

# NVIDIA<sup>®</sup> Graphics Accelerator

## User's Manual

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Minimum System Requirements

- Hardware
  - Motherboard with one or above PCI-Express x 16 slot
  - 2GB system memory (4GB recommended)
  - Optical drive for software installation (CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drive)
  
- Operating System
  - Windows® 10
  - Windows® 8
  - Windows® 7

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

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

The card contains sensitive electric components, which can be easily damaged by static electricity, so the card should be left in its original packing until it is installed. Unpacking and installation should be done on a grounded anti-static mat. The operator should be wearing an anti-static wristband, grounded at the same point as the anti-static mat. Inspect the card carton for obvious damage. Shipping and handling may cause damage to your card. Be sure there are no shipping and handling damages on the card before proceeding.

👉 **DO NOT APPLY POWER TO YOUR SYSTEM IF THE GRAPHICS CARD IS DAMAGED.**

👉 **In order to ensure that your graphics card can work correctly, please use official GIGABYTE BIOS only. Using non-official GIGABYTE BIOS might cause problem(s) on the graphics card.**

## 2. Hardware Installation

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

### Step 1.

Locate the PCI Express x16 slot. If necessary, remove the cover from this slot; then align your graphics card with the PCI Express x16 slot, and press it in firmly until the card is fully seated.



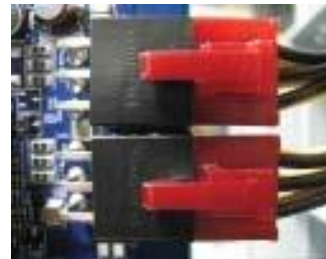
☛ Make sure that the gold edge connector of the graphics card is securely inserted.

### Step 2.

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

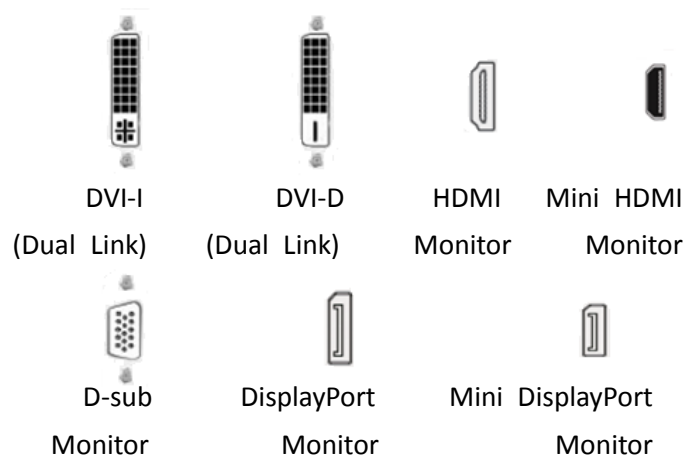


※ If there are power connectors on your card, remember to connect the power cable to them, or the system will not boot. Do not touch the card when it's operating to prevent system instability.



### Step 3.

Connect the appropriate cable to the card and the display. Finally, turn on your computer.



## 2.1. SLI Technology

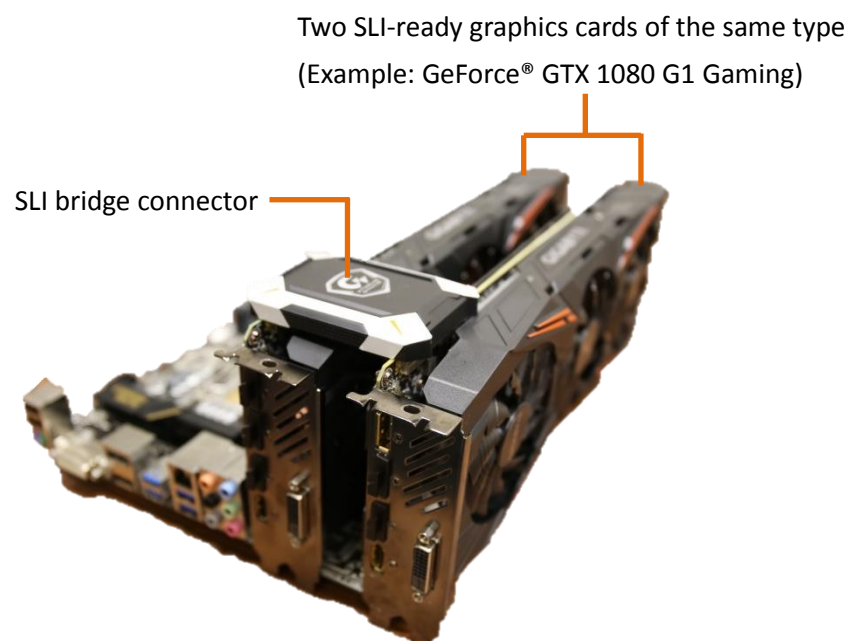
### How NVIDIA®SLI™ (Scalable Link Interface) technology works:

If you are planning on using this graphics card as part of an SLI system, the following are required:

- An SLI certified motherboard with two or above PCI-E x16 slots and correct chipset driver
- A two-way SLI bridge connector

In an SLI configuration, two SLI-ready graphics cards of the same model and the same manufacturers are connected together via SLI bridge connector in a system that provides two or above PCI Express x16 slots to scale graphics performance. The picture below shows that two graphics cards are linked in parallel in an SLI configuration.

### 2-Way SLI Configuration:



# 3. Software Installation

Notice the following guidelines before installing the drivers:

1. First make sure your system has installed DirectX 11 or later version.
  2. Make sure your system has installed the appropriate motherboard drivers (For the motherboard drivers, please contact the motherboard manufacturer.)
- ※ Notice : The photos in this manual are for reference only and may not match what you exactly see on your screen

## 3.1. Driver and Utility Installation

### 3.1.1. Driver and XTREME ENGINE Installation

After installing the operating system, insert the driver disk into your optical drive. The driver Autorun screen is automatically displayed which looks like that shown in the screen shot on the right. (If the driver Autorun screen does not appear automatically, go to My Computer, double-click the optical drive and execute the setup.exe program.)



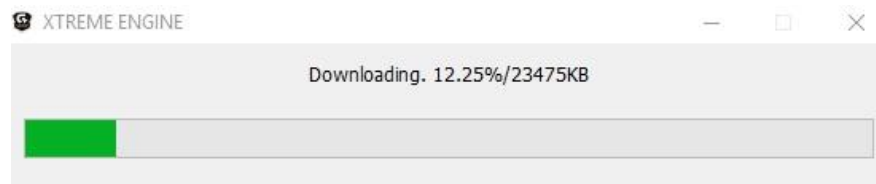
#### Step 1:

Choose *Express Install* to install driver and XTREME ENGINE at once, or *Customize Install* to install them separately.

Then click the **Install** item.

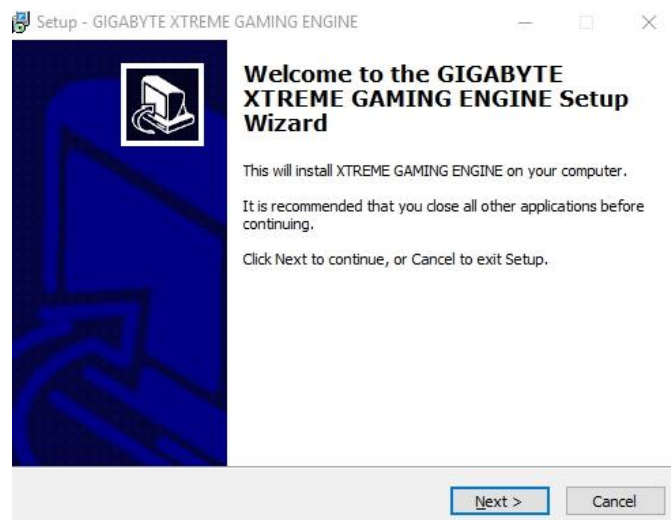


If choosing Express Install, the window of XTREME ENGINE installation would appear first as the following picture.



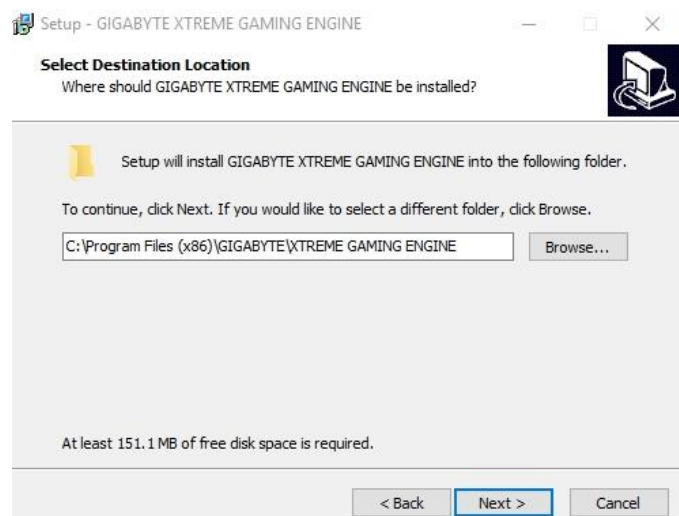
## Step 2:

Click the **Next** button.



## Step 3:

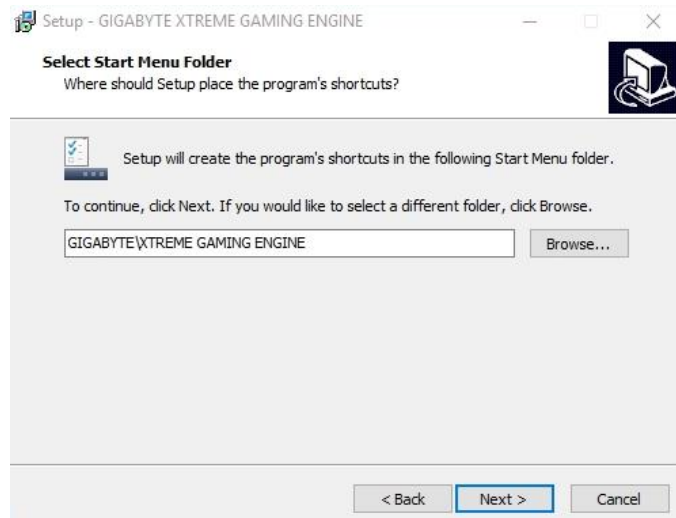
Click **Browse** to choose where you'd like GIGABYTE XTREME ENGINE to be installed. And then click the **Next** button.





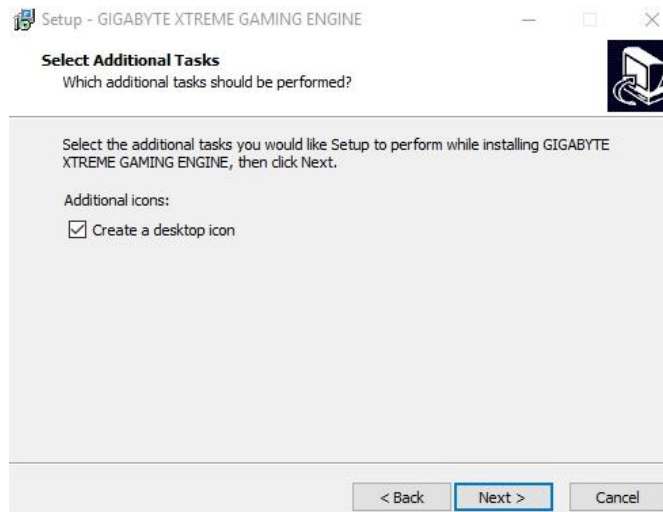
## Step 4:

Click **Browse** to choose where you'd like to place the shortcuts in Start Menu. And then click **Next**.



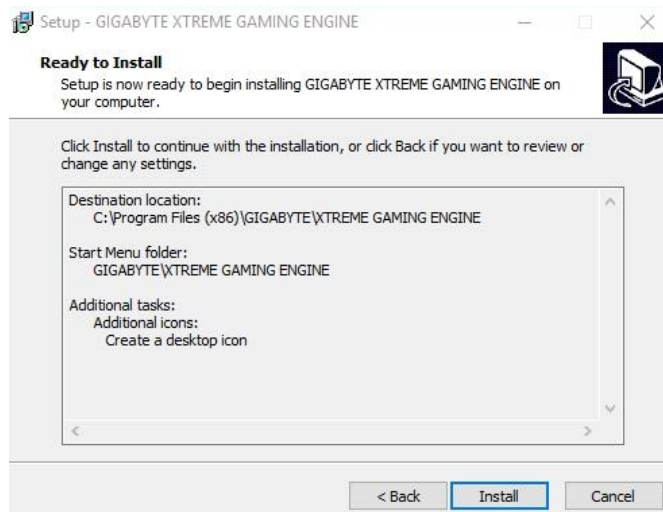
## Step 5:

Check the box if you'd like to create a desktop icon, and then click **Next**.



## Step 6:

Click the **Install** button.



## Step 7:

Click the **Finish** button to complete XTREME ENGINE installation.



## Step 8:

After installing XTREME ENGINE, the window of NVIDIA Driver would appear.



## Step 9:

Click the **AGREE AND CONTINUE** button.



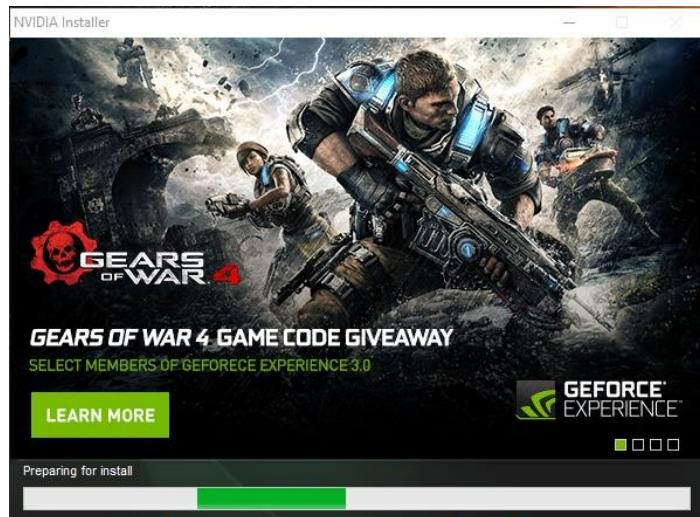
## Step 10:

Check *Express* (*Recommended*) and then click the **NEXT** button.



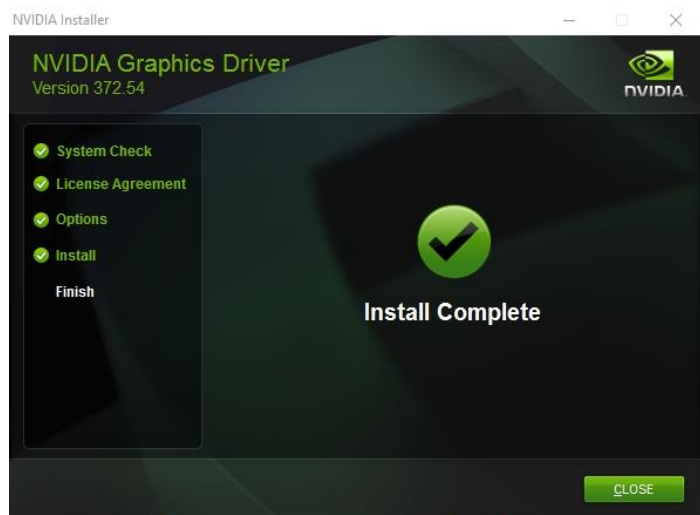
## Step 11:

Installation begins.



## Step 12:

Click the **Close** button, and then restart your computer to complete driver installation.



### 3.1.2. GIGABYTE XTREME ENGINE

Users could adjust clock speeds, voltage, fan performance, and LED etc. according to their own preference through this intuitive interface.



※ The interface and functionality of the software is subject to each model.

### OC

Click on +/- , drag the control button or enter numbers to adjust GPU clock, memory clock, GPU voltage, power limit, and temperature.

Click on APPLY, the adjusted data will be saved in the profile on the upper left, click RESET to return to previous setting. Click DEFAULT to return to default setting.



## ADVANCED OC

### Easy Setting:

- OC mode  
High performance over clocking mode
- Gaming mode  
Default setting gaming mode
- ECO mode  
Energy saving, silent ECO mode



### Advanced Setting:

Users could click on +/-, enter numbers, or move the white dots on the line chart to adjust GPU clock and voltage.



## FAN

### Easy Setting:

- Turbo  
High fan speed to keep temperature low
- Auto  
Default mode
- Silent  
Low fan speed to keep noise low



## Advanced Setting:

Users could enter numbers or move the white dots on the line chart to adjust fan speed and temperature.



## LED

Users could choose different styles, brightness, colors; they could also turn off the LED effects through this software.

If more than one graphics cards are installed, users could set different effects for each card by clicking EACH, or choose the same effect for every card by clicking ALL.



## 4. Troubleshooting Tips

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

- Check whether the card is seated properly in the PCI Express x16 slot.
- Ensure that the display cable is securely fastened to the card's display connector.
- Make sure that the monitor and computer are plugged in and receiving power.
- If necessary, disable any built-in graphics capabilities on your motherboard. For more information, consult your computer's manual or manufacturer.

(NOTE: Some manufacturers do not allow the built-in graphics to be disabled or to become the secondary display.)

- Make sure you selected the appropriate display device and graphics card when you install the graphics driver.
- Restart your computer.  
Press <F8> on your keyboard after system starts up. When the Windows Advanced Options Menu appears, select Safe Mode and press <Enter>. After getting into Safe Mode, in Device Manager, check whether the driver for the graphics card is correct.
- If you are not able to find the desired monitor color/resolution settings: The color and screen resolution options available for selection depend on the graphics card being installed.

- ✧ If necessary, adjust your monitor's setting using monitor's adjust panel to make the screen looks focused, crisp, and sharp.

# 5. Appendix

## 5.1. Regulatory Statements

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	铅 (Pb)	汞 (Hg)	镉 (Cd)	六价铬 (Cr (VI))	多溴联苯 (PBB)	多溴二苯醚 (PBDE)
PCB板 PCB	○	○	○	○	○	○
结构件及风扇 Mechanical parts and Fan	×	○	○	○	○	○
芯片及其他主动零件 Chip and other Active components	×	○	○	○	○	○
连接器 Connectors	×	○	○	○	○	○
被动电子元器件 Passive Components	×	○	○	○	○	○
线材 Cables	○	○	○	○	○	○
焊接金属 Soldering metal	○	○	○	○	○	○
助焊剂, 散热膏, 标签及其他耗材 Flux, Solder Paste, Label and other Consumable Materials	○	○	○	○	○	○
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