ATI DeskTop Help

Welcome to the ATI DeskTop, your single-point access to all your ATI products and features.   To learn more about the DeskTop, click the topic you want information on, or see the <u>Introduction</u>.

ATI DeskTop

Title Bar
This bar displays the name of your application and allows you to control the appearance of the application window.

Menu Bar
This bar displays the DeskTop commands.

ATI DeskTop Buttons
These buttons provide quick access to ATI DeskTop functions.

Product Groups
This area displays the ATI products and features available to you.   Double-clicking any of these icons activates the application.

Status Bar
This bar displays brief explanations of the commands and icons you access.

Introduction

If you've just installed an ATI product, take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the ATI DeskTop by browsing through this help file.   For help on individual products and features, use the Help On button.   If you wish to return to a major section of the help file, click on the icon in the title.

The ATI DeskTop lets you control and configure ATI products, features, and drivers.   The DeskTop is supplied with all ATI products that run under Windows™ 3.1.

The DeskTop displays each installed ATI product in its own Product Group.   Within each product group, there's a Product Logo, plus a Feature Icon for each of the product's features.   To access a feature or product, double-click on its icon.   If you want to get information on the product/feature before accessing it, click on the Help On button.

For help on using Help, Press F1.

See also:

Menu Bar
DeskTop Buttons
Status Bar

Menu Bar

The three menus in the Menu Bar offer commands that let you control how the DeskTop operates:

The File menu:

Command	Function
Exit	Exits the DeskTop. You can also exit by clicking the OK Button, Esc or Alt+F4.

The Help menu:

Command	Function
Contents	Displays the ATI DeskTop help contents.
Using Help	Displays help on using this help system.
Customer Support	Displays the ATI Customer Support dialog.
About	Displays version information on the ATI DeskTop.

The Language menu:

Command	Function
(Language 1) (Language 2) (etc.)	Runs ATI DeskTop help in the language of your choice.

DeskTop Buttons

The ATI DeskTop buttons provide quick access to DeskTop functions.   Most functions can also be accessed through the commands in the menu bar.   For more information, click the button you want to learn about:

DeskTop Buttons

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▷ **OK Button**

Exits the DeskTop and restarts Windows™.

▷ **Help On Button**

Accesses help on the buttons and features in the DeskTop.

▷ **Read Me Button**

Accesses any Read Me files for products or features on the DeskTop.

▷ **Main Logo**

Accesses Customer Support and problem report information.

Main Logo

You can double-click the main logo to access the Customer Support dialog which allows you to obtain customer support telephone numbers and generate a problem report. The report will include pertinent data on your system and card configuration to help solve your problem. You should have it ready before contacting Customer Support.

You can also shift-double-click the logo to obtain version information for the ATI DeskTop.

 OK Button

Use the OK button to exit the ATI DeskTop.   You can also exit the DeskTop using the File menu Exit command, pressing Esc, or Alt+F4.

The **Restart Windows?** dialog appears whenever changes you've made require a restart of Windows™:

If you select the **Restart Windows** button, Windows™ automatically restarts.   The screen blanks out for several seconds during this process.

If there are open applications with unsaved changes, you are prompted to save your changes.   If you cancel any of these prompts, the restart will be aborted.   To restart Windows™, you will have to re-enter ATI DeskTop and choose OK.

If you select the **Continue** button, ATI DeskTop closes without restarting Windows™.   Any changes you've made will not be in effect until the next time you restart Windows™.   Since INI files may have already been modified, you should exit Windows™ after selecting Continue.

If you select the **Cancel Warning** button, you are not prompted to restart Windows™ until the next time you make changes that require a restart.   Since the **Restart Windows** dialog is a handy reminder that you have made some unimplemented changes, it is not recommended that you choose this option.

Help On Button

When you select the Help On button, the cursor turns into the 'Help cursor' and the application switches to Help Mode.   In this mode, clicking on any part of the ATI DeskTop accesses a help window for the selected item.

In the case of product logos and feature icons, the help system for the specific product or feature is accessed.   If there is no help available for the product or feature, general help on product logos or feature icons is displayed.

You can also:

- Toggle Help Mode on and off by pressing F2.

- Use Esc to return to normal mode.

- You can also obtain help on a selected feature by pressing F1.

Read Me Button

When you select the Read Me button, the cursor turns into the 'Read Me' cursor and the DeskTop switches to Read Me Mode.   In this mode, clicking on any product logo or feature icon accesses any Read Me information available for the selected item.   Read Me information usually accompanies products to act as a convenient on-line reference of up-to-date information.

You can also:

- Toggle Read Me mode on and off by pressing **F3**.

- Use **Esc** to return to normal mode.

Status Bar

The Status Bar, located at the bottom of the ATI DeskTop window, displays a brief description of the currently-selected feature in the Product Group area.

In Help mode and Read Me mode, the status bar displays a short help message on these modes.

Product Groups

Each ATI product installed on your system has its own product group on the DeskTop.   Each group is identified by a product logo and contains a set of Feature Icons for each application feature or product.

Use the help cursor to get help on specific products.

Product Logos

A product logo uniquely identifies an ATI product installed on your system.   It performs the following functions:

- when selected with the <u>help cursor</u>, it accesses product-specific help

- when selected with the <u>read me cursor</u>, it accesses product-level ReadMe information

- when shift-double-clicked, it accesses product <u>version information</u>

Note: Not all Product Logos run demos.

Feature Icons

Feature icons uniquely identify each feature within a product (for example, a color adjustment feature for a graphic accelerator product).   They also serve the following functions:

- when selected with the <u>help cursor</u>, they access feature-specific help

- when selected with the <u>read me cursor</u>, they access feature-specific Read Me information

- when shift-double-clicked, they access feature <u>version information</u>

To launch a feature, double-click on its icon, or select it and press Enter.

When a feature is selected, its name is highlighted and a short description appears in the <u>status bar</u>.

Customer Support

The Customer Support dialog can be accessed using the Customer Support option in the Help menu, or by double-clicking the ATI Main Logo.

The dialog allows you to create a problem report, which should be used when contacting ATI directly, or it can be mailed to Customer Support for further analysis.

▶ To create a problem report:

1. **In the Customer Support dialog, select the Yes button.**

    The Problem Report window appears.

2. **In the window, complete all customer and problem information.**

3. **Select OK.**

    A problem report file is automatically created and placed in your Windows™ directory (usually C:\WINDOWS), under the name PR.TXT.

    The Problem Report dialog then appears, allowing you to access the Notepad application to view the report.

4. **In the dialog, select Yes.**

    The Notepad application opens, displaying your problem report.   From here, you can use the Notepad commands to file or print the report.

Version Information

Version information identifies the version of the product or feature you're running and copyright information.   This information can be accessed for any product or feature by double-clicking the product logo or feature icon, while holding down the Shift key.

Version information for the ATI DeskTop itself can be obtained by shift-double-clicking the ATI Main Logo , or using the About command in the Help menu.

Title Bar

The title bar, located along the top of a window, displays the name of the application and path of the current file.

You can use the title bar to move the window. Click the bar and drag the window to a new location.   You can also move dialog boxes by dragging their title bars.

The title bar contains the following elements:

- System Control Menu button
- Minimize button
- Name of the application

System Control Menu Button
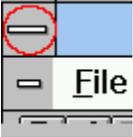
Minimize Button

Maximize Button

ATI Desktop

INI Files

The Initial Settings (INI) file stores settings that are used to configure your application when it is run.