

Orion® ED80T CF Apochromatic Refractor

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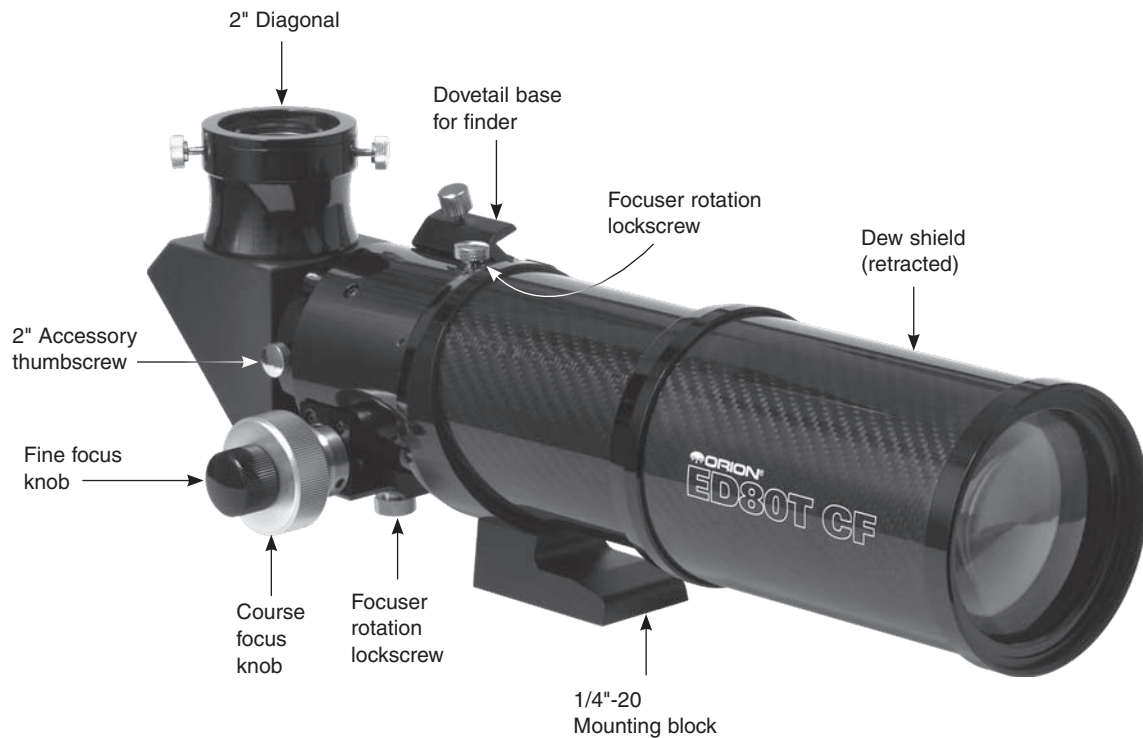


Figure 1: The 80mm ED80T CF Apochromatic Refractor optical tube.



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Congratulations on your purchase of an Orion 80mm f/6 Triplet Refractor. Your telescope has been designed with high quality precision optics and excellent mechanical construction. The dual-speed (11:1) Crayford focuser will make getting sharp images a breeze and reduce image shift to almost zero. The three element f/6 objective lens offers excellent color correction. These instructions will help you set up and use your optical tube.

Getting Started

The 80mm Triplet comes fully assembled from the factory. The telescope's optics have been assembled and collimated at the factory, so you should not have to make any adjustments to them.

Please keep the original shipping box. In the unlikely event you need to ship the telescope back to Orion for warranty repair service, you should use the original packaging. The box also makes a very good container for storing the telescope when it is not in use.

Optical Use

The fine optics and precision machining make the 80mm Triplet an excellent choice for astronomical and terrestrial observation. You will need to attach the 2" diagonal (included) and optional eyepiece to the back end of the telescope. The telescope will accept 2" or 1.25" accessories. Simply slide the diagonal into the open end of the telescope and insert the eyepiece into the diagonal and it is ready to show you the visual beauty of the night sky.

For terrestrial observation a correct image diagonal is recommended. These are typically available as 1.25" accessories only.

Use of Optional Eyepieces, Diagonal, and Finder Scope

The 80mm Triplet does not come with a finder scope or eyepieces in order to grant the user the greatest versatility in customizing the instrument to suit their needs. However, certain rules for using accessories still apply.

Any Orion finder scope with a dovetail bracket can be used with 80mm Triplet. Simply unthread the thumbscrew on the dovetail mount and insert the assembled finder scope and dovetail bracket. Retighten the thumbscrew (Figure 1). Finder scopes that do not use a dovetail bracket will need to be attached by other means.

The 80mm Triplet can use 1.25" and 2" accessories. Please note that the telescope will not come to focus without the use of a diagonal or extension tube. To install a 1.25" diagonal, unthread the thumbscrew on the 1.25" adapter until it is flush with the interior of the adapter. Insert the diagonal or extension tube and secure it with the thumbscrew. Then insert the eyepiece into the diagonal or extension tube and secure it with the thumbscrew(s).

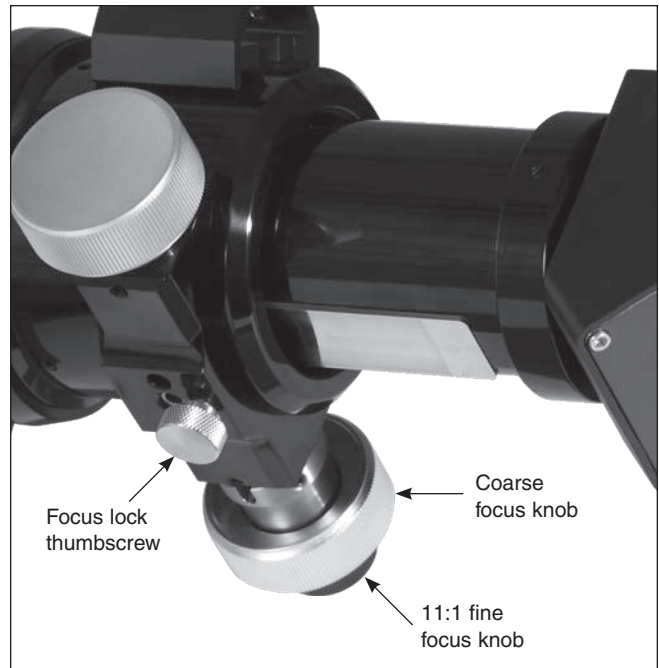


Figure 2: Focuser detail

Use of 2" Eyepieces and Diagonals

A feature of the 80mm Triplet is its ability to also use 2" barrel-diameter eyepieces and diagonals. At low magnifications, 2" eyepieces can give a wider field of view than standard 1.25" eyepieces. This is especially desirable for observing deep-sky objects, as many of them appear quite large, but faint.

To use 2" eyepieces, simply loosen the large thumbscrew on the 2" adapter (Figure 1). Once this thumbscrew is loosened, the entire back end of the focuser, including any 1.25" diagonal and eyepiece that may be attached, comes off, exposing the 2" diameter focuser drawtube. Now, insert your 2" diagonal into the drawtube and secure with the two thumbscrews loosened previously. Insert a 2" eyepiece into the diagonal, secure it in place with the thumbscrew on the diagonal, and you're ready to observe.

About the 2" Dual-Speed Crayford Focuser

The Triplet 80mm comes equipped with a 2" dual-speed Crayford focuser. The Crayford design allows for smooth, precise focusing without the image shift that rack-and-pinion designs experience.

There is also a fine adjustment capability on this focuser. Eleven turns of the small knob protruding from the right focus knob equals one turn of the coarse adjustment knob. Once you have achieved the best possible focus on an object using the coarse adjustment knob; you can fine-tune your focus using this slow motion knob to make micro adjustments. This will allow delicate adjustments to be made to get the sharpest images possible.

If you find that the focus adjustment is too hard to turn or does not hold in place properly once you've achieved focus, you can make adjustments to the focuser tension by using the fo-

user tension thumbscrew located on the bottom of the optical tube, between the focus wheels. Make adjustments to this thumbscrew until the focuser motion feels smooth to turn and holds in place when you have obtained focus. It may be necessary to make adjustments when the weight of your accessories change significantly.

Photography with the 80mm Triplet

The Triplet 80mm f/6 refractor makes a very capable astrograph for your CCD or DSLR camera. With an optional camera adapter, the Triplet 80mm becomes a 480mm f/6 telephoto lens for a single-lens reflex camera. For long-distance terrestrial or astronomical photography, you need a T-ring for your particular camera model and a camera adapter. A 2" prime focus camera adapter is suggested to obtain the best focal distance for that optical tube. Simply attach the T-ring to the camera body and thread the 2" prime focus camera adapter into the T-ring. Insert the barrel of the camera adapter into the 2" eyepiece holder on the focuser. Use the camera's viewfinder to frame the picture. Use the telescope's focuser to focus the image. Tighten the focuser tension thumbscrew to make sure the camera does not slip out of focus.

Most CCD cameras will have a 1.25" or 2" barrel ready to attach directly to your telescope like an eyepiece or diagonal. No adapter is required, simply insert the barrel of the CCD camera into the 1.25" or 2" eyepiece holder and secure the camera with the silver thumbscrew lock.

The Triplet 80mm Refractors were designed to reach focus with both DSLR and CCD cameras. However, every camera focus point is a little different. Depending on your camera, you may need to use an extension tube for your particular imaging setup. Any imaging accessory, such as a color filter wheel increases the amount of inward focus travel required. Before attaching any extra imaging accessory, try reaching focus first with the camera directly attached to the focuser, then see if you have enough focus travel left for extra accessories.

Imaging equipment is sometimes heavier than a diagonal and eyepiece. The dual-speed Crayford focuser is capable of handling the weight of your CCD or DSLR camera. Adding tension to the focuser drawtube will increase the amount of weight the focuser can handle. Install your camera onto the 2" or 1.25" adapter on the focuser during the day. Check the focuser for any slippage. If the focuser drawtube slides under the weight of the camera, you will need to add more tension to the focuser.

You may want to consider using a remote shutter release instead of the shutter release on the camera. Touching the camera can vibrate the system and blur the resulting photographic image. Also, be sure to use a solid tripod.

Attaching the 80mm Triplet f/6 to a Tripod or Mount

The Triplet 80mm can be attached to a tripod or mount by the use of the pre-installed 1/4"-20 mounting block. The 1/4"-20

shaft of a sturdy camera tripod will thread into the hole on the mounting block on the underside of the optical tube (Figure 1).

The tripod mounting block is also a dovetail bar designed to attach to any Orion mount. Simply insert the dovetail bar into the receiving dovetail cradle on the mount and tighten the mounts attachment locking screws.

Calculating Magnification (Power)

It is desirable to have a range of eyepieces of different focal lengths, to allow viewing over a range of magnifications. To calculate the magnification, or power, of a telescope, simply divide the focal length of the telescope by the focal length of the eyepiece:

$$\frac{\text{Telescope Focal Length (mm)}}{\text{Eyepiece Focal Length (mm)}} = \text{Magnification}$$

For example, the 80mm, which has a focal length of 480mm, used in combination with a 25mm eyepiece, yields a power of:

$$\frac{480\text{mm}}{25\text{mm}} = 19\text{x}$$

Every telescope has a useful limit of power of about 50x per inch of aperture. Claims of higher power by some telescope manufacturers are a misleading advertising gimmick and should be dismissed. Keep in mind that at higher powers, an image will always be dimmer and less sharp (this is a fundamental law of optics). The steadiness of the air (the "seeing") will limit how much magnification an image can tolerate.

Always start viewing with your lowest-power (longest focal length) eyepiece in the telescope. After you have located and looked at the object with it, you can try switching to a higher-power eyepiece to ferret out more detail, if atmospheric conditions permit. If the image you see is not crisp and steady, reduce the magnification by switching to a longer-focal-length eyepiece. As a general rule, a small but well-resolved image will show more detail and provide a more enjoyable view than a dim and fuzzy, overmagnified image.

Care & Maintenance

Give your telescope reasonable care and it will last a lifetime. When not in use, keep its dust cover on as well as the dust cap on the eyepiece opening. Store it indoors or in a dry garage. Do not leave the telescope outside except when using it. The optical tube is carbon fiber underneath a protective surface that should resist scratches and smudges. If a scratch does appear on the tube, it will not harm the telescope. Smudges on the tube can be wiped off with standard household cleaners such as Windex or Formula 409.

Any quality optical lens tissue and cleaning fluid specifically designed for multi-coated optics can be used to clean the telescope's objective lens as well as the lenses of the eyepieces and finder scope. Never use regular glass cleaner or cleaning fluid designed for eyeglasses. Before cleaning with fluid and tissue, however, blow any loose particles off the lens with a blower bulb or compressed air, or lightly brush the lens with a soft camel hair brush. Apply some cleaning fluid to a

tissue, never directly on the optics. Wipe the lens gently in a circular motion, then remove any excess fluid with a fresh lens tissue. Oily fingerprints and smudges may be removed using this method. Use caution; rubbing too hard may scratch the lens! Clean only a small area at a time, using a fresh lens tissue on each area. Never reuse tissues.

Specifications

Objective lens:	Apochromatic triplet, air-spaced
Objective lens diameter:	80mm
Objective lens coatings:	All air-to-glass surfaces coated, with at least one surface multi-coated
Focal length:	480mm
Focal ratio:	f/6
Baffling:	Internal baffles in tube and focuser
Focuser:	2" dual-speed Crayford (with 1.25" adapter)
Tube diameter (not including dew shield):	90mm
Tube length (with dew shield retracted):	14.25"
Weight:	6 lbs.

One-Year Limited Warranty

The Orion 80mm f/6 Triplet Refractor is warranted against defects in materials or workmanship for a period of one year from the date of purchase. This warranty is for the benefit of the original retail purchaser only. During this warranty period Orion Telescopes & Binoculars will repair or replace, at Orion's option, any warranted instrument that proves to be defective, provided it is returned postage paid to: Orion Warranty Repair, 89 Hangar Way, Watsonville, CA 95076. Proof of purchase (such as a copy of the original receipt) is required.

This warranty does not apply if, in Orion's judgment, the instrument has been abused, mishandled, or modified, nor does it apply to normal wear and tear. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state. For further warranty service information, contact: Orion Customer Service (800) 676-1343; support@telescope.com.

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