User Manual



VLHDMICTL1-MME

18G In-line HDMI Controller with Auto Display Control





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Preface

Read this user manual carefully before using the product. Pictures shown in this manual are for reference only. Different models and specifications are subject to real product.

This manual is only for operation instruction, please contact the local distributor for maintenance assistance. The functions described in this version were updated till March, 2019. In the constant effort to improve the product, we reserve the right to make functions or parameters changes without notice or obligation. Please refer to the dealers for the latest details.

FCC Statement

This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. It has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a commercial installation.

Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause interference, in which case the user at their own expense will be required to take whatever measures may be necessary to correct the interference.

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacture would void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

To ensure the best performance from the product, please read all instructions carefully before using the device. Save this manual for further reference.

- Unpack the equipment carefully and save the original box and packing material for possible future shipment.
- Follow basic safety precautions to reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock and injury to persons.
- Do not dismantle the housing or modify the module. It may result in electrical shock or burn.
- Using supplies or parts not meeting the products' specifications may cause damage, deterioration or malfunction.
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to rain, moisture or install this product near water.
- Do not put any heavy items on the extension cable in case of extrusion.
- Do not remove the housing of the device as opening or removing the housing may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards.
- Install the device in a place with fine ventilation to avoid damage caused by overheat.
- Keep the module away from liquids.
- Spillage into the housing may result in fire, electrical shock, or equipment damage. If an object or liquid falls or spills on to the housing, unplug the module immediately.
- Do not twist or pull by force ends of the optical cable. It can cause malfunction.
- Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners to clean this unit. Always unplug the power to the device before cleaning.
- Unplug the power cord when left unused for a long period of time.
- Information on disposal for scrapped devices: do not burn or mix with general household waste, please treat them as normal electrical wastes.

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1. Product Introduction

Thanks for choosing the VLHDMICTL1-MME 18G In-line HDMI Controller, which is designed for automatic system control and HDMI signal extension in small meeting rooms and huddle spaces. The controller supports three system trigger methods, IR signal, video signal (5V or TMDS). It automatically triggers CEC commands, pre-loaded RS232 and IR commands to turn on or off display, and relay control to rise and fall the projection screen. It supports video resolution up to 4K@60Hz 4:4:4 HDR 10 and Dolby Vision, and features 4K to 1080P down-scaling for compatibility with 1080P display. Besides passing EDID information from the display, there are multiple built-in EDID settings can be selected by the 4-pin DIP switch on the front panel. In addition, the controller supports CEC pass-through, RS232 control, IR learning and relay control.

1.1 Features

- Supports up to 4Kx2K@60Hz 4:4:4 HDR10 and Dolby Vision, HDCP 2.2 compliant.
- HDCP pass-through or converted to HDCP 1.4 for better compatibility.
- Supports 4K to1080P down-scaling.
- Comprehensive EDID management with 8 EDID Options for various application.
- Automation display control via CEC, RS232 and IR.
- Contact Closure input for connections with a variety of devices, such as sensor and switch.
- Relay control for device like projection screen.
- Built-in signal equalizer, provides capability to use longer range HDMI cable.

1.2 Package List

- 1x 18G In-line HDMI Controller
- 4x Plastic Cushions
- 1x RS232 Cable (3-pin to DB9)

- 2x Mounting Ears with 4 Screws
- 3x 3-pin Terminal Blocks
- 1x Power Adapter (5V DC 1A)

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Note: Please contact your distributor immediately if any damage or defect in the components is found.

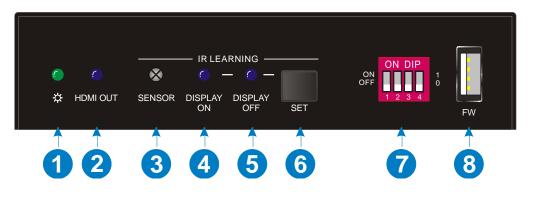
2. Technical Specification

Video Input		
Input	(1) HDMI IN	
Input Connector	(1) Female type-A HDMI	
Input Video Resolution	Up to 4Kx2K@60Hz 4:4:4 8bit	
Video Output		
Output	(1) HDMI OUT/CEC	
Output Connector	(1) Female type-A HDMI	
Output Video Resolution	Up to 4Kx2K@60Hz 4:4:4 8bit	
Control		
	(1) SET Button, (1) 4-pin DIP Switch, (1) FW, (1) IR OUT,	
Control	(1) RS232, (1) Sensor, (2) Relay (1~2)	
Control Connector	(1) Type-A USB, (1) 3.5mm mini jack, (4) 3-pin terminal blocks	
General		
HDMI Standard	2.0	
HDCP Version	2.2	
HDCP Pass-through	Supported	
CEC Control	Supported	
Hot-plug	Supported	
Bandwidth	18Gbps	
HDMI Cable Length	1080P@60Hz \leq 33 feet (10 meters), 4K@60Hz \leq 16 feet (5 meters)	
Operation Temperature	-5°C ~ +55°C	
Storage Temperature	-25°C ~ +70°C	
Relative Humidity	10%-90%	
Power Supply	Input:100V~240V AC; Output: 5V DC 1A	
Power Consumption	2.5W(Max)	
Dimension (W*H*D)	120mm x 28mm x 84mm	
Net Weight	305g	

Note: Please adopt high-qualified HDMI cable fully compliant with HDMI2.0 for reliable transmission and connection.

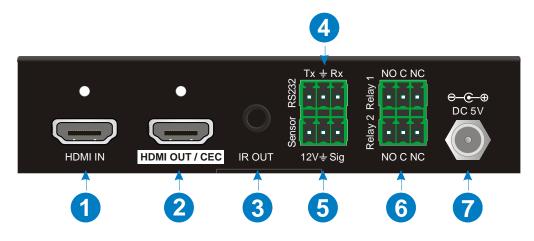
3. Panel Description

3.1 Front Panel



- ① **POWER LED:** The LED illuminates green when power is applied.
- (2) HDMI OUT LED: The LED illuminates blue when there is HDMI signal output.
- **3 SENSOR:** Built-in IR sensor to receive IR signal.
- ④ DISPLAY ON LED: The LED blinks blue when the controller is in IR learning mode, and it will illuminate blue after successfully learning the IR command.
- (5) DISPLAY OFF LED: The LED blinks blue when the controller is in IR learning mode, and it will illuminate blue after successfully learning the IR command.
- SET: Press the button to enable IR learning mode. Please refer to *chapter 6.2* for more details.
- ⑦ 4-pin DIP switch for EDID setting and HDCP mode selection.
- **8 FW:** Type-A USB port for firmware upgrade.

3.2 Rear Panel



- (1) HDMI IN: Type-A female HDMI input port to connect HDMI source device.
- (2) HDMI OUT/CEC: Supports CEC. Type-A female HDMI output port to connect HDMI display.
- ③ IR OUT: 3.5mm mini jack to connect the IR emitter to send IR signal.
- **RS232:** 3-pin terminal block to connect the RS232 control device (e.g. PC) or a device (e.g. projector) to be controlled by RS232 commands.
- **Sensor:** 3-pin terminal block to connect external sensor or switch.
- Relay 1~2: Two 3-pin terminal blocks to connect projection screen for relay control.
- ⑦ **DC 5V:** DC connector for the power adapter connection.

4. System Connection

4.1 Usage Precaution

- Make sure all components and accessories are included before installation.
- System should be installed in a clean environment with proper temperature and humidity.
- All of the power switches, plugs, sockets, and power cords should be insulated and safe.
- All devices should be connected before power on.

4.2 System Diagram

The following diagram illustrates typical input and output connections that can be utilized with this controller:



5. DIP Switch Operation

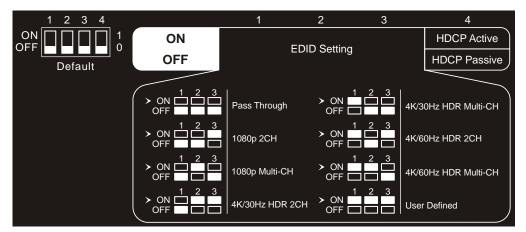
5.1 EDID Management

The Extended Display Identification Data (EDID) is used by the source device to match its video resolution with the connected display. By default, the source device obtains its EDID from the first connected display. Meanwhile, since the display with different capabilities is connected to the controller, the DIP switch on the front panel can be used to set the EDID to a fixed value to ensure the compatibility in video resolution.

The switch represents "**0**" when in the lower (**OFF**) position, and it represents "**1**" while putting the switch in the upper (**ON**) position.

	0	N	DI	Ρ	
ON OFF	П	Π	Π		1 0
	1	2	3	4	

Switch 1~3 are used for EDID setting. The DIP switch status and its corresponding setting are shown at the back of the product.



Switch Status	Video Resolution	Audio Format	
000	Pass Through		
001	1080P	2CH	
010	1080P	Multi-CH	
011	3840x2160@30Hz HDR	2CH	
100	3840x2160@30Hz HDR	Multi-CH	
101	3840x2160@60Hz HDR	2CH	
110	3840x2160@60Hz HDR	Multi-CH	
111	User-defined EDID (Upload the EDID by type-A USB port)		

Note:

- 2CH: Supports LPCM 2CH.
- Multi-CH: Supports LPCM 8CH, Dolby TrueHD, DTS-HD, Dolby Digital5.1, DTS 5.1, Dolby Digital Plus.

User-defined EDID Setting

Except directly invoking the built-in EDID, the specific EDID can be customized by following the below operation process.

- 1) Rename the user-defined EDID as **EC_11.bin**.
- Connect the FW port of the controller to the PC with USB cable, and then power on the controller, the PC will automatically detect a virtual disk named of "BOOTDISK".
- 3) Double-click to open the disk, a file named of "READY.TXT" will be showed.
- 4) Copy the user-defined EDID to the "BOOTDISK" disk.
- 5) Reopen the disk to check the filename "READY.TXT" whether automatically becomes "SUCCESS.TXT", if yes, the user-defined EDID was imported into the controller and saved as its corresponding EDID ID successfully.
- 6) Remove the USB cable, and then reboot the controller.
- 7) Now the new EDID can be invoked by setting the DIP switch status to "111".

5.2 HDCP Mode

Put switch 4 on "**ON**" position to select **HDCP Active** mode, or to "**OFF**" for **HDCP Passive** mode.

Switch Status	Mode	HDCP
OFF (0)	Passive (Default)	Automatically follows the HDCP version of source device.
ON (1)	Active	 If the input video has HDCP content, the HDCP version of HDMI output is HDCP 1.4 for broader video solution. If the input video has no HDCP content, the HDMI output has no HDCP either.

6. System Control Setting

• SYSTEM ON

When the controller detects video signal (TMDS, 5V) or IR signal, the system will start and automatically perform the below actions at the same time.

- ✓ Send CEC ON to turn on display.
- ✓ Send RS232 ON + Delay Time (default 3s, range of 1~180s) + User-defined RS232 command to display.
- ✓ Send IR ON + Delay Time (default 3s, range of 1~180s) + User-defined IR command to display.
- ✓ Toggle the state of relay 1 as follow.

	Relay State		
I/O State	NO	NC	
On (Closed)	Closed	Open	
Off (Open)	Open	Closed	

• SYSTEM OFF

When the controller detects all input source devices are removed, or not receives IR signal within the delay time (default 10mins, range of 5mins-180mins), the system will off and automatically perform the below actions at the same time.

- ✓ Send CEC OFF to turn off display.
- ✓ Send RS232 OFF to display. The number of sending command is default 1 time, it can be set to 2 times by RS232 command.
- ✓ Send IR OFF to display. The number of sending command is default 1 time, it can be set to 2 times by RS232 command.
- \checkmark Toggle the state of relay 2.

6.1 RS232 Command Setting

The trigger methods of *SYSTEM ON* or *SYSTEM OFF*, and CEC, RS232, IR, Relay control actions can be set by RS232 commands.

6.1.1 RS232 Control Software

Installation: Copy the control software file to the PC which is connected to the controller.

Uninstallation: Delete all the control software files in corresponding file path.

Here take the software **CommWatch.exe** as example. Double-click the following icon:



CommWatch.exe

The interface of the control software is shown as below:

Parameter configu	uration area		
Parameter Configu Image: Configure of the system PORT Clear Clear Save To File Hex View Stop View		٥) Monitoring area, indicates if the command sent works.	
 Auto Clear View New Line 			
Hex Send Mode Auto Send Interval 1000 ms Counter Reset	Load File Clear	Command sending area	
2013-05-08 14:03:35	Send:0	Receive:0 V1.0	1

Please set the parameters of COM number, bound rate, data bit, stop bit and the parity bit correctly, then the RS232 commands can be sent in Command Sending Area.

Baud rate: 9600;

Data bit: 8;

Stop bit: 1;

Parity bit: none.

Command	Function		Feedback Example
Set the trigger method to perform SYSTEM ON.		SYSONMETH1.	
	X Descripti	on	
SYSONMETH[X].	0 Detects	R signal	
		IDMI video signal V, or TMDS)	SET DETECT VIDEO TRIGGER!
	2 Detects	R or video signal	
	Set the trigger method to perform SYSTEM OFF.		SYSOFFMETH1.
	X Descripti	on	
SYSOFFMETH[X].	0 Detects	o IR signal	
		o HDMI video efault 5V, or TMDS)	SET NOT DETECT VIDEO
	2 Detects signal	o IR and video	TRIGGER!
	Set the system off time to xxxxx (default 10mins, range of 5mins to 180mins). When no HDMI video signal has been detected, the system will off after the setting time.		NOSIGDLY:00300.
NOSIGDLY:[XXXXX].			SET DETECT NOSIGNAL DELAY TIME 300S!
	-	ime to xxxxx (default	NOIRDLY:00300.
NOIRDLY:[XXXXX].	10mins, range of 5mins to 180mins). When no IR signal has been detected,		SET DETECT NO IR DELAY TIME

6.1.2 Trigger Method Setting

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	the system will off after the setting time.		300S!
	Set the HDMI video signal trigger condition.		5VORTMDS0.
5VORTMDS[X].	Х	Description	
	0	Detects 5V signal.	DETECT INPUT SOURCE USE
	1	Detects TMDS signal.	5V!
GSYSONMETH.	Report the trigger method of SYSTEM ON.		DETECT VIDEO TRIGGER IN SYSTEM ON!
GSYSOFFMETH.	Report the trigger method of SYSTEM OFF.		NO DETECT VIDEO TRIGGER IN SYSTEM OFF!
GNOSIGDLY.	Report the delay time of SYSTEM OFF when the controller detects no input source signal (5V/TMDS).		DETECT NOSIGNAL DELAY TIME 300S!
GNOIRDLY.	Report the delay time of SYSTEM OFF when the controller detects no IR sensor signal.		DETECT NO IR DELAY TIME 300S!
G5VORTMDS.	Report the detection method of input source. 5V/TMDS		DETECT INPUT SOURCE USE 5V!

6.1.3 CEC Control Setting

Command	Function	Feedback Example
CECON.	Enable CEC.	OPEN CEC FUNCTION!
CECOFF.	Disable CEC.	CLOSE CEC FUNCTION!
GCECSTAUS.	Report CEC status.	CEC FUNCTION IS OPEN!
TVON.	Turn on display (e.g. TV)	CEC TV POWER ON!
TVOFF.	Turn off display (e.g. TV)	CEC TV POWER OFF!

6.1.4 RS232 Control Setting

Function	Feedback Example
When detects triggering signal, automatically send ASCII command XXX to the third-party device (e.g. Projector) whose baud rate is X.	RS232ON/+3:123abc
X Baud Rate	
1 2400	
	When detects triggering signal, automatically send ASCII command XXX to the third-party device (e.g. Projector) whose baud rate is X.XBaud Rate

	2 4800		
	3 9600		
	4 19200		
	5 38400	Send the ASCII command	
	6 57600	"123abc" to the third-party whose baud rate is 9600.	
	7 115200	bauu fale is 9000.	
	When detects triggering signal,	RS232ON/-3:30 31 32	
	automatically send HEX command XXX	Send the HEX command "30 31	
RS232ON/-[X]:XXX	to the third-party device (e.g. Projector)	32" to the third-party whose baud	
	whose baud rate is X.	rate is 9600.	
	When does not detect any triggering	RS232OFF/+3:123abc	
	signal, automatically send ASCII	Send the ASCII command	
RS232OFF/+[X]:XXX	command XXX to the third-party device	"123abc" to the third-party whose	
	(e.g. Projector) whose baud rate is X.	baud rate is 9600.	
	When does not detect any triggering	RS232OFF/-3:30 31 32	
	signal, automatically send HEX command	Send the HEX command "30 31	
RS232OFF/-[X]:XXX	XXX to the third-party device (e.g.	32" to the third-party whose baud	
	Projector) whose baud rate is X.	rate is 9600.	
	Set the user-defined ASCII command to	RS232USER/+3:123abc	
RS232U/+[X]:XXX	send to the third-party device (e.g.	Send the user-defined command	
	Projector) whose baud rate is X.	"123abc" to the third-party whose	
		baud rate is 9600.	
	Set the user-defined HEX command to	RS232USER/-3:30 31 32	
RS232U/-[X]:XXX	send to the third-party device (e.g.	Send the user-defined command	
	Projector) whose baud rate is X.	"30 31 32" to the third-party whose	
		baud rate is 9600.	
	Set the sending interval time between	RS232DLY:003.	
RS232DLY:[XXX].	RS232 ON and RS232 USER to XXX	SET DELAY TIME BETWEEN	
	(default 3s, range of 1S to 180s).	RS232 ON AND RS232 USER 3S!	
	Set the sending number of RS232 OFF to		
	X.	SET SEND RS232 OFF TWO	
RS232PCS[X].	X Description	TIME!	
	0 1 time		
	1 2 times		
RS232OFFINT:[XX].	Set the two times sending interval time of	RS232OFFINT:02.	

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	RS232 OFF to XX (default 2s, range of	SET RS232 OFF SEND DELAY
	1S to 10s).	TIME 2S!
	Report the sending interval time between	DELAY TIME BETWEEN RS232
GRS232DLY.	RS232 ON and RS232 USER.	ON AND RS232 USER 3S!
00000000	Report the sending number of RS232	
GRS232PCS.	OFF	SEND RS232 OFF ONE TIME!
GRS232OFFINT.	Report the two times sending interval	RS232 OFF SEND DELAY TIME
	time of RS232 OFF.	2S!

6.1.5 IR Control Setting

Command	Function	Feedback Example
	Learns the IR command from IR remote.XDescription0STUDY IR DISPLAY	IRSTUDY0.
IRSTUDY[X].	OFF 1 STUDY IR DISPLAY ON 2 STUDY IR USER	READY STUDY IR DISPLAY OFF,PLEASE REMOTE CONTROL RECEIVER IN 10S!
	Send the learned IR command. X Description	IRSEND0.
IRSEND[X].	0SEND IR DISPLAY OFF1SEND IR DISPLAY ON2SEND IR USER	SEND IR DISPLAY OFF!
IRDLY:[XXX].	Set the sending interval time between IR ON and IR USER to XXX (default 3s, range of 1S to 180s).	IRDLY:003. SET DELAY TIME BETWEEN IR ON AND IR USER 3S!
IRPCS[X].	Set the sending number of IR OFF to X. X Description 0 1 time	IRPCS1.
	0 1 time 1 2 times	SET SEND IR OFF TWO TIMES!
IROFFINT:[XX].	Set the two times sending interval time of IR OFF to XX (default 2s, range of 1S to 10s).	IROFFINT:02. SET IR OFF SEND DELAY TIME 2S!
GIRDLY.	Report the sending interval time between IR ON and IR USER.	DELAY TIME BETWEEN IR ON AND IR USER 3S!
GIRPCS.	Report the sending number of IR OFF.	SEND IR OFF ONE TIMES!

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GIROFFINT.	Report the two times sending interval time of IR OFF.	IR OFF SEND DELAY TIME 2S!
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6.1.6 Relay Control Setting

Command	Function	Feedback Example
		RELAY1COT:010.
RELAY1COT:[XXX].	Set the Relay 1 delay time to XXX (default 10s, range of 3S to 180s).	SET RELAY 1 TIME DELAY TIME 10S!
	Cat the Delay 2 delay time to XXX	RELAY2COT:010.
RELAY2COT:[XXX].	Set the Relay 2 delay time to XXX (default 10s, range of 3S to 180s).	SET RELAY 2 TIME DELAY TIME 10S!
GRELAY1COT.	Report Relay 1 delay time.	RELAY 1 TIME DELAY TIME 10S!
GRELAY2COT.	Report Relay 2 delay time.	RELAY 2 TIME DELAY TIME 10S!

Relay Port Definition



When the controller start SYSTEM ON, the Relay 1 port will perform the below actions:

- 1) The NO connection closes, and NC connection opens.
- 2) When the delay time is up, the **NO** connection opens, and **NC** connection closes.

When the controller start SYSTEM OFF, the Relay 2 port will perform the below actions:

- 1) The NO connection closes, and NC connection opens.
- 2) When the delay time is up, the **NO** connection opens, and **NC** connection closes.

Command	Function	Feedback Example
RST.	Factory reset.	Factory Default!
SCALERON.	Enable 4K to1080P down-scaling function.	OPEN DOWN SCALER FUNCTION!
SCALEROFF.	Disable 4K to1080P down-scaling function.	Close Down Scaler Function!
GDOWNSCALER.	Report down-scaling status.	DOWN SCALER FUNCTION IS CLOSE!
GALLINFO.	Report all device information.	
GEDIDMODE.	Report EDID.	EDID:PASS THROUGH
GHDCPMODE.	Report HDCP mode.	HDCP:PASSIVE!

6.1.7 System Command

6.2 Front Panel IR Learning

Besides configuring IR control by RS232 commands. The IR commands can be learned from IR remote by the **SET** button on the front panel.

Please according the below steps to learn IR commands from IR remote:

Step 1: Press SET to choose DISPLAY ON or DISPLAY OFF command to be set.

- ✓ **DISPLAY ON LED:** Flashing indicates that **DISPLAY ON** mode is selected.
- ✓ **DISPLAY OFF LED:** Flashing indicates that **DISPLAY OFF** mode is selected.



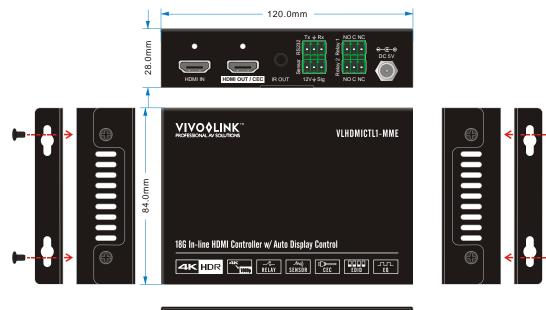
Step 2: Point the IR remote at the **SENSOR** and press the respective button on the IR remote.

Step 3: The **DISPLAY ON** or **DISPLAY OFF** LED will stop flashing and remain lit to indicate that IR command has been learnt.

Step 4: Press and hold the **SET** button for 5 seconds can learn user-defined IR command, and both **DISPLAY ON** and **DISPLAY OFF** LEDs are flashing. Then repeat the step 2 and both LEDs will stop flashing and remain lit to indicate that IR command has been learnt.

Step 5: The IR learning mode will self-terminate after 10 seconds of inactivity. Both the **DISPLAY ON** and **DISPLAY OFF** LEDs go out to exit the IR learning mode.

7. Panel Drawing





8. Troubleshooting & Maintenance

Problems	Potential Causes	Solutions
Colour losing or no video signal output in HDMI display.	The connecting cables may not	Check whether the cables are
No signal output in this switcher while local input is in normal working state.	be connected correctly or it may be broken.	connected correctly and in working condition.
Splash screen in output devices.	Poor quality of the connecting cable.	Change for another cable of good quality.
Cannot control this controller by control device (e.g. a PC)	Wrong RS232 communication parameters.	Make sure the RS232 communication parameters are correct.
through RS232 port.	This switcher is broken.	Send it to authorized dealer for repairing.

Note: If your problem still remaining after following the above troubleshooting steps, please contact your local dealer or distributor for further assistance.

9. Customer Service

The return of a product to our Customer Service implies the full agreement of the terms and conditions hereinafter. There terms and conditions may be changed without prior notice.

1) Warranty

The limited warranty period of the product is fixed three years.

2) Scope

These terms and conditions of Customer Service apply to the customer service provided for the products or any other items sold by authorized distributor only.

3) Warranty Exclusion:

- Warranty expiration.
- Factory applied serial number has been altered or removed from the product.
- Damage, deterioration or malfunction caused by:
 - ✓ Normal wear and tear.
 - ✓ Use of supplies or parts not meeting our specifications.
 - ✓ No certificate or invoice as the proof of warranty.
 - The product model showed on the warranty card does not match with the model of the product for repairing or had been altered.
 - ✓ Damage caused by force majeure.
 - ✓ Servicing not authorized by distributor.
 - ✓ Any other causes which does not relate to a product defect.
- Shipping fees, installation or labor charges for installation or setup of the product.

4) Documentation:

Customer Service will accept defective product(s) in the scope of warranty coverage at the sole condition that the defeat has been clearly defined, and upon reception of the documents or copy of invoice, indicating the date of purchase, the type of product, the serial number, and the name of distributor.

Remarks: Please contact your local distributor for further assistance or solutions.