
Subject: NVS 280 Video Card and Dual DVI mode
Posted by [Rich Kelley](#) on Sun, 05 Nov 2006 22:27:00 GMT
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Thoughts?

Thanks,

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Subject: Re: NVS 280 Video Card and Dual DVI mode
Posted by [Rich Kelley](#) on Tue, 07 Nov 2006 04:51:37 GMT
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Bump. Desperate for help.

Rich

"Rich Kelley" <rich_and_barbara@netzero.net> wrote:

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Subject: Re: NVS 280 Video Card and Dual DVI mode
Posted by [Wayne Carson](#) on Sat, 11 Nov 2006 20:33:32 GMT
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"Rich Kelley" <rich_and_barbara@netzero.net> wrote in message
news:454e5724\$1@linux...

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Subject: Re: NVS 280 Video Card and Dual DVI mode
Posted by [Rich Kelley](#) on Wed, 15 Nov 2006 23:51:35 GMT
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Thanks for the response Wayne.

In my case the monitors are brand new and they will all work in DVI mode.
The specific problem is that output #2 of the DVI splitter cable from the
NVS 280 will not drive a monitor in DVI. If I put a DVI-VGA adaptor on it
then it works fine, but I have Matrox G450s that will drive two monitors
in VGA. I wanted dual DVI.

All I can conclude at this point is that the card doesn't work in dual mode
with two DVIs. That's a drag and, quite frankly, a rip-off. Oh well, I
have a single DVI @ 1600x1200 and they were cheap.

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