AG32S

RAGE^{TM} 128 Pro Graphics Accelerator

USER'S MANUAL

Chapter 1 User's Manual

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1.INTRODUCTION

1.1. PREFACE

At the center of the AG series performance is a unique 128-bit, SuperScalar Rendering architecture designed to operate at dramatically elevated memory and engine speeds. Single-Pass Multi Texturing (SMT) enables advanced 3D effects like texturing, lighting and shading at full performance. Additional gains are obtained with ATI's unique Twin-Cache Architecture (TCA) which incorporates texture and pixel cache to increase the effective memory bandwidth for extra performance..

1.2. KEY FEATURES

- Features 32MB of memory and ATI RAGE 128 PRO™ graphics technology
- Full 3D acceleration in all modes and color depths in resolutions up to 1920x1200 @ 32bpp
- DirectX®, Direct3D, DirectDraw
- Triangle Setup Engine
- Texture Cache
- Bilinear/Trilinear Filtering
- Line & Edge Anti-Aliasing
- Z-buffering and Double-buffering

2.HARDWARE INSTALLATION

⚠️ WARNING!

Expansion cards contain very delicate Integrated Circuit (IC) chips. To protect them against damage from static electricity, you should follow some precautions whenever you work on your computer.

1. Turn off your computer and unplug power supply.
2. Use a grounded wrist strap before handling computer components. If you do not have one, touch both of your hands to a safely grounded object or to a metal object, such as the power supply case.
3. Place components on a grounded antistatic pad or on the bag that came with the components whenever the components are separated from the system.

The card contains sensitive electric components, which can be easily damaged by static electricity, so the card should be left in its original packing until it is installed.

Unpacking and installation should be done on a grounded anti-static mat. The operator should be wearing an anti-static wristband, grounded at the same point as the anti-static mat.

Inspect the card carton for obvious damage. Shipping and handling may cause damage to your card. Be sure there are no shipping and handling damages on the card before proceeding.

● ☞ **DO NOT APPLY POWER TO YOUR SYSTEM IF IT HAS BEEN DAMAGED ON THE CARD.**

● ☞ **In order to ensure your graphics card working correctly, please use official Gigabyte BIOS only Use none official gigabyte BIOS might cause problem on the graphics card.**

2.1. UNPACKING

The AG32S package contains the following:

- The AG32S graphics accelerator
- This USER'S MANUAL
- DVD Player software included
- Lite version 3D Game x2 (CD x 1)
- CD for driver & Utilities

2.2. BOARD LAYOUT

AG32S (4Mx16 32MB SDRAM)

4Mx16 Frame Buffer SDRAM

BIOS

ATi
RAGE 128 Pro

VGA Monitor
Connector
(15pin)

VGA Output

VGA Output

VGA Monitor
Connector
(15pin)
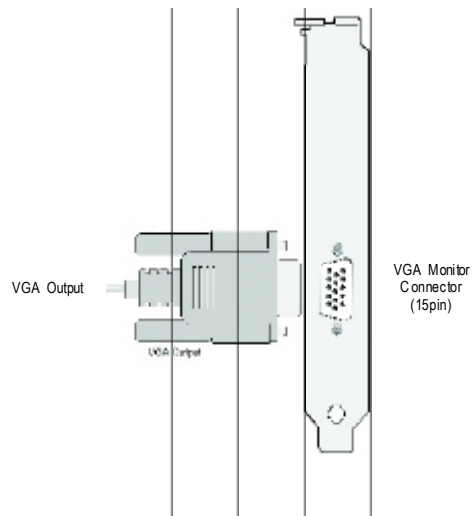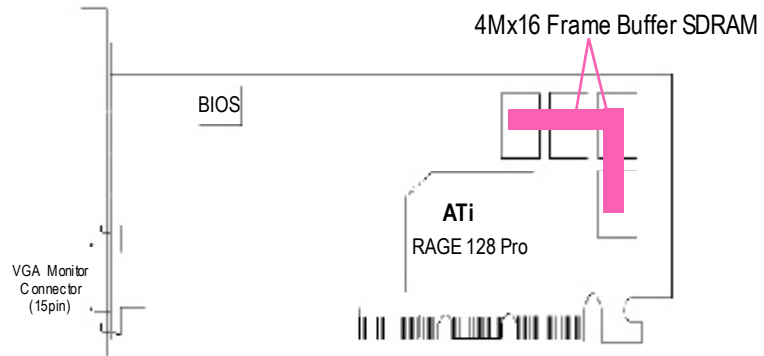
2.3. HARDWARE INSTALLATION

Installing Your Graphics card..

Now that you have prepared your computer, you are ready to install your graphics accelerator card.

To install your graphics accelerator card

1. Power off the computer and monitor , then disconnect the display cable from the
   back of your computer.

2. Remove the computer cover. If necessary, consult your computer's manual for help
   in removing the cover.

3. Remove any existing graphics card from your computer.
   Or, if your computer has any on-board graphics capability, you may need to disable it
   on the motherboard. For more information, see your computer documentation.

4. Locate the AGP slot. If necessary, remove the metal cover from this slot; then align your Graphics card with the AGP slot, and press it in firmly until the card is fully eated.

AG32S Graphics card

AGP Slot
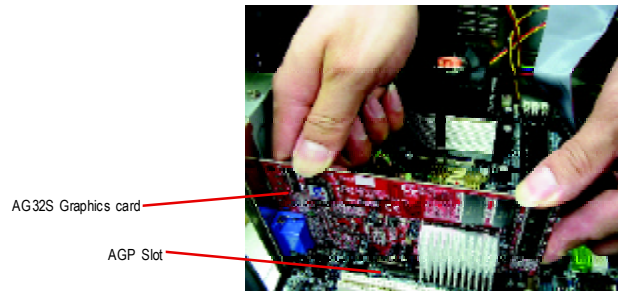
5. Replace the screw to fasten the card in place, and replace the computer cover.

AG32S Graphics card
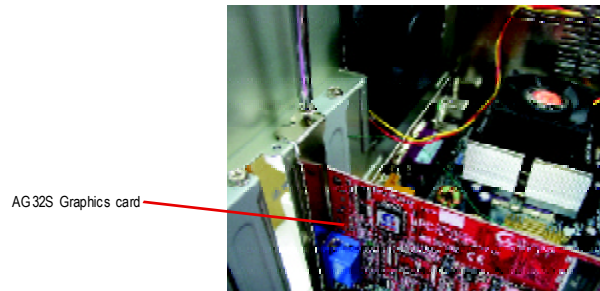
6. Plug the display cable into your card; then turn on the computer and monitor.

To VGA MONITOR

You are now ready to proceed with the installation of the Graphics card driver. For detailed instructions, select your operating system from the list below:

3.SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

In this manual, we assume that your CD-ROM Drive letter to be Drive D:

3.1. WINDOWS®98 /98SE or WINDOWS ME /WINDOWS XP DRIVER AND UTILITIES INSTALLATION

The installation of Win 98/98SE / Win ME / Win XP drivers is very simple.
When you insert the driver CD into your CD-ROM drive, you can see the AUTORUN window (if it does not show up, run "D:\setup.exe"). Then you can follow guides to setup your **AG32S** driver (Please follow the subsection 3.1.3 "Step By Step Installation" to install the driver for your graphics accelerator.

3.1.1. Operating system requirement

● If your OS is Microsoft Windows, when loading the **AG32S** drivers for the system, please make sure your system (Windows 98/98SE or Windows ME)has installed DirectX8.1 or later.

● If you install the **AG32S** drivers for the mainboard, which consist of SIS, ALI or VIA chipsets, please install the appropriate Driver program for that mainboard. Or please contact your motherboard nearest dealer for M/B Diver.

3.1.2.DirectX Installation

Install Microsoft DirectX 8.1 to enable 3D hardware acceleration support for Win98/ 98SE or WinME to achieve better 3D performence.

Note: For software MPEG support in Win98/98SE or WinME, you must DirectX first install.

1. Installation DirectX Driver
Click "Install DirectX 8.1" Item.

2.Click "Yes" icon.

3.Click "Yes" icon.

4.Click "OK" item.
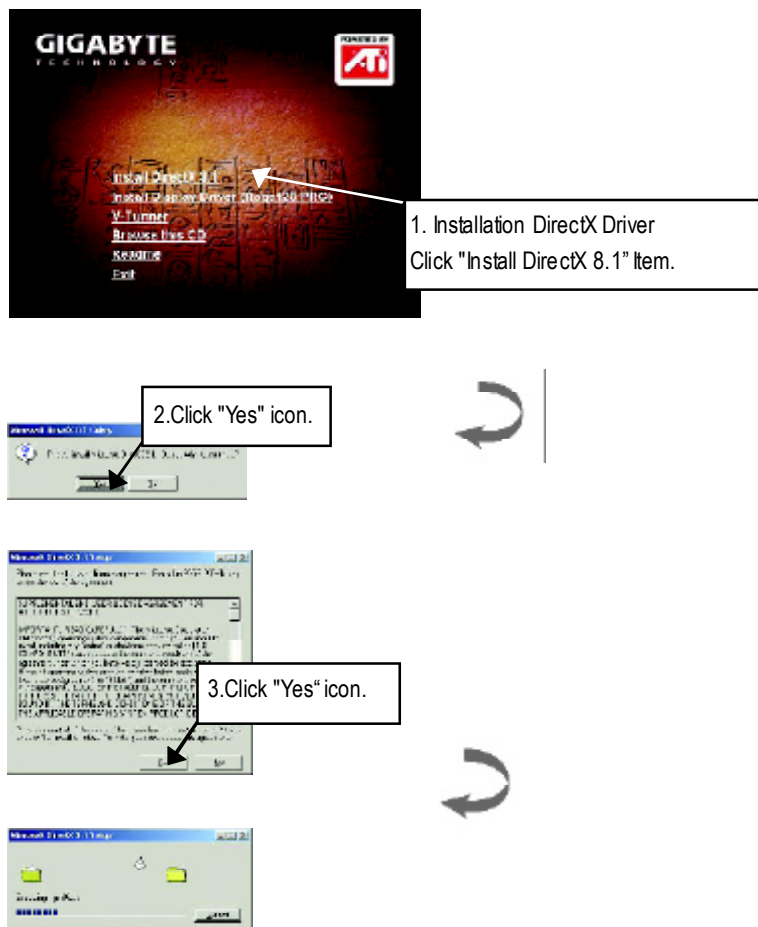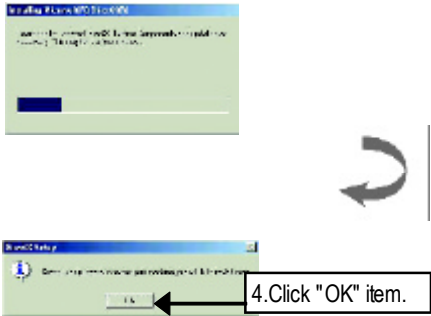
Then the DirectX 8.1 installation is completed.
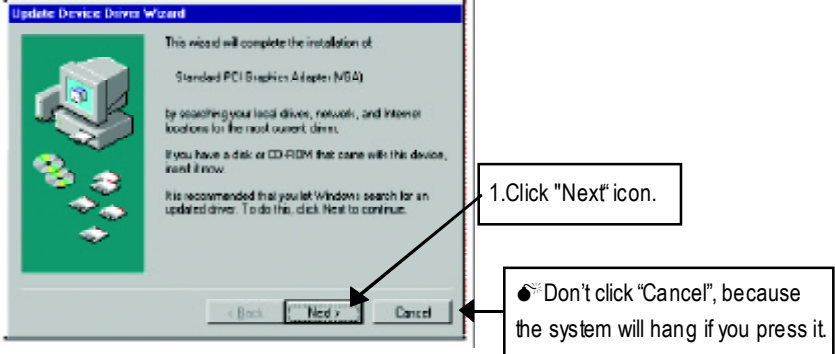
3.1.3.Driver Installation

The following is the step-by-step installation guide.

Step 1: New Hardware Found

After **AG32S** is inserted into your computer at the first time, the windows will automatically detect a new hardware in the system and pop out a "New Hardware Found" message. Please select "Do not install a driver" and press OK.

Step 2: Update Device Driver Wizard: Standard PCI Graphics Adapter(VGA)

1.Click "Next" icon.
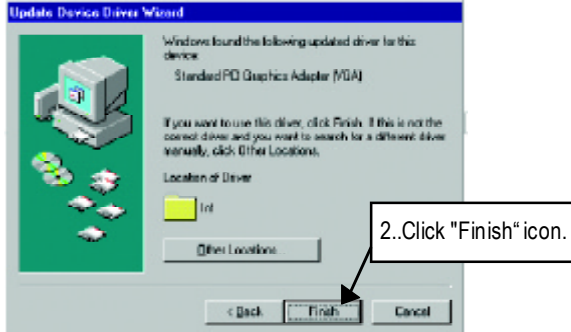
☀Don't click "Cancel", because the system will hang if you press it.

Step 3: Update Device Driver Wizard: Finish

At this time, system will ask for your Windows CD in order to complete the VGA driver installation.

If you don't have the CD, you can press C:\Windows\System directory.

Step 4: System Setting Change

2..Click "Finish" icon.
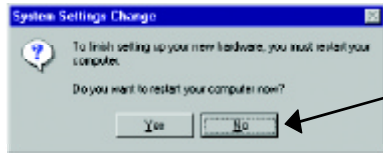
3..Click "NO" icon.

After the system has finished loading, insert the AG32S driver CD disk into your CD-ROM, and then you can see the AUTORUN window. If it does not show up, please run "D:\setup.exe".

Step 5: Driver Setup

1. Click "Install Display Driver(Rage 128 Pro).
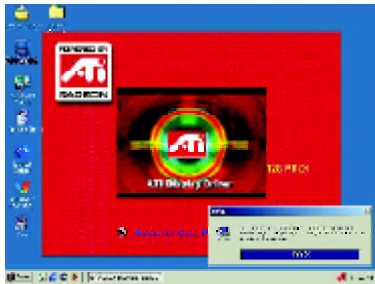
2.Click "Next" icon.

3.Click "Yes" icon.
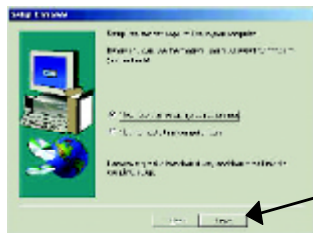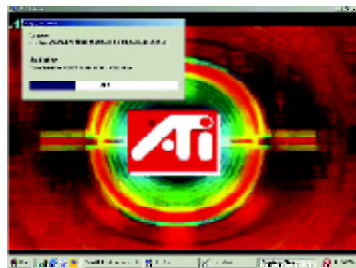
4.Click "Finish" icon to restart computer.

3.1.4.Utilities on driver CD

The utilities include Display Driver and V-Tuner utilities. Please browse the driver CD for detail.

3.1.5 Taskbar Icon

After installation of the display drivers, you will find an GBT icon on the taskbar's status area. Right-clicking this icon opens the GBT control panel, showing a menu composed of shortcute of the graphics board's enhanced and other functions.
You may click the "Display Properties" item, and then click Settings. Click "Advanced" after clickng Settings. Click the appropriate tab to change your display settings.

You can link to GBT web site for updated information about the graphics borad, latest drivers, and other information.

V-Tuner (Overclock Utility)

V-Tuner lets you adjust the working frequency of the graphic engine and video memory (Core Clock and Memory Clock)
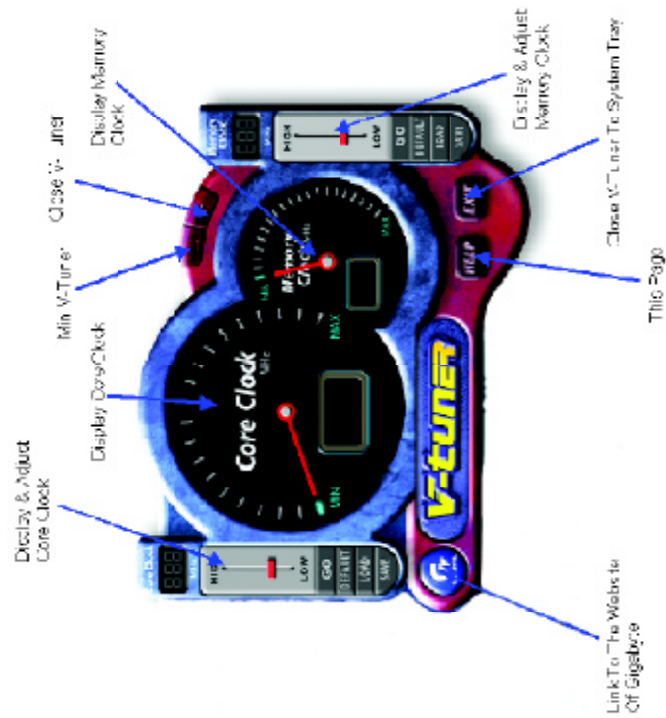
VGA Info

VGA Info lists the relevant information about your card.

Color Adjust

Color Adjust allows you to make color adjustments, such as brightness, contrast, and gamma values for each or all of RGB colors.

3.1.6.Display Property pages

The screen shows the information of display adapter, color, the range of display area and the refresh rate.

Setting (Resolutions and Color depth for windows)

The Setting properties page allows you to adjust the Direct 3D settings

You can move the slider to the change resolution.

Click" Advanced.."icon for adapter and setting.

You can click the item to change the color depth.
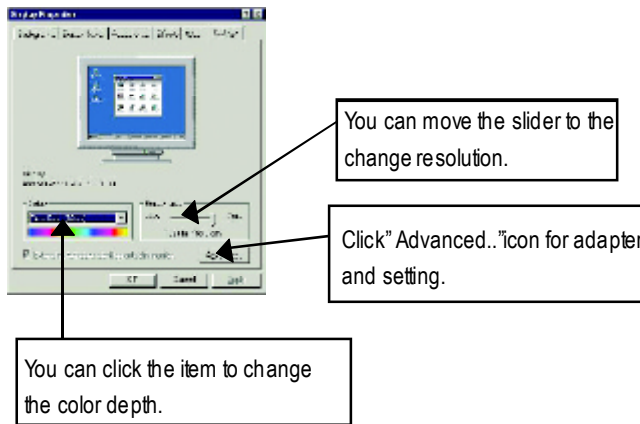
Options Properties

■ **Enable ATI taskbar icon application** enables or disables the ATI taskbar icon. However, this feature must be enabled for ATI hotkey support.

■ **Show ATI icon on taskbar** adds or removes the ATI icon from the taskbar.

OpenGL Properties:

The OpenGL properties page gives you complete control of the OpenGL settings.
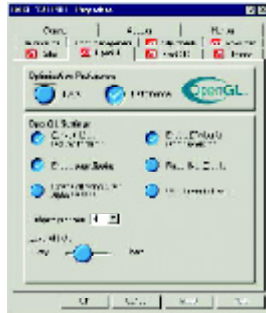
- ■ **Optimization Preference**
  - ● **Quality** allows you to optimize your OpenGL settings for quality.
  - ● **Performance** allows you to optimize your OpenGL settings for performance
- ■ **OpenGL Settings**
  - ● **Convert 32 bit textures to 16 bit** allows you to increase video performance for games that make heavy use of textures. However this could also reduce image quality.
  - ● **Enable KTX buffer region extension** enables rapid updates of those portions of your screen that have been moved.
  - ● **Enable page flipping** allows you to enable hardware acceleration of page flipping to swap full screen buffers.
  - ● **Force 16-bit Z-buffering** allows you to disable all other formats of Z-buffer and utilizes 16-bit Z-buffering.
  - ● **Disable dithering when alpha blending** may remove artifacts left on the screen when both dithering and alpha blending are enabled.
  - ● **Wait for vertical sync** lowers the frames per second rate in full screen games However this can reduce the image tearing that can occur with higher frame rates.
  - ● **Level of Detail** allows you to set the level of mipmapped detail.
    The **Sharp** setting is recommended for larger, more detailed, mipmapping scenes
    The **Fuzzy** setting is recommended for smaller, less detailed, mipmapping scenes.

<u>Direct 3D Display Properties</u>

The Direct 3D properties page allows you to adjust the Direct 3D settings.
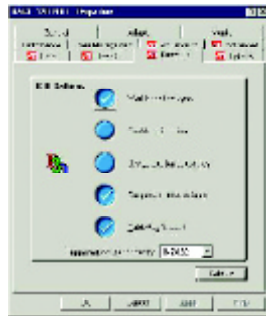
D3D Settings

- **Wait for vertical sync** allows you to lower the frame rate of full screen games. This will . reduce image tearing that can occur with higher frame rates.

- **Compressed texture format** allows you to enable support for DirectX compressed texture formats. Some applications cannot handle too many texture formats. Disabling compressed texture format the video driver ceases to support this feature. This reduces the number of texture formats supported.

- **Anti-aliasing** provides you with an overall higher quality video image with a slight reduction in performance. When "Application Preference" mode is selected, the video driver will use anti-aliasing only when an application requests it. When "Always On" mode is selected, the video driver will force anti-aliasing on all applications.

- **Defaults** restores your Direct 3D setting to their default values.

Color Properties

The Color Properties is used to adjust the color settings. It also allows gamma control for video playing of the Video Overlay. The color settings affect all display devices mapped to the view. You can change red, green, and blue display colors. Set Desktop and Video Overlay brightness (gamma) levels can also be changed.
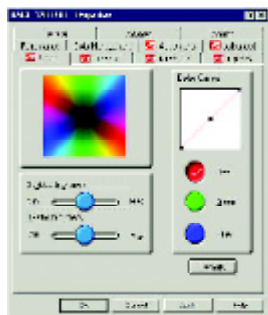
■ **Desktop brightness** increases or decreases the color brightness of you desktop. The higher the gamma value, the higher the brightness and contrast of your display.

■ **Overlay brightness** increases or decreases the color brightness of your video overlay window. The higher the gamma value, the higher the brightness and contrast of your display.

■ **Color Curve** adjusts the selected color (red, green, or blue) by moving the color curve with your mouse.

■ **Default** restores the color settings to the default values.

Advanced Properties:

In the Synchronization box, click the Horizontal or Vertical buttons to adjust synchronization.

Adjustments Properties:

Click one of the four position arrows in the Screen Position area to change your screen position.

The four position arrows shift your display left, right, up, or down.
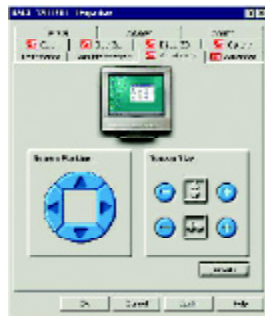
3.2. WINDOWS NT 4.0 DRIVER INSTALLATION

Please make sure the Windows NT 4.0 have installed Windows NT 4.0 Service Pack version 6.0 (or later) before installing the graphics accelerator driver.

To install the AG32S driver for Windows NT

1. Insert the INSTALLATION CD into your CD-ROM drive. If Windows ® runs the CD automatically.
2. Click Start.
3. Select Run.
4. Type the following:
    D:\SETUP
    (If D is not your CD-ROM drive, substitute D with the correct drive letter.)
5. Click "OK".
6. Click on "Install Display Drivers(Rage 128 Pro)" to begin the Installation Wizard.
7. Click "Next".
8. Click" Yes" to the license agreement.
9. Follow the Wizard's on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

3.3.WINDOWS 2000 DRIVER INSTALLATION

Please make sure the Windows 2000 have installed Windows ®2000 Service Pack version 2 (or later) before installing the graphics accelerator driver.

With Windows ® 2000 running on your computer, you need to install the AG32S driver to take advantage of the higher performance, resolutions, and special graphic features of the Graphics card. To ensure you install the latest driver, use the Installation CD that shipped with your Graphics card.

To install the AG32S driver for Windows ® 2000

1. Insert the INSTALLATION CD into your CD-ROM drive. If Windows R runs the CD automatically.
2. Click Start.
3. Select Run.
4. Type the following:
    D:\SETUP
    (If D is not your CD-ROM drive, substitute D with the correct drive letter.)
5. Click "OK".
6. Click on "Install Display Drivers(Rage 128 Pro)" to begin the Installation Wizard.
7. Click "Next".
8. Click "Yes" to the license agreement.
9. Follow the Wizard's on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

3.4.BIOS FLASH UTILITY

AG32S BIOS update procedure:

♣Note: Please download the newest BIOS from our website (www.gigabyte.com.tw) . or contact your local dealer for the file.

♣If you want to realize the BIOS flash information, please refer to detail on P.25

4.Troubleshooting Tips

The following troubleshooting tips may help if you experience problems. Contact your
dealer or GBT for more advanced troubleshooting information.

- Check that the card is seated properly in the AGP slot.
- Ensure the display cable is securely fastened to the card's display connector.
- Make sure that the monitor and computer are plugged in and receiving power.
- If necessary, disable any built-in graphics capabilities on your motherboard. For
  more information, consult your computer's manual or manufacturer. (NOTE:
  Some manufacturers do not allow the built-in graphics to be disabled or to
  become the secondary display.)
- Make sure you selected the appropriate display device and graphics card when
  you installed the graphics driver.
- For more troubleshooting tips, right-click the ATI icon in the taskbar and select
  Troubleshooting.
- If you have problems during bootup, start your computer in Safe Mode. In
  Windows®98 SE and Windows ® Me, press and hold the CTRL key until the
  Microsoft ® Windows ® Startup Menu appears on the screen. Then select the
  number for Safe Mode, and press Enter. (You can also use F8 to bring up the
  Microsoft Windows ®Startup Menu.) In Safe Mode, bring up the Device
  Manager and check for duplicate display adapter and monitor entries if you are
  only using one graphics card.
- For more assistance, use the Troubleshooting Guide located in the Windows®
  Help or contact your computer manufacturer.

5.Appendix

5.1. How to reflash the BIOS

How to reflash the BIOS for your graphics card?

1. Extract the Zip file to the drive C: or A:
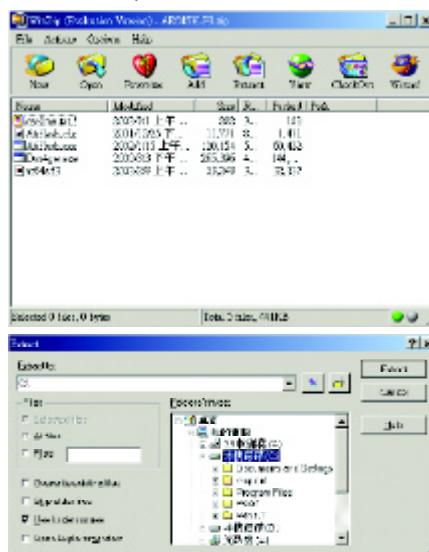
2. Restart your PC in MS-DOS mode

    (This function only for Windows 98/98SE, If your OS is Windows 2000 /
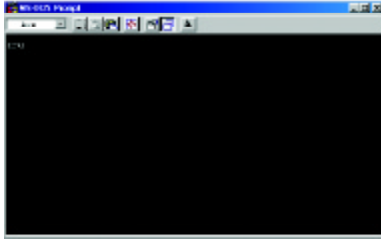   Windows Me / Windows XP please use the bootable disk to MS-DOS mode)
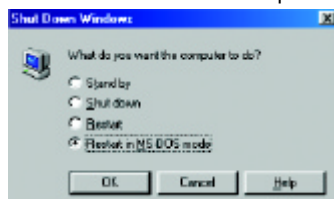
3. Change the command path to the file location C:\> or A:\>

4. Reflash BIOS command as below : C:\> atiflash -p 0 <filename>
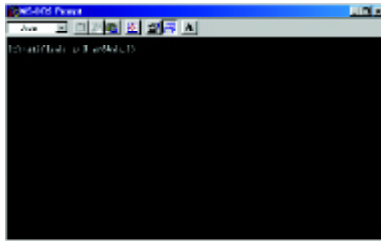
5. Reboot your PC when it's done.

5.2. Resolutions and Color Depth Table

2D Rage 128 Pro GL with SDR (Frame Buffer Memory Size 32MB)

Display Screen Resolution	Refresh Rate (Hz)	Hor. Scan (KHz)	Pixel Clock (Mhz)	Color Depth (bpp) 8bpp(256 color) Standard mode	16bpp(65K color) High mode	32bpp(16.7M) True mode
	60	31.5	25.2	✓	✓	✓
	72	37.9	31.5	✓	✓	✓
	75	37.5	31.5	✓	✓	✓
640x480	85	43.3	36.0	✓	✓	✓
	90	45.4	37.8	✓	✓	✓
	100	50.9	43.1	✓	✓	✓
	120	61.8	52.4	✓	✓	✓
	160	84.3	72.8	✓	✓	✓
	200	108.0	95.0	✓	✓	✓
	48	26.4	29.3	✓	✓	✓
	56	35.1	36.0	✓	✓	✓
	60	37.9	39.9	✓	✓	✓
	70	43.7	45.5	✓	✓	✓
	72	48.1	50.0	✓	✓	✓
800x600	75	46.9	49.5	✓	✓	✓
	85	53.7	56.3	✓	✓	✓
	90	56.8	60.0	✓	✓	✓
	100	63.6	68.1	✓	✓	✓
	120	77.1	83.9	✓	✓	✓
	160	105.4	116.4	✓	✓	✓
	180	120.0	132.5	✓	✓	✓
	200	135.0	149.0	✓	✓	✓
	43	35.5	44.9	✓	✓	✓
	60	48.4	65.0	✓	✓	✓
	70	56.5	75.0	✓	✓	✓
	72	57.6	78.4	✓	✓	✓
1024x768	75	60.0	78.8	✓	✓	✓
	85	68.7	94.5	✓	✓	✓
	90	72.8	100.1	✓	✓	✓
	100	81.4	113.3	✓	✓	✓

To be continued..

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	120	98.7	139.0	✓	✓	✓
	140	116.6	164.2	✓	✓	✓
	150	125.7	176.9	✓	✓	✓
1024x768	160	134.8	192.0	✓	✓	✓
	180	153.5	218.6	✓	✓	✓
	200	172.8	246.1	✓	✓	✓
	43	38.0	56.0	✓	✓	✓
	47	41.7	62.1	✓	✓	✓
	60	53.7	81.6	✓	✓	✓
	70	63.0	96.7	✓	✓	✓
	75	67.5	108.0	✓	✓	✓
1152x864	80	72.4	112.3	✓	✓	✓
	85	77.0	119.6	✓	✓	✓
	100	91.5	143.4	✓	✓	✓
	120	111.1	176.0	✓	✓	✓
	150	141.4	226.3	✓	✓	✓
	160	151.6	242.6	✓	✓	✓
	43	45.1	75.1	✓	✓	✓
	47	49.4	83.0	✓	✓	✓
	60	64.0	108.0	✓	✓	✓
	70	74.6	128.9	✓	✓	✓
	74	79.0	138.5	✓	✓	✓
1280x1024	75	80.0	135.0	✓	✓	✓
	85	91.1	157.5	✓	✓	✓
	90	97.0	169.2	✓	✓	✓
	100	108.5	190.9	✓	✓	✓
	120	131.6	233.7	✓	✓	✓
	125	137.6	244.4	✓	✓	✓
	130	143.5	254.9	✓	✓	✓
	52	64.2	137.7	✓	✓	✓
	58	71.9	155.4	✓	✓	✓
1600x1200	60	75.0	162.0	✓	✓	✓
	66	82.2	178.9	✓	✓	✓
	72	90.0	195.9	✓	✓	✓
	75	93.8	202.5	✓	✓	✓

To be continued..

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1600x1200	76	95.2	208.7	✓	✓	✓
	85	106.3	229.5	✓	✓	✓
	90	113.8	251.2	✓	✓	✓
1792x1344	60	83.5	203.0	✓	✓	✓
	75	105.2	259.3	✓	✓	✓
1800x1440	60	89.4	219.5	✓	✓	✓
	65	97.1	238.5	✓	✓	✓
	70	104.9	249.9	✓	✓	✓
	75	112.7	278.7	✓	✓	✓
1920x1080	60	67.0	172.7	✓	✓	✓
	70	78.6	205.1	✓	✓	✓
	75	84.6	220.6	✓	✓	✓
	80	90.4	237.4	✓	✓	✓
1920x1200	60	74.5	193.1	✓	✓	✓
	72	90.0	222.2	✓	✓	✓
	75	93.9	231.4	✓	✓	✓
	76	95.2	245.0	✓	✓	✓
	80	100.5	263.7	✓	✓	✓
	85	107.1	282.7	✓	✓	✓
1920x1440	60	89.4	234.5	✓	✓	✓
	75	112.7	297.6	✓	✓	✓
2048x1536	60	95.3	267.0	✓	✓	✓
	70	111.9	315.2	✓	✓	✓
	75	120.2	340.5	✓	✓	✓