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USER MANUAL

MODEL:

VM-4HxI

1:4 HDMI Distributor

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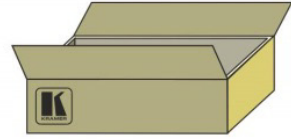


VM-4HxI Quick Start Guide

This guide helps you install and use your product for the first time. For more detailed information, go to http://www.kramerelectronics.com/support/product_downloads.asp to download the latest manual or scan the QR code on the left.

Step 1: Check what's in the box

- ☒ VM-4HxI 1:4 HDMI Distributor
- ☒ 1 Power cord
- ☒ 1 Set of rack "ears"
- ☒ 4 Rubber feet
- ☒ 1 Quick Start sheet



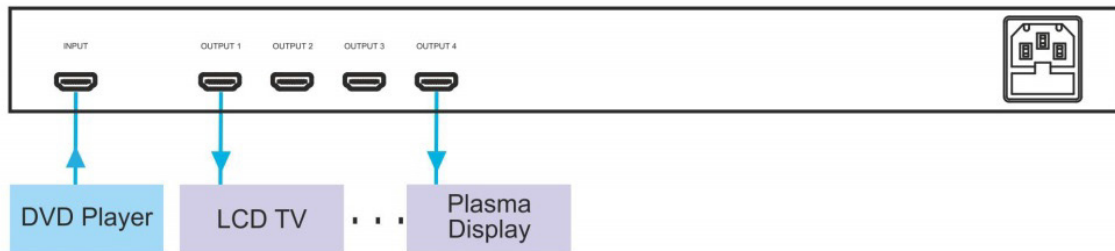
Save the original box and packaging materials in case you need to return your **VM-4HxI** for service.

Step 2: Install the VM-4HxI

Mount the **VM-4HxI** in a rack (using the included rack "ears") or attach the rubber feet and place on a table.

Step 3: Connect the inputs and outputs

Always switch off the power on each device before connecting it to your **VM-4HxI**.



Always use Kramer high-performance cables for connecting AV equipment to the **VM-4HxI**.

Step 4: Connect the power

Connect the power cord to the **VM-4HxI** and plug it into the mains electricity.



Step 5: Operate the VM-4HxI

If necessary change the EDID settings.

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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 video, audio, presentation, and broadcasting professionals 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 groups that are clearly defined by function: GROUP 1: Distribution Amplifiers; GROUP 2: Switchers and Routers; GROUP 3: Control Systems; GROUP 4: Format/Standards Converters; GROUP 5: Range Extenders and Repeaters; GROUP 6: Specialty AV Products; GROUP 7: Scan Converters and Scalers; GROUP 8: Cables and Connectors; GROUP 9: Room Connectivity; GROUP 10: Accessories and Rack Adapters and GROUP 11: Sierra Products.

Congratulations on purchasing your Kramer **VM-4HxI** *1:4 HDMI Distributor*, which is ideal for the following typical applications:

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

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



Go to <http://www.kramerelectronics.com> to check for up-to-date user manuals, application programs, and to check if firmware upgrades are available (where appropriate).

2.1 Achieving the Best Performance

To achieve the best performance:

- Use only good quality connection cables (we recommend Kramer high-performance, high-resolution cables) to avoid interference, deterioration in signal quality due to poor matching, and elevated noise levels (often associated with low quality cables)
- Do not secure the cables in tight bundles or roll the slack into tight coils
- Avoid interference from neighboring electrical appliances that may adversely influence signal quality
- Position your Kramer **VM-4HxI** away from moisture, excessive sunlight and dust



This equipment is to be used only inside a building. It may only be connected to other equipment that is installed inside a building.

2.2 Safety Instructions



Caution: There are no operator serviceable parts inside the unit

Warning: Use only the power cord that is supplied with the unit

Warning: Do not open the unit. High voltages can cause electrical shock! Servicing by qualified personnel only

Warning: Disconnect the power and unplug the unit from the wall before installing

2.3 Recycling Kramer Products

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive 2002/96/EC aims to reduce the amount of WEEE sent for disposal to landfill or incineration by requiring it to be collected and recycled. To comply with the WEEE Directive, Kramer Electronics has made arrangements with the European Advanced Recycling Network (EARN) and will cover any costs of treatment, recycling and recovery of waste Kramer Electronics branded equipment on arrival at the EARN facility. For details of Kramer's recycling arrangements in your particular country go to our recycling pages at <http://www.kramerelectronics.com/support/recycling/>.

3 Overview

The Kramer **VM-4HxI** is a high-quality 1:4 HDMI distributor that accepts an HDMI input and distributes the signal to four outputs, allowing one or more of the outputs to be connected to receiving devices, thus making it a versatile, reliable component in a video system. The **VM-4HxI** distributes signals having resolutions up to UXGA, including all HDTV formats.

In particular, the **VM-4HxI** features:

- A maximum data rate of 6.75Gbps (2.25Gbps per graphic channel)
Suitable for resolutions up to UXGA at 60Hz, and for all HD resolutions.
- Data reclocking and equalization
- A default EDID for fast and efficient connection of the unit
The default EDID feature lets you connect the VM-4HxI without having to connect a display to the output
- I-EDIDPro™ Kramer Intelligent EDID Processing™, an intelligent EDID handling and processing algorithm that ensures Plug and Play operation for HDMI systems
- 3D pass-through
- HDMI support for Deep Color, x.v.Color™, Lip Sync, HDMI Uncompressed Audio Channels, Dolby TrueHD, DTS-HD and CEC
- Five HDMI connectors, four output status LEDs and EDID read and select buttons

The **VM-4HxI** is housed in a 19" 1U rack-mountable enclosure, and is fed from a 100-240V AC universal switching power supply.

3.1 Defining the VM-4HxI 1:4 HDMI Distributor

This section defines the **VM-4HxI**.

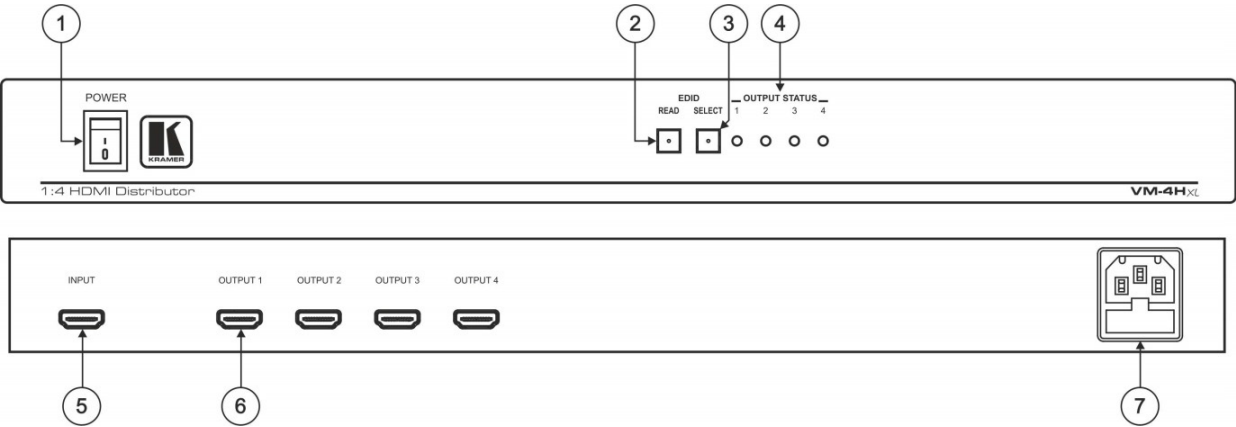


Figure 1: VM-4HxL 1:4 HDMI Distributor Front Panel

#	Feature	Function
1	POWER Switch	Illuminated switch for turning the unit ON or OFF
2	EDID READ Button	Press to read the EDID of the selected display
3	EDID SELECT Button	Select the desired display for EDID information
4	OUTPUTS LEDs	LEDs light when an output(s) is connected and active; LEDs flash when selecting EDID (see Section 6)
5	INPUT HDMI Connector	Connects to the HDMI source
6	OUTPUT HDMI Connectors	Connect to the HDMI acceptors (from 1 to 4)
7	Power Connector with Fuse	AC connector enabling power supply to the unit

4 Installing in a Rack

This section provides instructions for rack mounting the unit.

Before installing in a rack, be sure that the environment is within the recommended range:

OPERATING TEMPERATURE:	0° to +40°C (32° to 104°F)
STORAGE TEMPERATURE:	-40° to +70°C (-40° to 158°F)
HUMIDITY:	10% to 90%, RHL non-condensing



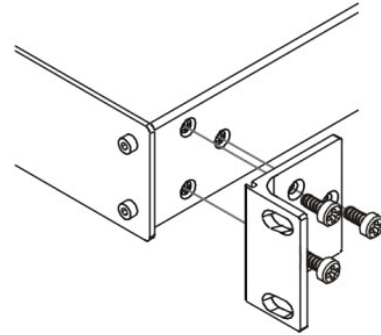
CAUTION!

When installing on a 19" rack, avoid hazards by taking care that:

1. It is located within the recommended environmental conditions, as the operating ambient temperature of a closed or multi unit rack assembly may exceed the room ambient temperature.
2. Once rack mounted, enough air will still flow around the machine.
3. The machine is placed straight in the correct horizontal position.
4. You do not overload the circuit(s). When connecting the machine to the supply circuit, overloading the circuits might have a detrimental effect on overcurrent protection and supply wiring. Refer to the appropriate nameplate ratings for information. For example, for fuse replacement, see the value printed on the product label.
5. The machine is earthed (grounded) in a reliable way and is connected only to an electricity socket with grounding. Pay particular attention to situations where electricity is supplied indirectly (when the power cord is not plugged directly into the socket in the wall), for example, when using an extension cable or a power strip, and that you use only the power cord that is supplied with the machine.

To rack-mount a machine:

1. Attach both ear brackets to the machine. To do so, remove the screws from each side of the machine (3 on each side), and replace those screws through the ear brackets.



2. Place the ears of the machine against the rack rails, and insert the proper screws (not provided) through each of the four holes in the rack ears.

Note:

- In some models, the front panel may feature built-in rack ears
- Detachable rack ears can be removed for desktop use
- Always mount the machine in the rack before you attach any cables or connect the machine to the power
- If you are using a Kramer rack adapter kit (for a machine that is not 19"), see the Rack Adapters user manual for installation instructions available from our Web site

5 Connecting the VM-4HxI



Always switch off the power to each device before connecting it to your **VM-4HxI**. After connecting your **VM-4HxI**, connect its power and then switch on the power to each device.

To connect the **VM-4HxI** as illustrated in the example in [Figure 2](#):

1. Connect an HDMI source (for example, a DVD player) to the INPUT connector.
2. Connect the four OUTPUT connectors to up to four HDMI acceptors (not all outputs need to be connected) as follows:
 - OUTPUT 1 connector to HDMI acceptor 1 (for example, an LCD TV)
 - OUTPUT 2 connector to HDMI acceptor 2 (for example, a plasma display)
 - OUTPUT 3 connector to HDMI acceptor 3 (for example, a plasma display)
 - OUTPUT 4 connector to HDMI acceptor 4 (for example, a plasma display)
3. Connect the power cord to the mains electricity.
4. Turn ON the POWER.
5. Acquire EDID (see [Section 6](#)).

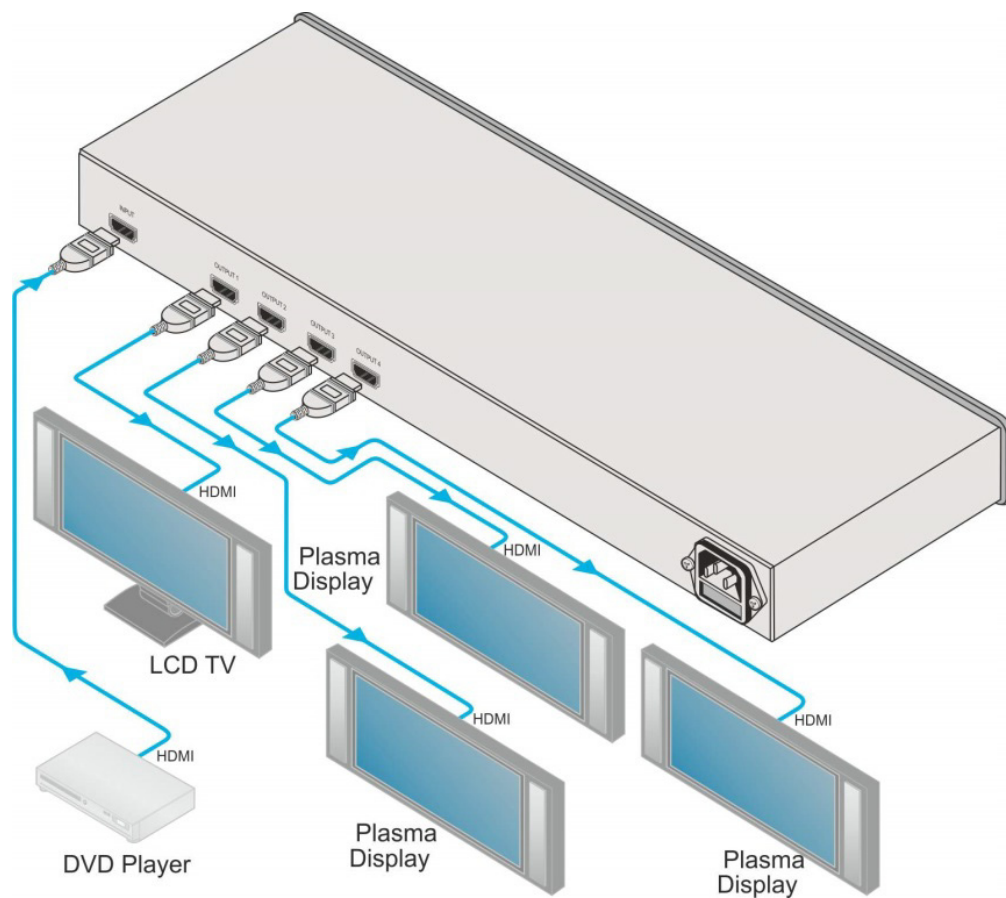


Figure 2: Connecting the VM-4HxI 1:4 HDMI Distributor

6 Acquiring an EDID

The **VM-4HxI** initially operates with the default EDID. This means that you can turn ON the power before connecting any of the acceptors or the source.

You can acquire the EDID by sending the:

- EDID from a selected output to the input (see [Section 6.1](#))
- Default EDID to the input (see [Section 6.2](#))
- Auto EDID to the input (see [Section 6.3](#))

The auto EDID is an adjusted calculation of the EDIDs of all the connected outputs.

6.1 Acquiring the EDID from a Selected Output

To select an EDID from a selected output, do the following:

1. Press the SELECT button, as required, to reach the desired output, which flashes.
2. Press the READ button.

The EDID of the selected output is stored in the non-volatile memory when the READ button no longer illuminates as well as the selected output LED.

6.2 Restoring the Default EDID

To restore the default EDID, do the following:

1. Press the SELECT button several times until the OUTPUT LEDs flash simultaneously.
2. Press the READ button.

The READ button illuminates.

The default EDID is stored in the non-volatile memory when the READ button no longer illuminates as well as the output LEDs.

6.3 Acquiring the Auto EDID

To acquire the Auto EDID, do the following:

1. Press the SELECT button several times until the OUTPUT LEDs flash in sequence.
2. Press the READ button.

The READ button illuminates.

The auto EDID is stored in the non-volatile memory when the READ button no longer illuminates as well as the output LEDs.

7 Technical Specifications

INPUT:	1 HDMI Connector
OUTPUTS:	4 HDMI Connectors
MAX. DATA RATE:	6.75Gbps (2.25Gbps per graphic channel)
STANDARDS COMPLIANCE:	Supports HDMI and HDCP
CONTROLS:	SELECT and READ buttons for selecting and storing EDID information
INDICATOR LEDs:	OUTPUTS 1 to 4, and ACTIVE LED
POWER CONSUMPTION:	100-240V AC, 50/60Hz, 16VA
OPERATING TEMPERATURE:	0° to +40°C (32° to 104°F)
STORAGE TEMPERATURE:	-40° to +70°C (-40° to 158°F)
HUMIDITY:	10% to 90%, RHL non-condensing
DIMENSIONS:	19" x 7" x 1U (W, D, H) rack mountable
WEIGHT:	2.5kg. (5.5lbs) approx.
ACCESSORIES:	Power cord, rack "ears"
Specifications are subject to change without notice at http://www.kramerelectronics.com	

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SAFETY WARNING

Disconnect the unit from the power supply before opening and servicing

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