

KVM Switches and Advantage2 Keyboards

Most pass-through style (non-emulating) KVM switches are compatible with the Advantage2 for onboard programming but may not support Advanced Features (e.g. accessing the V-Drive, and status report). Hotkey switching may not be compatible with the Advantage2 so switches with remote controls are recommended. Some emulating switches may have an optional mode where emulation can be deactivated to enhance keyboard compatibility, check with your KVM manufacturer.

- **Pass-Through KVM: TrendNet TK209K**
 - All basic Advantage2 features (e.g, multimedia controls and onboard programming) as well as advanced features like v-drive access should be supported. Hotkey switching (via Scroll-Scroll) from the keyboard should also be supported.
- **Emulating KVM: ConnectPro UR-12+ Kit**
 - When connected to an “emulating” port on this KVM, most basic Advantage2 features are supported (e.g, multimedia controls and onboard programming). Hotkey switching should be supported. To access the v-drive you must swap the keyboard to one of the “pass-through” ports. The 4 and 8 port versions of this switch were not tested but should perform in a similar manner.
 - Note: The Status Report may playback garbled when connected through an emulating port. With firmware versions 1.0.18 and later it is possible to reduce Status Report Playback speed by accessing the v-drive to enhance playback. For assistance installing the latest version of firmware and or adjusting the Status Report Playback speed, see the 9/7/16 version of the User’s Manual (Sections 7.5, 8.0 and 7.11) or contact tech@kinesis.com.

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