MA-5588H

8X8 HDMI 2.0a Matrix

User Manual

⚠️ Safety and Notice

The **MA-5588H** **8x8 HDMI 2.0a matrix** has been tested for conformance to safety regulations and requirements, and has been certified for international use. However, like all electronic equipment, the **MA-5588H** should be used with care. Please read and follow the safety instructions to protect yourself from possible injury and to minimize the risk of damage to the unit.

- Follow all instructions and warnings marked on this unit.

- Do not attempt to service this unit yourself, except where explained in this manual.

- Provide proper ventilation and air circulation and do not use near water.

- Keep objects that might damage the device and assure that the placement of this unit is on a stable surface.

- Use only the power adapter and power cords and connection cables designed for this unit.

- Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners to clean this unit. Always unplug the power to the device before cleaning.

ESD CAUTION

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INTRODUCTION

The **MA-5588H** **8x8 HDMI 2.0a matrix** provides the most flexible and cost effective solution in the market to route high definition video sources plus multi-channel (up to 7.1-channel) digital audio from any of the four HDMI sources to the remote displays at the same time. **MA-5588H** supports HDR and the true 4K2K video!

With the upmost HDR/4K2K@60 4:4:4 8bits and high definition audio support, MA-5588H is well suited for use in home theater, conference room presentation systems, or other similar setting or application

EATURES

- HDMI 2.0a compliant
- Supports 4K2K@60 4:4:4 8bits
- Supports HDR*, which is 4K2K@60 4:2:0 10bits**
- HDCP 2.2 compliant
- Allows any source to be displayed on multiple displays at the same time
- Allows any HDMI display to view any HDMI source at any time
- Supports 7.1 channel digital audio
- Supports default HDMI EDID and learns the EDID of displays to matrix switcher
- The matrix switcher can switch every output channels from any HDMI inputs by Push button, IR remote control, RS-232, IP control and cloud control
- Easy installation with rack-mounting
- Fast response time – 2~3 seconds for channel switch

> * HDR = High Dynamic Range.
>
> ** The video bandwidth of 4K2K@60 4:2:0 10bits (HDR) is about the 4K2K@60 4:4:4 8bits

PACKAGE CONTENTS

- 1x MA-5588H
- 1x IR Receiver
- 1x DC 12V 7.5A
- 1x IR Remote control*
- 1x Rack-mounting ear set
- 1x Installation software CD
- 1x User Manual

> * Additional IR remote controllers and IR blasters can be purchased as optional accessories to control the HDMI sources located separately.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model Name		MA-5588H
Technical		
Role of usage		True 8x8 matrix
HDMI compliance		HDMI 2.0a
HDCP compliance		HDCP1.4/HDCP 2.2
Video bandwidth		Single-link 594MHz [18Gbps]
Video support		HDR 4K2K@60 (4:2:0 10bits) / 4K2K@60 (4:4:4 8bits)
Audio support		Surround sound (up to 7.1ch) or stereo digital audio
ESD protection		[1] Human body model — ±19kV [air-gap discharge] & ±12kV [contact discharge] [2] Core chipset — ±8kV
PCB stack-up		6-layer board [impedance control — differential 100Ω; single 50Ω]
Input		8x HDMI / 1x RS-232 / 1x Ethernet / 1x IR socket for IR receiver
Output		8x HDMI
HDMI Input selection		Push-in button / IR remote control / RS-232 control / Ethernet control
IR remote control		Electro-optical characteristics: π = 25° / Carrier frequency: 38kHz
HDMI connector		Type A [19-pin female]
RJ-45 connector		WE/SS 8P8C with 2 LED indicators
RS-232 connector		DE-9 [9-pin D-sub female]
USB connector		Type A
3.5mm connector		**[System IR]** Receives IR commands from remote control
Mechanical		MA-5588H
Enclosure		Metal case
Dimensions (L x W x H)	Model	440 x 220 x 44mm [1'7" x 12.5" x 6.1"]
	Package	526 x 318 x 156mm [1'7" x 12.5" x 6.1"]
	Carton	543 x 335 x 344mm [1'8" x 13.2" x 1'1"]
Weight	Model	2680g [94.5oz]
	Package	3954g [8.7 lbs]
Fixedness		1RU rack-mount with ears Wall hanging holes
Power supply		12V 7.5A DC
Power consumption		60 Watts [max]
Operation temperature		0~40°C [32~104°F]
Storage temperature		-20~60°C [-4~140°F]
Relative humidity		20~90% RH [no condensation]
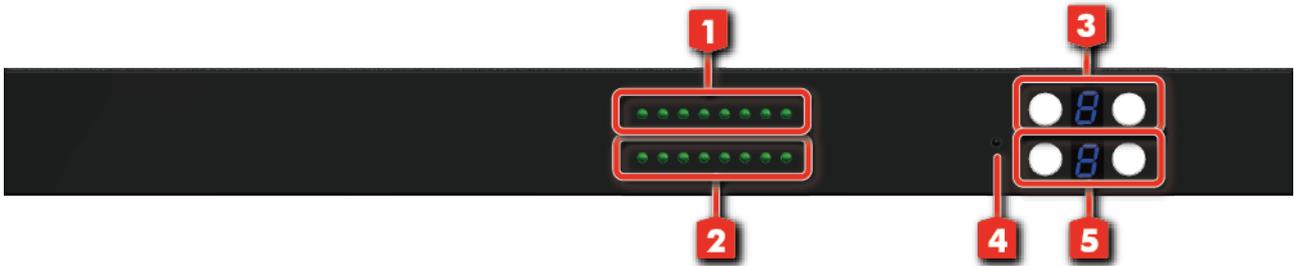
Front Panel

1. **Source Status:** Input source detection LED
2. **Display Status:** Output display detection LED
3. **Output Push Button & 7-segment LED:** Front panel push buttons used to select the number of display channel & LED display for output ports
4. **IR SENSOR:** IR sensor for receiving the IR commands from IR remote
5. **Input Push Button & 7-segment LED:** Front panel push buttons used to select the number of input source & LED display for input channels

Rear Panel

6. **INPUT 1-8:** HDMI inputs
7. **OUTPUT 1-8:** HDMI outputs
8. **USB:** for firmware update only
9. **Ethernet:** Ethernet control port
10. **System IR Receiver:** Ext. IR receiver
11. **+12V DC:** 12V DC power jack
12. **RS-232:** RS-232 control port
13. **Power Switch**

HARDWARE INSTALLATION

MA-5588H as master

1. Connect all sources to HDMI Inputs on the 8x8 HDMI Matrix MA-5588H.

2. Connect all display to HDMI Outputs on the 8x8 HDMI Matrix MA-5588H

4. Connect the +12V 7.5A DC power supply to the 8x8 HDMI Matrix MA-5588H.

CONNECTION DIAGRAM
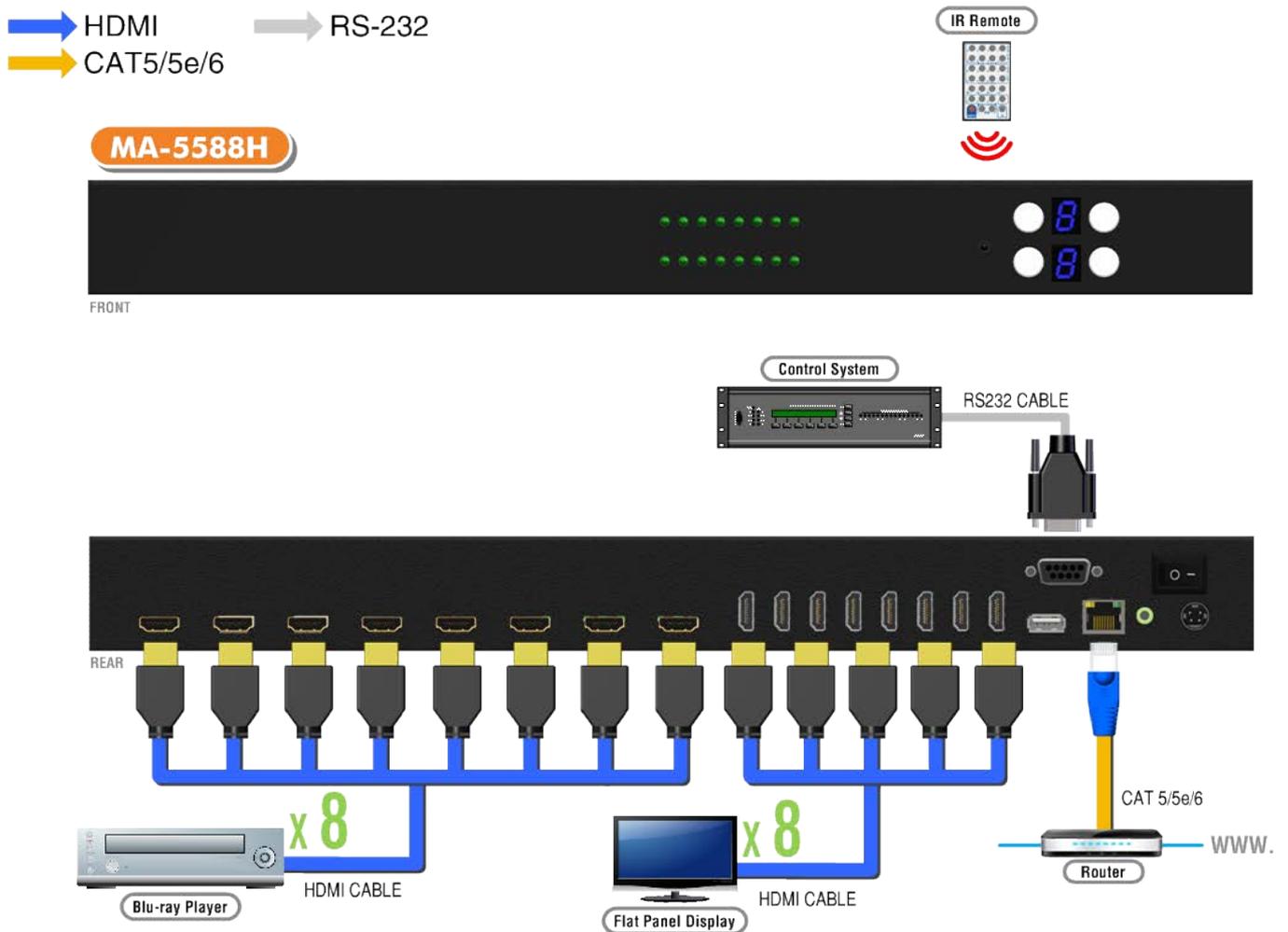
Method A: Push-in Button

1. IN/OUT MAP
1) Use the "+"or "-" output push button to select the number of display
2) Use the "+"or "-" input push button to select the number of input source

"+": change selected input/output port in ascending order

"-" : change selected input/output port in descending order

After you select the desired input/output port, the LED will blink twice and the setting will be effective

Method B: IR Remote Control
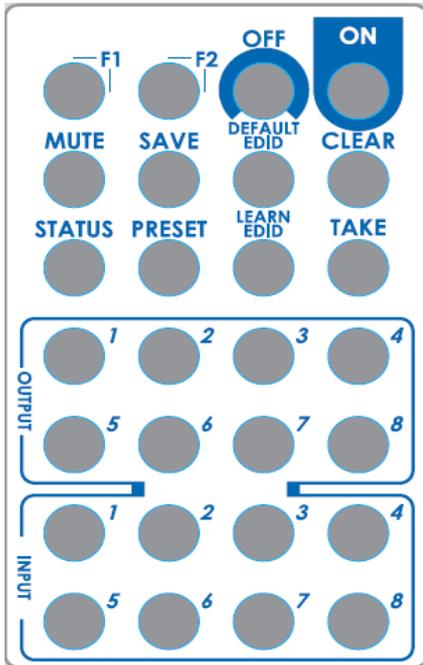
1. IN/OUT Switch

Operation	Procedure	7-Segment LED
IN/OUT Switch	**Output Number (1~8) + Input Number (1~8)**	
Ex: Input 2 To Output 3	1. Press output number key "3" to select Output 3	3 -
	2. Press input number key "2" to select Input 2	3 2
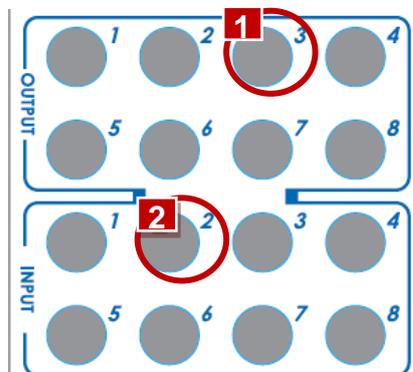
2. Function Key

| Button	Function
OFF	Standby mode
ON	Power on the matrix switcher
MUTE	Turn off output's video and audio
STATUS	Preset output status
SAVE	Save current mapping mode
PRESET	Preset mapping mode
DEFAULT EDID	Begin default EDID selection
LEARN EDID	Begin EDID learning from one output
CLEAR	Clear the previous IR operation procedure
TAKE	Trigger the previous setting
F1	Reserved
F2	Reserved

Operation	Procedure	7-Segment LED
Output Status	**Status + Output Number (1~8) + Take**	
Ex: Output 4 (Input 2)	1.Press "STATUS" button	– –
	2.Press output number key "4" to select Output 4	4 –
	3.Press "TAKE" button	4 2
Save Current Mapping	**Save + Output Number (1-8 storage site) + Take**	
Ex: Save current mapping to 5	1.Press "SAVE" button	**d** –
	2.Press output number key "5" to select the storage site 5	d 5
	3.Press "TAKE" button	
Preset Mapping	**Preset + Output Number (1-8 storage site) + Take**	
Ex: Preset saved mapping from 5	1.Press "PRESET" button	P –
	2.Press output number key "5" to select the storage site 5	P 5
	3.Press "TAKE" button	
Learn default EDID	**Default EDID + Output Number (1-8 default EDID) + Input Number (input 1~8) + Take**	
Ex: Default EDID 2 Input 3	1.Press "DEFAULT EDID" button	E **d**
	2.Press output number key "2" to select default EDID 2	2 **d**
	3.Press input number key "3" to select Input 3	2 **3**
	4.Press "TAKE" button	0 F 0 (success) F(fail)
Learn Output EDID	**Learn + Output Number (Output 1~8) +Input Number (input 1~8) + Take**	
Ex: Learn Output 4 Input 3	1.Press "LEARN" button	E L
	2.Press output number key "4" to select Output 4	4 L
	3. Press input number key "3" to select Input 3	4 3
	4.Press "TAKE" button	0 F 0 (success) F(fail)
Mute Output	**Mute + Output Number (1~8) + Take**	
Ex: Mute Output 3	1. Press "MUTE" button	– **0**
	2. Press output number key "3" to select Output 3	3 **0**
	3.Press "TAKE" button	3 **0**

Method C: Software Control through RS-232 port / Ethernet port

1. **System Requirement**
   1) OS Information: MS WinXP/7
   2) Baud rates: 9600
   3) Software size: 3 MB
   4) Minimum RAM requirement: 256 MB

Method D: Software Control through RS-232 port
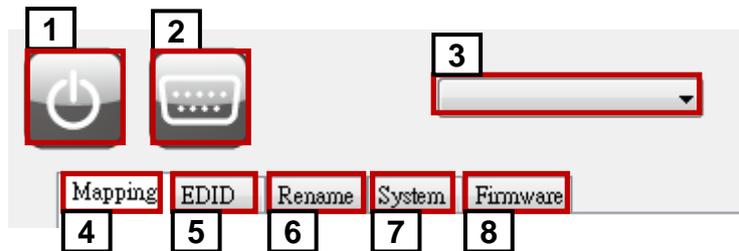
1	Power ON/ Standby mode	**5**	EDID Button
2	Control SW via RS-232	**6**	Rename I/O Button
3	COM Port Selection	**7**	Network Setting & Default Reset Button
4	I/O Routing Button	**8**	Firmware Update Button

1. I/O Routing Button
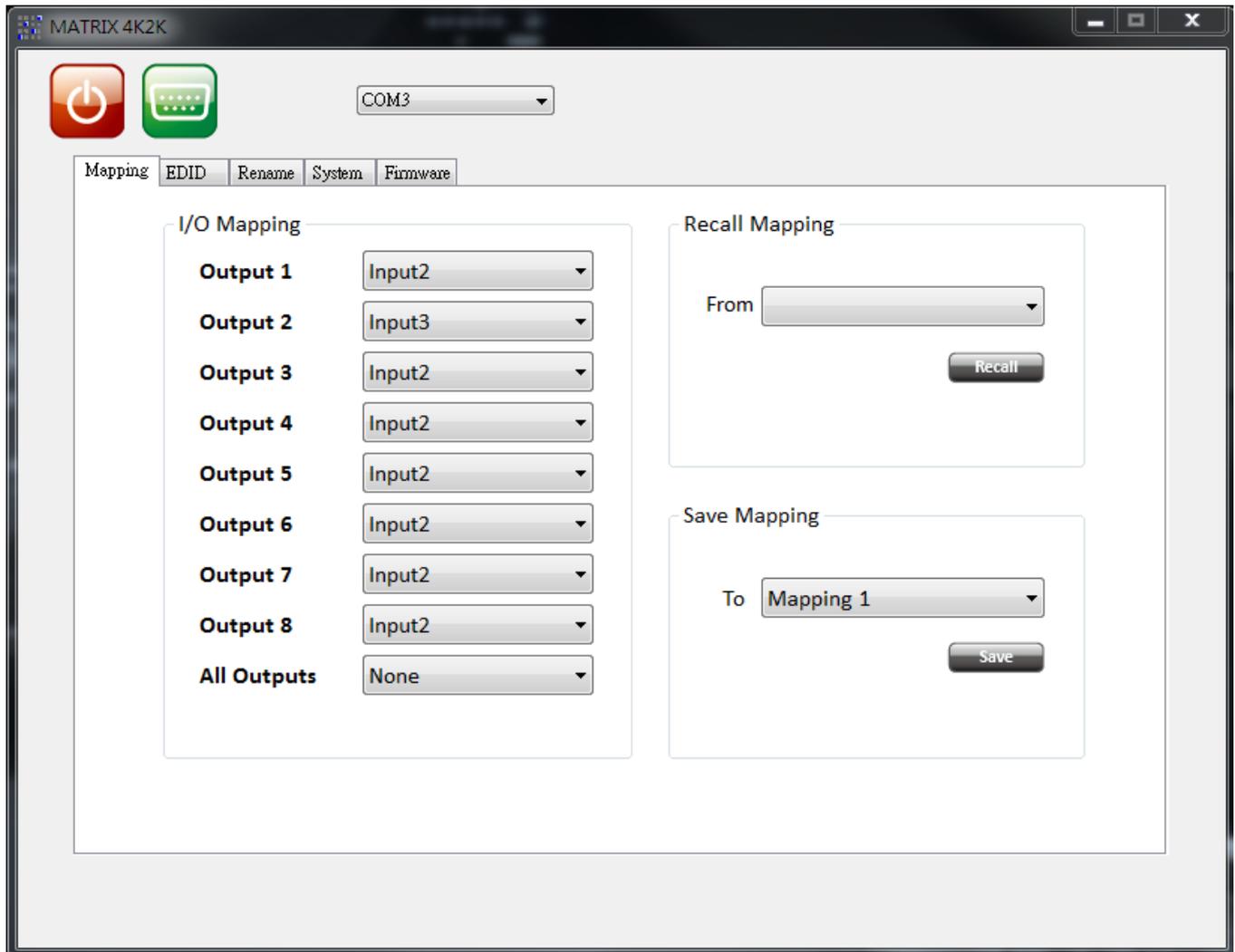
1) I/O:

  a) Switch the input for each output
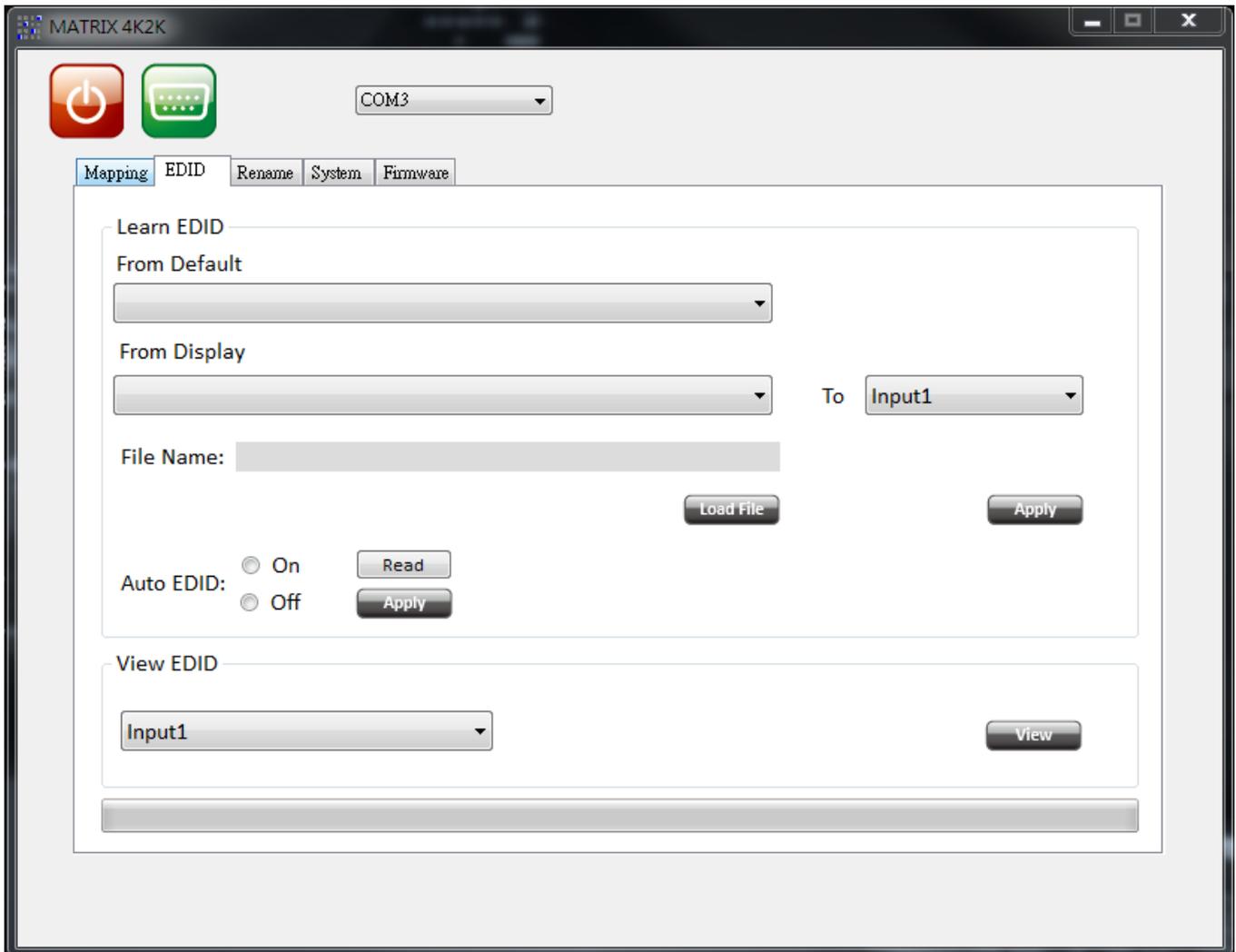
2) Recall Mapping:

  a) Select the stored Mapping(1-16)

  b) Click "Recall" button to recall previous mapping which are saved

3) Save Mapping:

  a) Select Mapping(1-16)

  b) Click "Save" button to save current mapping

2. EDID Button

1) Learn EDID from Default to Input

 a) Select Default EDID(1-17 Default EDID)

 b) Select designated Input

 c) Click "Apply" button to learn from default EDID

2) Learn EDID from Display to Input

 a) Select output

 b) Select designated Input

 c) Click "Apply" button to learn from display EDID

3) Load EDID File to Input

 a) Click "Load File" button to select the EDID file

 b) Select designated Input

 c) Click "Apply" button to load EDID File

4) Auto EDID

> => The matrix will do Automatic EDID learning and generate the best EDID among all connected monitors
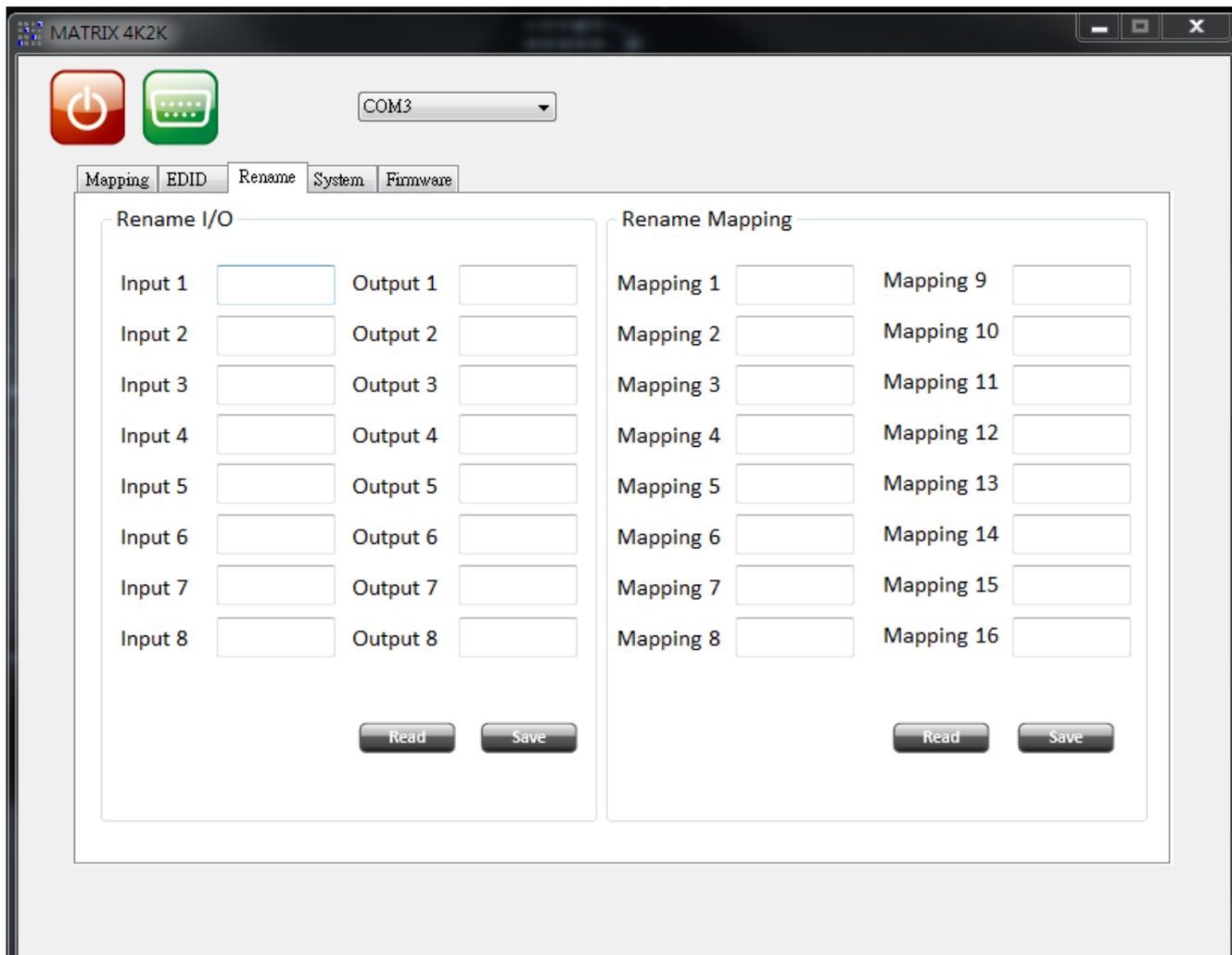
a) "Read" button

> => Get the auto EDID status from device

5) View EDID

a) Select Input or HDMI output

b) Click "View" button to read and analyze the EDID
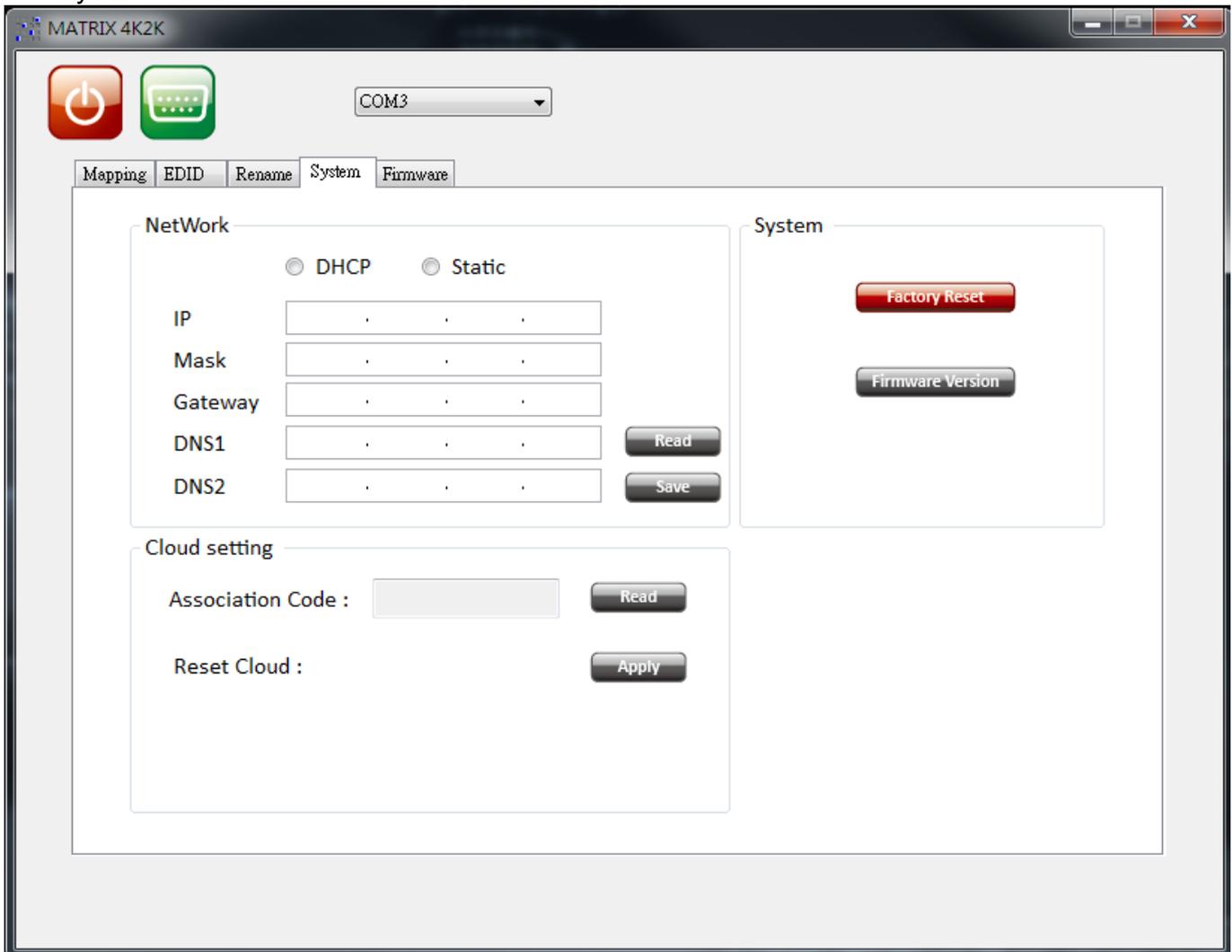
3. Rename I/O Button

1) Rename I/O:

a) Rename the Inputs

b) Rename the Outputs

2) Rename Mapping:

a) Rename the Mappings

4. System Button

1) Network

  a) DHCP mode

    => Click DHCP and then click the "Read" button to get the IP address Info

  b) Static mode

    => Click Static and then key in the "IP", "MASK", "GATEWAY" info. After setting IP

      Address, please click "Save" to save IP address Info

  c) "Save" button

    => Save the key- in IP address

  d) "Read" button:

    => Read the IP address from the device

  Note: The default IP address is 192.168.1.111

2) System

  a) Factory Reset

  b) Firmware Version

    => To get the F/W version information

3) Cloud setting
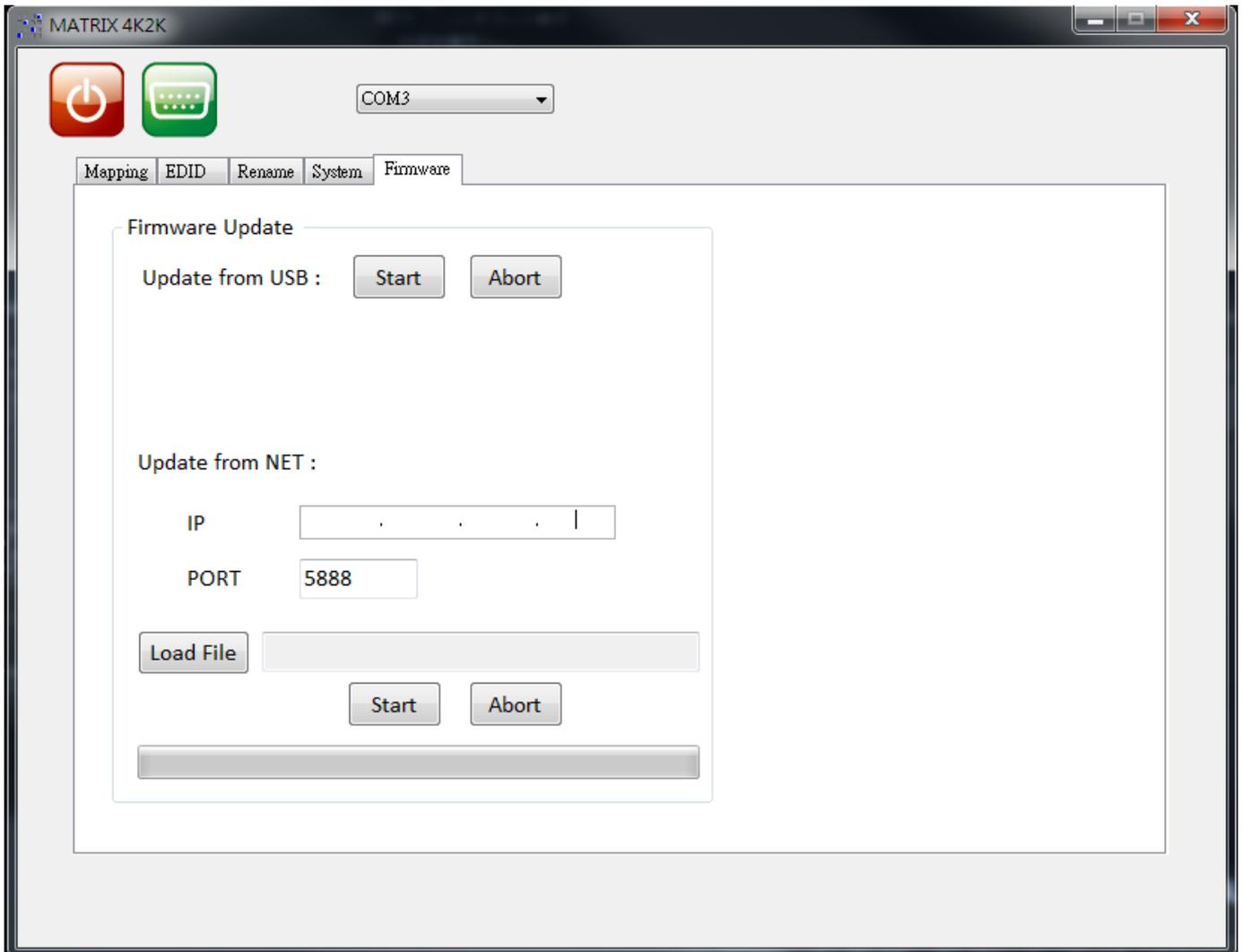
    a) Association Code

        => To get an "association code". The device can use this code to pair with cloud server.

    b) Reset Cloud

        => To reset cloud after a successful pairing

5. Firmware Update Button

1) Update from USB

    a) Please ensure the file of new firmware files are in the root directory of USB Flash Drive. The file suffix is **.bin**.

    b) Connect the USB Flash Drive on matrix USB interface.

    c) Click "Start" button to start the FW update process

2) Update from NET

    a) Key in the Matrix's "IP" address which user wants to update firmware

    b) Key in "5888" to "PORT" column

    c) Click "Load file" button to select the new firmware file

    d) Click "Start" button to start the FW update process

    Note: The PC & matrix have to be in the same domain

EDID LEARNING

The EDID learning function is only necessary whenever you encounter any display on the HDMI output port that cannot play audio and video properly. Because the HDMI source devices and displays may have various level of capability in playing audio and video, the general principle is that the source device will output the lowest standards in audio format and video resolutions to be commonly acceptable among all HDMI displays. In this case, a 720p stereo HDMI signal output would be probably the safest choice. Nevertheless, the user can force the matrix to learn the EDID of the lowest capable HDMI display among others to make sure all displays are capable to play the HDMI signals normally.

There are **THREE methods** to do EDID Learning as below,

1. IR Remote Control: Please refer to the **Operation Approach\ Method B: IR Remote Control (Page 6. 7.)**

2. Software Control: Please refer to the **Operation Approach\ Method C: Software Control through RS-232 port (Page 10. 11.)**

There are **eight embedded default EDID** as below,

1. Full-HD(1080p@60)-24bit 2D & 2ch

2. Full-HD(1080p@60)-24bit 2D & 7.1ch

3. Full-HD(1080p@60)-24bit 3D & 2ch

4. Full-HD(1080p@60)-24bit 3D & 7.1ch

5. HD(1080i@60)(720p@60)-24bit 2D & 2ch

6. HD(1080i@60)(720p@60)-24bit 2D & 7.1ch

7. Full-HD(1080p@60)-36bit 2D & 2ch

8. Full-HD(1080p@60)-36bit 2D & 7.1ch

9. Full-HD(1080p@60)-24bit 2D & 2ch & Dolby 5.1ch

10. 4k2k@30 2ch

11. 4k2k@30 7.1ch

12. 4k2k@30 3D PCM2CH(2ch)

13. 4k2k@30 3D BITSTR(7.1ch)

14. 4k2k@60 420 3D PCM2CH(2ch)

15. 4k2k@60 420 3D BITSTR(7.1ch)

16. 4k2k@60 3D PCM2CH(2ch)

17. 4k2k@60 3D BITSTR(7.1ch)

FAQ

Q Can every TV work with the HDMI matrix?

A *Basically, the answer is YES. But if your TV can not support 1080p, please refer the EDID LEARNING section to learn EDID from your TV.*

Q What is EDID? Why do I need to learn EDID?

A *EDID contains the whole information of the display such as the resolution and audio setting which this display can support. Therefore, based on the EDID information, media player will pick up the most suitable resolution and audio setting to the display. In order to faithfully transmit the EDID information from display to the media player, learning EDID from display to this device is necessary.*

Q What should I do to learn EDID for the matrix?

A *Due to the limitation of HDMI, the source device can only output one format of video and audio. In other words, the source device cannot output 720p and 1080p video at the same time, or output stereo and surround sound at the same time. Therefore, you may need to manually setup each HDMI input for desirable audio/video output format. The mechanism of EDID Learning is to pick up the HDMI display with the lowest capability among the ones you would use for this input source. For example, if user would like to play the Input-2 upon output-2, output-3 and output-4, and only output-3 cannot support 1080p [support up to 720p only], please learn the EDID from the display connected to the output-3 at the Input-2 port. Of course, if outpt-3 would get the HDMI signals from every HDMI input, please learn EDID information from output3 to all four HDMI inputs. For more information about EDID Learning, please refer to EDID LEARNING section.*

Q My TV can support 1080p, but why there is no audio?

A *The factory default EDID of this device is 1080p & 2ch audio. However, there would be a problem after you change to use 1080p & 7.1ch if the TV cannot support 7.1ch audio. Please use the default EDID, 1080p & 2ch audio.*

Q When I set an audio amplifier (AV receiver) between TV and the matrix to extract 7.1ch audio, but why there is still no audio?

A *Basically, the default EDID of the chosen input can support 7.1ch audio, but the problem is that the EDID of the amplifier still cannot match the default setting. Therefore, the best method is to learn EDID from the amplifier directly. Please refer to EDID LEARNING section and follow the steps to learn the EDID. When learning EDID from the amplifier, user just needs to connect the matrix and amplifier. **Please don't connect HDMI cable between amplifier and TV when the EDID learning is proceeding.***

Q When I play the same content upon multi-displays, why only the TV equipped with amplifier can have 7.1ch audio, and the others don't have 7.1ch audio even no stereo?

A *Due to the limitation of HDMI, the source only can choose one video and one audio format to play, which can be either 1080p and 7.1ch or 1080p and stereo audio. It means when the user sets the matrix at 1080p and 7.1ch, the source will only play the content under this format. Therefore if the TV cannot decode 7.1ch audio, there is definitely no audio.*

WARRANTY

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Unit that fails under conditions other than those covered will be repaired at the current price of parts and labor in effect at the time of repair. Such repairs are warranted for 90 days from the day of reshipment to the BUYER. If the unit is delivered by mail, customers agree to insure the unit or assume the risk of loss or damage in transit. Under no circumstances will a unit be accepted without a return authorization number.

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