
Subject: Slow Vid Card...

Posted by [IceSword7](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 00:53:22 GMT

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Well i have the ATI radeon 9500 128MB sapphire but i still get bad fps in games.

Infact i know somone who has a 64MB geforceMX4 that gets more frames then me is there anyway to increase my fps and my cards power?

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Posted by [Genius-Pr02](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 00:56:46 GMT

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I could help u, but I'm not phsyic....

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Posted by [England](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 01:01:37 GMT

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CPU and RAM please

Updated the the latest drivers?

Its no good having the worlds best Vid card and running it on a 333

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Posted by [IceSword7](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 01:05:55 GMT

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1GIG of RAM

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Posted by [England](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 01:07:27 GMT

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Dunno then, throw it out the window and start again, or send me it..

No good for you

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Posted by [Homey](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 01:30:11 GMT

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my 64mb gf4 mx owns you hardcore licesword

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Posted by [IceSword7](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 01:35:34 GMT

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i had the same card on my other comp but only got like 20 fps in 20 player servers : /

Subject: Slow Vid Card...

Posted by [Renx](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 02:14:28 GMT

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What is a good card in the \$100-250(canadian) range? I was thinking either a radeon 9200 or 9600, but those gf4 cards look pretty good. Any suggestions?

I have a AMD 1700, with 1.47Ghz and 256mb ddr ram. I'm thinking of getting more ram too.

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Posted by [Paragon](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 02:30:39 GMT

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You will want to go with a Radeaon 9600, as it stands now it has more power then the gf 4 ti 4600, and pretty much all the midlevel Geforce FX cards. You can find some reviews of it at tomshardware.com (among other sites) but really I'd recommend going with the 9600. Just my 2 cents, oh yeah and you will want to get at the VERY least another 256mb of ram (more if you can afford it). And these days you can pick up a pretty cheap processor upgrade like this one from newegg.com (assuming your mobo can take it but then again you can get a very nice feature packed Nforce 2 board for around 65 bucks)

<http://www.newegg.com/app/ViewProduct.asp?catalog=343&DEPA=1&submit=property&mfrcode=0&propertycode=&propertycodevalue=4159,4575>

Hope that helps

Oh and icesword, you may need to play with the quality settings in the ati control applet. i.e toning down the mipmap quality level, turning down or off aniso/AA filtering (you really dont get much out of aniso unless your using max AA, so you can safely turn it off without a noticeable difference in picture quality) Also ensure that the AGP aperture size in your bios settings is set to 128 mb. Make sure all remnants of your previous cards drivers are gone, and drop the screen rez in games that

should give you quite a few extra FPS.

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Posted by [Renx](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 02:36:40 GMT

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my mobo? do you mean motherboard?

anyway, does the gf4 4600 have 128mb? and is it cheaper or more expensive than the radeon 9600(costs about 250 at futureshop here)

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Posted by [Paragon](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 02:40:47 GMT

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You should be able to find the GF 4 ti 4600 for around 174 bucks, and yes it is 128 mb (I have one). But I would really recommend getting a newer card for a little bit more money because it will have a longer life span. Because most new games coming out make use of DX9 effects and the gf4 series doesnt support that but the 9600 does...so...think about how pretty you want half-life 2 to look. and yes by mobo I meant motherboard

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Posted by [Renx](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 02:47:24 GMT

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ok, il think about the 9600. I have another question: my ram is 256MB PC2100 DDR. would I have to get the same kind, or will any kind do?

EDIT: Whoa, the gf4 ti4600 costs \$439.99 at futureshop. The radeon 9600 costs \$179, but it's on sale and the sale end tomorrow(28th) than it goes back up to 250. I was planning on buying it on the 29th when I go school shopping, so I guess i'm fucked for now.

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Posted by [IceSword7](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 03:29:48 GMT

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k ty

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Posted by [Epyon](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 04:25:06 GMT

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ATI sucks

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Posted by [IceSword7](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 06:18:24 GMT

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The aperture was on 128 but what if i set it to 256 what would happen?

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Posted by [General Havoc](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 11:37:10 GMT

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I think this problem comes back to the fact that nearly all the new ATI radeon and all of the GeForce FX cards need an 8x AGP port. People who use these cards in a 4x AGP slot are effectivly limiting the performance as the 4x AGP can't offer the bandwidth requirement of the card. If you put a ext generation card into a 4X AGP slot it will work to some extent but the performance will be poor.

Subject: Slow Vid Card...

Posted by [Bearxor](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 13:10:47 GMT

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of course, lets not even begin to mention the miniscule performance difference offered by AGP 8X:

[H] - <http://www.hardocp.com/article.html?art=MzkyLDY=>

"So, where are we at? Well, overall the differences in performance between AGP 4X and AGP 8X were roughly a few frames at most faster. Now, I do have to say it actually was faster in each

"benchmarkably" faster, which is certainly what some folks want."

AGP is going away. This time next year, we will all be talking about how great our PCI Express boards are, and how they have 16x the bandwidth of AGP 8X, but how we still don't have cards to take advantage of it. With the exception of the early versions of the Radeon 9700 Pro, all 8X capable cards are fully compatible with AGP 4X slots.

Leave your AGP Aperture set to 128MB. Once you hit 64MB, you pretty much flatline in performance from there to 256.

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Yes, very helpful post.

RenX, if you're buying a new card and dont have alot of money to spend, check out some forums like the [H] and AT FS/T forums. Several people there are usually getting rid of 4600's and 9700Pros for fairly cheap. Check in your country for someone selling refurbished video cards like newegg does. I can get a 9600Pro refurb from newegg for 130 USD. Normally, it retails for 200. I can get a 4600 for as cheap as 140.

IceSword, check to make sure AGP 4X is enabled in your BIOS also. Most are set to 2X speed by default, which is noticably slower than 4X.

If you just bought it and installed it from a nVidia card, odds are a format and reinstall would be best. nVidia drivers are really hard to totally get rid of.

I don't know if its a IQ setting problem. Odds are, you probably don't know how to change the AA/AF level yet. But on my computer, I can run @ 2XAA/16XAF @ 800x600 on a Athlon 1.4 w/9500Pro (9500's are a tad faster than 9600's too), and maintain a framerate of 40-70fps. Playable and looks good.

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Posted by [Ferhago](#) on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 13:15:40 GMT

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WHOA WHOA WHOA!

Before running out and buying a new video card just download the ATI control panel from their site. Once you install it go to video properties and under settings click advanced. There should now be a lot of new tabs with ati icons on them. Click the direct3d one and change the slider to performance instead of quality like its set at in the middle.

Gave me a nice little fps boost.

Also try running renegade at 640x480 or whatever resolution. It really isnt that bad and it gets lots of fps

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Posted by [Renx](#) on Sat, 30 Aug 2003 02:06:16 GMT

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ok, I think I've made up my mind. Tomorrow(saturday) i'm gunna try and get a Gf FX5200, and 256mb ddr ram. That should be good I think.

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Posted by [Bearxor](#) on Sat, 30 Aug 2003 04:54:20 GMT

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A GeForce4MX-440SE gives a fx5200 a run for its money. A 4200 Owns it.

please reconsider. For \$100 you can get a low-end ti4200.

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Posted by [Renegade1](#) on Sat, 30 Aug 2003 06:33:03 GMT

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1.6 ghz? I thought u had like a 2.6 ? 3.0? wtf u got a crappy ass comp i thought urs was good?! HMM1!?

I get constant 60 fps in 40 player..... if I uncap my fps in a 25 player i get 80. (up and downs) with a radeon9000 128mb shit!?:DDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDdd

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Posted by [General Havoc](#) on Sat, 30 Aug 2003 10:36:20 GMT

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Posted by [Bearxor](#) on Sat, 30 Aug 2003 13:49:20 GMT

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KT400 boards?

Subject: Slow Vid Card...

Posted by [ohmybad](#) on Sat, 30 Aug 2003 13:57:22 GMT

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Ive got gforce 4 mx 420 64 mb ram and I get 30-40 fps in a 50 person game.

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Posted by [General Havoc](#) on Sat, 30 Aug 2003 14:15:59 GMT

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Mainly the KT400 board as I don't use the KT333 ones much now. It seems to effect the FX 5600. I had a lod of the KT400 boards that had a faulty BIOS setting so they need upgrades to enable the 8x AGP. It seemed to fix the problems with the FX 5600 after.

Subject: Slow Vid Card...

Posted by [coolmant](#) on Sat, 30 Aug 2003 16:32:56 GMT

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Get the latest chipset drivers, etc. I dunno why it is slow, but the 9500 is a great card. It might be worth it to get a 2500+ for overclocking reasons.

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Posted by [Renx](#) on Sat, 30 Aug 2003 22:45:25 GMT

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lol good choice

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Posted by [NavySEAL55](#) on Sun, 31 Aug 2003 00:42:34 GMT

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How do I uncap FPS's?

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Posted by [Laser2150](#) on Sun, 31 Aug 2003 00:55:01 GMT

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Yeah , in your dreams :rolleyes:

i have a ATI radeon 9700 Pro and i can max out almost everygame (the ones that are on my shelf, such as UT2003,renegade,BF1942,and Planetside) and i can sit at 60 FPS. its only 375 dollars and it will work like a charm! But im also using a RAID and a 1.5 ghz , 512 Ram

but im getting a Alienware laptop soon which will put my PC to shame

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Yea, when the KT400 boards first hit the market they didn't work with 8X AGP cards correctly. Thats why I hate adopting early. We never carried KT400 boards... We held out for NF2 boards.

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Posted by [A-DawG](#) on Mon, 01 Sep 2003 13:29:44 GMT

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i have a radeon 9500 pro 128 mb

p3 550 mhz

128 mb pc-133

old mobo

i have the crappiest computer but ren still runs really good.

(ALOT better then my old 8 mb lol.)
