Imaging Source astronomy cameras

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Fans of the night sky are about to get their own cameras with which to capture the celestial wonders they manage to track down.

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US-based astronomy software and hardware company The Imaging Source is launching a range of telescope cameras that can record a snapshot of the sky several light years from Earth. They can be bought from a range of dealers in the UK and across Europe.

The astronomy cameras start at €290 ex VAT (£229) and have a low-noise CCD (charge-coupled device) Sony lens. Lens sizes vary from 1/3rd inch to 1/4th inch.

Exposures of up to 60 minutes at a resolution of 60fs (frames per second) are possible. The cameras come with specially written IC Capture. AS software to record images from the telescope camera and to save it as a single exposure or as a series.

The Imaging Source telescope cameras come with either USB and FireWire versions so users can to transfer footage directly to a PC and can be screwed on to a tripod, for which an adapter foot is

Depending on the model chosen, consumers can capture planetary bodies in colour or monochrome and with or without an infrared filter.

Examples of images captured using the telescope cameras, along with further details about them, can be found at www.AstronomyCameras.com.



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