



Release 197 Graphics Drivers for Windows - Version 197.25

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Release Notes



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01 INTRODUCTION TO RELEASE NOTES

This edition of *Release Notes* describes the Release 197 Graphics Drivers for Microsoft® Windows® Vista/Windows 7. NVIDIA provides these notes to describe performance improvements and bug fixes in each documented version of the driver.

Structure of the Document

This document is organized in the following sections:

- ▶ “[Release 197 Driver Changes](#)” on page 2 gives a summary of changes, and fixed and open issues in this version.
- ▶ “[The Release 197 Driver](#)” on page 33 describes the NVIDIA products and languages supported by this driver, the system requirements, and how to install the driver.
- ▶ “[Mode Support for Windows](#)” on page 39 lists the default resolutions supported by the driver.

Changes in this Edition

This edition of the *Release Notes* for Windows Vista/Windows 7 includes information about NVIDIA graphics driver version 197.25, and lists changes made to the driver since version 191.03. These changes are discussed beginning with the chapter “[Release 197 Driver Changes](#)” on page 2.

02 RELEASE 197 DRIVER CHANGES

This chapter describes open issues for version 197.25, and resolved issues and driver enhancements for versions of the Release 197 driver up to version 197.25. The chapter contains these sections:

- ▶ “Version 197.25 Highlights” on page 3
- ▶ “Changes in Version 197.25” on page 6
- ▶ “Changes in Version 197.13” on page 7
- ▶ “Changes in Version 196.75” on page 8
- ▶ “Changes in Version 196.21” on page 9
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Version 197.25 Highlights

This section provides highlights of version 197.25 of the NVIDIA Release 197 Driver for Windows Vista/Windows 7.

- ▶ [What's New in Release 197](#)
- ▶ [What's New in Version 197.25](#)
- ▶ [Limitations in This Release](#)
- ▶ [Special Instructional Notes](#)

What's New in Release 197

The section summarizes the following driver changes in Release 197:

Product Support

- ▶ Added support for the following GPUs:
 - GeForce GT 240
 - GeForce 205
 - GeForce 210
- ▶ Added GPU acceleration for Adobe Flash 10.1 Beta
 - Applies to GeForce 8-series and later GPUs, except for GeForce 8800 Ultra, 8800 GTX, 8800 GTS 640, and 8800GTS 320.

NVIDIA Control Panel Updates

PhysX Indicator

Enabled through the 3D Settings menu bar item, the PhysX indicator appears when running applications to let you verify the type of PhysX acceleration the game is using - CPU or GPU - or whether PhysX acceleration is being used at all.

CUDA Updates

- ▶ [CUDA 3.0](#)

OpenCL Support

Release 195 supports the Open Computing Language (OpenCL) 1.0 for all GeForce 8-series and later GPUs.

OpenGL Updates

- ▶ [Support for OpenGL 3.2](#)

What's New in Version 197.25

- ▶ This driver package installs NVIDIA PhysX System Software v9.10.0129.
NVIDIA PhysX acceleration is available on all GeForce 8-series, 9-series, 100-series, and 200-series GPUs with a minimum of 256MB dedicated graphics memory and a minimum of 32 processor cores.
- ▶ This driver package installs the HD audio driver, version 1.0.9.1.
- ▶ This driver adds support for the following products:
 - GeForce GT 320
 - GeForce GT 330
 - GeForce GT 340
 - Next Generation ION
- ▶ See [“Changes in Version 197.25”](#) on page 6 for a list of changes and resolved issues in this driver version.

Limitations in This Release

The following are features that are not currently supported or have limited support in this driver release:

- **NVIDIA Control Panel Display Category**
 - The Graph tab on the Adjust Desktop Color Settings page is not available.

Special Instructional Notes

Help for Resizing Your HDTV Desktop

After resizing the HDTV desktop, the new custom resolution created is now added to the list of available resolutions for that display, and also added to the resolution list within the game or application.

In Release 190 and later drivers, the method for resizing the HDTV desktop has changed to provide better image quality when applying underscan. This method results in a new custom resolution being created which needs to be selected from games or applications to apply the resizing.

In the example displayed in the following screen shot, the underscan has created a new resolution (1216x682). Although this resolution looks different, it is still in HD format. Remember to select this resolution in your game or other application in order to take advantage of it.

1. Select the display you would like to change.



Sharp HDMI



Dell 3007WFPHC

2. When the desktop is displayed on my HDTV...

To adjust the size of your desktop, click the Resize Desktop button.

Resize Desktop



New resolution 720p, 1216 × 682 applied and added to the [Change resolution](#) screen.
Select this resolution from your application to achieve the most desired viewing



Note: Some games or applications may not support the new resolution.

Changes in Version 197.25

The following sections list the important changes and the most common issues resolved since driver version 197.13. This list is only a subset of the total number of changes made in this driver version. The NVIDIA bug number is provided for reference.

Windows Vista/Windows 7 64-bit Issues

Single GPU Issues

- ▶ GeForce 200 Series: Starcraft 2 Beta—the game crashes or flickers. [655988]
- ▶ Several DirectX 8 applications do not launch correctly. [664818]

Changes in Version 197.13

The following sections list the important changes and the most common issues resolved since driver version 196.75. This list is only a subset of the total number of changes made in this driver version. The NVIDIA bug number is provided for reference.

- ▶ This driver resolves fan speed issues reported with version 196.75 drivers.

Windows Vista/Windows 7 32-bit Issues

Single GPU Issues

- ▶ 3D Vision—the 3D Vision software does not get installed if you install the driver using the Windows Device Manager (INF installation). [657672]

To ensure that 3D Vision is installed, install the driver using setup.exe

Windows Vista/Windows 7 64-bit Issues

Single GPU Issues

- ▶ 3D Vision—the 3D Vision software does not get installed if you install the driver using the Windows Device Manager (INF installation). [657672]

To ensure that 3D Vision is installed, install the driver using setup.exe

Changes in Version 196.75

The following sections list the important changes and the most common issues resolved since driver version 196.21. This list is only a subset of the total number of changes made in this driver version.

The NVIDIA bug number is provided for reference.

Windows Vista/Windows 7 32-bit Issues

Single-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ ION: The maximum resolution available is 1280x800, even though the display's native resolution is 2560x1600. [594726]
- ▶ GeForce 9 Series: Prince of Persia Warrior Within—in-game graphics are washed-out. [579105]

Windows Vista/Windows 7 64-bit Issues

Single-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ ION: The maximum resolution available is 1280x800, even though the display's native resolution is 2560x1600. [594726]
- ▶ GeForce 200 Series: Crysis Warhead—there is freezing/hitching within the game. [627290]
- ▶ GeForce 200 Series: BioShock 2—the screen turns black when changing resolutions from the main menu options screen. [649612]
- ▶ GeForce 8500 GT: Assignment of the primary display under Clone mode is not preserved when rebooting the system. [633518]

Changes in Version 196.21

The following sections list the important changes and the most common issues resolved since driver version 195.62. This list is only a subset of the total number of changes made in this driver version.

The NVIDIA bug number is provided for reference.

Windows Vista/Windows 7 32-bit Issues

Single-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ Dual-core CPU: Risen (DirectX 9)–hitching occurs during the game. [607682]
- ▶ ION: Green corruption appears intermittently when scaling the Windows Media Player 12 video window.[626017]
- ▶ GeForce GTX 295: Bioshock–corruption/non-rendered blank patches appear after applying any value of override antialiasing from the NVIDIA Control Panel. [584872]
- ▶ GeForce 8800 GTS: Rainbow Six Vegas 2–“Driver not responding” error occurs and then the game crashes when launched. [614989]

Multi-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ [SLI]: Dirt 2–the game needs an SLI application profile. [590884]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 200/8 series: The primary Clone mode display cannot be changed, but the change is applied after rebooting the system. [598361]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce GTX 295: Left 4 Dead– the game stutters.[626840]
- ▶ [3-way SLI], GeForce GTX 280/260: 3DMark06–the TV screen (component or S-Video) goes blank after launching the benchmark with SLI mode enabled. [491193]

Windows Vista/Windows 7 64-bit Issues

Single-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ When setting a game to a 4:3 resolution on a widescreen monitor, the game is stretched instead. [627774]
- ▶ Shattered Horizon–the startup scene is corrupt at high resolutions and with antialiasing enabled. [615795]
- ▶ ION: Green corruption appears intermittently when scaling the Windows Media Player 12 video window.[626017]
- ▶ GeForce GTX 295: “Driver not responding” error occurs after clicking the device option in Cyberlink MediaShow Espresso. [619117]

- ▶ GeForce GTX 295: Bioshock–corruption/non-rendered blank patches appear after applying any value of override antialiasing from the NVIDIA Control Panel. [584872]
- ▶ GeForce GTX 275: Champions Online–hitching occurs during the game and there is a drop in performance. [617021]
- ▶ GeForce 9600GT: The GPU fan runs at full speed after the system goes to sleep mode. [587322]
- ▶ GeForce 8800 GTS: Allied Force Falcon–the game occasionally goes black and then crashes. [607819]
- ▶ GeForce 8400 GS: Screen size changes made from the NVIDIA Control Panel "Adjust screen size and position" page are not preserved after resuming from Hibernate/Standby. [544085]

Multi-GPU Issues

- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 200/8 series: The primary Clone mode display cannot be changed, but the change is applied after rebooting the system. [598361]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce GTX 295: All four GPUs are not fully recognized by CUDA. [605506]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce GTX 295: Left 4 Dead– the game stutters.[626840]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce GTS 250: Crysis: Warhead– the game is unstable and hangs. [591588]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 8800 GTX: After resizing the desktop, the change is not preserved when you reboot the system. [529812]

Changes in Version 195.62

The following sections list the changes made and issues resolved since driver version 195.55.

The NVIDIA bug number is provided for reference.

Windows Vista/Windows 7 32-bit Issues

Single-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ GeForce 210: Windows 7 Media Center Edition - the driver causes the application to crash when playing VC1 or MPEG2 HD content at 1080p.[621805]
- ▶ DirectX 9 version of several applications (for example, Assassin's Creed, Avatar, Pro Evolution Soccer 2010, Far Cry 2) crash after the Intro video when using the default settings. [621742]

Windows Vista/Windows 7 64-bit Issues

Single-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ GeForce GTX 260/295: Fallout 3 - the game has an occasional frame drop (stutter). [589699]
- ▶ GeForce GTX 260: Soldier of Fortune 2 – the game crashes after loading. [623125]

Changes in Version 195.55

The following sections list the changes made and issues resolved since driver version 195.39.

The NVIDIA bug number is provided for reference.

Windows Vista/Windows 7 32-bit Issues

Single-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ Borderlands–antialiasing does not work when applied using the NVIDIA Control Panel. [612753]
- ▶ 3dMark06 crashes with an error message pointing to an NVIDIA driver component. [614215]
- ▶ GeForce GTX 280/260: Need for Speed:Shift–poor performance and flickering shadows occur. [615204]
- ▶ GeForce 8800 GTS: Under Dualview mode, the desktop color reverts to the default settings after resuming from sleep or hibernate mode. [610713]

Multi-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 9500 GS: After hot-plugging a composite display on the primary GPU, the display turns blank when clicking Detect from the Windows control panel->Adjust Resolution page.[604177]
- ▶ [SLI], nForce 980a/78a SLI, GeForce 9800 GX2: “Driver not responding” error occurs followed by a red screen when installing the driver on a fresh Window 7 installation. [578971]

Windows Vista/Windows 7 64-bit Issues

Single-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ System Information reports mixed driver versions after installing 195.39 over a previous version. [615063]
- ▶ Badaboom application–transcode fails when browsing a video file. [615710]
- ▶ 3dMark06 crashes with an error message pointing to an NVIDIA driver component. [614215]
- ▶ GeForce 8300: The NVIDIA Control Panel Adjust desktop size and position page controls do not work for HDMI display in Clone or Spanning modes. [594803]

Multi-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ [SLI], nForce 980a/78a SLI, GeForce 9800 GX2: “Driver not responding” error occurs followed by a red screen when installing the driver on a fresh Window 7 installation. [578971]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 200 Series: With two displays connected in Dualview mode, changes to the NVIDIA Control Panel-> Adjust Desktop Color Settings->NVIDIA settings are not preserved after enabling or disabling SLI mode. [554097]
- ▶ [Quad SLI], GeForce GTX 295: Need for Speed: Shift–there are flickering shadows and game corruption when in-game Shadow Detail is set to High. [601661]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce GTX 275: Dawn of War 2 - performance drop. [609577]
- ▶ [Quad SLI + Hybrid], GeForce 9800 GX2: The display goes blank when restarting the system after installing the driver using Setup. [604912]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 9600 GT: When opening the NVIDIA Control Panel with a component cable connected, the monitor enters power save mode and both system and monitor fail to wake or respond. [607259]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 9600 GT: When opening the NVIDIA Control Panel with the component cable connected, the monitor enters power save mode and both system and monitor fail to wake or respond. [607259]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 9500 GS: After hot-plugging a composite display on the primary GPU, the display turns blank when clicking Detect from the Windows control panel->Adjust Resolution page.[604177]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 8600 GT: Gears of War (DirectX 10)–with SLI mode enabled, there is corruption and flickering with the default settings and in-game antialiasing enabled. [541836]

Changes in Version 195.39

The following sections list the changes made and issues resolved since driver version 191.07.

The NVIDIA bug number is provided for reference.

Windows Vista 32/Windows 7-bit Issues

Single-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ Override AA for application profiles is not applied.[606725]
- ▶ After installing the driver, sometimes there is no NVIDIA Control Panel installed. [589854]
- ▶ GeForce 200 Series, GeForce 9800 GX2: Changes to the NVIDIA Control Panel->Manage 3D Settings-> Override Antialiasing control do not get applied when playing most DirectX 9 games in windowed mode. [555282]
- ▶ GeForce 9800 GX2: Unreal Tournament 3—the application crashes with default in game settings and ambient occlusion enabled from the NVIDIA Control Panel. [605504]
- ▶ GeForce 9800 GTX: On the NVIDIA Control Panel Adjust desktop size and position page, the Resize desktop option does not appear for HD or SD resolutions. [595062]
- ▶ GeForce 9800 GTX: Far Cry 2—with the in-game resolution set to 1920x1200 and antialiasing set to 2x or higher, there is corruption when looking up at the sky. [555163]
- ▶ GeForce 9600 GT: League of Legends—the ground surface turns black when antialiasing is forced from the NVIDIA Control Panel. [596744]
- ▶ GeForce 9800 GTX: There is no balloon notification—such as "Display configuration has changed"—when rebooting the system after first installing the driver. [588694]
- ▶ ION: It takes 50-60 seconds to switch to Dualview or Clone mode using the NVIDIA Control Panel. [596108]

Multi-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ [Quad-SLI], GeForce GTX 295: CUDA Post-Process in OpenGL—SLI antialiasing values remain on the desktop even after closing the application. [581588]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce GTX 280: After applying an HD or SD resolution, the selection on the NVIDIA Control Panel->Change Resolution page switches to the corresponding PC resolution instead. [598455]

Windows Vista/Windows 7 64-bit Issues

Single-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ Override AA for application profiles is not applied.[606725]
- ▶ After installing the driver, sometimes there is no NVIDIA Control Panel installed. [589854]
- ▶ GeForce GTX 285: Assassin's Creed–lighting is missing in the game.[587236]
- ▶ GeForce GTX 280: With two DVI displays connected (DVI-DVI and DP/HDMI-DVI), Dualview is not set by default after installing the driver. [598568]
- ▶ GeForce GTX 260: Call of Duty 1–the application crashes with a buffer overrun error. [606182]
- ▶ GeForce GTX 260: After changing the TV desktop size, the desktop screen size resets to the original size after the system reboots. [606306]
- ▶ GeForce GTX 260: Tomb Raider: Underworld–the application crashes at startup. [603775]
- ▶ GeForce GT 220: Crysis Warhead–after creating a custom resolution for the game, the resolution is not available for selection. [600331]
- ▶ GeForce 9800 GTX: On the NVIDIA Control Panel Adjust desktop size and position page, the Resize desktop option does not appear for HD or SD resolutions. [595062]
- ▶ GeForce 9800 GTX: There is no balloon notification–such as "Display configuration has changed"–when rebooting the system after first installing the driver. [588694]
- ▶ GeForce 9800 GX2: Unreal Tournament 3 –the application crashes with default in game settings and ambient occlusion enabled from the NVIDIA Control Panel. [605504]

Multi-GPU Resolved Issues

- ▶ [Quad-SLI], GeForce GTX 295: CUDA Post-Process in OpenGL–SLI antialiasing values remain on the desktop even after closing the application. [581588]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce GTX 280: After applying an HD or SD resolution, the selection on the NVIDIA Control Panel->Change Resolution page switches to the corresponding PC resolution instead. [598455]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 9800 GTX: Call of Duty: World at War–there is geometric corruption after applying Ambient Occlusion from the NVIDIA Control Panel. [526733]

Open Issues in Version 197.25

As with every released driver, version 197.25 of the Release 197 driver has open issues and enhancement requests associated with it. This section includes lists of issues that are either not fixed or not implemented in this version. Some problems listed may not have been thoroughly investigated and, in fact, may not be NVIDIA issues. Others may have workaround solutions.

- ▶ [“Windows Vista/Windows 7 32-bit Issues”](#) on page 16
- ▶ [“Windows Vista/Windows 7 64-bit Issues”](#) on page 17

Windows Vista/Windows 7 32-bit Issues

Single GPU Issues

All GPUs

- ▶ 3D Vision—the 3D Vision installation screen reads "Windows Vista" when installed on a Windows 7 system. [652401]
- ▶ After creating a custom resolution with refresh rate of 59 Hz, the new resolution appears in the Add Resolutions page at 60 Hz and the corresponding check box is not checked. [571459]
- ▶ Gothic 1/Gothic 2 –there is corruption and the game crashes. [621170]
- ▶ Half Life 2: Episode 2—the in-game brightness is greatly reduced if Enhanced or Override AA is enabled from the NVIDIA Control Panel. [429254]

GeForce 200 Series

- ▶ GeForce 200 Series: Flat panel scaling options are missing with the Samsung 2233RZ LCD. [649823]
- ▶ GeForce GTX 280: Assassin's Creed (DirectX 10)—the game hangs at the main menu screen when Ambient Occlusion is activated from the NVIDIA Control Panel. [545516]

GeForce 9 Series

- ▶ GeForce 9800 GX2: After overinstalling the graphics driver without rebooting the system, the driver vanishes/unloads while trying to disable multi-GPU mode from the NVIDIA Control Panel. [626740]
The driver reappears after you reboot the system.
- ▶ GeForce 9800 GX2: Sid Meier's Railroads—the RADAR graphic becomes corrupt after changing the in-game antialiasing level while in a game. [569877]
- ▶ GeForce 9800 GTX: 576i/480i format cannot be applied to HDTV + DVI displays connected in Clone mode. [591628]

- ▶ GeForce 9600 GT: With a DVI-HDMI connection, the HD resolution [1080p, 1920x1080(native)] switches to 800x600 after clicking Resize Desktop from the NVIDIA Control Panel->Adjust desktop size and position page. [559435]

GeForce 8 Series GPUs

- ▶ GeForce 8800: Default custom resolutions cannot be created when using the DVI connection. [446476]
- ▶ GeForce 8600: HD resolutions higher than 720p are not available.[308627]

Multi-GPU Issues

GeForce 200 Series GPUs

- ▶ [SLI], GeForce GTX 295: The NVIDIA Control Panel PhysX option is disabled after installing the driver.[614202]
- ▶ [3-way SLI], GeForce GTX 280, nForce 980a/780a: Blue-screen crash occurs when attempting to rotate the display.[636099]

GeForce 9 Series GPUs

- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 9800 GTX: Mass Effect–there is a band of corruption on the edge of the screen when switching from a high resolution to a lower resolution. [433929]
- ▶ [SLI], nForce 980a/780a: With two displays connected in Dualview mode, the primary and secondary displays cannot be switched a second time. [588038]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 9800 GX2: World in Conflict–grass textures flicker. [544657]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 9500 GT: With SLI enabled and two displays enabled on the primary GPU, the display output cannot be switched to a display connected to the secondary GPU. [587206]

GeForce 7 Series GPUs

- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 7600 GS: Bioshock–there is horizontal corruption in the intro video while running the game with SLI enabled. [635173]

Windows Vista/Windows 7 64-bit Issues

Single GPU Issues

- ▶ Gothic 1/Gothic 2 –there is corruption and the game crashes. [621170]
- ▶ Half Life 2: Episode 2–the in-game brightness is greatly reduced if Enhanced or Override AA is enabled from the NVIDIA Control Panel. [429254]

GeForce 200 Series

- ▶ GeForce 200 Series: BioShock 2–there is corruption in the water scenes when the NVIDIA Control Panel antialiasing is enabled.[653694]

- ▶ GeForce 200 Series, NVIDIA Control Panel: After installing the driver, the preview animation (NVIDIA spinning logo) is missing from the Adjust Image Settings with Preview page, the screen flickers when navigating to another page, and Windows Aero cannot be enabled.[566196]
The issue does not occur after you reboot the system.
- ▶ GeForce 200 Series: When entering custom resolution values from the Manage Custom Resolutions page, the values are not validated. [524691]
- ▶ GeForce 210: When changing the resolution from 1920x1080 to another resolution, the video disappears from WinDVD Blu-ray disc playback. [640883]
- ▶ GeForce GTX 295: Settings on the "Adjust desktop color settings" page are at 0% for the secondary Clone or Dualview mode display. [514218]
- ▶ GeForce GTX 280: The NVIDIA Control Panel becomes unresponsive if Alt+Tab is pressed while on the 3D Vision Setup page. [591546]
- ▶ GeForce GTX 280: Assassin's Creed (DirectX 10)–the game hangs at the main menu screen when Ambient Occlusion is activated from the NVIDIA Control Panel. [545516]
- ▶ GeForce GT 230: System performance drops after switching to the "Windows Basic" theme. [597358]

GeForce 9 Series

- ▶ GeForce 9800 GT: Lineage 2–the game world is extremely dark. [531486]
- ▶ GeForce 9800 GTX: 576i/480i format cannot be applied to HDTV + DVI displays connected in Clone mode. [591628]
- ▶ GeForce 9600 GT: With a DVI-HDMI connection, the HD resolution [1080p, 1920x1080(native)] switches to 800x600 after clicking Resize Desktop from the NVIDIA Control Panel->Adjust desktop size and position page. [559435]

GeForce 8 Series

- ▶ GeForce 8800 GT/GTX: Default custom resolutions cannot be created when using the DVI connection. [446476]
- ▶ GeForce 8800 GTX, NVIDIA Control Panel: The user is unable to select Resize my Desktop while playing an HD DVD. [357674]

Multi-GPU Issues

- ▶ [SLI]: Color depth switches to 8-bpp when selecting 1080p or 720p resolution for the DVI-to-HDMI connection. [650825]

GeForce 200 Series

- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 200 Series: When adding a display in extended mode, it automatically becomes the primary display. [583031]
- ▶ [Quad SLI], GeForce GTX 295: Flight Simulator X–the SLI visual indicator does not appear in the game.. [630328]

- ▶ [Quad-SLI], GeForce GTX 295: On a Quad-SLI system, the NVIDIA Control Panel shows an Enable Multi-GPU option instead of Enable Quad SLI. [638635]
- ▶ [Quad SLI], GeForce GTX 295: Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2 –“Driver not responding” error occurs after switching to windowed mode and then changing the resolution with Quad SLI mode enabled. [630312]
- ▶ [3-way SLI], GeForce GTX 280: FarCry2–there are black patches of corruption with SLI enabled at 2560x1600 resolution. [535524]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce GTX 2xx, GeForce 9600 GS: Under Dualview mode, the SLI focus display cannot be changed.[559380]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce GTX 260, nForce 790 Ultra SLI: When enabling an extended display on a different GPU than the primary display, the extended display becomes the primary display. [547403]

GeForce 9 Series

- ▶ [3-way SLI], GeForce 9800 GTX: Crysis (64-bit) (DirectX 9)– there is a lengthy pause or the system freezes when firing a weapon. [450562]
- This issue does not occur with the DirectX 10 version of the game, which is the recommended version.*
- ▶ [3-way SLI], GeForce 9800 GTX: World in Conflict-Soviet Assault, Lost Planet-Extreme Condition–the games flicker after switching to windowed mode. [591023]
 - ▶ [SLI], GeForce 9600 GT: The display resolution switches to 800x600 from 1920x1200 after enabling SLI mode. [592469]
 - ▶ [SLI], GeForce 9600 GT, GeForce 8500/8400/8300: Changes made from the Resize HDTV Settings page are not saved after enabling SLI mode. [529759]
 - ▶ [SLI], GeForce 9600 GS: HDTV name on the Set up multiple displays page changes to TV after enabling SLI in single-display mode. [591498]

GeForce 8 Series

- ▶ [3-way SLI], GeForce 8 Series: Napoleon:Total War–the SLI visual indicator shows the wrong SLI AA value. [655035]

Not NVIDIA Issues

This section lists issues that are not due to the NVIDIA driver as well as features that are not meant to be supported by the NVIDIA driver for Windows Vista.

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Windows Vista Considerations

These are behaviors that may be different from Windows XP and are related directly to the Windows Vista operating system.

▶ NVIDIA TurboCache

Windows Vista now controls the allocation of system memory to the GPU for TurboCache functions. The Windows Vista Display Properties pages show the shared system memory (SSM), or how much memory is allocated for NVIDIA GPUs to use for TurboCache.

For more information on graphics memory reporting under Windows Vista, visit <http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/device/display/graphicsmemory.msp>.

Windows 7 Considerations

Hotplug Action

Unlike the hotplug activity under Windows Vista, the default settings are not applied when a new display is hotplugged, and there is no message balloon alert stating that a new display was detected. Under Windows 7, all display connection and detection events are handled through the Windows 7 Connecting and Configuring Displays (CCD) mechanism.

NVIDIA Control Panel Rotate Display Page

The rotation radio button labels are changed slightly under Windows 7 to be consistent with the Microsoft panel

Table 2.1 NVIDIA Control Panel Rotation Page Radio Buttons

Clockwise Rotation	Windows 7 Label	Windows Vista Label
0 degrees	Landscape	No rotation (Landscape)
90 degrees	Portrait	90 degrees to the right (Inverted Portrait)
180 degrees	Landscape (flipped)	180 degree rotation (Inverted landscape)
270 degrees	Portrait (flipped)	90 degrees to the left (Portrait)

Limitation

- ▶ When switching the refresh rate from 59 Hz to 60Hz, the refresh rate remains at 59 Hz.
See the Microsoft KB article KB2006076 at <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2006076>.

Unsupported Features

The following are features and functionality that were available in driver releases supporting Windows XP, but are not—and will not be—available in driver releases for Windows Vista:

- ▶ **High resolution scaling desktop (HRSD)**
- ▶ **MultiView Display Mode** (for NVIDIA Quadro NVS graphics cards)
- ▶ **NVKeystone**
- ▶ **Unified back buffer (UBB) controls**
- ▶ **OpenGL Video Overlays**

This is an operating system limitation.

Vista window manager features will provide new ways of accomplishing overlays, but will require application porting.

- ▶ **Overclocking**

GPU overclocking is no longer supported in the default GPU driver control panel. This feature is available in the NVIDIA System Tools software, which you can download from NVIDIA.com.

- ▶ **GPU Temperature Monitoring**

Temperature monitoring is no longer supported in the default GPU driver control panel. This feature is available in the NVIDIA System Tools software, which you can download from NVIDIA.com.

- ▶ **AGP Settings Adjustment**
- ▶ **Video Zoom**
- ▶ **Pan & Scan** - the process of panning across the desktop in order to display a desktop on a monitor with lower resolution
- ▶ **Per-display Desktop Color Setting Adjustments**
For Clone mode, the desktop color setting adjustments through the NVIDIA Control Panel can only be made across all displays in a system, and not on a per-display basis.
- ▶ **Per-display Video Color Setting Adjustments**
For Dualview mode, the video color setting adjustments through the NVIDIA Control Panel can only be made across all displays in a system, and not on a per-display basis.
- ▶ **Edge Blending**
- ▶ **Run display optimization wizard**
- ▶ **Run multiple display wizard**
- ▶ **Run television setup wizard**
- ▶ **nView Horizontal and Vertical Span Modes**
Due to architectural changes in the new Windows Vista Window Display Driver Model (WDDM), span mode cannot be supported in NVIDIA graphics drivers. NVIDIA recommends using the built-in Windows Vista multi-display modes.
- ▶ **Display/Connection Wizard** (such as was provided with Windows Media Center Edition)
- ▶ **DVD/MPEG Extensions** (such as was provided with Windows Media Center Edition)
- ▶ **Audio Extensions** (such as was provided with Windows Media Center Edition)
- ▶ **NVIDIA nView Desktop Manager**
The nView Desktop Manager will not be included in drivers for GeForce products.

OpenGL Application Issues

The following are known compatibility issues for OpenGL applications developed under Windows XP:

- ▶ **Mixed GDI and OpenGL rendering does not work.**
A number of applications use GDI to render UI components and object highlighting. This is not supported in the Windows Vista driver model.
NVIDIA recommends converting GDI rendering to OpenGL.
The following are some applications that are known to have this issue:
 - Maya 7.01
- ▶ **Applications, Tools, and Benchmarks not Supported Under Windows Vista**
 - GLperf

- 3ds max 8 (later releases may be supported)
 - CATIA V5R15 (V5R16 is supported)
 - PTC's CDRS 2001
- ▶ Front buffered rendering may be slow, especially when DWM is enabled.
- Flushing the rendering queue while rendering to the front buffer may cause the window manager to recomposite. Applications should therefore minimize the frequency with which they flush the rendering queue.

Application Issues

- ▶ Dark Void—if you experience issues playing Dark Void, NVIDIA recommends the following steps:
- a Install all game patches.
Retail box owners can get the patch here: http://download.nvidia.com/downloads/nZone/patches/DarkVoid_PhysX_Update_Patch.exe
 - b From the Windows Control Panel->Add/Remove programs, uninstall **NVIDIA Game System Software 2.8.1**.
 - c From the Windows Control Panel->Add/Remove programs, right-click **NVIDIA PhysX** and then click **Repair**.
- If you still experience problems after performing these steps, then either enable V-Sync or skip the cut-scenes by pressing **[Enter]** twice at the cut-scene.
- ▶ Operation Flashpoint:Dragon Rising—the game crashes to the desktop when it starts to load.
This is an issue in the application—the problem does not occur if you disconnect your internet cable.
- ▶ World of Warcraft—if you have run the 3D Vision setup wizard, then the game automatically enables 3D stereo even after you disable it.
To work around this issue, you must uninstall the 3D Vision driver.
- ▶ Counter Strike—the application crashes to the desktop if the resolution or bit-depth is changed from the in-game video options menu. [416582]
This is an application issue, but the problem does not occur if you change the resolution or bit-depth from the game's main menu and not while in a game.
- ▶ Star Wars: Knights Of The Old Republic 2—the game fails to launch, and an “application has stopped working” error message appears. [420115]
This occurs because the application is not able to interpret the driver version correctly.
- ▶ Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2007—Fly-by shot before each hole blacks-out textures. [274697]
NVIDIA is working with the developer to resolve this issue.
- ▶ City of Heroes—The mouse cursor does not display. [259256]

This is an application issue that can be worked around in full-screen mode by adding "compatible cursors 1" to the City of Heroes desktop shortcut.

NVIDIA is pursuing a fix with the application developer.

- ▶ Sims 2—"Smooth Edges (AA)" option is not available with Release 100 drivers. [272477]

This occurs because of an incorrect driver version check in the application.

NVIDIA has worked around this issue in the operating system by changing the way the driver version is reported to this application.

- ▶ Warhammer 40k Dawn of War (all versions) does not run with Release 100 drivers. [273154]

This occurs because of an incorrect driver version check in the application.

NVIDIA has worked around this issue in the operating system by changing the way the driver version is reported to this application.

- ▶ Need for Speed Carbon—After upgrading with patch 1.3, the game crashes when launched. [290506]

This is an issue with the application patch under Windows Vista.

- ▶ Nascar Simracing—the game crashes when launched. [270792]

This is an issue with the application under Windows Vista.

- ▶ Call of Duty 2—Only solid colors render during game play when 4xAA is enabled. [257454]

The application is not applying antialiasing properly. Please try selecting 2x AA, disabling antialiasing, or using NVIDIA Enhanced application or Override antialiasing modes.

NVIDIA is pursuing a fix with the application developer

- ▶ Age of Empires III—the game has rendering artifacts, such as textured squares for smoke. [258036]
- ▶ Flight Simulator X—pressing Alt+Tab to switch to the desktop does not work. [293729]
- ▶ Everquest 2— with NVIDIA driver versions 100.xx, the following error message appears: [273346]

"You currently have a (7.15.11.120) video card installed. We recommend that you download version 7772 drivers before playing Everquest."

This occurs because the application is not checking the driver version correctly, but this does not affect game play. Please select "Continue Anyway" to launch the game. The problem does not occur with a previous Release 95 driver (xx.xx format).

NVIDIA is pursuing a fix with the application developer.

- ▶ Windows Vista 64-bit, [PhysX]: TheGameCreators PhysX Screen Saver doesn't get installed properly. [491613]

This is not an NVIDIA issue, but a bug in Vista 64-bit OS that affects the installation of many screen savers. To work around, locate the corresponding.scr file for the screen saver, then right-click and select Install.

Note: *PhysXscreensaver.scr* is located in `\windows\SysWOW64`.

- ▶ GeForce 9800 GTX: Flight Simulator Acceleration (DirectX 10) - the sky box does not render correctly when zoomed all the way out. [436158]
This is not an NVIDIA bug, but rather an application issue.
- ▶ GeForce 9800 GTX: Flight Simulator Acceleration (DirectX 10) - there is no antialiasing preview window. [436156]
- ▶ GeForce 9800 GX2: Fury (DirectX 10)–the character names flicker. [384917]
This is not an NVIDIA bug, but rather an application issue.
- ▶ GeForce 9600 GT, GeForce 9800 GX2, GeForce 8800 GTX/Ultra/GTS/GT: Assassin's Creed: Directors Cut - the shadow flickers. [400541]
This is not an NVIDIA bug, but rather an application issue.
- ▶ GeForce 9600 GT: Crysis (DirectX 9) - there is corruption in the game. [399261]
This is not an NVIDIA bug, but rather an issue with the application issue. To avoid this issue, use the DirectX 10 option of the game.
- ▶ GeForce 8800 GTX: Tabula Rasa–there is ghosting on the game character while standing below the drop ship after enabling refraction from the game control panel. [357271]
This is not an NVIDIA bug, but rather an application issue.
- ▶ GeForce 8800 GT: Company of Heroes DirectX10 - the application crashes when MSAA is enabled. [346495]
This is a Fraps 2.9.2 issue.
- ▶ GeForce 8 Series: Quake 4–there are white flashing artifacts. [273476]
- ▶ GeForce 8800: City of Heroes–there are corrupted textures in certain missions.[290659]
This has been fixed with the latest patch for the game.
- ▶ GeForce 8800: Ghost Recon - Advanced Warfighter–the gadget side bar bleeds through on the right side of the screen during game play. [281304]
- ▶ GeForce 8800 GTX: Star Wars Battle front 2–screen corruption occurs at 2560x1600 resolution. [325457]
- ▶ GeForce 8800 GTX, GeForce 7900 GTX: Neverwinter Nights 2–the mini map loses its background when the resolution is changed. [273788]
- ▶ GeForce 8800 GTX: Civilization 4–setting in-game 16x antialiasing AA disables all antialiasing.[303283]
- ▶ GeForce 8800 GTX: Flight Simulator–the terrain changes to low resolution when switching from Air Traffic-controlled to player-controlled airplane.[304840]
- ▶ GeForce 8800 GTX: Scarface–corruption during the game.[290007]
- ▶ GeForce 8800 GTX: Neverwinter Nights 2–only overlays render when switching to 2560x1600 using 8xAA. [302061, 314148]

- ▶ GeForce 8800 GTX: Command & Conquer:Tiberium Wars–the game crashes at 2560x1600 resolution, with 8x antialiasing enabled, and when in-game settings are set to the highest levels. [308248/316633]
 - ▶ GeForce 8800 GT/GTX: Crysis (DirectX 10) - game performance drops after switching to a higher resolution and then switching back to the lower resolution. [368740]
 - ▶ GeForce 7900: Flight Simulator X – rendering becomes corrupted after pressing the Windows key. [293727 296232]
 - ▶ GeForce 7600: Rainbow Six Vegas – antialiasing is not applied when setting antialiasing override mode in the NVIDIA Control Panel. [294215]
- Antialiasing is supported in this application only on GeForce 8 series and higher GPUs.*
- ▶ GeForce 8500/8400/8300: Corruption occurs while running MicroSoft SDK Basic HLSL sample application. [302209]
 - ▶ GeForce 8500/8400/8300: Dark Messiah of Might and Magic–an application error occurs when quitting the game. [300980]
- This is an issue with the application.*
- ▶ GeForce 8500/8400/8300: Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion–the game crashes after restoring from minimization. [296725]
 - ▶ GeForce 7900 GTX: CPU usage is extremely high during H.264 playback of Blu-ray disc, resulting in dropped frames. [304480]
 - ▶ GeForce 7300GS: Rainbow Six Vegas–the display turns black at 1600x1200 resolution.[302319]
 - ▶ GeForce 7300 GT: Far Cry–geometry is corrupted during rendering of blood.[304348]
 - ▶ GeForce 7300 GT: Company Of Heroes–the shadows are corrupt at the default game settings with SLI mode enabled. [346746]
- This is an issue with the application.*
- ▶ 322008 GeForce 8600 GT: Battlefield 2–the game crashes to desktop when set to 1900x1440 resolution 8x antialiasing.
- This problem occurs only when you have FRAPS 2.6.4 installed. It does not occur with FRAPS 2.8.2*
- ▶ 316403 GeForce 8 Series, GeForce 7 Series: NV SDK 9.5 Mandelbrot set fails to render fractal.
- This is an issue with the NV SDK and will be fixed in a newer build.*
- ▶ GeForce 8 Series: Prince of Persia–half the screen turns black and the other half turns white during resolution changes. [299484]
- This is an issue with the application.*
- ▶ GeForce 8800 GTX: Company of Heroes (DirectX 10)–the game crashes when the maximum settings are applied at 2560x1600 with 8xAA enabled. [321631]
- This is an issue with the application.*
- ▶ GeForce 7 Series: Risen [GM]–there is fog corruption. [606532]

This is an issue with the application.

- ▶ GeForce 7950 GX2: Flight SimX – water has artifacts. [292168]
- ▶ GeForce 6600: Stars Wars Battlefront2–blue-screen crash occurs when High settings are used.[302213]
- ▶ GeForce 6200: Call of Juarez–there is corruption at all resolutions. [356711]
- ▶ GeForce 6100/6150: Gothic–there is flickering with a white screen when using the default settings.[303552]
- ▶ GeForce 6200: Star Wars Empire at War–the game menu buttons are corrupt. [357713]

Application Issues Under SLI Mode

- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 200 Series: BioShock 2–artifacts appear in the game when SLI mode is enabled. [653303]

This is an application multi-GPU compatibility issue.

- ▶ [SLI]: NVIDIA SLI scaling on some applications under Windows Vista may not be as much as under Windows XP. Some applications include "S.T.A.L.K.E.R., Half-Life 2: Lost Coast, Company of Heroes, Battlefield 2142, Call of Duty 2, Hitman: Blood Money, and Far Cry. [302534 290803]

This is an application issue which has been resolved with the latest Steam patch.

- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 9800 GX2: The Witcher–a blooming light shines through objects with SLI mode enabled. [396736]

This is not an NVIDIA bug, but rather an application issue.

- ▶ [Quad SLI], GeForce 9800 GX2: Test Driver Unlimited–there is pausing/hitching during the cut scene transitions. [395207]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 8800 GTX, GeForce 8600, GeForce 6 Series: Company of Heroes–there is corruption in the ground textures. [294118]

This is an application issue, and has been fixed with the latest patch for the game.

- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 8800 GTX: Battlefield 2 and Battlefield 2142–the games crash when exiting back to the menu after being played at 2048x1536 using 8xAA or higher. [301985]

This is an issue with the application.

- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 7900 GTX: Chess Titans–with Aero-glass enabled, there is blanking when resizing the game window. [346775]

This is an issue with the application.

- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 8800: While uninstalling driver the driver, the error message "Windows host process (Rundll32) has stopped working" appears. [294219 280920]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 8800: Splinter Cell Double Agent – the game crashes when minimized and then invoked again. [294205]
- ▶ [SLI], GeForce 8800: Battlefield 2142 – 8xAA cannot be set from the game control panel.[294231]

- [SLI], GeForce 7900: Microsoft Flight simulator X – corruption and flickering occur while flying close to land objects. [293882]

Operating System Issues

- World of Warcraft – there is a 60% drop in performance when running the game in windowed mode with SLI or multi-GPU mode enabled. [289427]

This is due to a limitation of the Windows Vista operating system and affects all multi-GPU systems. NVIDIA is investigating a workaround for this performance problem.

- GeForce 8800 GTS 320MB: The driver reports incorrect video memory (256 MB) in the Windows Vista Display Properties panel. [290811]

However, the NVIDIA Control Panel properly reports the dedicated video memory as 320 MB.

- GeForce 8800 GTX, GeForce 7900 GTX: Company of Heroes crashes when trying to load the Cherbourg level. [284273]

This is an issue with the operating system. A QFE (software patch) from Microsoft is being worked on to fix this issue.

- GeForce 7300 GT: Windows Vista desktop gadgets are blank (only outline visible) after changing the primary display while playing an HD DVD or Blu-ray disc. [303482]

This is an issue with the operating system.

- GeForce 6200: Foxbear–there is corruption on the Dualview secondary display. [302709]

This is an issue with the operating system.

- [SLI], GeForce 8800 GTX: While installing the graphics driver, the message "Incompatible display adapter has been disabled" appears and the display turns blank. [318173]

This is an issue with the operating system.

- When S-video and DVI displays are set up in Clone mode and rotated 90 degrees, the screen turns black. [304267, 283546]

This is an issue with the operating system.

- GeForce 8800 GTX: DreamScene–running the application results in a "Display driver has stopped responding" error message. [295017]

This is an issue with the OS.

- GeForce 8300 GS: With Aero-glass enabled, the screen flickers after rotating the display 90 degrees with S-Video as the primary display. [317347]

This is an issue with the OS.

Known Product Limitations

This section describes problems that will not be fixed. Usually, the source of the problem is beyond the control of NVIDIA. Following is the list of problems and where they are discussed in this document:

- ▶ “Using HDMI/DisplayPort Audio with Displays that have a High Native Resolution” on page 29
- ▶ “Using HDMI/DisplayPort Displays that do not Support Audio” on page 30
- ▶ “Using HDMI/DisplayPort Audio in Dualview or Clone Mode Configurations” on page 30
- ▶ “Flat Panel Scaling Controls are Non-functional for Some TV Modes for Some Displays” on page 31
- ▶ “GPU Runs at a High Performance Level (full clock speeds) in Multi-display Modes” on page 31
- ▶ “GeForce GTX 295 Fan Control and NVIDIA Control Panel Performance Group version 6.03.06.00” on page 31
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Using HDMI/DisplayPort Audio with Displays that have a High Native Resolution

To use HDMI/DisplayPort audio with some displays that have a native resolution higher than 1920x1080, you must set the display to a lower HD resolution.

Some HDMI TV's have a native resolution that exceeds the maximum supported HD mode. For example, TVs with a native resolution of 1920x1200 exceed the maximum supported HD mode of 1920x1080.

Applying this native mode results in display overscan which cannot be resized using the NVIDIA Control Panel since the mode is not an HD mode.

To avoid this situation and provide a better user experience, the driver treats certain TVs—such as the Viewsonic VX2835wm and the Westinghouse LVM- 37w3—as a DVI monitor when applying the native mode. Because the driver does not treat the TV as an HDMI in this case, the HDMI audio is not used.

Using HDMI/DisplayPort Displays that do not Support Audio

Some HDMI/DisplayPort displays do not support audio, or have issues with current NVIDIA graphics cards.

The NVIDIA driver attempts to identify such displays and automatically disables the audio. For example, the NVIDIA driver disables HDMI audio for all Philips HDMI TVs, as these have been identified as having issues with current NVIDIA graphics cards.

There may be cases where either the driver disables audio even though there is no problem, or does not disable the audio when in fact the audio does not work. The following sections describe these situations and provides guidance for handling them.

Corrupted video and no audio

The driver has not disabled audio and the display's audio signal is incompatible with the graphics card, causing video corruption.

With a different display connected in order to establish video, disable audio for the HDMI display using the NVIDIA Control Panel-> Change Resolution page. From the connector list, select **HDMI-HDTV (Audio Disabled)**.

Video but no audio

- ▶ Check the connector list on the NVIDIA Control Panel->Change Resolution page.
- ▶ If **HDMI-HDTV (Audio Disabled)** is selected and you want to test whether your HDMI audio does, in fact, work, then select **HDMI-HDTV (Audio Enabled)** and the driver will prompt you with instructions for testing HDMI audio with the display.
- ▶ If **HDMI-HDTV (Audio Enabled)** is selected, then the driver has not successfully detected that an incompatible display is connected.
Future drive versions will properly identify such displays and disable audio.
- ▶ If there is no HDMI connector option in the NVIDIA Control Panel->Change Resolution page, the display does not support audio and has properly reported this to the NVIDIA driver.

Using HDMI/DisplayPort Audio in Dualview or Clone Mode Configurations

Two Audio-enabled Ports

In a multi-display configuration where both HDMI/DisplayPort audio ports are enabled, only the primary display will provide the audio.

One Audio-enabled Port

In a multi-display configuration where only one audio port is enabled, such as when one display is a DVI display, then the HDMI/DisplayPort display can provide the audio whether is it the primary or secondary display.

Flat Panel Scaling Controls are Non-functional for Some TV Modes for Some Displays

The NVIDIA Control Panel flat panel scaling controls on the "Adjust Desktop Size & Position" page are not intended to be used for TV modes, and normally the controls are not available for TV or HDTV displays.

However, Microsoft requires that certain TV/HDTV modes be available for all digital displays, including DVI and HDMI, even if they are not HDTV.

While the NVIDIA flat panel scaling controls are available for those displays, they will not be functional for the TV modes that appear in compliance with the Microsoft requirements. The affected modes are as follows:

- ▶ 1920x1080i @50/59.94/60 Hz
- ▶ 1280x720p @50/59.94/60 Hz
- ▶ 720x480p @ 59.94/60 Hz
- ▶ 720x576p @ 50 Hz

GPU Runs at a High Performance Level (full clock speeds) in Multi-display Modes

This is a hardware limitation and not a software bug. Even when no 3D programs are running, the driver will operate the GPU at a high performance level in order to efficiently drive multiple displays. In the case of SLI or multi-GPU PCs, the second GPU will always operate with full clock speeds; again, in order to efficiently drive multiple displays. Today, all hardware from all GPU vendors have this limitation.

GeForce GTX 295 Fan Control and NVIDIA Control Panel Performance Group version 6.03.06.00

The GeForce GTX 295 fan control does not function properly when using the NVIDIA Control Panel Performance Group version 6.03.06.00. For proper fan control, use version 6.03.12.00 or later.

1280x1024 @ 60 Hz not Available on BenQ FP241W Monitors

Even though the monitor EDID lists 1280x1024 @ 60 Hz, the screen turns blank when using an HDMI connection. This is an issue with the monitor and not the NVIDIA driver.

Because of this issue with the monitor, the NVIDIA driver blocks the problem mode (1280x1024 @ 60 Hz) and makes it unavailable.

Image Sharpening Control not Available with GeForce 8 Series and later GPUs

With GeForce 8 Series and later graphics cards, the **Image sharpening** slider on the NVIDIA Control Panel-> Display->Adjust Desktop Color Settings page is grayed out.

This control is intentionally disabled because image sharpening is not supported on GeForce 8 series and later GPUs.

Gigabyte GA-6BX Motherboard

This motherboard uses a Linfinity regulator on the 3.3-V rail that is rated to only 5 A — less than the AGP specification, which requires 6 A. When diagnostics or applications are running, the temperature of the regulator rises, causing the voltage to the NVIDIA chip to drop as low as 2.2 V. Under these circumstances, the regulator cannot supply the current on the 3.3-V rail that the NVIDIA chip requires.

This problem does not occur when the graphics board has a switching regulator or when an external power supply is connected to the 3.3-V rail.

03 THE RELEASE 197 DRIVER

This chapter covers the following main topics:

- ▶ “Hardware and Software Support” on page 33
- ▶ “Driver Installation” on page 38

Hardware and Software Support

Supported Operating Systems

The Release 197 driver, version 197.25, has been tested with

- ▶ Microsoft Windows® 7 RC build version 7100, and supports both 32-bit and 64-bit versions.
- ▶ Microsoft Windows® Vista RTM OS builds version 6000 or higher, and supports both 32-bit and 64-bit versions of Windows Vista Editions:
 - Windows Vista Home Basic
 - Windows Vista Home Premium
 - Windows Vista Business
 - Windows Vista Enterprise Edition
 - Windows Vista Ultimate

Supported NVIDIA Products

Table 3.1 lists the NVIDIA products supported by the Release 197 driver, version 197.25

Table 3.1 Supported NVIDIA Products

Consumer Products
ION
ION LE
GeForce GT 340
GeForce GT 330
GeForce GT 320
GeForce GTX 295
GeForce GTX 285
GeForce GTX 280
GeForce GTX 275
GeForce GTX 260
GeForce GTS 250
GeForce GTS 240
GeForce GT 240
GeForce GT 220
GeForce G210
GeForce 210
GeForce 205
GeForce GT 140
GeForce GT 130
GeForce GT 120
GeForce G100
GeForce 9800 GX2
GeForce 9800 GTX+
GeForce 9800 GTX
GeForce 9800 GT
GeForce 9600 GT
GeForce 9600 GS
GeForce 9600 GSO
GeForce 9500 GT
GeForce 9500 GS
GeForce 9400 GT
GeForce 9400

Table 3.1 Supported NVIDIA Products

Consumer Products
GeForce 9300 GS
GeForce 9300 GE
GeForce 9300
GeForce 9200
GeForce 8800 Ultra
GeForce 8800 GTX
GeForce 8800 GTS 512
GeForce 8800 GTS
GeForce 8800 GT
GeForce 8800 GS
GeForce 8600 GTS
GeForce 8600 GT
GeForce 8600 GS
GeForce 8500 GT
GeForce 8400 GS
GeForce 8400 SE
GeForce 8400
GeForce 8300 GS
GeForce 8300
GeForce 8200
GeForce 8100 / nForce 720a
nForce 780a SLI
nForce 760i SLI
nForce 750a SLI
nForce 730a
GeForce 7950 GX2
GeForce 7950 GT
GeForce 7900 GTX
GeForce 7900 GT/GTO
GeForce 7900 GS
GeForce 7800 SLI
GeForce 7800 GTX
GeForce 7800 GT
GeForce 7800 GS
GeForce 7650 GS

Table 3.1 Supported NVIDIA Products

Consumer Products
GeForce 7600 GT
GeForce 7600 GS
GeForce 7600 LE
GeForce 7500 LE
GeForce 7350 LE
GeForce 7300 SE
GeForce 7300 LE
GeForce 7300 GT
GeForce 7300 GS
GeForce 7200 GS
GeForce 7100 GS
GeForce 7150 / NVIDIA nForce 630i
GeForce 7100 / NVIDIA nForce 630i
GeForce 7050 / NVIDIA nForce 620i
GeForce 7050 / NVIDIA nForce 610i
GeForce 7100 / NVIDIA nForce 620i
GeForce 7050 PV / NVIDIA nForce 630a
GeForce 7050 PV / NVIDIA nForce 630a
GeForce 7025 / NVIDIA nForce 630a
GeForce 6800 XT
GeForce 6800 XE
GeForce 6800 Ultra
GeForce 6800 Series GPU
GeForce 6800 LE
GeForce 6800 GT
GeForce 6800 GS/XT
GeForce 6800 GS
GeForce 6800
GeForce 6700 XL
GeForce 6610 XL
GeForce 6600 VE
GeForce 6600 LE
GeForce 6600 GT
GeForce 6600
GeForce 6500

Table 3.1 Supported NVIDIA Products

Consumer Products
GeForce 6250
GeForce 6200SE TurboCache™
GeForce 6200 TurboCache™
GeForce 6200 LE
GeForce 6200 A-LE
GeForce 6200
GeForce 6150SE nForce 430
GeForce 6150 LE
GeForce 6150
GeForce 6100 nForce 420
GeForce 6100 nForce 405
GeForce 6100 nForce 400
GeForce 6100

Supported Languages

The Release 197 Graphics Drivers supports the following languages in the main driver Control Panel:

English (USA)	German	Portuguese (Euro/ Iberian)
English (UK)	Greek	Russian
Arabic	Hebrew	Slovak
Chinese (Simplified)	Hungarian	Slovenian
Chinese (Traditional)	Italian	Spanish
Czech	Japanese	Spanish (Latin America)
Danish	Korean	Swedish
Dutch	Norwegian	Thai
Finnish	Polish	Turkish
French	Portuguese (Brazil)	

Driver Installation

Minimum Hard Disk Space

The hard disk space requirement for 32-bit is minimum 105 MB for English-only, and 142 MB for International.

The hard disk space requirement for 64-bit is minimum 135 MB for English-only, and 170 MB for International.

Before You Begin

If you have previously installed NVIDIA nTune, NVIDIA recommends that you uninstall nTune before installing this driver. After the driver install is complete, you can reinstall NVIDIA nTune.

Installation Instructions

- 1 Follow the instructions on the NVIDIA .com Web site driver download page to locate the appropriate driver to download, based on your hardware and operating system.
- 2 Click the driver download link.
- 3 The license agreement dialog box appears.
- 4 Click **Accept** if you accept the terms of the agreement, then either open the file or save the file to your PC and open it later.
- 5 Extract the zip files to a temporary folder on your PC.
- 6 Open the NVIDIA driver installation .EXE file to launch the NVIDIA InstallShield Wizard.
- 7 Follow the instructions in the NVIDIA InstallShield Wizard to complete the installation.



Note: After the driver installation, Windows may default to 16-bpp color and disable the Desktop Window Manager (DWM). To work around this issue, set the color to 32-bpp and then reboot the PC.

APPENDIX A MODE SUPPORT FOR WINDOWS

This chapter details the Windows modes supported by the Release 197 driver for NVIDIA products. It contains these sections:

- ▶ “General Mode Support Information” on page 40
- ▶ “Default Modes Supported by GPU” on page 41
- ▶ “Modes Supported by TV Encoders” on page 44

General Mode Support Information

The NVIDIA graphics driver includes a standard list of display modes that are supported by default. These modes are listed in the section “[Default Modes Supported by GPU](#)” on page 41.

The actual modes available depend on the capabilities of the display. In addition, the NVIDIA graphics driver has a “dynamic EDID detection” capability and will make available *additional* modes that are listed in the display EDID, provided the graphics hardware can support it.

The NVIDIA graphics driver also supports the high resolutions available with the displays listed in [Table A.1](#) as well as the non-standard modes listed in [Table A.2](#).

Table A.1 Modes Supported for High Resolution Displays

Display	Maximum Resolution
Apple 30” Cinema HD Display (Dual link DVI)	2560x1600 @ 60 Hz
Dell WFP 3007 (Dual Link DVI)	2560x1600 @ 60 Hz
HP LP3065 dual-link DVI flat panel	2560x1600 @ 60Hz.

Table A.2 Non-standard Modes Supported

Resolution		
1680 x 1050		
1366 x 768		

Default Modes Supported by GPU

This section lists the modes that are included by default in the driver INF for the following product families:

- ▶ “GeForce 300, 200, 100, 9 Series, 8 Series, 7 Series, 6 Series, and nForce 7xx/6xx GPUs” on page 42

Understanding the Mode Format

Figure A.1 gives an example of how to read the mode information presented in this section.

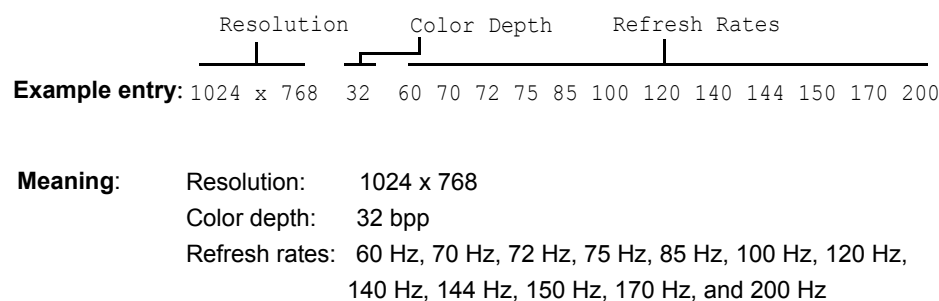


Figure A.1 Mode Format

Note:

- Horizontal spanning modes of 3840x1080 and above, and vertical spanning modes of 1920x2160 and above generally require at least 32 MB of video memory at 32 bpp.
- An “i” next to the refresh rate indicates an interlaced refresh rate.

GeForce 300, 200, 100, 9 Series, 8 Series, 7 Series, 6 Series, and nForce 7xx/6xx GPUs

This sections lists the supported display resolutions, color depths, and refresh rates for the the products listed in [Table 3.1 on page 34](#).

Standard Modes

640 x 480	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
720 x 480	8	60
720 x 576	8	50
800 x 600	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
1024 x 768	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
1152 x 864	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200
1280 x 720	8	60
1280 x 768	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 800	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 960	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 1024	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1360 x 768	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1600 x 900	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150
1600 x 1024	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120
1600 x 1200	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120
1680 x 1050	8	60
1920 x 1080	8	60
1920 x 1200	8	60 70 72 75 85 100
1920 x 1440	8	60 70 72 75 85
2048 x 1536	8	60

640 x 480	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
720 x 480	16	60
720 x 576	16	50
800 x 600	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
1024 x 768	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
1152 x 864	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200
1280 x 720	16	60
1280 x 768	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 800	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 960	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 1024	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1360 x 768	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1600 x 900	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150
1600 x 1024	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120
1600 x 1200	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120
1680 x 1050	16	60
1920 x 1080	16	60

1920 x 1200	16		60 70 72 75 85 100
1920 x 1440	16		60 70 72 75 85
2048 x 1536	16		60

640 x 480	32		60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
720 x 480	32		60
720 x 576	32	50	
800 x 600	32		60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
1024 x 768	32		60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
1152 x 864	32		60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200
1280 x 720	32		60
1280 x 768	32		60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 800	32		60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 960	32		60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 1024	32		60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1360 x 768	32		60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1600 x 900	32		60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150
1600 x 1024	32		60 70 72 75 85 100 120
1600 x 1200	32		60 70 72 75 85 100 120
1680 x 1050	32		60
1920 x 1080	32		60
1920 x 1200	32		60 70 72 75 85 100
1920 x 1440	32		60 70 72 75 85
2048 x 1536	32		60

Modes Supported by TV Encoders

Table A.3 and Table A.4 list the NTSC, PAL, and HDTV TV-Out modes supported by the NVIDIA driver.

Table A.3 Mode Support for S-Video and Composite Out

Resolution	Bit depth	Comments
320x200	8, 16, 32	DirectDraw mode; not selectable as a Windows desktop
320x240	8, 16, 32	DirectDraw mode; not selectable as a Windows desktop
640x400	8, 16, 32	DirectDraw mode; not selectable as a Windows desktop
640x480	8, 16, 32	
720x480	8, 16, 32	Overscans (for video)
720x576	8, 16, 32	Overscans (for video)
800x600	8, 16, 32	
1024x768	8, 16, 32	Conexant 25871 only

Table A.4 Mode Support for Component YPrPb Out and DVI Out

Resolution	Comments
480i (SDTV)	Supported on graphics boards with Conexant 875 or Philips 7108 TV encoders and compatible connectors, and compatible GeForce 8 Series and later GPUs.
480p (EDTV)	
720p (HDTV)	
1080i (HDTV)	
576i (PAL)	
576p (PAL)	

The driver supports manual overscan correction for component and DVI outputs. See the online NVIDIA Control Panel Help for instructions on how to use the overscan correction features.

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