

# HDMI to VGA Converter with Scaler VC812 User Manual





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### **Package Contents**

The VC812 HDMI to VGA Converter with Scaler package consists of:

- 1 VC812 HDMI to VGA Converter with Scaler
- 1 Software CD
- 1 Power Adapter
- ◆ 1 User Instructions\*

Check to make sure that all the components are present and that nothing got damaged in shipping. If you encounter a problem, contact your dealer.

Read this manual thoroughly and follow the installation and operation procedures carefully to prevent any damage to the unit, and/or any of the devices connected to it.

<sup>\*</sup> Features may have been added to the VC812 since this manual was published. Please visit our website to download the most up-to-date version.

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#### **About this Manual**

This User Manual is provided to help you get the most from your VC812 system. It covers all aspects of installation, configuration and operation. An overview of the information found in the manual is provided below.

**Introduction,** introduces you to the VC812 system. Its purpose, features and benefits are presented, and its front and back panel components are described.

**Hardware Setup,** describes how to set up your VC812 installation. The necessary steps are provided.

**Operation,** explains the fundamental concepts involved in operating the VC812 via the front panel pushbuttons.

**An Appendix,** provides specifications and other technical information regarding the VC812.

#### Conventions

This manual uses the following conventions:

Monospaced	Indicates text that you should key in.	
[]	Indicates keys you should press. For example, [Enter] means to press the <b>Enter</b> key. If keys need to be chorded, they appear together in the same bracket with a plus sign between them: [Ctrl+Alt].	
1.	Numbered lists represent procedures with sequential steps.	
•	Bullet lists provide information, but do not involve sequential steps.	
$\rightarrow$	Indicates selecting the option (on a menu or dialog box, for example), that comes next. For example, $Start \rightarrow Run$ means to open the <i>Start</i> menu, and then select <i>Run</i> .	
A	Indicates critical information.	

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## Chapter 1 Introduction

#### Overview

The VC812 HDMI to VGA converter with Scaler offers an easy and convenient way of converting HDMI input signals into analog video (VGA). The VC812 enables you to use a non-HDMI display to access HDMI content. It supports input resolutions 480p, 720p, 1080p, 1080i, and up to 1900 x 1200 PC input resolution. It has both analog and digital audio outputs, as well as one stereo audio output.

You can operate the VC812 via the built-in On-Screen Display (OSD), which can be controlled through accessible front panel pushbuttons. In addition, the VC812 comes with a Utility Tool, which can be installed on a computer connected to the VC812's mini USB port. The OSD and Utility Tool enable you to configure the screen resolution, color space setting, picture quality and multiple other functions for optimizing the display.

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#### **Features**

- Converts HDMI signals to VGA output
- Supports analog/stereo audio
- Superior video quality up to 1080p; 1920 x 1200
- Scaler a premium scaling engine that converts various video input resolutions into the display's native resolution, while adjusting the picture ratio automatically for maximum viewing comfort.
- 3D Deinterlacing increases image clarity for the ultimate display quality by processing and scanning digital video signals
- Features a built in high-performance scaler function for best image quality
- Features a superior de-interlacer function for smooth video playback quality
- Built-in OSD function for video and system settings configuration
- Integrated superior video noise reduction
- Integrated next generation color engine automatic picture quality/color adjustment and enhancement
- Automatically detects video input signals
- LED indication of power status and source device
- No software required eliminates incompatibility and installation issues
- Device configuration using a utility tool via mini USB port
- Supports 16:9 and 4:3 video aspect ratios
- Multiple selectable video resolutions

### Requirements

The following equipment is required for a complete VC812 installation:

#### Source Device(s)

The source device should have the following:

- HDMI Type A connector
- PC or laptop with Mini USB port (for configuration via VC812 Utility Tool)

#### **Display Device**

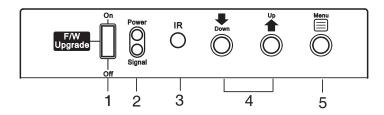
- VGA based video device with HDB
- ◆ HDB-15 male connector

#### **Cables**

- HDMI Type A cable
- HDB-15 cable (for VGA based video display device)
- RCA audio cable (for Coaxial audio device)
- 3.5mm stereo cable (for Stereo audio device)
- USB-to-Mini USB cable (for configuration via VC812 Utility Tool)

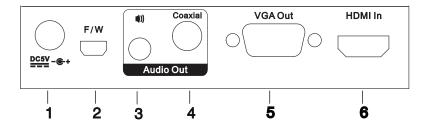
## Components

## **Front View**



No.	Component	Description
1	F/W Upgrade switch	Set this to <b>Off</b> to operate the VC812 in Normal Mode.
		<b>Note:</b> In case the firmware needs to be upgraded, turn the switch <b>On</b> to have the VC812 enter Firmware Upgrade mode. Contact your product dealer for more details.
2	LED Status	The <b>Power</b> LED lights red to indicate that the VC812 is receiving power.
		The <b>Signal</b> LED lights green to indicate that an HDMI input source is active.
3	IR Receiver	This sensor receives signals from the IR remote control (optional).
		Note: Contact your dealer for more information.
4	Up / Down pushbuttons	Pressing the <b>Up / Down</b> pushbuttons moves the selection to the corresponding fields shown in the built-in On-Screen Display (OSD).
5	Menu pushbutton	Press this button to open the OSD menu and/or select an option.

## **Rear View**



No.	Component	Description
1	Power Jack	Plug in the provided power adapter to this power jack to power on the VC812.
2	Firmware Upgrade Port	For device configuration via the utility tool, connect this port to a PC or laptop using a USB to mini USB cable.
3	Stereo Audio Port	Connect your analog stereo audio device to this port.
4	Digital Audio Port	Connect the coaxial audio cable of your audio device to this port.
5	VGA Out	Connect your VGA display device to this port.
6	HDMI In	Connect your HDMI source device to this port.

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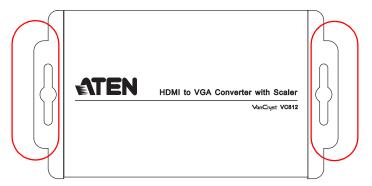
## Chapter 2 Hardware Setup



- Important safety information regarding the placement of this device is provided on page 21. Please review it before proceeding.
- Make sure that the power to all devices connected to the installation are turned off.
- 3. Make sure that all devices you will be installing are properly grounded.

## Mounting

For convenience and flexibility, the VC812 can be mounted on the wall or a rack. To mount a unit, screw the built-in brackets into any convenient location on the wall or a rack.

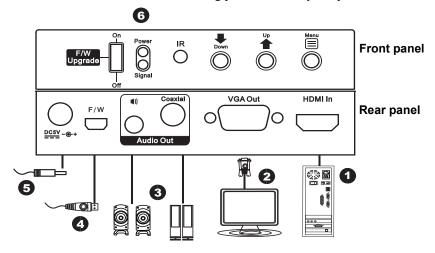


#### Installation

Installation of the VC812 is simply a matter of plugging in the appropriate cables.

To install the VC812, refer to the installation diagram as you perform the following steps:

- 1. Use an HDMI cable to connect the HDMI output port on the video source device to the **HDMI In** port on the VC812.
- 2. Use an HDB-15 cable to connect the VGA display device to the **VGA Out** port on the VC812.
- 3. Connect your audio output device (such as speakers or AVRs) to the Stereo Audio Port or Digital Audio Port.
- 4. (Optional) To manage the VC812 using the utility tool, connect your computer via the **Mini USB** port.
- 5. Plug the provided power adapter into an appropriate power source; plug the power adapter cable into the **Power** jack on the VC812.
- 6. Check that the **Power** LED lights red and the **Signal** LED lights green to indicate that the VC812 is receiving power and ready to operate.



## Chapter 3 Operation

#### Overview

The VC812 HDMI to VGA converter with Scaler offers easy and flexible operation through its built-in On-Screen Display (OSD) and the Utility Tool, which can be installed on a computer connected to the VC812's mini USB port.

## On-Screen Display (OSD)

The built-in OSD can be configured using the VC812 front panel pushbuttons, as follows:

- Menu pushbutton opens the OSD and selects menu options
- Up / Down pushbuttons navigates the OSD menu and lists of options

You can cycle through the Menu options in the order shown in the table below.

OSD Menu		
Output Setup	Output Resolution	
	Output Mode	
	Default Pattern	
	Audio Source	
Image	Contrast	
	Brightness	
	Saturation	
	Hue	
	B/W Extension	
	Color Tone	
	Edge Enhance	
	Sharpness	
Adjustment	Under/Over Scan	
	Aspect Ratio	
	H-Mirror	
	V-Mirror	
	H-Shift	
	V-Shift	
System	Input Resolution Info	
	F/W Version	
	Factory Reset	

#### **Output Setup**

In the OSD Menu screen, highlight *1. Output Setup* and press the **Menu** pushbutton to open the Output Setup submenu, as follows:



Select the submenu option you want to configure – each option is further discussed in the proceeding sections.

#### **Output Resolution**

You can manually select the screen resolution for the display. Highlight the resolution you want to use and press **Menu**.

Some of the available options are as follows:

SD (480p) 60	1360 x 768 p60
HD (720p) 60	1366 x 768 p60
HD (1080p) 60	1400 x 1050 p60
640 x 480 p60	1600 x 1200 p60
640 x 480 p75	1440 x 900 p60
800 x 600 p60	1440 x 900 p75
800 x 600 p75	1680 x 1050 p60
1024 x 768 p60	1680 x 1050 pRB
1024 x 768 p75	1920 x 1080 pRB
1280 x 1024 p60	1920 x 1200 pRB
1280 x 1024 p75	

#### **Output Mode**

Select the color space setting for the display. The selection includes **RGB** and **YCbCr422**.

#### **Default Pattern**

Select the color component for the display. Available options are as follows:

Disable	Color	W-HRamp
White	Gray	W-VRamp
Cross	Windows	Diagonal
Hatch	H-Ramp	

#### Audio Source

Select the EDID audio channel you want the VC812 to use. The selection includes **2ch** and **7.1ch**.

#### **Image**

In the OSD Menu screen, navigate to 2. *Image* and press the **Menu** pushbutton to open the Image submenu, as follows:



Adjust the picture quality of the display by setting the values for contrast, brightness, sharpness, saturation, hue and sharpness. You can also configure the black and white extension, color tone and edge enhance of your video.

• For the following options, use the **Up** and **Down** buttons to increase or decrease the level.

Setting	Value
Contrast	0-255 (default is 128)
Brightness	0-255 (default is 128)
Saturation	0-255 (default is 128)
Hue	0-255 (default is 128)
Sharpness	0-127 (default is 0)

- B/W extension: Turn the black and white extension On or Off. This is set to Off by default.
- Color Tone: Select the color tone for the display. Options are Off (default), Skin or Green.
- Edge Enhance: Select the degree of display image edge enhancements you can choose: Typ (typical), Mid (middle), Max (maximum) or Off.
  This is set to Typ by default.

#### **Adjustment**

In the OSD Menu screen, navigate to 3. Adjustment and press the **Menu** pushbutton to open the Adjustment submenu, as follows:



Adjust the picture position on the screen by setting the under/over scan percentage, selecting the aspect ratio and configuring the horizontal and vertical adjustment values.

 For the following options, use the Up and Down buttons to increase or decrease the value. This either increases or decreases the empty space around the picture (Under/Over Scan), or effectively moves the picture area either to the left or right (for H-Shift and V-Shift) of the screen.

Setting	Value
Under/Over Scan	-50% to +50% (default is 0 or off)
H-Shift	-100 to 100 (default is 0)
V-Shift	-50 to 50 (default is 0)

- Aspect Ratio: Select the aspect ratio for the display. Options are 4:3
   (default) or 16:9.
- For **H-Mirror** and **V-Mirror**, select whether the function is **On** or **Off**.
- Click the **Apply** button(s) to use the values entered.

#### **System**

In the OSD Menu screen, navigate to 4. System and press the **Menu** pushbutton to open the System submenu, as follows:



View the current input resolution and firmware version, as well as reset the VC812 to its factory default settings.

- Input Res. Info: This shows the current input resolution used by the device.
- **F/W Version:** This shows the current firmware version.
- Factory Reset: Select this if you want to reset the device back to the factory default settings.

#### Exit

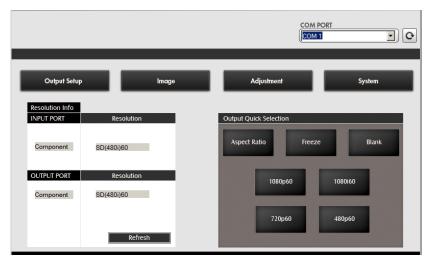
In the OSD Menu screen, navigate to 5. Exit and press the **Menu** pushbutton to close the OSD.

## **Utility Tool**

The VC812 HDMI to VGA converter with Scaler comes with a software CD that contains the VC812 Utility Tool for quick and easy configuration of the device.

To manage the VC812 using the utility tool, connect your computer to the installation via the **Mini USB** port. Insert the software CD into the computer's optical disk drive, and double-click on the application file contained within to run it. You can also copy this file into your computer's local drive.

Upon execution of the Utility Tool, the Main Screen displays:



In the Main Screen, you can do the following actions:

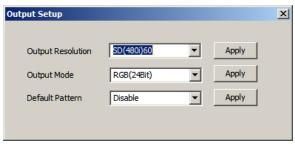
- Select the **COM PORT** you want to use. Click the refresh button ( ) to check the comport connection and refresh the selection.
- View the Resolution Info of the HDMI input source, as well as the VGA display device. Click Refresh to have the VC812 check the input/output source and display the latest information.
- Select the **Output Quick Resolution**, which enables you to manipulate the display's *Aspect Ratio*, as well as *Freeze* or *Blank* the screen. You can also quickly select the output resolution you want to use. Options are: 1080p60, 1080i60, 720p60 and 480p60.

You can cycle through the Menu options in the order shown in the table below.

Menu Page	Sub-Menu Page(s)		
Main screen	Com Port		<b>5</b> · ( - )
	Resolution Info	Input Port / Output Port	Resolution
	Out Quick Selection	Aspect I	Ratio / Freeze / Blank
		1080p60 / 1	080i60 / 720p60 / 480p60
	Output Setup	Oı	utput Resolution
			Output Mode
		Г	Default Pattern
	Image	Contrast	
			Brightness
			Saturation
			Hue
		E	B/W Extension
			Color Tone
		E	Edge Enhance
			Sharpness
	Adjustment	Uı	nder/Over Scan
			Aspect Ratio
			H-Mirror
			V-Mirror
			Input H Adj
			Input V Adj
	System		In-Sync Info
			F/W Version
			Factory Reset
		Fi	rmware Update

#### **Output Setup**

Select the *Output Resolution*, *Output Mode* and *Default Pattern* that you want the VC812 to use.



#### **Output Resolution**

From the drop down menu, select the screen resolution that you want to use for your display. Some of the available options are as follows:

SD (480p) 60	1360 x 768 p60
HD (720p) 60	1366 x 768 p60
HD (1080p) 60	1400 x 1050 p60
640 x 480 p60	1600 x 1200 p60
640 x 480 p75	1440 x 900 p60
800 x 600 p60	1440 x 900 p75
800 x 600 p75	1680 x 1050 p60
1024 x 768 p60	1680 x 1050 pRB
1024 x 768 p75	1920 x 1080 pRB
1280 x 1024 p60	1920 x 1200 pRB
1280 x 1024 p75	

Click the **Apply** button to use the value entered.

#### **Output Mode**

From the drop down menu, select the color space setting for your display. Choices include **RGB**, **YC444** and **YC422**. Click the **Apply** button to use the value entered.

#### **Default Pattern**

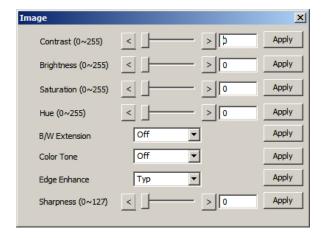
From the drop down menu, select the color component for your display. Available options are as follows:

Disable	Window
H-Color	V-Color
H-Ramp	V-Ramp
H-Gray	V-Gray

Click the **Apply** button to use the value entered.

#### **Image**

Adjust the picture quality of your display by setting the values for contrast, brightness, sharpness, saturation, hue and sharpness. You can also configure the black and white extension, color tone and edge enhance of your video.



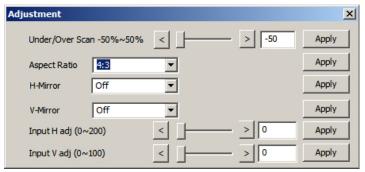
• For the following options, use the left < and right > screen buttons to increase or decrease the value.

Setting	Value
Contrast	0-255 (default is 128)
Brightness	0-255 (default is 128)
Saturation	0-255 (default is 128)
Hue	0-255 (default is 128)
Sharpness	0-127 (default is 0)

- B/W extension: Turn the black and white extension On or Off. This is set to Off by default.
- Color Tone: Select the color tone for the display. Options are Off (default), Skin or Green.
- Edge Enhance: Select the degree of display image edge enhancements you can choose: Typ (typical), Mid (middle), Max (maximum) or Off. This is set to Typ by default.
- Click the **Apply** button(s) to use the values entered.

#### **Adjustment**

Adjust the picture position on screen by setting the under/over scan percentage, selecting the aspect ratio and configuring the horizontal and vertical adjustment values.



- Aspect Ratio: Select the aspect ratio for the display. Options are 4:3 (default) or 16:9.
- For **H-Mirror** and **V-Mirror**, select whether the function is **On** or **Off**.
- Click the **Apply** button(s) to use the values entered.

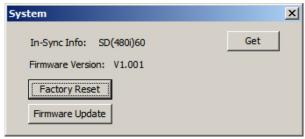
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• For the other options, use the left < and right > screen buttons to increase or decrease the value. This either increases or decreases the empty space around the picture (Under/Over Scan), or effectively moves the picture area either to the left or right (for Input H Adj and Input V Adj) of the screen.

Setting	Value
Under/Over Scan	-50% to +50% (default is 0 or off)
Input H Adj	0-200 (default is 0)
Input V Adj	0-200 (default is 0)

#### **System**

View the current input resolution and firmware version, as well as reset the VC812 to its factory default settings.



- Click the **Get** button to have the VC812. display the latest values in use.
- In-Sync Info: This shows the current input resolution used by the device.
- **F/W Version:** This shows the current firmware version.
- Factory Reset: Click this and click **OK** if you want to reset the device back to the factory default settings.
- **Firmware Update:** This button is for upgrading the firmware of the device. Contact your product dealer for more details.

## **Powering Off and Restarting**

If you power off the VC812, follows these steps before powering it on again:

- 1. Power off the attached devices.
- 2. Unplug the power adapter cable from the VC812.
- 3. Wait 10 seconds, and then plug the power adapter cable back in.
- 4. After the VC812 is powered on, power on the attached devices.

## **Appendix**

## **Safety Instructions**

#### General

- Read all of these instructions. Save them for future reference.
- Follow all warnings and instructions marked on the device.
- This product is for indoor use only.
- Do not place the device on any unstable surface (cart, stand, table, etc.). If the device falls, serious damage will result.
- Do not use the device near water.
- Do not place the device near, or over, radiators or heat registers.
- The device cabinet is provided with slots and openings to allow for adequate ventilation. To ensure reliable operation, and to protect against overheating, these openings must never be blocked or covered.
- The device should never be placed on a soft surface (bed, sofa, rug, etc.) as
  this will block its ventilation openings. Likewise, the device should not be
  placed in a built in enclosure unless adequate ventilation has been provided.
- Never spill liquid of any kind on the device.
- Unplug the device from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
- The device should be operated from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power available, consult your dealer or local power company.
- To prevent damage to your installation it is important that all devices are properly grounded.
- The device is equipped with a DC adapter. This is a safety feature.
- Position system cables and power cables carefully; Be sure that nothing rests on any cables.
- Never push objects of any kind into or through cabinet slots. They may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts resulting in a risk of fire or electrical shock.
- Do not attempt to service the device yourself. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

- If the following conditions occur, unplug the device from the wall outlet and bring it to qualified service personnel for repair.
  - Liquid has been spilled into the device.
  - The device has been exposed to rain or water.
  - The device has been dropped, or the cabinet has been damaged.
  - The device exhibits a distinct change in performance, indicating a need for service.
  - The device does not operate normally when the operating instructions are followed.
- Only adjust those controls that are covered in the operating instructions.
   Improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage that will require extensive work by a qualified technician to repair.

## **Technical Support**

#### International

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- Product model number, serial number, and date of purchase.
- Your computer configuration, including operating system, revision level, expansion cards, and software.
- Any error messages displayed at the time the error occurred.
- The sequence of operations that led up to the error.
- Any other information you feel may be of help.

## **Specifications**

VC812		
Video Input		
Interface	1 x HDMI Type A Female (Black)	
Impedance	100 Ώ	
Video Output		
Interface	1 x HDB-15 Female (Black)	
Impedance	75 Ω	
Video		
Max. Pixel Clock	165 MHz	
Max. Resolution	Up to 1920 x 1200	
Scaler Resolutions	480p; 480i; 576p; 576i; 800x600; 1024x768; 1280x720; 1280x1024; 1360x768; 1440x900; 1400x1050; 1600x1200; 1680x1050; 1080i; 1080p; 1920x1200	
Audio		
Output	Analog: 1 x Mini Stereo Jack Female (Black) Digital: 1 x RCA (Yellow)	
Power		
Connectors	1 x DC Jack	
Consumption	5 VDC, 10W	
Environmental		
Operating Temperature	0 - 40°C	
Storage Temperature	-20°C - 60°C	
Humidity	20 – 90% RH, Non-condensing	
Physical Properties		
Housing	Metal	
Weight	0.29 kg (0.64 lb)	
Dimensions (L x W x H)	11.00 x 8.30 x 2.80 cm (4.33 x 3.27 x 1.1 in.)	
Carton Lot	5 pcs	

## **Limited Warranty**

ATEN warrants its hardware in the country of purchase against flaws in materials and workmanship for a Warranty Period of two [2] years (warranty period may vary in certain regions/countries) commencing on the date of original purchase. This warranty period includes the LCD panel of ATEN LCD KVM switches. Select products are warranted for an additional year (see *A+Warranty* for further details). Cables and accessories are not covered by the Standard Warranty.

#### What is covered by the Limited Hardware Warranty

ATEN will provide a repair service, without charge, during the Warranty Period. If a product is detective, ATEN will, at its discretion, have the option to (1) repair said product with new or repaired components, or (2) replace the entire product with an identical product or with a similar product which fulfills the same function as the defective product. Replaced products assume the warranty of the original product for the remaining period or a period of 90 days, whichever is longer. When the products or components are replaced, the replacing articles shall become customer property and the replaced articles shall become the property of ATEN.

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