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# USER MANUAL

MODEL:

**VS-211H**  
Automatic HDMI Standby  
Switcher

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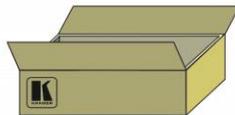


## VS-211H Quick Start Guide

This guide helps you install and use your product for the first time. For more detailed information, go to [http://www.kramerelectronics.com/support/product\\_downloads.asp](http://www.kramerelectronics.com/support/product_downloads.asp) to download the latest manual or scan the QR code on the left.

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

- VS-211H Automatic HDMI Standby Switcher
- 1 Power supply (5V DC)
- 1 Quick Start sheet
- 4 Rubber feet



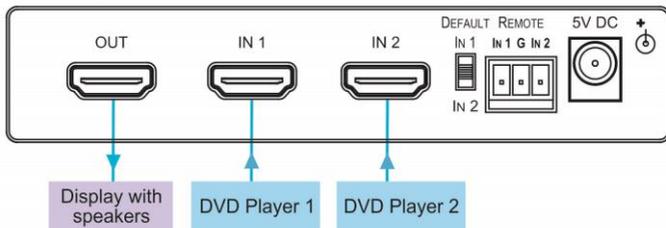
Save the original box and packaging in case your VS-211H needs to be returned to the factory for service.

### Step 2: Install the VS-211H

Attach the rubber feet and place on a table or mount the machine in a rack (using an optional RK-3T rack mount).

### Step 3: Connect the inputs and outputs

Always switch off the power on each device before connecting it to your VS-211H.



Always use Kramer high-performance cables for connecting AV equipment to the VS-211H.

### Step 4: Connect the power

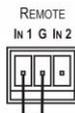
Connect the 5V DC power adapter to the VS-211H and plug the adapter into the mains electricity.



### Step 5: Operate the VS-211H

Set the default input using the DEFAULT IN switch. Control via the REMOTE terminal block:

To activate INPUT 1, attach PIN IN 1 to PIN G



To activate INPUT 2, attach PIN IN 2 to PIN G



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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 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 and GROUP 11: Sierra Products.

Congratulations on purchasing your Kramer **VS-211H** *Automatic HDMI Standby Switcher*, which is ideal for:

- Providing backup switching for broadcast and post-production applications.

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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 [http://www.kramerelectronics.com/support/product\\_downloads.asp](http://www.kramerelectronics.com/support/product_downloads.asp) 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 neighboring electrical appliances that may adversely influence signal quality
- Position your Kramer **VS-211H** 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



**Caution:** There are no operator serviceable parts inside the unit

**Warning:** Use only the Kramer Electronics input power wall adapter that is provided with the unit

**Warning:** Disconnect the power and unplug the unit from the wall before installing

## 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 <http://www.kramerelectronics.com/support/recycling/>.

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## 3 Overview

The **VS-211H** is a high-performance automatic standby switcher for HDMI video signals. The **VS-211H** automatically switches to the secondary input whenever the primary video signal is interrupted. If the primary signal reappears, the unit automatically switches back to the primary input.

In addition, the **VS-211H** features:

- A maximum data rate of up to 6.75Gbps (2.25Gbps per graphic channel)
- HDTV compatibility
- HDCP and HDMI compliance
- 3D pass through
- EDID PassThru that passes EDID signals from source to display
- A DEFAULT INPUT switch for selecting the default HDMI master source signal
- Contact closure remote control for forced operation
- Active switching

### 3.1 Defining the VS-211H Automatic HDMI Standby Switcher

This section defines the **VS-211H**.

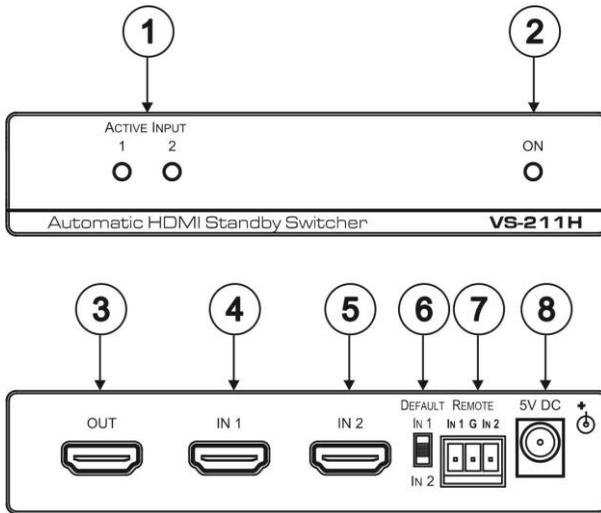


Figure 1: VS-211H Automatic HDMI Standby Switcher

#	Feature	Function
1	ACTIVE INPUT 1,2 LEDs	Illuminate when input is active
2	ON LED	Illuminates when receiving power
3	OUT HDMI Connector	Connects to the HDMI output acceptor
4	IN 1 HDMI Connector	Connects to the HDMI input source 1
5	IN 2 HDMI Connector	Connects to the HDMI input source 2
6	DEFAULT INPUT Switch	Switches to select the default input (IN 1 or IN 2)
7	REMOTE IN 1 and IN 2 Terminal Block Connectors	Connect to a contact closure switch
8	5V DC	+5V DC connector for powering the unit

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## 4 Using the VS-211H

This section describes how to:

- Connect the **VS-211H** (see [Section 4.1](#))
- Select the default master source signal (see [Section 4.2](#))
- Connect the REMOTE connector (see [Section 4.3](#))

### 4.1 Connecting the VS-211H



Always switch off the power to each device before connecting it to your **VS-211H**. After connecting your **VS-211H**, connect its power and then switch on the power to each device.

To connect the **VS-211H**, as illustrated in the example in [Figure 2](#), do the following:

1. Connect the IN 1 HDMI connector to the HDMI input source 1 (for example, DVD player 1).
2. Connect HDMI input source 2 (for example, DVD player 2) to the IN 2 HDMI connector.
3. Connect HDMI acceptor (for example, an LCD display) to the OUT HDMI connector.
4. Set the DEFAULT INPUT switch to whichever input is the master input, as described in [Section 4.2](#).
5. If needed, connect the remote switches to the REMOTE IN 1 and IN 2 terminal block connectors, as described in [Section 4.3](#).
6. Connect the 5V DC power adapter to the power socket and connect the adapter to the mains electricity.

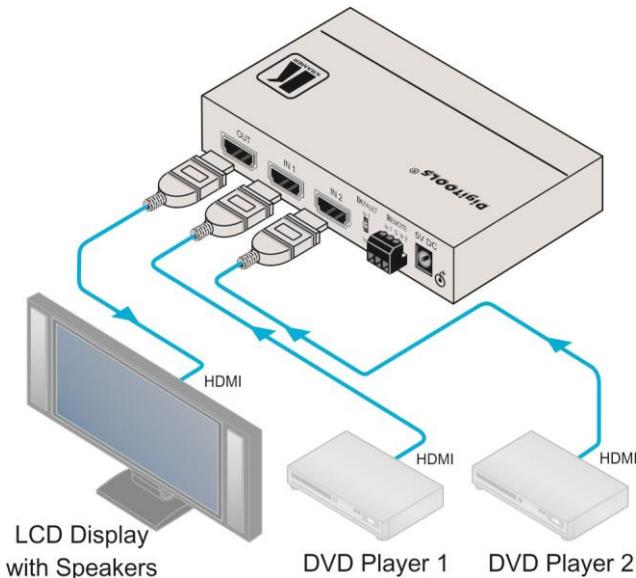


Figure 2: VS-211H Connections

## 4.2 Selecting the Default Master Source Signal

When active input sources are connected to IN 1 and IN 2, the DEFAULT INPUT switch setting determines the default master input source.

If the master input signal is not detected, the **VS-211H** automatically activates the standby input:

- If IN 1 is the default input and it fails, IN 2 activates
- If IN 2 is the default input and it fails, IN 1 activates

If the master input reactivates while the standby input is active, the unit automatically switches back to the master input:

- If IN 2 is active while IN 1 is the default input, when IN 1 reactivates, it is switched to the output
- If IN 1 is active while IN 2 is the default input, when IN 2 reactivates, it is switched to the output

### 4.3 Connecting the REMOTE Terminal Block Connector

Regardless of the default input switch setting, you can force the switching of the active input by remote control. To do this, connect the appropriate REMOTE input terminal block connector pins to a contact closure switch (see [Figure 3](#)).

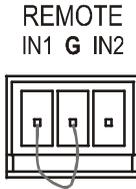
Note that the connection should be permanent, since the VS-211H reverts to an automatic switcher when the connection is removed.

- To force IN 1: connect REMOTE IN1 to PIN G (ground)
- To force IN 2: connect REMOTE IN2 to PIN G (ground)



Do not connect both the REMOTE IN1 and the REMOTE IN2 to PIN G simultaneously

Attach PIN IN1 to  
PIN G to activate  
INPUT 1



Attach PIN IN2 to  
PIN G to activate  
INPUT 2



Figure 3: REMOTE Terminal Block Connector

**Note:** The contact closure setting remains in effect until an event occurs such as changing the default input switch or connecting or attaching an HDMI device.

## 5 Technical Specifications

INPUTS:	2 HDMI on HDMI connectors
OUTPUT:	1 HDMI on an HDMI connector
DATA RATE:	Supports 2.25Gbps per graphic channel
STANDARDS COMPLIANCE:	HDCP and HDMI
CONTROLS:	Contact closure remote control, input default selection switch
POWER CONSUMPTION:	5V DC, 780mA
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:	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, mounting bracket
OPTIONS:	RK-3T 19" rack adapter
Specifications are subject to change without notice at <a href="http://www.kramerelectronics.com">http://www.kramerelectronics.com</a>	

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**SAFETY WARNING**

Disconnect the unit from the power supply before opening and servicing



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