

## Installing the Sound Card into your PC

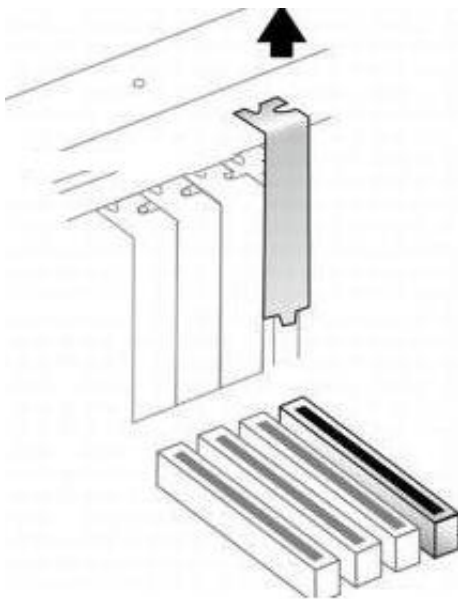
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- Turn off your computer and all peripheral devices if you are installing a new Sound Blaster card.

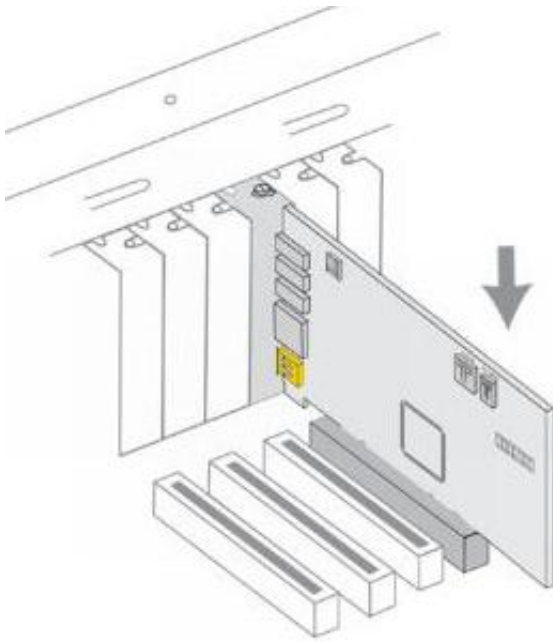
### Caution!

Turn off the main power supply and disconnect your computer's power cord. Systems using an ATX power supply unit with soft power off may still be powering the PCI slot. This can damage your audio card when it is inserted into the slot.

- Touch a metal plate on your computer to ground yourself and to discharge any static electricity, and then unplug the power cord from the wall outlet.
- Remove the computer cover.
- Remove the metal bracket from an unused PCI slot as shown below.



- Align the audio card with the PCI slot and press the card gently but firmly into the slot as shown below.



DO NOT force the audio card into the slot. Make sure that the gold edge of the card is aligned with the PCI bus connector on the motherboard before you insert the card into the PCI slot. If it does not fit properly, gently remove it and try again. Also, ensure that the sound card should always be as far as possible from your graphic card to avoid any kind of conflicts.

- Secure the audio card to the computer.
- Replace the computer cover.
- Plug the power cord into the AC wall outlet, and turn on the computer.

## Further Suggestions

Installing Sound Blaster Drivers and Applications [SID 42331](#)

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