

**Kramer Electronics, Ltd.**



# **USER MANUAL**

**Model:**

**VS-211H**

*Automatic HDMI Standby Switcher*

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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<sup>1</sup> that are clearly defined by function.

Congratulations on purchasing your Kramer DigiTOOLS® **VS-211H** *Automatic HDMI Standby Switcher*. This product is ideal for providing backup switching for broadcast and post-production applications.

**Note, that the Kramer VS-211H is identical to the VS-211HDMI; just the name has changed replacing the suffix “HDMI” by “H” (according to the HDMI Guideline).**

The package includes the following items:

- **VS-211H** *Automatic HDMI Standby Switcher*
- Power supply (5V DC)
- This user manual<sup>2</sup>

## 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
- Use Kramer high-performance high-resolution cables<sup>3</sup>

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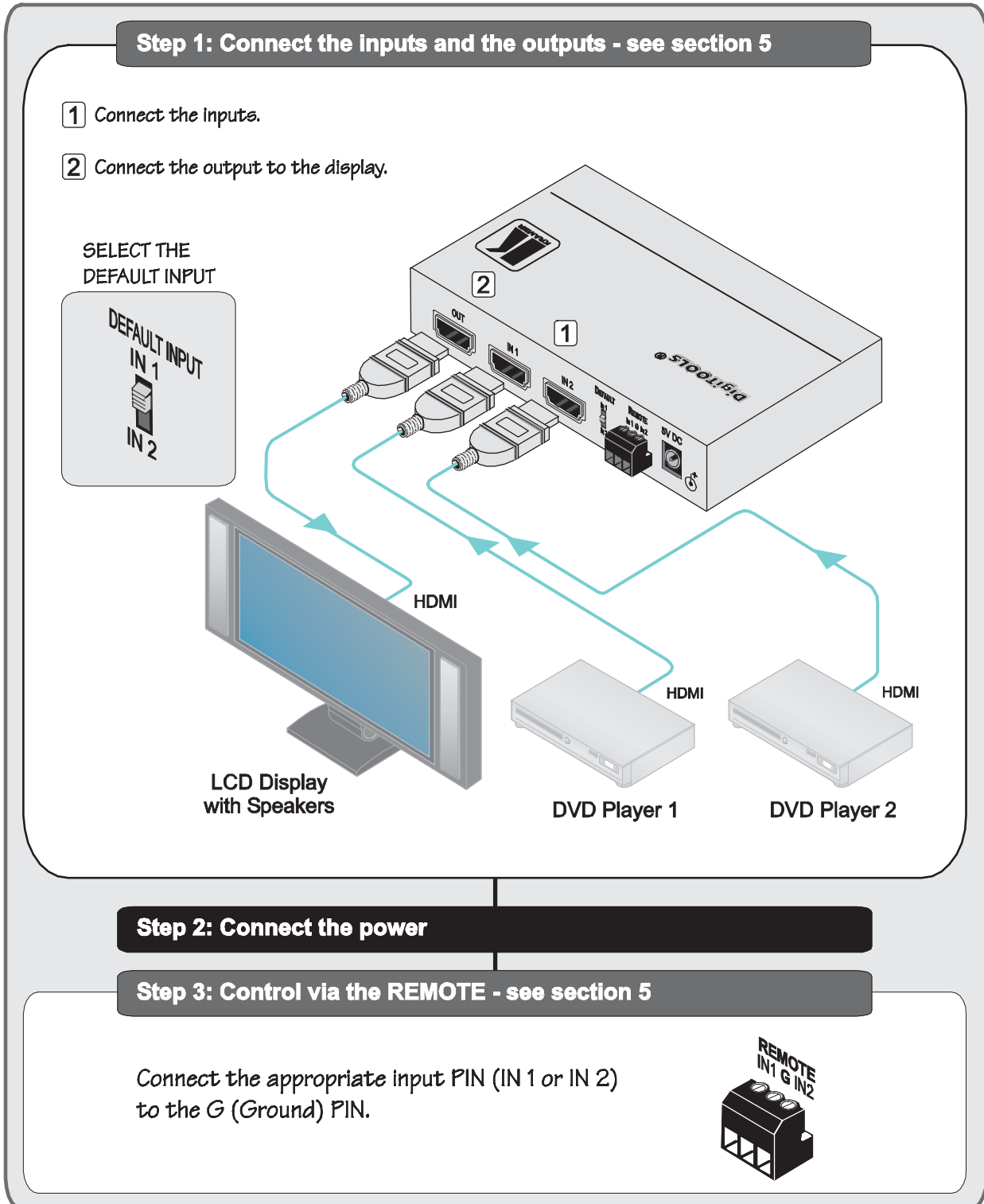
1 GROUP 1: Distribution Amplifiers; GROUP 2: Switchers and Matrix Switchers; GROUP 3: Control Systems; GROUP 4: Format/Standards Converters; GROUP 5: Range Extenders and Repeaters; GROUP 6: Specialty AV Products; GROUP 7: Scan Converters and Scalers; GROUP 8: Cables and Connectors; GROUP 9: Room Connectivity; GROUP 10: Accessories and Rack Adapters; GROUP 11: Sierra Products

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3 The complete list of Kramer cables is on our Web site at <http://www.kramerelectronics.com>

## 2.1 Quick Start

This quick start chart summarizes the basic setup and operation steps.



### 3 Overview

The **VS-211H** is a high-performance automatic standby switcher for HDMI 1.3 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 2.25Gbps
- HDTV compatibility
- HDCP and HDMI compliance
- A DEFAULT INPUT switch for selecting the default HDMI master source signal
- Contact closure remote control for forced operation
- Active switching

To achieve the best performance:

- Use only good quality connection cables<sup>1</sup> to avoid interference, deterioration in signal quality due to poor matching, and elevated noise levels (often associated with low quality cables)
- Avoid interference from neighboring electrical appliances that may adversely influence signal quality and position your Kramer **VS-211H** away from moisture, excessive sunlight and dust



**Caution** – No operator-serviceable parts inside unit.

**Warning** – Use only the Kramer Electronics input power wall adapter that is provided with this unit<sup>2</sup>.

**Warning** – Disconnect power and unplug unit from wall before installing or removing device or servicing unit.

<sup>1</sup> Available from Kramer Electronics on our Web site at <http://www.kramerelectronics.com>

<sup>2</sup> For example, part number 2535-052002

## 4 Your VS-211H Automatic HDMI Standby Switcher

[Figure 1](#) and [Table 1](#) define the VS-211H:

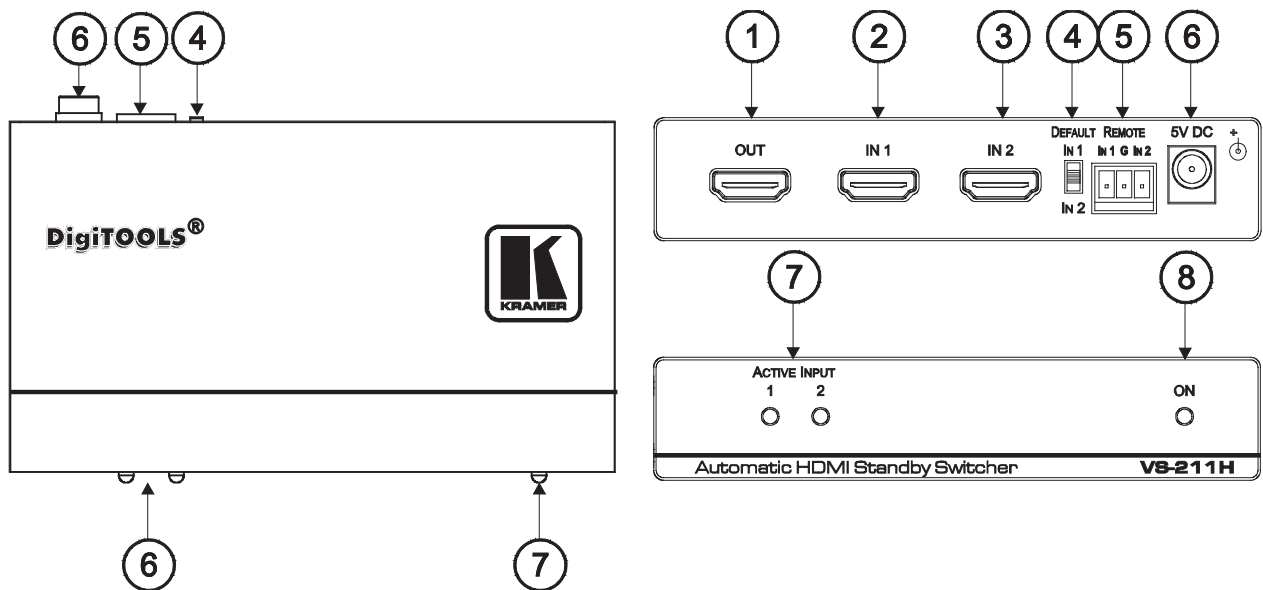


Figure 1: VS-211H Automatic HDMI Standby Switcher

Table 1: VS-211H Automatic HDMI Standby Switcher Features

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

## 5 Using the VS-211H Automatic HDMI Standby Switcher

This section describes how to:

- Connect the **VS-211H** (see section [5.1](#))
- Select the default master source signal (see section [5.2](#))
- Connect the REMOTE connector (see section [5.3](#))

### 5.1 Connecting the VS-211H Automatic HDMI Standby Switcher

To connect the **VS-211H**, as illustrated in the example in [Figure 2](#), do the following<sup>1</sup>:

1. Connect HDMI input source 1 (for example, DVD player 1) to the IN 1 HDMI connector.
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 [5.2](#).
5. If needed, connect the remote switches to the REMOTE IN 1 and IN 2 terminal block connectors, as described in section [5.3](#).
6. Connect the 5V DC power adapter to the power socket and connect the adapter to the mains electricity.

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<sup>1</sup> Switch OFF the power on each device before connecting it to your VS-211H. After powering up your VS-211H, switch on the power on each device

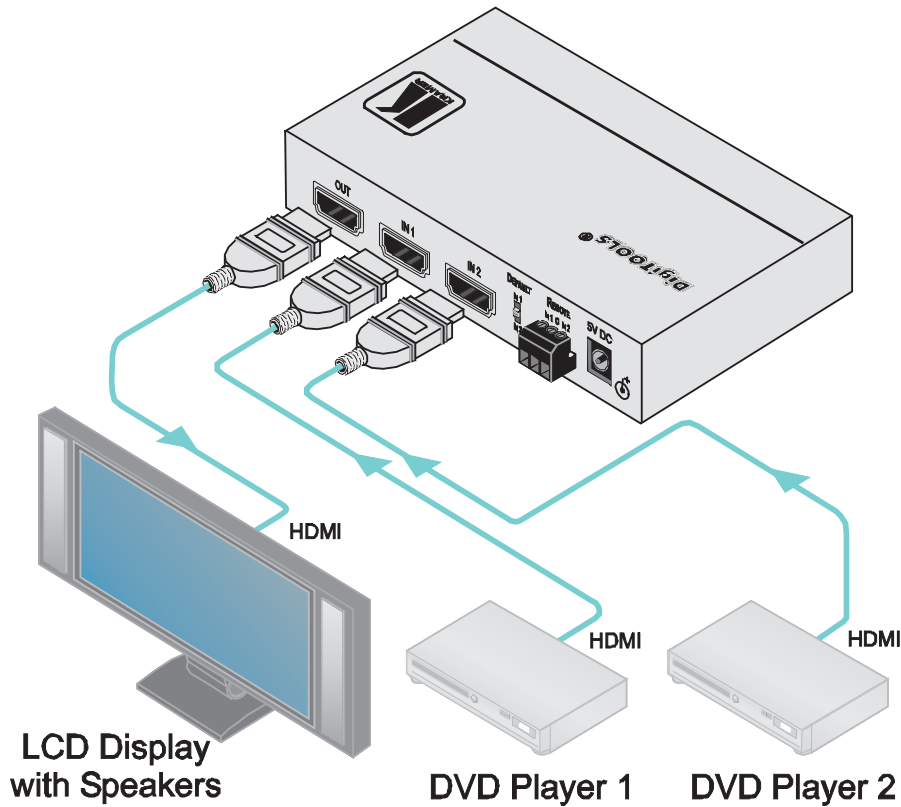


Figure 2: VS-211H Automatic HDMI Standby Switcher Connections

## 5.2 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

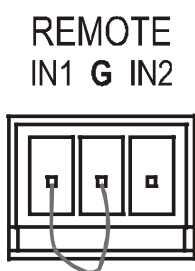
### 5.3 Connecting the REMOTE Terminal Block Connector

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<sup>1</sup> (see [Figure 3](#)).

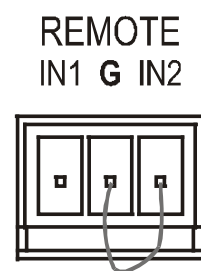
- To force IN 1: connect REMOTE IN1 to PIN G (ground)
- To force IN 2: connect REMOTE IN2 to PIN G (ground)

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.

<sup>1</sup> Note that the connection should be permanent, since the VS-211H reverts to an automatic switcher when the connection is removed

## 6 Technical Specifications

[Table 2](#) includes the technical specifications:

*Table 2: Technical Specifications<sup>1</sup> of the Automatic HDMI Standby Switcher*

INPUTS:	2 HDMI on HDMI connectors
OUTPUTS:	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 SOURCE:	5V DC, 510mA
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

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<sup>1</sup> Specifications are subject to change without notice

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## LIMITED WARRANTY

Kramer Electronics (hereafter *Kramer*) warrants this product free from defects in material and workmanship under the following terms.

### HOW LONG IS THE WARRANTY

Labor and parts are warranted for three years from the date of the first customer purchase.

### WHO IS PROTECTED?

Only the first purchase customer may enforce this warranty.

### WHAT IS COVERED AND WHAT IS NOT COVERED

Except as below, this warranty covers all defects in material or workmanship in this product. The following are not covered by the warranty:

1. Any product which is not distributed by Kramer, or which is not purchased from an authorized Kramer dealer. If you are uncertain as to whether a dealer is authorized, please contact Kramer at one of the agents listed in the Web site [www.kramerelectronics.com](http://www.kramerelectronics.com).
2. Any product, on which the serial number has been defaced, modified or removed, or on which the WARRANTY VOID IF TAMPERED sticker has been torn, reattached, removed or otherwise interfered with.
3. Damage, deterioration or malfunction resulting from:
  - i) Accident, misuse, abuse, neglect, fire, water, lightning or other acts of nature
  - ii) Product modification, or failure to follow instructions supplied with the product
  - iii) Repair or attempted repair by anyone not authorized by Kramer
  - iv) Any shipment of the product (claims must be presented to the carrier)
  - v) Removal or installation of the product
  - vi) Any other cause, which does not relate to a product defect
  - vii) Cartons, equipment enclosures, cables or accessories used in conjunction with the product

### WHAT WE WILL PAY FOR AND WHAT WE WILL NOT PAY FOR

We will pay labor and material expenses for covered items. We will not pay for the following:

1. Removal or installations charges.
2. Costs of initial technical adjustments (set-up), including adjustment of user controls or programming. These costs are the responsibility of the Kramer dealer from whom the product was purchased.
3. Shipping charges.

### HOW YOU CAN GET WARRANTY SERVICE

1. To obtain service on your product, you must take or ship it prepaid to any authorized Kramer service center.
2. Whenever warranty service is required, the original dated invoice (or a copy) must be presented as proof of warranty coverage, and should be included in any shipment of the product. Please also include in any mailing a contact name, company, address, and a description of the problem(s).
3. For the name of the nearest Kramer authorized service center, consult your authorized dealer.

### LIMITATION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES

All implied warranties, including warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are limited in duration to the length of this warranty.

### EXCLUSION OF DAMAGES

The liability of Kramer for any effective products is limited to the repair or replacement of the product at our option. Kramer shall not be liable for:

1. Damage to other property caused by defects in this product, damages based upon inconvenience, loss of use of the product, loss of time, commercial loss; or:
2. Any other damages, whether incidental, consequential or otherwise. Some countries may not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts and/or do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations and exclusions may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from place to place.

**NOTE:** All products returned to Kramer for service must have prior approval. This may be obtained from your dealer.

This equipment has been tested to determine compliance with the requirements of:

- EN-50081: "Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC);  
generic emission standard.  
Part 1: Residential, commercial and light industry"
- EN-50082: "Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) generic immunity standard.  
Part 1: Residential, commercial and light industry environment".
- CFR-47: FCC\* Rules and Regulations:  
Part 15: "Radio frequency devices  
Subpart B Unintentional radiators"

### CAUTION!

- ☒ Servicing the machines can only be done by an authorized Kramer technician. Any user who makes changes or modifications to the unit without the expressed approval of the manufacturer will void user authority to operate the equipment.
- ☒ Use the supplied DC power supply to feed power to the machine.
- ☒ Please use recommended interconnection cables to connect the machine to other components.  
\* FCC and CE approved using STP cable (for twisted pair products)



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**Caution**

**Safety Warning:**

Disconnect the unit from the power supply before opening/servicing.



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