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**Tele Vue Warranty Summary**

Eyepieces, Barlows, Powermates, & Paracorr have a "Lifetime Limited" warranty, telescopes & accessories are warranted for 5 years. Electronic parts are warranted for 1 year. Warranty is against defects in material or workmanship. No other warranty is expressed or implied. No returns without prior authorization.

Lifetime Limited Warranty details online: <http://bit.ly/TVOPTLIFE>

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Date (day/month/yr): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **55.0 Plössl (EPL-55.0)**

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# 55mm PLÖSSL and 41mm PANOPTIC

## EYEPIECES with ADJUSTABLE HEIGHT EYEGUARD ADAPTER

Thank you for purchasing either the Tele Vue 55mm Plössl eyepiece or the 41mm Panoptic eyepiece. Our patented designs, multi-coatings, and blackened lens edges contribute to making them the sharpest available. Their true field is also the largest possible in a 2-inch barrel eyepiece.

The unique Adjustable Height Eyeguard Adapter aids in properly positioning your eye in the exit pupil, minimizing "pupil shadowing" and reducing stray light to maximize contrast. Its soft rubber eyeguard may be used fully extended or rolled back, whichever is more comfortable; it can also be removed completely. You can even extend one portion of the rubber eyeguard to shield external light.

To set the eyeguard position, unscrew the upper part of the black metal eyeguard housing until the desired height is reached. Note the position of the bottom edge of the eyeguard housing. Then, raise or remove the eyeguard housing until you can bring the concealed lock ring up to the approximate position you noted. Screw the eyeguard housing down onto the lock ring and your position is set.

If you must clean the eyelens, unscrew the eyeguard housing completely. First blow off any dust with a bulb-type puffer. Then moisten (but do not soak) a Q-Tip with Windex and clean the lens surface with a gentle circular motion. Never pour any liquid directly on the lens surface, since capillary action will cause the fluid to leak down into the eyepiece, possibly dissolving the lens edge blackening.

Both models accept DIOPTRX, the accessory to correct eyesight astigmatism, which is likely to be visible with long focal length eyepieces that naturally produce large exit pupils. For example, a 55mm Plössl with an  $f/10$  telescope produces a 5.5mm exit pupil.

### **Note for eyeglass wearers using the 41mm Panoptic eyepiece**

*To achieve maximum eye relief, eyeglass wearers can completely unscrew and remove the eyeguard housing.*

### **Note on focusing the 55mm Plössl eyepiece**

*Because the field stop is located near the bottom of the chrome eyepiece barrel, you will need to rack your focuser out further, relative to most other eyepieces. If you find that you cannot rack your focuser out enough to achieve focus, we strongly recommend you purchase our 2" Eyepiece Barrel Extender (product code EBX-2120), available at all Tele Vue dealers. The Eyepiece Barrel Extender will make Tele Vue's 55mm Plössl eyepiece approximately parfocal with our 27mm Panoptic eyepiece.*

## WARNING

Do not unscrew the chrome barrel!

The lenses will fall out, voiding the warranty.

## This Eyepiece Accepts DIOPTRX™

Your telescope's focuser is used to compensate for your near- or far-sightedness; DIOPTRX™ compensates for your astigmatism. These units attach and lock onto the tops of over twenty long eye-relief Tele Vue eyepieces to achieve the sharpest full-field viewing possible. DIOPTRX™ models are available in ¼ to 3½ diopter and are rotatable for tuning to the best orientation. Simply choose the DIOPTRX™ model that matches your eyeglass prescription for astigmatism. All lenses are multi-coated glass in anodized aluminum housings with rubber eyeguards.



### Benefits of using Dioptrx over eyeglasses

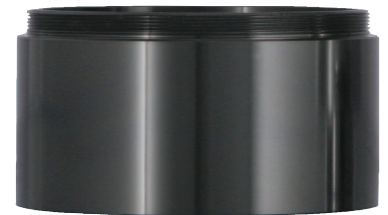
1. You're more likely to see a sharper, higher contrast image, because:
  - A. The Dioptrx is always completely aligned to the eyepiece optics, eliminating aberrations from a decentered mismatch of eyeglass power and astigmatic axis.
  - B. Dioptrx can be rotated to exactly compensate for the astigmatic axis angle in real time, since both head angle and age can vary your eyesight astigmatic angle.
  - C. Dioptrx likely has better multi-coatings than eyeglasses, and certainly is better in transmission and reflection reduction than uncoated eyeglass.
  - D. Dioptrx is more likely to be cleaner than eyeglasses, which may have scratches and smudges from constant use and wear and tear.
  - E. Dioptrx allows seeing your normal maximum contrast that eyeglasses can diminish (remove your eyeglasses and see how contrast improves in normal vision).
2. You're more likely to see the full field in 100° Ethos eyepieces because your eyeglasses are more limiting in "effective eye-relief".

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## EBX-2120

## 2" EYEPIECE BARREL EXTENDER

Some of our eyepieces have dual 2" / 1¼" barrels which make it impossible to use 2" filters due to the 1¼" barrel extending below the 2" barrel. The 2" Eyepiece Barrel Extender adds 1.2-inches to the 2" barrel to provide a mounting location for 2" (48mm) eyepiece filters. It also increases backfocus distance and can also help parfocalize eyepiece sets.



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## This Eyepiece Accepts BANDMATE™ Filters

Adding Bandmate filters to your eyepiece make nebulae "pop-out" in the field. Bandmate does this by passing select wavelengths of light and blocking other to darken the sky and increase contrast. Several filters are available for 2" and 1¼" barrel eyepieces.

- Bandmate Nebustar is a unique narrowband filter design specifically for Tele Vue as a general-purpose nebula filter for scopes of any size. Unlike other ultra-high contrast (UHC) designs, Nebustar blocks red wavelengths normally passed by typical UHC filters. The design eliminates star bloat to produce sharper, more natural looking stars along with enhanced nebulosity.
- Bandmate OIII filter enhances planetary nebulae and supernovae remnants.
- Bandmate Hβ brings out the hydrogen-beta emission lines found in hydrogen emitting nebulae.



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# Choosing Your Eyepieces

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## MAGNIFICATION

Eyepieces determine your telescope's magnification.

$$\text{Magnification} = \text{telescope focal length} \div \text{eyepiece focal length}$$

## TRUE FIELD OF VIEW

Eyepieces also determine the true field you see in the sky. To calculate the true field of view that you will see (in degrees):

$$\text{True field of view} = (\text{eyepiece field stop diameter} \div \text{telescope focal length}) \times 57.3$$

## THE FIELD STOP AND APPARENT FIELD OF VIEW

The field stop is the metal ring inside the eyepiece barrel that limits the field size. It's projected by the eyepiece so that it appears as a circle out in space when you look through the eyepiece. The angular diameter of this circle is called the apparent field of view (AFOV) and is a fixed property for each eyepiece design. For example, Plössl and Nagler Zoom eyepieces have an AFOV of 50°, Panoptics have 68°, Delos have 72°, Naglers have 82°, Ethos have 100° and the Ethos-SX eyepiece has 110°.

## LOW-TO-MEDIUM POWER VIEWING

For low-power viewing of large objects, or to use your telescope as a low-power finder, use an eyepiece that delivers close to the maximum possible true field of view (note that for 1.25" eyepieces, the maximum field stop diameter is 27mm; for 2" eyepieces, it's 46mm). Then add eyepieces covering uniform increments in smaller field stops. For example, if your widest field eyepiece has a 40mm diameter field stop and you choose a decreasing increment diameter factor of 2 (which results in a 4x decrease in area size), you'll end up with eyepieces having field stop diameters of approximately 40mm, 20mm and 10mm. To further fill in with incremental steps, add eyepieces with approximate field stop diameters of 28mm and 14mm. Of course, avoid duplicating focal lengths. For example, if you use a 31mm Nagler (with a 42mm field stop diameter), you would not need a 32mm Plössl (with a 27mm field stop diameter).

In general, for each field stop size, choosing eyepieces with shorter focal lengths and larger apparent fields of view will allow you to see more detail and fainter stars. In addition, you'll have a smaller exit pupil to better match your eyesight.

## EYEGASSES AND EYE RELIEF

If you do not need eyeglasses to correct astigmatism, don't use them when observing. If you wear glasses to correct astigmatism, make sure they're multi-coated, and try to choose eyepieces that have at least 15mm to 20mm of eye relief, to minimize any field reduction (vignetting). However, you will find that with small exit pupils such as 1mm or less, you probably will not need eyeglasses, and can therefore use eyepieces with less eye relief. You can use DIOPTRX instead of eyeglasses for best performance, with Tele Vue eyepieces that accept this accessory.

## EXIT PUPIL

The exit pupil is the image of the objective that is formed by the eyepiece. It's where you place your eye to see the full field of view.

$$\text{Exit pupil} = \text{eyepiece focal length} \div \text{telescope } f\#\$$

For reflecting telescopes, it's best to avoid exit pupils larger than 7mm or smaller than 0.5mm. Refracting telescopes have no upper limits on exit pupil sizes.

## IMAGE AMPLIFIERS (Barlows and Powermates)

You can also choose a long focal length eyepiece with comfortable eye relief and use image amplifying lenses to increase power. Tele Vue makes Barlows and Powermates (an improvement to the Barlow-type design) in magnification factors of 2x, 2.5x, 3x, 4x and 5x.

## PARACORR Type-2 (Parabola Corrector)

If you have a Newtonian or Dobsonian reflector that's f/5.0 or faster, you should seriously consider using the Paracorr to eliminate coma, so your full field eyepiece sharpness is not compromised. Paracorr also acts like a 1.15x image amplifier, so, for example, a 1000mm f/4.5 scope becomes an 1150mm f/5.2 scope. Adjust your eyepiece focal length choices accordingly. Paracorr Type-2 is for scopes as fast as f/3.0.

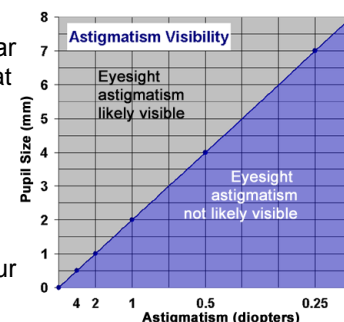
## HIGH-POWER VIEWING

Once you've selected an eyepiece set based on field stop sizes, calculate the magnifications produced with your scope. For planetary or double star observing, you'll want an eyepiece in at least the 150x range. For determining maximum power, a good rule of thumb is to use no more than 60x per inch of aperture for scopes with apertures up to 6". Higher magnifications may still be pleasing but will not likely reveal any additional detail. Realistically, the atmosphere will usually limit your planetary observing to a maximum magnification of about 300x, no matter how large your telescope aperture.

Basically, you'll be choosing low and medium power eyepieces by field stop increments to "frame" the subject, and high power eyepieces by magnification increments (based on your scope's aperture), to reach the optimum contrast and resolution for viewing planets and double stars.

Check out [www.televue.com](http://www.televue.com) for the following related articles: "Choosing Your Telescope's Magnification", "Eyepieces for Small Dobs" and "Determining When To Use Eyeglasses".

For more individual advice on specific applications, you can always call Tele Vue at 845-469-4551



# TELE VUE EYEPIECE SPECIFICATIONS

Tele Vue recommends choosing low and medium power eyepieces in ratios of field stop diameters. For example, factors of 1.4 or 2.0. When choosing higher power eyepieces, use ratios of magnification.

Focal Length (mm)	Type	Product Code	Apparent Field (deg)	Field Stop Dia. (mm)	Eye Relief (mm)	Dioptx Ready	Pupil size in mm for various f/ratio telescopes				
							f/4.5	f/5.2	f/7	f/10	f/14
<b>2" Eyepieces for Wide True Fields</b>											
55	Plössl	EPL-55.0	50	46.0	38	Y	12.2	10.6	7.9	5.5	3.9
41	Panoptic	EPO-41.0	68	46.0	27	Y	9.1	7.9	5.9	4.1	2.9
31	Nagler 5	EN5-31.0	82	42.0	19	Y	6.9	6.0	4.4	3.1	2.2
35	Panoptic	EPO-35.0	68	38.7	24	Y	7.8	6.7	5.0	3.5	2.5
21	Ethos	ETH-21.0	100	36.2	15	Y	4.7	4.0	3.0	2.1	1.5
22	Nagler 4	EN4-22.0	82	31.1	19	Y	4.9	4.2	3.1	2.2	1.6
27	Panoptic	EPO-27.0	68	30.5	19	Y	6.0	5.2	3.9	2.7	1.9
17	Ethos	ETH-17.0	100	29.6	15	Y	3.8	3.3	2.4	1.7	1.2
17	Nagler 4	EN4-17.0	82	24.3	17	Y	3.8	3.3	2.4	1.7	1.2
<b>1 1/4" Eyepieces for Wide True Fields</b>											
40	Plössl	EPL-40.0	43	27.0	28	Y	8.9	7.7	5.7	4.0	2.9
32	Plössl	EPL-32.0	50	27.0	22	Y	7.1	6.2	4.6	3.2	2.3
24	Panoptic	EPO-24.0	68	27.0	15	Y*	5.3	4.6	3.4	2.4	1.7
13	Ethos	ETH-13.0	100	22.3	15	Y	2.9	2.5	1.9	1.3	0.9
16	Nagler 5	EN5-16.0	82	22.1	10	N	3.6	3.1	2.3	1.6	1.1
19	Panoptic	EPO-19.0	68	21.3	13	Y*	4.2	3.7	2.7	1.9	1.4
25	Plössl	EAP-25.0	50	21.2	17	N	5.6	4.8	3.6	2.5	1.8
17.3	Delos	EDL-17.3	72	21.2	20	Y	3.8	3.3	2.5	1.7	1.2
18.2	DeLite	EDE-18.2	62	19.1	20	Y	4.0	3.5	2.6	1.8	1.3
10	Ethos	ETH-10.0	100	17.7	15	Y	2.2	1.9	1.4	1.0	0.7
13	Nagler 6	EN6-13.0	82	17.6	12	Y*	2.9	2.5	1.9	1.3	0.9
14	Delos	EDL-14.0	72	17.3	20	Y	3.1	2.7	2.0	1.4	1.0
20	Plössl	EAP-20.0	50	17.1	14	N	4.4	3.8	2.9	2.0	1.4
11	Apollo	EAL-11.0	85	16.2	18	Y	2.4	2.1	1.6	1.1	0.8
15	DeLite	EDE-15.0	62	16.0	20	Y	3.3	2.9	2.1	1.5	1.1
<b>1 1/4" Eyepieces for Medium Powers</b>											
12	Delos	EDL-12.0	72	15.0	20	Y	2.7	2.3	1.7	1.2	0.9
13	DeLite	EDE-13.0	62	13.8	20	Y	2.9	2.5	1.9	1.3	0.9
10	Delos	EDL-10.0	72	12.7	20	Y	2.2	1.9	1.4	1.0	0.7
15	Plössl	EAP-15.0	50	12.6	10	N	3.3	2.9	2.1	1.5	1.1
9	Nagler 6	EN6-09.0	82	12.4	12	Y*	2.0	1.7	1.3	0.9	0.6
11	DeLite	EDE-11.0	62	11.7	20	Y	2.4	2.1	1.6	1.1	0.8
9	DeLite	EDE-09.0	62	9.6	20	Y	2.0	1.7	1.3	0.9	0.6
11	Plössl	EAP-11.0	50	9.1	8	N	2.4	2.1	1.6	1.1	0.8
<b>1 1/4" Eyepieces for Higher Powers</b>											
8	Ethos	ETH-08.0	100	13.9	15	Y	1.8	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.6
6	Ethos	ETH-06.0	100	10.4	15	Y	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.4
8	Delos	EDL-08.0	72	9.9	20	Y	1.8	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.6
7	Nagler 6	EN6-07.0	82	9.7	12	Y*	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.5
4.7	Ethos SX	ETH-04.7	110	8.9	15	Y	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.3
6	Delos	EDL-06.0	72	7.6	20	Y	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.4
7	DeLite	EDE-07.0	62	7.5	20	Y	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.5
3.7	Ethos SX	ETH-03.7	110	7.0	15	Y	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3
5	Nagler 6	EN6-05.0	82	7.0	12	Y*	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.4
8	Plössl	EAP-08.0	50	6.5	6	N	1.8	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.6
4.5	Delos	EDL-04.5	72	5.6	20	Y	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.3
5	DeLite	EDE-05.0	62	5.3	20	Y	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.4
3.5	Nagler 6	EN6-03.5	82	4.8	12	Y*	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3
3.5	Delos	EDL-03.5	72	4.4	20	Y	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3
4	DeLite	EDE-04.0	62	4.3	20	Y	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3
3	DeLite	EDE-03.0	62	3.2	20	Y	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2
<b>1 1/4" Zoom Eyepieces for Medium and Higher Powers</b>											
6-3	Nagler Zoom	ENZ-0306	50	5.1-2.6	10	N	1.3-0.7	1.2-0.6	0.9-0.4	0.6-0.3	0.4-0.2

NOTE: True Field in degrees = (Field Stop dia./Telescope Focal Length) X 57.3°

\*Indicates additional Dioptx Adapter required

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