

5x24 Viewfinder Instructions Addendum

Your telescope includes a 5x24 viewfinder to help locate objects in the night sky. Because of its low magnification and wide field of view, it is much easier to first locate and center an object in the finder scope before subsequent viewing through the main telescope.

Installation

Place the bottom of the viewfinder bracket over the threaded rods on the telescope's optical tube. Then, use the two included attachment nuts and thread them over the rods into place.

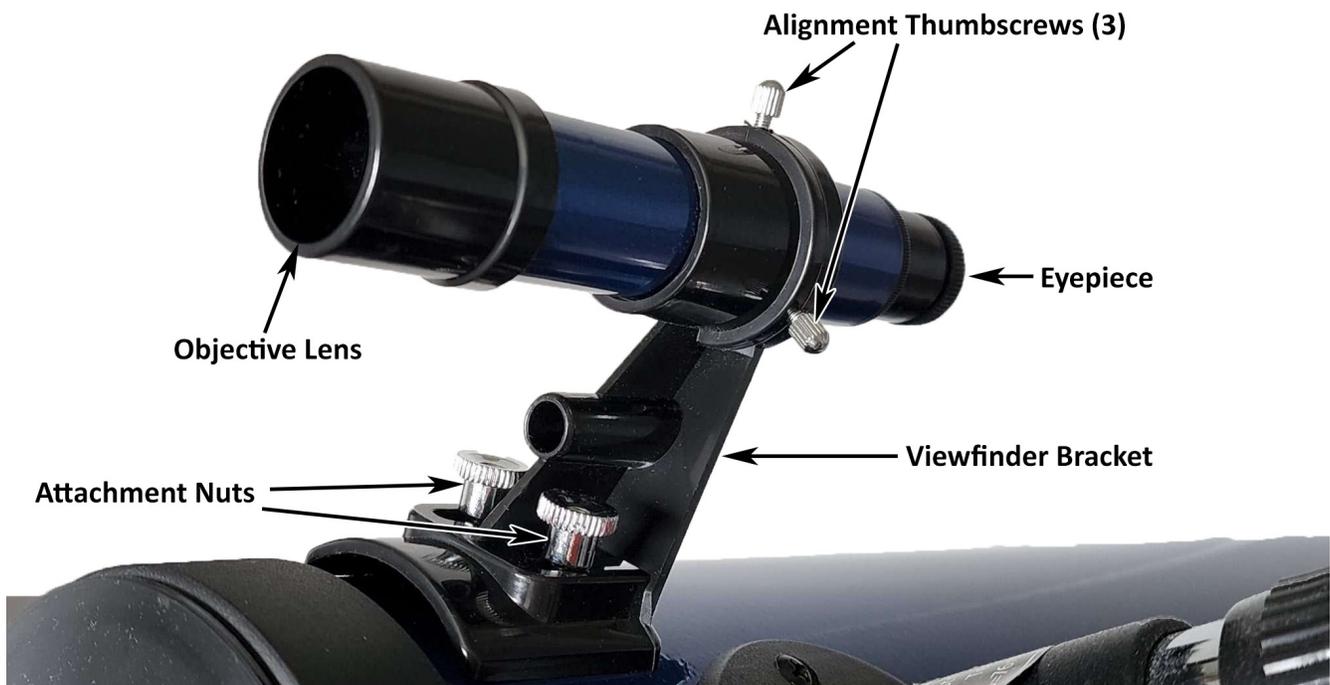
Aligning Your Viewfinder

The finder scope has a wide field of view to facilitate the location of objects for subsequent viewing through the main telescope, which has a much narrower field of view. The finder scope and the main telescope must be aligned so they point to exactly the same spot in the sky. *(Note that when you look through the viewfinder, you will see a crosshair with images that will be upside-down. This is normal.)*



Looking at or near the Sun will cause irreversible damage to your eye. Do not point your telescope or viewfinder at or near the Sun.

Alignment is easiest to do in daylight hours. First, insert an eyepiece into the main telescope and point the telescope at an object such as the top of a telephone pole or a street sign that is at least a quarter mile away. Move the telescope so the target object appears in the very center of the field of view when you look into the eyepiece. Now, without moving the telescope, look through the eyepiece in your viewfinder. Is the object centered in the field of view, i.e., on the crosshairs? If not, hopefully it will be visible somewhere in the field of view. Adjust the three alignment thumbscrews to center it on the crosshairs. It is often easier to tighten one alignment screw while simultaneously loosening another. This will keep the viewfinder tight in its holder. Once the object is centered, you do not need to realign the viewfinder unless the telescope is disassembled for transport.



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