Subject: ATI
Posted by _SSnipe_ on Mon, 13 Sep 2010 08:03:29 GMT
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Im having trouble finding a new video card, im looking for an ati radeon one since my
motherboard only supports ati crossfire, im asking you guys to help me find a ati radeon video
card that

-not to big (1 pci-e x16 2.0 slot)
-crossfire support
-equal or greater to the current nvidia geforce 9600gt i have

please help me guys. cant find much without a huge fan on it or something, iv found some with a
high newer model number lower rice then an older model, its a little confussing

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Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by slosha on Mon, 13 Sep 2010 14:24:40 GMT
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How much are you wanting to spend. Also, I would discourage crossfire, but that's really just
personal preference.

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by nikki6ixx on Mon, 13 Sep 2010 18:19:26 GMT
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(SSnipe) -BLU3Y3Z- wrote on Mon, 13 September 2010 03:03-not to big (1 pci-e x16 2.0 slot)

XFX makes a single-slot 5770 which is a good mid-range card, and is much faster than the
9600GT.

 http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16814150501&cm_re=xfx_57
70-_-14-150-501-_-Product

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by a000clown on Mon, 13 Sep 2010 20:10:36 GMT
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If you're willing to wait, the Radeon HD 6000 cards should be coming soon (also rumored to be a
brand new architecture). Even if you don't plan on getting one it should cause the prices on older
cards to drop.

Also just an fyi; ATI branding is being dropped in favor of AMD, so when the new cards come out

they'll be AMD Radeon HD 6000 instead.

As far as recommendations are concerned, that 9600GT should be easy to beat. Radeon HD 4850 is the lowest you want to go, 5000 series is probably preferable for the DX11 support and nikki6ixx's suggestion would work well.

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Posted by nikki6ixx on Mon, 13 Sep 2010 21:09:39 GMT
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I'm curious though, why do you want a 'single slot' card? Your AsRock board has a lot of space between the PCIe 16x slots so having dual slot cards would be perfectly fine. :/

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Posted by Dover on Tue, 14 Sep 2010 05:04:57 GMT
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Posted by Dover on Tue, 14 Sep 2010 06:22:31 GMT

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It might have been a dust issue or something, but one day the fan decided to spin at like 40 rpm top speed and make this horrible grinding noise, and because of the way it was built I couldn't get it open without breaking something undoubtedly vital, so I said fuck it and got a heatsink four times the size of the card with twin fans. I'll be damned if anything is overheating now. >:[

Still quite warm in my room. I guess there's no cure for that, though.

Edit: And what was with that retarded waterdrop shape? >:[

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Posted by EvilWhiteDragon on Tue, 14 Sep 2010 06:57:11 GMT

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With the lower-end Geforces you'll at least know you'll get a rebadged GF8800GT.

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Posted by nopol10 on Tue, 14 Sep 2010 08:00:11 GMT

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I'm doing fine with all the new games with my 8800GT, but you want an ATI so I can't help there.

Can a single graphics card actually heat the whole room? Is the room really tiny or something?

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The first number is the series. It increases with new features like DX11 support or architecture changes.

Second number is the targeted market segment. Budget, mainstream, enthusiast... The higher the number the better the performance.

Third number is the variant. You might know it better as GT, PRO, XT or some other suffix.

I have no idea what the last number is for, since I've never seen it *not* be 0.

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Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by Homey on Tue, 14 Sep 2010 21:41:38 GMT
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5670, 5770, 5850, depending on your budget.

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by _SSnipe_ on Wed, 15 Sep 2010 04:58:04 GMT
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-tested by a computer tech-

also a good card but a little to much for me...

a000clown - ill wait, except how much will they come out to be?

Dover - thats my problem as well, confussing

Boofst0rm - noted =]

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by nikki6ixx on Wed, 15 Sep 2010 06:48:58 GMT
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Strange that you have two intake PCI fans seeing as the case you own is really good. Anyhow, you know you're setup better than anyone here.

Unfortunately, single-slot cards are no longer common. If that 5770 is too expensive, then there's the 5670:

http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16814150467&cm_re=5670-_-14-150-467-_-Product

This one has a rebate so it can be $79.99 if you fill everything in and mail it off.

But here's the thing: this card is only marginally faster than your 9600GT. You likely won't discern much of a difference. Unless you game at 1280x1024, using a card like the 5670 is only a waste of money because it won't be powerful enough to play anything higher.

The benchmarks here show you how it performs against a 9600GT:

http://www.anandtech.com/show/2917/2

If I were you, instead of buying a new single-slot card, I'd correct whatever problem it is that requires you to run those PCI fans so you can then fit a dual-slot card in that space. You can buy ATI 4870's for about 100 bucks if you look around, and 4850's for cheaper yet.

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by Dover on Thu, 16 Sep 2010 02:10:08 GMT
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(SSnipe) -BLU3Y3Z- wrote on Tue, 14 September 2010 21:58Dover - thats my problem as well, confussing

I fixed my problem with one of these:

http://www.arctic-cooling.com/catalog/product_info.php?cPath=2_&mID=101

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Posted by _SSnipe_ on Thu, 16 Sep 2010 18:06:43 GMT
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Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by nikki6ixx on Thu, 16 Sep 2010 19:30:18 GMT
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It depends. Both companies make great cards, you just need to choose one that's good for what you're willing to pay. ATI's 4870 1GB probably remains the best all-around deal seeing as you can get a new one for 104 bucks after rebate.

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Posted by Homey on Thu, 16 Sep 2010 23:27:37 GMT
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Posted by Homey on Fri, 17 Sep 2010 22:05:46 GMT
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P.S. I hope you have the world's best 21" monitor for $300. Nice ones run for about $140 here.

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no I got two, what happen was I saw an Acer monitor on sale for 109 bucks, form staples (I was trying to find something not to much money but also supports dvi, so I bought two of them, which came out to be like 300, both are 109 x 2 + tax + recycle tax? (ya idk either) = 309

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Ah ok that makes sense. Well either way, if you choose a video card with 1X DVI, 1X HDMI, 1X DP, you can do HDMI>DVI for one monitor

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Posted by _SSnipe_ on Sun, 19 Sep 2010 08:39:27 GMT
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Posted by nikki6ixx on Mon, 20 Sep 2010 01:09:55 GMT
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Posted by nikki6ixx on Tue, 21 Sep 2010 19:38:15 GMT
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Yeah, it's a risk, but a pretty small one. You just need to be smart about what you're buying and who you're buying from.

In your case, I'd try to find a used 4870/4890 1GB from XFX. That way, the seller can transfer their warranty to you.

However, you do have some other options:

http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16814127495R

http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16814127445R

The second one has 1GB of memory, and is moderately overclocked.

Here's a 5770: http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16814141116R

Just remember that these don't have a normal warranty because they're Open Box.

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by _SSnipe_ on Thu, 23 Sep 2010 06:13:15 GMT
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Which, if any of these are more better graphics for gaming then the BFG Announces NVIDIA GeForce 9600 GT OC 512MB

I have?

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by nikki6ixx on Thu, 23 Sep 2010 20:08:57 GMT
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All of them, although the open box 5770 has since been sold.

This one is cheap: http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16814127495R

...but only has 512MB of memory so that can be a pain if you want to use AA and AF at higher

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resolutions.

Still, it'd be an improvement over a 9600GT.

However, here's a good deal:

 http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16814131365&cm_re=4850-_
-14-131-365-_-Product

80 dollars after rebate, and it's an ATI. This card is new, and has full warranty. Plus, you can Crossfire it with another 4850 if you want. Unless you can find a 4850 or 4870 on Craigslist for cheaper, I don't think you can do any better.

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Posted by _SSnipe_ on Sun, 26 Sep 2010 17:57:43 GMT
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Posted by nikki6ixx on Wed, 29 Sep 2010 06:17:32 GMT
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How much do you want to spend?

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by Homey on Fri, 01 Oct 2010 01:09:51 GMT
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Actually ATI 5000 cards support 3 monitors per card (Third monitor MUST be run via displayport), some cards even support 6 monitors.

My suggestion for the ATI route is wait 6 weeks as some 6000 mid range cards are due out in October. Should be some price drops on the 4000 and 5000 series as well as new products.

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by nikki6ixx on Fri, 01 Oct 2010 04:03:00 GMT
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Here's a good deal if you want an ATI card:

  http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16814150497&cm_sp=DailyD
eal-_-14-150-497-_-Product

A 5830 for 159.99 after rebate is really good value!

It's not the fastest card, but it'll probably serve your needs for now. And it should probably drop considerably more in the next few months so you can run two if your power supply can handle them.

If you don't manage to get it, then at least check newegg's Daily Deals because they often have really good discounts. Also, use http://www.google.com/products to help search for the best prices on cards.

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Posted by nikki6ixx on Fri, 01 Oct 2010 04:04:01 GMT
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do they have black fridays on websites like newegg?

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  http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16814500173&cm_re=zotac_ 460-_-14-500-173-_-Product

It's a weekend special though, so you might have to act quick. However, it has 'only' 768MB which means that if you game over 1680x1050, you might want to get a card with 1GB.

Asus also has a GTX 460 on sale too for the same price after rebate.

http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16814121390

If you do decide to wait, then good luck! Chances are, you should be able to find a GTX 460 or even 470 for a great price on Black Friday, or an ATI 5850.

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Probably at midnight, depending on the retailer.

Often, they will send out emails previewing their sales, and the times. So if you don't already, sign up to get those emails from places like newegg.com and tigerdirect.com . They often provide a link to sign up, or you just register to be a customer.

I do think you want to have a couple graphics cards picked out that you know you'll be happy with. That means if you see a really good deal, you'll buy something that you want, instead being upset later. Also, that means you won't have to research the card as much when you see the sale,

meaning you'll likely get it, before others grab up the stock.

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by a000clown on Mon, 15 Nov 2010 22:36:43 GMT
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Radeon 69xx series is supposed to launch soon as well, so that'll probably lower prices of current cards if you can hold out till then.

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by _SSnipe_ on Tue, 16 Nov 2010 05:36:56 GMT
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still not sure which card to think, for nvidi im thinking gtx 465 but for ati i have no idea..

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by nikki6ixx on Tue, 16 Nov 2010 06:00:04 GMT
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If possible, try to step up to an nVidia 470 over a 465. A 465 has the 470's heat and power consumption, but is really neutered in terms of processing.

However, there are some really good prices on 465's on Newegg right now; whether they'll go lower for Black Friday, or not is the question.

A GTX 460 1GB would be worth looking at too, although it seems the 465 is priced similarly to those. The 460 overclocks better, runs cooler and consumes less power. But that's only if you're willing to OC.

A comparable AMD card would be the 6870, and one of those will beat out a GTX 465 handily, and even catch up to a 470.

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by a000clown on Tue, 16 Nov 2010 06:20:49 GMT
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Subject: Re: ATI

Posted by _SSnipe_ on Tue, 16 Nov 2010 07:26:11 GMT

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Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by a000clown on Tue, 16 Nov 2010 17:37:35 GMT

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Then, comparing to the AMD/ATI side, the Radeon HD 6850 wins most benchmarks (vs GeForce 640 1GB) while also coming out cheaper.

Keep in mind the benchmarks I'm referring to compare the reference cards and partner designs (from EVGA, ASUS, XFX, Saphire, MSI, Gigabyte, etc.) may have very different results.

I can't decide for you. Just figure out the min FPS you want at the resolution you play at, then pick a card that gives you that.

All I meant before was that you'll always be saying, "it's only an extra x dollars so why not?" as you bump up to the next card, and the next, and the next, until you hit the most expensive card and realize you just jumped a couple hundred bucks from where you started

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Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by _SSnipe_ on Wed, 17 Nov 2010 18:29:07 GMT

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Reason?

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by _SSnipe_ on Fri, 19 Nov 2010 07:33:55 GMT
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I am still having toruble picking out a card, the nvidia GTX seem to have high benchmarks while the ATI have more Stream Processors, and still confused on which to choose

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Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by nikki6ixx on Tue, 23 Nov 2010 01:43:52 GMT
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Unless you can give us a definitive price ceiling, and the resolution/eye-candy you want to play, we can't make a good suggestion.

Right now, the GTX 460 seems the best way to go, given what you've said so far. The AMD 6850 offers comparable performance, but is more expensive than the nVidia card.

But like I said, if you decide you want to play at 1920x1080 with an average of 4x AA, with a minimum 50FPS in every game, then you need to make that known.

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Posted by _SSnipe_ on Tue, 23 Nov 2010 03:28:42 GMT
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well my monitors only support 1600 x 900 so that I guess? my price range is between 150-200 dollars, but since black Friday im hopping one thats over 200 dollars could be reduced to fit my budget which is why Im waiting, I want it to have a HDMI output and be very good graphics, I jsut dont know the difference spec wise between eh GTX and the ATI series

like ATi have lot of Stream Processing Units while nvidia has way less and stuff lime that

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by nikki6ixx on Tue, 23 Nov 2010 04:57:13 GMT
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Don't worry about stream processing units and the like. What you care about are gaming benchmarks as those will indicate what performance you can expect.

Within that price range, you might be able to get a GTX 470 or a Radeon 5850 for under 200 dollars on Black Friday.

Otherwise, a GTX 460 will be perfectly good for that resolution, as is a 6850.

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by _SSnipe_ on Tue, 23 Nov 2010 05:49:21 GMT
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Do you guys happen to know whats normal price discount on that day?

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by nikki6ixx on Tue, 23 Nov 2010 05:59:57 GMT
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Not really, there's no 'normal' discount on products. That's why you want a couple different choice of cards that you'd be happy to pick, like the 460/470 and the 6850/5850.

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by _SSnipe_ on Tue, 23 Nov 2010 06:16:06 GMT
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Right now I got my eye on a few of these form EVGA

 http://www.newegg.com/Product/ProductList.aspx?Submit=ENE&N=100007709%205000
1402%20600007323&IsNodeId=1&name=GeForce%20GTX%20400%20series

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by nikki6ixx on Tue, 23 Nov 2010 06:22:38 GMT
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Make sure you know what options are out there for all the brands. There may not be any Black Friday sales on EVGA products so you may have to buy from brands like Asus, XFX, Gigabyte or MSI instead.

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by _SSnipe_ on Tue, 23 Nov 2010 07:28:07 GMT
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Thanks for the piece of advice, im making a list of links off newegg and tiger from diff brands!

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by nikki6ixx on Sun, 28 Nov 2010 00:03:34 GMT
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So... what'd you get?

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by _SSnipe_ on Sun, 28 Nov 2010 07:39:07 GMT
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well they did have not a hgue selection all this week and the only other was a huge price range *around 300-400* so I got this

http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16814133326

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by John McCain on Mon, 29 Nov 2010 06:05:12 GMT
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You made the right decision, young patriot.

Supporting nVidia is the American thing to do. ATi is a Canadian company and therefore, steals jobs from hardworking American families, meaning their babies starve to death, and they themselves cannot afford a GTX 580 to play Crysis with.

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by nikki6ixx on Tue, 30 Nov 2010 01:10:25 GMT
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Nice pick! Just make sure you register the card for the three year warranty.

I'm aiming to SLI hack my AMD machine with a pair of 470's in the near future, so I'll let you know how it turns out, in case you decide you want a pair of 460's in SLI later!

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by _SSnipe_ on Tue, 30 Nov 2010 07:08:48 GMT
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Think you, I was thinking of an ALI hack but never knew how to even start to learn how to do it or how its done.

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by nikki6ixx on Sun, 16 Jan 2011 04:16:33 GMT
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I've had the SLI hack running for a week now, without any problem whatsoever. PhysX works, as does nVidia Surround. It's amazing.

The downside is that you cannot use the newest drivers. However, they're probably as mature as they're going to be for the 4XX-Series anyways.

However, you'll want to be comfortable with altering your system slightly. It's simple to install, and uninstall, but you should back up your files, just in case.

Subject: Re: ATI
Posted by _SSnipe_ on Sun, 16 Jan 2011 07:10:04 GMT
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Cool, Ill ask you how you did it once I ever get the money for a second card lol