Subject: Card Selection (please help)
Posted by DBB on Thu, 28 Aug 2003 23:24:44 GMT
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NVidia GeForce2 MX/MX 400 64mb Video Card

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Posted by xSeth2k2x on Thu, 28 Aug 2003 23:34:09 GMT
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AYe dont ever speak the name of geforce 2's in vain

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Posted by gendres on Thu, 28 Aug 2003 23:40:48 GMT
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ATi Radeon 9200

Subject: Card Selection (please help)
Posted by bigwig992 on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 00:13:04 GMT
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Radeon all the way dude.

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Posted by warranto on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 00:15:16 GMT
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Just make sure your motherboard is Radeon friendly. I wasted 200 dollars on a radeon 8500 to replace my GF2. Only to find out that my motherboard wasn't compatable.

Subject: Card Selection (please help)
Posted by Bearxor on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 00:47:53 GMT
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http://www.newegg.com/app/ViewProduct.asp?description=14-131-214R

http://www.newegg.com/app/ViewProduct.asp?description=14-122-155R

http://www.newegg.com/app/ViewProduct.asp?description=14-123-119R

http://www.newegg.com/app/ViewProduct.asp?description=14-145-010R

http://www.newegg.com/app/ViewProduct.asp?description=14-170-009R

http://www.newegg.com/app/ViewProduct.asp?description=14-260-019R

Newegg is awesome with their refurbs. As long as you don't mind getting JUST the card with none of the extras (sometimes you might get the full box), you can score an awesome deal on any of these cards. Any of them would be better than a 9200SE or 5200U. The first link is for a 9600Pro for the same price as the 9200SE you found.

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Posted by DBB on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 04:02:10 GMT
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Cool thanks! But how can I tell if its compatible with my motherboard?

Subject: Card Selection (please help)
Posted by Paragon on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 05:36:16 GMT
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Do you have an agp slot? If so then yeah the card would be compatible.

And bear you beat me to posting the newegg links you punk

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AGP and PCI slots aren't what I was talking about. I mean the hardware itself not being compatable with the motherboard.

The surefire way to know if it's compatible or not is to continue to use the brand you started off with, or buy a really cheap card to test, or you can always gamble.

But then again, the fact that my computer was factory built by IBM might have something to do with my problem...

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Posted by Bearxor on Fri, 29 Aug 2003 12:43:57 GMT
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If he's running an MX440, then he definitely has an AGP 4X slot and should have no problems running any card currently released.

EDIT: If you notice, almost every single card is out-of-stock now. This is the way it is with Newegg's refurb video card section. They go FAST. When you're getting ready to buy it, start going there regulary and check all the companies listed until you find the one you want. Try this link instead:

http://www.newegg.com/app/manufactory.asp?catalog=48&Type=Refurbish

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Posted by mrpirate on Sat, 30 Aug 2003 06:16:53 GMT
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Man... Radeon 9600 Pro is a wicked deal. I've overclocked this one to 533 Mhz core and 700 MHz (DDR) memory. 3DMark03 - 4200