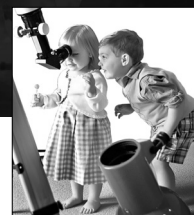


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Until now, coma-free Ritchey-Chrétien reflector optics came only in large apertures at prices that started at \$10,000. That put R-C astrographs out of the reach of most astrophotographers.



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A magazine review said "everyone should own" the \$359 Astro-Tech AT66ED.

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Meade LX200-ACF – "Ritchey-Chrétien-like" optics at a fraction the cost of a true R-C.

Astronomy said Meade's original Advanced Coma-Free f/8 catadioptric go-to scope "delivers Ritchey-Chrétien-like performance at a fraction the cost." And *Sky & Telescope* said it "does indeed perform like a Ritchey-Chrétien."

Meade LX200-ACF go-to catadioptric scopes are f/10 versions of those same highly-reviewed coma-free optics, but at prices that make "Ritchey-Chrétien-like" optical performance affordable.

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