

**Kramer Electronics, Ltd.**



# **USER MANUAL**

**Model:**

**VS-81HD**

*8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher*

## Contents

<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Getting Started</b>	<b>1</b>
2.1	Quick Start	1
<b>3</b>	<b>Overview</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Your VS-81HD 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher</b>	<b>3</b>
4.1	Using the IR Transmitter	6
<b>5</b>	<b>Installing on a Rack</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Connecting Your VS-81HD 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher</b>	<b>8</b>
6.1	DIP-switch Settings	10
6.1.1	Setting the Machine ID DIP-switches	10
6.2	Controlling via RS-232 (for example, using a PC)	11
6.3	Controlling via the RS-485 Port	12
6.4	Switching Genlocked Video Signals	13
6.5	Controlling via ETHERNET	13
6.5.1	Connecting the ETHERNET Port directly to a PC (Crossover Cable)	13
6.5.2	Connecting the ETHERNET Port via a Network Hub (Straight-Through Cable)	15
6.5.3	Configuring the Ethernet Port	15
6.6	Controlling via the REMOTE Connector	15
<b>7</b>	<b>Operating the VS-81HD</b>	<b>16</b>
7.1	Locking the Front Panel	16
<b>8</b>	<b>Technical Specifications</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Kramer Protocol 2000</b>	<b>18</b>

## Figures

Figure 1:	VS-81HD 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher	4
Figure 2:	Connecting the VS-81HD 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher	9
Figure 3:	VS-81HD MACHINE ID DIP-switches	10
Figure 4:	Connecting a PC without using a Null-modem Adapter	11
Figure 5:	Controlling via RS-485 (for example, using an RC-3000)	12
Figure 6:	Local Area Connection Properties Window	14
Figure 7:	Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties Window	14
Figure 8:	Using the REMOTE Connector	15

## Tables

Table 1: VS-81HD 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher Features	5
Table 2: MACHINE ID DIP-switch Settings	10
Table 3: Technical Specifications of the VS-81HD 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher	17
Table 4: Protocol Definitions	18
Table 5: Instruction Codes for Protocol 2000	19

## 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 groups<sup>1</sup> that are clearly defined by function.

Congratulations on purchasing your Kramer **VS-81HD** 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher. This product is ideal for:

- Professional broadcasting and production studios
- Post production

The package includes the following items:

- **VS-81HD** 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher
- Null-modem adapter, infrared remote control transmitter and power cord
- This user manual<sup>2</sup>

## 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 cables<sup>3</sup>

### 2.1 Quick Start

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

---

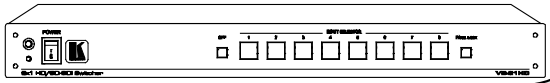
1 GROUP 1: Distribution Amplifiers; GROUP 2: Switchers and Matrix Switchers; GROUP 3: Control Systems; GROUP 4: Format/Standards Converters; GROUP 5: Range Extenders and Repeaters; GROUP 6: Specialty AV Products; GROUP 7: Scan Converters and Scalers; GROUP 8: Cables and Connectors; GROUP 9: Room Connectivity; GROUP 10: Accessories and Rack Adapters; GROUP 11: Sierra Products

2 Download up-to-date Kramer user manuals from the Internet at <http://www.kramerelectronics.com>

3 The complete list of Kramer cables is on our Web site at <http://www.kramerelectronics.com>

**Step 1: Mount the machine - see section 5**

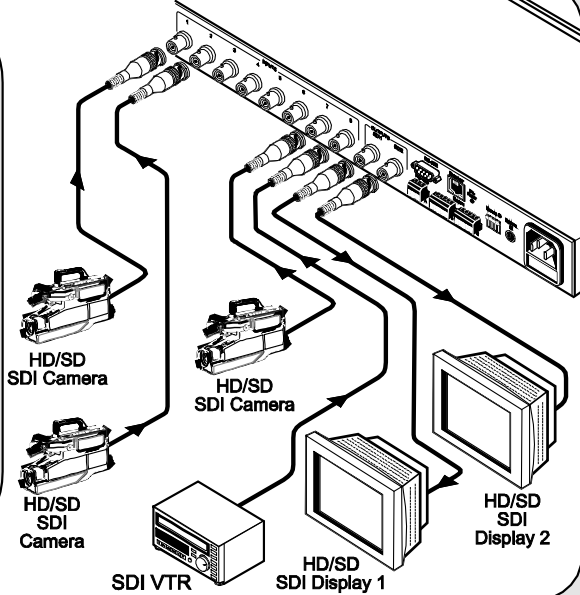
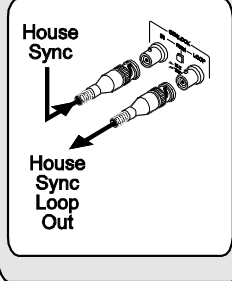
Mount the machine in a rack or stick the 4 rubber feet to the underside



**Step 2: Connect the Inputs and outputs - see section 6**

OPTIONAL:

Connect a house sync to the GENLOCK IN connector and connect the LOOP connector to the Genlock connector of an additional unit



**Step 3: Set the machine - see section 6**

SET THE DIPSWITCHES

Set the machine ID number

By default, all the dipswitches are set to OFF



**Step 4: Turn the power ON**

**Step 5: Operate the machine**

Operate via the front panel buttons, IR remote control, RS-232, RS-485, remote control contact closure and ETHERNET

### 3 Overview

The Kramer **VS-81HD** is a true 8x1 switcher for standard definition / high definition SDI signals that lets you switch any one of the eight inputs to two identical outputs. In particular, the **VS-81HD**:

- Features selector buttons that automatically light up in different colors—green, when the **VS-81HD** detects a ‘standard definition’ signal, or blue, when it detects a ‘high definition’ signal
- Features reclocking and equalization on each input
- Supports cable equalization and is SMPTE 259M, 292M and DVB-ASI<sup>1</sup> compliant
- Supports ANC data (embedded audio, Teletext, time code and so on)
- Has the ability to switch genlocked video signals according to timing of the GENLOCK reference input. Switching according to the Bi-level or Tri-level Genlock input according to SMPTE RP-168<sup>2</sup>
- Has an OFF button to disconnect the outputs
- Has a front panel lock button

The **VS-81HD**, which is housed in a 19" 1U rack mountable enclosure, and is fed from a 100-240 VAC universal switching power supply, can be controlled via the:

- Front panel buttons
- Infra-red remote control transmitter
- Infra-red remote extension cable transmitter, see section [4.1](#)
- Remotely, by RS-232 or RS-485 serial commands transmitted by a touch screen system, PC, or other serial controller
- ETHERNET
- Remote contact closure for forced operation

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 that may adversely influence signal quality and position your Kramer **VS-81HD** away from moisture, excessive sunlight and dust

### 4 Your VS-81HD 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher

[Figure 1](#) and [Table 1](#) define the **VS-81HD** 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher.

---

<sup>1</sup> Digital Video Broadcasting - Asynchronous Serial Interface

<sup>2</sup> The sources must be genlocked to the GENLOCK input in order to switch cleanly

Your VS-81HD 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher

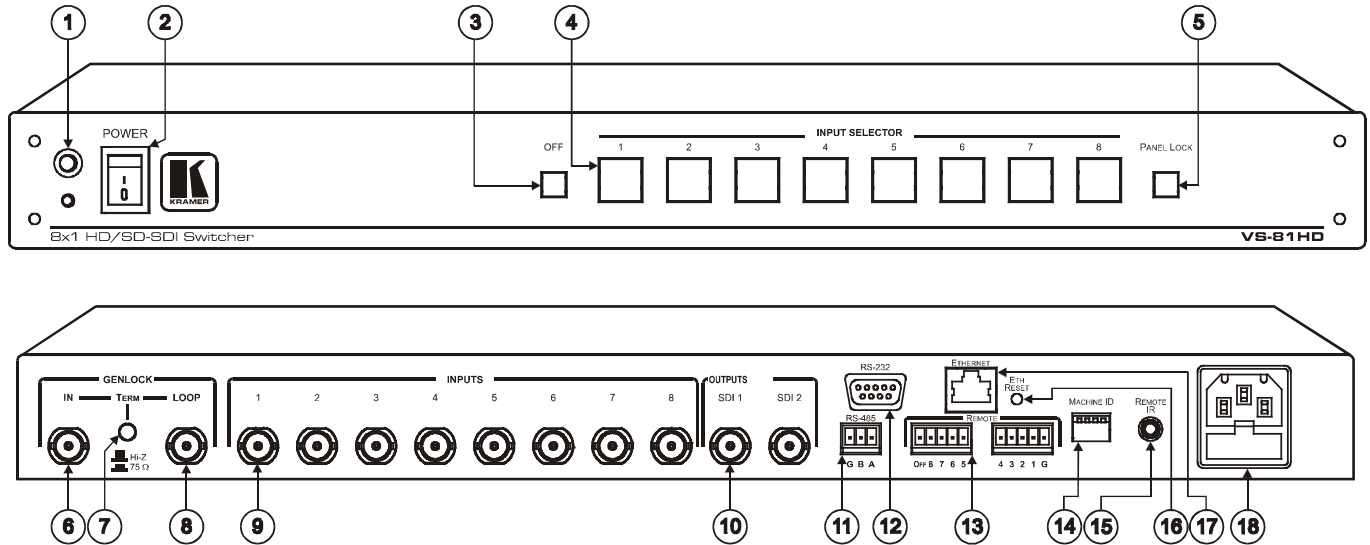


Figure 1: VS-81HD 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher

Table 1: VS-81HD 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher Features

#	Feature	Function	
1	IR Receiver	The red LED is illuminated when receiving signals from the infrared remote control transmitter	
2	POWER Switch	Illuminated switch for turning the unit ON or OFF	
3	OFF Button	Press to disconnect the outputs	
4	INPUT SELECTOR Buttons	Select the input to switch to the output (from 1 to 8) Use to set the resolution when switching genlocked video signals (see section <a href="#">6.4</a> )	
5	PANEL LOCK Button	Disengages the front panel buttons	
6	GENLOCK	IN BNC Connector	Connect to the genlock source
7		TERM Button	Press to terminate the genlock source (75Ω) or release for looping <sup>1</sup>
8		LOOP BNC Connector	Connect to the GENLOCK connector of the next unit in the line
9	INPUTS BNC Connectors	Connect to the serial digital video sources (from 1 to 8)	
10	OUTPUTS SDI BNC Connectors	Connect the two identical SDI outputs to serial digital video acceptors (1 and 2)	
11	RS-485 Detachable Terminal Block Port	PIN G is for the Ground connection <sup>2</sup> ; PINs B (-) and A (+) are for RS-485	
12	RS-232 9-pin D-sub Port	Connects to the PC or the Remote Controller <sup>3</sup>	
13	REMOTE Terminal Block Connector	Connect to contact closure switches (see section <a href="#">6.6</a> )	
14	MACHINE ID DIP-switches	DIP-switches for setting the machine ID number	
15	REMOTE IR Opening <sup>4</sup>	Connects to an external IR receiver <sup>5</sup> unit for controlling the machine via an IR remote controller (instead of using the front panel IR receiver)	
16	ETH FACTORY RESET Button	Press to reset to factory default definitions <sup>6</sup> : IP number – 192.168.1.39 Mask – 255.255.255.0 Gateway – 192.168.1.1	
17	ETHERNET Connector	Connects to the PC or other Serial Controller through computer networking	
18	Power Connector with Fuse	AC connector enabling power supply to the unit	

1 Extending the genlock source to another unit

2 The ground connection is sometimes connected to the shield of the RS-485 cable. In most applications, the ground is not connected

3 Via a null-modem connection

4 Covered by a cap. The 3.5mm connector at the end of the internal IR connection cable fits through this opening

5 Optional. Can be used instead of the front panel (built-in) IR receiver to remotely control the machine (only if the internal IR connection cable has been installed), see section [4.1](#)

6 First disconnect the power cord and then connect it again while pressing the ETH Factory Reset button. The unit will power up and load its memory with the factory default definitions



## 4.1 Using the IR Transmitter

You can use the **RC-IR2** IR transmitter to control the machine via the built-in IR receiver on the front panel or, instead, via an optional external IR receiver<sup>1</sup>. The external IR receiver can be located 15 meters away from the machine. This distance can be extended to up to 60 meters when used with three extension cables<sup>2</sup>.

Before using the external IR receiver, be sure to arrange for your Kramer dealer to insert the internal IR connection cable<sup>3</sup> with the 3.5mm connector that fits into the REMOTE IR opening on the rear panel.

Connect the external IR receiver to the REMOTE IR 3.5mm connector.

---

1 Model: C-A35M/IRR-50

2 Model: C-A35M/A35F-50

3 P/N: 505-70434010-S

## 5 Installing on a Rack

This section describes what to do before installing on a rack and how to rack mount.

### Before Installing in a Rack

Before installing in a rack, be sure that the environment is within the recommended range:	
Operating temperature range	+5° to +45° C (41° to 113° F)
Operating humidity range	10 to 90% RHL, non-condensing
Storage temperature range	-20° to +70° C (-4° to 158° F)
Storage humidity range	5 to 95% RHL, non-condensing



### CAUTION!!

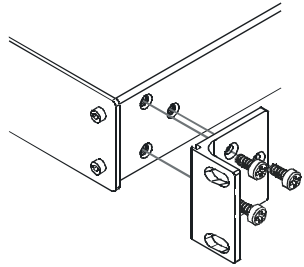
When installing on a 19" rack, avoid hazards by taking care that:

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.

### How to Rack Mount

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 that:

- 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 (you can download it at: <http://www.kramerelectronics.com>)

## 6 Connecting Your VS-81HD 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher

You can use your **VS-81HD** to switch one of the eight high definition / standard definition SDI inputs to the two identical high definition / standard definition SDI outputs, as the example illustrated in [Figure 2](#) shows.

To connect the **VS-81HD 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher**, as shown in the example in [Figure 2](#), do the following<sup>1</sup>:

1. Connect up to eight SDI sources to the INPUTS BNC connectors, for example an:
  - HD/SD SDI camera to INPUT 1
  - HD/SD SDI camera to INPUT 2
  - HD/SD SDI camera to INPUT 7
  - SDI VTR to INPUT 8
2. Connect the SDI OUTPUT BNC connectors to up to<sup>2</sup> two SDI acceptors (for example, two HD/SD SDI displays).
3. Set the DIP-switches (see section [6.1](#)).
4. As an option<sup>3</sup>, you can connect:
  - A genlock source to the GENLOCK IN BNC connector
  - The LOOP BNC connector to the GENLOCK connector of the next unit in the line, and release the TERM button for looping<sup>4</sup>
5. If required, connect a PC and/or controller to the:
  - RS-232 port (see section [6.2](#)), and/or
  - RS-485 port (see section [6.3](#)), and/or
  - ETHERNET connector (see section [6.5](#))
6. If required<sup>3</sup>, connect a remote contact closure switch (see section [6.6](#))
7. Connect<sup>5</sup> the power cord<sup>3</sup>.

---

1 Switch OFF the power on each device before connecting it to your VS-81HD. After connecting your VS-81HD, switch on its power and then switch on the power on each device

2 When only one output is required, connect that output, and leave the other output unconnected

3 Not illustrated in [Figure 2](#)

4 Push in to terminate the input. Release when the input extends to another unit

5 We recommend that you use only the power cord that is supplied with this machine

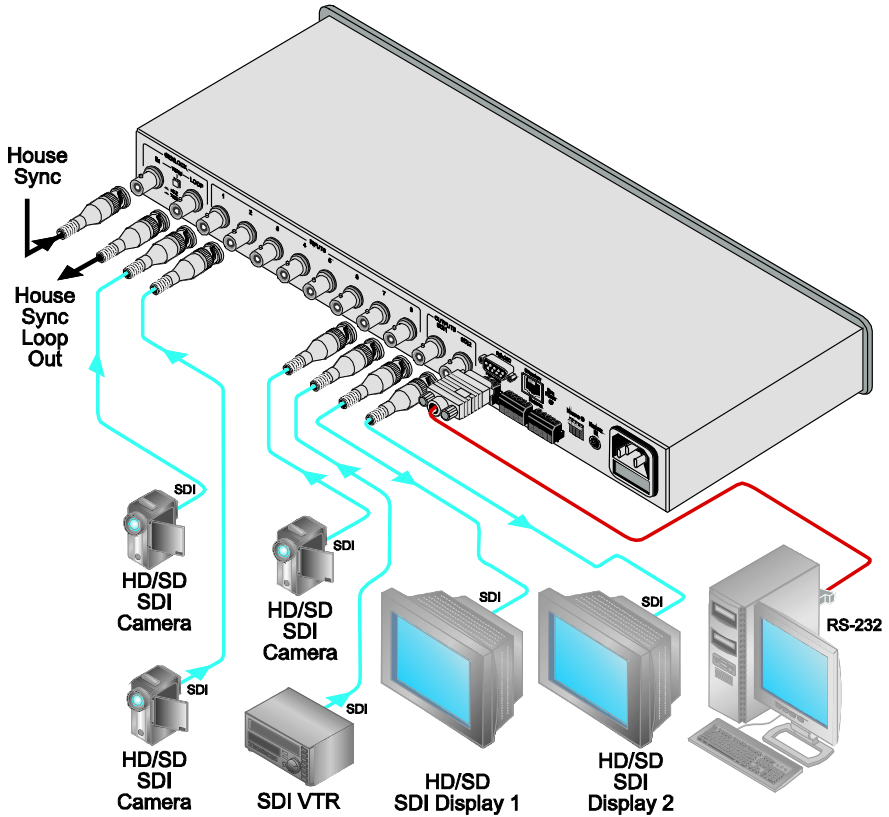
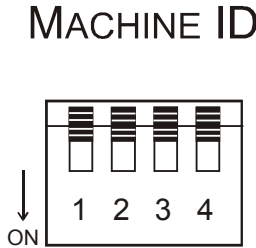


Figure 2: Connecting the VS-81HD 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher

## 6.1 DIP-switch Settings

By default, all the DIP-switches are set to OFF.

[Figure 3](#) illustrates the **VS-81HD** DIP-switches:



*Figure 3: VS-81HD MACHINE ID DIP-switches*

### 6.1.1 Setting the Machine ID DIP-switches

The MACHINE ID determines the position of a **VS-81HD** unit, specifying which **VS-81HD** unit is being controlled when several **VS-81HD** units connect to a PC or serial controller. Set the Machine number on a **VS-81HD** unit via MACHINE ID DIPs 1, 2, 3 and 4, according to [Table 2](#).

When using a standalone **VS-81HD** unit, set the Machine ID to 1. When connecting more than one **VS-81HD** unit, set the first machine (the Master) that is closest to the PC, as Machine ID 1 (the DIP-switches are set to OFF).

*Table 2: MACHINE ID DIP-switch Settings*

Mach. #	DIP 1	DIP 2	DIP 3	DIP 4
1	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
2	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF
3	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF
4	ON	ON	OFF	OFF
5	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF
6	ON	OFF	ON	OFF
7	OFF	ON	ON	OFF
8	ON	ON	ON	OFF

Mach. #	DIP 1	DIP 2	DIP 3	DIP 4
9	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON
10	ON	OFF	OFF	ON
11	OFF	ON	OFF	ON
12	ON	ON	OFF	ON
13	OFF	OFF	ON	ON
14	ON	OFF	ON	ON
15	OFF	ON	ON	ON
16	ON	ON	ON	ON

## 6.2 Controlling via RS-232 (for example, using a PC)

To connect a PC to the **VS-81HD** unit, using the Null-modem adapter provided with the machine (recommended):

- Connect the RS-232 9-pin D-sub rear panel port on the **VS-81HD** unit to the Null-modem adapter and connect the Null-modem adapter with a 9-wire flat cable to the RS-232 9-pin D-sub port on your PC

To connect a PC to the **VS-81HD** unit, without using a Null-modem adapter:

- Connect the RS-232 9-pin D-sub port on your PC to the RS-232 9-pin D-sub rear panel port on the **VS-81HD** unit, as [Figure 4](#) illustrates

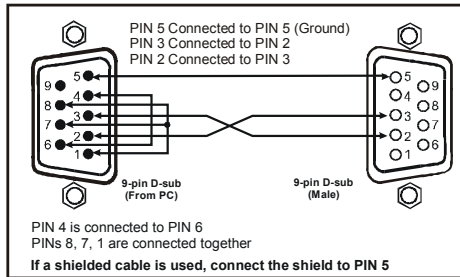


Figure 4: Connecting a PC without using a Null-modem Adapter

### 6.3 Controlling via the RS-485 Port

To cascade up to eight individual **VS-81HD** units, via RS-485 (with control via a Master Programmable Remote Control system such as the Kramer **RC-3000**), as [Figure 5](#) illustrates, do the following:

1. Connect the “A” (+) and “B” (-) PINS on the RS-485 terminal block port of the **RC-3000** to the “A” (+) and “B” (-) PINS, respectively, on each of the eight **VS-81HD** units. (If using shielded twisted pair cable, the shield is usually connected to the “G” (Ground) PIN of the first unit).
2. Set the first **VS-81HD** unit as MACHINE # 1 and the following seven **VS-81HD** units as MACHINE # 2 to MACHINE # 8, according to [Table 2](#).

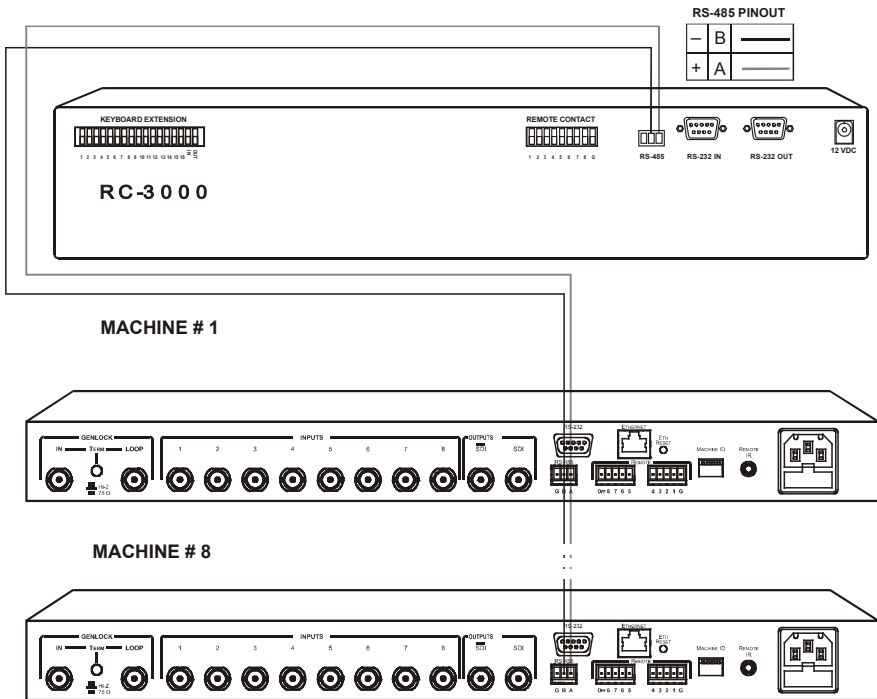


Figure 5: Controlling via RS-485 (for example, using an RC-3000)

## 6.4 Switching Genlocked Video Signals

The genlock feature lets you switch genlocked video signals according to timing of the GENLOCK reference input<sup>1</sup>.

Connect the GENLOCK cable.

If the HD input signal<sup>2</sup> that is connected is one of the following, it is necessary to set it up as follows:

- 1080i@60Hz: press and hold INPUT 1 button for 3 seconds. The button will flash<sup>3</sup> to indicate that the set up was completed
- 1080i@50Hz or 720p@50Hz: press and hold INPUT 2 button for 3 seconds  
The button will flash<sup>3</sup> to indicate that the set up was completed
- 720p@60Hz: press and hold INPUT 3 button for 3 seconds.  
The button will flash<sup>3</sup> to indicate that the set up was completed

When turning the machine ON, the appropriate button will flash to indicate the latest setup (last setup is saved).

## 6.5 Controlling via ETHERNET

You can connect the **VS-81HD** via the Ethernet, using a crossover cable (see section [6.5.1](#)) for direct connection to the PC or a straight through cable (see section [6.5.2](#)) for connection via a network hub or network router.

### 6.5.1 Connecting the ETHERNET Port directly to a PC (Crossover Cable)

You can connect the Ethernet port of the **VS-81HD** to the Ethernet port on your PC, via a crossover cable with RJ-45 connectors.

This type of connection is recommended for identification of the factory default IP Address of the **VS-81HD** during the initial configuration

After connecting the Ethernet port, configure your PC as follows:

1. Right-click the My Network Places icon on your desktop.
2. Select **Properties**.
3. Right-click Local Area Connection Properties.

---

<sup>1</sup> According to SMPTE RP-168. The sources must be genlocked to the GENLOCK input in order to switch cleanly

<sup>2</sup> The unit will detect automatically when SD-SDI inputs are used

<sup>3</sup> If a change is made to the resolution or refresh rate. The button will not flash if the new timing is the same as that previously selected



4. Select **Properties**.  
The Local Area Connection Properties window appears.
5. Select the Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) and click the **Properties** Button (see [Figure 6](#)).

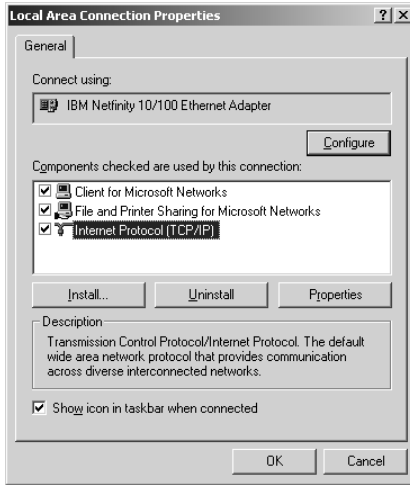


Figure 6: Local Area Connection Properties Window

6. Select Use the following IP address, and fill in the details as shown in [Figure 7](#).
7. Click **OK**.

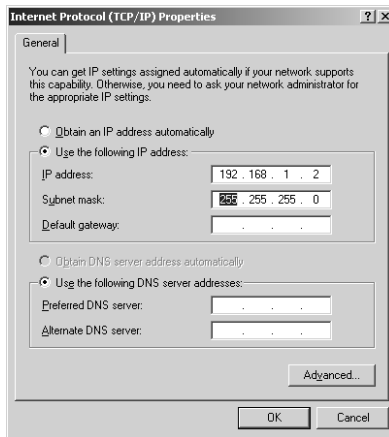


Figure 7: Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties Window

## 6.5.2 Connecting the ETHERNET Port via a Network Hub (Straight-Through Cable)

You can connect the Ethernet port of the **VS-81HD** to the Ethernet port on a network hub or network router, via a straight-through cable with RJ-45 connectors.

## 6.5.3 Configuring the Ethernet Port

After connecting the Ethernet port, you have to install and configure it.

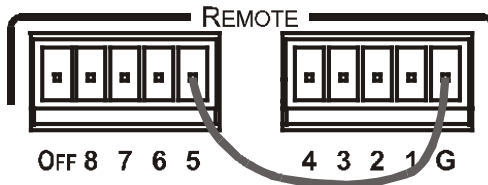
For detailed instructions on how to install and configure your Ethernet port, see the “Ethernet Configuration (FC-11) guide.pdf” on our Web site: <http://www.kramerelectronics.com>.

## 6.6 Controlling via the REMOTE Connector

The contact closure remote control pins operate in a similar way to the input selector button. Using the contact closure remote control lets you route an input to the outputs by remote control. To do so, temporarily connect the required input (from 1 to 8) pin on the REMOTE terminal block connector to the GND (ground) pin. You can also disconnect the outputs by temporarily connecting the OFF pin to the GND pin.

**DO NOT** connect more than one PIN to the GND PIN at the same time

For example, to route input 5 to the outputs, as the example in [Figure 8](#) illustrates, momentarily touch input # 5 to the GND (ground) pin.



*Figure 8: Using the REMOTE Connector*

## 7 Operating the VS-81HD

You can operate your **VS-81HD** via:

- The front panel buttons
- RS-232/RS-485 serial commands transmitted by a PC, touch screen system, or other serial controller
- The Kramer infrared remote control transmitter
- Infrared remote extension cable transmitter
- The ETHERNET

To switch an input to the outputs via the front panel buttons<sup>1</sup>, press the desired input button.

When selecting an input that is not connected, that input button blinks.

### 7.1 Locking the Front Panel

To prevent changing the settings accidentally or tampering with the unit via the front panel buttons, lock<sup>2</sup> your **VS-81HD**. Unlocking releases the protection mechanism.

To lock the **VS-81HD**:

- Press the LOCK button for three seconds, until the LOCK button is illuminated  
The front panel is locked. Pressing a button will have no effect

To unlock the **VS-81HD**:

- Press the illuminated LOCK button until the LOCK button is no longer illuminated  
The front panel unlocks

---

<sup>1</sup> For details of how to route an input to an output using the REMOTE connector, see section [6.6](#)

<sup>2</sup> Nevertheless, even though the front panel is locked you can still operate via RS-232 or RS-485, as well as via the Kramer IR Remote Control Transmitter

## 8 Technical Specifications

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

*Table 3: Technical Specifications<sup>1</sup> of the VS-81HD 8x1 HD/SD-SDI Switcher*

INPUTS:	8 SDI SMPTE-259M, 292M, 344M serial video, 75 ohms on BNC connectors 1 GENLOCK 75Ω / Hi-Z on looping BNC connectors, bi-level, Tri-level inputs
OUTPUTS:	2 identical equalized and reclocked SMPTE-259M, 292M, 344M outputs 75Ω on BNC connectors 1 GENLOCK 75Ω / Hi-Z on looping BNC connectors, bi-level, Tri-level inputs
MAX. OUTPUT LEVEL:	800mVpp / 75Ω
JITTER:	Better than 0.2UI
DATA RATE:	Up to 1.485Gbps
CONTROLS:	Front-panel, RS-232; RS-485, ETHERNET, infrared remote, dry contact, and panel lock
POWER SOURCE:	Universal, 100-240VAC, 50/60Hz 22VA
DIMENSIONS:	19 inch (W), 7 inch (D), 1U (H) rack mountable
WEIGHT:	1.5kg (3.3lbs) approx.
ACCESSORIES:	Power cord, Null-modem adapter, external remote IR receiver cable <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Specifications are subject to change without notice

<sup>2</sup> P/N: C-A35M/IRR-50

## 9 Kramer Protocol 2000

The **VS-81HD** is compatible with Kramer's Protocol 2000<sup>1,2</sup> (version 0.50) (below). This RS-232/RS-485/Ethernet (app. level) communication protocol uses four bytes of information as defined below. For RS-232, a null-modem connection between the machine and controller is used. The default data rate is 9600 baud, with no parity, 8 data bits and 1 stop bit.

The **VS-81HD** machine uses a sub-set of Protocol 2000. Only these commands are described below:

Table 4: Protocol Definitions

MSB								LSB
		DESTINATION	INSTRUCTION					
0	D	N5	N4	N3	N2	N1	N0	
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
1st byte								
		INPUT						
1	I6	I5	I4	I3	I2	I1	I0	
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
2nd byte								
		OUTPUT						
1	O6	O5	O4	O3	O2	O1	O0	
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
3rd byte								
		MACHINE NUMBER						
1	X	X	M4	M3	M2	M1	M0	
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
4th byte								

1<sup>st</sup> BYTE: Bit 7 – Defined as 0.

D – “DESTINATION”: 0 - for sending information to the switchers (from the PC);

1 - for sending to the PC (from the switcher).

N5...N0 – “INSTRUCTION”

The function that is to be performed by the switcher(s) is defined by the INSTRUCTION (6 bits). Similarly, if a function is performed via the machine's keyboard, then these bits are set with the INSTRUCTION NO., which was performed. The instruction codes are defined according to the table below (INSTRUCTION NO. is the value to be set for N5...N0).

2<sup>nd</sup> BYTE: Bit 7 – Defined as 1.

I6...I0 – “INPUT”.

When switching (ie. instruction codes 1 and 2), the INPUT (7 bits) is set as the input number which is to be switched. Similarly, if switching is done via the machine's front-panel, then these bits are set with the INPUT NUMBER which was switched. For other operations, these bits are defined according to the table.

3<sup>rd</sup> BYTE: Bit 7 – Defined as 1.

O6...O0 – “OUTPUT”.

When switching (ie. instruction codes 1 and 2), the OUTPUT (7 bits) is set as the output number which is to be switched. Similarly, if switching is done via the machine's front-panel, then these bits are set with the OUTPUT NUMBER which was switched. For other operations, these bits are defined according to the table.

1 You can download our user-friendly “Software for Calculating Hex Codes for Protocol 2000” from the technical support section on our Web site at <http://www.kramerelectronics.com>

2 The full Protocol 2000 can be downloaded from our Web site at <http://www.kramerelectronics.com>. Only the commands relevant to the VS-81HD are shown here

4<sup>th</sup> BYTE: Bit 7 – Defined as 1.  
Bits 5, 6 – Don't care.

M4...M0 – MACHINE NUMBER.

Used to address machines in a system via their machine numbers. When several machines are controlled from a single serial port, they are usually configured together with each machine having an individual machine number. For a single machine controlled via the serial port, always set M4...M0 = 1, and make sure that the machine itself is configured as MACHINE NUMBER = 1.

Table 5: Instruction Codes for Protocol 2000

Note: All values in the table are decimal, unless otherwise stated.

INSTRUCTION		DEFINITION FOR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION		NOTE
#	DESCRIPTION	INPUT	OUTPUT	
0	RESET VIDEO	0	0	1
1	SWITCH VIDEO	Set equal to video input which is to be switched (0 = disconnect)	Set equal to video output which is to be switched (0 = to all the outputs)	2,
5	REQUEST STATUS OF A VIDEO OUTPUT	0	Equal to output number whose status is read	4
16	ERROR / BUSY	0	0 - error 1 - invalid instruction 2 - out of range	9
30	LOCK FRONT PANEL	0 - Panel unlocked 1 - Panel locked	0	2
31	REQUEST WHETHER PANEL IS LOCKED	0	0	16
61	IDENTIFY MACHINE	1 - video machine name 3 - video software version	0 - Request first 4 digits 1 - Request first suffix 10 - Request first prefix	13
62	DEFINE MACHINE	1 - number of inputs 2 - number of outputs 3 - number of setups	1 - for video	14

NOTES on the above table:

NOTE 1 - When the master switcher is reset, (e.g. when it is turned on), the reset code is sent to the PC. If this code is sent to the switchers, it will reset according to the present power-down settings.

NOTE 2 - These are bi-directional definitions. That is, if the switcher receives the code, it will perform the instruction; and if the instruction is performed (due to a keystroke operation on the front panel), then these codes are sent. For example, if the HEX code

01            85            88            83

was sent from the PC, then the switcher (machine 3) will switch input 5 to output 8. If the user switched input 1 to output 7 via the front panel keypad, then the switcher will send HEX codes:

41            81            87            83

to the PC.

When the PC sends one of the commands in this group to the switcher, then, if the instruction is valid, the switcher replies by sending to the PC the same four bytes that it was sent (except for the first byte, where the DESTINATION bit is set high).

NOTE 4 - The reply to a "REQUEST" instruction is as follows: the same instruction and INPUT codes as were sent are returned, and the OUTPUT is assigned the value of the requested parameter. For example, if the present status of a Video Output 1 is 3, then the reply to the HEX code

05            80            81            81

would be HEX codes

45            80            83            81

NOTE 9 - An error code is returned to the PC if an invalid instruction code was sent to the switcher, or if a parameter associated with the instruction is out of range. This code is also returned to the PC if an RS-232 instruction is sent while the machine is being programmed via the front panel. Reception of this code by the switcher is not valid.

## Kramer Protocol 2000

---

NOTE 13 - This is a request to identify the switcher/s in the system. If the OUTPUT is set as 0, and the INPUT is set as 1, 2, 5 or 7, the machine will send its name. The reply is the decimal value of the INPUT and OUTPUT. For example, for a 2216, the reply to the request to send the audio machine name would be (HEX codes):

7D            96            90            81 (i.e. 128dec+ 22dec for 2nd byte, and 128dec+ 16dec for 3rd byte).

If the request for identification is sent with the INPUT set as 3 or 4, the appropriate machine will send its software version number. Again, the reply would be the decimal value of the INPUT and OUTPUT - the INPUT representing the number in front of the decimal point, and the OUTPUT representing the number after it. For example, for version 3.5, the reply to the request to send the version number would be (HEX codes):

7D            83            85            81 (i.e. 128dec+ 3dec for 2nd byte, 128dec+ 5dec for 3rd byte).

If the OUTPUT is set as 1, then the ASCII coding of the lettering following the machine's name is sent. For example, for the VS-7588YC, the reply to the request to send the first suffix would be (HEX codes):

7D            D9            C3            81 (i.e. 128dec+ ASCII for "Y"; 128dec+ ASCII for "C").

NOTE 16 - The reply to the "REQUEST WHETHER PANEL IS LOCKED" is as in NOTE 4 above, except that here the OUTPUT is assigned with the value 0 if the panel is unlocked, or 1 if it is locked.

---

## LIMITED WARRANTY

Kramer Electronics (hereafter *Kramer*) warrants this product free from defects in material and workmanship under the following terms.

### HOW LONG IS THE WARRANTY

Labor and parts are warranted for seven years from the date of the first customer purchase.

### WHO IS PROTECTED?

Only the first purchase customer may enforce this warranty.

### WHAT IS COVERED AND WHAT IS NOT COVERED

Except as below, this warranty covers all defects in material or workmanship in this product. The following are not covered by the warranty:

1. Any product which is not distributed by Kramer, or which is not purchased from an authorized Kramer dealer. If you are uncertain as to whether a dealer is authorized, please contact Kramer at one of the agents listed in the Web site [www.kramerelectronics.com](http://www.kramerelectronics.com).
2. Any product, on which the serial number has been defaced, modified or removed, or on which the WARRANTY VOID IF TAMPERED sticker has been torn, reattached, removed or otherwise interfered with.
3. Damage, deterioration or malfunction resulting from:
  - i) Accident, misuse, abuse, neglect, fire, water, lightning or other acts of nature
  - ii) Product modification, or failure to follow instructions supplied with the product
  - iii) Repair or attempted repair by anyone not authorized by Kramer
  - iv) Any shipment of the product (claims must be presented to the carrier)
  - v) Removal or installation of the product
  - vi) Any other cause, which does not relate to a product defect
  - vii) Cartons, equipment enclosures, cables or accessories used in conjunction with the product

### WHAT WE WILL PAY FOR AND WHAT WE WILL NOT PAY FOR

We will pay labor and material expenses for covered items. We will not pay for the following:

1. Removal or installations charges.
2. Costs of initial technical adjustments (set-up), including adjustment of user controls or programming. These costs are the responsibility of the Kramer dealer from whom the product was purchased.
3. Shipping charges.

### HOW YOU CAN GET WARRANTY SERVICE

1. To obtain service on your product, you must take or ship it prepaid to any authorized Kramer service center.
2. Whenever warranty service is required, the original dated invoice (or a copy) must be presented as proof of warranty coverage, and should be included in any shipment of the product. Please also include in any mailing a contact name, company, address, and a description of the problem(s).
3. For the name of the nearest Kramer authorized service center, consult your authorized dealer.

### LIMITATION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES

All implied warranties, including warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are limited in duration to the length of this warranty.

### EXCLUSION OF DAMAGES

The liability of Kramer for any effective products is limited to the repair or replacement of the product at our option. Kramer shall not be liable for:

1. Damage to other property caused by defects in this product, damages based upon inconvenience, loss of use of the product, loss of time, commercial loss; or:
2. Any other damages, whether incidental, consequential or otherwise. Some countries may not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts and/or do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations and exclusions may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from place to place.

**NOTE:** All products returned to Kramer for service must have prior approval. This may be obtained from your dealer.

This equipment has been tested to determine compliance with the requirements of:

- EN-50081: "Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC);  
generic emission standard.  
Part 1: Residential, commercial and light industry"
- EN-50082: "Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) generic immunity standard.  
Part 1: Residential, commercial and light industry environment".
- CFR-47: FCC\* Rules and Regulations:  
Part 15: "Radio frequency devices  
Subpart B Unintentional radiators"

### CAUTION!

- Servicing the machines can only be done by an authorized Kramer technician. Any user who makes changes or modifications to the unit without the expressed approval of the manufacturer will void user authority to operate the equipment.
- Use the supplied DC power supply to feed power to the machine.
- Please use recommended interconnection cables to connect the machine to other components.

\* FCC and CE approved using STP cable (for twisted pair products)







---

**For the latest information on our products and a list of Kramer distributors, visit our Web site: [www.kramerelectronics.com](http://www.kramerelectronics.com), where updates to this user manual may be found. We welcome your questions, comments and feedback.**



**Caution**

**Safety Warning:**

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



---

**Kramer Electronics, Ltd.**

Web site: [www.kramerelectronics.com](http://www.kramerelectronics.com)

E-mail: [info@kramereel.com](mailto:info@kramereel.com)

P/N: 2900-000324 REV 3