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Posted by [JiggakoZz](#) on Sun, 16 Mar 2003 01:13:37 GMT

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Posted by [bigjoe14](#) on Sun, 16 Mar 2003 02:40:38 GMT

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You can get a PCI GeForce 4 64mb MX Series for about \$100.

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Ditto..I got the same card but slower CPU.

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TomsHardware is the best source on the net for real info about hardware. You'd be doing yourself a big favor to check out these links before buying a card to see how they actually preform.

Good luck

The One

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Posted by [Anlesauk](#) on Sun, 16 Mar 2003 04:04:39 GMT

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Posted by [laeubi](#) on Sun, 16 Mar 2003 11:35:53 GMT

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Radeon 7500 (90 FPS)

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Posted by [kawolsky](#) on Sun, 16 Mar 2003 20:16:39 GMT

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kawolskyHEY JIGG, IF YOU SPEAK LIKE YOU SPELL ON YOUR DESKTOP... WELL YOU MUST BE TOTALLY "THICK."

Kaw I dont know wtf you're talking about...

Anyway, I think I'm going to go with the Radeon 7500 but, what's the difference between PCI and AGP?

Thanks

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Great card...I have it too. I have loved it for a long time. I have something that will also make that baby fly like no tomorrow. My card is overclocked and it is really alot better now. I also purchasded a new cooling fan and heatsink for the card so it really performs nicely. The way I overclocked it was by running this program. Once installed it minimizes itself to the system tray. Then you right click on it and to to Performance Profiles and then to Configure. Once there you Video card's full name should be at the top and there should be two sliders. Each one controls something seperate. The Engine speed and the video ram. I have overclocked both sliders to high repsective numbers and after each overclock I run 3dMark2001SE to see where how my score has inscreased. When I began without any overclock my score was 1230 then after the overclock 1698. There was also still room to spare on the sliders. I think the program is great and has opened the FPS door to new higher levels....

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Now that was great....

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Well thanks Creed for that program but now I'm stuck between Radeon 7500 and Geforce4 ti4600

Or was does that program work for Radeon too? And should I go PCI or AGP? Or does it even matter? Thanks all...

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Ditto

The Albatron version of this card is probably *the best* release of this card available. Albatron has bundled all the best 'stuff' they could in this card like Gen. Havoc mentioned. I've read lots of documentation about this specific card and it's overclockability / price to performance benefits.

Subject: Re: About a Video Card...

Posted by [Yano](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2003 03:12:59 GMT

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Thats what I use and I would highly suggest that u get it, btw I got it at Fry's Electronics for \$40, if you don't have a store near you try their website at outpost.com

Subject: About a Video Card...

Posted by [Mono1TM6](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2003 06:08:21 GMT

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PCI slots process data at 33MHz AGP processes at 66MHz at 1x APG and there is a 2x 4x and

8x APG slot.

PCI slots work on 5volts
APG x2 works on 3.3 Volts
APG x4 works on 1.5 volts
APG x8 works on 0.8 volts

If you use an APG card find out what slot you have, you place an *x card in a 2x slot, you burn out the card, put a 2x card in an 8x slot, you kill your mother board or just your APG slot (if your lucky).

You want to pick a univercal card or have a univercal slot on your mother board.

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Posted by [\[sg\]theOne](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2003 09:05:36 GMT

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Mono1TM6

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BTW - There is no such thing as 'universal cards' or 'universal slots' in reference to the subject @ hand.

Current video card industry `standards` have dubbed AGP the desired interface for people who have graphical capability needs beyond Excel & Word. 8x AGP is mainly a marketing gimmick since the amount of data it is capable of transferring per/second would totally swamp the current GPU(Graphical Processing Unit?)capabilities.

Subject: About a Video Card...

Posted by [Bearxor](#) on Tue, 18 Mar 2003 15:03:35 GMT

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OMG, do not buy a Radeon 7500. That is like buying a bad GF2.

If you want to spend 80-100 dollars, your only real choice right now are a Radeon 9000 Pro, or a GF4MX:

Radeon 9000 Pro - Basically a Radeon 8500. You can find the 64MB version retail for 99.99, and the 128MB version for 129.99. Awesome Image quality, DirectX 8.1 compliant. This would probably last you a good couple of years.

Geforce 4MX - Basically a Geforce 2. An enhanced memory controller and higher clock speeds make it faster than the GF2. Not as fast as the 9000 Pro, however. Image quality is sub-par and it is only a DirectX 7 compliant card. The good thing about these is that they have been out for over a year and a half now, and are fairly cheap, in the 80-100 dollar retail range. I believe the

majority are 64MB.

If you want to spend up to 200 dollars, your two choices are the GF4 ti4400 and the Radeon 9500 Pro:

Geforce 4 TI 4400 - Slightly slower than the 4600, but cheaper and falls into the 200 range. Most 4600's in retail stores are in the ups of 250-300. Good image quality, good frame rate, good overclocking ability. You could easily turn one of these into a 4600. Only available in 128MB, DirectX 8.1 compliant. Takes a HUGE hit when FSAA/AF are enabled.

Radeon 9500 Pro - On par speed-wise with a 4600, but simply blows it away when you enable FSAA/AF. Runs 220 retail for a 128MB version with a 20 mail in rebate, so 200 bucks. DirectX 9 compliant. AWESOME image quality.

I don't know how many time I have to say this, but you can not buy a video card based on frame rate alone. If you have never used FSAA/AF at runable speeds (and those of you that have GF2/GF4MX have not), then you have no idea. I reccomend to anyone that has a GF4MX to go out and buy a 9000 Pro, just to try it out... you can always return it. When I upraded my video card form a GF2 GTS to a ti4200, I was excited. Then someone convinced me to take my 4200 back and try out a 9000 Pro. While the 9000 Pro was slower than the 4200, the image quality knocked me back in my seat and prompted me to spend the extra 70 dollars to buy a 9500 Pro. Most of you have no idea how good renegade looks with 4X Anti-aliasing and 16X ansiotropic filtering at 40 frames per second. If i turn all that crap off, i get in the ups of over 100, but then it looks like shit.

Before you make a descision, just buy one and try it out for a couple of weeks. take it back and get something else. Find the compromise of image quality/speed that works for you.

EDIT: If 3DM2k1 scores work for you, here is a good breakdown on my machine.

My original GF2 GTS got around 3500. Remeber, a GF4MX is basically a GF2.
Then I got a ti4200. It scored around 7500-8000 points.
Then the Radeon 9000 Pro. It scored around 6500-7000
Then the Radeon 9500 pro. It scores 9000-9500.
I also get around 3500 in 3DM2K3.

This is on a Athlon T-bird 1.2 with 384MB of ram.

Subject: About a Video Card...

Posted by [Imortal](#) on Wed, 19 Mar 2003 01:57:19 GMT

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bear, your computer has a CPU bottle neck if your only getting 9000 from 3dbench (im assuming your using madonions benchmark)...i have a 9700 and i get 18000 on the benchmark...i also have 64tap aa, and all that crap on, with curved terrain in renegade and at a 1280 x 1024 resolution and i get a 100fps constant. i get about 70fps in 50 player servers. i used to get crap benchmarks similar to yours, then i got a p4 2ghz CPU and it effectivly doubled my mark. try it. as for the best

graphic card, go for the radeon 9700, 400 bucks but its faster than the upcoming Nvidia card (geforce fx).

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Damnit, why must you confuse me?!?!?!?@

Well, keep in mind I appreciate your help, but I am trying to stay in the \$100 range give or take 20 bucks... So you say I can get a 9000 Pro for \$125? I dont believe it... But if you could drop me a link I would appreciate it.

BTW your saying renegade can look better than most people see it? What about this pic...
<http://www.n00bstories.com/image.view.php?id=1552879194>

If you can do any better than that, i wanna see it.

Thanks

-KoZz

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And one last thing... I just bought a RAM chip from one of my friends. I opened up my computer and saw the 2 chip thingies already had other little chip thingies in them... So I was wondering, which one is better the one I have, or the new one?

His: 256MB, SDR, DIMM, H
32ZHS stk 4763487

Mine: 256MB, Synch, 133Mhz, CL3

Sorry I'm such a computer n00b but I'm learning... THanks

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Holy shit nice overclock.

I got a difference of 400 points when I overclocked my card but I can't push the sliders up much more....I had 1207 when I started and 1691 when I finished. 3DMark2001 provided me these scores.

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Regardless of having a 9500, my cpu is a SEVERE bottleneck and I realize that. I'm just the type of guy who buys a video once every 3 years or so, and so the 9500 Pro was the first upgrade for my Athlon 64 system . The second being the new case and 420W PS I purchahsed today

As for image quality, I'll boot up renegade and take a snap in around the same place that one is to give you an idea.

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Here is an image on my 9500 Pro with 2X AA and 8X AF @ 800x600:

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This is what I normally play in. I have circled areas that are of interest.

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Food for thought for everyone

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AND we found a n00b!! Dude he doesn't spell bad, the ACK bit is all over the forums dick..

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Alright thanks, I can definately see the difference in the 4X AA and 8X AF, its fairly significant I guess...

And tell me this, isn't it possible to get 3.1 Megabits on a cable modem? My friend (Jiggarozz) says you can't, but then i went to this site:

<http://www.bandwidthplace.com/speedtest> thats what i got, is it legit?

Thanks for all your help, I'll see what i can find.

Update: I've found it, this is what I'm going with!

http://www.circuitcity.com/frame1.jsp?BV_SessionID=@@@@0524900953.1048101346@@@@&BV_EngineID=ccdkadchldkjfhcfcngcfkmdffhdfh.0&upper=head.jsp&lower=frame2.jsp&left=leftdept.jsp&right=verity_search.jsp&inleftcat=Shop+%26+Learn&productType=1&search=ATI+TECH+64MB+AGP+VIDEO+CARD&qp=0

I'm positive this is the best bang for my buck and since my friend in Ohio can get it for half off, this is a sweet deal...

-KoZz

Subject: Re: About a Video Card...

Posted by [CyborgCD](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2003 01:19:42 GMT

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Now I got Radeon 9500, I get about double that with my resolution 1024 x 768.

I say, get a card for \$80- \$120 "Radeon", and be happy with your fps.

Subject: About a Video Card...

Posted by [JiggakoZz](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2003 02:02:42 GMT

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Well, if you keep reading, I did decide to go with a Radeon, the 7500...

Subject: About a Video Card...

Posted by [Homey](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2003 02:40:10 GMT

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y0 kozz, I have a p4 1.7 512 ram and gf4 mx440 (100\$ Canadian) and i get 5-30 fps, but that's with all kinds of programs running. I get about 70 in a 6 player game, it drops like 1 per person.

Subject: About a Video Card...

Posted by [Bearxor](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2003 17:07:39 GMT

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Once again, I have to urge you NOT to buy a Radeon 7500. If you want a card of that level of performance, I need to urge you to purchase either a GF4MX or a GF2 Pro/TI. However, for the sub-100 market you can easily pick up a Radeon 8500LE 128MB that will easily outperform a GF4MX, Radeon 9000, and 7500.

Subject: About a Video Card...

Posted by [Dunt](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2003 23:55:15 GMT

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remeber, you can always try turning off ur v-sync for higher fps'

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Posted by [JiggakoZz](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2003 02:13:15 GMT

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Yeah Bear, I've been asking around and turns out 7500 isn't the way to go, I'm thinking about the 9000 now, and since I can get it half off, it will be a pretty good deal. But I opened up my comp. last night and saw that I already had a Geforce 2 in my only AGP slot and 2 things in my four PCI...

Should i get PCI, or replace the Geforce 2 and put the new card in the AGP?

And Dunt, how do you turn off your Vsinc?

I never thought buying a video card could be this confusing...

-KoZz

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Posted by [Dunt](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2003 02:39:17 GMT

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Turning off v-sync made my fps go from 60 to 130 but then others join and it goes to 70-85 (mid game 20playa serv @ 1024*768).

(BTW, MY MACHINE FLIES WHILEST IT'S PENDING 300+FPS hehe)

It's an option u need to change from AUTO to OFF on the advanced part of Display Settings. right click desktop->properties->settings->advanced

goto your vidcard tab and the option should be somewhere there under direct3d section. That's where it is with my geforce, other brands I dunno, prolly in same place. If the option isn't there look for and download 'coolbits.reg' on the net if u get/have got nvidia card or a vidcard tweaker if u go non-nvidia (dunno what is out there for other cards sry, maybe someone else can help here)

Coolbits adds various hidden options (including overclocking util, v-sync settings, blah blah blah) for nvidia cards when using newer drivers (v41.xx and up)

Subject: About a Video Card...

Posted by [General Havoc](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2003 17:19:13 GMT

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JiggakoZzYeah Bear, I've been asking around and turns out 7500 isn't the way to go, I'm thinking about the 9000 now, and since I can get it half off, it will be a pretty good deal. But I opened up my comp. last night and saw that I already had a Geforce 2 in my only AGP slot and 2 things in my four PCI...

Should i get PCI, or replace the Geforce 2 and put the new card in the AGP?

-KoZz

You want to use the AGP slot for certain. I just replaced mt Geforce 2 with that Geforce 4 that i was on about. You don't need your Geforce 2 when you have a new card. The PCI bus is much slower than the AGP bus for things such as graphics cards and newer games such as C&C Generals cannot run on a PCI 3D Acceleator. The Geforce 4 is a cheap but powerful card. I have listed the Geforce 4 cards below so you can understand them better.

GeForce 4 MX 420	(PCI/AGP)
GeForce 4 MX 440	(PCI/AGP)
GeForce 4 MX 460	(PCI/AGP)
GeForce 4 Ti 4200	(AGP 4x)
GeForce 4 Ti 4400	(AGP 4x)
GeForce 4 Ti 4600	(AGP 4x)
GeForce 4 Ti 4800	(AGP 8X)
GeForce 4 Go	(laptop)
GeForce 4 Go 4200	(laptop)
