
Subject: Re: if you want a 7800gs...

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To answer a few questions.

1. Unfortunately, the GeForce4 Ti4200 will not run Battlefield 2 (by default, but I hear you can "modify" Battlefield 2 to run with it). It has the power to run it at low-medium at least, but EA required PS1.4 for the game, and the Ti4200 isn't PS1.4 compliant (it's 1.3). Back when the game was new and a lot of people still had GeForce4's, this ticked a lot of them off.
 2. Battlefield 2 shouldn't be run with less than 1GB RAM, and it really likes more.
 3. What card do you have now? Or since that AGP slot is empty, are you using onboard video (which would be Intel Extreme Graphics 1 or 2 probably)?
 4. Nice Dell (no offense, since it's what I'm using too [only for a short while longer though]). What Dell model is it (looks like a Dimension 8300/Optiplex GX270)? I have decent knowledge of Dell PCs, particularly the socket 478 ones. Go one step further and do what Coveman said. CPU and RAM specs would help.
 5. The 7800GS or better would be bottlenecked by just about all socket 478 systems. A 6800 or 7600 series card would be a better balance. The 7600GT is just about on par with the 7800GS anyways, but if you can get the 7800GS for as cheap as is being offered here, why not?
 6. What PSU do you have? The default one? That won't let you run a 7800GS, I'm afraid. The Dell PSU for most socket 478 systems is labeled at 250 watts (some are 305 watts), but that's their average. They can attain ~345 or so watts (in other words, if you rate them the same way you rate brand PSU's, it's considered 345 watts). The 7600GT would be the best you can use without upgrading the PSU. I've run a 6800GS on the stock Dell PSU for two months, but I don't know about the longevity of it, so I upgraded mine.
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