

# Enabling an optimum security solution in a unique production environment.

The primary goals for Absolut Company were to ensure a high degree of employee safety and security as well as the integrity of the supply chain

## Fast Facts

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**Sector:**  
Manufacturing

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**Location:**  
Sweden

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### Services:

Video patrolling and analytics

Alarm monitoring and response

Zoned access control and remote-controlled entry/exit

The location is Åhus, southern Sweden, home to one of the country's most well-known export products - Absolut Vodka. Its status as a world-unique premium product is exclusively due to ensuring a consistent and reliable product from locally produced raw materials. State of the art security is the no. 1 priority for Absolut Company.

### THE CHALLENGE

The production area covers approximately 40,000 square metres divided into several sectors with multiple buildings. Several critical factors impact the security requirements. Food-grade production and the safety for the employees demands the implementation and continuous monitoring of a comprehensive regulatory framework. Food production has many associated risks, in this case a potential risk of explosion. Employee safety is a self-evident priority for Absolut Company, whose aim as employer is to guarantee a safe and secure workplace. This necessitates continuous risk assessment in order to address emerging risks.

In addition to the manufacturing process, the raw materials are the key differentiators of Absolut Vodka from other products in the same category. Quite simply, it is not possible to replicate the same final product anywhere else in the world.

### THE SOLUTION

Even though the previous security solution was functional, a comprehensive update was required in order to meet the client's evolving needs and preferences. As a result, Securitas replaced a large part of the existing technical installation with an open camera system, integrated with a number of intelligent video analytics. An open camera system is not locked to one service provider and offers flexibility to add technology or connection to other platforms. A video analytic is a software application that assists the video operator by generating events based on a set of predefined parameters.





“Technological development is moving ahead very rapidly, and it is important to keep up. We have a reliable partner in Securitas, one that very much plays a part in driving this development. Securitas acts responsively to safeguard our needs and requirements, meaning that we are also part of the evolution.”

**Anders Andersson**  
Security Manager, Absolut Company

Thermal network cameras were installed in order to ensure effective detection in varying weather and lighting conditions. In addition, the existing physical perimeter was strengthened as well as the in-house monitoring center, staffed by specially trained security officers on site. The in-house monitoring center handles all coordination, video patrolling, local alarm monitoring and response, and remote-controlled entry and exit to and from the industrial property.

One significant difference to the previous solution is that the in-house monitoring center now provides support to the security officers who physically patrol critical areas. The video operator utilizes the cameras to monitor the patrol and can act rapidly in the unlikely event of an incident.

A zone-based access control system has been developed to prevent the risk of anyone entering or remaining within the area without authorisation, this is also connected to the local in-house monitoring center. The security solution is provided as a Managed By service where Securitas takes full responsibility for the functionality.

#### THE RESULT

Absolut Company has experienced significant improvements since the updated security solution. The new security system has elevated operational reliability to new heights and the general level of security has increased significantly. Securitas is proud to have provided a modern, durable and flexible system with intelligent video analytics, which has ensured a more robust security service.

Thanks to the fact that the technology now supports, enhances and streamlines the work of the security officers, important resources can be allocated to other security tasks. There are also other practical benefits for instance, the option of using cameras to quickly examine the need for changing environmental conditions such as snow clearance and seasonal changes in vegetation. Previously, this was a time-consuming task that required manual and laborious visual assessment.

“Absolut Company is a progressive, ambitious and competent client with very high demands on security of supply. The company’s internal competition analysis concluded that we at Securitas were the only security supplier with the capacity to provide what was wanted, a security system that is even better than good.”

**Patrik Ottosson**  
Business Manager, Securitas Sweden

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