

Composite 2011, Subscription advantage pack

Graphics Hardware Certification

Apple® Macintosh® Platform

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Readme First

The information contained in the [Readme First](#) document applies to all hardware Certification executed on the Composite 2011 software product release and should be acknowledged by all users prior consulting the Certification charts.

What's New

This certification was done on Autodesk Composite 2011 Subscription advantage pack while still supporting the original 2011 version.

Be advised that Composite 2011 Subscription advantage pack was certified on Mac OSX 10.6.4 Graphic update and not the regular OSX 10.6.4

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Tested Mac OS® Versions

1. Workstations and graphics cards have been tested on MAC OS X v.10.6.4 Graphic update, unless mentioned otherwise with a small annotation.
2. To verify which version of the Mac OS X version is installed, select "About This Mac" in the Apple menu. The general OS Version number is just below the logo; e.g., Version 10.6.2. To find the build number for that Version, click the version text. The Version number changes to display the Build number; e.g., Build 9L30.
3. Note: Occasionally, Apple releases slightly different versions that carry the same Version number (but different build number). These slightly different versions may behave differently. It may only be possible to identify the OS version by the build number.

Workstation and Mobile Workstations

1. Composite 2011 is certified on any of the systems identified in the following Hardware System Certification section using the version of MAC OS X v.10.6.4 Graphic update do not assume that newer versions of Mac OS X will be suitable for use with the Composite 2011.
2. You may need to refer to the [Apple Support site](#) to identify your system.
3. If you intend to run dual monitors, see the System Dependent & Miscellaneous Issues section Caveat / Limitation.
4. Any Mac with built in Intel® GMA 950 or GMA x3100 Graphics is not tested and will not be supported.

Hardware System Certification

The following table lists the tested hardware system for the Composite 2011 & Subscription advantage pack product.

Table Legend

✓	Certified.
👉	Certified with caveats. Refer to the Hardware System Caveats & Limitations.
🕒	Certification planned or in progress. Results coming shortly.
👍	Supported although not officially Certified in our lab.
👎	Hardware component falls below minimum system requirements to run the Autodesk product.
✗	Certification failed due to serious problems.
○	No Certification planned or not applicable.
—	Not yet tested.

Intel®-based Apple® Macintosh® Hardware System Certification for Composite 2011, Subscription advantage pack		
Apple Macintosh Hardware System		
Model	Specification	Certification
Mac® Pro		
	Intel® Xeon® Core™ 2 Quad @ 2.26Ghz	👍
	Intel Xeon Core 2 Quad @ 3.2Ghz	👍
	Intel Core 2 Duo @ 2.66Ghz	👍
	Intel Core 2 Quad @ 3.0Ghz	👍
	Intel Xeon Core 2 Quad @ 2.8Ghz	👍
iMac®		
	Intel Core Duo @ 2Ghz	👍

Intel®-based Apple® Macintosh® Hardware System Certification for Composite 2011, Subscription advantage pack		
Apple Macintosh Hardware System		
Model	Specification	Certification
	Intel Core 2 Duo @ 2.16Ghz	👍
	Intel Core 2 Duo @ 2.4Ghz	👍
	Intel Core 2 Duo @ 2.8Ghz	👍
MacBook® Pro		
	Intel Core 2 Duo @ 2.33Ghz	👍
	Intel Core 2 Duo @ 2.5Ghz	👍
	Intel Core 2 Duo @ 2.6Ghz	👍
	Intel Core i7 @ 2.66GHz	✓

Graphics Cards and Drivers

1. All Certifications are performed using only the official Apple default drivers that are included with a particular version of an OS (e.g. 10.6.2). Drivers acquired by any other means; e.g., directly from a graphics vendor, are considered unsupported and therefore not certified
2. Autodesk received numerous reports of problems with drivers other than those released by Apple as part of the OS. As a result, Autodesk cannot guarantee the stability of Composite using unsupported drivers.
3. To verify which version of a video driver is installed on your Mac OS X system, in a Finder window, navigate to /System/Library/Extensions/(vendor extension file). With this file selected, Ctrl-click and choose Get Info to view the version information. For example, to determine the version of the video driver installed for the NVIDIA GeForce FX 8800 Ultra, select the /System/Library/Extensions/NVDANV50Hals.kext file and then Ctrl-click and choose Get Info.

Professional Graphics Cards

The following table provides the professional graphics card hardware Certifications for the Composite 2011, Subscription advantage pack release for the Macintosh® platform.

Note: Professional graphics cards not listed in the following table are no longer tested. However, these cards may still be acceptable for use with the Composite. While you may continue to use one of these cards, please note that we may not be able to provide support for any issues you may encounter.

Table Legend

✓	Certified
👉	Certified with caveats. Refer to the Professional Graphics Cards Caveats & Limitations.
🕒	Certification planned OR in progress. Results coming shortly
👉	Supported although not officially Certified in our lab
👉	Hardware component falls below minimum system requirements to run this Autodesk
✗	Certification failed due to serious problems
○	No Certification planned OR not applicable
—	Not yet tested.

Professional Graphics Card Certifications for Composite 2011, Subscription advantage pack for Macintosh			
Graphics Card	Mac OS® X		
Product	v.10.6.2	v.10.6.3	v.10.6.4 gfx update
NVIDIA®			
Quadro® 4000	○	○	🕒
Quadro FX® 4800	✓	🕒	✓
Quadro FX 5600	🕒	—	👉

Professional Graphics Card Certifications for Composite 2011, Subscription advantage pack for Macintosh			
Graphics Card	Mac OS® X		
Product	v.10.6.2	v.10.6.3	v.10.6.4 gfx update
Quadro FX 4500	✓	⌚	👉

Dual Monitor Support

Apple systems can be run in Dual Monitor configuration by using a single graphics card which supports dual output (e.g. NVIDIA Quadro FX 5600).

Professional Graphics Cards Caveats & Limitations

There are currently no NVIDIA graphics card caveats / limitations to report for the current release of this Autodesk product.

Consumer Graphics Cards

The following table provides a list of tested NVIDIA GeForce® and ATI Radeon™ consumer graphics cards and driver versions for the Composite 2011, Extension 1 for Macintosh. The table also provides the results of the tested hardware components.

Note: Consumer graphics cards not listed in the following table are no longer tested. However, these cards may still be acceptable for use with the Composite. While you may continue to use one of these cards, please note that we may not be able to provide support for any issues you may encounter.

Table Legend

☑	Testing is completed.
👁	Testing is completed. Some issues found. See Consumer Graphics Cards Caveats & Limitations.
△	Testing is ongoing OR planned.
⊘	No testing is planned.
☒	Hardware component falls below minimum system requirements to run this product.
—	Not yet tested.

Consumer Graphics Card Tested for Composite 2011, Subscription advantage pack for Macintosh			
Graphics Card	Mac OS® X		
Product	Version 10.6.2	Version 10.6.3	v.10.6.4 gfx update
NVIDIA®			
GeForce GT 300m	⊘	⊘	☑
GeForce GT 120	☑	—	☑
GeForce 8800M GT	△	—	△
GeForce 8800 GT	☑	—	☑

Consumer Graphics Card Tested for Composite 2011, Subscription advantage pack for Macintosh			
Graphics Card	Mac OS® X		
Product	Version 10.6.2	Version 10.6.3	v.10.6.4 gfx update
GeForce 8600M GT	☑	👁	△
GeForce 7300 GT	△	—	△
GeForce 9600 GT	△	—	△
GeForce 7600 GT	△	—	△
ATI™			
Radeon HD 5770	🚫	🚫	☑
Radeon HD 4870	☑	—	☑
Radeon HD 4850	🚫	🚫	☑
Radeon HD 3870	△	—	☑
Radeon HD 2600 Pro	☑	—	△

Dual Monitor Support

Apple systems can be run in Dual Monitor configuration by using a single graphics card which supports dual output (e.g. ATI Radeon x2600).

Consumer Graphics Cards Caveats & Limitations

There are currently no NVIDIA graphics card caveats / limitations to report for the current release of this Autodesk product.

There are currently no ATI graphics card caveats / limitations to report for the current release of this Autodesk product.

System Dependent & Miscellaneous Issues

The following table provides a description of caveats / limitations that are still being investigated. Autodesk has not identified the precise combination of factors involved. Please refer to the *Release Notes* for further details on known issues with Composite.

Stereoscopy Certified Hardware

For information on the graphics hardware Certification for stereo support, please consult the Composite 2011 for Macintosh - Graphics Hardware Certification for Stereo Support document.

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