
self-signed certificates	<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow self-signed certificates for HTTPS

Fig. 23: Integration Interfaces

Enable: Check to enable the integration interface to send IP notifications to a defined external receiver (e.g. 3rd party access control systems, video management system, etc.).

Destination Address: Receiver / Server IP address and port. Separate IP address and port using a colon (e.g. 10.0.0.1:80).

Transfer Protocol: Select the protocol on the basis of which the LPR events are transmitted.

TCP: Data will be transmitted via TCP.

HTTP POST: Data will be transmitted via FFG protocol. [Download a detailed description.](#)

Device ID: Set an unique text string to identify your camera device in messages. Device ID is used as unique identifier for the device sending the IP notification (e.g. camera's serial number / factory IP address).

Attach Image: Check to attach an event image to the IP notification.

Image Selection: If images should be send select the image type here:

License plate crop: The image contains the license plate only.

Vehicle crop: The image contains the vehicle with the recognized license plate.

Full frame: the full image is transmitted.

Event Type: New: Check to send an IP notification for event type 'new'. Condition 'new' becomes true, if the license plate appears for the first time in 5 seconds.

Event Type: Update: Check to send an IP notification for event type 'update'. Condition 'update' becomes true, if the license plate was already detected in the last 5 seconds.

Event Type: Lost: Check to send an IP notification for event type 'lost'. Condition 'lost' becomes true, if plate was not seen in the last 5 seconds since previous detection.

Self signed certificates: Allow self signed certificates for HTTPS.

Whitelist & Blacklist

You can define a black list and a white list with up to 1000 license plates per list. If a license plate from one of the lists is recognized, a corresponding event is sent within the MxMessageSystem of the camera.

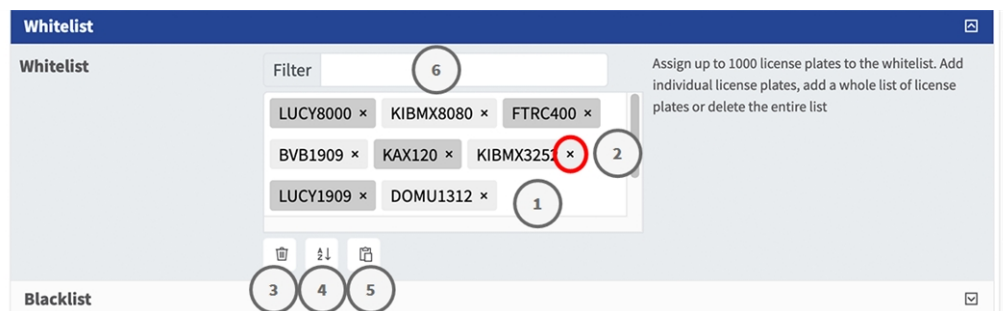


Fig. 24: Black and white lists

Adding a license plate to a list

- Enter the license plate text into the text field ① and click **Enter**.

Adding multiple license plates from a text file

- Make sure that your text file contains one license plate per line.
- Copy the relevant license plates from the text file and paste them into the text field ①.

Deleting a license plate from a list

- Click on the small x ② to the right of the license plate number.

Deleting all license plates from a list

- Click the trash icon ③.

Sorting all license plates from a list alphabetically

- Click the sort icon ④ .

Copy all license plates from a list to the clip board

- Click the copy to clipboard icon ⑤ .

Filtering license plates

- Enter the license plate or parts of it into the filter text field ⑥ . Only license plates containing the filter text are displayed accordingly.

Overlay Configuration

In this section you can customize the overlay.

Overlay Configuration		
Color for overlay	White	Color of overlay text
	Full color	Opacity of overlay text
Overlay Duration	2	Set overlay duration in seconds
Overlay Position	Left Top	Select position of overlay text
Overlay license plate crop	<input type="checkbox"/>	Display recognized license plate crop
Image overlay Position	Left Top	Select position of overlay image

Fig. 25: Overlay Configuration

Color for overlay: Select a color the opacity of overlay text.

Overlay duration: Set the overlay duration in seconds.

Overlay Position: Select the overlay text position in the camera image.

Overlay License Plate Crop: Check to display the recognized license plate crop.

Image Overlay Position: Select the overlay image position in the camera image.

MxMessage Configuration

In this section, you can specify for which events an MxMessage is to be sent.

MxMessage Configuration

MxMessage New

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Send an MxMessage for LPR NEW event

MxMessage Update

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Send an MxMessage for LPR UPDATE event

MxMessage Lost

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Send an MxMessage for LPR LOST event

Fig. 26: MxMessage Configuration

- MxMessage New:

Check to send a MxMessage for "LPR NEW" event.
- MxMessage Update:

Check to send a MxMessage for "LPR UPDATE" event.
- MxMessage Lost:

Check to send a MxMessage for "LPR LOST" event.

Installation Tools

In this section you find useful tools for calibration and trouble shooting.

Installation Tools

Calibration grid

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Turn on the calibration grid to detect the acceptable license plate size. Vertical lines indicate a distance of 130 pixels wide. Please keep the license plates in the range 130-300 pixels wide

Debug level

✓ NO LOG

DEBUG

Available options NO LOG: No debug log is created (Factory default). DEBUG: Added additional info to overlay text

LPR Confidence

0.7

Set the confidence threshold which must be reached to recognize license plates. The confidence value within the sent MxMessage can be used as an indication for a proper configuration.

Minimum license plate characters

6

Defines the minimum number of charcters in the recognized license plates, shorter sequences will be ignored. The practical recommended minimum is 5. Default 6.

Maximum license plate charcters

10

Defines the maximum number of charcters in the recognized license plates, longer sequences will be ignored. Default 10.

The Levenshtein distance is a string metric for measuring the difference between two sequences.

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The Levenshtein distance between two words is the minimum number of single-character edits (insertions, deletions or substitutions) required to change one word into the other.

Fig. 27: Installation Tools

Calibration grid: Turn on the calibration grid to detect the acceptable license plate size. Vertical lines indicate a distance of 130 pixels wide. Please keep the license plates in the range 130-300 pixels wide.

Debug level: Select a debug level to generate a log file, which can be helpful e.g. for trouble shooting.

NOLOG: no debug log is created (default setting)

DEBUG

LPR Confidence: Set the confidence threshold which must be reached to recognize license plates. The confidence value within the sent MxMessage can be used as an indication for a proper configuration.

Minimum License Plate Characters: Minimum number of characters that the license plate may have. Recommended minimum is 5. The default setting is 6

Maximum License Plate Characters: Minimum number of characters that the license plate may have. Maximum number of characters that the license plate may have. Longer sequences will be ignored.

Levenshtein distance: The minimum number of single-character edits (insertions, deletions or substitutions) required to change one word into the other.

CAUTION! Wrong settings can lead to bad recognition results. In most cases the default settings are sufficient.

Storing the Configuration

To store the configuration you have the following options:



Fig. 28: Storing the configuration

- Click on the **Set** button to activate your settings and to save them until the next reboot of the camera.
- Click on the **Factory** button to load the factory defaults for this dialog (this button may not be present in all dialogs).
- Click on the **Restore** button to undo your most recent changes that have not been stored in the camera permanently.
- Click on the **Close** button to close the dialog. While closing the dialog, the system checks the entire configuration for changes. If changes are detected, you will be asked if you would like to store the entire configuration permanently.

After successfully saving the configuration, the event and meta data are automatically sent to the camera in case of an event.

MxMessageSystem

What is MxMessageSystem?

MxMessageSystem is a communication system based on name oriented messages. This means that a message must have a unique name with a maximum length of 32 bytes.

Each participant can send and receive messages. MOBOTIX cameras can also forward messages within the local network. This way, MxMessages can be distributed over the entire local network (see Message Area: Global).

For example, a MOBOTIX 7 series camera can exchange an MxMessage generated by a camera app with an Mx6 camera that does not support certified MOBOTIX apps.

Facts about MxMessages

- 128-bit encryption ensures privacy and security of message content.
- MxMessages can be distributed from any camera of the Mx6 and 7 series.
- The message range can be defined individually for each MxMessage.
 - **Local:** Camera expects an MxMessage within its own camera system (e.g. through a Certified App).
 - **Global:** the camera expects an MxMessage that is distributed in the local network by another MxMessage device (e.g. another camera of the 7 series equipped with a certified MOBOTIX app).
- Actions that the recipients are to perform are configured individually for each participant of the MxMessageSystem.

MxMessageSystem: Processing the automatically generated app event

Checking automatically generated app events

NOTE! After successfully activating the app (see [Activation of the Certified App Interface, p. 27](#)), a generic message event for this specific app is automatically generated in the camera.

1. Go to **Setup-Menu / Event Control / Event Overview**. In section **Message Events** the automatically generated message event profile is named after the application (e. g. FFLPRME).

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Fig. 29: Example: Generic message event from FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME

2. Click **Edit** ⓘ to display a selection of all configured message events.

The screenshot shows the MOBOTIX web interface for configuring message events. At the top, there's a header with the MOBOTIX logo and navigation icons. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail shows 'M73 mx10-32-6-96' and 'Message Events'. A table lists configured events:

Events	Value	Explanation
DermaLogFaceAttendance	<input type="checkbox"/> Inactive <input type="checkbox"/> Delete	
FFLPRME	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inactive <input type="checkbox"/> Delete	

The 'FFLPRME' event is selected, and its configuration details are shown in a panel below. The panel includes:

- Event Dead Time:** A dropdown menu set to '5'. Explanation: Time to wait [0..3600 s] before the event can trigger anew.
- Event Sensor Type:** Radio buttons for 'IP Receive' and 'MxMessageSystem' (selected). Explanation: Choose the message sensor.
- Event on receiving a message from the MxMessageSystem.** A blue highlighted section.
- Message Name:** A text input field containing 'FFLPRME'. Explanation: Defines an MxMessageSystem name to wait for.
- Message Range:** A dropdown menu set to 'Local'. Explanation: There are two different ranges of message distribution: *Global*: across all cameras within the current LAN. *Local*: camera internal.
- Filter Message Content:** A dropdown menu set to 'No Filter'. Explanation: Optionally choose how to ignore messages containing *Filter Value*. Select *No Filter* to trigger on any message with defined *Message Name*.

At the bottom of the configuration panel, there are four buttons: 'Set', 'Factory', 'Restore', and 'Close'.

Fig. 30: Example: Generic message event details - no filter

Action handling - Configuration of an action group

CAUTION! To use events, trigger action groups or record images the general arming of the camera must be enabled ([http\(s\)/<Camera IP address>/control/settings](http(s)/<Camera IP address>/control/settings))

An action group defines which action(s) is (are) triggered by the FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME event.

1. In the camera web interface, open: **Setup Menu / Action Group Overview** ([http\(s\)://<Camera IP address>/control/actions](http(s)://<Camera IP address>/control/actions)).

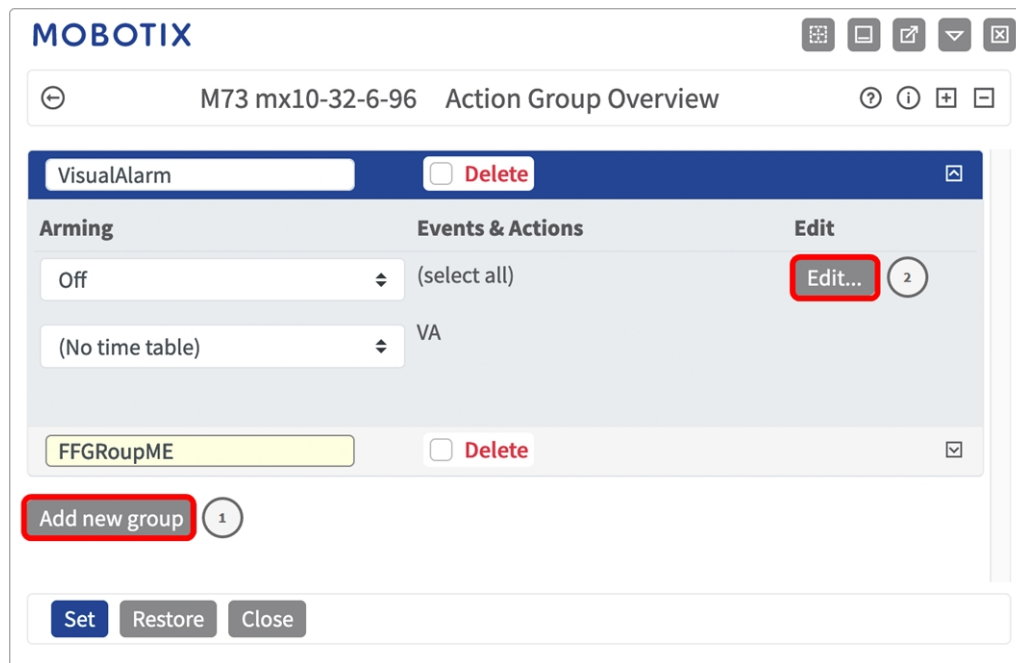


Fig. 31: Defining Action Groups

2. Click **Add new group**^① and give a meaningful name.
3. Click **Edit**^②, to configure the group.

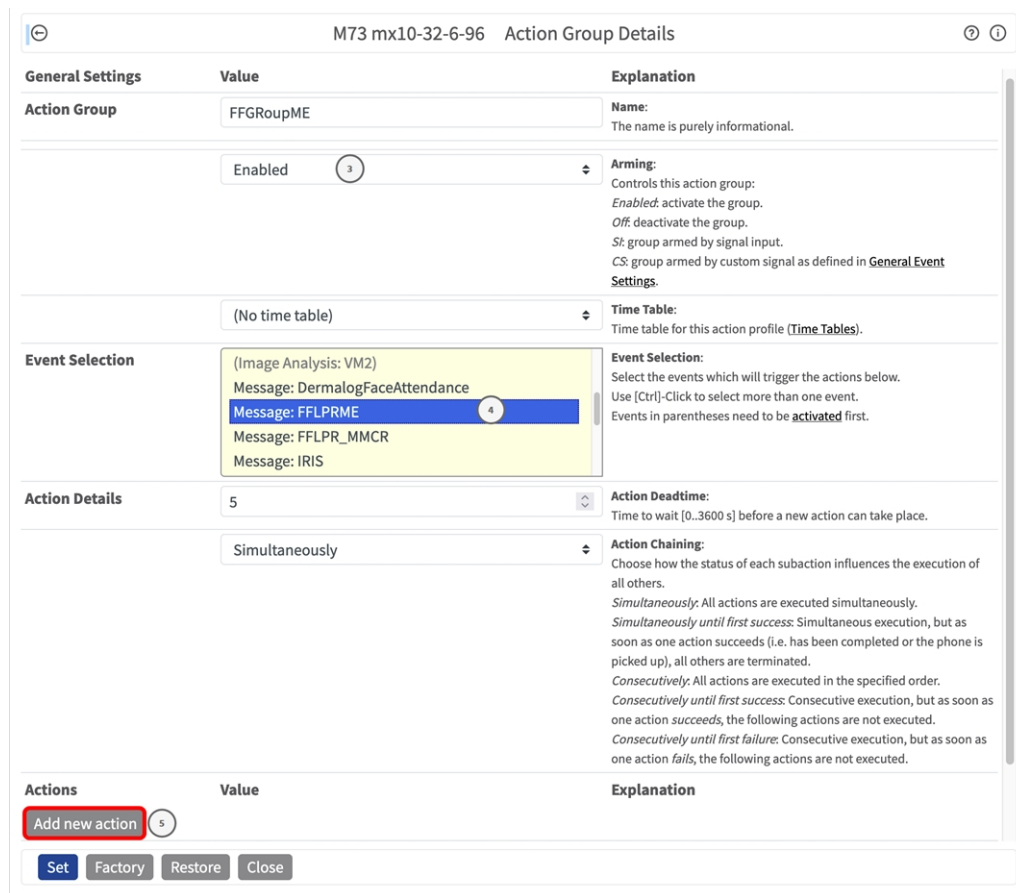


Fig. 32: Configuring an Action Group

4. Enable **Arming**③ of the Action Group.
5. Select your message event in the **Event selection** list ④ . To select multiple events, hold the shift key.
6. Click **Add new Action**⑤ .
7. Select a proper action from list **Action Type and Profile**⑥ .

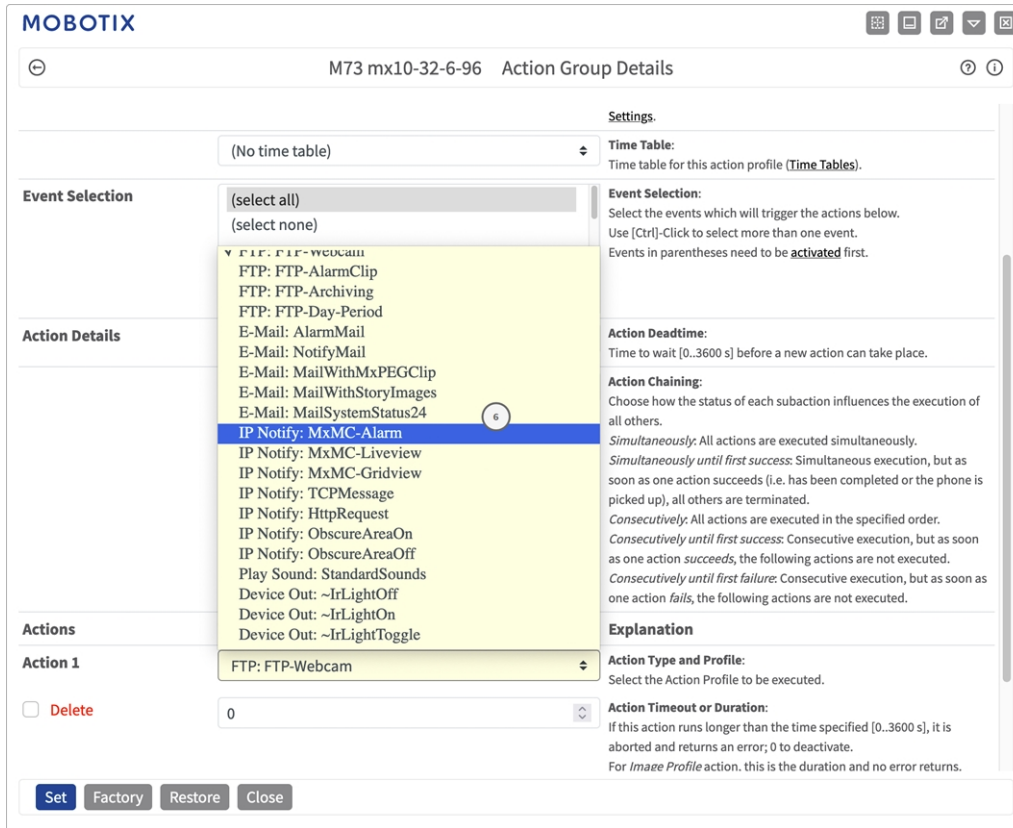


Fig. 33: Select Action Type- and Profile

NOTE! If the required action profile is not yet available, you can create a new profile in the Admin Menu sections "MxMessageSystem", "Transfer Profiles" and "Audio and VoIP Telephony".

If necessary, you can+ add further actions by clicking the button again. In this case, please make sure that the "action chaining" is configured correctly (e.g. at the same time).

8. Click on the **Set**⑦ button at the end of the dialog box to confirm the settings.
9. Click on **Close** ⑧ to save your settings permanently.

Action settings - Configuration of the camera recordings

1. In the camera web interface, open: **Setup Menu / Event Control / Recording**([http\(s\)/<Camera IP address>/control/recording](http(s)/<Camera IP address>/control/recording)).

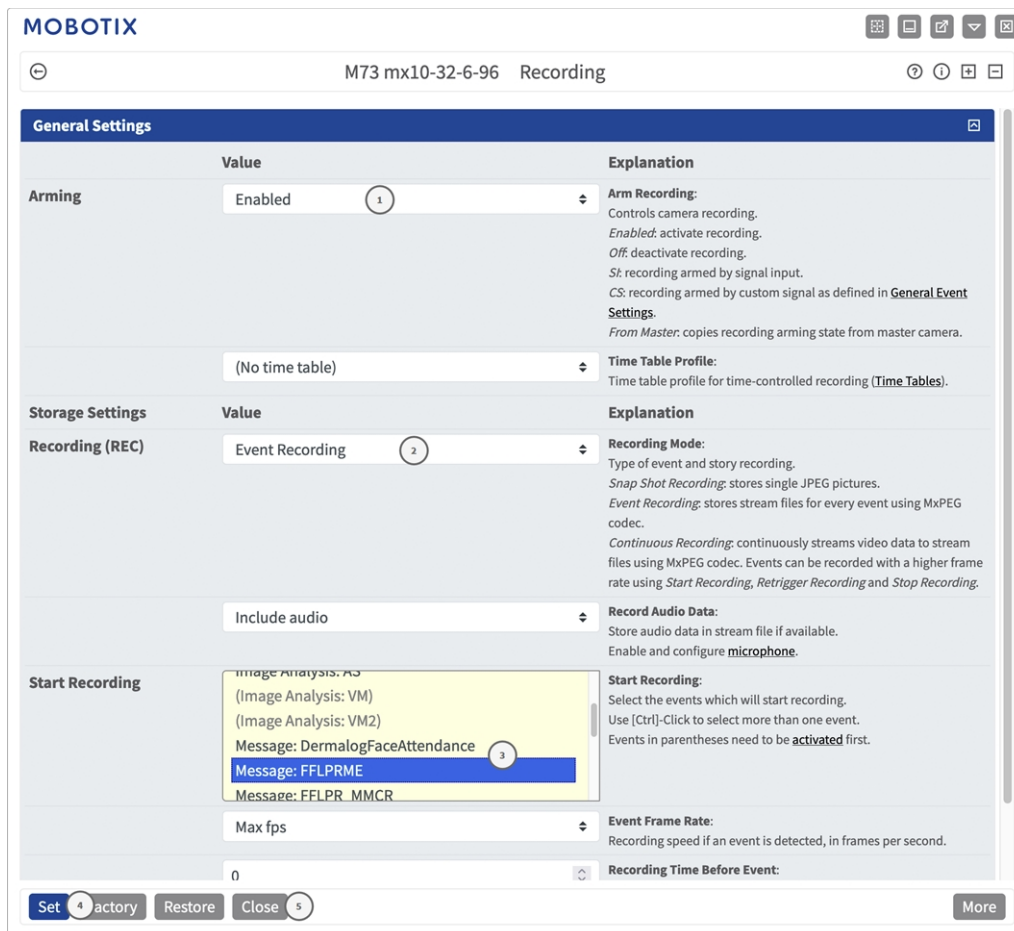


Fig. 34: Configuration of camera recording settings

2. Activate **Arm Recording** ① .
3. Under **Storage Settings / Recording (REC)** select a **Recording mode** ② . The following modes are available:
 - Snap Shot Recording
 - Event Recording
 - Continuous Recording
4. In list **Start recording** ③ select the message event just created.
5. Click on the **Set** ④ button at the end of the dialog box to confirm the settings.
6. Click on **Close** ⑤ to save your settings permanently.

NOTE! Alternatively, you can save your settings in the Admin menu under Configuration / Save current configuration to permanent memory.

MxMessageSystem: Processing the meta data transmitted by apps

Meta data transferred within the MxMessageSystem

For each event, the app also transfers meta data to the camera. This data is sent in the form of a JSON schema within an MxMessage.

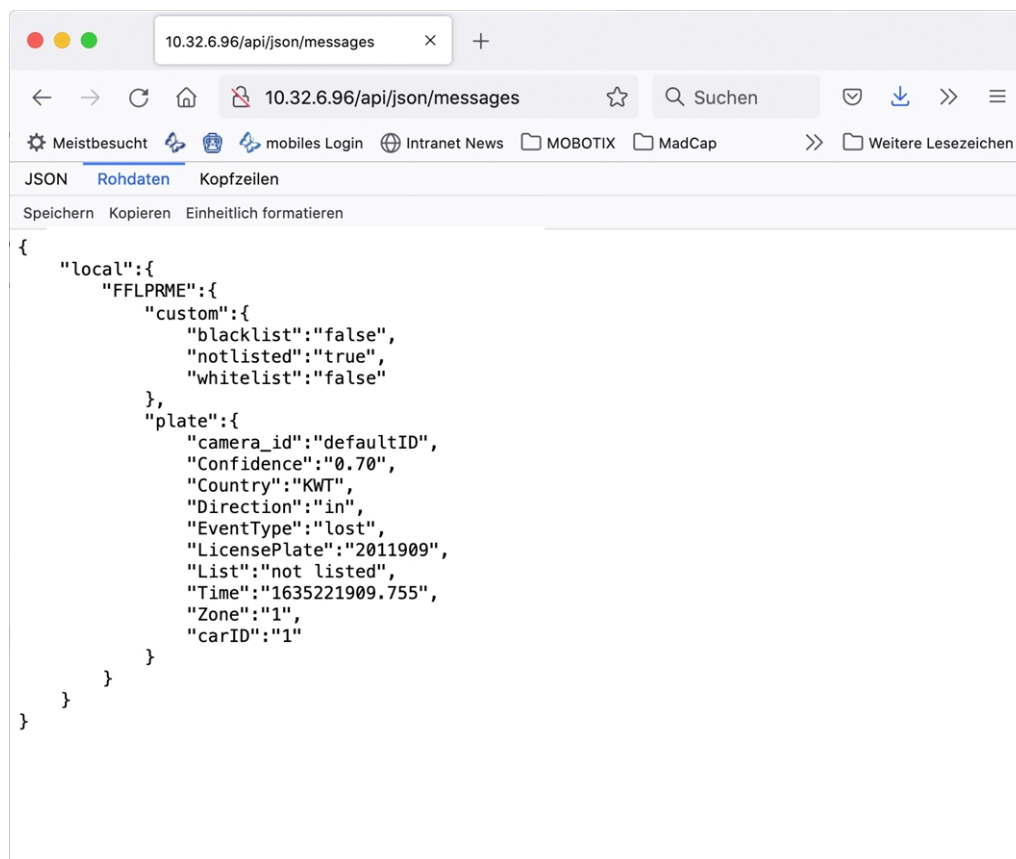


Fig. 35: Example: Meta data transmitted within an MxMessage of the FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME

NOTE! To view the meta data structure of the last App event, enter the following URL in the address bar of your browser: [http\(s\)/IPAdresseOfYourCamera/api/json/messages](http(s)/IPAdresseOfYourCamera/api/json/messages)

Creating a Custom Message Event

- 1. Go to **Setup-Menu / Event Control / Event Overview**. In section **Message Events** the automatically generated message event profile is named after the application (e. g. IRIS).

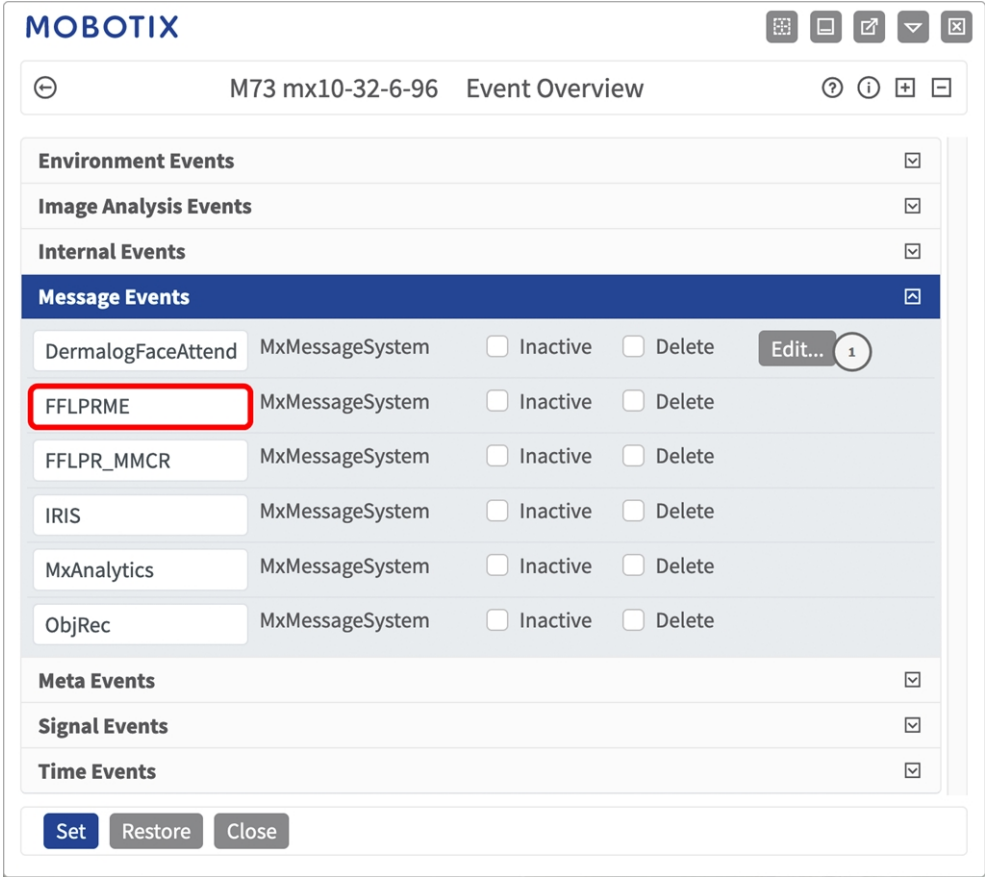


Fig. 36: Example: Generic message event from FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME

- Click **Edit** ① to display a selection of all configured message events.

MOBOTIX M73 mx10-32-6-96 Message Events

Attribute	Value	Explanation
IP Receive	8000	Port: TCP port to listen on.

Events	Value	Explanation
DermaLogFaceAttendance	<input type="checkbox"/> Inactive <input type="checkbox"/> Delete	
FFLPRME ①	<input type="checkbox"/> Inactive <input type="checkbox"/> Delete	

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Event Dead Time:
Time to wait [0..3600 s] before the event can trigger anew.

Event Sensor Type
☐ IP Receive
☒ MxMessageSystem

Event Sensor Type:
Choose the message sensor.

Event on receiving a message from the MxMessageSystem.

FFLPRME.custom.blacklist ②

Message Name:
Defines an MxMessageSystem name to wait for.

Local

Message Range:
There are two different ranges of message distribution:
Global: across all cameras within the current LAN.
Local: camera internal.

JSON Comparison

Filter Message Content:
Optionally choose how to ignore messages containing *Filter Value*. Select *No Filter* to trigger on any message with defined *Message Name*.

"true" ③

Filter Value:
Define either a valid reference value as a string (in JSON format) without line breaks, or an extended regular expression. Open help for examples.
This parameter allows using **variables**.

Set ④ Factory Restore Close

Fig. 37: Example: Intrusion message event

- Click on the event (e. g. IRIS) ① to open the event settings.
 - Configure the parameters of the event profile as follows:
 - **Message Name:** Enter the "Message Name" ② according to the event documentation of the corresponding app (see [Examples for message names and filter values of the FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME](#), p. 46)
 - **Message Range:**
 - **Local:** Default settings for the FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME
 - **Global:** (MxMessage is forwarded from another MOBOTIX camera in the local network.
 - **Filter Message Content:**
 - **Generic Event:** "No Filter"
 - **Filtered Event:** "JSON Equal Compare"
- Filter Value:** [Examples for message names and filter values of the FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME](#), p. 46.

CAUTION! “Filter Value” is used to differentiate the MxMessages of an app / bundle. Use this entry to benefit from individual event types of the apps (if available).

Choose “No Filter” if you want to use all incoming MxMessages as generic event of the related app.

2. Click on **Set**^④ at the end of the dialog box to confirm the settings.

Examples for message names and filter values of the FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME

FF Group License Plate Recognition App - Region ME	MxMessage Name	Filter Value
Generic Event	FFLPRME	
Whitelist Event	FFLPRME.custom.whitelist	“true”
Blacklist Event	FFLPRME.custom.blacklist	“true”
Not listed Event	FFLPRME.custom.notlisted	“true”
Unique license plate event	FFLPRME.plate.LicensePlate	License plate code as “STRING”, e.g. “2011909” (compare Meta data transferred within the MxMessageSystem , p. 43)
Incoming Vehicle Event	LPRAM.plate.Direction	“in”
Outgoing Vehicle Event	LPRAM.plate.Direction	“out”



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