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Graphics Card Installation Guide



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Overview

Thank you for purchasing a genuine EVGA graphics accelerator. EVGA is an NVIDIA® Select Solution Provider that builds high performance 3D accelerators based on reference designs by the NVIDIA Corporation. Our graphics accelerator cards are fully compatible with the latest 2D and 3D graphical requirements with full support for Microsoft® DirectX®, DirectDraw®, DirectShow®, Direct3D®, and OpenGL®.

Your EVGA graphics accelerator card is fully capable of supporting DPMS (energy savings) and DDC-2B (plug and play) functions.

Hardware Installation



Preparing Your Computer

WARNING: Turn off the power to your system and discharge your body's static electric charge by touching a grounded surface – for example, the metal surface of the power supply – before performing any hardware procedure. EVGA assumes no liability for any damage, caused directly or indirectly, by improper installation of any components. If you do not feel comfortable performing the installation, consult a qualified computer technician. Damage to system components, the graphics card, and injury to yourself may result if power is applied during installation. Now that you have prepared your computer, you are ready to install your graphics card.

Quick Start

1. Power off the computer and all attached devices such as monitors, printers, and external components.
2. Disconnect the display cable from your current display adapter from the back of your computer.
3. Remove the cover of your computer case. In most cases this is held in place by several screws or clips – you may need to consult your system manual or case manual for additional information.
4. Remove your existing graphic adapter (if you have one) from your computer. You will do this by removing the retaining screw and gently rocking the card back and forth, applying upwards pressure. (Please note: if your motherboard has integrated video, you may need to disable it on the motherboard. Please contact your system or motherboard manufacturer for additional information).
5. Align your new card with the PCI-Express slot, the brown AGP™ slot or the white PCI slot, as appropriate, and press it in firmly until the card is fully seated. Make sure that the metal contacts of the card are completely pushed into the expansion slot.
6. Replace the retaining screw to fasten the card into place and then replace the computer cover.
7. Reconnect any devices that you detached during installation and then connect the monitor's video cable to your new video card.
8. Apply power to your system and reboot.

Hardware Installation Details

Power off the computer – disconnect the display cable

Remove your existing graphics adapter (if applicable)

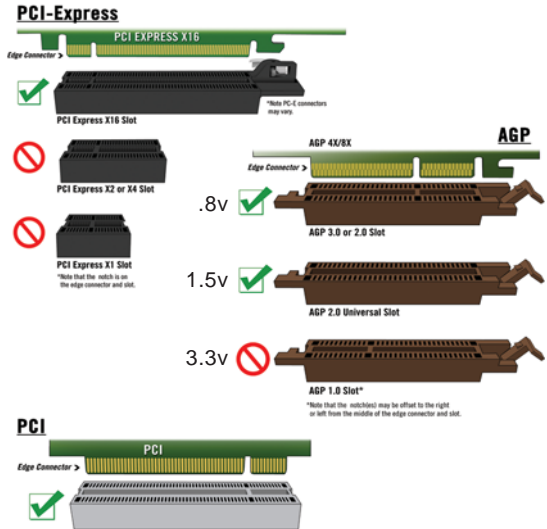
Important Information

PCI and PCI-Express slots are different, so prior to installing any video card in to your system, make sure the video card bus type and available slot are the same.

PCI-Express Video Cards: (Single Card Solution): Insert the graphics card into the available PCI-Express slot closest the power supply.

AGP Video Cards: Insert the graphics card into the brown AGP 2.0 or above compliant slot.

PCI Video Cards: Insert the graphics card into an available white PCI 2.1 or above compliant slot.



Graphics Cards Requiring Additional Power



If your card is equipped with a supplemental power adapter, we strongly advise that it be connected at the time of installation. This supplemental power adapter ensures that your video card receives a clean and strong power signal that will allow it to function at optimal performance levels.



Preparing Your Operating System

Although EVGA's ADM™ software provides an automated solution for most installation situations, we still advise you to correctly prepare your system before installing any display drivers. Before installing any of our drivers, please make sure that you have installed the latest AGP driver for your motherboard if you are installing an AGP graphics card. These drivers can be obtained from your motherboard manufacturer. (Disable anti-virus software during installation).

Software Installation

When you boot up your computer for the first time after installing your new graphics adapter, Windows will detect a new display device and attempt to search for the drivers. Please click cancel.

Installing the drivers for your new graphics card is made fast and simple through the use of EVGA's patented ADM™ (Automated Driver Management) software. Insert the EVGA Installation CD and allow the autorun driver installation menu to start.

Note: If the autorun driver installation menu does not appear, it can be launched manually by choosing the **Run** command from the Windows Start Menu and entering: `D:\autorun.exe` (where *D* is the letter of your CD-ROM drive).

Once the autorun installation menu appears, select the **"Install Video Drivers"** button from the menu. This will start the driver installation process and ADM will go to work.

If you are prompted by the Microsoft WHQL (Windows Hardware Quality Labs) warning, please select the Continue Anyway button, as it is safe to do so. *See the example below.*



nView™ Features:

The nView functionality allows for a multi-display environment, whether it is through multiple computer monitors (either digital or analog) or by using a monitor in conjunction with a television set. The ability to use multiple displays within Windows can simplify many everyday tasks by spreading out the Windows Desktop area or by allowing you to watch your favorite DVD movie on your television.

Please visit <http://evga.com/support/guides> for our web site tutorial.

Single Mode

The Single Mode option in the nView control panel disables the nView feature, allowing viewing in only one display.

DualView

Feature available across all operating systems except Windows 95 and Windows NT. A multi-display capable graphics card will be able to have two independent resolutions that can be configured differently from each other. Unlike nView span mode, where the desktop stretches across two screens, DualView can control different resolutions, color depth and refresh rates settings for each display.

Horizontal and Vertical Span Modes

In these modes, the desktop area is spread across both displays. This mode can be set for either horizontal or vertical orientation.

Note: Due to operating system differences between Windows 98/ME/XP and Windows NT/2000, the latter does not currently offer true multi-monitor support for Span mode under a single dual-head graphics card such as the dual-head GeForce. As a result, the size of the actual desktop is limited to twice the smaller size of the two displays. The desktop can be extended either horizontally or vertically, but cannot be extended at other angles as under Windows 98/ME.

Clone Mode

In Clone Mode, two monitors display identical images, which is useful for presentations. A presenter may use the smaller monitor on the podium, while a projector monitor reflects the presentation to the audience.

Video Mirror

Video Mirror works in conjunction with nView that allows a video or DVD application to mirror its playback in full-screen on any one of the connected display devices. In other words, Video Mirror allows video data that is displayed on a hardware overlay to be displayed at full-screen size on a secondary display.

nView™ Features:

nView Desktop Manager

The added features of the NVIDIA nView technology can simplify much of today's tasks and improve upon the existing multi-monitor functionality. Access to these controls are made by either the NVIDIA nView QuickTweak™ icon located in the system tray or by assigning preprogrammed Hot Keys to change certain viewing modes or setup different profiles.

Setup Individual User Profiles

The Windows desktop environment can now be customized based on a user level rather than a global level meaning profiles can be saved for each individual user that logs into a computer. There is a maximum of 32 separate profiles or individually named desktops that can be modified and saved. These profiles take advantage of the added functionality with many applications and programs already present within the Windows operating system.

Enhanced Application Support

Improvements to these Windows applications such as Internet Explorer® include viewing a Search Engine site, opening a secondary browser on a separate display while still maintaining the master "search results" window. Another example includes the ability to change viewing properties based on work environment, adjusting monitor display for presentations or to ease every day tasks in a multi-window environment on different displays.

Zoom and Transparency Tools

Some other valuable tools added within NVIDIA nView include the Zoom and Transparency features. A user can now zoom into any display within a program such as a photo editing application and make detailed changes to an existing picture. The Transparency feature can show the contents of a folder window without minimizing your current working window. This achieves an almost opaque effect of the other window. These features combine to make NVIDIA nView one of the most versatile multi-display technologies in existence. For detailed information on NVIDIA nView, please consult the on-line documentation.

An optional DVI to DB-15 converter may be used to allow 2 standard analog monitors to be attached. NVIDIA nView allows the simultaneous use of two display devices at one time. This means that even though you might have three output connectors, only two of them may be in use at any given time.



Quick Fixes

Problem: The display drivers install successfully, but when Windows reboots it tells you that the display device is not functioning correctly.

Cause: The display adapter requires certain hardware resources in order to function correctly – if these resources are not available, then Windows cannot properly start the device.

Solution: The most common resource that is missing is called an IRQ (interrupt ReQuest). Most motherboards, but not all, have a BIOS setting called ASSIGN IRQ TO VGA (or some variation of this name). This setting needs to be changed to **ENABLED**. Then save the BIOS settings and reboot into Windows. If you need assistance locating or configuring your motherboard BIOS, please consult your motherboard manual or contact your motherboard manufacturer for specific information.

Problem: The computer will only display a black screen after it boots into Windows.

Cause: Quite often this problem is caused by the integrated video adapter not being disabled prior to installing the new PCI based video card.

Solution: Ensure that the integrated video adapter has been disabled prior to installing the new video card. After the new card has been installed, connect the monitor cable and if required, any supplemental power adapters to the new video card and reboot the system.

Quick Fixes (continued)

Problem: At boot-up, all you hear is a series of beeps from the computer but see no screen at all.

Cause: The beep sounds are a warning sound from the motherboard BIOS that says that it cannot initialize the video card. This can mean one of three things:

- 1) The card is not seated correctly.
- 2) There is a problem with the motherboard's video card slot.
- 3) There is a problem with the video card.

Solution: Remove the card from the computer and reinsert it, making sure that the card is seated properly in the slot. Then try to boot the computer again. If this does not work then the problem is either with the motherboard or the video card and you should contact your hardware manufacturer

Problem: On systems with an integrated graphics chip, you get error messages and conflicts after you install your new video card.

Cause: Many systems with an integrated graphics chip need to have these adapters disabled before you can correctly use an add-in graphics adapter. If they are not properly disabled, they will cause conflicts with the adapter that you are trying to install.

Solution: Disable any built-in graphics adapters prior to installing your new graphics card. For additional information relating to this issue, please consult your motherboard or system manual, or contact your system vendor or motherboard manufacturer to get detailed information on how to accomplish this for your particular system.

Quick Fixes (continued)

Problem: My card carries the support for TV-Out but cannot get a display on the TV.

Cause: The TV is not properly detected by Windows due to signal loss and/or is not enabled within the Display Control Panel.

Solution: There must be a direct connection from the TV to the graphics card through an RCA, S-Video cable or DVI cable connector. There cannot be any intermediary devices such as a VCR, receiver or switch box within the connection. Power on the TV before booting Windows and enable the TV-Out feature under Device Selection of the Display Control Panel.

Problem: Games utilizing DirectX and OpenGL either lockup or crash to the desktop.

Cause: DirectX and OpenGL is not initializing properly due to corrupt installation of the program or system drivers.

Solution: Verify that all the necessary hardware drivers are installed and up to date including the chipset, video and sound card drivers. Reinstall the latest version of DirectX or the faulty program itself. Also, verify the game has all the necessary patches installed that are available from the developer/manufacturer.

Problem: Where can I find the latest drivers for my graphics card?

Solution: The latest drivers can be found at: <http://evga.com/support/drivers>

Quick Fixes (continued)

Problem: How do I enable the DVD playback feature?

Cause: The video card can output DVD's in conjunction with a DVD hardware or software rendering application such as PowerDVD™ or WinDVD™.

Solution: Verify that the add-on hardware DVD decoder is compatible with the graphics card or that the DVD software rendering application is installed properly and/or updated.

Problem: My HTPC's monitor's sides are cut-off.

Cause: This problem is called "overscan" and some DLP / Plasma / LCD TVs have options to compensate for "overscan". Please refer to your TVs mfg. or manual on whether or not you have this option.

Solution: Make sure you have the latest Nvidia Forceware drivers for your video card and that your HTPC monitor is setup properly in the Nvidia Forceware driver settings.

Default BIOS Settings

If for any reason you made changes to your BIOS settings and your system is unstable, change the BIOS back to its default settings.

Note: For problems not listed in this document, please go to the EVGA Knowledge Base at <http://evga.com/FAQ>

Contacting Customer Service

EVGA is dedicated to supporting our graphics display products. Contacting EVGA Customer Service is easy! We can be reached by phone, fax, and on the web. Before contacting Customer Service, please review this manual. If you need to contact Customer Service, please have your system configuration as well as your card's model number and serial number ready. You will need to register your product before a support technician can assist you. You may register your card online at: <http://evga.com/register>, or when you call for support, a staff member will register you.

- Hours of Operation: 24/7 Technical Phone Support
- Phone Support: (888) 880-EVGA (3842)
- Fax Support: (714) 528-4501
- Tech Support Web Site: <http://evga.com/support>

Information to keep handy before calling

- Motherboard Model and Manufacturer: _____
- Motherboard Chipset (not processor): _____
- Processor Type and Speed: _____
- Operating System and Version (Service Packs installed, if any): _____
- Model Number of EVGA Graphics Card: _____
- Serial Number of EVGA Graphics Card: _____
- Power Supply Wattage and Manufacturer: _____



Warranty VOID if removed from video card

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