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USER MANUAL

Model:

VM-4HC

1:4 HDMI Distributor

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1 Introduction

Welcome to Kramer Electronics! Since 1981, Kramer Electronics has been providing a world of unique, creative, and affordable solutions to the vast range of problems that confront the video, audio, presentation, and broadcasting professional on a daily basis. In recent years, we have redesigned and upgraded most of our line, making the best even better! Our 1,000-plus different models now appear in 11 groups¹ that are clearly defined by function.

Thank you for purchasing your Kramer **VM-4HC 1:4 HDMI Distributor** which is ideal for:

- Home theater, presentation and multimedia applications
- Rental and staging

The package includes the following items:

- **VM-4HC 1:4 HDMI Distributor**
- 5V DC power adapter
- This user manual²

2 Getting Started

We recommend that you:

- Unpack the equipment carefully and save the original box and packaging materials for possible future shipment
- Review the contents of this user manual
- Use Kramer high performance high resolution cables³

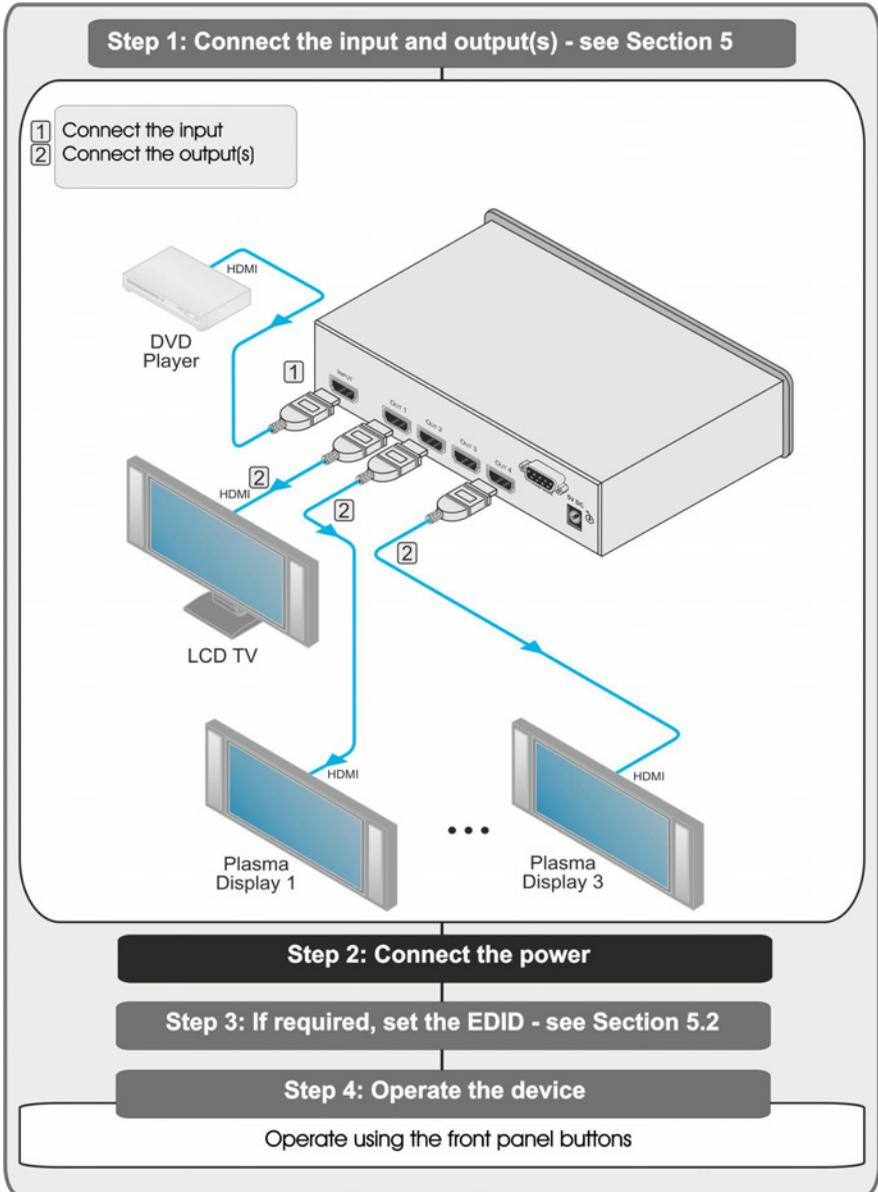
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3 The complete list of Kramer cables is available from <http://www.kramerelectronics.com>

2.1 Quick Start

This quick start chart summarizes the basic setup and operation steps.



3 Overview

The Kramer **VM-4HC** is a high quality 1:4 HDMI distributor that accepts an HDMI input and distributes the signal to up to four outputs, thus making it a versatile, reliable component in a video system. The **VM-4HC** distributes signals having resolutions up to UXGA, including all HDTV formats. In particular, the **VM-4HC** features:

- Max. Data Rate - 6.75Gbps (2.25Gbps per graphic channel)
- HDTV Compatibility and HDCP Compliance
- Kramer Equalization & re-Klocking™ Technology - Rebuilds the digital signal to travel longer distances
- I-EDIDPro™ Kramer Intelligent EDID Processing™ - Intelligent EDID handling & processing algorithm ensures Plug and Play operation for HDMI systems
- EDID Acquisition - Default, single output or all connected outputs (auto-mix)
- HDMI Support - Deep Color, x.v.Color™, up to 7.1 Uncompressed Audio Channels
- 3D Pass Thru
- Active Input & Output LED Indicators
- Desktop Size - Compact size. 2 units can be rack mounted side-by-side in a 1U rack space with the optional RK-1 adapter and a 5V DC mains power adapter

3.1 About HDMI

High-Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) is an uncompressed all-digital¹ audio/video interface, widely supported in the entertainment and home cinema industry. It delivers the highest high-definition image and sound quality.

In particular, HDMI²:

- Provides a simple³ interface between any audio/video source, such as a set-top box, DVD player, or A/V receiver and video monitor, such as a digital flat LCD / plasma television (DTV), over a single lengthy⁴ cable

¹ Ensuring an all-digital rendering of video without the losses associated with analog interfaces and their unnecessary digital-to-analog conversions

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³ With video and multi-channel audio combined into a single cable, the cost, complexity, and confusion of multiple cables currently used in A/V systems is reduced

⁴ HDMI technology has been designed to use standard copper cable construction at up to 15 m (49ft)

- Supports standard, enhanced, high-definition video, and multi-channel digital audio¹ on a single cable
- Transmits all ATSC HDTV standards and supports 8-channel digital audio, with bandwidth to spare to accommodate future enhancements and requirements
- Benefits consumers by providing superior, uncompressed digital video quality via a single cable², and user-friendly connector
- Is backward-compatible with DVI (Digital Visual Interface)
- Supports two-way CEC communication between the video source (such as a DVD player) and the digital television, enabling new functionality such as automatic configuration and one-button play

HDMI has the capacity to support existing high-definition video formats (720p, 1080i and 1080p, 2K and 4K) as well as standard definition formats such as NTSC or PAL

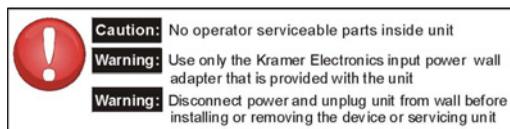
3.2 Defining the EDID

The Extended Display Identification Data (EDID³) is a data-structure, provided by a display, to describe its capabilities to a graphics card (that is connected to the display's source). The EDID enables the **VM-4HC** to "know" what kind of monitor is connected to the output. The EDID includes the manufacturer's name, the product type, the timing data supported by the display, the display size, luminance data and (for digital displays only) the pixel mapping data.

3.3 Recommendations for Best Performance

To achieve the best performance:

- Connect only good quality connection cables, thus avoiding interference, deterioration in signal quality due to poor matching, and elevated noise levels (often associated with low quality cables)
- Avoid interference from neighboring electrical appliances and position your **VM-4HC** away from moisture, excessive sunlight and dust



1 HDMI supports multiple audio formats, from standard stereo to multi-channel surround-sound. HDMI has the capacity to support Dolby 5.1 audio and high-resolution audio formats

2 HDMI provides the quality and functionality of a digital interface while also supporting uncompressed video formats in a simple, cost-effective manner

3 Defined by a standard published by the Video Electronics Standards Association (VESA)

4 Defining the VM-4HC 1:4 HDMI Distributor

[Figure 1](#) and [Table 1](#) define the front panel of the **VM-4HC 1:4 HDMI Distributor**.

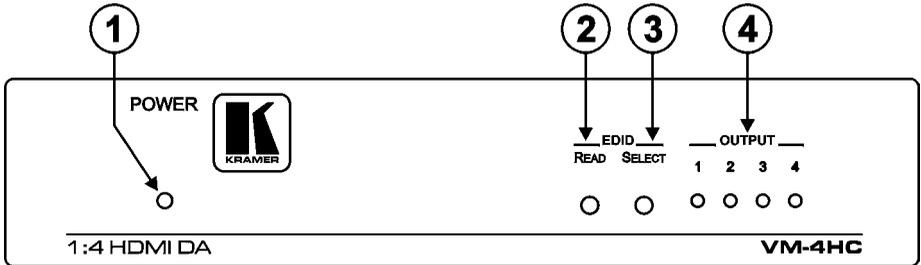


Figure 1: VM-4HC 1:4 HDMI Distributor Front Panel

Table 1: VM-4HC 1:4 HDMI Distributor Front Panel Features

#	Feature	Function
1	POWER LED	Lights red when the unit receives power
2	EDID	READ Button
3		SELECT Button
4	OUTPUT 1-4 LEDs	Lights green when an output(s) is connected and active; LEDs flash when selecting EDID (see Section 5.2)

[Figure 2](#) and [Table 2](#) define the rear panel of the **VM-4HC 1:4 HDMI Distributor**.

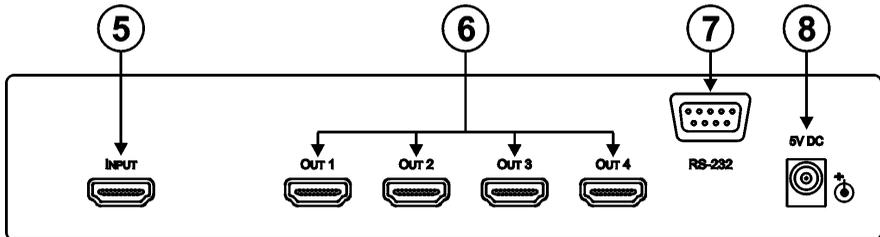


Figure 2: VM-4HC 1:4 HDMI Distributor Rear Panel

Table 2: VM-4HC 1:4 HDMI Distributor Rear Panel Features

#	Feature	Function
5	INPUT HDMI Connector	Connect to the HDMI source
6	OUT 1-4 HDMI Connectors	Connect to the HDMI acceptors 1 to 4
7	RS-232 9-pin D-sub Connector	Not currently in use
8	5V DC Power Connector	Connect to the power adapter, center pin positive

5 Connecting the VM-4HC 1:4 HDMI Distributor

This section describes:

- Connecting the **VM-4HC** (see [Section 5.1](#))
- Acquiring the EDID (see [Section 5.2](#))

5.1 Connecting the VM-4HC

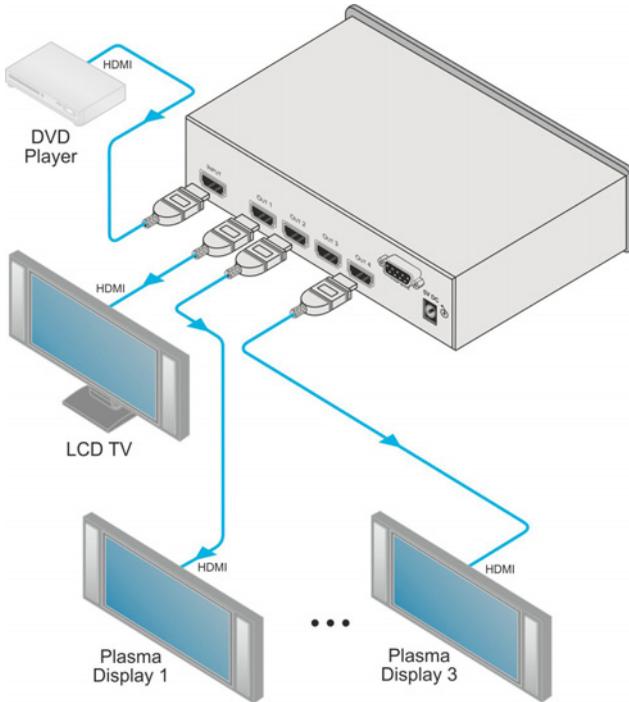


Figure 3: Connecting the VM-4HC 1:4 HDMI Distributor

To connect¹ the VM-4HC as illustrated in the example in [Figure 3](#):

1. Connect² the HDMI source, for example, a DVD player to the INPUT connector.

¹ Switch off the power to each device before connecting it to your VM-4HC. After connecting your VM-4HC, switch on its power and then switch on the power to each device

² Using the Kramer HDMI copper cables

2. Connect the HDMI OUTPUT connectors¹ to up to 4 HDMI acceptors as follows:
 - OUTPUT 1 to display device 1 (for example, a plasma display)
 - OUTPUT 2 to display device 2 (for example, a plasma or LCD display)
 - OUTPUT 3 to display device 3 (for example, an LCD TV)
 - OUTPUT 4 to display device 4 (for example, a plasma display)
3. Connect the power adapter to the device and to the mains electricity (not shown in [Figure 3](#)).
4. If required, acquire the EDID (see [Section 5.2](#)).

5.2 Acquiring the EDID

Initially² the **VM-4HC** operates with the factory default EDID³ stored in the non-volatile memory. The source reads the EDID from the device when the device is plugged in or powered on.

The EDID⁴ can be acquired from:

- One of the outputs
- The default EDID
- Up to four connected outputs using the Auto-mix Mode⁵

Repeatedly pressing the EDID SELECT button cycles through the EDID sources in the following order⁶:

- Output 1 (Output 1 LED lights)
- Output 2 (Output 2 LED lights)
- Output 3 (Output 3 LED lights)
- Output 4 (Output 4 LED lights)
- Default EDID (all LEDs light)
- Auto-Mix EDID (the LEDs flash in a running sequence)

1 As required. Up to four outputs can be connected. Not all outputs need to be connected

2 This is usually done only once when the unit is being set up in an installation. Once acquired, the EDID is saved in non-volatile memory and further acquisition is not necessary

3 The VM-4HC reads the EDID, which is stored in the non-volatile memory

4 This is usually done only once when the machine is being set up in an installation. Once acquired, the EDID is saved in non-volatile memory and further acquisition is not necessary

5 The EDID acquired is a weighted average of all the connected outputs. For example, if several displays with different resolutions are connected to the outputs, the acquired EDID supports all the resolutions, as well as other parameters included in the EDID

6 If you attempt to acquire the EDID from an output that is not connected the default EDID is acquired

To store the selected EDID, press EDID READ as described in the following example¹.

To select the EDID from Output 3:

1. Press the EDID SELECT button repeatedly until OUTPUT 3 LED lights.
2. Press the EDID READ button.
When the LED stops flashing the EDID from Output 3 is stored at the input.

Pressing the EDID SELECT button briefly once causes the relevant LEDs to indicate which EDID is stored at the input, as follows:

- OUTPUT 1 LED flashes—the EDID from OUTPUT 1 was the last acquired
- OUTPUT 2 LED flashes—the EDID from OUTPUT 2 was the last acquired, and so on
- All OUTPUT LEDs flash—the default EDID was the last acquired
- All OUTPUT LEDs flash sequentially—the Auto-Mix² EDID was the last acquired

¹ To cancel the EDID modification wait for a few seconds without touching any button

² The EDID acquired is a weighted average of all the connected outputs. For example, if several displays with different resolutions are connected to the outputs, the acquired EDID supports all the resolutions, as well as other parameters included in the EDID

6 Technical Specifications

[Table 3](#) includes the technical specifications:

Table 3: Technical Specifications¹ of the VM-4HC 1:4 HDMI Distributor

INPUT:	1 HDMI connector
OUTPUTS:	4 HDMI connectors
MAX. DATA RATE:	6.75Gbps (2.25Gbps per graphic channel)
COMPLIANCE WITH HDMI STANDARD:	Supports HDMI and HDCP
CONTROLS:	SELECT and READ buttons for selecting and storing EDID information
INDICATOR LEDs:	POWER, OUTPUTS 1-4
POWER CONSUMPTION:	5V DC, 1.1A
OPERATING TEMPERATURE:	0° to +55°C (32° to 131°F)
STORAGE TEMPERATURE:	-45° to +72°C (-49° to 162°F)
HUMIDITY:	10% to 90%, RHL non-condensing
DIMENSIONS:	21.5cm x 16.3cm x 4.4cm (8.5" x 6.4" x 1.7") W, D, H
WEIGHT:	0.6kg (1.32lbs) approx.
ACCESSORIES:	Power supply
OPTIONS:	Kramer HDMI cables ² , RK-1 19" rack adapter

¹ Specifications are subject to change without notice

² For best results, use Kramer cables such as the C-HM/HM series, the C-HM/DM series and/or our HDMI over fiber optics C-FOHM/FOHM series

7 Default EDID

Monitor

Model name..... VM-4HC
 Manufacturer..... KRM
 Plug and Play ID..... KRM0023
 Serial number..... 505-707455010
 Manufacture date..... 2009, ISO week 10
 Filter driver..... None

 EDID revision..... 1.3
 Input signal type..... Digital
 Color bit depth..... Undefined
 Display type..... RGB color
 Screen size..... 520 x 320 mm (24.0 in)
 Power management..... Standby, Suspend, Active off/sleep
 Extension blocs..... 1 (CEA-EXT)

 DDC/CI..... n/a

Color characteristics

Default color space..... Non-sRGB
 Display gamma..... 2.20
 Red chromaticity..... Rx 0.674 - Ry 0.319
 Green chromaticity..... Gx 0.188 - Gy 0.706
 Blue chromaticity..... Bx 0.148 - By 0.064
 White point (default)... Wx 0.313 - Wy 0.329
 Additional descriptors... None

Timing characteristics

Horizontal scan range.... 30-83kHz
 Vertical scan range..... 56-76Hz
 Video bandwidth..... 170MHz
 CVT standard..... Not supported
 GTF standard..... Not supported
 Additional descriptors... None
 Preferred timing..... Yes
 Native/preferred timing.. 1280x720p at 60Hz (16:10)
 Modeline..... "1280x720" 74.250 1280 1390 1430 1650 720 725 730 750 +hsync +vsync

Standard timings supported

720 x 400p at 70Hz - IBM VGA
 640 x 480p at 60Hz - IBM VGA
 640 x 480p at 75Hz - VESA
 800 x 600p at 60Hz - VESA
 800 x 600p at 75Hz - VESA
 1024 x 768p at 60Hz - VESA
 1024 x 768p at 75Hz - VESA
 1280 x 1024p at 75Hz - VESA
 1280 x 1024p at 60Hz - VESA STD
 1600 x 1200p at 60Hz - VESA STD
 1152 x 864p at 75Hz - VESA STD

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Revision number..... 3
 IT underscan..... Supported
 Basic audio..... Supported
 YCbCr 4:4:4..... Supported
 YCbCr 4:2:2..... Supported
 Native formats..... 1
 Detailed timing #1..... 1920x1080p at 60Hz (16:10)
 Modeline..... "1920x1080" 148.500 1920 2008 2052 2200 1080 1084 1089 1125 +hsync +vsync
 Detailed timing #2..... 1920x1080i at 60Hz (16:10)
 Modeline..... "1920x1080" 74.250 1920 2008 2052 2200 1080 1084 1094 1124 interlace +hsync +vsync
 Detailed timing #3..... 1280x720p at 60Hz (16:10)
 Modeline..... "1280x720" 74.250 1280 1390 1430 1650 720 725 730 750 +hsync +vsync
 Detailed timing #4..... 720x480p at 60Hz (16:10)
 Modeline..... "720x480" 27.000 720 736 798 858 480 489 495 525 -hsync -vsync

CE video identifiers (VICs) - timing/formats supported

1920 x 1080p at 60Hz - HDTV (16:9, 1:1)
 1920 x 1080i at 60Hz - HDTV (16:9, 1:1)

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Caution

Safety Warning:

Disconnect the unit from the power supply before opening/servicing.



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