

# MU-STIX-GF USER MANUAL

STIX TEST ECOSYSTEM SIGNAL GENERATOR
WITH FEMALE HDMI PORT

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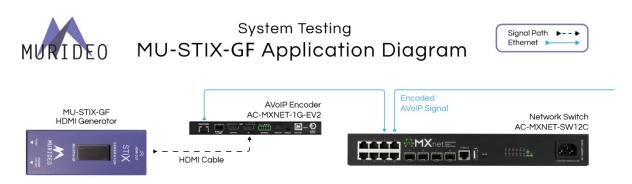


#### Introduction

Murideo's MU-STIX-GF is an ultra-compact HDMI 2.1 test pattern generator designed to meet the evolving needs of professional AV integrators. With its female HDMI connector and enhanced design, this cost-effective, user-friendly tool offers increased flexibility for validating HDMI signal paths and display capabilities.

The STIX-GF supports both cutting-edge HDMI 2.1 (FRL) signals up to 48 Gbps and legacy HDMI (TMDS), making it ideal for a wide range of signal scenarios. It generates video test patterns at resolution timings from 720p/60 Hz up to 8K/30 Hz, including 4K/120 Hz. Equipped with 13 built-in test patterns and 6 preset timing options, the STIX-GF is ready to support even the most demanding HDMI testing environments and workflows. It can also generate 8 channels of PCM audio as 1 kHz tones at sample rates of 48 kHz, 96 kHz, and 192 kHz, providing a reliable way to test multi-channel audio paths.

Compact and power-efficient, the STIX-GF can operate from a USB-A port on an AV receiver or display, or through a USB Type-C connection to a mobile device. With its rugged construction and practical enhancements, the MU-STIX-GF is the perfect tool for accurate HDMI signal generation in the field or lab.



#### **Features**

- Cost-effective HDMI 2.1b, 8K 48 Gbps (FRL) compliant generator
- Generates 720p, 1080p, 4K and 8K signal timings at 8-, 10-, and 12-bit color depths, in RGB, 4:2:2, and 4:4:4 color spaces
- Configurable HDCP with options for versions 1.4, and 2.3 (1.4 is TDMS only) or Off.
- 13 built-in test patterns and 6 preset timing options, including pseudo-random binary sequence, a diagnostic tool to identify transmission-related issues such as bit errors, signal attenuation, or timing problems.
- Generates 8-Channels of PCM audio as 1 kHz tones at sample rates of 48 kHz, 96 kHz, and 192 kHz
- Low power draw allows device to be powered over USB Type-A (from AVR or display) or via USB Type-C from mobile device.
- OLED color screen with an intuitive navigation menu

#### **Box Contents**

- (1x) Murideo MU-STIX-GF Unit
- (1x) 5' USB Type-C to USB Type-A Cable



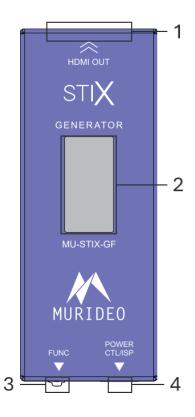
# **Product Overview**

# **Technical Specifications**

Video	
HDMI Version	2.1
HDCP Version	1.4 and 2.3
HDCP ON/OFF	Yes
Resolution Timings	120 Hz - 4K 60 Hz - 4K, 1080p, 720p 30 Hz - 8K, 4K, 1080p
Video Encoding	RGB (Limited), YCbCr
Video Sampling Models	RGB 4:4:4, YUV 4:4:4, YUV 4:2:2
Color Bit Depth	12-, 10-, 8-bit
Patterns	Black, Checkbox, Stripes, Red, Green, Blue, White, White Ramp, Red Ramp, Green Ramp, Blue Ramp, PRBS, Color Bars
Audio	
Audio Channels	8-Channel (7.1)
Audio Output	8-Channel LPCM at 1kHz
Sampling Rates	48 kHz, 96 kHz, 192 kHz
Ports	
HDMI	19-pin Type-A, female
Power/Firmware & Control	USB Type-C
Environmental	
Operating Temperature	23° to 125°F (-5° to 51°C)
Storage Temperature	-4° to 140°F (-20° to 60°C)
Humidity Range	5% to 90% RH (No Condensation)
Cooling	Passive
Power	
Power	5 VDC, 270 mA
Power Consumption	1.35 W Maximum
Physical / Dimensions	
Dimensions (Unit Length/Width/Height)	mm: 12 x 32 x 82 in: .47 x 1.26 x 3.22
Dimensions (Packaged Length/Width/Height)	mm: 122 x 91 x 26 in: 4.80 x 3.58 x 1.02
Weight (Unit)	.09 lbs. (0.04 kg)
Weight (Packaged)	.34 lbs. (.15 kg)
*Specifications subject to change without notice	. Mass 8 dimensions are approximate



#### MU-STIX-GF Overview



# MU-STIX-GF 1 - HDMI OUT 2 - OLED Screen 3 - Function Switch and Button 4 - USB-C Port Power, Control (CTL), In-system Programming (ISP)



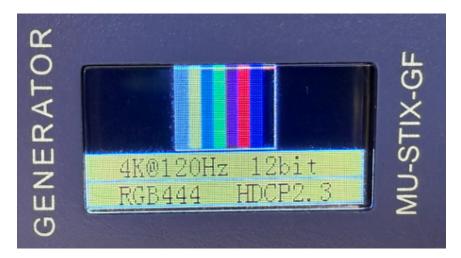
# **Preparing For Use**

The Murideo STIX-GF is powered through the USB Type-C input using any standard USB power supply.

- Connect the STIX-GF to a power supply using the supplied USB cable. Any USB Type-C to C or Type-C to A cable may be connected to the STIX-GF.
- Connect the STIX-GF to the sink device to be tested with an HDMI cable.
  - o Sink devices include AVRs, Displays, HDMI Matrixes, or any HDMI device with an HDMI Input.
- Signal parameters of the STIX-GF are configured manually.
  - The STIX-GF does not automatically adjust its configuration to match the preferred timing specified in the Sink device's EDID.

#### Home Screen

By default, the STIX-GF will power up to the Home Screen shown below:



The user can set the following 5 parameters:

- 1. Test Pattern
- 2. Resolution and Timing
- 3. Bit Depth
- 4. Color space
- 5. HDCP Version

By default, these values are:

- 1. Color Bars
- 2. 1080p60
- 3. 8 bit
- 4. RGB444
- 5. No HDCP

To adjust these parameters, short press the function button (labeled FUNC).



#### Main Menu



The main menu allows the user to select from 7 options:

- 1. TIMING
  - a. Resolution and Timing
- 2. CD
  - a. Color Depth / Bit Depth
- 3. CSC
  - a. Color space
- 4. HDCP
  - a. HDCP Version
- 5. PATTERN
  - a. Test Patterns
- 6. MACHINE CONFIG
  - a. Resetting and Firmware Version
- 7. RETURN
  - a. Return to Home Screen

# Navigating the Menu

- 1. To navigate the menu, short press the function button to scroll through the available options. Menu position is denoted by the Cursor (<<)
- 2. To select a menu option, press and hold the function button for 3 seconds.
- 3. Once a menu option is selected, the selected options sub menu will open.
- 4. After 10 seconds of function button inactivity, the STIX-GF will return to the home screen.
  - a. If the STIX-GF returns to the home screen due to inactivity, the last menu will be stored and recalled when the function button is pressed.
  - b. Example: The Timing menu is active, and the menu has not been returned to the main menu, timing out to the Home Screen. Upon a short press of the function button, the Timing Menu will be brought up in place of the main menu.



# **Timing**

Timing consists of two elements, Resolution and Frame Rate. The STIX-GF has six combinations to choose from:

- 1. 720p60
- 2. 1080p60
- 3. 4k30
- 4. 4k60
- 5. 4k120
- 6. 8k30

After selecting the menu option, the active selection will become highlighted.



# Color Depth (CD)

Color Depth, also known as Bit Depth or Bits Per Component, adjusts the Depth of the defined Timing Resolution and Chroma.

The STIX-GF has 3 selectable Color Depths:

- 1. 8 bit
- 2. 10 bit
- 3. 12 bit

After selecting the menu option, the active selection will become highlighted.

# Color Space (CSC)

Color space refers to the encoding method of the video signal. The STIX-GF is capable of outputting in a limited color space (16-235) in both RGB and YCbCr (short formed to YUV) formats.

There are three available color spaces:

- 1. RGB444
- 2. YUV444
- 3. YUV422
  - a. Limited to 8-bit Color Depth selection; transmitted at 12-bit Color Depth.

After selecting the menu option, the active selection will become highlighted.



#### **HDCP**

HDCP (High-Bandwidth Digital Content Protection) is a form of digital rights management within the HDMI video transmission. The STIX-GF can be operated with or without HDCP enabled. Available selections include:

- 1. No HDCP
  - a. Compatible with all signals.
- 2. HDCP 1.4
  - a. Compatible with TMDS signals below 18 Gbps.
  - b. Incompatible with FRL Signals.
- 3. HDCP 2.3
  - a. Compatible with TMDS signals below 18 Gbps.
  - b. Required for all FRL Signals if HDCP encrypted.

After selecting the menu option, the active selection will become highlighted.

#### Pattern

In addition to testing HDMI sink devices, 13 Patterns are contained in the STIX-GF consisting of solid colors, ramps, and more. Giving the STIX-GF use for basic color checking and white balancing of displays.

#### Patterns Include:

- 1. Black
- 2. CHK\_BOX (Checker Box)
- 3. STRIP (Stripes)
- 4. Red
- 5. Green
- 6. Blue
- 7. White
- 8. RAMP (White Ramp)
- 9. R\_RAMP (Red Ramp)
- 10. G\_RAMP (Green Ramp)
- 11. B\_RAMP (Blue Ramp)
- 12. PRBS (Pseudorandom Binary Sequence)
- 13. C-BARS (Color Bars)

After selecting the menu option, the active selection will become highlighted.



# **Machine Config**

Machine Config contains the options for resetting the device to the default state or checking the current firmware of the unit. There are two options inside this menu option:

- 1. MACHINE RESET
  - a. Resets the STIX-GF back to the default state.
  - b. By Default, these values are:
    - 1. Timing
      - a. 1080p60
    - 2. CD
- a. 8 bit
- 3. CSC
  - a. RGB444
- 4. HDCP
  - a. No HDCP
- 5. PATTERN
  - a. Color Bars
- 2. MACHINE VERSION

[Insert Machine Rev Picture]

- a. Version
  - i. The Main Build Version
- b. Revision
  - i. The Firmware Revision of the Main Build
- c. After selecting MACHINE VERSION, press and hold the function button for 3 seconds to return to the main menu.

#### Return

When in a sub menu, selecting the return option will return you to the previous menu. When in the main menu, the return option will return you to the home screen.

#### Screen Saver

The blank (black) screen saver will appear after 5 minutes of inactivity; during this state the STIX-GF is still operational. Users may open the Home Screen at any time by pressing the function button. Additionally, upon receiving serial data, the Home Screen will open.

# Firmware and Control

Updating the firmware

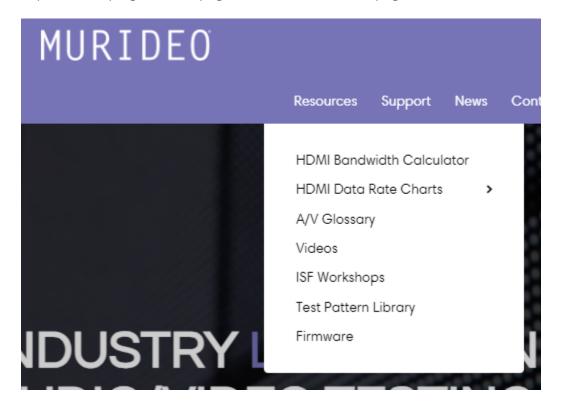
Requirements:

- Windows PC
- USB-A or USB-C to USB-C data cable for a direct serial connection
- Firmware FWM file and Uploader
- CH340 USB Serial Driver (available on murideo.com)

Follow the steps below to update the firmware on the STIX-GF:



1. Find the firmware file under the Resources -> Firmware dropdown on <a href="https://www.avproglobal.com/pages/murideo-brand-home-page">https://www.avproglobal.com/pages/murideo-brand-home-page</a>



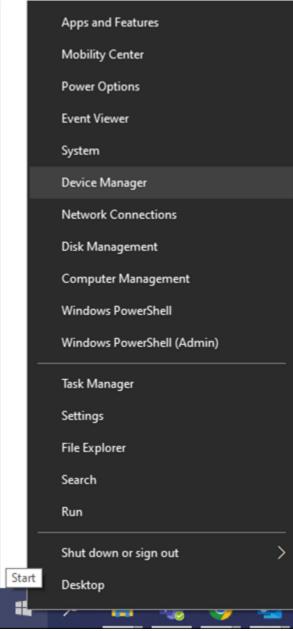
- 2. Connect PC directly to the USB-C CTL/USP ports on the STIX-GF using a USB -C cable.
- 3. Download and install the CH340 USB Serial Driver.
  - a. Navigate to <a href="https://www.avproglobal.com/products/mu-stix-gf">https://www.avproglobal.com/products/mu-stix-gf</a>
  - b. Click on the Resources tab.
  - c. Click the USB DRIVER link.
  - d. Download the CH340 driver to your PC.



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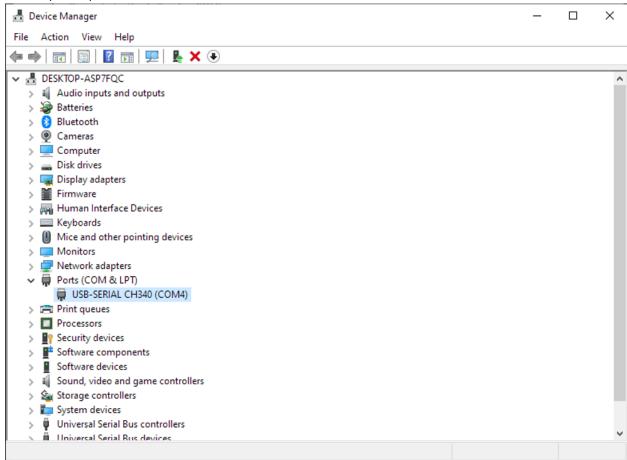
4. Right-click on the Windows Start button and select Device Manager.



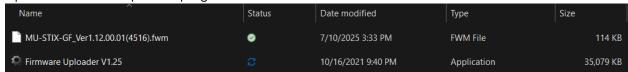
Then select the Ports (COM & LPT) drop-down menu and locate the port labeled USB-SERIAL



#### CH340 (COMX) to confirm the STIX-GF is connected to the PC.

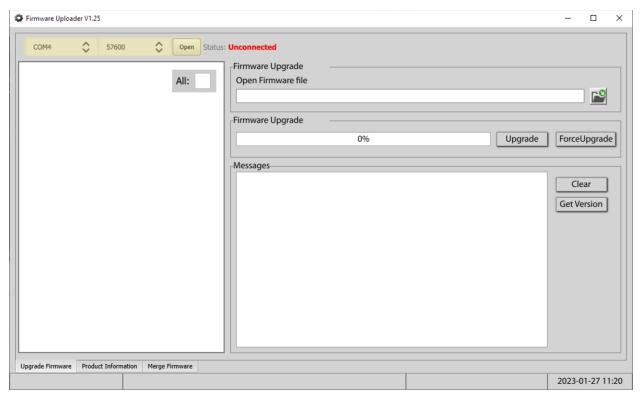


5. Open the Firmware Uploader program

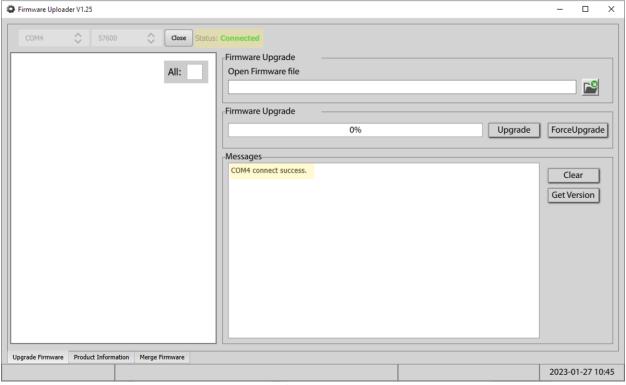


Select the correct COM, Baud: 57600, and select the Open button to open the port.





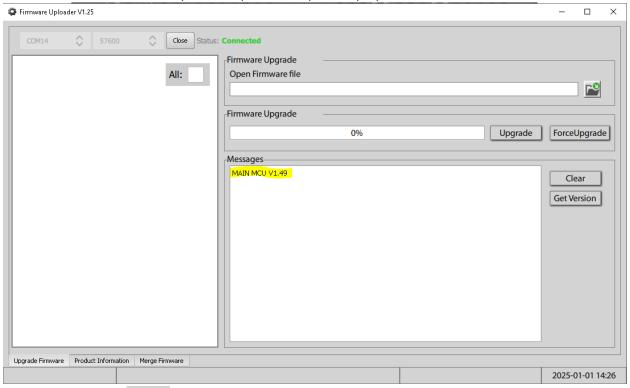
The Status will now show as Connected in green text with COMX connect success under Messages.



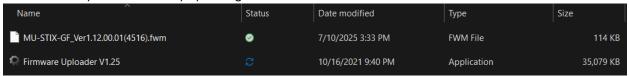
6. Select the Get Version button to see the current firmware version on the STIX-GF.



Note: screenshots below is only an example and may not display the exact version.



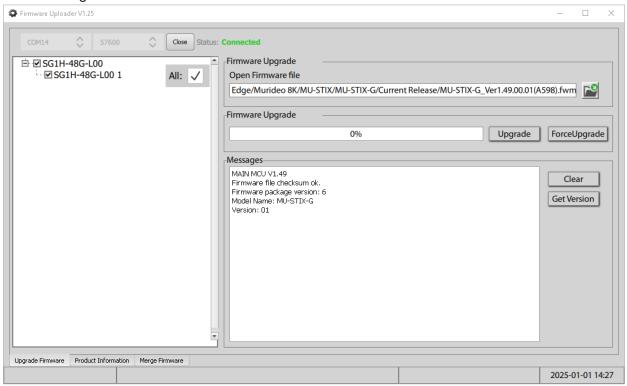
7. Select the file button to load the firmware file. Make sure to select the correct firmware file for the device you are currently updating.



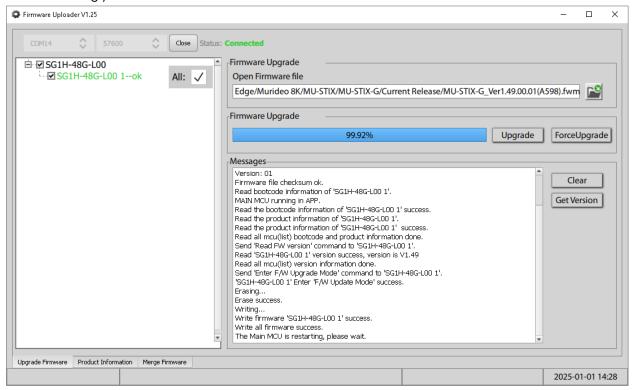
The firmware file will be loaded into the Open Firmware file field with the following information



#### under Messages:

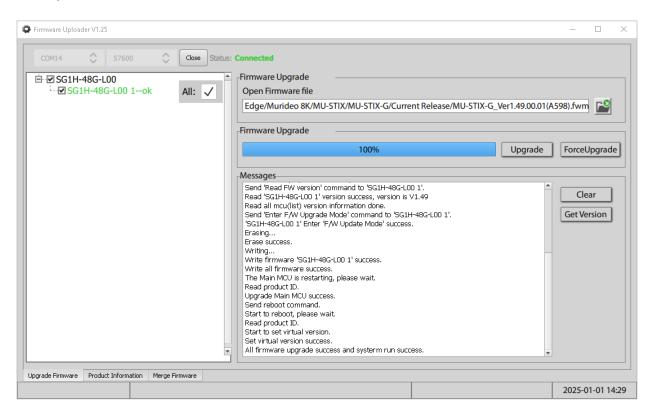


8. Select the Upgrade button to start the firmware update. The loading bar will pause at 99% for a few seconds before automatically rebooting the unit. Do not use the ForceUpgrade button. If the Uploader is not updating firmware for any reason, please contact Murideo Support to assist in troubleshooting your STIX-GF.





9. Once the loading bar reaches 100%, use the Get Version button again to ensure the new firmware version is correct (note: screenshot below is only an example and may not display the exact version).



10. Select the Dutton to close the port, then select the X at the top-right to exit the Uploader. The STIX-GF is now up to date on its firmware and is safe to disconnect from your PC and power.



# Control

The STIX-GF can be controlled through Serial communication from a USB port with serial capabilities (COM) using the internal USB to UART adaptor. Ensure the CH340 Driver has been installed before connecting the device.

STIX-GF Serial Port Properties

Baud Rate	57600
Data Bits	8
Stop Bits	1
Parity	None
Flow Control	None

The STIX-GF features an ASCII API; commands sent to the unit should be followed by the carriage return control character. In the following example we will use <cr>

USER SENT:	SET OUT 1 STREAM OFF <cr></cr>
ECHO RECEIVED:	OUT1 STREAM OFF <cr></cr>



# Command List

Azz	All Commands start with Prefix System Address zz, {zz=[01-99](zz=00,broadcast address)}
Н	Help
STA	Show Global System Status
SET RST	Reset to Factory Defaults
SET RBT	System Reboot
SET ADDR xx	Set System Address to xx{xx=[01~99]}
SET OUT x	SET Outputx STREAM ON/OFF{x=0~1}
STREAM ON/OFF SET OUTX BDTy	   Set Output Signal Generator Bandwidth,and set it to RGB444 {x=[0-
,	1](0=ALL),y=[1,2,4,5,6](1=9G,2=18G,4=32G,5=40G,6=48G)}
SET OUTx SGMTy	Set Output Signal Generator Timing {x=[0-1](0=ALL),y=[1-6](1=720p60Hz,2=1080p60Hz,3=4K30Hz,4=4K60Hz,5=4K120Hz,6=8K30Hz)}
SET OUTx CDy	Set Output x Video Color Depth y {x=[0-1](0=ALL), y=[1-3](1=8 Bit,2=10Bit,3=12Bit)}
SET OUTx CSCy	Set Output x Video Color Space y {x=[0-1](0=ALL), y=[1-3](1=RGB,2=YUV444,3=YUV422)}
SET OUTx HDCPy	Set Output x Video HDCP Format {x=[0-1](0=ALL), y=[1-
SET OUTx VPFy	3](1=NoHDCP,2=HDCP1.x,3=HDCP2.x)} Set Output x Video Pattern Format {x=[0-1](0=ALL), y=[1-
OLI COIX VIII y	13](1=BLACK,2=CHECKBOARD,3=STRIP,4=RED,5=GREEN,6=BLUE)}
	{(7=WHITE,8=RAMP,9=RED_RAMP,10=GREEN_RAMP,11=BLUE_RAMP,12=PRBS,13=COLOR BAR)}
SET OUTx ASRy	Set Output Signal Generator Audio Sampling Rate {x=[0-1](0=ALL),y=[1,2,3](1=48K,2=96K,3=192K)}
GET ADDR	Get System Address
GET TMDS	Check TMDS Voltage Level Is Functioning Properly
CHECK GET OUTX	Cot Outputy Stroom ON/OFF Status (v.O. 1)
STREAM	Get Outputx Stream ON/OFF Status {x=0~1}
GET OUTx BDT	Get Output x Video Bandwidth Format Status
GET OUTx SGMT	Get Output x Video Timing Format Status
GET OUTx CD	Get Output x Video Color Depth Format Status
GET OUTx CSC	Get Output x Video Color Space Format Status
GET OUTx HDCP	Get Output x Video HDCP Format Status
GET OUTx VPF	Get Output x Video Pattern Format Status
GET OUTx ASR	Get Output x Video Audio Sampling Rate Format Status
GET OUTx EDID DATA	Get Output x EDID DATA



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