

Re: MSI launches Dolby DTS enabled motherboard

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On Sun, 7 Aug 2005 21:23:32 -0400, "Chris P. [MVP]" <msdn@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

>On Sat, 06 Aug 2005 17:04:09 GMT, Neil Smith [MVP Digital Media] wrote:
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>> This oughtta be good for those of you looking for a high performance +
>> 7.1 DTS encoding solution : MSI have this neat looking mobo, with a UK
>> distributor of "Northamber"
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>> http://www.channelregister.co.uk/2005/08/06/msi_northamber/
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>> Claimed are 7.1 real time encoding (and playback) support, 4x 3Gbps
>> SATA with RAID 0+1, 1066MHz FSB and 2xPCI express slots. "Dynamic
>> overclocking" looks useful too for those bursty realtime encoding
>> situations !
>
>The real question will be, how stable are the drivers? The Taiwanese
>manufacturers have recently been turning out some good products but they
>often fall short with the drivers. My questions are, what can the encoding
>source be, and can it be completely transparent to the application? If you
>see any reviews please post.

Sure Chris I'll keep any eye out, Toms Hardware are the likely suspects. Actually as that release is on TheRegister, they quite often get their news from TH and other sources and aggregate it.

I did track down one review on DriverHeaven (though it's mostly performance measurement than compatibility based). They're showing 39% CPU on the `Step Into Liquid` WMV-HD clip playback with no dropped frames, close to realtime re-encoding of DVD to DivX (20 second gain over an NForce4 board on a 5 minute clip).

WM Encoder was listed as part of the test harness, but I didn't see it mentioned anywhere in the review, pity, but I think this review may be for a variant of the board without 7.1 - would be interesting to track down and test the drivers as you say.

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Review parts here :

<http://www.driverheaven.net/reviews/msi945/divx.htm>

<http://www.driverheaven.net/reviews/msi945/wmv.htm>

Cheers – Neil

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