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## I. INTRODUCTION

The **Vulcan 2** Game Accelerator has been implemented with 3Dfx's **Interactive Voodoo 2** game accelerator. That provides the highest performance 3D solution with full PC compatibility for multimedia graphics acceleration.

### 1.1 General Feature Description

Feature	Product Model
	Vulcan 2
2D Graphic Engine	NO
Integrated DAC	135 MHz
3D Setup/Rendering Engine	3Dfx Voodoo 2 chipset
3D Frame Buffer Size	4 MB
3D Texture Buffer Size	8 MB
Total Memory Size	12 MB
PCI v2.1 Bus interface	YES
3D Glasses support	NO

### 1.2 3D Feature Description

- Perspective correct texture mapping
- Bi-linear and tri-linear texture filtering
- Level-of-detail (LOD) MIP mapping
- Sub-pixel and sub-textel correction
- Polygonal-based Gouraud shading and texture modulation
- Full 24-bit rendering, dithered to 16-bit RGB
- Multiple texture formats including 8-bit compressed and 8-bit paletted formats
- Full bi-linear blending of paletted and compressed textures
- Anti-aliasing
- Depth buffering (16-bit linear, 22-bit effective)
- Alpha blending
- Per-pixel special effects: fog, transparency, translucency
- Texture compositing, morphing, animation
- Linear frame buffer access
- Triangle Setup Unit (TSU)
- Strips and Fans



**1.3 Features**

Support for PCI 2.0 and 2.1 spec slots (newer 2.0 slots)  
 4 MB of Frame Buffer  
 Support for up to 2 Texture mapping units (TMU)  
 8 MB of Texture memory per TMU  
 Support for Scan Line Interleave (SLI) Allows for 2 Voodoo 2 boards to be connected and operate as one board, doubling fill rate and increasing supported resolutions.

**1.4 Supported processors and architectures**

- PC Intel Pentium
- PC Intel Pentium Pro
- PC Intel Pentium II
- Cyrix 6X86
- Cyrix 5X86
- AMD K5
- AMD K6

Note: Some titles may require sufficient floating pit resources for optimum performance. Running these titles on a Cyrix or AMD CPU may yield poor performance.

**1.5 Software Drivers List**

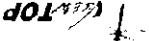
- Windows95 or latest version
- Windows NT 3.5/4.0
- DOS 6.22 or latest version

**1.6 System Requirements**

- 120MHz (or faster) Intel Pentium™ CPU
- Vacant PCI slot
- Minimum 16MB RAM, 32MB Recommended
- For Glide: MS-DOS@ revision 6.22 or higher, Windows@ 95 or Windows@ NT 4.0
- For Direct3D/DirectDraw (Windows @95 or Windows @98)

**1.7 Direct3D Support**

Direct3D support is provided for Windows95 Direct 3D is actually supported via DirectDraw, however Voodoo2 only supports Direct3D, full DirectDraw support is



not provided. Direct3D is a Microsoft supported API, please see [www.microsoft.com/medadev](http://www.microsoft.com/medadev) for more information.

Direct3D on Vulcan 2 supports the fulling resolutions under Windows95

Display mode	Frame Buffer	Refresh Rates	Color Depth
512X384 16bpp	No z-buffer	60(72*),75,85,120	24
	With z-buffer	2MB	24
640X400 16bpp	No z-buffer	70,75,85,120	24
	With z-buffer	2MB	24
640X480 16bpp	No z-buffer	60,75,85,120	24
	With z-buffer	2MB	24
800X600 16bpp	No z-buffer	60,75,85,120	24(16 at 120hz)
	With z-buffer	4MB	
1024X768 16bpp	No z-buffer	60,75,85	16
	With z-buffer	4MB+SLI	

\*=72 hz is used are place of 60hz when run in an SLI config

NOTE: The Direct3D driver for Voodoo2 supports Trilinear filtering when running with 2 TMU.

**1.8 Glide Support**

Glide is 3DFX native API which is supported by 3DFX interactive, Inc. Voodoo2 supports Glide 2.2 or higher based applications will run, however applications may not function with certain DAC configurations. (These earlier versions of Glide do not support other 3DFX hardware) Please see [www.3dfx.com](http://www.3dfx.com) for more information.

Glide on Voodoo2 supports the following full screen resolutions under Windows95, Windows NT and DOS:

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	With z-buffer	2MB	24
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	With z-buffer	4MB	
1024X768 16bpp	No z-buffer	60,75,85	16
	With z-buffer	4MB+SLI	

\*=72hz is used is place of 60hz when run in an SLI config.

**NOTE:**Resolutions used by Glide can only be set by the application. Not all games support all resolutions or allows the use of a resolution other than the 640X480.

Other API are supported by using Glide as a layer, these API include; Renderware, Brender and 3DfxGL (3Dfx GLQuake Driver)

### 1.9 Hardware Board Installation

#### Single Board Installation

- 1) Shutdown the system and turn off the PC
- 2) Open the computer and locate a free PCI slot.
- 3) Remove the cover for that slot from the computer chassis
- 4) Place the Vulcan2 board into that slot and screw the board in.
- 5) Replace the computer cover.
- 6) Place the VGA monitor cable into the Vulcan2 Card.
- 7) Plug the pass-thru cable from the Vulcan2 card into the 2D card

**NOTE:**Please see the troubleshooting section to resolve any hardware installation problems.

#### Dual Board Installation for Scan Line Interleave (SLI)

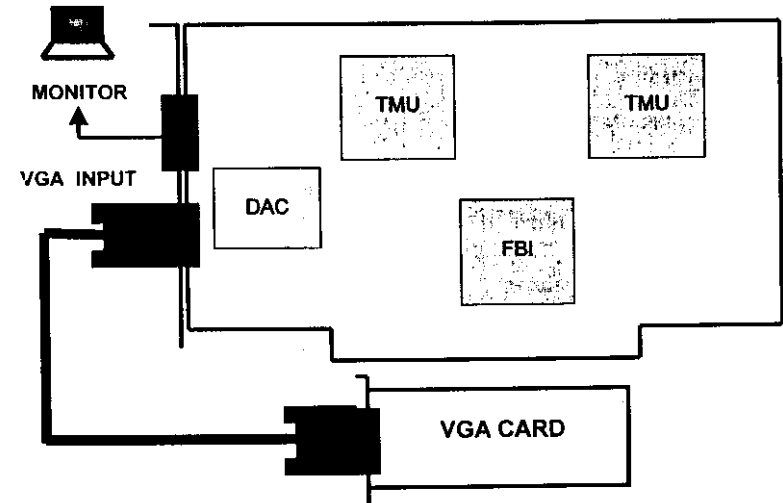
- 1) Shutdown the system and turn off the PC
- 2) Open the computer and locate two free PCI slots next to each other
- 3) Remove the cover for both slots from the computer chassis.
- 4) Connect the SLI connector to both boards.
- 5) Carefully position both boards into the slots then screw the boards in. Ensure the SLI connector is installed correctly.
- 6) Replace the computer cover.
- 7) Place the VGA monitor cable into either of the two Vulcan2 cards.
- 8) Plug the pass-thru cable from the Vulcan2 (the card the monitor is plugged into) into the 2D card.

### 1.10 Advanced Information

For more information, please refer to 3Dfx web site at:  
<http://www.3dfx.com/>

## 2 Hardware Information

### 2.1 Configuring the Vulcan 2



### 2.2 Understand your Vulcan 2

1. **Monitor Connector:** This connector accepts the video cable from the monitor, where the Vulcan 2 accelerator is attached.
2. **VGA input Connector:** This connector accepts the pas-thru cable from the VGA card (The cable is bundled in BOX.).

The driver is compatible with DirectX. Please obtain a release of this software if you require DirectDraw/Direct3D acceleration.

### 3.1.2 Direct3D

The driver contains a Direct3D HAL driver. This enables hardware acceleration of Direct3D applications. Some features are currently still under development and there are limitations which should be understood before attempting to run Direct3D or Retained Mode Direct3D programs. Most of these features do not affect current Direct3D/DirectDraw applications.

### 3.1.3 Other API

Other API are supported by using Glide as a layer, these API include: Renderware, Brnder, GLQuake Driver (3Dfx GLQuake Driver)

### 3.2 Windows NT 3.5x/4.0

1. Insert the Windows NT driver diskette into floppy disk A, or put VIEWTOP Driver CD into CD-ROM drive.
2. Select \Voodoo\ Vulcan2\ Wint directory
3. Run V2nt.exe
4. It will lead you to setup Glide driver in Windows NT.

Before installing the video driver, make sure Windows NT is installed in VGA mode and work fine.  
Please install the Windows NT service pack 3 package first (you can download these drivers from Microsoft web site), or the driver may not work smoothly.

### 3.3 Glide 3D driver

Glide supports Windows 95, Windows NT 3.51, 4.0, MS-DOS, and MAC O/S. There is no native support in the development release for OS/2™ or Linux.

Titles that use Glide Version 2.11 and earlier will not work with your 3Dfx Vulcan G. A Glide 2.3 or newer version title must be obtained.  
Resolution used by Glide can only be set by the application. Not all games support all resolutions or allows the use of a resolution other than 640x480

## 3. SOFTWARE UTILITIES

To facilitate the smooth installation of the optimized display drivers and utility software provided with your multimedia accelerator, you should read the instructions in this section carefully prior to attempting installation. The optimized display drivers for your multimedia accelerator may have been provided on diskette or compact disk (CD). If you received diskettes with your accelerator and have not already done so, first make a backup copy of the driver installation diskette(s) and store the original in a safe place.

Refer to your operating system manual for details on how to duplicate a diskette. You should use the backup copy you have made for all subsequent steps. If you received driver CD with your accelerator, see CONTENTS.TXT for more detail.

### 3.1 Windows 95 Installation

1. Install Windows 95 in the usual way. When installation has completed, Windows 95 should be booted on the VGA.

2. During the booting of Windows 95, a message of "New Hardware Found PCI Multimedia Video Device" must appear on the screen.

3. Insert the Windows 95 driver diskette into floppy disk A, or put VIEWTOP Driver CD into CD-ROM drive.

4. Select the "Driver from Disk Provided by Hardware Manufacturer" and then select the "OK" button. A sub-window with a title named "Install From Disk" will be pop on your screen.

5. Specify the path A:\ or X:\ Voodoo\ Vulcan2\ Wint95 and select the "OK" button in the "Install From Disk" window (X:CD Driver).

6. After all new drivers are installed, a sub-window will be displayed asking you to restart Windows 95 now.

7. Remove the diskette from floppy drive A and than press "Yes" button to restart the Windows 95 now. Otherwise, use the normal procedure to restart Windows 95 (from the Start menu, click on the "Shut Down" icon and select the "Restart the Computer" option).

### 3.1.1 DirectDraw

The driver contains support for hardware optimized DirectDraw functionality, which is used by DirectDraw games as well as by the Direct3D

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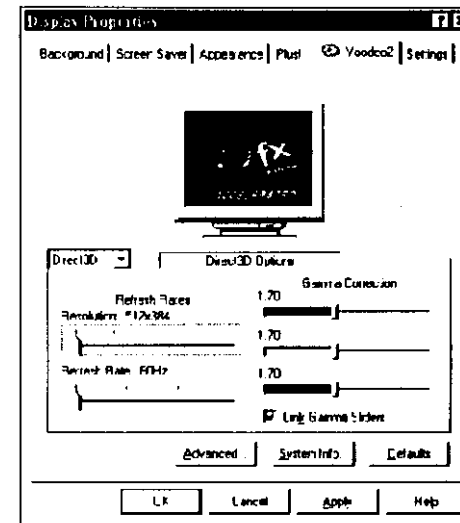
Nearly all settings pertaining to Voodoo2 can be adjusted with the Display Properties Control Panel and the Gamma taskbar applets. The Windows 95 Retail Drivers install the Voodoo2 Control Panel and by the Windows NT driver kit. Any options that cannot be adjusted via the control panel or options that can be manually adjusted are listed in the next section entitled, adjusting Settings Manually

##### Voodoo2 Control Panel

To open the Control Panel applet, click Start, Settings, and Control Panel Display.

Voodoo2 Page

The Voodoo2 page is as follows:



Options available on this page:

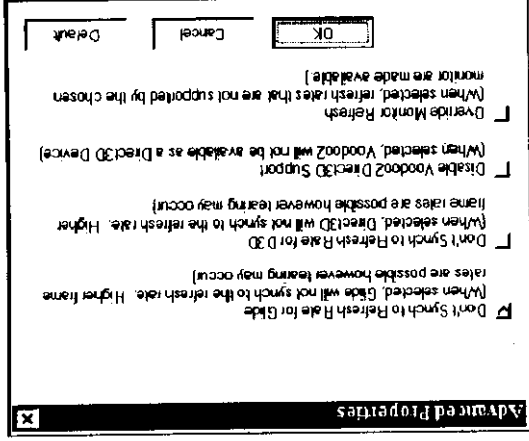
The drop-down box chooses which API to set Refresh Rate and Gamma settings



for. The initial setting is Direct3D. To adjust Glide Refresh Rate and Gamma Settings, switch the drop down from  Direct3D to Glide? The selected API is displayed to the right of the drop-down.

Refresh Rates	Description	Gamma Correction	Description
Resolution (Value on Slider)	Displays which resolution the refresh rate is to be changed for.	Red Slider (Value on Slider)	Adjusts Red Gamma setting.
Refresh Rate (Value on Slider)	Displays the refresh rate to use with the selected resolution.	Green Slider (Value on Slider)	adjusts Green Gamma setting.
		Blue Slider (Value on Slider)	adjusts Blue Gamma setting.
		Link Gamma Sliders	Links the Red, Green and Blue Gamma sliders together.
		Advanced...	Opens the Advanced Properties dialog box.
		System Info...	Opens a Dialog Box displaying the Voodoo2 Configuration.
		Defaults	Reverts all selections to Default Settings.
		Advanced Properties Dialog Box	

The Advanced Properties dialog box is as follows



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