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matrox Extio Series

Extio F1220 • Extio F1400 • Extio F1420

User Guide

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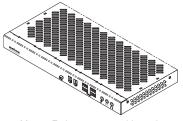


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Overview

Thank you for purchasing a Matrox Extio product. This product is a complete remote graphics solution that supports up to 2 or 4 computer monitors at a time. As a remote graphics solution, it separates the CPU and hard disks of your system from the computer peripherals – monitors, keyboard, mouse, and audio hardware.

Hardware supplied

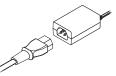


Matrox Extio remote graphics unit (Extio F1420 shown)

* Multiple power cables are provided for international support.

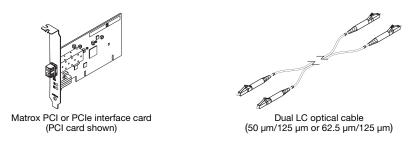


4 DVI-to-HD15 adapters (Extio F1400/F1420 only)



Power supply*

Hardware required (sold separately)



Software available (for Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows Server 2003, Windows XP Professional x64, and Windows Vista)

- Matrox PowerDesk-SE to use your Matrox product
- Audio drivers to use the audio hardware on your Matrox product
- Other software see the CD-ROM *Readme* file

Installation overview

To install your Matrox product:

- **1** Install your interface card see "Hardware installation", page 4.
- 2 Connect your Extio unit, monitors, and other peripherals see "Connection setup", page 7.
- **3** Install the software see "Software setup", page 11.

Hardware installation

This section describes how to install a Matrox interface card in your host computer. If your Matrox interface card is already installed in your computer, skip to "Connection setup", page 7. For information specific to your computer, like how to remove its cover, see your system manual.

WARNING: To avoid personal injury and to prevent damage to your computer or Matrox hardware, turn off your computer, unplug it, and then wait for it to cool before you install your Matrox product and touch any of the internal parts of your computer.

While your computer is turned off but still plugged in, some electrical current is supplied to the motherboard. This current may prevent newly installed hardware from working properly.

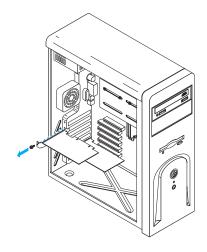
Also, static electricity can severely damage electronic parts. Before touching any electronic parts, drain static electricity from your body (for example, by touching the metal frame of your computer). When handling a card, carefully hold it by its edges and avoid touching its circuitry.

1 Open your computer and remove your existing graphics card *

If a graphics card *isn't* already installed in your computer, skip to step 2.

 Using Add/Remove Programs in the Windows Control Panel, remove any currently installed display drivers. Restart your computer for the changes to take effect.

After your computer restarts, you're prompted to install drivers for the new graphics hardware detected. Click **Cancel**.

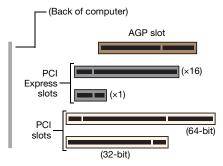


- **b** Turn off your computer and all peripherals such as your monitor or printer.
- **c** Open the computer and remove your existing graphics card. (If graphics hardware is built into the motherboard of your computer, you may need to disable it manually after your Matrox card is installed. For more information, see your system manual.)

^{*} With multi-display mode, you may be able to use your existing graphics card. For Windows 2000/XP, see Windows 2000/XP online help under "Install additional monitors".

2 Choose an expansion slot for your interface card

Most computers have different types of expansion slots. Choose a PCI or PCI Express (PCIe) ×1 slot, depending on the type of Matrox card you have. If you have a PCI card, your card supports both 64-bit and 32-bit PCI slots. Your system manual should identify the location of each type of expansion slot in your computer.

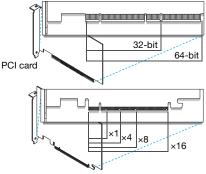


Note: If you're using a PCI card in a 64-bit PCI slot, your choice of PCI slot may affect your card or system performance. For more information, see your computer manual.

WARNING: Inserting your Matrox card into the wrong type of slot could damage your card, your computer, or both.

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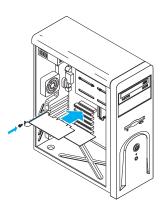
If you're using a PCI interface card in a 64-bit PCI expansion slot, your card uses only the part of your expansion slot closest to the back of the computer.



PCI Express card

3 Insert your Matrox interface card

- **a** Position your Matrox card over the expansion slot you've chosen.
- **b** Push the card in firmly and evenly until it's fully seated in the slot.
- **c** Secure the bracket of your Matrox card to the computer frame.



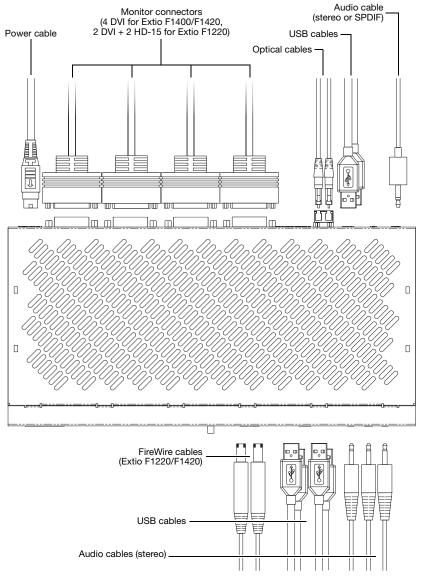
Your Matrox card is now installed. *Before restarting your computer*, first connect your Extio unit to your computer, then connect your monitors and your peripherals to your unit (see "Connection setup", page 7). *After connecting*, restart your computer and install your Matrox software (see "Software setup", page 11).

WARNING: If your computer doesn't restart after your Matrox card is installed, turn off your computer to avoid damaging electronic parts. For troubleshooting information, see page 13.

Connection setup

This section describes how to connect monitors and other peripherals to your Matrox Extio unit.

Connection overview



Step-by-step connection setup

WARNING: Because the body of your Extio unit is used to disperse heat, it may become warm to the touch. Make sure your unit is located in a well ventilated area and nothing is blocking its ventilation holes.

1 Connect your unit to your interface card

To connect your Extio unit to your interface card, you need a dual LC optical cable (sold separately).

Connect one end of your optical cable to the optical connector of your interface card. Connect the other end of your cable to the optical connector on your unit. Make sure your connectors are properly connected.

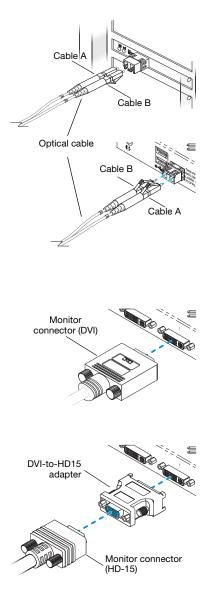
 Note: The maximum length of optical cable supported by your Matrox product is 250 meters/750 feet. For more information, see "Product information", page 30.

2 Connect your monitors

Extio F1400/F1420 – Connect your monitors to the monitor connectors at the back of your Extio unit.

If your monitors have DVI connectors, connect them directly to the monitor connectors at the back of your unit.

If your monitors have HD-15 connectors, use DVI-to-HD15 adapters to connect your monitors to the monitor connectors at the back of your unit.



Extio F1220 – Connect your monitors to the monitor connectors at the back of your Extio unit.

If your monitors have DVI connectors, connect them directly to the DVI monitor connectors (**A**) at the back of your unit.

If your monitors have HD-15 connectors, connect them directly to the HD-15 monitor connectors (**B**) at the back of your unit.

Note: While a monitor is connected to a DVI connector on your unit, the corresponding HD-15 connector is disabled.

3 Connect the power supply

Attach one end of the power supply cable provided with your Matrox product to the power connector on your Matrox product.

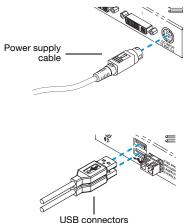
Plug the power supply cord into an electrical outlet.

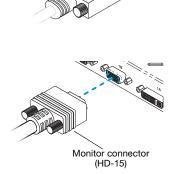
4 Connect your input devices (optional)

To use a keyboard or mouse, simply connect a USB mouse or keyboard to one of the USB connectors on your unit. There are 2 USB connectors at the back of the unit and 4 at the front.

Note: Your USB keyboard and mouse are unavailable until Windows starts.

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Monitor

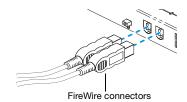
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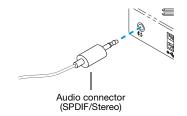
5 Connect your FireWire devices (optional)

Extio F1220/F1420 – To use a FireWire device, simply connect it to one of the 2 FireWire connectors at the front of the unit.



6 Connect your audio devices (optional)

Your unit has 2 input and 2 output audio connectors. The 2 input connectors are Line in (()) and Microphone (). The 2 output audio connectors are Headphones () and Line out (()). All audio connectors support stereo jack connectors.



The Line out connector also supports *SPDIF* (Sony/Philips Digital Interface Format) miniplug optical connectors.

To connect an audio device to your unit:

- **a** Plug one end of your audio cable into the audio connector on your unit.
- **b** Plug the other end of the cable in your audio device. For information on the type of connector supported by your audio device, see its documentation.

Your Matrox product is now installed. Restart your computer, and install your Matrox software (see "Software setup", page 11).

Software setup

Note: This guide has references that are specific to the Matrox installation CD-ROM. If your Matrox product wasn't packaged by Matrox (for example, if it was included with your computer), your product may not include this CD-ROM.

If you don't have this CD-ROM, certain references in this guide may not reflect the software you have. For more information, see other software documentation provided by your system vendor.

This section describes how to install Matrox software for *Windows* 2000, *Windows Server* 2003, *Windows XP*, *Windows XP Professional x*64, and *Windows Vista*.



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

1 Install hardware drivers

Windows detects the hardware in your Matrox Extio unit as soon as the connection between the interface card and the unit is established. Depending on the version of your Matrox product, the drivers you need to install vary. If drivers for the hardware in your unit haven't been previously installed, Windows prompts you to install a driver for each component. Follow the on-screen instructions. (The Matrox 32-bit and 64-bit display drivers are in the *Win2kXP* and *WinXP64* folders of your Matrox installation CD-ROM.)

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Note: Windows XP SP2 (Service Pack 2) – Windows may install a Matrox display driver unsupported by your product when the hardware in your unit is detected. If you aren't prompted to install a display driver, *DON'T RESTART* your system. Manually install the display driver on your Matrox installation CD-ROM before you restart.

2 Install optional software

After your computer has restarted, insert (or reinsert) the Matrox installation CD-ROM in your CD-ROM drive – the CD-ROM installation program automatically starts.* This program shows you a list of items you can install and information you can access. Follow the on-screen instructions.

^{*} If Windows doesn't automatically start the setup program, you can start it manually from the root folder of the CD-ROM.

3 Set up your display software

Use Matrox PowerDesk software to change certain display settings or access Matrox features. To access PowerDesk, click its icon () on your Windows taskbar. To see the PowerDesk icon in Windows XP/Vista, you may need to click the **Show hidden icons** button () on your Windows taskbar. For more information on how to use Matrox PowerDesk, see the online help.

Windows Server 2003 – To be able to use PowerDesk Multi-Display Setup with your Matrox product, you need to enable hardware acceleration on all the displays supported by your Matrox product. If hardware acceleration isn't enabled on a display, PowerDesk may not work properly.

To enable hardware acceleration, right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Properties** \rightarrow **Settings** \rightarrow **Advanced** \rightarrow **Troubleshoot**. Set the **Hardware Acceleration** slider to **Full**.

4 Configure your audio settings

If you've installed an audio driver for your Matrox product, make sure the audio hardware in your unit is enabled.

a Open the Windows Audio property sheet:

 $\label{eq:Windows 2000-Click Start \Rightarrow Settings \Rightarrow Control Panel \Rightarrow Multimedia or Sounds and Multimedia (double-click) \Rightarrow Audio.$

Windows XP – Click Start \rightarrow Settings^{*} \rightarrow Control Panel \rightarrow Sounds, Speech, and Audio Devices^{*} \rightarrow Sounds and Audio Devices \rightarrow Audio. (* Depending on your configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)

Windows Vista – Click Start \rightarrow Settings* \rightarrow Control Panel \rightarrow Hardware and Sound* \rightarrow Sound. (* Depending on your configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)

Windows 2000/XP – Under Sound playback and Sound recording, select Matrox Audio
 Device as the default device. Make sure Use only default devices is enabled.

Windows Vista – In the Playback property sheet, select Speakers (Matrox Audio Device), then click Set Default. This also enables Digital Output (Matrox Audio Device).

In the **Recording** property sheet, select the **Matrox Audio Device** you want to use, then click **Set Default**.

c Cli ck OK.

Note: If audio hardware is built into the motherboard of your computer, you may need to disable it manually before you can use the audio hardware in your Matrox Extio unit.

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Troubleshooting

Basic procedures

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This section explains basic procedures that are referred to by some troubleshooting items in this guide.

Restarting in VGA mode

Windows 2000/XP/Vista – What follows is information on how to restart your computer in VGA mode.

1 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.

- 2 *Before* Windows starts, press [F8] for the Windows startup menu to appear.
- **3** Select "VGA mode" (or "Low resolution mode"), then press [Enter].

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

Graphics – Main troubleshooting

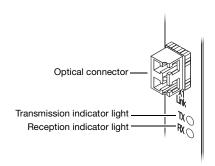
This section addresses possible problems that could prevent you from using your computer.

Problem Computer doesn't restart after Matrox card is installed

Cause	Your Matrox card may not be properly installed.
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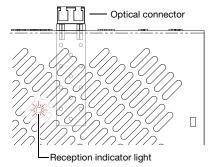
- Solution Make sure your Matrox card is properly installed. Specifically, make sure the card is firmly inserted in its expansion slot and that all connections to it are firmly in place. For more information, see "Hardware installation", page 4.
 - **Cause** There may be unsupported graphics hardware in your computer.
- Solution If an unsupported graphics card is plugged into an expansion slot, remove it.

- Solution If graphics hardware is built into your computer motherboard, your system may not have automatically disabled it when you inserted your Matrox card. Check your system manual for instructions on how to disable your computer built-in graphics hardware.
 - **Cause** The problem may be specific to the motherboard in your computer.
- Solution There may be a software update available for your motherboard. To find out what motherboard model your computer is using, see your system manual. For more information, contact the manufacturer of your motherboard or computer. Many motherboard or computer manufacturers have software updates available on their Web site.
 - **Cause** Your Extio unit may not be properly connected to the interface card.
- Solution Interface card While your computer is turned on, make sure both the transmission (TX) and reception (RX) indicator lights on the bracket of your interface card are green. If the reception indicator is red and you have separate optical cables, switch the cables in the optical connector of your Matrox product. For more information, see "Connect your unit to your interface card", page 8.



If the transmission indicator is red, your optical connector may be loose. Make sure your optical connector is firmly in place by pushing it into its housing. If the light doesn't change to green, contact your Matrox representative.

Solution Unit – While your unit is turned on, make sure the reception indicator light is off. This indicator light is inside your unit next to the optical connector. If the indicator light is on (red) and you have separate optical cables, switch the cables in the optical connector of your Matrox product. For more information, see "Connect your unit to your interface card", page 8.



Cause Your optical cable may be defective. Solution Change your optical cable.

Problem Wrong color balance, screen image off-center, or no picture at all

- Cause Windows XP Service Pack 2 Windows Service Pack 2 has installed a version of the Matrox display driver that doesn't support your Matrox product.
- Solution You need to install a display driver that supports your Matrox product. To reinstall the display driver, you first need to restart your computer in VGA mode (see "Restarting in VGA mode", page 13). While in VGA mode, install the Matrox display driver on the installation CD-ROM provided with your product. If no CD was provided with your product, see the Matrox Technical Support Web site (<u>www.matrox.com/graphics/support/drivers</u>) to download a display driver.
 - Cause Your unit or your host computer may be turned off.
- Solution Make sure the power supply is properly connected to your unit. Make sure both your unit and your host computer are turned on.
 - **Cause** Your interface card may not have been detected. Also, your computer may have re-enabled your built-in graphics hardware.
- Solution To disable your built-in graphics card and re-enable your interface card:
 - 1 Connect a monitor to the graphics connector at the back of your monitor.
 - **2** Disable your built-in graphics hardware.

Windows 2000/XP -

- a Click Start → Settings* → Control Panel → Performance and Maintenance* →
 System (double-click*) → Hardware → Device Manager. (* Depending on your version and configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)
- **b** Double-click the **Graphics Adapter** list item to expand it, then double-click the name of your built-in graphics hardware.
- c Under Device usage, select Do not use this device (disable).
- **d** Click **OK** to accept the changes, then close the Device Manager dialog box.

Windows Vista -

- a Click Start → Settings* → Control Panel → Hardware and Sound* → Device
 Manager → Continue*. (* Depending on your version and configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)
- **b** Double-click the **Graphics Adapter** list item to expand it, then double-click the name of your built-in graphics hardware.
- c Click Driver \rightarrow Disable \rightarrow Yes.
- **d** Click **OK**, then close the Device Manager dialog box.

- **3** Shut down and unplug your computer. Disconnect all other peripherals from your computer for at least 1 minute, then restart your computer.
- Cause Your monitor may not be properly connected.
- Solution Make sure your monitor is properly connected to the connector on your unit (see "Connect your monitors", page 8).
- Solution Make sure the monitor power cable is firmly in place.
- Solution Make sure the connection to the back of the monitor is firmly in place.
 - Cause If your monitor supports multiple input sources (analog/digital), it may be configured to use the wrong source.
- Solution Make sure your monitor is using the correct input source. For more information on selecting the input source for your monitor, see your monitor documentation.
- Solution Change your connection setup to use a different input source. For more information, see "Connect your monitors", page 8.

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 Analog monitors only The Matrox display driver may be trying to use settings your monitor doesn't support. This can happen if the display resolution was changed to one your monitor doesn't support or if the monitor connected to your computer was changed without changing the display or monitor settings in the software.
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WARNING: If incorrect software monitor settings are applied, *some* monitors can be permanently damaged. For more information, see your monitor manual.

- Solution Make sure your monitor supports the display mode currently in use. After installing your Matrox product, your system is usually using the preferred display mode for your monitor or a display mode of 800 × 600 at 60 Hz.
 - Note: In multi-display mode, all the monitors connected to your unit use the same monitor settings. While using Windows display controls, all monitors use the settings of the main monitor (the monitor connected to connector #1 of your Matrox product). While using advanced Matrox display controls, the monitor settings for your monitors are determined by Matrox PowerDesk. Make sure you're using monitor settings supported by your monitors.

- Solution If none of your displays are available, reinstall your Matrox display drivers. For more information on reinstalling your display driver, see the following solution.
 - Cause Files on your system may have been deleted or corrupted.
- Solution Remove, then reinstall Matrox software:

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Note: Before removing software, make sure you have all the necessary files to reinstall software that may still be needed. Also, make sure the display driver you reinstall supports *all* Matrox products in your computer.

Windows 2000/XP/Vista -

- 1 If your primary display is currently unusable, restart your computer in VGA mode (see "Restarting in VGA mode", page 13).
- 2 To remove Matrox software:

Windows 2000/XP -

- a Click Start → Settings* → Control Panel → Add/Remove Programs (double-click*)
 Matrox Driver → Change/Remove → Yes. (* Depending on your version and configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)
- **b** Click **No** if you're asked to restart your computer.
- c Click Matrox PowerDesk-SE \rightarrow Change/Remove \rightarrow Yes.

Windows Vista -

- a Click Start → Settings* → Control Panel → Programs* → Program and Features → Matrox Driver → Uninstall → Yes. (* Depending on your version and configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)
- **b** Click **No** if you're asked to restart your computer.
- $\textbf{c} \quad Click \text{ Matrox PowerDesk-SE} \rightarrow \textbf{Uninstall/Change} \rightarrow \textbf{Yes}.$
- **3** Restart your computer.
- **4** After removing Matrox software, install the latest display driver for your Matrox product. You may also need to reinstall other Matrox software.

Note: Windows 2000/XP/Vista – You may need administrator rights to remove certain software. For more information, see Windows documentation.

Graphics – Extra troubleshooting

The following are extra troubleshooting items related to your graphics hardware.

Problem Can't use Windows, Windows reports a configuration error, and/or can't install or uninstall display driver

- *i* Note: Windows 2000/XP/Vista You may need administrator rights to install certain software. For more information, see Windows documentation.
- **Cause** The problem may be specific to the motherboard in your computer.
- Solution There may be a software update available for your motherboard. To find out what motherboard model your computer is using, see your system manual. For more information, contact the maker of your motherboard or computer. Many motherboard or computer manufacturers have software updates available on their Web site.
- **Cause** Files on your system may have been deleted or corrupted.
- Solution Remove, then reinstall Matrox software. For more information, see page 17.

Problem Monitor settings aren't automatically detected

- WARNING: If incorrect software monitor settings are used, your display may become unusable and *some* monitors can be permanently damaged. For more information, see your monitor manual.
- Cause Your monitor may not be Plug-and-Play. Most new monitors are Plug-and-Play but many older ones aren't. Software can't automatically detect settings for monitors that aren't Plug-and-Play.
- Solution Restart your computer. If your monitor is a Plug-and-Play (DDC) monitor, it should be automatically detected by the software.

Problem Built-in network hardware doesn't work after interface card is installed

- Cause The installation of an interface card may have caused your computer to reallocate system resources.
- Solution Try reinstalling your network drivers.

Solution Try moving your Matrox interface card to another PCI (or PCIe depending on your product) slot in your computer. For instructions on how to safely install your Matrox card, see "Hardware installation", page 4.

Problem Using multiple displays under Windows 2000/XP/Vista, program doesn't work with your Matrox product

Cause Your Matrox product may not be controlling your primary display. The graphics hardware that controls your primary display is the one that first displays information when you restart your computer.

A program that doesn't recognize multiple displays may not work with your Matrox product unless it's controlling your primary display.

Your computer BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) and the slot type (AGP, PCI, or PCIe – see "Choose an expansion slot for your interface card", page 5) of each graphics card and of your interface card help determine which graphics hardware controls your primary display.

- Solution If you're having problems with a program that can be moved on your Windows desktop, run this program on your primary display. Make sure the program window doesn't overlap any other display. If the program doesn't work with the graphics hardware controlling your primary display, or you want your Matrox product to control your primary display, see the other solutions.
- Solution Change the configuration of your computer BIOS so that the slot type of your interface card has priority for controlling the primary display. For information on how to change your computer BIOS settings, see your system manual.

If your computer BIOS doesn't let you select which slot type has priority for becoming the primary display, a BIOS update may be available to let you do this. (The BIOS of most computers can be updated with software.) For a possible BIOS update for your computer, contact your system vendor.

- Solution If there's a graphics controller built into the motherboard of your computer, by changing your computer BIOS settings, you may be able to change which device controls your primary display. For more information, see your system manual.
- Solution If you don't need to use the graphics card that's controlling your primary display, remove it from your computer. If your primary display is controlled by the motherboard of your computer, see your system manual for information on how to disable this graphics controller.
 - **Cause** The program you're using may not work properly with systems using more than one display at a time.

Solution An update may be available for the program you're using. This update may fix problems this program has with multi-display systems. For more information, contact the software distributor for the program you're using.

Problem Not all graphics hardware in the computer is fully supported (Software doesn't work with a certain graphics card, or another graphics card doesn't work at all)

Cause If you're using graphics hardware other than the graphics hardware in your Matrox Extio product, your display driver may not support both the graphics hardware in your Matrox product and the one in your computer.

Under Windows 2000/XP/Vista, you can use different display drivers for different products. Software that depends on a specific display driver feature may not work if your graphics hardware is using different display drivers.

- *i* Note: If your Matrox product was provided by the manufacturer of your computer, check the Web site of that manufacturer for the latest display driver. A display driver provided by the manufacturer of your computer is more likely to be tested with your computer model.
- Solution If a graphics card isn't supported, you may need to remove it. If there's graphics hardware built into the motherboard of your computer that's not supported by your software, see your system manual for information on how to disable this graphics hardware.
 - Cause Windows 2000/XP/Vista If the Windows method for display driver installation was used (instead of running the setup program included with your Matrox display driver), the driver may not be installed for all the Matrox products it supports.
- Solution Run the setup program included with the Matrox display driver. The setup program automatically installs the display driver for each Matrox product it supports.

Problem In multi-display mode, displays aren't numbered consecutively

Cause If you're using graphics hardware other than the graphics hardware in your Matrox Extio product, the display numbering may not be consecutive for the displays of your Matrox product.



Display numbering depends on your graphics hardware and the BIOS settings of your computer.

- Solution Windows 2000/XP/Vista Move the displays in Windows.
 - Windows 2000/XP Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click Properties → Settings.

Windows Vista – Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Personalize** \rightarrow **Display Settings**.

- **2** Select a display and move it according to the physical position of the monitor it's associated with.
- 3 Click OK.

Problem Screen image defects appear, program doesn't run properly, or Windows doesn't work properly

(example: mouse pointer not drawn properly)

- **Cause** Some programs may not work properly with some acceleration.
- Solution Windows 2000/XP/Vista Disable Windows effects:

Windows 2000 -

- 1 Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Properties** → **Effects**.
- 2 Disable one or more features under Visual effects.
- 3 Click $OK \rightarrow OK$.

Windows XP -

- 1 Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Properties** → **Appearance** → **Effects**.
- 2 Disable one or more features.
- 3 Click $OK \rightarrow OK$.

Windows Vista –

- 1 Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Personalize** → **Window Color** and **Appearance**.
- 2 If you're using Windows Aero scheme, click Open classic appearance properties for more color options. Under Color scheme, select Windows Vista Basic.
- **3** Click **Effects** and then disable one or more features.
- 4 Click $OK \rightarrow OK$.
- Solution Windows Vista Disable the Windows Aero features. Right-click your Windows background, then click **Personalize** → **Theme**. Under **Desktop theme**, select Windows Vista or Windows Classic.

- Solution If possible, update your Matrox display driver. Matrox makes new display drivers available on the Matrox Technical Support Web site (www.matrox.com/graphics/support/drivers).
 - *i* Note: If your Matrox product was provided by the manufacturer of your computer, check the Web site of that manufacturer for the latest display driver. A display driver provided by the manufacturer of your computer is more likely to be tested with your computer model.
 - *i* Note: If you identify a program that doesn't work well with Matrox acceleration, please contact Matrox technical support (see page 32) and describe the problem. This information may help us come up with a fix or work-around in a future driver release.

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** If you're using graphics hardware other than the graphics hardware in your Extio unit, the program window or dialog box may be in a display controlled by the graphics hardware in your computer.
- Solution If you're using your unit in a remote location from the host computer, disable any display controlled by the graphics hardware in your computer.

Windows 2000/XP -

- 1 Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Properties** \rightarrow **Settings**.
- 2 Select the display you want to disable, then clear the Extend my Windows desktop onto this monitor check box.
- 3 Click OK.

Windows Vista -

 Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click Personalize → Display settings.

- 2 Select the display you want to disable, then clear the **Extend the desktop onto this monitor** check box.
- 3 Click OK.
- **Cause** The software may be using a display you didn't intend to use or the software may be configured to use more displays than the actual number of monitors you have.
- Solution Disable the display:

Windows 2000/XP -

- 1 Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Properties** \rightarrow **Settings**.
- 2 Select the display you want to disable, then clear the Extend my Windows desktop onto this monitor check box.
- 3 Click OK.

Windows Vista –

- 1 Right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Personalize** → **Display** settings.
- 2 Select the display you want to disable, then clear the **Extend the desktop onto this monitor** check box.
- 3 Click OK.
- 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 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 that spot on your Windows desktop. The program window or dialog box should appear where you clicked.

Solution Windows 2000/XP/Vista -

1 Click the Matrox PowerDesk icon () on your Windows taskbar, then click **Desktop** Management.

- 2 Enable one or more of the following features:
 - Open program windows
 - Center dialog boxes and message boxes
- 3 Choose where you want the program window or dialog box to appear.

For more information, see Matrox PowerDesk help.

Problem Display on digital monitor appears blurry or uses only a portion of the screen

- Cause You may be using a lower display resolution than what your digital 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.

Video

The following troubleshooting items address problems related to video files.

Problem Video file playback is jerky (skipping frames)

Note: Jerky video file playback may be the result of slow playback or recording. Slow recording causes frames to be dropped (frames aren't recorded). If jerky video is caused by frames that were dropped during recording, the problem can only be fixed by recapturing the video under better conditions.

Cause Your hard disk may be too slow.

Solution Try *defragmenting* your hard disk.

Windows 2000/XP – To defragment a hard disk, click Start \rightarrow Programs (or All Programs) \rightarrow Accessories \rightarrow System Tools \rightarrow Disk Defragmenter.

Windows Vista – To defragment a hard disk, click Start \rightarrow Settings \rightarrow Control Panel \rightarrow Performance Information and Tools \rightarrow Advanced Tools \rightarrow Open Disk Defragmenter.

Solution If possible, try using a faster disk.

*T*ip: If your computer has more than one hard disk, you may get better results if you play back or capture video files with a disk *other than* the one where the Windows swap file is stored. The Windows swap file is usually stored on drive "*C*."

- Solution Make sure the drive you're using (a hard disk or DVD drive) is using DMA (if your drive supports DMA transfers). To use DMA:
 - **WARNING:** Not all drives support DMA well. For more information, see the documentation that came with your hard disk.

Windows 2000/XP -

- 1 Click Start → Settings* → Control Panel → Performance and Maintenance* → System (double-click*) → Hardware → Device Manager. (* Depending on your version and configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)
- **2** Double-click the **IDE ATA/ATAPI controllers** list item to expand it, then double-click the name of the appropriate controller.
- 3 Change each Transfer Mode setting to "DMA if available".
- 4 Click **OK** to accept the changes.
- **Cause** Too many programs may be running (using up computer resources).
- Solution Close other programs, including memory-resident programs like System Agent.
 - **Cause** Your display settings may be too high. As a result, video file playback may not be fully supported by your Matrox hardware.
- Solution Try lowering your display settings (resolution, color palette, and/or refresh rate).

Windows 2000/XP – To access display settings, right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Properties** \rightarrow **Settings**.

Windows Vista – To access display settings, right-click your Windows desktop background, then click **Personalize** \rightarrow **Display Settings**.

Problem Mouse pointer flickers or disappears when it's over a video window

Cause You may be using a customized mouse pointer. Windows draws customized mouse pointers in a way that may cause them to flicker or disappear while they're over a video window.

Solution Windows 2000/XP/Vista – Use default Windows mouse pointers:

1 Windows 2000/XP - Click Start → Settings* → Control Panel → Printers and Other Hardware* → Mouse (double-click*). (* Depending on your version and configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)

Windows Vista – Click Start \rightarrow Settings* \rightarrow Control Panel \rightarrow Hardware and Sound * \rightarrow Mouse (double-click*). (* Depending on your version and configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)

- **2** Click the **Pointers** tab.
- **3** In the Scheme box, select (or reselect) "(None)", then click OK.

Sound

The following troubleshooting items address problems related to the audio output of your unit.

Problem Sound doesn't record, video files play back with no sound, or sound output is distorted or too loud

- **Cause** If the sound problem is with a particular device (for example, TV or speaker), the volume control on the device itself may need adjusting.
- Solution Adjust the volume control on the device itself.
- **Cause** Audio cables may be loose or incorrectly wired.
- Solution Make sure your audio cables are properly connected.
 - Cause Windows may be using the audio hardware in your computer rather than the audio hardware in your Matrox product.

Solution Make sure the audio hardware of your Matrox product is set as the default audio device and that only the default audio device is used. For more information, see "Configure your audio settings", page 12.

- **Cause** Windows audio settings may be incorrect. Specifically, input or output may be disabled, or volume levels may be too low or too high.
- Solution Make sure your Windows audio settings are correct:

Windows 2000/XP -

If you *don't* see the speaker icon:

Windows 2000 -

- a Click Start \rightarrow Settings \rightarrow Control Panel.
- **b** Double-click the Multimedia or Sounds and Multimedia icon.
- c Enable the "Show volume control on the taskbar" check box.
- d Click OK.
- e Double-click the speaker icon on the taskbar.

Windows XP -

- a Click Start → Settings* → Control Panel → Sound, Speech, and Audio Devices* → Sounds and Audio Devices. (* Depending on your configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)
- **b** Enable the "Place volume icon in the taskbar" check box.
- c Click OK.
- d Double-click the speaker icon on the taskbar.
- 2 Click Options \rightarrow Properties.
- **3** Click the **Recording** button, enable all check boxes in the list box, then click **OK**.
- **4** For the **Line In** and/or **Microphone** controls, make sure the **Volume** slider levels are okay (if you're not sure, try half level), and the appropriate **Select** check box is enabled.



- 5 Click Options \rightarrow Properties.
- 6 Click the **Playback** button, enable all check boxes in the list box, then click **OK**.
- 7 For the Master, Line, and/or Wave controls, make sure the Volume sliders are at onequarter to one-half levels (if you're not sure, try half level), and the Mute check boxes are cleared.
- 8 Close the dialog box.

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Note: Depending on your sound driver, certain labels may be different. For example, **Line In** may be labeled **Line**.

Windows Vista -

1 Right-click the speaker icon ((1)) on the Windows taskbar.

If you *don't* see the speaker icon:

- **a** Right-click the taskbar and select **Properties** \rightarrow **Notification area**.
- **b** Under **System icons**, enable the **Volume** check box.
- c Click OK.

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- d Right-click the speaker icon on the Windows taskbar.
- 2 Select **Playback** and make sure all the devices you want to use are listed as working. If a device is listed as not working, right-click the device icon and select **Enable**.

Note: To see all your devices, right-click anywhere on the property sheet and make sure Show disabled devices and Show Disconnected Devices are enabled.

3 For each device you want to use, double-click the device icon and select **Levels**. Make sure the

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volume slider value is okay and and the volume button is enabled (). Click **OK**. (To test the volume of a playback device, right-click the device icon in the **Playback** property sheet and select **Test**.)

4 Select **Recording** and make sure all the devices you want to use are listed as working. If a device is listed as not working, right-click the device icon and select **Enable**.

Note: To see all your devices, right-click anywhere on the property sheet and make sure **Show disabled devices** and **Show Disconnected Devices** are enabled.

- 5 For each device you want to use, double-click the device icon and select Levels. Make sure the volume slider value is okay (if you're not sure, try a value of 50) and the volume button is enabled (). Click OK. (To test the volume of a recording device, make sure there is an audio source plugged into it and playing, then watch the volume meter next to the audio device icon. The volume meter should be between 60 and 100%.)
- **Cause** The problem may be specific to the audio hardware of your computer.
- Solution For more information, see the documentation for the audio hardware of your computer.
 - Cause Your system may have built-in audio hardware that conflicts with the audio hardware of your Matrox unit.
- Solution Disable the built-in audio hardware in your system.

Windows 2000/XP -

- 1 Click Start → Settings* → Control Panel → Performance and Maintenance* → System → Hardware → Device Manager. (* Depending on your configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)
- 2 Under Sound, video and game controllers, right-click your built-in audio hardware and select **Disable**. For more information on the audio hardware in your system, see your system manual.
- **3** Click **Yes** \rightarrow **Yes**. For changes to take effect, your computer must be restarted.

Windows Vista -

- 1 Click Start → Settings* → Control Panel → System and Maintenance* → System* → Device Manager → Continue*. (* Depending on your configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)
- 2 Under Sound, video and game controllers, right-click your built-in audio hardware and select **Disable**. For more information on the audio hardware in your system, see your system manual.
- 3 Click Yes.
- **Cause** Your Line Out connector (()) may be muted because you have another audio device connected to the **Headphones** connector (()).
- Solution Make sure nothing is connected to the Headphones connector at the front of your unit.

Product information

Extio unit features

	Matrox Extio F1220	Matrox Extio F1400	Matrox Extio F1420
Digital monitor support	DVI	DVI	DVI
# of displays supported	2 (digital or analog)	4 (digital or analog)	4 (digital or analog)
Interface card supported	Optical	Optical	Optical
Memory	128 MB	128 MB	128 MB
# of DVI-to-HD15 adapters	—	4	4
USB support	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
FireWire support	\checkmark	—	\checkmark

Interface card features

Interface type	Optical
Card Type	PCI or PCIe ×1
Form factor	Low-profile
Cable type supported	Dual-LC optical
Maximum distance (cable type)	250 m (50 μm/125 μm) 150 m (62.5 μm/125 μm)

Notes

- Your Matrox graphics hardware is 100% VGA compatible and supports all VESA standards: VBE 2.0 (Super VGA modes), DPMS (energy saving), and DDC-2B (Plugand-Play monitor).
- To get the most of your Matrox product, we recommend using the highest color palette setting (a 32-bit color palette) for all your displays.
- The display resolutions and refresh rates available depend on your Matrox graphics hardware, display driver, software monitor settings, and monitor. For information on the capabilities of your monitor, see your monitor documentation.

- While using 4 displays at a time, your Matrox graphics hardware supports display resolutions up to 1600 × 1200 for each display (6400 × 1200 or 3200 × 2400) with a vertical refresh rate up to 60 Hz.
- If you're using multiple monitors, your Matrox hardware uses the same display resolution and monitor settings for all your monitors. The display resolution and monitor settings (such as refresh rate) will be the ones selected in Matrox PowerDesk multi-display settings.

Supported VESA modes (main display)

In the table below, VESA modes supported by your Matrox graphics hardware are indicated by a VESA mode number. Many Super VGA DOS programs use VESA modes.

Display resolution	16 colors	256 colors	32 K colors	64 K colors	16 M colors
640 × 400	-	100	—	—	_
640 × 480	(VGA)	101	110	111	112
800 × 600	102	103	113	114	115
1024 × 768	—	105	116	117	118
1280 × 1024	—	107	119	11A	11B
1600 × 1200	—	11C	11D	11E	11F
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Columns	25	43	50	60	
80	—	—	_	108	
132	109	10A	10B	10C	

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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.

Where to get information

For system information:

- Windows 2000 Right-click the My Computer icon on your Windows desktop background, then click Properties.
- Windows 2000/XP Click Start → Programs (or All programs) → Accessories → System Tools → System Information.
- Windows XP Click Start → Settings* → Control Panel → Performance and Maintenance* → System (double-click*). (* Depending on your configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)
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 → System. (* Depending on your configuration of Windows, this part of the step may not be necessary.)

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Observación referente a los productos de hardware de Matrox apoyados por este manual Estos dispositivos cumplen con la directiva de la CE 89/336/EEC para dispositivos digitales de Clase A. Dichos dispositivos han sido sometidos a prueba y se ha comprobado que cumplen con las normas EN55022/CISPR22 y EN55024/CISPR24. En entornos residenciales, estos productos pueden causar interferencias en las comunicaciones por radio; en tal caso el usuario deberá adoptar las medidas adecuadas. Para satisfacer las disposiciones de la CE, deberán utilizarse cables apantallados para conectar el monitor y demás periféricos a la tarjeta. Estos productos han sido sometidos a prueba en un típico sistema anfitrión que responde a los requisitos de la clase A. Se supone que estos productos cumplirán también con las normas en cualquier sistema que responda a los requisitos de la clase A.

EUROPE

(English) European user's information – Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

Please refer to the Matrox Web site (www.matrox.com/environment/weee) for recycling information.

(Français) Informations aux utilisateurs Européens – Règlementation des déchets d'équipements électriques et électroniques (DEEE)

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(Italiano) Informazioni per gli utenti europei – Direttiva sui rifiuti di apparecchiature elettriche ed elettroniche (RAEE)

Si prega di riferirsi al sito Web Matrox (www.matrox.com/environment/weee) per le informazioni di riciclaggio.



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. • En cours d'utilisation, faites des pauses de dix à quinze minutes toutes les heures.

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