

# KD-CDA12P

12 Channel Component/RGBHV Video/Audio Distribution Amplifier

# Operating Instructions



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# Important Safety Instructions.

Please be sure to follow these instructions for safe operation of your unit

- Read these instructions.
- 2. Keep these instructions.
- Heed all warnings.
- Follow all instructions.
- Do not use this apparatus near water.
- 6. Clean only with dry cloth.
- Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.



**CAUTION!** 

**KD-CDA12P HDTV Distribution Amplifier** 

COMES WITH ITS OWN EXTERNAL POWER SUPPLY THAT MUST BE

No other Power Supply Adapter can be used with this unit! Using a Power Supply other than the one provided by

Key Digital™ with your unit VOIDS THE ENTIRE PRODUCT WARRANTY, may cause damage to your unit and associated equipment, and is a potential safety hazard.

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ATTACHED TO THE UNIT.

- 8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- 9. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- **10.** Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- 11. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- 12. Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
- 13. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- 14. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.



WARNING – To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose his apparatus to rain or moisture.

Apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing and no objects filled with liquids, such as vases, shall be placed on the apparatus.

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#### Introduction

Key Digital<sup>™</sup> dedication to providing the best possible solution to the Home Theater community is reflected in the KD-CDA12P, manufactured with stringent quality control standards that exceed the industry norm. This commitment to quality, reliability and performance is reflected throughout the entire Key Digital<sup>™</sup> product line. Every product is tested, and certified by a limited warranty of two years parts and labor, one of the best in the business. Please read the installation instructions below and enjoy your Component Video/Audio Distribution Amplifier for years to come.

#### Included in this package:

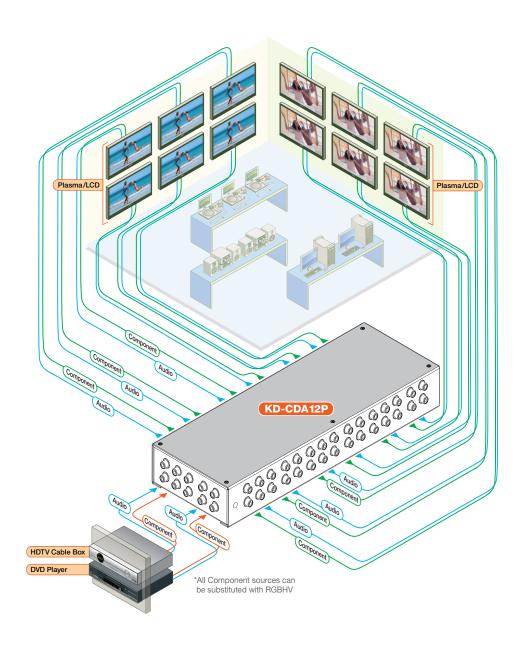
- 1. (One) KD-CDA12P
- 2. (One) External power supply
- 3. (One) Power cord
- 4. (One) Set of installation/technical instructions
- 5. (One) Warranty Statement







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### **Setting Up for Operation**

When unpacking the unit make all hookups and connections before plugging in the AC power adapter.

This unit will accept virtually any component video input signal (Y, Pr, Pb) with a matching left and right stereo audio pair (L/R audio can be substituted by a single digital PCM audio connection) and distribute it to several "Display" devices around your home or showroom without the loss of signal.

A typical hookup will consist of a "Source" device that outputs component video (or S-Video with an optional component video adapter) such as a DVD player, Set-Top Box unit, Satellite receiver, digital VCR, Sony Playstation™, XBOX™, GameCube™ or any other consumer video device.

The "Source" device should be connected to the jacks marked "Input" on the KD-CDA12P. After hooking up the "Source" device to the marked input connectors, the KD-CDA12P will distribute the selected input signal to all of the output connectors. There are two banks (Marked Channel 1 and 2, each corresponding to their respective inputs) of output connectors. Each of the RCA connectors are color coded to match most "Source" and "Display" devices available in the consumer industry; Red, Green and Blue for Component video; White, and Red for left and right audio respectively (PCM audio can be distributed by using either the left or right audio channel).

#### **Connecting your Unit**

Typically, connecting the KD-CDA12P is as simple as matching the proper color coded connectors. When inserting the RCA connectors use a slight twisting motion when inserting the cables, this assures a proper connection by seating the RCA connector all the way in.

Be careful not to confuse the Red lead of a component video cable with the Right or Red audio channel. Most often the audio wire is together with a White or Left audio lead! The Red lead from the component video cable is often attached to the Green and Blue lead from the component cable as well.

When running long lengths of cable please make sure to use heavy shielded high quality cables. Now that the input(s) are connected, run each of the individual set of output connectors to their respective "Display" devices. Make sure to use the correct wires when making the connections to the "Display" device (use the color matching system if possible.)

Now that the installation is done it is recommended to double check all connections before connecting the external power supply. Once every connection has been verified, plug the external power supply connector into the power input jack of the KD-CDA12P. Once power has been applied, a green light should show the power "ON" status on the front of the unit. Use a reliable "Source" to test your connections (Like a DVD player).

#### Mounting and Maintenance instructions

The KD-CDA12P is built for years of trouble free operation. Cleaning or maintenance is usually not necessary, but if needed use a soft non-abrasive dry cloth to wipe the dust from the unit. Since the KD-CDA12P produces a small amount of heat, it is recommended to leave a few inches of room around the unit to dissipate this heat.

# **Configuration Modes**

#### The KD-CDA12P can be configured in 3 separate modes:

Set the slide switch to one of the following modes of operation.

reliable "Source" to test your connections (Like a DVD player).

- 1. Mode1: 2 inputs, each driving 6 outputs (this is the factory default mode)
- 2. Mode2: 1 input driving 12 outputs with the unused input driving the next distribution amplifier
- 3. Mode 3: 1 input driving 12 outputs

#### Mode 1:

Green LED on. The KD-CDA12P has two sets of inputs. This allows for independent connection of two "Source" devices and usage of the KD-CDA12P as two separate KD-CDA6 units (these are Key Digital™ 6-channel distribution amplifiers). Using this configuration it is possible to distribute two discrete Audio/Video signals to two banks of 6 "Display" devices. This is the factory default mode.

#### Mode 2:

Green and Red LEDs on. The KD-CDA12P can also be cascaded or "Daisy Chained." Using this hookup method allows multiple units to be connected in series. One of the two inputs is for receiving the Source or input signal; the other input is used for the "Loop-Through" signal, for passing the input signal to the next amplifier in the chain of series. Either input can be used as the "Source" input or as the "Loop-Through" input (to send the signal to the next KD-CDA12P or KD-CDA6.) The Mode 2 setting is used for all KD-CDA12P units in the chain except for the last unit, which must be set to Mode 3 (See below). A maximum of 4 KD-CDA12P can be connected in a "Daisy Chain" using this hook-up method.

#### Mode 3:

Red LED on. The KD-CDA12P can be configured to distribute 1 input "Source" to 12 different "Display" devices.

Note: The factory default setting of the slide switch is Mode 1 (2x6 mode)!

Now that the installation is done it is recommended to double check all connections before connecting the external power supply. Once every connection has been verified, plug the external power supply connector into the power input jack of the KD-CDA12P or KD-CDA6. Once power has been applied, a green light should show the power "ON" status on the front of the unit. Use a



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# **Troubleshooting**

If the unit fails to properly distribute the "Source" signal even after all of the devices in the system have been connected, the correct power supply has been connected, and the Source and Display device(s) are known to be operational, try the following suggestions.

#### 1. No power to the unit.

- a. Make sure that the external power supply is properly connected to a standard household outlet. Check to make sure the power indicator light is green. If there is no power light, check and verify that the wall outlet is active by plugging in a known good component (like a desk lamp). For added safety and protection it is always recommended to use a good quality surge protector.
- **b.** Check to make sure that the power connector is properly inserted into the KD-CDA12P.
- c. Unplug the adapter from the wall and verify that the cable is not cut or interrupted anywhere.
- d. If none of the above works, please contact Key Digital™ technical support.

#### 2. There is no signal displayed on the "Display" device.

- a. Verify the Sync or Green connector on all of your video connections; make sure it is connected to the correct input/output jack of the "Source" as well as the "Display" device.
- b. Make sure that the "Source" can be displayed by the connected "Display" device; for example: if the "Display" device connected to the output is not capable of handling HDTV compatible video signals make sure that the "Source" device is set to output SD (Standard definition or 480i) compatible signals.

#### 3. There is a signal but it is Black and White, Green or Pink in Nature.

- a. This is indicative of a mismatch between "Source" and "Display" device in the component video connections.
- b. Make sure that the "Source" signal is of a valid format that can be displayed by the connected "Display" device; for example: If the "Display" device connected cannot handle HDTV compatible video signals make sure that the "Source" device is set output SD (Standard Definition or 480i) compatible signals.

#### 4. I have a picture but it is scrolling across the screen of my "Display".

a. This happens when the input signal is not compatible with the "Display" device. Make sure that the "Source" signal is of a valid format that can be displayed by the connected "Display" device; for example: if the "Display" device connected is not capable of handling HDTV compatible video signals make sure that the "Source" device is set to output SD (Standard Definition or 480i) compatible signals.

#### 5. I have a picture but there is noise or "hum bars" visible in the image.

a. This could happen when crossing power lines when routing the cable from the "Source" device to the KD-CDA12P, or when routing the cables from the KD-CDA12P to the "Display" device. If crossing power lines is inevitable, make sure to use heavy shielded high quality cable. Sometimes using a shielded and noise filtering surge protector can eliminate noise in power lines.

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#### 6. I have No Audio.

- a. When connecting the Left and Right (White and Red connector) stereo audio channel make sure that the connectors are properly connected to the "Source" device as well as the "Display" device.
- b. Make sure that the volume is turned up to an audible level on the "Source" device as well as the "Display" device.
- c. When using the Digital Audio connection "PCM" or coaxial audio, make sure that the "Display" device is capable of decoding this compressed bit stream of audio information. Most often when using the "PCM" audio function, the audio will be connected to a Dolby Digital® capable AV-Receiver or amplifier.

# **Key Features for KD-CDA12P**

- Enables signal distribution any HDTV or SDTV Component Video source to Component Video HDTV ready monitors
- Component Video Left and Right Analog Audio; Digital PCM audio can be used instead of the Left and Right Analog Audio Signals
- > Can drive 12 monitors or two independent sets of 6 monitors.
- > Can be configured for 3 modes (2x6, 1x12 terminated, 1x12 loop-through)
- > RCA connectors for all video and audio inputs and outputs
- > 300 MHz bandwidth
- > Drives video signals up to 300 feet
- > Can be cascaded to another KD-CDA12P to drive as many outputs as desired from one source
- > External power supply
- Crystal clear image
- Metal Enclosure
- Cost-effective
- > 2 years parts and labor warranty



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# **Technical Specifications**

**Model #: KD-CDA12P** — 12 Channel Component/RGBHV Video/Audio Distribution Amplifier Each input and output is comprised of five RCA connectors consisting of independent HDTV/SDTV Component Video (YPrPb) plus two channels of audio L&R or PCM digital audio.

#### Video:

> Standard YPrPb 1 volt p-p 75 Ohm terminated Component Video.

#### Video bandwidth:

> - 3 dB @ 300 MHz.

#### Audio:

Standard "line" type high impedance two-channel, Left & Right. Each L or R can be used for PCM digital audio.

#### **Cable Recommendation**

> Each run of YPrPb cable MUST be the same length (300' max.).

#### **KD-CDA12P Characteristics:**

- Size: 12-3/16" x 5-1/8" x 1-13/16" [310 x 130 x 46 mm] (case). 12-7/16" x 5-5/8" x 1-15/16" [316 x 143 x 49 mm] (with protruding jack/hardware).
- > Weight: 3.5 lbs. (1.6 Kg.)
- > Power: 6V / 5A, 110-120 VAC, 60Hz.
  - → No other power adapter can be used with this unit!

#### Orientation/Mounting Information:

- > The top and bottom of the unit are solid metal (no vents).
- The unit may be oriented horizontally, or mounted vertically on a wall. Use 2 #8 or M4 screws to hang the unit (keyhole slots are provided on the base of the unit). If installing into sheet-rock or hollow walls, provide proper screw support with bolts or sheet-rock anchors.
- > Limited Warranty: 2 years parts and labor.



## How to Contact Key Digital™

#### Repairs and Warranty Service

- Should your KD-CDA12P require warranty service, please contact Key Digital™ to obtain a Returned Materials Authorization (RMA) number
- > Please contact us at either:

→ Phone: 1-914-667-9700 ext 215
 → E-mail: rma@keydigital.com

#### **Technical Support**

> For technical questions about using our products, please contact us at either:

→ Phone: 1-914-667-9700 ext 301
 → E-mail: tech@keydigital.com

#### **Customer Support**

> For customer support questions about using our products, please contact us at either:

→ Phone: 1-914-667-9700 ext 223

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#### Warranty

All Key Digital™ products are built to high manufacturing standards and should provide years of trouble-free operation. They are backed by a limited two-year parts and labor warranty.

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