
Subject: New 'puter

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Hey all,

Well, in case anyone here cares, I had a mobo fail on me a bit ago. Computer no workee. I can build my own, of course, but I'm sick of doing that and hate troubleshooting hardware at that level. At least give me a POST so I'm not looking up beep codes, or worse yet remembering I never plugged in the system sound so can't even hear the damn beep codes.

I could have hired Morgan or Chris to do the job for me of course. But I'm pretty savvy with computers after 15 years working on them and really just didn't want to do the build myself, the config/research value-add that those guys give don't do much for me. So instead I had an online custom builder who does gamer boxes do it for me. Or at least I ordered it. Here's the config.

Asus P5Q Pro mobo, Intel P45 chipset

Core2 Quad Q6600 (4x 2.4 Ghz)

2GB DDR2 memory

ATI 3850 video card that will drive a 2560x1600 30" display

Intel certified liquid cooling system

Cheapest everything else (DVD RW, hard drive, etc and so forth, I have all of those parts)

That was \$849 + shipping.

I realize this isn't the absolute cheapest price possible for this rig but I think I got a decent deal and there were a couple of things I liked about these guys. They don't force me to buy a Windows license (I have about half a dozen ways I can legitimately install XP and Vista on this thing), they were good about helping me find a few of the components, and they didn't try to upsell me on all kinds of stupid shit I don't need like \$500 video cards.

We'll see. Pulsar users claim this chipset will play nice with my card but I'll believe it when I see it, esp with the quad processor. The LSI firewire chipset is something even MOTU will support, and one that LiquidMix users have switched TO on the forums, so the small (x2) PCI slot count shouldn't bite me on the ass. If those two things will work I can deal with pretty much anything else.

I'll keep the group posted on what I find, as usual this will be an SX/Live/Reason machine with 15,000 plug-ins and synths on it.

TCB

P.S. In a diametrically opposed treat I also bought myself a Leica IIIf camera from 1952. New tech does a lot more but the purely mechanical devices of the past are pretty freaking cool.
