



**Matrox® TripleHead2Go™**  
Digital Edition • DP Edition • Digital SE

**User Guide**  
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# About this user guide

Your Matrox user guide provides information on installing and using your Matrox hardware. For information on Matrox PowerDesk software features and options, see the help file included with your PowerDesk software.



**Note:** This guide has references specific to version 2.07.00 or later of the Matrox software. If you're using a previous version of the Matrox software, certain references in this guide may not reflect the software you have.

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## Using this guide

This guide assumes you're familiar with basic functions like click, right-click and double-click, and that you're familiar with the basics of the operating system you're using. Also, we use the following conventions:

- **Bold** for headings and for references to text that appears on-screen.
- *Italics* for emphasis, file names, paths, publication titles, and new terms.
- ***Bold Italics*** for emphasis.
- Keyboard keys in square brackets, with a plus sign separating keys that you press simultaneously. For example: press [Ctrl]+[Alt]+[Del] to start Windows Task Manager.
- Arrows (“→”) to separate ordered directions. For example, “click **OK** → **Close** → **OK**” is the same as “click **OK**, then click **Close**, then click **OK**”.
- Green for cross-references. If you're viewing online, click green text to jump to what's being referenced.

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## More information

We provide additional information in help and *Readme* files. Be sure to check for any last-minute release notes included with your product. Also, check the Matrox Web site ([www.matrox.com/graphics](http://www.matrox.com/graphics)) for the latest Matrox software, technical support, and product information.

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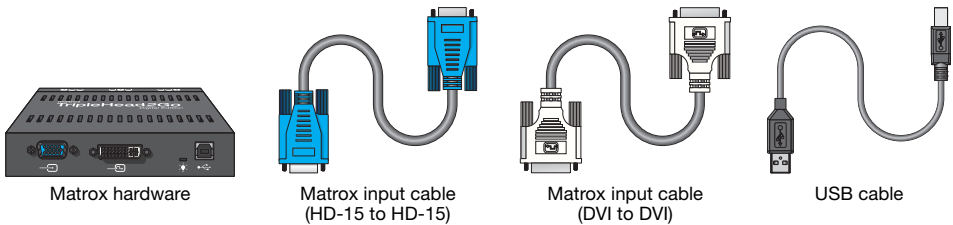
# Overview

Thank you for purchasing Matrox TripleHead2Go. This product allows your single-monitor graphics hardware to support up to three monitors at a time. Depending on your Matrox product, you can connect up to three analog, digital, or DisplayPort™ monitors at a time to your Matrox TripleHead2Go product.

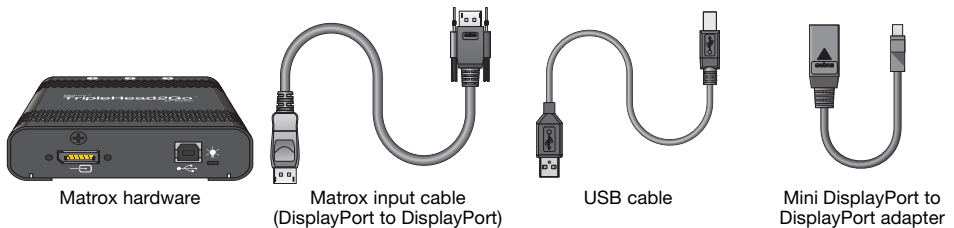
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## Hardware supplied\*

### TripleHead2Go Digital Edition



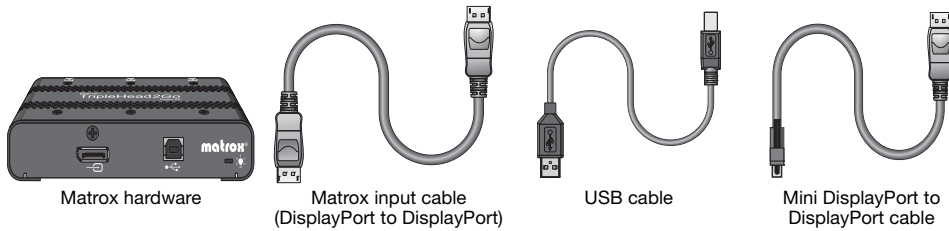
### TripleHead2Go DP Edition



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\* The hardware supplied with your Matrox product may vary depending on the SKU or part number of your product. For more information, contact your Matrox representative.

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### Optional hardware (sold separately)

Depending on your connection setup, you may also need any of the following hardware:

- DVI to HD-15 adapter
- DisplayPort to DVI adapter
- Power adapter kit for GXM\*

For more information on connecting your product, see the “Connection setup” section for your Matrox product. To purchase any Matrox cables or adapters not included with your Matrox product, see the Matrox online store ([shopmatrox.com](http://shopmatrox.com)).

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### Software available

- **Matrox PowerDesk** – to use your Matrox product. Matrox PowerDesk software supports Windows® 8, Windows® 7, Windows® Vista®, Windows® Server® 2008, Windows® XP, and Windows® Server® 2003. Matrox makes new software available on the Matrox Technical Support Web site ([www.matrox.com/graphics/en/support/gxm/software](http://www.matrox.com/graphics/en/support/gxm/software)).

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### Installation overview

To install your Matrox product:

- 1 Connect your product – see the “Connection setup” section for your Matrox product.
- 2 Install the software – see “Installing your Matrox software”, page 32.

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\* Required if connecting two TripleHead2Go products at a time. For more information, see “Connecting a second TripleHead2Go product”, page 28.

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# Connecting your TripleHead2Go Digital Edition product

This section describes how to connect up to three (3) analog or digital monitors to your Matrox product.

- To connect three (3) monitors, see “Connecting three monitors”, page 8.
- To connect two (2) monitors, see “Connecting two monitors”, page 11.



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## Before you begin

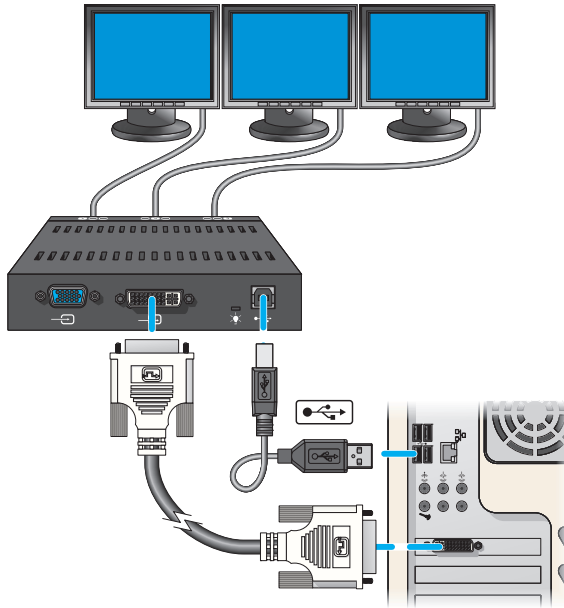
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- While using the DVI input connector on your Matrox product, the highest display resolutions are available only with graphics hardware that supports dual-link DVI. For information on the capabilities of your graphics hardware, see its documentation. For more information on your Matrox product, see “Product information”, page 42.

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## Connecting three monitors

### Connection overview



### Step-by-step connection setup

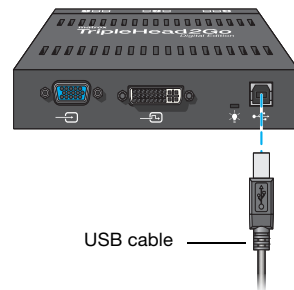
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#### 2 Connect the USB cable

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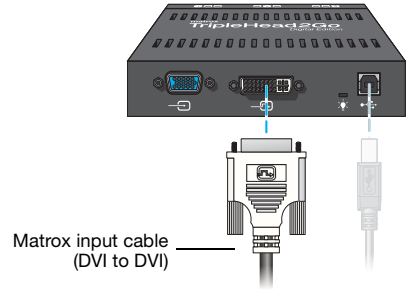





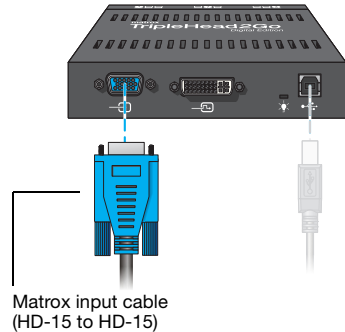
**Note:** If your computer doesn't have a powered USB port, you'll need a separate adapter. To purchase a Matrox power adapter kit for GXM, see the Matrox online store ([shopmatrox.com](http://shopmatrox.com)).

### 3 Attach the Matrox input cable


If your graphics hardware has a DVI connector, attach one end of the Matrox DVI to DVI cable provided with your Matrox product to the graphics connector on your computer. Attach the other end of the cable to the DVI input connector (—) on your Matrox product.



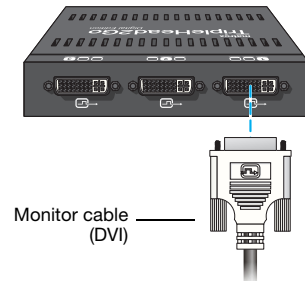
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### 4 Connect the first monitor

If your monitor has a DVI connector, use your monitor cable to connect your first monitor directly to the first connector (—) on your Matrox product.

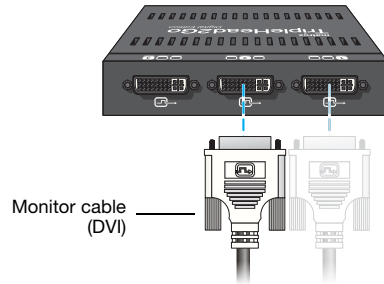
If your monitor has an HD-15 connector, use a DVI to HD-15 adapter (sold separately) to connect your monitor to the connector.



## 5 Connect the second monitor

If your monitor has a DVI connector, use your monitor cable to connect your second monitor directly to the second connector (□ 2 □) on your Matrox product.

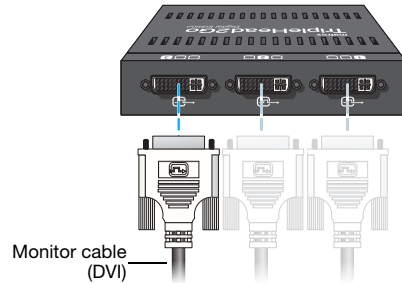
If your monitor has an HD-15 connector, use a DVI to HD-15 adapter (sold separately) to connect your monitor to the connector.



## 6 Connect the third monitor

If your monitor has a DVI connector, use your monitor cable to connect your third monitor directly to the third connector (□ □ 3) on your Matrox product.

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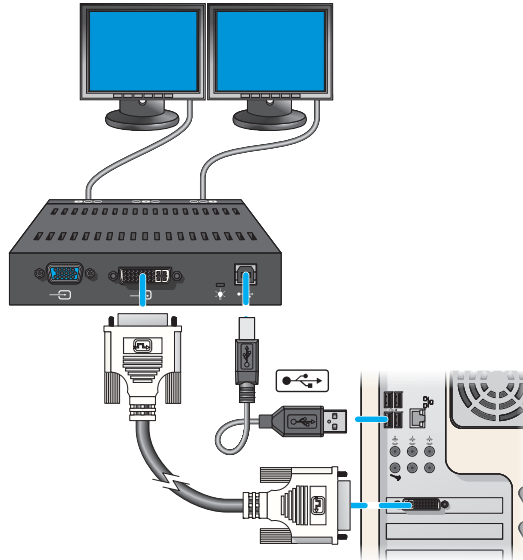


Your Matrox product is now connected. Restart your computer and install your Matrox software (see [“Installing your Matrox software”](#), page 32).

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## Connecting two monitors

### Connection overview



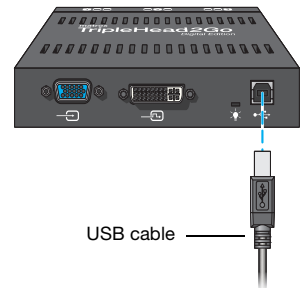
### Step-by-step connection setup

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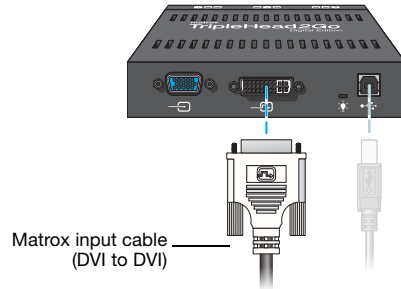
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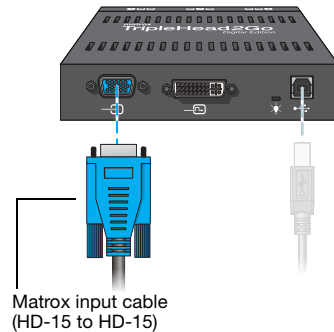
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### 3 Attach the Matrox input cable




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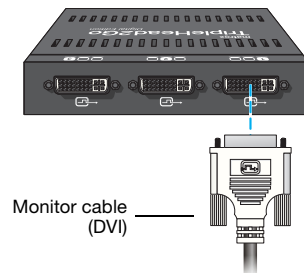
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### 4 Connect the first monitor

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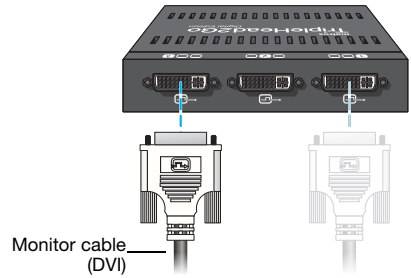
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## 5 Connect the second monitor

If your monitor has a DVI connector, use your monitor cable to connect your second monitor directly to the third connector (□□) on your Matrox product.

If your monitor has an HD-15 connector, use a DVI to HD-15 adapter (sold separately) to connect your monitor to the connector.



Your Matrox product is now connected. Restart your computer and install your Matrox software (see [“Installing your Matrox software”](#), page 32).

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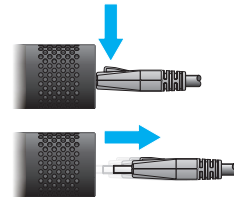
# Connecting your TripleHead2Go DP Edition product

This section describes how to connect up to three (3) DisplayPort or digital (DVI) monitors to your Matrox product.

- To connect three (3) monitors, see “Connecting three monitors”, page 15.
- To connect two (2) monitors, see “Connecting two monitors”, page 18.



**WARNING:** To avoid damaging the DisplayPort connector on your DisplayPort monitor cable or on your Matrox product, carefully remove the DisplayPort cable by pressing the latch on the top of the DisplayPort connector while removing the connector.



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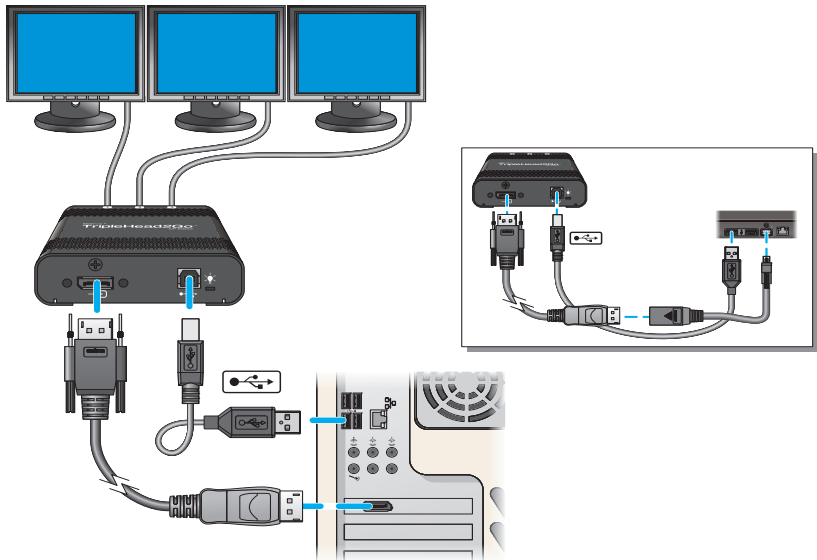
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## Connecting three monitors

### Connection overview



### Step-by-step connection setup

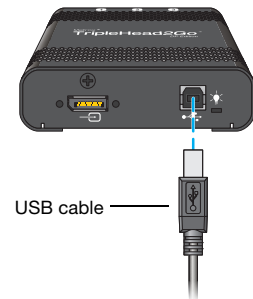
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#### 2 Connect the USB cable

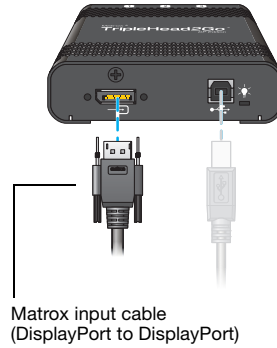
Plug one end of the USB cable provided with your Matrox product into the USB connector (↔) on your Matrox product.

Plug the other end of the USB cable into a powered USB port on your computer. For more information on powered USB ports, see your system manual.

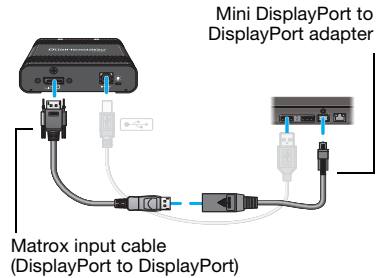


### 3 Attach the Matrox input cable

Attach one end of the Matrox DisplayPort cable provided with your Matrox product to the graphics connector on your computer. Attach the other end of the cable to the DisplayPort input connector (DP) on your Matrox product.

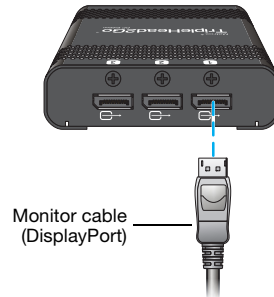


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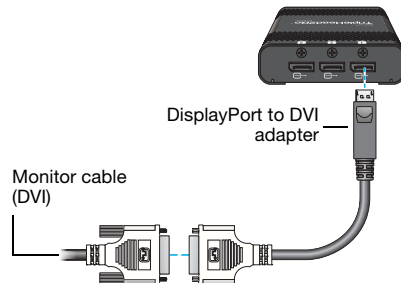


### 4 Connect the first monitor

Use your monitor cable to connect your first monitor directly to the first connector (DP) on your Matrox product.



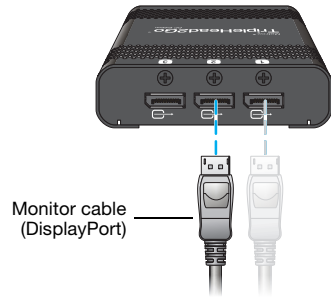
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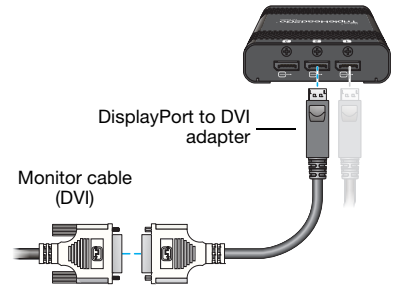


## 5 Connect the second monitor

Use your monitor cable to connect your second monitor directly to the second connector (2) on your Matrox product.

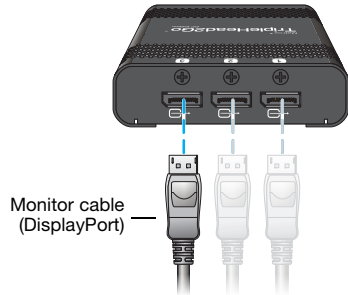


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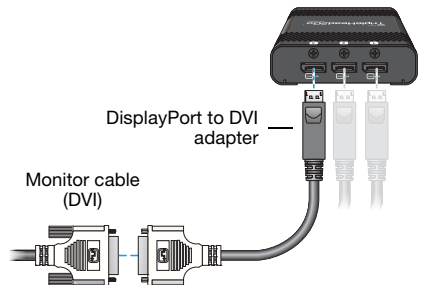


## 6 Connect the third monitor

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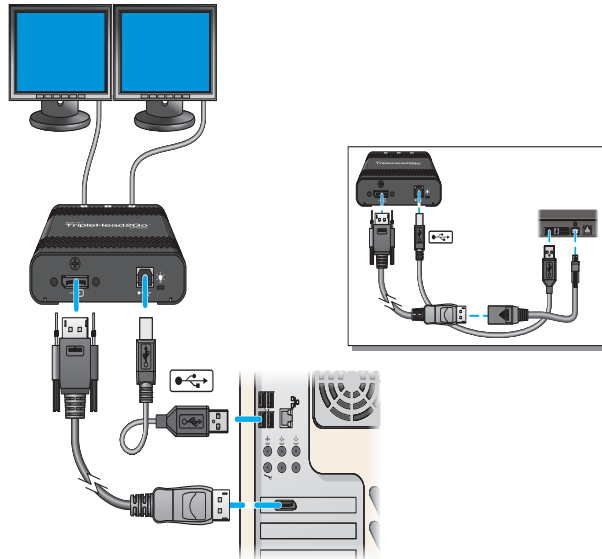


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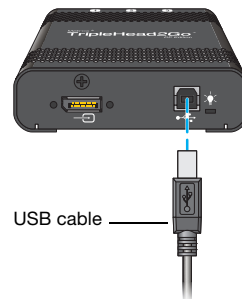
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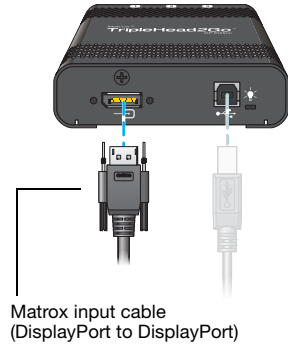
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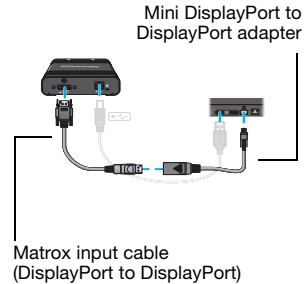


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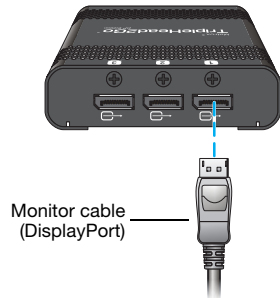


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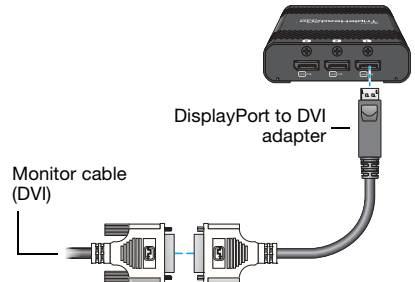


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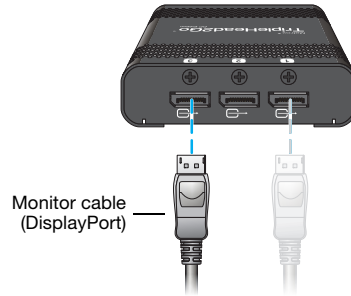


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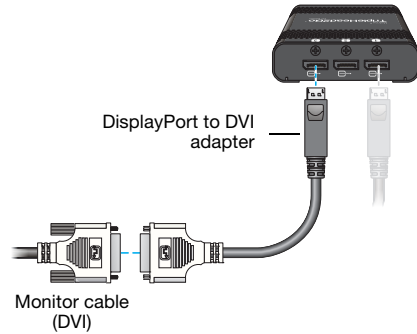


## 5 Connect the second monitor

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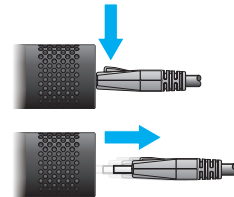
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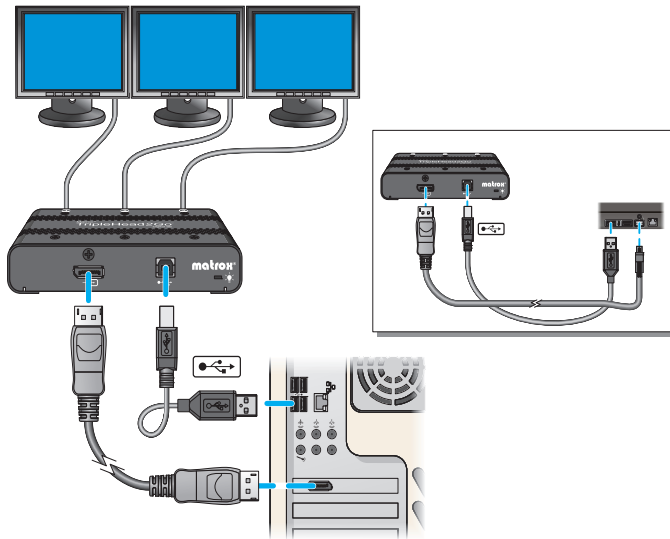
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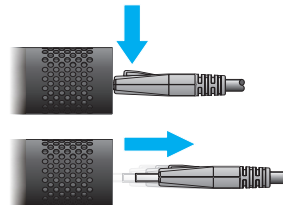
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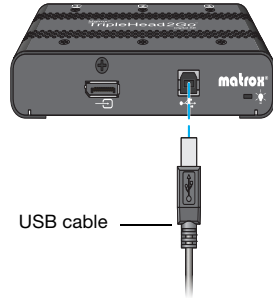
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Before you connect your Matrox product, make sure you shut down your system and turn off your computer.

## 2 Connect the USB cable

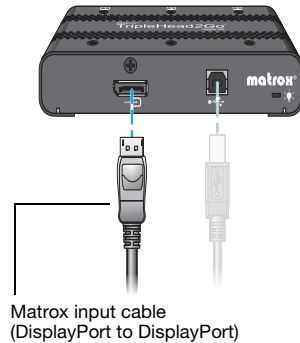
Plug one end of the USB cable provided with your Matrox product into the USB connector (🔌) on your Matrox product.

Plug the other end of the USB cable into a powered USB port on your computer. For more information on powered USB ports, see your system manual.

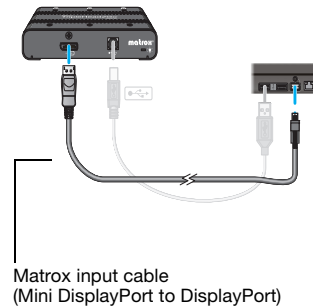


## 3 Attach the Matrox input cable

Attach one end of the Matrox DisplayPort to DisplayPort cable provided with your Matrox product to the DisplayPort input connector (DP) on your Matrox product. Attach the other end of the cable to the DisplayPort graphics connector on your laptop computer.



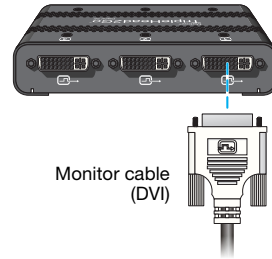
**Laptops with mini DisplayPort connector –** Attach one end of the mini DisplayPort to DisplayPort cable to the DisplayPort connector on your Matrox input cable. Attach the other end of the cable to the mini DisplayPort graphics connector on your laptop computer.



**Note:** To avoid problems related to image quality, make sure the DisplayPort connection to your graphics hardware is firmly in place.

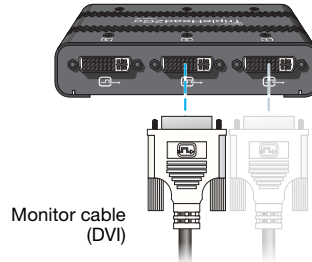
#### 4 Connect the first monitor

Connect the DVI connector on your monitor cable directly to the first connector (1) on your Matrox product.



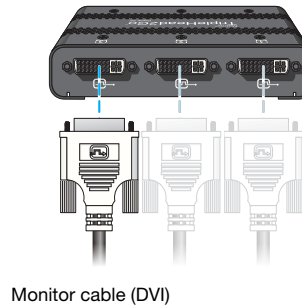
#### 5 Connect the second monitor

Connect the DVI connector on your monitor cable directly to the second connector (2) on your Matrox product.



#### 6 Connect the third monitor

Connect the DVI connector on your monitor cable directly to the third connector (3) on your Matrox product.



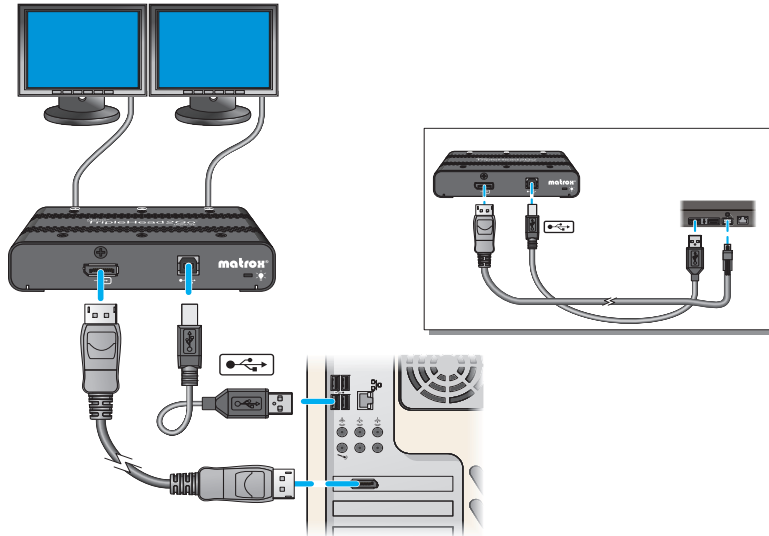
Your Matrox product is now connected. Restart your computer and install your Matrox software (see [“Installing your Matrox software”, page 32](#)).



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## Connecting two monitors

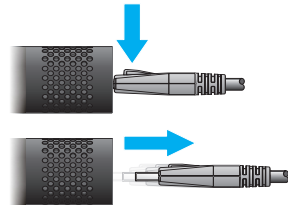
### Connection overview



### Step-by-step connection setup



**WARNING:** To avoid damaging the DisplayPort connector on your DisplayPort monitor cable or on your graphics hardware, carefully remove the DisplayPort cable by pressing the latch on the top of the DisplayPort connector while removing the connector.



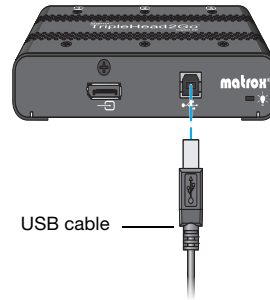
#### 1 Turn off computer

Before you connect your Matrox product, make sure you shut down your system and turn off your computer.

## 2 Connect the USB cable

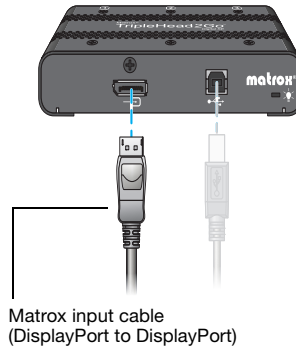
Plug one end of the USB cable provided with your Matrox product into the USB connector (•↔) on your Matrox product.

Plug the other end of the USB cable into a powered USB port on your computer. For more information on powered USB ports, see your system manual.

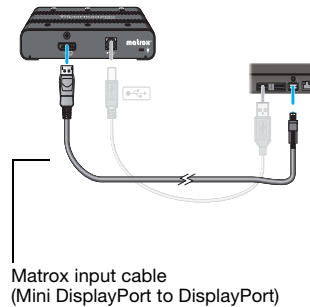


## 3 Attach the Matrox input cable

Attach one end of the Matrox DisplayPort to DisplayPort cable provided with your Matrox product to the DisplayPort input connector (—⏏) on your Matrox product. Attach the other end of the cable to the DisplayPort graphics connector on your laptop computer.



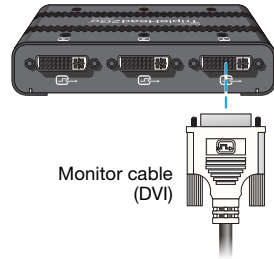
**Laptops with mini DisplayPort connector –** Attach one end of the mini DisplayPort to DisplayPort cable to the DisplayPort connector on your Matrox input cable. Attach the other end of the cable to the mini DisplayPort graphics connector on your laptop computer.



**Note:** To avoid problems related to image quality, make sure the DisplayPort connection to your graphics hardware is firmly in place.

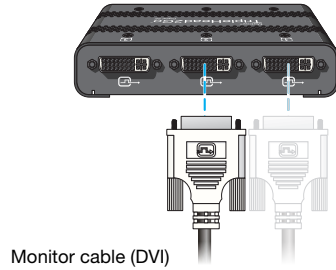
#### 4 Connect the first monitor

Connect the DVI connector on your monitor cable directly to the first connector (1) on your Matrox product.



#### 5 Connect the second monitor

Connect the DVI connector on your monitor cable directly to the third connector (2) on your Matrox product.



Your Matrox product is now connected. Restart your computer and install your Matrox software (see [“Installing your Matrox software”](#), page 32).

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# Connecting a second TripleHead2Go product

If you want to further expand your desktop, you can connect a second TripleHead2Go product to your graphics hardware to support up to six monitors at a time.



**Note:** The following provides a brief overview of how to connect a second TripleHead2Go product to your graphics hardware. For more detailed information, see the “Step-by-step connection setup” for your product.

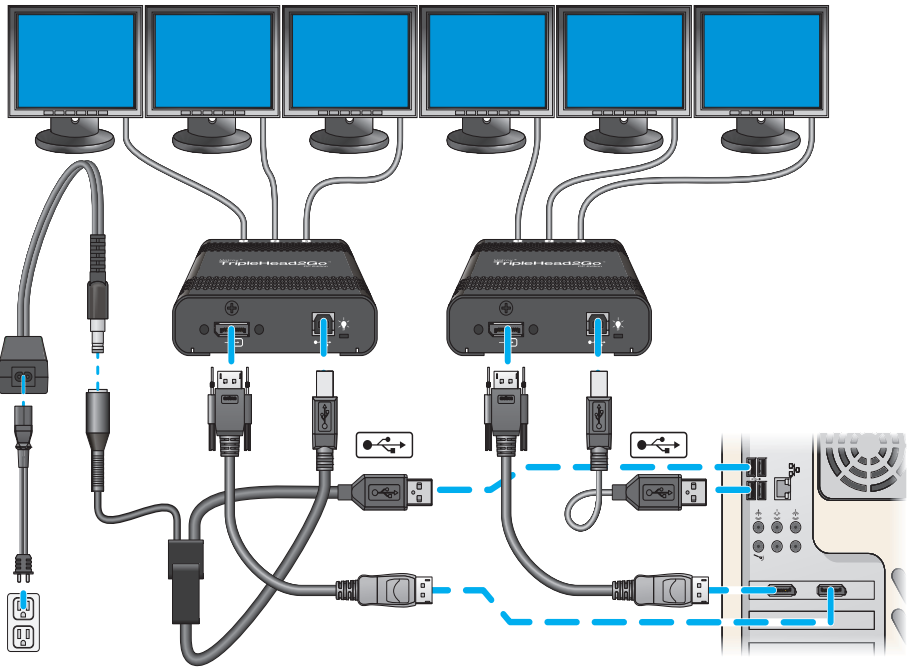
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## Before you begin

- Only two Matrox TripleHead2Go products at a time can be connected to your computer.
- Connecting two Matrox TripleHead2Go products at a time requires an external power supply. To purchase a Matrox power adapter kit for GXM, see the Matrox online store ([shopmatrox.com](http://shopmatrox.com)).
- To connect a second TripleHead2Go product, you must have a dual-monitor graphics card or a second graphics card installed in your system. You can connect a second TripleHead2Go either to another connector on your graphics card or to a connector on a second graphics card installed in your system.
- Support for multiple TripleHead2Go products is limited to desktop computers.
- You can only use two TripleHead2Go products from the same series (for example, you can use two TripleHead2Go DP Edition products, but you can't use a TripleHead2Go Digital Edition product and a TripleHead2Go DP Edition product).

# Connecting two TripleHead2Go products

## Connection overview



(TripleHead2Go DP Edition shown)

## Step-by-step connection setup

### 1 Turn off computer

Before you connect your Matrox product, make sure you shut down your system and turn off your computer.

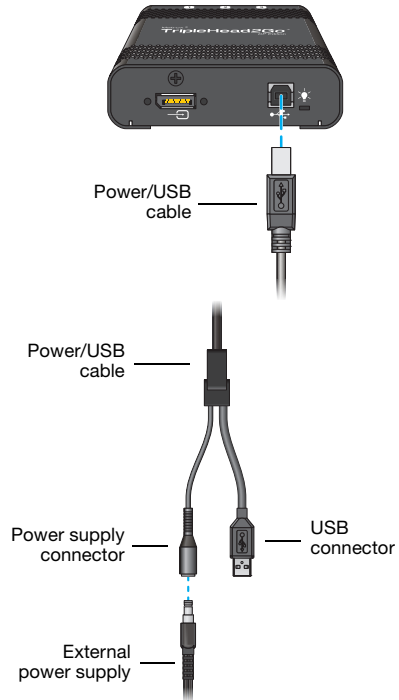
## 2 Connect the Power/USB cable

Plug one end of the Power/USB cable into the USB connector ( ) on your Matrox product.

Plug the USB connector into a USB port on your computer.

Plug the power supply connector of the Power/USB cable into the external power supply.

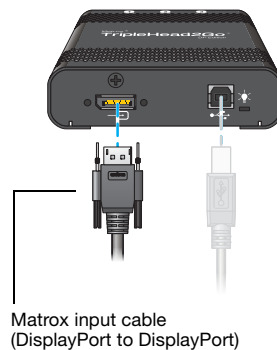
Finally, plug the power supply cord into an electrical outlet.



## 3 Attach the Matrox input cable

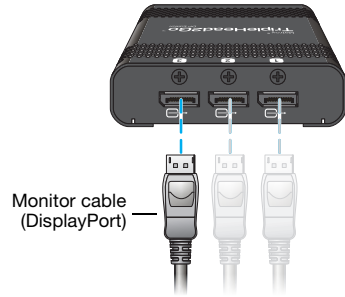
Attach one end of the input cable either to a second connector on your graphics card or to a connector on a second graphics card installed in your system.

Attach the other end of the cable to the input connector on your second DualHead2Go product.



#### 4 Connect the monitors

Use your monitor cables to connect each monitor directly to the connectors labeled (1), (2), and (3) on your Matrox product.



For more information, see the “Step-by-step connection setup” for your product.

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# Installing your Matrox software

This section describes how to install Matrox software for *Windows 8*, *Windows 7*, *Windows Vista*, *Windows Server 2008*, *Windows XP*, and *Windows Server 2003*.

You may need administrator rights to install certain software. For more information, see Windows documentation or contact your system administrator.

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## Before you begin

If Matrox software is already installed on your system, you need to uninstall the software currently installed.

Windows 8/7/Vista/XP – To uninstall Matrox software:

Windows 8 –

- 1 Click **Settings** → **Control Panel** → **Programs** → **Programs and Features** → **Uninstall a program** → **Matrox PowerDesk** (or **Matrox PowerDesk-SE**) → **Uninstall** → **Yes**.
- 2 Restart your computer for the changes to take effect.

Windows 7/Vista –

- 1 Click **Start** → **Settings\*** → **Control Panel** → **Programs\*** → **Programs and Features** → **Matrox PowerDesk** (or **Matrox PowerDesk-SE**) → **Uninstall** → **Yes**. (\* Depending on your version and configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)
- 2 Restart your computer for the changes to take effect.

Windows XP –

- 1 Click **Start** → **Settings\*** → **Control Panel** → **Add/Remove Programs** (double-click\*) → **Matrox PowerDesk** (or **Matrox PowerDesk-SE**) → **Change/Remove** → **Yes**. (\* Depending on your version and configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)
- 2 Restart your computer for the changes to take effect.



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## Obtaining Matrox PowerDesk software

Matrox makes the latest display drivers available on the Matrox Technical Support Web site ([www.matrox.com/graphics/en/support/drivers](http://www.matrox.com/graphics/en/support/drivers)).

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## Installing your Matrox PowerDesk software

Insert the Matrox CD-ROM in your CD-ROM drive, then follow the on-screen instructions.

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## Starting the Matrox quick setup utility



**Note:** The Matrox quick setup utility is available only on TripleHead2Go Digital Edition and TripleHead2Go DP Edition products.

Matrox provides an easy way for you to set up and configure your Matrox product. The quick setup utility starts automatically after you install your PowerDesk software.

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# Matrox PowerDesk software



Matrox PowerDesk software helps you get the most out of your Matrox product. Use Matrox PowerDesk software to change certain display settings or access Matrox features.



**Note:** To avoid possible problems, unless otherwise specified, we recommend you use *only* PowerDesk software to change your display settings.

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## Accessing PowerDesk

Windows 8/7/Vista/XP – To access Matrox PowerDesk:

Windows 8 –

- Click the **Start** menu, then select **Matrox PowerDesk**.
- Right-click your Windows desktop and select **Launch Matrox PowerDesk**.

Windows 7/Vista/XP –

- Click **Start** → **All programs** (or **Programs**) → **Matrox Graphics** → **Matrox PowerDesk**.
- Right-click your Windows desktop and select **Launch Matrox PowerDesk**.

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## Accessing Matrox PowerDesk help

For information on Matrox PowerDesk software features and options, see the help file included with your PowerDesk software.

While using Matrox PowerDesk software, you can access the help file in several ways:

- From the main PowerDesk interface, click **Help and Troubleshooting** → **PowerDesk help**.
- For information on a specific feature or control on a page, click the **Help** button ( ? ) on that page.
- To find all topics that contain specific words, use the **Search** tab in the navigation window of the help file.

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# Troubleshooting

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## What to do if you have a problem

If you experience problems with your Matrox product:

- Make sure your Matrox product is properly installed, you're using the correct connectors, and all connectors are properly fastened. For more information, see the "Connection setup" section for your product.
- Review the documentation provided with your Matrox product, including the information in this section, to see if your problem is already addressed.
- After making any changes to your system (such as changing your graphics hardware or display driver version), we recommend you check the compatibility of your system by running the *GXM System Compatibility Tool*. For the latest compatibility information, see the Matrox Web site ([www.matrox.com/graphics/en/support/gxm\\_main](http://www.matrox.com/graphics/en/support/gxm_main)).

If your problem persists, contact Matrox. For more information, see "Customer support", page 37.

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## Common problems and solutions

This section addresses common problems that could prevent you from using your computer or graphics hardware.

**Problem**    **Computer doesn't display information after Matrox product is connected**

**Cause**      Your Matrox product may not be properly connected.

**Solution**    Make sure your Matrox product is properly connected and that all connectors are properly fastened. For more information, see the "Connection setup" section for your product.

**Solution**    Try reconnecting your monitors, power supply cable, or USB cable.

**Cause**      Your Matrox product may not support the selected display mode.

**Solution**    Make sure your Matrox product supports the selected display mode. For more information, see "Product information", page 42.

## Problem **Matrox product isn't automatically detected**

**Cause** Your Matrox product may not support the selected display mode or the graphics hardware in your computer.

**Solution** Make sure your Matrox product supports the selected display mode. For more information, see “Product information”, page 42.

**Solution** Make sure your Matrox product supports your graphics hardware.

## Problem **No power indicator light (black)**

**Cause** Your power supply cable or USB cable may not be properly connected.



(TripleHead2Go DP Edition shown)

**Solution** Make sure your power supply cable or USB cable are properly connected.

**Cause** TripleHead2Go Digital Edition only – Your USB cable may not be connected to a powered USB port.

**Solution** Make sure your USB cable is connected to a powered USB port. If the USB port you're currently using isn't powered, try using a different USB port.

## Problem **Power indicator light is red**

**Cause** Your Matrox product may not support the selected display mode.

**Solution** Make sure your Matrox product supports the selected display mode. For more information, see “Product information”, page 42.

**Cause** There may be unsupported graphics hardware in your computer.


**Solution** Make sure your Matrox product supports your graphics hardware by running the *GXM System Compatibility Tool*. For the latest compatibility information, see the Matrox Web site ([www.matrox.com/graphics/en/support/gxm\\_main](http://www.matrox.com/graphics/en/support/gxm_main)).

**Problem** After the startup screen, or after display settings are changed, the screen image is garbled or unusable  
(blank screen, rolling or overlapping screen images)

**Cause** An unsupported display mode may have been selected.

**Solution** If one of your displays is usable, use Matrox PowerDesk to change your display mode. For more information, see Matrox PowerDesk help (see “Accessing PowerDesk”, page 34).

**Solution** If all your displays are unusable, change your display resolution in Windows.

- 1** Restart your computer in VGA mode.
  - a** **Windows 8** – Click **Settings** → **Power**, then select **Restart** to restart your computer.  
**Windows 7** – Click **Start**, point to the arrow (  ), then select **Restart** to restart your computer.  
**Windows Vista/XP** – Click **Start** → **Shut Down\*** → **Restart** → **OK\*** to restart your computer. (\* Depending on your version and configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)  
If your primary monitor is unusable, see your system manual for information on how to restart your computer using a hardware control.
  - b** *Before* Windows starts, press [F8] for the Windows startup menu to appear. (If [F8] doesn't work, instead try pressing and holding [Ctrl] before Windows starts.)
  - c** Select “VGA mode” (or “Low resolution video”), then press [Enter].



**Note:** If your system stops responding while it's in VGA mode, select “Safe mode” instead.

- 2** Change your display resolution:
  - Windows 8/7** –
    - a** Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Screen resolution**.
    - b** Next to **Resolution**, select a stretched mode resolution (for example, 2048 × 768), then click **OK**.
  - Windows Vista** –
    - a** Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Personalize** → **Display Settings**.
    - b** Move the **Resolution** slider to a stretched mode resolution (for example, 2400 × 600), then click **OK**.

Windows XP –

- a Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Properties** → **Settings**.
  - b Move the **Screen resolution** slider to a stretched mode resolution (for example, 2400 × 600), then click **OK**.
- 3 Restart your computer normally.

## **Problem Desktop isn't stretched across monitors** (one of your displays is blank)

**Cause** A stretched display mode may not be selected. If you're not using a stretched display mode (or if your display mode is too low), the display may use only a portion of your desktop.

**Solution** Select a stretched display mode:

- 1 Access the Matrox PowerDesk main interface (see “Accessing PowerDesk”, page 28).
- 2 Click **Multi-Display Setup**.
- 3 From the **Resolution** list, select a stretched display mode. (Depending on your product, stretched display modes may be labeled “2 × 1” or “3 × 1”.)

For more information, see Matrox PowerDesk help.

**Cause Laptop users only** – Your secondary display may not be enabled in Windows.

**Solution** Make sure your display is enabled:

Windows 8/7 –

- 1 Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Screen resolution**.
- 2 Select any disabled display, choose **Extend these displays**, then click **Apply**.

Windows Vista –

- 1 Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Personalize** → **Display Settings**.
- 2 Select any disabled display, enable the **Extend the desktop onto this monitor** check box, then click **Apply**.

Windows XP –

- 1 Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Properties** → **Settings**.
- 2 Select any disabled display, enable the **Extend my Windows desktop onto this monitor** check box, then click **Apply**.

**Solution** If no secondary display is available in Windows, your secondary display may not be enabled on your system. For more information on how to enable your secondary display, see your system or graphics hardware documentation.

**Problem Certain display resolutions are unavailable**

**Cause** **TripleHead2Go Digital Edition only** – While using the DVI input connector on your Matrox product, the highest display resolutions are available only with graphics hardware that supports dual-link DVI.

**Solution** If your graphics hardware has an HD-15 connector, use this connector instead.

**Solution** If your graphics hardware has only a DVI connector, use a DVI to HD-15 adapter to connect your graphics hardware to the HD-15 input connector on your Matrox product. To purchase a Matrox DVI to HD-15 adapter for your product, see the Matrox online store ([shopmatrox.com](http://shopmatrox.com)).

**Problem Display on flat panel monitor appears blurry or uses only a portion of the screen**

**Cause** The image quality of your displays may need to be adjusted.

**Solution** If your monitor has an auto-adjust control, try using it to adjust the image quality of your displays. For more information, see your monitor manual.

**Cause** You may be using a lower display resolution than what your flat panel monitor supports. If your monitor supports display scaling, the image on your screen may appear blurry. If display scaling isn't supported, the display may use only a portion of your screen.

**Solution** Select the highest display resolution available. This generally results in better image quality.

**Problem Wrong color balance, blurry text, or screen image off-center**

**Cause** You may be using different types of monitors.

**Solution** To get the most of your Matrox product, we recommend you use identical monitors while using Matrox TripleHead2Go.

**Cause** Your monitor video controls may be improperly set.

**Solution** Adjust your monitor controls (brightness, contrast, and so on). For more information, see your monitor manual.



**Note:** While using Matrox TripleHead2Go, gamma correction for each monitor isn't supported.

**Cause** Your monitors may not be properly connected.

**Solution** Make sure all connectors are properly fastened.

**Cause** The image quality of your displays may need to be adjusted.

**Solution** If your monitor has an auto-adjust control, try using it to adjust the image quality of your displays. For more information, see your monitor manual.

**Problem** **Screen image defects appear (tearing)**

**Cause** You may be using a higher display resolution than what your graphics hardware supports.

**Solution** Select a lower display resolution. This generally results in better image quality.

**Solution** If you're using a 32-bit color palette, try using a 16-bit color palette instead.

**Problem** **Program window or dialog box doesn't appear on screen**

**Cause** Another window or dialog box may be covering the window or dialog box you want to see.

**Solution** Move, close, or minimize any window or dialog box that may be covering the window or dialog box you want to see.

**Cause** If you're using multi-display mode, the program window or dialog box may be in a display or on a monitor that's unusable. (For example, your monitor may not be properly connected or configured.)

**Solution** Make sure all the displays and monitors you want to use are usable. For more information, see other troubleshooting items in this guide.



**Cause** The program window or dialog box may be somewhere off-screen.

**Solution** If the program window you want to see is named on the Windows taskbar, right-click on it and select **Maximize**. (If you click **Restore**, the program window goes back to its previous position. To fix this problem, see the other solutions.)

**Solution** Manually move the program window or dialog box:

- 1 Press [Alt]+[Space].
- 2 If you see a pop-up menu, click **Move**. If you don't see a pop-up menu, press [M] (for **Move**).
- 3 Press one of the arrow keys once and move your mouse pointer to where you want the window or dialog box to appear, then click. The program window or dialog box should appear where you clicked.

For more information, see Matrox PowerDesk help.

### **Problem 3D programs don't work**

**Cause** While using display resolutions above 2048 × 1536, certain graphics hardware may not properly support 3D acceleration.

**Solution** For information on the capabilities of your graphics hardware, see its documentation.

### **Problem After game starts, monitor doesn't display properly**

**Cause** You may not be using *Matrox Surround Gaming Utility* to run your game.

**Solution** Try using *Matrox Surround Gaming Utility* to run your game. This utility configures your game to run properly with your Matrox product.

# Product information

## Specifications

	TripleHead2Go Digital Edition	TripleHead2Go DP Edition	TripleHead2Go Digital SE
<b>Key features</b>	Supports notebook and desktop computers · Bezel Management · Surround Gaming · <i>Stretched</i> modes · Wide-screen resolutions		
<b>Supported operating systems</b>	Windows 8, Windows 7, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008, Windows XP, and Windows Server 2003		
<b>Supported resolutions*</b>	3840 × 1024† @ 60 Hz 3072 × 768 @ 60 Hz 2400 × 600 @ 60 Hz 1920 × 480 @ 60 Hz	4080 × 768 @ 60 Hz 3840 × 1024 @ 60 Hz 3072 × 768 @ 60 Hz 2400 × 600 @ 60 Hz	4080 × 768 @ 60 Hz 3840 × 1024 @ 60 Hz 3072 × 768 @ 60 Hz 2400 × 600 @ 60 Hz
<b>Input connectors</b>	1× DVI-DL <b>or</b> 1× HD-15	1× DisplayPort	1× DisplayPort
<b>Output connectors</b>	3× DVI-I	3× DisplayPort	3× DVI-D
<b>Analog monitor support</b>	✓‡	—	—
<b>Digital (DVI) monitor support</b>	✓	✓‡	✓‡
<b>DisplayPort monitor support</b>	—	✓	✓
<b>Multi-GXM support</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>Clone mode support</b>	—	✓	✓
<b>HDCP compliant</b>	—	—	✓
<b>Power supply</b>	USB	USB and DisplayPort	USB and DisplayPort
<b>Dimensions</b>	4.4" × 5.5" × 1.1" (11.3 cm × 14 cm × 2.8 cm)	3.5" × 3.54" × 1.1" (8.9 cm × 9 cm × 2.8 cm)	5.25" × 2.5" × 1.1" (13.34 cm × 6.35 cm × 2.8 cm)

\* Your Matrox product ships with four default display modes. For TripleHead2Go Digital Edition and TripleHead2Go DP Edition products, additional display modes are available through Matrox PowerDesk software. For more information, see Matrox PowerDesk help.

† Available only with graphics hardware that supports HD-15 or dual-link DVI connections.

‡ Requires adapter (sold separately). To purchase an adapter for your Matrox product, see the Matrox online store ([shopmatrox.com](http://shopmatrox.com)).

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## Environmental

<b>Temperature, operational</b>	5 to 45 °C (41 to 113 °F) (near box ambient)
<b>Temperature, non-operational storage and transportation</b>	-40 to 70 °C (-40 to 158 °F)
<b>Humidity, operational (indoor)</b>	20 to 80% (non-condensing)
<b>Humidity, non-operational storage and transportation</b>	5% to 95% (non-condensing)
<b>Atmospheric pressure, operational</b>	650hPa (3,580 meters / 11,745 feet) to 1013hPa (0 meters / 0 feet)
<b>Atmospheric pressure, non-operational and transportation</b>	192hPa (12,000 meters / 39,370 feet) to 1020hPa (-50 meters / -164 feet)

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## Notes

- For the latest compatibility information, see the Matrox Web site ([www.matrox.com/graphics/en/support/gxm\\_main](http://www.matrox.com/graphics/en/support/gxm_main)).
- The display resolutions and refresh rates available depend on your monitor and software monitor settings. For more information on the capabilities of your monitor, see your monitor documentation.
- **TripleHead2Go Digital Edition only** – While using the DVI input connector on your Matrox product, the highest display resolutions are available only with graphics hardware that supports dual-link DVI.
- **TripleHead2Go Digital Edition only** – While using graphics hardware that supports only single-link DVI output, the maximum display resolution is 2048 × 768 at 60 Hz in DualHead mode and 2400 × 600 at 60 Hz in TripleHead mode.
- Certain Intel® integrated chipsets aren't supported with Matrox TripleHead2Go.
- While using display resolutions above 2048 × 1536, certain graphics hardware may not properly support 3D acceleration. For information on the capabilities of your graphics hardware, see its documentation.
- **TripleHead2Go DP Edition only** – In *clone mode*, your Matrox product supports a maximum display resolution of 2560 × 1600 while using DisplayPort output and 1920 × 1200 while using DVI output.
- **TripleHead2Go Digital SE** – In *clone mode*, your Matrox product supports a maximum display resolution of 1920 × 1200.

- While using some graphics hardware and software, certain limitations may apply. For information on the capabilities of your graphics hardware, see its documentation.
- To get the most of your Matrox product, we recommend you use identical monitors (that is, monitors that support the same settings such as display resolution and refresh rate). For more information on the settings your monitor supports, see your monitor documentation.
- While using Matrox TripleHead2Go, using software-based *On-Screen Display* (OSD) controls to adjust the image quality of your monitors isn't supported.
- While adjusting your image quality, your displays may become blank for a few seconds.
- While an unsupported display mode is selected, your displays may be unusable.

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# Customer support

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## Matrox Web

Our Web site has product literature, press releases, technical material, a sales office list, trade show information, and other relevant material. Visit the Matrox Graphics Web site at

[www.matrox.com/graphics](http://www.matrox.com/graphics).

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## Technical support

Matrox values your business and offers professional support for your Matrox product.

*If your product was purchased through a Matrox dealer*, contact your dealer for product support. This is the quickest and most effective method of technical assistance. Your dealer is familiar with your complete system.

*If your product was purchased through Matrox*, contact your Matrox representative or visit our technical support Web site at [www.matrox.com/graphics/support](http://www.matrox.com/graphics/support).

## Information we need

Please give a complete description of the problem, and include:

- Matrox card serial number, model number, revision number, BIOS number, driver type and version, and memory address at which the Matrox card is installed.
- Computer brand and model name.
- Monitor brand and model name.
- Operating system, version, and service pack.
- Brand and model of any other cards and devices installed on your system.

## Program specific problems

If a problem appears with a specific program, please give us the following information:

- Display settings (color palette, display resolution, and so on) applied when the problem occurs.
- If possible, take note of the file and segment address that caused the problem.
- Detailed steps known to cause the bug, so we can reproduce it.

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## Driver and software download

A more recent display driver may support more features and may offer increased capabilities (such as higher display resolutions). Matrox makes the latest display drivers, software, and system utilities available on the Matrox Technical Support Web site ([www.matrox.com/graphics/en/support/drivers](http://www.matrox.com/graphics/en/support/drivers)).

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### **Avertissement sur l'épilepsie**

**À lire avant toute utilisation d'un jeu vidéo par vous-même ou votre enfant** Certaines personnes sont susceptibles de faire des crises d'épilepsie ou d'avoir des pertes de conscience à la vue de certains types de lumières clignotantes ou d'éléments fréquents dans notre environnement quotidien. Ces personnes s'exposent à des crises lorsqu'elles regardent certaines images télévisées ou qu'elles jouent à certains jeux vidéo. Ces phénomènes peuvent apparaître alors même que le sujet n'a pas d'antécédent médical ou n'a jamais été confronté à une crise d'épilepsie.

Si vous-même ou un membre de votre famille avez déjà présenté des symptômes liés à l'épilepsie (crise ou perte de conscience) en présence de stimulations lumineuses, veuillez consulter votre médecin avant toute utilisation.

Nous conseillons aux parents d'être attentifs à leurs enfants lorsqu'ils jouent avec des jeux vidéo. Si vous-même ou votre enfant présentez un des symptômes suivants: vertige, trouble de la vision, contraction des yeux ou des muscles, perte de conscience, trouble de l'orientation, mouvement involontaire ou convulsion, veuillez immédiatement cesser de jouer et consultez un médecin.

**Précautions à prendre dans tous les cas pour l'utilisation d'un jeu vidéo** Ne vous tenez pas trop près de l'écran.

- Jouez à bonne distance de l'écran de TV et aussi loin que le permet le cordon de raccordement.
- Utilisez de préférence les jeux de vidéo sur un écran de petite taille.
- Évitez de jouer si vous êtes fatigué ou si vous manquez de sommeil.
- Assurez-vous que vous jouez dans une pièce bien éclairée.
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