

# KRAMER



## USER MANUAL

**MODEL:**

**VM-8UX**

12G SDI 1:8 DA



## VM-8UX Quick Start Guide

This guide helps you install and use your **VM-8UX** for the first time.

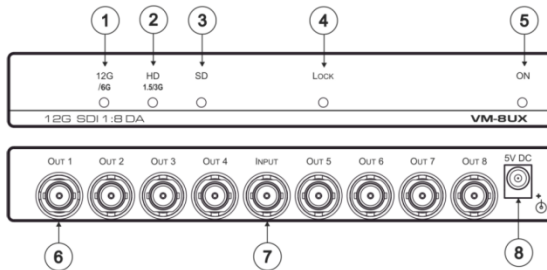
Go to [www.kramerav.com/downloads/VM-8UX](http://www.kramerav.com/downloads/VM-8UX) to download the latest user manual and check if firmware upgrades are available.

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### Step 1: Check what's in the box

- ✓ **VM-8UX** 12G SDI 1:8 DA
- ✓ 4 Rubber feet
- ✓ 1 Power supply (5V DC)
- ✓ 1 Quick start guide
- ✓ 1 Bracket set
- ✓ 2 male BNC 75Ω terminators

### Step 2: Get to know your VM-8UX



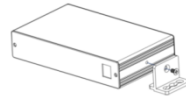
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4	LOCK LED (Green)	Lights when the <b>VM-8UX</b> has detected the input signal and was able to lock on that signal
5	ON LED (Green)	Lights when receiving power
6	OUT BNC connectors	Connect to the SDI acceptors (from 1 to 8) OUT 1 + OUT 2, OUT 3 + OUT 4, OUT 5 + OUT 6 and OUT 7 + OUT 8 are paired outputs
7	INPUT BNC connector	Connect to the SDI source
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### Step 3: Install the VM-8UX

Install **VM-8UX** using one of the following methods:

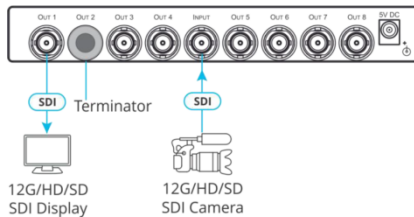
- Attach the rubber feet and place the unit on a flat surface.
- Fasten a bracket (included) on each side of the unit and attach it to a flat surface. For more information go to [www.kramerav.com/downloads/VM-8UX](http://www.kramerav.com/downloads/VM-8UX).
- Mount the unit in a rack using an optional **RK-T2B** rack adapter.



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### Step 4: Connect the inputs and outputs

Always switch OFF the power on each device before connecting it to your **VM-8UX**. For best results, we recommend that you always use Kramer high-performance cables to connect AV equipment to the **VM-8UX**.



For best results, when only one of the paired outputs (OUT 1 + OUT 2, OUT 3 + OUT 4, OUT 5 + OUT 6 and OUT 7 + OUT 8) is connected, cover its pair connector with a 75Ω terminator (supplied).

For example, if only OUT 1 is connected, cover OUT 2 with a terminator (the other outputs do not need to be covered).

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### Step 5: Connect the power

Connect the 5V DC power adapter to **VM-8UX** and plug it into the mains electricity.

#### Safety Instructions



- Caution:** There are no operator serviceable parts inside the unit.  
**Warning:** Use only the Kramer Electronics power supply that is provided with the unit.  
**Warning:** Disconnect the power and unplug the unit from the wall before installing.  
See [www.KramerAV.com](http://www.KramerAV.com) for updated safety information.

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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 14 groups that are clearly defined by function: 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 Video Products; GROUP 12: Digital Signage; GROUP 13: Audio; and GROUP 14: Collaboration.

Congratulations on purchasing your Kramer **VM-8UX** 12G SDI 1:8 DA, which is ideal for the following typical applications:

- SDI video production studios
- Broadcast studio and field SDI video production events
- Staging and rental deployments
- Medical facilities with highly reliable video deployments

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## 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



Go to [www.kramerav.com/downloads/VM-8UX](http://www.kramerav.com/downloads/VM-8UX) to check for up-to-date user manuals, application programs, and to check if firmware upgrades are available (where appropriate).

### 2.1 Achieving the Best Performance

To achieve the best performance:

- Use only good quality connection cables (we recommend Kramer high-performance, high-resolution cables) 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 neighbouring electrical appliances that may adversely influence signal quality
- Position your **VM-8UX** away from moisture, excessive sunlight and dust



This equipment is to be used only inside a building. It may only be connected to other equipment that is installed inside a building.

### 2.2 Safety Instructions



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## 2.3 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 [www.kramerav.com/support/recycling/](http://www.kramerav.com/support/recycling/).

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## 3 Overview

The **VM-8UX** is a compact and high performance 1:8 4K distributor for standard broadcast-grade SDI signals up to 12G transmitted data rate. It auto-adapts to the data rate of the SDI input signal, equalizes and re-clocks the signal to improve transmitted signal reach, and distributes the signal to two identical SDI outputs.

In particular, the **VM-8UX** features:

- **Reliable Connectivity** – Coaxial broadcast-grade cables are reliably connected via lockable BNC connectors, preventing unintentional disconnection and resulting in fast and highly professional uncompressed SDI signal distribution deployments.
- **Extended-reach** – Input signal equalization and output signal reclocking to gain signal extension. Using Kramer high-quality coaxial SDI cables, supports extension of up to 80m (260ft) for 12G 4K signals.



Reach depends on signal resolution, and quality of copper cable used. For further details, go to our website at [www.kramerav.com/product/VM-8UX](http://www.kramerav.com/product/VM-8UX). Reach extension performance may vary while using non2212Kramer coaxial cables.

- **SDI Signal Transmission** – Auto-adapts to SDI, HD-SDI, 3G HD-SDI, 6G and 12G SDI compliant signals, supporting pass-through of standard embedded audio channels with ancillary ID and metadata information.
- **Easy Installation and Maintenance** – Compact Mega TOOLS™ fan-less enclosure for small footprint spaces and over-ceiling mounting, or side-by-side mounting of 2 units in a 1U rack space with the optional **RK-T2B** rack adapter. Status indicators for transmitted SDI data rate of input and output connected signals, and power indicator, for ease of maintenance and troubleshooting.



This section defines the **VM-8UX**.

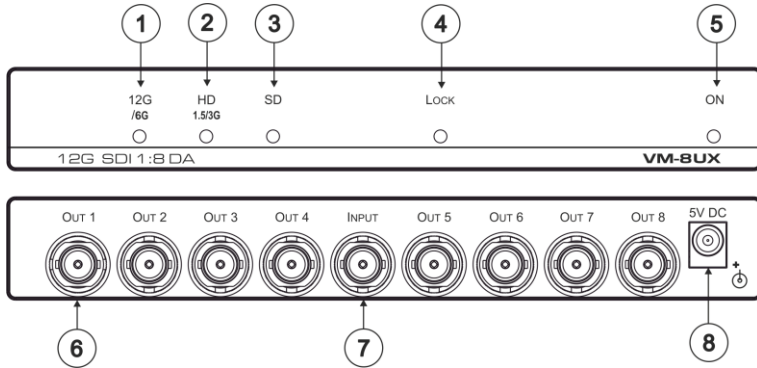


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## 4 Connecting the VM-8UX



Always switch off the power to each device before connecting it to your **VM-8UX**. After connecting your **VM-8UX**, connect its power and then switch on the power to each device.



You do not have to connect all the inputs and outputs, connect only those that are required.

1. Connect an SDI video source (for example, a 12G SDI camera) to the INPUT BNC connector.
2. Connect up to eight video OUT BNC connectors to the appropriate HD-SDI video acceptors (for example, 12G SDI displays).  
For best results, when only one of the paired outputs (OUT 1 + OUT 2, OUT 3 + OUT 4, OUT 5 + OUT 6 and OUT 7 + OUT 8) is connected, cover its pair connector with a 75Ω terminator (supplied).  
For example, if only OUT 3 is connected, cover OUT 4 with a terminator (the other outputs do not need to be covered).
3. Connect the 5V DC power adapter to the power socket and connect the adapter to the mains electricity (not shown in [Figure 2](#)).

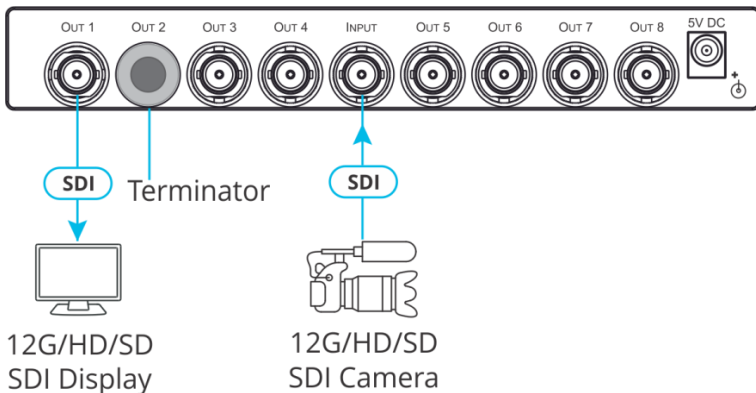


Figure 2: Connecting to the VM-8UX

## 5 Technical Specifications

Input:	1 SMPTE 259M (SD-SDI), 292M (HD-SDI), 344M (ED-SDI), 424M (3G HD-SDI), ST-2081 (6G-SDI) and ST-2082 (12G-SDI) compliant serial video, 75Ω on a BNC connector
Outputs:	8 equalized and reclocked SMPTE 259M (SD-SDI), 292M (HD-SDI), 344M (ED-SDI), 424M (3G HD-SDI), ST-2081 (6G-SDI) and ST-2082 (12G-SDI), outputs 75Ω on BNC connectors
Cable Equalization Reach:	12Gbps: Up to 80m (260ft) 3Gbps and 6Gbps: Up to 100m (330ft) 1.5Gbps: Up to 200m (660ft) SD: Up to 300m (980ft) <b>Note:</b> The specs apply when using Kramer cables.
Video:	Up to 4K@60Hz (4:2:2) 30bpp resolution 270Mbps to 12Gbps data rate
Maximum Output Level:	800mVpp /75Ω
Coupling:	AC
Standards Compliance	SMPTE 259M (SD-SDI), 292M (HD-SDI), 344M (ED-SDI), 424M (3G HD-SDI), ST-2081 (6G-SDI), ST-2082 (12G-SDI)
Power Consumption:	5V DC, 400mA
Power Source:	5.2V/4A
Enclosure:	Tool, aluminum type
Cooling:	Convection ventilation
Operating Temperature:	0° to +40°C (32° to 104°F)
Storage Temperature:	-40° to +70°C (-40° to 158°F)
Humidity:	10% to 90%, RHL non-condensing
Dimensions:	18.75cm x 11.5cm x 2.54cm (7.4" x 4.5" x 1.0") W, D, H.
Shipping Dimensions:	34.5cm x 16.5cm x 5.2cm (13.6" x 6.5" x 2.05") W, D, H
Weight:	0.48kg (1.06lbs) approx.
Shipping Weight:	1.02kg (2.25lbs) approx.
Included Accessories:	Power supply, mounting bracket, 2 male BNC 75Ω terminators
Options:	RK-T2B 19" rack adapter
Specifications are subject to change without notice at <a href="http://www.kramerav.com">www.kramerav.com</a>	

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3. Issue a refund of the original purchase price less depreciation to be determined based on the age of the product at the time remedy is sought under this limited warranty.

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## SAFETY WARNING

Disconnect the unit from the power supply before opening and servicing

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