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The 6" Meade ETX-LS makes astronomy easy.



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\$1299

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The Meade ETX-LS. *Astronomy made easy.*

Accessories worth a look . . .



An eyepiece kit saves you money . . . the Astro-Tech 1.25" kit has three Plössl eyepieces, a 68° field Superview eyepiece, a 2x Barlow, five color filters, and a hard case. It's only \$119, far less than the cost of the parts bought separately. Other kits are available from \$99 to \$699.



Protect your scope from dust and sun . . . TeleGizmos scope covers protect your telescope from occasional exposure to dust, dew, and the sun (at star parties or in your own backyard). Prices start at \$29. Extended use 24/7/365 covers start at \$39.



A dew shield to do in the dew . . . Astrozap flexible black dew shields start at \$24.95 for all Celestron and Meade scopes to improve contrast and keep dew from ruining your observing. Aluminum dew shields start at \$34.95.



See more with a dielectric diagonal . . . this Astro-Tech *Hot Product* 1.25" dielectric star diagonal for only \$69.95 lets you see 99% of the light that your scope collects and brings to a focus. 2" dielectrics start at \$119.95.



Find your way around the night sky . . . The Celestron SkyScout personal planetarium locates and identifies 50,000 sky objects, including every one you can spot by eye. The 5-line display tells you their stories, or listen to them on earbuds. Only \$199.



Don't buy batteries. Use household AC . . . today's scopes eat up the flashlight batteries that run them. Meade and Celestron AC power supplies operate your scope from the household AC outlet in your observatory or back yard so you don't pay to buy batteries when observing from home. Prices start at \$19.95.

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\$6985

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Astro-Tech AT8RC \$1395

The Astro-Tech 8" Ritchey-Chrétien has features the competition doesn't offer.

The \$1395 Astro-Tech AT8RC – the *first* sensibly-priced 8" R-C – has premium features the competition doesn't offer . . .

- *Low thermal expansion quartz mirrors* (not ordinary glass like the competition) and a *low expansion carbon fiber body* to minimize any temperature-induced focus changes.
- Brighter 99% reflectivity dielectric mirror coatings rather than the lower-reflectivity aluminum the competition uses.

● Two dovetails, a Vixen and a Losmandy (the competition has just one); and even more. Astro-Tech. *We were the first . . . and we're still the best.*

Here's some breaking 10" R-C news: Comparing images taken by the new \$2795 Astro-Tech 10" AT10RC Ritchey-Chrétien astrograph with those taken by a 24" R-C the same night, the photographer said, "You would be hard pressed to tell the difference. The guy that had the 24" was actually a little miffed that a \$3,000 scope could do as well as his \$75,000 scope :-)"



\$299

Astro-Tech Voyager with optional 4" Astro-Tech AT102ED

"A really sweet grab-and-go" A-T mount.

Competitors bring out new altazimuth mounts for more money, but they still can't match the performance and features of the Astro-Tech Voyager. A Sky & Telescope review called the 20 pound payload capacity Voyager "unusually stable" with "lots of first-class engineering" that made it "a really sweet grab-and-go . . . ideal for viewing day or night." Why pay more to get less?



8" EQSP 8 SCT \$1395 \$999

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