

Rating Network Interface Cards

TC5048-T PCI Ethernet Thomas-Conrad Corp. (800) 332-8683	\$125	compatible	compatible	compatible		**** 1/2 Top-performing PCI card.	**** Plug and Play support.	**** Supports full-duplex Ethernet, doubling throughput.
EtherPCI LAN Card Linksys (800) 546-5797	\$139	compatible	compatible	compatible	compatible	**** 1/2 High-performance PCI card.	**** Plug and Play support.	*** Uses bus mastering to lessen CPU usage.
FD0455-EtherBoard-PCI SVEC Computer Corp. (800) 756-7832	\$139	compatible	compatible	compatible	compatible	**** Strong-performance PCI card.	**** Plug and Play support.	*** Supports AUI, BNC, and RJ-45 connections.
DE-530CT D-Link Systems (800) 326-1688	\$169 list	compatible	compatible	compatible		**** Solid performance PCI card.	** Lacks Plug and Play support.	**** Supports bus mastering to reduce reduce CPU overhead.
EtherDuo-PCI Accton Technology Corp. (800) 926-9288	\$149 list	compatible	compatible	compatible		**** Excellent throughput.	** Lacks Plug and Play support.	*** Built-in support for any SNMP software.
*estimated street price unless noted otherwise. Note: Performance test results provided courtesy of PC Week Labs.								
PC Computing's Guide to the Ratings: **** Excellent *** Good ** Acceptable ** Poor * Unacceptable								

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Verdict
**** Top speed and peer-to-peer network support.
*** 1/2 At this price, a true Ethernet bargain.
*** 1/2 An excellent, fast, all-purpose choice.
*** 1/2 A great buy, and speedy, too.
*** A solid and dependable network card.
** 1/2 Decent performer-but without Plug and Play, we don't recommend it.

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**** An easy-to-install, high-performance network card.
*** 1/2 A solid, easy-to-install network card.
*** A versatile and easy-to-install network card.
** 1/2 Lacks Plug and Play, but otherwise a strong performer.
** 1/2 Easy-to-configure card, but lacks Plug and Play.