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Subject: Hardware issue

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Theres absolutely nothing wrong with going with Intel. However, you won't have 512MB of RAM. The 256MB you have now is 168-pin SDRAM. The slots on the board are 184-pin DDR. They will not work together. But the list you have looks good. While I'm not a big fan of SiS AMD chipsets, their P4 chipsets have been fairly decent. I almost bought the p4s8x-x when I was looking at getting a celeron-based system.

The only change that I would make would be to step the ram down to PC2700 and add another 256MB. Maybe you can get one 512MB DIMM for just a little more. No need to really get PC3200 DDR unless you plan on overclocking. PC2700=333mhz, which is what the board's 'max' is.

Also, make sure that is a 1.8A. In otherwords, look at the processor. Make sure it says something like: 1800/400/512 or something to that effect. the first number '1800' is the megahertz of the chip. the second number, '400' is the front=side bus of the chip. The other number is the most important. On low-end P4's it will say either '256' or '512'. This is the L2 caches of the processor. '256' are the old Williamette cores. STAY AWAY!!! These thing are sloth slow. '512' are the newer Northwood cores. They are good . Also, make sure you're getting a fan in with that price since the processor is OEM.

Yes, I have used an fx5600 on a M810. But it would be much better to use it on your new computer. I would try to get it before I got a 9000 if you can afford it. Look to see if they have a 9600 Pro in stock. If the 9600 Pro and the fx5600 Ultra are close in price, pick the 9600 Pro.

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