



## AMD Proprietary Linux Release Notes

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This release note provides information on the latest posting of AMD's Proprietary Linux driver. This particular driver updates the software version to 8.712.

The AMD Linux release notes provide information on the following:

- *Web Content*
- *ATI Mobility™ and Integrated Mobility™ Product Family Support*
- *ATI Desktop Product Family Support*
- *ATI Integrated Product Family Support*
- *AMD FireStream™ Product Family Support*
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### Web Content

The ATI Catalyst™ Linux Graphics Driver software suite is available through an installer executable.



**Note:** Refer to the minimum system requirements listed below to ensure you have downloaded the correct driver package for your system.

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## ATI Mobility™ and Integrated Mobility™ Product Family Support

The ATI Catalyst™ Linux software suite is designed to support the following **ATI Mobility™** products:

AMD Mobility™ Product Family Support	
ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 4870	ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 4100
ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 4860	ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 3870
ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 4850	ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 3850
ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 4830	ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 3670
ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 4670	ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 3650
ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 4650	ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 3430
ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 4500	ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 3400
ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 4300	ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 2600
ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 4200	ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 2400

## ATI Desktop Product Family Support

The ATI Catalyst™ Linux software suite is designed to support the following **ATI** desktop products:

AMD Desktop Product Family Support	
ATI Radeon™ HD 5900 Series	ATI Radeon™ HD 4670 Series
ATI Radeon™ HD 5800 Series	ATI Radeon™ HD 4650 Series
ATI Radeon™ HD 5700 Series	ATI Radeon™ HD 4600 Series
ATI Radeon™ HD 5600 Series	ATI Radeon™ HD 4550 Series
ATI Radeon™ HD 5500 Series	ATI Radeon™ HD 4350 Series
ATI Radeon™ HD 5400 Series	ATI Radeon™ HD 3800 Series
ATI Radeon™ HD 4890 Series	ATI Radeon™ HD 3600 Series
ATI Radeon™ HD 4870 X2 Series	ATI Radeon™ HD 3400 Series
ATI Radeon™ HD 4850 X2 Series	ATI Radeon™ HD 2900 Series
ATI Radeon™ HD 4800 Series	ATI Radeon™ HD 2600 Series
ATI Radeon™ HD 4700 Series	ATI Radeon™ HD 2400 Series



**Note:** The ATI Radeon™ HD 3870 X2 series of product is currently not supported by the ATI Catalyst™ Linux software suite.

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**Note:** All-in-Wonder™ variants based on the above are also supported. However, video capture is not supported.



**Note:** Software driver support for ATI FireGL™, Integrated, Mobility™ and Desktop products prior to the ATI Radeon™ 9500 is available from [www.amd.com](http://www.amd.com).



**Note:** Specific Workstation products are enabled but not supported in the ATI Catalyst™ Linux Graphics Driver software suite. Official Workstation drivers can be downloaded from [www.amd.com](http://www.amd.com).

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## ATI Integrated Product Family Support

The ATI Catalyst™ Linux software suite is designed to support the following **ATI** desktop products:

AMD Chipset Product Support	
ATI Radeon™ HD 4290	ATI Radeon™ 3200 Series
ATI Radeon™ HD 4200 Series	ATI Radeon™ 3100 Series
ATI Radeon™ HD 3300 Series	ATI Radeon™ 3000 Series

## AMD FireStream™ Product Family Support

The ATI Catalyst™ Linux software suite is designed to support the following **AMD** products:

AMD FireStream™ Product Support	
AMD FireStream™ 9270	AMD FireStream™ 9170
AMD FireStream™ 9250	

## ATI Embedded Product Family Support

The ATI Catalyst™ Linux software suite is designed to support the following **ATI** Embedded products:

AMD Embedded Family Product Support	
ATI Radeon™ E2400	ATI Radeon™ E4690

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## Operating Systems Distributions Supported

The latest version of the ATI Catalyst™ Linux software suite is designed to support the following Linux distributions:

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux suite
- Novell/SuSE product suite
- Ubuntu



**Note:** The ATI Catalyst™ Linux software suite may install on a number of other Linux distributions. Refer to the Package Generation installation instructions for more information.

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**Note:** AMD has contributed packaging scripts to allow creation of other packages, but does not necessarily test, verify or warrant the reliability. Currently Red Hat Enterprise Linux suite and Novell/SuSE product suite are supported Linux distributions.

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## System Requirements

Before attempting to install the ATI Catalyst™ Linux software suite, the following software must be installed:

- XOrg 6.8, 6.9, 7.0, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 or 7.4
- Linux kernel 2.6 or above
- glibc version 2.2 or 2.3
- POSIX Shared Memory (/dev/shm) support is required for 3D applications

The ATI Catalyst™ Linux software suite no longer provides precompiled Kernel Modules; all installations require GCC compiler and kernel-headers or kernel-source in order to enable 2D and 3D acceleration.

For best performance and ease of use, ATI recommends the following:

- Kernel module build environment
  - Kernel source code include either the Kernel Source or Kernel Headers packages
- The RPM utility should be installed and configured correctly on your system, if you intend to install via RPM packages

The following packages must be installed in order for the ATI Catalyst™ Linux driver to install and work properly:

- XFree86-Mesa-libGL
- libstdc++
- libgcc
- XFree86-libs
- fontconfig

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- freetype
  - zlib
  - gcc

## New Features

This section provides information on new features found in this release of the ATI Radeon™ Display Driver. These include the following:

- *Support for New Linux Operating Systems*

### Support for New Linux Operating Systems

This release of ATI Catalyst™ Linux introduces support for the following new operating system:

- RHEL 5.5 early look support

## Resolved Issues

The following section provides a brief description of resolved issues with the latest version of the ATI Catalyst™ Linux software suite. These include:

- [RHEL] System now resumes into X window properly and no longer hangs during exit on BigDesktop configuration
- [Catalyst Control Center] Customized modes under the HDTV page will now apply properly
- [Redhat 64-bit] X-server now launches properly on systems configured with more than 4 GPUs
- [RHEL] Restarting X-server after applying "HDTV" modes no longer causes the screen to go blank
- Corruption no longer visible on second screen after launching fullscreen 3D game in Dual-Head mode
- TV horizontal size change will now be applied when utilizing XRandR to change TV geometry
- Catalyst Control Center will now recognize hotplugged external display without restarting X
- Running fullscreen OGL applications no longer causes X to switch from Dual-Head mode to Clone mode with game launching on both primary and secondary displays

## Known Issues

The following section provides a brief description of known issues associated with the latest version of ATI Catalyst™ Linux software suite. These issues include:

- System may become unresponsive after executing specific combinations of XRandR reflections and rotations
- "X.org -probeonly" may cause screen corruption or the system to fail to respond

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- Flickering corruption might be visible while running OpenGL applications with CrossFire enabled on specific ASICs
  - [Catalyst Control Center] Some systems may intermittently stop responding when changing the scaling options
  - System may fail to display error message when improper values are used in "aticonfig --tv-geometry" resulting in invalid "TVHSizeAdj" and "TVVSizeAdj" values in xorg.conf file
  - MPlayer may fail to play H.264 and VC1 HD clips on specific ASICs



**Note:** On Novell's openSUSE, SLED and SLES operating systems running "sax2" or "sax2 -r" on the console overwrites the X.Org configuration file xorg.conf, reverting changes made by running "aticonfig --initial". As a result subsequent X session may start up using the open source ATI Radeon™ on X-Vesa graphics drivers instead of the proprietary ATI Linux Graphics Driver.

**Solution:** Do not use Sax2 when the proprietary Linux Graphics Driver is installed. Instead configure all display parameters using the ATI Catalyst™ Control Center--Linux Edition or the aticonfig command line interface.

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## Installing the AMD Proprietary Linux Software Driver

Installation information and instructions can found on the AMD website:

- Go to <http://support.amd.com/us/gpudownload/Pages/index.aspx>
- Select "Linux x86" or "Linux x86\_64"
- Select your product family and product
- Click on the GO! button
- From the ATI Catalyst™ Display Driver page, click on the "Installer Instructions" link to download the PDF document

## Driver Update Notification

To receive driver notifications, add the following RSS feed to your RSS reader:  
<http://www2.ati.com/rss/catalyst.rss>



**Note:** In order to receive notifications you will need to have an RSS reader installed.

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## Linux Feedback Program

The ATI Catalyst™ Linux software suite releases may incorporate suggestions received through the Linux feedback program.

Please refer to <http://www.amd.com/us/LinuxCrewSurvey> to provide us with feedback.