

Re: Best low profile TV card?

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Cheers Doug

Thought I might get away with a good quality video capture card :-(

I'll taker a look at the ATI card you suggest and see what the MPEG conversion is like.

"Doug Knox MS-MVP" <dknox@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:uSdlzCwuGHA.1504@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
You still need a tuner card, even if you're using the S-Video inputs.
Either way, the card encodes the incoming signal into an MPEG-2 stream for
use by MCE. As for going HD, that will require a separate HDTV tuner.
Hybrid cards aren't supported in MCE 2005.

I don't believe the ATI 550 is currently available in low profile mounting,
but one vendor will have it on 8/31.

http://www.computercare.cc/osc/catalog/product_info.php?cPath=49_54&products_id=685

The Hauppauge 150 is available in half-height.

http://www.hauppauge.com/pages/products/data_pvr150mcelp.html

As for picture quality, what DVD decoder are you using? You might want to
try the trial versions, if available, for others and see there's any
noticeable difference.

Doug Knox, MS-MVP Windows Media Center\Windows Powered Smart
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Hi

Having spent ages getting my MCE working flawlessly i decided to upgrade
my

TV to a 42" HD plasma. Big mistake!

The TV is great and the picture fed directly from the STB is extremely
good.

Unfortunately all this does is highlight the relatively poor quality TV
picture from MCE. Connection are S-Video from STB to MCE then DVI to the
TV

so I can't improve that much and I have all the latest drivers etc.

I've seen good comments about the ATI Wonder TV Elite card but would
appreciate any first hand experience recommendations or alternatives.

All I want to do is take an S-Video input through a card and out to the
TV.

No tuners needed or anything like that but I do want the best image
quality

I can get. Only real complication is that it is to fit a slim chassis that
will only take a low profile card.

Also thinking about going HD later this year so it would make sense for
the
card to be HD.

All comments appreciated.

Thanks

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