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Posted by [Zion](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 16:02:41 GMT

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 16:10:45 GMT

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I had a MOM.exe running after I installed ATI Catalyst Control :/ So I reverted back and installed Omega Drivers. They are AWESOME!

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 16:11:25 GMT

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Yeah that sucks man, I doubt there is much more your could do if the installer cant find the hardware other than trying a 3rd party driver.

I have had mixed experiences with 3rd party drivers, they often fix problems like this but cause others with other applications. What is your ATI's model number etc?

Always buy Nvidia - Direct response because you didn't want to hear it

EDIT: Also Orange Box ftw.

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 16:13:17 GMT

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MOM.exe is meant to be there, it just happens to share it's name with some peice of malware. They intend to change that.

My ATI drives are yet to annoy me completely. They do make my screen go black when windows boots, but it returns, that's all.

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Posted by [The Elite Officer](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 16:20:31 GMT

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They cause the same loops over and over again because they have a certian 'complete command' script I will post the script soon.

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 16:49:10 GMT

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What specific type of card is it?

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [Ryu](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 17:24:23 GMT

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Well duh..

Your trying to install drivers on a Mac, While using a Windows partition... With Mac's special hardware!

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [Zion](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 17:24:51 GMT

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An X1600 128mb PCI-e onboard.

The new OS X is being released in 9 days (apple.com) and i've got it on preorder, so i'll probably be forced to do a fresh install of windows which will be fine anyway since it's acting up like it's infected (i press a key, no response, just happened today after the blue screen of death).

\*EDIT\* It's an ATI card... not Mac specific since it runs on Intel chipsets now...

Even though... why the fuck did it install faulty software in the first place?

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 19:21:59 GMT

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Officer, don't quote a whole big paragraph just to type 1 sentence.

On Topic: I've got X1550 Sapphire 256MB, it runs games at Medium -> High, but I think it's my CPU thats bringing me down -\_-'

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [Zion](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 19:42:20 GMT

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It's not that i can't run games... I run Source games at 40-50 FPS @ 1024x768 in windowed mode on high everything (besides AA, which is set to tril...something (i can't spell it...)).

It's not the card that causes problems, it's those fucking drivers ATI gave me...

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 19:53:47 GMT

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You sure Windows Update didn't decide to install some lovely new drivers for you? It does that sometimes... and usually the ones on Windows Update are actually bugged to hell and really old versions compared to the ones on the ATI / nVidia websites.

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [Zion](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 19:58:35 GMT

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No.

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [Aprime](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 20:26:05 GMT

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No, Bootcamp forces Apple's 'up-to-date' ATI drivers down our throat, we cannot install ATI's own drivers unless there's a workaround I'm not aware of.

I don't know man. :S

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 20:43:02 GMT

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I'm guessing the rollback function didn't work?

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Posted by [KIRBY-098](#) on Thu, 18 Oct 2007 16:32:45 GMT

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Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:27:17 GMT

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ATI video cards and laptops do not get along. The way ATI does their drivers for them is a joke. When I took my buddies laptop to n00bparty '07 I reformatted and did a fresh install for him as a thank you (and so it wouldn't run like ass while I was there). I never did get the damn ATI video card working right as Crimson can contenst to. The frustrating thing is that for laptops ATI is a much better choice considering what you get for the money.

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You got hit with some serious bad luck.

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Posted by [KIRBY-098](#) on Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:32:42 GMT

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The demo and the full version had significant differences, and due to a high demand on the card x300 users have to dial in the game settings very specifically to avoid frame chug. As it is now, I still can only play an hour or two before the card heats up to a point where it's unplayable.

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [nopol10](#) on Fri, 19 Oct 2007 09:51:55 GMT

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I have no problems with my onboard ATI X1550 though it screwed up once when I installed a "Secondary Driver" thru Windows Update (whatever that is). It caused the comp to not register with the monitor when running normally and I had to rollback the driver in Safe Mode.

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 19 Oct 2007 10:17:29 GMT

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Hmmmmm I'm very happy of the Nvidia "Go series" video cards in my laptops. There's a community project which makes the official drivers compatible with the go-series as Nvidia doesn't support updates on them .

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Subject: Re: ATI...

Posted by [Falco](#) on Fri, 19 Oct 2007 23:52:05 GMT

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Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Sat, 20 Oct 2007 00:32:21 GMT

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Posted by [Ryu](#) on Sat, 20 Oct 2007 01:11:56 GMT

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Oh my, Microsoft is to blame for this.

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Posted by [Zion](#) on Sat, 20 Oct 2007 03:40:20 GMT  
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LOL!

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