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Subject: Potential expansion option...

Posted by [kerryg](#) on Fri, 28 Feb 2014 16:26:13 GMT

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There may be no direct Thunderbolt-to-old-style-PCI chassis yet, but as the ExpressCard version of Magma chassis is plummeting in value this will be an interesting option to investigate:

[http://eshop.macsales.com/item/Sonnet%20Technologies/ECHOPRO E34/](http://eshop.macsales.com/item/Sonnet%20Technologies/ECHOPRO%20E34/)

Basically it gives any Thunderbolt-equipped Mac an old style ExpressCard/34 slot for \$170.

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Subject: Re: Potential expansion option...

Posted by [dnafe](#) on Sat, 01 Mar 2014 11:28:29 GMT

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So is the Virtuavia expansion thing officially dead in the water?

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Subject: Re: Potential expansion option...

Posted by [mikeaudet](#) on Tue, 06 May 2014 22:38:21 GMT

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I've contacted Virtua Via a bunch of time by email and phone, and they have not replied. I think they're out of business. It's too bad because my chassis is working great.

The express card option is a good one. Thanks for checking into that, Kerry!

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Subject: Re: Potential expansion option...

Posted by [mikeaudet](#) on Fri, 09 May 2014 11:23:03 GMT

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I stand corrected - I contacted Virtua Via one last time, and they responded. The Virtua Via expansion chassis is still available!

Here's what they wrote:

>>Hello,

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>>Yes it is please order on our website [www.virtuavia.eu](http://www.virtuavia.eu)

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>>Best regards,

I'm not sure what the dead air was about, but they seem to be responding again.

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I hope this helps.

Mike