Subject: Slow Vid Card... Posted by Paragon on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 02:30:39 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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 noticable difference in picture quality) Also ensure that the AGP apeture 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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