

Radeon HD 7950 Launches, Linux Support Questionable

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AMD released the Radeon HD 7950 today as the second "Southern Islands" graphics card following the release of the Radeon HD 7970 one month ago, but how is the Linux support for the new AMD Radeon GPUs?

First of all, the AMD Radeon HD 7950 graphics card packs 1792 Stream processors, 112 texture units, 32 ROPs, 800MHz core clock, 1.25GHz memory clock, and 3GB of GDDR5 memory on a 384-bit bus. This graphics card with 4.31 billion transistors has a power limit of 200 Watts and like the Radeon HD 7970 its core is manufactured on a 28nm TSMC process. These specs are slightly reduced compared to the flagship Radeon HD 7970, but ahead of the Radeon HD 6970 and comes with a \$100 price-drop over the current flagship card, which puts its MSRP at around \$450 USD. The hardware sounds interesting, but the Linux support for the Radeon HD 7000 series may be questionable.

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