
Subject: Honest Opinion

Posted by [liberator](#) on Mon, 24 Jan 2005 02:21:51 GMT

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In a few short weeks I'm going to be getting a newer model video card to replace my aging GF4MX 420.

Now, what I want to know, minus any hype or BS, is whether I should get a

Geforce FX 5700 LE

or a

Radeon 9600(non pro/XT/superdupermarketingploy)

Both cards will be in the 128mb memory category.

I would also like any well-reasoned explanations one way or the other, preferably with hard benchmarks to back them up. I also welcome any suggestions of alternatives. However my budget is \$80.00 and any suggestions need to fit in that price range. Lastly, I will not be doing any overclocking as I'm not comfortable with it and I need to make this last for a good long while.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Mon, 24 Jan 2005 02:28:53 GMT

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You can get a 9600 for 80 bucks? Awesome.

For that price range, I don't think you'll do much better.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Mon, 24 Jan 2005 02:35:36 GMT

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If you have found either of those cards for \$80, thats a good deal. Bargain in fact. I have seen the FX5500 being sold for about \$80, so if you can get your hands on the 5700, its worth it. Although I think the 5700 is just an overclocked version of the 5500. I don't have any experience with ATI card though, so I can't say which is better.

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Posted by [liberator](#) on Mon, 24 Jan 2005 02:43:08 GMT

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It's just a standard 9600, not a Pro, XT, SE, or whatever suffix ATi has decided to tack on it.

Look here

and here

That second one is local.

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Posted by [icedog90](#) on Mon, 24 Jan 2005 03:38:15 GMT

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Get the 9600, if you don't and get an FX card you'll regret it.

Pay a little bit more and you can get the 9600 Pro here:

<http://www.allstarshop.com/shop/simprod.asp?pid=8694&ad=pwatch>

Which is in fact a lot better.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Mon, 24 Jan 2005 03:44:14 GMT

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Go for the 9600.

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Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Mon, 24 Jan 2005 03:48:59 GMT

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<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=5154475073&category=40158>

Is this the one you are looking forward to buy?

(\$70 + \$10 (S&H) = \$80)

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Posted by [liberator](#) on Mon, 24 Jan 2005 04:44:44 GMT

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A new one though, aprime me lad. I've been advised by someone with a lot more money invested

in ebay to never buy anything listed on that site. It's too random as to whether it'll be worth a damn.

You know I'd really just love to pump my budget, but it's pretty much locked in stone.

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Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Mon, 24 Jan 2005 05:20:47 GMT

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Since I feel like gathering more information about your system... May I know what your current video card is?

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Posted by [liberator](#) on Mon, 24 Jan 2005 05:55:39 GMT

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Full specs for those interested as if it makes a difference...

Proc: Athlon XP 1800+

Memory: 256mb(ya, I know it's low. I had 384 but one of my modules died.)

This is my mobo.

Linksys NIC, the 100tx I think

ATI TV Wonder VE

and

Geforce 4 MX 420 PCI

on board sound

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Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Mon, 24 Jan 2005 06:35:18 GMT

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Too bad you didn't get an ATI card in the first place...

<http://shop.ati.com/tradeup.asp>

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Posted by [liberator](#) on Mon, 24 Jan 2005 06:58:00 GMT

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I've never really been a big fan of ATi. It stems from back in the day when ATi's drivers were shit. There was one that broke several rather popular games and lots of old ones. And they haven't really improved all that much...sure, the cards work all the time now, but there are broken features all over the place.

There is a game I play(Freespace 2) that is being source updated by the community, they've added HT&L, self-illuminated textures, specular lighting, and a whole host of other features and since catalyst 4.4 ATI cards haven't been able to render specular lighting at all, while the Nvidia cards render it just fine.

So while I'm not opposed to getting the ATi, it really needs to be sold to me that it's worth the extra 10 bucks from a speed and unbroken features POV.

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Posted by [icedog90](#) on Mon, 24 Jan 2005 07:22:28 GMT

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<http://www.newegg.com/app/viewproductdesc.asp?DEPA=0&description=14-127-150&CMP=OTC-pr1c3watch&ATT=Video+Cards> My future purchase this summer. Mmm.

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Posted by [Theatrrap](#) on Mon, 24 Jan 2005 08:32:10 GMT

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I am personally a fan of the NVidia GeForce brand but that is just personal. Either card will do more than what you need for Renegade and most other gaming needs of what is on the market today. I think that the 9600 is more the card if you want it to last you a while without having to replace it. Either card for \$80 or less is certainly a steal so whatever you pick, you got a good price on a good card.
