Mac Pro 2009-2012 Graphics Card Replacement

Remove the graphics card from the a 2009-2012 Mac Pro.

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INTRODUCTION

Removing a graphics card from this version of the Mac Pro isn’t as simple as pulling the card out of the PCI slot.

TOOLS:

- Screw drivers (1)
Step 1 — Remove PCI bracket cover

- The screws are spring-mounted and will stay attached to the cover. You can remove them by hand, although a screwdriver may be needed to start.

- When reassembling, pay attention to the notch at the top. The cover should slide into this notch.

Step 2 — Release card from support slots or lock bar

- If the card is long enough to reach the slots in the fan casing, or the card is hooked into the lockbar next to the PCI ports, you need to slide the cover on the fan casing over.

- Press the release button and slide the casing to the left.

- This also moves the lockbar.
Step 3 — Disconnect power cables

The connectors require a fair amount of force to remove. Be careful!

Step 4 — Slide card out of PCI slot

- Pull the card straight out (Don't wiggle it!)
- When reinstalling the card, make sure the bracket fits over the screw threads.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.