

ETHERNET & POE OVER COAX  
**HIGHWIRE®**  
 ENCODER  
 REPLACEMENT KIT



Replace legacy cameras and the encoder with IP cameras and this kit.

## Four-Channel Ethernet and POE over coax kit designed for video encoder replacement

HIGHWIRE Powerstar Base 4 replaces existing analogue video encoders and enables easy replacement of analogue cameras with high-resolution IP cameras.

- | Re-use existing coax currently used for analogue cameras
- | Replace typical 4-channel video encoders with a full IP system
- | Reliably power new IP cameras with POE over coax
- | Fully automatic installation - no set-up of EOC adaptor required
- | Simple fast, cost-effective installation, less time on site
- | Compatible with HIGHWIRE Powerstar Camera EOC adaptors
- | Gigabit Ethernet network uplink and optional SFP port



Replace legacy cameras with IP and simply switch out the encoder with this replacement kit for a cost effective upgrade to your CCTV system.

## A true plug-and-play solution for connecting and powering IP cameras over legacy coaxial cabling

The HIGHWIRE Powerstar product family offers reliable power delivery and long-range extension even over low-grade coaxial cable and now enables direct replacement of existing analogue video encoders to allow cost-effective upgrade to IP cameras.

### Existing Video Encoders

Many CCTV installations made the first step to IP video by using analogue video encoders to digitise their existing analogue cameras and stream IP video onto their network. This allowed the analogue cameras running over existing coaxial cables to be used with modern network video recorders (NVRs) and to be streamed anywhere on the network (to a video wall, operator screen or display monitor for example). Video encoders were frequently used to get the video onto a network at the most convenient point thus avoiding having to run coax cable very long distances all the way to the

equipment room end. Digitising and networking the video also added some flexibility to the system in terms of how the video data was routed and used, and indeed this is part of the power of IP Video systems.

### Legacy Video Encoders

Existing video encoders come in many forms, but by far the most common is the stand-alone four-channel encoder, as manufactured by hundreds of different companies around the world. All have very similar characteristics: Four BNC connections for the coax cables, a network connection and a power connection.

### PTZ Control/Audio

Some video encoders also had RS232 or RS485 ports for controlling analogue PTZ cameras. Of course, such serial connections are not required for IP PTZ cameras, as all control signals go through the Ethernet network connection along with the digital video. Likewise, some analogue encoders had audio I/O, but again, separate audio connections are not required for IP cameras, as the signals are incorporated into the network data and recorded by the NVR.

HIGHWIRE Powerstar Base 4 directly replaces the analogue encoder device.

### EXAMPLE OF A TYPICAL ANALOGUE ENCODER INSTALLATION

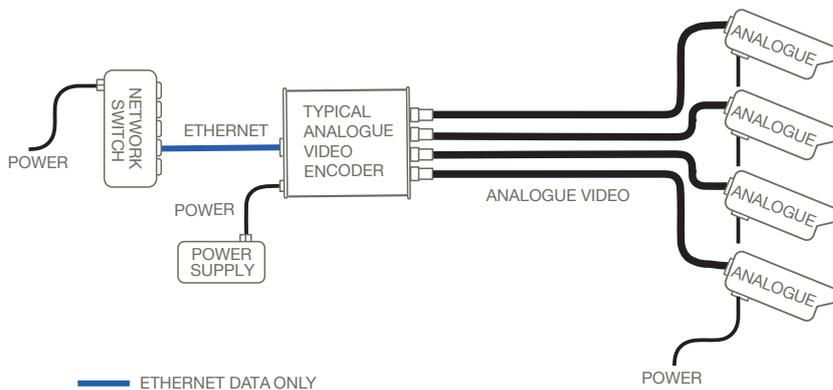


Diagram 1. A typical four-channel analogue video encoder installation is illustrated here



## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

HIGHWIRE®  
ENCODER  
REPLACEMENT KIT

<b>HIGHWIRE INTERFACE</b>	
Connector type	HW BASE 4: BNC 75 ohm x 4 HW CAMERA: BNC 75 ohm x 1
Cable type	Any 75 ohm coaxial (other impedances supported)
Range	Up to 300 metres [1000ft] on RG59 or 500 metres [1640 feet] on RG11 at full rate
Bandwidth	200 Mbps (total up + down) x 4
<b>ETHERNET INTERFACE</b>	
Connector type	RJ45
Cable type	Patch or cross-over, auto-detected
Rate	Gigabit Ethernet, (BASE device); 100Based-TX (CAMERA device)
<b>LEDS - HW BASE 4 DEVICE</b>	
Status indicators	HIGHWIRE coax link, Ethernet link/activity (BASE), POE-over-coax, See Quickstart Guide for LED indicator table and diagnostics
<b>LEDS - HW CAMERA DEVICES (4)</b>	
Status indicators	HIGHWIRE coax link, Ethernet link/activity (BASE), Ethernet link/activity (CAMERA), POE-over-coax, POE to camera, Power available (5/10/15/20/25W),
Colours	Off - Disabled. Green - Enabled. Red - Fault.
<b>POWER - HW BASE 4 Device</b>	
Power input	57V DC, 1500mA PSU (supplied) via 2-pin detachable screw terminal
Device power consumption	4.5 watts
POE output	IEEE 802.3af (POE) or IEEE 802.3at (POE Plus) up to 30W per channel
<b>POWER - HW CAMERA Device (4)</b>	
Power input	POE over coax from BASE device
Device power consumption	1.5 watts (each)
POE output	IEEE 802.3af (POE) or IEEE 802.3at (POE Plus) up to 25W per device
<b>POWER SUPPLY</b>	
Specification	57V DC, 1500mA, regulated, wires stripped and tinned, (supplied in kit)
Dimensions	L 143mm W 64mm H 36mm
Weight	350g, 12.34oz,
<b>PHYSICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL</b>	
Dimensions	HW BASE 4: L 173mm (including BNC connectors) W 110mm H 22mm HW CAMERA: L 104mm (including BNC connectors) W 54mm H 24mm
Weight	HW BASE 4: 356mm [5oz] HW CAMERA: 90g [3.2oz]
Operating temperature	HW BASE 4: 0°C to 40°C [32°F to 104°F] HW CAMERA: -10°C to 50°C [14°F to 122°F] delivering POE < 15W
Relative humidity	85% non-condensing
Compliance	FCC, CE, RoHS, REACH, UKCA
<b>PRODUCT CODES</b>	
VHW-HWPS-ERK4-UK	HIGHWIRE Powerstar encoder replacement kit with UK power cable
VHW-HWPS-ERK4-EU	HIGHWIRE Powerstar encoder replacement kit with EU power cable
VHW-HWPS-ERK4-US	HIGHWIRE Powerstar encoder replacement kit with US power cable
Product bundle consists of	1 x VHW-HWPS-B4 and 4 x VHW-HWPS-C 1 and 1 x VPSU-57V-1500



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**Surge Protection**

All Veracity products have been independently tested to verify their resilience to the stringent immunity levels of international standards. Users should note that no electronic equipment can be guaranteed to be completely protected at levels beyond the defined standard; therefore product warranty cannot include damage to products which has been caused by surges exceeding those of the standards specified, for example lightning strike activity.

It is the user's responsibility to implement relevant surge protection measures, as appropriate to the installation. This may include the fitting of additional surge protection devices where required.

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