



KRAMER ELECTRONICS LTD.

# USER MANUAL

MODEL:

**VP-424**

HDMI to HDMI Scaler

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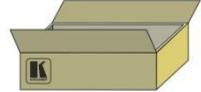
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# VP-424 Quick Start Guide

This guide helps you install and use your product for the first time.

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

- The **VP-424** HDMI to HDMI Scaler
- 4 Rubber feet
- 1 Power Adapter
- 1 Quick Start Guide
- Mounting brackets



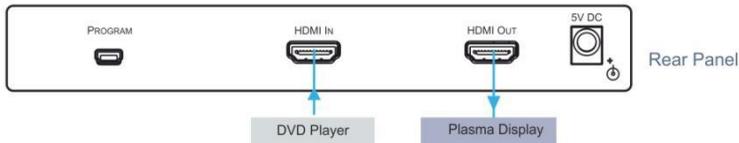
Save the original box and packaging materials in case you need to return your product for service.

## Step 2: Install the VP-424

Mount the machine in a rack (using the RK-T2B rack adapter) or place on a table.

## Step 3: Connect the input and output

Always switch off the power on each device before connecting it to your **VP-424**.



Always use Kramer high-performance cables for connecting AV equipment to the **VP-424**.

## Step 4: Connect the power

Connect the power adapter to the **VP-424** and plug the adapter into the mains electricity.

## Step 5: Configure the VP-424 via the OSD menu

Press the MENU button to open the OSD menu:



If you cannot see the display after factory reset, use the front panel buttons to set the correct resolution (as indicated on the panel):  
To reset to XGA, press the FREEZE (+) and ENTER buttons simultaneously for about 2 seconds.  
To reset to 720p, press the - and MENU buttons simultaneously for about 2 seconds.

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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 **VP-424** HDMI to HDMI Scaler. This product, which incorporates HDMI™ technology, is ideal for:

- Projection systems in conference rooms, boardrooms, hotels and churches
- Home theater up-scaling

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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

### 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 **VP-424** 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.

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## 3 Overview

The Kramer **VP-424** *HDMI to HDMI Scaler* is a high-performance digital scaler for HDMI signals. It up- or down-scales HDMI signals to an HDMI output signal.

The **VP-424** *HDMI to HDMI Scaler* features:

- A maximum resolution of up to WUXGA and 1080p
- A built-in ProcAmp for convenient signal adjustment
- An On-Screen Display (OSD) for easy setup and adjustment, accessible via the front-panel buttons
- HDTV compatibility
- HDCP compliance
- A built-in ProcAmp for convenient adjustment of color, sharpness, brightness, contrast, and so on
- Digital noise reduction
- A non-volatile memory that retains the last settings used
- Multiple aspect ratio selections
- A USB port for firmware upgrade
- A freeze button
- An external 5V DC power source, making it suitable for field operation
- Housing in a compact MegaTOOLS™ enclosure, that enables two units to be rack mounted side-by-side in a 1U rack space with the optional **RK-T2B** rack adapter

### 3.1 Defining the VP-424 HDMI to HDMI Scaler

This section defines the **VP-424**.

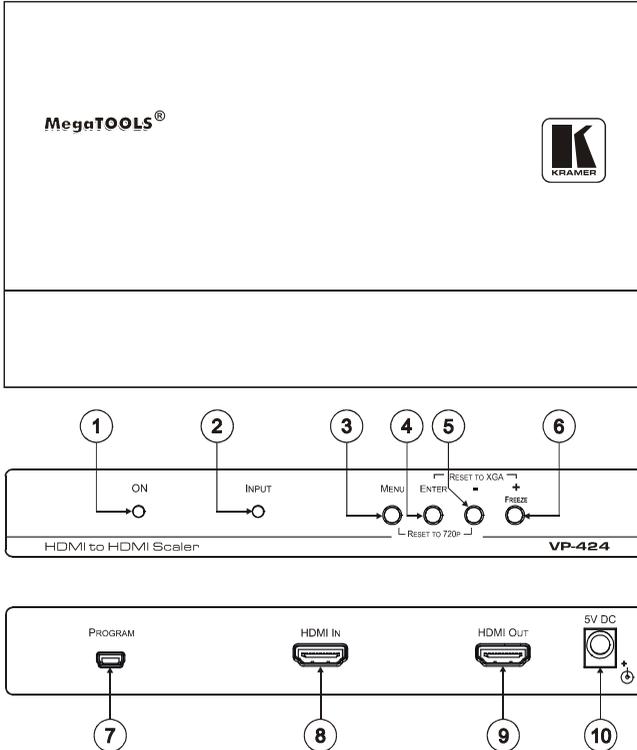


Figure 1: VP-424 HDMI to HDMI Scaler Front Panel

#	Feature	Function
1	ON LED	Lights green when the unit is powered on
2	INPUT LED	Lights blue when an HDMI signal is detected on the input
3	MENU Button	Press to enter/exit the on-screen display (OSD) menu. Press together with the – button to reset to 720p
4	ENTER Button	In the OSD, press to choose the highlighted menu item. Press together with the + button to reset to XGA
5	– Button	In the OSD, press to move backward through the list or to decrement the parameter value
6	+ / FREEZE button	In the OSD, press to move forward through the list or to increment the parameter value. When not in the OSD, press to freeze the display
7	PROGRAM USB Connector	For programming the unit
8	HDMI IN Connector	Connects to an HDMI source
9	HDMI OUT Connector	Connects to an HDMI acceptor
10	5V DC	+5V DC connector for powering the unit

## 4 Connecting the VP-424



Always switch off the power to each device before connecting it to your **VP-424**. After connecting your **VP-424**, connect its power and then switch on the power to each device.

To connect the **VP-424**, as illustrated in the example in [Figure 2](#), do the following:

1. Connect an HDMI source (for example, a DVD player) to the HDMI IN connector.
2. Connect the HDMI OUT connector to an HDMI acceptor (for example, a plasma display).
3. Connect the 5V DC power adapter to the power socket and connect the adapter to the mains electricity (not shown in [Figure 2](#)).

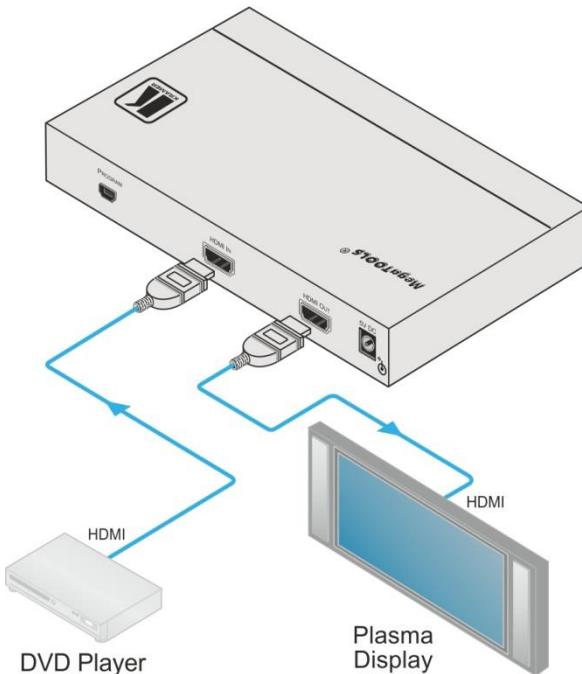


Figure 2: Connecting the VP-424

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## 5 Controlling the VP-424

The **VP-424** can be controlled via the OSD menu (see [Section 5.1](#)) using the front panel MENU, ENTER, -, and + buttons (reset to XGA/720p buttons). Toggle the Freeze button to freeze the image on the display.

### 5.1 Using the OSD Menu

Press the menu button to enter or exit from the OSD menu. While the OSD menu is open, you can use the front panel buttons to perform the following functions. Press the:

- + and – buttons to move up and down through the menu items and increment or decrement the parameter values
- ENTER button to select and activate a menu item or accept the parameter value set
- MENU button to close the OSD menu

Here is an example of how to set the parameters, to increase the contrast on the display:

1. From normal operation, press MENU.  
The OSD main menu appears on the screen.
2. Press the + or – button to highlight CONTRAST.  
CONTRAST changes to green when highlighted.
3. Press ENTER.  
The contrast value parameter changes to red.
4. Press the + button to increase the value (increase the contrast) or the – button to decrease the value (decrease the contrast).  
The value ranges from 0 to 100.
5. Press ENTER to set the value.  
The contrast value parameter changes back to white.
6. To return to normal operation, highlight EXIT and press ENTER; press MENU; or wait until the menu times out.

## 5.1.1 The MAIN MENU

Mode	Function																																								
PICTURE	<p>CONTRAST – set the contrast</p> <p>BRIGHTNESS – set the brightness</p> <p>SATURATION – set the saturation</p> <p>HUE – set the hue</p> <p>SHARPNESS – set the sharpness</p> <p>RESET PICTURE – reset all the picture parameters to their default value</p>																																								
ASPECT RATIO	FULL, 16:9, 4:3 or BEST FIT																																								
OVER SCANNING	OFF, 5%, 10%, 15% or 20%																																								
NOISE REDUCTION	OFF, MIN, TYP or MAX																																								
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OSD SETTINGS	Set the OSD parameters: H Position, V Position, Timeout Transparency and Display (see <a href="#">Section 5.1.2</a> )																																								
ADVANCED	<p><b>AUTO SYNC OFF:</b> Turn the auto sync ON/OFF. When ON, this deactivates the output after a few minutes if no input is present.</p> <p>This is useful, for example, when the output is connected to a projector, and the projector will automatically shut down when it has no input</p> <p><b>HDCP ON INPUT:</b> Select the HDCP option for the HDMI input: either ON (the default) or OFF.</p> <p>Setting HDCP support to disabled (OFF) on the HDMI input allows the source to transmit a non-HDCP signal if required (for example, when working with a Mac computer)</p> <p><b>FREEZE:</b> Set the front panel FREEZE button behavior to FREEZE ONLY, FREEZE&amp;MUTE or MUTE ONLY</p>																																								
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INFORMATION	Displays the input resolution, output resolution and the software version																																								

## 5.1.2 The OSD Menu

Parameter	Function
H POSITION	Set the horizontal position of the OSD
V POSITION	Set the vertical position of the OSD
TRANSPARENCY	Set the OSD background between 0 (transparent) and 15 (gray background)
MENU TIMEOUT	Set the OSD timeout period in seconds (from 5 to 50 or OFF)
INFO TIMEOUT	Set the INFO screen timeout period in seconds (from 5 to 50 or OFF)
INFO DISPLAY	Select the information shown on the screen during operation: <b>ON</b> - the information is shown permanently <b>OFF</b> - the information is not shown <b>INFO</b> - the information is shown for a few seconds

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## 6 Firmware Upgrade

To upgrade the **VP-424** firmware:

1. Copy the new firmware from the Kramer Web site
2. Disconnect the power to the device.
3. Connect the USB cable to your PC.
4. Press and hold the menu button and plug in the power supply simultaneously.
5. Keep the Menu button pressed for 3 more seconds and then release
6. Open "My Computer".  
The device will appear as a removable disk.
7. Copy and then paste the FW file to the device.
8. When the copying process is complete, use the Windows "Safely Remove Storage Device" utility to disconnect the device/drive from the PC.
9. Disconnect the power.
10. Reconnect the power and make sure that the device functions properly.
11. In the OSD INFORMATION menu, check that the upgraded firmware version is correct.

## 7 Technical Specifications

INPUT:	1 HDMI connector
OUTPUT:	1 HDMI connector
OUTPUT RESOLUTIONS:	Native, 480p, 576p, 720P, 1080i, 1080p, 640x480, 800x600, 1024x768, 1280x800, 1280x1024, 1360x768, 1400x1050, 1440x900, 1600x900, 1600x1200, 1680x1050, and 1920x1200(RB)
OUTPUT REFRESH RATE:	60Hz for computer graphics resolutions, 50/60Hz for HDTV resolutions, follow input
PROCESSING DELAY:	20ms
CONTROLS:	Front panel buttons, ON and INPUT LEDs
POWER SOURCE:	5.2V DC, 630mA
OPERATING TEMPERATURE:	0° to +40°C (32° to 104°F)
STORAGE TEMPERATURE:	-45° to +72°C (-49° to 162°F)
HUMIDITY:	10% to 90%, RHL non-condensing
DIMENSIONS:	18.8cm x 11.4cm x 2.4cm (7.4" x 4.5" x 0.9") W, D, H
WEIGHT:	0.66kg (1.45lbs) approx.
ACCESSORIES:	Power supply
OPTIONS:	RK-T2B 19" rack adapter
Specifications are subject to change without notice	

### 7.1 Input Resolutions Support

Resolution/Refresh Rate	Resolution/Refresh Rate
480I/576I(NTSC/PAL)	SXGA @ (60)
480P/576P	UXGA @60
720P @ (60/50)	WXGA @60(1280x800)
1080I @ (60/50)	WXGA @60(1366x768)
1080P @ (60/50)	WSXGA @60(1680x1050)
1080P @ (24/25/30)	WUXGA @60(1920x1200 RB)
VGA @ (60/72/75)	WXGA+ @60(1440x900)
SVGA @ (56/60/72/75)	SXGA+ @60(1400x1050)
XGA @ (60/70/75)	

## LIMITED WARRANTY

The warranty obligations of Kramer Electronics for this product are limited to the terms set forth below:

### What is Covered

This limited warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship in this product.

### What is Not Covered

This limited warranty does not cover any damage, deterioration or malfunction resulting from any alteration, modification, improper or unreasonable use or maintenance, misuse, abuse, accident, neglect, exposure to excess moisture, fire, improper packing and shipping (such claims must be presented to the carrier), lightning, power surges, or other acts of nature. This limited warranty does not cover any damage, deterioration or malfunction resulting from the installation or removal of this product from any installation, any unauthorized tampering with this product, any repairs attempted by anyone unauthorized by Kramer Electronics to make such repairs, or any other cause which does not relate directly to a defect in materials and/or workmanship of this product. This limited warranty does not cover cartons, equipment enclosures, cables or accessories used in conjunction with this product.

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Seven years as of this printing; please check our Web site for the most current and accurate warranty information.

### Who is Covered

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Kramer Electronics will, at its sole option, provide one of the following three remedies to whatever extent it shall deem necessary to satisfy a proper claim under this limited warranty:

1. Elect to repair or facilitate the repair of any defective parts within a reasonable period of time, free of any charge for the necessary parts and labor to complete the repair and restore this product to its proper operating condition. Kramer Electronics will also pay the shipping costs necessary to return this product once the repair is complete.
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In order to pursue any remedy under this limited warranty, you must possess an original, dated receipt as proof of purchase from an authorized Kramer Electronics reseller. If this product is returned under this limited warranty, a return authorization number, obtained from Kramer Electronics, will be required. You may also be directed to an authorized reseller or a person authorized by Kramer Electronics to repair the product.

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**SAFETY WARNING**  
Disconnect the unit from the power supply before opening and servicing

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