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The Imaging Source Telescope Cameras

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The Imaging Source have launched a new series of affordable telescope cameras for astro-photography. Starting at \$350.00 / EUR 290.00, the telescope cameras use low noise CCD chips from Sony, which have an exposure time of up to 60 minutes and a maximum frame rate of up to 60 fps. All camera parameters, such as exposure, sensitivity and frame rate, can be set using the graphical user interface. The Imaging Source telescope cameras ship in blue and black anodized aluminum and zinc housing, measure 50 mm x 56 mm and weigh 260g.

The Imaging Source Press Release

The Imaging Source Offers Telescope Cameras For Amateur Astro-Photographers

Highly affordable, low noise telescope cameras with up to 60 minutes exposure time and 60 fps.

Charlotte, NC, July 23, 2008 - The Imaging Source, an international manufacturer of imaging hardware and software for astronomy, is now offering amateur astro-photographers a series of highly affordable, low noise telescope cameras to capture high quality images of the night sky.

The telescope cameras ship in blue and black anodized aluminum and zinc housing, measure 50 mm x 56 mm and weigh only 260 g. The included nose piece is mounted onto a C/CS mount on the front of the telescope camera. On the rear, a USB 2.0 or FireWire connector is available (model specific). A threaded tripod adapter on the bottom rounds off the exterior of the telescope camera.

Monochrome and color types are available with and without an IR cut filter in three resolutions: 640x480, 1024x768 and 1280x960. The cameras deploy low noise CCD chips from Sony, which have an exposure time of up to 60 minutes and a maximum frame rate of up to 60 fps.

The telescope cameras ship with the camera control and acquisition software "IC Capture.AS", which allows image sequences and singular images to be saved to disk. Furthermore, using the highly intuitive graphical user interface, all camera parameters, such as exposure, sensitivity and frame rate, can be set.

In the British magazine "Astronomy Now", Nick Howes wrote: "The Imaging Source have delivered cameras and software that offer the serious Solar System imager a product which will deliver outstanding results for years to come."

Similarly, in the American magazine "Sky & Telescope", Sean Walker wrote: "The Imaging Source [CCD imager] is a well-designed, versatile camera that is a natural progression for planetary astro-photographers looking to upgrade from a consumer webcam. The camera control software IC Capture.AS seems to be a mature program itself, complementing the camera perfectly."

The telescope cameras are available worldwide and start at only USD 350.00 or EUR 290.00 (without

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shipping and sales tax). They can be purchased online and from an international network of dealers. To learn more about The Imaging Source telescope cameras, download "IC Capture.AS" and see hundreds of sample images, please take a look at:

- <http://www.AstronomyCameras.com>

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About The Imaging Source

The Imaging Source is a multi-national enterprise with branches in the US, Taiwan and Germany. They have been manufacturing imaging products for scientific, industrial and medical applications for more than twenty years. In 2007, The Imaging Source released a series of cameras designed specifically to meet the needs of amateur astro-photographers. The new telescope cameras leverage the years of experience gathered in the aforementioned fields, to bring amateur astro-photographers highly affordable, robust and stable telescope cameras for their telescopes.



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