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The nVidia GeForce FX5200 is an entry-level card - reviews compare it to the ATI Radeon 9000 Pro and the 9200 Pro, as well as the nVidia GeForce4 MX line, not the Radeon 9500/9600/9700/9800 line or the nVidia GeForce4 Ti lineup.

Here's a quote from the Tom's Hardware article linked above:

Quote:

By contrast, we were more pleased by the FX 5200 Ultra. With respect to performance, the card can hold its own quite well against the Radeon 9000 PRO/ 9200.

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In the entry-level segment, the FX 5200 Ultra is therefore a good choice. It's not certain, however, as to whether the moderate performance of the card really allows the DirectX 9 features in games to be used. Tests with modern games such as Splinter Cell or Aquanox 2 (internal tests with DX 9 Beta Patch) show that the card is actually too slow for this.

My point is not that the FX 5200 is a bad card - it's just that it is an entry-level card, not something that one can compare with the Ti 4200, 4400, or 4600, or with the Radeon 9500/9600/9700/9800.

Another thing - this is all considering the FX5200 Ultra, not the FX5200 normal, which is considered by many to be at GF4 MX420 / Radeon 7500 levels.

Later tests that compared the FX 5200 Ultra with the ATI Radeon 8500, 9100, 9000 Pro, and 9200 (non-Pro) have shown that they are all at about the same level. Each has its own advantages and disadvantages, which is also affected by drivers, etc., but because of the pricing difference, the best 'bang for the buck' out of those four would be the 8500. The best performance for a decent price in this range would be the 9200 Pro, but that, along with the FX5200 Ultra, approach the price range of the 9500 Pro, which is a whole lot faster than both of them.
