



KRAMER ELECTRONICS LTD.

# USER MANUAL

MODEL:

**VM-80VN**

1:8 Video Distributor

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P/N: 2900-300446 Rev 3



## VM-80VN Quick Start Guide

This guide helps you install and use your product for the first time. For more detailed information, go to <http://www.kramerav.com/manual/VM-80VN> to download the latest manual or scan the QR code on the left.

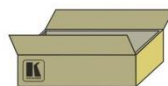
### Step 1: Check what's in the box



**VM-80VN** 1:8 Video Distributor  
1 Power supply (12V DC)



4 Rubber feet  
1 Quick Start sheet

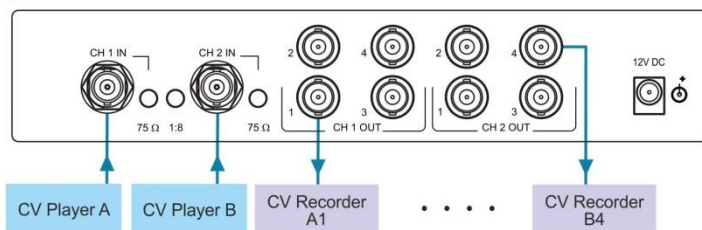


### Step 2: Install the VM-80VN

Attach the rubber feet and place on a table or mount the **VM-80VN** in a rack (using an optional **RK-1** rack adapter).

### Step 3: Connect the inputs and outputs

Always switch off the power on each device before connecting it to your **VM-80VN**.



Always use Kramer high-performance cables for connecting AV equipment to the **VM-80VN**.

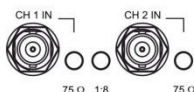
### Step 4: Connect the power

Connect the 12V DC power adapter to the **VM-80VN** and plug the adapter into the mains electricity.



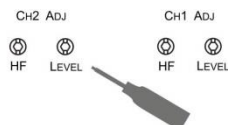
### Step 5: Operate the VM-80VN

For 1:8 operation,  
press the 1:8 button



For looping,  
press the 75Ω button

Using a small screwdriver,  
adjust the HF (EQ) or  
Level (Gain) potentiometers  
per channel



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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-80VN 1:8 Video Distributor**, which is ideal for the following typical applications:

- Any professional AV system requiring high-quality signal distribution
- Video production studios for source mastering
- Specialized high resolution video and SD-SDI distribution
- Distribution of component video, RGBS, and other multi-channel formats using multiple VM-80Vs operating in parallel

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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.kramerav.com/downloads/> 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 **VM-80VN** 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 power supply 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/>.

## 3 Overview

The **VM-80VN** is a high-performance distribution amplifier for composite or SD-SDI signals. It can be configured as a 1:4 DA for s-Video (Y/C) signals and a 1:8 DA for CV or SD-SDI signals. It has controls to compensate for signal losses inherent in long cable runs.

More specifically the **VM-80VN** features:

- High bandwidth - 330MHz (−3dB)
- Level (gain) and EQ (peaking) controls
- Dual-mode to configure as either a 1:8 (composite) or 1:4 (s-Video) DA
- Internally selectable video AC/DC Coupling
- Companion unit to the **VM-80A Audio DA**
- Desktop size where 2 units can be rack mounted side-by-side in a 1U rack space with the optional **RK-1** adapter

### 3.1 Defining the VM-80VN 1:8 Video Distributor

This section defines the **VM-80VN**.

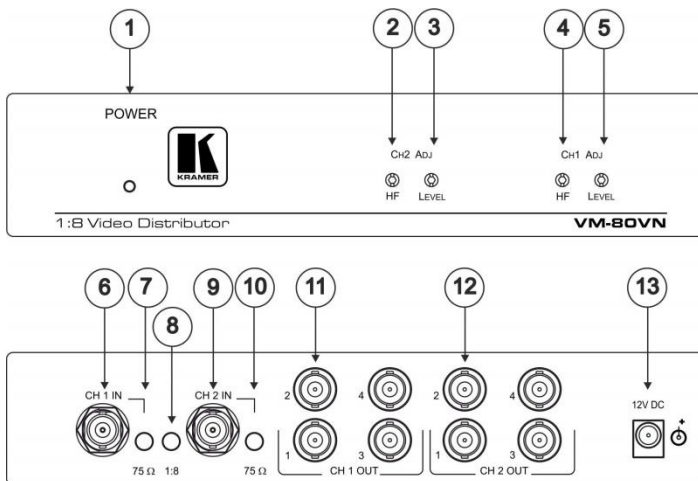


Figure 1: VM-80VN 1:8 Video Distributor

#	Feature	Function
1	<i>POWER LED</i>	Illuminates when the device is powered on
2	<i>CH2 ADJ HF</i> Trimmer	Adjusts the CH2 cable compensation equalization level
3	<i>CH2 ADJ Level</i> Trimmer	Adjusts the CH2 video gain level
4	<i>CH1 ADJ HF</i> Trimmer	Adjusts the CH1 cable compensation equalization level
5	<i>CH1 ADJ Level</i> Trimmer	Adjusts the CH1 video gain level
6	<i>CH 1 IN</i> BNC Connector	Connects to the CH1 video source
7	<i>CH 1 IN 75Ω</i> Pushbutton	Press in for CH1 75Ω termination, release for no termination
8	<i>1:8</i> Pushbutton	Press in for 1:8 operation, release for 1:4 operation
9	<i>CH 2 IN</i> BNC Connector	Connects to the CH2 video source
10	<i>CH 2 IN 75Ω</i> Pushbutton	Press in for CH2 75Ω termination, release for no termination
11	<i>CH 1 OUT</i> BNC Connector	Connects to the CH1 video acceptor(s) (from 1 to 4)
12	<i>CH 2 OUT</i> BNC Connector	Connects to the CH2 video acceptor(s) (from 1 to 4)
13	<i>12V DC</i> Connector	Connector for attaching the 12V DC power supply

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## 4 Connecting the VM-80VN



Always switch off the power to each device before connecting it to your **VM-80VN**. After connecting your **VM-80VN**, connect its power and then switch on the power to each device.

To connect the **VM-80VN** as illustrated in the example in [Figure 2](#):

1. Connect up to two video sources (for example composite video players) to the CH1 IN and CH2 IN BNC connectors of the **VM-80VN**.
2. Connect up to 8 acceptors to the CH 1 OUT (up to 4) and CH 2 OUT (up to 4) BNC connectors.
3. If a 1:8 operation is needed, press the rear button marked 1:8.  
If not, release the button for 2x1:4 operation.
4. If looping is needed, release the 75Ω rear termination switch.  
If looping is not needed, press the switch in to the 75Ω position.
5. If 1:8 operation is selected, one of the termination switches should always be in the released state and the other according to looping requirements.
6. If necessary, adjust the trimmers on the front panel of the machine to achieve best results.  
Level: To compensate for the loss of brightness due to the attenuation of voltage levels in long cable runs. Adjust while looking at the display device to achieve natural brightness.  
EQ: To compensate for the loss of sharpness due to the attenuation of high frequencies in long cable runs. Adjust while looking at the display device for natural detail.
7. Connect a mains power source to the socket on the rear panel of the **VM-80VN**.
8. Operate source, acceptors and the **VM-80VN** machine.

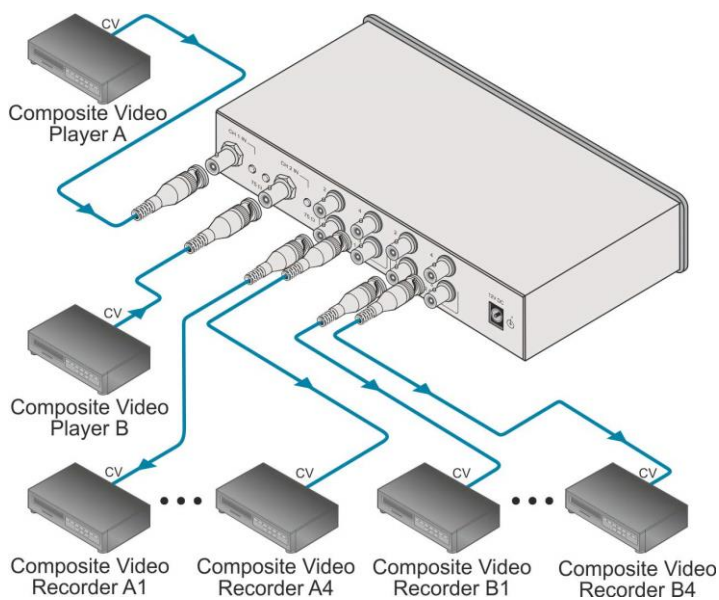


Figure 2: Connecting the VM-80VN 1:8 Video Distributor

## 5 Technical Specifications

INPUTS:	2 composite/SD-SDI video, 1Vpp/75Ω on BNC connectors with termination switches
OUTPUTS:	2x4 composite/SD-SDI video, 1Vpp/75Ω on BNC connectors
MAX. OUTPUT:	2Vpp
VIDEO BANDWIDTH (-3dB):	330MHz
DIFF. GAIN:	0.12%
DIFF. PHASE:	0.5Deg
K-FACTOR:	<0.05%
S/N RATIO:	74dB
CONTROL:	75Ω termination switch, 1:8 or 2x1:4 selector switch
NON-LINEARITY:	0.1%
COUPLING:	DC or AC (internal selection)
POWER CONSUMPTION:	12V DC, 50mA
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:	22cm x 18cm x 4.5cm (8.7" x 7" x 1.8") W, D, H (half 19")
WEIGHT:	1.3kg (2.9lbs) approx.
INCLUDED ACCESSORIES:	Power supply
OPTIONS:	RK-1 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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