

**Kramer Electronics, Ltd.**



# **USER MANUAL**

**Model:**

**FC-331**

*SD/HD-SDI to HDMI Converter*

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## 1 Introduction

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

Thank you for purchasing the Kramer DigiTOOLS® **FC-331 SD/HD-SDI to HDMI Converter**, which is ideal for:

- Home theater, presentation and multimedia applications
- Rental and staging
- SD/HD-SDI to HDMI Converter for medical equipment

The package includes the following items:

- **FC-331**
- Power supply (5V DC input)
- 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

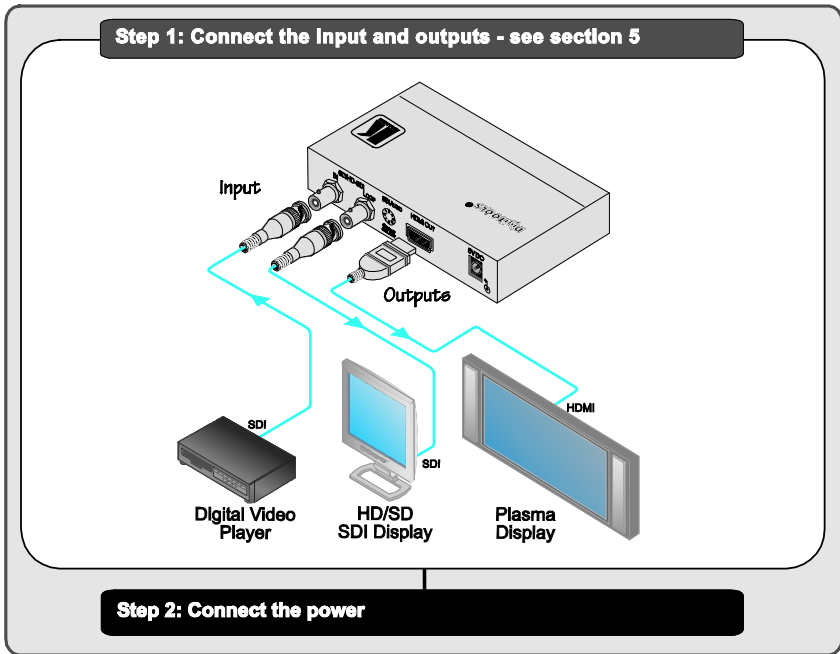
This quick start chart summarizes the basic setup and operation steps.

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<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; GROUP 11: Sierra Products

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



### 3 Overview

The **FC-331 SD/HD-SDI to HDMI Converter** is a high-performance format converter for SDI (SMPTE 259M), HD-SDI (SMPTE 292M), and 3G HD-SDI (SMPTE 424M) signals. It converts an SDI audio and video signal to an HDMI output signal with the same resolution and frame rate<sup>1</sup>.

The **FC-331** features:

- An SD/HD-SDI/3G HD-SDI input on a BNC connector
- An SDI loop on a BNC connector and an HDMI output
- HDTV compatibility
- Automatic active input LED indicators on the front panel. Green indicates a standard definition (SDI) input signal and blue indicates a high-definition (HD-SDI) input signal
- 5V DC power
- Medical equipment compliance

<sup>1</sup> No scaling is performed

### 3.1 About HDMI

High-Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) is an uncompressed all-digital<sup>1</sup> audio/video interface, widely supported in the entertainment and home cinema industry. It delivers the highest high-definition image and sound quality. Note that Kramer Electronics Limited is an HDMI Adopter and an HDCP Licensee. In particular, HDMI<sup>2</sup>:

- Provides a simple<sup>3</sup> interface between any audio/video source, such as a set-top box, DVD player, or A/V receiver and video monitor, such as a digital flat LCD / plasma television (DTV), over a single<sup>4</sup> cable
- Supports standard, enhanced, high-definition video, and multi-channel digital audio<sup>5</sup> on a single cable
- Transmits all ATSC HDTV standards and supports 8-channel digital audio, with bandwidth to spare to accommodate future enhancements and requirements
- Benefits consumers by providing superior, uncompressed High Definition digital video via a single cable<sup>6</sup>, and user-friendly connector
- Is backward-compatible with DVI (Digital Visual Interface)
- Supports two-way communication between the video source (such as a DVD player) and the digital television, enabling new functionality such as automatic configuration and one-button play

HDMI has the capacity to support existing high-definition video formats (720p, 1080i, and 1080p/60), as well as standard definition formats such as NTSC or PAL.

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

2 HDMI, the HDMI logo and High-Definition Multimedia Interface are trademarks or registered trademarks of HDMI licensing LLC

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

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

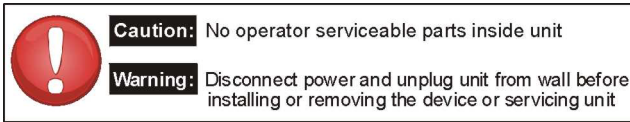
5 HDMI supports multiple audio formats, from standard stereo to multi-channel surround-sound. HDMI has the capacity to support Dolby 5.1 audio and high-resolution audio formats

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

### 3.2 Recommendations for Best Performance

To achieve the best performance:

- Use only good quality connection cables<sup>1</sup> to avoid interference, deterioration in signal quality due to poor matching, and elevated noise levels (often associated with low quality cables)
- Do not secure the cables in tight bundles or roll the slack into tight coils
- Avoid interference from neighboring electrical appliances that may adversely influence signal quality and position your Kramer **FC-331** away from moisture, excessive sunlight and dust



### 3.3 Accessory to Medical Equipment (IEC 60601-1)

In the modern medical environment remote access is essential, for example, to transfer clinical data between doctors and to train to medical students. The **FC-331** is certified according to the IEC 60601-1-2, Clause 2.1.3, Medical Electrical Equipment, Part 1: General Requirements for Emc standard which is required when accessory devices are used at locations where medical personnel and patients are present.

The **FC-331** constitutes an optional component that can be considered necessary and suitable as part of medical equipment or for use as part of a medical system to provide real time simultaneous video feeds to those present at the local medical environment and at remote locations. In this environment, the **FC-331** can be added to the system **ONLY** if the connecting equipment has been evaluated and meets the IEC 60601-1-2 Emc standards. Note, that when attaching accessory devices to a digital or analog interface, they must comply with the IEC standard for which they are used: for medical equipment (IEC 60601-1-2), data processing equipment (IEC 60950) and electromagnetic compatibility (IEC 61000-1).

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<sup>1</sup> Available from Kramer Electronics on our Web site at <http://www.kramerelectronics.com>

## 4 Your FC-331 SD/HD-SDI to HDMI Converter

Figure 1 and Table 1 define the **FC-331 SD/HD-SDI to HDMI Converter**:

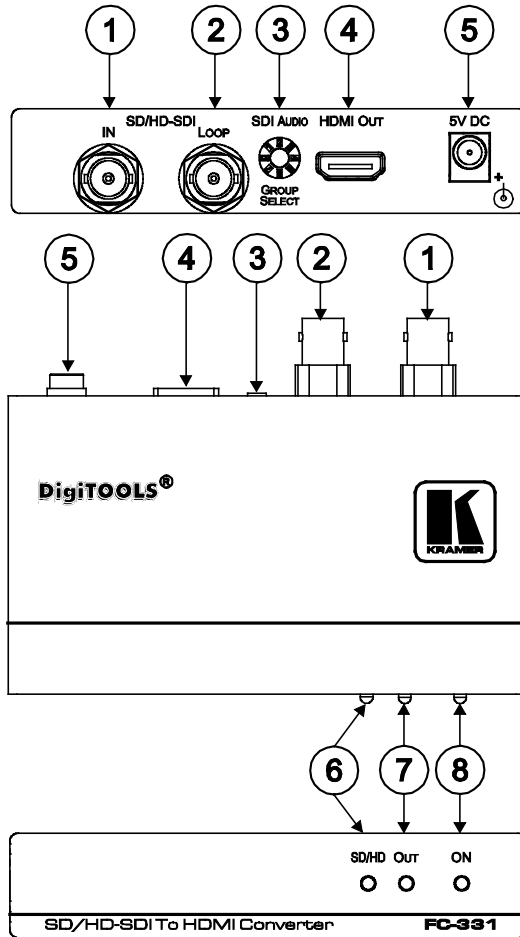


Figure 1: FC-331 SD/HD-SDI to HDMI Converter

Table 1: FC-331 SD/HD-SDI to HDMI Converter Features

#	Feature	Function
1	SD/HD-SDI IN BNC Connector	Connects to an SD or HD-SDI source
2	SD/HD-SDI LOOP BNC Connector	Connects to an SD or HD-SDI acceptor
3	SDI AUDIO GROUP SELECT	Turn to select the SDI input stereo channel (0 to 7)
4	HDMI OUT Connector	Connects to an HDMI acceptor
5	5V DC	+5V DC connector for powering the unit

6	SD/HD LED	Illuminates green for an SD input signal and blue for an HD-SDI input signal
7	OUT LED	Illuminates green to indicate that a display is connected
8	ON LED	Illuminates green when receiving power

## 5 Connecting the FC-331 SD/HD-SDI to HDMI Converter

To connect the **FC-331**, as the example in *Figure 2* illustrates, do the following<sup>1</sup>:

1. Connect the SD/HD-SDI IN connector to a digital video source (for example, a digital video player).
2. Connect the SD/HD-SDI LOOP connector to a digital acceptor (for example, a digital display).
3. Connect the HDMI connector to an HDMI acceptor (for example, a plasma display).
4. Using a small screwdriver, turn the SDI AUDIO GROUP SELECT rotary switch to select an SDI stereo channel<sup>2</sup> from 0 to 7.
5. Connect the 5V DC power adapter to the power socket and connect the adapter to the mains electricity (not illustrated in *Figure 2*).

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<sup>1</sup> Switch OFF the power on each device before connecting it to your FC-331. After connecting your FC-331, switch on its power and then switch on the power on each device

<sup>2</sup> SDI audio is made up of 16 channels of audio information or 8 stereo pairs. Whereas most other devices access a group of 2-pairs, the FC-331 accesses a single pair out of a group for higher discrimination



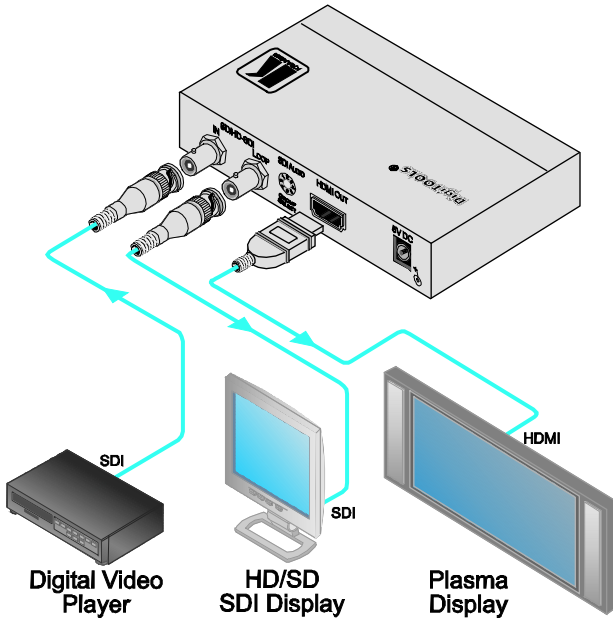


Figure 2: Connecting the FC-331 SD/HD-SDI to HDMI Converter

## 6 Technical Specifications

The FC-331 technical specifications are shown in Table 2:

Table 2: Technical Specifications<sup>1</sup> of the FC-331 SD/HD-SDI to HDMI Converter

INPUT:	1 SD/HD-SDI, 3G HD-SDI on a BNC connector
OUTPUTS:	1 SD/HD-SDI, 3G HD-SDI loop on a BNC connector, 1 HDMI connector
MAX DATA RATE:	Up to 3Gbps
STANDARD COMPLIANCE:	HDMI
INDICATOR LEDES:	SD/HD, OUT, ON
POWER SOURCE:	5V DC, 400mA
DIMENSIONS	12cm x 7.2cm x 2.4cm (4.7" x 2.8" x 1.0") W, D, H
WEIGHT:	0.3kg (0.7lbs)
ACCESSORIES:	Power supply
OPTIONS:	19" rack mount adapter

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

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**Caution**

**Safety Warning:**

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



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