



Axxon Platform Calculator

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Introduction

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Purpose of the document

This document is useful for sales managers as well as for CCTV engineers designing Axxon Next- and Axxon Intellect-based security systems. The document contains the information about:

1. The purpose of Axxon Platform Calculator.
2. How to work with Axxon Platform Calculator.

General information

Axxon Platform Calculator can be found at <https://sale.axxonsoft.com/calc/calculator.jsf>

The platform calculator allows determining information by the input data (the number of cameras, area of application, archive requirements, detection tools, etc.):

1. Available platforms, the number of servers and average load. The platform means the processor model or IPDROM solutions (IPDROM solution cannot be calculated in English version of the Platform calculator).



Attention!

The results of hardware platform calculation can change – hardware configuration can both increase and decrease depending on the camera model, camera settings and exposure of the image. Extra objects can increase the hardware configuration.

2. Archive size.



Attention!

Disk space data is for information only. The Vendor's calculator is used for more accurate calculation, see [Archive parameters](#).

Disk space and server load data are for information and planning purposes only.

The platform calculator allows calculating parameters both for systems where IP devices are in use and for systems where analog cameras are in use as well as for hybrid systems.

Platforms calculator also allows you to calculate a platform for CARMEN LP recognition engine. The following parameters are calculated based on the input data (location and number of cameras, type of recognition engine, country issued the license plates):

1. Available platforms.
2. Number of Servers.
3. Available resolutions of the part of the frame used for recognition.
4. Number of recognition channels required to be purchased.

General information about how to choose platform for Axxon Next and Intellect

Here is the procedure of choosing the platform:

1. Set the purpose of the stream (displaying, recording and archive).
2. Calculate the number of Servers taking into account the limitations imposed by detection tools.
3. Calculate the total load for each type of the stream.
4. Calculate the number of Servers taking into account the calculated total load and set maximum CPU load.
5. Total Servers in the system is calculated as maximum of Servers with limitations by detection tools and Servers with total load.

Disclaimer

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- Important note
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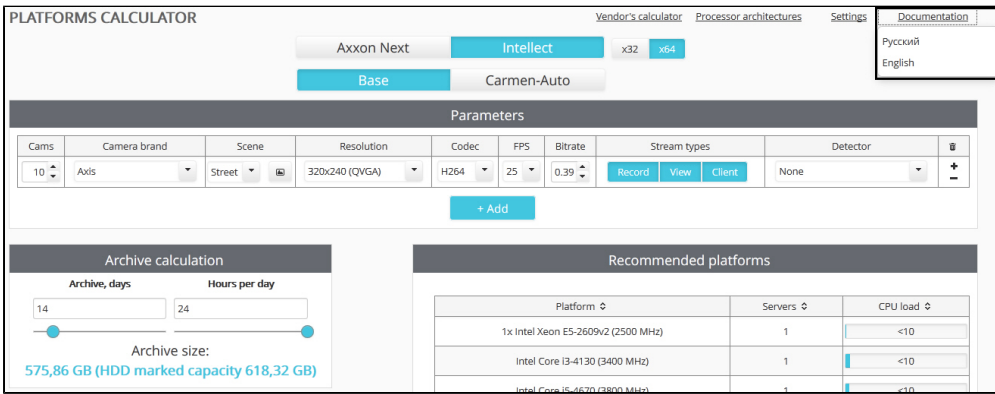
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Otherwise close the tab with opened platform calculator in the browser.

Access to documentation

To go to online documentation on Axxon platform calculator, select the required language in the **Documentation** menu.

Russian and English documentation is available so far.



How to choose the best platform

Here is the procedure of choosing the appropriate platform:

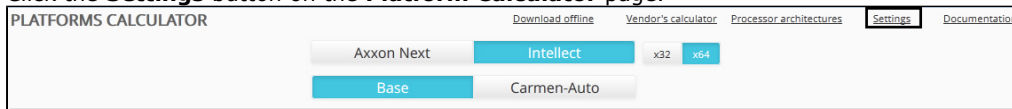
1. Identify and specify maximum CPU load on computers in the video surveillance and audio control system.
2. Identify and specify allowable CPU architectures to use on the platform of the video surveillance and audio control system.
3. Set input parameters to choose the platform: select the software platform, models of cameras, video codecs, etc.

Setting maximum CPU load

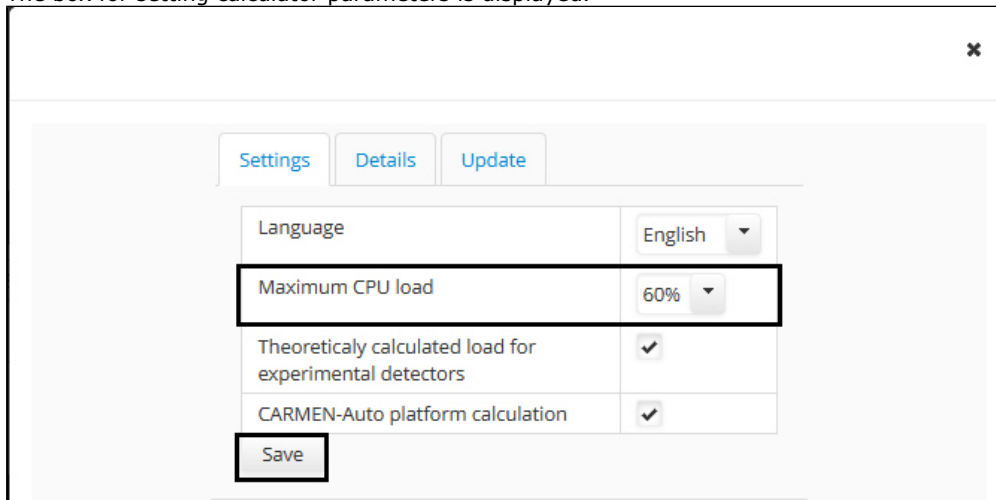
The platform calculator allows setting maximum CPU load. On the basis of this parameter the number of Servers is calculated.

To set maximum CPU load, do the following:

1. Click the **Settings** button on the **Platform Calculator** page.



2. The box for setting calculator parameters is displayed.

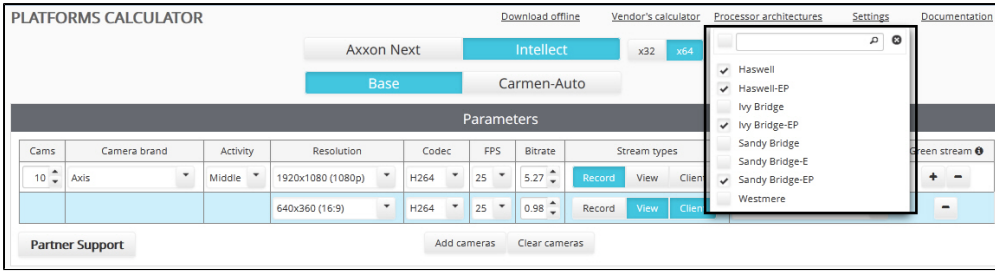


3. Select the required value of maximum CPU load in the **Maximum CPU load** dropdown list.
4. Click the **Save** button. The changes will be saved and the box will be closed.

The maximum CPU load is now configured.

Selecting CPU architecture

The platform calculator allows taking into account the CPU architecture when choosing the platform and excluding CPUs with improper architecture from the search results. To select the architecture, use the **CPU architecture** list on the **Platform calculator** page. Set the checkboxes checked next to those architectures that are to be in the search results.



To search the architecture in the list, use the search box on the top of the dropdown list.

Selecting software platform

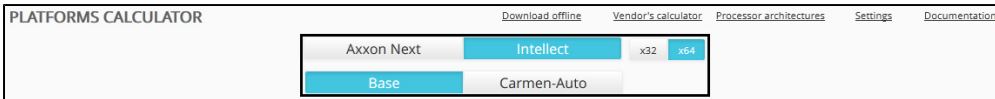
Hardware platform selection depends on which software platform proposed to be used: *Axxon Next*, base *Intellect* or *Intellect* with *CARMEN* license plate recognition engine.



Note.

Possibility to select the *CARMEN* license plate recognition engine to calculate platforms is disabled on default if the preferred browser language is Russian. How to enable this possibility see in the [Setting parameters for CARMEN platform](#) section.

If the preferred browser language is English, then this possibility is enabled on default.



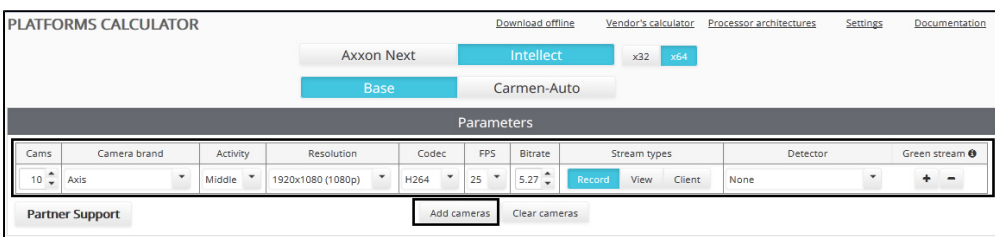
If *Axxon Intellect Enterprise* and/or *CARMEN* is to be in use, then it is to be determined whether 64-bit software modules are in use or not. Operation in this mode is not supported by all integrated cameras. The details can be found at [Documentation Drivers Pack](#).

Parameters that are to be set in order to calculate platforms for *CARMEN* license plate recognition engine differ from those that are to be set when using *Intellect* and *Axxon Next* platforms. In the first case parameters settings are described in the [Setting parameters for CARMEN platform](#) section, in the second case – in the [Setting parameters of video surveillance system](#) section.

Setting parameters of video surveillance system

Selecting cameras

Cameras used in the video surveillance system are selected in the **Parameters** group of the **Platform calculator** page. To add cameras to the list click the **Add** button.



Note.

To remove configuration click the - button in **Green stream** column. To remove all configurations click the **Clear cameras** button.

The Platform calculator allows using of different streams to display video, send it to remote clients and record to archive. On default one stream is set for these purposes while adding cameras. To add additional streams click the + button in **Green stream** column. Additional stream is highlighted in blue in the table.

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Axxon Next **Intellect** x32 x64

Base Carmen-Auto

Parameters

Cams	Camera brand	Activity	Resolution	Codec	FPS	Bitrate	Stream types	Detector	Green stream
10	Axis	Middle	1920x1080 (1080p)	H264	25	5.27	Record View Client	None	+ -
			640x360 (16:9)	H264	25	0.98	Record View Client	None	-

Partner Support [Add cameras](#) [Clear cameras](#)

Note. To remove stream click the - button in **Green stream** column.

The parameters are described in the table.

Parameter	Info
Cams	The number of cameras that is to be used in the video surveillance system.
Camera brand	The list of vendors of IP cameras and video capture cards integrated with <i>Axxon Next</i> and <i>Axxon Intellect Enterprise</i> .
Activity	Approximate estimation of activity in the field of view of a camera: low, middle or high.
Resolution	Video resolution. The list of available resolutions depends on the selected vendor or the model of video capture card.
Codec	Compressor used by camera or video capture card for compressing video stream. The availability of compressors in the list depends on the selected vendor or the model of video capture card.
FPS	Frame rate of the stream. The range of values depends on the selected vendor or the model of video capture card.
Bitrate	The stream from one specified camera in Mbit/s. By default stream calculation is based on the average data received as a result of tests performed by ITV AxxonSoft's QA department. If the calculated stream is not accurate, then it is possible to set CBR per camera. The Vendor's calculator is used for more accurate calculation. The list of known calculators can be found in the Vendor's calculator dropdown list. Many cameras allow setting CBR.
Stream types	Selection type of stream.
Detector	See Selecting types of detection tools and Extra detection tools with theoretical load .

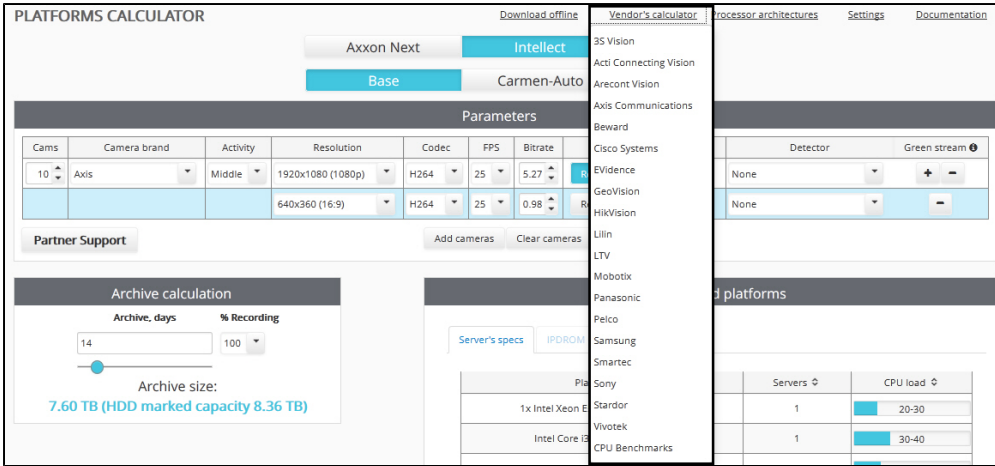
Note. If several streams are added for cameras then the **Codec**, **Resolution**, **FPS** and **Bitrate** parameters are specified for each stream separately.

Archive parameters

To calculate the disk space needed for storing the archive, set the following parameters in the **Archive calculation** group:

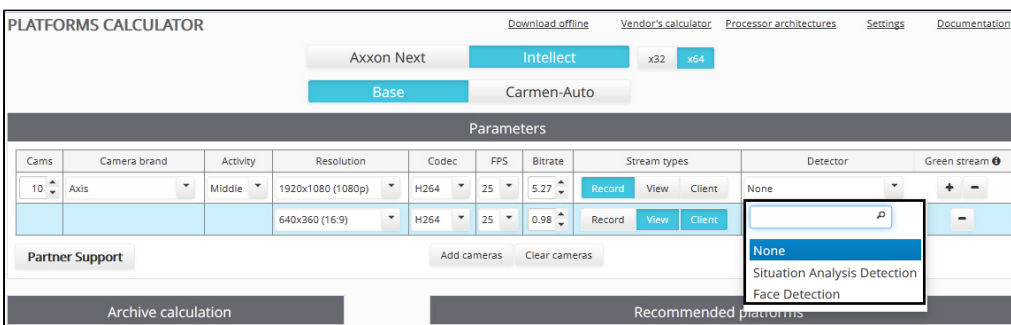
1. **Archive, days** – the required archive depth (in days).
2. **% Recording** – the average percentage of hours a day during which there will be recording to the archive. 100% mean continuous recording.

Disk space data is for information only. The Vendor's calculator is used for more accurate calculation. The list of known calculators can be found in the **Vendor's calculator** dropdown list.



Selecting types of detection tools

After adding cameras to the list (see [Selecting cameras](#)), the types of detection tools can be specified too.



The list of available detection tools depends on the selected software platform (see [Selecting software platform](#)).



Important!

Platforms calculator does not check if specified parameters match detection tools requirements for cameras. For instance, if specified fps is lower than that required for detection tool to operate, then platforms will be calculated but the calculated platform won't suit the detection tool requirements.

The requirements of detection tool for cameras are specified in the documentation – see [AxxonSoft documentation repository](#).

Extra detection tools with theoretical load

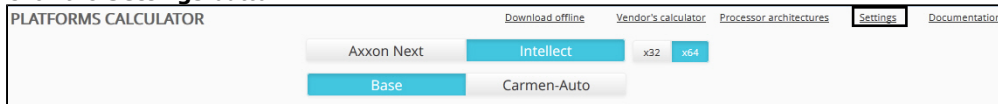
If there is no required detection tool in the list of default detection tools (see [Selecting types of detection tools](#)), then extra detection tools can be enabled and taken into account when calculating platform. However, due to small number of tests of these detection tools on various platforms, factors for conversion between platforms are in use when calculating CPU load and recommended platforms. This can lead to increased inaccuracy in recommendations, while all data for platform calculation with default detection tools and without them are available from experiments.

Here is the list of extra detection tools:

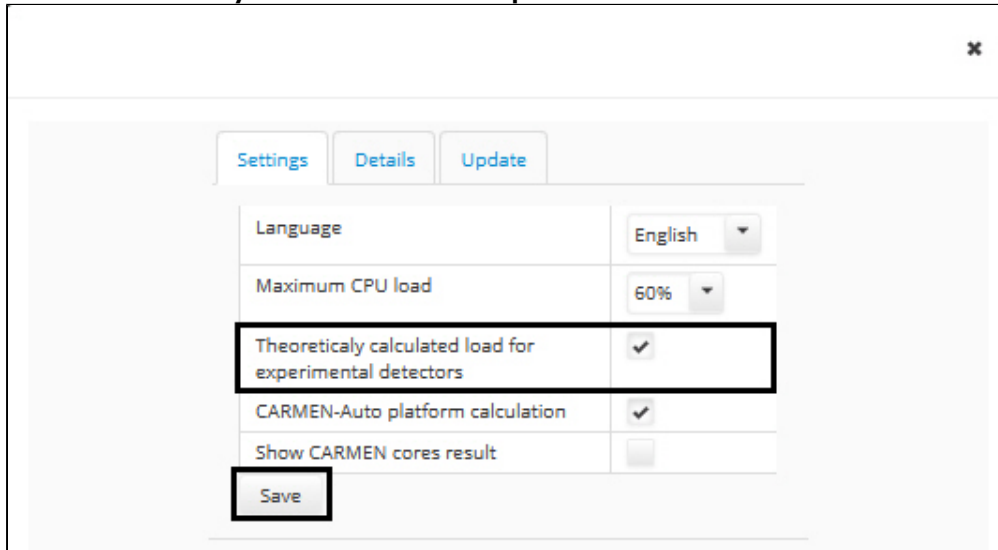
Name	Product
Video Analysis	Axxon Next
Video Analysis (decode key frames)	Axxon Next
LPR	Axxon Next
Face Search	Axxon Next
LPR VIT	Intellect
LPR AxxonSoft	Intellect
People Counter	Intellect
Fisheye	Intellect
Virtual Loop	Intellect

Enable extra detection tools with theoretical load as follows:

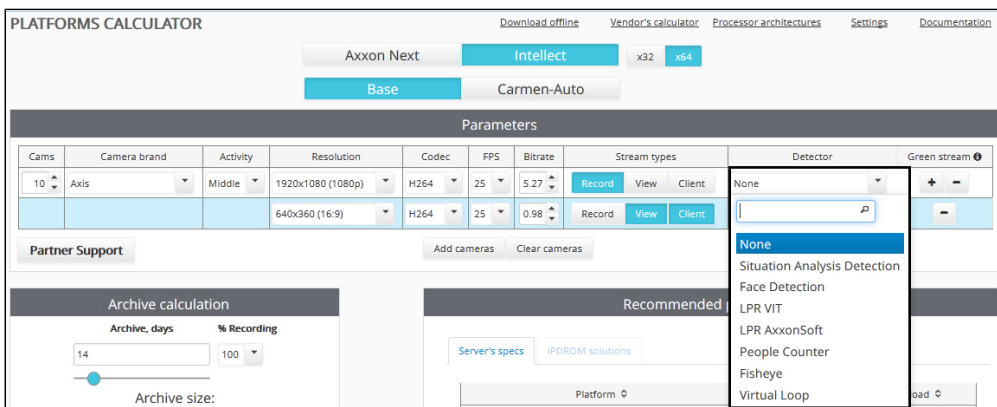
1. Click the **Settings** button.



2. Set the **Theoretically calculated load for experimental detectors** checkbox checked.



3. Click the **Save** button.
4. As a result the specified detection tools become available for selection.



Extra detection tools with theoretical load are now enabled.



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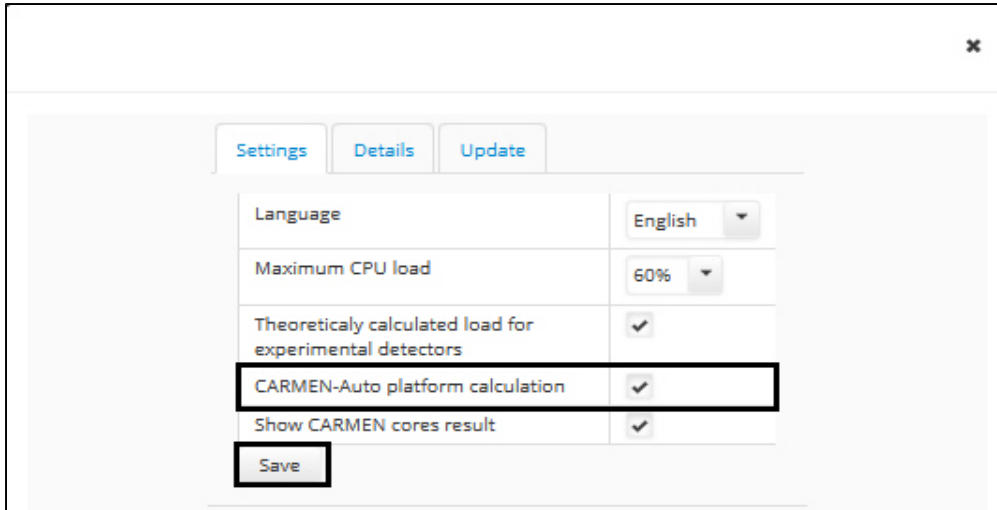
Setting parameters for CARMEN platform

Possibility to select the CARMEN license plate recognition engine is disabled on default. To enable it, do the following:

1. Click the **Settings** button on the **Platforms calculator** page.



2. In the opened window set the **CARMEN-Auto platform calculation** checkbox.

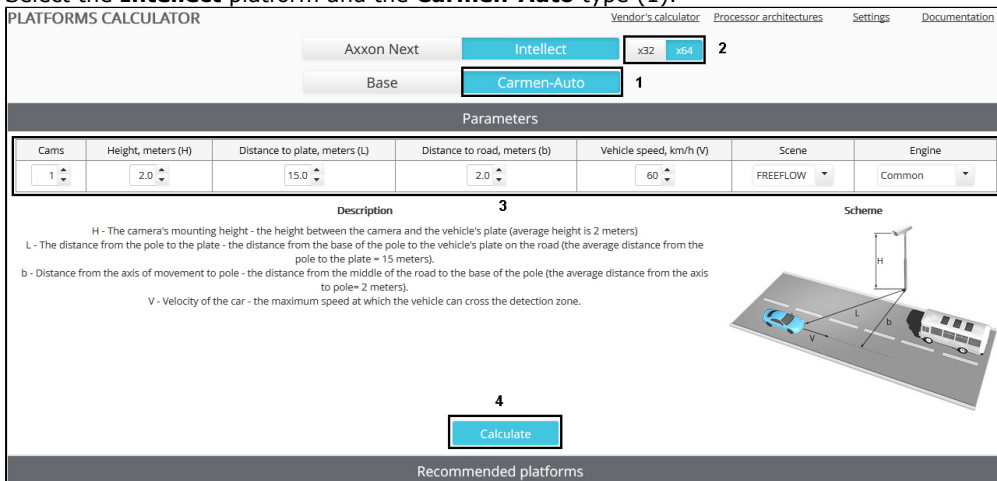


3. Click the **Save** button.

As a result the possibility to select platform calculation for the CARMEN-Auto will be available (see also the [Selecting software platform](#) section).

Calculate a recommended platform for *CARMEN* license plate recognition engine as follows:

1. Select the **Intellect** platform and the **Carmen-Auto** type (1).



2. If 64-bit CARMEN modules are to be in use, then set the **x64** switch checked (2).

3. Set parameters of the recognition engine in use (3). On the **PLATFORMS CALCULATOR** page one can find a figure with main parameters and their description.

Parameter	Description
Cams	The number of cameras used for license plate recognition.
Height, meters (H)	The camera's mounting height – the height between the camera and the vehicle's plate (average height is 2 meters).
Distance to plate, meters (L)	The distance from the pole to the plate – the distance from the base of the pole to the vehicle's plate on the road (the average distance from the pole to the plate is 15 meters).
Distance to road, meters (b)	The distance from the axis of movement to pole – the distance from the middle of the road to the base of the pole (the average distance from the axis to pole is 2 meters).
Vehicle speed, km/h (V)	Velocity of the car – the maximum speed at which the vehicle can cross the detection zone.
Scene	The type of the CARMEN recognition engine. The FREEFLOW scene is to be selected when CARMEN-Auto recognition engine is in use, the PARKING scene is to be selected for CARMEN-Parking recognition engine. The TRIGGERED scene is to be selected for FREEFLOW with enabled ParkingMode; to enable this mode use in Auto Intellect use ParkingMode registry key (see Registry keys reference guide)
Engine	The country that has issued the license plate to be recognized.

- Click the **Calculate** button to calculate recommended platforms (4).

As a result recommended platforms are calculated.

Calculation results


Calculation results for Axxon Next and Intellect

After adding a stream to the list (see [Selecting cameras](#)), the following parameters are recalculated:

- Archive size.
- The list of recommended platforms.

The screenshot shows the 'PLATFORMS CALCULATOR' interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Axxon Next' and 'Intellect', with 'Intellect' selected. Below this, there are buttons for 'Base' and 'Carmen-Auto'. The main section is titled 'Parameters' and contains a table with columns: Cams, Camera brand, Activity, Resolution, Codec, FPS, Bitrate, Stream types, Detector, and Green stream. The table has two rows of data. Below the table, there are buttons for 'Partner Support', 'Add cameras', and 'Clear cameras'. On the left, there is an 'Archive calculation' section with a slider for 'Archive, days' (set to 14) and a dropdown for '% Recording' (set to 100). Below this, it shows 'Archive size: 7.60 TB (HDD marked capacity 8.36 TB)'. On the right, there is a 'Recommended platforms' section with a 'Server's specs' tab. This tab shows a table with columns: Platform, Servers, and CPU load. The table has two rows of data.

Platform	Servers	CPU load
2x Intel Xeon E5-2630v3 (2400 MHz)	1	<10
2x Intel Xeon E5-2640v3 (2600 MHz)	1	<10

Note. Results of platforms calculation in the **Recommended platforms** table can be sorted by column using the  button in the title of corresponding column.

In the **Server's specs** tab one can find the platform calculation results for processors with selected architecture (see [Selecting CPU architecture](#)).

This screenshot is similar to the previous one, but the 'Server's specs' tab is highlighted in the 'Recommended platforms' section. The table below it shows the same data as in the previous screenshot.

Platform	Servers	CPU load
2x Intel Xeon E5-2630v3 (2400 MHz)	1	<10
2x Intel Xeon E5-2640v3 (2600 MHz)	1	<10

The **IPDRM solutions** tab is not available in English version of the Platform calculator.

The number of servers which is required to use for specified number of video cameras is shown in the **Servers** column.

Example. If 100 cameras are added and as a result of the best platform calculation it is recommended to use 5 servers with 50-60% server load then it is required to use 5 servers and install $100 / 5 = 20$ cameras on each server. In this case CPU of each server won't be more than 50-60%.

To save the calculation results in the excel file, click the **Export configuration to XLS** button. The export file includes both the list of recommended processors and the list of recommended IPDRM solutions.

The results of hardware platform calculation can change – hardware configuration can both increase and decrease depending on the camera model, camera settings and exposure of the image. Extra objects can increase the hardware configuration.

There are no graphics card requirements for Servers without displaying. NVIDIA GeForce GT520 graphics card or more efficient is sufficient for Servers with displaying/RMW.

CPU load when using RMW is the same as one for Server with displaying.

Calculation results for CARMEN

Information on recommended platform, number of Servers, available resolutions of the part of the frame used for recognition as well as number of recognition channels required to be purchased will be shown when calculating CARMEN platform.

Recommended platforms			
Freeflow			
Platform	Servers	Resolution	
Intel Core i7-3770K (3500 MHz)	1	200x100	
		400x200	
		640x480	
		800x600	



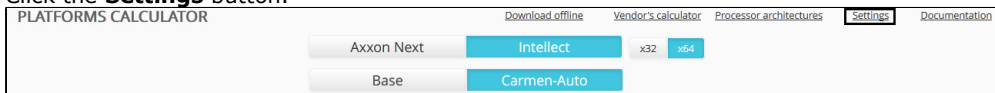
Note.

In the **Resolution** column not the resolution of the incoming video signal is specified but the resolution of the part of the frame that is set as **Search area** when configuring the **LPR channel** object.

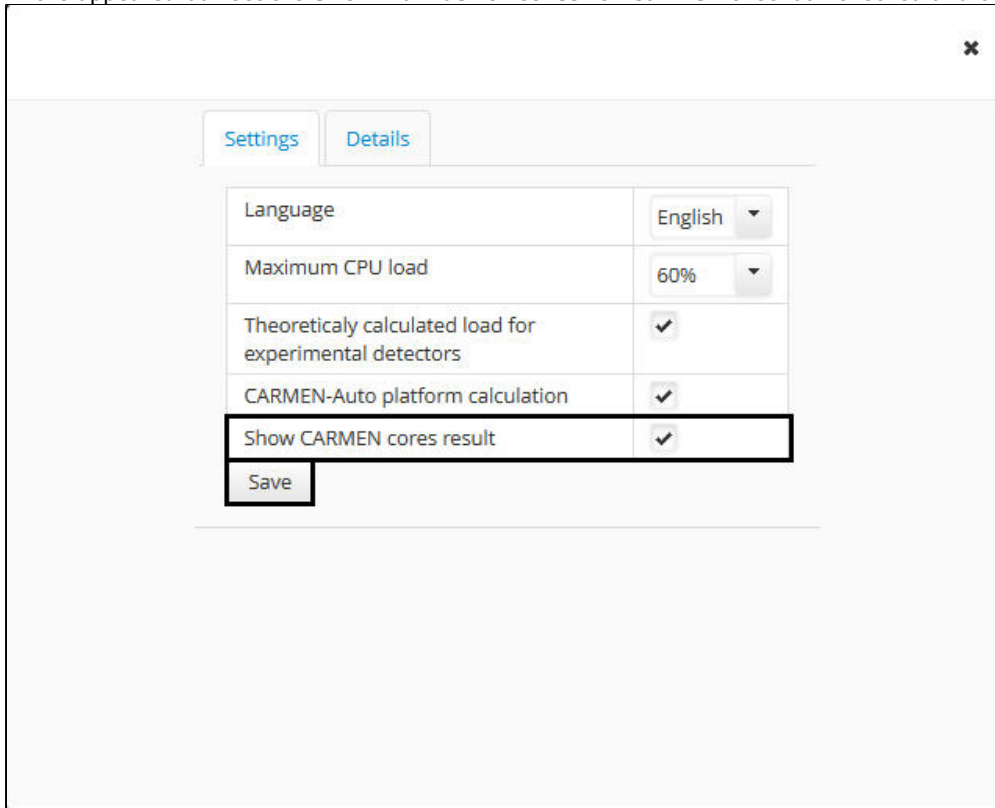
Example: a camera with 800x600 resolution is used for recognition when 400x200 search area is set. In this case look for 400x200 line in the table – not 800x600.

By default the information on the number of recognition channels required to be purchased (i.e. the number of system cores) is not displayed in the calculation results for CARMEN. To display this information, do the following:

1. Click the **Settings** button.



2. In the appeared box set the **Show number of cores for Carmen** checkbox checked and click **Save**.



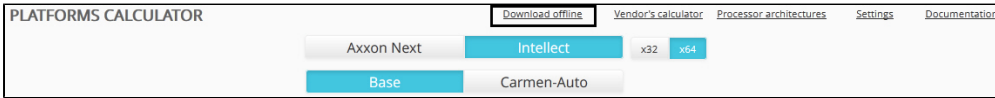
3. The **Number of cores** column is displayed in the platform calculation results.

Recommended platforms				
Freeflow				
Platform	Servers	Resolution		Cores
Intel Core i7-3770K (3500 MHz)	1	200x100		1
		400x200		
		640x480		
		800x600		

Offline version of the platform calculator

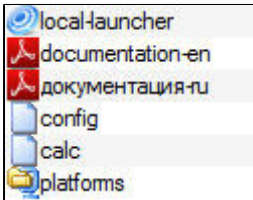
Downloading and starting offline version

The offline version of the platform calculator can be downloaded to perform calculations when there is no Internet connection. Select the **Download offline** item.



The offline version represents the zip file. To use the offline version of the platform calculator, unzip and save the file in any folder.

The archive contents are shown in the figure.



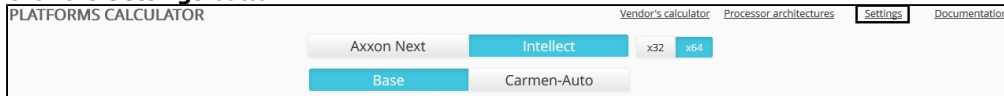
To start the platform calculator, the local-launcher.exe file is to be run. The **Axxon Platform Calculator** page is opened in the browser used by default. The interface of the offline version is the same as one of the online version.

Updating offline version

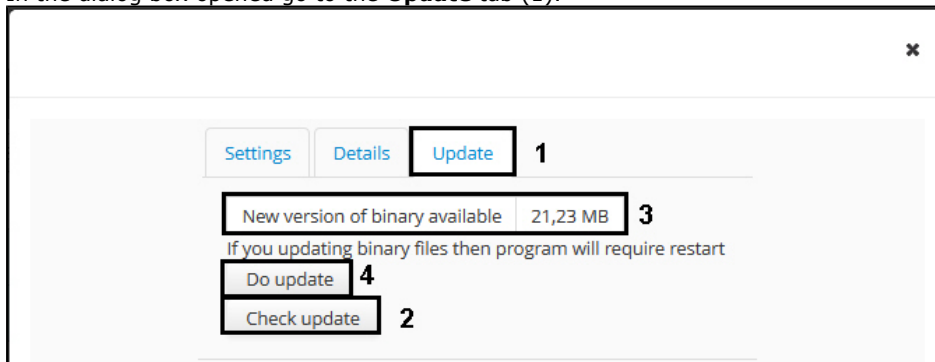
The offline version of the platform calculator can be updated if necessary. Both calculation data and executive part are updated.

Updating is performed as follows:

1. Click the **Settings** button.



2. In the dialog box opened go to the **Update** tab (1).



3. Click the **Check update** button (2).
4. If running offline version of the calculator is outdated, information about available updates and their size will be displayed (3).
5. Click the **Do update** button (4). After downloading and applying the available updates, a new tab with an updated version of the platform calculator will open in the browser.

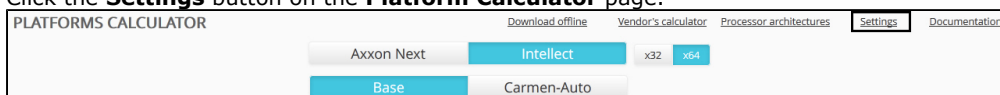
Updating the offline version of the platform calculator is completed.

Interface language

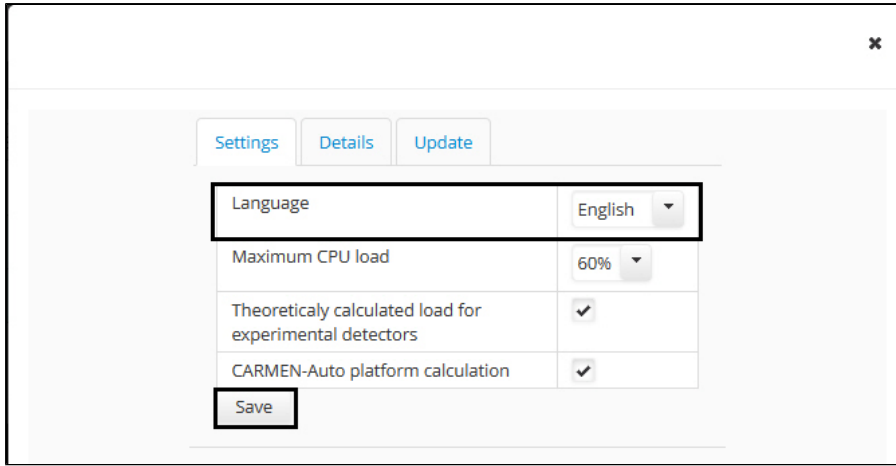
One can change the interface language on the Platform Calculator page. The English and Russian languages are available.

To change the interface language, do the following:

1. Click the **Settings** button on the **Platform Calculator** page.



2. The **Settings** box is opened.



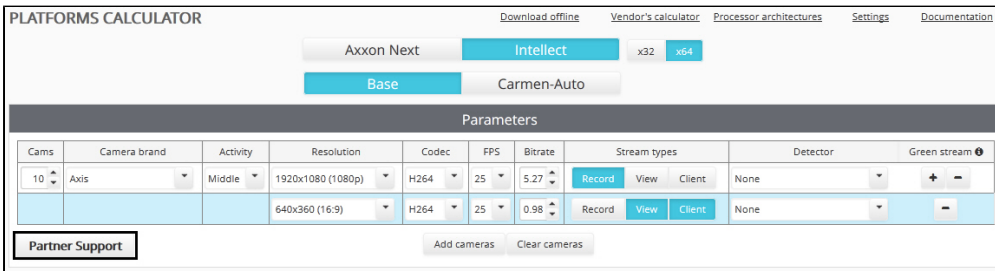
3. Select the required interface language in the **Language** dropdown list.
4. Click the **Save** button.

The calculator interface language is now changed.

Partner Support

If you have any questions about Platforms Calculator, feel free to contact AxxonSoft support.

For this click the **Partner Support** button.



AxxonSoft contact form appears in a new tab: <http://www.axxonsoft.com/contacts.php>

Fill out the contact form and send it. AxxonSoft specialist will contact you and answer your questions.