

**POWER GXT800P Graphics Adapter
Installation and User's Guide**

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Safety Information

DANGER

An electrical outlet that is not correctly wired could place hazardous voltage on metal parts of the system or the devices that attach to the system. It is the responsibility of the customer to ensure that the outlet is correctly wired and grounded to prevent an electrical shock.

Before installing or removing signal cables, ensure that the power cables for the system unit and all attached devices are unplugged.

When adding or removing any additional devices to or from the system, ensure that the power cables for those devices are unplugged before the signal cables are connected. If possible, disconnect all power cables from the existing system before you add a device.

Use one hand, when possible, to connect or disconnect signal cables to prevent a possible shock from touching two surfaces with different electrical potentials.

During an electrical storm, do not connect cables for display stations, printers, telephones, or station protectors for communication lines.

Handling Static Sensitive Devices

Attention: Static electricity can damage this device and your system unit. To avoid damage, keep this device in its static protective bag until you are ready to install it. To reduce the possibility of electrostatic discharge, follow the precautions listed below.

Electrostatic Discharge Protection

To prevent electrostatic discharge:

- Limit your movement. Movement can cause static electricity to build up around you.
- Handle the device carefully, holding it by its edges or its frame.
- Do not touch solder joints, pins, or exposed printed circuitry.
- Do not leave the device where others can handle and possibly damage the device.
- While the device is still in its anti-static package, touch it to an unpainted metal part of the system unit for at least two seconds. (This drains static electricity from the package and from your body.)
- Remove the device from its package and install it directly into your system unit without setting it down. If it is necessary to set the device down, place it on its static-protective package. (If your device is an adapter, place it component side up.) Do not place the device on your system unit cover or on a metal table.
- Take additional care when handling devices during cold weather as heating reduces indoor humidity and increases static electricity.

About This Book

Use this book with your system unit documentation to install the POWER GXT800P graphics adapter and its associated device driver software.

Related Publications

This book refers to the documentation that came with your system unit and with your operating system. Additional references are made to adapter (slot) placement documentation.

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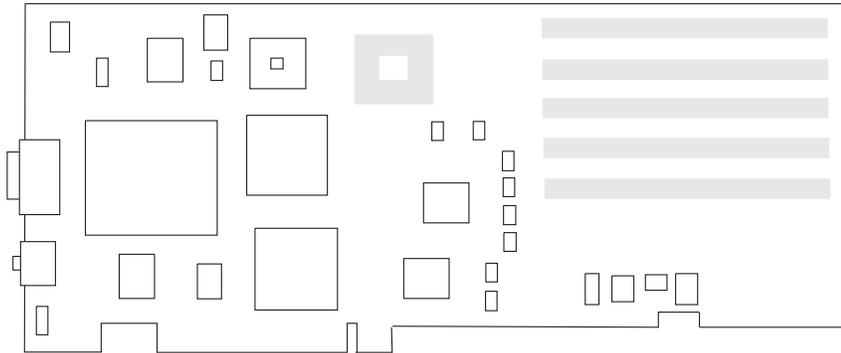
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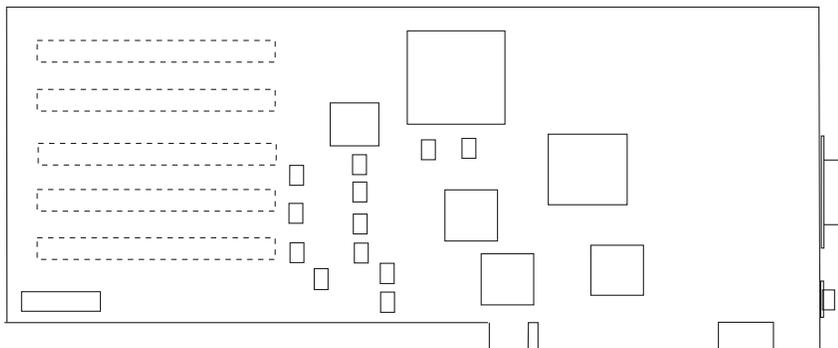
Chapter 1. Overview

The POWER GXT800P graphics adapters (POWER GXT800P with base memory or POWER GXT800P with base and texture memory) are single card adapters that attach to your system unit in a PCI bus graphics slot. Both adapters provide 3D graphics acceleration. The POWER GXT800P with base and texture memory also provides texture acceleration. (Connection to the video monitor is made through a high density 15 pin D-shell connector.)

Refer to the PCI Graphics Adapter Placement Reference for supported system units and for supported slot locations. To install the POWER GXT800P graphics adapters into your system, refer to your system unit documentation.

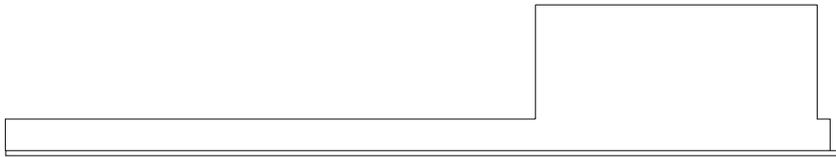


(GXT800P Top View)



(GXT800P Bottom View)

Note: Some system units have PCI slots that force adapter cards to be installed top side down.



(GXT800P Side View of Adapter with Metal Shield housing.)

Important: Retain your proof of purchase for warranty service.

The POWER GXT800P Adapter with Base Memory Supports:

- 8 and 24 bit double-buffered color
- 8 bit double-buffered alpha
- 8 bit single-buffered overlay
- 8 bits of window ids
- 24 bit Z-buffer
- 4 bit stencil
- OpenGL, PEX, graPHIGS, and GL 3.2 API's
- 3D Acceleration:
 - Depth Buffering
 - Antialiasing
 - Gouraud shading
 - Fog and Atmospheric effects
 - Stencil test
 - Alpha test
 - Blending
 - Dithering
- Display resolution: 1280x1024 and 1024x768
(includes monitors that comply with ISO 9241, Part 3 Std.)
- Stereo viewing

The POWER GXT800P with Base Memory and Texture Supports

- 8 and 24 bit double-buffered color
- 8 bit double-buffered alpha
- 8 bit single-buffered overlay
- 8 bits of window ids
- 24 bit Z-buffer
- 4 bit stencil
- OpenGL, PEX, graPHIGS, and GL 3.2 API's
- 3D Acceleration:
 - Depth Buffering
 - Antialiasing
 - Gouraud shading
 - Fog and Atmospheric effects
 - Stencil test
 - Alpha test
 - Blending
 - Dithering
- Display resolution: 1280x1024 and 1024x768
(includes monitors that comply with ISO 9241, Part 3 Std.)
- Stereo viewing
- The POWER GXT800P with base and texture supports HW acceleration of trilinear mipmapped textures up to 512 x 512.

To verify your POWER GXT800P graphics adapter includes both base and texture, type the following command:

```
lsdev -C | grep GXT800P
```

and press Enter.

If you do have the texture adapter, the following data appears on your screen:

```
smint0      Available 04-02      GXT800P Graphics Adapter
smintdm0    Defined   04-02-00      GXT800P Base and Texture Memory
```

Software Requirements

AIX: The POWER GXT800P is supported on AIX 4.1.5. If support is required on an AIX release other than AIX 4.1.5, please ensure this adapter is supported on that release of AIX prior to install. Contact your support representative for assistance.

OpenGL and GL 3.2 requires the OpenGL and GL 3.2 for AIX, version 4.1.5 Licensed Program Product (5696-939). If support is required on an AIX release other than AIX 4.1.5, please ensure this adapter is supported on that release of AIX prior to install. Contact your support representative for assistance.

PEX and graPHIGS requires the PEX and PHIGS for AIX, Version 4.1.5 Licensed Program Product (5696-907). If support is required on an AIX release other than AIX 4.1.5, please ensure this adapter is supported on that release of AIX prior to install. Contact your support representative for assistance.

Chapter 2. Preparing for Installation

This section outlines the installation procedure for the POWER GXT800P device driver and graphics adapter.

The process includes:

- An inventory of installation materials.
- The installation of your device driver software.
- The installation of your graphics adapter.

Note: If AIX is not installed on your system unit, install your graphics adapter before you install the operating system. (See Chapter 4, “Installing Hardware” on page 4-1.) When you install AIX, your device driver software will automatically install.

If AIX is operating on your system, install your device driver software prior to installing your graphics adapter. (See Chapter 3, “Installing Device Driver Software” on page 3-1.)

Inventory

To install the POWER GXT800P, you need:

- The adapter.
- This documentation, *POWER GXT800P Graphics Adapter Installation and User's Guide*.
- The system unit User's Guide.
- The operating system documentation.
- *PCI Graphics Adapter Placement Reference*.
- A flat-blade screw driver or a 5mm nut driver.
- Media containing device driver software.
- Metal support bracket. (Refer to system unit User's Guide for installation instructions.)

Chapter 3. Installing Device Driver Software

This section explains how to install device driver software.

Device Driver Software Installation

1. Be sure you have read Chapter 2, "Preparing for Installation" on page 2-1.
 - Determine if you should install your device driver software first.
 - Determine if you should install your graphics adapter hardware first.
 - If you should install your device driver software first, go to step 2 and continue with this section.
 - If you should install your hardware first, go to Chapter 4, "Installing Hardware" on page 4-1. When you install AIX, your device driver automatically installs.
2. Turn the system unit power on.
3. Log in as **root**.
4. Insert the media containing the device driver software (example: CD-ROM) into the appropriate media device.
5. Type the following

```
smit devinst
```

and press Enter.
6. The Install Additional Device Software screen highlights the "**INPUT device/directory for software**" option.
7. Select or type *your input device*:
 - Press **F4** to display the input device list. Select the *name of the device* (example: CD-ROM) that you are using and press Enter.
-- or --
 - In the Entry Field, type the *name of the input device* you are using and press Enter.
8. The Install Additional Device Software window highlights the **SOFTWARE to install** option.
9. Press **F4** to display the SOFTWARE to install window.

10. Type the following to display the Find window:

/

11. Type the following

`devices.pci.14105e00`

and press Enter.

(The system finds and highlights this device driver software.)

12. Press **PF7** to select the highlighted device driver software and press Enter.

Example:

`4.1.5.0 devices.pci.devices`

13. The Install Additional Device Software screen displays. Entry data fields are automatically updated. Press Enter to accept the data.

14. The ARE YOU SURE window displays. Press Enter to accept the data.

15. The **COMMAND STATUS** screen appears.

- The term **RUNNING** is highlighted to indicate that the install and configure command is in progress.
- When **RUNNING** changes to **OK**, scroll down to the bottom of the page and locate the Installation Summary.
- After a successful installation, **SUCCESS** will appear in the Result column of the summary at the bottom of the page.

16. Remove the installation media from the drive.

17. Press **F10** to exit SMIT.

18. Reference your system unit documentation to shutdown your system unit.

19. Go to graphics adapter install procedure, Chapter 4, "Installing Hardware" on page 4-1.

Chapter 4. Installing Hardware

This section provides the guidance necessary to install a graphics adapter. Before you begin, be sure you have read “Handling Static Sensitive Devices” on page vii.

Attention: Do not remove the POWER GXT800P from its anti-static package at this time.

Installing the Adapter

1. Be sure you have read Chapter 2, “Preparing for Installation” on page 2-1.
 - Determine if you should install your graphics adapter hardware first.
 - Determine if you should install your device driver software first.
 - If you should install your graphics adapter hardware first, go to 2 and continue with this section.
 - If you should install your device driver software first, go back to Chapter 3, “Installing Device Driver Software” on page 3-1. Return here to install your hardware.
2. Refer to the User's Guide that shipped with your system unit to perform the following:
 - Shutdown your system unit.
 - Install the graphics adapter in your system unit.
 - Refer to the *PCI Graphics Adapter Placement Reference* to identify supported installation slots for a POWER GXT800P. Return here to complete the process.
 - **Attention:** Failure to install your graphics adapter in the correct slot may cause your adapter or system unit to function incorrectly.
3. Some system units may require attachment of a metal support bracket. Refer to your system's User's Guide for specific instructions to attach the support bracket if one was shipped with your adapter.
4. After the basic installation is complete, connect your keyboard and mouse to the system unit and connect your video cable to the graphics adapter.
5. Turn on both your system unit and your display. Follow any instructions on the screen.
6. A **select display** (console) **icon** appears on your screen. Press the number key (for example, 1 or 2) on your keyboard of the monitor you want to be your default display.

Note: If you are planning to run applications such as PEX, OpenGL, GL 3.2, or graPHIGS, be sure to install the appropriate level LPP after you install the POWER GXT800P Adapter.

Troubleshooting

Initial installation problems are often resolved using a few basic troubleshooting steps:

- Check Cables
- Check Installed Software (lslpp)
- Check Console (possibly redirect)
- Check Installed Hardware (lsdev)

Check Cables

1. Ensure your cables are connected to the correct adapter.
 - If you have more than one display adapter, be sure that each adapter is connected to a display.
 - Verify the cable connection to your video monitor is made through a high density 15 pin D-shell connector. (For detailed connector information, go to *Adapters, Devices, and Cable Information for Multiple Bus Systems* if you received this book with your system unit.)
2. If no login prompt appears, restart your system unit.
3. If the system responds with a login prompt, continue with the troubleshooting verifications.

Verify Software Installation

1. Verify the device driver for the POWER GXT800P is installed.
 - Login as **root**
 - Type:

```
lslpp -l a11 | grep GXT800P
```

and press Enter.

2. If the POWER GXT800P device driver is installed, the following is an example of the data that appears if you are running AIX Version 4.1.5.

```
devices.pci.14105e00.X11 4.1.5.0 COMMITTED AIXwindows GXT800P Graphics
devices.pci.14105e00.diag 4.1.5.0 COMMITTED GXT800P Graphics Adapter
devices.pci.14105e00.rte 4.1.5.0 COMMITTED GXT800P Graphics Adapter
```

3. If the POWER GXT800P device driver did not install, return to Chapter 3, “Installing Device Driver Software” on page 3-1.

Check Console

1. If you continue to experience problems, it may be necessary to redirect the device console to the new adapter using the *chdisp* command. Refer to your operating system documentation for directions.
2. If you have checked your cables, tried the *chdisp* command and continue to experience problems, run diagnostics. Refer to your operating system documentation for directions.

Verify Hardware Installation

1. To verify your system unit recognizes the POWER GXT800P adapter:
 - Type:

```
lsdev -Cs pci
```

and press Enter.
2. If the POWER GXT800P adapter did install, the following is an example of the data that appears on your screen:

```
smint0 Available 04-02 GXT800P Graphics Adapter
```
3. If the message on your screen indicates your adapter is Defined instead of Available, shut down your machine. Check the POWER GXT800P adapter to insure it is installed correctly.
4. If the POWER GXT800P adapter did not install, return to Chapter 4, “Installing Hardware” on page 4-1.

If you continue to experience problems, it may be necessary to call your system support organization. Refer to your operating system documentation for directions.

Chapter 5. Display Information

Display Power Management

The POWER GXT800P graphics adapter supports Video Electronics Standards Association (VESA), Display Power Management Signalling (DPMS).

Change Resolution and Refresh Rates

To change the resolution and refresh rates for X or CDE sessions, complete the following steps:

1. Turn your system unit power on.
2. Log in as **root**
3. Type the following
 smit
 and press Enter.
4. From the System Management screen, select **Devices** and press Enter.
5. Select **Graphic Displays** and press Enter.
6. Select **Select the Display Type**.
7. Select the **GXT800P Graphics Adapter** and press Enter.
8. Press **PF4** for a list of Display Types supported.
9. Select the desired type and press Enter.

Note: If POWER GXT800P detects a Data Display Channel (DDC) monitor, "default" is your only SMIT screen option. For DDC monitor owners, pressing PF4 here creates an information message that states the popup is not available for this entry field. Press **PF3**. This brings you back to the Graphics Display screen. Select **Display Resolution and Refresh Rate**. Resume process of non-DCC monitor owner at step #12 below.

10. In Select the Display Type screen, notice the Select Display Type Field data has been updated. Press Enter.
11. Press **PF3** twice to return to the Graphics Display Screen.
12. Select **Select the Display Resolution and Refresh Rate** and press Enter.
13. From the Graphics Adapter screen, select the **GXT800P Graphics Adapter** and press Enter.
14. Press **PF4** for a list of Resolution and Refresh Rates that are supported.

15. Select the desired rate and press Enter.

Note: Your X session or CDE session will run at the rate specified the next time you bring up one of these sessions.

16. Press **F10** to exit SMIT.

Chapter 6. Software Application Considerations

This chapter discusses operating system tasks related to the POWER GXT800P graphics adapter.

Starting the Server in Overlay and Color Planes

The X server can create windows in a separate set of frame buffer planes called overlays. The X server supports this by defining distinct visuals for the overlay and color planes.

The `-layer n` parameter for `xinit` gives the system the ability to select the hardware frame buffer planes in which to run the X server. A value of:

- 0 indicates the color plane.
- 1 indicates the overlay plane (default).

These are the only valid choices. All other choices will default to layer 1.

Starting the X server in the color planes

```
xinit -- -layer 0 <other flags>
```

Starting the X server in the overlay planes

```
xinit -- -layer 1 <other flags>
```

or

```
xinit -- <other flags>
```

API Required Parameters

Following are `xinit` options that take advantage of 3D hardware capabilities. These options are required to run the 3D application programming interfaces (APIs).

API for PEX: Starting the X server for the PEX API requires an additional parameter `-x pex`. For example:

```
xinit -- -x mbx -x abx -x pex <other flags>
```

API for OpenGL: Starting the X server for the OpenGL API requires an additional parameter `-x GLX`. For example:

```
xinit -- -x dbe -x abx -x GLX <other flags>
```

API for GL 3.2: Starting the X server for the GL 3.2 API requires no additional parameters. For example:

```
xinit -- -x abx -x dbe <other flags>
```

API for graPHIGS: Using the visual associated with the window, graPHIGS supports creating gP windows as 8-bit Indexed, 24-bit TrueColor, or 24-bit DirectColor. Additionally, the gP window **must** be created in the color planes and for the best performance, it is recommended that the X window (root window when the X server is started) be created in the overlay planes. In support of echoes, graPHIGS on behalf of the application creates a child window in the overlay planes.

The gP window:

- May be created by the application. The application passes the window id to graPHIGS via the **XWINDID** procopt
 -- or --
- May be created by graPHIGS on behalf when the workstation is created.

At its creation, the visual associated with the gP window is selected as follows:

- A visual may be specifically selected by the application from the supported visuals for the color planes via the **XGetVisualInfo** function and passed to the **XCreateWindow** function to create the gP window in the color planes.

In this case, start the X server in the overlay planes as follows:

```
xinit -- -x dbe -x abx
```

and within your application, select the desired visual and pass it to the **XCreateWindow** function.

This method produces optimum performance. The X server starts in the overlay planes while the gP runs in the color planes. Windows in different planes do not cause expose events to each other, forcing redraws.

If your application is not written to select a visual, you must alter your application.

A sample program, **windsamp**, and a **README** are available to show how an application selects the desired visual and creates a gP window. You can locate this information in the **/usr/lpp/graPHIGS/samples/windsamp** directory.

- Your application may default to using the visual associated with the root window (the window created when the X server was started) by not passing a selected visual to the **XCreateWindow** function.

Start the X server in the color planes and select one of the three graPHIGS supported visuals for the root window:

Select the 8-bit visual:

```
xinit -- -x dbe -x abx -layer 0
```

Select the 24-bit DirectColor visual:

```
xinit -- -x dbe -x abx -layer 0 -d 24 -cc DirectColor
```

Select the 24-bit TrueColor visual:

```
xinit -- -x dbe -x abx -layer 0 -d 24 -cc TrueColor
```

This method requires no change to your application, but it does not give you the best performance. Since the X server and graPHIGS are both running in the color planes, graPHIGS will have to handle exposure events from manipulating the X windows forcing more graPHIGS redraws.

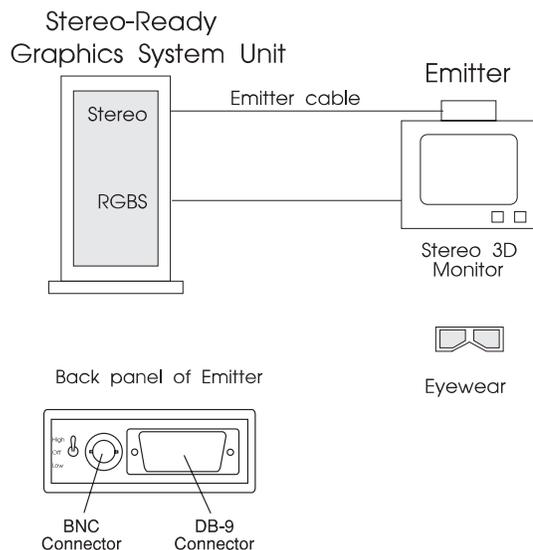
If the application chooses to create its own window and it is not the top level window, a Window Manager Install property must be added when creating the window. This property allows a color map to be installed for the graPHIGS child window in the overlays. This is created to support echoes.

Chapter 7. Stereo-Ready System Unit, Sync and Power Supplied

The POWER GXT800P is stereo-ready (sync- and power-supplied) and requires attachment of a stereo device such as StereoGraphics CrystalEyes Stereoscopic System. This system comes complete with glasses (model CE-PC), emitter (revision L or higher) and StereoGraphics cable (model 69985).

Note: Only use an emitter that has a DB-9 connector, a BNC connector, and a 3-position switch as this emitter is manufactured to work with the POWER GXT800P Graphics Accelerator.

Emitter models that have only a DB-9 connector will not work.



In this configuration, both sync signal and power are supplied by the adapter to the emitter.

Connect the DB-9 emitter cable to the emitter, as shown above, and connect the other end to the stereo jack of the POWER GXT800P adapter. This cable carries both the signal and power from the adapter to the emitter.

Connect the RGB video display cable from the adapter to the monitor as usual.

Note: Attach your stereo cable to your graphics adapter prior to powering on your system unit. Omission of this step will trip your fuse.

To reset a tripped fuse, power off the system unit and wait approximately 15 minutes for the fuse to return to its base value.

The following table lists only the Stereo options supported by POWER GXT800P. The table lists the options under application control, the default settings for those options, and related interface functions.

Option	Default Setting	Related Function(s)
Set Stereo Mode	N/A	VidMode
Query Stereo Mode	N/A	VidQueryMode

Chapter 8. Communications Statements

The following statement applies to this product. The statement for other products intended for use with this product appears in their accompanying documentation.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Statement

Note: The &typemod. been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult an authorized dealer or service representative for help.

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This product has been tested and found to comply with the limits for Class B Information Technology Equipment according to CISPR 22 / European Standard EN 55022. The limits for Class B equipment were derived for typical residential environments to provide reasonable protection against interference with licensed communication devices.

International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Statement

This product has been designed and built to comply with IEC Standard 950.

United Kingdom Telecommunications Safety Requirements

This equipment is manufactured to the International Safety Standard EN60950 and as such is approved in the UK under the General Approval Number NS/G/1234/J/100003 for indirect connection to the public telecommunication network.

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Cet appareil numérique de la classe B respecte toutes les exigences du Règlement sur le matériel brouilleur du Canada.

Canadian Department of Communications Compliance Statement

This Class B digital apparatus meets the requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations.

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When used near a radio or TV receiver, it may become the cause of radio interference.

Read the instructions for correct handling.

Radio Protection for Germany

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