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## About This User Manual

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The VCS-04 Video Camera System User Manual provides detailed information about the VCS-04 features and operation. This manual is designed to be used as a reference tool for installing and using the VCS-04.

Chapter 1 introduces you to the basic features of VCS-04, system components, supported products, and specifications.

Chapter 2 provides installation instructions.

Chapter 3 covers operation of the VCS-04.

Chapter 4 provides commands for remote programming.

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**Note:** TDK RF Solutions has made every effort to ensure this manual is both easy to use and factually accurate. If you have any suggestions on improvements you would like to see in this document, or if you discover a discrepancy between the documentation and the VCS-04's functionality, please notify TDK RF Solutions.

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## Safety Precautions

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### Safety Statement

The following general safety precautions must be observed during installation, operation, maintenance, and service to the product. Failing to follow these precautions or warnings listed in this manual may result in physical injury. TDK RF Solutions assumes no liability for the user's failure to follow these precautions.

### Shock Hazard

To minimize shock hazard, the VCS-04 Video Camera System must be connected to an electrical ground. The SI-300CC is equipped with a three-conductor AC power cable. The VC-04 is available with either a DC power supply or an AC power supply with a three-conductor AC power cable. The power cable(s) must be plugged into an approved three-contact electrical outlet.

Do not attempt to open the product case while power is present.

### Service Precautions

The VCS-04 contains no user serviceable parts. Do not install substitute parts or perform unauthorized modification to this product. Contact a TDK RF Solutions Sales and Support Office for service and repair requirements.

To minimize the risk of injury, do not attempt to service, repair, modify, or adjust this product.

### Safety Messages

Warning messages such as the example below may appear in this document. To avoid personal injury and/or damage to the product, warning instructions must be followed.

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**WARNING:** No user serviceable parts inside. Contact a TDK RF Solutions Sales and Support Office for service.

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## Introduction

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### Purpose and Functions

The VCS-04 is a video camera system designed for use in a shielded room environment for remote monitoring of EUTs (Equipment Under Test) during EMC testing. The system includes:

1. VC-04 shielded color video camera(s)
2. SI-300CC camera controller
3. High resolution monitor

### VC-04 Features

The VC-04 is housed in an EMI hardened protective casing. The main body of the unit contains a camera, lens, and circuitry for remote communication and transmission of the video and audio signals over a fiber link. The remote communication, video and audio signals are done using fiber optics to avoid problems caused by high electromagnetic fields present during EMC testing. The camera can be operated with an AC module or battery module that is mounted on top of the camera.

The VC-04 incorporates a 25X optical zoom and offers a 12X digital zoom. The camera also contains a high-speed auto focus lens that adjusts the focus to objects with high luminance and strong contrast in the measurement area. The camera can be controlled remotely via fiber optics or manually via the rear panel. In addition, it also contains an optional microphone for EUT (equipment under test) monitoring, and an optional Pan/Tilt unit for remote positioning. This enables the VC-04 camera to be used in a wide range of applications.

Additional features of the VC-04 are:

- Glass fiber optic cables are used for communication, video and audio
- Use of fiber optic cables allow communications to be uninterrupted by high RF fields
- Universal power supply input 100-240 VAC, 50-60Hz or Rechargeable Ni-MH 12V battery
- Remote (RS-232) operation of zoom/focus
- Optional Pan/Tilt Unit allows for remote movement control

## VC-04 Specifications

<b>Image Sensor</b>	1/4" Super HAD CCD	
<b>Pixels</b>	680K pixels	
<b>Picture Elements</b>	768(H) x 494(V)	
<b>Lens</b>	25X Zoom, f=2.4 to 60mm, F=1.6 to 2.7, Wide Macro, Auto Focus (Inner Focus System)	
<b>Shortest Subject Distance</b>	35mm (wide end): 800mm (tele end)	
<b>S/N Ratio</b>	Min. 49dB	
<b>Communication Channels</b>	Bi-directional Serial @ 9600 Baud	
<b>Video Type</b>	NTSC or PAL	
<b>Fiber Interfaces</b>	Fiber Communication	62.5 micron glass ST
	Fiber Video Transmitter	62.5 micron glass ST
	Fiber Video Transmitter	62.5 micron glass ST
<b>Rear Panel Controls</b>	Toggle on/off switch	
<b>Computer Interface</b>	RS-232	
<b>Mechanical</b>	3"x3"x6"	
<b>Electrical</b>	Power Supply	100-240 VAC, 50-60 Hz
<b>Battery</b>	12V 4A Ni-MH Rechargeable	(Typical battery life with full charge, 8 hrs.)

## SI-300CC Camera Controller Features

The SI-300CC is designed to simplify EMC testing. It reduces the complexity of a test system by controlling up to four color video cameras. Additional features of the SI-300CC are:

- Glass fiber optic cables are used for communication.
- Use of fiber optic cables and serial links allow communications to be uninterrupted by high RF fields.
- Universal power supply input 100-240 VAC, 50-60Hz.
- Remote (IEEE-488) and local (front panel) operation.
- Modular design allows for easy upgrades (to control a maximum of four cameras).
- Bright Graphical Display (240 x 64).
- Serial EEPROM stores critical configuration information.
- Dual Joysticks on front panel allows easy maneuvering of cameras.

- Optional 4 Fiber Optic Video Receivers w/AGC on rear panel.
- Optional Video Distribution board (1 to 4) on rear panel for connecting to VCRs/monitors.

## **SI-300CC Camera Controller Technical Data**

<b>Architecture</b>	8051 20 MHz w/20K flash
<b>Communication Channels</b>	Up to 4 channels, Bi-directional Serial @ 9600 Baud
<b>Fiber Interfaces</b>	Fiber Communication 62.5 micron glass ST Fiber Video Receiver 62.5 micron glass ST
<b>Display</b>	240x64 Graphical LCD w/back-light
<b>Front Panel Controls</b>	4 function keys, 4 special keys, and 12 numeric keys 2 Joysticks for positioning devices and cameras
<b>Computer Interface</b>	GPIB IEEE-488 compatible
<b>Mechanical</b>	Occupies 2U of space in a 19 inch rack
<b>Electrical</b>	Power Supply 100-240 VAC, 50-60 Hz

## **Video Monitor Features**

The VCS-04 includes a high-resolution video monitor. For more information, refer to the manufacturer's manual included with the video monitor.

## Installation

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### Before You Begin

Before you begin the installation of the VCS-04, conduct an initial inspection of the system and verify that you have received all components with your product.

#### Inspection

The VCS-04 was thoroughly tested and inspected prior to shipment. Inspect the product for signs of physical damage that may have occurred during shipping. If damage is discovered, file a claim with the carrier.

#### Supplied Components/Accessories

The VCS-04 ships with the following components:

- VC-04 camera unit
- SI-300CC camera controller
- High resolution video monitor
- Fiber optic cable set
- BNC video cable
- AC power cord(s)
- Manual

Verify that you have received the above components. Contact a TDK RF Solutions Sales and Support Office to request additional or replacement components.

#### Optional Components/Accessories

The VCS-04 is available with the following optional components:

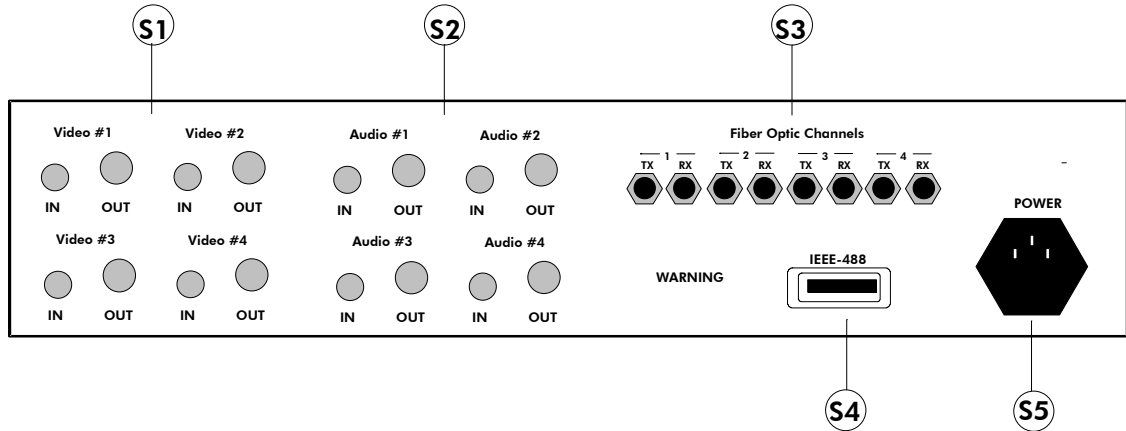
- Optional built-in audio and audio cable
- Optional IEEE-488 serial cable
- Optional Pan/Tilt unit
- Optional high resolution flat panel monitor
- Optional battery and battery charger

## Product Diagrams

Refer to the following diagrams when installing the VCS-04 video camera system.

### SI-300CC Rear Panel

The following graphic displays port locations on the SI-300CC's rear panel.

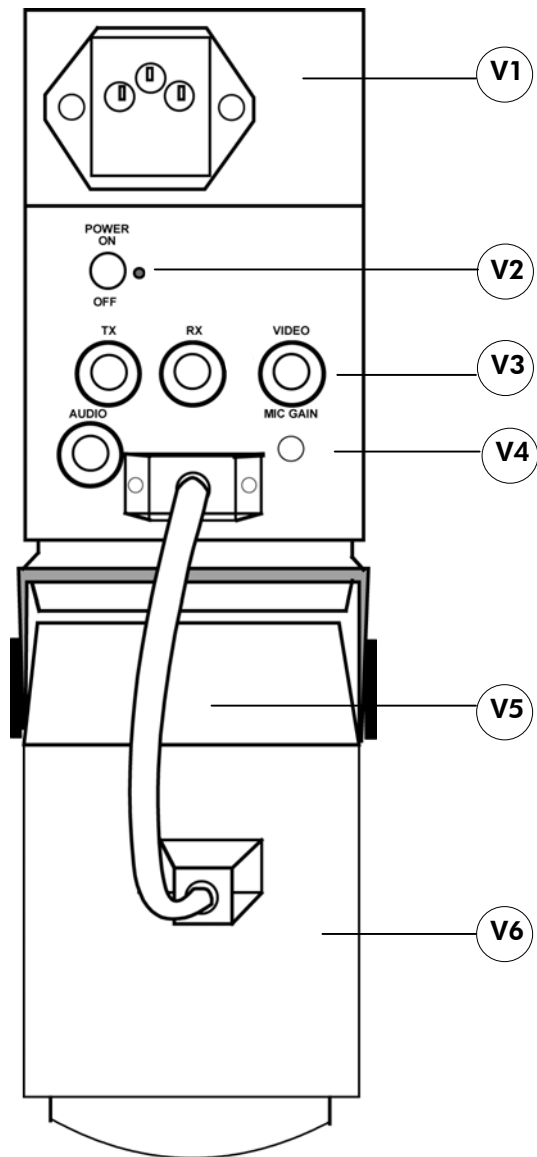


**SI-300CC Rear Panel Layout**

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- S1 Video Receiver Ports** IN and OUT ports (for up to four video receivers).
  - S2 Audio Receiver Ports** IN and OUT ports (for up to four audio receivers).
  - S3 Fiber Optic Channel Ports** TX (transmit) and RX (receive) ports (for up to four cameras).
  - S4 IEEE-488 Port** Port used to connect the SI-300CC to a PC to allow remote control of devices connected to the SI-300CC.
  - S5 Power Input** Attach AC power cable here.
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## VC-04 Rear Panel

The following graphic displays port locations on the VC-04's rear panel.



### VC-04 Rear Panel Layout

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- V1 Power Input** Attach AC power cable here.
  - V2 Manual Power Switch** Turns VC-04 power on and off.
  - V3 Ports** TX (transmit) and RX (receive), video, and audio ports to connect to the SI-300CC.
  - V4 Potentiometer Control** Adjusts microphone gain (for audio option).
  - V5 Pan/Tilt Connection Cable** 9-Pin D-SUB connector used to connect the VC-04 to the optional Pan/Tilt unit.
  - V6 Optional Pan/Tilt Unit** Control unit that allows remote or manual adjustments to the VC-04's horizontal (pan) and vertical (tilt) position. The VC-04 has a mounting plate that will screw onto the Pan/Tilt unit.
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## Installation Instructions

The video camera system installation is simple, requiring only the following steps:

- 1 Mount the components in their respective locations (control room, chamber, other remote locations).
- 2 Install cable runs between control room and remote locations.
- 3 Connect the SI-300CC to the video monitor(s) using the BNC cable(s).
- 4 Connect the SI-300CC to the camera(s) using the fiber optic cable(s).
- 5 Connect the SI-300CC to the control computer using the IEEE-488 serial cable.
- 6 Power on the monitor, camera(s), and camera controller.

### Connecting the Video System Components

Make sure the cables are positioned away from moving parts and do not interfere with the movement of the rack in any way.

**SI-300CC to Video Monitor** Connect the video monitor to the SI-300CC rear panel using the BNC cables supplied.

- S1** Connect the Video OUT on the SI 300CC to the Video IN on the monitor.
- S2** Connect the optional Audio OUT on the SI-300CC to the Audio IN on the monitor.

\*S1 and S2 refer to item numbers on the product diagrams (pages 5 and 6).

**SI-300CC to VC-04** Connect the remote cameras to the SI-300CC rear panel using the fiber-optic cables supplied. Each camera communicates with the SI-300CC using an RS-232 serial communication link that requires a fiber-optic cable with two fibers, one RX (reception) and one TX (transmission). The RX and TX taken together are considered one channel.

- S3 V3** Connect the RX port on the SI-300CC to the TX port on the remote camera, and the TX to the RX. The SI300CC has a dedicated channel for each remote device, which needs to be connected to the assigned fiber-optic port. The ports are re-configurable via the front panel and computer interface.

**SI-300CC to VC-04** Connect the VC-04's video signal cable and optional audio signal cable to the SI-300CC's rear panel video and audio receiver ports.

- S1 V3** Connect the Video IN on the SI-300 to the Video port on the VC-04. This transmitter will emit a red light when the video is functioning properly.
- S2 V3** Connect the optional Audio IN on the SI-300 to the Audio port on the VC-04. This transmitter will emit a red light when the video is functioning properly.

### SI-300CC to Computer

- S4** Connect the SI-300CC to a control computer using an IEEE-488 cable (not supplied).

## Power Supply

**SI-300CC** The SI-300CC is equipped with a universal input AC power supply that can operate from a wide range of input AC power allowing it to be used internationally without any jumper settings. The allowable input voltage rating is 100-240 VAC, 50-60Hz.

Ⓢ5 Connect the power cable to an approved grounded outlet.

**Video Monitor** The video monitor is equipped with an AC power supply. Verify that the input connector is compatible with your power supply.

Connect the power cable to an approved grounded outlet. If the connector is not compatible with your power supply, add the appropriate adapter and connect to an approved grounded outlet.

**VC-04** The power module is mounted on top of the VC-04 via a 4-pin LEMO connector. The VC-04 has two options for power – AC and DC.

1. AC Module: Universal input 100-240VAC, 50-60Hz.

Ⓥ1 Connect the power cable to an approved grounded outlet.

2. DC Module: 12V 4A Ni-MH Rechargeable Battery module. The battery module must be removed for recharging. Use only the charger that is supplied with the camera system.

These modules are interchangeable. The unit has a RED power LED that will illuminate if the unit is powered on.

## System Initialization

### SI-300CC Opening Screen

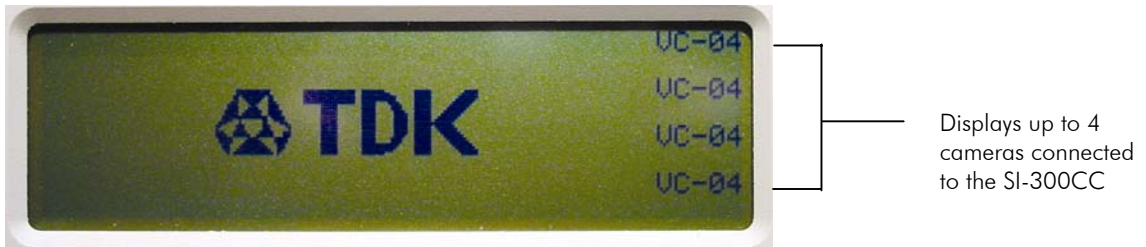
After powering on the remote cameras, you should observe the opening screen shown below with the device name, company name, and IEEE 488 address.





### SI-300CC Menu Screen

After a brief setup period, the Menu Screen will appear, allowing the user to select one of four different cameras by using the F1-F4 keys. Enter the page of interest and verify that the SI-300CC is communicating with the remote camera. The status of the device should change from “[N/A]” to “[A]” once communication is established. If it remains in the “[N/A]” mode, check that the remote device is powered on, then check that the fiber-optic cables are connected properly.



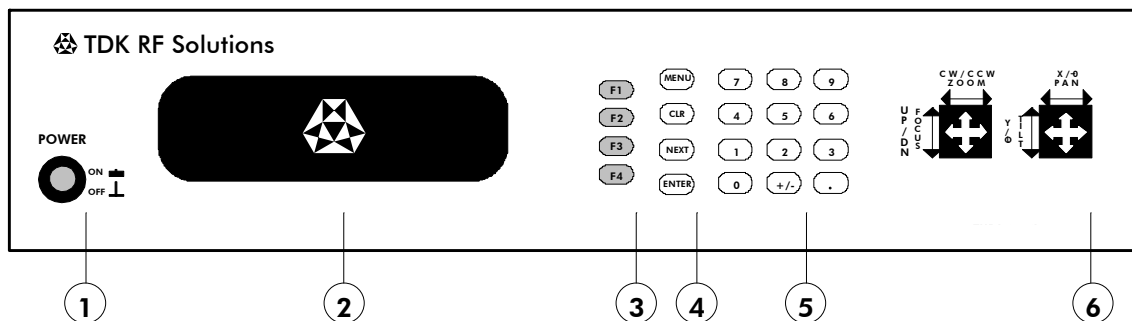
## Operating Instructions

### Getting Started

The VC-04 color video camera can be operated remotely via fiber optic links to the SI-300CC camera. This chapter covers both remote and manual operation.

### Remote Operation – SI-300CC Front Panel Controls

The front panel of the SI-300CC is designed to be user-friendly yet flexible enough to accommodate the wide variety of functions that the unit is used for.



- 1 Power Switch – used to power the SI-300CC on and off.
- 2 LCD – 240 x 64 backlit liquid crystal display (LCD).
- 3 Function Keys (F1-F4) – general purpose keys for different uses, depending on the screen selected. These function keys are called “soft keys” since their function can be reconfigured by software. The screen will display a keyword (e.g. “STOP”, “ZERO”, etc.) next to each key depending on its current function. Some keys may be unused at a given time. Press the respective function key to perform the task described by the keyword.
- 4 Special Keys - four dedicated keys that are used for various functions on the SI-300CC. The “MENU” key can be pressed at any time to return to the Main Menu. The “CLEAR” key can be used to clear data that has been entered on the screen. The “NEXT” key can be used to scroll through the different pages. The “ENTER” key can be used to process data from the numeric keypad.
- 5 Numeric Keypad section for data entry. This includes numbers “0” through “9”, a “+/-” key, and a “.” key. A blinking cursor or a highlighted number indicates the current field that will be modified. Once the value has been entered, press “ENTER” for the value to take effect. Depending on the screen some numbers may be unused.
- 6 Joysticks (two) - used to control camera position. The joysticks are labeled for various tasks depending on the module that they are controlling. They are labeled for their appropriate function as follows:

CW/CCW: This is used for turntables to turn the table clockwise or counter-clockwise

- ZOOM: This is used for cameras to zoom in and out
- UP/DOWN: This is used for masts to make the mast go up and down
- X/θ: This is used for x-y positioners and the manipulators
- PAN: This is used for cameras to pan left and right
- Y/φ: This is used for x-y positioners and manipulators
- TILT: This is used for cameras to tilt up and down

The following sections describe in detail how each different page is operated.

### Menu Page



- Press F1 to control this camera
- Press F2 to control this camera
- Press F3 to control this camera
- Press F4 to control this camera

The main menu can always be reached by pressing the “MENU” key. This screen allows the user to easily maneuver through the different SI-300CC modules. The SI-300CC can be configured with as many as 4 different modules. These modules will be displayed on the right hand side of the screen. The module page can be accessed by pressing the corresponding “F” key. While in the menu page the “NEXT” key can be pressed to access the SI-300CC options page.

### Options Page



- Go to **Main Menu**
- Go to **GPIB Page**
- Go to **Configuration Page**

The options menu can always be reached by pressing the “NEXT” key while in the main menu page. This screen allows the user to easily maneuver through the different SI-300CC options.

The abbreviations and functions present on the menu screen are:

- MODULE SELECT: (F1) Module Select: Pressing this key will take the user to the main menu screen where the user can choose one of four modules to operate.

**GPIB ADDRESS:** (F2) GPIB Address: Pressing this key will take the user to the GPIB page. This page can be used to check or change the GPIB address. The SI-300CC retains the GPIB address in a serial EEPROM.

**SI-300CC CONFIG:** (F3) SI-300CC Configuration: Pressing this key will take the user to the configuration page. This page allows the user to change or configure the module on each channel (up to 4 channels). Note: The module configurations are preset at the factory and the user should take special care when using the configuration features of the SI-300.

### GPIB Page



Enter a GPIB address  
Return to **Main Menu**

This screen allows the user to check or change the GPIB address. Simply type in a number from 0 to 30 and then hit the “ENTER” key, and the new address will take effect. The address is stored in a serial EEPROM. The “EXIT” key can be pressed at any time to return to the main menu.

### SI-300CC CONFIG Page



Scroll through available channels  
Configure the module that is currently highlighted  
Return to **Main Menu**

This screen allows the user to change or configure each module on the SI-300CC.

The abbreviations and functions present on the configure screen are:

**NEXT CHANNEL:** (F1) Next Channel: Pressing this key scrolls the user through the four available fiber optic serial channels on the SI-300CC. Once the proper channel is highlighted then the user can change or configure the module on this channel.

**CONFIG:** (F2) Configure: Pressing this key allows the user to enter the configuration for the module that is currently highlighted. Not every module has a configuration screen.

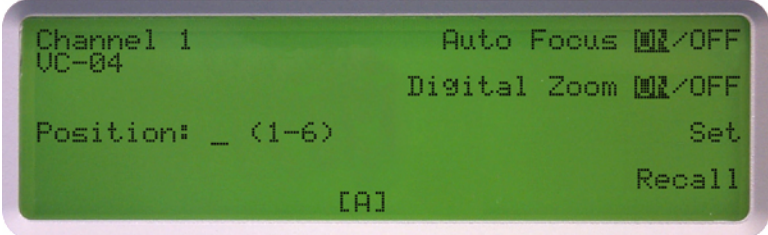
EXIT: (F4) Exit: This key takes the user back to the Main Menu

### Camera Control Module Operation

Enter the Camera Control Module page by pressing the appropriate F-key from the Module page. There are two different camera pages available depending on the configuration of the SI-300. Once a camera page is displayed, the joysticks can be used for the PAN, TILT, ZOOM and FOCUS functions.

This page only displays the name of the camera and the channel number it is on.

### VC-04 PAGE

	Toggle auto focus on or off
	Toggle zoom on or off
	Set memory position
	Recall a saved memory position

This page gives the user the ability to turn the Auto Focus on and off and to save and recall camera positions.

The following is a description of the different functions present on this page:

- Auto Focus ON/OFF: (F1) Auto Focus ON or OFF. This key can be toggled to send a command to the camera to turn the auto focus on or off.
- Set: (F3) Set memory position. When a number is entered in the Position field, pressing this key will save the current zoom, focus, pan and tilt positions.
- Recall: (F4) Recall memory position. When a number is entered in the Position field, pressing this key will recall the corresponding saved memory positions for that number.

### CONFIGURATION PAGE

Enter the VC-04 camera configuration page by first going to the options page and pressing the “F3” key to go to the SI-300CC configuration page. The user can scroll through each channel using the “F1”(NEXT CHANNEL) key. Once the proper camera is highlighted the “F2”(CONFIG) key can be pressed to enter the VC-04 camera configuration page.

This page gives the user the ability to set and display the identification tag and adjust the iris

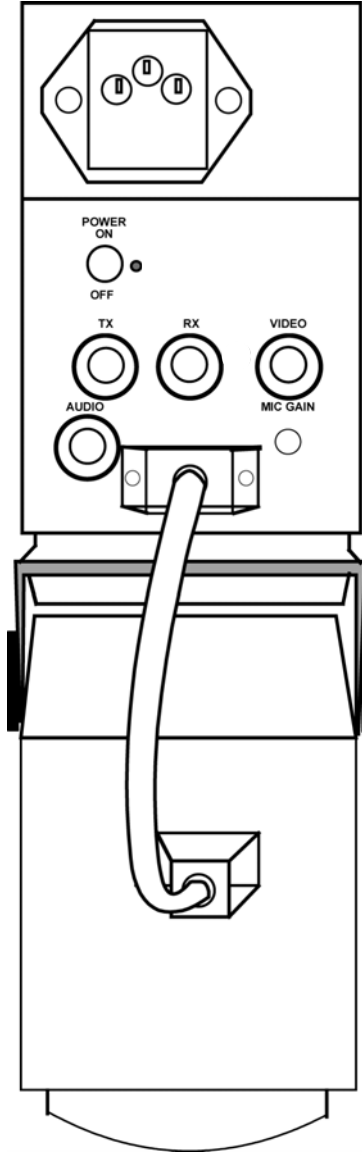
IRIS ADJUST: The joystick labeled UP/DN can be used to adjust the iris up and down. There are a total of 17 steps of adjustment in the camera. Each time the joystick is toggled up or down the iris will adjust one step.

The following is a description of the different functions present on this page:

ID ON/OFF:	(F1) ID ON or OFF. This key can be toggled to send a c command to the camera to turn the identification tag on or off.
IRIS RESET:	(F2) RESET Iris position. Pressing this key will reset the iris position to the factory default.
PREV:	(F3) Previous: Pressing this key will take the user back to the SI-300CC configuration page.
EXIT:	(F4) Exit: This key takes the user back to the Main Menu

## Manual Operation – VC-04 Rear Panel Controls

The following graphic displays the location of the VC-04's power switch and microphone gain adjustment (for the audio option) used in the operation of the VC-04.



### Manual Control Switches

#### POWER

SPDT switch used to turn power on and off. A red LED will indicate that power is turned on.

#### MIC GAIN:

Located below the VIDEO fiber connector. This potentiometer is used to adjust the gain of the microphone signal.

CHAPTER 4

## Remote Programming

The SI-300CC can be remotely programmed using an IEEE-488 bus. The address setting is done on the GPIB ADDRESS page of the SI-300. This page can be selected by pressing F2 in the Main Menu page. The address is displayed during power up and on the GPIB ADDRESS page.

### SI-300CC System Commands v1.3EL

COMMAND	FUNCTION
<b>*RST</b>	RESETS SI300
<b>SI:MODULE</b>	Returns to the Main Menu (Module) Page
<b>SI:MENU</b>	Returns to the Options Page
<b>*IDN?</b>	Returns "SI-300 SYSTEM INTERFACE"
<b>SI:CONFIGX:CHZ</b>	Configure Channel Z with module X (hex value) Module #(hex) 0            VC-04 1            VC-04 2            FP4000 3            FP6000 4            PP02-X 5            PP02-Y 6            Local Switch Module 7            Remote Switch Module 1 8            Remote Switch Module 2 9            Remote Switch Module 3 A            Preamp B            N/A
<b>SI:CHZ</b>	Changes to the module page on channel Z
<b>SI:Q:CHZ</b>	Returns module number on channel Z in hex format: 0 to 9 then A to B  "M=2" module on channel x is an FP4000



## SI-300CC Camera Commands

COMMAND	FUNCTION
CA:TD:CHZ	Tilt camera Down on channel Z
CA:TU:CHZ	Tilt camera Up on channel Z
CA:PR:CHZ	Pan camera Right on channel Z
CA:PL:CHZ	Pan camera Left on channel Z
CA:ZI:CHZ	Zoom camera In on channel Z
CA:ZO:CHZ	Zoom camera Out on channel Z
CA:ST:CHZ	Stops Pan/Tilt and Zoom/Focus on channel Z
CA:IDON:CHZ	Turn the Identification tag on
CA:IDOFF:CHZ	Turn the Identification tag off
CA:IDSETXY:CHZ	Set the Identification tag 00<=XY<=99
CA:IRISRESET:CHZ	Reset the Iris Position to the factory default setting
CA:IRISSETXY:CHZ	Set the Iris Position. 00<=XY<=11 EX: XY=03 or XY=11 or XY=08 or XY=00
CA:DZON:CHZ	Turn On the Digital Zoom on channel Z
CA:DZOFF:CHZ	Turn Off the Digital Zoom on channel Z
CA:FI:CHZ	Focus camera In on channel Z
CA:FO:CHZ	Focus camera Out on channel Z
CA:AON:CHZ	Turn On the Auto Focus on channel Z
CA:AOFF:CHZ	Turn Off the Auto Focus on channel Z
CA:MSX:CHZ	Save camera position to memory on channel Z 1<=X<=6
CA:MRX:CHZ	Recall saved camera position from memory on channel Z 1<=X<=6

## Service

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### Replaceable Parts

The VCS-04 contains no user replaceable parts. For service, contact a TDK RF Solutions Sales and Support Office.

### Service and Ordering Information

To request service, to place an order, or to learn more about the TDK RF Solutions products that best meet your needs, contact your TDK representative:

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## APPENDIX B

# Maintenance

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The design of the VCS-04 is such that little or no maintenance is required under normal usage. To ensure years of uninterrupted service from VCS-04, perform the following procedures:

- 1 Inspect the VCS-04 on a regular basis to make sure that the unit is clean and functioning properly, and all cables and connectors are securely fastened and in good condition.
- 2 Tighten the screws that mount the SI-300CC to the rack and the VC-04 to its stand. Normal use may cause equipment screws to loosen over time.
- 3 Verify that the product has not been damaged in any way. If damage has occurred, it should be repaired properly. Call your TDK RF Solutions representative to request service. Physical damage to the product should be repaired prior to placing it in service.

Perform the recommended maintenance every three months. This time may be varied depending on the frequency of use

## APPENDIX C

# Limited Warranty

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