
Subject: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Xylaquin](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 17:25:14 GMT

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I'm sure there were some people in the "Increase Renegade's Performance" thread that had the GeForce FX5200, or even better- the XFX FX5200 256MB PCI slot one. I'm considering getting this card, since my cheap mobo has no AGP or PCI-e x16 slot (it has a PCI-e x1 slot).

For those who have it, what's it like? Apparently it can even run BF2 on low settings, according to someone on Newegg. I'm also considering dual monitors, but in the mean time does anyone have honest reviews of it?

Thanks

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Canadacdn](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 17:32:30 GMT

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I use a 5200FX, it's a pretty good card, I can run most games like Renegade or Half-life 2 well.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [icedog90](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 18:51:39 GMT

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It's the most retarded card in existence. Surely you can find one that is a thousand times better for nearly the same price.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 19:49:38 GMT

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Listen to me, and listen to me good. I have this card, sure it gets the job done, but that's it. THE FX5200 SUCKS.

Although, it completely depends on what you plan to do with it. For me, I don't play games anymore, I just program, therefore I don't need a "high end" card. But if you do plan to play games, buying this card IS THE BIGGEST MISTAKE YOU WILL EVER MAKE. (Possibly...)

Like Icedog said, you can find better, for a decent price. Don't short change yourself for a piece of shit.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 20:01:46 GMT

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I'm on one of these cards as well. It was a damn good budget card when it came out and it's been a decent card throughout the last several years. But in today's gaming age it is utterly useless. You've come to a point in technology where you will absolutely need to upgrade to PCI-E x16 in order to physically play any of the games that came out as early as Doom 3. Now mind you if this is for school or something then go ahead because that card will be fine for general processing. But if you want to game--even with renegade mind you--you will absolutely need to get something better than the FX5200.

I suggest saving up your money and getting a PCI-E board and a 6000 series card if you're on a budget. But if you're patient, save up and wait for the 8000 series coming out this November.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [bandie63](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 21:28:07 GMT

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I have the FX5500. It's a PCI card, and it does all I need it to. You can't run something really high end, but I'm pretty sure it is better than the 5200.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 01:23:43 GMT

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No! Run away! I bought an FX5200 once because it seemed like a good deal, and I found out why. IT BLOWS.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 01:33:43 GMT

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I got Battlefield 2 working on a Celeron 933Mrz, with that same FX5200 Gforce video, but berely

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 03:01:07 GMT

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Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Xylaquin](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 06:53:42 GMT

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The problem is, I looked at buying an ASUS P5GV-MX mobo, which seemed perfect for me with 4 ram slots and a PCI-e x16. But i heard that it has very limited compatibility with PCI-e x16 cards (theres a list of supported cards in the manual). Searching google to see if this really was the case didn't reassure me. Only one person on Newegg said it works with some geforce cards, and i'm not taking that risk.

Dave Anderson wrote

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I can live with that, I knew I'd have to put it way down anyway. Back when I had WinME, 8mb onboard GPU, 191mb RAM and AOL dial-up, i played ren with all settings low and i enjoyed it.

I'm not a dedicated gamer- I intend to play Renegade and HL2 on it (being the only decent PC games I have), i'll try the BF2 demo on it, see how it goes if i decide to get this. Another reason if with the dual screen etc, and it also has an s-video output- i suppose that means playing Ren on a TV

Anyway I appreciate your feedback, although what FPS do you guys get on it when playing Ren (I plan to put 2GB of PC3200 DDR in along with this)?

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Zion](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 15:27:30 GMT

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Whatever you do, don't get the PCI version!

The FX5200 only supports 32bit PCI or AGP not PCI-e.

Want a decent card?

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Scythar](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 15:46:23 GMT

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Merovingian wrote on Wed, 30 August 2006 11:27

Want a decent card?

Bwahah, that's as much as I paid for my Gainward 6800 GT Golden Sample/AGP/256Mb couple years back....bah, I need an upgrade.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [LR01](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 16:04:01 GMT
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I have the FX 5600 (not that I choised it)

about BF2, yea BF1 looks better then BF2 on low
but I can play the games I want, (UT2004 to)

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [Caveman](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 16:19:18 GMT
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May I recommend that you ditch the FX5200 and get the FX5500 256. There wont be a HUGE difference but its better then the 52 and its cheaper.

<http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.asp?Item=N82E168141430> 59

Where you only have PCI you're VERY limited to graphics card. I would also suggest buying a new mother board, they're pretty cheap for a mid-range PCI-E/AGP.

From what I can see you're using a Intel P4/Celeron S775.

Try this mother board.

<http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.asp?Item=N82E168131351> 64

Total cost is about \$120 for the Motherboard and FX55.

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Posted by [Xylaquin](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 19:01:04 GMT
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Like I've said before, I'm not looking for the latest games. I don't use my comp primarily for games- I compose music (hence the soundcard etc), browse the net, and play older games like Ren. And about BF2: low settings don't bother me- for the past 6 years I've played on onboard graphics.

The reviews of the mobo i was gonna get show that there is bad PCI-e x16 support:
<http://www.newegg.com/Product/CustRatingReview.asp?Item=N82E16813131586>

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 20:36:11 GMT
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CLOCK SPEEDS DON'T ALWAYS MATTER.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 20:50:01 GMT
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<http://www.newegg.com/Product/CustRatingReview.asp?Item=N82E16813131586>
Why did you even ask for feedback when you're just going to get the FX5200, anyways? You obviously seem too hard headed to realize that everybody who has/had it says it sucks and does the bare minimum. Why settle for that? ESPECIALLY since you can get graphics cards so much better than that for about the same price, why settle?

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [icedog90](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 20:53:06 GMT

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The FX 5500 IS BETTER than the FX 5200. You seriously have no idea what you're talking about if you think the FX 5200 is better because it has a faster clock speed. We know what we are talking about, we have made our mistakes before and we are trying to stop you from making the SAME MISTAKES we've all made.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [bandie63](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 21:27:40 GMT

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The FX5500 also dual output. (SVid and VGA)

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [icedog90](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 21:32:01 GMT

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There are plenty of FX 5500 cards that have a VGA and a DVI port.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 22:16:39 GMT

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Am I one of the rare people who have the 256MB 5200? It seems like everytime people talk about the 5200, they always talk about the 128MB one.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 22:18:12 GMT
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I guess I have the 128MB one.

In my main computer I have a Radeon 9550 which isn't that much better but, its better.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 02:13:27 GMT
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I recommend my current card: http://www.bfgtech.com/7900GTX_512_PCIX.html

It even comes with some interesting stickers

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 03:21:48 GMT
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Lol well not everyone can offord or needs the best Gforce video card in existance

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 05:50:55 GMT
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They have a better one...the 7950GX2-SLI multi cpu on a single card,with 1GB of RAM :)And you can still SLI that one to go quad-GPU ... you seriously don't want to know how much that setup would cost though

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [Zion](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 12:33:16 GMT
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I'm getting two of them only about £600 for both . (or approx \$1200)

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Halo38](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 12:46:13 GMT

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The FX5200 lol i remember those!

A good budget card I remember buying a geforce 2 card and thats upped my renegade graphic quite considerably from my onboard graphics, so if your just after a small cheap upgrade i'd recommend the FX5200.

However I did buy a 2nd hand one of these for £25 (and that was a year ago) for my dads computer and the fan makes a really loud noise when it's been on for a while so I'd recommend getting a new one if you can. but I'd say it's definatly not worth spending hundreds of pounds on the latest graphics card if your just playing renegade, as dollar (or pound) per bit of extra performance or graphical improvments it's a waste of money.

I also went form a Geforce 3 Ti 200 to a Geforce 6200 and didn't see any improvements, so save your cash what ever you chose to do.

Edit: the Geforce 2 was a PCI card and the Geforce3 and 6 were AGP cards but i'm now using a standard Nvidia 64 mb Quadro PCI-E card that came with my 1 year old Dell and that does the job as well as the rest too

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Xylaquin](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 15:48:44 GMT

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I know what you're saying Halo38, but i was actually considering upgrading my mobo in the first place. and now that everyone is suggesting it it's kinda drawing me back.

I admit, i'm quite impatient to buy things.

The most appealing mobo was the one i mentioned earlier (the ASUS one), since it had a PCIe slot, 4 DDR slots and it would fit in my case. But apparently only 13 Asus GPUs work in it. So I've looked at other mobos that don't fit in my current case, and the most appealing is this (the first 3 reviews kinda put you off :-/):

http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.asp?Item=N82E168131860_48

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 16:02:50 GMT

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i have the NVidia 6200 256MB ram and it has never failed me and is about as fast as you will go anyway.

just thought i would say.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [Zion](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 17:14:48 GMT
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ATX Form Factor, 3xPCI-e (x16) slots and 4 DDR2 slots, takes Core 2 Pro CPU's but it's Intel so if you're going for AMD this is not a board for you.

<http://www.scan.co.uk/Products/ProductInfo.asp?WebProductID= 459994>

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [Xylaquin](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 18:36:00 GMT
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That's not for me, I have a Intel Pentium 4 (Prescott?), and DDR PC3200 ram (not DDR2). Plus it's over £100! That would be more than 1/4 of my budget.

I should get a job.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 19:06:31 GMT
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jobs are always good.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [Zion](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 20:22:14 GMT
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To my knowlage, that board supports both DDR and DDR2 (DDR = black, DDR2 = yellow), however, the clock speeds are 500+, no less.

But there's another for just over £120 on scan too.
They take the 755 core, prescott and Core 2 Duo.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 20:23:39 GMT
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There is no Core 2 Pro. There is Core 2 Duo and Core 2 Extreme.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [Zion](#) on Fri, 01 Sep 2006 00:04:49 GMT
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That's what i meant. Sorry if i mislead you.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Fri, 01 Sep 2006 03:05:05 GMT
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actually you know what, I'm being too anal in this topic. Sorry everyone.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Fri, 01 Sep 2006 03:40:58 GMT
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Merovingian wrote on Thu, 31 August 2006 20:04That's what i meant. Sorry if i mislead you.

You've mislead me?!

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [Zion](#) on Fri, 01 Sep 2006 12:24:16 GMT
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That was directed towards icedog and any other members who read my post.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200
Posted by [Xylaquin](#) on Fri, 01 Sep 2006 23:02:01 GMT
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For those who have 256mb card, what FPS do you get playing Ren on high settings?

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Halo38](#) on Sat, 02 Sep 2006 01:12:54 GMT

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I'm no graphics card genius but i'd say from experience that the MB don't really matter, just a marketing ploy, the thing that does effect performance is if your card is a 'high end' model for example

geforce 5200 - cheap <-- low end
geforce 5800 - expensive <-- high end

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geforce 6800 - expensive <-- high end

some people say that a geforce 5800 is better than a geforce 6200 purly because of it's make up giving it better performance, weather your chosing between a 128 mb or a 512 mb it don't really matter unless your playing extremely demanding games. I've only noticed a drop in performance when using a 32 MB graphics PCI card.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Sat, 02 Sep 2006 02:31:39 GMT

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Don't take this into consideration though, ever. You may want a card to play Renegade now, but someday you will quit Renegade and want a higher end game, which this card will never run.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [GoArmy44](#) on Sat, 02 Sep 2006 04:09:24 GMT

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Canadacd wrote on Tue, 29 August 2006 12:32I use a 5200FX, it's a pretty good card, I can run most games like Renegade or Half-life 2 well.

Same here, I have had it for years, I need to upgrade

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Xylaquin](#) on Sat, 02 Sep 2006 06:34:27 GMT

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<http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.asp?Item=N82E16813186048>

<http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.asp?Item=N82E16813131576>

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Xylaquin](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 15:59:48 GMT

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I just noticed another card that would work.

also this,

and finally a x1300 on PCI here

Doubt i'll get them, but would it they better than the Fx5200?

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Zion](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 20:08:25 GMT

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Xylaquin wrote on Wed, 13 September 2006 16:59I just noticed another card that would work.

Oh my god, a PCI-e x1 graphics card, are they mad?!?!?!?

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [icedog90](#) on Thu, 14 Sep 2006 00:39:48 GMT

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a PCI express 1x video card? that's just sad...

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Xylaquin](#) on Thu, 14 Sep 2006 08:11:44 GMT

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What is x1 for then if not for vg cards. What I don't like is the hypermemory idea. The PCI X1300 looks good, if anyone has it tell me what it's like.

Subject: Re: OT: The FX5200

Posted by [Zion](#) on Thu, 14 Sep 2006 14:11:39 GMT

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Modems, Ethernet cards etc etc. Maybe some USB expansion cards.

AGP x4/x8 and PCI-e x8/x16 are for graphics cards since they have more bandwidth to communicate through.
