



# NT114CF

114 MM NEWTONIAN REFLECTOR W/ PANHANDLE MOUNT

# INSTRUCTION MANUAL

VARNING: SUN HAZARD – Never look directly at the sun with this device.

Not for children under 3 years.



VARNING:
Contains button or coin cell battery.
Hazardous if swallowed – see instructions.

WARNING:
The lens contains lead that may be harmful.
Wash hands after touching.

WARNING:
This product can expose you to chemicals including lead, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warninos.ca.gov.



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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

READ AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USE. KEEP THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR LATER USE.



 SUN WARNING: WARNING: NEVER ATTEMPT TO OBSERVE THE SUN WITH THIS DEVICE! OBSERVING THE SUN - EVEN FOR A MOMENT - WILL CAUSE INSTANT AND IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE TO YOUR EYE OR EVEN BLINDNESS. EYE DAMAGE IS OFTEN PAINLESS, SO THERE IS NO WARNING TO THE OBSERVER THAT THE

DAMAGE HAS OCCURRED UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE. DO NOT POINT THE DEVICE AT OR NEAR THE SUN. DO NOT LOOK THROUGH THE DEVICE AS IT IS MOVING. CHILDREN SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION WHILE OBSERVING.

 RESPECT PRIVACY: WHEN USING THIS DEVICE. RESPECT THE PRIVACY OF OTHER PEOPLE. FOR EXAMPLE. DO NOT USE IT TO LOOK INTO PEOPLE'S HOMES.



- CHOKING HAZARD: CHILDREN SHOULD ONLY USE DEVICE UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION. KEEP PACKAGING MATERIALS LIKE PLASTIC BAGS AND RUBBER BANDS OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN AS THESE MATERIALS POSE A CHOKING HAZARD.
- RISK OF BLINDNESS: NEVER USE THIS DEVICE TO LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN OR IN THE DIRECT PROXIMITY OF THE SUN, DOING SO MAY RESULT IN A PERMANENT LOSS OF VISION.
- RISK OF FIRE: DO NOT PLACE DEVICE, PARTICULARLY THE LENSES, IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT. THE CONCENTRATION OF LIGHT RAYS COULD CAUSE A FIRE.
- DO NOT DISASSEMBLE THIS DEVICE: IN THE EVENT OF A DEFECT PLEASE CONTACT YOUR DEALER. THE DEALER WILL CONTACT THE CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT AND CAN SEND THE DEVICE IN TO BE REPAIRED IF NECESSARY.
- DO NOT SUBJECT THE DEVICE TO TEMPERATURES EXCEEDING 60 °C (140 °F).



• DISPOSAL: KEEP PACKAGING MATERIALS, LIKE PLASTIC BAGS AND RUBBER BANDS, AWAY FROM CHILDREN AS THEY POSE A RISK OF SUFFOCATION, DISPOSE OF PACKAGING MATERIALS AS LEGALLY REQUIRED. CONSULT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY ON THE MATTER IF NECESSARY AND RECYCLE MATERIALS WHEN POSSIBLE.



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- NEVER DISPOSE OF ELECTRICAL OR ELECTRONIC WASTE IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL WASTE. COLLECT AND DISPOSE OF SUCH WASTE SEPARATELY.
- MAKE USE OF THE RETURN AND COLLECTION SYSTEMS AVAILABLE TO YOU. OR YOUR LOCAL RECYCLING PROGRAM. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY OR PLACE OF PURCHASE TO FIND OUT WHAT SCHEMES ARE AVAILABLE.
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- IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT CONSUMERS LOOK TO RE-USE OR RECYCLE ELECTRICAL OR ELECTRONIC WASTE TO AVOID IT GOING TO LANDFILL SITES OR INCINERATION WITHOUT TREATMENT.

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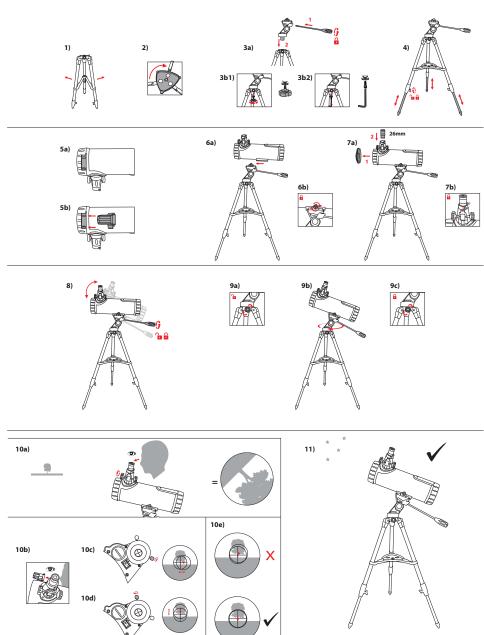
15. Red Dot Adjustment Screws





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- 1. Take the tripod (Part 3) and fully extend each leg.
- 2. Align the accessory tray (Part 4) and turn 180 degrees to lock into place.
- 3a. Assemble the panhandle mount (Part 2) by screwing in the handle and placing the mount onto the tripod.
- **3b1.** If the mount includes a locking knob, insert the washer first then the spacer and turn the knob to securely lock the mount to the tripod.
- **3b2.** If the mount includes a locking screw, insert the washer first then the spacer and using a hex wrench (if included), turn the screw to securely lock the mount to the tripod.
- **4.** Adjust the height of the tripod by unlocking the leg locking knob first (Part 10) and slide one tripod leg at a time to the preferred length. Repeat this two more times.
- **5a.** Grab your 114mm telescope (Part 1) and locate the red dot viewfinder mount bracket at the front of telescope.
- **5b.** Slide in the red dot viewfinder (Part 8) by aligning the two hollow circles on the red dot viewfinder to the mount bracket
- **6a-b.** Locate the mounting bracket at the bottom of your telescope (Part 11). Slide in the telescope and lock it into place with the mount locking screw (Part 12).
- 7a. Remove the dust cover from the telescope and insert an eyepiece. 26 mm is preferred.
- 7b. Tighten the eyepiece locking screws (Part 13) on the focuser (Part 5) to secure the eyepiece in place.
- **8.** To move the telescope up or down, loosen the handle (Part 2), move the telescope up or down and tighten the handle to lock it to the desired position.
- 9a. To turn the telescope left or right, loosen the azimuth (horizontal) tension knob. (Part 14).
- **9b.** Turn the telescope left or right to the desired position.
- 9c. Tighten the azimuth (horizontal) tension knob (Part 14) to keep the telescope securely in place.

# Using/Aligning the Red Dot Viewfinder:

The viewfinder is powered by a CR-1620 battery that is included. Before using the viewfinder for the first time, remember to remove the plastic insulator that is blocking the battery from connecting.

Note: Please recycle used batteries responsibly.

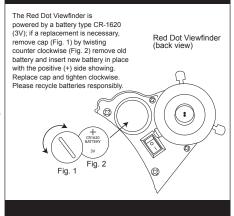
# For The Viewfinder To Be Effective, It Must Be Aligned

Insert the 26 mm eyepiece into the focuser and power on the viewfinder by flipping the switch to the "On" position.

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Tua. Point the telescope at an easy to identify target like a tree that is approximately 200 yards away. Center the object in the eyepiece. Lock the telescope into place by tightening the panhandle.

Note: Terrestrial objects may appear inverted, sideways or at an angle depending on how your tube is oriented due to optical design. This rotation is perfectly normal on all Newtonian reflectors and will not affect astronomical viewing.



**10b-e.** Without moving the telescope, position the red dot using the two adjustment screws(Part 15) so that it shares the same view as the one in your eyepiece.

Note: To preserve battery life, don't forget to turn off the viewfinder after use.

11. Telescope is ready for viewing.



## Using Your Telescope:

After you have aligned your viewfinder, you are ready to start observing! Put the 26mm eyepiece into the focuser to get the widest field of view. This wider field of view will make it easier to locate and track objects. Use the panhandle to move the scope up, down and side to side until your target comes into view in the eyepiece. It is important to remember that the rotation of the Earth means objects will move out of your eyepiece fairly quickly. Once you have found and focused on your desired target, you can track it as it journeys across the night sky using the panhandle.

To get a closer look at an object, take out the 26mm eyepiece and replace it with the 9.7mm eyepiece. This will increase the magnification to 51.5x. For the strongest magnification, take out the 9.7mm eyepiece and insert the 2x Barlow lens into the focuser. Put the 9.7mm eyepiece into the Barlow lens and secure it in place, this will up the magnification from 51.5x to 103x. If you use the Barlow lens with the 26 mm eyepiece, the magnification will change from 19x to 38x.

Note: This telescope is designed for astronomical use. Terrestrial objects may appear inverted, sideways or at an angle depending on how your tube is oriented due to optical design. This rotation is perfectly normal on all Newtonian reflectors and will not affect astronomical viewing.

Focal Length	Eyepiece	Magnification	2x Barlow Lens
500mm	26mm	19x	38x
500mm	9.7mm	51.5x	103x

#### Cleaning:

The internal optics of your reflector telescope will rarely requiring cleaning as long as you put the dust cover on when the device is not in use. Small particles of dust that may enter the optical tube assembly during an observing session should not impact image quality. In the rare circumstance that a film of dirt collects on either mirror, you will need to contact Customer Service at [866] 252-3811 or service@explorescientific.com to arrange for the device to be returned to our facility for disassembly, cleaning and collimation. Although the optics inside of the reflector will likely never require cleaning as long as the dust cover is on when the telescope is not in use, eyepieces will need to be kept free of dust and dirt. To clean the eyepiece, use only a photo-grade soft brush or a lint-free cloth to gently remove any particles from the lens. Do not press down hard while cleaning as this might scratch the lens. If the eyepiece lens is exceptionally dirty, it may be necessary to dampen a lint-free cleaning cloth with an optical glass cleaning fluid and then wipe the lens clean using very light pressure. The eyepiece is NOT waterproof so do not spray fluids directly onto the glass or dip it in water. Never use harsh detergents! After you have finished cleaning an eyepiece, allow it to fully dry before storing.

#### Troubleshooting Guide:

Problem	Solution	
No picture	Remove dust protection cap.	
Blurred picture	Adjust focus using focus wheel.	
No focus possible	Wait for temperature to balance out.	
Bad quality	Never observe through a glass surface such as a window.	
Viewing object visible in the finder, but not through the telescope	Align finder to telescope (see instructions)	



# Using The Smartphone Adapter: SUPERVISION BY ADULTS

Read and follow the instructions, safety rules and first aid information

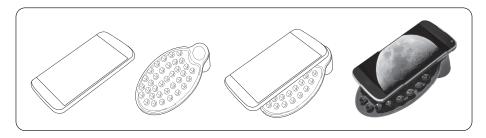
The Smartphone Adapter will allow you to connect almost any "smart" device to a 1.25" eyepiece.

To use the adapter, place it directly onto the selected eyepiece and secure it by tightening the set screw until snug. Be careful not to overtighten because this could damage the adapter and/or the eyepiece.

The camera lens on your smart device will need to be centered over the eyepiece. This alignment is best done by opening the camera function and viewing the image while you center the device. Once you have positioned the device correctly, carefully press it onto the suction cup/non-skid surface of the adapter pad. Never allow the adapter pad to hold your device without you supporting the item as well.

The point at which you secure the eyepiece/adapter combination into the diagonal/focuser depends largely on the dimensions of your device. For smaller devices like smart phones, it may be easier to secure it to the eyepiece/adapter combination before inserting the entire unit into the diagonal on the telescope. For larger devices, such as tablets, it may be easier to secure the eyepiece/adapter combination into the diagonal, and then align and attach your device.

After positioning your device and capturing images, you can enhance and edit the photos using the imaging software of your choice. One option can be found at <a href="https://www.getpaint.net/">https://www.getpaint.net/</a>.



WARNING: Do not leave your device unsupported or unattended on the adapter pad.

Though the surface of the adapter pad is designed with suction cups and is non-skid, the manufacturer cannot assure that the pad will support the weight of various devices or guarantee that it will adhere to all surfaces on various smart devices. The pad is not intended to secure, balance or support the device on its own, and the operator should not let the device rest solely on the adapter pad. Leaving the device unattended or allowing it to balance on its own without operator support may result in the device falling, unbalancing the entire instrument and possibly damaging the telescope or your smart device.

#### CHEMICALS

Any chemicals and liquids used in preparing, using, or cleaning should be kept out of reach of children. Do not drink any chemicals. Hands should be washed thoroughly under running water after use. In case of accidental contact with the eyes or mouth rinse with water. Seek medical treatment for ailments arising from contact with the chemical substances and take the chemicals with you to the doctor.

Keep packaging materials (plastic bags, rubber bands, etc.) away from children. There is a risk of **SUFFOCATION**. Dispose of packaging materials as legally required. Consult the local authority on the matter if necessary.

#### DISPOSAL

Dispose of the packaging materials properly, according to their type, such as paper or cardboard. Contact your local waste-disposal service or environmental authority for information on the proper disposal. Please take the current legal regulations into account when disposing of your device. You can get more information on the proper disposal from your local waste-disposal service or environmental authority.

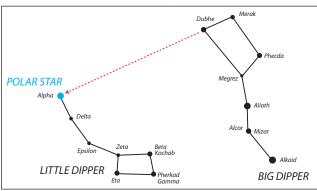


# Observing Tips:

#### Star hopping

Star hopping is a technique used by amateur astronomers to navigate the night sky. By using easily recognizable constellations and asterisms as a guide, an observer can locate stars and other objects.

For example, Polaris, which is commonly referred to as The North Star, can be located quickly using star hopping. First, find the Big Dipper asterism in the Ursa Major constellation. The popular pattern is defined by seven stars, and the two stars on the front edge of the Big Dipper's "bowl" are Merak and Dubhe. Next, draw an imaginary line from the bottom star (Merak) on this front edge through the top star (Dubhe) on the front edge. Follow the line to the first bright star you see. That should be Polaris. Finally, to verify your finding, locate the Little Dipper asterism. Polaris is the anchor star at the end of the Little Dipper's "handle."



Note: The positioning of the Big Dipper in relation to the Little Dipper does not change, but the orientation of both in the night sky will rotate throughout the vear due to the motion of the Earth.

# Possible Objects for Observation:

What you can observe at any one time in your telescope depends on several factors beyond aperture and magnification. These factors include location, date, time and sky conditions. The following are all objects that can be seen with the unaided eye and/or binoculars. Your telescope can enhance views of any of these objects if the observing conditions are right.

#### The Moon:

Diameter: 3.476 km

Distance: Approximately 384,401 km

The Moon is the Earth's only natural satellite, and it is the second brightest object in the sky (after the Sun). Although it is our closest neighbor, a lot of people have never really taken a good long like at the Moon. With your telescope, you should be able to see several interesting lunar features. These include lunar maria, which appear as vast plains, and some of the larger craters. The best views will be found along the terminator, which is the edge where the visible and shadowed portions of the Moon meet.



Image credit: Howard Eskildsen



Orion Nebula(M42):

Right ascension: 05: 35.4 (hours: minutes)
Declination: -05: 27 (degrees: minutes)
Distance: Approximately 1,344 light years

The Orion Nebula is a vast star-forming region located in the "sword" branching off of the famous Orion's Belt. Also known as Messier 42, this diffuse nebula is bright enough to see with the unaided eye—although it will only appear as a slightly foggy star. However, with your telescope, you can see many of the beautiful details, such as the billowing clouds of gas and dust where new stars are being born.

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#### Pleiades Star Cluster(M45):

Right ascension: 03: 47.0 (hours: minutes)
Declination: +24: 07 (degrees: minutes)
Distance: Approximately 444 light years

The Pleiades Star Cluster is a group of brilliant blue stars located in the Taurus Constellation. Also known as Messier 45 or "Seven Sisters", this open star cluster consists of more than 1,000 confirmed stars, although an average of only six are visible to the unaided eye. With your telescope, you can quickly reveal some of the more elusive members of this legendary and beautiful cluster.



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#### Andromeda Galaxy(M31):

Right ascension: 00: 42.7 (hours: minutes)
Declination: +41: 16 (degrees: minutes)
Distance: Approximately 2.54 million light years
The Andromeda Galaxy is the closest major galaxy to our
own Milky Way. Also known as Messier 31, this famous spiral
galaxy is part of the Local Group of galaxies. Although it is
technically bright enough to see with the unaided eye under
a very dark sky, your telescope may show its bright center,
hints of its spiral structure and its much smaller companion
galaxies known as M32 and M110.

#### Dumbbell Nebula(M27)

Right ascension: 19:59.6 (hours: minutes)
Declination: +22:43 (degrees: minutes)
Distance: Approximately 1,360 light years

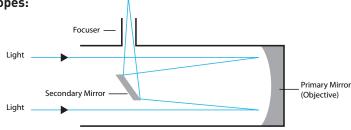
The Dumbbell Nebula was the first planetary nebula ever discovered. It is one of the most popular sights in the Vulpecula constellation. Easy to find with binoculars and amazing in a telescope, the shape of this bright, double-lobed nebula has been compared to a dumbbell, an hourglass or an apple core. As an added bonus, the white dwarf that lies at the heart of the Dumbbell Nebula is larger than any other star of its kind



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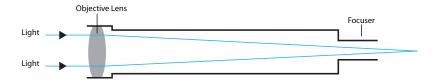


# Types Of Telescopes:



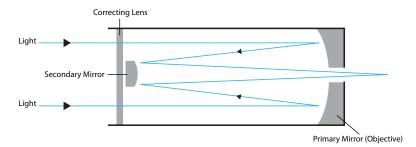
#### Reflector

A reflector telescope uses mirrors to gather and focus light. Light enters the telescope through its open front end and travels to the concave primary mirror at the back. From there the light is reflected back up the tube to a flat secondary mirror, which sits at a 45° angle in relation to the eyepiece. Light bounces off of this secondary mirror and out through the eyepiece. A reflector telescope is designed for astronomical use. Terrestrial objects may appear inverted, sideways or at an angle depending on how your tube is oriented due to optical design. This rotation is perfectly normal on all Newtonian reflectors and will not affect astronomical viewing.



#### Refractor:

A refracting telescope uses a collection of lenses to gather and focus light. A refractor's views will be upside down if a diagonal is not in use. A standard diagonal will generate a "right side up" image, however, it will rotate the image on the vertical axis (mirror image). To get the "right side up" image without the rotation, you will need to use a special diagonal with an erect image prism.

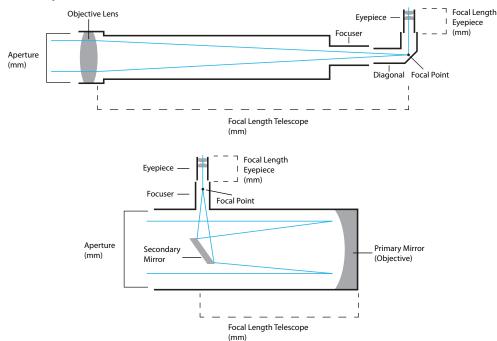


#### Catadioptric:

A catadioptric telescope uses a combination of mirrors and lenses to gather and focus light. Popular catadioptric designs include the Maksutov-Cassegrain and Schmidt-Cassegrain.



# Telescope Terms to Know:



#### Aperture:

This figure, which is usually expressed in millimeters, is the diameter of a telescope's light-gathering surface (objective lens in a refractor or primary mirror in a reflector). Aperture is the key factor in determining the brightness and sharpness of the image.

#### Objective Lens:

The objective lens is the main light-gathering component of a refractor telescope. It is actually composed of several lens elements.

#### Diagonal:

This accessory houses a mirror that deflects the ray of light 90 degrees. With a horizontal telescope tube, this device deflects the light upwards so that you can comfortably observe by looking downwards into the eyepiece. The image in a standard diagonal mirror appears upright, but rotated around its vertical axis (mirror image). To get an image without this rotation, you will need to use a special diagonal with an erect image prism.

#### Eyepiece:

An eyepiece is an optical accessory comprised of several lens elements. It determines the magnification of a particular observing setup.

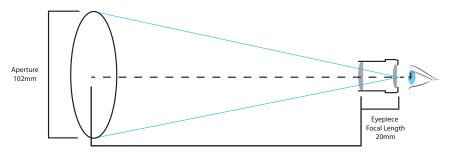
#### **Primary Mirror:**

The primary mirror is the principle light-gathering surface of a reflector telescope.

#### Secondary Mirror:

A secondary mirror is a small mirror that sits at a 45° angle in relation to the primary mirror of a reflecting telescope. Light from the primary mirror is reflected back up the tube to the secondary mirror. The light is directed from this mirror up into the eyepiece.





Magnification:

Telescope Focal Length 1000mm

The magnification corresponds to the difference between observation with the naked eye and observation through a magnifying device like a telescope. If a telescope configuration has a magnification of 30x, then an object viewed through the telescope will appear 30 times larger than it would with the naked eye. To calculate the magnification of your telescope setup, divide the focal length of the telescope tube by the focal length of the eyepiece. For example, a 20mm eyepiece in a telescope with a 1000mm focal length will result in 50x power, which will make the object appear 50 times larger. If you change the eyepiece, the power goes up or down accordingly.

#### Focal ratio

The focal ratio of a telescope is determined by dividing the telescope's focal length by its aperture (usually expressed in millimeters). It plays a key role in determining a telescope's field of view and significantly impacts imaging time in astrophotography. For example, a telescope with a focal length of 1000mm and a 100mm clear aperture has a focal ratio of f/10.

#### Focal length (Telescope):

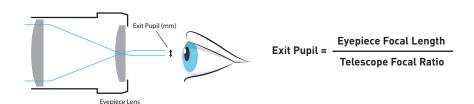
The focal length is the distance in millimeters between the objective lens or primary mirror and the point at which entering light rays converge — otherwise known as the focal point. The focal lengths of the telescope tube and the evepiece are used to determine magnification.

#### Focal length (Evepiece):

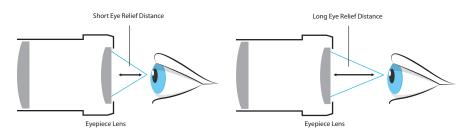
The focal length is the distance in millimeters between the center of the first lens element in an eyepiece and the focal point. The focal lengths of the telescope tube and the eyepiece are used to determine magnification. Short eyepiece focal lengths produce higher magnifications than long eyepiece focal lengths.

#### Exit Pupil

The exit pupil is the diameter of the beam of light coming out of the eyepiece. To calculate exit pupil, divide the focal length of your eyepiece by your telescope's focal ratio. For example, if you use a 20mm eyepiece with an f/5 telescope, the exit pupil would be 4mm.

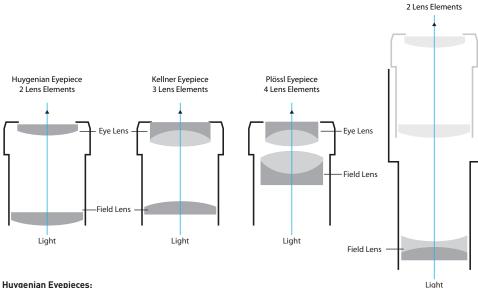






#### Eve Relief

Eye relief is all about a comfortable viewing experience because it is the distance at which you need to position your eye from the eyepiece's outermost surface to enjoy the full field of view. This characteristic is of special concern to observers who wear glasses to correct an astigmatism, because a long enough eye relief is necessary to allow room for glasses. Barlow Lens



### Huygenian Eyepieces:

A Huygenian eyepiece uses two plano-convex lenses separated by an air gap. They have a fairly narrow apparent field of view.

#### Kellner Eyepieces:

A Kellner eyepiece uses three lens elements - two of which are paired together in an achromatic doublet design to minimize chromatic aberrations. They typically produce an apparent field of view around 45°.

#### Plössl Eyepieces:

A PlossI eyepiece uses two doublets (a pairing of lens) for a total of four lens elements. This eyepiece design delivers sharp views and an apparent field of view of approximately 50°, which works well for both planetary and deep sky viewing.

#### Barlow Lens:

A Barlow lens effectively increases the focal length of a telescope. It is inserted between the eyepiece and the focuser/ diagonal (depending on the optical setup) and multiplies the magnification power of the eyepiece. For example, a 2x Barlow will double the magnification of a particular eyepiece.



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