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ClonerAlliance CA-988B

HDML-Cloner Box Instruction Manual

Model: CA-988B | Brand: ClonerAlliance

Product Overview

The HDML-Cloner Box is a standalone mini 1080p gaming and video capture box designed for lag-free video pass-through without requiring a PC. It offers a one-click solution to record videos from various HDMI sources directly onto your USB storage device.

This device supports a wide range of HDMI video sources, including game consoles, set-top boxes, and video players. It features an H.264 hardware encoder, producing MP4 files with fine picture quality that are easy to edit and play back on various platforms. Additionally, you can record live commentary or voice-over along with your gameplay video.



Figure 1: Front view of the HDML-Cloner Box.

Setup Guide

Follow these steps to set up your HDML-Cloner Box for recording.

1. Unpacking the Box

Carefully unpack all components from the product box. Ensure all items listed below are present.

- HDML-Cloner Box (Model: CA-988B)
- Power Supply
- HDMI Cable
- USB Stick (may vary by package)
- User Manual (this document)



Figure 2: Contents of the HDML-Cloner Box package, including the device, power adapter, HDMI cable, and user manual.

2. Connecting the Device

Connect the HDML-Cloner Box to your video source and display as follows:

1. Connect the power supply to the **5V/2A** port on the HDML-Cloner Box and plug it into a power outlet.
2. Connect your video source (e.g., game console, set-top box) to the **HDMI IN** port on the HDML-Cloner Box using an HDMI cable.
3. Connect your display (e.g., TV, monitor) to the **HDMI OUT** port on the HDML-Cloner Box using another HDMI cable.
4. Insert a USB storage device (USB flash drive or external hard drive) into the **USB** port for recording. Ensure the

USB device is formatted correctly (FAT32 is recommended for broader compatibility, though NTFS may also work for larger files).

5. (Optional) If you wish to record live commentary, connect a microphone to the **MIC** input.



Figure 3: Rear view of the HDML-Cloner Box showing HDMI IN/OUT, USB, and power connections.



Figure 4: Example setup of the HDML-Cloner Box with a TV and a video source.

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Video 1: This video demonstrates the unboxing and connection process for the HDML-Cloner Box, showing how to set up the device with a video source and display.

Operating Instructions

The HDML-Cloner Box is designed for simple, one-button operation.

1. Starting a Recording

1. Ensure all connections are secure and your video source is active and displaying on your TV/monitor.
2. Press the **ON/OFF** button to power on the HDML-Cloner Box. The LED indicator will illuminate.
3. To begin recording, simply press the **REC/STOP** button. The LED will change color (typically green for 1080p/1080i or blue for 720p/other modes) to indicate active recording.
4. To switch between 1080p/1080i (green LED) and 720p (blue LED) recording modes, press and hold the **REC/STOP** button for approximately 3-5 seconds. The LED will change to reflect the selected mode.



Figure 5: Recording gameplay using the HDML-Cloner Box.

2. Stopping a Recording

To stop recording, press the **REC/STOP** button again. The LED will stop indicating active recording, and the recorded file will be saved to your USB storage device.

3. Playing Back Recorded Video

After recording, unplug the USB storage device from the HDML-Cloner Box and connect it to a computer or compatible media player to view your recorded videos. Files are saved in MP4 (H.264/AAC) format.

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Video 2: This video illustrates the recording process, including how to switch between 1080p and 720p recording modes, and demonstrates playing back recorded content.

Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your HDML-Cloner Box, consider the following maintenance tips:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the exterior of the device. Avoid using liquid cleaners or abrasive materials.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure the device is placed in a well-ventilated area to prevent overheating, especially during extended recording sessions.
- **Firmware Updates:** Periodically check the official ClonerAlliance website for any available firmware updates. Updates can improve performance, add features, or resolve issues.

Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your HDML-Cloner Box.

- **No Signal/Error Message (HDCP Protected Content):** The device does not support content protected by HDCP (High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection). If connected to an HDCP-protected source, it will output an error message or no signal. This is not a defect of the device.
- **USB Drive Not Working/Recording Issues:**
  - Ensure your USB drive is formatted to **FAT32**. While NTFS may work for some, FAT32 offers broader compatibility.
  - If using an external hard drive, a **powered USB hard drive** is recommended to ensure sufficient power supply.
  - If the device does not recognize the re-attached USB drive, try unplugging the power from the box, then holding down the **REC/STOP** button while plugging the power back in. Continue holding until the LED turns blue, then release. This can reset the unit and help it recognize the drive.
- **Incorrect Recorded File Date/Time:** To update the device's internal clock, download the "rtc_setup.txt" file from the official ClonerAlliance website. Edit the file to reflect the correct date and time, save it to your USB flash drive, and insert it into the HDML-Cloner Box. Power on the device, and it will automatically update the time.
- **No Automatic Stop Function:** The device requires manual starting and stopping of recordings. There is no built-in timer function to automatically stop recordings. Users may set external timers (e.g., on a smartphone) to manage recording duration.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	CA-988B
Product Dimensions	4.4 x 4.4 x 1 inches
Item Weight	2.8 ounces
Hardware Interface	USB 2.0
Video Capture Resolution	1080p
Recording Format	MP4 (H.264/AAC)
Recommended Uses	Video Recording
Date First Available	February 10, 2015

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- **Online Support:** For further assistance, visit the official ClonerAlliance store on Amazon:ClonerAlliance Store.
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