# Kramer Electronics, Ltd.



# **USER MANUAL**

**Model:** 

VP-437xl

Presentation Switcher / Scaler

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

Congratulations on purchasing your Kramer **VP-437xl** *Presentation Switcher / Scaler*. This product is ideal for:

- Projection systems in conference rooms, boardrooms, hotels and churches
- Home theater up-scaling

The package includes the following items:

- VP-437xl Presentation / Switcher Scaler
- Power cord, rack "ears" and Null-modem adapter
- Infrared remote control transmitter
- 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

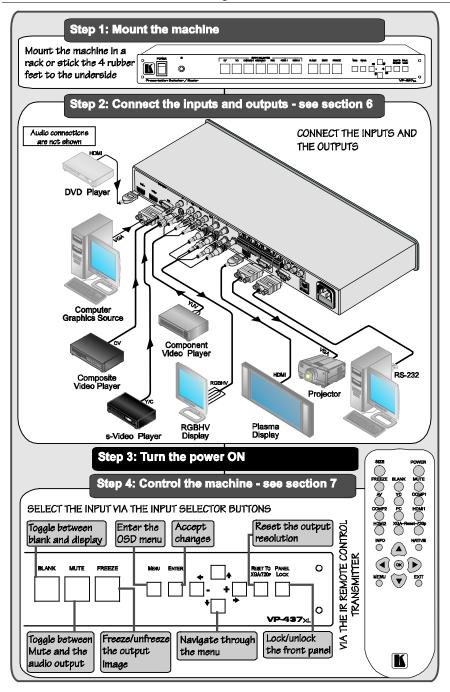
This Quick start chart summarizes the setup and operation steps.

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



<sup>1</sup> 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 Video Products

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



### 3 Overview

The Kramer **VP-437xl** is a high quality presentation switcher and scaler. It accepts one of seven inputs: a component video on RCA connectors, computer graphics on a 15-pin HD connector, composite video on an RCA connector, s-Video on a 4-pin connector and two HDMI signals. It scales the video, embeds the audio, and outputs the signal to the HDMI output as well as to a computer graphics output, an RGBHV video output together with a digital audio output and an analog stereo audio output.

The **VP-437xl** is HDTV compatible and the resolution can be up- or down-scaled as follows:

Native, VGA, SVGA, XGA, SXGA, UXGA, 480i, 480p, 576i, 576p, 720p<sup>2</sup>, 1080i<sup>2</sup>, 1080p<sup>2</sup>, WXGA, WSXGA, WUXGA, 1280x800, 1440x900, 1400x1050, 1600x900

The **VP-437xl** Presentation Switcher / Scaler:

- Has analog audio inputs and digital (S/PDIF) and analog stereo audio outputs
- Automatically detects and selects the audio source for the HDMI input.
   Default selection is HDMI if this is not present, then the machine uses the audio from the analog input
- Comes with an On-Screen Display (OSD) for easy setup and adjustment, accessible via the IR remote control and via the front-panel buttons
- Is HDCP Compliant The HDCP (High Definition Content Protection) license agreement allows copy-protected data on the HDMI input to pass only to the HDMI output
- Has a non-volatile memory that retains the last settings used
- Supports firmware upgrade<sup>3</sup> via RS-232

# Control your **VP-437xl**:

- Directly, via the front panel push buttons
- By RS-232 serial commands transmitted by a touch screen system, PC, or other serial controller
- Remotely, from the infrared remote control transmitter
- Via the Ethernet

The **VP-437xl** is housed in a 19" 1U rack mountable enclosure, with rack "ears" included, and is fed from a 100-240 VAC universal switching power supply.

<sup>3</sup> To check if firmware upgrades are available, go to our Web site at http://www.kramerelectronics.com



<sup>1</sup> Also known as Y, Pb, Pr, Y, Cb, Cr and YUV; compatible with both SD and HD component

<sup>2</sup> At 50Hz and 60Hz

### 3.1 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 noiselevels (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 and position your Kramer VP-437xl away from moisture, excessive sunlight and dust

# 3.2 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 <a href="http://www.kramerelectronics.com/support/recycling/">http://www.kramerelectronics.com/support/recycling/</a>.

### 4 Your VP-437xl Presentation Switcher / Scaler

<u>Figure 1, Table 1</u> and <u>Table 2</u> define the **VP-437xl** *Presentation Switcher / Scaler*:

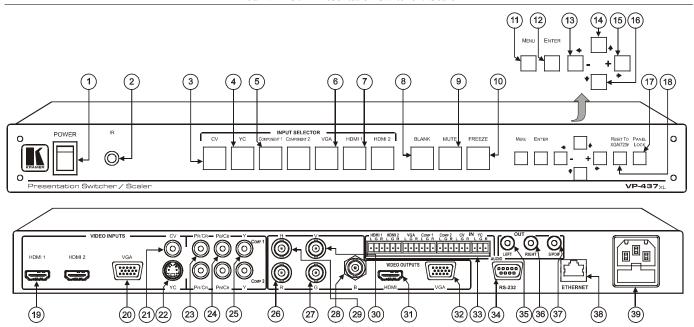


Figure 1: VP-437xl Presentation Switcher / Scaler



Table 1: VP-437xl Presentation Switcher / Scaler Front Panel Features

| #  | F                             | eature    | Function  |  |  |
|----|-------------------------------|-----------|---|--|--|
| 1  | POWER Switch                  |           | Illuminated switch for turning the unit ON or OFF   |  |  |
| 2  | IR Receive                    | r         | Receives signals from the remote control transmitter  |  |  |
| 3  | ٣                             | CV        | Press to select the composite video input   |  |  |
| 4  | VPUT<br>ECTOR<br>uttons       | YC        | Press to select the s-Video input   |  |  |
| 5  | INPUT<br>ELECTO<br>Buttons    | COMPONENT | Press to select the component video input (from 1 to 2)   |  |  |
| 6  | SEL<br>Bu                     | VGA       | Press to select the computer graphics input   |  |  |
| 7  | U)                            | HDMI      | Press to select the HDMI input (from 1 to 2)  |  |  |
| 8  | <i>BLANK</i> Bu               | tton      | Press to toggle between a blank screen (blue or black screen) and the display <sup>1</sup>  |  |  |
| 9  | 9 MUTE Button                 |           | Press to toggle between muting (blocking out the sound) and enabling the audio output   |  |  |
| 10 | 0 FREEZE Button               |           | Press to freeze/unfreeze the output video image <sup>1</sup>  |  |  |
| 11 | MENU Button                   |           | Displays the OSD menu (see Section 7.2)   |  |  |
| 12 | 12 ENTER Button               |           | Press to accept changes, change the SETUP parameters <sup>2</sup> and to auto adjust the image (when not within the OSD menu), see <u>Section 7.1.1</u>     |  |  |
| 13 | 13 - <b>←</b> Button          |           | Press to decrease numerical values or select from several definitions. For convenience and speed—when not within the OSD menu mode—press to reduce volume   |  |  |
| 14 | <b>★</b> Button               |           | Press to move up the menu list values <sup>2</sup>  |  |  |
| 15 | 5 + → Button                  |           | Press to increase numerical values or select from several definitions. For convenience and speed—when not within the OSD menu mode—press to increase volume |  |  |
| 16 | Button                        |           | Press to move down the menu list <sup>2</sup>   |  |  |
| 17 | PANEL LO                      | CK Button | Press and hold <sup>3</sup> to lock/unlock the front panel buttons  |  |  |
| 18 | 8 RESET TO XGA/720p<br>Button |           | Press to reset the video resolution to XGA or 720p <sup>4</sup>   |  |  |

<sup>1</sup> Can be programmed to follow MUTE (see Section 7.2.3)

<sup>2</sup> See Section 7.2

<sup>3</sup> For about 2 seconds

<sup>4</sup> Press and hold for about 2 seconds to reset to XGA; or press and hold for about 5 seconds to reset to 720p

# Your VP-437xl Presentation Switcher / Scaler

Table 2: VP-437xl Presentation Switcher / Scaler Rear Panel Features

| #  | # Feature                    |                         |           | Function  |  |  |
|----|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---|--|--|
| 19 |                              | HDMI Connector          |           | Connect to the HDMI source (from 1 to 2)                                  |  |  |
| 20 | 7.5                          | VGA 15-pin HD           | Connector | Connect to the computer graphics source                                   |  |  |
| 21 | PU                           | CV RCA Connec           | ctor      | Connect to the composite video source                                     |  |  |
| 22 | N                            | YC 4-pin Conne          | ctor      | Connect to the s-Video source   |  |  |
| 23 | /IDEO INPUTS                 | PR/CR RCA Con           | nector    |   |  |  |
| 24 | VIE                          | PB/CB RCA Con           | nector    | Connect to the component video source (from 1 to 2)                       |  |  |
| 25 |                              | Y RCA Connecto          | or        |   |  |  |
| 26 | (0                           | R BNC Connect           | or        |   |  |  |
| 27 | OUTPUTS                      | G BNC Connect           | or        |   |  |  |
| 28 | TP                           | B BNC Connecte          | or        | Connect to the RGBHV video acceptor                                       |  |  |
| 29 |                              | H BNC Connect           | or        |   |  |  |
| 30 | 0                            | V BNC Connector         |           |   |  |  |
| 31 | VIDEO                        | HDMI Connector          |           | Connect to the HDMI acceptor  |  |  |
| 32 | _                            | VGA 15-pin HD Connector |           | Connect to a VGA acceptor   |  |  |
| 33 |                              | IO IN                   | HDMI      | Connect to the analog audio HDMI source (from 1 to 2)                     |  |  |
|    |                              | alanced Stereo          | VGA       | Connect to the analog audio computer graphics source                      |  |  |
|    | Terminal Block<br>Connectors |                         | COMP      | Connect to the analog audio component video source (from 1 to 2)          |  |  |
|    |                              |                         | CV        | Connect to the analog audio composite video source                        |  |  |
|    |                              |                         | YC        | Connect to the analog audio s-Video source                                |  |  |
| 34 | RS-232 9-pin D-sub Port      |                         | ort       | Connect to the PC or the remote controller                                |  |  |
| 35 | OUT                          | OUT RCA LEFT            |           | Connect to the left stereo analog audio acceptor                          |  |  |
| 36 |                              |                         | RIGHT     | Connect to the right stereo analog audio acceptor                         |  |  |
| 37 |                              |                         | S/PDIF    | Connect to a digital audio acceptor                                       |  |  |
| 38 | 8 ETHERNET Connector         |                         | or        | Connects to the PC or other Serial Controller through computer networking |  |  |
| 39 | Power Connector with Fuse    |                         | Fuse      | AC connector, enabling power supply to the unit                           |  |  |

<sup>1</sup> For component video, connect all three connectors: Y, Pr/Cr, Pb/Cb (also known as YUV)



# 5 Installing the VP-437xl 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 +55°C (32° to 131°F)     |  |  |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| STORAGE TEMPERATURE:   | -45° to +72°C (-49° to 162°F)  |  |  |
| HUMIDITY:              | 10% to 90%, RHL non-condensing |  |  |



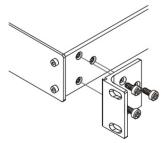
### **CAUTION!**

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

- 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

# 6 Connecting the VP-437xl Presentation Switcher / Scaler

To connect<sup>1</sup> your **VP-437xl**, as illustrated in the example in <u>Figure 2</u>, do the following:

- 1. Connect an HDMI source (for example, a DVD player) to the HDMI 1 VIDEO INPUT connector<sup>2</sup>.
- Connect a computer graphics source to the VGA 15-pin HD VIDEO INPUT connector.
- 3. Connect a composite video source (for example, a composite video player) to the CV VIDEO INPUT RCA connector.
- Connect an s-Video source (for example, an s-Video player) to the YC
   4-pin VIDEO INPUT connector.
- 5. Connect a component video source (for example, a component video player) to the COMP 1 PR, PB and Y, VIDEO INPUT RCA connectors.
- 6. Connect the audio input signals to the AUDIO IN terminal block connectors, as required (not shown in Figure 2).
- 7. Connect the RGBHV VIDEO OUTPUT BNC connectors to an RGBHV acceptor (for example, an RGBHV display).
- 8. Connect the HDMI VIDEO OUTPUT connector to an HDMI acceptor (for example, a plasma display).
- 9. Connect the VGA VIDEO OUTPUT 15-pin HD connector to a VGA acceptor (for example, a projector).
- 10. Connect the audio output signals to the OUT stereo analog audio acceptor and/or the digital audio acceptor, as required (not shown in <u>Figure 2</u>).
- 11. Connect the power cord<sup>3</sup> (not shown in Figure 2).

<sup>3</sup> We recommend that you use only the power cord that is supplied with this machine



<sup>1</sup> You do not have to connect all the inputs and outputs, connect only those that are required

<sup>2</sup> Alternatively, you can connect the DVI connector on the DVD player to the HDMI connector on the VP-437xl via a DVI-HDMI adapter. When using this adapter, you can connect the audio signal via the terminal block connector

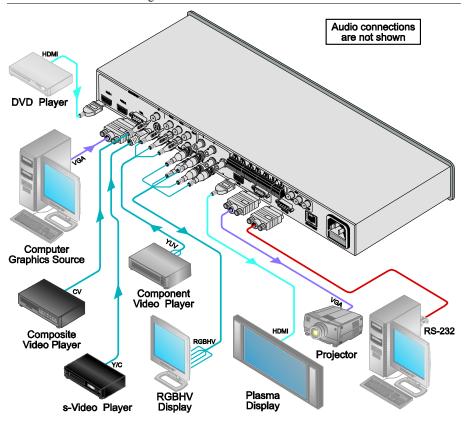


Figure 2: Connecting the VP-437xl Presentation Switcher / Scaler

# 7 Using the VP-437xl

The **VP-437xl** can be controlled via:

- The front panel buttons (see <u>Section 7.1</u>)
- The OSD menu (see Section 7.2)
- RS-232 serial commands transmitted by a touch screen system, PC, or other serial controller (see Section 7.3)
- The ETHERNET (see Section 7.4)
- The infrared remote control transmitter (see Section 7.5)

# 7.1 Controlling via the Front Panel Buttons

The **VP-437xl** includes the following front panel buttons:

- Input selector buttons for selecting the required input: CV, YC, COMPONENT (1 and 2), VGA or HDMI (1 and 2)
- BLANK, MUTE and FREEZE buttons
- MENU, ENTER, and arrow buttons
- RESET TO XGA/720p and PANEL LOCK buttons<sup>2</sup>

### 7.1.1 The Auto Adjust Feature

The auto adjust feature<sup>3</sup> automatically centers the image on the screen when pressing the ENTER front panel button or the OK button on the remote control transmitter<sup>4</sup>.

You can also implement this feature every time the input is switched to VGA or when the input resolution changes, via the FINE TUNE menu (<u>Table 4</u>).

# 7.2 Using the OSD Menu

The control buttons let you control the VP-437xl via the OSD menu.

Press the:

- MENU button to enter the menu<sup>5</sup>
- ENTER button to accept changes and to change the menu settings
- Arrow<sup>1</sup> buttons to move through the OSD menu, which is displayed on the video output

On the OSD menu, select EXIT to exit the menu.

<sup>5</sup> The default timeout is set to 10 seconds



<sup>1</sup> Up, down, left and right

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Table 1

<sup>3</sup> Applies only to the VGA input

<sup>4</sup> When not within the OSD menu

# 7.2.1 The MAIN MENU

Table 3 defines the MAIN MENU features and functions.

Table 3: The MAIN MENU Features

| B41.              | 1   |  |                     |                      |
|-------------------|---|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| Mode<br>CONTRAST  | Function  |  |                     |                      |
|                   | Set the contrast <sup>1</sup> Set the brightness <sup>1</sup>                                     |  |                     |                      |
| BRIGHTNESS        |   |  |                     |                      |
| FINETUNE          | (see Section 7.2.   |  |                     |                      |
| COLOR             |   | n and blue shades (0 to  |                     |                      |
| SIZE <sup>2</sup> |   | f the display: FULL, OV<br>CAN (FULL is the defau                            |                     | t1, UNDER2, LETTER   |
| SOURCE            | Select the source   | e: (VGA is the default)  |                     |                      |
|                   | Appears as:   | Source input   | Appears as:         | Source input         |
|                   | CVBS <sup>3</sup>   | CV   | PC                  | VGA                  |
|                   | SVIDEO  | YC   | HDMI1               | HDMI 1               |
|                   | YPBPR1  | COMP 1   | HDMI2               | HDMI 2               |
|                   | YPBPR2  | COMP 2   |                     |                      |
| OUTPUT            | Select the output   | resolution from the me   | nu (NATIVE is the   | default):            |
|                   | Appears as:   | Output resolution:   | Appears as:         | Output resolution:   |
|                   | 1080160   | 1080i @60Hz  | SXGA+               | 1400x1050            |
|                   | 1080P60   | 1080p @60Hz  | WXGA                | 1366x768             |
|                   | 5761  | 576i   | NATIVE <sup>4</sup> |                      |
|                   | 576P  | 576p   | VGA                 | 640x480              |
|                   | 720P50  | 720p @50Hz   | SVGA                | 800x600              |
|                   | 1080I50   | 1080i @50Hz  | XGA                 | 1024x768             |
|                   | 1080P50   | 1080p @50Hz  | SXGA                | 1280x1024            |
|                   | 1280x800  | 1280x800   | UXGA                | 1600x1200            |
|                   | WSXGA   | 1680x1050  | 4801                | 480i                 |
|                   | WUXGA   | 1920x1200  | 480P                | 480p                 |
|                   | WSXGA+  | 1440x900   | 720P60              | 720p @50Hz           |
|                   | 1600x900  |  |                     |                      |
| AUDIO             | See Section 7.2.  | 3  |                     |                      |
| OSD               | Set the OSD parameters: H POSITION, V POSITION, TIMER, BACKGROUND and DISPLAY (see Section 7.2.4) |  |                     |                      |
| HDCP ON INPUT     | Setting HDCP su   | option for the HDMI in<br>apport to enabled (ON)<br>DCP signal if required ( | on the HDMI input   | allows the source to |

<sup>1</sup> The range and default values vary according to the input signal

<sup>2~</sup>UNDER1 refers to an underscan of 6% and UNDER2 refers to an underscan of 9%

<sup>3</sup> CVBS means Composite Video Baseband Signal

<sup>4</sup> Select "NATIVE" to select the output resolution from the EDID of the connected HDMI monitor

| Mode           | Function   |
|----------------|--|
| HDCP ON OUTPUT | Select FOLLOW INPUT or FOLLOW OUTPUT to define whether the HDCP will follow the input or the output (default FOLLOW OUTPUT)  |
|                | When FOLLOW INPUT is selected, it changes its HDCP output setting (for the HDMI output) according to the HDCP of the input. This option is recommended when the HDMI output is connected to a splitter/switcher  |
|                | When FOLLOW OUTPUT is selected, the scaler matches its HDCP output to the HDCP setting of the HDMI acceptor to which it is connected   |
| FACTORY RESET  | Resets to the default parameters (resolution is set to XGA or 720p <sup>1</sup> )  |
| INFORMATION    | Displays the source, the input resolution, the output resolution and the software version  |
| AUTO SYNC OFF  | Turn the auto sync ON/OFF. When ON, a short period after not detecting a valid video signal on the selected input, the unit will disable the H and V syncs on the analog outputs until a valid input is again detected or any keypad button is pressed |
| EXIT           | Select to exit the menu  |

#### 7.2.2 The FINETUNE Menu

<u>Table 4</u> defines the FINETUNE menu:

Table 4: The FINETUNE Menu Features

| Input Signal | Parameter              | Function   |  |  |
|--------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| CV, YC,      | HUE                    | Set the hue  |  |  |
| COMPONENT    | SATURATION             | Set the saturation   |  |  |
|              | SHARPNESS              | Set the sharpness  |  |  |
|              | NOISE REDUCTION        | Select the noise reduction: OFF, HI, LOW and MID (middle)  |  |  |
|              | COLOR FILTER           | Set to ON to enable color filtering <sup>2</sup>   |  |  |
| VGA          | PHASE                  | Set the Phase  |  |  |
|              | CLOCK                  | Set the clock  |  |  |
|              | H-POSITION             | Set the horizontal position  |  |  |
|              | V-POSITION             | Set the vertical position  |  |  |
|              | AUTO TUNE <sup>3</sup> | When set to ON, auto adjusts the image <sup>4</sup> every time the input is switched to VGA or when the input resolution changes |  |  |
|              | COLOR FILTER           | Set to ON to enable color filtering <sup>2</sup>   |  |  |
| HDMI         | COLOR FILTER           | Set to ON to enable color filtering <sup>2</sup>   |  |  |

<sup>4</sup> Centers the picture correctly on the screen



<sup>1</sup> If you cannot see the display after factory reset, use the front panel Res. button to set the correct resolution: press continuously for 2 seconds to reset to XGA, or continuously for 5 seconds to reset to 720p

<sup>2</sup> May improve the output image for certain graphic cards where color fringing is seen

<sup>3</sup> Alternatively, you can auto adjust the image by pressing the ENTER button when not within the OSD menu

### 7.2.3 The AUDIO Menu

Table 5 defines the AUDIO menu.

Table 5: The AUDIO Menu Features

| Parameter  | Function   |
|--|--|
| OUTPUT VOLUME  | Set the output volume (from 0 to 100) <sup>1</sup>   |
| INPUT VOLUME   | Set the input volume (from 0 to 100) <sup>1</sup>  |
| DELAY Select the audio delay time: OFF, 40ms, 110ms and 15 |  |
| SOUND  | Select the sound options: ON, MUTE   |
| MUTE FOLLOWS   | Select the action that will be followed by mute: INDEPENDENT <sup>2</sup> , FREEZE, BLANK, FREEZE/BLANK <sup>3</sup> |
| HDMI AUDIO IN⁴   | Select AUTOMATIC <sup>5</sup> , EMBEDDED <sup>6</sup> or ANALOG <sup>7</sup>   |

### 7.2.4 The OSD Menu

Table 6 defines the OSD menu.

Table 6: The OSD Menu Features

| Parameter  | Function  |  |  |
|------------|---|--|--|
| H POSITION | Set the horizontal position of the OSD (from 0 to 100)  |  |  |
| V POSITION | Set the vertical position of the OSD (from 0 to 100)  |  |  |
| TIMER      | Set the timeout period in seconds (from 5 to 100)   |  |  |
| BACKGROUND | Set the OSD background between 0 (solid black) and 8 (transparent)  |  |  |
| DISPLAY    | Select the information shown on the screen during operation:  ON: the information is shown permanently  OFF: the information is not shown  INFO: the information is shown for a few seconds |  |  |

<sup>1</sup> This feature is disabled when the embedded audio of an HDMI input is selected

<sup>2</sup> INDEPENDENT means that the audio muting is independent of the FREEZE and BLANK functions

<sup>3</sup> FREEZE/BLANK means that when you FREEZE or BLANK the video, then the audio will be muted (the MUTE function follows the FREEZE and the BLANK functions)

<sup>4</sup> Enabled only when one of the HDMI inputs is selected

<sup>5</sup> In this case, the embedded audio on the HDMI input is selected for an HDMI signal, or the analog audio input is selected if the input is not HDMI (for example, for a DVI input signal)

<sup>6</sup> In this case, the embedded audio in the HDMI signal is selected

<sup>7</sup> In this case, the analog audio input is selected

## 7.3 Connecting to the VP-437xl via RS-232

You can connect to the unit via a crossed RS-232 connection, using for example, a PC. A crossed cable or null-modem is required as shown in method A and B respectively. If a shielded cable is used, connect the shield to pin 5.

**Method A** (<u>Figure 3</u>)—Connect the RS-232 9-pin D-sub port on the unit via a crossed cable (only pin 2 to pin 3, pin 3 to pin 2, and pin 5 to pin 5 need be connected) to the RS-232 9-pin D-sub port on the PC.

**Note:** There is no need to connect any other pins.

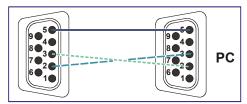


Figure 3: Crossed Cable RS-232 Connection

Hardware flow control is not required for this unit. In the rare case where a controller requires hardware flow control, short pin 1 to 7 and 8, and pin 4 to 6 on the controller side.

Method B (Figure 4)—Connect the RS-232 9-pin D-sub port on the unit via a straight (flat) cable to the null-modem adapter, and connect the null-modem adapter to the RS-232 9-pin D-sub port on the PC. The straight cable usually contains all nine wires for a full connection of the D-sub connector. Because the null-modem adapter (which already includes the flow control jumpering described in Method A above) only requires pins 2, 3 and 5 to be connected, you are free to decide whether to connect only these 3 pins or all 9 pins.

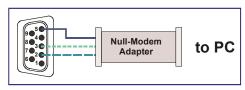


Figure 4: Straight Cable RS-232 Connection with a Null Modem Adapter

# 7.4 Connecting the VP-437xl via the ETHERNET Port

To connect and configure the Ethernet port of the **VP-437xl**, refer to the ETHERNET Configuration (Lantronix) GUIDE on our Web site: <a href="http://www.kramerelectronics.com">http://www.kramerelectronics.com</a>



# 7.5 Controlling via the Infrared Remote Control Transmitter

You can control the **VP-437xl** from the infrared remote control transmitter, as Figure 5 and Table 7 define:



Figure 5: Infrared Remote Control Transmitter

Table 7: Infrared Remote Control
Transmitter Functions

| Keys       | Function  |  |  |
|------------|---|--|--|
| SIZE       | Set the size of the image displayed   |  |  |
| POWER      | Turn the VP-437xI ON or OFF <sup>1</sup>  |  |  |
| FREEZE     | Freeze/unfreeze the output video image  |  |  |
| BLANK      | Toggle between a blank screen (blue or black screen) and the display  |  |  |
| MUTE       | Toggle between muting (blocking out the sound) and enabling the audio output                                    |  |  |
| AV         | Select the composite video input  |  |  |
| YC         | Select the s-Video input  |  |  |
| COMP1      | Select the component video 1 input  |  |  |
| COMP2      | Select the component video 2 input  |  |  |
| PC         | Select the UXGA input   |  |  |
| HDMI1      | Select the HDMI1 input  |  |  |
| HDMI2      | Select the HDMI2 input  |  |  |
| XGA Reset  | Reset the resolution to XGA   |  |  |
| 720p Reset | Reset the resolution to 720p  |  |  |
| INFO       | Displays the selected input, the input and output resolutions and the firmware versions <sup>2</sup> on the OSD |  |  |
| NATIVE     | Select the output resolution via the EDID of the connected HDMI monitor   |  |  |
|            | Four navigation keys  |  |  |
| ОК         | Press to accept changes Press also to auto adjust the picture (see Section 7.1.1)                               |  |  |
| MENU       | Enter the OSD menu  |  |  |
| EXIT       | EXIT the menu   |  |  |

<sup>1</sup> OFF in this case means that the outputs and the front-panel are disabled

<sup>2</sup> To check if firmware upgrades are available, go to our Web site at <a href="http://www.kramerelectronics.com">http://www.kramerelectronics.com</a>

# 8 Technical Specifications

Table 8: Technical Specifications of the VP-437xl Presentation Switcher /Scaler

| INPUTS:              | 2 HDMI connectors   |  |  |  |
|----------------------|---|--|--|--|
| INFOIS.              | 1 VGA on a 15-pin HD connector  |  |  |  |
|                      | 1 composite video on an RCA connector   |  |  |  |
|                      | 1 Y/C on a 4-pin connector  |  |  |  |
|                      | 2 component video each on 3 RCA connectors  |  |  |  |
|                      | 2 HDMI, 1 VGA, 2 COMP, 1 CV, 1 Y/C unbalanced stereo audio on 7   |  |  |  |
|                      | 3-pin terminal block connectors   |  |  |  |
| OUTPUT:              | 1 RGBHV on 5 BNC connectors   |  |  |  |
|                      | 1 HDMI connector  |  |  |  |
|                      | 1 VGA (RGBHV) on a 15-pin HD connector  |  |  |  |
|                      | 1 S/PDIF on an RCA connector  |  |  |  |
|                      | 1 unbalanced stereo audio on RCA connectors   |  |  |  |
| H FREQUENCY:         | 15.63-90kHz   |  |  |  |
| V FREQUENCY:         | 23-90Hz   |  |  |  |
| RGB SYNCS:           | H and V TTL separated syncs   |  |  |  |
| RGB LEVEL:           | 1.2Vpp max, $75\Omega$ load   |  |  |  |
| XGA OUT LEVEL:       | 1.2Vpp max, $75\Omega$ load   |  |  |  |
| S/PDIF OUT LEVEL:    | 0.55Vpp constant  |  |  |  |
| POWER SOURCE:        | 143mA AC x 230VAC   |  |  |  |
| OUTPUT RESOLUTIONS:  | Native, VGA, SVGA, XGA, SXGA, UXGA, 480i, 480p, 576i, 576p, 720p@60, 1080i@60, 1080p@60, 720p@50, 1080i@50, 1080p@50, WXGA, WSXGA, WUXGA, 1280x800, 1440x900, 1400x1050, 1600x900           |  |  |  |
| OUTPUT REFRESH RATE: | 60Hz for computer graphics resolutions, 50/60Hz for HDTV resolutions  |  |  |  |
| CONTROLS:            | CV, YC, component 1, component 2, VGA, HDMI 1, HDMI 2, input selector buttons; blank, mute, freeze buttons; menu, enter, menu arrows, reset to XGA/720p, lock buttons, RS-232, Ethernet, IR |  |  |  |
| POWER SOURCE:        | 100-240V AC, 33VA max.  |  |  |  |
| DIMENSIONS:          | 19" x 7" x 1U (W, D, H) rack mountable  |  |  |  |
| WEIGHT:              | 2.7kg (6lbs) approx.  |  |  |  |
| ACCESSORIES:         | Power cord, null-modem adapter, rack "ears", IR remote control  |  |  |  |

Table 9: Input Resolutions<sup>2</sup>

| Resolution/Refresh Rate | CV/s-Video                | Component | VGA | HDMI |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----|------|
| 480I/576I(NTSC/PAL)     | Yes (480i30x2 / 576i25x2) | Yes       | No  | No   |
| 480P/576P               | No                        | Yes       | Yes | Yes  |
| 720P @(60/50)           | No                        | Yes       | Yes | Yes  |
| 1080I @(60/50)          | No                        | Yes       | No  | Yes  |
| 1080P @(60/50)          | No                        | Yes       | Yes | Yes  |
| 1080P @(24/30)          | No                        | Yes       | No  | Yes  |
| VGA @(60/72/75/85)      | No                        | No        | Yes | Yes  |
| SVGA @(56/60/72/75/85)  | No                        | No        | Yes | Yes  |
| XGA @(60/70/75/85)      | No                        | No        | Yes | Yes  |
| SXGA @(60/75/85)        | No                        | No        | Yes | Yes  |
| UXGA @60                | No                        | No        | Yes | Yes  |
| WXGA@60(1366x768)       | No                        | No        | Yes | Yes  |
| WSXGA@60(1680x1050)     | No                        | No        | Yes | Yes  |
| WUXGA@60(1920x1200)     | No                        | No        | Yes | Yes  |

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

<sup>2</sup> Go to our Web site at <a href="http://www.kramerelectronics.com">http://www.kramerelectronics.com</a> to check for updated resolution lists



### 9 RS-232 Communication Protocol

# The following is the COM port setting:

Baud Rate: 9600bps

Parity: None
Data Bits: 8bits
Stop Bits: 1bit
Set CTS Mode: Off
Set XON/XOFF: Off

<u>Table 10</u> defines the symbol characters:

Table 10: Character Symbols Definitions

| Symbol            | Meaning                          |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
|                   | Space                            |
| [CR]              | Carriage Return, ASCII code 0x0D |
| [LF] <sup>1</sup> | Line Feed, ASCII code 0x0A       |

### Set and get command

Set Command

Type in:  $Y \blacksquare Control\_Type \blacksquare Function \blacksquare Param[CR]^2$ 

Reply: Z■Control\_Type■Function■Param[CR][LF]

Get Command:

Type in: Y■Control\_Type■Function[CR]

Reply: Z■Control Type■Function■Param[CR][LF]

Example:

Example 1: set Brightness value as 32

Send: Y■1■16■32[CR]

Reply:  $Z \blacksquare 1 \blacksquare 16 \blacksquare 32[CR][LF]$ 

Example 2: get current output resolution (2 = SVGA)

Send: Y■4■21[CR]

Reply: Z = 4 = 21 = 2[CR][LF]

<sup>1</sup> Or >

<sup>2</sup> When sending a command, a blank character may precede [CR] if desired

Table 11: RS-232 Protocol

| Control Type     | Function | Param (for Set) | Function Description            | Comment  |
|------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| 0                | 0        | N/A             | SIZE button on remote control   | Comment  |
| 0                | 1        | N/A             | POWER button on remote control  |          |
| 0                | 2        | N/A             | FREEZE button on remote control |          |
| 0                | 3        | N/A             | 480p button on remote control   |          |
| 0                | 4        | N/A             | 576p button on remote control   |          |
| 0                | 5        | N/A             | 720p button on remote control   |          |
| 0                | 6        | N/A             | 1080i button on remote control  |          |
| 0                | 7        | N/A             | 1080p button on remote control  |          |
| 0                | 8        | N/A             | VGA button on remote control    |          |
| 0                | 9        | N/A             | SVGA button on remote control   |          |
| 0                | 10       | N/A             | XGA button on remote control    |          |
| 0                | 11       | N/A             | SXGA button on remote control   |          |
| 0                | 12       | N/A             | WXGA button on remote control   |          |
| 0                | 13       | N/A             | UXGA button on remote control   |          |
| 0                | 14       | N/A             | INFO button on remote control   |          |
| 0                | 15       | N/A             | UP button on remote control     |          |
| 0                | 16       | N/A             | NATIVE button on remote control |          |
| 0                | 17       | N/A             | LEFT button on remote control   |          |
| 0                | 18       | N/A             | OK button on remote control     |          |
| 0                | 19       | N/A             | RIGHT button on remote control  |          |
| 0                | 20       | N/A             | MENU button on remote control   |          |
| 0                | 21       | N/A             | DOWN button on remote control   |          |
| 0                | 22       | N/A             | EXIT button on remote control   |          |
| 0                | 23       | N/A             | AV button on remote control     |          |
| 0                | 24       | N/A             | YC button on remote control     |          |
| 0                | 25       | N/A             | COMP1 button on remote control  |          |
| 0                | 26       | N/A             | HDMI1 button on remote control  |          |
| 0                | 27       | N/A             | HDMI2 button on remote control  |          |
| 0                | 28       | N/A             | COMP2 button on remote control  |          |
| 0                | 29       | N/A             | VGA button on remote control    |          |
| 0                | 30       | N/A             | BLANK button on remote control  |          |
| 0                | 31       | N/A             | MUTE button on remote control   |          |
| 0                | 33       | N/A             | Auto adjust                     | FW V6.12 |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 4        | 0~100           | Color: Red                      |          |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 5        | 0~100           | Color: Green                    |          |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 6        | 0~100           | Color: Blue                     |          |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 16       | 0~100           | Brightness                      |          |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 17       | 0~100           | Contrast                        |          |



| Control Type     | Function | Param (for Set) | Function Description    | Comment   |
|------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|---|
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 25       | 0~100           | Hue                     |   |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 26       | 0~100           | Sharpness               |   |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 29       | 0~100           | Saturation              |   |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 33       | 0~100           | Output volume setting   |   |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 34       | 0~100           | Input volume setting    |   |
| 0: Set           | 35       | N/A             | Volume down             |   |
| 0: Set           | 37       | N/A             | Volume up               |   |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 41       | 0~100           | OSD Setting :H-Position |   |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 42       | 0~100           | OSD Setting: V-Position |   |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 43       | 0~100           | OSD Timeout             |   |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 44       | 0~8             | OSD Background          |   |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 50       | 0~3             | NR (Noise Reduction)    | 0: Off<br>1: Low<br>2: Mid<br>3: High   |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 51       | 0~3             | Audio delay             | 0: Off<br>1: 40ms<br>2: 110ms<br>3: 150ms   |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 52       | 0~2             | HDMI AUDIO IN           | 0 : AUTOMATIC<br>1 : EMBEDDED<br>2 : ANALOG   |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 84       | 0~1             | Auto Sync Off           | 0 : OFF<br>1 : ON   |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 160      | 0~1             | INPUT HDCP Option       | 0: OFF<br>1: ON (FW: 6.27)  |
| 1: Set<br>2: Get | 161      | 0~1             | OUTPUT HDCP Option      | 0 : Follow input<br>(FW : 6.29 )<br>1 : Follow output                                 |
| 3: Set<br>4: Get | 0        | 1~7             | Select Input Source     | 1: AV<br>2: YC<br>3: COMP1<br>4: COMP2<br>5: VGA<br>6: HDMI1<br>7: HDMI2              |
| 3: Set<br>4: Get | 1        | 0~5             | Size                    | 0: Full<br>1: Panscan<br>2: Overscan<br>3: Underscan<br>4: Letterbox<br>5: Underscan2 |

| Control Type     | Function | Param (for Set) | Function Description       | Comment  |
|------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------------------|--|
| 3: Set<br>4: Get | 21       | 0~22            | Output Resolution          | 0: Native 1: VGA 2: SVGA 3: XGA 4: SXGA 5: UXGA 6: 480i 7: 480p 8: 720p60 9: 1080i60 10: 1080p60 11: 576i 12: 576p 13: 720p50 14: 1080i50 16: WXGA 17: WSXGA 18: WUXGA 19: 1280x800, 20: WXGA+ (1440X900) 21: SXGA+ (1400X1050) 22: 1600x900 |
| 3: Set           | 23       | 1               | Factory Reset              |  |
| 6: Set<br>7: Get | 0        | 0~2             | Power                      | 0: Power Down<br>1: Power On<br>2: Reboot (FW<br>V6.22)  |
| 6: Set<br>7: Get | 1        | 0~1             | Freeze                     | 0: Off<br>1: On  |
| 6: Set<br>7: Get | 2        | 0~1             | Blank                      | 0: Off<br>1: On  |
| 6: Set<br>7: Get | 3        | 0~1             | Mute                       | 0: Off<br>1: On  |
| 6: Set<br>7: Get | 4        | 0~1             | Key lock                   | 0: Off<br>1: On  |
| 6: Set<br>7: Get | 140      | 0~1             | Auto Tune (under finetune) | 0: Clear Auto<br>Tune<br>1: Set auto Tune  |



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