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Subject: Video card question....argh

Posted by [DBB](#) on Sun, 29 Feb 2004 02:25:13 GMT

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I wanted to buy a new video card, my GeForce 4mx 64mb is getting well, outdated I guess you could say. Actually its a GeForce 4mx GPU (meaning its integrated). I do have an AGP slot open on my computer, and I think a PCI slot (im not sure what exactly the PCI slots are, but I plugged my wireless network card in a slot that was a little bigger then memory slots, I think thats a PCI slot right? Like you have to pop out a metal peice and whatnot?) I dont really want to spend a lot of money, most I want to spend is anywhere between \$90-\$135. Im not looking for super graphics and whatnot, just something thats going to be able to handle all of this pixel shader crap and DX9. I heard the GeForce FX is a crap card, but I think it would be good in my computer, or at least equal the quality of my GeForce 4.

Btw...I have a 2.7ghz with 700something mb ddr ram running on window xp! Thanks

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Posted by [hareman](#) on Sun, 29 Feb 2004 02:41:10 GMT

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How much you want to spend

My guess would be in the middle end cards such as the ATI9600

for high end get the 9800

I am a big ATI fan I know that there will be someone who says get an Nvidia but I think it is a matter of personal preference and how much cash you are will to part with.

I have an ATI9800 128 and it cover me up to Doom3

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How much that beast set you back, and is it AGP or PCI slot ?

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Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Sun, 29 Feb 2004 04:07:06 GMT

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First, yes, those are PCI slots.

Second, I would recommend the Radeon 9600 Pro (AGP 8x, but it supports all AGP slots, I think),

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which I've found as low as \$146 (American). I use this card and it runs Renegade great, with 4x AA and 8x AF, as well as being an excellent overclocker--to 533 core/700 memory from 400 core/600 memory stock. Although, to be honest, if what you're really looking for is DirectX 9 usability, you're best off waiting a month or two until the next generation of graphics cards comes out, and buying the mid-range selection from that.

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I got the ATI 9800 when they first came out

\$399

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Posted by [Xtrm2Matt](#) on Sun, 29 Feb 2004 10:03:40 GMT  
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I recently bought a GeForce FX 5600XT (256MB) and i'm very pleased with it. I upgraded from a GeForce 4 MX440 (128MB).

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Posted by [General Havoc](#) on Sun, 29 Feb 2004 10:11:23 GMT  
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In general your PCI slots are white and the AGP ones are brown, if they are bright colours such as purple, red and green then your motherboard manufacturer has colour coded it.

The PCI slots are the ones you have most of (Normally 3 for Mini-ATX and 5 for ATX). There may also be a smaller slot called an ACR or AMR slot, this is really small about 5cm long and you don't need to use it. Normally the motherboard has words (PCI, AGP, Accelerated Graphics Port, AMR, ACR) written on it to tell you which is which. See here.

You do need to pop out the metal piece, but buy the card first as it's normally the metal piece below the slot as AGP and PCI cards are mounted upside down (ISA cards were mounted facing up).

As for the card to buy. You want DX9 support but fairly cheap. I'd say either the ATI Radeon 9600 or the GeForce FX 9700 (both AGP only). If you have to have a PCI slot card, then the highest you will get is the GeForce FX 5200 or ATI Radeon 9200 as the PCI bandwidth is restricted.

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Posted by [Xtrm2Matt](#) on Sun, 29 Feb 2004 10:42:13 GMT

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General HavocGeForce FX 9700 (both AGP only)

You can't get a FX 9700?!

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Posted by [General Havoc](#) on Sun, 29 Feb 2004 12:47:31 GMT

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LOL I mean nVidia GeForce FX 5700 They use a similar numbering system, I got confused with the ATI Radeon.

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Posted by [abakshi](#) on Sun, 29 Feb 2004 18:16:00 GMT

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Yeah if you want to spend \$100-130, get an ATI Radeon 9600 Pro or 9600 XT with 128MB (256 is a gimmick - not worth it at all for these cards).

The best idea if you are willing to spend a tad more is to get a Radeon 9800 Pro 128MB - you can get them for \$199 out the door at many stores now! I got mine in July '03 for \$299 - good deal at the time.

ATI's next-generation lineup, R420 (Radeon 9700 was R300, 9800 = R350), is due for release in about four to five weeks. Production has begun. But prices on the 9800's likely won't fall too much.

ATI is going to slowly discontinue low-mid-range cards - essentially, the whole R200 line (8500, which is already gone, plus the still-alive 9100, 9000, 9200) and will instead put weakened versions of the 9600 architecture as their low-mid-level card - one example being the 9600SE.

The Radeon 7000/7500, which are DX7 cards, are still going to be kept as the bottom-of-the-heap models.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Sun, 29 Feb 2004 22:50:49 GMT

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Quote:

GeForce FX is a crap card

Blasphemy!

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Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Sun, 29 Feb 2004 22:53:26 GMT

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DBB, when buying something, just remember this:

The more something costs, the better it is.

This applies to every buying situation in life.

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Not always, the speakers I bought for \$50 ended up being 110% better than the ones I got for \$75! Mwahahahaha Go me!

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