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VS482

4-Port Dual View HDMI Switch
User Manual

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This User Manual is provided to help you get the most from your VS482 system. It covers all aspects of installation, configuration and operation. An overview of the information found in the manual is provided below.

Chapter 1, Introduction, introduces you to the VS482 system. Its purpose, features and benefits are presented, and its front and back panel components are described.

Chapter 2, Hardware Setup, describes how to set up your VS482 installation and all necessary steps are provided.

Chapter 3, Operation, explains the fundamental concepts involved in operating the VS482 via the front panel pushbuttons, remote control, RS-232 serial interface and OSD menu. In addition, Switch Modes, Audio Return Channel (ARC) and RS-232 commands are discussed in detail.

Chapter 4, The Firmware Upgrade Utility, explains how to download the VS482's firmware and upgrade the device using the utility.

An Appendix, provides specifications and other technical information regarding the VS482.

Conventions

This manual uses the following conventions:

Indicates text that you should key in.

[] Indicates keys you should press. For example, [Enter] means to press the **Enter** 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.

> Indicates selecting the option (on a menu or dialog box, for example), that comes next. For example, Start > Run means to open the *Start* menu, and then select *Run*.



Indicates critical information.

Package Contents

The VS482 4-Port Dual View HDMI Switch package consists of:

- 1 VS482 4-Port Dual View HDMI Switch
- 1 IR remote control unit
- ◆ 1 power adapter
- 1 mounting kit
- 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.

^{*} Features may have been added to the VS482 since this manual was printed. Please visit our website to download the most up-to-date version.

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Chapter 1 Introduction

Overview

The VS482 4-Port Dual View HDMI Switch connects 4 HDMI sources to 2 HDMI displays and quickly switch between the devices via front panel pushbuttons, IR remote control and RS-232 commands. With more HDMI devices required for Home Theaters, the need for simultaneous access to multiple HDMI devices is essential. The VS482 4-Port Dual View HDMI Switch expands upon this need with an easy and affordable way to add four HDMI sources to a home theater and switch between them on two HDMI displays.

The VS482's four HDMI input ports provide source connections for HDMI devices such as Blue-ray players, satellite receivers, HD camcorders, PC's, gaming consoles, streaming media players and more. The VS482 allows you to view the HDMI source on two HDMI connected TVs, displays, projectors or monitors at the same time.

The VS482 supports HDMI 3D, Deep Color, Audio Return Channel (ARC), and Consumer Electronic Control (CEC) features. The VS482 offers fast switching to easily toggle between HDMI sources while the front panel LED indicates the source selected device at a glance. In addition, the switch has an on-screen display (OSD) menu with controls for the video, audio and system settings.

Furthermore, for complete systems integration, the built-in bi-directional RS-232 serial port allows the switch to be controlled through a high-end controller, PC, home automation or theater software package.

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Features

- Connects 4 HDMI sources to 2 HDMI displays with Dual View
- Superior video quality HDTV resolutions of 480p, 720p, 1080i, 1080p (1920x1080); VGA, SVGA, SXGA, UXGA, and WUXGA (1920 x 1200)
- Instant switching between HDMI input sources
- LED indication of selected video source
- HDMI (3D, Audio Return Channel, Deep Color); HDCP
- DDC compatible
- On-Screen Display (OSD) menu
- EDID Expert technology selects optimum EDID settings for smooth power-up and highest quality display
- Extracts HDMI audio to support optical, coaxial and stereo output connections
- ◆ Audio Return Channel (ARC) to send audio from your source device to your audio/video receiver
- Consumer Electronics Control (CEC) support
- Built-in bi-directional RS-232 serial control port for high-end system control*
- Supports IR signals and remote control
- Supports IR extension cable (sold separately)
- Plug-and-play no software installation required
- Rack mountable

Note: The AP and GUI operation instructions can be downloaded from the ATEN website (www.aten.com).

Requirements

The following equipment is required for a complete VS482 installation:

Source Device

HDMI Type-A output connector(s)

Note: A DVI/HDMI adapter is required when connecting a DVI source device.

Display Device

 Up to 2 display devices or receivers with an HDMI Type A input connector

Cables

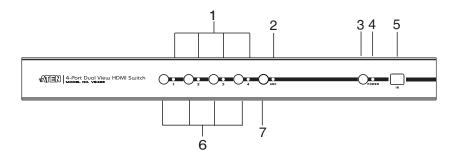
4 HDMI cables

Note: 1. No cables are included in this package. We strongly recommend that you purchase high-quality cables of appropriate length since this will affect the quality of the audio and video display. Contact your dealer to purchase the correct cable sets.

2. If you wish to utilize the VS482's high-end serial controller function, you will also need to purchase an appropriate RS-232 cable. See *Installing the RS-232 Controller*, page 10.

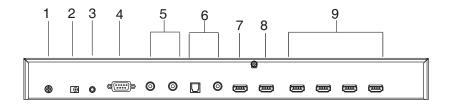
Components

Front View



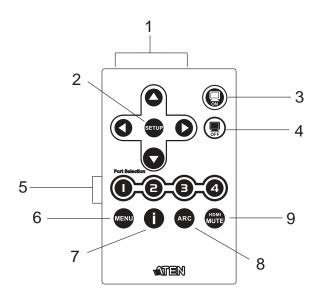
| No. | Component | Description | | |
|-----|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1 | port LEDs | The selected port's LED (green) lights up to indicate that the port is selected. | | |
| 2 | ARC LED | The LED (blue) lights up when the ARC function is enabled. | | |
| 3 | power pushbutton | Press this button to turn on / off the switch. | | |
| 4 | power LED | ◆ The LED (green) lights up when the switch is powered on. | | |
| | | ◆ The LED (orange) lights up to indicate that the switch is in standby mode. | | |
| 5 | IR receiver | This receives signals from the IR remote control. | | |
| 6 | port selection pushbuttons | Pressing a port selection pushbutton routes the A/V source from the corresponding input port to the output port for display. | | |
| 7 | ARC button | Press this button to enable / disable the ARC function. | | |

Rear View



| No. | Component | Description | | | |
|-----|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | grounding terminal | The grounding wire used to ground the unit attaches here. | | | |
| | | Note: The grounding wire is not included with this package. Contact your dealer for more information. | | | |
| 2 | power jack | The power adapter cable plugs in here. | | | |
| 3 | IR extender port | Connect the IR extender to this port. Note: The IR receiver can be purchased separately. | | | |
| 4 | RS-232 serial port | This is the serial remote port for input source selection and high-end system control, including firmware upgrade. | | | |
| 5 | stereo audio ports | The red port is for the right audio channel, and the white port is for the left audio channel. | | | |
| 6 | digital audio ports | Connect the optical and coaxial audio cables to these ports. | | | |
| 7 | HDMI out (port 2) | The cable from the HDMI display or receiver device plugs in here. | | | |
| 8 | HDMI out (port 1) (ARC In) | ◆ The cable from the HDMI display device or receiver plugs in here. | | | |
| | | Connect the ARC audio input connector or receiver to this port. The ARC audio can be transmitted back (to audio receivers) through this connectivity | | | |
| 9 | HDMI in | The cables from the HDMI source devices can plug into any of four available ports. | | | |

IR Remote Control



| No. | Component | Description | | | |
|-----|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | up / down / left / right arrows | Press the Up / Down / Left / Right button to cycle through the OSD menu/selection. | | | |
| 2 | setup | Press this to confirm the selection on the OSD screen. | | | |
| 3 | on | Press this to power on the display. | | | |
| 4 | off | Press this to power off the display. | | | |
| 5 | port selection buttons 1~4 | Press a button to bring the focus directly to the source device attached to its associated port. | | | |
| 6 | menu | Press this to open / close the OSD menu. | | | |
| 7 | info button | Press this button to display information about the source device on the upper left side of the screen. The information can include: Source port number; Source port number + Source Type; or turned off. | | | |
| 8 | ARC | Enable / Disable ARC function. See ARC Commands, page 23. | | | |
| 9 | HDMI mute | Enable / Disable audio for the HDMI output port. See Switch Mode, page 12. | | | |

Chapter 2 Hardware Setup

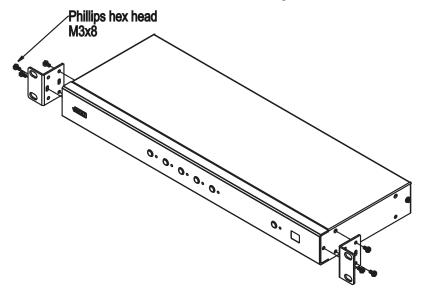


- 1. Important safety information regarding the placement of this device is provided on page 39. Please review it before proceeding.
- 2. Make sure that the power to all devices connected to the installation are turned off.
- 3. Make sure that all devices you will be installing are properly grounded.

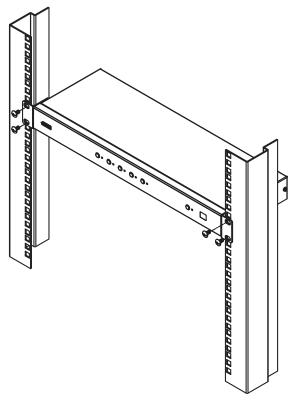
Rack Mounting

For convenience and flexibility, the VS482 can be mounted on system racks. To rack mount a unit do the following:

1. Using the screws provided in the mounting kit, screw the mounting bracket to the side of the unit as show in the diagram below:



2. Screw the bracket into a convenient location on the rack.



Note: These screws are not provided. We recommend that you use M5 x 12 Phillips Type I cross, recessed type screws.

Grounding

To prevent damage to your installation it is important that all devices are properly grounded.

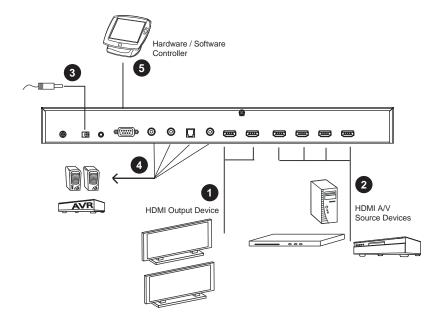
- 1. Use a grounding wire to ground the VS482 by connecting one end of the wire to the grounding terminal, and the other end of the wire to a suitable grounded object.
- 2. Make sure that the devices that the VS482 connects to are properly grounded.

Installation

Installation of the VS482 is simply a matter of plugging in the appropriate cables.

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

- 1. Use an HDMI cable to connect the HDMI input port on the video display device to the HDMI output port on the rear of the VS482.
- 2. Use HDMI cables to connect the HDMI output ports on the source device(s) to the HDMI input ports on the VS482.
- 3. Plug the provided power adapter into an appropriate AC power source; plug the power adapter cable into the Power Jack on the VS482.
- 4. Connect your audio devices (such as speakers or AVRs) to the stereo audio ports or digital audio ports.
- 5. (Optional) To edit the VS482 system settings through the RS-232 port, connect the hardware / software controller here.
- 6. Power on the display and source devices.



Installing the RS-232 Controller

In order to use the RS-232 serial interface to attach a high-end controller (such as a PC) to the VS482, use a serial cable such as a modem cable. The end connecting to the VS482 should have a 9-pin male connector. Connect this to the serial interface on the rear of the VS482. Refer to number **5** on the previous diagram.

Note: To configure the controller serial port, see page 15.

Chapter 3 Operation

Overview

The 4-Port Dual View HDMI Switch offers easy and flexible source device selection with either the front panel pushbuttons, remote control, or through the RS-232 serial interface, and system settings via OSD menu.

- **Note:** 1. Whenever the VS482 is powered on and there is no video input source connected, it automatically selects Port 1 as the active port (i.e., the Port 1 LED lights up). You may choose one of the methods outlined below to select a different port as your active port.
 - 2. The VS482 takes about 10-20 seconds to boot up and apply system configuration settings when first powered on.

Manual Port Selection

To select an HDMI source device, press the pushbutton on the front panel that corresponds to the port to which the device is connected.

Note: The Port LED (green) light indicates which port is currently selected.

Remote Control Selection

To select a source device with the remote control, press the number button that corresponds to the port which the HDMI device is connected.

See IR Remote Control, page 6 for more details.

Note: Aim the remote control at the IR receiver located on the front panel of the VS482. For optimum performance, make sure there is a clear line-of-sight between the remote control unit and the IR receiver.

Switch Mode

You can choose how the VS482 behaves when a new input source is connected. The switch modes can be set via RS-232 commands (see *Switch Mode Commands*, page 18) by connecting a computer or hardware controller to the VS482's RS-232 port. If you are using a computer you can download the RS-232 AP GUI from our website to configure these additional settings. There are three Switch Modes as follows:

- Default The switch behaves normally without automatic switching operation.
- Next Switch priority is placed on the next port that has a new source connected to it (default).
- Auto Places priority on a selected port so that when a source is connected to the said port, the VS482 automatically switches to it, and the port can not be changed until the source is unplugged or auto switching is disabled.

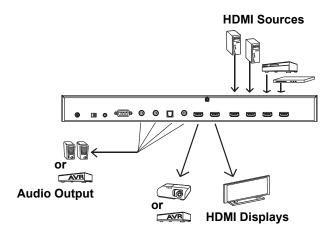
In addition, the **Go To** function, which can be turned On or Off via RS-232 commands, enables the VS482 to switch to the next port with a powered on source device when the current input source is off. Refer to *Switch Mode Commands*, page 18 for more details.

Audio Return Channel (ARC)

Audio Return Channel (ARC) allows an HDMI source device that receives content via air waves (such as a TV or STB connected to a satellite antenna) to send audio "upstream" to your HDMI display devices using only one HDMI cable.

Initial Setup

The VS482 supports dual HDMI outputs for HDTVs and/or audio/video receiver (AVR) applications, as shown in the following diagram.



The audio/video coming from the HDMI sources (Blu-ray, DVD, etc.) are received by the VS482 and then passed on to the HDMI displays (TV, projector or AVR).

However if the HDMI audio or video is coming from the TV (through a satellite antenna or STB), you can enable ARC so that audio is sent to the AVR/HDMI receiver through the HDMI cable or the device(s) connected to the audio output port(s). See p. 14 for the diagram.

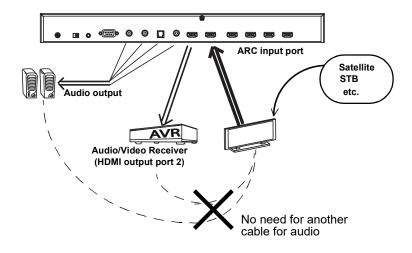
- **Note:** 1. Without ARC, you must connect another cable, specifically for passing audio, from the TV to the AVR or the device(s) connected to the audio output port(s).
 - The ARC function requires an HDTV built-in ARC function and must be connected to the correct HDMI output port. Check your HDTV's user manual for this information.

Enabling ARC

With ARC enabled, the TV can act as the HDMI source and send audio "upstream" to the AVR or speakers connected to the HDMI output ports of the VS482.

Note: The HDMI output port 1 is also the ARC input port, depending on whether the ARC feature is enabled or disabled. See *ARC Commands*, page 23 for more information.

In the following diagram, audio from the TV goes to the VS482 through the ARC Input port, and is then passed on to the AVR via the HDMI cable or the audio devices connected to the HDMI output ports. A user can also connect to an audio device (receiver) using an optical or coaxial audio connector.



Note: 1. The scenario above works only if the TV supports HDMI and has ARC enabled.

2. The ARC LED (blue) lights up to indicate that the ARC function is enabled. There is no audio output if your HDTV does not support ARC function or if the ARC function is not enabled.

RS-232 Serial Interface

The VS482's built-in bi-directional RS-232 serial interface allows system control through a high-end controller, PC, and/or home automation / home theater software package.

Configuring the Serial Port

The controller's serial port should be configured as follows:

| Baud Rate | 19200 |
|--------------|-------|
| Data Bits | 8 |
| Parity | None |
| Stop Bits | 1 |
| Flow Control | None |

Switch Port Commands

These actions can also be performed by keying the command into the text box, and clicking **Send**.

The formula for Switch commands is as follows:

Switch Command + Input Command + Port number [Enter]

- 1. For example, to switch input port to port 02, type the following: sw i02 [Enter]
- 2. To switch to the next port, input the following:

3. To turn off video output, type the following:

The following tables show the possible values for the **Switch Port** string:

| Command | Description | | |
|---------------|----------------|--|--|
| sw | Switch command | | |
| | | | |
| Input Command | Description | | |

| Port number | Description | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| xx | 01-04 port (default is 01) | | |
| Control | Description | | |
| on | Turn on the display | | |
| off | Turn off the display | | |
| + | Next Port | | |
| - | Previous Port | | |

The following table shows the available command list:

| Command | Input | Port | Control | Enter | Description |
|---------|-------|------|---------|---------|------------------------------|
| sw | i | XX | | [Enter] | Switch Input Port |
| sw | | | on | [Enter] | Turn on (Display out) |
| | | | off | [Enter] | Turn off (No output) |
| sw | | | + | [Enter] | Switch to the next input |
| | | | - | [Enter] | Switch to the previous input |

Note: 1. Each command string can be separated with a space.

2. The **Port Number** command string can be skipped, and the default value will be used.

Standby/Power Commands

The Standby/Power feature enables the VS482 to enter power saving mode.

The formula for Standby/Power commands is as follows:

Standby + Control command [Enter]

1. For example, to disable the Standby/Power feature, input the following: standby off [Enter]

The following tables show the possible values for the **Standby** string:

| Command | Description |
|---------|----------------------------|
| standby | Standby/Power command |
| Control | Description |
| | • |
| on | Turn on power saving mode |
| off | Turn off power saving mode |

| Command | Control | Enter | Description |
|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| standby | on | [Enter] | Power saving mode on |
| standby | off | [Enter] | Power saving mode off |

Switch Mode Commands

You can choose how the VS482 behaves when a new input source is connected to it. By default the Next switch mode setting is enabled. Use the commands below to select a different mode. There are three Switch Modes:

Next - Switch priority is placed on the next port that has a new source device connected to it (default).

Default - The switch behaves normally without automatic switching.

Auto - Places priority on a selected port so that when a source is connected to the said port, the VS482 automatically switches to it, and the port can not be changed until the source is unplugged or auto switching mode is disabled with the default command.

In addition, the **Go To** function enables the VS482 to switch to the next port with a powered on source device when the current input source device is powered off.

The formula for Switch Mode commands is as follows:

Switch Command + Input Command + Port Number + Control + [Enter]

- 1. For example, to enable auto switching for port 02, type the following: swmode i02 auto [Enter]
- To enable the auto switch next mode, type the following: swmode next [Enter]
- To turn auto switching off, type the following: swmode default [Enter]
- 4. To enable the Go To function, type the following: **swmode goto on [Enter]**

The following tables show the possible values for the **Switch Mode** string:

| Command | Description |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| swmode | Switch Mode command |
| Input Command | Description |
| i | Input command |
| Dant namehan | Description |
| Port number | Description |
| xx | 01-04 port (default is 01) |

| Control | Description |
|----------|--|
| default | No automatic switching operation |
| next | Priority is placed on the next port that has a new source connected to it (default) |
| auto | Priority is placed on a selected port |
| goto on | Switch to the next port with a powered on source device when the current input source is off |
| goto off | Disable Go To function |

| Command | Input | Port | Control | Enter | Description |
|---------|-------|------|----------|---------|-------------------------|
| swmode | i | XX | default | [Enter] | Use Default switch mode |
| | | | next | [Enter] | Use Next switch mode |
| | | | auto | [Enter] | Use Auto switch mode |
| swmode | | | goto on | [Enter] | Enable Go To function |
| | | | goto off | [Enter] | Disable Go To function |

EDID Commands

Extended Display Identification Data (EDID) is a data format that contains a display's basic information and is used to communicate with the video source/system. You can set up which EDID mode the VS482 uses with the following command:

EDID Command + Control (port1 / auto / default) [Enter]

1. For example, to use the Port1 EDID setting, type the following: edid port1 [enter]

The following tables show the possible values for the **EDID** string:

| Command | Description |
|---------|--|
| edid | Enable EDID selection |
| | |
| Control | Description |
| port1 | Implement the EDID of the connected display to Port 1, and pass it to the video source |
| auto | Implement the EDID of all connected displays. The VS482 uses the best resolution for all displays (default). |
| default | Implements ATEN's default EDID |

| Command | Control | Enter | Description |
|---------|---------|---------|---|
| edid | port1 | [Enter] | The EDID from Port 1 is passed to the video source |
| edid | auto | [Enter] | The VS482 implements the EDID of all connected displays and uses the best resolution for all displays (default) |
| edid | default | [Enter] | ATEN's default EDID is passed to the video source |

CEC Commands

Consumer Electronics Control (CEC) allows interconnected HDMI devices to communicate and respond to one remote control. The formula for CEC mode selection commands is as follows:

CEC Command + Control (Off / Auto / Port1) [Enter]

1. For example, to use the Port1 CEC setting, type the following: cec port1 [enter]

The following tables show the possible values for the **Standby** string:

| Command | Description |
|---------|--|
| cec | Enable CEC selection |
| Control | Description |
| Oontroi | Description |
| off | Disable CEC (default) |
| auto | Apply the video source's CEC to all display output |
| port1 | Apply the video source's CEC only to port 1 |

| Command | Control | Enter | Description |
|---------|---------|---------|--|
| cec | off | [Enter] | CEC off (default) |
| cec | auto | [Enter] | Connect the video source's CEC with all display output |
| cec | port1 | [Enter] | Apply the video source's CEC only to port 1 |

Mute Commands

Enable or disable audio coming from the output port(s) using the following command:

Mute Command + Control (On / Off) [Enter]

1. For example, to mute the audio, type the following:

mute on [enter]

The following tables show the possible values for the Mute string:

| Command | Description |
|---------|--|
| mute | Enable / Disable audio of HDMI output port |
| | |
| Control | Description |
| on | Mute on; audio from HDMI output port is disabled |
| off | Mute off; audio output enabled (default) |

Note: Each command string can be separated with a space.

| Command | Control | Enter | Description |
|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| mute | on | [Enter] | Mute on (no audio) |
| mute | off | [Enter] | Mute off (audio out) |

ARC Commands

Audio Return Channel (ARC) allows a source device (TV, STB, etc.) to send audio "upstream" to an audio/video receiver using only one HDMI cable. The formula for enabling/disabling ARC is as follows:

ARC Command + Control (On / Off) [Enter]

1. For example, to enable ARC, type the following: arc on [enter]

The following tables show the possible values for the ARC string:

| Command | Description |
|---------|---|
| arc | Enable / Disable ARC |
| | |
| Control | Description |
| on | ARC on; output audio passes from HDMI output port 1 to HDMI output port |
| off | ARC is disabled (default) |

| Command | Control | Enter | Description |
|---------|---------|---------|-------------|
| arc | on | [Enter] | ARC on |
| arc | off | [Enter] | ARC off |

Echo

The Echo function lets the VS482 perform front panel and IR control operations, but not commands received through the RS-232 interface.

The formula for the Echo command is as follows:

Echo Command + Control (on/off) + [Enter]

1. For example, to enable the Echo function, type the following: echo on [enter]

The following tables show the possible values for the **Echo** string:

| Command | Description | |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|
| echo | Enable / Disable Echo function | |
| Control | Description | |
| | | |
| | Description | |
| on | Echo function on | |

The following table shows the available command list:

| Command | Control | Enter | Description | |
|---------|---------|---------|-------------|--|
| echo | on | [Enter] | Echo on | |
| echo | off | [Enter] | Echo off | |

Reset

You can reset the VS482 to default factory settings. The formula for the Reset command is as follows:

Reset Command [Enter]

The following tables show the possible values for the **Reset** string:

| Command | Description | |
|---------|---------------------------|--|
| reset | Reset the device settings | |

| Command | Enter | Description |
|---------|---------|---------------------------|
| reset | [Enter] | Reset the device settings |

Baud Rate Setting

You can select the RS-232 Baud Rate you want the VS482 to use. Options are 9600, 19200 (default) 38400 and 115200.

The formula for Baud Rate setting command is as follows:

Baud Command + Control [Enter]

1. For example, to select 38400 as your baud rate, type the following: baud 38400 [enter]

The following tables show the possible values for the **Baud Rate** string

| Command | Description |
|---------|---------------------------|
| baud | Sets the RS-232 baud rate |
| Control | Description |
| 0000 | , |
| 9600 | Use 9600 baud rate |
| 19200 | Use 19200 baud rate |
| 38400 | Use 38400 baud rate |
| 115200 | Use 115200 baud rate |

| Command | Control | Enter | Description |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| baud | 9600 / 19200 / 38400 / 115200 | [Enter] | Sets the RS-232 baud rate |

Verification

After entering a command, a verification message appears at the end of the command line as follows:

- Command OK indicates that the command is correct and successfully performed by the switch
- Command incorrect indicates that the command has the wrong format and/or values.

Powering Off and Restarting

If you power off the VS482, follows these steps before powering it on again:

- 1. Power off the attached devices.
- 2. Unplug the power adapter cable from the VS482.
- 3. Wait 10 seconds, and then plug the power adapter cable back in.
- 4. After the VS482 is powered on, power on the attached devices.

OSD Menu

Use the **MENU** pushbutton on the remote control to view the OSD menu and cycle through the options in the order shown in the table below. See *IR Remote Control*, page 6 for details on how to use the remote control.

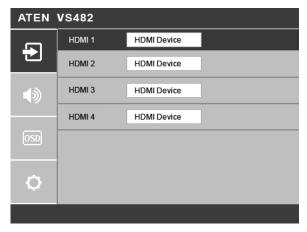
| Menu Page | Sub-Menu Page(s) | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Input Setting | HDMI 1 | HDMI device / Blu-ray player / DVD player / Game Console / Set Top Box / Portable Device / PC | | | |
| | HDMI 2 | HDMI device / Blu-ray player / DVD player / Game Console / Set Top Box / Portable Device / PC | | | |
| | номі з | HDMI device / Blu-ray player / DVD player / Game Console / Set Top Box / Portable Device / PC | | | |
| | HDMI 4 | HDMI device / Blu-ray player / DVD player / Game Console / Set Top Box / Portable Device / PC | | | |
| Audio Setting | ARC | Disable / Enable | | | |
| | Audio Channel | AUTO / Stereo / 5.1 Channel / 7.1 Channel | | | |
| | HDMI Audio Output | On / Off | | | |
| OSD Setting | Message Display Mode | Channel / Full / Off | | | |
| | Transparency | 0 ~100 (default is 75) | | | |
| System Setting | EDID | Auto / Port1 / Default | | | |
| | CEC | Off / Auto / Port1 | | | |
| | Reset to Default | On / Off | | | |
| | Version | Version Number | | | |

Note: 1. The highlighted texts indicate the VS482's default setting.

2. The OSD function is disabled while 3D content is being displayed. Switch to 2D content or a different input port to enable the OSD.

Input Setting Menu

Use this screen to select the video source device(s) for the HDMI input port(s).



1. Use the drop-down menu to select a video source device for HDMI 1 input port. Options are as follows.

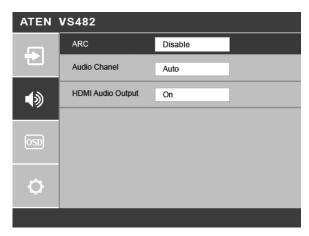


Note: The default value **HDMI Device** does not point to any device. It means there is no video source selected for that HDMI input port.

2. Do the same for HDMI 2, HDMI 3 and HDMI 4 input ports.

Audio Setting

Use this screen to configure the VS482 audio settings.



1. Use the drop-down menu to **Enable** or **Disable** ARC on the VS482. See *Audio Return Channel (ARC)*, page 13 for more details on this feature.



2. Use the drop-down menu to select which audio channel receiver the VS482 uses. The default value is **Auto**.

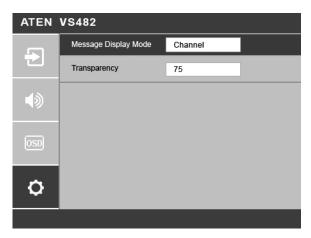


3. Use the drop-down menu to turn on/off the audio coming from the HDMI output port(s). Select **On** to enable audio from the active HDMI output port, and select **Off** to disable it.



OSD Setting

Use this screen to configure the VS482 OSD settings.



1. Use the drop-down menu to select which display mode the VS482 uses to display information in the upper left corner of the screen. Options are as follows.

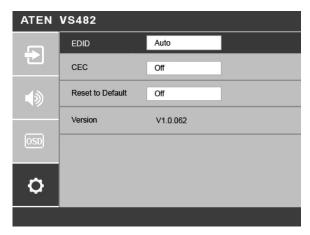


- Channel This shows the source port number.
- Full This shows the source port number and source type. See *Input Setting Menu*, page 28 for the list of source types.
- Off There is no information shown.
- Select the visibility of the OSD menu when it is invoked. Press the menu button to enter the adjustment menu. Press the up/down button to select increase/decrease the value then press the setup button to adjust. The value 100 shows a fully visible and opaque OSD menu. The default value is 75.

Note: The **Transparency** value must be divisible by 5 (i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20... and so on).

System Setting

Use this screen to configure the VS482 system settings.



1. Use the drop-down menu to set up which EDID mode the VS482 uses. See *Verification*, page 26 for more details.



2. Use the drop-down menu to select how the video source's CEC is applied. See *Verification*, page 26 for more details.



3. Set this to **On** to have the VS482 return to default settings when it is reset. Otherwise, select **Off**.



4. This read-only field shows the firmware version of the VS482.

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Chapter 4 The Firmware Upgrade Utility

Introduction

The purpose of the Windows-based Firmware Upgrade Utility is to provide an easy process for upgrading the VS482. The program comes as part of a Firmware Upgrade Package that is specific for each device.

As new firmware versions become available, new firmware upgrade packages are posted on our website. Check the website regularly to find the latest information and packages.

Downloading the Firmware Upgrade Package

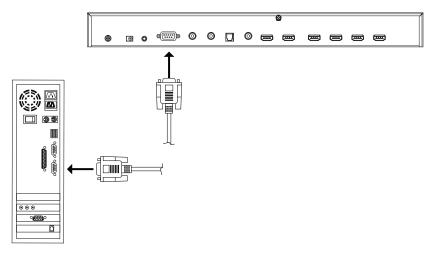
To download the firmware upgrade package:

- 1. On our Website go to: *Download Firmware* and choose the device model, or from the VS482 product page under the *Resources* tab, select *Firmware*. A list of available firmware upgrade packages appears.
- 2. Choose the firmware upgrade package that you wish to install (usually the most recent) and download it to your computer.

Preparation

To prepare for the firmware upgrade, do the following:

1. Use an RS-232 cable to connect a COM port on your computer to the *RS-232 serial port* of your VS482.



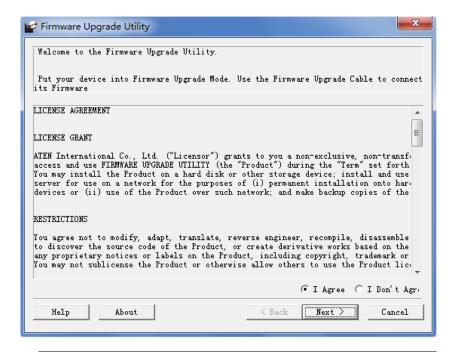
- 2. Unplug the VS482's power adapter.
- 3. Hold-down front panel pushbutton 1 and plug the power adapter into the VS482 to power the unit.
- 4. If successful, the port 1 LED will start flashing and you can start the upgrade process as explained on the next page.

Starting the Upgrade

To upgrade the firmware:

1. Run the downloaded firmware upgrade package file either by doubleclicking the file icon, or by opening a command line and entering the full path to it.

The Firmware Upgrade Utility welcome screen appears:



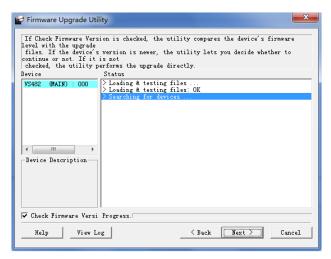
Note: The screens shown in this section are for reference only. The wording and layout of the actual screens put up by the *Firmware Upgrade Utility* may vary slightly from these examples.

2. Read and *Agree* to the License Agreement (click the **I Agree** radio button).

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3. Click **Next** to continue. The *Firmware Upgrade Utility* main screen appears. The devices capable of being upgraded are listed in the *Device List* panel:



4. Click **Next** to perform the upgrade. The Port LEDs 1, 3, and 4 will flash while the upgrade is in process.

If you enabled *Check Firmware Version*, the Utility compares the device's firmware level with that of the upgrade files. If it finds that the device's version is higher than the upgrade version, it brings up a dialog box informing you of the situation and gives you the option to continue or cancel.

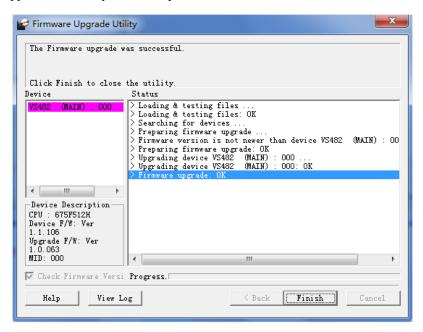


If you didn't enable *Check Firmware Version*, the Utility installs the upgrade files without checking whether they are a higher level, or not.

Status messages appear in the *Status Messages* panel, and the progress toward completion is shown on the *Progress* bar.

Upgrade Succeeded

After the upgrade has completed, all port LEDs will stop flashing and a screen appears to inform you that the procedure was successful:



Click Finish to close the Firmware Upgrade Utility.

Upgrade Failed

If the *Upgrade Succeeded* screen doesn't appear, it means that the upgrade failed to complete successfully. See the next section, *Firmware Upgrade Recovery*, for how to proceed.

Firmware Upgrade Recovery

There are three conditions that call for firmware upgrade recovery:

- When a firmware upgrade is manually aborted.
- When the mainboard firmware upgrade fails.
- When the I/O firmware upgrade fails.

To perform a firmware upgrade recovery, do the following:

- 1. Power off the device.
- 2. Connect the RS-232 cable to the RS-232 serial port.
- 3. Repeat the upgrade procedure.

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.

Rack Mounting

- Before working on the rack, make sure that the stabilizers are secured to the rack, extended to the floor, and that the full weight of the rack rests on the floor. Install front and side stabilizers on a single rack or front stabilizers for joined multiple racks before working on the rack.
- Always load the rack from the bottom up, and load the heaviest item in the rack first.
- Make sure that the rack is level and stable before extending a device from the rack.
- Use caution when pressing the device rail release latches and sliding a device into or out of a rack; the slide rails can pinch your fingers.
- After a device is inserted into the rack, carefully extend the rail into a locking position, and then slide the device into the rack.
- Do not overload the AC supply branch circuit that provides power to the rack. The total rack load should not exceed 80 percent of the branch circuit rating.
- Make sure that all equipment used on the rack including power strips and other electrical connectors – is properly grounded.
- Ensure that proper airflow is provided to devices in the rack.
- Ensure that the operating ambient temperature of the rack environment does not exceed the maximum ambient temperature specified for the equipment by the manufacturer.
- Do not step on or stand on any device when servicing other devices in a rack.

Technical Support

International

- For online technical support including troubleshooting, documentation, and software updates: http://eservice.aten.com
- For telephone support, see *Telephone Support*, page viii:

North America

| Email Support | | support@aten-usa.com | |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Online Technical Support | Troubleshooting Documentation Software Updates | http://www.aten-usa.com/support | |
| Telephone Support | | 1-888-999-ATEN ext 4988 | |

When you contact us, please have the following information ready beforehand:

- 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

| Function | | | VS482 | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------|---|--|--|
| Display Connect | ions | | 2 | | |
| Connectors | Device | HDMI In | 4 x HDMI Type A Female (Black) | | |
| | Display | HDMI Out | 2 x HDMI Type A Female (Black) | | |
| | Optical Audio | | 1 x Toslink (Black) | | |
| | Coaxial Audio | | 1 x RCA (Orange) | | |
| | Stereo Audio | | 2 x RCA (Red / White) | | |
| | RS-232 Port | | 1 x DB-9 Female (Black) | | |
| | Power | | 1 x DC Jack | | |
| | IR Extension Port | | 1 x 3.5mm phone jack | | |
| Switches | Port Switch | | 4 | | |
| | ARC Selecti | on | 1 | | |
| | Power Button | | 1 | | |
| LEDs | Selected | | 4 (Green) | | |
| | ARC Selected | | 1 (Blue) | | |
| | Power | | 1 (Green / Orange) | | |
| IR Control | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Video | | | HDTV resolutions of 480p, 720p, 1080i, 1080p (1920x1080); WUXGA (1920 x 1200) | | |
| Power Consump | tion | | DC 5.3V, 6.95W | | |
| Environment | Operating Temp. | | 0-50°C | | |
| | Storage Temp. | | -20-60°C | | |
| | Humidity | | 0-80% RH, Non-condensing | | |
| Physical | Housing | | Metal | | |
| Properties | roperties Weight | | 2.16 Kg | | |
| | Dimensions (L x W x H) | | 43.72 x 15.86 x 5.54 cm | | |

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.

To learn more about our warranty policies, please visit our website: http://www.aten.com/global/en/legal/policies/warranty-policy/

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