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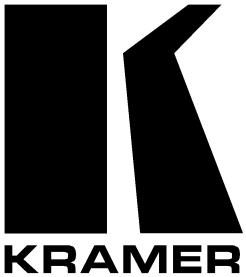

USER MANUAL

Model:

VP-23

Presentation Switcher

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1 Introduction

Welcome to Kramer Electronics (since 1981): a world of unique, creative and affordable solutions to the infinite range of problems that confront the video, audio and presentation professional on a daily basis. In recent years, we have redesigned and upgraded most of our line, making the best even better! Our 350-plus different models now appear in 8 Groups[1], which are clearly defined by function. Congratulations on purchasing your Kramer **VP-23** *Presentation Switcher*. This product is ideal for the following typical applications:

- Presentation and conference room systems
- Production studios, as well as rental and staging

The package includes the following items:

- **VP-23** *Presentation Switcher*
- Power cord and Null-modem adapter
- Windows®-based Kramer control software[2]
- This user manual[3]

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[4]

3 Overview

The **VP-23** is a high quality presentation switcher designed for a wide variety of presentation and multimedia applications. The **VP-23** combines the functions of a 4x1 switcher for composite video and audio, a 4x1 switcher for s-Video and audio, and a 4x1 switcher for VGA type signals with audio. In addition the **VP-23**:

- Is a one box high performance solution for installations that would

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otherwise require several separate products

- Is designed so that each section is controllable independently from the other sections
- Is controllable via the front panel buttons or by RS-232 serial commands transmitted by a touch screen system, PC, or other serial controller
- Includes an additional audio switching section that routes one of the pre-selected audio inputs from the other switching sections to a separate output
- Enables the switching section to insert an additional microphone channel by switching, mixing, or talk-over
- Includes 16 selector switches and front panel control adjusters for VGA/XGA output level and EQ., master audio output level and microphone level

Achieving the best performance means:

- Connecting 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)
- Avoiding interference from neighboring electrical appliances and positioning your **VP-23** away from moisture, excessive sunlight and dust

4 Your VP-23 Presentation Switcher

Figure 1 illustrates the front and rear panels of the **VP-23**. Tables 1 and 2 define the front and rear panels of the **VP-23**, respectively.

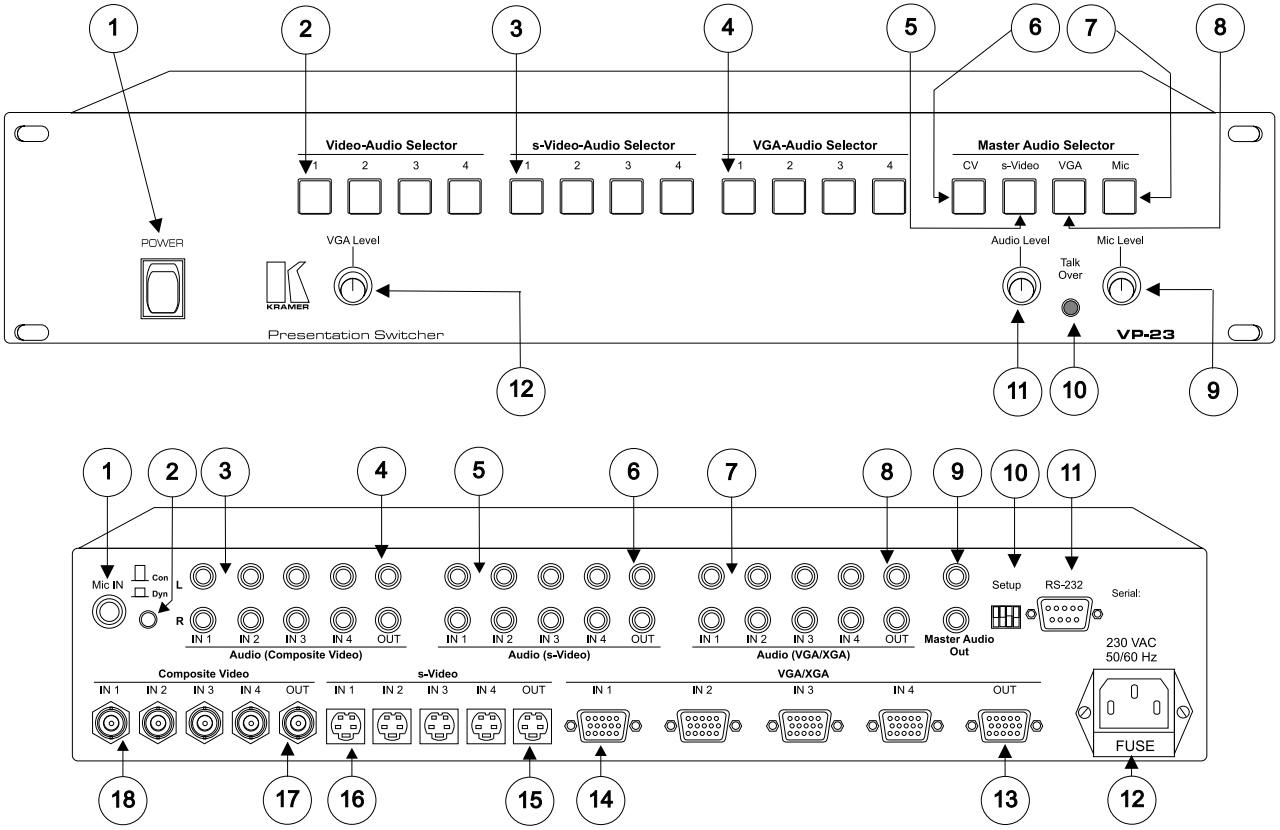

Figure 1: VP-23 Presentation Switcher

Table 1: Front Panel VP-23 Presentation Switcher Features

#	Feature	Function
1	*Power* Switch	Illuminated switch supplying power to the unit
2	*Video-Audio-Selector* Buttons	Selects the composite video / audio input from 1 to 4
3	*s-Video-Audio-Selector* Buttons	Selects the s-Video / audio input from 1 to 4
4	*VGA-Audio-Selector* Buttons	Selects the VGA/XGA video / audio input from 1 to 4
5	*s-Video* Button	Master Audio Selector button for s-Video
6	*CV* Button	Master Audio Selector button for composite video
7	*Mic* Button	Master Audio Selector button for microphone
8	*VGA* Button	Master Audio Selector button for VGA
9	*Mic Level* Knob	Adjusts the microphone level
10	*Talk Over* Button	Pushing in button activates talk over
11	*Audio Level* Knob	Adjusts the audio level
12	*VGA Level* Knob	Adjusts the VGA level

Table 2: Rear Panel VP-23 Presentation Switcher Features

#	Feature	Function
1	*Mic IN* 6.5mm Connector	Connects to the microphone
2	*Con / Dyn* Switch	Pushing *in* selects a dynamic microphone, pushing *out* selects a condenser
3	*Audio (Composite Video) IN* RCA Connectors	Connects the audio input from 1 to 4 (for the composite video)
4	*Audio (Composite Video) OUT* RCA Connector	Connects the audio output (for the composite video)
5	*Audio (s-Video) IN* RCA Connectors	Connects the audio input from 1 to 4 (for the s-Video)
6	*Audio (s-Video) OUT* RCA Connector	Connects the audio output (for the s-Video)
7	*Audio (*VGA/XGA*) IN* RCA Connectors	Connects the audio input from 1 to 4 (for the VGA/XGA video)
8	*Audio (*VGA/XGA*) OUT* RCA Connector	Connects the VGA/XGA audio output (for the VGA/XGA video)
9	*Master Audio Out* RCA Connector	Connects the master audio output
10	*Setup*	Dipswitches setup (refer to section 5.2)
11	*RS-232* Connector	DB 9F connector connects to PC or Remote Controller
12	Power Connector with *FUSE*	AC connector enabling power supply to the unit
13	VGA/XGA *OUT* Connector	Connects to the VGA/XGA video output
14	VGA/XGA *IN* Connectors	Connects the VGA/XGA video input from 1 to 4
15	*s-Video OUT* 4p Connector	Connects to the s-Video output
16	*s-Video IN* 4p Connectors	Connects the s-Video input from 1 to 4
17	*Composite Video OUT* BNC Connector	Connects to the composite video output
18	*Composite Video* BNC Connectors	Connects the composite video input from 1 to 4

5 Connecting the VP-23 Presentation Switcher

To connect the **VP-23**, connect the following[1] to the rear panel ports:

1. The Composite, s-Video and VGA/XGA video sources and acceptors as well as the appropriate audio sources and acceptors.
2. A microphone or a condenser[2].
3. The power cord.

Note: Set each of the 3 front panel control level knobs[3] to their mid position.

In addition, you can choose to connect the following option:

- A PC via the null-modem adapter (when using the *Kramer Control software* or other controller)

5.1 Connecting a PC

To connect a PC to the **VP-23**, using the Null-modem adapter provided with the machine (recommended):

- Connect the RS-232 DB9 rear panel port on the **VP-23** to the Null-modem adapter and connect the Null-modem adapter with a 9 wire flat cable to the RS-232 DB9 port on your PC

To connect a PC to the **VP-23**, without using a Null-modem adapter:

- Connect the RS-232 DB9 port on your PC to the RS-232 DB9 rear panel port on the **VP-23**, as Figure 2 illustrates (depending on whether the PC has a 9-pin or 25-pin connector)

1 Switch OFF the power on each device before connecting it to your VP-23. After connecting your VP-23, switch on its power and then switch on the power on each device

2 Use the Con / Dyn switch (refer to item 2 in Figure 1) to select a dynamic microphone or a condenser

3 Mic Level, Audio Level and VGA Level

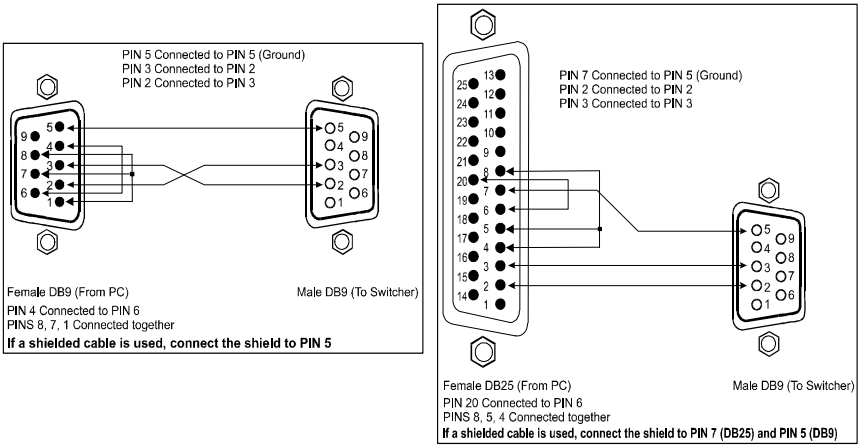

Figure 2: Connecting a PC without using a Null-modem Adapter

5.2 Dipswitch Settings

You can connect up to 16 **VP-23** units to the PC via the Null-modem adapter and the RS-232 ports. On the first machine, Machine # 1[1], that is closest to the PC, set the dipswitches to ON. Adjust the dipswitches on the other units according to Table 3:

Table 3: Dipswitch Settings

Machine #	Self Address				Dipswitch			
	3	2	1	0	1	2	3	4
1 Master	0	0	0	0	ON	ON	ON	ON
2	0	0	0	1	ON	ON	ON	OFF
3	0	0	1	0	ON	ON	OFF	ON
4	0	0	1	1	ON	ON	OFF	OFF
5	0	1	0	0	ON	OFF	ON	ON
6	0	1	0	1	ON	OFF	ON	OFF
7	0	1	1	0	ON	OFF	OFF	ON
8	0	1	1	1	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF
9	1	0	0	0	OFF	ON	ON	ON
10	1	0	0	1	OFF	ON	ON	OFF
11	1	0	1	0	OFF	ON	OFF	ON
12	1	0	1	1	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF
13	1	1	0	0	OFF	OFF	ON	ON
14	1	1	0	1	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF
15	1	1	1	0	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON
16	1	1	1	1	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF

1 The Master

6 Operating the Presentation Switcher

You can operate your **VP-23** via:

- The front panel buttons and front panel control level knobs
- RS-232 serial commands transmitted by a touch screen system, PC, or other serial controller

The front panel buttons include: Video-Audio Selector, s-Video-Audio Selector, VGA-Audio Selector, Master-Audio Selector (consisting of CV, s-Video, VGA and Mic buttons), and Talk Over[1].

The adjustable front panel control level knobs include:

- *VGA Level* that adjusts a VGA/XGA image, which is dim or lacking in sufficient detail, perhaps due to the use of long cables[2], by increasing or decreasing the VGA/XGA red, green and blue levels as well automatically adjusting cable equalization
- *Audio Level* that adjusts the overall audio output level at the Master Audio Out port, without influencing any other audio output
- *Mic Level* that adjusts the microphone level at the Master Audio Out port and the talk-over function threshold[3]

6.1 Operating your Switcher

You can switch one of the 4 CV inputs, one of the 4 Y/C inputs and one of the 4 VGA/XGA inputs to the corresponding CV, Y/C or VGA/XGA outputs, respectively.

To switch an input to an output:

- Press one[4] button from the set of 4 buttons in the Video (CV)-Audio section and/or[5] one button from the set of 4 buttons in the s-Video (Y/C)-Audio section and/or one button from the set of 4 buttons in the VGA/XGA-Audio section

Each pressed button illuminates[6], indicating selection and outputting of that video and audio source

1 With the Talk Over button pressed in, speaking into the microphone amplifies the voice of the speaker, overriding and fading out all other audio channels. However, pressing the Mic button in the Master Audio Selector renders the Talk Over function inactive

2 We recommend using a Line Amplifier when connecting long cables

3 Achieving optimum results when using a microphone may require experimentation in adjusting the Audio and Mic Levels

4 You cannot select more than one button in a section

5 You can overlook a section and choose not to select a button from it

6 Pressing an illuminated button for more than 2 seconds will disconnect the output and the button will no longer illuminate

In addition, you can operate the following option:

- Press a Master Audio Selector button (CV, s-Video or VGA) to route the audio channel of the selected source from that section to the Master Audio Out port (as well as to the OUT port of that selected source)

For example, pressing the CV Master Audio Selector button, routes the audio channel of the selected Video-Audio Selector source to the Master Audio Out port as well as to the Audio (Composite Video) Out port.

7 Technical Specifications

Table 4 includes the technical specifications:

Table 4: Technical Specifications[1] *of the VP-23 Presentation Switcher*

INPUTS:	4 VGA / XGA on HD15F connectors 4 s-Video 1 Vpp (Y), 0.3Vpp (C) / 75Ω on 4p connectors 4 composite video 1Vpp / 75Ω on BNC connectors Each input is accompanied by the appropriate audio stereo channels: +4dBm / 50 kΩ on RCA connectors Mic: 3mV / 10 kΩ	
OUTPUTS:	1 x VGA / XGA 1 s-Video - 1 Vpp (Y), 0.3Vpp (C), / 75Ω on a 4p connector 1 composite video 1 Vpp / 75Ω on a BNC connector Each output is accompanied by the appropriate audio stereo channel: +4dBm / 150Ω 1 master audio +4dBm / 150Ω	
MAX. OUTPUT LEVEL:	VIDEO: 2.1 Vpp	AUDIO: 27 Vpp
BANDWIDTH (-3dB):	VIDEO: XGA / VGA: 315 MHz; s-Video (Y): 260 MHz; composite video: 470 MHz	AUDIO: 40kHz
DIFF. GAIN:	<0.07% all channels	
DIFF. PHASE:	<0.05 Deg. all channels	
S/N RATIO:	VIDEO: 75dB all channels	AUDIO: 75dB /1 Vpp all channels
CONTROLS:	16 selector switches; VGA/XGA level: 4dB; audio: 6dB, Mic: up to 49dB	
POWER SOURCE:	230 VAC, 50/60 Hz, (115VAC, U.S.A.) 16VA	
DIMENSIONS:	19-inch (W), 7-inch (D) 2U (H) rack-mountable	
WEIGHT:	3.6 kg (8 lbs.) approx	
ACCESSORIES:	Power cord, PC control software	

1 Specifications are subject to change without notice

8 VP-23 Communication Protocol

Communication with the **VP-23** uses four bytes of information as defined below. Data is transferred at 9600 baud with no parity, 8 data bits and 1 stop bit.

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Table 5: Protocol Definitions

1st byte

	Destination	INSTRUCTION					
0	D	N5	N4	N3	N2	N1	N0
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MSB							LSB

2nd byte

				INPUT			
1	0	0	0	0	I2	I1	I0
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

3rd byte

						OUTPUT	
1	0	0	0	0	0	O1	O0
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

4th byte

				Machine Number			
1	0	0	0	M3	M2	M1	M0
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

1st BYTE: Bit 7 – Defined as 0.

D – "DESTINATION BIT".

This bit is always low, when sending from the PC to the switchers, and high for information sent to the PC.

N5…N0 – "INSTRUCTION".
The function that is to be performed by the switcher(s) is defined by this 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).

2nd BYTE: Bit 7 – Defined as 1.

Bits 3 – 6 - Defined as 0.

I2… I0 – "INPUT".

For disconnect, set as 0. For other operations, these bits are defined according to the table.

3rd BYTE: Bit 7 – defined as 1.

Bits 2-6 defined as 0.

O1, O0 – "OUTPUT"

For operations these bits are defined according to the table.

4th BYTE: Bit 7 – Defined as 1.

Bits 3-6 Defined as 0.

M3… M0 – "MACHINE NUMBER".

MACHINE NUMBER = (DIPSWITCH CODE) + 1.

Table 6: Instruction Codes

INSTRUCTION		DEFINITION FOR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION		NOTE
#	DESCRIPTION	INPUT	OUTPUT	
0	RESET MACHINE	0	0	1
1	SWITCH GROUPS	1-4 Set equal to video and audio inputs to be switched for the relative group	1-3 Set equal to group which output to be switched	2
2	SWITCH AUDIO OUTPUTS	1-4 * Set equal to audio output to be switched to Master Audio out.	1	2
5	REQUEST GROUP STATUS	0	1-3 Set equal to the group of which status is required.	3
6	REQUEST STATUS OF MASTER AUDIO OUTPUT	0	1	3
16	ERROR/BUSY	Don't care	Don't care	4
18	RESET MACHINE	0	0	1
57	SET AUTO SAVE	1 – autosave 2 – no save	Don't care	5
61	IDENTIFY MACHINE	1 or 2 – machine name 3 or 4 – program version	Don't care	6

* #4 – for microphone.

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:

0000 0001 Instruction "Switch Groups"
1000 0010 Input #2
1000 0001 in composite video group
1000 0001 Machine #1 (master)

Was sent from the PC, then the switcher (machine #1) will switch input 2 in composite video group to its output. If the user switched input 4 in the VGA group via the front panel keypad, then the switcher will send:

0100 0001
1000 0100
1000 0011
1000 0001 to the PC.

When the PC sends instruction #1 or #2 to the switcher, then, if the instruction is valid, the switcher replies by sending the same four bytes to the PC that were sent (except for the first byte, where the DESTINATION bit is set high).

NOTE 3 – To reply to a "REQUEST" instruction is as follows: the same instruction and input codes as were sent are returned, and the OUTPUT is assigned to the value of the requested parameter. The reply to the instruction #5 (what is the status of the VGA group?):

0000 0101
1000 0000
1000 0011
1000 0001

Would be:

0100 0101
1000 0000
1000 0100
1000 0001

NOTE 4 – An error code is returned to the PC if an invalid code was sent to the switcher (for example, when trying to switch an input or a group which is greater than the highest one defined). 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 will not be valid.

NOTE 5 – Under normal conditions, the machine's present status is saved each time a change is made. The power-down save (the auto save) may be disabled using this code. Note that each time that the machine is turned ON, the auto save function is automatically set.

NOTE 6 – This is a request to identify the switchers in a system. If the INPUT is set as 1 or 2, the machine will send its name. The reply is the decimal value of the INPUT and the OUTPUT. For example, the reply to the request to send the machine's name (for machine #001) will be:

0111 1101
1000 0000 (i.e. 128+0)
1001 0111 (i.e. 128+23)
1000 0001

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 following the decimal point. For example, for version 3.5 the reply will be:

0111 1101
1000 0011 (i.e. 128+3)
1000 0101 (i.e. 128+5)
1000 0001.

Table 7: Video and Audio Switch Commands (HEX)

	OUT 1 (CV GROUP)	OUT 2 (Y/C GROUP)	OUT 3 (VGA GROUP)
OFF	01	01	01
	80	80	80
	81	82	83
	81	81	81
IN 1	01	01	01
	81	81	81
	81	82	83
	81	81	81
IN 2	01	01	01
	82	82	82
	81	82	83
	81	81	81
IN 3	01	01	01
	83	83	83
	81	82	83
	81	81	81
IN 4	01	01	01
	84	84	84
	81	82	83
	81	81	81

Table 8: Audio Switch Commands (HEX)

	MASTER AUDIO OUTPUT
OFF	02
	80
	81
	81
AUDIO OUT 1	02
	81
	81
	81
AUDIO OUT 2	02
	82
	81
	81
AUDIO OUT 3	02
	83
	81
	81
AUDIO OUT 4 (MICROPH.)	02
	84
	81
	81

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3. For the name of the nearest Kramer authorized service center, consult your authorized dealer.

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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.

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