
Subject: Re: Motherboards.....Again

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Both the Gigabyte and AsRock look like real good bets. It seems the AsRock is on sale; at its normal price, I'm not sure I'd buy it, but at 155, that's a really good deal, especially with the extra USB 3 ports, and SATA6. The power regulation around the CPU also looks very good, should you decide you want to overclock in the future, or buy a powerful CPU in the future.

The decision lies with you:

The Gigabyte costs 15 dollars less; you get fewer USB 3.0 ports, and the PCI-e slots will both run at x8 if you decide to use Crossfire. On the other hand, Gigabyte is known for quality, and also has 'dual-bios' in case something goes horribly wrong while updating or overclocking; it's a useful backup.

AsRock's support is also more limited than Gigabyte's, and if you need help on a computer forum, you'll find more people with Gigabyte's than AsRock's. At the same time, AsRock's been getting a lot more attention because their product has been really good lately.

Go with what you think is right. It seems you've looked around, and think the AsRock is the one for you, so that's probably the one to get.

Maybe make sure you know who to call, or to contact at either AsRock or Gigabyte in case something goes wrong. I've been lucky enough to never have gotten a dead board, but it can happen with any brand. Also, figure out and understand Newegg's RMA process in case you have to send the board back to them.

Just make sure you take your time building the system, double check your connections, and you should be fine.

Here's a link to an AsRock help forum: <http://forums.tweaktown.com/f80/>
