
Subject: Re: New PC and GFX card

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a000clown wrote on Mon, 15 March 2010 16:43
15:51 Canadacd wrote on Mon, 15 March 2010 15:51
Crossfire/SLI is a gigantic waste of money.

I agree, but only because most games currently don't support it which btw, can even cause a negative impact on performance in some cases.

In the future I think it will be more useful, but I'd still prefer to have one card to keep the heat and power usage down.

I wouldn't say it's a gigantic waste at all, quite the opposite. Say you have a GTX 260, say you want to upgrade now to a GTX 460/70 when it comes out, why shell out \$500 on a new card when you can spend \$150 and nearly double your fps. SLI profiles are pretty decent. If you're gaming maxed out on 1080/1200p it's far from a gigantic waste. It totally depends what games you play, whether you need the performance or not. Then there's also cuda apps/folding etc. Tri-sli top cards is a giant waste though

As for the 5850, great card/performance ratio and they're dropping. I have a 5870 and they're also coming down in price. So far they've been quite good cards and minus the supply issue they had, no complaints from me for my first ati card. Depending on your current hardware I'd vouch for the 5850 or the 5770.
