Kramer Electronics, Ltd.

USER MANUAL

Models:

VM-3AN, 1:3 Audio DA
VM-3SN, 1:3 s-Video DA
VM-3VN, 1:3 Video DA
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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\(^1\) that are clearly defined by function.

Thank you for purchasing your Kramer TOOLSTM \textbf{VM-3AN Audio DA}, \textbf{VM-3SN s-Video DA}, and/or \textbf{VM-3VN Video DA}.

These products are ideal for the following typical applications:
- Audio duplication studios, delivering high-quality audio and video duplicates
- Broadcast and production studios for signal distribution
- Presentation and multimedia distribution
- Field distribution

The package includes the following items:
- \textbf{VM-3AN Audio DA}, or \textbf{VM-3SN s-Video DA}, or \textbf{VM-3VN Video DA}
- Power adapter, this user manual\(^2\)

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\(^3\)

2.1 Quick Start

This quick start chart summarizes the basic setup and operation:

\(^1\) 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

\(^2\) Download up-to-date Kramer user manuals from the Internet at this URL: http://www.kramerelectronics.com

\(^3\) The complete list of Kramer cables is on our Web site at http://www.kramerelectronics.com
**Getting Started**

**Step 1: Connect the machine - see section 5**

- **VM-3AN**
  1. Connect the input.
  2. Connect the output.

- **VM-3SN**
  1. Connect the input.
  2. Connect the output.

- **VM-3VN**
  1. Connect the input.
  2. Connect the output.

**Step 2: Connect the power**

If required, adjust the following:
- VM-3AN - LEFT and RIGHT audio signal levels
- VM-3SN - Y and C signal levels
- VM-3VN - EQ and LEVEL
3 Overview

This section gives a summary of:

- The **VM-3AN Audio DA**, see section 3.1
- The **VM-3SN s-Video DA**, see section 3.2
- The **VM-3VN Video DA**, see section 3.3
- Recommendations for achieving the best performance, see section 3.4

3.1 VM-3AN Audio DA

The **VM-3AN** is a high-quality 1:3 balanced stereo audio distribution amplifier. It accepts one balanced stereo input on a removable terminal block and distributes the signal to three identical outputs on removable terminal blocks.

Specifically, the **VM-3AN** features:

- Left and right signal level trimmers on the front panel
- 12V DC power

3.2 VM-3SN s-Video DA

The **VM-3SN** is a high-quality 1:3 distribution amplifier for s-Video signals. It accepts one s-Video input on a 4-pin connector and distributes the signal to three identical outputs on 4-pin connectors.

Specifically, the **VM-3SN** features:

- C and Y level trimmers on the front panel
- 12V DC power

3.3 VM-3VN Video DA

The **VM-3VN** is a high-quality 1:3 distribution amplifier for composite video signals. It accepts one composite video input on a BNC connector and distributes the signal to three identical composite video outputs on BNC connectors.

Specifically, the **VM-3VN** features:

- EQ and LEVEL trimmers on the front panel
- 12V DC power
3.4 Achieving the Best Performance

To achieve the best performance:

- Use only good quality connection cables\(^1\) 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 products 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\(^2\). |
| Warning | Disconnect power and unplug unit from wall before installing or removing device or servicing unit. |

4 Your Distribution Amplifier

This section defines your:

- **VM-3AN Audio DA**, see section 4.1
- **VM-3SN s-Video DA**, see section 4.2
- **VM-3VN Video DA**, see section 4.3

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

2 For example, part number 2535-000251
4.1 Your VM-3AN Audio DA

*Figure 1* and *Table 1* define the VM-3AN:

*Figure 1*: VM-3AN Audio DA

*Table 1*: VM-3AN Audio DA Features

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<th>#</th>
<th>Feature</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td><em>INPUT</em> Detachable Terminal Block Connector</td>
<td>Connects to the balanced audio source</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td><em>OUT</em> Detachable Terminal Block Connector</td>
<td>Connects to the balanced audio acceptor (from 1 to 3)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td><em>12V DC</em></td>
<td>+12V DC connector for powering the unit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td><em>LEFT LEVEL</em> Trimmer</td>
<td>Adjusts the left output signal level</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td><em>RIGHT LEVEL</em> Trimmer</td>
<td>Adjusts the right output signal level</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td><em>ON LED</em></td>
<td>Illuminates when receiving power</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1 Insert a screwdriver into the small hole and carefully rotate it, trimming the appropriate output level
### 4.2 Your VM-3SN s-Video DA

*Figure 2 and Table 2 define the VM-3SN:*

**Figure 2:** VM-3SN s-Video DA

**Table 2:** VM-3SN s-Video DA Features

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<th>Function</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>INPUT 4-pin Connector</td>
<td>Connects to the s-Video source</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>IN=75Ω TERM Pushbutton</td>
<td>Terminates the input with 75Ω</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>OUT 4-pin Connector</td>
<td>Connects to the audio acceptor (from 1 to 3)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>12V DC</td>
<td>+12V DC connector for powering the unit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>C LEVEL Trimmer</td>
<td>Adjusts the chrominance output signal level for the s-Video output</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Y LEVEL Trimmer</td>
<td>Adjusts the luminance output signal level for the s-Video output</td>
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<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>ON LED</td>
<td>Illuminates when receiving power</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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1 Insert a screwdriver into the small hole and carefully rotate it, trimming the appropriate output level.
4.3 Your VM-3VN Video DA

Figure 3 and Table 3 define the VM-3VN:

![Diagram of VM-3VN Video DA](image)

**Figure 3: VM-3VN Video DA**

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<th>Feature</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>INPUT BNC Connector</td>
<td>Connects to the composite video source</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>IN=75Ω TERM Pushbutton</td>
<td>Terminates the input with 75Ω</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>OUT BNC Connector</td>
<td>Connects to the composite video acceptor (from 1 to 3)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>12V DC</td>
<td>+12V DC connector for powering the unit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>EQ Trimmer</td>
<td>Adjusts the EQ. (equalization) compensation level for the composite</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>video outputs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>LEVEL Trimmer</td>
<td>Adjusts signal level for the composite video outputs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>ON LED</td>
<td>Illuminates when receiving power</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 3: VM-3VN Video DA Features**

5 Connecting Your Distribution Amplifier

This section explains how to connect your:

- **VM-3AN Audio DA**, see section 5.1
- **VM-3SN s-Video DA**, see section 5.2
- **VM-3VN Video DA**, see section 5.3

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1 Insert a screwdriver into the small hole and carefully rotate it, trimming the appropriate output level
5.1 Connecting Your VM-3AN Audio DA

To connect the VM-3AN, as illustrated in the example in Figure 4, do the following:

1. Connect the balanced stereo audio source to the INPUT terminal block connector.
2. Connect the OUT terminal block connectors (from 1 to 3) to up to three balanced stereo audio acceptors (for example, power amplifiers).
3. Connect the 12V DC power adapter to the power socket and connect the adapter to the mains electricity (not illustrated in Figure 4).
4. If required, adjust the audio signal levels by turning the LEFT and RIGHT level trimmers with a small screwdriver.

![Figure 4: Connecting the VM-3AN Audio Distributor](image)

1 Switch OFF the power on each device before connecting it to your VM-3AN. After connecting your VM-3AN, switch on its power and then switch on the power on each device.
2 You do not have to connect all the outputs.
5.2 Connecting Your VM-3SN s-Video DA

To connect\(^1\) the VM-3SN, as illustrated in the example in Figure 5, do the following:

1. Connect the s-Video source (for example, an s-Video player) to the INPUT 4-pin connector.
2. Terminate the input by ensuring that the TERM switch is pressed to the IN position.
3. Connect the OUT 4-pin connectors (from 1 to 3) to up to three s-Video acceptors\(^2\) (for example, s-Video recorders).
4. Connect the 12V DC power adapter to the power socket and connect the adapter to the mains electricity (not illustrated in Figure 5).
5. If required, adjust output chrominance (C) and luminance (Y) signal levels by turning the appropriate trimmer with a small screwdriver.

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\(^1\) Switch OFF the power on each device before connecting it to your VM-3SN. After connecting your VM-3SN, switch on its power and then switch on the power on each device

\(^2\) You do not have to connect all the outputs
5.3 Connecting Your VM-3VN Video DA

To connect the VM-3VN, as illustrated in the example in Figure 6, do the following:

1. Connect the composite video source to the INPUT BNC connector.
2. Terminate the input by ensuring that the TERM switch is pressed to the IN position.
3. Connect the OUT BNC connectors (from 1 to 3) to up to three composite video acceptors.
4. Connect the 12V DC power adapter to the power socket and connect the adapter to the mains electricity (not illustrated in Figure 6).
5. If required, adjust output equalization (EQ) and signal level (LEVEL) by turning the appropriate trimmer with a small screwdriver.

Figure 6: Connecting the VM-3VN Video Distributor

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1 Switch OFF the power on each device before connecting it to your VM-3VN. After connecting your VM-3VN, switch on its power and then switch on the power on each device.
2 You do not have to connect all the outputs.
# Technical Specifications

*Table 4 includes the technical specifications.*

**Table 4: Technical Specifications**

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<tr>
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<th>VM-3AN</th>
<th>VM-3SN</th>
<th>VM-3VN</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>INPUT:</strong></td>
<td>1 balanced audio stereo on 5-pin terminal blocks</td>
<td>1 YC on a 4-pin connector</td>
<td>1 composite video on a BNC connector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>OUTPUTS:</strong></td>
<td>3 balanced audio stereo on 5-pin terminal blocks</td>
<td>3 YC on 4-pin connectors</td>
<td>3 composite video on BNC connectors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>MAX. INPUT / OUTPUT LEVEL:</strong></td>
<td>18.5Vpp</td>
<td>2Vpp, Y</td>
<td>1.8Vpp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>BANDWIDTH (-3dB):</strong></td>
<td>&gt;100 kHz</td>
<td>135MHz</td>
<td>430MHz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DIFF GAIN:</strong></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>0.03%</td>
<td>0.12%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DIFF PHASE:</strong></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>0.03Deg</td>
<td>0.03Deg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>K-FACTOR:</strong></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>&lt;0.05%</td>
<td>&lt;0.05%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>S/N RATIO:</strong></td>
<td>90dB @1kHz</td>
<td>78dB @5MHz</td>
<td>74.3dB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>CONTROL:</strong></td>
<td>Output level control: -77 to +6dB, R+/-, L+/- channels</td>
<td>Y-level: -1.6 to +6.3dB; C-level: -0.4 to +7.6dB</td>
<td>Level: -1.6 to +6dB; Equalization: 0 to +6dB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>COUPLING:</strong></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>AC</td>
<td>AC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>AUDIO THD + NOISE:</strong></td>
<td>0.008%</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>AUDIO 2d HARMONIC:</strong></td>
<td>0.001%</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>POWER SOURCE:</strong></td>
<td>12V DC, 89mA</td>
<td>12V DC, 29mA</td>
<td>12V DC, 27mA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DIMENSIONS:</strong></td>
<td>11.7cm x 6cm x 3.2cm (4.6” x 2.4” x 1.3”) W, D, H</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>WEIGHT:</strong></td>
<td>0.28 kg (0.62 lbs.) approx.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>ACCESSORIES:</strong></td>
<td>Power supply</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>OPTIONS:</strong></td>
<td>Rack adapter</td>
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