

Crestron QM-MD8X8
8X8 QuickMedia® Matrix Switcher

Operations Guide



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8X8 QuickMedia® Matrix Switcher: QM-MD8X8

Introduction

The QM-MD8X8 is an 8X8 QuickMedia matrix switcher designed to provide versatile routing of up to eight inputs from QuickMedia Wall Plates and FlipTop Boxes to any of eight QuickMedia Receivers. All signal routing is provided over inexpensive CAT5e type cable* via Crestron's exclusive QuickMedia transport, supporting the distribution of high-resolution RGB, video, stereo audio and microphone signals up to a total of 450 feet end-to-end. Audio breakaway capability allows audio signals to be routed independent of video signals.

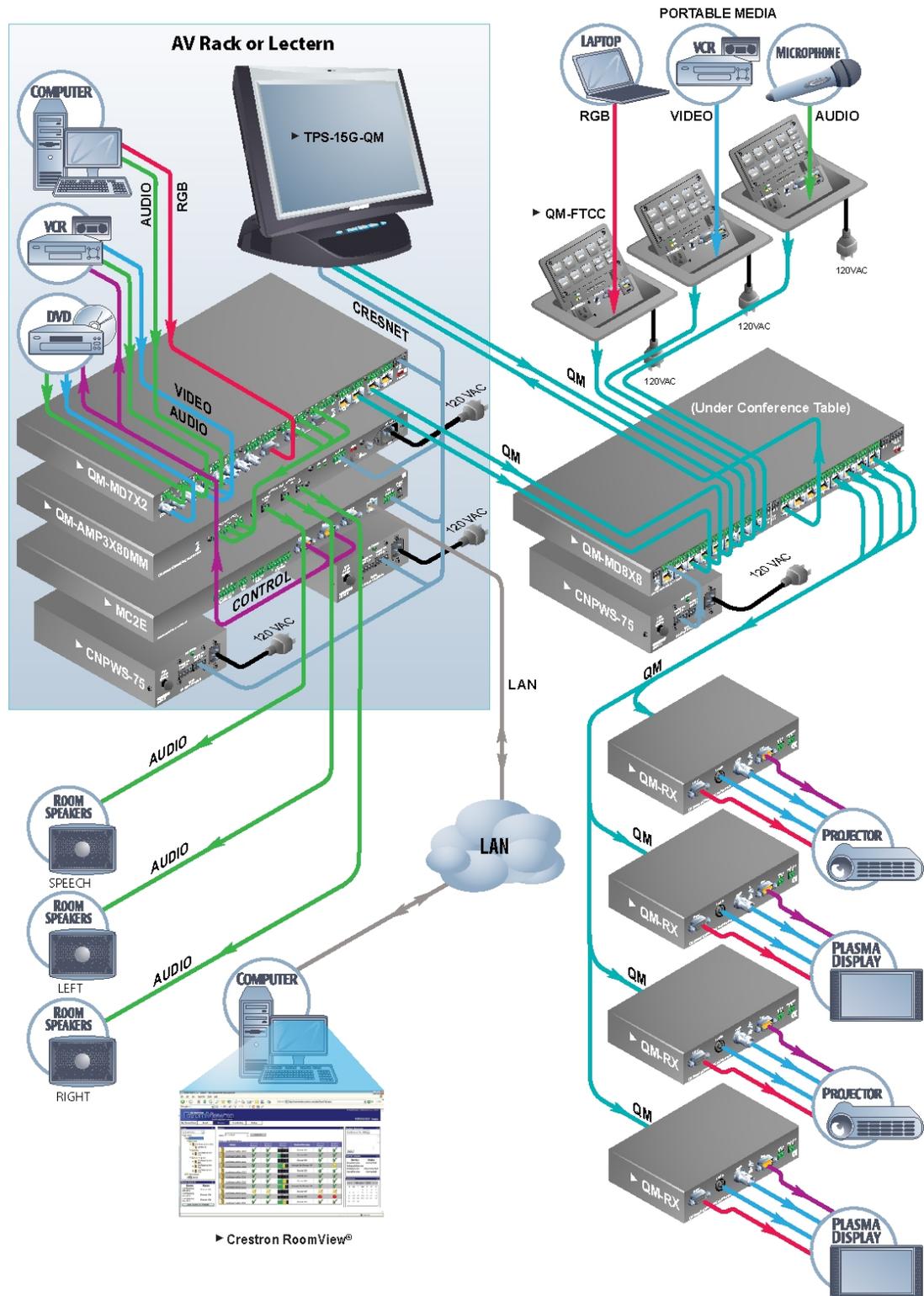
Features and Functions

- Eight input by eight output QuickMedia matrix switcher
- QuickMedia technology carries high-resolution RGB, video, stereo audio and microphone signals up to 450 feet using CresCAT-QM-P, CresCAT-QM-NP, or CresCAT-IM-P cable from Crestron®
- Audio breakaway can route audio signals independent of video signals
- Expands number of inputs and outputs of existing QuickMedia systems
- Front panel buttons can be used to operate switcher; buttons can be custom labeled
- Front panel buttons can be disabled for security
- Control system program can operate the switch via digital, analog, and serial control
- QuickMedia ports include Cresnet® ports with 24VDC power distribution to simplify termination of QuickMedia and Cresnet wiring
- Single-space rack-mountable

Up to two QuickMedia Matrix Switchers and Distribution Centers may be cascaded in a given QuickMedia signal path* to support larger system configurations. For instance, a QM-MD8X8 may be used to expand the input capacity of a QM-MD7X2, or multiple QM Matrixes can be combined to support applications such as room-combining with numerous inputs and outputs.

* For QuickMedia wiring use CresCAT-QM-P, CresCAT-QM-NP, CresCAT-IM-P, or quality CAT5e/CAT6 cable with a delay skew of ≤ 15 ns per 100m; the maximum aggregate cable length and delay skew between any QM transmitter (origination point) and QM receiver (endpoint) is 450 ft (137 m) and 22 ns; a maximum of two QM midpoint devices may be inserted in a given QM signal path; exceptions apply, refer to each respective product manual for full detail.

QM-MD8X8 in a Business Application

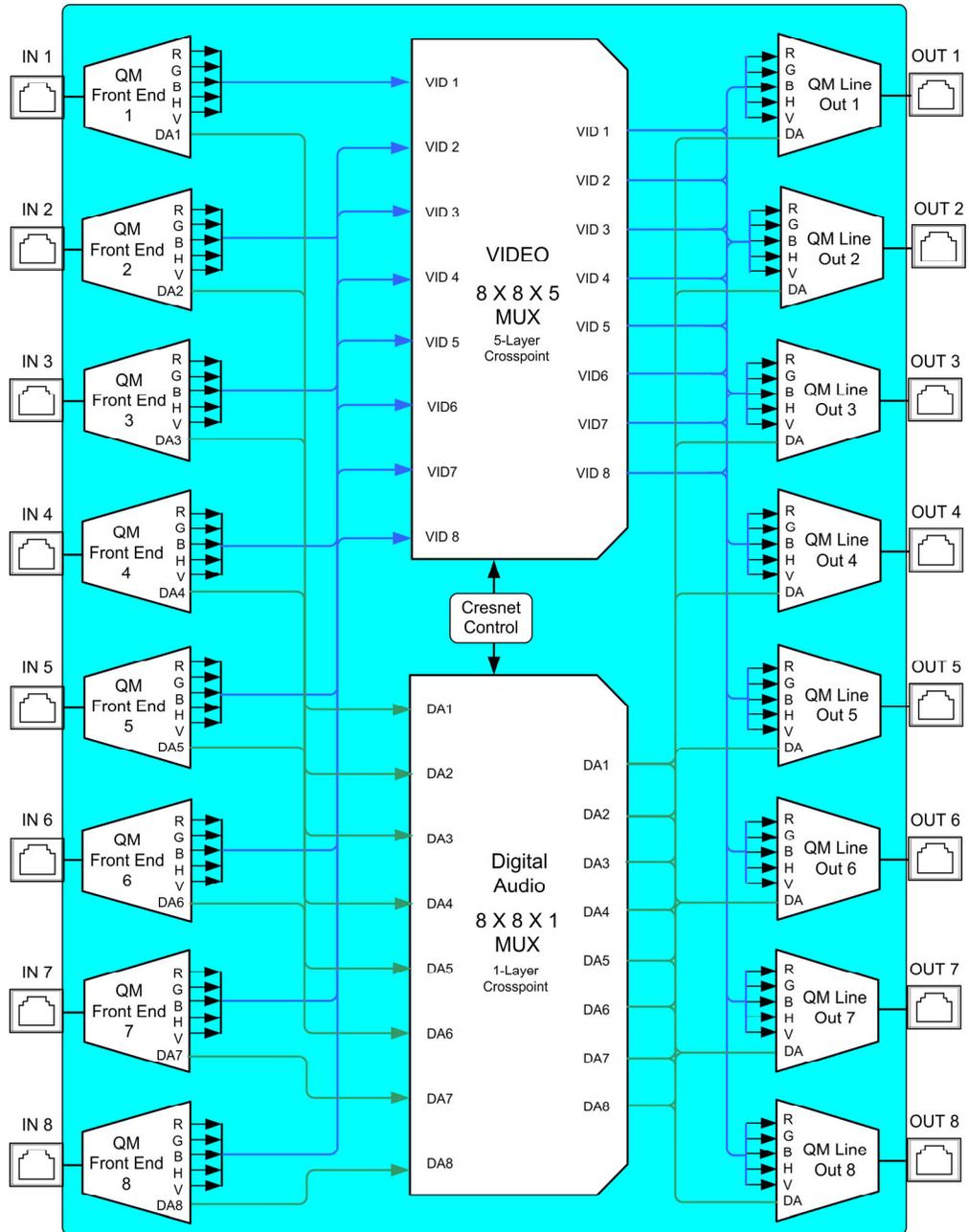


For more information on this and other QM applications, refer to the latest revision of the Crestron MediaManager Applications Guide (Doc. 6244) which is available from the Crestron website (<http://www.crestron.com/manuals>).

Internal Block Diagram

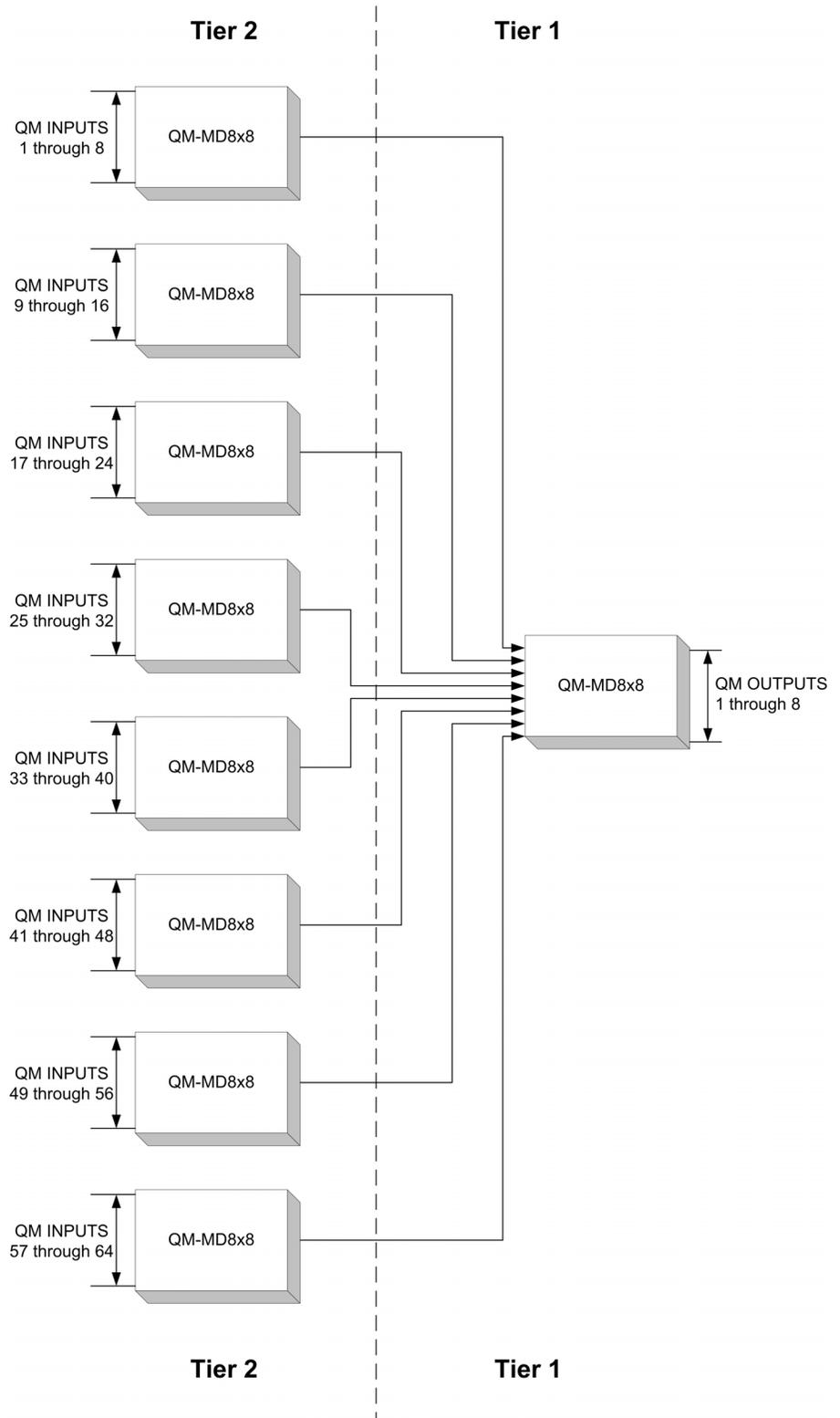
The following diagram represents the switching abilities of the QM-MD8X8. The QM-MD8X8 can be operated locally (local mode) using buttons on the front panel, or remotely from a control system (system mode). For more information, refer to “Operation” on page 22.

Internal Block Diagram of the QM-MD8X8



Up to two tiers of QM-MD8X8s can be cascaded to provide up to 64 QM inputs through one QM-MD8X8 as shown in the following block diagram.

Multiple QM-MD8X8s Cascaded to One QM-MD8X8



Specifications

Specifications for the QM-MD8X8 are listed in the following table.

QM-MD8X8 Specifications

SPECIFICATION	DETAILS
8X8 Video/RGB Matrix	Routes any (8) QM inputs to any of (8) QM outputs
Gain	0dB
Crosstalk	-60dB
8X8 Audio Matrix	Routes any of (8) QM inputs to any of (8) QM outputs with selectable audio-follow-video or audio breakaway
Gain	0dB
Power Requirements	
Cresnet Power Usage	22 Watts (0.92 Amps @ 24 Volts DC)
Default NET ID	32
Minimum 2-Series Control System Update File ^{1,2}	Version C2-V3.093.CUZ or later
Environmental	
Temperature	41° to 104°F (5° to 40°C)
Humidity	10% to 90% RH (non-condensing)
Heat Dissipation	75 BTU/Hr
Enclosure	Black metal, 1U 19" rack mountable (rack ears included)
Dimensions	
Height	1.70 in (4.32 cm)
Width	19.0 in (48.26 cm) with ears; 17.11 in (43.46 cm) without ears
Depth	10.16 in (25.80 cm)
Weight	4.69 lbs (2.13 kg)

1. The latest software versions can be obtained from the Crestron website. Refer to the NOTE following these footnotes.
2. Crestron 2-Series control systems include the AV2 and PRO2. Consult the latest Crestron Product Catalog for a complete list of 2-Series control systems.

NOTE: Crestron software and any files on the website are for authorized Crestron dealers and Crestron Authorized Independent Programmers (CAIP) only. New users may be required to register to obtain access to certain areas of the site (including the FTP site).

Physical Description

This section provides information on the connections, controls and indicators available on your QM-MD8X8.

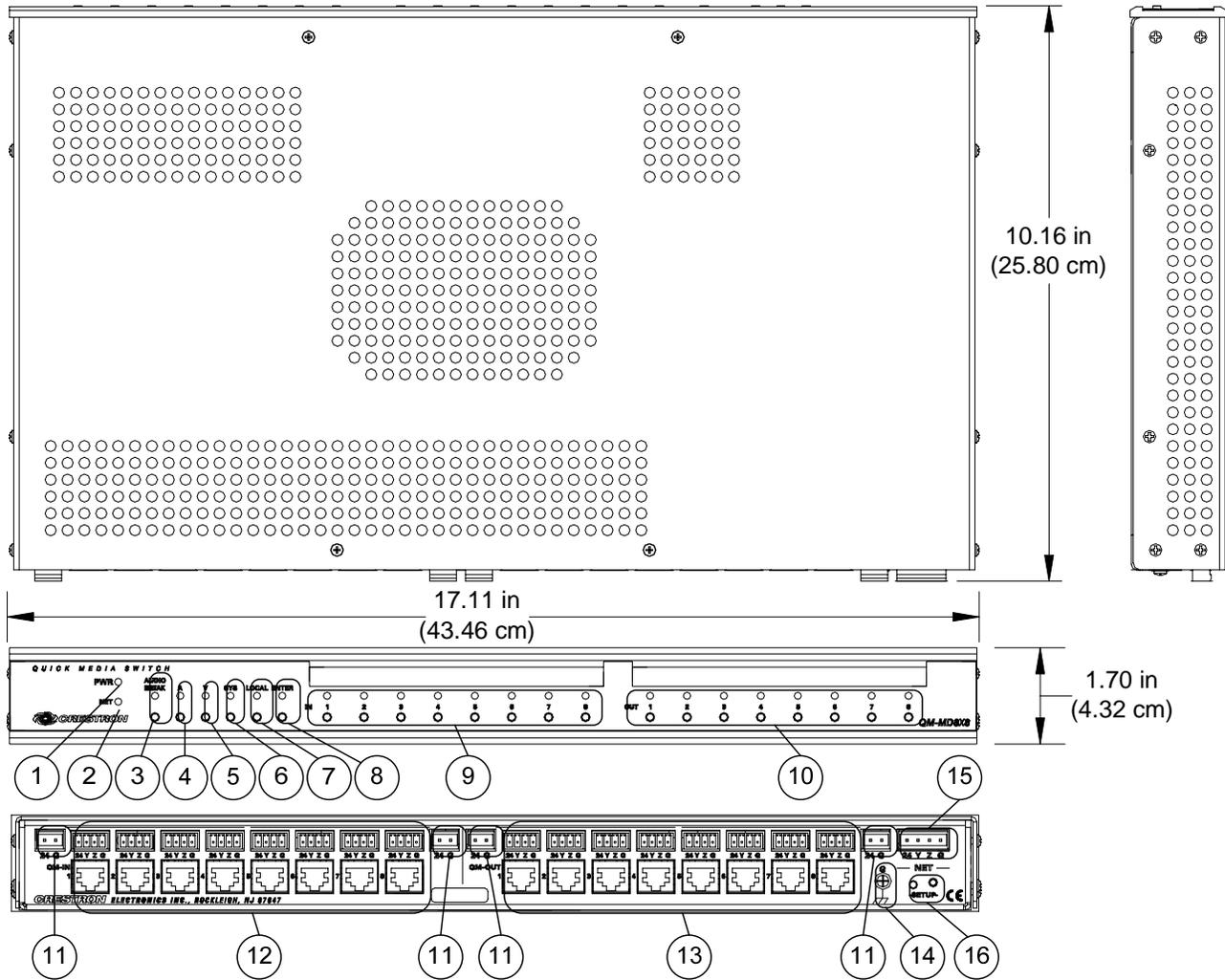
QM-MD8X8 Physical View (front)



QM-MD8X8 Physical View (rear)



QM-MD8X8 Overall Dimensions



Connectors, Controls, & Indicators

#	CONNECTORS ¹ , CONTROLS, & INDICATORS	DESCRIPTION
1	PWR LED	(1) green LED, indicates 24 Volts DC power supplied from Cresnet control network
2	NET LED	(1) yellow LED, indicates communication with Cresnet system
3	AUDIO BREAK AUDIO BREAK ○ ○	(1) recessed pushbutton & red LED, enables audio breakaway in <i>Local</i> mode, indicates audio breakaway in <i>System</i> mode

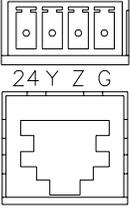
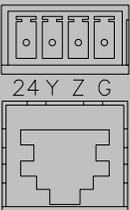
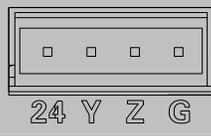
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Connectors, Controls, & Indicators (Continued)

#	CONNECTORS ¹ , CONTROLS, & INDICATORS	DESCRIPTION
4	A A  	(1) pushbutton & red LED, selects audio routing in <i>Local</i> mode when audio breakaway is enabled, selects audio routing view in <i>System</i> mode
5	V V  	(1) pushbutton & red LED, selects video routing in <i>Local</i> mode when audio breakaway is enabled, selects video routing view in <i>System</i> mode
6	SYS SYS  	(1) pushbutton & red LED, activates Cresnet <i>System</i> control mode
7	LOCAL LOCAL  	(1) recessed pushbutton & red LED, activates <i>Local</i> front panel control mode
8	ENTER ENTER  	(1) pushbutton & red LED, implements routing set by IN and OUT buttons in <i>Local</i> mode
9	IN 1 through 8   1 8     	(8) pushbuttons & red LEDs, select inputs to be routed in <i>Local</i> mode, select routing view for a given input in <i>System</i> mode
10	OUT 1 through 8   1 8     	(8) pushbuttons & red LEDs, select output destination(s) in <i>Local</i> mode, select routing view for a given output in <i>System</i> mode
11	24/G  24 G	(4) 2-pin 5mm detachable terminal blocks providing (1) power connector per every (4) Cresnet ports; Receive 24 Volts DC from external Cresnet power supplies; Maximum Load: 75 watts each

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Connectors, Controls, & Indicators (Continued)

#	CONNECTORS ¹ , CONTROLS, & INDICATORS	DESCRIPTION
12	QM IN 1 through 8 ² 	(8) 8-wire RJ45 female and (8) 4-pin 3.5mm detachable terminal blocks comprising (8) QuickMedia input ports with Cresnet; Connect to Cresnet and QM output ports of other QuickMedia devices via CresCAT-QM cable ³
13	QM OUT 1 through 8 ² 	(8) 8-wire RJ-45 female and (8) 4-pin 3.5mm detachable terminal blocks comprising (8) QuickMedia output ports with Cresnet; Connect to Cresnet and QM input ports of other QuickMedia devices via CresCAT-QM cable ³
14	GROUND 	(1) 6-32 screw, chassis ground lug.
15	NET 	Four-position terminal block connector for data and power. Connects to Cresnet control network. 24: Power (24 Volts DC) Y: Data Z: Data G: Ground
16	SETUP (LED and button)	(1) miniature pushbutton & red LED, used for touch-settable ID (TSID)

- Interface connectors for **NET** and **24/G** ports are provided with the unit.
- The eight-pin RJ-45 QuickMedia transport port accepts CAT5e/CAT6 carrying audio, video and microphone signals. The QM input port conforms to the 568B wiring standard. Refer to the following table for connector pinouts.

RJ-45 PIN NUMBER	WIRE COLORS (EIA 568B)	QM ASSIGNMENT: RGB	QM ASSIGNMENT: COMPOSITE, S-VIDEO, COMPONENT AND AUDIO
1	WHITE/ORANGE	- RGB RED	- CHROMINANCE (- P _r)
2	ORANGE	+ RGB RED	+ CHROMINANCE (+ P _r)
3	WHITE/GREEN	- RGB GREEN	- LUMINANCE (- Y)
4	BLUE	+ DIGITAL AUDIO	+ DIGITAL AUDIO
5	WHITE/BLUE	- DIGITAL AUDIO	- DIGITAL AUDIO
6	GREEN	+ RGB GREEN	+ LUMINANCE (+ Y)
7	WHITE/BROWN	- RGB BLUE	- COMPOSITE (- P _b)
8	BROWN	+ RGB BLUE	+ COMPOSITE (+ P _b)

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Industry Compliance

As of the date of manufacture, the QM-MD8X8 has been tested and found to comply with specifications for CE marking and standards per EMC and Radiocommunications Compliance Labelling.



NOTE: This device complies with part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
 - Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
 - Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
 - Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.
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Setup

Network Wiring

When wiring the Cresnet network, consider the following:

- Use Crestron Certified Wire.
- Use Crestron power supplies for Crestron equipment.
- Provide sufficient power to the system.

CAUTION: Insufficient power can lead to unpredictable results or damage to the equipment. Please use the Crestron Power Calculator to help calculate how much power is needed for the system (www.crestron.com/calculators).

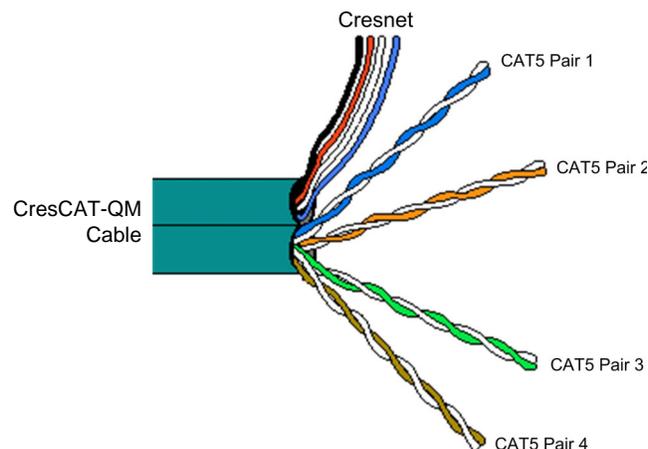
- For networks with 20 or more devices, use a Cresnet Hub/Repeater (CNXHUB) to maintain signal quality.

For more details, refer to “Check Network Wiring” on page 24.

QuickMedia Wiring

The Crestron QuickMedia cable (sold under the name “CresCAT-QM”) contains one CAT5E cable and one Cresnet cable in Siamese jackets. Installation of any QM device is as simple as installing CresCAT-QM wires from the output of one device to the input of another. Installations are flexible, affordable and fast. For more information, refer to the latest revision of the Crestron MediaManager Applications Guide (Doc. 6244), which is available for download from the Crestron website.

CresCAT-QM Cable



NOTE: Do not untwist the two wires in a single pair for more than 1/3-1/2” (0.84-1.27 cm) when making a connection. The twists are critical to canceling out interference between the wires.

The aggregate cable length of a signal path originating at a QM transmitter and terminating at a QM receiver must not exceed 450 feet (137 meters). Video signals

may experience a loss of quality over very long lengths of cable. This phenomenon is due to the added resistance and capacitance of longer cable lengths and is not peculiar to either Crestron and/or QuickMedia systems. To ensure sufficient bandwidth, the maximum aggregate cable length should not exceed 450 feet. The use of lower-resolution signals may allow increased cable length but must be tested by the installer with the sources to be used. The QM pin assignment is based on the EIA/TIA 568B RJ-45 Jack standard.

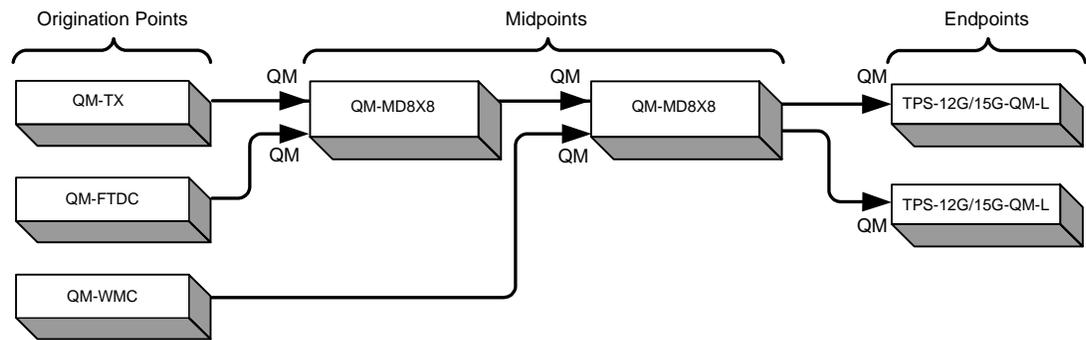
NOTE: When transmitting S-video, luminance uses the green video pathway and chrominance uses the red video pathway. When transmitting composite video, the signal is carried on the blue video pathway.

NOTE: When using CresCAT-QM wiring, four additional wires are included for making Cresnet connections.

When connecting multiple QM devices, the route between a QM origination point (transmitter) and a QM endpoint (receiver) cannot have more than two midpoints (e.g. QM-MD8X8 or other QM switchers). Refer to the following diagram when configuring a QM network.

NOTE: The aggregate length from transmitter to receiver cannot have a delay skew or more than 22 ns.

QM Network Topology



Identity Code

The Net ID of the QM-MD8X8 has been factory set to **32**. The Net IDs of multiple QM-MD8X8 devices in the same system must be unique. Net IDs are changed from a personal computer (PC) via the Crestron Toolbox™ (refer to “Establishing Communication” on page 20).

When setting the Net ID, consider the following:

- The Net ID of each unit must match an ID code specified in the SIMPL™ Windows[®] program.
- Each network device must have a unique Net ID.

For more details, refer to the Crestron Toolbox help file.

Installation

Ventilation

The QM-MD8X8 should be used in a well-ventilated area. The venting holes should not be obstructed under any circumstances.

To prevent overheating, do not operate this product in an area that exceeds the environmental temperature range listed in the table of specifications. Consider using forced air ventilation and/or incrementing the spacing between units to reduce overheating. Consideration must be given if installed in a closed or multi-unit rack assembly since the operating ambient temperature of the rack environment may be greater than the room ambient temperature. Contact with thermal insulating materials should be avoided on all sides of the unit.

Rack Mounting

The QM-MD8X8 can be mounted in a rack or stacked with other equipment. Two “ears” are provided with the QM-MD8X8 so that the unit can be rack mounted. These ears must be installed prior to mounting. Complete the following procedure to attach the ears to the unit. The only tool required is a #1 Phillips screwdriver.

WARNING: To prevent bodily injury when mounting or servicing this unit in a rack, take special precautions to ensure that the system remains stable. The following guidelines are provided to ensure your safety:

- When mounting this unit in a partially filled rack, load the rack from the bottom to the top with the heaviest component at the bottom of the rack.
- If the rack is provided with stabilizing devices, install the stabilizers before mounting or servicing the unit in the rack.

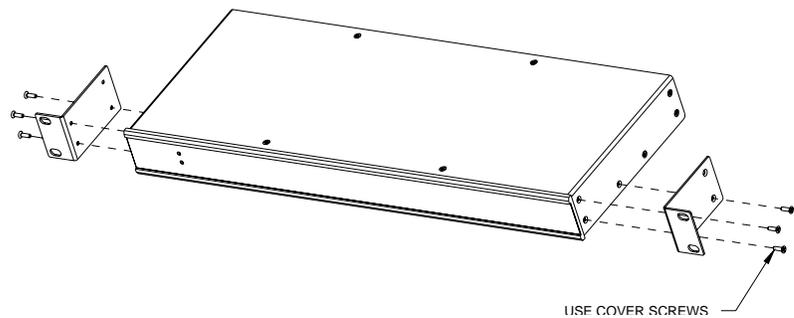
NOTE: If rack mounting is not required, rubber feet are provided for tabletop mounting or stacking. Apply the feet near the corner edges on the underside of the unit.

NOTE: Reliable earthing of rack-mounted equipment should be maintained. Particular attention should be given to supply connections other than direct connections to the branch circuit (e.g. use of power strips).

To install the ears:

1. There are screws that secure each side of the QM-MD8X8 top cover. Using a #1 Phillips screwdriver, remove the three screws closest to the front panel from one side of the unit. Refer to the diagram following step 3 for a detailed view.
2. Position a rack ear so that its mounting holes align with the holes vacated by the screws in step 1.
3. Secure the ear to the unit with three screws from step 1, as shown in the following diagram.

Ear Attachment for Rack Mounting (this image shows a IRU device)



- Repeat procedure (steps 1 through 3) to attach the remaining ear to the opposite side.

Stacking

Four “feet” are provided with the QM-MD8X8 so that if the unit is not rack mounted, the rubber feet can provide stability when the unit is placed on a flat surface or stacked. These feet should be attached prior to the hookup procedure.

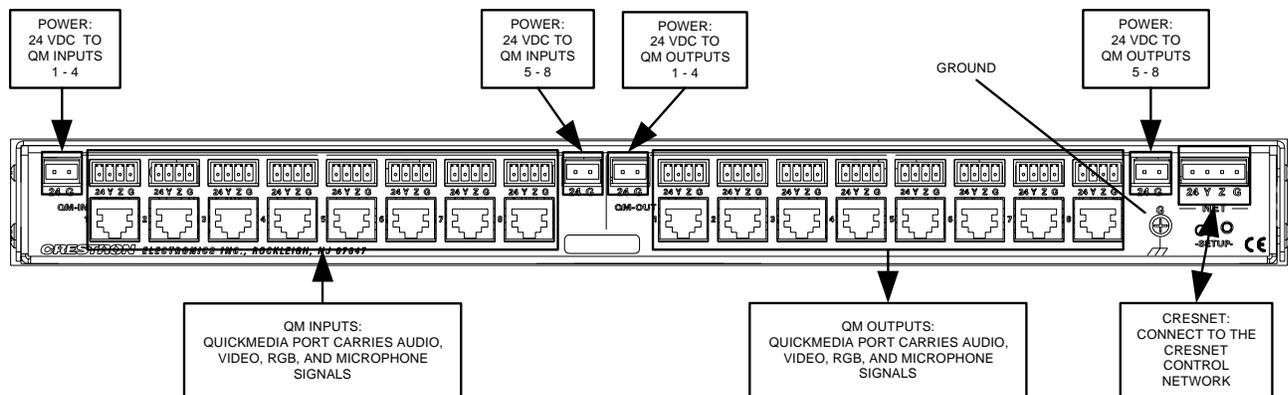
Hardware Hookup

Connect the Device

Make the necessary connections as called out in the illustration that follows this paragraph. Refer to “Network Wiring” on page 12 before attaching the 4-position terminal block connector. Apply power after all connections have been made.

When making connections to the QM-MD8X8, use Crestron power supplies for Crestron equipment.

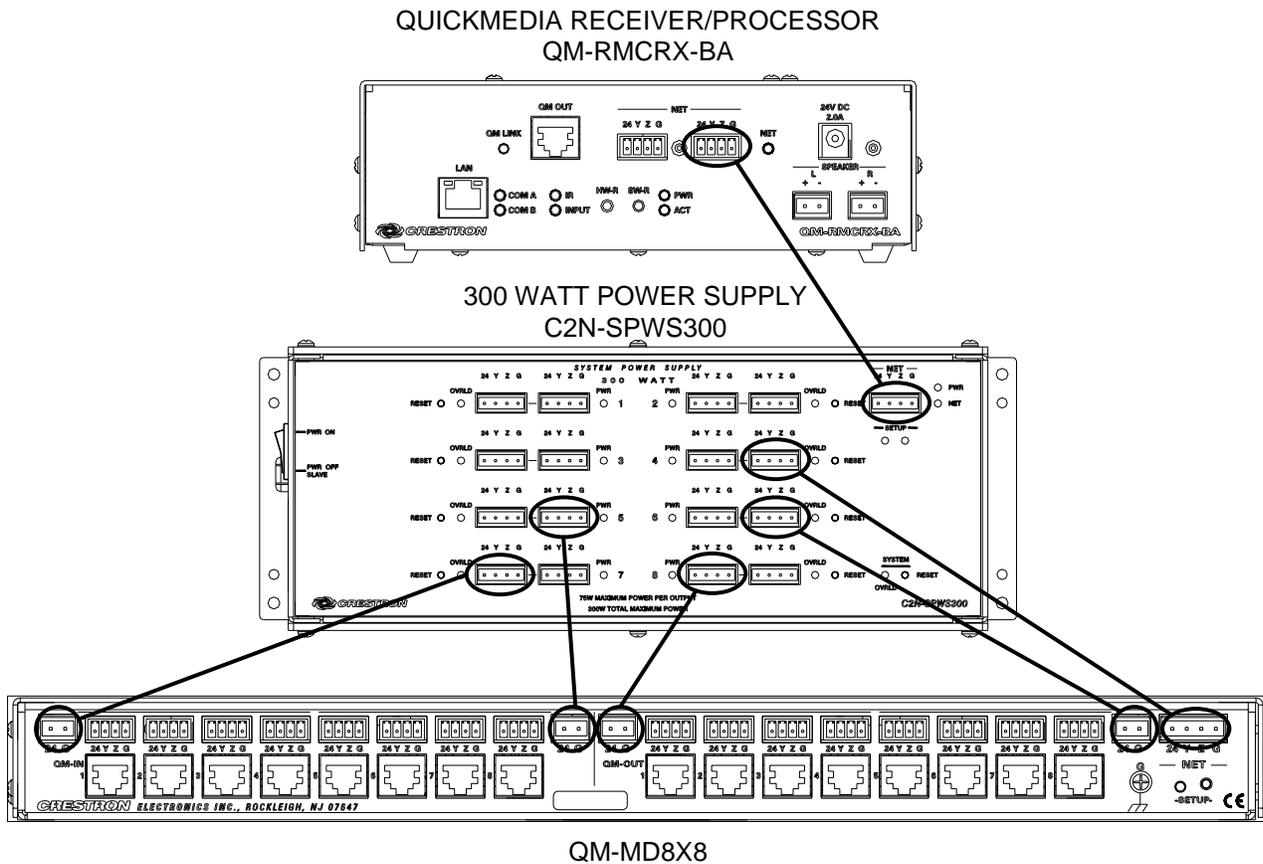
Hardware Connections for the QM-MD8X8



NOTE: Ensure the unit is properly grounded.

NOTE: For optimum performance, Crestron strongly recommends using CresCAT-QM cable, available from Crestron. Other high-quality/low skew CAT5e/CAT6 wiring may also be used with varying performance.

The required 24 VDC power for each group of QM inputs and QM outputs can be supplied in a variety of ways. The following wiring diagram suggests one method of applying 24 VDC power to the QM ports. In this configuration, the C2N-SPWS300 can supply up to 75 watts of power to each group of QM ports to ensure that sufficient power is available for QM devices that are connected to the QM-MD8X8. The C2N-SPWS300 can also supply the power required by the QM-MD8X8.

Suggested Power Connections for QM-MD8X8

NOTE: The QM-MD8X8 can only be powered by the 4-position terminal block connector labeled **NET**.

NOTE: Cresnet data is fed through the **NET** connector that is internally wired to the 4-position mini-terminal block connector at each QM connector.

NOTE: In the configuration shown, the C2N-SPWS300 can operate in the “PWR ON” position or the “PWR OFF SLAVE” position. For more information, refer to the latest revision of the C2N-SPWS300 System Power Supply Operations Guide (Doc. 8190).

NOTE: Power to the QM ports on the QM-MD8X8 can be applied using other configurations. The total power usage of each port group must not exceed the port group’s available input power. For example, if 75 watts is supplied to QM inputs 1 through 4, the total power consumption for those ports cannot exceed 75 watts.

Label the Buttons

Use Crestron Engraver software to print custom labels for the QM-MD8X8’s front panel buttons and LEDs. Crestron recommends printing on 100-pound paper. Paper weighing less than 100 pounds will tend to crumple while sliding in, while paper weighing more than 100 pounds may not fit.

Labels can also be created using a 3/8” label maker.

Programming Software

Have a question or comment about Crestron software?

Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) can be viewed in the Online Help section of the Crestron website. To post a question or view questions you have submitted to Crestron's True Blue Support, log in at <http://support.crestron.com>. First-time users will need to establish a user account.

Earliest Version Software Requirements for the PC

NOTE: Crestron recommends that you use the latest software to take advantage of the most recently released features. The latest software is available from the Crestron website.

Crestron has developed an assortment of Windows®-based software tools to develop a Cresnet system. For the minimum recommended software versions, visit the Version Tracker page of the Crestron website (www.crestron.com/versiontracker).

Programming with Crestron SystemBuilder

Crestron SystemBuilder is the easiest method of programming but does not offer as much flexibility as SIMPL Windows. For additional details, download SystemBuilder from the Crestron website and examine the extensive help file.

Programming with SIMPL Windows

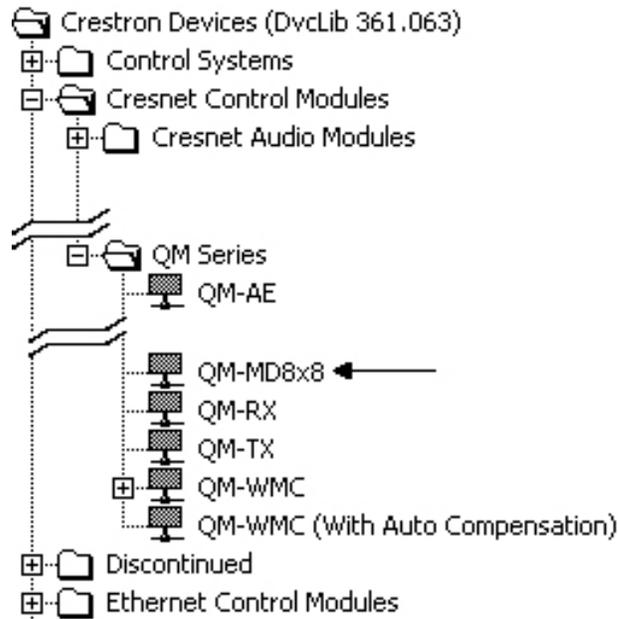
NOTE: While SIMPL Windows can be used to program the QM-MD8X8, it is recommended to use SystemBuilder and Digital Media Tools software for configuring a QuickMedia system.

SIMPL Windows is Crestron's premier software for programming Crestron control systems. It is organized into two separate but equally important "Managers".

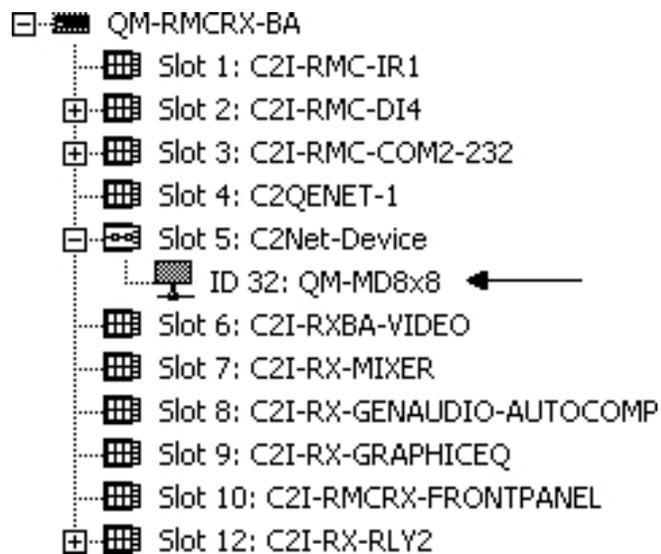
Configuration Manager

Configuration Manager is the view where programmers "build" a Crestron control system by selecting hardware from the *Device Library*.

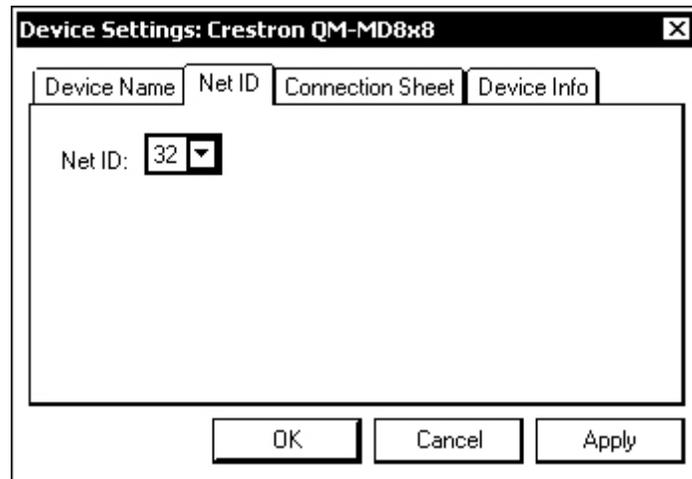
- To incorporate the QM-MD8X8 into the system, drag the QM-MD8X8 from the Cresnet Control Modules | QM Series folder of the *Device Library* and drop it in the *System Views*.

Locating the QM-MD8X8 in the Device Library

- The system tree of the control system displays the device in the appropriate slot with a default Net ID of 32 as shown in the following illustration.

C2Net Device, Slot 5

- Additional QM-MD8X8 devices are assigned different Net ID numbers as they are added.
- If necessary, double click a device to open the “Device Settings” window and change the Net ID, as shown in the following figure.

“QM-MD8X8 Device Settings” Window

- The ID code specified in the SIMPL Windows program must match the Net ID of each unit. Refer to “Identity Code” on page 13.

Program Manager

Program Manager is the view where programmers “program” a Crestron control system by assigning signals to symbols. The symbol can be viewed by double clicking on the icon or dragging it into *Detail View*. Each signal in the symbol is described in the SIMPL Windows help file (F1).

Example Program

An example program for the QM-MD8X8 is available from the Crestron website (www.crestron.com/exampleprograms).

Uploading and Upgrading

Crestron recommends using the latest programming software and that each device contains the latest firmware to take advantage of the most recently released features. However, before attempting to upload or upgrade it is necessary to establish communication. Once communication has been established, files (for example, programs or firmware) can be transferred to the control system (and/or device). Finally, program checks can be performed (such as changing the device ID or creating an IP table) to ensure proper functioning.

Establishing Communication

Use Crestron Toolbox for communicating with the QM-MD8X8; refer to the Crestron Toolbox help file for details. There is a single method of communication: indirect communication.

Indirect Communication



- QM-MD8X8 connects to control system via Cresnet.
- Establish communication between the PC and the control system as described in the latest version of the 2-Series Control Systems Reference Guide (Doc. 6256).
- Use the Address Book in Crestron Toolbox to create an entry for the QM-MD8X8 using the expected communication protocol (Indirect). Select the Cresnet ID of the QM-MD8X8 and the address book entry of the control system that is connected to the QM-MD8X8.
- Display the QM-MD8X8's "System Info" window (click the  icon); communications are confirmed when the device information is displayed.

NOTE: The QM-MD8X8 may report as "QM-MD8X8" or "QM-MD8X8-HB"

Programs and Firmware

Program or firmware files may be distributed from programmers to installers or from Crestron to dealers. Firmware upgrades are available from the Crestron website as new features are developed after product releases. One has the option to upload programs via the programming software or to upload and upgrade via the Crestron Toolbox. For details on uploading and upgrading, refer to the SIMPL Windows help file or the Crestron Toolbox help file.

SIMPL Windows

If a SIMPL Windows program is provided, it can be uploaded to the control system using SIMPL Windows or Crestron Toolbox

Firmware

Check the Crestron website to find the latest firmware. (New users may be required to register to obtain access to certain areas of the site, including the FTP site.)

To upgrade QM-MD8X8 firmware via Crestron Toolbox:

- Establish communication with the QM-MD8X8 and display the “System Info” window.
- Select **Functions | Firmware...** to upgrade the QM-MD8X8 firmware.

NOTE: QM-MD8X8s that are identified as “QM-MD8X8” require firmware version 4.x or lower. QM-MD8X8s that are identified as “QM-MD8X8-HB” require firmware version 5.0 or greater.

Program Checks

Using Crestron Toolbox, display the network device tree (**Tools | Network Device Tree**) to show all network devices connected to the control system. Right-click on the QM-MD8X8 to display actions that can be performed on the QM-MD8X8.

Operation

Operating Modes

The QM-MD8X8 operates in either the *System* mode or the *Local* mode.

System Mode

Switching functions controlled by control system program. Press the **SYS** button to activate *System* mode.

- When in *System* mode, pressing input or output buttons shows source/destination information.

Local Mode

Switching functions controlled by front panel buttons. Press **LOCAL** to activate *Local* mode (accompanying LED will flash).

- *Local* mode may not be available if the buttons on the front panel are locked by the control system. If the buttons are locked, the **LOCAL** LED will rapidly flash three times and turn off.

System Mode Operation-Viewing Signal Routing

View Source Routing

Press an input signal button to display all of the outputs that are connected to it.

View Output Routing

Press an output signal button to display the input signal that is connected. All outputs that are receiving the same input signal are also displayed.

The **AUDIO BREAK** LED will illuminate if there is any difference between the audio and video route for any signal. The **A** and **V** LEDs indicate which portion of a signal is displayed. Press **A** or **V** to select the portion to display.

NOTE: The **AUDIO BREAK** button has no function when the QM-MD8X8 is operating in the *System* mode.

Local Mode Operation-Switching Signal Routing

Signals coming in to the QM-MD8X8 can be switched to individual or multiple output locations. Additionally, the audio and video portions of an input signal can be switched simultaneously or separately.

Switch Audio & Video Simultaneously

1. Press **LOCAL** to place the QM-MD8X8 in the *Local* mode (the **LOCAL** LED is flashing slowly).
2. Press **AUDIO BREAK** to turn off the audio break function. The **AUDIO BREAK** LED will turn off and the **V** LED will be on.

NOTE: If any outputs have different audio and video sources, the audio inputs will switch to match the video inputs.

3. Press the button corresponding to the input to be switched. The LED of the selected input will light.
4. Press the button(s) corresponding to the output(s) to be switched. The LED(s) of the selected output(s) will light.

To disable routing to a specific output, press the corresponding output button again. The LED will turn off.

If a button press will result in changing the current routing, the **ENTER** LED will flash rapidly.

5. Press **ENTER** to make the connection(s) shown on the front panel. The **ENTER** LED will turn off.

Changes made on the front panel are made only after the **ENTER** button is pressed. If you do not press **ENTER**, the connection is not made.

NOTE: If **ENTER** has not been pressed, you can go back and “undo” changes made to the current routing.

Switch Audio & Video Separately

1. Press **LOCAL** to place the QM-MD8X8 in the *Local* mode (the **LOCAL** LED is flashing slowly).

2. Press **AUDIO BREAK** to turn on the audio break function. The **AUDIO BREAK** and **A** LEDs will turn on.

3. Press the button corresponding to the audio portion of the input to be switched. The LED of the selected input will light.

4. Press the button(s) corresponding to the output(s) to be switched. The LED(s) of the selected output(s) will light.

To disable audio routing to a specific output, press the corresponding output button again. The LED will turn off.

If a button press will result in changing the current routing, the **ENTER** LED will flash rapidly.

5. Press **ENTER** to make the audio connection(s) shown on the front panel. The **ENTER** LED will turn off.

Changes made on the front panel are made only after the **ENTER** button is pressed. If you do not press **ENTER**, the connection is not made.

NOTE: If **ENTER** has not been pressed, you can go back and “undo” changes made to the current routing.

6. Press **V** to switch the video portion of a signal. The **A** LED will turn off and the **V** LED will turn on.

7. Press the button corresponding to the video portion of the input to be switched. The LED of the selected input will light.

8. Press the button(s) corresponding to the output(s) to be switched. The LED(s) of the selected output(s) will light.

To disable video routing to a specific output, press the corresponding output button again. The LED will turn off.

If a button press will result in changing the current routing, the **ENTER** LED will flash rapidly.

9. Press **ENTER** to make the video connection(s) shown on the front panel. The **ENTER** LED will turn off.

Changes made on the front panel are made only after the **ENTER** button is pressed. If you do not press **ENTER**, the connection is not made.

NOTE: If **ENTER** has not been pressed, you can go back and “undo” and changes made to the current routing.

Problem Solving

Troubleshooting

The following table provides corrective action for possible trouble situations. If further assistance is required, please contact a Crestron customer service representative.

QM-MD8X8 Troubleshooting

TROUBLE	POSSIBLE CAUSE(S)	CORRECTIVE ACTION
Device does not function.	Device is not communicating with the network.	Use Crestron Toolbox to poll the network. Verify network connection to the device.
	Device is not receiving power from a Crestron power source.	Use the provided Crestron power source. Verify connections.
	Device is not receiving sufficient power.	Use the Crestron Power Calculator to help calculate how much power is needed for the system.
PWR LED does not illuminate.	QM-MD8X8 is not receiving power.	Verify that cables plugged into the NET ports are secure.
NET LED does not illuminate.	QM-MD8X8 Net ID is not set to match the Net ID of the SIMPL Windows program.	Using Crestron Toolbox, poll the network. Verify that the Net ID for the QM-MD8X8 is set to match the ID specified in the SIMPL Windows program.
Poor picture quality.	Cables improperly connected.	Verify that all cables are secure.
	Incorrect skew settings in the QM-RMCRX device.	Use QM Tools software to set correct skew settings for each QM-RMCRX in the system.

Check Network Wiring

Use the Right Wire

In order to ensure optimum performance over the full range of your installation topology, Crestron Certified Wire and only Crestron Certified Wire may be used. Failure to do so may incur additional charges if support is required to identify performance deficiencies because of using improper wire.

Calculate Power

CAUTION: Use only Crestron power supplies for Crestron equipment. Failure to do so could cause equipment damage or void the Crestron warranty.

CAUTION: Provide sufficient power to the system. Insufficient power can lead to unpredictable results or damage to the equipment. Please use the Crestron Power Calculator to help calculate how much power is needed for the system (www.crestron.com/calculators).

When calculating the length of wire for a particular Cresnet run, the wire gauge and the Cresnet power usage of each network unit to be connected must be taken into consideration. Use Crestron Certified Wire only. If Cresnet units are to be daisy-

chained on the run, the Cresnet power usage of each network unit to be daisy-chained must be added together to determine the Cresnet power usage of the entire chain. If the unit is home-run from a Crestron system power supply network port, the Cresnet power usage of that unit is the Cresnet power usage of the entire run. The wire gauge and the Cresnet power usage of the run should be used in the following equation to calculate the cable length value on the equation's left side.

Cable Length Equation

$$L < \frac{40,000}{R \times P}$$

Where: L = Length of run (or chain) in feet
 R = 6 Ohms (Crestron Certified Wire: 18 AWG (0.75 MM²))
 or 1.6 Ohms (Cresnet HP: 12 AWG (4 MM²))
 P = Cresnet power usage of entire run (or chain)

Make sure the cable length value is less than the value calculated on the right side of the equation. For example, a Cresnet run using 18 AWG Crestron Certified Wire and drawing 20 watts should not have a length of run more than 333 feet. If Cresnet HP is used for the same run, its length could extend to 1250 feet.

NOTE: All Crestron certified Cresnet wiring must consist of two twisted pairs. One twisted pair is the +24V conductor and the GND conductor and the other twisted pair is the Y conductor and the Z conductor.

Strip and Tin Wire

When daisy-chaining Cresnet units, strip the ends of the wires carefully to avoid nicking the conductors. Twist together the ends of the wires that share a pin on the network connector and tin the twisted connection. Apply solder only to the ends of the twisted wires. Avoid tinning too far up the wires or the end becomes brittle. Insert the tinned connection into the Cresnet connector and tighten the retaining screw. Repeat the procedure for the other three conductors.

Add Hubs

Use of a Cresnet Hub/Repeater (CNXHUB) is advised whenever the number of Cresnet devices on a network exceeds 20 or when the combined total length of Cresnet cable exceeds 3000 feet (914 meters).

Reference Documents

The latest version of all documents mentioned within the guide can be obtained from the Crestron website (www.crestron.com/manuals). This link will provide a list of product manuals arranged in alphabetical order by model number.

List of Related Reference Documents

DOCUMENT TITLE
2-Series Control Systems Reference Guide
C2N-SPWS300 System Power Supply
MediaManager Applications Guide

Further Inquiries

If you cannot locate specific information or have questions after reviewing this guide, please take advantage of Crestron's award winning customer service team by calling Crestron at 1-888-CRESTRON [1-888-273-7876].

You can also log onto the online help section of the Crestron website (www.crestron.com/onlinehelp) to ask questions about Crestron products. First-time users will need to establish a user account to fully benefit from all available features.

Future Updates

As Crestron improves functions, adds new features and extends the capabilities of the QM-MD8X8, additional information may be made available as manual updates. These updates are solely electronic and serve as intermediary supplements prior to the release of a complete technical documentation revision.

Check the Crestron website periodically for manual update availability and its relevance. Updates are identified as an “Addendum” in the Download column.

Return and Warranty Policies

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