

USER'S GUIDE



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Important Safety Precautions

Always read and follow these basic safety precautions carefully when handling any piece of electronic component.

1. Keep this User's Manual for future reference.
2. Keep this equipment away from humidity.
3. Lay this equipment on a stable, flat surface before setting it up.
4. The openings on the enclosure are for air convection, hence they protect the equipment from overheating.
5. Make sure the voltage of the power source and adjust properly 110/220V before connecting the equipment to the power inlet.
6. Place the power cord in a way that people are unlikely to step on it. Do not place anything on the power cord.
7. Always Unplug the Power Cord before inserting any add-on card or module.
8. All cautions and warnings on the equipment should be noted.
9. Never pour any liquid into the opening that could damage the equipment or cause an electrical shock.
10. If any of the following situations arise, get the equipment checked by a service personnel:
 - The power cord or plug is damaged
 - Liquid has penetrated into the equipment
 - The equipment has been exposed to moisture
 - The equipment has not functioned properly or in accordance with the User's Guide
 - The equipment was dropped and damaged
 - The equipment has obvious signs of breakage
11. **DO NOT LEAVE THE EQUIPMENT IN AN UNCONDITIONED ENVIRONMENT WITH A STORAGE TEMPERATURE OF 60°C (140°F) OR ABOVE. IT MAY DAMAGE THE EQUIPMENT.**

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GETTING STARTED

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1.1 How to Use this Guide

This user's guide is designed for a series of VGA cards. Before you start reading this guide, find out the product name of the VGA card you have just purchased on the gift box, and look for the specification and function description in next chapter in accordance with the product name of your VGA card .

Chapter 2, INTRODUCTION, provides the brief specification and function of each VGA card. For detailed description of all functions, you may refer to the rest of the chapters. Note that the VGA card you purchased may not cover all functions mentioned herein; therefore, it is recommended to read the "Reference" information first, which indexes the corresponding function description of each different VGA card, and then find the proper function description for your VGA card in the other chapters.

Chapter 3, HARDWARE INSTALLATION, tells you how to install your VGA card into your computer correctly, and the function of each connector on the VGA card. Also note that your VGA card may not cover all functions mentioned in this chapter. Check on Chapter 2, INTRODUCTION, for the specification of the VGA card you purchased if you have any problem finding the proper function description for your card.

Chapter 4, SOFTWARE INSTALLATION, describes how to install MSI VGA card software for Windows XP, 98, Me, 2000, or NT, including the driver and useful utilities.

Chapter 5, MSI LIVE UPDATE 2, a useful utility for you to upgrade your MSI mainboard and VGA card. Because of this powerful capacity of this utility, you are allowed to easily download and automatically upgrade the BIOS and the up-to-date drivers on-line, without spending extra time on searching Web sites to find the desired BIOS or drivers.

Chapter 6, TROUBLE SHOOTING, provides you the general methods to solve problems that might happen to your system or VGA card.

1.2 Conventions of this Guide

Read the conventions of this guide, and it will give you an idea about how this guide is designed and how this guide should be used.

The product name of the VGA card — FX5200U-TD128

The layout of the VGA card

The components on the VGA card

The specifications of the VGA card

Important information that should be paid attention to

Corresponding function for each particular VGA card

Layout

- 1 nVIDIA GeForceFX GPU
- 2 128MB DDR RAM
- 3 Flash BIOS
- 4 AGP Interface

- 5 Fan connector
- 6 D-Sub Port (DB 15-Pin)
- 7 DVI-I connector
- 8 TV_Out Connector (S & C)

Features

General Features

- The nVIDIA infinite FXTM II Engine enable number of special effects that deliver the 3D graphics
- Dual programmable Vertex Shaders
- Advanced programmable Pixel Shaders
- nVIDIA Lightspeed Memory Architecture
- nVIDIA AccuviewTM Antialiasing
- 3D Textures
- Shadow Buffers
- 4 dual-rendering pipelines
- 8 texels per clock cycle
- Dual cube environment mapping
- High-Definition Video Processor (HDVP)
- AGP 4X with Fast Writes
- AGP 4X / 2X and AGP Texturing support

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VGA Card

Software Pack Cds

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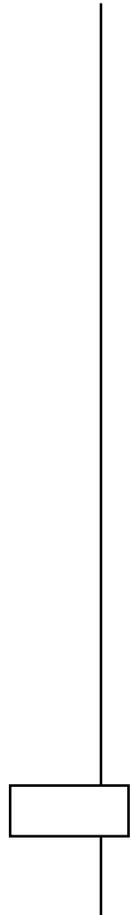
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2.1 System Requirements

To install the VGA card, your system needs to meet the following requirements:



Computer

Intel® Pentium II/III/4 processor,
Intel® Celeron processor, or
compatible system



Expansion Slot

AGP slot



Monitor

VGA support, minimum 640 x 480
resolution



Operating System

Windows® 98/ME, Windows® NT 4.0,
Windows® 2000, XP

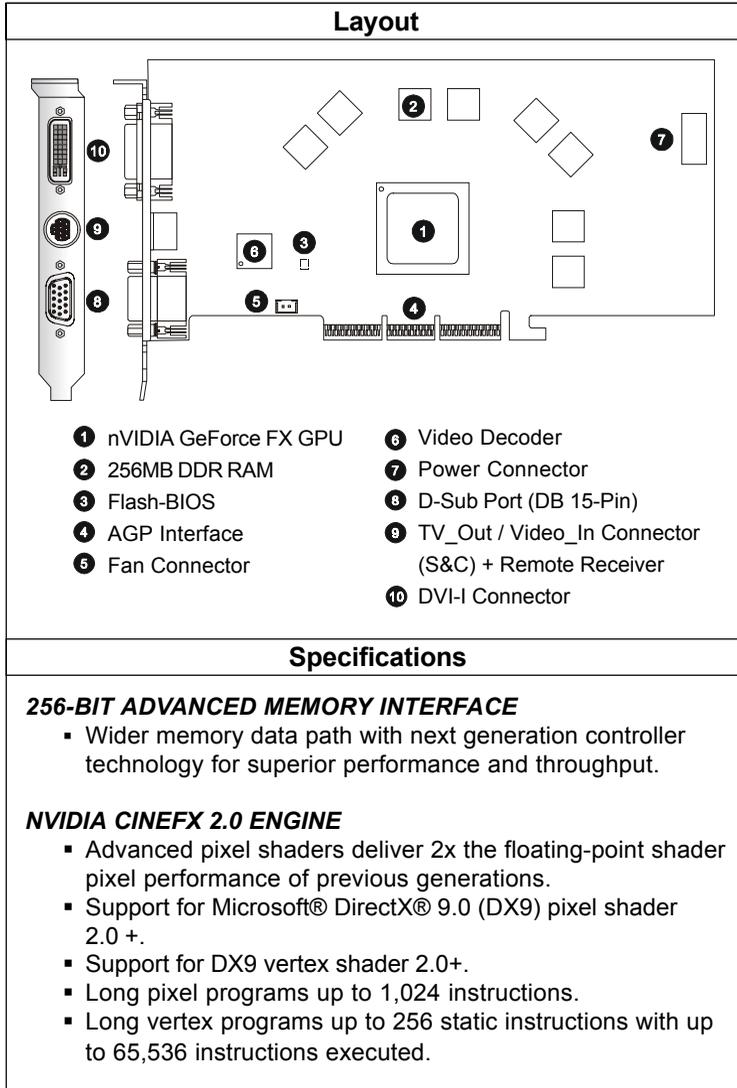


CD-ROM Drive

Double Speed or Higher

2.2 The GeForce FX-Series

FX5900Ultra-VTDR256



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- Up to 12 pixel shader operations/clock.
- Up to 16 textures per rendering pass.
- Support for sRGB texture format for gamma textures.
- DirectX and S3TC texture compression.
- Optimized for 32-, 24-, 16-, 15- and 8- bpp mode.
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- 0.13-micron process technology for higher levels of integration and higher operating clock speeds.
- Advanced thermal management and thermal monitoring.
- 40 mmx40 mm, BGA 1309 flip-chip package.

BROAD OPERATING SYSTEM SUPPORT

- Windows® XP / 2000 / ME / 9x

API SUPPORT

- Comprehensive Microsoft DirectX 9.0 (and lower) support.
- OpenGL 1.4 (and lower) support

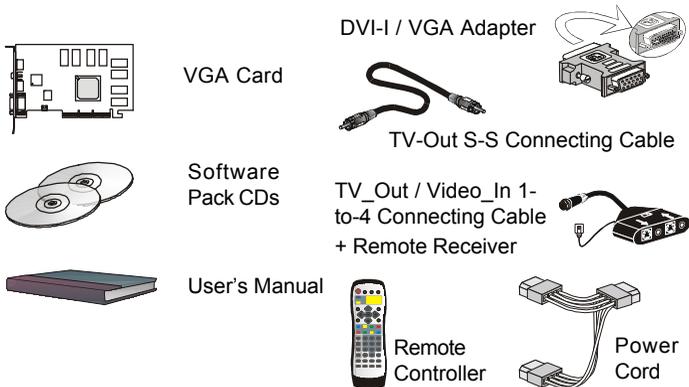
COMPATIBILITY

- NVIDIA Unified Driver Architecture (UDA).
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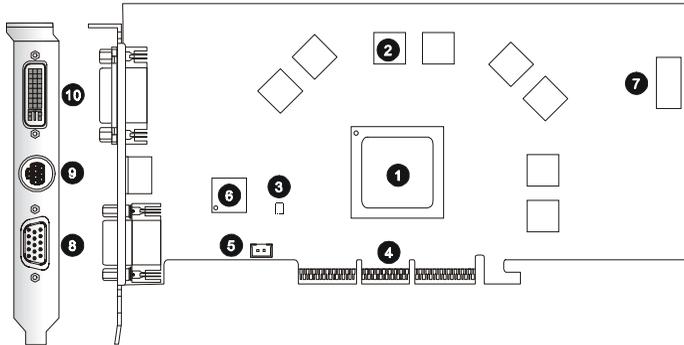
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| ② 256MB DDR RAM | ⑦ Power Connector |
| ③ Flash-BIOS | ⑧ D-Sub Port (DB 15-Pin) |
| ④ AGP Interface | ⑨ TV_Out Connector (S&C) +
Remote Receiver |
| ⑤ Fan Connector | ⑩ DVI-I Connector |

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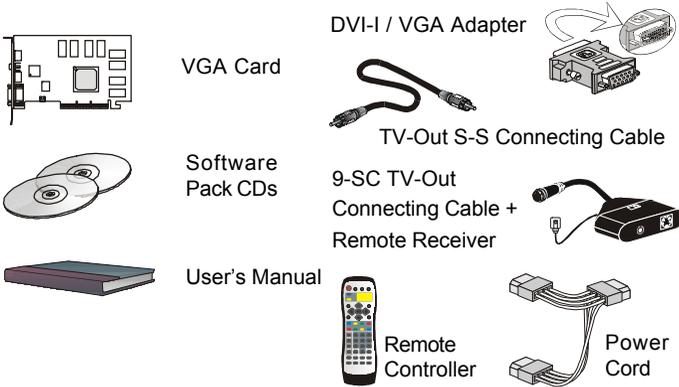
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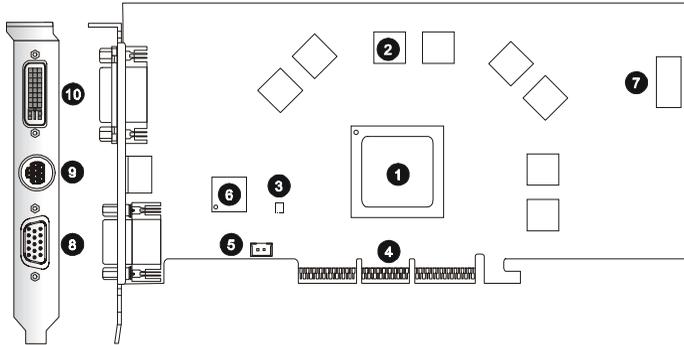
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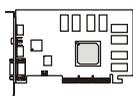
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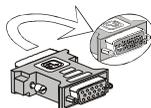
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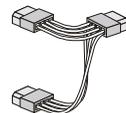


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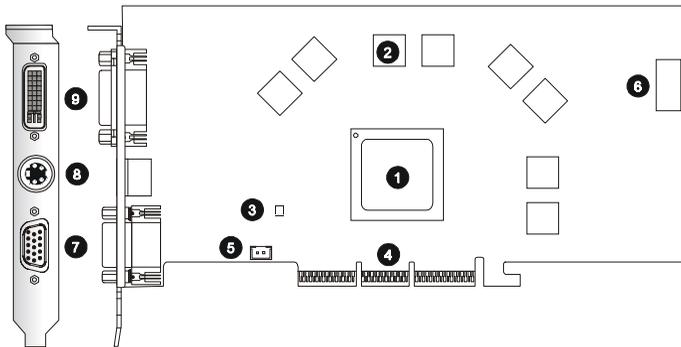
TV-Out S-S Connecting Cable

Power Cord



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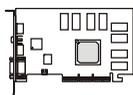
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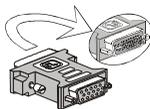
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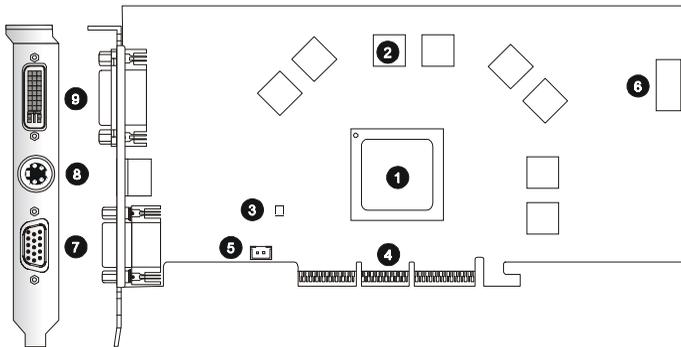
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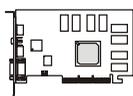
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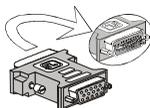
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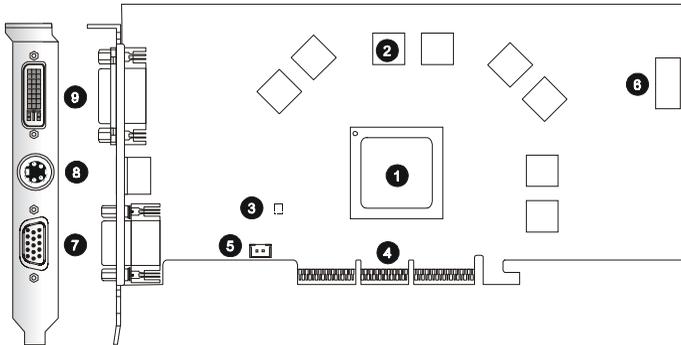
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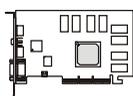
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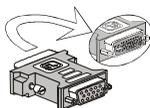
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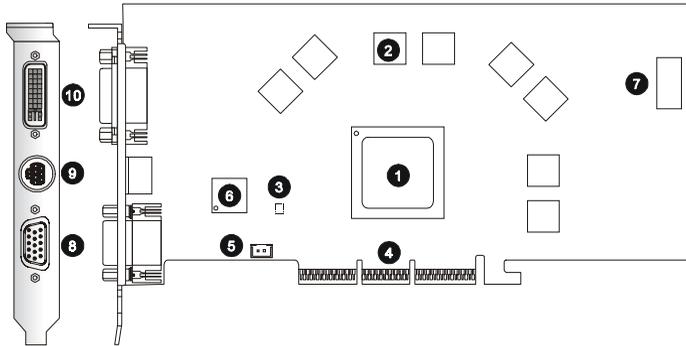
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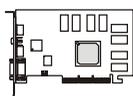
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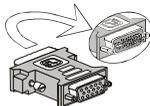
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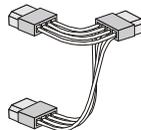
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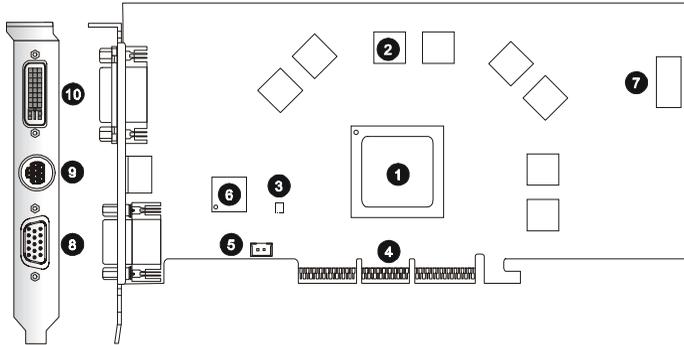
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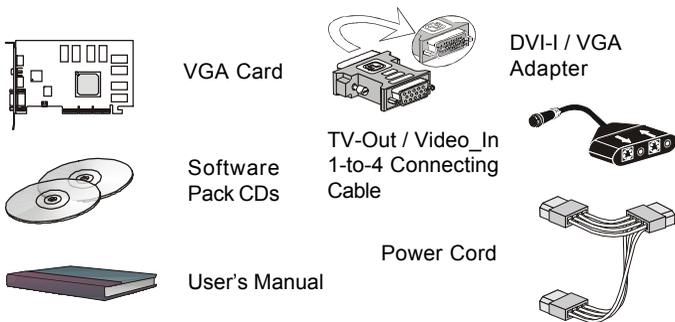
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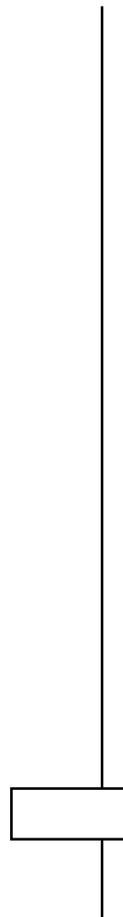
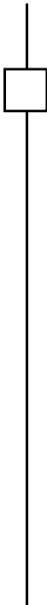
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HARDWARE INSTALLATION

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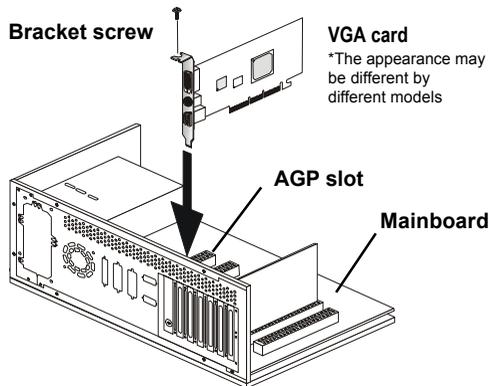
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2. Locate the AGP slot on your mainboard.



MSI reminds you...

Inserting your VGA card into a wrong type of slot (e.g. PCI slot) will damage your card (refer to your mainboard manual for more information).

3. Put the card directly over the AGP slot and press one end of the card into the slot first. Slightly but firmly press the other end until it is fully seated in the slot.
4. Secure the card with a bracket screw.
5. Install all other cards and devices and connect all the cables, and then replace the case.
6. Connect the monitor. Now, you are ready to install the software on your computer.



3.1.2 Installation on system with existing VGA card

To replace the existing VGA card to your computer, please follow the steps below:

1. If your operating environment is Windows® NT system, switch your display driver to standard VGA first (refer to Windows® NT documentation for more information). If you are using Windows® 98/ME/2000, skip this step.
2. Turn off the computer and unplug all the cables and power cords.
3. Remove the computer case.
4. Remove the existing VGA card. Locate the AGP slot on your mainboard.



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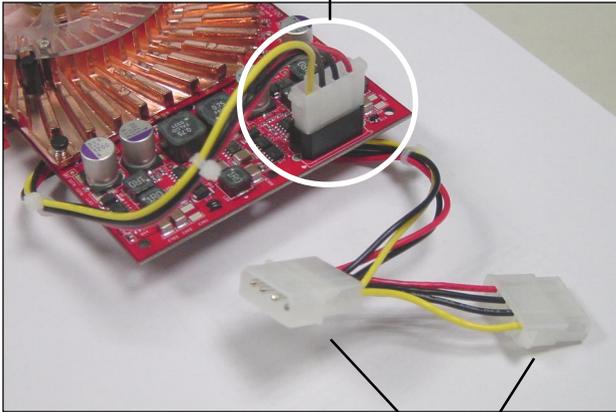
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5. Put the card directly over the AGP slot and press one end of the card into the slot first. Slightly but firmly press the other end until it is fully seated in the slot.
6. Secure the card with a bracket screw.
7. Replace the case.
8. Connect the monitor (see previous section).
9. Restart the computer. Now, you are ready to install the driver for the VGA card.

3.1.3 Connecting the Power Cord

If your VGA card comes with a power connector, it is necessary to have the offered power cord attached to both the power connector of the VGA card and the power supply connector of the computer in order to have power supplied to the VGA card.

Attach one end of the power cord to the power connector located on the VGA card.



Attach the other ends of the power cord to the power supply connector of the computer.

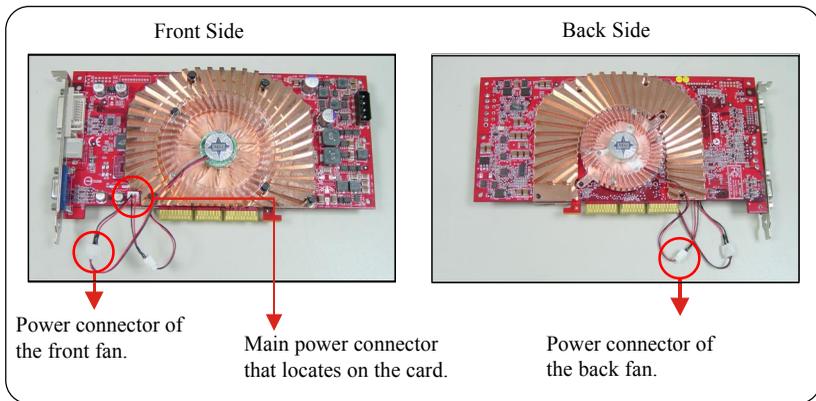


MSI reminds you...

The VGA card displays above may appear different from the card you purchase.

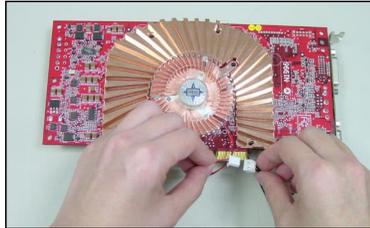
3.1.4 Remove the Free-bundle Back Fan Sink

When you unpack your new purchased VGA card, you should notice that two fan sinks are attached on the both side of the FX5900 series in order to achieve better cooling result. However, if you find that the free-bundled fan sink which is attached on the back side of the card may be stuck while inserting the VGA card into the AGP slot on your mainboard, you may remove this fan sink without consulting anyone.

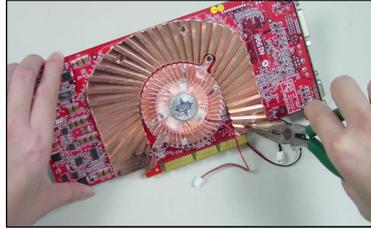


Follow the instructions below to detach this free-bundled heat sink on the back side of the card:

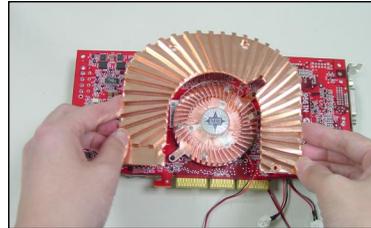
1. Disconnect the power connector of the back fan



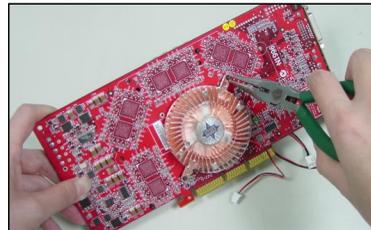
2. Locate the four hooks that fix the back fan sink on the card, and use a pliers to push each hook inward.



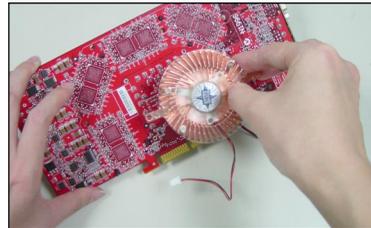
3. Detach the back fan sink.



4. Locate the two hooks that fix the back fan on the card, and use a pliers to push each hook inward.

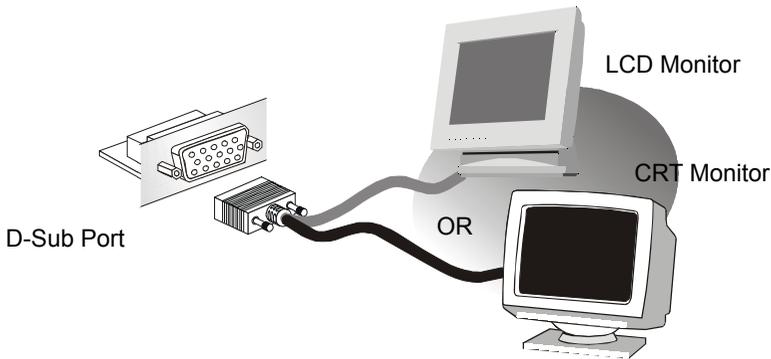


5. Detach the back fan.

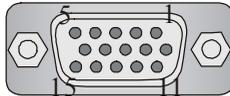


3.2 D-Sub Port (DB 15-Pin)

The VGA card provides a standard D-Sub Port, which allows you to connect a CRT or LCD monitor. Simply plug your monitor cable into the D-Sub Port on your VGA card, and make sure that the other end of the cable is properly connected to your monitor (refer to your monitor manual for more information.)



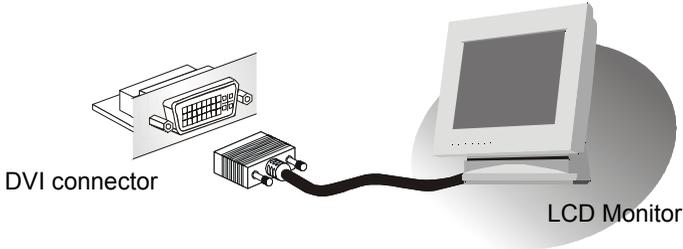
D-Sub Port Pin Definition



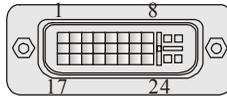
D-Sub Port (DB15-S)	
Pin	Signal Description
1	Red
2	Green
3	Blue
4	Not used
5	Ground
6	Ground
7	Ground
8	Ground
9	5V
10	Ground
11	Not used
12	SDA
13	Horizontal Sync
14	Vertical Sync
15	SCL

3.3 Digital Panel Connector (DVI-I)

The VGA card provides a DVI (Digital Visual Interface) connector which allows you to connect an LCD monitor. The DVI connector provides a high-speed digital interconnection between the computer and its display device. To connect a LCD monitor, simply plug your monitor cable into the DVI connector on the VGA card, and make sure that the other end of the cable is properly connected to your monitor. (refer to your monitor manual for more information.)



DVI-I Connector Pin Definition

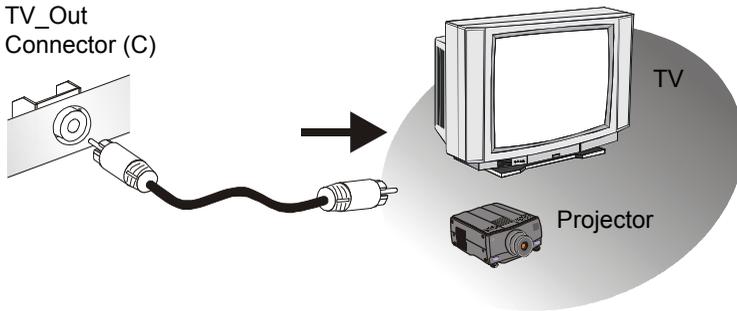


DVI-I Connector			
Pin	Signal Assignment	Pin	Signal Assignment
1	T.M.D.S.* Data2-	13	T.M.D.S. Data3+
2	T.M.D.S. Data2+	14	+5V
3	T.M.D.S. Data2/4	15	GND (for +5V)
4	Shield	16	Hot Plug Detect
5	T.M.D.S. Data4-	17	T.M.D.S. Data0-
6	T.M.D.S. Data4+	18	T.M.D.S. Data0+
7	DDC Clock	19	T.M.D.S. Data0/5 Shield
8	DDC Data	20	T.M.D.S. Data5-
9	N/C	21	T.M.D.S. Data5+
10	T.M.D.S. Data1-	22	T.M.D.S. Clock Shield
11	T.M.D.S. Data1+	23	T.M.D.S. Clock+
12	T.M.D.S. Data1/3	24	T.M.D.S. Clock-
C 1	Shield	C 4	Analog Horizontal Sync
C 2	Analog Red	C 5	Analog Ground (analog R, G & B return)
C 3	Analog Blue		

*T.M.D.S. Technology
 The graphics data sent to the digital monitor use Transition Minimized Differential Signaling (T.M.D.S.) technology. TMDS uses an encoding algorithm to 8-bits of data into a 10-bit transition minimized, DC balanced character, which are transition-minimized to reduce EMI with copper cables and DC-balanced for transmission over fiber optic cables. The TMDS algorithm also provides robust clock recovery for greater skew tolerance with longer cables or low cost short cables.

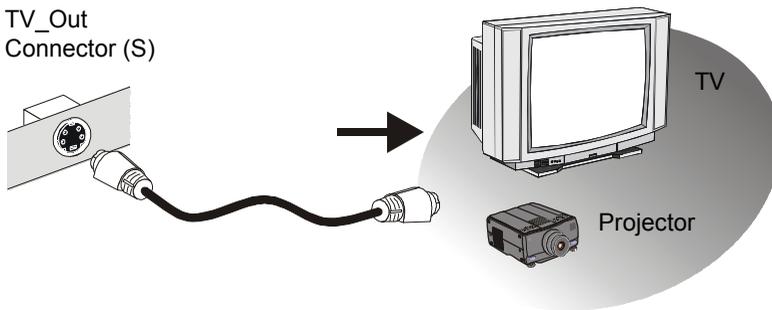
3.4 TV_Out Connector (C)

The VGA card provides a TV_Out connector for video-out function which allows you to output the image to a TV or video device. Simply plug one end of the RCA cable into the TV_Out connector on the VGA card, and the other end to the video input connector on your TV or video device. Most TVs and video devices support such kind of input connector. For the correct connection, please refer to the TVs and video devices' manuals for more information.



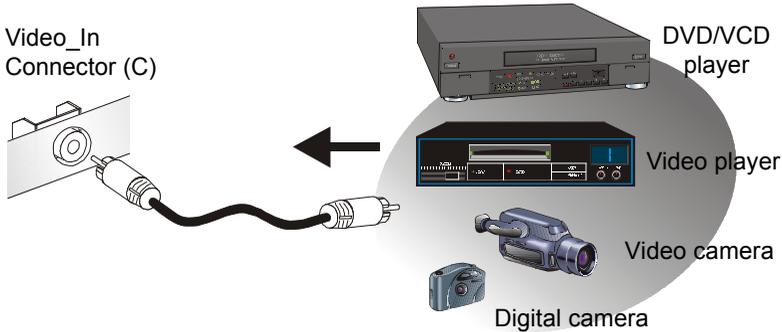
3.5 TV_Out Connector (S)

The VGA card provides a TV_Out connector for video-out function which allows you to output the image to a TV or video device. Simply plug one end of the S_Video cable into the TV_Out connector on the VGA card, and the other end to the video input connector on your TV or video device. Some TVs and video devices may support such kind of input connector. For the correct connection, please refer to the TVs and video devices' manuals for more information.



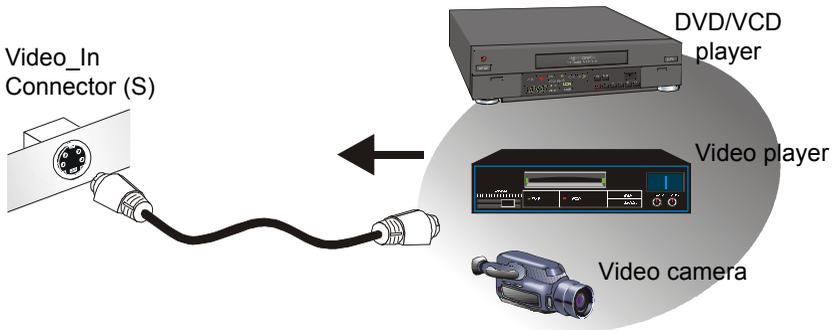
3.6 Video_In Connector (C)

The VGA card provides a Video_In connector for video-in function which allows you to input the image from video devices. Simply plug one end of the RCA cable into the Video_In connector on the VGA card, and the other end to the video output connector on your video devices. Most video devices support such kind of output connector. For the correct connection, please refer to the video devices' manuals for more information.



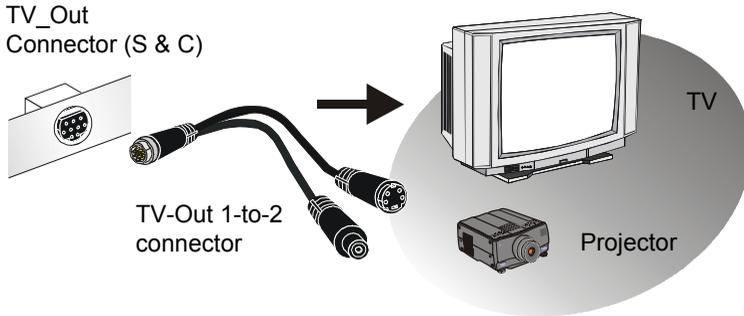
3.7 Video_In Connector (S)

The VGA card provides a Video_In connector for video-in function which allows you to input the image from video devices. Simply plug one end of the S_Video cable into the Video_In connector on the VGA card, and the other end to the video output connector on your video devices. Some video devices may support such kind of output connector. For the correct connection, please refer to the video devices' manuals for more information.



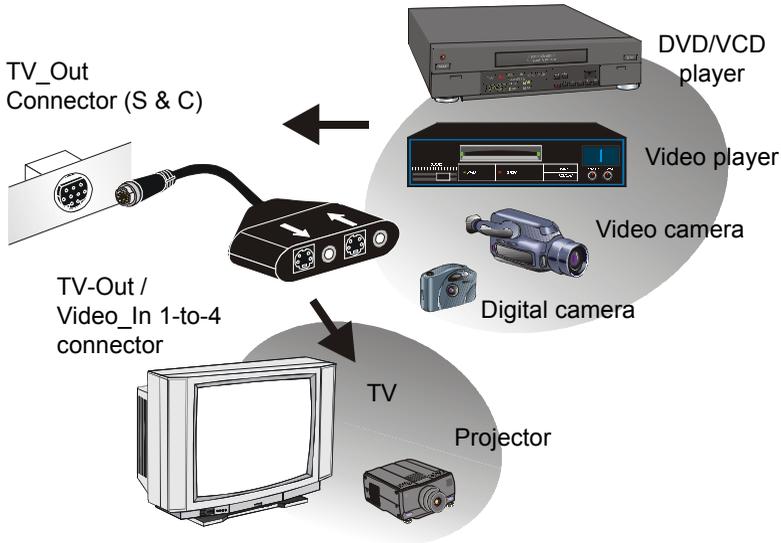
3.8 TV_Out Connector (S & C)

The VGA card provides a 9-pin TV_Out connector (S & C) for video-out function which allows you to output the image to a TV or video device. This type of connector can be used for either RCA cable or S_Video cable if the attached TV-Out 1-to-2 connector is plugged in. Simply plug one end of the RCA cable or S_Video cable into the proper connector provided by the TV-Out 1-to-2 connector, and the other end to the video input connector on your TV or video device. Most TVs and video devices support such kind of input connector. For the correct connection, please refer to the TV's and video devices' manuals for more information.

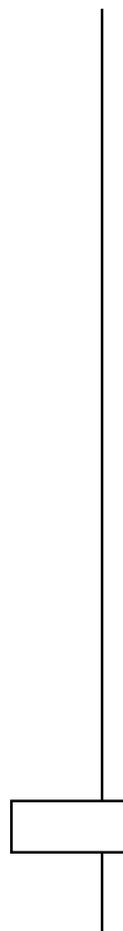


3.9 TV_Out / Video_In Connector (S & C)

The VGA card provides a 9-pin TV_Out / Video_In connector (S & C) for video-out / video-in function which allows you to output / input the image to / from a TV or video device. This type of connector can be used for either RCA cable or S_Video cable if the attached TV-Out / Video_In 1-to-4 connector is plugged in. Simply plug one end of the RCA cable or S_Video cable into the proper connector provided by the TV-Out / Video_In 1-to-4 connector, and the other end to the video input / output connector on your TV or video device. Most TVs and video devices support such kind of input / output connector. For the correct connection, please refer to the TV's and video devices' manuals for more information.



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SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

This chapter describes how to install MSI VGA card software for Windows XP, 98, Me, 2000, or NT, including the driver and useful utilities.

4.1 Installing the VGA Card Driver

4.1.1 The Driver for Windows® 98/ME

To install the driver for the VGA card to your computer running Windows® 98/ME, please follow the steps below:

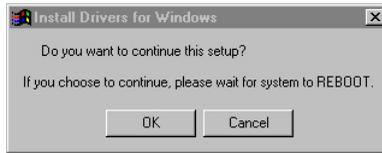
1. Turn on the computer.
2. Insert the CD into the CD-ROM drive. The Autorun program will start the Setup program, and show the setup screen as follows:



MSI reminds you...

- ◆ *If, on your computer, the “Autorun” program does not run automatically, please **1)** enable the CD-ROM drive’s auto-detect function from **Control Panel**; or **2)** find and run the **setup.exe** manually from the CD-ROM.*
- ◆ *The figures in this section are based on the tested platform and for reference only; the actual displays and information (such as settings, driver’s version, etc.) on your system may be different.*

3. Click **nVIDIA VGA Drivers**. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.



4. After finishing the installation, restart the computer as instructed.

4.1.2 The Driver for Windows® XP/2000/NT



MSI reminds you...

For Windows® NT 4.0 users, "Service Pack 3" or later version must be installed before installing the driver.

To install the driver for the VGA card to your computer running Windows® 2000/XP/NT, please follow the steps below:

1. Turn on the computer.
2. Insert the CD-ROM provided into the CD-ROM drive. The Autorun program will start the Setup program and show the setup screen as shown below:





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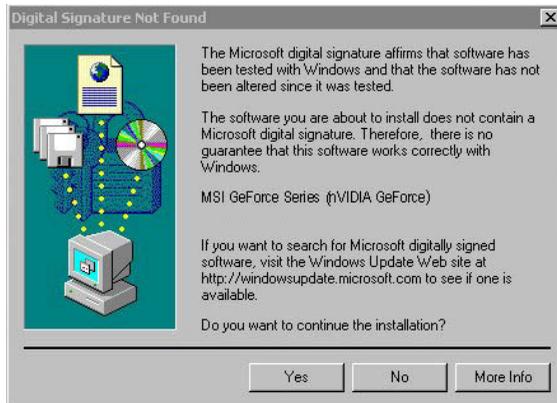
If, on your computer, the Autorun program does not execute automatically, please 1) enable the CD-ROM drive's auto-detect function from Control Panel; or 2) find and run the setup.exe file manually from the CD-ROM.

3. Click **nVIDIA VGA Drivers**. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.



MSI reminds you...

*Under Windows® 2000, the **Digital Signature Not Found** dialog box (as shown below) will pop up during the installation. Press **Yes** to continue the installation.*

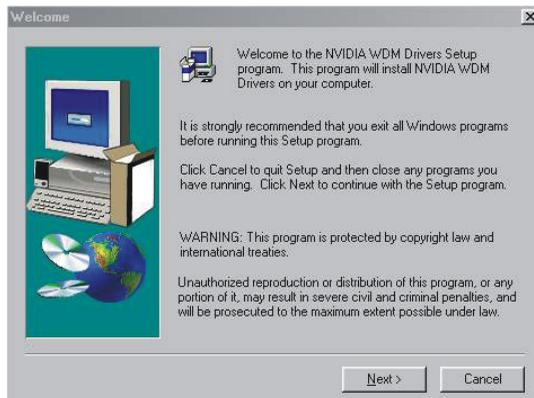


4. After finishing the installation, restart the computer as instructed.

4.2 Installing nVIDIA Capture Driver

The VGA card provides a video-in function that allows you to connect the external video devices for images capture function. With this driver installed, you can capture the images on your computer through the video input port on the card.

1. Turn on the computer.
2. Insert the CD into the CD-ROM drive and enter the Setup program.
3. In the **MSI Installation** dialog box, click **nVIDIA Capture Drivers**. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.



4. After finishing the installation, restart the computer as instructed.

4.3 Installing Optional Software

After restarting the computer, you can install the optional software from the CD-ROM provided, such as *Microsoft DirectX 8.0*, *Adobe Acrobat Reader*, and *MSI 3D Turbo Experience*. Simply click to select the button and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

1. Insert the CD into the CD-ROM drive, and start the Setup program.
2. Choose the Drivers tab on the setup screen.
3. Click the software's button that you want to install, then follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

4.4 Browsing the Web

Since our products are under continual improvement, there may be a later version of the driver and BIOS for your purchase. We encourage you to visit our website at <http://www.msi.com.tw> to get the latest news. In addition, we post lots of useful websites on the World Wide Web for you. Simply click to select the linkage and browse the website as you usually do.

1. Insert the CD into the CD-ROM drive, and start the Setup program.
2. Choose the WebSite tab on the setup screen.
3. Click the corresponding button to launch your browser and access the website.



MSI reminds you...

To surf these websites, you have to make connection to the Internet first.

4.5 More Information

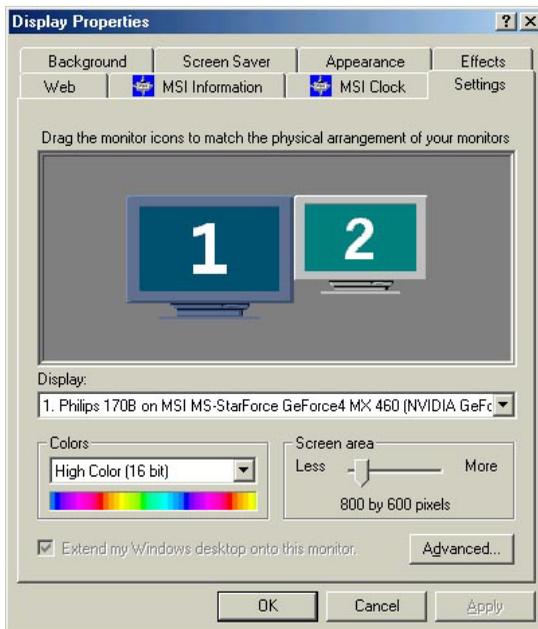
To browse through the contents on the CD, simply click **Browse CD** under each tab. You can use the **Manual** tab to learn more about your MSI products.

1. Insert the CD into the CD-ROM drive and start the Setup program.
2. Click About CD to learn more about the CD-ROM.
3. Choose the Manual tab on the setup screen.
4. Click the corresponding button to get more information.

4.6 Display Adjustment

After you have completed the driver installation, the Setup program adds many specific options to the Windows-based **Display Properties**. You can configure the specific display properties of the VGA card to obtain optimized performance.

To open the **Display Properties** window, click the Start button , and then point to **Settings**. Point to the folder that contains **Control Panel**, and then click **Control Panel**. In Control Panel, double-click the **Display** icon. Also, you may simply right-click the blank Windows® desktop area and choose **Properties** in the pop-up menu. The **Display Properties** window below will show on your screen:



MSI reminds you...

*The figures in this section are for reference only. The actual information on the **Display Properties** window may vary in operating systems.*

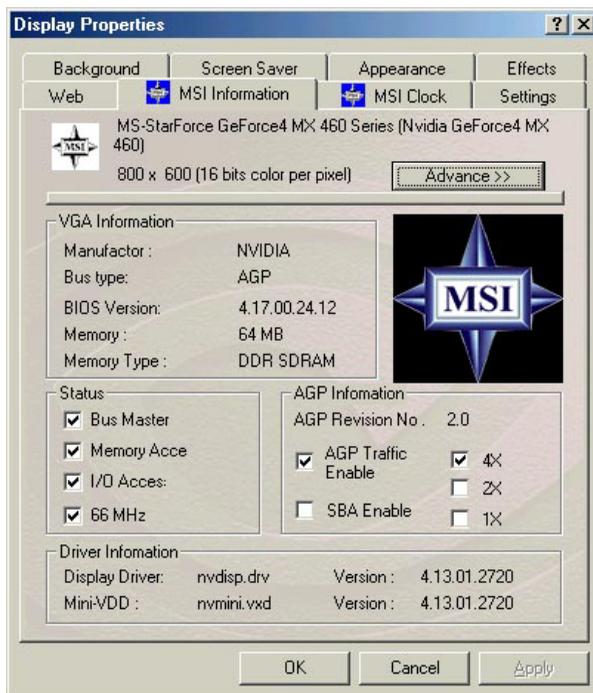
In this section, we list the most important information on how to configure these specific options of the VGA card.

Display Settings

Open the **Display Properties** window as instructed earlier, and click the **Settings** tab, and then you will see the figure as shown in the previous page. This screen shows information of the display adapter, colors, range of display area, and refresh rate.

MSI Information

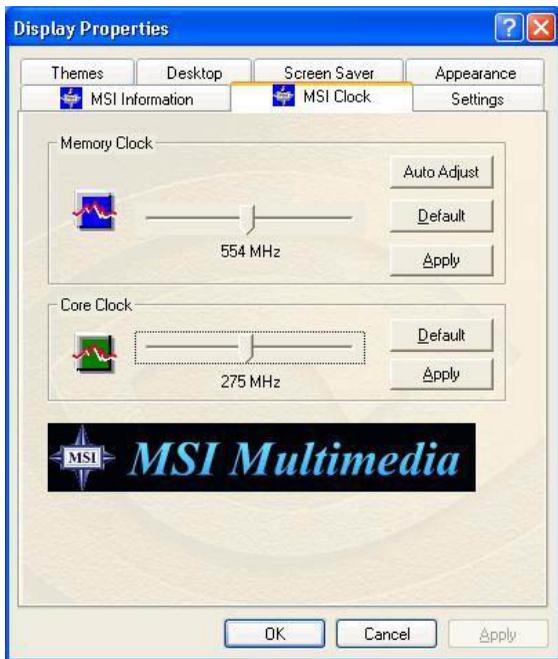
This screen shows the detailed information of the VGA card, including the model name, display mode, version of the driver and BIOS, memory size, AGP mode and so on.



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MSI Clock

This screen shows the settings of the VGA card's core clock and memory clock, and it provides you the overclocking function. Move the slider to adjust the value, and then click **Apply**. You can also click **Auto Adjust**, and the proper memory clock will be set for your VGA card automatically.



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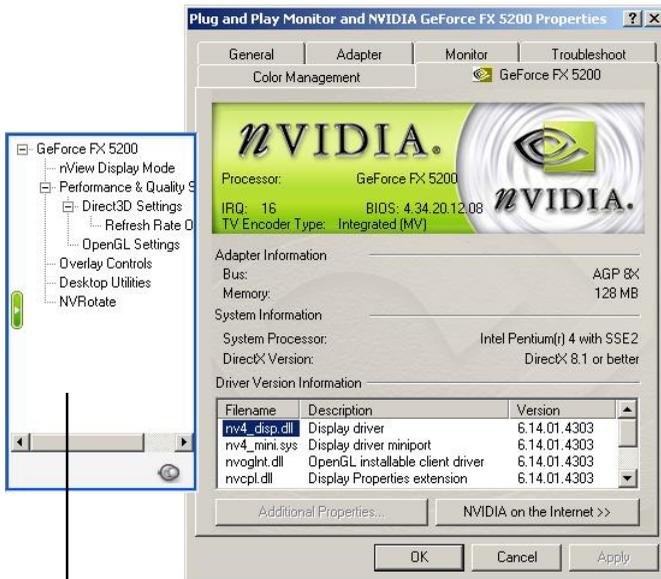


MSI reminds you...

WARNING: Overclocking may cause the display to be abnormal. It is recommended to use the Default settings for the most stable performance.

GPU Information

This screen shows the detailed information of GPU used on your VGA card, including the bus type, BIOS version, memory size and so on.



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Select the items on the above list to make adjustments of your VGA card.

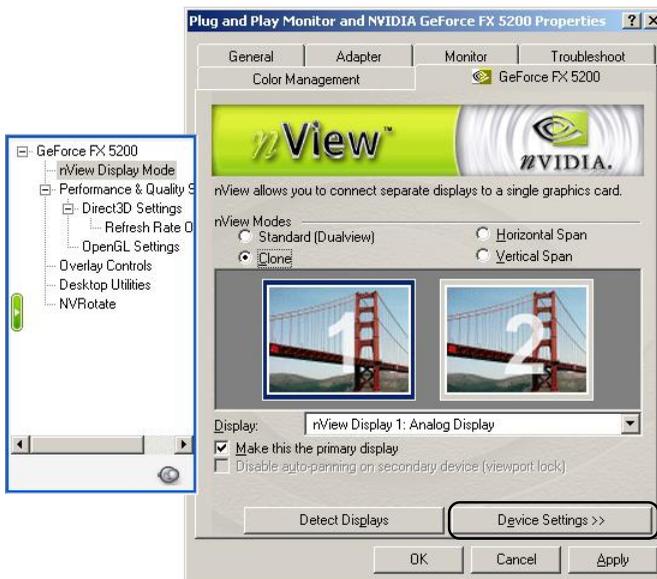
nView Display Mode

If your VGA card is equipped with a TV-Out connector, you can use a second output device (for example, a TV or a computer monitor) as a part of your operating desktop --- extending your desktop to the second device or copying your desktop onto the second device.

Duplicating the Desktop

When the second video output device (TV or monitor) is connected:

1. Select **GeForce FX series** tag.
2. Under the **nView Modes**, click **Clone**.
3. Click **Apply** to enable the function, or **OK** to accept and exit the setup screen.



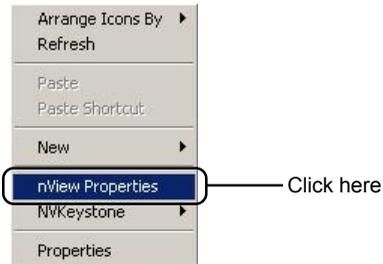
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Setting the nView

You can configure the extended desktop for your preference and convenience. You can enter the **nView Settings** window from two ways.

From the blank desktop:

1. Right-click the blank desktop and the pop-up window will show on the screen as following:



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2. Click the nView Settings to open the setting window.

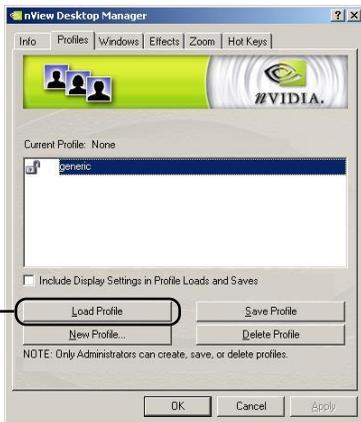
From Start button:

1. Click the Start button  , and then point to **Settings**.
2. Point to the folder that contains **Control Panel**, and then click **Control Panel**.
3. In Control Panel, double-click the **nView** icon.

Profiles

This window allows you to load your previous settings or to save the current settings.

You can load your previous settings



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Hot Keys

This window provides a personalized setting which allows you to execute an action with just one click on your keyboard. The hot key can be a key combination.

Select an action that you would like to set a hot key for



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Zoom Window

In the Zoom tag, you are able to adjust the zoom settings.



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Magnifying glass

When this option is enabled and you click the **Show Zoom Window** option, the Zoom window displays a magnification of a fixed area on the screen.

1. From the open Zoom Window, click **Frame Window** to display the Fixed Frame window.
2. To magnify a different area of your screen, you can move the Fixed Frame window to another location on your screen. The magnified area appears in the Zoom Window.
3. Repeat step 2, as needed, to magnify different areas on your screen.

Centered on cursor

Creates a Magnifying Glass style Zoom window when a Zoom window is launched. The Magnifying Glass Zoom window contains a white square in the center of the window.

1. Adjusting the Zoom Level increased or decreases the size of the white square.
2. Drag the Zoom window over the area on the screen that you want to magnify so that the transparent white square encompasses the area to magnify and then release the mouse button. The section of the screen inside the transparent white square now becomes magnified to fill the entire Zoom Window.

Effects

In the Effects tag, you are able to adjust the Window Drawing Enhancements and Windows Color Keying.



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Window Drawing Enhancements

1. **Automatically activate windows under cursor:** Makes windows under the cursor become active.
2. **Make windows minimize and maximize faster:** Accelerates the Open Maximize, and Restore window functions.
3. **Make Windows transparent when dragged:** Enables window transparency when windows are dragged. Windows become transparent as you hold down the mouse button while on the window's title bar, so you can quickly see what is underneath the window. When you release the mouse button, the window becomes opaque.
4. **Enable drop-down menu transparency:** Makes drop-down menus transparent when the main window is opaque.
5. **Enable taskbar transparency:** Makes the taskbar transparent.

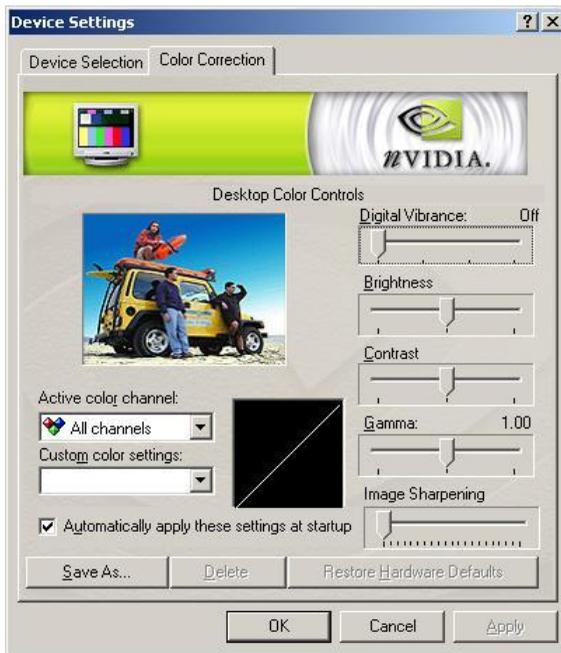
Windows Color Keying

nView Desktop Manager colors the border of application windows according to the application's Individual Settings (accessible from the Applications panel) or the "Automatically assign colors" option below. You can then manipulate color-keyed windows using color-keyed hot keys.

Color Correction

This tag allows you to adjust the proper values of **Digital Vibrance**, **Brightness**, **Contrast** and **Gamma**.

1. Click **Device Settings** in **GeForce FX series** tag (see the figure in p. 4-12), and then choose **Color Correction** in the pop-up window.
2. Under the **Color Correction** tab, move the slider to set up a value from a continuous range in **Brightness**, **Contrast** and **Gamma**.



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Screen Adjustment

In this tag, you are allowed you to adjust the proper position of the display image.

1. Click **Device Settings** in **GeForce FX series** tag (see the figure in p. 4-12), and then choose **Screen Adjustment** in the pop-up window.
2. Click the UP ARROW  , LEFT ARROW  , DOWN ARROW  and RIGHT ARROW  keys to configure the position of the image.



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Performance and Quality Setting

In Performance & Quality Setting, you are allowed to adjust the Performance and Quality Settings by dragging the sliders below:

Intellisample(tm) Setting - Quality

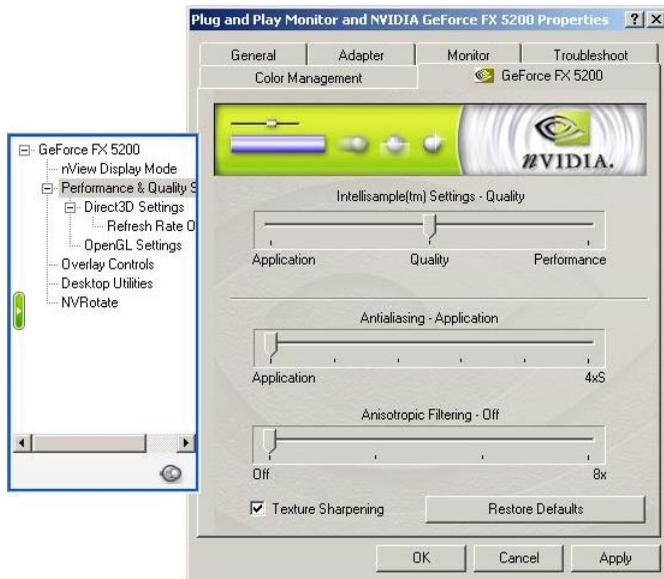
Drag the slider to select the performance setting for quality enhancements in Direct 3D and OpenGL application.

Antialiasing - Application

Use this slider by dragging it to set the degree of antialiasing to be used in Direct3D and OpenGL application. Antialiasing is a technique used to minimize the “stairste” effect sometimes seen along the edges of 3D objects. Your selection can range from turning antialiasing completely off to selecting the manixmum amount possible for a particular application.

Anisotropic Filtering -Off

Use this slider by dragging it to set the degree of anisotropic filtering for improved image quality. Enabling this option improves image quality at the cost of performance.



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In Performance & Quality Setting / Direct3D Settings, you are allowed to adjust the performance and compatibility Options for Direct3D.

Enable for table emulation

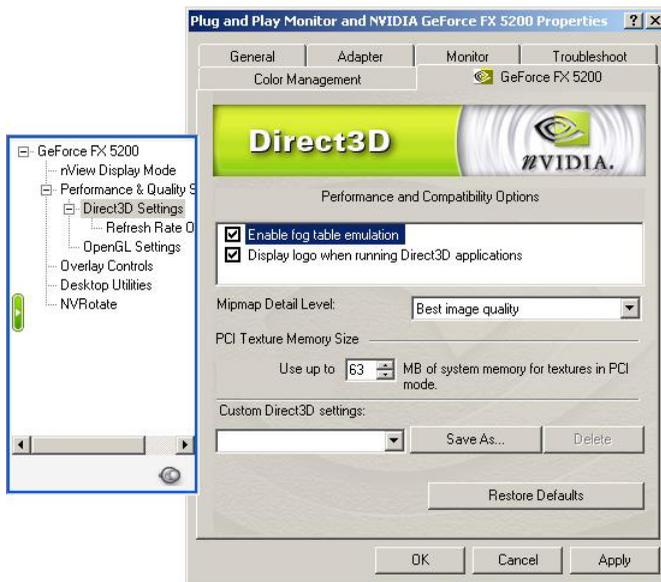
Direct3D specifies that an nVIDIA GPU capable of Direct3D hardware acceleration should be able to implement either vertex fog or table fog.

Mipmap Dtail Level

In this term, you are allowed to adjust the Level of Detail (LOD) bias for mipmaps. A lower bias provides better image quality, while a higher bias provides increased application performance. You can choose from five preset bias values, varying from “Best Image Quality” to “Best Performance.”

PCI Texture Memory Size

Allows the nVIDIA GPU to utilize up to the specified amount of system memory (in addition to the memory installed on the graphics cards itself) for texture storage.



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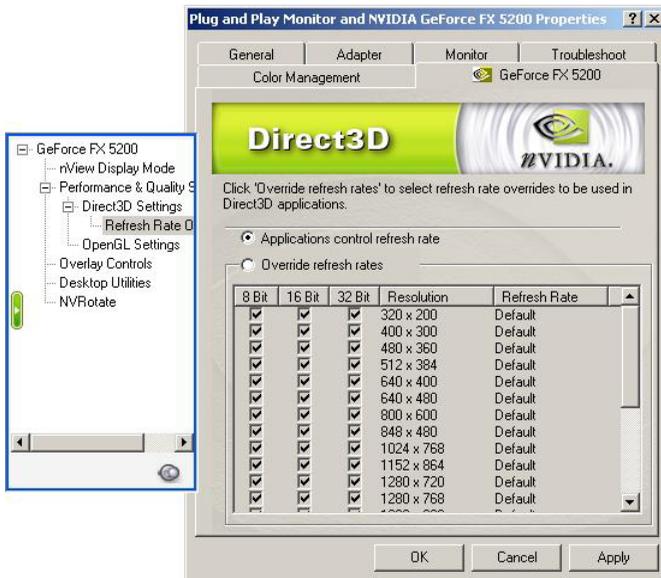
In Performance & Quality Setting / Direct3D Settings / Refresh Rate Override, you are allowed to select refresh rate overrides to be used in Direct3D applications.

Applications control refresh rate

Allow the Direct3D application to select its own refresh rate. The list box below is disabled when this option is enabled.

Override refresh rate

Allows the driver to override the refresh rate for Direct3D applications. The list box below is enabled when this option is enabled.



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In Performance & Quality Setting / OpenGL Settings, you are allowed to the performance and compatibility Options for OpenGL applications.

Default Color Depth (for textures)

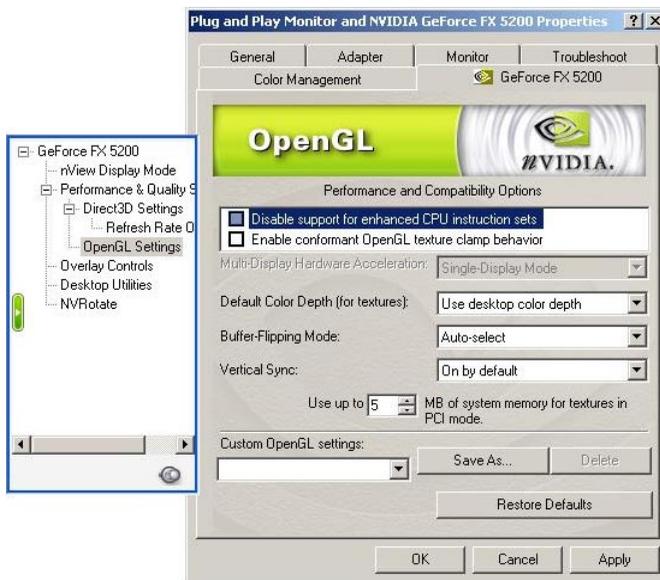
Determines whether textures of a specific color depth should be used by default in OpenGL applications

Buffer-Flipping Mode

Determines the buffer-flipping mode for full-screen OpenGL application. You can choose from the **Block Transfer** method or **Auto-select**. Auto-select allows the driver to determine the best method based on your hardware configuration.

Vertical Sync

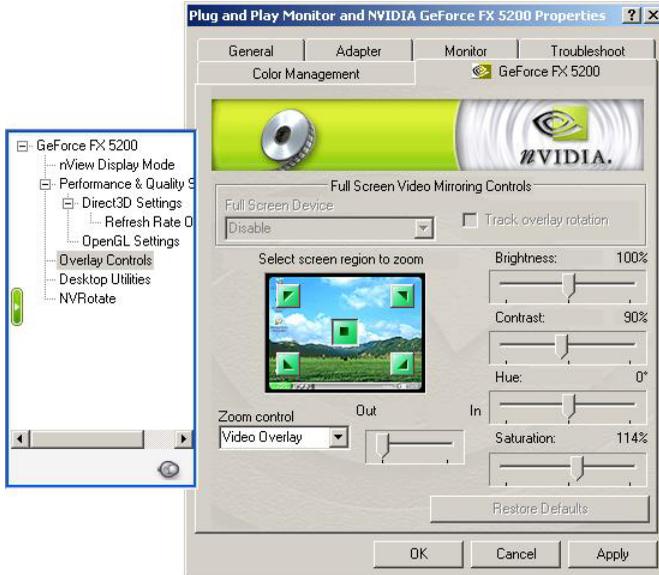
Specifies how Vertical Sync is handled in OpenGL.



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Overlay Controls

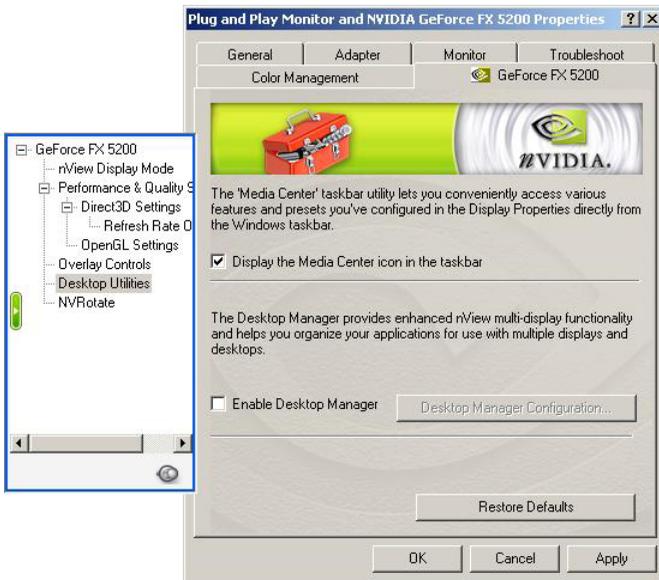
In Overlay Controls, you are allowed to adjust the proper values of , **Brightness**, **Contrast**, **Hue**, and **Saturation**.



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Desktop Utility

Select **Display the Media Center icon in the taskbar** to add the nVIDIA Media Center icon to the Windows taskbar. This icon allows you to apply any of the custom Direct3D, OpenGL or color setting “on the fly” from a convenient pop-up menu.

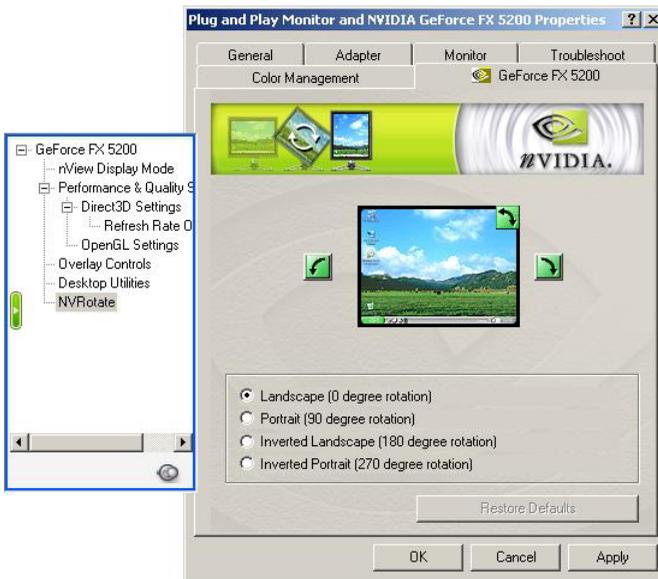


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NVRotate

In NVRotate, you are allowed you to adjust the proper angle of screen.

1. Click TURN CLOCKWISE  , or TURN ANTI-CLOCKWISE  button to configure the angle of screen.
2. Selet the options listed below to configure the angle of screen.



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MSI LIVE UPDATE 2

MSI LIVE UPDATE 2, a useful utility for you to upgrade your MSI mainboard and VGA card. Because of the powerful capacity of this utility, you are allowed to easily download and automatically upgrade the BIOS and the up-to-date drivers on-line, without spending extra time on searching Web sites to find the desired BIOS or drivers.

Moreover, MSI LIVE UPDATE 2 supports multi-language interfaces, and be capable of detecting the language of your operation system while installing this program. Users will soon find out that once MSI LIVE UPDATE 2 is installed successfully, the language of its interface will be the same as your OS if only the language is supported.

5.1 Installing the MSI Live Update 2 with MSI Live Monitor



MSI reminds you...

Before installing the MSI Live Update 2 with MSI Live Monitor, it is recommended to uninstall other version of MSI Live Update to avoid problems occurred to your system.

To use this feature, you have to install the program first. You can download the program from: **1)** the software pack CDs in the package; or **2)** the MSI Web site.

Installing from CDs

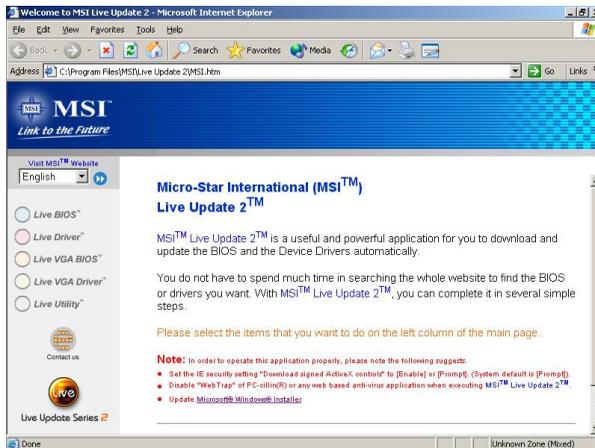
1. Insert the CD into the CD-ROM drive, and start the Setup program.
2. Click the **Utility** tab on the setup screen.
3. Click **MSI Live Update 2**. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

Installing from the MSI Web site

1. Make connection to the MSI's Web site at <http://www.msi.com.tw>
2. Select **/Support/Live Update 2/** on the upper of the MSI's homepage to enter the setup page.
3. Click the  **InstallShield Wizard** button to have the program of MSI Live Update with MSI Live monitor downloaded and installed on your system automatically, or click **here (manual)** to download and install the program manually.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

5.2 Using the MSI Live Update 2

After the installation is completed, you can launch the MSI Live Update 2 by 1) double-click the **MSI Live Update 2** icon  on the desktop; or 2) click the **Start** button , and then point to **Programs / MSI / Live Update 2**. The setup screen should appear as shown below, which contains five main sections on the left of the page: **Live BIOS™**, **Live Driver™**, **Live VGA BIOS™**, **Live VGA Driver™**, and **Live Utility™**.



MSI reminds you...

The Live BIOS and Live Driver options are used for MSI mainboards, and the Live VGA BIOS and Live VGA Driver options are used for your MSI VGA cards.

5.3 Live VGA Driver Update

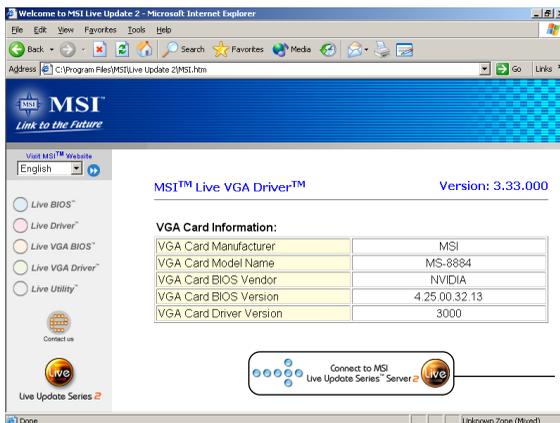
1. To update the MSI Live VGA Driver, click **Live VGA Driver** on the left column of the main page.



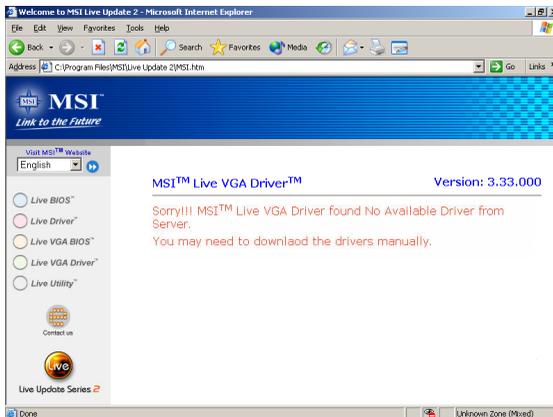
MSI reminds you...

The model name and driver/BIOS version appear in the instruction are for reference only; the actual result should depend on the card you installed.

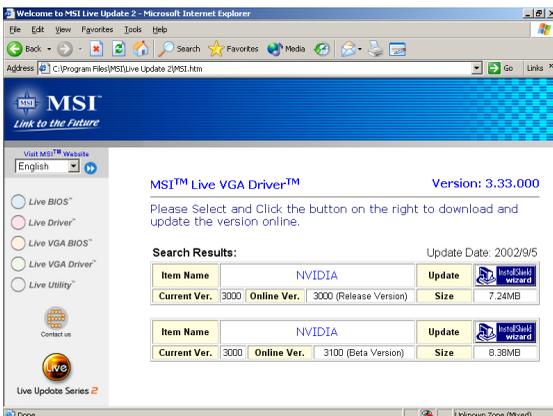
2. This utility will start checking your platform and the information on the VGA card, and display the information in a list:



3. Click the graph button at the bottom to connect to the MSI Live Update Series Server. It will automatically connect to the Internet and compare the version of the driver in the database.
4. It may take several minutes to detect the required drivers. Please wait while proceeding detection.
5. The results are displayed as shown below:

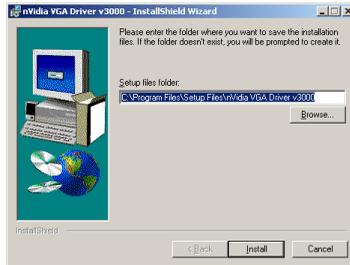


Supported driver not found

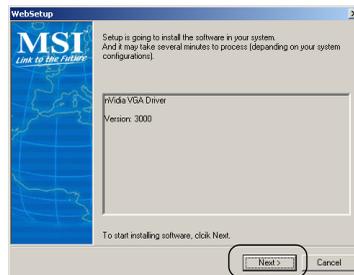


Supported driver found

6. Click the **InstallShield Wizard** button  on the right side of the table to download and update the driver. All actions will proceed automatically.
7. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the updating procedure.



Select a folder to save the driver file

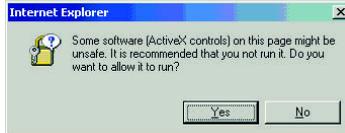


Click **Next** to start installing the VGA Driver

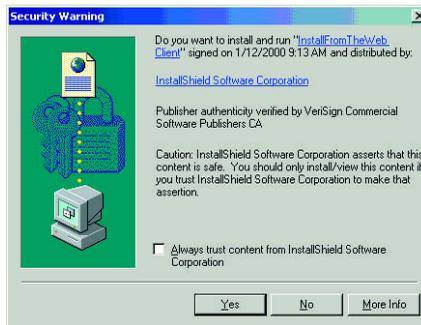


MSI reminds you...

1. Always click **Yes** in the **Internet Explorer** dialog box below.



2. Click **Yes** in the **Security Warning** dialog box.



5.4 Live VGA BIOS Update

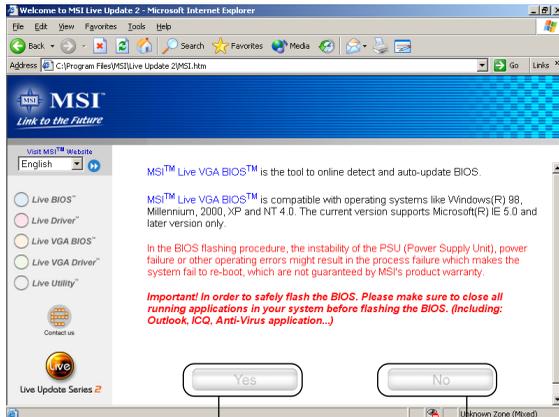
1. To update the MSI Live VGA BIOS, click **Live VGA BIOS** on the left column of the main page.



2. If your VGA card does not support the Live VGA BIOS™ function, you will receive a warning message on the screen.



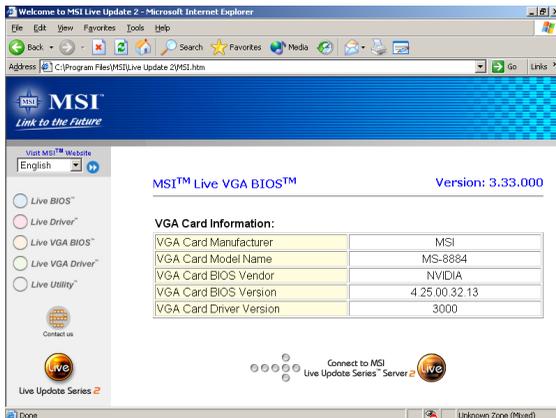
3. If your VGA card do support the Live VGA BIOS™ function, please pay attention to the message shown on the screen telling you that in what circumstance flashing BIOS may fail to reboot.
4. Click **Yes** if you would like to try it at your own risk or **No** to return to the main page with everything unchanged.



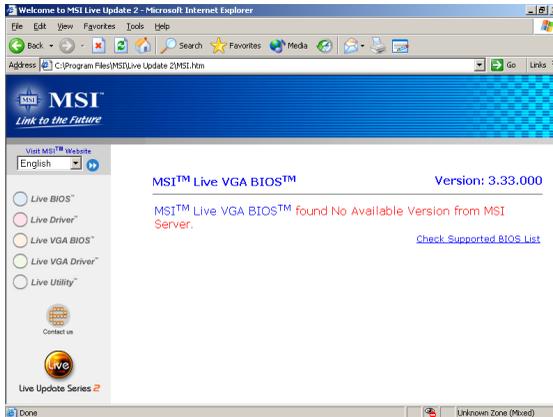
Select **Yes** to continue

Select **No** to keep everything unchanged

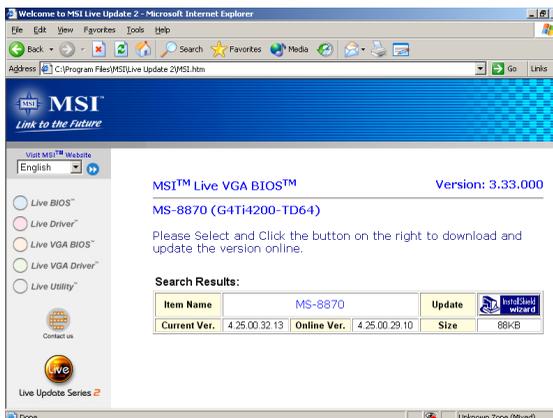
5. If you click **Yes** to continue, it will check the information and BIOS version of your VGA card, and list them in a table:



6. Click the graph button at the bottom to connect to the MSI Live Update Series Server.
7. The MSI Live VGA BIOS will automatically connect to the Internet and search the supported BIOS in the database of MSI. The following is an example of the research result:



Supported VGA BIOS not found



Supported VGA BIOS found

- If it has found one (or several) supported BIOS for your VGA card, click the **InstallShield Wizard** button  on the right side of the table to have the new BIOS downloaded and updated automatically.



MSI reminds you...

*Your monitor may go **BLANK** while the software EEPROM has being erased. Please wait for a while before you proceed to the next step.*

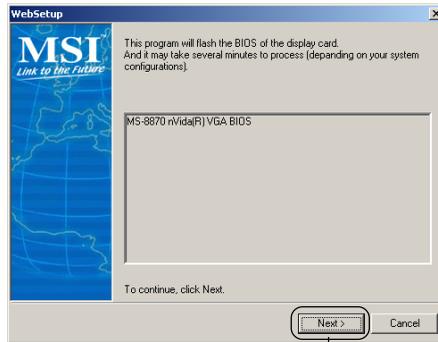
- Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the updating procedure.



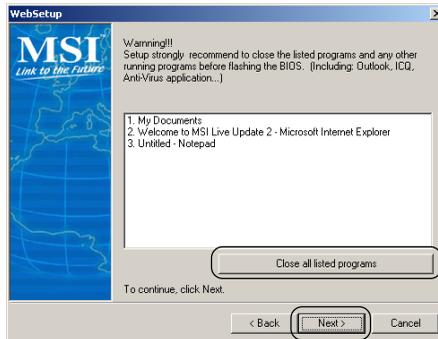
Select a folder to save the BIOS file



Downloading



Click **Next** to continue



It is recommended to close all programs before updating new VGA BIOS by click **Close all listed programs**, and then click **Next** to continue



Click **Start** to start flashing VGA BIOS

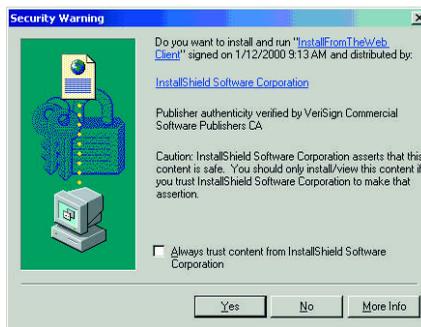


MSI reminds you...

1. Always click **Yes** in the **Internet Explorer** dialog box below.

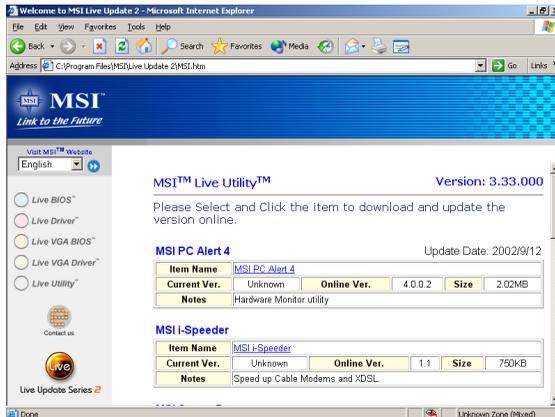
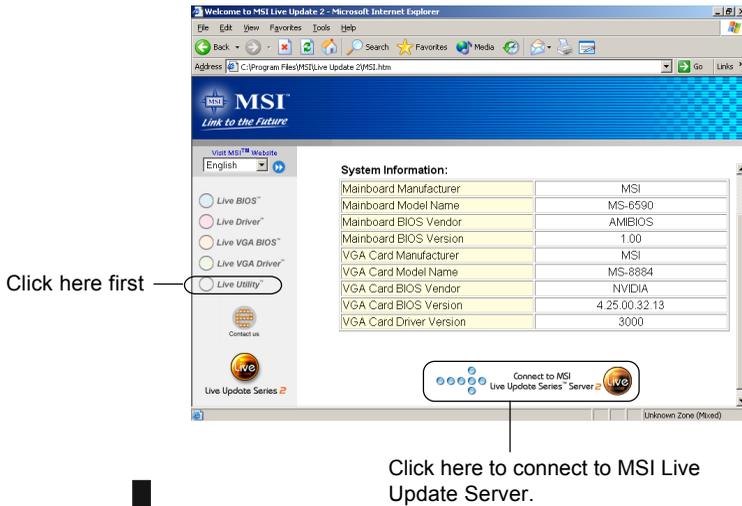


2. Click **Yes** in the **Security Warning** dialog box.



5.5 Live Utility

Live Utility™ is a tool that helps users to get the correct system information, and generates a list containing various compatible links of MSI's softwares in accordance with the system information been detected.



5.6 How to Use the MSI Live Monitor

MSI Live Update 2 comes with a useful utility, MSI Live Monitor, to help users detecting their system information, and searching for the up-to-date drivers or BIOS online. To use MSI Live Monitor, follow the instructions shown below.

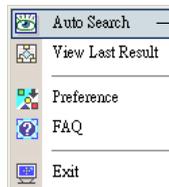
Auto Search

1. Click the right button of your mouse on the MSI Live Monitor icon

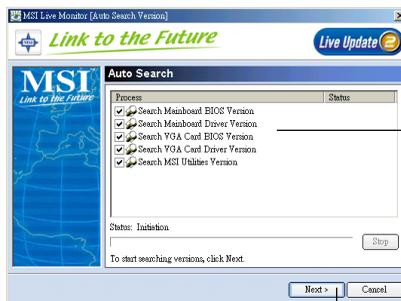


from the window tray at the lower-right corner of the screen.

2. Select **Auto Search** from the MSI Live Monitor menu. Select the desired searching process from the Auto Search list, and then click **Next**.



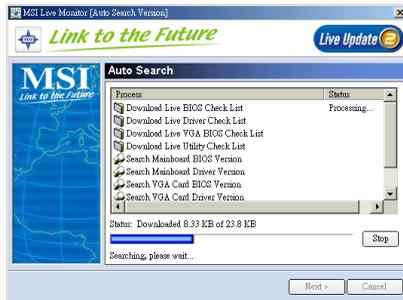
Select **Auto Search**



Auto Search list

Click **Next**

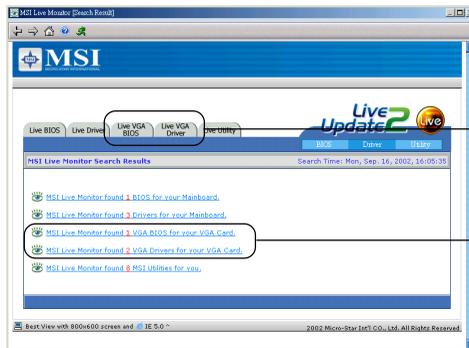
- Once you click the Next, the system will start searching your system information.



Searching



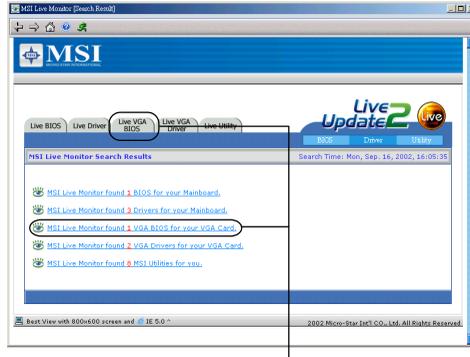
Click Finish



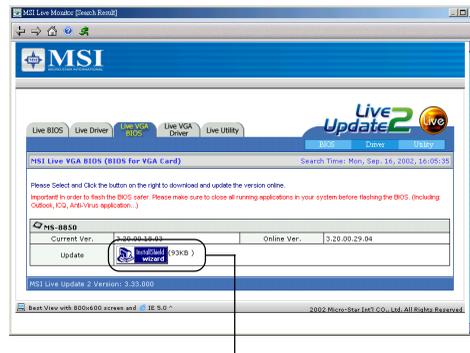
Searching Result

Click the **Live VGA BIOS / Live VGA Driver** Tag or click the **listed items** on the page to browse the searched Up-to-date VGA BIOS/Drivers founded by MSI Live Monitor.

- Click the item that you would like to download.



Click either item to select what you wish to download



Click here to download the selected item.

- Follow the on-screen instructions, and the InstallShield Wizard will lead you to complete downloading and installing the selected new VGA BIOS/Drivers.

View Last Result

MSI Live Monitor provides a shortcut for users to recall the last search result more efficiently.

1. Click the right button of your mouse on the MSI Live Monitor icon



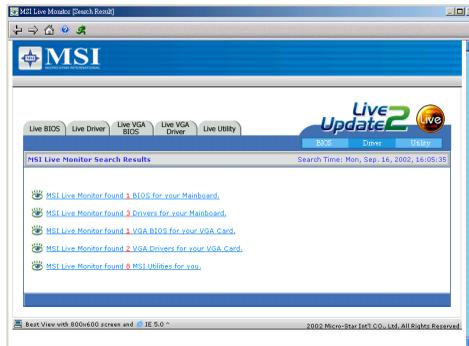
from the window tray at the lower-right corner of the screen.

2. Select **View Last Result** from the MSI Live Monitor menu.



Select **View Last Result**

3. The last Searching Result will be recalled at once.



Preference

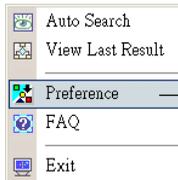
MSI Live Monitor provides a scheduling function for searching for the latest BIOS/Drivers on-line automatically in a set period or condition.

1. Click the right button of your mouse on the MSI Live Monitor icon



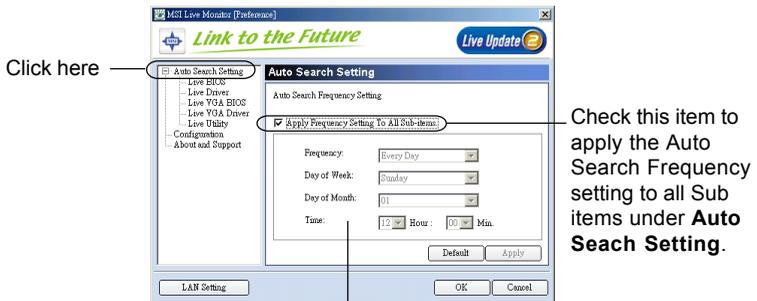
from the window tray at the lower-right corner of the screen.

2. Select **Preference** from the MSI Live Monitor menu.



Select **Preference**

3. Select **Auto Search Setting** page by clicking **Auto Search Setting** on the left hand side.

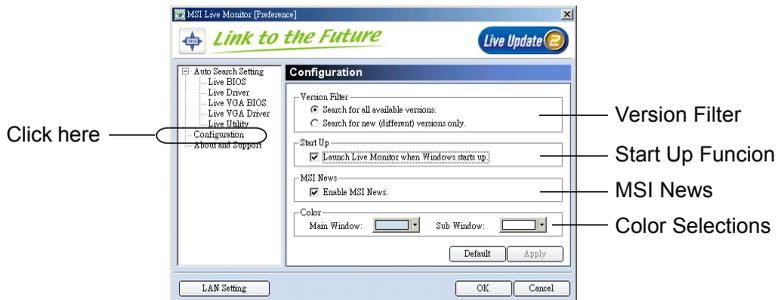


Click here

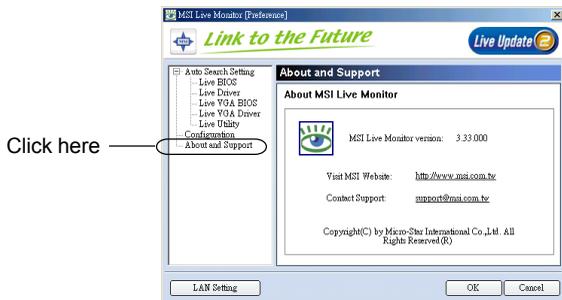
Check this item to apply the Auto Search Frequency setting to all Sub items under **Auto Search Setting**.

Set your Auto Search Frequency here.

- Users are allowed to set some configuration for MSI Live Monitor if desired. Select **Configuration** page by clicking **Configuration** on the left column.



- Select **About the Support** page by clicking **About the Support** on the left column. In **About the Support** page, users will be able to learn the version of your MSI Live Monitor.



FAQ

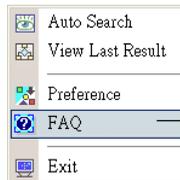
MSI Live Monitor provides a database which contains various possible questions about MSI's products for users to inquire.

1. Click the right button of your mouse on the MSI Live Monitor icon



from the window tray at the lower-right corner of the screen.

2. Select **FAQ** from the MSI Live Monitor menu.



Select **FAQ**

3. To find the answers of your questions in MSI FAQ database, you may select a particular category which is related to your questions, or use the searching function by giving some key words.

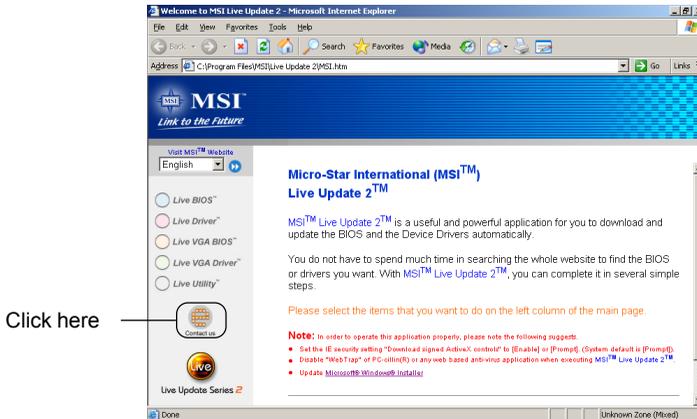
Select the category which is related to your questions here.



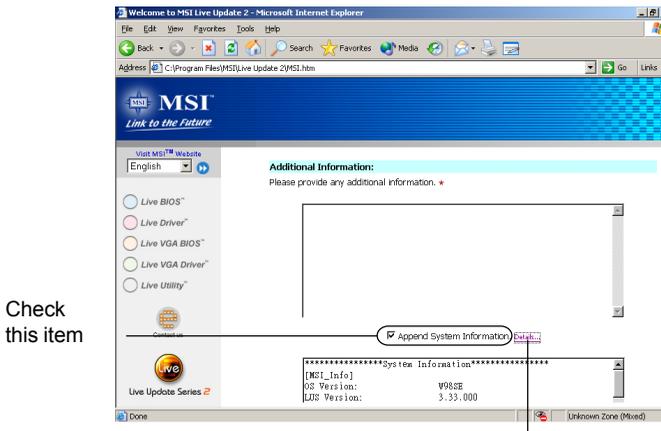
Enter some key words of your questions

5.7 Contact Us

Users will be able to contact MSI for further information or help by clicking the **Contact us** on the left of the page.



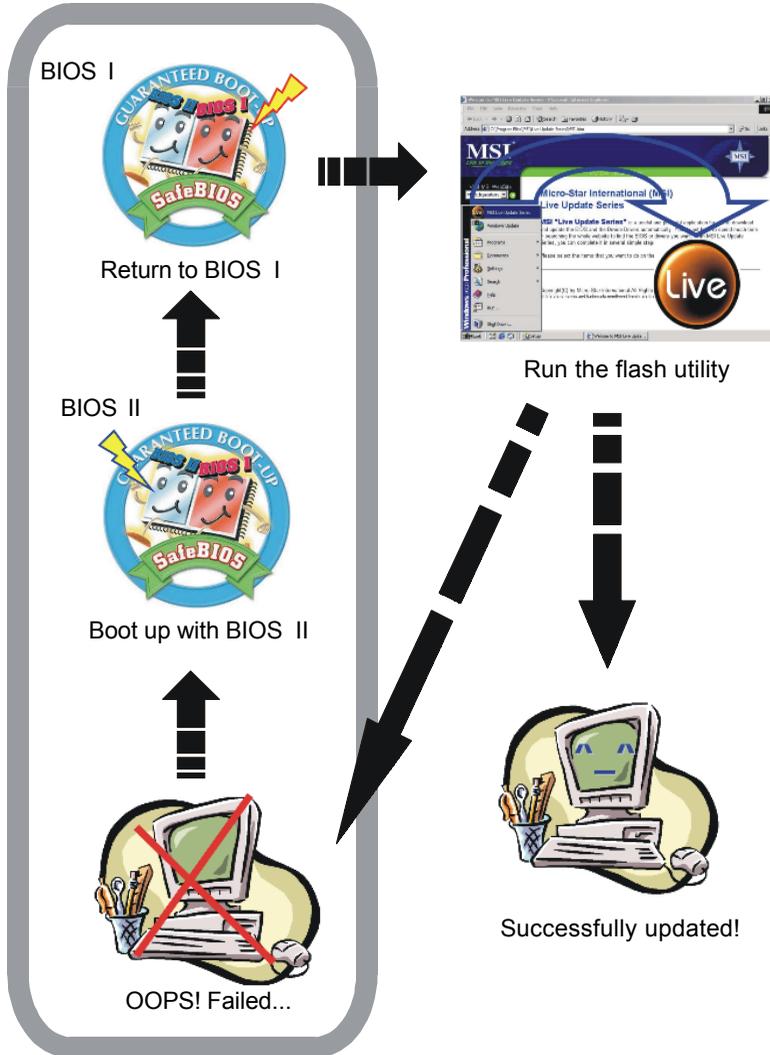
If you need any technical support, it is strongly recommended to describe the problem of any kind specifically in the mail sending to MSI, and attach your system information which will be detected and generated by MSI Live Update 2 if **Append System Information** is checked.



Click **Details** to review your system information below.

5.8 Twin-BIOS™ (Optional)

The diagram below describes the procedure in brief:





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Our products are under continual improvement, and there may be a later version of the BIOS to solve the existing problems on displays or the installation. When you use the flash utility* to update the BIOS on the card, it is inevitable that your devices may encounter some unexpected risks, such as power interruption, during the updating process. If, unfortunately, the updating procedure is failed and the VGA card cannot work anymore --- this powerful technology can solve your problems!

If you fail to update the BIOS, and have to use this function to save your VGA card, please follow the steps below:

1. Turn off the power and remove the computer case.
2. Locate the jumper on the VGA card, and set it up to enter the BIOS II mode (safe mode).
3. Do not replace the case first and turn on the power.

4. With the BIOS II, you would be able to start the system normally. After entering the operating system (OS), set up the jumper to enter the BIOS I mode (work mode). Now you can restore the original BIOS or you can try to update the BIOS using the flash utility* again.

**MSI reminds you...**

Warning: *It is very dangerous to perform the procedure under such condition. To ensure your safety and prevent electric shocks and damages, please Do NOT touch any component in the computer.*

5. If the updating procedure still failed**, you may try again by repeating Step 1 to 4. If the updating procedure is successful, that means the BIOS data is written onto the chip successfully.
6. Replace the case and restart the computer.

**MSI reminds you...**

* To update the BIOS, you must use the special flash utility (*MSI Live Update Series*) provided by MSI only, which can fully support the Twin-BIOS™ technology. If the third party's utility is used in the updating procedure, it will erase the data in BIOS II.

** If you always encounter problems while updating the BIOS and driver, check if the mainboard's chipset driver was properly installed. Please install the chipset driver from your mainboard vendor first and try again.

NOTE



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TROUBLESHOOTING

TRUBLE SHOOTING, provides you with the general methods to solve problems that might happen to your system or VGA card.

6.1 General Help

Q: *Where can I find more information about my VGA card?*

 Please visit our Web site at <http://www.msi.com.tw>

Q: *How do I know the driver version of my VGA card? How do I update it?*

 To know the driver version of your VGA card, simply click the **Start** button , and then point to **Settings**. Point to the folder that contains **Control Panel**, and then click **Control Panel**. In **Control Panel**, double-click **Display** to open the **Display Properties** window for more information. (Please refer to **Chapter 3 Software Installation** for details.)

 If you need to update your VGA card's driver, please download the latest version for your VGA card from our Web site. Usually, the driver file is an executable (.exe) file. Simply double-click the file and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the updating procedure.

6.2 Install InterVideo WinDVR

Q: *My monitor displays nothing after the system boots up.*

 Your VGA card may not be installed correctly. Please check the installation procedure described in *Chapter 2 Hardware Installation*.

 Make sure that your monitor are connected to the VGA card properly, and the power is turned on.

Q: *The image is of poor quality; the screen image is off-centered, and the image's shape becomes deformed.*

 Your VGA card's driver may not be installed correctly. Please re-install the driver and restart the computer (see *instructions in Chapter 3 Software Installation*).

 The **Display Properties** in your system may not be set up properly. Click the Start button  , and then point to **Settings**. Point to the folder that contains **Control Panel**, and then click **Control Panel**. In **Control Panel**, double-click **Display** to set the optimized values.

 Try to adjust your monitor's control settings (such as Brightness, Contrast and so on). Please refer to your monitor manual for more information.

Q: *How do I change the resolution settings on my computer?*

 Click the Start button  , and then point to **Settings**. Point to the folder that contains **Control Panel**, and then click **Control Panel**. In **Control Panel**, double-click **Display** to open the **Display Properties** window. Under the **Settings** tab, move the slider to a proper resolution value, and then click to select a different color setting on the drop-down menu (16-bit high color is recommended for most applications). When these changes are done, click **OK** to apply the new settings. The screen will go black for a while and then come back with the new size. You will be asked to confirm the changes, click **Yes** in the new **Display Properties** dialog box.

Q: *How do I know if my VGA card is running under AGP 4x mode? If not, how can I use AGP 4x mode?*



First of all, make sure that your mainboard supports AGP 4x mode. Refer to your mainboard documentation for relative information.



Secondly, check the BIOS setting for the AGP mode (*if any, please see your mainboard documentation*).



Finally, install the proper driver for your VGA card. If the driver is installed correctly, click the Start button  , and then point to **Settings**. Point to the folder that contains **Control Panel**. In **Control Panel**, double-click **Display** to set the values. For example, when you installed the dedicated driver for your MSI VGA card, which is on the software CDs in your VGA card package, you will see the **MSI Information** tab in the **Display Properties** window. Click **4x** under **AGP Information** to enable this function (*see instructions in Chapter 3 Software Installation*).

Q: *My monitor display becomes abnormal after the system running for minutes (blank screen, color blocks, flicking or overlapping screen image).*



Check the memory clock and core clock under **Display Properties**. If the values are set too high (exceeding the recommended spec.), please try the default values.



Keep your monitor away from magnetic objects, such as speakers without antimagnetic design or mobile phones. The magnet and electromagnetic wave will influence and damage your monitor.



If the problem happens continuously, please contact your local dealer for further service.

Q: *The DVD playback is of poor quality (skipping frames, color blocks and so on). Why?*



Change the refresh rate, color and resolution settings to proper values.



Enable the DMA mode for your DVD drive. However, not all DVD drives support this function. Please see your DVD drive's documentation for more information.

Q: *I have problems playing some DVDs with my system. Why?*



First of all, make sure that the DVD is inserted into your DVD drive properly.



Secondly, the DVD has region code limitations in its specification. For example, you have to play the DVDs coded Region 3 in Taiwan. Please contact your vendor for DVDs compatible with the region code of your DVD drive.

Q: *My VGA card has a video output connector connected to the TV, but I still saw nothing on TV. Why?*



This function is disabled by default. Please enable it by clicking **Clone** in the **TwinView** tab under **Display Properties**.

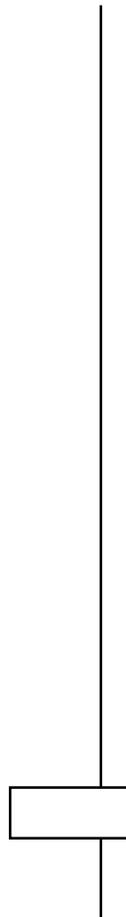


Check the connection between the video device and your computer carefully.

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