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Subject: Video Card

Posted by [JeepRubi](#) on Fri, 11 Aug 2006 21:03:58 GMT

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I bought a power color ati radeon x1300 awhile ago (3 months or so.) It has "hyper memory" which is utter crap. anyway, ill read the specs off to give you an idea of what i have.

- 64 bit
- 128mb GDDR memory
- up to 512mb hyper memory
- pci express
- 90 nanometer process GPU

The point is that im not impressed and want to get a better card than this. Something without hyper memory, any suggestions?

My price range is \$100-\$200 CAN even if its off of ebay, but I want it new not used.

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Subject: Re: Video Card

Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Fri, 11 Aug 2006 22:01:05 GMT

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You should be able to find an X1600 XT or Pro (although the XT is much better) for under \$200 CAN. A 7600 GT would probably be over 200, but not by much and it'd be faster than the X1600.

For example:

<http://www.canadacomputers.com/index.php?do=ShowProduct&cmd=pd&pid=009139&cid=999.243>

or

<http://www.canadacomputers.com/index.php?do=ShowProduct&cmd=pd&pid=009604&cid=999.243>

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Subject: Re: Video Card

Posted by [JeepRubi](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 15:36:29 GMT

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Subject: Re: Video Card

Posted by [Scythar](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 15:51:20 GMT

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I'd go for a 256Mb 7600.

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 16:30:50 GMT  
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I'd wait and keep saving up until DirectX 10 comes out.

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [Scythar](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 16:37:29 GMT  
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That practically means next year. By that time there will be new things to wait for, like always...but to each their own of course, depends of the budget, obviously.

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 17:18:13 GMT  
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Are you planning to upgrade to Vista as well? I've read many places that DirectX 10 will only run on Vista. Unless you're planning to upgrade to Vista theres no point in waiting. That's what finally allowed me to decide on the videocards for my computer.

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [Scythar](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 17:25:24 GMT  
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Correct.

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [AmunRa](#) on Sun, 13 Aug 2006 22:24:56 GMT  
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I've got a ATI Radeon X800 XL. It was decently cheap and has always got the job done with graphics set high and whatnot.

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [JeepRubi](#) on Mon, 14 Aug 2006 23:19:21 GMT  
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Would THIS be a good buy for the price? and would it be better than my other card?

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [Tunaman](#) on Mon, 14 Aug 2006 23:45:20 GMT  
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I got a 256MB GeForce 7300 for \$78 at Best Buy, and it seems to work pretty well for whatever game I play..

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Tue, 15 Aug 2006 00:23:27 GMT  
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Jeep Rubi wrote on Mon, 14 August 2006 16:19Would THIS be a good buy for the price? and would it be better than my other card?

Yeah that would work pretty good and definitely better than your other card. That's also a good price.

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [JeepRubi](#) on Tue, 15 Aug 2006 00:27:30 GMT  
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Okay, when my dad gets home ill see what i can do.

Thanks guys!

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [Ma1kel](#) on Tue, 15 Aug 2006 20:47:37 GMT  
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Doitle wrote on Sun, 13 August 2006 12:18Are you planning to upgrade to Vista as well? I've read many places that DirectX 10 will only run on Vista. Unless you're planning to upgrade to Vista theres no point in waiting. That's what finally allowed me to decide on the videocards for my computer.

Not sure, I've read that the Linux distrobution openSUSE 10.1 beats the Vista beta, and that Vista is very buggy.

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Tue, 15 Aug 2006 20:49:27 GMT  
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I would say that any Linux distribution beats the crap out of Vista.

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [Scythar](#) on Tue, 15 Aug 2006 20:52:26 GMT  
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Unfortunately, games are STILL a problem for linux. There are couple modern games that run on it, but when Vista comes out with DX10, it'll shuffle the deck again.

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Tue, 15 Aug 2006 22:17:20 GMT  
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Yeah... unfortunately.

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [JeepRubi](#) on Thu, 17 Aug 2006 01:34:43 GMT  
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Okay, i just got a new sound card and was going to get a new video card too, but now i can play bf2 with full graphics @30-60 fps. Before i had medium with less fps.

It now seems that I no longer need a new video card, does a sound card usually do that?

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Thu, 17 Aug 2006 01:50:51 GMT  
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Well, isn't Integrated Sound more of a stress on your CPU than a external sound card? So if that is true, then your CPU would be under less stress with an external card, giving you a boost in performance. Not sure if any of that is right, just a thought.

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Subject: Re: Video Card  
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Thu, 17 Aug 2006 02:17:54 GMT  
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You're correct.

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