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Frequently Asked Questions

Which Video Card Should I Pick?

Neither video card is categorically better than the other, but they do have individual strengths. We feel that the less expensive Radeon card is a much better general purpose card, so we are recommending it for most people. It works better with HitFilm, which is our preferred video editor. However, Adobe Systems works closely with Nvidia, so the Nvidia card is reported to work significantly better with all of Adobe's software (ie. Premiere Pro, After Effects, etc.). Steam and many other gaming companies also have collaborations with Nvidia, so it is a better choice for the most extreme gamers. However, few gamers will need that much power to be perfectly honest. Both of the choices are magnificent. They were carefully selected as the best overall value, because higher-end cards only have a much greater expense with very rapidly diminishing returns in performance.

What Should I Choose For My Drive Option?

The wisest answer is to get a standard hard drive whether you need a solid state drive or not. A solid state (memory) drive has a battery, and eventually it will lose all of its data when its battery dies. They are also more prone to dying from electrical surges. Hard drives, on the other hand, have been in the process of being perfected since the 1970's. They are extremely reliable in data retention. It is important to note that a drive can be replaced, but data is gone forever once it is lost. Countless companies have died because they did not take their data integrity and backup routines seriously. Not losing everything is a fairly important priority as far as we are concerned, and it is a risk that should concern you too. Therefore, whatever you do, we foremost recommend that you not just get a solid state drive. A common practice is to make a solid state drive the main bootable drive containing the operating system and whichever files are currently being worked upon (eg. the workspace) and use a hard drive as the place for archiving important files. This is the best setup for whenever performance needs to be at its maximum, and it is what we do in our systems. In summary, we recommend only getting a hard drive if you need to save some money on your purchase, but get both types of drives if you can afford to pay for the extra speed that a solid state drive provides. A solid state drive significantly accelerates boot times and software installations. Other than that, the performance boost is largely influenced by how much the software operates with proxies, temporary files, and etc. Video editors should get both.