



# KRAMER KR-482XL Bidirectional Audio Transcoder User Manual

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## Introduction

Welcome to Kramer Electronics! Since 1981, Kramer Electronics has been providing a world of unique, creative, and affordable solutions to the vast range of problems that confront video, audio, presentation, and broadcasting professionals on a daily basis. In recent years, we have redesigned and upgraded most of our line, making the best even better!

Our 1,000-plus different models now appear in 11 groups that are clearly defined by function: GROUP 1:

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- Video and audio production facilities
- Audio recording studios
- Live sound applications

## Getting Started

We recommend that you:

- Unpack the equipment carefully and save the original box and packaging materials for possible future shipment
- Review the contents of this user manual Go to <http://www.kramerelectronics.com> to check for up-to-date user manuals, application programs, and to check if firmware upgrades are available (where appropriate).

## Achieving the Best Performance

### To achieve the best performance:

- Use only good quality connection cables (we recommend Kramer highperformance, high-resolution cables) to avoid interference, deterioration in signal quality due to poor matching, and elevated noise levels (often associated with low quality cables)
- Do not secure the cables in tight bundles or roll the slack into tight coils
- Avoid interference from neighboring electrical appliances that may adversely influence signal quality
- Position your Kramer 482xl away from moisture, excessive sunlight and dust This equipment is to be used only inside a building. It may only be connected to other equipment that is installed inside a building.

## Safety Instructions

**Caution:** There are no operator serviceable parts inside the unit.

**Warning:** Use only the Kramer Electronics input power wall adapter that is provided with the unit.

**Warning:** Disconnect the power and unplug the unit from the wall before installing.

## Recycling Kramer Products

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive 2002/96/EC aims to reduce the amount of WEEE sent for disposal to landfill or incineration by requiring it to be collected and recycled. To comply with the WEEE Directive, Kramer Electronics has made arrangements with the European Advanced Recycling Network (EARN) and will cover any costs of treatment, recycling and recovery of waste Kramer Electronics branded equipment on arrival at the EARN facility. For details of Kramer's recycling arrangements in your particular country go to our recycling pages at <http://www.kramerelectronics.com/support/recycling/>.

## Overview

The 482xl is a high-performance audio transcoder for balanced and unbalanced stereo audio signals. The unit has two separate channels (both function independently; use just one channel or both channels simultaneously)

that convert:

- An unbalanced audio input signal to a balanced audio output signal on one channel
- Balanced audio is more immune to noise and interference.
- A balanced audio input signal to an unbalanced audio output signal on the other channel

**In addition, the 482xl Bi-directional Audio Transcoder features:**

- Gain or attenuation adjustments while transcoding, to compensate for the 14dB change between IHF audio levels and the state-of-the-art balanced DAT input levels
- Very low-noise and low-distortion components.

**Defining the 482xl Bidirectional Audio Transcoder**

This section defines the 482xl.

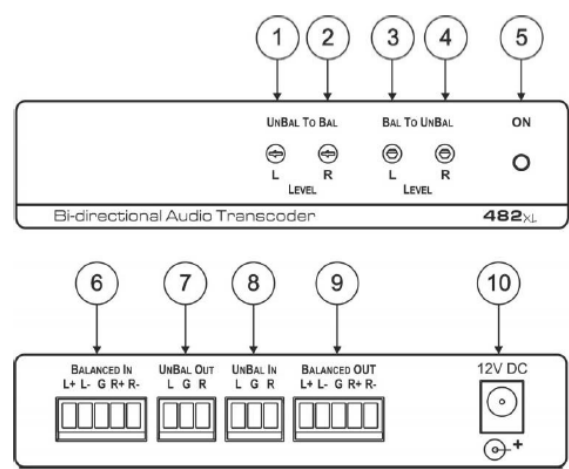


Figure 1: 482xl Bidirectional Audio Transcoder

#	Feature	Function
1	UNBAL TO BAL	L LEVEL Trimmer
2		R LEVEL Trimmer
3	BAL TO UNBAL	L LEVEL Trimmer
4		R LEVEL Trimmer
5	ON LED	Illuminates when receiving power
6	BALANCED IN 5-pin Terminal Block Connector	Connect to the balanced audio source
7	UNBAL OUT 3-pin Terminal Block Connector	Connect to the unbalanced audio acceptor
8	UNBAL IN 3-pin Terminal Block Connector	Connect to the unbalanced audio source
9	BALANCED OUT 5-pin Terminal Block Connector	Connect to the balanced audio acceptor
10	12V DC	+12V DC connector for powering the unit

**Connecting the 482xl**

Always switch off the power to each device before connecting it to your 482xl. After connecting your 482xl, connect its power and then switch on the power to each device. To convert the audio input signals at the UNBAL IN (to the balanced audio output) and the BALANCED IN (to the unbalanced audio output) connectors, as the example illustrated in Figure 2 shows, do the following:

1. Connect the unbalanced audio source (for example, an unbalanced audio player) to the UNBAL IN 3-pin terminal block connector.
2. Connect the BALANCED OUT 5-pin terminal block connector to the balanced audio acceptor (for example, a

balanced audio recorder).

3. Connect the balanced audio source (for example, a balanced audio player) to the BALANCED IN 5-pin terminal block connector.
4. Connect the UNBAL OUT 3-pin terminal block connector to the unbalanced audio acceptor (for example an unbalanced audio recorder).
5. Connect the 12V DC power adapter to the power socket and connect the adapter to the mains electricity (not shown in Figure 2).

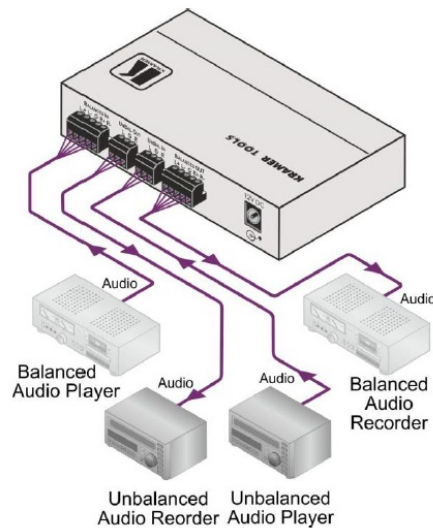


Figure 2: Connecting the 482xl Bidirectional Audio Transcoder

### Adjusting the Audio Output Level

The 482xl Bi-directional Audio Transcoder comes factory pre-set for 1:1 transparency. Readjusting the 482xl Bi-directional Audio Transcoder upsets this transparency. However, if necessary, you can fine-tune both channels' audio output levels.

#### To adjust the appropriate audio output levels:

1. Insert a screwdriver into one of the four small holes on the lower side of the 482xl Bi-directional Audio Transcoder, enabling access to the appropriate trimmer.
2. Carefully rotate the screwdriver, adjusting the appropriate audio output level, as required.

### Technical Specifications

INPUTS:	1 unbalanced audio stereo on a 3-pin terminal block connector; 1 balanced audio stereo on a 5-pin terminal block.
OUTPUTS:	1 balanced audio stereo on a 5-pin terminal block connector; 1 unbalanced audio stereo on a 3-pin terminal block connector.
MAX. OUTPUT LEVEL:	Balanced: 21dBu; unbalanced: 21dBu @max gain.

BANDWIDTH (-3dB):	>100 kHz
CONTROLS:	-57dB to + 6dB (balanced to unbalanced level); -16dB to + 19dB (unbalanced to balanced level)
COUPLING:	Balanced to unbalanced: in=AC, out=DC; Unbalanced to balanced: i n=AC, out=DC
THD+NOISE:	0.049%
2ND HARMONIC:	0.005%
S/N RATIO:	95db/87dB @ balanced to unbalanced/unbalanced to balanced, unwe ighted
POWER CONSUMPTION:	12V DC, 190mA (fully loaded)
OPERATING TEMPERATURE:	0° to +40°C (32° to 104°F)
STORAGE TEMPERATURE:	-40° to +70°C (-40° to 158°F)
HUMIDITY:	10% to 90%, RHL non-condensing
DIMENSIONS:	12cm x 7.5cm x 2.5cm (4.7" x 2.95" x 0.98"), W, D, H
WEIGHT:	0.3kg (0.66lbs) approx.
ACCESSORIES:	Power supply, mounting bracket
OPTIONS:	RK-3T 19" rack adapter
Specifications are subject to change without notice at <a href="http://www.kramerelectronics.com">http://www.kramerelectronics.com</a>	

## LIMITED WARRANTY

The warranty obligations of Kramer Electronics for this product are limited to the terms set forth below:

### What is Covered

This limited warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship in this product

### What is Not Covered

This limited warranty does not cover any damage, deterioration or malfunction resulting from any alteration, modification, improper or unreasonable use or maintenance, misuse, abuse, accident, neglect, exposure to

excess moisture, fire, improper packing and shipping (such claims must be presented to the carrier), lightning, power surges, or other acts of nature. This limited warranty does not cover any damage, deterioration or malfunction resulting from the installation or removal of this product from any installation, any unauthorized tampering with this product, any repairs attempted by anyone unauthorized by Kramer Electronics to make such repairs, or any other cause which does not relate directly to a defect in materials and/or Workmanship of this product. This limited warranty does not cover cartons, equipment enclosures, cables or accessories used in conjunction with this product.

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