
Subject: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [Lone0001](#) on Tue, 20 Oct 2009 02:23:10 GMT
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If someone could help me find the best ATI and the best nVidia AGP 8x video card that would be nice.

The best ATI AGP card I have found so far is this one:
http://www.futureshop.ca/catalog/proddetail.asp?logon=&langid=EN&sku_id=0665000FS10128292&catid=# for those who can't view it it is the ATI Radeon HD 4650 512MB GDDR3.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Tue, 20 Oct 2009 02:32:22 GMT
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NVIDIA GeForce 7800 GS. I used that card for about two years.

I replaced it a few months after C&C3 was released, however that card is capable of running C&C3 at Ultrahigh settings with a smooth frame rate.

That was the last AGP card I bought. From there on I stuck with PCI-e. I bought an 8800GT that didn't work with my mobo (waste of money) then I got a 9600. Then replaced that with a 9800 a few months later. I still use the 9800.

But going back on topic. The GeForce 7800 GS is probably the best NVIDIA AGP card.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Tue, 20 Oct 2009 02:44:25 GMT
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There's this article from Toms Hardware that did an AGP comparo only a couple months ago.

<http://www.tomshardware.com/reviews/radeon-4650-agp,2383.html>

Apparently, the Radeon 3850 is the better pick for resolutions over 1280x1024. They've also done a follow up on how much overclocking the CPU improved AGP performance.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Tue, 20 Oct 2009 07:08:38 GMT
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To be honest, I think you're better of investing 200-300 euros in a new motherbord + CPU + mem. If you're still on AGP then I'm afraid that will bottleneck you really soon. And even if it doesn't

bottleneck you, it will need a lot more money for a rare AGP card than PCI-e would. The new Ati's (5770) do 100 or so now, and the are Dx11 even.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [Gen_Blacky](#) on Tue, 20 Oct 2009 07:33:31 GMT
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Yes evilwhitedragon is right you would be better off investing in a new mother board, they dont make many agp cards anymore.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Tue, 20 Oct 2009 08:22:21 GMT
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Gen_Blacky wrote on Tue, 20 October 2009 09:33Yes evilwhitedragon is right you would be better off investing in a new mother board, they dont make many agp cards anymore. Only defendable reason not to upgrade is that you have something like a AMD athlon X2 4*00+ on a S939 motherboard with AGP. But those are pretty rare, so I guess this is not the case. Even if it would be, one would need to carefully consider whether he/she will continue to use that PC long enough for the investment to be worth it.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [Lone0001](#) on Tue, 20 Oct 2009 12:17:04 GMT
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Thanks for the replies, I doubt I will replace everything, I'd be easier and cheaper to replace the whole computer.

I might go with the cheaper of the two(the 4650, by not much) or just get somewhat the same card I have now because my current one is dieing.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [Lone0001](#) on Tue, 20 Oct 2009 21:19:15 GMT
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Instead of just making another topic I'm going to ask this here, this question is for the same about the same computer though.

This computer keeps freezing and flickering off and on whenever I try to do something heavy on the video card. I've replaced the video card with one I just bought today for \$30 to see if it was the video card, I don't think it is. It's not the power supply(250w), I think it has more than enough power for this new/old video card(ATI 92LE 128MB), it's not overheating the side is off all the time

while I'm testing this.

Any ideas? I'm just trying to fix this computer to be used as a secondary computer not a gaming computer(anymore).

PS. Oh and this thread should probably be moved to the "Other" subforum, I posted it in the wrong forum by accident.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Wed, 21 Oct 2009 07:53:57 GMT
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If you did, did you run it for more than just a couple of passes? (let it run for an hour of 4 minimum).
If you haven't, download and burn to CD, and et it run for at least 4 hours.
If you get errors then your RAM is BORKED.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [Lone0001](#) on Wed, 21 Oct 2009 15:36:45 GMT
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I'll give it a try but I doubt it's ram, it's fairly new ram. Plus I reinstalled XP and Windows usually crabs at you if the ram is bad.

Someone said it could need more thermal paste, would that make sense?

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Wed, 21 Oct 2009 16:57:20 GMT
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Have you switched the PSU with something newer, or of higher wattage? If you can, try and borrow a buddy's and just see if the system is stable afterward; it'll at least help to eliminate a variable.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [Homey](#) on Wed, 21 Oct 2009 20:06:05 GMT
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Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Thu, 22 Oct 2009 07:40:09 GMT
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Homey wrote on Wed, 21 October 2009 22:06EvilWhiteDragon wrote on Wed, 21 October 2009 03:53Have you ran memtest? (memtest.org)
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Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [Gen_Blacky](#) on Thu, 22 Oct 2009 16:12:57 GMT
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i use memtest and OCCT for testing.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card
Posted by [Homey](#) on Thu, 22 Oct 2009 20:06:13 GMT
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EvilWhiteDragon wrote on Thu, 22 October 2009 03:40Homey wrote on Wed, 21 October 2009 22:06EvilWhiteDragon wrote on Wed, 21 October 2009 03:53Have you ran memtest? (memtest.org)
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Yes, runs 8 threads on my i7. Personally I've always used it. Folding at home requires about 0.01v more than prime to run stable though. I have used OCCT before as well, all good programs.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card

Posted by [Chuck Norris](#) on Mon, 26 Oct 2009 14:03:12 GMT

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R315r4z0r wrote on Mon, 19 October 2009 22:32 That was the last AGP card I bought. From there on I stuck with PCI-e. I bought an 8800GT that didn't work with my mobo (waste of money) then I got a 9600. Then replaced that with a 9800 a few months later. I still use the 9800. Woah, dude, that had to stink. I really hope that 9800 is a GTX or higher. Otherwise, if it's just the GT, that really meant you were going from a decent card, to one weaker (albeit only slightly), back to one equal to what didn't work to begin with. Three cards and you go nowhere from the first. The 9800GT is the 8800GT (okay, +1% since it's clocked a bit higher, but it's the same darn card renamed).

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card

Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Mon, 26 Oct 2009 16:53:44 GMT

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This is something I posted on n00bstories a while ago. Just a little food for thought when looking for a new vid card.

luv2pb wrote on Fri, 04 September 2009 20:57 an FYI for anyone who cares ...
(I meant to post this a while ago but never took the time to do so)

For years I have been a loyal XFX video card buyer. Mainly because they are competitively priced and also because the boast a double life time warranty.

Right before n00bparty '09 my 8800 took a crap after nearly 1.5 years of operation. I didn't really want to drop the cash for a replacement at that time. So I decided to see if the warranty was really what they claimed. They approved the claim within an hour of me sending it in (electronically) and sent me an address to ship it to along with two short pdf forms to fill out. So I filled the forms out ran over to fedex and shipped it out (cost me like \$12). They sent me a notification when it arrived (4 days standard ship) that they received it. Next day they confirmed it was bad and sent me the tracking number for the new card. About 4 days later I received my replacement card which has worked fine since.

So for anyone looking for their next video card upgrade I highly recommend XFX brand.

tl:dr XFX video card warranty is legit.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card

Posted by [Homey](#) on Wed, 28 Oct 2009 03:21:27 GMT

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EVGA/XFX = best choices hands down. Surprised they didn't upgrade your 8800 to a 260.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card

Posted by [Lone0001](#) on Fri, 30 Oct 2009 22:23:28 GMT

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Well, I got around to playing with the ram I couldn't be bothered with testing it so I replaced it with some ram from another computer(which has no problems), same result.

I'm thinking it's the video card drivers now tbh but the problem is that I can only find 2 drivers for my video card(nvidia geforce 5500 FX) and neither of them work right. The newest one freezes whenever I try to start a game and the computer randomly freezes with it also. The other just shows a black screen when I start a game it doesn't freeze though, I can still minimize and just kill the game via task manager, there's other problems but that's all I can come up with atm.

Subject: Re: Best AGP 8x video card

Posted by [Lone0001](#) on Sun, 27 Dec 2009 04:48:56 GMT

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Bump

Just for those wondering it was the video card, a blown capacitor on it, I slap myself for not checking that, I swear I did check it.
