
Subject: Once again..

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Out of those three, without even a second of thought - the Ti4200 is by far much much better than the FX5200. The non-Ultra is many times outperformed by GeForces MX's (), and the Ultra is not very good either.

But I would recommend you spend \$130 and get an ATI Radeon 9600 Pro 128MB. It matches or outperforms the nVidia GeForce FX5600 Ultra in most cases in current or older games, and decimates it in next-gen (DX9-type) games like Half-Life 2 due to nVidia's major DX9 screw-up. In fact, in DX9 games, the 9600 Pro is often faster than nVidia's top card, the GeForce FX5900 Ultra. You can see this in any Half-Life 2 benchmark, for example, such as AnandTech's article at: <http://www.anandtech.com/video/showdoc.html?i=1863> . To even be anywhere in the league, performance-wise, of the ATI cards, the GeForce FX's have to be put into DX8 mode, which completely defeats the purpose of having a current-generation (DX9) card.

So basically the GeForce FXs are decent cards for current and older games, but when it comes to new and upcoming titles (e.g. DX9 based ones), the Radeons outperform them by a large margin, with better image quality as well. So in the end the Radeons will be much a more future-proof investment.
