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Thread: [Had to send my EVGA GTX 770 back...](#)

drugs - December 19, 2014, 2:12 am

...for the Step-Up program so that I could get a free upgrade to a GTX 970! The only money I had to spend was on shipping.

The bumner is that my Step-Up just got processed, so by the time my GTX 770 arrives at their headquarters, they'll be closed for the holidays, so UPS is gonna hold it and attempt to ship it to EVGA after January 5.

It's going to be a while until I get my GTX 970 :/ Stuck with my GTX 650 for the time being.

Thanks to whoever it was that posted about the EVGA Step-Up program a while back. If it weren't for you, I would've never known and would've been using the GTX 770 probably for the next 2-3 years.

Doctah - December 19, 2014, 5:28 am

I feel bad for ya man lol, worst timing, but hey, it's worth it.

ali?n - December 19, 2014, 5:45 am

Learning patience is key for gaming, xD Nice job qualifying for an upgrade.

webdev77 - December 19, 2014, 6:50 am

Waiting a month for \$150+ value is worth it even though it kind of stinks to wait.

Boing - December 19, 2014, 12:07 pm

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drugs - December 19, 2014, 1:01 pm

(Dec 19, 2014 01:07 PM)Boing Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Don't you have to pay something to upgrade to a better model? Or is it free because it's still x70?

The way EVGA's Step-Up program work is you can upgrade to a newer model and you pay the difference.

So let's say I bought a GTX 770 Superclocked ACX for \$330 and I wanted to upgrade to the GTX 970 FTW ACX 2.0. The GTX 970 FTW ACX 2.0 is currently going for \$379.99 on the EVGA website. I would have to pay \$50 for that upgrade (not including shipping).

My GTX 770 Dual Superclocked ACX was \$329.99 when I bought it, so if I wanted a free upgrade, I'd have to choose a model of the GTX 970 that's going for \$329.99, which, at the moment, is the standard ACX 2.0 model.

Narvikz - December 19, 2014, 1:08 pm

And this is one of the reasons why I simply love EVGA.

This, the 3 year warranty and the loyal costumer discounts together with the outstanding quality.

drugs - January 6, 2015, 6:14 pm

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Exussit - January 6, 2015, 6:24 pm

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It will keep the GPU even cooler, probably maxing at 45-50°C under load. Also allows for plenty of room to overclock. Considering that the GTX 970 model I'm receiving is the lowest clocked card in the EVGA ACX 2.0 line, I'm definitely going to get into some GPU overclocking.

Just a little worried about VRM cooling. I heard that the G10's VRM cooling isn't the greatest.

420 Blaze It - January 6, 2015, 7:25 pm

Never had that in my life, good to be you OP!

Ellie Goulding - January 6, 2015, 9:07 pm

My God OP, why haven't I heard of this in my life!!

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You do not qualify. If they accepted every GTX 770 that has been purchased, they would be losing money. This is only good for components bought within 90 days.

<http://www.evga.com/support/stepup/>

Cyaddd - January 7, 2015, 3:01 am

Well, here I am with my GTX 770, unable to take part in the program, fml