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Subject: Re: Suggestion on a ATI Radeon X graphics card?

Posted by [Chuck Norris](#) on Sun, 13 Jan 2008 23:39:50 GMT

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I'm going to have to really second sadukar09's suggestion (although after VAT, it seems to come out to about 30 pounds more, and I'm not sure how many more dollars that would equate to). The X1550 is a really low end card these days (and was low-mid when it was released). Your CPU will not bottleneck that card that much, and even if it does a little, it'd be foolish to purposely buy a weak GPU to have it be the bottleneck, ESPECIALLY when Crysis is part of the picture (GPUs are the bottleneck for it currently). I really think getting the weaker card would be the waste. I wouldn't even go lower myself, because you want a certain amount of gain for it to be worth it, but if you must, go no lower than an X1650XT (not Pro, not normal, and certainly not the regular X1650, all of which are in different classes than the XT).

As for the PSU, the wattage is fine (more than), but what about the +12V rail, or maybe even the brand, both of which I saw no mention of? If that's just some generic 600 watt PSU, I'd pass myself.

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