

## New GFX Card

Posted by Roblackpool - 08 Jan 2011 20:18

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Evening all. Okay so my GeForce 8800 GTS packed in a few weeks ago, and my onboard graphics can't handle anything other than CSS at the moment! So, time to get a new one, which I'll order on Monday.

I am considering the new ATI 6950 (£220) - [Click](#)

What do you guys think? Are there any similar-performing cards which are cheaper, or are there better for a similar price? Don't want to spend too much, and to be honest £220 is sounding a bit much as well, but was tempted by the 2gig RAM, considering Novatech were selling a 1gig 5-series card for £150 at Christmas.

While we're on the subject here's my PC spec, which I built like a year and a bit ago, so may need to upgrade certain things. If you have any suggestions for me to improve my setup, let me know! Any help appreciated!

### Peripherals etc.

Keyboard: Standard Logitech - Are gaming keyboards really an improvement?

Mouse: Razer deathadder (has the double-click prob at minute until I pull it apart and clean!

Monitor: Samsung 22" SyncMaster 2220LM

Platform: Windows Vista 64bit - Worth upgrading to Windows 7? If so, cheapest and easiest way to do so?

### Components

Motherboard: This one! [Click](#)

Processor: AMD Phenom 9850 Quad-Core (2.5 gig)

Graphics: As above! Onboard at moment.. Ati 3300 i think

RAM: 2x 2048 MBytes (4 total), with 2 more slots to allow for double-up if needed

So, what do you guys think? More importantly about the GFX card lol but if theres anything that is worth upgrading, i.e. "no point getting a 2gig gfx card without upgrading x" then let me know, however if it's a decent setup these days and I can hold off for a while that is best to save cash!!

Thanks for reading and/or helping!

EDIT: One last question - anyone know whether the gfx card I've picked out is compatible with my current setup?

FURTHER EDIT: Not sure whether the motherboard i've linked to is actually my one, looks different, with a better cooling system and more slots.. hmm if you haven't noticed already i'm not great with computers!

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## Re: New GFX Card

Posted by liger - 08 Jan 2011 23:25

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6950 looks like the best deal atm

this is all u really need to know

[www.anandtech.com/show/4061/amds-radeon-...70-radeon-hd-6950/15](http://www.anandtech.com/show/4061/amds-radeon-...70-radeon-hd-6950/15)

PS: its not "worth" upgrading to win7 (as in, there are no "new" features, its just smoother) just for the sake of it. But if u are thinking of reinstalling everything, go for win7.

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## Re: New GFX Card

Posted by Robblackpool - 10 Jan 2011 10:29

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Cheers mate, think i'm going for the 6950. I'm looking at a 6950 standard - [click](#) . Or, there's an ASUS, overclocked version which is slightly more expensive -

[click](#)

. (Have gone for this site as novatech need to order on request).

Is there risk in going for the overclocked version? It boasts 50% more power to the card for higher performance, but have always been a bit sceptical when looking at overclocked components. Any

advice?

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## Re: New GFX Card

Posted by Robblackpool - 10 Jan 2011 12:29

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I went for the ASUS 😊

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